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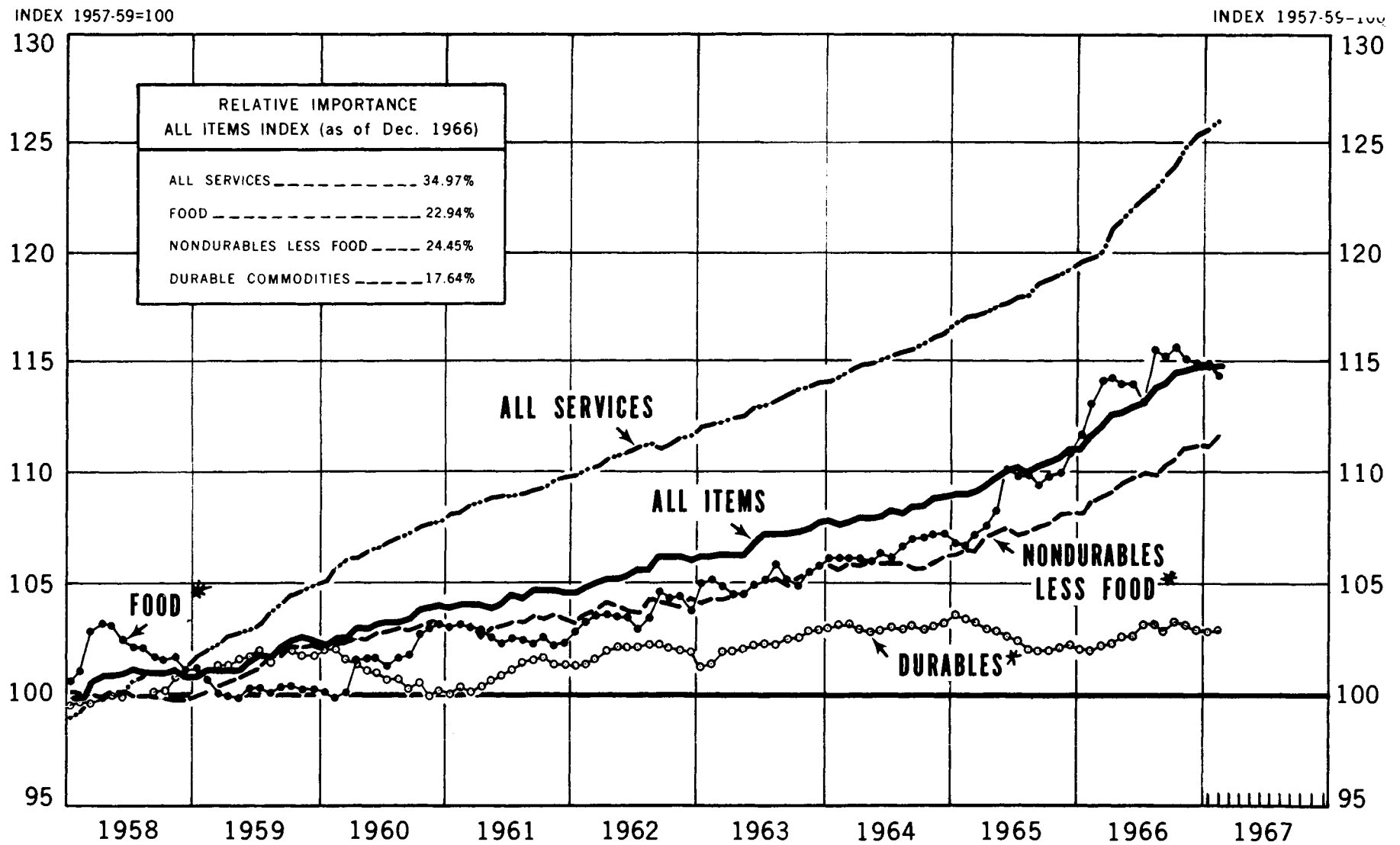
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# CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES: COMMODITIES AND SERVICES

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR FEBRUARY 1967

The Consumer Price Index rose by 0.1 percent in February to 114.8 (1957-59=100), the United States Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics announced today. Higher costs of consumer services were mainly responsible for the advance. Commodity prices remained at their January level as lower prices of food offset advances in prices of other types of consumer goods. The overall index has increased only 0.3 percent in the last 4 months.

Price Changes, January to February 1967

Housing costs rose by 0.2 percent in February, largely because of higher charges for the services associated with homeownership, particularly real estate taxes and property insurance. Rents and household services, such as laundry and domestic help, also contributed to the rise. Mortgage interest rates fell slightly as restrictions on lending were eased. Medical care costs continued to rise as charges for professional care and hospital services were increased. Barber and beauty shop services and recreational services also cost more.

Apparel prices resumed their upward trend with a larger than seasonal rise in February (0.5 percent). Prices were higher for new spring lines of women's and girls' coats and for women's and children's shoes. Prices of household textiles returned to their normal levels after January white sales.

Private transportation costs increased, reflecting advances in prices of used cars and gasoline. Prices of new cars were down slightly.

Food prices went down by 0.4 percent in February, contrary to their usual seasonal movement. A sharp drop in egg prices led price reductions, which were fairly widespread. Egg prices, which ordinarily show only a slight decline in February, dropped 14 percent because supplies increased. Prices of fruits and vegetables declined by 1 percent instead of rising as they usually do. There were particularly large reductions for tomatoes, bananas, oranges, cabbage, and green peppers; on the other hand, prices of apples, potatoes, onions, and cucumbers were higher.

Prices of most cuts of pork were reduced, while prices of beef and poultry advanced. Significant price reductions were recorded for bread, flour, most dairy products, and frozen orange juice concentrate.

Price Trends, February 1966 to February 1967

The Consumer Price Index was up by 2.9 percent in February 1967 compared to a year earlier. About three-fifths of the advance was due to a rise of 5.2 percent in charges for consumer services. Of particular importance were the 9.0-percent

increase in medical care services and a 6.3-percent advance in costs of household services. Mortgage interest rates were still substantially higher than a year earlier, despite recent declines.

Food prices were 1.0 percent higher than last year, solely because of a 5.5-percent increase in restaurant meal prices. Food purchased for home consumption was down by 0.1 percent as significant declines for eggs, pork, chickens, and several fruits and vegetables were largely offset by substantial advances in prices of dairy products, cereals and bakery products and some fruits and vegetables, including potatoes, onions, and apples.

Nondurable commodities other than foods were 3 percent higher in price than in February 1966, with the largest increases reported for apparel, gasoline, reading material, and tobacco products. Durable goods prices were only 1 percent above year-earlier levels principally because of higher furniture prices.

#### Cost-of-Living Adjustments

As a result of the February Consumer Price Index, about 56,000 workers will receive increases in their cost-of-living allowances. For about 40,000 grocery workers in Southern California, the increase will be 2 cents an hour, based on the change in the Los Angeles-Long Beach area index over the past year. About 9,500 aerospace workers will get 1 cent an hour, based on the change in the national index since November 1966.

Approximately 150,000 other workers, mostly in aerospace industries, whose wages are also subject to a quarterly review at this time, will not receive cost-of-living increases because of contract clauses providing for a different formula for escalation.

TABLE 1: Consumer Price Index--United States City Average  
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers  
Major group, subgroup, and special group indexes, February 1967  
and percent changes from selected dates

Group	Indexes (1957-59=100)				Percent change to February 1967 from --						
	February 1967		January 1967		February 1966	January 1967		November 1966		February 1966	February 1966
	Unad- justed	Seasonally adjusted	Unad- justed	Seasonally adjusted	unadjusted	Unad- justed	Seasonally adjusted	Unad- justed	Seasonally adjusted	unadjusted	
All items -----	114.8	-----	114.7	-----	111.6	0.1	-----	0.2	-----	2.9	
Food -----	114.2	114.0	114.7	114.9	113.1	-.4	-.8	-.5	-1.1	1.0	
Food at home -----	111.7	111.4	112.3	112.5	111.8	-.5	-1.0	-1.0	-1.8	-.1	
Cereals and bakery products -----	118.5	-----	118.8	-----	113.2	-.3	-----	-.1	-----	4.7	
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	110.7	110.4	110.3	110.4	115.7	.4	0	-1.0	-1.0	-4.3	
Dairy products -----	116.1	115.9	116.4	115.8	107.0	-.3	.1	-.5	-.2	8.5	
Fruits and vegetables -----	114.2	114.4	115.3	118.5	116.5	-1.0	-3.5	-.6	-4.3	-2.0	
Other foods at home -----	102.5	102.3	104.9	104.4	103.5	-2.3	-2.0	-2.2	-1.7	-1.0	
Food away from home -----	127.4	-----	127.0	-----	120.8	.3	-----	1.4	-----	5.5	
Housing -----	113.3	-----	113.1	-----	109.4	.2	-----	.6	-----	3.6	
Shelter 1/ -----	116.8	-----	116.5	-----	112.1	.3	-----	.9	-----	4.2	
Rent -----	111.7	-----	111.4	-----	109.8	.3	-----	.4	-----	1.7	
Homeownership 2/ -----	118.9	-----	118.7	-----	113.3	.2	-----	.9	-----	4.9	
Fuel and utilities 3/ -----	108.7	108.7	108.6	108.2	106.5	.1	.5	.4	.6	2.1	
Fuel oil and coal 4/ -----	111.1	108.9	110.5	108.3	109.0	.5	.6	2.0	.6	1.9	
Gas and electricity -----	108.3	-----	108.3	-----	108.2	0	-----	.2	-----	.1	
Household furnishings and operation -	107.0	-----	106.7	-----	103.8	.3	-----	.5	-----	3.1	
Apparel and upkeep 5/ -----	111.9	112.3	111.3	111.9	107.6	.5	.4	-.1	.9	4.0	
Men's and boys' -----	111.8	112.2	111.6	111.9	108.6	.2	.3	-.5	.4	2.9	
Women's and girls' -----	107.3	107.9	106.4	107.5	103.1	.8	.4	-.5	.4	4.1	
Footwear -----	123.4	123.5	122.9	123.0	116.2	.4	.4	.5	1.0	6.2	
Transportation -----	113.8	114.3	113.4	113.2	111.1	.4	1.0	-.6	.3	2.4	
Private -----	111.8	112.2	111.4	111.3	109.6	.4	.8	-.7	.2	2.0	
Public -----	130.0	-----	129.8	-----	122.0	.2	-----	.3	-----	6.6	
Health and recreation -----	121.8	-----	121.4	-----	117.1	.3	-----	.8	-----	4.0	
Medical care -----	133.6	-----	132.9	-----	124.5	.5	-----	1.8	-----	7.3	
Personal care -----	114.1	-----	113.8	-----	110.8	.3	-----	.6	-----	3.0	
Reading and recreation -----	118.6	-----	118.5	-----	115.9	.1	-----	.3	-----	2.3	
Other goods and services 6/ -----	116.3	-----	116.2	-----	113.6	.1	-----	.3	-----	2.4	
<b>Special groups:</b>											
All items less shelter -----	114.3	-----	114.2	-----	111.4	.1	-----	-.1	-----	2.6	
All items less food -----	115.2	-----	114.8	-----	111.3	.3	-----	.3	-----	3.5	
Commodities 7/ -----	109.9	110.0	109.9	110.1	108.0	0	-.1	-.3	-.1	1.8	
Nondurables -----	112.7	112.7	112.7	112.9	110.6	0	-.2	-.2	-.2	1.9	
Durables 7/ 8/ -----	102.8	103.0	102.7	102.7	101.8	.1	.3	-.7	-.1	1.0	
Services 9/ -----	125.9	-----	125.5	-----	119.7	.3	-----	1.0	-----	5.2	
Commodities less food 7/ -----	107.6	107.9	107.3	107.4	105.4	.3	.5	-.2	.5	2.1	
Nondurables less food -----	111.5	111.8	111.0	111.1	108.3	.5	.6	-.2	.7	3.0	
Apparel commodities -----	110.7	111.3	110.1	110.8	106.5	.5	.5	-.2	1.2	3.9	
Apparel commodities less footwear -----	108.2	108.9	107.6	108.4	104.6	.6	.5	-.4	1.2	3.4	
Nondurables less food and apparel -	111.9	-----	111.6	-----	109.3	.3	-----	.4	-----	2.4	
New cars -----	97.3	96.9	97.6	96.9	97.2	-.3	0	-2.0	-.5	.1	
Used cars -----	114.0	117.2	113.0	115.1	114.0	.9	1.8	-4.4	-.7	0	
Household durables 10/ -----	97.7	-----	97.6	-----	96.1	.1	-----	.1	-----	1.7	
Housefurnishings -----	100.0	100.2	99.7	100.0	97.8	.3	.2	.1	.4	2.2	
Services less rent 9/ -----	129.2	-----	128.8	-----	122.0	.3	-----	1.2	-----	5.9	
Household services less rent -----	125.5	-----	125.1	-----	118.1	.3	-----	1.0	-----	6.3	
Transportation services -----	127.2	-----	126.9	-----	122.6	.2	-----	.9	-----	3.8	
Medical care services -----	141.6	-----	140.6	-----	122.9	.7	-----	2.2	-----	9.0	
Other services 11/ -----	129.4	-----	129.1	-----	124.1	.2	-----	.7	-----	4.3	
All items index on other bases:											
1947-49=100 -----	140.9	-----	140.7	-----	136.9	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	
1939=100 -----	237.1	-----	236.9	-----	230.5	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:											
1957-59=\$1.00 -----	\$0.871	-----	\$0.872	-----	\$0.896	-.1	-----	-.2	-----	-2.8	
1947-49=\$1.00 -----	.710	-----	.711	-----	.730	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	
1939=\$1.00 -----	.422	-----	.422	-----	.434	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	

1/ Also includes hotel and motel rates not shown separately.

2/ Includes home purchase, mortgage interest, taxes, insurance, and maintenance and repairs.

3/ Also includes telephone, water, and sewerage service not shown separately.

4/ Called "Solid and petroleum fuels" prior to 1964.

5/ Also includes infants' wear, sewing materials, jewelry, and apparel upkeep services not shown separately.

6/ Includes tobacco, alcoholic beverages, and funeral, legal, and bank service charges.

7/ Includes home purchase costs which were classified under services prior to 1964.

8/ Also includes auto parts, toys, and recreational goods not shown separately.

9/ Excludes home purchase costs which were classified under this heading prior to 1964.

10/ Called "Durables less cars" prior to 1964.

11/ Includes the services components of apparel, personal care, reading and recreation, and other goods and services.

12/ Percent changes based on recalculated November 1966 Indexes.

TABLE 2. Consumer Price Index--The United States and Selected Areas  
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, All Items  
Most recent index and percent changes from selected dates

Area <u>1</u> /	Pricing Schedule <u>2</u> /	Indexes			Percent change from:	
		1957-59=100	1947-49=100	Other bases		
		February 1967			November 1966	February 1966
U.S. City Average -----	M	114.8	140.9		0.2	2.9
Chicago -----	M	112.2	141.5		.3	2.7
Detroit -----	M	113.5	139.9		.7	4.3
Los Angeles-Long Beach -	M	115.7	144.3		- .5	2.0
New York -----	M	118.0	142.2		.3	3.3
Philadelphia -----	M	115.3	141.6		.3	2.6
		January 1967			October 1966	January 1966
Boston -----	1	118.6	146.9		0.1	4.1
Houston -----	1	113.0	139.2		.5	2.7
Minneapolis-St. Paul ---	1	113.4	140.3		0	2.6
Pittsburgh -----	1	114.0	140.4		- .1	2.7
		February 1967			November 1966	February 1966
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100) -	2	-----	-----	108.5	0.5	2.6
Cleveland -----	2	111.5	138.5		.5	3.1
Dallas (Nov.1963=100) --	2	-----	-----	107.0	.5	3.5
Milwaukee -----	2	111.4	140.5		- .2	1.7
San Diego (Feb.1965=100)	2	-----	-----	103.7	.2	2.5
Seattle -----	2	115.9	145.7		.3	2.9
Washington -----	2	115.1	138.6		.4	2.9
		December 1966			September 1966	December 1965
Atlanta -----	3	-----	-----	106.6	0.4	3.8
Baltimore -----	3	113.3	140.3		.2	3.2
Cincinnati -----	3	114.5	142.1		- .4	3.1
Honolulu (Dec.1963=100)	3	111.2	135.3		.9	2.6
Kansas City -----	3	-----	-----		.2	2.4
St. Louis -----	3	117.3	145.1		.2	3.0
San Francisco-Oakland --	3	114.9	142.6		.7	3.2
		117.2	148.7			

1/ Area coverage includes the urban portion of the corresponding Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area (SMSA) except for New York and Chicago where the more extensive Standard Consolidated Areas are used. Area definitions are those established for the 1960 Census and do not include revisions made since 1960.

2/ Foods, fuels, and several other items priced every month in all cities; most other goods and services priced as indicated:

- M - Every month.
- 1 - January, April, July, and October.
- 2 - February, May, August, and November.
- 3 - March, June, September, and December.

TABLE 3: Consumer Price Index--The United States and Selected Areas <sup>1/</sup>  
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Major Groups  
Percent change from January 1967 to February 1967

Group	U.S. City Average	Chicago	Detroit	Los Angeles-Long Beach	New York	Philadelphia
All items -----	0.1	0.4	0.2	- 0.1	0.4	0.3
Food -----	- .4	.5	- .3	- .8	- .4	- .1
Housing -----	.2	.0	.1	.1	.8	.4
Apparel and upkeep -----	.5	.3	.4	1.0	1.7	.7
Transportation -----	.4	1.1	.9	- .3	.4	.5
Health and recreation -----	.3	.2	.2	.1	.3	.2
Medical care -----	.5	.4	.4	.2	.8	.1
Personal care -----	.3	.1	.3	.3	.5	.6
Reading and recreation -----	.1	0	.3	- .1	- .1	.3
Other goods and services ---	.1	.2	0	0	.2	(2/)

<sup>1/</sup> See footnote 1, table 2.

<sup>2/</sup> Not available.

TABLE 4: Consumer Price Index--United States City Average  
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers  
Major group indexes, selected dates  
(1957-59=100)

Date		All items	Food	Housing	Apparel and upkeep	Transportation	Health and recreation				
							Total	Medical care	Personal care	Reading and recreation	Other goods and services
1967:	Feb.	114.8	114.2	113.3	111.9	113.8	121.8	133.6	114.1	118.6	116.3
	Jan.	114.7	114.7	113.1	111.3	113.4	121.4	132.9	113.8	118.5	116.2
1966:	Dec.	114.7	114.8	113.0	112.3	113.8	121.0	131.9	113.7	118.4	115.9
	Nov.	114.6	114.8	112.6	112.0	114.5	120.8	131.3	113.4	118.3	116.0
	Oct.	114.5	115.6	112.2	111.5	114.3	120.4	130.4	113.3	118.0	115.9
	Sept.	114.1	115.6	111.8	110.7	113.3	119.9	129.4	113.0	117.5	115.7
	Aug.	113.8	115.8	111.5	109.2	113.5	119.5	128.4	112.7	117.4	115.5
	July	113.3	114.3	111.3	109.2	113.5	119.1	127.7	112.5	117.2	115.3
	June	112.9	113.9	111.1	109.4	112.2	118.7	127.0	112.2	117.0	114.9
	May	112.6	113.5	110.7	109.3	112.0	118.4	126.3	112.0	116.8	114.7
	Apr.	112.5	114.0	110.3	108.7	112.0	118.1	125.8	111.6	116.8	114.3
	Mar.	112.0	113.9	109.6	108.2	111.4	117.6	125.3	111.0	116.6	113.8
	Feb.	111.6	113.1	109.4	107.6	111.1	117.1	124.2	110.8	115.9	113.6
Annual Average:	1966	113.1	114.2	111.1	109.6	112.7	119.0	127.7	112.2	117.1	114.9
	1965	109.9	108.8	108.5	106.8	111.1	115.6	122.3	109.9	115.2	111.4
	1964	108.1	106.4	107.2	105.7	109.3	113.6	119.4	109.2	114.1	108.8
	1963	106.7	105.1	106.0	104.8	107.8	111.4	117.0	107.9	111.5	107.1
	1962	105.4	103.6	104.8	103.6	107.2	109.4	114.2	106.5	109.6	105.3
	1961	104.2	102.6	103.9	103.0	105.0	107.3	111.3	104.6	107.2	104.6
	1956	94.7	94.7	95.5	97.8	91.3	93.6	91.8	93.7	93.4	95.8

TABLE 5: Consumer Price Index--United States and Selected Areas 1/  
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Commodity Groups  
February 1967 Indexes and Percent Changes from November 1966

Group	U.S. City Average	Buffalo (Nov.1963=100)	Chicago	Cleveland	Dallas (Nov.1963=100)	Detroit	Los Angeles- Long Beach
Indexes (1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)							
All items -----	114.8	108.5	112.2	111.5	107.0	113.5	115.7
Food -----	114.2	109.3	114.7	110.0	109.8	112.7	112.8
Food at home -----	111.7	108.2	113.8	107.7	109.2	110.3	108.4
Cereals and bakery products -----	118.5	103.5	119.7	114.8	108.1	112.6	119.1
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	110.7	109.4	112.8	111.1	111.5	112.3	101.3
Dairy products -----	116.1	109.8	123.8	108.5	119.2	119.0	116.3
Fruits and vegetables -----	114.2	111.9	2/ 114.2	108.4	105.8	105.9	118.6
Other foods at home -----	102.5	105.5	103.1	97.4	104.1	102.3	95.6
Food away from home -----	127.4	115.5	119.4	123.0	112.1	126.5	129.2
Housing -----	113.3	106.1	110.5	108.2	104.5	108.4	118.3
Shelter -----	116.8	105.7	112.8	107.7	106.9	110.3	124.4
Rent -----	111.7	103.6	-----	102.1	100.6	100.1	-----
Homeownership -----	118.9	106.1	115.4	108.6	109.9	112.8	128.5
Fuel and utilities -----	108.7	106.7	106.1	115.6	98.3	102.4	104.8
Fuel oil and coal -----	111.1	103.1	105.9	-----	-----	105.0	-----
Gas and electricity -----	108.3	108.9	106.6	117.0	97.8	104.2	111.0
Household furnishings and operation	107.0	106.5	107.3	103.9	103.2	104.0	106.5
Apparel and upkeep -----	111.9	111.0	107.4	110.0	105.7	112.6	111.4
Men's and boys' -----	111.8	107.0	105.7	113.8	108.5	109.0	113.1
Women's and girls' -----	107.3	112.1	102.7	101.4	103.5	112.8	110.3
Footwear -----	123.4	117.7	120.5	126.2	104.1	123.0	118.4
Transportation -----	113.8	107.7	110.7	113.8	103.4	113.4	117.9
Private -----	111.8	107.8	111.1	111.4	103.5	111.7	113.8
Public -----	130.0	106.3	109.2	126.9	103.2	119.4	140.3
Health and recreation -----	121.8	111.1	116.1	119.4	111.3	124.2	115.3
Medical care -----	133.6	114.6	139.6	139.5	115.8	141.5	130.7
Personal care -----	114.1	108.2	113.4	110.2	108.1	119.0	109.7
Reading and recreation -----	118.6	107.3	102.7	112.6	108.7	116.8	106.0
Other goods and services -----	116.3	113.4	108.0	112.8	109.7	114.9	108.7
Percent changes November 1966 to February 1967							
All items -----	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.7	- 0.5
Food -----	- .5	- .4	0	- 1.6	- 1.1	- .4	- .8
Food at home -----	- 1.0	- .7	- .3	- 2.1	- 1.6	- .7	- 1.4
Cereals and bakery products -----	- .1	- 1.4	- 1.2	.3	.1	1.2	- .4
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	- 1.0	- .6	- .2	- .6	- 2.1	- 1.5	- 2.1
Dairy products -----	- .5	0	- .3	- 4.6	- .3	- .8	.1
Fruits and vegetables -----	- .6	1.2	4.2	- 3.6	- 1.7	0	- 2.1
Other foods at home -----	- 2.2	- 2.4	- 2.7	- 3.0	- 2.4	- 1.1	- 1.6
Food away from home -----	1.4	1.5	.8	.9	.8	1.4	1.1
Housing -----	.6	.5	.6	1.9	.9	1.5	.3
Shelter -----	.9	.7	1.0	2.6	1.1	2.1	.3
Rent -----	.4	.6	-----	.3	.6	3/ .3	-----
Homeownership -----	.9	.8	1.2	2.9	1.3	2.5	.2
Fuel and utilities -----	.4	- 1.5	.1	0	- .2	- .2	- .2
Fuel oil and coal -----	2.0	- .1	0	-----	-----	1.3	-----
Gas and electricity -----	.2	- 2.2	.1	.1	0	- .4	0
Household furnishings and operation	.5	1.0	.1	1.0	1.3	.5	.6
Apparel and upkeep -----	- .1	1.3	- .4	.1	.5	0	.4
Men's and boys' -----	- .5	- 3.2	- 2.5	.3	- .2	- .2	- .1
Women's and girls' -----	- .5	3.6	.1	- .1	.9	- .4	.6
Footwear -----	.5	3.2	.8	.3	1.0	.2	.3
Transportation -----	- .6	.7	.4	.2	- .5	.4	- 3.7
Private -----	- .7	.7	.4	0	- .5	.4	- 3.9
Public -----	.3	0	0	.8	.1	0	0
Health and recreation -----	.8	.8	.5	.5	2.0	1.3	.4
Medical care -----	1.8	1.6	1.9	1.0	3.9	1.6	.8
Personal care -----	.6	.9	.3	.8	1.1	1.8	.5
Reading and recreation -----	.3	.4	- .2	.4	.6	1.7	.3
Other goods and services -----	.3	.3	.2	0	.8	.3	0

See footnotes at end of table.



TABLE 5: Consumer Price Index--United States and Selected Areas <sup>1/</sup>  
 For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Commodity Groups  
 February 1967 Indexes and Percent Changes from November 1966--Continued

Group	Milwaukee	New York	Philadelphia	San Diego (Feb.1965=100)	Seattle	Washington
Indexes (1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)						
All items -----	111.4	118.0	115.3	103.7	115.9	115.1
Food -----	112.8	115.0	113.6	105.9	113.5	114.7
Food at home -----	110.7	110.7	110.5	104.6	109.9	111.2
Cereals and bakery products -----	109.8	116.8	114.7	108.9	111.2	112.3
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	110.9	111.6	108.2	109.3	110.2	108.8
Dairy products -----	117.8	109.0	119.4	106.0	119.5	119.8
Fruits and vegetables -----	114.1	115.2	114.0	95.3	112.3	112.8
Other foods at home -----	102.7	100.9	100.2	100.9	99.9	105.3
Food away from home -----	124.7	133.5	130.4	109.3	129.4	129.0
Housing -----	107.9	118.2	113.3	103.6	115.8	113.0
Shelter -----	106.9	121.8	115.8	105.6	122.2	115.3
Rent -----	104.9	120.8	-----	101.2	115.0	116.7
Homeownership -----	107.6	121.5	116.8	107.5	123.8	113.3
Fuel and utilities -----	110.9	109.7	107.3	97.8	110.8	104.7
Fuel oil and coal -----	115.9	116.7	116.2	-----	105.9	110.2
Gas and electricity -----	101.9	110.6	101.8	100.0	98.0	103.8
Household furnishings and operation -----	109.1	113.4	108.0	101.4	105.8	110.1
Apparel and upkeep -----	110.3	115.7	117.3	100.7	114.0	115.4
Men's and boys' -----	112.2	114.9	112.8	104.4	118.3	115.1
Women's and girls' -----	105.7	111.1	112.7	95.6	111.1	109.8
Footwear -----	121.7	125.0	125.2	109.6	127.8	127.0
Transportation -----	111.8	115.3	119.7	103.3	116.2	112.5
Private -----	111.9	113.8	114.9	103.3	115.1	111.6
Public -----	111.2	124.4	143.7	104.3	125.4	118.0
Health and recreation -----	117.1	126.6	120.6	103.4	118.7	122.7
Medical care -----	127.6	135.7	137.1	111.5	128.6	146.6
Personal care -----	116.9	111.2	110.6	97.1	113.0	111.6
Reading and recreation -----	115.0	128.1	113.3	101.1	110.5	118.8
Other goods and services -----	111.1	123.9	(4/)	100.9	121.1	110.9
Percent changes November 1966 to February 1967						
All items -----	- 0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.4
Food -----	- 1.3	- .6	.1	- .7	- 1.0	1.1
Food at home -----	- 1.9	- 1.3	- .2	- 1.0	- 1.4	.6
Cereals and bakery products -----	1.0	- .8	1.1	.1	.5	- .1
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	- 1.0	.3	.7	- .3	- 2.4	2.0
Dairy products -----	- 6.1	- 1.0	.5	.6	0	- .8
Fruits and vegetables -----	2.2	- 3.4	- .3	- 3.6	- 1.2	2.6
Other foods at home -----	- 3.9	- 3.1	- 2.1	- 2.4	- 2.8	- 1.4
Food away from home -----	1.1	1.7	1.3	.1	.7	2.4
Housing -----	.1	1.0	.5	1.5	1.0	- .4
Shelter -----	0	1.2	0	1.9	1.7	- .7
Rent -----	- .3	<sup>3/</sup> .6	-----	.4	.8	.3
Homeownership -----	0	1.6	- .2	2.6	1.9	- 1.3
Fuel and utilities -----	0	1.6	.6	- .3	.1	.2
Fuel oil and coal -----	0	2.7	3.2	-----	.5	2.0
Gas and electricity -----	0	2.6	- .1	0	0	0
Household furnishings and operation -----	.6	.4	1.3	1.0	.5	.2
Apparel and upkeep -----	1.0	- .1	- .8	- .7	1.0	.6
Men's and boys' -----	.1	- 1.2	- 1.0	- 1.3	.6	.6
Women's and girls' -----	1.1	- .1	- 1.7	- 1.8	1.6	- .2
Footwear -----	2.5	1.0	- .4	1.3	.9	1.0
Transportation -----	- .8	- .1	- .3	- .5	- .7	0
Private -----	- .9	- .1	- 1.0	- .5	- .9	0
Public -----	0	0	4.7	0	0	.3
Health and recreation -----	.6	.6	1.0	.1	.2	1.2
Medical care -----	1.4	2.0	1.6	.7	- .2	3.5
Personal care -----	- .3	0	1.1	- .4	.7	- .5
Reading and recreation -----	.7	.2	.2	- .1	- .4	.1
Other goods and services -----	.3	- .1	(4/)	0	1.2	1.3

<sup>1/</sup> See footnote 1, table 2.

<sup>2/</sup> Corrected index: January 1967, 112.1.

<sup>3/</sup> Change from December 1966.

<sup>4/</sup> Not available.

TABLE 5-A: Consumer Price Index--United States and Selected Areas <sup>1/</sup>  
 For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Commodity Groups  
 Year 1966 Indexes and Percent Changes from Year 1965

Group	Buffalo (Nov. 1963=100)	Cleveland	Dallas (Nov. 1963=100)	Milwaukee	San Diego (Feb. 1965=100)	Seattle	Washington
Indexes (1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)							
All items -----	107.0	109.7	105.0	110.6	102.1	114.1	113.3
All items (1947-49=100) -----	(2/)	136.2	(2/)	139.5	(2/)	143.4	136.4
Food -----	108.8	110.9	110.0	114.0	106.5	114.1	114.0
Food at home -----	108.6	109.4	110.4	113.1	105.9	111.6	111.8
Cereals and bakery products -----	101.8	111.3	107.2	105.2	106.2	108.1	110.9
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	112.6	114.3	116.2	115.4	111.9	115.3	111.3
Dairy products -----	105.5	107.3	112.3	117.9	102.8	116.8	114.8
Fruits and vegetables -----	112.7	114.0	108.9	117.2	101.1	115.5	115.5
Other foods at home -----	106.0	99.1	104.8	106.9	103.0	101.9	106.0
Food away from home -----	110.3	119.1	108.6	120.6	108.1	125.5	124.3
Housing -----	104.7	104.8	101.8	107.0	100.9	112.9	111.7
Shelter -----	104.1	103.4	103.7	106.1	102.1	117.1	114.0
Rent -----	102.3	101.6	99.8	104.3	100.5	111.3	115.7
Homeownership -----	104.5	103.6	105.6	106.9	102.7	119.2	112.1
Fuel and utilities -----	107.0	115.1	98.0	110.5	94.6	110.2	103.7
Fuel oil and coal -----	100.9	-----	-----	115.9	-----	104.2	106.2
Gas and electricity -----	110.2	116.9	97.6	101.9	94.7	98.4	103.5
Household furnishings and operation -----	104.6	101.8	99.9	107.3	99.8	104.2	108.2
Apparel and upkeep -----	108.1	108.4	102.5	107.6	100.4	111.8	112.2
Men's and boys' -----	108.5	111.7	105.1	110.2	103.6	116.4	110.9
Women's and girls' -----	107.6	101.4	100.0	103.4	97.1	109.3	107.9
Footwear -----	110.8	121.3	102.1	115.9	106.2	122.7	123.0
Transportation -----	106.2	112.6	102.5	111.7	100.4	114.3	111.2
Private -----	106.2	110.3	102.5	111.8	100.2	113.0	110.2
Public -----	106.3	125.9	103.1	111.2	104.3	125.3	117.7
Health and recreation -----	108.8	117.6	108.0	114.7	101.6	116.7	119.2
Medical care -----	109.7	135.4	109.4	121.4	106.2	124.6	139.0
Personal care -----	106.8	109.1	106.2	115.4	96.9	111.0	111.3
Reading and recreation -----	106.2	110.7	107.3	113.2	100.7	109.8	117.1
Other goods and services -----	112.0	112.5	108.4	110.5	100.6	119.3	107.1
Percent changes 1965 to 1966							
All items -----	3.4	2.6	3.6	2.2	2.0	2.8	3.4
Food -----	4.5	5.8	5.9	5.8	3.7	3.4	5.2
Food at home -----	4.4	5.9	6.3	5.9	3.5	3.3	5.6
Cereals and bakery products -----	2.8	4.2	3.3	5.5	3.6	-.6	.4
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	6.9	9.4	8.5	7.4	6.5	8.3	8.4
Dairy products -----	5.7	10.5	12.3	9.1	3.1	3.6	7.3
Fruits and vegetables -----	3.3	2.6	3.1	3.5	-.2	1.2	5.3
Other foods at home -----	1.3	1.5	3.8	3.1	2.1	.4	3.4
Food away from home -----	5.6	4.7	4.7	5.8	4.3	4.0	4.3
Housing -----	2.6	1.6	2.4	.7	2.2	1.9	3.3
Shelter -----	3.3	2.0	3.5	1.1	2.1	2.7	3.9
Rent -----	1.2	.6	0	1.6	.5	2.6	1.8
Homeownership -----	3.8	2.2	5.3	.7	2.7	2.8	5.3
Fuel and utilities -----	.5	-.5	-.6	- 1.3	2.7	-.4	2.4
Fuel oil and coal -----	1.9	-----	-----	-.4	-----	.6	4.7
Gas and electricity -----	.5	-.1	-.2	- 1.0	- 5.3	-.9	5.4
Household furnishings and operation -----	2.2	1.4	1.8	.7	.6	1.0	1.6
Apparel and upkeep -----	3.4	3.0	3.4	1.5	1.2	2.9	3.5
Men's and boys' -----	2.9	2.5	5.8	1.1	2.7	2.7	4.4
Women's and girls' -----	2.7	2.5	1.4	1.1	-.5	2.2	2.3
Footwear -----	6.9	5.6	4.3	5.2	5.5	6.5	6.1
Transportation -----	2.5	.9	2.2	.6	0	1.6	.9
Private -----	2.6	.9	2.4	.7	-.2	2.0	1.0
Public -----	1.5	1.5	.2	0	3.4	-.3	.3
Health and recreation -----	3.6	1.9	3.7	2.5	1.5	3.7	2.7
Medical care -----	5.4	2.2	5.7	5.5	5.3	6.2	5.2
Personal care -----	3.1	2.1	2.7	1.4	- 1.5	2.8	1.4
Reading and recreation -----	.9	1.4	2.0	1.0	.1	2.5	1.6
Other goods and services -----	5.1	1.8	4.1	2.2	.7	3.3	1.9

<sup>1/</sup> See footnote 1, table 2.

<sup>2/</sup> Not available.

TABLE 6: Consumer Price Index—United States and Selected Areas  
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Food and its Subgroups  
February 1967 Indexes and Percent Changes from January 1967

Area 1/	Total food	Food at home						Food away from home
		Total	Cereals and bakery products	Meats, poultry, and fish	Dairy products	Fruits and vegetables	Other foods at home	
Indexes (1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)								
U.S. City Average -----	114.2	111.7	118.5	110.7	116.1	114.2	102.5	127.4
Atlanta -----	113.5	111.8	114.8	110.8	115.2	110.0	109.6	120.0
Baltimore -----	115.2	111.2	122.0	109.7	113.1	116.7	101.4	131.5
Boston -----	118.2	114.1	124.2	114.9	111.7	119.4	102.7	135.8
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100)	109.3	108.2	103.5	109.4	109.8	111.9	105.5	115.5
Chicago -----	114.7	113.8	119.7	112.8	123.8	2/ 114.2	103.1	119.4
Cincinnati -----	111.2	108.3	115.9	111.7	113.1	109.1	96.2	126.5
Cleveland -----	110.0	107.7	114.8	111.1	108.5	108.4	97.4	123.0
Dallas (Nov.1963=100) -	109.8	109.2	108.1	111.5	119.2	105.8	104.1	112.1
Detroit -----	112.7	110.3	112.6	112.3	119.0	105.9	102.3	126.5
Honolulu (Dec.1963=100)	107.7	107.7	108.0	109.5	107.7	108.7	103.4	107.8
Houston -----	116.0	112.7	124.8	106.6	118.5	118.4	105.0	130.1
Kansas City -----	117.2	115.4	122.8	113.7	123.2	115.3	106.8	123.7
Los Angeles-Long Beach	112.8	108.4	119.1	101.3	116.3	118.6	95.6	129.2
Minneapolis-St. Paul --	112.5	110.5	110.0	110.0	119.9	112.3	103.3	121.2
New York -----	115.0	110.7	116.8	111.6	109.0	115.2	100.9	133.5
Philadelphia -----	113.6	110.5	114.7	108.2	119.4	114.0	100.2	130.4
Pittsburgh -----	110.2	108.7	117.0	111.5	105.9	111.9	100.0	119.2
St. Louis -----	118.5	115.8	119.0	115.6	127.7	116.6	105.5	128.4
San Francisco-Oakland -	113.3	109.4	116.7	107.8	114.6	113.9	98.4	130.6
Seattle -----	113.5	109.9	111.2	110.2	119.5	112.3	99.9	129.4
Washington -----	114.7	111.2	112.3	108.8	119.8	112.8	105.3	129.0
Percent changes January 1967 to February 1967								
U.S. City Average -----	- 0.4	- 0.5	- 0.3	0.4	- 0.3	- 1.0	- 2.3	0.3
Atlanta -----	- .5	- .8	.2	.5	.3	- 2.9	- 2.5	.8
Baltimore -----	- .1	- .3	.6	.3	- .7	.1	- 1.7	.3
Boston -----	- .7	- .9	- .2	- .3	- .3	- .6	- 2.9	0
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100)	- .4	- .5	.2	.1	.5	- .9	- 2.2	.3
Chicago -----	.5	.6	- .5	1.1	.1	1.9	- 1.1	.2
Cincinnati -----	- .3	- .6	.7	.8	- .1	- 2.7	- 1.9	.6
Cleveland -----	- .8	- 1.0	.4	1.3	- 3.3	- .8	- 3.7	.1
Dallas (Nov.1963=100) -	- .6	- .8	- .5	.5	- .1	- .3	- 3.4	.2
Detroit -----	- .3	- .4	.6	.4	- .5	- 1.2	- 1.1	.2
Honolulu (Dec.1963=100)	- .4	- .6	- .9	- 1.1	3.8	- 1.5	- 1.3	.6
Houston -----	- .5	- 1.0	- .1	- .7	.3	- 1.3	- 2.1	.6
Kansas City -----	- .7	- .9	.2	.1	- .4	- 1.7	- 2.8	.2
Los Angeles-Long Beach	- .8	- 1.2	- .5	- .9	- .1	- 1.8	- 2.5	.4
Minneapolis-St. Paul --	- .4	- .5	.6	.4	- .2	- .3	- 2.8	.1
New York -----	- .4	- .8	- .8	.7	- .1	- 2.0	- 2.9	.3
Philadelphia -----	- .1	- .2	- .3	1.8	- .1	- 1.3	- 2.3	.1
Pittsburgh -----	- 1.0	- 1.3	- .6	.7	- 1.7	- 1.1	- 4.3	.4
St. Louis -----	- .7	- .7	- .3	.1	- .5	- .7	- 2.4	.1
San Francisco-Oakland -	- 1.0	- 1.3	- .3	- .3	- .6	- 2.1	- 3.1	.1
Seattle -----	- .4	- .6	.3	- .5	0	- .4	- 2.3	.4
Washington -----	0	- .2	.2	2.0	- 1.2	- 1.1	- 2.0	.5

<sup>1/</sup> See footnote 1, table 2.

<sup>2/</sup> Corrected index: January 1967, 112.1.

TABLE 7: Consumer Price Index--United States City Average  
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Food Items  
February 1967 Indexes and Percent Changes from selected dates  
(1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)

Item or Group	Index		Percent change to February 1967 from--		
	February 1967		January 1967		February 1966
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	unadjusted
Total food -----	114.2	114.0	- 0.4	- 0.8	1.0
Food away from home -----	127.4	-----	.3	-----	5.5
Restaurant meals -----	127.7	-----	.3	-----	5.5
Snacks 1/ -----	110.2	-----	.2	-----	5.3
Food at home -----	111.7	111.4	- .5	- 1.0	- .1
Cereals and bakery products -----	118.5	-----	.3	-----	4.7
Flour -----	114.9	-----	.6	-----	5.0
Cracker meal 1/ -----	116.7	-----	.1	-----	1.7
Corn flakes -----	128.2	-----	.8	-----	8.1
Rice -----	107.6	-----	.2	-----	1.1
Bread, white -----	124.6	-----	.6	-----	5.3
Bread, whole wheat 1/ -----	113.0	-----	.4	-----	6.1
Cookies -----	101.3	-----	1.1	-----	2.6
Layer cake 1/ -----	105.0	-----	.2	-----	5.4
Cinnamon rolls 1/ -----	108.4	-----	.6	-----	5.1
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	110.7	110.4	.4	0	- 4.3
Meats -----	112.9	112.8	.1	.1	- 5.0
Beef and veal -----	111.8	111.5	.8	.8	.4
Steak, round -----	107.2	106.9	1.2	.7	- 2.0
Steak, sirloin 2/ -----	104.2	-----	.9	-----	- 1.2
Steak, porterhouse 1/ -----	108.0	-----	.2	-----	- 1.2
Rump roast 1/ -----	104.4	-----	.7	-----	- .9
Rib roast -----	117.8	117.4	- .7	.3	- .4
Chuck roast -----	104.2	102.9	1.8	1.3	- 2.2
Hamburger -----	115.2	115.4	.9	1.7	3.3
Beef liver 1/ -----	107.0	-----	.3	-----	2.5
Veal cutlets -----	130.8	130.0	1.4	.5	4.0
Pork -----	113.6	114.3	- 1.1	- .7	- 14.7
Chops -----	113.3	113.8	- 1.3	- .9	- 12.9
Loin roast 2/ -----	121.2	-----	- 1.5	-----	- 13.2
Pork sausage 1/ -----	121.9	-----	- 1.5	-----	- 13.5
Ham, whole -----	112.6	111.2	- 2.1	- 2.0	- 13.1
Picnics 1/ -----	120.0	-----	.7	-----	- 11.8
Bacon -----	115.2	117.7	- .6	- 1.3	- 20.2
Other meats -----	118.0	117.8	0	- .2	- .7
Lamb chops 1/ -----	116.5	-----	- 1.4	-----	- 3.6
Frankfurters -----	116.7	117.2	.3	.3	- 1.1
Ham, canned 1/ -----	119.8	-----	.5	-----	- 6.2
Bologna sausage 1/ -----	118.3	-----	.3	-----	3.0
Salami sausage 1/ -----	113.0	-----	- .3	-----	1.4
Liverwurst 1/ -----	117.6	-----	.4	-----	3.2
Poultry -----	90.5	-----	3.5	-----	- 7.2
Frying chicken -----	90.0	88.5	5.1	1.8	- 9.2
Chicken breasts 1/ -----	101.2	-----	2.4	-----	- 4.0
Turkey 1/ -----	105.4	-----	- 2.5	-----	.1
Fish -----	122.1	121.4	- .8	- 1.0	8.0
Shrimp, frozen 1/ -----	110.1	-----	.4	-----	14.1
Fish, fresh or frozen -----	125.0	124.3	- .6	- .8	2.9
Tuna fish, canned -----	112.4	-----	- 1.1	-----	7.7
Sardines, canned 1/ -----	112.8	-----	- 1.9	-----	7.3
Dairy products -----	116.1	115.9	- .3	.1	8.5
Milk, fresh, grocery -----	112.7	112.4	- .7	- .4	6.9
Milk, fresh, delivered -----	116.2	-----	- .1	-----	7.2
Milk, fresh, skim 1/ -----	110.8	-----	- .1	-----	9.1
Milk, evaporated -----	117.3	-----	- .2	-----	11.0
Ice cream -----	100.1	-----	.2	-----	6.9
Cheese, American process -----	137.5	137.2	- .1	- .2	12.3
Butter -----	116.0	115.9	- .4	- .1	10.9

See footnotes at end of table.

TABLE 7: Consumer Price Index--United States City Average  
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Food Items  
February 1967 Indexes and Percent Changes from selected dates--Continued  
(1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)

Item or Group	Index		Percent change to February 1967 from--		February 1966 unadjusted
	February 1967		January 1967		
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	
Fruits and vegetables -----	114.2	114.4	- 1.0	- 3.5	- 2.0
Fresh fruits and vegetables -----	119.4	120.0	- 1.1	- 5.1	- 1.7
Apples -----	126.9	139.8	2.5	- 2.0	10.1
Bananas -----	88.5	88.1	- 5.4	- 10.6	- 3.5
Oranges -----	107.6	115.6	- 3.5	- 4.2	- 1.0
Orange juice, fresh 1/ -----	76.1	-----	- 3.7	-----	- 8.2
Grapefruit -----	119.7	133.1	- 2.3	- 6.5	- 8.6
Grapes * -----	*	*	*	*	*
Strawberries * -----	*	*	*	*	*
Watermelon * -----	*	*	*	*	*
Potatoes -----	135.9	144.4	3.7	1.0	12.4
Onions -----	147.4	154.8	10.7	7.6	44.9
Asparagus * 1/ -----	*	*	*	*	*
Cabbage -----	148.3	122.5	- 6.5	- 17.5	- 13.7
Carrots -----	103.3	104.1	.4	3.8	- 10.5
Celery -----	98.8	95.4	- 3.2	- 4.8	- 19.7
Cucumbers 1/ -----	4/ 162.0	-----	9.8	-----	- 7.3
Lettuce -----	111.2	98.2	.3	- 4.0	- 25.8
Peppers, green 1/ -----	147.7	-----	- 5.9	-----	- 16.7
Spinach 1/ -----	99.2	-----	2.7	-----	.6
Tomatoes -----	113.1	105.7	- 16.2	- 13.9	- 10.7
Processed fruits and vegetables -----	107.9	-----	- .9	-----	- 2.4
Fruit cocktail, canned -----	96.5	-----	- .4	-----	- 7.0
Pears, canned 1/ -----	93.4	-----	- 1.1	-----	- 15.5
Grapefruit-pineapple juice, canned 1/ --	95.1	-----	- .9	-----	- 2.1
Orange juice concentrate, frozen -----	79.0	78.2	- 12.9	- 12.5	- 14.1
Lemonade concentrate, frozen 2/ -----	90.6	-----	- .1	-----	- .7
Beets, canned 1/ -----	105.5	-----	1.4	-----	4.7
Peas, green, canned -----	121.0	-----	- .2	-----	4.5
Tomatoes, canned -----	119.1	-----	1.3	-----	9.0
Dried beans -----	114.2	-----	- 1.5	-----	- 8.4
Broccoli, frozen 1/ -----	100.1	-----	1.4	-----	3.9
Other food at home -----	102.5	102.3	- 2.3	- 2.0	- 1.0
Eggs -----	91.4	88.8	- 14.3	- 14.1	- 16.2
Fats and oils:					
Margarine -----	106.4	-----	- .9	-----	4.5
Salad dressing, Italian 1/ -----	101.7	-----	- .7	-----	.9
Salad or cooking oil 1/ -----	126.7	-----	.3	-----	13.5
Sugar and sweets -----	113.5	-----	.1	-----	2.6
Sugar -----	112.1	-----	.2	-----	3.0
Grape jelly -----	116.9	-----	- .3	-----	1.0
Chocolate bar -----	101.0	-----	.5	-----	8.3
Syrup, chocolate flavored 1/ -----	98.7	-----	.1	-----	- 1.1
Nonalcoholic beverages -----	99.8	-----	.2	-----	.6
Coffee, can and bag -----	91.4	-----	.4	-----	- 1.9
Coffee, instant 3/ -----	97.7	-----	.3	-----	1.1
Tea -----	99.4	-----	- .8	-----	0
Cola drink -----	134.3	-----	.4	-----	5.0
Carbonated fruit drink 1/ -----	106.6	-----	.2	-----	4.3
Prepared and partially prepared foods 1/ -----	100.2	-----	- .1	-----	.7
Bean soup, canned 1/ -----	96.6	-----	- .5	-----	- .8
Chicken soup, canned 1/ -----	97.4	-----	.3	-----	- 1.0
Spaghetti, canned 1/ -----	107.5	-----	- .6	-----	3.4
Mashed potatoes, instant 1/ -----	102.5	-----	.1	-----	- .7
Potatoes, french fried, frozen 2/ -----	85.1	-----	.5	-----	- 1.4
Baby foods, canned -----	106.8	-----	.3	-----	2.0
Sweet pickle relish 1/ -----	106.0	-----	- .4	-----	3.0
Pretzels 1/ -----	100.9	-----	.5	-----	1.2

1/ December 1963=100.

2/ April 1960=100.

3/ July 1961=100.

4/ Corrected January 1967 index; 147.6.

\* Priced only in season.

TABLE 8. Consumer Price Index--Scranton  
All Items and Commodity Groups  
February 1967 and 1966 Average  
(1957-59=100)

Group	February 1967			1966 Average	
	Index	Percent change from--		Index	Percent change from 1965
		November 1966	February 1966		
All items -----	116.2	0	2.0	114.9	3.5
All items (1947-49=100) -----	138.6	----	----	137.1	----
Food -----	112.1	- 1.0	0	112.8	4.7
Food at home -----	109.5	- 1.3	- .7	110.8	4.4
Cereals and bakery products -----	119.6	- .2	6.4	115.5	3.8
Meats, poultry, and fish --	113.9	- .5	- 4.4	117.8	10.7
Dairy products -----	109.5	- .9	6.4	106.0	4.8
Fruits and vegetables -----	102.4	- 2.1	- 6.1	108.3	- 4.2
Other foods at home -----	101.9	- 2.8	- 1.8	103.8	3.3
Housing -----	111.8	1.5	3.2	108.8	1.2
Rent -----	112.0	.4	1.7	110.9	1.2
Gas and electricity -----	104.8	0	0	104.8	0
Solid and petroleum fuels ---	105.2	1.5	0	102.0	- .3
Housefurnishings -----	101.2	1.0	3.7	98.5	2.9
Household operation -----	117.1	.5	4.8	114.4	1.2
Apparel -----	113.2	- 1.0	4.5	111.2	4.7
Men's and boys' -----	116.0	1.4	4.3	112.5	2.7
Women's and girls' -----	108.8	- 3.1	3.3	108.5	5.0
Footwear -----	124.4	- .4	9.7	119.8	8.8
Other apparel -----	103.1	- .1	- .1	103.2	1.4
Transportation -----	110.1	- .7	.9	110.3	.6
Private -----	107.7	- .8	1.0	107.9	.7
Public -----	125.3	0	0	125.3	0
Medical care -----	140.7	.9	5.1	135.8	5.8
Personal care -----	124.3	1.0	3.3	121.5	1.7
Reading and recreation -----	159.6	- .5	2.4	157.4	9.5
Other goods and services -----	115.9	.1	2.2	114.7	1.5

### Brief Explanation of the CPI

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) measures average changes in prices of goods and services usually bought by urban wage earners and clerical workers, both families and single persons living alone. It is based on prices of about 400 items which were selected to represent the movement of prices of all goods and services purchased by wage earners and clerical workers. Prices for these items are obtained in urban portions of 39 Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas (SMSA's) and 17 smaller cities, which were chosen to represent all urban places in the United States, including Alaska and Hawaii. They are collected from grocery and department stores, hospitals, filling stations, and other types of stores and service establishments which wage earners and clerical workers patronize.

Prices of foods, fuels, and a few other items are obtained every month in all 56 locations. Prices of most other commodities and services are collected every month in the 5 largest SMSA's and every 3 months in other SMSA's and cities. Mail questionnaires are used to obtain local transit fares, public utility rates, newspaper prices, fuel prices, and certain other items which change in price infrequently. Prices of most other goods and services are obtained by personal visits of the Bureau's trained representatives.

In calculating the index, price changes for the various items in each location are averaged together with weights which represent their importance in the spending of all wage earners and clerical workers. SMSA and city data are then combined in the total index with weights based on the 1960 populations of SMSA's and cities they represent. Index numbers are computed on the base 1957-59=100, and are also available on the bases of 1947-49=100 and 1939=100.

The national index (the United States city average) includes prices from the 23 SMSA's for which separate indexes are published in this report, as well as from the following additional locations:

Alabama - Florence	Louisiana - Baton Rouge*	Ohio - Findlay
Alaska - Anchorage	Maine - Portland*	Oklahoma - Mangum
California - Bakersfield*	Massachusetts - Southbridge	Oregon - Klamath Falls
Colorado - Denver*	Michigan - Niles	Pennsylvania - Lancaster*
Connecticut - Hartford*	Minnesota - Crookston	South Carolina - Union
Florida - Orlando*	Mississippi - Vicksburg	Tennessee - Nashville*
Indiana - Indianapolis*	New Jersey - Millville	Texas - Austin*
Indiana - Logansport	New York - Kingston	Texas - McAllen
Illinois - Champaign-Urbana*	North Carolina - Durham*	Utah - Orem
Iowa - Cedar Rapids*	North Dakota - Devils Lake	Virginia - Martinsville
Kansas - Wichita*	Ohio - Dayton*	Wisconsin - Green Bay*

\*Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area

Comparisons of indexes for individual SMSA's show only that prices in one location changed more or less than in another. The SMSA indexes cannot be used to measure differences in price levels or in living costs between areas.

A description of the index and historical tables of index numbers for the United States city average and for 23 large SMSA's are available on request to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Washington, D. C. 20212 or any of its regional offices (addresses below).

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