

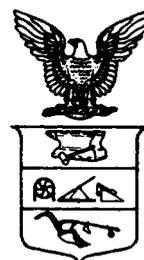
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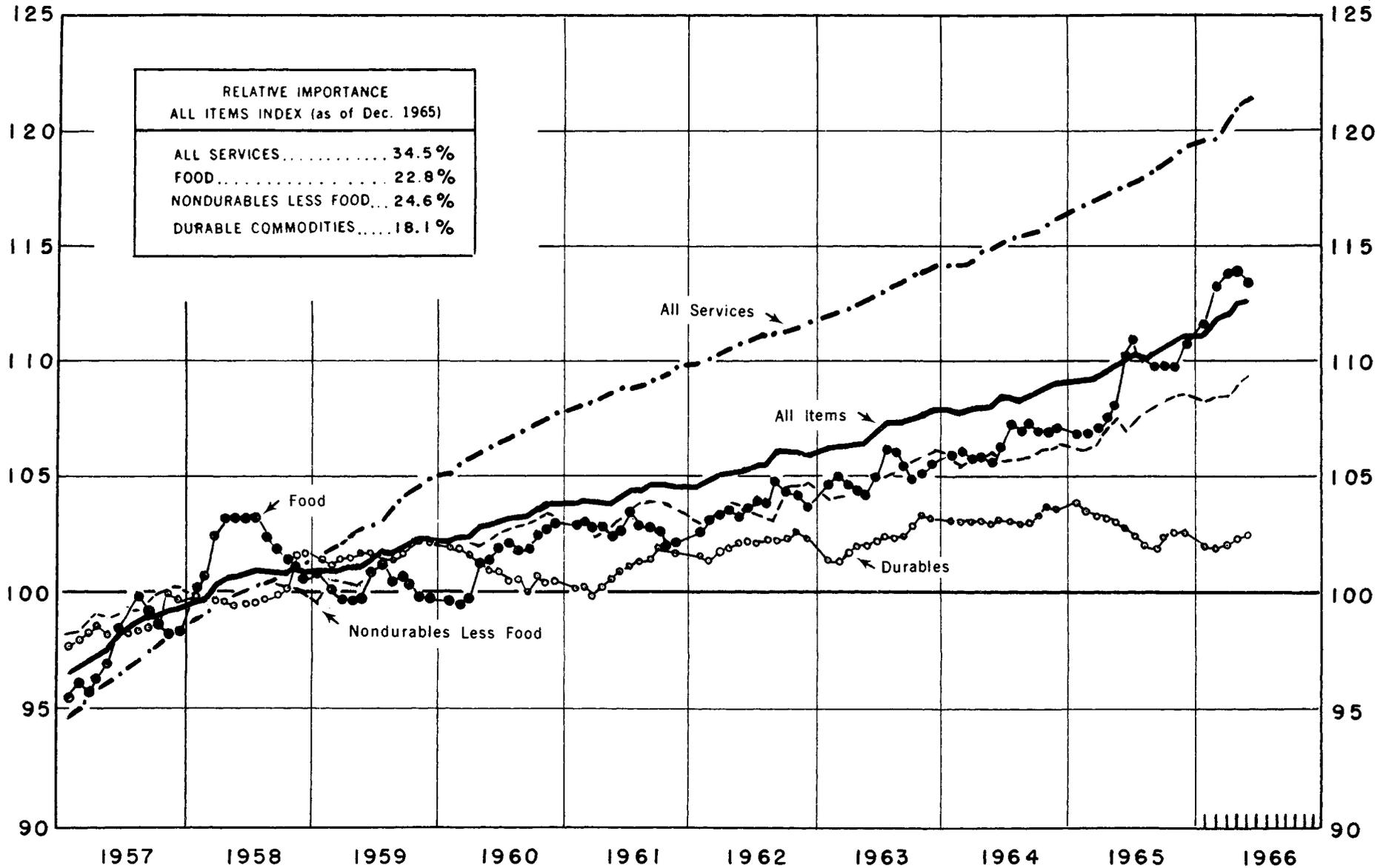
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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR MAY 1966

The Consumer Price Index rose by 0.1 percent in May, the United States Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics announced today. The increase was caused mostly by higher costs of homeownership, furniture, women's apparel, medical care, and cigarettes. Average prices of foods in grocery stores dropped 0.6 percent. At 112.6 percent of its 1957-59 average, the index was 2.7 percent above a year ago.

Price Changes, April-May 1966

Charges for consumer services went up by an average of 0.3 percent in May. The most significant increases were for mortgage interest rates, doctors' and dentists' fees, hospital service charges, domestic service, house repairs, and barber and beauty shops. Services of all types account for more than a third of the typical family budget.

Apparel and footwear prices continued to rise more than seasonally, especially for women's apparel, which advanced by 1 percent as summer lines came on the market at prices higher than at the end of the season last year. Cigarette prices continued to rise at retail in response to recent factory price hikes. Used car prices were up only 0.1 percent in May, considerably less than the usual advance over April. Prices of new cars declined 0.4 percent.

The drop in food prices was the first since September 1965. Meat prices declined 1-1/2 percent in May, when increased supplies of pork put downward pressure on prices of both pork and beef cuts. Poultry and egg prices also dropped, as supplies became more plentiful.

Fruit and vegetable prices, which usually rise at this season, fell in May because of sharp price declines for cucumbers and green peppers. However, potato and onion prices increased substantially when unfavorable weather conditions in the South and Southwest reduced available supplies. Prices of apples and oranges rose seasonally.

Price Trends, May 1965-May 1966

Higher food prices and increased charges for consumer services have been responsible for most of the rise in living costs over the past year. In spite of their recent decline, meat prices in May still averaged 15 percent higher than a year ago, and poultry prices were up by nearly 10 percent. Egg prices also stood 13 percent above a year ago in May, and prices of dairy products were 5 percent higher. On the other hand, consumers were paying 5-1/2 percent less for fresh fruits and vegetables this year, primarily because of an 11 percent drop in average prices of fresh vegetables.

Charges have increased by an average of about 3-1/2 percent for all kinds of consumer services since May 1965. The largest increase--nearly 4-1/2 percent--has been for medical care services. Advances for household, transportation, and other kinds of services have ranged from 3-1/2 to 4 percent.

Apparel prices have gone up by 2.3 percent over the past year, to a considerable extent because of a 6 percent rise in footwear. Prices of consumer durables, on the other hand, were lower than a year ago, as the result of last summer's Federal excise tax cuts and a 3 percent decrease in used car prices.

#### Cost-of-Living Adjustments

About 206,000 workers will receive cost of living wage increases based on the May Consumer Price Index. Some 95,000 employees of aerospace firms will receive 3 cents an hour as a result of the rise in the national index since February, and 75,000 meatpacking workers will receive 5 cents an hour based on the change since November 1965. Other workers will receive increases ranging from 1/2 cent to 6 cents an hour.

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

Group	Indexes (1957-59=100)					Percent change to May 1966 from --				
	May 1966		April 1966		May 1965	April 1966		February 1966		May 1965
	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted
All items -----	112.6	-----	112.5	-----	109.6	0.1	-----	0.9	-----	2.7
Food -----	113.5	114.0	114.0	114.3	107.9	-.4	-0.3	.4	0.8	5.2
Food at home -----	112.0	112.6	112.7	113.2	106.2	-.6	-.5	.2	.7	5.5
Cereals and bakery products -----	114.3	-----	114.1	-----	110.8	-.2	-----	1.0	-----	3.2
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	113.9	116.0	115.6	117.1	100.3	-1.5	-.9	-1.6	.3	13.6
Dairy products -----	109.3	110.2	108.9	109.4	104.2	.4	.7	2.1	3.3	4.9
Fruits and vegetables -----	119.2	115.3	119.8	117.7	121.4	-.5	-2.0	2.3	-2.0	-1.8
Other foods at home -----	102.8	104.0	103.6	104.5	100.8	-.8	-.5	-.7	.7	2.0
Food away from home -----	122.2	-----	121.6	-----	116.9	.5	-----	1.2	-----	4.5
Housing -----	110.7	-----	110.3	-----	108.2	.4	-----	1.2	-----	2.3
Shelter <u>1/</u> -----	113.5	-----	113.0	-----	110.2	.4	-----	1.2	-----	3.0
Rent -----	110.2	-----	110.1	-----	108.8	.1	-----	.4	-----	1.3
Homeownership <u>2/</u> -----	115.2	-----	114.3	-----	110.8	.6	-----	1.5	-----	3.8
Fuel and utilities <u>3/</u> -----	108.2	108.5	108.3	108.2	107.1	-.1	.3	1.6	2.1	1.0
Fuel oil and coal <u>4/</u> -----	108.0	109.5	108.5	107.7	104.6	-.5	1.7	-.9	2.8	3.3
Gas and electricity -----	108.2	-----	108.3	-----	107.7	-.1	-----	0	-----	.5
Household furnishings and operation -----	104.6	-----	104.4	-----	103.1	.2	-----	.8	-----	1.5
Apparel and upkeep <u>5/</u> -----	109.3	109.4	108.7	108.8	106.8	.6	.6	1.6	1.3	2.3
Men's and boys' -----	109.9	109.9	109.6	109.7	107.0	.3	.2	1.2	.8	2.7
Women's and girls' -----	105.0	105.4	104.2	104.5	103.4	.8	.9	1.8	1.5	1.5
Footwear -----	119.0	119.0	118.1	118.1	112.2	.8	.8	2.4	2.3	6.1
Transportation -----	112.0	112.0	112.0	112.3	111.4	0	-.3	.8	.5	.5
Private -----	110.5	110.5	110.5	110.8	110.5	0	-.3	.8	.5	.5
Public -----	122.1	-----	122.1	-----	121.3	0	-----	.1	-----	.7
Health and recreation -----	118.4	-----	118.1	-----	115.6	.3	-----	1.1	-----	2.4
Medical care -----	126.3	-----	125.8	-----	121.8	.4	-----	1.4	-----	3.7
Personal care -----	112.0	-----	111.6	-----	111.0	.4	-----	1.1	-----	.9
Reading and recreation -----	116.8	-----	116.8	-----	115.9	0	-----	.8	-----	.8
Other goods and services <u>6/</u> -----	114.7	-----	114.3	-----	110.6	.3	-----	1.0	-----	3.7
<u>Special groups:</u>										
All items less shelter -----	112.4	-----	112.4	-----	109.4	0	-----	.9	-----	2.7
All items less food -----	112.5	-----	112.2	-----	110.3	.3	-----	1.1	-----	2.0
Commodities <u>7/</u> -----	108.8	109.0	108.8	109.0	106.2	0	0	.7	.8	2.4
Nondurables -----	111.3	111.6	111.4	111.6	107.5	-.1	0	.6	.8	3.5
Durables <u>7/ 8/</u> -----	102.5	102.5	102.3	102.3	102.9	.2	.2	.7	.6	-.4
Services <u>9/</u> -----	121.5	-----	121.1	-----	117.5	.3	-----	1.5	-----	3.4
Commodities less food <u>7/</u> -----	106.3	106.4	106.0	106.0	105.2	.3	.4	.9	.8	1.0
Nondurables less food -----	109.3	109.4	109.0	109.1	107.2	.3	.3	.9	.7	2.0
Apparel commodities -----	108.3	108.4	107.6	107.8	105.9	.7	.6	1.7	1.3	2.3
Apparel less footwear -----	106.1	106.3	105.6	105.9	104.6	.5	.4	1.4	1.0	1.4
Nondurables less food and apparel -----	110.0	-----	109.8	-----	108.0	.2	-----	.6	-----	1.9
New cars -----	97.0	97.4	97.4	97.4	100.2	-.4	0	.2	.6	-3.2
Used cars -----	117.5	117.6	117.4	118.2	121.1	-.1	-.5	3.1	.3	-3.0
Household durables <u>10/</u> -----	96.7	-----	96.4	-----	97.8	.3	-----	.6	-----	-1.1
Housefurnishings -----	98.5	98.4	98.3	98.0	98.3	.2	.4	.7	.5	.2
Services less rent <u>9/</u> -----	124.1	-----	123.6	-----	119.5	.4	-----	1.7	-----	3.8
Household services less rent -----	120.9	-----	120.2	-----	116.5	.6	-----	2.4	-----	3.8
Transportation services -----	123.0	-----	123.0	-----	118.7	0	-----	.3	-----	3.6
Medical care services -----	132.1	-----	131.4	-----	126.5	.5	-----	1.7	-----	4.4
Other services <u>11/</u> -----	125.9	-----	125.5	-----	121.6	.3	-----	1.5	-----	3.5
All items index on other bases:										
1947-49=100 -----	138.2	-----	138.0	-----	134.5	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
1939=100 -----	232.5	-----	232.3	-----	226.3	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:										
1957-59=\$1.00 -----	\$0.888	-----	\$0.889	-----	\$0.912	-.1	-----	-.9	-----	-2.6
1947-49=\$1.00 -----	.724	-----	.725	-----	.743	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
1939=\$1.00 -----	.430	-----	.430	-----	.442	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

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	February 1966	May 1965
		May 1966			February 1966	May 1965
U.S. City Average -----	M	112.6	138.2		0.9	2.7
Chicago -----	M	110.2	139.0		.8	2.8
Detroit -----	M	110.4	136.1		1.5	4.1
Los Angeles-Long Beach -	M	114.2	142.4		.7	1.4
New York -----	M	115.2	138.8		.9	3.0
Philadelphia -----	M	113.1	138.9		.6	2.7
		April 1966			January 1966	April 1965
Boston -----	1	116.8	144.7		2.5	3.5
Houston -----	1	110.9	136.6		.8	2.8
Minneapolis-St. Paul ---	1	111.8	138.3		1.2	2.7
Pittsburgh -----	1	113.0	139.2		1.8	2.9
		May 1966			February 1966	May 1965
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100) -	2	-----	-----	106.6	0.8	3.5
Cleveland -----	2	109.7	136.2		1.5	2.7
Dallas (Nov.1963=100) --	2	-----	-----	104.6	1.2	3.5
Milwaukee -----	2	110.1	138.8		.5	1.8
San Diego (Feb.1965=100)	2	-----	-----	101.6	.4	1.1
Seattle -----	2	113.7	142.9		1.0	2.6
Washington -----	2	112.8	135.8		.8	3.0
		March 1966			December 1965	March 1965
Atlanta -----	3	110.3	136.6		1.0	2.5
Baltimore -----	3	112.5	139.6		1.4	3.9
Cincinnati -----	3	109.1	132.8		1.1	2.2
Honolulu (Dec.1963=100)	3	-----	-----	104.4	.5	2.9
Kansas City -----	3	115.3	142.6		.6	<u>3/</u> 2.9
St. Louis -----	3	112.1	139.1		.5	2.8
San Francisco-Oakland --	3	114.9	145.8		1.1	2.4

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

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

M - Every month.

1 - January, April, July, and October.

2 - February, May, August, and November.

3 - March, June, September, and December.

3/ Change from April 1965.

TABLE 3: Consumer Price Index--The United States and Selected Areas <sup>1/</sup>  
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Major Groups  
Percent change from April 1966 to May 1966

Group	U.S. City Average	Chicago	Detroit	Los Angeles-Long Beach	New York	Philadelphia
All items -----	0.1	0.3	0.4	- 0.1	0	- 0.1
Food -----	.4	.5	.1	.4	- 0.5	.8
Housing -----	.4	.7	.8	.5	.1	.4
Apparel and upkeep -----	.6	.4	0	.8	.6	.1
Transportation -----	0	.2	.1	1.2	.3	.3
Health and recreation -----	.3	.4	.2	.1	.3	0
Medical care -----	.4	.4	.4	.2	.6	0
Personal care -----	.4	.3	1.0	.7	.5	.1
Reading and recreation -----	0	.3	.4	0	.1	.2
Other goods and services -----	.3	.5	.4	.1	.3	(2/)

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

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

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

Date	All items	Food	Housing	Apparel and upkeep	Transportation	Health and recreation				
						Total	Medical care	Personal care	Reading and recreation	Other goods and services
1966: May	112.6	113.5	110.7	109.3	112.0	118.4	126.3	112.0	116.8	114.7
Apr.	112.5	114.0	110.3	108.7	112.0	118.1	125.8	111.6	116.8	114.3
Mar.	112.0	113.9	109.6	108.2	111.4	117.6	125.3	111.0	116.6	113.8
Feb.	111.6	113.1	109.4	107.6	111.1	117.1	124.5	110.8	115.9	113.6
Jan.	111.0	111.4	109.2	107.3	111.2	116.9	124.2	110.4	115.7	113.4
1965: Dec.	111.0	110.6	109.4	108.1	111.6	116.6	123.7	110.0	115.4	113.4
Nov.	110.6	109.7	109.2	108.1	111.5	116.4	123.4	109.6	115.4	113.3
Oct.	110.4	109.7	109.0	107.8	111.2	116.2	123.0	109.2	115.2	113.3
Sept.	110.2	109.7	108.6	107.2	111.0	115.8	122.8	109.2	114.8	112.7
Aug.	110.0	110.1	108.2	106.4	111.0	115.6	122.8	109.0	114.3	112.6
July	110.2	110.9	108.3	106.1	111.5	115.3	122.7	108.7	114.6	111.5
June	110.1	110.1	108.2	106.9	111.2	115.7	122.2	111.0	115.7	111.0
May	109.6	107.9	108.2	106.8	111.4	115.6	121.8	111.0	115.9	110.6
Annual Average:										
1965	109.9	108.8	108.5	106.8	111.1	115.6	122.3	109.9	115.2	111.4
1964	108.1	106.4	107.2	105.7	109.3	113.6	119.4	109.2	114.1	108.8
1963	106.7	105.1	106.0	104.8	107.8	111.4	117.0	107.9	111.5	107.1
1962	105.4	103.6	104.8	103.6	107.2	109.4	114.2	106.5	109.6	105.3
1961	104.2	102.6	103.9	103.0	105.0	107.3	111.3	104.6	107.2	104.6
1960	103.1	101.4	103.1	102.2	103.8	105.4	108.1	104.1	104.9	103.8
1955	93.3	94.0	94.1	95.9	89.7	91.4	88.6	90.0	92.1	94.3

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

Group	U.S. City Average	Buffalo (Nov.1963=100)	Chicago	Cleveland	Dallas (Nov.1963=100)	Detroit	Los Angeles- Long Beach
Indexes (1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)							
All items -----	112.6	106.6	110.2	109.7	104.6	110.4	114.2
Food -----	113.5	108.0	113.6	110.0	109.4	111.5	113.0
Food at home -----	112.0	107.7	113.2	108.4	109.8	110.0	109.9
Cereals and bakery products -----	114.3	100.3	113.2	110.2	107.0	107.3	119.1
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	113.9	111.8	113.6	114.1	116.6	114.9	105.9
Dairy products -----	109.3	101.7	117.0	103.7	109.0	109.5	111.5
Fruits and vegetables -----	119.2	117.4	117.9	115.2	110.8	112.9	122.3
Other foods at home -----	102.8	103.8	105.2	97.4	102.9	100.2	96.2
Food away from home -----	122.2	109.4	116.1	119.0	107.7	120.2	125.0
Housing -----	110.7	104.5	107.8	105.1	101.1	103.8	116.3
Shelter -----	113.5	104.0	109.2	103.8	102.7	104.2	122.2
Rent -----	110.2	101.8	106.5	101.4	99.5	-----	111.6
Homeownership -----	115.0	104.4	110.6	104.2	104.2	105.8	125.8
Fuel and utilities -----	108.2	106.7	105.8	115.6	98.5	102.6	103.8
Fuel oil and coal -----	108.0	100.2	105.6	-----	-----	100.6	-----
Gas and electricity -----	108.2	109.3	106.4	117.0	97.7	104.8	110.9
Household furnishings and operation -----	104.6	104.3	105.5	101.7	99.3	100.8	104.5
Apparel and upkeep -----	109.3	108.3	105.4	108.8	102.2	110.1	109.4
Men's and girls' -----	109.9	108.7	106.0	111.2	104.2	106.9	112.8
Women's and girls' -----	105.0	108.2	99.8	102.9	99.8	110.3	106.3
Footwear -----	119.0	110.5	116.7	120.9	102.3	120.0	116.5
Transportation -----	112.0	105.8	109.2	112.9	102.5	110.8	118.2
Private -----	110.5	105.8	109.3	110.7	102.5	109.3	114.2
Public -----	122.1	106.3	109.2	125.9	103.1	114.8	139.9
Health and recreation -----	118.4	108.3	113.7	117.1	107.8	120.6	112.2
Medical care -----	126.3	108.5	133.0	134.5	109.0	133.8	122.6
Personal care -----	112.0	107.0	111.8	108.8	105.9	112.4	108.3
Reading and recreation -----	116.8	105.4	101.2	110.4	106.9	116.1	104.0
Other goods and services -----	114.7	112.4	107.6	112.3	108.6	114.0	109.1
Percent changes February 1966 to May 1966							
All items -----	0.9	0.8	0.8	1.5	1.2	1.5	0.7
Food -----	.4	-.2	-.5	.2	.7	1.4	.1
Food at home -----	.2	-.6	-1.0	-.2	.5	1.1	0
Cereals and bakery products -----	1.0	0	-1.0	1.7	1.3	.6	1.1
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	-1.6	-2.9	-3.7	-1.6	-1.0	-1.7	-.1
Dairy products -----	2.1	0	1.8	2.8	4.3	3.6	1.0
Fruits and vegetables -----	2.3	5.4	3.5	.6	2.8	7.1	-1.3
Other foods at home -----	-.7	-2.4	-1.1	-1.4	-.9	.1	-.5
Food away from home -----	1.2	1.8	1.2	2.5	1.2	2.2	.6
Housing -----	1.2	1.3	1.5	2.3	.9	1.9	1.3
Shelter -----	1.2	1.4	1.6	2.8	1.1	2.4	1.3
Rent -----	.4	.2	2/ .2	-.3	-.1	-----	2/ .3
Homeownership -----	1.5	1.6	2.2	3.4	1.5	2.7	1.7
Fuel and utilities -----	1.6	2.4	2.5	1.9	1.8	1.8	2.2
Fuel oil and coal -----	-.9	-1.5	0	-----	-----	0	-----
Gas and electricity -----	0	1.8	1.2	.2	-.1	.5	.1
Household furnishings and operation -----	.8	.3	.5	.8	.3	.3	.8
Apparel and upkeep -----	1.6	1.3	2.3	2.4	1.9	1.6	.9
Men's and boys' -----	1.2	1.2	4.5	.4	1.1	1.7	1.0
Women's and girls' -----	1.8	.7	1.7	3.6	1.2	.3	1.1
Footwear -----	2.4	3.8	2.5	2.7	2.4	3.9	1.0
Transportation -----	.8	.8	.3	1.6	1.9	.5	.9
Private -----	.8	.9	.3	1.9	2.0	.6	1.0
Public -----	.1	0	.1	.1	0	.1	-.1
Health and recreation -----	1.1	.9	.9	.4	.9	1.3	.4
Medical care -----	1.4	2.1	.6	.4	2.2	2.0	.7
Personal care -----	1.1	1.4	-.3	-.5	-.5	-.7	-.6
Reading and recreation -----	.8	-1.6	.9	.6	.2	2.0	.1
Other goods and services -----	1.0	2.2	(3/)	.7	1.0	.8	.6

See footnotes at end of table.

TABLE 5: Consumer Price Index--United States and Selected Areas 1/  
 For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Commodity Groups  
 May 1966 indexes and percent changes from February 1966--Continued

Group	Milwaukee	New York	Philadelphia	San Diego (Feb.1965=100)	Seattle	Washington
Indexes (1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)						
All items -----	110.1	115.2	113.1	101.6	113.7	112.8
Food -----	113.5	114.4	112.5	106.3	114.4	113.6
Food at home -----	112.5	111.5	110.8	105.7	112.2	111.3
Cereals and bakery products -----	104.0	115.7	109.8	105.1	107.8	109.9
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	115.9	113.1	110.2	113.0	115.5	111.4
Dairy products -----	115.0	103.8	114.3	101.4	116.9	111.9
Fruits and vegetables -----	118.6	119.8	118.7	101.8	119.1	116.5
Other foods at home -----	105.6	103.0	101.3	101.8	101.8	105.2
Food away from home -----	120.4	127.7	122.0	108.0	124.6	124.0
Housing -----	106.8	115.0	111.2	100.5	112.3	111.0
Shelter -----	105.8	118.3	113.8	101.4	116.6	112.8
Rent -----	104.0	-----	110.7	100.2	109.8	115.3
Homeownership -----	106.6	116.9	114.7	101.8	118.2	110.4
Fuel and utilities -----	110.9	107.6	106.7	97.8	110.9	104.7
Fuel oil and coal -----	115.9	113.6	112.6	-----	104.0	105.4
Gas and electricity -----	101.9	108.0	101.9	100.0	99.0	104.4
Household furnishings and operation	106.8	110.2	105.1	99.8	104.2	108.1
Apparel and upkeep -----	106.9	112.4	114.2	100.6	112.1	112.3
Men's and boys' -----	108.9	113.8	109.2	103.1	115.8	110.4
Women's and girls' -----	103.0	106.7	110.5	98.0	110.6	109.0
Footwear -----	115.4	121.3	121.7	106.8	122.1	122.6
Transportation -----	110.2	109.5	118.3	99.3	112.3	111.1
Private -----	110.2	112.1	114.2	99.0	110.6	110.0
Public -----	111.2	101.7	136.9	<u>4/</u> 104.3	125.1	117.7
Health and recreation -----	114.6	123.2	117.0	101.0	116.4	118.4
Medical care -----	119.8	128.1	130.4	105.0	123.2	138.3
Personal care -----	115.4	110.0	109.0	96.2	110.9	110.9
Reading and recreation -----	113.8	125.8	112.0	100.0	109.8	116.1
Other goods and services -----	110.7	121.9	( <u>3/</u> )	100.7	119.4	106.5
Percent changes February 1966 to May 1966						
All items -----	0.5	0.9	0.6	0.4	1.0	0.8
Food -----	.8	.2	.5	- .3	1.3	.4
Food at home -----	.4	0	.3	- .8	1.4	-.2
Cereals and bakery products -----	3.5	.9	.9	1.5	1.0	-.2
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	- 2.0	- 1.1	- .5	- .4	.6	- 2.5
Dairy products -----	3.5	.8	1.6	.8	4.1	3.9
Fruits and vegetables -----	2.6	2.3	2.7	- 3.6	2.9	1.9
Other foods at home -----	- 1.4	- .7	- 2.1	- 2.4	-.4	-.5
Food away from home -----	3.0	.6	1.8	1.2	1.0	1.6
Housing -----	.6	.6	.3	.6	1.1	.8
Shelter -----	.7	.3	-.1	.5	1.2	.4
Rent -----	.5	-----	<u>2/</u> .3	.1	.5	.3
Homeownership -----	.7	-.1	-.3	.6	1.5	.4
Fuel and utilities -----	1.5	2.0	1.5	2.0	1.6	2.2
Fuel oil and coal -----	0	-.4	0	-----	0	-.2
Gas and electricity -----	0	-.2	0	0	0	.4
Household furnishings and operation	-.4	.7	.3	.3	.6	1.1
Apparel and upkeep -----	.7	2.0	1.8	1.7	1.0	2.3
Men's and boys' -----	0	1.3	1.4	1.6	-.1	1.8
Women's and girls' -----	.6	2.9	1.7	2.2	.7	3.5
Footwear -----	3.0	3.4	4.4	4.0	3.0	2.6
Transportation -----	-.8	.5	.9	.2	-.8	.9
Private -----	-.9	.6	1.1	.2	- 1.0	1.0
Public -----	0	0	.1	0	0	0
Health and recreation -----	1.4	1.6	.6	.2	1.2	.6
Medical care -----	1.8	2.0	1.2	1.7	1.7	1.9
Personal care -----	2.7	1.5	1.1	-.1	1.7	-.4
Reading and recreation -----	1.0	1.2	-.3	- 1.3	1.1	0
Other goods and services -----	.9	( <u>3/</u> )	( <u>3/</u> )	.5	.7	.7

1/ See footnote 1, table 2.

2/ Change from March 1966.

3/ Not available.

4/ Corrected index: February 1966 is 104.3.

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

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 -----	113.5	112.0	114.3	113.9	109.3	119.2	102.8	122.2
Atlanta -----	112.0	111.4	107.6	114.4	105.8	118.3	108.4	114.2
Baltimore -----	115.3	112.2	119.8	112.8	109.7	120.2	101.8	127.9
Boston -----	115.3	112.4	115.1	116.5	103.4	121.9	102.6	127.9
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100)	108.0	107.7	100.3	111.8	101.7	117.4	103.8	109.4
Chicago -----	113.6	113.2	113.2	113.6	117.0	117.9	105.2	116.1
Cincinnati -----	110.7	109.2	111.7	113.7	106.4	117.0	97.6	119.8
Cleveland -----	110.0	108.4	110.2	114.1	103.7	115.2	97.4	119.0
Dallas (Nov.1963=100) -	109.4	109.8	107.0	116.6	109.0	110.8	102.9	107.7
Detroit -----	111.5	110.0	107.3	114.9	109.5	112.9	100.2	120.2
Honolulu (Dec.1963=100)	106.2	106.4	103.3	112.0	100.5	109.2	100.3	105.7
Houston -----	114.1	112.2	118.9	110.2	109.3	121.5	103.8	122.7
Kansas City -----	116.0	115.3	117.0	116.4	118.4	119.2	106.5	118.6
Los Angeles-Long Beach	113.0	109.9	119.1	105.9	111.5	122.3	96.2	125.0
Minneapolis-St. Paul --	111.7	111.0	107.6	112.7	118.4	114.4	103.2	114.0
New York -----	114.4	111.5	115.7	113.1	103.8	119.8	103.0	127.7
Philadelphia -----	112.5	110.8	109.8	110.2	114.3	118.7	101.3	122.0
Pittsburgh -----	111.5	110.9	112.9	117.3	100.6	119.4	102.0	114.8
St. Louis -----	117.0	115.1	113.4	119.0	116.8	120.9	104.9	122.5
San Francisco-Oakland -	113.9	111.0	112.1	113.6	109.2	118.1	99.3	127.0
Seattle -----	114.4	112.2	107.8	115.5	116.9	119.1	101.8	124.6
Washington -----	113.6	111.3	109.9	111.4	111.9	116.5	105.2	124.0
Percent changes April 1966 to May 1966								
U.S. City Average -----	- 0.4	- 0.6	0.2	- 1.5	0.4	- 0.5	- 0.8	0.5
Atlanta -----	- .7	- 1.0	.5	- 2.2	.3	.3	- 1.3	.4
Baltimore -----	- .9	- 1.1	.1	- 1.7	.8	- 1.9	- 1.4	.2
Boston -----	- 1.1	- 1.5	- .3	- 1.4	- 2.2	- 1.7	- 1.8	.5
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100)	- 1.1	- 1.6	.2	- 2.1	- .5	- 1.9	- 2.0	1.0
Chicago -----	- .5	- .7	- 1.2	- 2.7	1.0	1.8	- .1	.3
Cincinnati -----	- .4	- .7	.6	- 2.2	1.4	- 1.3	0	.7
Cleveland -----	- .3	- .5	.7	- 1.5	- .1	.3	- .1	.8
Dallas (Nov.1963=100) -	- .7	- 1.1	.3	- .9	.1	- 2.3	- 1.4	.4
Detroit -----	- .1	- .3	.2	- 1.5	.1	2.1	- .8	.7
Honolulu (Dec.1963=100)	- .4	- .6	.4	- .2	.7	- 2.0	- 1.3	.3
Houston -----	- .6	- .8	- .4	- 2.0	.6	.2	- 1.2	.2
Kansas City -----	- .4	- .8	.1	- 2.0	.1	- .7	0	.5
Los Angeles-Long Beach	- .4	- .7	1.1	- 1.5	0	- 1.4	- 1.1	.6
Minneapolis-St. Paul --	- .6	- .8	0	- 2.0	2.2	- 1.0	- 1.9	.1
New York -----	- .5	- .8	.6	- .7	- .4	- 1.5	- 1.3	.2
Philadelphia -----	- .8	- 1.1	- .1	- 1.2	.5	- 1.8	- 2.1	.3
Pittsburgh -----	- 1.2	- 1.3	- 2.0	- 2.7	.3	- 2.2	.8	.3
St. Louis -----	- .1	0	.4	- 1.7	2.5	.9	- .5	.1
San Francisco-Oakland -	- .7	- .8	.4	- 2.1	.2	.3	- 1.2	.1
Seattle -----	.4	.3	1.1	- 1.5	3.5	.7	- .6	.6
Washington -----	- .5	- 1.2	- .7	- 2.7	.6	- 1.7	0	1.4

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

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

Item or Group	Index	Percent Change	Item or Group	Index	Percent Change
Total food -----	113.5	- 0.4	Fruits and vegetables -----	119.2	- 0.5
Food away from home -----	122.2	.5	Fresh fruits and vegetables -----	126.3	- .6
Restaurant meals -----	122.5	.5	Apples -----	140.3	8.1
Snacks <u>1/</u> -----	105.6	.3	Bananas -----	99.9	2.3
Food at home -----	112.0	- .6	Oranges -----	114.2	4.4
Cereals and bakery products -----	114.3	.2	Orange juice, fresh <u>1/</u> -----	84.0	- .4
Flour -----	110.5	.6	Grapefruit -----	141.1	7.5
Cracker meal <u>1/</u> -----	115.5	.3	Grapes * -----	*	*
Corn flakea -----	120.3	1.1	Strawberries * -----	132.2	- 10.3
Rice -----	107.0	.3	Watermelon * -----	*	*
Bread, white -----	118.9	- .5	Potatoes -----	144.6	9.1
Bread, whole wheat <u>1/</u> -----	108.3	.6	Onions -----	139.8	24.4
Cookies -----	99.2	.2	Asparagus * <u>1/</u> -----	110.0	.9
Layer cake <u>1/</u> -----	101.3	0	Cabbage -----	161.8	3.5
Cinnamon rolls <u>1/</u> -----	104.6	.8	Carrots -----	116.0	6.2
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	113.9	- 1.5	Celery -----	100.8	- 3.7
Meats -----	116.3	- 1.5	Cucumbers <u>1/</u> -----	124.5	- 48.5
Beef and veal -----	113.3	- 1.6	Lettuce -----	114.6	.7
Steak, round -----	108.3	- 3.6	Peppers, green <u>1/</u> -----	157.3	- 21.2
Steak, sirloin <u>2/</u> -----	105.3	- 2.0	Spinach <u>1/</u> -----	98.2	- 1.1
Steak, porterhouse <u>1/</u> -----	110.0	- 2.2	Tomatoes -----	126.1	.2
Rump roast <u>1/</u> -----	104.9	- 2.7	Processed fruits and vegetables -----	110.6	- .4
Rib roast -----	120.0	- .2	Fruit cocktail, canned -----	102.1	- .6
Chuck roast -----	108.6	- 2.3	Pears, canned <u>1/</u> -----	106.4	- 2.3
Hamburger -----	117.4	.2	Grapefruit-pineapple juice, canned <u>1/</u> --	97.1	.5
Beef liver <u>1/</u> -----	109.5	.2	Orange juice concentrate, frozen -----	94.3	- 1.3
Veal cutlets -----	127.0	- .6	Lemonade concentrate frozen <u>2/</u> -----	91.1	- 1.0
Pork -----	121.6	- 2.4	Beets, canned <u>1/</u> -----	102.2	- .2
Chops -----	116.7	- 3.4	Peas, green, canned -----	115.1	- .3
Loin roast <u>2/</u> -----	127.3	- 3.1	Tomatoes, canned -----	112.3	.7
Pork sausage <u>1/</u> -----	136.5	- 1.7	Dried beans -----	125.8	.8
Ham, whole -----	114.4	- 2.2	Broccoli, frozen <u>1/</u> -----	96.3	.2
Picnics <u>1/</u> -----	127.0	- 3.7	Other food at home -----	102.8	- .8
Bacon -----	130.5	.9	Eggs -----	98.8	- 6.7
Other meats -----	119.5	- .3	Fats and oils:		
Lamb chops <u>1/</u> -----	119.1	- .4	Margarine -----	103.6	- .1
Frankfurters -----	119.3	- 1.0	Salad dressing, Italian <u>1/</u> -----	100.7	.2
Ham, canned <u>1/</u> -----	123.6	0	Salad or cooking oil <u>1/</u> -----	120.6	2.6
Bologna sausage <u>1/</u> -----	116.9	- .5	Sugar and sweets -----	111.0	.2
Salami sausage <u>1/</u> -----	114.5	.4	Sugar -----	110.1	.2
Liverwurst <u>1/</u> -----	117.6	- .1	Grape jelly -----	116.4	- .2
Poultry -----	95.9	- 2.9	Chocolate bar -----	92.9	0
Frying chicken -----	97.0	- 4.0	Syrup, chocolate flavored <u>1/</u> -----	100.1	.7
Chicken breasts <u>1/</u> -----	104.1	- 2.3	Nonalcoholic beverages -----	100.2	.4
Turkey <u>1/</u> -----	106.7	2.6	Coffee, can and bag -----	93.8	.1
Fish -----	118.2	1.8	Coffee, instant <u>3/</u> -----	98.7	.7
Shrimp, frozen <u>1/</u> -----	101.5	1.5	Tea -----	100.8	.4
Fish, fresh or frozen -----	123.3	1.1	Cola drink -----	129.0	.8
Tuna fish, canned -----	114.6	3.9	Carbonated fruit drink <u>1/</u> -----	103.3	.7
Sardines, canned <u>1/</u> -----	106.7	.5	Prepared and partially prepared foods <u>1/</u>	99.7	0
Dairy products -----	109.3	.4	Bean soup, canned <u>1/</u> -----	98.1	.5
Milk, fresh, grocery -----	107.0	.2	Chicken soup, canned <u>1/</u> -----	98.4	- .4
Milk, fresh, delivered -----	110.3	.3	Spaghetti, canned <u>1/</u> -----	105.0	.6
Milk, fresh, skim <u>1/</u> -----	103.5	.4	Mashed potatoes, instant <u>1/</u> -----	101.6	- .7
Milk, evaporated -----	108.3	.8	Potatoes, french fried, frozen <u>2/</u> -----	85.9	- .5
Ice cream -----	94.6	.7	Baby foods, canned -----	104.9	- .2
Cheese, American procesa -----	128.6	1.0	Sweet pickle relish <u>1/</u> -----	104.5	.3
Butter -----	108.0	.2	Pretzels <u>1/</u> -----	99.9	.2

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--Scranton**  
**All items and commodity groups**  
 May 1966 indexes and percent changes from selected dates  
 (1957-59=100)

Group	Index	Percent change from --	
		February 1966	May 1965
All items -----	114.1	0.2	3.3
All items (1947-49=100) -----	136.1	----	----
Food -----	112.1	0	5.0
Food at home -----	110.2	- .1	4.9
Cereals and bakery products --	113.8	1.2	1.9
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	118.3	- .7	17.2
Dairy products -----	104.2	1.3	4.7
Fruits and vegetables -----	109.0	0	- 8.7
Other foods at home -----	102.2	- 1.5	2.7
Housing -----	107.7	- .6	.4
Rent -----	110.7	.5	1.2
Gas and electricity -----	104.8	0	0
Solid and petroleum fuels -----	98.4	- 6.5	- .9
Housefurnishings -----	98.4	.8	2.3
Household operation -----	113.0	1.2	0
Apparel -----	110.5	2.0	4.6
Men's and boys' -----	111.9	.6	3.0
Women's and girls' -----	107.8	2.4	4.6
Footwear -----	118.3	4.3	8.5
Other apparel -----	103.2	0	1.6
Transportation -----	110.2	1.0	0
Private -----	107.9	1.2	0
Public -----	125.3	0	0
Medical care -----	134.4	.4	6.1
Personal care -----	119.6	- .6	- .3
Reading and recreation -----	156.7	.6	12.7
Other goods and services -----	114.0	.5	.8

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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