

April 1969

*the consumer price index*



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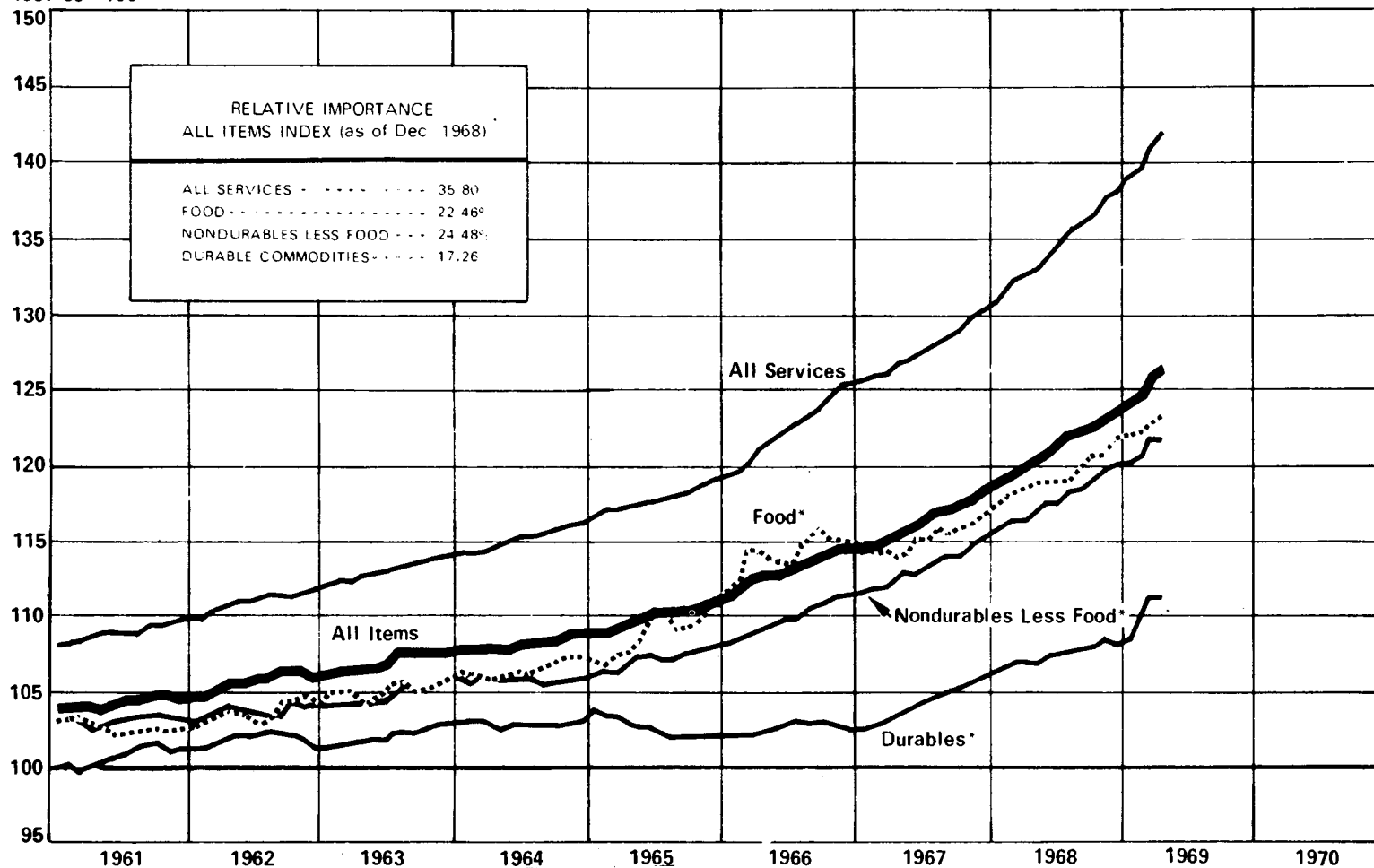


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## Consumer Price Indexes: Commodities and Services

1957-59 = 100



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## CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR APRIL 1969

The Consumer Price Index rose to 126.4 (1957-59=100) in April as prices increased 0.6 percent. Although increases were generally widespread, most significant advances during the month were for consumer services other than rent, particularly home mortgaging costs, and food, which continued its sharp climb from February.

The rise since January (1.9 percent) was the largest for a 3 month period since 1956. Higher service charges, particularly for household repairs and other household service costs, and higher durable goods prices were the primary factors in this year's first quarter advance.

Since April a year ago, the index has risen 5.4 percent for the largest 12 month increase since 1951. Service charges accounted for nearly half the advance, but non-durable commodities also accounted for a substantial portion.

### Services

Service charges increased 0.8 percent in April; they caused almost half of the total price rise. Household services other than rent continued their sharply accelerated rate of advance, which became noticeable in March. Costs of mortgaging homes continued to rise as FHA insured rates increased sharply and conventional mortgage rates rose. Substantial increases also were reported for all types of home repair services. The overall rise of 0.7 percent for maintenance and repair services, though substantial, was only half the increase recorded in March. Electric bills averaged 0.9 percent higher, nearly twice the March rise; residential gas and telephone rate increases also contributed to the higher cost of utilities. Personnel shortages brought higher charges for domestic help. Residential property taxes rose, but property insurance rates decreased slightly.

Medical care services advanced a significant 0.8 percent, one of the sharpest rises recorded in recent years. Dentists' fees led the advance; average increases were about 2 percent. Hospital room rates advanced but at a slightly slower pace than the increases recorded from January through March.

Hotel and motel room rates increased mainly because of increases in the Western States, but smaller increases were reported in all other regions. Rents of houses and apartments advanced 0.3 percent for the third consecutive month.

Other consumer services also averaged higher. Recreational services jumped as movie fees were increased substantially; higher fees for beauty shop services were the principal factor in the rise in personal care services. Widespread increases brought an advance for automobile insurance rates; drycleaning charges were raised again, and legal fees also were up.

### Food

Higher prices for meats, poultry, fish, eggs, fruits, and some vegetables helped push food prices up 0.7 percent in April; food eaten away from home advanced another 0.6 percent.

Meat prices rose 1.8 percent and were responsible for over 70 percent of the increase in prices of food bought in grocery stores. Prices of beef and veal were up an average of 3 percent in response to strong consumer demand, and pork products, ham, also moved higher, even though production rose.

Despite an increase in production, egg prices rose 1.5 percent in April, as a result of strong Easter demand. Most prepared and partially prepared foods also

registered gains, particularly potato products, which reflected diminished stocks available to processors. Strong demand for low supplies was a significant factor in higher prices for chocolate products; previous wholesale increases were reflected in higher prices for sugar and instant coffee. Higher prices for fresh fruits outweighed price reductions for fresh vegetables.

Fresh vegetable prices averaged lower in April in response to increased supplies. The sharpest reductions were 15 percent for green peppers, 18 percent for tomatoes, and 11 percent for asparagus. Consumers also paid less for dairy products, although the decline was smaller than usual. Ice cream was a bargain because of widespread sales promotions, and milk prices also were lower. Fats and oils, corn flakes, white bread, tea bags, regular coffee, and baby foods were some of the other items whose prices were down in April.

#### Nondurable Commodities Other Than Food

Nondurables less food rose 0.4 percent in April, and slowed perceptibly from their March pace.

Apparel commodities prices rose 0.5 percent, half the rate recorded for March. Prices for men's and women's clothing continued to go up but at reduced rates. Increases were reported for men's tailored clothing, still in strong demand, and women's seasonal cotton clothing, introduced at higher prices than at the end of last year. These, coupled with higher prices on staple year-round items, were the prime factors in the advance during April. Spring coat clearances helped to moderate the rise. Boys' clothing prices increased, but girls' apparel prices dropped as stores made sharp cuts on light-weight coats to liquidate stocks.

Seemingly insatiable demand for more stylish clothing has been an important factor enabling retailers to pass on price increases for apparel and footwear. Footwear prices rose 0.6 percent for the second month; children's shoe prices moved up strongly but the largest increases were recorded for women's shoes.

A March increase in wholesale prices of gasoline and motor oil was passed along at retail in a substantial number of cities, but competitive price reductions in the Los Angeles area were a moderating influence. The rise of 0.5 percent was significantly less than the 2.2 percent rise in March.

Toilet goods prices rose for the third consecutive month, mainly because of higher prices for face powder and facial tissue. The end of traditional white sales as some stores raised prices above their pre-sale levels, brought a 0.9 percent hike in the textile housefurnishings index. Prices were increased significantly for home delivered newspapers and king size cigarettes and fractional increases were recorded for drugs and prescriptions.

#### Durables

The steep rise in prices for durable commodities, recorded in the previous 2 months due chiefly to used cars, slowed to a 0.3 percent increase in April.

Increases for all types of household durables accounted for most of the rise. Higher prices were recorded for furniture, appliances, floor coverings, and other housefurnishings.

After posting increases of over 6 percent in both February and March, used car prices gained only 0.5 percent in April. This modest increase was counterbalanced by an equal decline in new car prices when dealers raised their concessions to purchasers. New

tires posted gains of 0.8 percent in April and retreads also were up.

#### Cost-of-Living Adjustments

Approximately 117,000 workers will receive cost-of-living pay increases based on the April Consumer Price Index. About 62,100 workers, mostly in the aerospace, motor-vehicles and parts, farm machinery, and office machinery industries will receive hourly increases ranging from 3 to 7 cents an hour, based on the rise in the national index between January and April. An additional 35,500 workers will receive wage increases based on annual or semiannual reviews of the national Consumer Price Index, the largest group of these being classified employees of the State of Wisconsin. In addition, 17,700 local transit workers in Chicago, Boston, and Pittsburgh will receive 5 or 6-cent hourly increases, based on the 3-month advance in the indexes for the respective areas. An estimated 43,000 workers in various industries who would otherwise receive cost-of-living increases, will not receive them this month because they already have received the maximums stipulated in their contracts.

TABLE 1: Consumer Price Index--United States City Average  
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, April 1969

(Unadjusted, unless otherwise indicated)

Group	Indexes (1957-59=100 unless otherwise noted)				Percent change to April 1969 from:		
	April 1969	March 1969	January 1969	April 1968	1 Month Ago	3 Months Ago	1 Year Ago
All items -----	126.4	125.6	124.1	119.9	0.6	1.9	5.4
All items (1947-49=100) -----	155.0	154.1	152.3	147.1	-----	-----	-----
Food -----	123.2	122.4	122.0	118.3	.7	1.0	4.1
Food at home -----	119.3	118.5	118.3	115.1	.7	.8	3.6
Cereals and bakery products -----	121.3	121.2	120.5	118.3	.1	.7	2.5
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	118.4	116.5	115.6	112.7	1.6	2.4	5.1
Dairy products -----	122.9	123.0	122.7	118.8	-.1	.2	3.5
Fruits and vegetables -----	127.9	127.6	127.0	128.3	.2	.7	-.3
Other foods at home -----	109.0	108.5	109.8	103.0	.5	.7	5.8
Food away from home -----	142.2	141.3	140.3	134.4	.6	1.4	5.8
Housing -----	125.3	124.4	122.7	117.5	.7	2.1	6.6
Shelter <sup>1/</sup> -----	131.6	130.5	128.2	121.3	.8	2.7	8.5
Rent -----	117.8	117.5	116.9	114.4	.3	.8	3.0
Homeownership <sup>2/</sup> -----	137.1	135.7	132.7	124.0	1.0	3.3	10.6
Fuel and utilities <sup>3/</sup> -----	112.6	112.2	111.7	110.0	.4	.8	2.4
Fuel oil and coal -----	117.4	117.2	116.7	114.0	.2	.6	3.0
Gas and electricity -----	111.2	110.6	110.2	109.5	.5	.9	1.6
Household furnishings and operation -----	116.9	116.4	115.2	112.2	.4	1.5	4.2
Apparel and upkeep <sup>4/</sup> -----	125.6	124.9	123.4	118.4	.6	1.8	6.1
Men's and boys' -----	127.3	126.4	124.9	119.2	.7	1.9	6.8
Women's and girls' -----	121.0	120.6	118.7	114.5	.3	1.9	5.7
Footwear -----	138.4	137.6	136.3	130.4	.6	1.5	6.1
Transportation -----	124.6	124.3	120.7	119.0	.2	3.2	4.7
Private -----	121.9	121.6	117.9	116.8	.2	3.4	4.4
New cars -----	101.9	102.4	102.3	100.3	-.5	.4	1.6
Used cars -----	131.2	130.5	115.5	126.3	.5	13.6	3.9
Gasoline -----	117.8	117.2	114.5	-----	.5	2.9	-----
Public -----	148.0	147.5	144.8	137.2	.3	2.2	7.9
Health and recreation -----	135.1	134.3	133.3	128.8	.6	1.4	4.9
Medical care -----	153.6	152.5	150.2	143.5	.7	2.3	7.0
Personal care -----	125.5	124.8	123.7	119.0	.6	1.5	5.5
Reading and recreation -----	129.6	128.7	128.4	124.9	.7	.9	3.8
Other goods and services -----	126.6	126.1	125.6	122.5	.4	.8	3.3
<u>Seasonally Adjusted:</u>							
Food -----	123.6	122.8	122.2	118.7	.7	1.1	-----
Apparel and upkeep -----	125.7	125.3	124.1	118.5	.3	1.3	-----
Transportation -----	124.6	124.7	120.6	119.0	-.1	3.3	-----
<u>Special Groups:</u>							
All items less food -----	127.5	126.8	124.9	120.6	.6	2.1	5.7
All items less medical care -----	124.7	124.0	122.5	118.5	.6	1.8	5.2
Commodities -----	119.3	118.7	117.4	114.3	.5	1.6	4.4
Nondurables -----	122.5	121.8	121.0	117.3	.6	1.2	4.4
Nondurables less food -----	121.9	121.4	120.1	116.4	.4	1.5	4.7
Apparel commodities -----	124.9	124.3	122.6	117.6	.5	1.9	6.2
Durables -----	111.4	111.1	108.6	106.9	.3	2.6	4.2
Household durables -----	105.0	104.4	103.3	100.8	.6	1.6	4.2
Services -----	142.0	140.9	139.0	132.5	.8	2.2	7.2
Services less rent -----	147.4	146.1	143.9	136.6	.9	2.4	7.9
Insurance and finance (Dec.1965=100) -----	127.1	125.2	122.3	112.5	1.5	3.9	13.0
Utilities and public transportation (Dec.1965=100) -----	107.5	107.0	106.2	103.7	.5	1.2	3.7
Housekeeping and home maintenance services (Dec.1965=100) -----	125.3	124.5	122.5	116.6	.6	2.3	7.5
Medical care services -----	167.2	165.8	162.8	154.3	.8	2.7	8.4
<u>Purchasing Power of Consumer Dollar:</u>							
1957-59=\$1 -----	\$0.791	\$0.796	\$0.806	\$0.834	-.6	-1.9	-5.2
1939=\$1 -----	.383	.386	.390	.404	-----	-----	-----

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

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

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

<sup>4/</sup> Also includes infants' wear, sewing materials, jewelry, and apparel upkeep services not shown separately.

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			
		April 1969			March 1969	January 1969	April 1968
U.S. City Average -----	M	126.4	155.0		0.6	1.9	5.4
Chicago -----	M	123.2	155.3		.2	1.5	4.9
Detroit -----	M	125.7	154.9		.5	2.4	6.1
Los Angeles-Long Beach ---	M	126.9	158.2		.2	1.8	4.8
New York -----	M	130.5	157.2		.7	2.1	6.5
Philadelphia -----	M	127.6	156.7		.5	1.9	5.5
		April 1969				January 1969	April 1968
Boston -----	1	129.8	160.9			1.5	5.0
Houston -----	1	125.5	154.6			1.9	6.4
Minneapolis-St. Paul -----	1	125.1	154.8			1.8	3.9
Pittsburgh -----	1	126.0	155.3			1.6	5.5
		February 1969				November 1968	February 1968
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100) ---	2			117.3		0.3	4.5
Cleveland -----	2	123.1	152.9			1.1	4.5
Dallas (Nov.1963=100) ---	2			116.8		1.2	5.9
Milwaukee -----	2	120.8	152.4			1.8	5.0
San Diego (Feb.1965=100) -	2			112.8		1.4	4.7
Seattle -----	2	125.9	158.2			1.1	4.7
Washington -----	2	126.3	152.0			1.1	6.0
		March 1969				December 1968	March 1968
Atlanta -----	3	124.9	154.7			2.3	6.0
Baltimore -----	3	125.7	156.0			1.4	5.9
Cincinnati -----	3	122.7	149.4			1.3	4.8
Honolulu (Dec.1963=100) --	3			115.6		1.5	4.3
Kansas City -----	3	128.1	158.6			2.1	5.3
St. Louis -----	3	125.4	155.6			1.6	4.3
San Francisco-Oakland ----	3	128.9	163.6			1.7	5.1

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

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

M - Every month.

1 - January, April, July, and October.

2 - February, May, August, and November.

3 - March, June, September, and December.

TABLE 3: Consumer Price Index--The United States and Selected Areas <sup>1/</sup>  
 For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Major Groups  
 Percent Change from March 1969 to April 1969

Group	U.S. City Average	Chicago	Detroit	Los Angeles-Long Beach	New York	Philadelphia
All items -----	0.6	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.7	0.5
Food -----	.7	.4	.9	.7	.9	.9
Housing -----	.7	- .3	.8	.5	.5	.6
Apparel and upkeep -----	.6	- .3	- .3	- .6	.1	- .2
Transportation -----	.2	.4	- .3	- 1.0	.4	.2
Health and recreation -----	.6	.9	.4	.6	1.1	.4
Medical care -----	.7	2.0	.7	1.2	.9	.3
Personal care -----	.6	.6	.8	.8	.7	.8
Reading and recreation -----	.7	1.0	- .3	.6	1.5	.9
Other goods and services -----	.4	0	.3	- .1	1.0	(2/)

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

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

TABLE 4: Consumer Price Index -- United States City Average for  
 Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers for Selected Groups  
 Seasonally Adjusted  
 (1957-59=100)

Group	Indexes			Percent changes to April 1969 From:	
	April 1969	March 1969	January 1969	1 Month Ago	3 Months Ago
Food -----	123.6	122.8	122.2	0.7	1.1
Food at home -----	119.7	118.7	118.5	.8	1.0
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	119.4	116.9	116.1	2.1	2.8
Dairy products -----	123.5	123.3	122.3	.2	1.0
Fruits and vegetables -----	126.4	127.4	129.5	- .8	- 2.4
Other foods at home -----	109.4	108.9	109.4	.5	0
Fuel and utilities <sup>1/</sup> -----	112.6	112.1	111.5	.4	1.0
Fuel oil and coal -----	117.0	116.2	115.2	.7	1.6
Apparel and upkeep <sup>2/</sup> -----	125.7	125.3	124.1	.3	1.3
Men's and boys' -----	127.2	126.8	125.5	.3	1.4
Women's and girls' -----	121.4	121.1	120.1	.2	1.1
Footwear -----	138.3	137.7	136.6	.4	1.2
Transportation -----	124.6	124.7	120.6	- .1	3.3
Private -----	121.9	122.0	117.9	- .1	3.4
New cars -----	101.8	102.2	101.7	- .4	.1
Commodities -----	119.4	118.9	117.6	.4	1.5
Commodities less food -----	117.2	117.0	115.1	.2	1.8
Nondurables -----	122.7	122.0	121.4	.6	1.1
Nondurables less food -----	121.9	121.6	120.5	.2	1.2
Apparel commodities -----	125.0	124.7	123.5	.2	1.2
Durables -----	111.4	111.3	108.7	.1	2.5

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

<sup>2/</sup> Also includes infants' wear, sewing materials, jewelry, and apparel upkeep services not shown separately.



TABLE 5: Consumer Price Index--United States and Selected Areas <sup>1/</sup>  
 For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Commodity Groups  
 April 1969 Index and Percent Changes from January 1969

Group	U.S. City Average	Chicago	Detroit	Los Angeles- Long Beach	New York	Philadelphia
Indexes (1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)						
All items -----	126.4	123.2	125.7	126.9	130.5	127.6
Food -----	123.2	124.4	121.9	121.2	124.7	124.3
Food at home -----	119.3	122.3	119.1	115.9	119.0	119.7
Cereals and bakery products -----	121.3	125.9	115.9	121.0	120.5	120.1
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	118.4	121.3	123.5	109.4	119.1	115.3
Dairy products -----	122.9	135.0	128.8	120.4	114.1	132.5
Fruits and vegetables -----	127.9	126.4	118.3	135.7	131.2	128.7
Other foods at home -----	109.0	108.2	106.8	101.3	109.6	107.9
Food away from home -----	142.2	134.4	137.8	140.7	148.7	149.3
Housing -----	125.3	118.7	122.0	130.9	129.6	123.8
Shelter -----	131.6	122.3	129.0	139.8	134.5	128.1
Rent -----	117.8	-----	107.8	-----	128.1	-----
Homeownership -----	137.1	127.2	133.9	147.3	137.9	130.7
Fuel and utilities -----	112.6	107.7	103.6	109.6	113.5	109.6
Fuel oil and coal -----	117.4	110.2	110.0	-----	123.8	122.5
Gas and electricity -----	111.2	106.0	104.4	114.4	112.4	102.7
Household furnishings and operation -----	116.9	115.9	110.9	114.6	125.8	120.4
Apparel and upkeep -----	125.6	119.8	122.9	122.7	132.2	133.0
Men's and boys' -----	127.3	119.4	123.1	126.9	138.8	130.8
Women's and girls' -----	121.0	114.2	117.5	121.0	125.7	125.3
Footwear -----	138.4	133.9	138.4	133.4	139.4	146.2
Transportation -----	124.6	125.4	124.5	128.4	127.4	134.9
Private -----	121.9	121.1	121.9	123.8	127.8	127.4
Public -----	148.0	153.4	140.6	155.3	128.8	176.5
Health and recreation -----	135.1	129.7	138.7	127.8	142.3	134.5
Medical care -----	153.6	161.9	164.2	148.7	160.0	161.2
Personal care -----	125.5	124.7	133.9	118.2	122.2	118.5
Reading and recreation -----	129.6	113.2	130.3	113.0	141.6	125.5
Other goods and services -----	126.6	118.3	121.6	123.2	136.6	(2/)
Percent change from January 1969 to April 1969						
All items -----	1.9	1.5	2.4	1.8	2.1	1.9
Food -----	1.0	.3	2.0	1.3	1.1	1.3
Food at home -----	.8	0	2.3	1.7	.8	1.4
Cereals and bakery products -----	.7	- 1.3	.7	.4	1.3	1.4
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	2.4	1.7	4.2	3.9	1.9	2.9
Dairy products -----	.2	- .7	0	1.1	- .1	.9
Fruits and vegetables -----	.7	2.0	5.7	1.0	.5	- .5
Other foods at home -----	- .7	- 3.2	- 1.0	.5	- .1	.5
Food away from home -----	1.4	1.4	1.0	.4	1.8	1.5
Housing -----	2.1	.9	2.4	2.7	2.2	1.8
Shelter -----	2.7	.9	3.4	3.6	2.0	2.0
Rent -----	.8	-----	1.1	-----	1.0	-----
Homeownership -----	3.3	1.2	3.9	4.5	2.8	2.3
Fuel and utilities -----	.8	.3	.2	.8	.7	0
Fuel oil and coal -----	.6	.7	0	-----	1.1	0
Gas and electricity -----	.9	.3	.1	1.6	1.2	0
Household furnishings and operation -----	1.5	1.2	.4	.8	3.7	2.8
Apparel and upkeep -----	1.8	2.9	1.3	.2	3.4	2.6
Men's and boys' -----	1.9	1.6	2.2	1.0	5.2	2.3
Women's and girls' -----	1.9	5.5	- .3	- .3	3.0	3.0
Footwear -----	1.5	1.7	3.4	.5	3.2	3.2
Transportation -----	3.2	3.3	4.4	1.9	2.7	4.0
Private -----	3.4	3.8	4.5	1.9	3.1	2.4
Public -----	2.2	.9	2.5	.5	1.1	13.2
Health and recreation -----	1.4	1.4	1.7	1.0	2.0	1.2
Medical care -----	2.3	2.9	2.6	2.3	2.9	1.8
Personal care -----	1.5	1.5	2.2	1.2	1.2	2.0
Reading and recreation -----	.9	1.1	.9	.4	1.7	1.3
Other goods and services -----	.8	0	1.0	.3	1.8	(2/)

<sup>1/</sup> See footnote at end of table.

TABLE 5: Consumer Price Index--United States and Selected Areas <sup>1/</sup>  
 For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Commodity Groups -- Continued  
 April 1969 Index and Percent Changes from January 1969

Group	Boston	Houston	Minneapolis	Pittsburgh
Indexes (1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)				
All items -----	129.8	125.5	125.1	126.0
Food -----	127.5	124.3	120.7	119.6
Food at home -----	122.3	120.1	116.9	116.9
Cereals and bakery products -----	127.1	125.2	114.9	121.7
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	123.5	114.4	116.4	120.5
Dairy products -----	119.9	129.7	122.9	115.1
Fruits and vegetables -----	131.9	131.0	119.7	123.8
Other foods at home -----	110.9	109.8	112.4	105.8
Food away from home -----	149.7	142.6	138.0	137.0
Housing -----	130.6	124.7	123.5	125.1
Shelter -----	139.9	125.0	130.4	127.0
Rent -----	134.7	105.8	117.5	114.7
Homeownership -----	142.0	132.3	132.8	130.5
Fuel and utilities -----	109.3	125.2	109.8	120.9
Fuel oil and coal -----	119.8	-----	115.7	-----
Gas and electricity -----	101.7	144.4	107.6	122.9
Household furnishings and operation -----	125.9	125.6	113.5	120.9
Apparel and upkeep -----	126.0	123.7	122.5	129.7
Men's and boys' -----	117.5	122.6	131.2	123.3
Women's and girls' -----	121.9	121.7	114.0	124.8
Footwear -----	139.7	142.0	134.5	143.8
Transportation -----	130.8	120.9	124.4	127.0
Private -----	120.8	116.2	122.9	120.9
Public -----	174.0	172.3	130.3	151.0
Health and recreation -----	134.6	134.4	136.0	136.1
Medical care -----	157.3	144.3	159.8	160.5
Personal care -----	126.7	137.9	124.0	117.7
Reading and recreation -----	136.8	131.5	134.5	123.6
Other goods and services -----	117.6	121.8	117.2	134.5
Percent Changes January 1969 to April 1969				
All items -----	1.5	1.9	1.8	1.6
Food -----	1.9	.7	.2	0
Food at home -----	2.2	.7	-.1	-.2
Cereals and bakery products -----	2.8	- 1.5	1.5	1.4
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	2.9	2.6	1.7	1.6
Dairy products -----	1.4	1.0	- 3.9	-.2
Fruits and vegetables -----	1.8	.8	.1	- 1.4
Other foods at home -----	1.5	-.9	0	- 2.7
Food away from home -----	.9	.9	1.3	.9
Housing -----	1.1	2.5	2.1	2.0
Shelter -----	.9	3.9	2.4	2.3
Rent -----	1.5	.7	1.1	.3
Homeownership -----	.7	5.0	2.7	2.9
Fuel and utilities -----	-.1	.1	3.0	1.0
Fuel oil and coal -----	0	-----	1.3	-----
Gas and electricity -----	-.1	0	4.6	1.6
Household furnishings and operation -----	2.2	1.0	.6	1.9
Apparel and upkeep -----	2.0	1.8	2.6	3.3
Men's and boys' -----	2.4	.7	1.9	1.2
Women's and girls' -----	2.7	3.4	3.4	5.7
Footwear -----	1.2	.6	2.7	2.2
Transportation -----	2.3	2.0	3.2	3.5
Private -----	2.5	2.1	3.3	3.7
Public -----	1.6	.3	1.3	1.7
Health and recreation -----	.9	2.1	1.3	1.0
Medical care -----	.9	2.6	1.7	1.7
Personal care -----	2.0	3.2	.2	1.7
Reading and recreation -----	.7	2.8	1.9	0
Other goods and services -----	.4	0	.5	1.1

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

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

TABLE 6: Consumer Price Index--United States and Selected Areas  
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Food and its Subgroups  
April 1969 Indexes and Percent Changes from March 1969

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 -----	123.2	119.3	121.3	118.4	122.9	127.9	109.0	142.2
Atlanta -----	121.8	118.4	114.3	119.6	117.0	126.0	115.1	134.0
Baltimore -----	126.3	121.5	125.3	121.8	120.1	130.9	112.2	146.6
Boston -----	127.5	122.3	127.1	123.5	119.9	131.9	110.9	149.7
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100) -	118.2	116.1	108.0	116.3	119.2	122.6	113.5	130.6
Chicago -----	124.4	122.3	125.9	121.3	135.0	126.4	108.2	134.4
Cincinnati -----	120.2	116.7	115.5	118.0	120.2	128.0	104.4	138.6
Cleveland -----	120.1	117.1	116.9	119.4	120.4	126.1	105.2	138.0
Dallas (Nov.1963=100) --	116.9	113.8	109.9	116.1	121.2	114.6	108.6	128.9
Detroit -----	121.9	119.1	115.9	123.5	128.8	118.3	106.8	137.8
Honolulu (Dec.1963=100)	115.8	114.6	112.0	115.4	114.1	121.2	109.7	119.5
Houston -----	124.3	120.1	125.2	114.4	129.7	131.0	109.8	142.6
Kansas City -----	126.6	123.5	124.0	124.0	133.1	125.4	113.2	137.7
Los Angeles-Long Beach -	121.2	115.9	121.0	109.4	120.4	135.7	101.3	140.7
Milwaukee -----	122.9	121.1	112.6	122.1	131.7	129.2	110.7	-----
Minneapolis-St. Paul ---	120.7	116.9	114.9	116.4	122.9	119.7	112.4	138.0
New York -----	124.7	119.0	120.5	119.1	114.1	131.2	109.6	148.7
Philadelphia -----	124.3	119.7	120.1	115.3	132.5	128.7	107.9	149.3
Pittsburgh -----	119.6	116.9	121.7	120.5	115.1	123.8	105.8	137.0
St. Louis -----	126.4	122.2	122.6	123.4	131.4	131.5	107.2	143.5
San Diego (Feb.1965=100)	115.3	111.8	109.2	119.6	109.8	107.0	107.3	-----
San Francisco-Oakland --	122.3	117.2	117.9	115.1	117.4	131.3	106.7	144.8
Seattle -----	123.2	118.0	113.8	119.7	127.3	129.1	103.7	144.8
Washington -----	127.6	122.4	113.8	121.7	125.7	128.1	118.9	147.2
Percent Changes March 1969 to April 1969								
U.S. City Average -----	0.7	0.7	0.1	1.6	- 0.1	0.2	0.5	0.6
Atlanta -----	.9	1.0	.7	2.5	- .5	.4	.7	.5
Baltimore -----	.8	1.0	1.6	2.0	0	- .8	1.1	.1
Boston -----	1.0	1.0	.9	1.4	.2	1.9	.5	.5
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100) -	.7	.5	- .6	1.5	.8	- 1.0	.7	1.4
Chicago -----	.4	.4	.1	1.4	- .4	.6	- .9	.4
Cincinnati -----	.9	1.0	2.2	1.0	.1	1.7	.4	.7
Cleveland -----	.4	.5	.9	1.3	.4	.3	- .8	.1
Dallas (Nov.1963=100) --	.3	.4	.4	.2	.3	.8	.4	.4
Detroit -----	.9	1.0	0	2.6	- .1	.8	- .1	.5
Honolulu (Dec.1963=100)	.1	- .2	.4	.5	0	- 1.7	- .5	.8
Houston -----	0	- .2	.1	.4	.4	- 1.6	- .2	.5
Kansas City -----	.8	1.0	2.0	2.2	- .4	0	.4	.3
Los Angeles-Long Beach -	.7	1.0	.1	1.8	.6	.6	1.1	.3
Milwaukee -----	.7	.8	.6	1.2	.2	.7	1.0	-----
Minneapolis-St. Paul ---	.4	.4	1.4	1.3	- .2	- .3	.2	.3
New York -----	.9	.8	.3	1.1	0	.5	1.1	1.3
Philadelphia -----	.9	1.0	- .3	1.9	- .2	- .6	3.1	.6
Pittsburgh -----	.3	.3	.8	1.2	- .3	.9	- 1.1	.5
St. Louis -----	.5	.6	- .7	1.6	0	.5	0	.1
San Diego (Feb.1965=100)	.7	1.0	.4	2.1	0	- .2	1.2	-----
San Francisco-Oakland --	.7	.9	- .3	2.3	.4	- .5	.9	.3
Seattle -----	.7	.9	- .1	3.0	- .3	1.7	- 1.1	.1
Washington -----	1.0	1.1	- 1.5	3.0	.1	.2	.7	.8

1/ See footnote 1, table 2.

TABLE 7: Consumer Price Index--United States City Average  
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Food Items  
April 1969 Indexes and Percent Changes from Selected Dates  
(1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)

Item or Group	Index		Percent Change to April 1969 from --		
	April 1969		March 1969		April 1968
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted
Total food -----	123.2	123.6	0.7	0.7	4.1
Food away from home -----	142.2	-----	.6	-----	5.8
Restaurant meals -----	142.3	-----	.6	-----	5.7
Snacks <u>1/</u> -----	123.7	-----	.6	-----	6.3
Food at home -----	119.3	119.7	.7	.8	3.6
Cereals and bakery products -----	121.3	-----	.1	-----	2.5
Flour -----	111.7	-----	.2	-----	- 1.0
Cracker meal <u>1/</u> -----	117.9	-----	.1	-----	.7
Corn flakes -----	128.4	-----	- .7	-----	- .5
Rice -----	111.7	-----	.1	-----	1.8
Bread, white -----	127.2	-----	- .2	-----	3.4
Bread, whole wheat <u>1/</u> -----	119.5	-----	.3	-----	4.7
Cookies -----	101.1	-----	.3	-----	0
Layer cake <u>1/</u> -----	112.3	-----	1.1	-----	5.2
Cinnamon rolls <u>1/</u> -----	112.1	-----	.3	-----	5.6
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	118.4	119.4	1.6	2.1	5.1
Meats -----	121.2	122.7	1.8	2.6	5.4
Beef and veal -----	125.1	126.5	3.0	4.0	7.8
Steak, round -----	121.4	123.2	3.9	5.4	10.4
Steak, sirloin <u>2/</u> -----	117.2	-----	3.3	-----	8.6
Steak, porterhouse <u>1/</u> -----	121.6	-----	2.6	-----	7.1
Rump roast <u>1/</u> -----	115.4	-----	2.8	-----	7.6
Rib roast -----	133.6	134.4	3.3	3.3	7.2
Chuck roast -----	119.2	119.4	4.3	5.1	8.0
Hamburger -----	128.3	129.3	2.6	3.4	7.6
Beef liver <u>1/</u> -----	110.1	-----	2.2	-----	3.6
Veal cutlets -----	150.6	150.1	2.0	2.0	6.4
Pork -----	117.5	121.0	.9	3.2	3.4
Chops -----	122.0	127.6	.8	4.0	4.1
Loin roast <u>2/</u> -----	128.1	-----	1.2	-----	3.8
Pork sausage <u>1/</u> -----	127.4	-----	1.4	-----	4.8
Ham, whole -----	108.0	109.8	- 4.5	- 3.3	- 1.7
Picnics <u>1/</u> -----	121.1	-----	2.4	-----	5.3
Bacon -----	117.3	121.3	2.6	4.7	3.1
Other meats -----	122.2	122.4	.2	- .1	2.8
Lamb chops <u>1/</u> -----	133.7	-----	1.0	-----	5.6
Frankfurters -----	120.4	120.2	1.0	.3	2.5
Ham, canned <u>1/</u> -----	115.3	-----	- 1.6	-----	.6
Bologna sausage <u>1/</u> -----	122.4	-----	.5	-----	3.3
Salami sausage <u>1/</u> -----	116.6	-----	0	-----	2.4
Liverwurst <u>1/</u> -----	118.8	-----	.4	-----	2.4
Poultry -----	95.3	-----	1.2	-----	2.8
Frying chicken -----	97.9	96.1	2.5	3.2	3.7
Chicken breasts <u>1/</u> -----	106.7	-----	1.3	-----	3.3
Turkey <u>1/</u> -----	93.4	-----	- 6.3	-----	- 3.5
Fish -----	128.4	128.3	.5	.5	5.1
Shrimp, frozen <u>1/</u> -----	116.8	-----	.3	-----	9.1
Fish, fresh or frozen -----	130.2	130.2	1.2	1.2	4.7
Tuna fish, canned -----	113.1	-----	.6	-----	4.2
Sardines, canned <u>1/</u> -----	123.7	-----	.2	-----	2.4
Dairy products -----	122.9	123.5	- .1	.2	3.5
Milk, fresh, grocery -----	120.5	121.2	- .2	.1	3.4
Milk, fresh, delivered -----	126.8	-----	- .2	-----	4.4
Milk, fresh, skim <u>1/</u> -----	121.5	-----	.1	-----	6.1
Milk, evaporated -----	122.9	-----	.4	-----	4.7
Ice cream -----	97.0	-----	- 1.9	-----	- 1.9
Cheese, American process -----	143.6	143.5	.8	.9	4.4
Butter -----	117.4	117.8	0	.2	.8

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 1969 Indexes and Percent Changes from Selected Dates -- Continued  
(1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)

Item or Group	Index		Percent Change to April 1969 from --		
	April 1969		March 1969		April 1968
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted
Fruits and vegetables -----	127.9	126.4	0.2	- 0.8	- 0.3
Fresh fruits and vegetables -----	137.6	134.8	.3	- 1.5	- .9
Apples -----	167.4	157.6	1.6	- 2.5	4.6
Bananas -----	91.7	90.3	.3	- 1.3	- 2.9
Oranges -----	126.4	136.6	- .4	.7	- 8.2
Orange juice, fresh 1/ -----	91.7	-----	1.7	-----	10.6
Grapefruit -----	134.5	149.9	.1	- 1.6	-10.6
Grapes * -----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Strawberries * -----	147.5	139.8	-----	-----	7.1
Watermelon * -----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Potatoes -----	141.2	145.9	1.5	.3	18.1
Onions -----	124.3	124.8	.6	- .1	-31.6
Asparagus * 1/ -----	152.2	-----	-11.3	-----	35.8
Cabbage -----	148.8	141.8	- .6	1.3	- .9
Carrots -----	114.0	119.1	.9	1.5	- 8.4
Celery -----	113.2	120.3	2.4	8.8	6.2
Cucumbers 1/ -----	161.9	-----	11.4	-----	-26.0
Lettuce -----	166.1	186.4	6.5	14.2	18.6
Peppers, green 1/ -----	163.7	-----	-15.1	-----	-12.3
Spinach 1/ -----	113.4	-----	3.1	-----	8.3
Tomatoes -----	118.7	107.6	-17.7	-19.5	-19.8
Processed fruits and vegetables -----	115.9	-----	.1	-----	.7
Fruit cocktail, canned -----	106.5	-----	- .1	-----	- 1.6
Pears, canned 1/ -----	109.4	-----	- .6	-----	- 7.2
Grapefruit-pineapple juice, canned 1/ --	99.6	-----	.2	-----	5.6
Orange juice concentrate, frozen -----	102.1	101.3	2.6	2.0	20.5
Lemonade concentrate, frozen 2/ -----	92.3	-----	1.0	-----	1.3
Beets, canned 1/ -----	113.1	-----	- .4	-----	2.5
Peas, green, canned -----	121.3	-----	.6	-----	.3
Tomatoes, canned -----	123.6	-----	- .5	-----	- 5.5
Dried beans -----	124.6	-----	- .2	-----	.7
Broccoli, frozen 1/ -----	101.1	-----	- .2	-----	1.3
Other food at home -----	109.0	109.4	.5	.5	5.8
Eggs -----	109.8	111.9	1.2	1.5	22.4
Fats and oils:					
Margarine -----	102.6	-----	- .4	-----	- 1.0
Salad dressing, Italian 1/ -----	102.9	-----	.3	-----	- .1
Salad or cooking oil 1/ -----	122.3	-----	- .4	-----	.2
Sugar and sweets -----	124.4	-----	.5	-----	6.9
Sugar -----	114.4	-----	.3	-----	1.1
Grape jelly -----	122.5	-----	.1	-----	3.9
Chocolate bar -----	124.5	-----	.6	-----	17.2
Syrup, chocolate flavored 1/ -----	106.3	-----	.9	-----	4.6
Nonalcoholic beverages -----	102.6	-----	.1	-----	2.1
Coffee, can and bag -----	86.8	-----	- .2	-----	- .2
Coffee, instant 3/ -----	102.1	-----	.9	-----	5.5
Tea -----	101.0	-----	- .6	-----	- .2
Cola drink -----	153.8	-----	.7	-----	5.1
Carbonated fruit drink 1/ -----	119.8	-----	.4	-----	4.2
Prepared and partially prepared foods 1/	105.8	-----	.7	-----	3.6
Bean soup, canned 1/ -----	104.5	-----	1.0	-----	3.8
Chicken soup, canned 1/ -----	97.5	-----	.8	-----	1.7
Spaghetti, canned 1/ -----	116.0	-----	.3	-----	3.6
Mashed potatoes, instant 1/ -----	106.4	-----	1.8	-----	4.2
Potatoes, french fried, frozen 2/ -----	91.2	-----	.6	-----	6.5
Baby foods, canned -----	111.1	-----	0	-----	5.1
Sweet pickle relish 1/ -----	113.2	-----	.4	-----	3.1
Pretzels 1/ -----	106.9	-----	.2	-----	1.3

1/ December 1963=100.

2/ April 1960=100.

3/ July 1961=100.

\* Priced only in season.

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TABLE 8: Consumer Price Index--Portland, Oregon  
 All items and commodity groups  
 April 1969 indexes and percent changes from selected dates  
 (1957-59=100)

Group	Index	Percent change from --	
		January 1969	April 1968
All items -----	127.9	2.1	5.4
All items (1947-49=100) -----	158.5		
Food -----	122.7	.2	3.4
Food at home -----	116.5	- .3	1.6
Cereals and bakery products --	112.4	- .2	.6
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	121.7	- 1.3	- .3
Dairy products -----	128.9	1.0	3.3
Fruits and vegetables -----	115.9	.3	- .3
Other foods at home -----	104.6	- .8	4.9
Housing -----	130.1	3.6	7.4
Rent -----	117.9	.9	2.3
Gas and electricity -----	102.5	0	0
Solid and petroleum fuels -----	120.0	5.9	6.3
Housefurnishings -----	101.7	2.6	2.8
Household operation -----	124.4	.6	2.6
Apparel -----	126.0	2.8	5.1
Men's and boys' -----	129.7	5.3	5.4
Women's and girls' -----	122.8	1.7	5.6
Footwear -----	136.0	1.1	4.9
Other apparel -----	111.7	1.5	2.9
Transportation -----	121.7	1.6	4.0
Private -----	116.1	1.9	2.6
Public -----	153.9	0	10.2
Medical care -----	148.6	2.0	6.0
Personal care -----	131.3	1.5	6.0
Reading and recreation -----	131.6	- .4	3.2
Other goods and services -----	125.2	2.4	5.1

TABLE 9: Consumer Price Index--U.S. City Average  
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers

Indexes for Selected Items and Groups, April 1969  
and Percent Changes from Selected Dates  
(1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)

Item or Group	Other Index Bases	Indexes		Percent Change to April 1969 From:	
		April 1969	March 1969	March 1969	April 1968
Housing -----		125.3	124.4	0.7	6.6
Shelter 1/ -----		131.6	130.5	.8	8.5
Rent -----		117.8	117.5	.3	3.0
Homeownership costs 2/ -----		137.1	135.7	1.0	10.6
Mortgage interest rates -----		133.5	129.5	3.1	-----
Property taxes -----	Dec.63	126.1	127.7	.3	-----
Property insurance rates -----		146.0	146.1	.1	-----
Maintenance and repairs -----		138.4	137.4	.7	-----
Commodities 3/ -----	Dec.63	117.0	115.9	.9	-----
Exterior house paint -----		116.2	115.5	.6	-----
Interior house paint -----	Dec.63	111.7	111.6	.1	-----
Services -----	Dec.63	132.9	132.0	.7	-----
Repainting living and dining rooms -----		167.9	167.1	.5	-----
Reshingling roofs -----		151.4	150.4	.7	-----
Residing houses -----	Dec.63	126.5	125.3	1.0	-----
Replacing sinks -----	Dec.63	134.7	133.7	.7	-----
Repairing furnaces -----	Dec.63	135.0	134.5	.4	-----
Fuel and utilities -----		112.6	112.2	.4	2.4
Fuel oil and coal -----		117.4	117.2	.2	3.0
Fuel oil, #2 -----		114.8	114.5	.3	-----
Gas and electricity -----		111.2	110.6	.5	1.6
Gas -----		116.5	116.2	.3	-----
Electricity -----		105.4	104.5	.9	-----
Other utilities:					
Residential telephone services -----		103.3	103.1	.2	-----
Residential water and sewerage services -----		143.4	143.4	0	-----
Household furnishings and operation 4/ -----		116.9	116.4	.4	4.2
Housefurnishings -----		108.3	107.8	.5	3.9
Textiles -----		114.6	113.6	.9	-----
Sheets, percale or muslin -----		121.0	119.6	1.2	-----
Curtains, tailored, polyester marquisette -----		110.4	109.3	1.0	-----
Bedsprings, chiefly cotton, tufted -----		117.3	116.3	.9	-----
Drapery fabric, cotton or rayon/acetate -----		121.3	121.1	.2	-----
Pillows, bed, polyester or acrylic filling -----	Dec.63	109.2	107.3	1.8	-----
Slipcovers, ready made, chiefly cotton -----	Dec.63	109.3	108.6	.6	-----
Furniture and bedding -----		120.5	119.7	.7	-----
Bedroom suites, good or inexpensive quality -----		123.0	122.3	.6	-----
Living room suites, good and inexpensive quality -----		122.4	121.9	.4	-----
Lounge chairs, upholstered -----	Dec.63	113.3	112.7	.5	-----
Dining room suites -----	Dec.63	125.7	125.0	.6	-----
Sofas, upholstered -----	Dec.63	113.3	112.7	.5	-----
Sofas, dual purpose -----		116.0	114.6	1.0	-----
Sleep sets, Hollywood bed type -----	Dec.63	110.9	110.0	.8	-----
Box springs -----	Dec.63	121.6	120.4	1.0	-----
Aluminum folding chairs 5/ -----	June 64	112.4	(5/)	(5/)	-----
Cribs -----	Dec.63	115.8	115.1	.6	-----
Floor coverings -----		106.2	105.1	.1	-----
Rugs, soft surface -----		104.4	104.4	0	-----
Rugs, hard surface -----		110.3	110.0	.3	-----
Tile, vinyl -----	Dec.63	107.7	107.2	.5	-----
Appliances 7/ -----	Dec.63	85.6	85.4	.2	-----
Washing machines, electric, automatic -----		90.1	89.9	.2	-----
Vacuum cleaners, canister type -----		81.2	81.1	.1	-----
Refrigerators or refrigerator-freezers electric -----		84.8	84.7	.1	-----
Ranges, free standing, gas or electric -----		97.1	97.1	0	-----
Clothes dryers, electric, automatic -----	Dec.63	98.9	98.8	.1	-----
Air conditioners, demountable 5/ -----	June 64	99.3	(5/)	(5/)	-----
Room heaters, electric, portable 5/ -----	Dec.63	(5/)	98.0	(5/)	(5/)
Garbage disposal units -----	Dec.63	103.1	102.8	.3	-----
Other housefurnishings:					
Dinnerware, earthenware -----		132.2	132.0	.2	-----
Flatware, stainless steel -----	Dec.63	118.1	117.0	.9	-----
Table lamps, with shade -----	Dec.63	113.0	112.4	.5	-----
Lawn mowers, power, rotary type 5/ -----	June 64	115.7	-----	-----	-----
Electric drills, hand held -----	Dec.63	102.2	102.4	.2	-----
Housekeeping supplies:					
Laundry soaps and detergents -----		105.7	105.6	.1	-----
Paper napkins -----		127.0	127.5	.4	-----
Toilet tissue -----		117.7	116.8	.8	-----
Housekeeping services:					
Domestic service, general housework -----		171.1	170.2	.5	-----
Baby sitter service -----	Dec.63	131.9	131.0	.7	-----
Postal charges -----		165.5	165.5	0	-----
Laundry, flatwork, finished service -----	Dec.63	139.0	137.9	.8	-----
Licensed day care service, preschool child -----	Dec.63	125.3	124.1	1.0	-----
Washing machine repairs -----	Dec.63	129.2	129.0	.2	-----

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Item and Group	Other Index Bases	Indexes		Percent change to April 1969 From:	
		April 1969	March 1969	March 1969	April 1968
Apparel and upkeep 8/ -----		125.6	124.9	0.6	6.1
Apparel commodities -----		124.9	124.3	.5	6.2
Apparel commodities less footwear -----		122.2	121.6	.5	6.3
Men's and boys' -----		127.2	126.4	.7	6.8
Men's:					
Topcoats, wool 5/ -----		(5/)	137.7	(5/)	(5/)
Suits, year round weight -----		148.1	146.8	.9	-----
Suits, tropical weight 5/ -----	June 64	128.1	126.2	1.5	-----
Jackets, lightweight -----	Dec.63	124.6	123.1	1.2	-----
Slacks, wool or wool blend -----		126.5	125.3	1.0	-----
Slacks, cotton or manmade blend -----		114.2	112.9	1.2	-----
Trousers, work, cotton -----		116.0	115.5	.4	-----
Shirts, work, cotton -----		122.2	121.8	.3	-----
Shirts, business, cotton -----		120.5	120.4	.1	-----
T-shirts, chiefly cotton -----		129.0	129.2	-.2	-----
Socks, cotton -----		118.9	118.1	.7	-----
Handkerchiefs, cotton -----	Dec.63	111.6	111.4	.2	-----
Boy's:					
Coats, all purpose, cotton or cotton blend 5/ -----	Dec.63	(5/)	108.7	(5/)	(5/)
Sport coats, wool or wool blend 5/ -----	Dec.63	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)
Dungarees, cotton or cotton blend -----		125.2	124.3	.7	-----
Undershirts, cotton -----		125.6	125.0	.5	-----
Women's and girls' -----		121.0	120.6	.3	-----
Women's:					
Coats, heavyweight, wool or wool blend 5/ -----		(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)
Carcoats, heavyweight, cotton 5/ -----	Dec.63	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)
Sweaters, wool or acrylic 5/ -----	Dec.63	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)
Skirts, wool or wool blend 5/ -----	Sept.61	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)
Skirts, cotton or cotton blend 5/ -----	Mar.62	124.4	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)
Blouses, cotton -----		123.2	123.1	.1	-----
Dresses, street, chiefly manmade fiber -----		148.8	148.4	.3	-----
Dresses, street, wool or wool blend 5/ -----		(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)
Dresses, street, cotton 5/ -----		148.5	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)
Housedresses, cotton -----		146.4	144.2	1.5	-----
Slips, nylon -----		110.3	109.4	.8	-----
Panties, acetate -----		108.5	107.9	.6	-----
Girdles, manmade blend -----		119.1	118.2	.8	-----
Brassieres, cotton -----	Dec.63	120.7	119.4	1.1	-----
Hose, nylon seamless -----		98.7	99.1	-.4	-----
Anklets, cotton -----	Dec.63	115.2	114.7	.4	-----
Gloves, fabric, nylon or cotton -----	Dec.63	108.4	107.8	.6	-----
Handbags, rayon faille or plastic -----	Dec.63	112.1	111.4	.6	-----
Girl's:					
Raincoats, vinyl plastic or chiefly cotton 5/ -----	Dec.63	(5/)	118.3	(5/)	(5/)
Skirts, wool or wool blend 5/ -----		(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)
Dresses, cotton -----		134.1	133.5	.4	-----
Slacks, cotton 5/ -----	Dec.63	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)
Slips, cotton blend -----	Dec.63	107.0	106.9	.1	-----
Robes, duster style, quilted tricot or percale 5/ -----	Dec.63	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)
Handbags -----	Dec.63	108.8	108.0	.7	-----
Footwear -----		138.4	137.6	.6	6.1
Men's:					
Shoes, street, oxford -----		136.7	136.0	.5	-----
Shoes, work, high -----		135.2	134.5	.5	-----
Women's:					
Shoes, street, pump -----		147.2	145.9	.9	-----
Shoes, evening, pump -----	Dec.63	118.0	117.9	.1	-----
Shoes, casual, pump -----	Dec.63	125.5	123.2	1.8	-----
Houseslippers, scuff -----	Dec.63	123.4	123.0	.3	-----
Children's:					
Shoes, oxford -----		138.2	137.6	.4	-----
Sneakers, boys', oxford type -----	Dec.63	115.8	115.7	.1	-----
Dress shoes, girls', strap -----	Dec.63	129.1	127.6	1.2	-----
Miscellaneous apparel:					
Diapers, cotton gauze -----		102.3	101.7	.6	-----
Yard goods, cotton -----		119.3	118.1	1.0	-----
Wrist watches, men's and women's -----	Dec.63	102.0	101.4	.6	-----
Apparel services:					
Drycleaning, men's suits and women's dresses ---		129.9	129.4	.4	-----
Automatic laundry service -----	Dec.63	108.4	108.4	0	-----
Laundry, men's shirts -----	Dec.63	122.2	121.9	.2	-----
Tailoring charges, hem adjustment -----	Dec.63	122.7	121.8	.7	-----
Shoe repairs, women's heel lift -----		120.1	119.6	.4	-----



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Item and Group	Other Index Bases	Indexes		Percent change to April 1969 From:	
		April 1969	March 1969	March 1969	April 1968
Transportation -----		124.6	124.3	0.2	4.7
Private 9/ -----		121.9	121.6	.2	4.4
Automobiles, new -----		101.9	102.4	-.5	1.6
Automobiles, used -----		131.2	130.5	.5	3.9
Gasoline, regular and premium -----		117.8	117.2	.5	-----
Motor oil, premium -----		136.0	135.5	.4	-----
Tires, new, tubeless -----		115.7	114.8	.8	-----
Auto repairs and maintenance 10/ -----		132.3	132.0	.2	-----
Auto insurance rates -----		157.2	156.1	.7	-----
Auto registration -----		134.2	133.5	.5	-----
Parking fees, private and municipal -----	Dec.63	118.1	117.2	.8	-----
Public -----		148.0	147.5	.3	-----
Local transit fares -----		159.6	158.6	.6	-----
Taxicab fares -----	Dec.63	124.8	124.8	0	-----
Railroad fares, coach -----		114.6	114.6	0	-----
Airplane fares, chiefly coach -----	Dec.63	110.7	110.7	0	-----
Bus fares, intercity -----	Dec.63	118.6	118.6	0	-----
Health and recreation -----		135.1	134.3	.6	4.9
Medical care -----		153.6	152.5	.7	7.0
Drugs and prescriptions -----		99.0	98.8	.2	-----
Over-the-counter items -----	Dec.63	106.8	106.6	.2	-----
Multiple vitamin concentrates -----	Dec.63	92.2	92.2	0	-----
Aspirin compounds -----	Dec.63	106.3	105.5	-.2	-----
Liquid tonics -----	Dec.63	100.9	100.9	0	-----
Adhesive bandages, package -----	Dec.63	116.6	116.4	.2	-----
Cold tablets or capsules -----	Dec.63	109.3	108.8	.5	-----
Cough syrup -----	Dec.63	114.5	113.5	.9	-----
Prescriptions -----		88.3	88.2	.1	-----
Anti-infectives -----	Mar.60	62.5	62.5	0	-----
Sedatives and hypnotics -----	Mar.60	106.1	105.9	.2	-----
Ataractics -----	Mar.60	89.7	89.7	0	-----
Anti-spasmodics -----	Mar.60	100.9	101.1	-.2	-----
Cough preparations -----	Mar.60	108.5	106.7	1.7	-----
Cardiovasculars and anti-hypertensives -----	Mar.60	96.9	96.5	.4	-----
Analgesics, internal -----	Mar.67	103.0	102.4	.6	-----
Anti-obesity -----	Mar.67	102.4	102.8	-.4	-----
Hormones -----	Mar.67	94.7	94.3	.4	-----
Professional services:					
Physicians' fees -----		153.3	152.6	.5	-----
Family doctor, office visits -----		154.9	154.1	.5	-----
Family doctor, house visits -----		162.4	161.5	.6	-----
Obstetrical cases -----		147.4	146.5	.6	-----
Pediatric care, office visits -----	Dec.63	139.9	139.6	.2	-----
Psychiatrist, office visits -----	Dec.63	126.6	125.5	.9	-----
Herniorrhaphy, adult -----	Dec.63	123.2	123.1	.1	-----
Tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy -----		146.5	146.4	.1	-----
Dentists' fees -----		142.9	140.1	2.0	-----
Fillings, adult, amalgam, one surface -----		144.0	141.1	2.1	-----
Extractions, adult -----		141.8	138.9	2.1	-----
Dentures, full upper -----	Dec.63	126.5	124.3	1.8	-----
Other professional services:					
Examination, prescription, and dispensing of eyeglasses -----		129.5	128.9	.5	-----
Routine laboratory tests -----	Dec.63	115.6	115.4	.2	-----
Hospital service charges:					
Daily service charges -----		251.4	249.2	.9	-----
Semiprivate rooms -----		247.4	245.1	.9	-----
Private rooms -----		243.5	241.6	.8	-----
Operating room charges -----	Dec.63	163.0	160.4	1.6	-----
X-ray, diagnostic series, upper G.I. -----	Dec.63	121.8	121.4	.3	-----
Personal care -----		125.5	124.8	.6	5.5
Toilet goods -----		110.4	109.8	.5	-----
Toothpaste, standard dentrifice -----		114.1	113.9	.2	-----
Toilet soap, hard milled -----		124.2	123.9	.2	-----
Hand lotions, liquid -----	Dec.63	107.0	106.4	.6	-----
Shaving cream, aerosol -----		101.9	101.9	0	-----
Face powder, pressed -----		124.4	123.1	1.1	-----
Deodorants, cream or roll-on -----	Dec.63	95.1	94.9	.2	-----
Cleansing tissues -----		108.0	107.1	.8	-----
Home permanent refills -----		97.5	96.6	.9	-----
Personal care services -----		144.2	143.2	.7	-----
Men's haircuts -----		152.3	151.7	.4	-----
Beauty shop services -----		135.4	134.2	.9	-----
Women's haircuts -----	Dec.63	121.4	120.7	.6	-----
Shampoo and wave sets, plain -----		151.7	150.1	1.1	-----
Permanent waves, cold -----		106.1	105.4	.7	-----

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Item and Group	Other Index Bases	Indexes		Percent change to April 1969 From:	
		April 1969	March 1969	March 1969	April 1968
Reading and recreation <sup>11/</sup> -----		129.6	128.7	0.7	3.8
Recreational goods -----	Dec. 63	98.4	97.9	.5	-----
TV sets, portable and console -----		80.1	79.8	.4	-----
TV replacement tubes -----	Dec. 63	115.3	114.8	.4	-----
Radios, portable and table model -----		76.5	76.3	.3	-----
Tape recorders, portable -----	Dec. 63	91.7	91.2	.5	-----
Phonograph records, stereophonic -----	Dec. 63	96.6	96.4	.2	-----
Movie cameras, Super 8, zoom lens -----	Dec. 63	84.9	84.8	.1	-----
Film, 35mm, color -----	Dec. 63	98.9	98.9	0	-----
Golf balls, liquid center -----	Dec. 63	104.3	104.2	.1	-----
Basketballs, rubber or vinyl cover -----	Dec. 63	112.6	110.1	2.3	-----
Fishing rods, fresh water spincast -----	Dec. 63	118.0	116.6	1.2	-----
Bowling balls -----	Dec. 63	98.5	97.6	.9	-----
Bicycle, boys' -----	Dec. 63	108.6	107.8	.7	-----
Tricycles -----	Dec. 63	107.9	107.5	.4	-----
Dog food, canned or boxed -----	Dec. 63	108.4	107.9	.5	-----
Recreational services -----	Dec. 63	128.7	127.1	1.3	-----
Indoor movie admissions -----		196.3	193.2	1.6	-----
Adult -----		191.5	188.6	1.5	-----
Children's -----		212.5	208.6	1.9	-----
Drive-in movie admissions, adult -----	Dec. 63	156.0	153.1	1.9	-----
Bowling fees, evening -----	Dec. 63	110.8	110.4	.4	-----
Golf greens fees -----	Dec. 63	130.9	127.3	2.8	-----
TV repairs, picture tube replacement -----		103.3	102.7	.6	-----
Film developing, black and white -----	Dec. 63	120.5	120.2	.2	-----
Reading and education:					
Newspapers, street sale and delivery -----		153.2	152.7	.3	-----
Magazines, single copy and subscription -----	Dec. 63	119.3	119.3	0	-----
Piano lessons, beginner -----	Dec. 63	122.2	121.7	.4	-----
Other goods and services -----		126.6	126.1	.4	-----
Tobacco products -----		142.1	141.8	.2	-----
Cigarettes, nonfilter tip, regular size -----		149.1	148.7	.3	-----
Cigarettes, filter tip, king size -----	Mar. 59	140.9	140.7	.1	-----
Cigars, domestic, regular size -----		106.0	105.9	.1	-----
Alcoholic beverages -----		116.5	115.9	.5	-----
Beer -----		113.9	113.5	.4	-----
Whiskey, spirit blended and straight bourbon -----		109.2	108.9	.3	-----
Wine, dessert and table -----	Dec. 63	108.6	108.0	.6	-----
Away from home -----	Dec. 63	119.9	118.9	.8	-----
Financial and miscellaneous personal expenses:					
Funeral services, adult -----	Dec. 63	114.0	113.6	.4	-----
Bank service charges, checking accounts -----	Dec. 63	107.8	107.5	.3	-----
Legal services, short form will -----	Dec. 63	130.8	129.5	1.0	-----
Other special groups:					
All items less shelter -----		125.0	124.4	.5	4.5
Commodities less food -----		117.2	116.8	.3	4.5
Nondurables less food and apparel -----		120.2	119.7	.4	3.8
Household services less rent -----		144.2	142.5	1.2	9.7
Transportation services -----		141.4	140.9	.4	6.6
Other services -----		144.2	143.2	.7	4.8

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

<sup>2/</sup> Also includes home purchase costs not shown separately.

<sup>3/</sup> Also includes pine shelving, furnace air filters, packaged dry cement mix, and shrubbery not shown separately.

<sup>4/</sup> Also includes venetian blinds, nails, carpet sweepers, air deodorizers, steel wool scouring pads, envelopes, reupholstering, and moving expenses.

<sup>5/</sup> Priced only in season.

<sup>6/</sup> Not available.

<sup>7/</sup> Also includes radios and television sets, shown separately under reading and recreation.

<sup>8/</sup> Also includes men's sport shirts, women's and girls' lightweight coats, women's slacks, cocktail dresses, bathing suits, girls' shorts, earrings, and zippers not shown separately.

<sup>9/</sup> Also includes recapped tires and drivers' license fees not shown separately.

<sup>10/</sup> Includes prices for water pump replacement, motor tune-up, automatic transmission repair, exhaust system repair, front end alignment, and chassis lubrication.

<sup>11/</sup> Also includes outboard motors, nondurable toys, college tuition fees, paperback books, and college textbooks, not shown separately.

A NOTE ABOUT CALCULATING INDEX CHANGES

Movements of the indexes from one date to another are usually expressed as percentage changes rather than changes in index points because index point changes are affected by the level of the index in relation to its base period while percentage changes are not. The following example illustrates the computation of index point and percentage changes:

<u>Index Point Change</u>		<u>Percentage Change</u>
April 1969 CPI (1957-59=100)	126.4	Index point difference divided by the index for the previous period:
less March 1969 index	125.6	
Index point difference =	.8	$\frac{126.4 - 125.6 \times 100}{125.6} = .6 \text{ percent}$

Reliability of Percent Changes in the CPI

A system of "replicated" samples introduced into the index structure in the 1964 revision permits an estimate of sampling error for the CPI. <sup>1/</sup> The table below shows standard errors for monthly, quarterly, and annual percent changes in the CPI for all items and for nine commodity groupings based on 1968 averages. The figures may be interpreted as follows: the chances are about 95 out of 100 that the percent change in the CPI as computed differs from the corresponding "complete coverage" change by less than twice the standard error. Data also are shown in terms of the relative error of the standard error of percent changes. The relative errors tend to decrease markedly for successively longer time periods, as expected.

Because the CPI is rounded to one decimal place, some ambiguity may arise in interpreting small index changes. The table below indicates, for example, that a month-to-month change of 0.1 percent in the all-items CPI is significant. Because of rounding, however, a change of this size in the published index might result from a much smaller change in the unrounded value. Hence, any particular change of 0.1 percent may or may not be significant. On the other hand, a published change of 0.2 percent is almost always significant, regardless of the time period to which it relates.

Standard and Relative Errors of Percent Changes in the  
CPI Based on 1968 Data

Component	Standard Error			Relative Error		
	Monthly Change	Quarterly Change	Annual Change	Monthly Change	Quarterly Change	Annual Change
All items -----	.03	.05	.08	.08	.04	.02
Food at home -----	.08	.13	.24	.18	.13	.08
Food away from home -----	.08	.15	.18	.17	.11	.04
Housing -----	.05	.08	.13	.12	.06	.03
Apparel -----	.15	.22	.31	.21	.14	.06
Transportation -----	.06	.10	.15	.17	.16	.05
Medical care -----	.10	.13	.24	.20	.09	.04
Personal care -----	.13	.19	.47	.30	.16	.12
Reading and recreation ----	.09	.13	.22	.22	.11	.05
Other goods and services --	.08	.17	.36	.29	.19	.08

This replaces the table of average errors based on 1967 data which was included in the CPI report through December 1968.

<sup>1/</sup> The method of deriving these estimates is described in a paper by Marvin Wilkerson, "Measurement of Sampling Error in the Consumer Price Index," Journal of the American Statistical Association, September 1967.

### 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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