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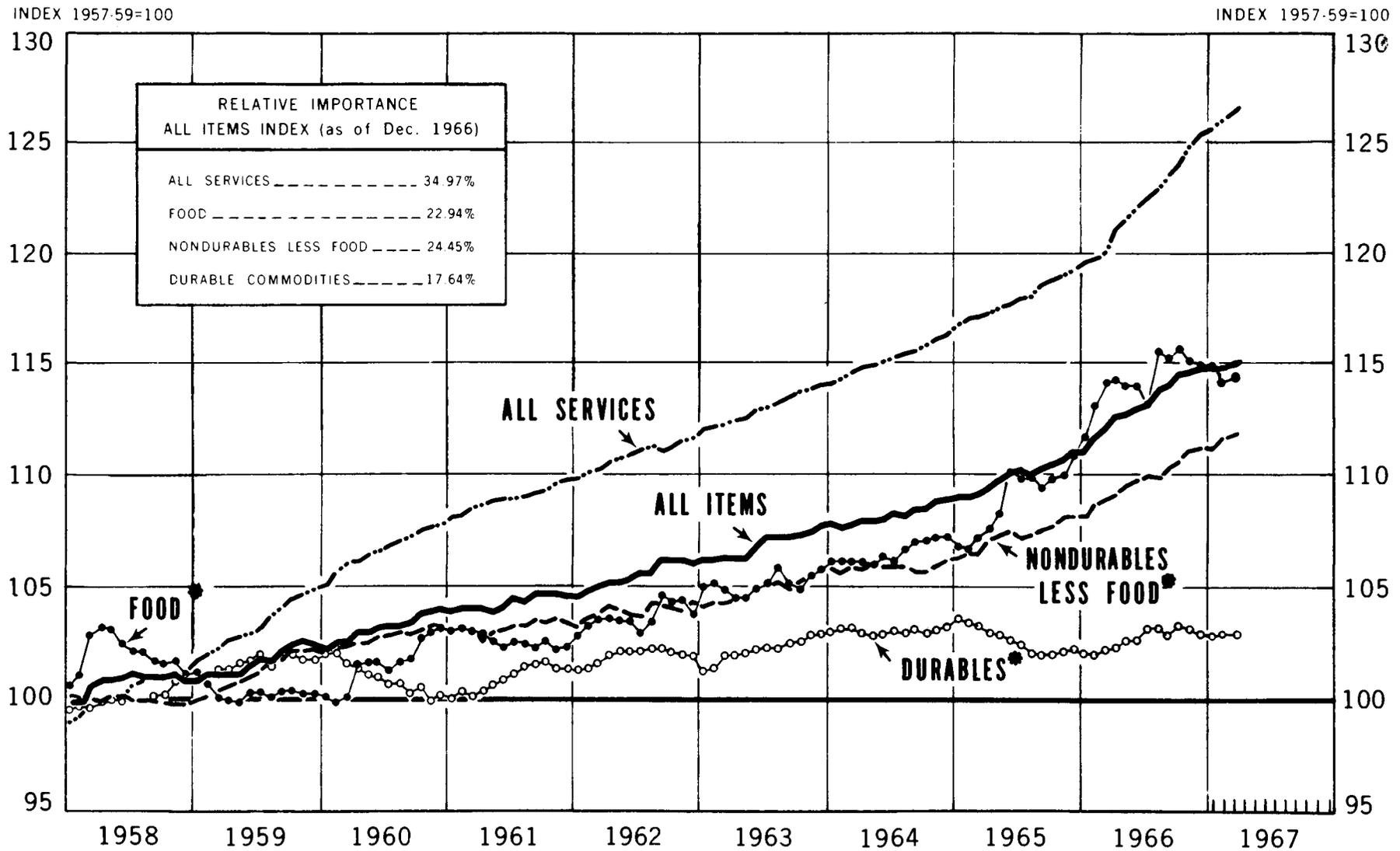
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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR MARCH 1967

Price Changes, February to March 1967

The Consumer Price Index rose by 0.2 percent in March to 115.0 (1957-59=100). About half the increase was due to higher charges for consumer services and the other half to advances in prices of nondurable commodities. Food prices averaged unchanged as a decline of 0.2 percent in grocery-store foods was offset by higher restaurant meal prices. Prices of durable goods were up only slightly.

The rise in consumer service charges is a continuation of a long-term upward trend. The increase in March was a little less than the average monthly rate during 1966, primarily because of a softening in mortgage interest rates from recent peaks. The types of services relying heavily on human effort and skill showed the largest increases, with medical care services up 0.9 percent, home repairs up 0.7 percent and housekeeping services up 0.7 percent.

Apparel prices increased considerably more than usual for March, accounting for about three-fourths of the rise in prices of nonfood commodities. Prices of men's and women's wear and children's shoes rose by 1 percent as retail sales were stimulated by the early Easter holiday and new spring lines carried higher prices than last year. Prices of household textiles also rose sharply as prices returned to their previous levels following traditional white sales. Other nondurable goods, such as gasoline, toilet articles, newspapers, magazines, and books carried slightly higher price tags in March; but prices of prescriptions and drugs continued to decline, showing a drop of 0.4 percent. Used car prices rose considerably more than usual in March in response to larger sales and a better inventory position, while prices of new cars averaged slightly lower than in February but a little higher than a year ago.

Prices of food for home use dropped by 0.2 percent in March, about half the expected seasonal decline. This marks the seventh consecutive monthly decrease. Most of the decline was caused by reductions in prices of meats (particularly pork), poultry, dairy products, and coffee. Pork prices dropped by 1.3 percent, a little less than the usual seasonal decline, as cold storage holdings were up by 14-1/2 percent. All cuts of pork had lower price tags in March, with reductions ranging from 0.6 percent for sausage to 2.6 percent for picnic hams. Prices of most cuts of beef, lamb, and luncheon meats also were lower. Increased supplies caused a drop of 0.7 percent in poultry prices. Milk prices were down seasonally, 0.3 percent, while ice cream dropped 1.4 percent. Promotional efforts of manufacturers to offset declining consumption of coffee were reflected in decreases of over 2 percent for bag and can coffee.

Prices of fruits and vegetables showed a stronger-than-seasonal rise in March, although they were 1.9 percent lower than a year earlier. Apple prices were up as usual on dwindling supplies, and banana prices also advanced. Continuing large supplies brought lower prices for citrus fruits. Prices of cucumbers and green peppers rose sharply as supplies were curtailed by a late February freeze in Florida. Asparagus returned to grocery stores at substantially higher prices than at the end

of last season. On the other hand, lettuce prices dropped, reflecting large supplies from California and Arizona. Prices of several other fresh vegetables--including potatoes, onions, cabbage, carrots, and celery--also were lower.

Price Trends, March 1966 to March 1967

The Consumer Price Index in March 1967 was 2.7 percent higher than its March 1966 level. This is the smallest over-the-year rise since June 1966. Almost two-thirds of the year's increase has been caused by higher charges for consumer services, up by over 5 percent. Most of the remainder of the advance was caused by higher prices for nonfood commodities. Prices of food bought in grocery stores averaged 1 percent lower than a year ago; while restaurant meal prices, which are influenced to a great extent by cost of service personnel, were 5-1/2 percent higher.

Charges for certain types of personal services were up sharply from a year ago. Medical care services advanced over 9 percent, housekeeping and home maintenance services almost 7 percent, and personal care services over 5 percent. Other types of services such as public transportation, taxes, and insurance also continued their long upward climb. Mortgage interest rates were still substantially higher than a year earlier despite recent reductions.

Prices of nonfood commodities advanced 2.1 percent during the past year, with almost two-fifths of the rise caused by an increase of 4.1 percent in apparel prices. Among the subgroups, footwear prices showed the largest rise (6.2 percent), while men's, women's, and children's wear increased by about 3-1/2 to 4-1/2 percent. Other significant price increases were recorded for gasoline, commodities used in home repair and maintenance, furniture, household textiles, and tobacco products. Prices of appliances and drugs were slightly below their year-ago levels.

Prices of food bought in grocery stores dropped 1 percent in the year ending March 1967. Particularly notable declines were posted for coffee, most meats, poultry, fresh vegetables, some fruits, and eggs--reflecting better supply situations. Pork prices dropped 15 percent and beef 6-1/2 percent as supplies were substantially higher than a year earlier. Poultry prices averaged 9-1/2 percent lower, led by a drop of 11-1/2 percent in prices of frying chickens, also reflecting plentiful supplies. Fresh vegetable prices were down 4 percent from a year ago largely because of plentiful supplies of lettuce, cucumbers, celery, and cabbage. Prices were higher for fresh fruits, dairy products, and cereals and bakery products.

Cost-of-living Adjustments

Cost-of-living allowances of about 60,000 workers, many in aircraft and transportation industries, will be increased 1 cent an hour on the basis of the change in the Consumer Price Index between December and March.

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

Group	Indexes (1957-59=100)				Percent change to March 1967 from --					
	March 1967		February 1967		March 1966	February 1967		December 1966*		March 1966
	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	unadjusted	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	unadjusted
All items -----	115.0	-----	114.8	-----	112.0	0.2	-----	0.3	-----	2.7
Food -----	114.2	114.3	114.2	114.0	113.9	0	.3	-.5	-.9	.3
Food at home -----	111.5	111.6	111.7	111.4	112.6	-.2	.2	-1.0	-1.3	-1.0
Cereals and bakery products -----	118.6	-----	118.5	-----	113.6	.1	-----	.2	-----	4.4
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	110.0	110.4	110.7	110.4	116.9	-.6	0	-.8	-.8	-5.9
Dairy products -----	115.7	115.6	116.1	115.9	108.1	-.3	-.3	-.7	-.3	7.0
Fruits and vegetables -----	115.2	114.7	114.2	114.4	117.4	.9	.3	.8	-2.5	-1.9
Other foods at home -----	102.3	102.8	102.5	102.3	103.7	-.2	.5	-3.2	-2.0	-1.4
Food away from home -----	127.7	-----	127.4	-----	121.2	2	-----	1.1	-----	5.4
Housing -----	113.3	-----	113.3	-----	109.6	0	-----	.3	-----	3.4
Shelter 1/ -----	116.6	-----	116.8	-----	112.3	-.2	-----	.2	-----	3.8
Rent -----	111.8	-----	111.7	-----	109.9	-.1	-----	.4	-----	1.7
Homeownership 2/ -----	118.6	-----	118.9	-----	113.5	-.3	-----	0	-----	4.5
Fuel and utilities 3/ -----	108.7	108.4	108.7	108.7	106.6	0	-.3	.3	.4	2.0
Fuel oil and coal 4/ -----	111.1	109.4	111.1	108.9	108.9	0	.5	.8	1.0	2.0
Gas and electricity -----	108.3	-----	108.3	-----	108.2	0	-----	.4	-----	.1
Household furnishings and operation -----	107.3	-----	107.0	-----	104.0	.3	-----	.6	-----	3.2
Apparel and upkeep 5/ -----	112.6	112.9	111.9	112.3	108.2	.6	.5	.3	1.1	4.1
Men's and boys' -----	112.7	113.2	111.8	112.2	109.0	.8	.9	.1	1.2	3.4
Women's and girls' -----	108.2	108.6	107.3	107.9	103.9	.8	.6	.1	1.4	4.1
Footwear -----	124.2	124.3	123.4	123.5	116.9	.6	.6	1.1	1.5	6.2
Transportation -----	114.2	114.5	113.8	114.3	111.4	.4	.2	.4	1.1	2.5
Private -----	112.2	112.7	111.8	112.2	109.9	.4	.4	.4	1.2	2.1
Public -----	130.5	-----	130.0	-----	122.1	.4	-----	.5	-----	6.9
Health and recreation -----	122.2	-----	121.8	-----	117.6	.3	-----	1.0	-----	3.9
Medical care -----	134.6	-----	133.6	-----	125.3	.7	-----	2.0	-----	7.4
Personal care -----	114.4	-----	114.1	-----	111.0	.3	-----	.6	-----	3.1
Reading and recreation -----	118.9	-----	118.6	-----	116.6	.3	-----	.4	-----	2.0
Other goods and services 6/ -----	116.4	-----	116.3	-----	113.8	.1	-----	.4	-----	2.3
Special groups:										
All items less shelter -----	114.6	-----	114.3	-----	111.9	.3	-----	.3	-----	2.4
All items less food -----	115.4	-----	115.2	-----	111.6	.2	-----	.4	-----	3.4
Commodities 7/ -----	110.0	110.1	109.9	110.0	108.4	.1	.1	-.1	0	1.5
Nondurables -----	112.9	113.0	112.7	112.7	111.1	.2	.3	-.1	.1	1.6
Durables 7/ 8/ -----	102.9	103.0	102.8	103.0	102.0	.1	0	-.2	.1	.9
Services 9/ -----	126.3	-----	125.9	-----	120.1	.3	-----	.9	-----	5.2
Commodities less food 7/ -----	107.8	108.0	107.6	107.9	105.6	.2	.1	.1	.6	2.1
Nondurables less food -----	111.8	112.0	111.5	111.8	108.6	.3	.2	.4	.8	2.9
Apparel commodities -----	111.5	111.9	110.7	111.3	107.1	.7	.5	.3	1.3	4.1
Apparel commodities less footwear -----	109.0	109.4	108.2	108.9	105.2	.7	.5	.2	1.3	3.6
Nondurables less food and apparel -----	112.0	-----	111.9	-----	109.4	.1	-----	.4	-----	2.4
New cars -----	97.2	97.1	97.3	96.9	97.1	-.1	.2	-1.4	-.4	.1
Used cars -----	115.9	117.9	114.0	117.2	115.4	1.7	.6	1.5	3.4	.4
Household durables 10/ -----	97.8	-----	97.7	-----	96.2	.1	-----	.1	-----	1.7
Housefurnishings -----	100.3	100.2	100.0	100.2	98.0	.3	.0	.3	.2	2.3
Services less rent 9/ -----	129.5	-----	129.2	-----	122.5	.2	-----	.9	-----	5.7
Household services less rent -----	125.6	-----	125.5	-----	118.5	.1	-----	.6	-----	6.0
Transportation services -----	127.4	-----	127.2	-----	122.6	.2	-----	.7	-----	3.9
Medical care services -----	142.9	-----	141.6	-----	130.8	.9	-----	2.5	-----	9.3
Other services 11/ -----	129.7	-----	129.4	-----	125.0	.2	-----	.6	-----	3.8
All items index on other bases:										
1947-49=100 -----	141.1	-----	140.9	-----	137.4	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
1939=100 -----	237.5	-----	237.1	-----	231.3	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:										
1957-59=\$1.00 -----	\$0.870	-----	\$0.871	-----	\$0.893	.1	-----	.2	-----	-2.6
1947-49=\$1.00 -----	.709	-----	.710	-----	.728	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
1939=\$1.00 -----	.421	-----	.422	-----	.432	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

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.

* Percent changes based on recalculated indexes, using updated seasonal factors.

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 1/	Pricing Schedule 2/	Indexes			Percent change from:	
		1957-59=100	1947-49=100	Other bases	December 1966	March 1966
		March 1967			December 1966	March 1966
U.S. City Average -----	M	115.0	141.1		0.3	2.7
Chicago -----	M	112.3	141.6		.1	2.2
Detroit -----	M	114.3	140.9		.9	4.3
Los Angeles-Long Beach -	M	115.4	143.9		-.8	1.5
New York -----	M	118.2	142.4		.5	3.0
Philadelphia -----	M	115.5	141.8		.2	2.5
		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
		March 1967			December 1966	March 1966
Atlanta -----	3	114.0	141.1		0.6	3.4
Baltimore -----	3	114.8	142.5		.3	2.0
Cincinnati -----	3	111.6	135.8		.4	2.3
Honolulu (Dec.1963=100)	3			106.7	.1	2.2
Kansas City -----	3	117.9	145.8		.5	2.3
St. Louis -----	3	115.5	143.3		.5	3.0
San Francisco-Oakland --	3	117.1	148.6		-.1	1.9

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 ^{1/}
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Major Groups
Percent change from February 1967 to March 1967

Group	U.S. City Average	Chicago	Detroit	Los Angeles-Long Beach	New York	Philadelphia
All items -----	0.2	0.1	0.7	- 0.3	0.2	0.2
Food -----	0	- .5	.4	- .3	- .1	- .4
Housing -----	0	0	1.0	- .2	- .6	.2
Apparel and upkeep -----	.6	.8	.8	0	1.6	.9
Transportation -----	.4	.2	.4	- .9	.4	1.1
Health and recreation -----	.3	.7	.4	.2	.4	.1
Medical care -----	.7	1.9	.9	.5	.3	.1
Personal care -----	.3	.4	0	.5	.6	.3
Reading and recreation -----	.3	.1	.1	.1	.6	.5
Other goods and services ---	.1	.1	.2	0	.1	(2/)

^{1/} See footnote 1, table 2.

^{2/} 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: Mar.	115.0	114.2	113.3	112.6	114.2	122.2	134.6	114.4	118.9	116.4
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
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
March 1967 indexes and percent changes from December 1966

Group	U.S. City Average	Atlanta	Baltimore	Chicago	Cincinnati	Detroit	Honolulu (Dec. 1963=100)
Indexes (1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)							
All items -----	115.0	114.0	114.8	112.3	111.6	114.3	106.7
Food -----	114.2	113.6	114.9	114.1	111.4	113.2	108.3
Food at home -----	111.5	111.6	110.8	113.0	108.4	110.9	108.3
Cereals and bakery products -----	118.6	114.8	121.8	119.8	115.4	112.9	108.2
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	110.0	110.5	109.4	111.2	111.3	112.1	110.9
Dairy products -----	115.7	114.4	113.0	123.5	113.4	118.7	107.5
Fruits and vegetables -----	115.2	111.8	116.1	113.0	111.2	110.6	109.8
Other foods at home -----	102.3	108.7	100.6	102.8	95.7	101.7	103.0
Food away from home -----	127.7	120.7	132.2	119.6	127.5	126.5	108.3
Housing -----	113.3	114.0	113.0	110.5	106.8	109.5	109.5
Shelter -----	116.6	113.7	114.8	112.6	106.3	111.7	113.6
Rent -----	111.8	108.0	110.9	108.0	103.9	-----	106.0
Homeownership -----	118.6	115.3	116.3	114.9	107.3	114.4	118.9
Fuel and utilities -----	108.7	112.8	107.6	106.0	105.1	102.6	100.6
Fuel oil and coal -----	111.1	-----	113.0	105.9	110.4	105.0	-----
Gas and electricity -----	108.3	110.7	101.9	106.5	107.0	104.5	99.4
Household furnishings and operation -----	107.3	112.5	113.0	107.9	106.3	104.8	102.7
Apparel and upkeep -----	112.6	116.5	115.1	108.3	113.5	113.5	104.4
Men's and boys' -----	112.7	114.3	113.9	106.4	116.2	110.3	101.0
Women's and girls' -----	108.2	109.8	110.9	104.2	106.3	114.4	107.5
Footwear -----	124.2	129.3	135.3	121.3	128.1	123.2	106.3
Transportation -----	114.2	111.2	114.5	110.9	112.3	113.9	100.0
Private -----	112.2	108.8	112.1	111.3	109.7	112.2	101.6
Public -----	130.5	124.5	123.6	109.3	133.0	119.6	92.3
Health and recreation -----	122.2	119.1	119.3	116.9	120.1	124.7	107.2
Medical care -----	134.6	130.7	147.9	142.3	140.1	142.8	112.1
Personal care -----	114.4	115.4	116.0	113.9	108.0	119.0	104.3
Reading and recreation -----	118.9	117.5	111.2	102.8	119.5	116.9	102.2
Other goods and services -----	116.4	111.4	107.6	108.1	108.3	115.1	110.6
Percent changes December 1966 to March 1967							
All items -----	0.3	0.6	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.9	0.1
Food -----	-.5	-.2	-.9	-.5	-.3	.1	.3
Food at home -----	-1.0	-.8	-1.4	-.9	-.6	.1	0
Cereals and bakery products -----	-.2	.3	-.1	-.7	-1.0	1.2	-.3
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	-.8	-.1	-1.3	-1.2	.4	.1	.1
Dairy products -----	-.7	-.5	-1.1	-.6	-.3	-.8	3.8
Fruits and vegetables -----	-.8	-.7	0	3.7	-.4	-3.9	-.7
Other foods at home -----	-3.2	-3.4	-4.0	-4.0	-2.7	-3.2	-1.4
Food away from home -----	1.1	2.0	1.1	.7	1.4	.6	1.0
Housing -----	.3	1.0	-.3	-.1	.6	1.0	0
Shelter -----	.2	.5	-1.4	-.2	.9	1.2	-.1
Rent -----	.4	1.2	.4	2/ .5	-.2	-----	.4
Homeownership -----	0	.4	-2.2	-.6	1.3	1.2	-.3
Fuel and utilities -----	.3	1.9	.3	0	.2	.1	1.7
Fuel oil and coal -----	.8	-----	1.2	0	.8	.6	-----
Gas and electricity -----	.4	0	.2	0	.1	.1	0
Household furnishings and operation -----	.6	1.4	1.9	.3	.4	1.0	-.6
Apparel and upkeep -----	.3	1.1	2.0	-.1	.9	.6	.3
Men's and boys' -----	.1	.9	.8	-2.1	1.0	.3	-.1
Women's and girls' -----	.1	1.1	3.3	.6	1.9	1.4	.1
Footwear -----	1.1	2.3	.4	.8	0	.3	1.5
Transportation -----	.4	.1	.6	1.0	-.6	1.2	-.3
Private -----	.4	.1	.7	1.1	-.8	1.4	-.4
Public -----	.5	0	.1	.1	.1	.2	0
Health and recreation -----	1.0	.9	1.8	.9	1.2	1.5	.3
Medical care -----	2.0	2.5	4.6	3.0	3.6	1.9	1.1
Personal care -----	.6	.2	2.0	.4	.2	1.1	.2
Reading and recreation -----	.4	.4	.8	-.1	.6	2.0	-.2
Other goods and services -----	.4	-.4	.2	.4	0	.3	0

See footnotes at end of table.

TABLE 5: Consumer Price Index--United States and Selected Areas ^{1/}
 For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Commodity Groups
 March 1967 indexes and percent changes from December 1966--Continued

Group	Kansas City	Los Angeles- Long Beach	New York	Philadelphia	St. Louis	San Francisco- Oakland
Indexes (1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)						
All items -----	117.9	115.4	118.2	115.5	115.5	117.1
Food -----	116.6	112.5	114.9	113.1	118.1	113.2
Food at home -----	114.4	107.9	110.5	109.9	115.3	109.1
Cereals and bakery products -----	122.1	119.3	118.0	114.8	119.2	116.4
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	111.3	100.0	110.4	106.5	114.4	106.3
Dairy products -----	122.7	116.3	108.1	119.3	127.3	114.3
Fruits and vegetables -----	116.6	119.0	116.2	114.8	116.3	115.4
Other foods at home -----	105.8	95.1	100.9	99.3	105.5	98.5
Food away from home -----	124.3	129.3	134.0	130.7	128.6	131.2
Housing -----	112.3	118.1	117.5	113.5	110.4	120.8
Shelter -----	113.7	123.9	120.4	116.5	111.8	127.7
Rent -----	105.7	112.3	-----	112.4	107.5	128.6
Homeownership -----	117.1	127.8	119.1	117.7	112.6	127.2
Fuel and utilities -----	113.7	104.7	109.7	107.3	108.7	102.5
Fuel oil and coal -----	-----	-----	116.7	116.2	108.7	-----
Gas and electricity -----	115.3	111.0	110.5	101.9	111.0	108.5
Household furnishings and operation -----	105.3	107.4	113.7	107.5	108.7	108.2
Apparel and upkeep -----	114.4	111.4	117.6	118.3	114.0	116.1
Men's and boys' -----	114.9	113.7	118.5	113.4	113.2	114.0
Women's and girls' -----	108.7	109.0	113.3	113.8	112.0	111.4
Footwear -----	126.8	119.8	126.2	127.3	125.2	122.0
Transportation -----	120.0	116.8	115.8	121.0	116.1	114.2
Private -----	117.6	112.7	114.3	116.3	114.6	115.7
Public -----	130.7	140.8	124.5	143.7	121.0	102.6
Health and recreation -----	130.1	115.5	127.1	120.7	123.3	121.3
Medical care -----	142.6	131.3	136.1	137.2	131.9	138.0
Personal care -----	114.8	110.3	111.9	110.9	117.6	122.8
Reading and recreation -----	132.6	106.1	128.9	113.9	123.5	110.0
Other goods and services -----	120.6	108.7	124.0	116.0	116.7	113.0
Percent changes December 1966 to March 1967						
All items -----	0.5	- 0.8	0.5	0.2	0.5	- 0.1
Food -----	- 1.0	- 1.3	- .3	- .8	- .9	- 1.0
Food at home -----	- 1.6	- 1.9	- 1.1	- 1.1	- 1.2	- 1.5
Cereals and bakery products -----	- .2	- 1.5	.8	.1	0	- .3
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	- 1.5	- 2.7	- .5	- .8	- 1.0	- 1.9
Dairy products -----	- .8	0	- 1.1	- .3	- .9	- 1.0
Fruits and vegetables -----	0	- 1.9	.1	1.5	- .3	- .1
Other foods at home -----	- 4.2	- 2.6	- 4.2	- 5.1	- 3.2	- 3.1
Food away from home -----	.9	.5	2.0	.8	.5	.6
Housing -----	.9	- .3	.2	.7	.9	- .3
Shelter -----	1.3	- .6	.2	1.0	1.2	- .4
Rent -----	.3	^{2/} .3	-----	^{2/} .3	.2	.6
Homeownership -----	1.7	- .9	- .2	1.2	1.5	- .9
Fuel and utilities -----	- .3	- .3	0	.3	.3	- 1.6
Fuel oil and coal -----	-----	-----	- .6	1.5	.8	-----
Gas and electricity -----	- .3	0	- .2	0	.3	0
Household furnishings and operation -----	.5	1.3	.4	.2	.7	.6
Apparel and upkeep -----	.6	- .1	1.5	- .5	1.3	1.2
Men's and boys' -----	- .6	.3	2.2	- .4	.4	2.1
Women's and girls' -----	.6	- 1.2	1.5	- 1.8	2.0	1.1
Footwear -----	3.3	1.4	2.7	1.3	1.5	1.3
Transportation -----	.5	- 3.0	.8	1.3	.9	.1
Private -----	.4	- 3.2	.9	.8	1.0	.2
Public -----	.1	.4	.1	4.7	.2	.2
Health and recreation -----	1.6	.3	1.2	.4	1.0	.7
Medical care -----	4.8	.5	2.1	.7	1.2	1.8
Personal care -----	- .9	1.3	.3	1.3	1.3	- .2
Reading and recreation -----	.7	.3	.9	.7	1.0	.3
Other goods and services -----	.2	0	1.1	- .4	.3	- .1

^{1/} See footnote 1, table 2.

^{2/} Change from January 1967.

TABLE 6: Consumer Price Index—United States and Selected Areas
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Food and its Subgroups
March 1967 indexes and percent changes from February 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	111.5	118.6	110.0	115.7	115.2	102.3	127.7
Atlanta -----	113.6	111.6	114.8	110.5	114.4	111.8	108.7	120.7
Baltimore -----	114.9	110.8	121.8	109.4	113.0	116.1	100.6	132.2
Boston -----	118.4	114.3	124.1	115.0	111.9	118.6	103.9	136.4
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100)	109.4	108.3	104.1	108.7	109.8	113.1	105.5	115.7
Chicago -----	114.1	113.0	119.8	111.2	123.5	113.0	102.8	119.6
Cincinnati -----	111.4	108.4	115.4	111.3	113.4	111.2	95.7	127.5
Cleveland -----	110.3	108.1	115.2	110.1	110.4	111.2	97.4	122.9
Dallas (Nov.1963=100) -	108.9	108.0	107.0	111.4	116.4	104.6	102.5	112.3
Detroit -----	113.2	110.9	112.9	112.1	118.7	110.6	101.7	126.5
Honolulu (Dec.1963=100)	108.3	108.3	108.2	110.9	107.5	109.8	103.0	108.3
Houston -----	115.7	112.3	124.8	107.1	118.4	117.7	103.1	130.3
Kansas City -----	116.6	114.4	122.1	111.3	122.7	116.6	105.8	124.3
Los Angeles-Long Beach	112.5	107.9	119.3	100.0	116.3	119.0	95.1	129.3
Minneapolis-St. Paul --	112.5	110.4	110.6	109.4	119.9	111.6	104.0	121.6
New York -----	114.9	110.5	118.0	110.4	108.1	116.2	100.9	134.0
Philadelphia -----	113.1	109.9	114.8	106.5	119.3	114.8	99.3	130.7
Pittsburgh -----	109.7	108.1	116.3	110.2	105.0	112.7	99.5	119.3
St. Louis -----	118.1	115.3	119.2	114.4	127.3	116.3	105.5	128.6
San Francisco-Oakland -	113.2	109.1	116.4	106.3	114.3	115.4	98.5	131.2
Seattle -----	113.3	109.5	109.8	109.1	119.4	111.8	101.0	129.5
Washington -----	115.3	112.0	111.3	109.7	119.4	116.8	105.1	128.9
Percent changes February 1967 to March 1967								
U.S. City Average -----	0	- 0.2	0.1	- 0.6	- 0.3	0.9	- 0.2	0.2
Atlanta -----	0.1	- .2	0	- .3	- .7	1.6	- .8	.6
Baltimore -----	- .3	- .4	- .2	- .3	- .1	- .5	- .8	.5
Boston -----	.2	.2	- .1	.1	.2	- .7	1.2	.4
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100)	.1	.1	.6	- .6	0	1.1	0	.2
Chicago -----	- .5	- .7	.1	- 1.4	- .2	- 1.1	- .3	.2
Cincinnati -----	.2	.1	- .4	- .4	.3	1.9	- .5	.8
Cleveland -----	.3	.4	.3	- .9	1.8	2.6	0	- .1
Dallas (Nov.1963=100) -	- .8	- 1.1	- 1.0	- .1	- 2.3	- 1.1	- 1.5	.2
Detroit -----	.4	.5	.3	- .2	- .3	4.4	- .6	0
Honolulu (Dec.1963=100)	- .6	- .6	.2	1.3	- .2	1.0	- .4	.5
Houston -----	- .3	- .4	0	.5	- .1	- .6	- 1.8	.2
Kansas City -----	- .5	- .9	- .6	- 2.1	- .4	1.1	- .9	.5
Los Angeles-Long Beach	- .3	- .5	.2	- 1.3	0	.3	- .5	.1
Minneapolis-St. Paul --	0	- .1	.5	- .5	0	- .6	.7	.3
New York -----	- .1	- .2	1.0	- 1.1	- .8	.9	0	.4
Philadelphia -----	- .4	- .5	.1	- 1.6	- .1	.7	- .9	.2
Pittsburgh -----	- .5	- .6	- .6	- 1.2	- .8	.7	- .5	.1
St. Louis -----	- .3	- .4	.2	- 1.0	- .3	- .3	0	.2
San Francisco-Oakland -	- .1	- .3	- .3	- 1.4	- .3	1.3	.1	.5
Seattle -----	- .2	- .4	- 1.3	- 1.0	- .1	- .4	1.1	.1
Washington -----	.5	.7	- .9	.8	- .3	3.5	- .2	- .1

1/ See footnote 1, table 2.

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

Item or Group	Index		Percent change to March 1967 from --		
	March 1967		February 1967		March 1966
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted
Total food -----	114.2	114.3	0	0.3	0.3
Food away from home -----	127.7	-----	.2	-----	5.4
Restaurant meals -----	128.0	-----	.2	-----	5.3
Snacks 1/ -----	110.4	-----	.2	-----	5.1
Food at home -----	111.5	111.6	-.2	.2	- 1.0
Cereals and bakery products -----	118.6	-----	.1	-----	4.4
Flour -----	114.5	-----	-.3	-----	4.4
Cracker meal 1/ -----	116.9	-----	.2	-----	1.8
Corn flakes -----	128.9	-----	.5	-----	8.7
Rice -----	107.7	-----	.1	-----	1.2
Bread, white -----	124.1	-----	-.4	-----	4.6
Bread, whole wheat 1/ -----	113.7	-----	.6	-----	5.9
Cookies -----	101.8	-----	.5	-----	2.9
Layer cake 1/ -----	105.7	-----	.7	-----	4.8
Cinnamon rolls 1/ -----	108.1	-----	-.3	-----	5.0
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	110.0	110.4	-.6	0	- 5.9
Meats -----	112.0	112.8	-.8	0	- 6.5
Beef and veal -----	111.4	111.4	-.4	-.1	- 2.2
Steak, round -----	106.3	106.2	-.8	-.7	- 4.7
Steak, sirloin 2/ -----	103.7	-----	-.5	-----	- 4.0
Steak, porterhouse 1/ -----	108.2	-----	.2	-----	- 3.0
Rump roast 1/ -----	103.1	-----	- 1.2	-----	- 3.8
Rib roast -----	116.0	116.3	- 1.5	-.9	- 2.7
Chuck roast -----	103.7	102.7	-.5	-.2	- 5.3
Hamburger -----	115.3	115.5	.1	.1	.1
Beef liver 1/ -----	106.9	-----	-.1	-----	-.4
Veal cutlets -----	131.6	130.8	.6	.6	3.6
Pork -----	112.1	113.8	- 1.3	-.4	- 14.9
Chops -----	111.2	113.6	- 1.9	-.2	- 12.4
Loin roast 2/ -----	119.7	-----	- 1.2	-----	- 13.6
Pork sausage 1/ -----	121.2	-----	-.6	-----	- 15.1
Ham, whole -----	111.6	111.9	-.9	.6	- 13.4
Picnics 1/ -----	116.9	-----	- 2.6	-----	- 14.9
Bacon -----	114.4	117.2	-.7	-.4	- 18.6
Other meats -----	117.3	117.7	-.6	-.1	- 2.4
Lamb chops 1/ -----	115.7	-----	-.7	-----	- 4.0
Frankfurters -----	116.3	116.3	-.3	-.8	- 3.6
Ham, canned 1/ -----	119.4	-----	-.3	-----	- 6.7
Bologna sausage 1/ -----	118.0	-----	-.3	-----	-.9
Salami sausage 1/ -----	111.5	-----	- 1.3	-----	- 1.2
Liverwurst 1/ -----	116.8	-----	-.7	-----	-.6
Poultry -----	89.9	-----	-.7	-----	- 9.4
Frying chicken -----	89.6	88.1	-.4	-.5	- 11.5
Chicken breasts 1/ -----	100.1	-----	- 1.1	-----	- 5.6
Turkey 1/ -----	104.7	-----	-.7	-----	- 1.6
Fish -----	122.6	122.7	.4	1.1	6.9
Shrimp, frozen 1/ -----	110.6	-----	.5	-----	13.4
Fish, fresh or frozen -----	125.4	125.3	.3	.8	3.0
Tuna fish, canned -----	112.4	-----	0	-----	3.8
Sardines, canned 1/ -----	113.9	-----	1.0	-----	7.9
Dairy products -----	115.7	115.6	-.3	-.3	7.0
Milk, fresh, grocery -----	112.4	112.4	-.3	0	5.9
Milk, fresh, delivered -----	115.9	-----	-.3	-----	6.2
Milk, fresh, skim 1/ -----	110.8	-----	0	-----	8.4
Milk, evaporated -----	117.6	-----	.3	-----	10.6
Ice cream -----	98.7	-----	- 1.4	-----	5.2
Cheese, American process -----	136.9	136.4	-.4	-.6	9.9
Butter -----	115.8	115.8	-.2	-.1	6.1

See footnotes at end of table.

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

Item or Group	Index		Percent change to March 1967 from --		
	March 1967		February 1967		March 1966
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted
Fruits and vegetables -----	115.2	114.7	0.9	0.3	- 1.9
Fresh fruits and vegetables -----	121.5	120.9	1.8	.8	- 1.1
Apples -----	131.4	138.8	3.5	-.7	6.8
Bananas -----	93.8	94.7	6.0	7.5	2.9
Oranges -----	106.1	112.9	- 1.4	- 2.3	- 2.2
Orange juice, fresh 1/ -----	74.5	-----	- 2.1	-----	- 10.6
Grapefruit -----	115.3	129.4	- 3.7	- 2.8	- 13.2
Grapes * -----	*	*	*	*	*
Strawberries * -----	*	*	*	*	*
Watermelon * -----	*	*	*	*	*
Potatoes -----	132.8	140.4	- 2.3	- 2.8	9.0
Onions -----	146.7	154.7	- .5	- .1	40.4
Asparagus * 1/ -----	155.2	-----	(4/)	-----	3.5
Cabbage -----	141.7	126.4	- 4.5	3.2	- 10.5
Carrots -----	98.1	102.7	- 5.0	- 1.3	- 14.2
Celery -----	96.7	91.9	- 2.1	- 3.7	- 17.1
Cucumbers 1/ -----	172.8	-----	6.7	-----	- 15.0
Lettuce -----	101.0	96.0	- 9.2	- 2.2	- 29.8
Peppers, green 1/ -----	158.8	-----	7.5	-----	- 2.9
Spinach 1/ -----	99.5	-----	.3	-----	- 2.1
Tomatoes -----	115.1	103.6	1.8	- 2.0	9.9
Processed fruits and vegetables -----	107.5	-----	-.4	-----	- 3.0
Fruit cocktail, canned -----	96.4	-----	-.1	-----	- 6.4
Pears, canned 1/ -----	92.2	-----	- 1.3	-----	- 16.0
Grapefruit-pineapple juice, canned 1/ -----	94.9	-----	-.2	-----	- 2.5
Orange juice concentrate, frozen -----	76.8	75.9	- 2.8	- 2.9	- 19.0
Lemonade concentrate, frozen 2/ -----	90.9	-----	.3	-----	-.7
Beets, canned 1/ -----	105.6	-----	.1	-----	3.7
Peas, green, canned -----	120.6	-----	-.3	-----	3.6
Tomatoes, canned -----	119.9	-----	.7	-----	8.8
Dried beans -----	113.6	-----	-.5	-----	- 7.9
Broccoli, frozen 1/ -----	99.2	-----	-.9	-----	2.9
Other food at home -----	102.3	102.8	-.2	.5	- 1.4
Eggs -----	92.6	93.3	1.3	5.1	- 14.7
Fats and oils:					
Margarine -----	106.1	-----	-.3	-----	3.0
Salad dressing, Italian 1/ -----	100.8	-----	-.9	-----	.3
Salad or cooking oil 1/ -----	126.1	-----	-.5	-----	10.0
Sugar and sweets -----	113.3	-----	-.2	-----	2.3
Sugar -----	112.1	-----	0	-----	2.4
Grape jelly -----	115.9	-----	-.9	-----	0
Chocolate bar -----	101.5	-----	.5	-----	9.1
Syrup, chocolate flavored 1/ -----	98.5	-----	-.2	-----	- 1.7
Nonalcoholic beverages -----	99.0	-----	-.8	-----	-.3
Coffee, can and bag -----	89.4	-----	- 2.2	-----	- 4.2
Coffee, instant 3/ -----	97.5	-----	-.2	-----	1.0
Tea -----	99.5	-----	.1	-----	-.5
Cola drink -----	134.6	-----	.2	-----	5.2
Carbonated fruit drink 1/ -----	107.1	-----	.5	-----	5.3
Prepared and partially prepared foods 1/ -----	100.2	-----	0	-----	.5
Bean soup, canned 1/ -----	96.7	-----	.1	-----	-.9
Chicken soup, canned 1/ -----	96.9	-----	-.5	-----	- 1.9
Spaghetti, canned 1/ -----	107.1	-----	-.4	-----	2.4
Mashed potatoes, instant 1/ -----	102.2	-----	-.3	-----	-.3
Potatoes, french fried, frozen 2/ -----	84.9	-----	-.2	-----	- 1.2
Baby foods, canned -----	106.4	-----	-.4	-----	1.1
Sweet pickle relish 1/ -----	106.6	-----	.6	-----	2.7
Pretzels 1/ -----	101.1	-----	.2	-----	1.4

1/ December 1963=100.

2/ April 1960=100.

3/ July 1961=100.

4/ Not available.

* Priced only in season.

Table 8: Percent Change in Prices for Selected Groups in the Consumer Price Index and the Wholesale Price Index
(Seasonally adjusted except where indicated)

	Feb. to Mar. 1967		Dec. 1966 - Mar. 1967		Sept. to Dec. 1966		June to Sept. 1966		Mar. to June 1966		Mar. 1966 - Mar. 1967	
	CPI	WPI	CPI	WPI	CPI	WPI	CPI	WPI	CPI	WPI	CPI*	WPI*
*ALL ITEMS -----	0.2	-0.3	0.3	-0.2	0.5	-0.8	1.1	1.0	0.8	0.3	2.7	0.3
CONSUMER PRODUCTS -----	.2	-.2	-.1	-.2	.1	-1.2	.8	2.2	.4	-.4	1.2	.4
<u>Nondurable</u> -----	.2	-.4	-.2	-.7	.1	-1.9	.8	2.8	.4	-.6	1.2	-.5
Food and beverages at home -----	.3	-.9	-1.1	-2.4	-.4	-2.9	.8	4.3	-.1	-1.8	-.8	-2.9
Apparel and accessories -----	.5	.1	1.3	.7	.9	.3	1.0	.3	.9	.4	4.1	1.7
Household furnishings and supplies -----	.3	.3	.6	1.1	.4	.2	.6	1.0	1.1	.9	2.6	3.3
Gasoline and motor oil -----	.2	.8	1.3	3.9	.6	-2.2	1.0	2.3	.7	1.9	3.7	6.1
*Other nondurables -----	0	-.2	0	0	.2	0	.6	.4	.9	.2	1.7	.6
<u>Durable</u> -----	.1	0	0	.1	.5	1.2	.3	-.1	.5	.3	1.3	1.5
New passenger cars -----	.2	-.2	-.4	-.5	1.4	2.1	-1.2	-1.0	.5	-.4	.1	.1
Appliances -----	-.2	-.1	-.7	.2	-.1	.3	.2	-.2	-.4	.1	-.9	.5
Furniture and floor coverings -----	0	.4	.3	-.4	.9	1.1	1.1	.4	1.0	1.1	3.3	2.3
*Other durables -----	.2	.2	.4	.9	.5	1.0	.9	.7	.9	.9	2.6	3.4
*CONSUMER SERVICES -----	.3	-	.9	-	1.4	-	1.2	-	1.6	-	5.2	-
*Insurance and finance -----	-.3	-	.3	-	2.1	-	1.1	-	2.7	-	6.4	-
*Rent -----	.1	-	.4	-	.5	-	.5	-	.3	-	1.7	-
*Utilities and public transportation -----	.2	-	.3	-	.1	-	1.2	-	1.5	-	3.1	-
*Housekeeping and home maintenance services -----	.7	-	1.5	-	1.7	-	1.6	-	1.7	-	6.7	-
*Medical care services -----	.9	-	2.5	-	2.3	-	2.4	-	1.7	-	9.3	-
*Personal care services -----	.4	-	1.0	-	.9	-	1.2	-	2.0	-	5.3	-
*Other services -----	.3	-	.7	-	1.1	-	.9	-	1.0	-	3.8	-
WHOLESALE PRICES:												
<u>Type of Product:</u>												
Farm Products -----	-	-1.7	-	-3.4	-	-4.8	-	2.1	-	-.7	-	-6.7
Processed foods and feeds -----	-	-.3	-	-1.6	-	-1.8	-	2.1	-	-.2	-	-1.4
*Industrial commodities -----	-	0	-	.5	-	.3	-	.3	-	.9	-	1.9
<u>Industrial Materials and Equipment:</u>												
Chemicals and allied products -----	-	-.1	-	.1	-	0	-	.5	-	.3	-	.9
Rubber and rubber products -----	-	.2	-	1.3	-	0	-	-.5	-	1.0	-	1.7
Lumber and wood products -----	-	-.7	-	-.3	-	-1.8	-	-1.1	-	1.3	-	-1.9
Pulp, paper and allied products -----	-	.1	-	.4	-	-.3	-	.6	-	1.1	-	1.8
*Metals and metal products -----	-	-.2	-	.4	-	.6	-	-.3	-	.6	-	1.3
Machinery and equipment -----	-	.3	-	.7	-	1.6	-	.9	-	1.0	-	4.3
<u>Stage of Processing at Wholesale:</u>												
Finished goods -----	-	-.2	-	-.3	-	-.4	-	1.4	-	0	-	.8
Consumer -----	-	-.3	-	-.6	-	-.9	-	1.9	-	-.5	-	-.1
Producer -----	-	.1	-	.5	-	1.5	-	.6	-	1.0	-	3.7
Intermediate materials, supplies and components -----	-	.2	-	.2	-	-.3	-	.8	-	.9	-	1.5
Crude materials -----	-	-1.0	-	-1.7	-	-4.7	-	-.3	-	-.2	-	-6.7

NOTE: The price changes shown for Consumer Products and components are for roughly comparable classes of finished consumer products from the CPI and WPI. A brief description of the classes of items contained in each group is included at the end of this report. Complete listings of inclusions in the CPI and WPI groupings will be furnished on request.

*Based on data unadjusted for seasonal variations.

Composition of Index Groupings Appearing in Table 8

	Consumer Price Index	Wholesale Price Index
ALL ITEMS -----	All commodities and services	All commodities
CONSUMER PRODUCTS -----	All commodities except home purchase, used cars, food and beverages away from home, newspapers, magazines and books.	Nondurable and durable commodities ready for use by home consumers except a few individual consumer products included in WPI groupings of commodities purchased primarily by industrial firms.
<u>Nondurable</u> -----	All nondurable commodities except food and beverages away from home and newspapers, magazines and books.	A combination of indexes listed below. <u>1/</u>
Food and beverages at home -----	Food at home, alcoholic beverages at home.	Fresh and dried fruits and vegetables, nuts, and eggs from the Farm Products group; and the Processed Foods and Feeds group, excluding crude vegetable oils and manufactured animal feeds.
Apparel and accessories -----	Apparel, footwear, and accessories. <u>2/</u>	Apparel and some fabrics and sewing materials, Leather footwear, Leather gloves, Rubber footwear, Watches and clocks, Jewelry.
Household furnishings and supplies -----	Home maintenance nondurables, fuel oil and coal, textile housefurnishings, housekeeping supplies.	Textile housefurnishings, fuels for home use (except gas), Soap and synthetic detergents, Sanitary papers and health products, Matches, Pens and pencils, and Prepared paints, and miscellaneous housekeeping supplies.
Gasoline and motor oil -----	Gasoline and motor oil.	Gasoline and Automotive motor oil.
Other nondurables -----	Drugs and pharmaceuticals, toilet goods, recreational nondurables, tobacco products.	Pharmaceutical preparations, Cosmetics and other toilet preparations, Tobacco products, Personal brushes, and recreational items such as toys, film, and playing cards.
<u>Durable</u> -----	All durable commodities except home purchase and used cars.	A combination of indexes listed below. <u>1/</u>
New passenger cars -----	New cars.	Passenger cars.
Appliances -----	Household appliances, radio and TV.	Home electronic equipment, Room heaters, and Household appliances, excluding electric lamps.
Furniture and floor coverings -----	Furniture and floor coverings.	Household furniture and Floor coverings.
Other durables -----	Home maintenance durables, other housefurnishings, tires, recreational durables, except radio and TV.	Other durable commodities throughout the WPI which are used for home maintenance, including some household goods, Tires and tubes, Outboard motors, equipment for home workshops and home gardens, recreational items such as photographic equipment, Sporting and athletic goods, Musical instruments, and Phonograph records, Electric lamps, Typewriters, Luggage and small leather goods, and Caskets and Morticians goods.
CONSUMER SERVICES -----	All consumer services.	
Insurance and finance -----	Mortgage interest, taxes and insurance, automobile insurance and other auto expenses. <u>3/</u>	
Rent -----	Rent of home or apartment.	
Utilities and public transportation -----	Gas and electricity, telephone, water and sewer, public transportation.	
Housekeeping and home maintenance services -----	Housekeeping and home maintenance services.	
Medical care services -----	Medical care except drugs and prescriptions.	
Personal care services -----	Personal care services.	
Other services -----	Hotels, apparel services, auto repairs and maintenance, recreational services, reading and educational services, personal expenses.	
WHOLESALE PRICES -----		
Type of product		Same as the Wholesale Price Indexes for major groups.
Farm products		
Processed foods and feeds		
Industrial commodities		
Selected industrial commodity groups		
Stage of Processing at wholesale		The Wholesale Price Stage of Processing Indexes. The Consumer finished goods index differs from the Consumer products index in weighting structure and is based on a larger sample of commodities.
Finished goods		
Consumer		
Producer		
Intermediate materials, supplies, and components		
Crude materials		

1/ The classification by durable and nondurable commodities is based on CPI classification and is not necessarily the same as the WPI classification in the Indexes by Durability of Product.

2/ Same as apparel commodities.

3/ Includes registration and license fees and parking fees.

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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