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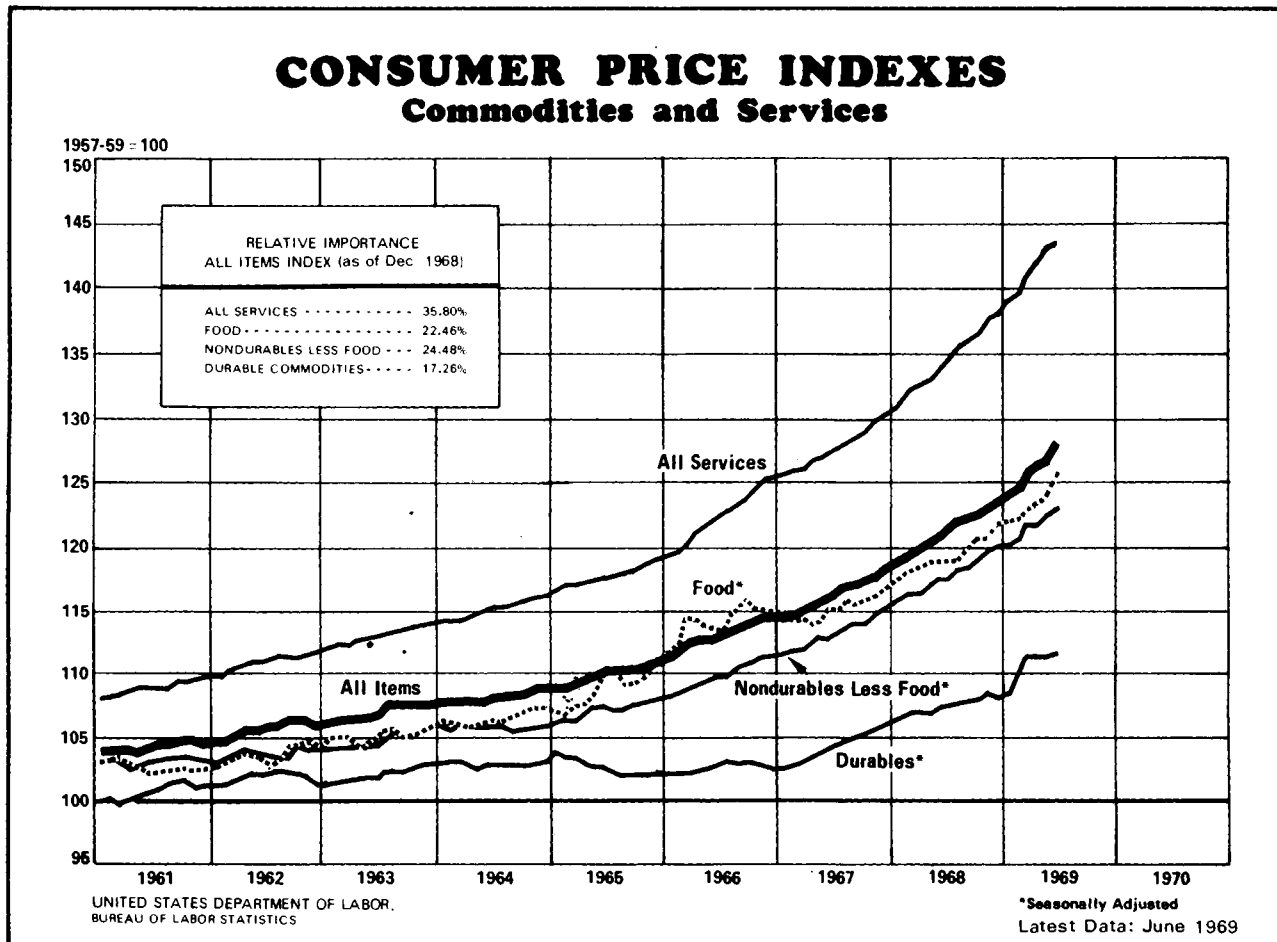


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Consumer Price Index for June 1969

The Consumer Price Index jumped 0.6 percent in June, double the May increase and the same as the April rise. The index reached 127.6 (1957-59=100), which represents an advance of 3.2 percent in the first half of this year compared with 2.4 percent over the same period in 1968, and it stood 5.5 percent higher than the level a year ago. Sharply higher prices for meats were the principal cause of the June rise; higher food prices as a whole accounted for nearly half of the total increase.

In the first 6 months of this year, higher commodity prices took the lead in importance over advancing service charges; their rise of 2.8 percent since December was responsible for 55 percent of the total first-half increase. The rate of increase for non-durable commodities other than food quickened from 0.9 percent in the first quarter to 1.3 percent in the second, while increases for durable commodities moderated substantially in the second quarter.

Food

Retail food prices increased $1\frac{1}{2}$ percent in June (1.0 percent seasonally adjusted), for the sharpest 1-month advance since April 1960. Prices of food at home rose 1.7 percent and food away from home registered a 0.6 percent hike.

Meats, poultry, and fish prices went up $4\frac{1}{2}$ percent in June, and these increases alone contributed over 40 percent of the rise in the overall index. The sharp acceleration since March accounts for most of the $9\frac{1}{2}$ -percent jump for these items since last December. Strong consumer demand has cut into reserves of both beef and poultry, despite increased production. The elimination of special sale prices for chicken resulted in an average increase of nearly 5 percent.

Fruit and vegetable prices rose 0.6 percent, slightly less than seasonally expected. Fresh fruits were up nearly 7 percent, but fresh vegetables dropped just over 3 percent. Most of the increase for fresh fruits was due to the first-of-season prices for watermelons and an 8-percent hike for apples which are in greatly reduced supply. Rising production brought fresh vegetable price drops ranging from 4 percent for green peppers to over 22 percent for cucumbers.

Dairy products and cereals and bakery products groups each registered 0.3-percent increases. All dairy products were higher except butter; declining milk production, which follows a trend evident since 1964, resulted in a 0.5-percent contraseasonal rise for milk sold in grocery stores. The upward movement for most baked goods was offset partially by depressed flour prices. Egg prices dropped 5 percent, but remained 10 percent higher than their year-earlier level.

Nondurables Less Food

Nondurable commodities other than food averaged 0.5 percent higher than in May. The restoration of near "normal" prices for gasoline in several cities (chiefly Los Angeles) following competitive price reductions, combined with the generally higher prices usual during months of heavier travel, resulted in a 1.1-percent rise. Tobacco prices rose 1.2 percent as retail prices for cigarettes and cigars were raised after an increase in factory prices and higher taxes were imposed in several areas.

Men's and boys' apparel prices continued to lead apparel price rises; demand continued strong despite higher price tags. Boys' dungarees and undershorts, men's T-shirts, work clothing, and tropical suits showed the largest increases. Price changes for women's and girls' apparel were mixed but higher on the average as cuts for women's man-made fiber street dresses, bathing suits, girls' dresses, handbags, and shorts partially offset continuing increases for most other items. Footwear prices continued to rise, but at less than

half the rate recorded in May.

Most other nondurable commodities also registered increases; beer away from home rose 0.8 percent due to many of the same kinds of costs that have increased prices for food away from home. After a minor decline in the first quarter, textile housefurnishings have increased 1.1 percent through June, when sheet prices reversed their downward trend and curtain and pillow prices were raised to reflect wholesale advances.

Services

Service charges advanced 0.4 percent in June, a slight moderation in the second quarter compared with the first (1.7 percent and 2.0 percent, respectively). Household services other than rent continued to lead the advance; maintenance and repair services were higher; labor costs were cited most frequently as the reason for increases. Mortgage interest charges were up and property insurance rates were increased in several cities.

Medical care services advanced 0.5 percent in June, a more moderate rise in the second quarter (2.0 percent) compared with the first (2.7 percent). Both professional services and hospital daily service charges recorded increases in June.

Transportation services were higher, led by public transportation as increased fares were reported in both local and intercity fares. Auto repair services showed their smallest gain since last September.

Rents of houses and apartments rose another 0.3 percent, a continuation of the pace begun in February, while room rates in hotels and motels also advanced at an accelerated pace. Personal expenses, mainly for legal fees, have increased substantially in the second quarter because of shortages of qualified office help and higher office rents.

Durables

Since December, durables prices have increased 2.8 percent; most of this rise occurred during the first quarter of the year--the increase since March has been only 0.5 percent. This slower rate is mainly attributable to a 0.9 percent decline in new car prices since the beginning of the year.

New car prices showed no change between May and June, but used cars, rebounding from May when the index dropped 3.4 percent, rose 1.1 percent.

Household durables advanced 0.2 percent, for the slightest rise since the beginning of the year. Furniture and bedding prices edged up 0.2 percent, a substantial slowdown from the preceding 2 months. Except for television sets, appliances increased strongly, because of higher merchandising and wholesale costs for components. Floor coverings prices continued to hold steady since April as the dampening effect of lower cost synthetic materials continued to hold down the prices of carpeting.

Cost-of Living Adjustments

Approximately 77,000 workers will receive cost-of-living pay increases based on the June Consumer Price Index. About 40,000 employees, mainly in the aerospace industry, will receive an 8-cent hourly increase based on the change in the national index since the summer of 1968. An additional 22,000 workers, mostly in public transit, will receive a 4 or 6-cent hourly pay raise based on quarterly reviews of the national index, while 6,000 metal workers in California will get a 7-cent hourly increase based on the national index since December 1968. About 6,300 more workers in various industries will be given increases ranging from 1 to 5 cents per hour based on monthly, quarterly, or semiannual reviews of the national CPI.

Approximately 1,100 machine shop workers in Santa Clara, California will receive 8-cent pay increases based on the rise in the San Francisco index since December and about 1,800 printing employees in New York City will receive an increase of about 2½ per cent based on the rise in the index for that area. An additional 11,000 workers who are covered under escalator provisions subject to adjustment on the June index will not receive increases this month because they have already reached the maximums stipulated in their contracts.

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:

Index Point Change		Percentage Change
June 1969 CPI (1957-59=100)	127.6	Index point difference divided by the index for the previous period: $\frac{127.6 - 126.8}{126.8} \times 100 = .6 \text{ percent}$
less May 1969 index	<u>126.8</u>	
Index point difference =	0.8	

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

(Unadjusted, unless otherwise indicated)

Group	Indexes (1957-59=100 unless otherwise noted)				Percent change to June 1969 from:		
	June 1969	May 1969	March 1969	June 1968	1 Month Ago	3 Months Ago	1 Year Ago
All items -----	127.6	126.8	125.6	120.9	0.6	1.6	5.5
All items (1947-49=100) -----	156.6	155.6	154.1	148.4			
Food -----	125.5	123.7	122.4	119.1	1.5	2.5	5.4
Food at home -----	121.8	119.8	118.5	115.8	1.7	2.8	5.2
Cereals and bakery products -----	122.0	121.6	121.2	118.6	.3	.7	2.9
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	125.3	119.9	116.5	113.2	4.5	7.6	10.7
Dairy products -----	124.0	123.6	123.0	120.9	.3	.8	2.6
Fruits and vegetables -----	130.8	130.0	127.6	130.0	.6	2.5	.6
Other foods at home -----	106.6	107.1	108.5	102.5	-.5	-1.8	4.0
Food away from home -----	143.7	142.8	141.3	135.7	.6	1.7	5.9
Housing -----	126.3	125.8	124.4	118.7	.4	1.5	6.4
Shelter 1/ -----	133.0	132.4	130.5	122.9	.5	1.9	8.2
Rent -----	118.5	118.1	117.5	114.9	.3	.9	3.1
Homeownership 2/ -----	138.7	138.0	135.7	126.1	.5	2.2	10.0
Fuel and utilities 3/ -----	112.7	112.6	112.2	110.3	.1	.4	2.2
Fuel oil and coal -----	117.5	117.5	117.2	115.4	.0	.3	1.8
Gas and electricity -----	111.3	111.2	110.6	109.4	.1	.6	1.7
Household furnishings and operation -----	117.9	117.4	116.4	112.9	.4	1.3	4.4
Apparel and upkeep 4/ -----	127.0	126.6	124.9	119.9	.3	1.7	5.9
Men's and boys' -----	128.5	128.1	126.4	120.1	.3	1.7	7.0
Women's and girls' -----	122.7	122.4	120.6	116.5	.2	1.7	5.3
Footwear -----	140.1	139.6	137.6	131.7	.4	1.8	6.4
Transportation -----	124.6	124.0	124.3	119.7	.5	.2	4.1
Private -----	121.8	121.2	121.6	117.4	.5	.2	3.7
New cars -----	101.8	101.8	102.4	100.1	.0	.6	1.7
Used cars -----	128.2	126.8	130.5	(5/)	1.1	-1.8	(5/)
Gasoline -----	118.6	117.3	117.2	113.2	1.1	1.2	4.8
Public -----	149.1	148.0	147.5	138.4	.7	1.1	7.7
Health and recreation -----	136.3	135.7	134.3	129.7	.4	1.5	5.1
Medical care -----	155.2	154.5	152.5	144.4	.5	1.8	7.5
Personal care -----	126.2	125.8	124.8	120.1	.3	1.1	5.1
Reading and recreation -----	130.4	130.2	128.7	125.6	.2	1.3	3.8
Other goods and services -----	127.9	126.9	126.1	123.5	.8	1.4	3.6
<u>Seasonally Adjusted:</u>							
Food -----	125.5	124.2	122.8	119.2	1.0	2.2	---
Apparel and upkeep -----	126.9	126.3	125.3	119.8	.5	1.3	---
Transportation -----	124.7	124.1	124.7	119.8	.5	0	---
<u>Special Groups:</u>							
All items less food -----	128.4	127.9	126.8	121.6	.4	1.3	5.6
All items less medical care -----	126.0	125.2	124.0	119.5	.6	1.6	5.4
Commodities -----	120.5	119.6	118.7	115.1	.8	1.5	4.7
Nondurables -----	124.1	123.0	121.8	118.2	.9	1.9	5.0
Nondurables less food -----	123.0	122.4	121.4	117.5	.5	1.3	4.7
Apparel commodities -----	126.4	126.0	124.3	119.1	.3	1.7	6.1
Durables -----	111.7	111.3	111.1	107.4	.4	.5	4.0
Household durables -----	105.8	105.6	104.4	101.3	.2	1.3	4.4
Services -----	143.3	142.7	140.9	133.9	.4	1.7	7.0
Services less rent -----	148.8	148.1	146.1	138.1	.5	1.8	7.7
Insurance and finance (Dec.1965=100) -----	128.4	127.9	125.2	114.8	.4	2.6	11.8
Utilities and public transportation (Dec.1965=100) -----	107.8	107.4	107.0	104.0	.4	.7	3.7
Housekeeping and home maintenance services (Dec.1965=100) -----	127.4	126.4	124.5	118.1	.8	2.3	7.9
Medical care services -----	169.1	168.2	165.8	155.5	.5	2.0	8.7
<u>Purchasing Power of Consumer Dollar:</u>							
1957-59=\$1.00 -----	\$0.784	\$0.789	\$0.796	\$0.827	-.6	-1.5	-5.2
1939=\$1.00 -----	.380	.382	.386	.400	---	---	---

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

5/ Not available.

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			
		June 1969			May 1969	March 1969	June 1968
U.S. City Average -----	M	127.6	156.6		.06	1.6	5.5
Chicago -----	M	124.6	157.1		.8	1.4	5.3
Detroit -----	M	127.3	156.9		.7	1.8	6.3
Los Angeles-Long Beach ---	M	127.9	159.5		.8	1.0	4.9
New York -----	M	131.6	158.5		.6	1.5	6.5
Philadelphia -----	M	128.2	157.4		.5	.9	5.1
		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
		May 1969				February 1969	May 1968
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100) ---	2	125.3	155.7	120.2		2.5	5.2
Cleveland -----	2					1.8	5.2
Dallas (Nov.1963=100) ----	2	122.8	154.9	119.4		2.2	5.9
Milwaukee -----	2					1.7	6.0
San Diego (Feb.1965=100) -	2	127.6	160.3	114.4		1.4	5.2
Seattle -----	2					1.4	5.4
Washington -----	2	128.8	155.0			2.0	6.4
		June 1969				March 1969	June 1968
Atlanta -----	3	126.1	156.1	116.6		1.0	6.0
Baltimore -----	3	127.9	158.7			1.8	6.1
Cincinnati -----	3	124.6	151.6			1.5	5.1
Honolulu (Dec.1963=100) --	3					.9	4.6
Kansas City -----	3	130.4	161.4			1.8	5.1
St. Louis -----	3	127.0	157.7			1.3	4.7
San Francisco-Oakland ----	3	130.8	166.0			1.5	5.3

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 May 1969 to June 1969

Group	U.S. City Average	Chicago	Detroit	Los Angeles-Long Beach	New York	Philadelphia
All items -----	0.6	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.5
Food -----	1.5	1.8	1.5	1.2	1.4	1.1
Housing -----	.4	.5	.9	.2	.2	.1
Apparel and upkeep -----	.3	.7	.1	.3	.2	.5
Transportation -----	.5	.6	.2	2.8	.4	.4
Health and recreation -----	.4	.4	.5	.4	.6	1.2
Medical care -----	.5	.1	.8	.3	1.1	.6
Personal care -----	.3	.4	.6	.3	.1	.3
Reading and recreation -----	.2	.3	.8	.5	.1	.2
Other goods and services -----	.8	.7	.5	.4	1.0	<u>2/</u>

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 for Selected Groups
Seasonally Adjusted
(1957-59=100)

Group	Indexes			Percent changes to: June 1969	
	June 1969	May 1969	March 1969	From: One Month Ago	From: Three Months Ago
Food -----	125.5	124.2	122.8	1.0	2.2
Food at home -----	121.8	120.3	118.7	1.2	2.6
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	125.6	121.5	116.9	3.4	7.4
Dairy products -----	124.5	124.1	123.3	.3	1.0
Fruits and vegetables -----	127.0	127.1	127.4	-.1	-.3
Other foods at home -----	108.3	108.4	108.9	-.1	-.6
Fuel and utilities <u>1/</u> -----	112.9	112.6	112.1	.3	.7
Fuel oil and coal -----	119.2	117.7	116.2	1.3	2.6
Apparel and upkeep <u>2/</u> -----	126.9	126.3	125.3	.5	1.3
Men's and boys' -----	128.5	128.0	126.8	.4	1.3
Women's and girls' -----	122.6	121.9	121.1	.6	1.2
Footwear -----	140.1	139.5	137.7	.4	1.7
Transportation -----	124.7	124.1	124.7	.5	.0
Private -----	121.8	121.2	122.0	.5	-.2
New cars -----	102.4	102.0	102.2	.4	.2
Commodities -----	120.5	119.8	118.9	.6	1.3
Commodities less food -----	118.0	117.5	117.0	.4	.9
Nondurables -----	124.2	123.1	122.0	.9	1.8
Nondurables less food -----	123.0	122.3	121.6	.6	1.2
Apparel commodities -----	126.3	125.6	124.7	.6	1.3
Durables -----	111.7	111.3	111.3	.4	.4

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

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

TABLE 5: Consumer Price Index--United States and Selected Areas 1/
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Commodity Groups
June 1969 Index and Percent Changes from March 1969

Group	U.S. City Average	Chicago	Detroit	Los Angeles- Long Beach	New York	Philadelphia
Indexes (1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)						
All items -----	127.6	124.6	127.3	127.9	131.6	128.2
Food -----	125.5	127.5	124.5	123.0	126.6	124.5
Food at home -----	121.8	126.0	122.0	117.9	120.9	119.6
Cereals and bakery products -----	122.0	126.4	116.8	123.3	121.4	120.0
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	125.3	129.1	131.4	117.2	125.1	119.1
Dairy products -----	124.0	138.3	129.5	120.6	114.9	132.9
Fruits and vegetables -----	130.8	129.7	121.5	135.3	132.4	127.9
Other foods at home -----	106.6	107.8	104.0	97.9	106.4	101.6
Food away from home -----	143.7	134.9	138.7	141.5	150.5	150.5
Housing -----	126.3	119.6	124.0	131.3	130.4	124.8
Shelter -----	133.0	123.7	131.7	139.9	135.4	129.4
Rent -----	118.5	(2/)	108.5	(2/)	128.8	(2/)
Homeownership -----	138.7	128.4	137.1	147.0	138.8	132.0
Fuel and utilities -----	112.7	107.2	103.8	109.5	113.5	109.6
Fuel oil and coal -----	117.5	110.2	110.0	-----	124.0	122.5
Gas and electricity -----	111.3	105.1	104.8	114.3	112.3	102.7
Household furnishings and operation -----	117.9	117.1	112.2	116.1	127.0	121.5
Apparel and upkeep -----	127.0	121.7	123.0	124.1	133.1	131.8
Men's and boys' -----	128.5	120.0	123.6	127.7	138.9	129.7
Women's and girls' -----	122.7	117.6	117.9	123.4	127.5	122.2
Footwear -----	140.1	135.4	137.2	133.9	140.1	147.0
Transportation -----	124.6	125.3	125.2	129.4	127.2	134.8
Private -----	121.8	120.9	122.6	124.8	127.4	127.0
Public -----	149.1	153.8	141.0	156.4	129.6	178.1
Health and recreation -----	136.3	130.8	139.9	129.0	143.8	136.6
Medical care -----	155.2	162.8	166.3	150.2	162.8	163.4
Personal care -----	126.2	125.7	133.3	119.3	122.4	119.5
Reading and recreation -----	130.4	114.3	132.2	113.6	142.0	125.8
Other goods and services -----	127.9	119.4	122.1	124.5	138.6	130.1
Percent Change from March 1969 to June 1969						
All items -----	1.6	1.4	1.8	1.0	1.5	0.9
Food -----	2.5	2.9	3.1	2.2	2.4	1.1
Food at home -----	2.8	3.4	3.5	2.8	2.4	.9
Cereals and bakery products -----	.7	.5	.8	2.0	1.1	-.4
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	7.6	7.9	9.1	9.0	6.2	5.2
Dairy products -----	.8	2.1	.5	.8	.7	.1
Fruits and vegetables -----	2.5	3.3	3.5	.3	1.5	- 1.2
Other foods at home -----	- 1.8	- 1.3	- 2.7	- 2.3	- 1.8	- 3.0
Food away from home -----	1.7	.8	1.2	.9	2.5	1.4
Housing -----	1.5	.5	2.5	.8	1.2	1.4
Shelter -----	1.9	.6	3.2	.9	1.0	1.9
Rent -----	.9	(2/)	2/ 1.1	(2/)	3/ 1.1	(2/)
Homeownership -----	2.2	.5	3.5	.8	.9	2.1
Fuel and utilities -----	.4	-.4	.2	.7	.6	.0
Fuel oil and coal -----	.3	.1	.0	---	.7	.0
Gas and electricity -----	.6	-.8	.4	1.4	1.2	.0
Household furnishings and operation -----	1.3	.8	1.7	.8	1.8	1.3
Apparel and upkeep -----	1.7	1.2	-.2	.6	.8	- 1.1
Men's and boys' -----	1.7	.8	-.4	.3	1.1	-.1
Women's and girls' -----	1.7	1.7	-.3	1.1	.4	- 3.8
Footwear -----	1.8	1.3	.2	-.1	1.3	1.0
Transportation -----	.2	.3	.2	-.2	.2	.1
Private -----	.2	.2	.2	-.3	.2	-.1
Public -----	1.1	.3	.3	.7	.6	.9
Health and recreation -----	1.5	1.8	1.2	1.6	2.1	2.0
Medical care -----	1.8	2.5	2.0	2.2	2.7	1.7
Personal care -----	1.1	1.4	.3	1.7	.8	1.6
Reading and recreation -----	1.3	2.0	1.1	1.2	1.8	1.1
Other goods and services -----	1.4	.9	.7	1.0	2.5	3.3

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
June 1969 Index and Percent Changes from March 1969--Continued

Group	Atlanta	Baltimore	Cincinnati	Honolulu (Dec. 1963=100)	Kansas City	San Francisco	St. Louis
Indexes (1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)							
All items -----	126.1	127.9	124.6	116.6	130.4	130.8	127.0
Food -----	122.8	127.9	121.9	116.3	129.8	124.3	128.6
Food at home -----	119.4	122.9	118.4	115.0	126.7	119.4	124.6
Cereals and bakery products -----	113.6	126.3	115.1	111.2	127.2	119.3	123.1
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	123.7	126.9	124.8	118.9	132.2	122.3	130.8
Dairy products -----	117.2	120.3	119.5	114.6	133.9	117.8	131.4
Fruits and vegetables -----	130.8	131.8	128.2	118.0	127.8	132.6	135.2
Other foods at home -----	111.5	109.1	103.1	108.5	111.8	103.5	104.5
Food away from home -----	135.1	149.2	140.0	120.5	141.1	145.7	144.8
Housing -----	128.5	123.9	119.5	121.6	124.2	138.6	121.4
Shelter -----	131.8	127.8	122.3	130.0	127.4	150.9	126.3
Rent -----	114.5	116.0	105.2	116.1	109.1	143.6	111.8
Homeownership -----	136.9	132.6	130.6	139.7	135.1	154.4	130.0
Fuel and utilities -----	114.5	110.7	107.4	100.3	120.1	105.2	110.3
Fuel oil and coal -----	-----	119.6	111.9	-----	-----	-----	117.8
Gas and electricity -----	111.5	102.8	107.6	99.4	119.8	109.4	111.6
Household furnishings and operation -----	125.4	124.7	115.9	109.4	115.5	118.3	118.8
Apparel and upkeep -----	126.6	131.3	129.9	116.0	134.0	129.7	126.8
Men's and boys' -----	131.1	133.7	133.0	112.1	132.6	127.9	124.9
Women's and girls' -----	116.5	123.8	121.4	118.6	131.1	125.2	126.8
Footwear -----	137.0	157.9	153.5	113.3	148.9	137.9	140.0
Transportation -----	119.3	127.0	124.6	107.9	128.7	124.3	125.5
Private -----	116.0	123.7	120.5	111.2	125.6	126.3	121.7
Public -----	143.4	141.9	159.9	92.3	151.3	105.1	156.0
Health and recreation -----	134.8	134.7	136.0	116.9	143.4	134.0	137.8
Medical care -----	154.9	166.6	165.2	129.8	161.6	152.5	148.2
Personal care -----	131.1	130.2	122.1	108.3	127.1	135.6	131.5
Reading and recreation -----	130.5	127.4	128.4	110.0	141.9	118.4	136.6
Other goods and services -----	119.1	120.1	123.3	117.6	132.7	129.9	131.0
Percent Change from March 1969 to June 1969							
All items -----	1.0	1.8	1.5	0.9	1.8	1.5	1.3
Food -----	1.7	2.1	2.4	.5	3.3	2.4	2.2
Food at home -----	1.9	2.2	2.5	.2	3.6	2.8	2.6
Cereals and bakery products -----	.1	2.4	1.9	-.4	4.6	.8	-.3
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	6.0	6.3	6.8	3.6	9.0	8.7	7.7
Dairy products -----	-.3	.2	-.5	.4	.2	.8	.0
Fruits and vegetables -----	4.2	-.2	1.8	-4.3	1.9	.5	3.4
Other foods at home -----	-2.4	-1.7	-.9	-1.5	-.8	-2.2	-2.5
Food away from home -----	1.4	1.9	1.7	1.7	2.8	.9	1.0
Housing -----	.8	1.1	2.0	1.2	2.2	1.8	1.1
Shelter -----	1.3	.6	2.9	1.7	2.5	2.3	1.4
Rent -----	1.1	1.0	.1	1.8	.4	.8	.6
Homeownership -----	1.3	.4	4.1	1.8	3.3	3.0	1.6
Fuel and utilities -----	.0	.6	-.3	.0	.0	.6	.0
Fuel oil and coal -----	---	.9	-5.8	---	---	---	.0
Gas and electricity -----	.0	1.0	.1	.0	.0	.9	.0
Household furnishings and operation -----	-.2	2.6	.9	-.3	2.6	.9	1.0
Apparel and upkeep -----	1.4	2.3	1.0	2.1	2.1	.4	.7
Men's and boys' -----	2.6	2.3	-.2	2.9	2.0	1.0	.9
Women's and girls' -----	.9	2.9	1.8	-.7	1.1	-.5	.6
Footwear -----	1.0	1.9	3.0	.6	2.3	1.9	.9
Transportation -----	-.3	1.2	-.1	-.6	-.3	.7	1.2
Private -----	-.5	1.3	-.1	-.5	-.4	.7	-.5
Public -----	1.6	.2	.1	.0	.5	.8	20.3
Health and recreation -----	1.0	2.4	1.0	1.4	1.4	1.0	.9
Medical care -----	1.5	.7	1.3	2.3	1.6	1.1	1.6
Personal care -----	-2.3	2.3	1.0	.9	2.7	2.1	1.5
Reading and recreation -----	1.6	2.3	.3	1.6	.6	1.1	.7
Other goods and services -----	1.6	4.3	1.3	.3	1.5	.4	.0

1/ See footnote 1, table 2.

2/ Not available.

3/ Change from April 1969.

TABLE 6: Consumer Price Index--United States and Selected Areas
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Food and its Subgroups
June 1969 Indexes and Percent Changes from May 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 -----	125.5	121.8	122.0	125.3	124.0	130.8	106.6	143.7
Atlanta -----	122.8	119.4	113.6	123.7	117.2	130.8	111.5	135.1
Baltimore -----	127.9	122.9	126.3	126.9	120.3	131.8	109.1	149.2
Boston -----	129.5	124.3	127.4	129.3	119.7	134.7	108.8	151.9
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100) -	121.2	119.5	108.6	123.9	120.3	130.5	110.5	131.3
Chicago -----	127.5	126.0	126.4	129.1	138.3	129.7	107.8	134.9
Cincinnati -----	121.9	118.4	115.1	124.8	119.5	128.2	103.1	140.0
Cleveland -----	123.2	120.4	114.7	127.7	124.9	126.4	105.7	139.8
Dallas (Nov.1963=100) --	120.1	117.1	110.1	125.2	124.2	117.6	106.6	131.5
Detroit -----	124.5	122.0	116.8	131.4	129.5	121.5	104.0	138.7
Honolulu (Dec.1963=100)	116.3	115.0	111.2	118.9	114.6	118.0	108.5	120.5
Houston -----	126.8	122.6	125.1	121.8	129.2	135.5	107.4	144.9
Kansas City -----	129.8	126.7	127.2	132.2	133.9	127.8	111.8	141.1
Los Angeles-Long Beach -	123.0	117.9	123.3	117.2	120.6	135.3	97.9	141.5
Milwaukee -----	125.1	123.6	113.7	129.8	132.0	132.8	107.4	1/
Minneapolis-St. Paul ---	122.8	119.0	114.7	123.5	123.3	123.3	110.0	140.5
New York -----	126.6	120.9	121.4	125.1	114.9	132.4	106.4	150.5
Philadelphia -----	124.5	119.6	120.0	119.1	132.9	127.9	101.6	150.5
Pittsburgh -----	123.2	120.7	122.7	128.6	115.6	129.8	105.9	138.9
St. Louis -----	128.6	124.6	123.1	130.8	131.4	135.2	104.5	144.8
San Diego (Feb.1965=100)	118.1	114.8	110.6	130.6	110.4	110.0	102.2	1/
San Francisco-Oakland --	124.3	119.4	119.3	122.3	117.8	132.6	103.5	145.7
Seattle -----	125.0	120.0	114.0	126.9	127.9	128.8	102.5	146.4
Washington -----	129.1	123.8	115.7	126.6	125.5	131.0	115.1	149.3
Percent Changes May 1969 to June 1969								
U.S. City Average -----	1.5	1.7	0.3	4.5	0.3	0.6	- 0.5	0.6
Atlanta -----	1.3	1.5	- .4	4.3	.0	1.8	- .3	.5
Baltimore -----	1.3	1.3	.5	4.2	.2	- 1.2	- .5	1.7
Boston -----	1.3	1.5	.0	3.7	.1	1.4	- .4	1.0
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100) -	1.9	2.3	- .5	5.3	.7	4.1	- .7	.1
Chicago -----	1.8	2.2	- .1	4.7	1.2	1.2	.8	.2
Cincinnati -----	1.0	1.1	- 1.7	5.1	.2	- 1.0	- .6	.6
Cleveland -----	.7	.8	- 1.6	3.4	.7	- .9	- .8	.9
Dallas (Nov.1963=100) --	1.6	1.9	.7	4.8	2.4	.3	- .7	.6
Detroit -----	1.5	1.8	.7	4.5	- .2	1.0	- .9	.4
Honolulu (Dec.1963=100)	.2	.2	.0	1.4	.2	- .3	- 1.8	.6
Houston -----	1.3	1.3	- .5	5.0	- .4	.3	- 1.0	1.0
Kansas City -----	1.8	2.0	2.6	5.1	.1	- .2	.1	1.4
Los Angeles-Long Beach -	1.2	1.4	.5	5.7	.0	- 1.3	- 1.1	.2
Milwaukee -----	1.5	1.9	- .4	5.2	.1	2.8	- 1.0	1/
Minneapolis-St. Paul ---	1.2	1.4	.2	4.9	- .4	.7	- .4	.9
New York -----	1.4	1.5	.8	3.8	.5	.2	- .6	.8
Philadelphia -----	1.1	1.4	.0	3.8	- .1	.6	- .5	.4
Pittsburgh -----	1.9	2.1	- .5	5.0	.0	2.8	.4	.5
St. Louis -----	1.3	1.5	- .6	4.9	.2	.9	- 1.1	1.0
San Diego (Feb.1965=100)	1.5	2.0	.1	7.0	- .3	- .4	- 1.3	1/
San Francisco-Oakland --	1.3	1.6	1.1	5.3	.0	- 2.0	- .1	.0
Seattle -----	1.1	1.3	- .7	5.2	.2	- 1.5	- .3	1.0
Washington -----	.6	.6	- .6	2.9	.1	- 1.2	- .7	.7

^{1/} Not available.

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

Item or Group	Index		Percent Change to June 1969 from--		
	June 1969		May 1969		June 1968
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted
Total food -----	125.5	125.5	1.5	1.0	5.4
Food away from home -----	143.7	-----	.6	---	5.9
Restaurant meals -----	144.0	-----	.7	---	5.9
Snacks 1/ -----	124.4	-----	.2	---	6.0
Food at home -----	121.8	121.8	1.7	1.2	5.2
Cereals and bakery products -----	122.0	-----	.3	---	2.9
Flour -----	112.1	-----	- .1	---	.2
Cracker meal 1/ -----	122.1	-----	2.3	---	4.2
Corn flakes -----	129.0	-----	.9	---	.5
Rice -----	112.1	-----	.1	---	1.5
Bread, white -----	127.2	-----	.1	---	2.8
Bread, whole wheat 1/ -----	119.6	-----	.0	---	4.7
Cookies -----	100.1	-----	- .8	---	.0
Layer cake 1/ -----	114.1	-----	.2	---	5.3
Cinnamon rolls 1/ -----	113.2	-----	1.2	---	5.9
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	125.3	125.6	4.5	3.4	10.7
Meats -----	129.5	130.0	4.9	3.3	11.8
Beef and veal -----	134.6	134.9	5.2	4.8	14.7
Steak, round -----	131.0	130.7	5.6	4.1	17.3
Steak, sirloin 2/ -----	129.6	-----	7.4	---	15.9
Steak, porterhouse 1/ -----	133.0	-----	6.2	---	14.3
Rump roast 1/ -----	123.0	-----	4.9	---	14.1
Rib roast -----	147.1	147.8	6.5	5.9	17.6
Chuck roast -----	127.9	130.4	5.3	6.1	17.8
Hamburger -----	137.9	137.8	4.9	3.6	15.0
Beef liver 1/ -----	112.1	-----	2.3	---	5.1
Veal cutlets -----	159.8	159.2	3.6	3.1	11.5
Pork -----	126.1	126.5	6.1	1.6	10.7
Chops -----	134.8	133.6	10.1	3.8	16.0
Loin roast 2/ -----	139.7	-----	7.6	---	13.2
Pork sausage 1/ -----	137.2	-----	5.5	---	11.7
Ham, whole -----	114.2	115.7	2.8	.8	3.8
Picnics 1/ -----	124.8	-----	2.7	---	10.7
Bacon -----	124.1	124.1	4.8	.6	6.3
Other meats -----	127.2	127.5	2.6	2.4	6.8
Lamb chops 1/ -----	139.1	-----	2.1	---	7.7
Frankfurters -----	127.6	127.3	4.4	3.7	9.1
Ham, canned 1/ -----	117.6	-----	.9	---	3.7
Bologna sausage 1/ -----	128.8	-----	4.1	---	8.4
Salami sausage 1/ -----	121.5	-----	2.4	---	6.7
Liverwurst 1/ -----	122.2	-----	1.3	---	5.3
Poultry -----	97.3	-----	4.3	---	6.3
Frying chicken -----	99.2	99.9	4.8	4.7	6.9
Chicken breasts 1/ -----	107.6	-----	3.1	---	5.0
Turkey 1/ -----	101.1	-----	2.4	---	4.3
Fish -----	129.8	129.9	.2	.4	5.0
Shrimp, frozen 1/ -----	118.3	-----	.1	---	9.6
Fish, fresh or frozen -----	133.1	133.8	.8	1.4	6.5
Tuna fish, canned -----	113.8	-----	- .2	---	2.4
Sardines, canned 1/ -----	124.0	-----	.2	---	2.0
Dairy products -----	124.0	124.5	.3	.3	2.6
Milk, fresh, grocery -----	121.3	123.4	.5	1.5	2.1
Milk, fresh, delivered -----	127.6	-----	.2	---	3.0
Milk, fresh, skim 1/ -----	122.3	-----	.5	---	3.8
Milk, evaporated -----	124.0	-----	.2	---	2.7
Ice cream -----	99.8	-----	1.0	---	1.1
Cheese, American process -----	146.6	146.9	.3	.6	5.2
Butter -----	117.8	118.4	- .1	.0	.9

See footnotes at end of table.

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

Item or Group	Index		Percent Change to June 1969 from--			
	June 1969		May 1969		June 1968	
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	
Fruits and vegetables -----	130.8	127.0	0.6	- 0.1	0.6	
Fresh fruits and vegetables -----	142.4	135.2	1.1	- .5	.5	
Apples -----	185.3	161.0	8.1	- .8	- .1	
Bananas -----	94.5	92.7	- 1.9	- 1.8	.1	
Oranges -----	125.4	127.8	- .6	- 3.3	- 9.1	
Orange juice, fresh 1/ -----	91.8	-----	.7	---	8.4	
Grapefruit -----	143.5	134.1	4.5	- 6.8	-17.5	
Grapes -----	(3/)	-----	(3/)	---	(3/)	
Strawberries -----	126.8	131.8	4.4	6.6	.0	
Watermelon -----	159.9	134.1	(4/)	(4/)	3.4	
Potatoes -----	154.5	130.8	7.4	- 3.0	- 3.7	
Onions -----	135.0	122.6	3.4	- 2.1	-15.1	
Asparagus 3/ 1/ -----	121.1	-----	1.9	---	2.3	
Cabbage -----	155.6	143.8	2.0	2.4	4.7	
Carrots -----	119.8	111.5	9.2	- 1.4	6.3	
Celery -----	139.2	132.4	3.6	- 3.8	17.5	
Cucumbers 1/ -----	124.6	-----	-22.7	---	2.1	
Lettuce -----	120.2	119.4	-19.5	-17.7	5.2	
Peppers, green 1/ -----	180.7	-----	- 3.9	---	- 5.0	
Spinach 1/ -----	111.1	-----	1.4	---	7.3	
Tomatoes -----	158.0	156.1	- 9.1	3.9	26.2	
Processed fruits and vegetables -----	116.3	-----	.0	---	.8	
Fruit cocktail, canned -----	106.3	-----	.3	---	- 2.4	
Pears, canned 1/ -----	108.9	-----	- .1	---	- 7.5	
Grapefruit-pineapple juice, canned 1/ --	99.9	-----	.8	---	4.7	
Orange juice concentrate, frozen -----	101.0	102.7	- 2.6	- 2.1	15.6	
Lemonade concentrate, frozen 2/ -----	92.3	-----	- .2	---	3.8	
Beets, canned 1/ -----	112.7	-----	- .6	---	1.3	
Peas, green, canned -----	121.0	-----	- .1	---	.3	
Tomatoes, canned -----	124.1	-----	.2	---	- 5.1	
Dried beans -----	124.9	-----	- .4	---	1.0	
Broccoli, frozen 1/ -----	104.9	-----	1.6	---	4.3	
Other food at home -----	106.6	108.3	- .5	- .1	4.0	
Eggs -----	92.5	103.6	- 5.0	- 2.8	10.3	
Fats and oils:						
Margarine -----	103.5	-----	.7	---	- .4	
Salad dressing, Italian 1/ -----	103.4	-----	.2	---	.9	
Salad or cooking oil 1/ -----	123.3	-----	.5	---	1.1	
Sugar and sweets -----	125.2	-----	.4	---	6.5	
Sugar -----	115.6	-----	.5	---	2.1	
Grape jelly -----	124.1	-----	.8	---	4.5	
Chocolate bar -----	124.8	-----	.2	---	13.9	
Syrup, chocolate flavored 1/ -----	106.5	-----	.1	---	4.5	
Nonalcoholic beverages -----	103.4	-----	.7	---	2.1	
Coffee, can and bag -----	86.8	-----	.2	---	- 1.1	
Coffee, instant 5/ -----	103.7	-----	.7	---	5.0	
Tea -----	102.0	-----	1.2	---	1.1	
Cola drink -----	155.1	-----	.8	---	5.0	
Carbonated fruit drink 1/ -----	121.9	-----	1.2	---	5.3	
Prepared and partially prepared foods 1/	105.9	-----	- .1	---	3.5	
Bean soup, canned 1/ -----	105.1	-----	- .1	---	4.6	
Chicken soup, canned 1/ -----	97.8	-----	- .4	---	1.9	
Spaghetti, canned 1/ -----	116.4	-----	.2	---	4.1	
Mashed potatoes, instant 1/ -----	107.7	-----	.0	---	5.3	
Potatoes, french fried, frozen 2/ -----	90.8	-----	.2	---	4.8	
Baby foods, canned -----	110.7	-----	- .2	---	3.6	
Sweet pickle relish 1/ -----	111.8	-----	- .6	---	2.9	
Pretzels 1/ -----	107.0	-----	.2	---	1.1	

1/ December 1963=100.

2/ April 1960=100.

3/ Priced only in season.

4/ Not available.

5/ July 1961=100.

TABLE 8 : Consumer Price Index--U.S. City Average
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers
Indexes for Selected Items and Groups, June 1969
and Percent Changes from Selected Dates
(1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)

Item or Group	Other Index Bases	Indexes		Percent Change to June 1969 From:	
		June 1969	May 1969	May 1969	June 1968
Housing -----		126.3	125.8	0.4	6.4
Shelter 1/ -----		133.0	132.4	.5	8.2
Rent -----		118.5	118.1	.3	3.1
Homeownership costs 2/ -----		138.7	138.0	.5	10.0
Mortgage interest rates -----		134.9	134.3	.4	14.5
Property taxes -----	Dec.63	128.2	128.3	-.1	5.3
Property insurance rates -----		147.4	146.9	.3	3.9
Maintenance and repairs -----		140.8	139.6	.9	8.6
Commodities 3/ -----	Dec.63	117.8	117.5	.3	8.1
Exterior house paint -----		115.6	115.9	-.3	2.7
Interior house paint -----	Dec.63	112.2	111.6	.5	2.9
Services -----	Dec.63	135.7	134.2	1.1	8.8
Repainting living and dining rooms -----		174.0	171.5	1.5	10.0
Reshingling roofs -----		154.2	152.3	1.2	9.1
Residing houses -----	Dec.63	128.6	127.6	.8	7.8
Replacing sinks -----	Dec.63	137.2	135.3	1.4	8.5
Repairing furnaces -----	Dec.63	137.7	136.4	1.0	9.4
Fuel and utilities -----		112.7	112.6	.1	2.2
Fuel oil and coal -----		117.5	117.5	.0	1.8
Fuel oil, #2 -----		115.0	114.9	.1	1.7
Gas and electricity -----		111.3	111.2	.1	1.7
Gas -----		116.4	116.4	.0	1.7
Electricity -----		105.7	105.5	.2	1.8
Other utilities:					
Residential telephone services -----		103.6	103.4	.2	1.4
Residential water and sewerage services -----		143.4	143.4	.0	7.2
Household furnishings and operation 4/ -----		117.9	117.4	.4	4.4
Housefurnishings -----		109.0	108.8	.2	4.1
Textiles -----		114.8	114.4	.3	3.1
Sheets, percale or muslin -----		120.2	118.3	1.6	.6
Curtains, tailored, polyester marquisette -----		111.5	111.1	.4	5.1
Bedsprads, chiefly cotton, tufted -----		116.9	117.3	-.3	3.6
Drapery fabric, cotton or rayon/acetate -----		122.2	122.1	.1	4.7
Pillows, bed, polyester or acrylic filling -----	Dec.63	109.3	108.7	.6	2.2
Slipcovers, ready made, chiefly cotton -----	Dec.63	109.6	109.4	.2	2.2
Furniture and bedding -----		121.8	121.6	.2	6.0
Bedroom suites, good or inexpensive quality -----		124.8	124.4	.3	7.4
Living room suites, good and inexpensive quality -----		123.4	123.3	.1	4.4
Lounge chairs, upholstered -----	Dec.63	116.2	114.6	1.4	7.9
Dining room suites -----	Dec.63	126.1	126.7	-.5	5.8
Sofas, upholstered -----	Dec.63	113.8	114.3	-.4	5.2
Sofas, dual purpose -----		117.1	116.2	.8	5.9
Sleep sets, Hollywood bed type -----	Dec.63	111.6	111.6	.0	4.0
Box springs -----	Dec.63	123.0	122.8	.2	8.8
Aluminum folding chairs 5/ -----	June 64	113.3	114.5	- 1.0	4.8
Cribs -----	Dec.63	117.5	117.1	.3	6.0
Floor coverings -----		106.2	106.2	.0	1.3
Rugs, soft surface -----		104.1	104.2	-.1	.9
Rugs, hard surface -----		111.2	111.1	.1	2.4
Tile, vinyl -----	Dec.63	108.0	108.0	.0	2.2
Appliances 6/ -----	Dec.63	85.8	85.6	.2	1.4
Washing machines, electric, automatic -----		90.5	90.2	.3	2.0
Vacuum cleaners, canister type -----		81.8	81.4	.5	2.9
Refrigerators or refrigerator-freezers electric -----		85.2	84.9	.4	2.0
Ranges, free standing, gas or electric -----		97.4	97.0	.4	2.9
Clothes dryers, electric, automatic -----	Dec.63	99.5	99.1	.4	2.2
Air conditioners, demountable 5/ -----	June 64	99.5	99.2	.3	2.7
Room heaters, electric, portable 5/ -----	Dec.63	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)
Garbage disposal units -----	Dec.63	103.9	103.6	.3	4.0
Other housefurnishings:					
Dinnerware, earthenware -----		132.7	132.5	.2	3.3
Flatware, stainless steel -----	Dec.63	118.9	118.1	.7	4.3
Table lamps, with shade -----	Dec.63	114.0	113.6	.4	5.5
Lawn mowers, power, rotary type 5/ -----	June 64	116.8	116.2	.5	7.6
Electric drills, hand held -----	Dec.63	102.6	102.3	.3	3.4
Housekeeping supplies:					
Laundry soaps and detergents -----		106.5	106.1	.4	1.2
Paper napkins -----		128.1	127.1	.8	6.4
Toilet tissue -----		119.8	118.0	1.5	3.5
Housekeeping services:					
Domestic service, general housework -----		172.2	171.9	.2	5.8
Baby sitter service -----	Dec.63	133.7	133.1	.5	6.7
Postal charges -----		165.5	165.5	.0	2.2
Laundry, flatwork, finished service -----	Dec.63	140.2	139.6	.4	8.6
Licensed day care service, preschool child -----	Dec.63	128.1	127.2	.7	3.9
Washing machine repairs -----	Dec.63	131.6	131.0	.5	.0

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Item and Group	Other Index Bases	Indexes		Percent change to June 1969 From:	
		June 1969	May 1969	May 1969	June 1968
Apparel and upkeep 7/ -----		127.0	126.6	0.3	5.9
Apparel commodities -----		126.4	126.0	.3	6.1
Apparel commodities less footwear -----		123.7	123.4	.2	6.1
Men's and boys' -----		128.5	128.1	.3	7.0
Men's:					
Topcoats, wool 5/ -----		(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)
Suits, year round weight -----		150.0	150.1	- .1	10.2
Suits, tropical weight 5/ -----	June 64	130.8	130.0	.6	11.3
Jackets, lightweight -----	Dec.63	125.6	125.3	.2	11.1
Slacks, wool or wool blend -----		126.6	126.3	.2	6.2
Slacks, cotton or manmade blend -----		114.3	114.3	.0	9.6
Trousers, work, cotton -----		116.7	116.5	.2	3.9
Shirts, work, cotton -----		123.4	122.6	.7	4.0
Shirts, business, cotton -----		121.7	121.3	.3	3.4
T-shirts, chiefly cotton -----		129.4	128.8	.5	6.0
Socks, cotton -----		120.5	119.4	.9	6.0
Handkerchiefs, cotton -----	Dec.63	112.3	111.5	.7	7.8
Boy's:					
Coats, all purpose, cotton or cotton blend 5/ -----	Dec.63	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)
Sport coats, wool or wool blend 5/ -----	Dec.63	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)
Dungarees, cotton or cotton blend -----		127.0	126.0	.8	6.3
Undershirts, cotton -----		126.6	126.1	.4	7.0
Women's and girls' -----		122.7	122.4	.2	5.3
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	135.0	134.4	.4	11.3
Blouses, cotton -----		122.7	123.4	- .6	6.4
Dresses, street, chiefly manmade fiber -----		147.3	147.7	- .3	9.4
Dresses, street, wool or wool blend 5/ -----		(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)
Dresses, street, cotton 5/ -----		150.6	150.5	.1	3.1
Housedresses, cotton -----		149.6	147.3	1.6	15.7
Slips, nylon -----		110.5	110.1	.4	3.2
Panties, acetate -----		108.4	108.8	- .4	2.7
Girdles, manmade blend -----		118.7	119.0	- .3	7.1
Brassieres, cotton -----	Dec.63	122.0	120.8	1.0	4.1
Hose, nylon seamless -----		99.0	99.1	- .1	.8
Anklets, cotton -----	Dec.63	117.6	116.6	.9	6.6
Gloves, fabric, nylon or cotton -----	Dec.63	108.9	108.6	.3	4.7
Handbags, rayon faille or plastic -----	Dec.63	113.7	113.0	.6	7.9
Girl's:					
Raincoats, vinyl plastic or chiefly cotton 5/ -----	Dec.63	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)
Skirts, wool or wool blend 5/ -----		(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)
Dresses, cotton -----		133.9	134.1	- .1	7.4
Slacks, cotton 5/ -----	Dec.63	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)
Slips, cotton blend -----	Dec.63	107.2	107.0	.2	3.7
Robes, duster style, quilted tricot or percale 5/ -----	Dec.63	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)
Handbags -----	Dec.63	106.5	108.5	- 1.8	3.0
Footwear -----		140.1	139.6	.4	6.4
Men's:					
Shoes, street, oxford -----		138.6	138.2	.3	5.2
Shoes, work, high -----		136.8	136.1	.5	5.4
Women's:					
Shoes, street, pump -----		147.9	148.0	- .1	6.9
Shoes, evening, pump -----	Dec.63	120.0	119.1	.8	6.5
Shoes, casual, pump -----	Dec.63	128.2	127.1	.9	7.7
Houseslippers, scuff -----	Dec.63	124.0	123.9	.1	8.2
Children's:					
Shoes, oxford -----		139.8	139.4	.3	5.6
Sneakers, boys', oxford type -----	Dec.63	116.2	115.8	.3	2.8
Dress shoes, girls', strap -----	Dec.63	131.9	130.7	.9	9.2
Miscellaneous apparel:					
Diapers, cotton gauze -----		103.2	102.7	.5	2.9
Yard goods, cotton -----		123.2	120.5	2.2	10.5
Wrist watches, men's and women's -----	Dec.63	102.4	102.1	.3	7.7
Apparel services:					
Drycleaning, men's suits and women's dresses ---		130.2	129.8	.3	4.0
Automatic laundry service -----	Dec.63	110.4	110.3	.1	4.2
Laundry, men's shirts -----	Dec.63	122.5	122.1	.3	4.3
Tailoring charges, hem adjustment -----	Dec.63	125.1	123.5	1.3	7.6
Shoe repairs, women's heel lift -----		120.4	120.1	.2	.6

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Item and Group	Other Index Bases	Indexes		Percent change to June 1969 From:	
		June 1969	May 1969	May 1969	June 1968
Transportation -----		124.6	124.0	0.5	4.1
Private g/ -----		121.8	121.2	.5	3.7
Automobiles, new -----		101.8	101.8	.0	1.7
Automobiles, used -----		128.2	126.8	1.1	(11)
Gasoline, regular and premium -----		118.6	117.3	1.1	4.8
Motor oil, premium -----		137.4	136.7	.5	4.5
Tires, new, tubeless -----		115.5	115.6	-.1	4.2
Auto repairs and maintenance g/ -----		133.3	132.9	.3	6.4
Auto insurance rates -----		158.7	158.1	.4	8.3
Auto registration -----		134.2	134.2	.0	5.3
Parking fees, private and municipal -----	Dec.63	117.5	118.3	-.7	5.3
Public -----		149.1	148.0	.7	7.7
Local transit fares -----		159.9	159.6	.2	8.6
Taxicab fares -----	Dec.63	127.5	124.8	2.2	3.7
Railroad fares, coach -----		114.9	114.6	.3	7.4
Airplane fares, chiefly coach -----	Dec.63	112.1	110.7	1.3	8.4
Bus fares, intercity -----	Dec.63	122.9	118.6	3.6	5.0
Health and recreation -----		136.3	135.7	.4	5.1
Medical care -----		155.2	154.5	.5	7.5
Drugs and prescriptions -----		99.3	99.3	.0	1.3
Over-the-counter items -----	Dec.63	107.1	107.0	.1	.9
Multiple vitamin concentrates -----	Dec.63	92.2	92.4	-.2	- 2.2
Aspirin compounds -----	Dec.63	106.6	106.2	.4	.7
Liquid tonics -----	Dec.63	100.9	100.9	.0	.3
Adhesive bandages, package -----	Dec.63	117.0	116.9	.1	2.7
Cold tablets or capsules -----	Dec.63	109.5	109.3	.2	2.2
Cough syrup -----	Dec.63	115.2	115.1	.1	1.1
Prescriptions -----		88.6	88.6	.0	1.6
Anti-infectives -----	Mar.60	63.1	63.1	.0	-.2
Sedatives and hypnotics -----	Mar.60	106.9	106.4	.5	6.2
Ataractics -----	Mar.60	90.0	90.0	.0	.2
Anti-spasmodics -----	Mar.60	101.2	101.1	.1	.6
Cough preparations -----	Mar.60	109.7	109.3	.4	7.1
Cardiovasculars and anti-hypertensives -----	Mar.60	97.0	96.9	.1	2.4
Analgesics, internal -----	Mar.67	102.8	103.0	-.2	1.4
Anti-obesity -----	Mar.67	102.6	102.6	.0	4.0
Hormones -----	Mar.67	93.9	94.9	- 1.1	-.2
Professional services:					
Physicians' fees -----		155.5	154.3	.8	7.3
Family doctor, office visits -----		157.6	155.8	1.2	7.7
Family doctor, house visits -----		163.4	162.9	.3	7.8
Obstetrical cases -----		149.4	148.6	.5	7.9
Pediatric care, office visits -----	Dec.63	140.3	140.2	.1	8.8
Psychiatrist, office visits -----	Dec.63	129.6	129.2	.3	8.9
Herniorrhaphy, adult -----	Dec.63	124.1	123.9	.2	4.0
Tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy -----		147.8	147.3	.3	5.1
Dentists' fees -----		144.2	143.6	.4	7.5
Fillings, adult, amalgam, one surface -----		145.1	144.6	.3	7.8
Extractions, adult -----		143.4	142.6	.6	8.0
Dentures, full upper -----	Dec.63	127.7	127.3	.3	6.6
Other professional services:					
Examination, prescription, and dispensing of eyeglasses -----		131.2	130.8	.3	4.8
Routine laboratory tests -----	Dec.63	117.9	117.6	.3	5.0
Hospital service charges:					
Daily service charges -----		253.8	252.4	.6	13.0
Semiprivate rooms -----		250.0	248.4	.6	13.3
Private rooms -----		245.5	244.4	.5	12.6
Operating room charges -----	Dec.63	165.6	164.8	.5	16.0
X-ray, diagnostic series, upper G.I. -----	Dec.63	122.3	122.1	.2	4.8
Personal care -----		126.2	125.8	.3	5.1
Toilet goods -----		110.9	110.4	.5	4.7
Toothpaste, standard dentifrice -----		113.6	113.2	.4	5.9
Toilet soap, hard milled -----		123.6	123.9	-.2	.9
Hand lotions, liquid -----	Dec.63	109.0	107.7	1.2	9.9
Shaving cream, aerosol -----		102.3	102.3	.0	.7
Face powder, pressed -----		125.0	124.0	.8	5.7
Deodorants, cream or roll-on -----	Dec.63	94.9	95.4	-.5	2.9
Cleansing tissues -----		108.7	107.9	.7	3.6
Home permanent refills -----		99.3	98.4	.9	9.6
Personal care services -----		144.9	144.7	.1	5.3
Men's haircuts -----		153.8	153.1	.5	6.6
Beauty shop services -----		135.6	135.7	-.1	4.3
Women's haircuts -----	Dec.63	120.9	121.7	-.7	3.2
Shampoo and wave sets, plain -----		152.3	152.1	.1	5.5
Permanent waves, cold -----		106.5	106.5	.0	2.9

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Item and Group	Other Index Bases	Indexes		Percent change to June 1968	
		June 1969	May 1969	May 1969	From: June 1968
Reading and recreation ^{10/} -----		130.4	130.2	0.2	3.8
Recreational goods -----		98.6	98.6	.0	1.8
TV sets, portable and console -----	Dec. 63	80.0	80.1	- .1	- .2
TV replacement tubes -----	Dec. 63	115.8	115.6	.2	6.5
Radios, portable and table model -----		76.6	76.6	.0	- .8
Tape recorders, portable -----	Dec. 63	91.9	91.7	.2	.1
Phonograph records, stereophonic -----	Dec. 63	97.5	97.5	.0	1.0
Movie cameras, Super 8, zoom lens -----	Dec. 63	84.1	85.0	- 1.1	- 1.2
Film, 35mm, color -----	Dec. 63	99.0	99.0	.0	- .3
Golf balls, liquid center -----	Dec. 63	103.5	104.2	- .7	.5
Basketballs, rubber or vinyl cover -----	Dec. 63	113.9	113.1	.7	8.6
Fishing rods, fresh water spincast -----	Dec. 63	118.0	117.5	.4	4.8
Bowling balls -----	Dec. 63	99.0	98.5	.5	2.3
Bicycle, boys' -----	Dec. 63	109.1	109.0	.1	4.7
Tricycles -----	Dec. 63	109.2	108.5	.6	2.1
Dog food, canned or boxed -----	Dec. 63	108.5	107.6	.8	1.9
Recreational services -----	Dec. 63	129.7	129.2	.4	4.9
Indoor movie admissions -----		198.3	197.4	.5	7.2
Adult -----		192.8	192.0	.4	6.5
Children's -----		216.7	215.6	.5	9.3
Drive-in movie admissions, adult -----	Dec. 63	160.1	157.0	2.0	9.9
Bowling fees, evening -----	Dec. 63	110.6	110.6	.0	3.6
Golf greens fees -----	Dec. 63	134.6	133.8	.6	6.0
TV repairs, picture tube replacement -----		102.2	102.3	- .1	- .5
Film developing, black and white -----	Dec. 63	119.2	120.0	- .7	- .1
Reading and education:					
Newspapers, street sale and delivery -----		154.3	153.7	.4	4.7
Magazines, single copy and subscription -----	Dec. 63	126.3	126.3	.0	7.9
Piano lessons, beginner -----	Dec. 63	122.3	122.2	.1	4.6
Other goods and services -----		127.9	126.9	.8	3.6
Tobacco products -----		144.0	142.3	1.2	3.4
Cigarettes, nonfilter tip, regular size -----		150.8	149.3	1.0	3.3
Cigarettes, filter tip, king size -----	Mar. 59	143.4	141.0	1.7	3.8
Cigars, domestic, regular size -----		106.5	106.1	.4	1.9
Alcoholic beverages -----		117.4	116.8	.5	3.6
Beer -----		114.5	114.2	.3	2.7
Whiskey, spirit blended and straight bourbon -----		109.4	109.2	.2	.6
Wine, dessert and table -----	Dec. 63	109.5	108.8	.6	3.4
Away from home -----	Dec. 63	121.5	120.5	.8	6.3
Financial and miscellaneous personal expenses:					
Funeral services, adult -----	Dec. 63	115.2	114.6	.5	4.2
Bank service charges, checking accounts -----	Dec. 63	108.2	107.9	.3	.1
Legal services, short form will -----	Dec. 63	134.5	132.9	1.2	8.7
Other special groups:					
All items less shelter -----		126.3	125.4	.7	4.9
Commodities less food -----		118.0	117.5	.4	4.4
Nondurables less food and apparel -----		121.0	120.3	.6	3.8
Household services less rent -----		145.7	145.0	.5	9.0
Transportation services -----		142.3	141.8	.4	6.8
Other services -----		145.2	144.7	.3	4.5

- 1/ Also includes hotel and motel rates not shown separately.
2/ Also includes home purchase costs not shown separately.
3/ Also includes pine shelving, furnace air filters, packaged dry cement mix, and shrubbery not shown separately.
4/ Also includes venetian blinds, nails, carpet sweepers, air deodorizers, steel wool scouring pads, envelopes, reupholstering, and moving expenses.
5/ Priced only in season.
6/ Also includes radios and television sets, shown separately under reading and recreation.
7/ 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.
8/ Also includes recapped tires, and drivers' license fees not shown separately.
9/ Includes prices for water pump replacement, motor tune-up, automatic transmission repair, exhaust system repair, front end alignment, and chassis lubrication.
10/ Also includes outboard motors, nondurable toys, college tuition fees, paperback books, and college textbooks, not shown separately.
11/ Not available.

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. ^{1/} 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.

^{1/} 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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