

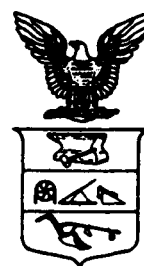
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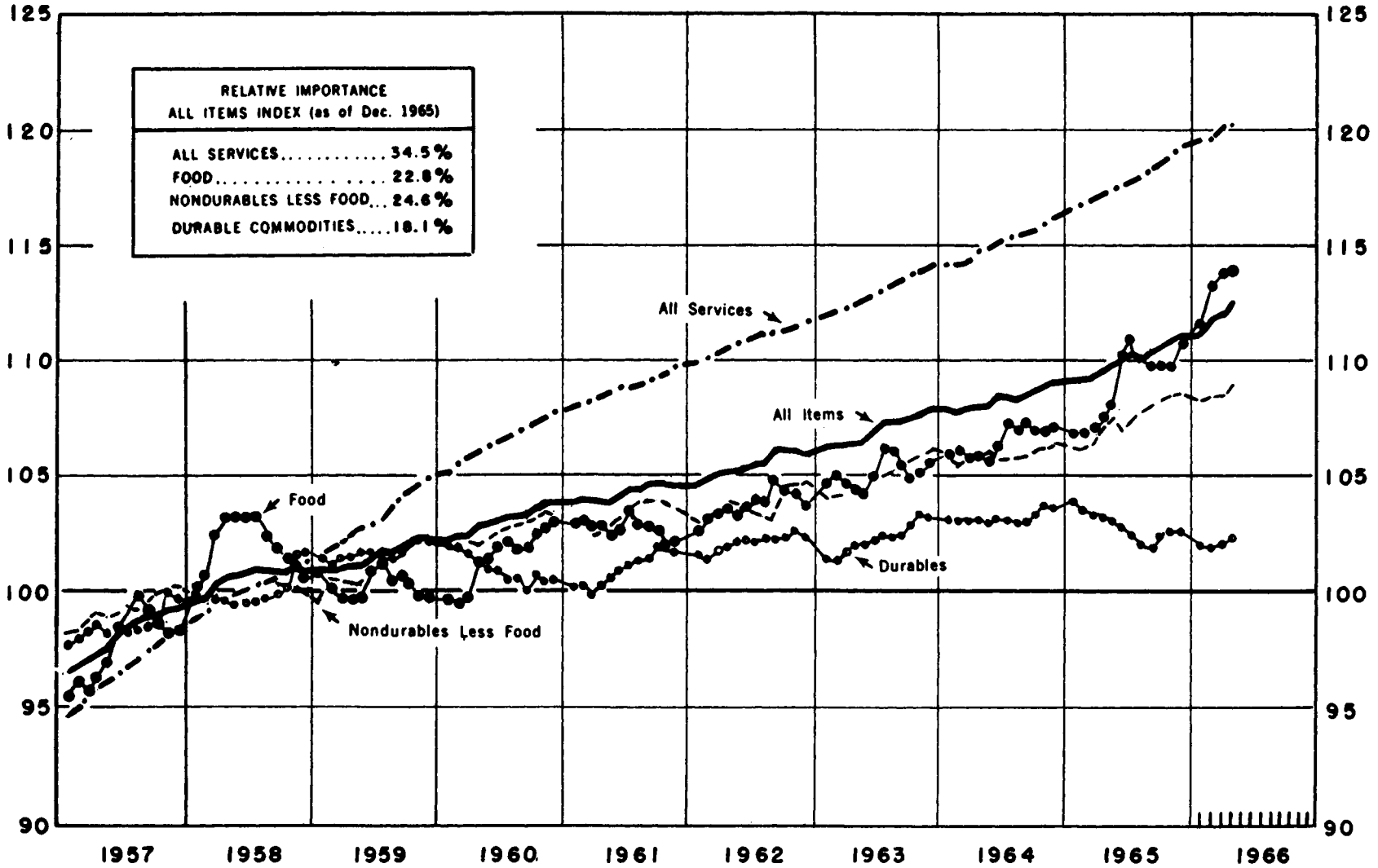
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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR APRIL 1966

The Consumer Price Index stood at 112.5 (1957-59=100) in April, four-tenths of one percent above its March level, the United States Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. This was a smaller advance than that which occurred in February, and the same as that reported for March.

Price Changes, March-April 1966

Consumer service prices as a whole went up 0.8 percent in April. About a third of this increase was caused by restoration of the excise tax on telephone services. In addition, interest rates rose on F.H.A. and V.A. mortgages, medical care costs were up by 0.4 percent, and charges were raised on several other kinds of services, such as baby sitters, barber and beauty shops, and automobile insurance.

Apparel prices advanced by an average of 0.5 percent, somewhat more than the usual seasonal increase for April. Shoe prices continued to rise, and men's tailored clothing for spring and summer wear came on the market showing higher price tags.

Food prices averaged only slightly higher in April, with an advance of 0.1 percent. Prices of dairy and bakery products rose, and fresh fruits were generally higher. Fresh vegetables also averaged slightly higher; potatoes, onions, tomatoes, cucumbers, and green peppers rose in price as cool, rainy weather retarded crop development in the spring vegetable growing areas. On the other hand, prices of asparagus, lettuce, and celery dropped in price, as supplies increased seasonally.

Meat prices were off a little (about 1-1/2 percent), mostly because of a 5-1/2 percent drop for pork. Beef and veal moved up slightly. Egg prices declined about 2-1/2 percent.

A strong market for used cars brought a larger price increase (1.7 percent) than usual for April, when the spring driving season opens. New car prices also moved up 0.3 percent because of restoration of the excise tax from 6 percent to 7 percent. Tobacco prices advanced nearly 1 percent, reflecting higher cigarette prices announced earlier by manufacturers.

Price Trends, April 1965 to April 1966

Nearly one-half of the rise of 2.9 percent in the Consumer Price Index over the past year was caused by a 6 percent climb in food prices, especially meats which averaged 17-1/2 percent higher. Poultry prices also were up by 11 percent. Another major contributing factor was the rise, averaging more than 3 percent, in charges for many consumer services, notably auto insurance, mortgage interest, real estate taxes, medical services, housekeeping services, and various types of repair services. A 6 percent advance in cigarette prices resulted largely from tobacco taxes being raised in 22 States last year.

On the other hand, prices of new and used cars, appliances, and toilet goods were down from a year ago in April. In part, this was a result of reduction or removal of excise taxes.

Cost-of-Living Adjustments

More than a million workers will receive cost-of-living wage increases as a result of the April Consumer Price Index. About 975,000 in automobile and automotive

parts, farm and construction equipment, and aerospace industries, will receive 4 cents an hour, based on the change in the national index since January. About 75,000 others will receive increases ranging from 1 to 3 cents an hour also based on the quarterly change, and another 5,000 from 3 to 6 cents based on the annual change in the national index.

Upwards of 17,000 transit workers will receive increases of 3-1/2 to 8 cents an hour based on quarterly changes in indexes for Chicago, Pittsburgh, and Boston.

TABLE 1: Consumer Price Index--United States City Average
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers
Major group, subgroup, and special group indexes, April 1966
and percent changes from selected dates

Group	Indexes (1957-59=100)					Percent change to April 1966 from --				
	April 1966		March 1966		April 1965	March 1966		January 1966		April 1965
	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted
All items -----	112.5	-----	112.0	-----	109.3	0.4	-----	1.4	-----	2.9
Food -----	114.0	114.3	113.9	114.2	107.3	.1	0.1	2.3	2.4	6.2
Food at home -----	112.7	113.2	112.6	112.9	105.5	.1	.3	2.6	2.9	6.8
Cereals and bakery products -----	114.1	-----	113.6	-----	111.0	.4	-----	1.0	-----	2.8
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	115.6	117.1	116.9	117.7	99.8	- 1.1	- .5	2.4	3.7	15.8
Dairy products -----	108.9	109.4	108.1	108.0	104.5	.7	1.3	2.2	3.3	4.2
Fruits and vegetables -----	119.8	117.7	117.4	117.4	117.6	2.0	.3	7.6	3.3	1.9
Other foods at home -----	103.6	104.5	103.7	104.4	101.1	- .1	.1	.7	2.4	2.5
Food away from home -----	121.6	-----	121.2	-----	116.8	.3	-----	1.0	-----	4.1
Housing -----	110.3	-----	109.6	-----	108.2	.6	-----	1.0	-----	1.9
Shelter 1/ -----	113.0	-----	112.3	-----	110.1	.6	-----	.9	-----	2.6
Rent -----	110.1	-----	109.9	-----	108.8	.2	-----	.4	-----	1.2
Homeownership 2/ -----	114.3	-----	113.5	-----	110.8	.7	-----	1.1	-----	3.2
Fuel and utilities 3/ -----	108.3	108.2	106.6	106.3	107.2	1.6	1.8	1.8	2.1	1.0
Fuel oil and coal 4/ -----	108.5	107.7	108.9	106.9	105.4	- .4	.7	- .4	1.0	2.9
Gas and electricity -----	108.3	-----	108.2	-----	107.7	.1	-----	.4	-----	.6
Household furnishings and operation -----	104.4	-----	104.0	-----	103.1	.4	-----	.8	-----	1.3
Apparel and upkeep 5/ -----	108.7	108.8	108.2	108.5	106.3	.5	.3	1.3	.9	2.3
Men's and boys' -----	109.6	109.7	109.0	109.4	106.6	.6	.3	.9	.6	2.8
Women's and girls' -----	104.2	104.5	103.9	104.4	102.5	.3	.1	1.6	.9	1.7
Footwear -----	118.1	118.1	116.9	117.0	112.0	1.0	.9	2.2	2.2	5.4
Transportation -----	112.0	112.3	111.4	111.6	111.0	.5	.4	.7	1.4	.9
Private -----	110.5	110.8	109.9	110.5	109.5	.5	.3	.8	1.5	.9
Public -----	122.1	-----	122.1	-----	121.3	0	-----	.1	-----	.7
Health and recreation -----	118.1	-----	117.6	-----	115.4	.4	-----	1.0	-----	2.3
Medical care -----	125.8	-----	125.3	-----	121.6	.4	-----	1.3	-----	3.5
Personal care -----	111.6	-----	111.0	-----	110.7	.5	-----	1.1	-----	.8
Reading and recreation -----	116.8	-----	116.6	-----	115.9	.2	-----	1.0	-----	.8
Other goods and services 6/ -----	114.3	-----	113.8	-----	110.3	.4	-----	.8	-----	3.6
Special groups:										
All items less shelter -----	112.4	-----	111.9	-----	109.1	.4	-----	1.4	-----	3.0
All items less food -----	112.2	-----	111.6	-----	110.1	.5	-----	1.0	-----	1.9
Commodities 7/ -----	108.8	109.0	108.4	108.6	105.9	.4	.4	1.3	1.4	2.7
Nondurables -----	111.4	111.6	111.1	111.4	107.0	.3	.2	1.6	1.6	4.1
Durables 7/ 8/ -----	102.3	102.3	102.0	102.1	103.0	.3	.2	.4	.4	-.7
Services 9/ -----	121.1	-----	120.1	-----	117.3	.8	-----	1.3	-----	3.2
Commodities less food 7/ -----	106.0	106.0	105.6	105.7	105.0	.4	.3	.7	.6	1.0
Nondurables less food -----	109.0	109.1	108.6	108.8	106.8	.4	.3	.9	.9	2.1
Apparel commodities -----	107.6	107.8	107.1	107.4	105.3	.5	.4	1.3	.9	2.2
Apparel less footwear -----	105.6	105.9	105.2	105.6	104.0	.4	.3	1.2	1.0	1.5
Nondurables less food and apparel -----	109.8	-----	109.4	-----	107.6	.4	-----	.6	-----	2.0
New cars -----	97.4	97.4	97.1	96.9	100.7	.3	.5	0	.8	- 3.3
Used cars -----	117.4	118.2	115.4	117.6	120.6	1.7	.5	2.3	1.5	- 2.7
Household durables 10/ -----	96.4	-----	96.2	-----	97.9	.2	-----	.3	-----	- 1.5
Housefurnishings -----	98.3	98.0	98.0	97.8	98.5	.3	.2	.7	.1	- .2
Services less rent 9/ -----	123.6	-----	122.5	-----	119.3	.9	-----	1.5	-----	3.6
Household services less rent -----	120.2	-----	118.5	-----	116.3	1.4	-----	2.0	-----	3.4
Transportation services -----	123.0	-----	122.6	-----	118.5	.3	-----	.4	-----	3.8
Medical care services -----	131.4	-----	130.8	-----	126.2	.5	-----	1.5	-----	4.1
Other services 11/ -----	125.5	-----	125.0	-----	121.3	.4	-----	1.4	-----	3.5
All items index on other bases:										
1947-49=100 -----	138.0	-----	137.4	-----	134.1	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
1939=100 -----	232.3	-----	231.3	-----	225.7	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:										
1957-59=\$1.00 -----	\$0.889	-----	\$0.893	-----	\$0.915	-.4	-----	- 1.3	-----	- 2.8
1947-49=\$1.00 -----	.725	-----	.728	-----	.746	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
1939=\$1.00 -----	.430	-----	.432	-----	.443	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

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.

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	January 1966	April 1965
		April 1966			January 1966	April 1965
U.S. City Average -----	M	112.5	138.0		1.4	2.9
Chicago -----	M	109.9	138.6		1.2	2.8
Detroit -----	M	110.0	135.6		1.5	4.2
Los Angeles-Long Beach --	M	114.3	142.5		1.3	1.6
New York -----	M	115.2	138.8		1.6	3.2
Philadelphia -----	M	113.2	139.0		1.4	3.2
		April 1966			January 1966	April 1965
Boston -----	1	116.8	144.7		2.5	3.5
Houston -----	1	110.9	136.6		.8	2.8
Minneapolis-St. Paul ---	1	111.8	138.3		1.2	2.7
Pittsburgh -----	1	113.0	139.2		1.8	2.9
		February 1966			November 1965	February 1965
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100) -	2	-----	-----	105.8	1.1	3.3
Cleveland -----	2	108.1	134.3		.3	2.0
Dallas (Nov.1963=100) --	2	-----	-----	103.4	.7	3.4
Milwaukee -----	2	109.5	138.1		.7	2.3
San Diego (Feb.1965=100)	2	-----	-----	101.2	.9	1.2
Seattle -----	2	112.6	141.5		.7	2.6
Washington -----	2	111.9	134.7		1.3	2.8
		March 1966			December 1965	March 1965
Atlanta -----	3	110.3	136.6		1.0	2.5
Baltimore -----	3	112.5	139.6		1.4	3.9
Cincinnati -----	3	109.1	132.8		1.1	2.2
Honolulu (Dec.1963=100)	3	-----	-----	104.4	.5	2.9
Kansas City -----	3	115.3	142.6		.6	^{3/} 2.9
St. Louis -----	3	112.1	139.1		.5	2.8
San Francisco-Oakland --	3	114.9	145.8		1.1	2.4

^{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.

^{3/} Change from April 1965.

TABLE 3: Consumer Price Index—The United States and Selected Areas ^{1/}
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Major Groups
Percent change from March 1966 to April 1966

Group	U.S. City Average	Chicago	Detroit	Los Angeles-Long Beach	New York	Philadelphia
All items -----	0.4	0	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.4
Food -----	.1	- 0.8	.3	.1	- .1	.5
Housing -----	.6	.4	.9	.3	.7	.5
Apparel and upkeep -----	.5	- .2	.6	.2	.3	.5
Transportation -----	.5	.3	.5	1.5	.6	.2
Health and recreation -----	.4	.4	.4	.4	.4	.2
Medical care -----	.4	.2	0	.7	.5	.5
Personal care -----	.5	- .2	.8	.6	.6	.6
Reading and recreation -----	.2	.3	.7	.2	- .1	- .3
Other goods and services ---	.4	(2/)	(2/)	(2/)	(2/)	(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	
1966:											
	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	124.5	110.8	115.9	113.6
	Jan.	111.0	111.4	109.2	107.3	111.2	116.9	124.2	110.4	115.7	113.4
1965:											
	Dec.	111.0	110.6	109.4	108.1	111.6	116.6	123.7	110.0	115.4	113.4
	Nov.	110.6	109.7	109.2	108.1	111.5	116.4	123.4	109.6	115.4	113.3
	Oct.	110.4	109.7	109.0	107.8	111.2	116.2	123.0	109.2	115.2	113.3
	Sept.	110.2	109.7	108.6	107.2	111.0	115.8	122.8	109.2	114.8	112.7
	Aug.	110.0	110.1	108.2	106.4	111.0	115.6	122.8	109.0	114.3	112.6
	July	110.2	110.9	108.3	106.1	111.5	115.3	122.7	108.7	114.6	111.5
	June	110.1	110.1	108.2	106.9	111.2	115.7	122.2	111.0	115.7	111.0
	May	109.6	107.9	108.2	106.8	111.4	115.6	121.8	111.0	115.9	110.6
	Apr.	109.3	107.3	108.2	106.3	111.0	115.4	121.6	110.7	115.9	110.3
Annual Average:	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
	1960	103.1	101.4	103.1	102.2	103.8	105.4	108.1	104.1	104.9	103.8
	1955	93.3	94.0	94.1	95.9	89.7	91.4	88.6	90.0	92.1	94.3

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

Group	U.S. City Average	Boston	Chicago	Detroit	Houston	Los Angeles- Long Beach	Minn- neapolis- St. Paul	New York	Phila- delphia	Pitts- burgh
Indexes (1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)										
All items -----	112.5	116.8	109.9	110.0	110.9	114.3	111.8	115.2	113.2	113.0
Food -----	114.0	116.6	114.2	111.6	114.8	113.5	112.4	115.0	113.4	112.8
Food at home -----	112.7	114.1	114.0	110.3	113.1	110.7	111.9	112.4	112.0	112.4
Cereals and bakery products -----	114.1	115.4	114.6	107.1	119.4	117.8	107.6	115.0	109.9	115.2
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	115.6	118.2	116.7	116.6	112.4	107.5	115.0	113.9	111.5	120.6
Dairy products -----	108.9	105.7	115.8	109.4	108.6	111.5	115.9	104.2	113.7	100.3
Fruits and vegetables -----	119.8	124.0	115.8	110.6	121.2	124.0	115.5	121.6	120.9	122.1
Other foods at home -----	103.6	104.5	105.3	101.0	105.1	97.3	105.2	104.4	103.5	101.2
Food away from home -----	121.6	127.3	115.8	119.4	122.4	124.3	113.9	127.4	121.6	114.4
Housing -----	110.3	119.1	107.0	103.0	106.5	115.7	108.5	115.1	110.8	111.3
Shelter -----	113.0	126.2	108.0	102.8	102.8	121.6	112.8	118.5	113.4	109.4
Rent -----	110.1	124.4	-----	97.7	100.5	-----	109.6	118.8	-----	108.6
Homeownership -----	114.3	127.3	108.9	104.1	103.8	125.1	113.4	117.4	114.3	109.6
Fuel and utilities -----	108.3	108.4	105.5	102.4	119.4	103.8	101.2	107.8	106.7	117.7
Fuel oil and coal -----	108.5	114.5	105.6	100.6	-----	-----	104.9	113.9	112.6	-----
Gas and electricity -----	108.3	102.7	105.8	104.4	133.1	111.0	97.9	108.3	101.9	118.2
Household furnishings and operation	104.4	110.4	105.8	101.2	108.8	103.8	101.4	109.8	104.5	108.4
Apparel and upkeep -----	108.7	110.1	105.0	110.1	108.4	108.5	107.4	111.7	114.1	111.9
Men's and boys' -----	109.6	104.4	106.1	107.2	107.3	112.3	114.4	113.8	109.2	106.9
Women's and girls' -----	104.2	106.4	98.9	110.2	105.6	104.5	100.2	105.0	110.6	106.6
Footwear -----	118.1	117.5	115.6	119.5	119.0	116.5	116.1	120.9	120.3	122.6
Transportation -----	112.0	116.4	109.0	110.9	108.9	119.6	112.7	109.8	118.0	114.5
Private -----	110.5	110.5	109.1	109.4	105.7	115.6	111.1	112.5	113.9	109.6
Public -----	122.1	133.0	109.2	114.8	135.5	139.9	122.0	101.7	136.9	2/131.8
Health and recreation -----	118.1	118.6	113.3	120.3	118.1	112.3	120.1	122.8	117.0	118.2
Medical care -----	125.8	127.3	132.5	133.3	117.8	122.8	137.0	127.3	130.4	132.9
Personal care -----	111.6	114.2	112.1	113.5	120.8	109.1	110.8	109.4	108.9	105.5
Reading and recreation -----	116.8	120.5	100.9	115.6	117.6	104.0	117.5	125.7	112.2	113.2
Other goods and services -----	114.3	111.1	107.1	113.5	117.3	109.0	107.9	121.5	(3/)	114.2
Percent changes January 1966 to April 1966										
All items -----	1.4	2.5	1.2	1.5	0.8	1.3	1.2	1.6	1.4	1.8
Food -----	2.3	2.6	2.0	2.5	1.4	1.2	1.9	2.6	3.6	2.8
Food at home -----	2.6	3.1	2.2	2.5	1.5	1.6	2.3	3.1	3.9	3.2
Cereals and bakery products -----	1.0	.4	.9	.1	.9	.5	-.5	1.1	.4	3.1
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	2.4	2.6	1.7	1.4	1.8	3.4	1.9	2.2	4.1	2.4
Dairy products -----	2.2	1.5	2.9	3.0	2.9	2.1	5.1	1.0	2.8	1.8
Fruits and vegetables -----	7.6	9.8	6.6	8.4	3.9	.7	2.9	10.4	10.1	12.7
Other foods at home -----	.7	1.3	.5	1.2	-.8	.4	1.5	1.9	1.8	-1.4
Food away from home -----	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.9	1.0	.1	.3	.9	2.0	.2
Housing -----	1.0	2.8	1.0	1.5	.8	1.1	.7	1.0	-.1	1.5
Shelter -----	.9	3.0	.8	1.6	.5	1.1	.8	.6	-.7	1.6
Rent -----	.4	.1	-----	4/ .6	.2	-----	.6	4/ .3	-----	-.2
Homeownership -----	1.1	4.6	1.2	1.7	.6	1.4	.9	.6	-1.0	2.1
Fuel and utilities -----	1.8	1.5	2.1	1.6	2.0	2.2	.4	2.2	1.5	2.2
Fuel oil and coal -----	.4	0	0	0	-----	-----	0	-.2	0	-----
Gas and electricity -----	.4	.2	.6	0	.3	.2	-1.7	.1	0	1.1
Household furnishings and operation	.8	3.3	1.1	1.2	.9	.9	.8	.9	.2	.8
Apparel and upkeep -----	1.3	1.2	1.8	2.1	.9	.6	.7	2.2	2.9	3.3
Men's and boys' -----	.9	1.5	2.3	3.1	1.6	1.6	.9	1.7	1.5	2.5
Women's and girls' -----	1.6	.1	1.5	.5	.8	0	.1	2.7	3.8	3.9
Footwear -----	2.2	.9	2.3	3.9	1.8	2.0	.9	3.9	5.6	3.9
Transportation -----	.7	2.3	.2	.2	.2	3.2	.4	.7	.6	.8
Private -----	.8	2.6	.2	.3	.3	3.4	.5	.9	.7	.8
Public -----	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	-.1	.1	0	.1	0
Health and recreation -----	1.0	2.8	.7	1.4	.3	.8	2.2	1.3	.8	.9
Medical care -----	1.3	1.9	.5	2.1	.3	1.2	2.2	1.6	1.5	.8
Personal care -----	1.1	3.4	.8	.7	.6	.9	6.0	1.4	1.5	-.1
Reading and recreation -----	1.0	1.6	.8	2.2	-.3	.2	2.0	.8	0	1.2
Other goods and services -----	.8	4.5	.9	(2/)	.9	(3/)	.7	1.5	(3/)	.9

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

^{2/} Corrected indexes: July 1965 is 131.4; October 1965 is 131.4; January 1966 is 131.8; 1965 annual average is 131.4.

^{3/} Not available.

^{4/} Change from February 1966.

TABLE 6: Consumer Price Index—United States and Selected Areas
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Food and its Subgroups
April 1966 indexes and percent changes from March 1966

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 -----	114.0	112.7	114.1	115.6	108.9	119.8	103.6	121.6
Atlanta -----	112.8	112.5	107.1	117.0	105.5	118.0	109.8	113.8
Baltimore -----	116.3	113.4	119.7	114.7	108.8	122.5	103.2	127.6
Boston -----	116.6	114.1	115.4	118.2	105.7	124.0	104.5	127.3
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100)	109.2	109.4	100.1	114.2	102.2	119.7	105.9	108.3
Chicago -----	114.2	114.0	114.6	116.7	115.8	115.8	105.3	115.8
Cincinnati -----	111.2	110.0	111.0	116.3	104.9	118.6	97.6	119.0
Cleveland -----	110.3	108.9	109.4	115.8	103.8	114.9	97.5	118.0
Dallas (Nov.1963=100) -	110.2	111.0	106.7	117.7	108.9	113.4	104.4	107.3
Detroit -----	111.6	110.3	107.1	116.6	109.4	110.6	101.0	119.4
Honolulu (Dec.1963=100)	106.6	107.0	102.9	112.2	99.8	111.4	101.6	105.4
Houston -----	114.8	113.1	119.4	112.4	108.6	121.2	105.1	122.4
Kansas City -----	116.5	116.2	116.9	118.8	118.3	120.0	106.5	118.0
Los Angeles-Long Beach	113.5	110.7	117.8	107.5	111.5	124.0	97.3	124.3
Minneapolis-St. Paul --	112.4	111.9	107.6	115.0	115.9	115.5	105.2	113.9
New York -----	115.0	112.4	115.0	113.9	104.2	121.6	104.4	127.4
Philadelphia -----	113.4	112.0	109.9	111.5	113.7	120.9	103.5	121.6
Pittsburgh -----	112.8	112.4	115.2	120.6	100.3	122.1	101.2	114.4
St. Louis -----	117.1	115.1	112.9	121.0	114.0	119.8	105.4	122.4
San Francisco-Oakland -	114.7	111.9	111.7	116.0	109.0	117.8	100.5	126.9
Seattle -----	114.0	111.9	106.6	117.3	112.9	118.3	102.4	123.9
Washington -----	114.2	112.7	110.7	114.5	111.2	118.5	105.2	122.3
Percent changes March 1966 to April 1966								
U.S. City Average -----	0.1	0.1	0.4	- 1.1	0.7	2.0	- 0.1	0.3
Atlanta -----	.4	.1	- .5	- .9	- .1	2.3	.6	1.2
Baltimore -----	.7	.8	- .1	- .6	2.0	4.7	0	.2
Boston -----	.5	.5	.3	- .1	.5	1.9	.6	.6
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100)	- 1.1	- 1.3	1.7	- 1.1	.7	7.9	.1	.5
Chicago -----	-.8	- 1.1	.4	- 2.8	-.3	1.7	- 1.3	.5
Cincinnati -----	.3	.3	1.8	- .5	-.2	1.9	- .2	-.1
Cleveland -----	.2	.1	.4	- .6	1.6	1.6	- 1.1	.8
Dallas (Nov.1963=100) -	1.1	1.3	.2	- 1.2	3.6	5.8	1.0	.4
Detroit -----	.3	.1	.6	- 1.9	2.3	2.2	.3	1.1
Honolulu (Dec.1963=100)	-.1	-.2	-.3	1.0	0	- 3.0	.4	.4
Houston -----	.4	.4	0	- .8	2.3	3.0	- .4	.5
Kansas City -----	-.2	-.3	.3	- 1.7	.7	2.1	- .7	-.1
Los Angeles-Long Beach	.1	.2	.9	- .6	.5	1.1	.2	-.2
Minneapolis-St. Paul --	-.3	-.3	- 1.0	- .8	.6	0	- .2	0
New York -----	-.1	-.1	.1	- 1.2	.5	1.2	.3	.1
Philadelphia -----	.5	.5	.4	-.4	-.3	1.9	.3	.7
Pittsburgh -----	.8	.8	2.3	- .7	1.5	6.5	- 2.3	.1
St. Louis -----	.3	.1	0	- .5	.6	2.0	-.2	.7
San Francisco-Oakland -	.1	0	.5	.5	-.2	- 1.2	.2	.1
Seattle -----	.3	.4	-.1	-.1	.1	1.4	.4	.2
Washington -----	.4	.4	- 1.0	-.3	.1	4.3	-.3	.2

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

TABLE 7: Consumer Price Index--Food, Groups, and Items
 April 1966 indexes and percent changes March 1966 to April 1966
 U.S. City Average
 (1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)

Item or Group	Index	Percent Change	Item or Group	Index	Percent Change
Total food -----	114.0	0.1	Fruits and vegetables -----	119.8	2.0
Food away from home -----	121.6	.3	Fresh fruits and vegetables -----	127.1	3.5
Restaurant meals -----	121.9	.3	Apples -----	129.8	5.5
Snacks <u>1/</u> -----	105.3	.3	Bananas -----	97.7	7.1
Food at home -----	112.7	.1	Oranges -----	109.4	.8
Cereals and bakery products -----	114.1	.4	Orange juice, fresh <u>1/</u> -----	84.3	1.2
Flour -----	109.8	.1	Grapefruit -----	131.2	- 1.3
Cracker meal <u>1/</u> -----	115.1	.3	Grapes * -----	*	*
Corn flakes -----	119.0	.3	Strawberries * -----	147.3	(4/)
Rice -----	106.7	.3	Watermelon * -----	*	*
Bread, white -----	119.5	.8	Potatoes -----	132.5	8.8
Bread, whole wheat <u>1/</u> -----	107.7	.3	Onions -----	112.4	7.6
Cookies -----	99.0	.1	Asparagus * <u>1/</u> -----	109.0	- 27.3
Layer cake <u>1/</u> -----	101.3	.4	Cabbage -----	156.3	- 1.3
Cinnamon rolls <u>1/</u> -----	103.8	.8	Carrots -----	109.2	- 4.5
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	115.6	- 1.1	Celery -----	104.7	- 10.2
Meats -----	118.1	- 1.4	Cucumbers <u>1/</u> -----	241.9	19.0
Beef and veal -----	115.1	1.1	Lettuce -----	113.8	- 20.9
Steak, round -----	112.3	.7	Peppers, green <u>1/</u> -----	199.7	22.1
Steak, sirloin <u>2/</u> -----	107.5	- .5	Spinach <u>1/</u> -----	99.3	- 2.3
Steak, porterhouse <u>1/</u> -----	112.5	.8	Tomatoes -----	125.9	20.2
Rump roast <u>1/</u> -----	107.8	.6	Processed fruits and vegetables -----	111.0	.2
Rib roast -----	120.2	.8	Fruit cocktail, canned -----	102.7	- .3
Chuck roast -----	111.2	1.6	Pears, canned <u>1/</u> -----	108.9	- .7
Hamburger -----	117.2	1.7	Grapefruit-pineapple juice, canned <u>1/</u> --	96.6	- .7
Beef liver <u>1/</u> -----	109.3	1.9	Orange juice concentrate, frozen -----	95.5	.7
Veal cutlets -----	127.8	.6	Lemonade concentrate frozen <u>2/</u> -----	92.0	.5
Pork -----	124.6	- 5.4	Beets, canned <u>1/</u> -----	102.4	.6
Chops -----	120.8	- 4.9	Peas, green, canned -----	115.5	- .8
Loin roast <u>2/</u> -----	131.4	- 5.1	Tomatoes, canned -----	111.5	1.2
Pork sausage <u>1/</u> -----	138.9	- 2.7	Dried beans -----	124.8	1.1
Ham, whole -----	117.0	- 9.2	Broccoli, frozen <u>1/</u> -----	96.1	- .3
Picnics <u>1/</u> -----	131.9	- 3.9	Other food at home -----	103.6	- .1
Bacon -----	131.7	- 6.3	Eggs -----	105.9	- 2.4
Other meats -----	119.8	- .3	Fats and oils:		
Lamb chops <u>1/</u> -----	119.6	.7	Margarine -----	103.7	.7
Frankfurters -----	120.5	- .1	Salad dressing, Italian <u>1/</u> -----	100.5	0
Ham, canned <u>1/</u> -----	123.6	- 3.4	Salad or cooking oil, <u>1/</u> -----	117.5	2.5
Bologna sausage <u>1/</u> -----	117.5	.4	Sugar and sweets -----	110.8	0
Salami sausage <u>1/</u> -----	114.1	1.1	Sugar -----	109.9	.4
Liverwurst <u>1/</u> -----	117.7	1.4	Grape jelly -----	116.6	.6
Poultry -----	98.8	- .4	Chocolate bar -----	92.9	- .1
Frying chicken -----	101.0	- .3	Syrup, chocolate flavored <u>1/</u> -----	99.4	- .8
Chicken breasts <u>1/</u> -----	106.5	.5	Nonalcoholic beverages -----	99.8	.5
Turkey <u>1/</u> -----	104.0	- 2.3	Coffee, can and bag -----	93.7	.4
Fish -----	116.1	1.2	Coffee, instant <u>3/</u> -----	98.0	1.6
Shrimp, frozen <u>1/</u> -----	100.0	2.6	Tea -----	100.4	.4
Fish, fresh or frozen -----	122.0	.2	Cola drink -----	128.0	.1
Tuna fish, canned -----	110.3	1.8	Carbonated fruit drink <u>1/</u> -----	102.6	.9
Sardines, canned <u>1/</u> -----	106.2	.6	Prepared and partially prepared foods <u>1/</u> -----	99.7	0
Dairy products -----	108.9	.7	Bean soup, canned <u>1/</u> -----	97.6	0
Milk, fresh, grocery -----	106.8	.7	Chicken soup, canned <u>1/</u> -----	98.8	0
Milk, fresh, delivered -----	110.0	.8	Spaghetti, canned <u>1/</u> -----	104.4	- .2
Milk, fresh, skim <u>1/</u> -----	103.1	.9	Mashed potatoes, instant <u>1/</u> -----	102.3	- .2
Milk, evaporated -----	107.4	1.0	Potatoes, french fried, frozen <u>2/</u> -----	86.3	.5
Ice cream -----	93.9	.1	Baby foods, canned -----	105.1	- .1
Cheese, American process -----	127.3	2.2	Sweet pickle relish <u>1/</u> -----	104.2	.4
Butter -----	107.8	- 1.2	Pretzels <u>1/</u> -----	99.7	0

1/ December 1963=100.

2/ April 1960=100.

3/ July 1961=100.

4/ Not available.

* Priced only in season.

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TABLE 8: Consumer Price Index--Portland, Oregon
All items and commodity groups
 April 1966 indexes and percent changes from January 1966
 (1957-59=100)

Group	Index	Percent change from --	
		January 1966	April 1965
All items -----	114.7	1.6	3.2
All items (1947-49=100) -----	142.1	---	---
Food -----	114.0	2.0	5.8
Food at home -----	112.4	1.8	5.4
Cereals and bakery products --	109.5	.6	0
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	121.9	3.7	18.9
Dairy products -----	112.0	1.0	1.6
Fruits and vegetables -----	112.0	2.1	- 4.0
Other foods at home -----	104.4	.6	4.8
Housing -----	116.0	2.0	2.5
Rent -----	109.8	.5	1.6
Gas and electricity -----	102.5	0	0
Solid and petroleum fuels -----	104.2	0	0
Housefurnishings -----	97.2	1.0	.1
Household operation -----	114.1	- .3	1.1
Apparel -----	112.4	1.1	4.8
Men's and boys' -----	118.0	.4	4.1
Women's and girls' -----	107.3	1.6	5.3
Footwear -----	118.6	1.9	5.7
Other apparel -----	104.9	.6	3.8
Transportation -----	109.7	1.6	.4
Private -----	107.1	1.9	.5
Public -----	126.8	0	0
Medical care -----	125.0	.4	2.9
Personal care -----	113.1	.4	.4
Reading and recreation -----	120.3	- .2	2.4
Other goods and services -----	108.5	1.2	2.4

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.

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