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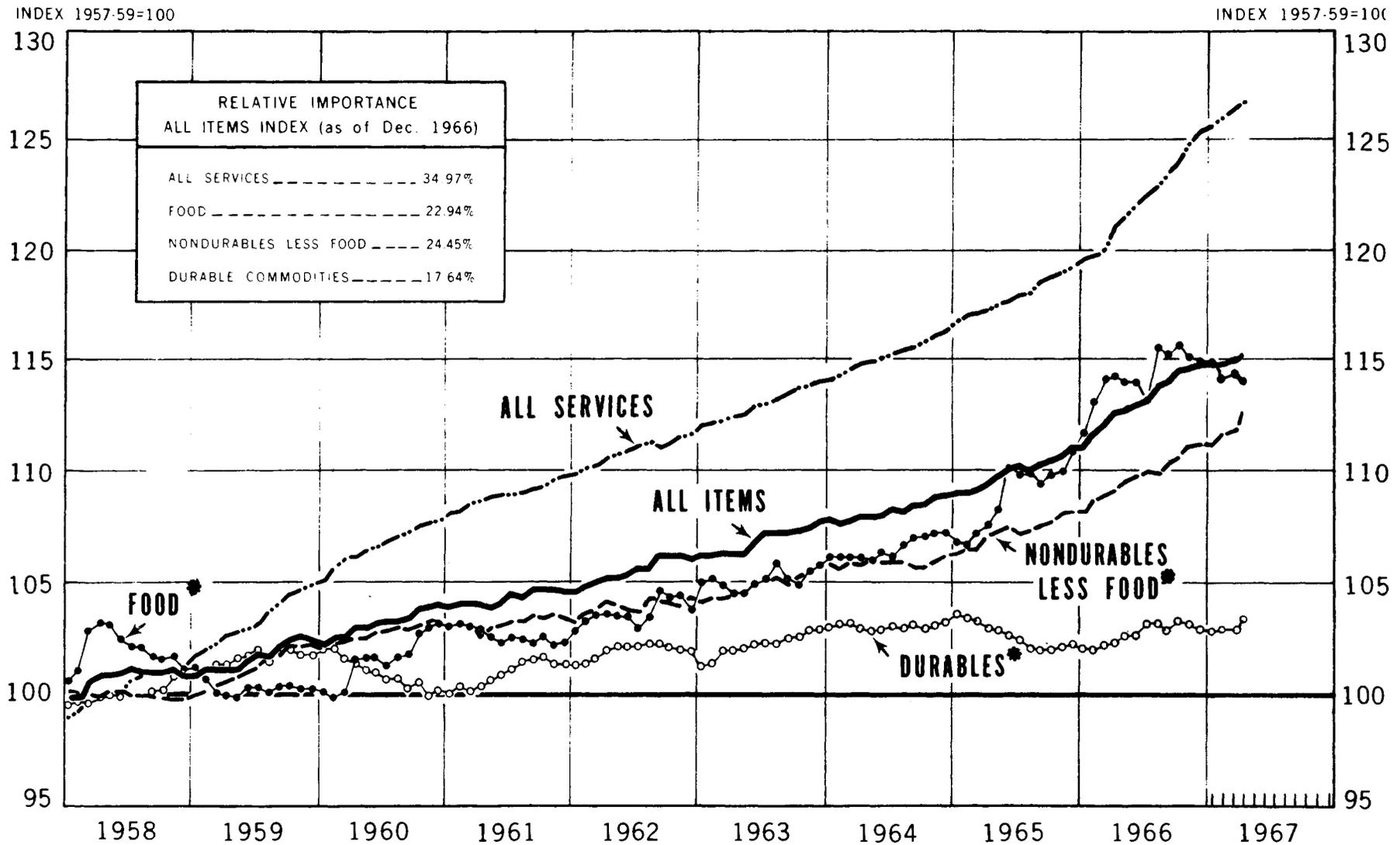
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Price Changes, March to April 1967

The Consumer Price Index rose by 0.3 percent in April, to 115.3 (1957-59=100), bringing the index gain for the year thus far to 0.5 percent. This contrasts with a rise of 1.4 percent during the first four months of 1966. Higher prices were reported in April for all major classes of consumer goods and services except food for home consumption, but the relatively greater advance than in recent months came as the result of a sharp increase in prices for nonfood commodities. Prices of consumer services continued to rise at their first quarter's pace, but for the first time in several months these increases were not the principal factor in the month-to-month rise in the index. Food prices declined again during April, offsetting the rise in service costs.

Larger-than-seasonal increases for used cars, gasoline, and apparel led to a rise of 0.6 percent in the prices of commodities less food. Used car prices turned sharply upward in April, rising 2-1/2 percent--more than double their usual seasonal advance to a level of 5.1 percent above their seasonal low point of January. The increase in April came in response to stronger consumer demand in the face of reduced supplies, which in turn reflected the sluggishness of new car sales. The 0.4 percent advance in apparel prices was also twice the normal seasonal rise for April, and reflected pressure from continuing strong demand, together with rising unit labor costs and some widening of retail margins. There were significant price increases for men's summer suits and slacks, women's and girls' dresses and footwear, as most new season items were offered at higher prices than at the end of last season. Gasoline and motor oil prices advanced sharply during April, following the end of price wars in several areas, chiefly the West Coast.

Higher prices for used cars, gasoline, and apparel together accounted for about three-fourths of the rise in the index as a whole. However, widespread increases were also reported for a variety of other items, particularly newspapers, furniture, and home purchase costs. During the first four months of this year, nonfood commodity prices have increased 0.6 percent, double the increase for the same period a year ago, with both durable and nondurable goods exceeding their 1966 rates of increase.

Costs of consumer services advanced 0.2 percent during April, bringing the rise to 1.1 percent for the first four months of the year, compared to 1-1/2 percent for the same period a year ago. In contrast to the trend for recent months, household services rather than medical care services were the most important factor accounting for two-fifths of the monthly increase for this group. Higher property taxes and insurance costs led the increase for household services, although maintenance and repair and housekeeping services also registered substantial gains during April. Medical care services continued to rise sharply, reflecting a continuing upward push on hospital charges. Hospital room rates in April were 21 percent above a year ago. Charges for professional medical and dental services also continued to rise, although at a somewhat reduced rate. Rent, utilities, and public transpor-

tation continued their slow, steady rise. A further small decline in mortgage interest rates, in response to the recent increase in the supply of loanable funds, was the only offset to higher prices of other services. As a result, the rise in costs for all services has been held to a somewhat lower rate than was the case a year ago.

Food prices averaged 0.4 percent lower in April as a 0.6 percent drop in prices of food for home consumption was partially offset by a 0.5 percent rise in prices of restaurant meals and snacks. This was the eighth consecutive month in which prices of food purchased for home consumption averaged lower, bringing the total decline from their August 1966 peak to 3.1 percent. Lower prices for meats, fresh vegetables, and eggs were largely responsible for the April drop.

Declines in prices for beef and pork, down 0.8 and 2 percent, respectively, in response to heavy production, were roughly in line with seasonal expectations. Pork production during March rose 16 percent, while beef production was up 5 percent. All cuts of pork were lower for the second month in a row, but the declines were sharper in April than in March.

Prices for fresh vegetables, on the other hand, ran counter to the usual seasonal movement, chiefly as a reflection of a sharp reduction of over 30 percent in prices for asparagus from their high first of season prices in March. There were also declines ranging from 1 to 5 percent for cucumbers, green peppers, onions, carrots, and cabbage as supplies increased seasonally. A 9 percent rise in lettuce prices resulted from short supplies caused by reduced spring acreage and a delay in the California harvest. Large supplies of oranges kept fresh orange and frozen orange juice prices down, but low supplies of apples in the Central and Eastern States caused apple prices to rise by 3-1/2 percent.

The 6.3 percent drop in egg prices was largely due to recent significant production gains. Total U.S. egg production was estimated to have run nearly 7 percent above year-earlier levels in the first four months of 1967.

#### Price Trends, April 1966 to April 1967

The Consumer Price Index was up 2.5 percent over the year, for the smallest 12-month change since June 1966. Nearly two-thirds of the increase has been caused by a 4.5 percent rise in service costs. Nondurables other than food have accounted for most of the balance. Food prices averaged lower than a year ago (by 0.3 percent) for the first time since January 1962. The decrease of 1.7 percent in grocery-store food prices was almost offset by a 5.5 percent increase in charges for restaurant meals.

Advances in service costs ranged from 3.7 percent for transportation services to 9.3 percent for medical care services. The overall service index has risen steadily for many years, but the rate of increase has been more rapid since the spring of 1966 than it was earlier. Increases in mortgage interest rates, hospital and other medical care services have been important causes in this year's rise.

Prices of most nondurable commodities have increased since April 1966. Excluding foods, the nondurables index increased 3.1 percent over the year. Nearly half that increase was due to the 4.0 percent rise in apparel prices, particularly women's and girls' apparel. Gasoline and motor oil increased by 5.0 percent over the year. Some other significant increases were for home repair and maintenance commodities, household textiles, and tobacco products. Durable goods prices increased 1.1 percent during the year.

Grocery-store prices averaged 1.7 percent lower in April than a year ago. More plentiful supplies of poultry, most meats, fresh vegetables, some fruits, and eggs in recent months have caused significant declines. Pork was 12 percent lower, poultry was down 9 percent, and beef 4 percent. The abundance of eggs has forced prices down 18 percent since April 1966. Some of the larger declines in prices of fruits and vegetables were 31 percent for cucumbers, 24 percent for green peppers, 14 percent for cabbage and fresh orange juice, and 11 percent for grapefruit. The largest increase in food prices was a 25 percent rise in prices of onions, which do not yet reflect the marketing of this year's sizeable spring crop.

#### Cost-of-Living Adjustments

Slightly more than a million workers will receive increases in their cost-of-living allowances as a result of the April Consumer Price Index. The majority of those affected are employed in the automobile, automotive parts, and farm and construction equipment industries. Their increase will be 2 cents an hour, based on the change in the index since January. A few workers in other industries will receive smaller increases.

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

Group	Indexes (1957-59=100)				Percent change to April 1967 from --					
	April 1967		March 1967		April 1966 unadjusted	March 1967		January 1967		April 1966 unadjusted
	Unad- justed	Seasonally adjusted	Unad- justed	Seasonally adjusted		Unad- justed	Seasonally adjusted	Unad- justed	Seasonally adjusted	
All items -----	115.3	-----	115.0	-----	112.5	0.3	-----	0.5	-----	2.5
Food -----	113.7	113.9	114.2	114.3	114.0	-.4	-.3	-.9	-.9	-.3
Food at home -----	110.8	110.9	111.5	111.6	112.7	-.6	-.6	-1.3	-1.4	-1.7
Cereals and bakery products -----	218.5	-----	218.6	-----	214.1	-.1	-----	-.3	-----	3.9
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	109.0	110.0	110.0	110.4	115.6	-.9	-.4	-1.2	-.4	-5.7
Dairy products -----	115.7	116.3	115.7	115.6	108.9	0	.6	-.6	-.4	6.2
Fruits and vegetables -----	114.2	112.1	115.2	114.7	119.8	-.9	-2.3	-1.0	-5.4	-4.7
Other foods at home -----	101.4	101.9	102.3	102.8	103.6	-.9	-.9	-3.3	-2.4	-2.1
Food away from home -----	128.3	-----	127.7	-----	121.6	.5	-----	1.0	-----	5.5
Housing -----	113.6	-----	113.3	-----	110.3	.3	-----	.4	-----	3.0
Shelter 1/ -----	116.9	-----	116.6	-----	113.0	.3	-----	.3	-----	3.5
Rent -----	111.9	-----	111.8	-----	110.1	.1	-----	.4	-----	1.6
Homeownership 2/ -----	119.0	-----	118.6	-----	114.3	.3	-----	.3	-----	4.1
Fuel and utilities 3/ -----	108.8	108.7	108.7	108.4	108.3	.1	.3	.2	.5	.5
Fuel oil and coal 4/ -----	111.0	110.3	111.1	109.4	108.5	-.1	.8	.5	1.8	2.3
Gas and electricity -----	108.4	-----	108.3	-----	108.3	.1	-----	.1	-----	.1
Household furnishings and operation -----	107.7	-----	107.3	-----	104.4	.4	-----	.9	-----	3.2
Apparel and upkeep 5/ -----	113.0	113.1	112.6	112.9	108.7	.4	.2	1.5	1.1	4.0
Men's and boys' -----	113.5	113.6	112.7	113.2	109.6	.7	.4	1.7	1.5	3.6
Women's and girls' -----	108.4	108.7	108.2	108.6	104.2	-.2	.1	1.9	1.1	4.0
Footwear -----	124.9	124.8	124.2	124.3	118.1	.6	.4	1.6	1.5	5.8
Transportation -----	115.1	115.3	114.2	114.5	112.0	.8	.7	1.5	1.9	2.8
Private -----	113.2	113.4	112.2	112.7	110.5	.9	.6	1.6	1.9	2.4
Public -----	130.6	-----	130.5	-----	122.1	-.1	-----	.6	-----	7.0
Health and recreation -----	122.6	-----	122.2	-----	118.1	.3	-----	1.0	-----	3.8
Medical care -----	135.1	-----	134.6	-----	125.8	.4	-----	1.7	-----	7.4
Personal care -----	114.9	-----	114.4	-----	111.6	.4	-----	1.0	-----	3.0
Reading and recreation -----	119.4	-----	118.9	-----	116.8	.4	-----	.8	-----	2.2
Other goods and services 6/ -----	116.6	-----	116.4	-----	114.3	.2	-----	.3	-----	2.0
<b>Special groups:</b>										
All items less shelter -----	114.8	-----	114.6	-----	112.4	.2	-----	.5	-----	2.1
All items less food -----	115.9	-----	115.4	-----	112.2	.4	-----	1.0	-----	3.3
Commodities 7/ -----	110.2	110.3	110.0	110.1	108.8	.2	.2	.3	.2	1.3
Nondurables -----	113.0	113.1	112.9	113.0	111.4	.1	.1	.3	.2	1.4
Durables 7/ 8/ -----	103.4	103.4	102.9	103.0	102.3	.5	.4	.7	.7	1.1
Services 9/ -----	126.6	-----	126.3	-----	121.1	.2	-----	.9	-----	4.5
Commodities less food 7/ -----	108.4	108.4	107.8	108.0	106.0	.6	.4	1.0	.9	2.3
Nondurables less food -----	112.4	112.5	111.8	112.0	109.0	.5	.4	1.3	1.3	3.1
Apparel commodities -----	111.9	112.1	111.5	111.9	107.6	.4	.2	1.6	1.2	4.0
Apparel commodities less footwear -----	109.4	109.6	109.0	109.4	105.6	.4	.2	1.7	1.1	3.6
Nondurables less food and apparel -----	112.7	-----	112.0	-----	109.8	.6	-----	1.0	-----	2.6
New cars -----	97.0	96.8	97.2	97.1	97.4	-.2	-.3	-.6	-.1	-.4
Used cars -----	118.8	119.4	115.9	117.9	117.4	2.5	1.3	5.1	3.7	1.2
Household durables 10/ -----	98.0	-----	97.8	-----	96.4	.2	-----	.4	-----	1.7
Housefurnishings -----	100.6	100.4	100.3	100.2	98.3	.3	.2	.9	.4	2.3
Services less rent 9/ -----	130.0	-----	129.5	-----	123.6	.4	-----	.9	-----	5.2
Household services less rent -----	126.0	-----	125.6	-----	120.2	.3	-----	.7	-----	4.8
Transportation services -----	127.6	-----	127.4	-----	123.0	.2	-----	.6	-----	3.7
Medical care services -----	143.6	-----	142.9	-----	131.4	.5	-----	2.1	-----	9.3
Other services 11/ -----	130.3	-----	129.7	-----	125.5	.5	-----	.9	-----	3.8
All items index on other bases:										
1947-49=100 -----	141.5	-----	141.1	-----	138.0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
1939=100 -----	238.1	-----	237.5	-----	232.3	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:										
1957-59=\$1.00 -----	\$0.867	-----	\$0.870	-----	\$0.889	-.3	-----	-.6	-----	-2.5
1947-49=\$1.00 -----	.707	-----	.709	-----	.725	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
1939=\$1.00 -----	.420	-----	.421	-----	.430	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

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 <u>1/</u>	Pricing Schedule <u>2/</u>	Indexes			Percent change from:	
		1957-59=100	1947-49=100	Other bases	January 1967	April 1966
		April 1967			January 1967	April 1966
U.S. City Average -----	M	115.3	141.5		0.5	2.5
Chicago -----	M	112.2	141.5		.4	2.1
Detroit -----	M	114.6	141.3		1.1	4.0
Los Angeles-Long Beach -	M	116.3	145.0		.4	1.7
New York -----	M	118.2	142.4		.6	2.6
Philadelphia -----	M	115.8	142.2		.7	2.3
		April 1967			January 1967	April 1966
Boston -----	1	118.8	147.2		0.2	1.7
Houston -----	1	113.6	140.0		.5	2.4
Minneapolis-St. Paul ---	1	114.2	141.3		.7	2.1
Pittsburgh -----	1	114.2	140.7		.2	1.1
		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 March 1967 to April 1967

Group	U.S. City Average	Chicago	Detroit	Los Angeles-Long Beach	New York	Philadelphia
All items -----	0.3	- 0.1	0.3	0.8	0	0.3
Food -----	.4	.9	.5	.1	- 0.4	.1
Housing -----	.3	.1	.3	.3	.3	.4
Apparel and upkeep -----	.4	.2	0	.4	.4	1.2
Transportation -----	.8	.4	.7	3.5	.3	0
Health and recreation -----	.3	.3	.7	.6	.5	.2
Medical care -----	.4	.1	.1	.7	.2	.3
Personal care -----	.4	.1	.3	0	1.5	.3
Reading and recreation -----	.4	.5	2.1	8	.3	.3
Other goods and services ---	.2	.5	.6	.2	.6	(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: Apr.	115.3	113.7	113.6	113.0	115.1	122.6	135.1	114.9	119.4	116.6
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
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 <sup>1/</sup>  
 For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Commodity Groups  
 April 1967 indexes and percent changes from January 1967

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 -----	115.3	118.8	112.2	114.6	113.6	116.3	114.2	118.2	115.8	114.2
Food -----	113.7	117.7	113.1	112.6	115.5	112.4	112.2	114.4	113.0	109.5
Food at home -----	110.8	113.3	111.7	109.9	112.0	107.7	109.9	109.6	109.2	107.8
Cereals and bakery products -----	118.5	123.4	118.6	112.3	124.5	119.1	109.3	117.8	114.8	116.2
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	109.0	114.2	109.3	111.3	106.6	99.8	108.6	109.3	105.6	109.5
Dairy products -----	115.7	111.9	123.6	119.1	118.1	116.2	119.6	107.8	118.5	105.3
Fruits and vegetables -----	114.2	115.3	111.6	108.1	117.4	119.9	113.3	114.3	114.3	112.2
Other foods at home -----	101.4	103.5	101.9	100.4	102.9	94.4	102.7	100.4	98.3	99.2
Food away from home -----	128.3	136.9	119.7	127.8	130.5	129.6	122.0	134.9	133.5	120.5
Housing -----	113.6	120.5	110.4	109.8	110.1	118.4	111.0	117.8	113.9	113.2
Shelter -----	116.9	126.6	112.3	111.8	106.9	124.4	116.2	120.8	117.0	112.9
Rent -----	111.9	125.6	-----	100.7	101.6	-----	110.6	121.0	-----	110.1
Homeownership -----	119.0	127.2	114.4	114.5	108.9	128.4	117.2	119.6	118.3	113.6
Fuel and utilities -----	108.8	109.2	106.1	102.7	118.0	104.9	101.7	109.7	107.3	116.6
Fuel oil and coal -----	111.0	118.5	105.9	105.0	-----	-----	107.2	116.7	116.2	-----
Gas and electricity -----	108.4	101.6	106.6	104.5	130.6	111.0	98.0	110.6	101.8	116.2
Household furnishings and operation -----	107.7	114.6	108.1	105.8	114.0	107.1	103.0	113.7	108.0	108.5
Apparel and upkeep -----	113.0	113.5	108.5	113.5	109.7	111.8	112.2	117.1	119.7	115.1
Men's and boys' -----	113.5	105.8	107.0	110.1	109.7	114.2	118.4	119.5	114.0	108.6
Women's and girls' -----	108.4	110.4	104.2	113.9	104.7	109.8	106.2	111.1	115.2	110.1
Footwear -----	124.9	123.9	121.5	123.5	126.1	120.1	122.2	127.2	128.9	128.6
Transportation -----	115.1	118.1	111.3	114.7	112.5	120.9	115.5	116.1	121.0	116.5
Private -----	113.2	112.4	111.8	113.1	109.0	116.9	114.0	114.8	116.3	111.7
Public -----	130.6	132.9	109.3	119.6	144.4	140.8	122.0	124.5	143.7	132.2
Health and recreation -----	122.6	122.5	117.3	125.6	121.9	116.2	123.5	127.7	120.9	122.7
Medical care -----	135.1	133.9	142.4	142.7	125.8	132.2	144.5	136.4	137.6	143.3
Personal care -----	114.9	117.5	114.0	118.7	123.2	110.3	111.1	113.6	111.2	110.1
Reading and recreation -----	119.4	124.5	103.3	119.4	119.6	107.0	120.3	129.3	114.2	115.4
Other goods and services -----	116.6	113.1	108.6	115.8	117.9	108.9	109.8	124.7	(2/)	116.3
Percent changes January 1967 to April 1967										
All items -----	0.5	0.2	0.4	1.1	0.5	0.4	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.2
Food -----	-.9	-1.1	-.9	-.4	-.9	-1.1	-.7	-1.0	-.6	-1.6
Food at home -----	-1.3	-1.6	-1.2	-.7	-1.6	-1.8	-1.1	-1.8	-1.4	-2.1
Cereals and bakery products -----	-.3	-.8	-1.4	.4	-.3	-.5	0	.1	-.3	-1.3
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	-1.2	-1.0	-2.1	-.5	-.7	-2.3	-.9	-1.4	-.7	-1.1
Dairy products -----	-.6	-.1	-.1	-.4	-.1	-.2	-.4	-1.2	-.8	-2.2
Fruits and vegetables -----	-1.0	-4.0	-.4	.8	-2.1	-.7	.6	-2.7	-1.0	-.9
Other foods at home -----	-3.3	-2.2	-2.2	-2.9	-4.0	-3.8	-3.4	-3.4	-4.2	-5.1
Food away from home -----	1.0	.8	.4	1.3	.9	.7	.7	1.4	2.5	1.5
Housing -----	.4	.2	-.1	1.4	1.0	.2	.6	.4	.9	1.0
Shelter -----	.3	-.2	-.4	1.4	.8	-.2	.5	.5	1.4	1.8
Rent -----	.4	0	-----	3/ .6	.3	-----	.4	3/ .2	-----	0
Homeownership -----	.3	-.4	-1.0	1.4	1.0	-.5	.5	.3	1.6	2.3
Fuel and utilities -----	.2	.3	0	.2	.2	.1	.2	0	0	0
Fuel oil and coal -----	.5	.9	0	0	-----	-----	2.2	.5	1.0	-----
Gas and electricity -----	.1	.1	.1	.2	.6	0	.1	-.2	-.5	.1
Household furnishings and operation -----	.9	1.3	.9	2.3	1.7	1.9	1.4	.5	.4	-.4
Apparel and upkeep -----	1.5	2.2	1.3	1.2	1.7	1.4	2.6	2.9	2.7	.8
Men's and boys' -----	1.7	1.1	.3	1.0	1.8	2.5	1.9	5.9	2.1	.5
Women's and girls' -----	1.9	3.3	2.6	1.6	3.2	.9	5.0	2.6	3.0	1.5
Footwear -----	1.6	.1	1.2	.9	0	1.6	1.2	3.0	4.2	.2
Transportation -----	1.5	.9	1.6	2.0	1.2	2.3	1.2	1.1	1.6	1.2
Private -----	1.6	1.0	1.8	2.3	.9	2.4	1.2	1.5	1.1	1.4
Public -----	.6	.2	.1	.2	6.6	.4	0	.1	4.7	.1
Health and recreation -----	1.0	.3	1.2	1.4	.7	.9	1.0	1.2	.4	.1
Medical care -----	1.7	.1	2.4	1.2	1.1	1.3	.5	1.3	.4	.8
Personal care -----	1.0	1.2	.6	0	.8	.8	.7	2.6	1.2	-.5
Reading and recreation -----	.8	.5	.6	2.5	.9	.8	2.1	.9	1.1	-.1
Other goods and services -----	.3	-.1	.7	.8	-.2	.2	.5	.8	(2/)	0

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

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

<sup>3/</sup> Change from February 1967.

TABLE 6: Consumer Price Index--United States and Selected Areas  
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Food and its Subgroups  
April 1967 indexes and percent changes from March 1967

Area <sup>1/</sup>	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 -----	113.7	110.8	118.5	109.0	115.7	114.2	101.4	128.3
Atlanta -----	112.9	110.7	114.9	108.7	113.5	112.1	108.0	120.7
Baltimore -----	114.8	110.5	122.1	109.7	111.5	117.0	99.3	133.0
Boston -----	117.7	113.3	123.4	114.2	111.9	115.3	103.5	136.9
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100)	108.9	107.8	104.1	107.5	110.2	112.2	105.3	115.7
Chicago -----	113.1	111.7	118.6	109.3	123.6	111.6	101.9	119.7
Cincinnati -----	111.3	108.2	114.0	109.7	113.8	112.6	96.5	127.6
Cleveland -----	109.6	107.2	112.5	108.4	113.6	109.4	96.5	123.3
Dallas (Nov.1963=100) -	107.9	106.6	106.6	108.9	116.0	103.7	101.0	112.8
Detroit -----	112.6	109.9	112.3	111.3	119.1	108.1	100.4	127.8
Honolulu (Dec.1963=100)	108.0	107.8	108.3	109.4	107.3	112.1	101.1	108.6
Houston -----	115.5	112.0	124.5	106.6	118.1	117.4	102.9	130.5
Kansas City -----	116.0	113.6	122.4	110.0	122.1	114.9	105.2	124.7
Los Angeles-Long Beach	112.4	107.7	119.1	99.8	116.2	119.9	94.4	129.6
Minneapolis-St. Paul --	112.2	109.9	109.3	108.6	119.6	113.3	102.7	122.0
New York -----	114.4	109.6	117.8	109.3	107.8	114.3	100.4	134.9
Philadelphia -----	113.0	109.2	114.8	105.6	118.5	114.3	98.3	133.5
Pittsburgh -----	109.5	107.8	116.2	109.5	105.3	112.2	99.2	120.5
St. Louis -----	117.2	114.1	117.8	113.5	126.2	117.2	102.6	128.7
San Francisco-Oakland -	113.0	108.8	116.5	106.5	114.2	115.6	96.8	131.4
Seattle -----	113.1	109.2	110.4	107.8	120.0	113.5	99.5	129.6
Washington -----	114.8	111.2	113.0	108.7	119.5	114.1	104.3	129.5
Percent changes March 1967 to April 1967								
U.S. City Average -----	- 0.4	- 0.6	- 0.1	- 0.9	0	- 0.9	- 0.9	0.5
Atlanta -----	- .6	- .8	.1	- 1.6	- 0.8	.3	- .6	0
Baltimore -----	- .1	- .3	.2	.3	- 1.3	.8	- 1.3	.6
Boston -----	- .6	- .9	- .6	- .7	0	- 2.8	- .4	.4
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100)	- .5	- .5	0	- 1.1	.4	- .8	- .2	0
Chicago -----	- .9	- 1.2	- 1.0	- 1.7	.1	- 1.2	- .9	.1
Cincinnati -----	- .1	- .2	- 1.2	- 1.4	.4	1.3	.8	.1
Cleveland -----	- .6	- .8	- 2.3	- 1.5	2.9	- 1.6	- .9	.3
Dallas (Nov.1963=100) -	- .9	- 1.3	- .4	- 2.2	- .3	- .9	- 1.5	.4
Detroit -----	- .5	- .9	- .5	- .7	.3	- 2.3	- 1.3	1.0
Honolulu (Dec.1963=100)	- .3	- .5	.1	- 1.4	- .2	2.1	- 1.8	.3
Houston -----	- .2	- .3	- .2	- .5	.3	- .3	- .2	.2
Kansas City -----	- .5	- .7	.2	- 1.2	- .5	- 1.5	- .6	.3
Los Angeles-Long Beach	- .1	- .2	- .2	- .2	- .1	.8	- .7	.2
Minneapolis-St. Paul --	- .3	- .5	- 1.2	- .7	- .3	1.5	- 1.3	.3
New York -----	- .4	- .8	- .2	- 1.0	- .3	- 1.6	- .5	.7
Philadelphia -----	- .1	- .6	0	- .8	- .7	- .4	- 1.0	2.1
Pittsburgh -----	- .2	- .3	- .1	- .6	.3	- .4	- .3	1.0
St. Louis -----	- .8	- 1.0	- 1.2	- .8	- .9	.8	- 2.7	.1
San Francisco-Oakland -	- .2	- .3	.1	- 1.2	- .1	.2	- 1.7	.2
Seattle -----	- .2	- .3	.5	- 1.2	.5	1.5	- 1.5	.1
Washington -----	- .4	- .7	1.5	- .9	.1	- 2.3	- .8	.5

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

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

Item or Group	Index		Percent change to April 1967 from --		
	April 1967		March 1967		April 1966
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted
Total food -----	113.7	113.9	- 0.4	- 0.3	- 0.3
Food away from home -----	128.3	-----	.5	-----	5.5
Restaurant meals -----	128.6	-----	.5	-----	5.5
Snacks <u>1/</u> -----	111.0	-----	.5	-----	5.4
Food at home -----	110.8	110.9	- .6	- .6	- 1.7
Cereals and bakery products -----	118.5	-----	- .1	-----	3.9
Flour -----	114.5	-----	0	-----	4.3
Cracker meal <u>1/</u> -----	116.7	-----	- .2	-----	1.4
Corn flakes -----	129.1	-----	.2	-----	8.5
Rice -----	107.8	-----	.1	-----	1.0
Bread, white -----	123.6	-----	- .4	-----	3.4
Bread, whole wheat <u>1/</u> -----	114.1	-----	.4	-----	5.9
Cookies -----	102.3	-----	.5	-----	3.3
Layer cake <u>1/</u> -----	105.0	-----	- .7	-----	3.7
Cinnamon rolls <u>1/</u> -----	108.0	-----	- .1	-----	4.0
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	109.0	110.0	- .9	- .4	- 5.7
Meats -----	110.8	112.1	- 1.1	- .6	- 6.2
Beef and veal -----	110.5	111.1	- .8	- .3	- 4.0
Steak, round -----	105.4	105.8	- .8	- .4	- 6.1
Steak, sirloin <u>2/</u> -----	103.2	-----	- .5	-----	- 4.0
Steak, porterhouse <u>1/</u> -----	106.7	-----	- 1.4	-----	- 5.2
Rump roast <u>1/</u> -----	102.4	-----	- .7	-----	- 5.0
Rib roast -----	116.2	117.0	.2	.6	- 3.3
Chuck roast -----	102.2	101.9	- 1.4	- .8	- 8.1
Hamburger -----	114.4	114.9	- .8	- .5	- 2.4
Beef liver <u>1/</u> -----	106.3	-----	- .6	-----	- 2.7
Veal cutlets -----	130.6	130.1	- .8	- .5	2.2
Pork -----	109.9	113.7	- 2.0	- .1	- 11.8
Chops -----	107.8	112.4	- 3.1	- 1.1	- 10.8
Loin roast <u>2/</u> -----	116.5	-----	- 2.7	-----	- 11.3
Pork sausage <u>1/</u> -----	119.7	-----	- 1.2	-----	- 13.8
Ham, whole -----	109.0	110.5	- 2.3	- 1.3	- 6.8
Picnics <u>1/</u> -----	114.6	-----	- 2.0	-----	- 13.1
Bacon -----	113.5	118.5	- .8	1.1	- 13.8
Other meats -----	116.8	117.4	- .4	- .3	- 2.5
Lamb chops <u>1/</u> -----	116.3	-----	.5	-----	- 2.8
Frankfurters -----	116.4	117.0	.1	.6	- 3.4
Ham, canned <u>1/</u> -----	116.4	-----	- 2.5	-----	- 5.8
Bologna sausage <u>1/</u> -----	116.3	-----	- 1.4	-----	- 1.0
Salami sausage <u>1/</u> -----	112.2	-----	.6	-----	- 1.7
Liverwurst <u>1/</u> -----	117.1	-----	.3	-----	- .5
Poultry -----	89.7	-----	- .2	-----	- 9.2
Frying chicken -----	89.3	88.4	- .3	.3	- 11.6
Chicken breasts <u>1/</u> -----	100.3	-----	.2	-----	- 5.8
Turkey <u>1/</u> -----	104.2	-----	- .5	-----	.2
Fish -----	122.8	122.7	.2	0	5.8
Shrimp, frozen <u>1/</u> -----	110.8	-----	.2	-----	10.8
Fish, fresh or frozen -----	125.5	125.4	.1	.1	2.9
Tuna fish, canned -----	111.9	-----	- .4	-----	1.5
Sardines, canned <u>1/</u> -----	114.9	-----	.9	-----	8.2
Dairy products -----	115.7	116.3	0	.6	6.2
Milk, fresh, grocery -----	112.3	112.9	- .1	.4	5.1
Milk, fresh, delivered -----	116.0	-----	.1	-----	5.5
Milk, fresh, skim <u>1/</u> -----	110.7	-----	- .1	-----	7.4
Milk, evaporated -----	117.1	-----	- .4	-----	9.0
Ice cream -----	99.2	-----	.5	-----	5.6
Cheese, American process -----	137.0	136.9	.1	.4	7.6
Butter -----	115.6	115.8	- .2	0	7.2

See footnotes at end of table.

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

Item or Group	Index		Percent change to April from --		
	April 1967		March 1967		April 1966
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted
Fruits and vegetables -----	114.2	112.1	- 0.9	- 2.3	- 4.7
Fresh fruits and vegetables -----	120.0	116.6	- 1.2	- 3.6	- 5.6
Apples -----	136.0	135.7	- 3.5	- 2.2	4.8
Bananas -----	92.3	91.7	- 1.6	- 3.2	- 5.5
Oranges -----	106.0	109.8	- .1	- 2.7	- 3.1
Orange juice, fresh <u>1/</u> -----	72.5	-----	- 2.7	-----	- 14.0
Grapefruit -----	117.2	131.2	1.6	1.4	- 10.7
Grapes * -----	*	*	*	*	*
Strawberries * -----	128.3	115.1	(4/)	(4/)	- 8.3
Watermelon * -----	*	*	*	*	*
Potatoes -----	127.9	129.7	- 3.7	- 7.6	- 3.5
Onions -----	140.2	142.0	- 4.4	- 8.2	- 24.7
Asparagus * <u>1/</u> -----	104.6	-----	- 32.6	-----	- 4.0
Cabbage -----	134.4	124.6	- 5.2	- 1.4	- 14.0
Carrots -----	96.9	103.5	- 1.2	.8	- 11.3
Celery -----	97.4	100.4	.7	9.2	- 7.0
Cucumbers <u>1/</u> -----	166.3	-----	- 3.8	-----	- 31.3
Lettuce -----	110.3	117.5	9.2	22.4	- 3.1
Peppers, green <u>1/</u> -----	152.3	-----	- 4.1	-----	- 23.7
Spinach <u>1/</u> -----	99.4	-----	- .1	-----	.1
Tomatoes -----	117.7	103.6	2.3	0	- 6.5
Processed fruits and vegetables -----	107.3	-----	- .2	-----	- 3.3
Fruit cocktail, canned -----	96.0	-----	- .4	-----	- 6.5
Pears, canned <u>1/</u> -----	92.4	-----	.2	-----	- 15.2
Grapefruit-pineapple juice, canned <u>1/</u> --	94.9	-----	0	-----	- 1.8
Orange juice concentrate, frozen -----	72.8	71.4	- 5.2	- 5.9	- 23.8
Lemonade concentrate, frozen <u>2/</u> -----	90.5	-----	- .4	-----	- 1.6
Beets, canned <u>1/</u> -----	105.9	-----	.3	-----	3.4
Peas, green, canned -----	120.7	-----	.1	-----	4.5
Tomatoes, canned -----	121.0	-----	.9	-----	8.5
Dried beans -----	113.2	-----	- .4	-----	- 9.3
Broccoli, frozen <u>1/</u> -----	99.4	-----	.2	-----	3.4
Other food at home -----	101.4	101.9	- .9	- .9	- 2.1
Eggs -----	86.8	88.5	- 6.3	- 5.1	- 18.0
Fats and oils:					
Margarine -----	105.8	-----	- .3	-----	2.0
Salad dressing, Italian <u>1/</u> -----	100.4	-----	- .4	-----	- .1
Salad or cooking oil <u>1/</u> -----	124.8	-----	- 1.0	-----	6.2
Sugar and sweets -----	114.2	-----	.8	-----	3.1
Sugar -----	112.1	-----	0	-----	2.0
Grape jelly -----	116.2	-----	.3	-----	- .3
Chocolate bar -----	104.7	-----	3.2	-----	12.7
Syrup, chocolate flavored <u>1/</u> -----	98.1	-----	- .4	-----	- 1.3
Nonalcoholic beverages -----	98.9	-----	- .1	-----	- .9
Coffee, can and bag -----	88.4	-----	- 1.1	-----	- 5.7
Coffee, instant <u>3/</u> -----	96.8	-----	- .7	-----	- 1.2
Tea -----	100.4	-----	.9	-----	0
Cola drink -----	136.3	-----	1.3	-----	6.5
Carbonated fruit drink <u>1/</u> -----	107.9	-----	.7	-----	5.2
Prepared and partially prepared foods <u>1/</u>	100.3	-----	.1	-----	.6
Bean soup, canned <u>1/</u> -----	98.0	-----	1.3	-----	.4
Chicken soup, canned <u>1/</u> -----	96.9	-----	0	-----	- 1.9
Spaghetti, canned <u>1/</u> -----	107.7	-----	.6	-----	3.2
Mashed potatoes, instant <u>1/</u> -----	102.0	-----	- .2	-----	- .3
Potatoes, french fried, frozen <u>2/</u> -----	84.6	-----	- .4	-----	- 2.0
Baby foods, canned -----	106.0	-----	- .4	-----	.9
Sweet pickle relish <u>1/</u> -----	107.0	-----	.4	-----	2.7
Pretzels <u>1/</u> -----	101.0	-----	0	-----	1.4

1/ December 1963=100.

2/ April 1960=100.

3/ July 1961=100.

4/ Not available.

\* Priced only in season.

**TABLE 8: Consumer Price Index--Portland, Oregon**  
**All items and commodity groups**  
 April 1967 indexes and percent changes from January 1967  
 (1957-59=100)

Group	Index	Percent change from --	
		January 1967	April 1966
All items -----	117.4	0.3	2.4
All items (1947-49=100) -----	145.5	-----	-----
Food -----	114.1	- 1.4	0.1
Food at home -----	110.1	- 2.0	- 2.0
Cereals and bakery products --	110.9	- 3.0	1.3
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	115.2	- 1.8	- 5.5
Dairy products -----	122.0	- 1.1	8.9
Fruits and vegetables -----	103.9	.3	- 7.2
Other foods at home -----	100.3	- 3.7	- 3.9
Housing -----	118.2	.3	1.9
Rent -----	112.9	.4	2.8
Gas and electricity -----	102.5	0	0
Solid and petroleum fuels -----	109.2	0	4.8
Housefurnishings -----	96.7	.4	- .5
Household operation -----	120.5	0	5.6
Apparel -----	114.9	1.0	2.2
Men's and boys' -----	118.4	.9	.3
Women's and girls' -----	111.5	1.8	3.9
Footwear -----	122.5	.1	3.3
Other apparel -----	105.0	.1	.1
Transportation -----	114.0	2.2	3.9
Private -----	109.7	.5	2.4
Public -----	138.8	9.5	9.5
Medical care -----	132.5	.5	6.0
Personal care -----	118.5	- .3	4.5
Reading and recreation -----	123.0	2.0	2.2
Other goods and services -----	116.4	- 1.0	7.3

Table 9: Percent Change in Prices for Selected Groups in the Consumer Price Index and the Wholesale Price Index  
(Seasonally adjusted except where indicated)

	Mar. to Apr. 1967		January - Apr. 1967		Oct. 1966 - Jan. 1967		July to Oct. 1966		Apr. to July 1966		Apr. 1966 - Apr. 1967	
	CPI	WPI	CPI	WPI	CPI	WPI	CPI	WPI	CPI	WPI	CPI*	WPI*
<b>*ALL ITEMS</b>	0.3	-0.4	0.5	-0.8	0.2	0	1.1	-0.2	0.7	0.9	2.5	-0.2
<b>CONSUMER PRODUCTS</b>	0	.1	.1	-.3	-.3	-0.8	1.2	.9	-.1	.1	.9	-.2
<u>Nondurable</u>	0	-.2	.1	-.6	-.4	-1.0	1.4	.8	-.2	.1	.9	-.7
Food and beverages at home	-.4	-.6	-1.2	-2.0	-1.1	-1.7	2.1	.8	-1.1	-.2	-1.4	-3.1
Apparel and accessories	.2	.1	1.2	.4	1.2	.7	1.1	.2	.5	.2	4.0	1.5
Household furnishings and supplies	.6	.9	1.3	.8	-.1	-.7	.7	.8	.8	.9	2.7	3.8
Gasoline and motor oil	1.5	-1.3	3.5	2.1	.1	-2.0	.9	2.5	.5	1.2	5.0	3.9
Other nondurables	0	.6	.2	.4	.4	.1	.5	.2	.4	.5	1.4	1.2
<u>Durable</u>	.1	-.1	.2	0	-.1	.2	.6	.8	.5	.2	1.2	1.2
New passenger cars	-.3	.2		-.1	-1.0	-.4	0	1.3	.5	-.4	-.4	.4
Appliances	-.1	0	-.5	-.1	-.4	.6	-.2	.1	-.1	-.2	-.9	.3
Furniture and floor coverings	-.3	-.3	.5	.1	.6	.1	1.2	.6	.9	.6	3.2	1.3
*Other durables	-.3	.2	.7	.4	-.3	1.0	.7	1.1	1.0	.5	2.6	2.9
<b>*CONSUMER SERVICES</b>	.2		.9		1.1		1.2		1.2		4.5	
*Insurance and finance	.2		.3		1.6		1.3		2.0		5.4	
*Rent	.1		.4		.4		.6		.2		1.6	
*Utilities and public transportation	.1		.3		.2		.1		1.2		1.7	
*Housekeeping and home maintenance services	.5		1.6		1.5		1.8		1.4		6.5	
*Medical care services	.5		2.1		2.3		2.6		1.9		9.3	
*Personal care services	.3		1.0		.8		1.3		1.8		4.9	
*Other services	.5		1.0		.9		1.0		.9		3.9	
<b>WHOLESALE PRICES:</b>												
<u>Type of Product</u>												
Farm Products		-1.9		-4.6		-2.7		-1.9		.7		-8.3
Processed foods and feeds		-.2		-1.1		-1.4		.4		.7		-1.3
*Industrial commodities		0		.2		.5		.1		.9		1.6
<u>Industrial Materials and Equipment:</u>												
Chemicals and allied products		.4		.4		.4		-.1		.5		1.2
Rubber and rubber products		-.3		.2		1.2		-.9		.1		.5
Lumber and wood products		.2		-.1		-1.4		-.9		-1.6		-4.0
Pulp, paper and allied products		.2		.7		-.1		-.2		1.2		1.6
*Metals and metal products		-.3		-.3		.7		-.2		.6		.8
Machinery and equipment		0		.4		1.5		1.0		1.2		4.1
<u>Stage of Processing at Wholesale:</u>												
Finished goods		0		-.2		-.3		.8		.3		.7
Consumer		-.1		-.4		-.7		.8		0		-.2
Producer		.1		.3		1.2		1.0		1.0		3.6
Intermediate materials, supplies and components		-.1		.1		.1		-.1		1.1		1.2
Crude materials		-1.6		-3.5		-2.2		-2.6		.4		-7.8

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.

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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	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. 1/
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. 2/	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. 1/
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. 3/	
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 -----		
Industrial Materials and Equipment -----		
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.