

July 1967

*the consumer price index*

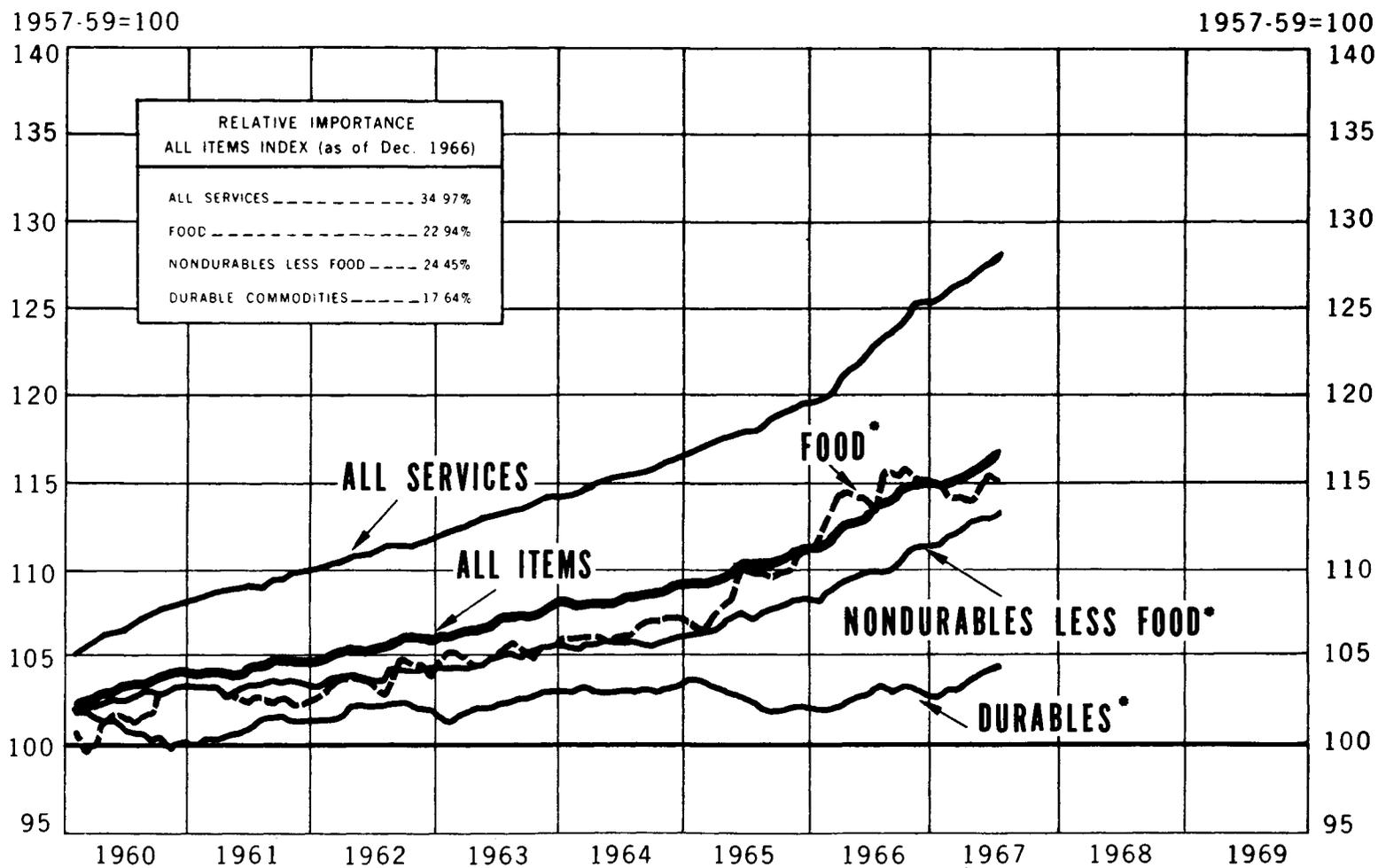
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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR JULY 1967

The Consumer Price Index rose by 0.4 percent in July, to 116.5 (1957-59=100), the largest monthly advance since October 1966. As in June, the increase was largely the result of higher prices for food and consumer services. In spite of its recent advance, the index has risen less so far this year than in the first 7 months of 1966--1.6 percent compared with 2.1 percent.

The index stood 2.8 percent above a year earlier in July, showing the same advance as in the July 1965 to July 1966 period. A 4.3 percent rise in charges for services accounted for more than half the increase.

Food

Food prices rose by 0.8 percent in July, less than seasonal, but still enough to raise the food index to a new record level of 116.0 (1957-59=100). (The previous peak was 115.8 in August 1966.) Sharply higher prices for fresh fruits and vegetables (up 6 percent) accounted for nearly three-fifths of the increase.

Fresh fruit prices were up by 7-1/2 percent, mainly because of seasonally low supplies resulting from a delay in the California grape crop and dwindling storage stocks of apples. Apple prices rose seasonally, but grapefruit prices climbed almost 10 percent on a seasonally adjusted basis. Watermelon prices declined less than seasonally even though the harvest reached its peak. Over the year, fresh fruit prices were up only one-half of 1 percent, as lower prices of citrus fruits resulting from last year's bumper crops almost offset higher prices for other fruits, especially grapes which were more than 20 percent higher than in July 1966. The 1967 California grape crop is estimated at 12 percent below 1966 levels.

Fresh vegetable prices rose almost 5 percent in July in response to limited supplies of most vegetables caused by adverse spring weather and reduced summer acreage. Tomato prices advanced 15 percent and lettuce prices 7 percent because shipments of these vegetables were off from the previous month by 60 percent and 15 percent, respectively. Significant price increases also affected celery and potatoes. Compared with July 1966, fresh vegetable prices averaged 8-1/2 percent higher, largely because of increases of 47 percent for lettuce and 15 percent for tomatoes, reflecting sharply lower production.

Despite an 8 percent rise in production, poultry prices advanced by 3.6 percent in July, back to about their February level. The greater than seasonal July advance was attributed to strong demand, partly seasonal and partly in response to higher beef and pork prices. However, poultry prices in July still were more than 7 percent below July 1966 levels.

Beef and pork prices, which are normally major factors in the July food price rise, advanced considerably less than usual. Production and cold storage holdings from the large spring slaughter were reduced in June, but were still ample, while the normally

small summer marketings were larger than usual. These factors coupled with a shift in consumer buying to lower cost meats, chicken, and fish, have tended to ease the upward price pressures. Pork prices were 4-1/2 percent lower than a year ago, with cold storage holdings up by 36 percent. Beef prices have risen by 1 percent during the past year despite larger supplies.

Egg prices, which had declined during the previous three months, advanced less than usual in July following the largest June egg production on record. Heavy demand from commercial processors appears to have strengthened egg prices. Since July 1966 egg prices have declined by 15.7 percent, largely because of a 5 percent increase in the laying flock.

### Services

Charges for consumer services averaged 0.4 percent higher in July. Interest rates on conventional mortgages bounced back almost to their December 1966 levels, in spite of improved availability of mortgage funds. During the past year mortgage interest rates have been an important factor in the increase in service costs. Medical care service charges advanced again in July, with professional medical fees and hospital charges continuing to rise at the rapid rates experienced since early 1966. Hotel and motel rates rose seasonally, and rents continued their steady climb. Water and sewer rates and local transit fares were raised in several cities.

### Durable Goods

Much of the rise of 0.3 percent in prices of durable goods resulted from an advance of 2 percent in used car prices. This increase is considerably greater than is usual for July but is lower than the sharp price jumps in April and May. The diminishing supply of late-model used cars in relation to the continued strong demand is apparently the primary factor in these increases. New car prices, which usually show a decline in July, increased slightly, apparently buoyed up by the small number of 1967 models remaining, relative to the anticipated heavy end-of-year demand. Prices of household durables firmed noticeably in July. Furniture prices rose by 0.2 percent to a level 3-1/2 percent above a year ago. Prices of floor coverings and appliances rose slightly in July, but were at the same levels as a year earlier.

### Nondurable goods other than food

Summer sales sent apparel prices down but not as much as is normal for July. Women's and girls' apparel prices declined more than seasonally as bathing suits, cotton slacks, skirts, and blouses were reduced for clearance. Men's sportswear and tropical and year-round suits were also marked down for special sales, but there were increases for boys' clothing and other year-round apparel. Prices of household textiles were reduced for traditional "white sales." Tobacco prices rose by 1.2 percent as the recent manufacturers' price increases were passed on to the consumer. Gasoline prices, which usually increase in July as summer travel reaches its peak, fell again because some major cities experienced gasoline price wars.

Cost-of-Living Adjustments

Approximately 335,000 workers are scheduled to receive increases in their cost-of-living allowances, based on changes in the national Consumer Price Index or individual city indexes through July. About 265,000, mostly in automobile, automotive parts, farm and construction equipment, and aerospace industries will receive a 3-cent increase because of the rise in the national index since April. Other increases will range from 1 cent to 5 cents, also based on changes since April in city or national indexes.

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

Group	Indexes (1957-59=100)				Percent change to July 1967 from --					
	July 1967		June 1967		July 1966 unadjusted	June 1967		April 1967		July 1966 unadjusted
	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted		Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	
All items -----	116.5	-----	116.0	-----	113.3	0.4	-----	1.0	-----	2.8
Food -----	116.0	115.0	115.1	115.3	114.3	.8	- 0.3	2.0	1.0	1.5
Food at home -----	113.3	112.1	112.3	112.6	112.7	.9	- .4	2.3	1.1	.5
Cereals and bakery products -----	118.2	-----	118.3	-----	114.8	.1	-----	.3	-----	3.0
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	112.3	112.2	111.6	113.1	114.3	.6	- .8	3.0	2.0	- 1.7
Dairy products -----	116.4	117.0	116.3	117.4	111.0	.1	- .3	.6	.6	4.9
Fruits and vegetables -----	124.4	116.2	119.9	115.1	121.5	3.8	1.0	8.9	3.7	2.4
Other foods at home -----	100.2	101.0	100.0	101.6	102.1	.2	- .6	1.2	.9	- 1.9
Food away from home -----	129.7	-----	129.1	-----	123.5	.5	-----	1.1	-----	5.0
Housing -----	114.5	-----	114.1	-----	111.3	.4	-----	.8	-----	2.9
Shelter <u>1/</u> -----	118.1	-----	117.7	-----	114.4	.3	-----	1.0	-----	3.2
Rent -----	112.4	-----	112.2	-----	110.3	.2	-----	.4	-----	1.9
Homeownership <u>2/</u> -----	120.5	-----	119.9	-----	116.2	.5	-----	1.3	-----	3.7
Fuel and utilities <u>3/</u> -----	108.9	109.3	108.6	108.8	107.9	.3	.5	.1	.6	.9
Fuel oil and coal <u>4/</u> -----	111.4	113.7	110.5	112.4	107.0	.8	1.2	.4	3.1	4.1
Gas and electricity -----	108.3	-----	108.2	-----	108.1	.1	-----	.1	-----	.2
Household furnishings and operation -----	108.2	-----	108.1	-----	105.1	.1	-----	.5	-----	2.9
Apparel and upkeep <u>5/</u> -----	113.7	114.2	113.9	113.9	109.2	-.2	.3	.6	1.0	4.1
Men's and boys' -----	113.9	114.4	114.1	114.2	109.6	-.2	.2	.4	.7	3.9
Women's and girls' -----	109.2	109.7	109.7	109.8	104.6	-.5	.1	.7	.9	4.4
Footwear -----	125.4	125.8	125.4	125.3	119.8	0	.4	.4	.8	4.7
Transportation -----	116.2	116.0	115.7	115.9	113.5	.4	.1	1.0	.6	2.4
Private -----	114.1	113.9	113.7	113.8	111.5	.4	.1	.8	.4	2.3
Public -----	132.7	-----	132.2	-----	129.1	.4	-----	1.6	-----	2.8
Health and recreation -----	123.6	-----	123.2	-----	119.1	.3	-----	.8	-----	3.8
Medical care -----	136.9	-----	136.3	-----	127.7	.4	-----	1.3	-----	7.2
Personal care -----	115.5	-----	115.3	-----	112.5	.2	-----	.5	-----	2.7
Reading and recreation -----	119.8	-----	119.7	-----	117.2	.1	-----	.3	-----	2.2
Other goods and services <u>6/</u> -----	117.8	-----	116.9	-----	115.3	.8	-----	1.0	-----	2.2
<b>Special groups:</b>										
All items less shelter -----	116.1	-----	115.6	-----	113.1	.4	-----	1.1	-----	2.7
All items less food -----	116.8	-----	116.5	-----	113.2	.3	-----	.8	-----	3.2
Commodities <u>7/</u> -----	111.5	111.3	111.0	111.1	109.3	.5	.2	1.2	.9	2.0
Nondurables -----	114.3	113.8	113.8	113.9	111.8	.4	.1	1.2	.6	2.2
Durables <u>7/ 8/</u> -----	104.4	104.4	104.1	104.1	103.0	.3	.3	1.0	1.0	1.4
Services <u>9/</u> -----	127.9	-----	127.4	-----	122.6	.4	-----	1.0	-----	4.3
Commodities less food <u>7/</u> -----	109.1	109.2	108.9	108.9	106.7	.2	.3	.6	.7	2.2
Nondurables less food -----	112.8	113.0	112.7	112.8	109.7	.1	.2	.4	.4	2.8
Apparel commodities -----	112.6	113.2	112.8	112.9	108.1	-.2	.3	.6	1.0	4.2
Apparel commodities less footwear -----	110.0	110.4	110.3	110.4	105.8	-.3	0	.5	.7	4.0
Nondurables less food and apparel -----	113.0	-----	112.7	-----	110.6	.3	-----	.3	-----	2.2
New cars -----	97.0	97.9	96.8	97.2	96.7	.2	.7	0	1.1	.3
Used cars -----	124.8	122.8	122.4	120.9	120.3	2.0	1.6	5.1	2.8	3.7
Household durables <u>10/</u> -----	98.1	-----	98.0	-----	96.9	.1	-----	.1	-----	1.2
Housefurnishings -----	100.8	100.9	100.7	100.6	98.8	.1	.3	.2	.5	2.0
Services less rent <u>9/</u> -----	131.4	-----	130.8	-----	125.5	.5	-----	1.1	-----	4.7
Household services less rent -----	127.4	-----	126.7	-----	122.1	.6	-----	1.1	-----	4.3
Transportation services -----	128.3	-----	128.1	-----	125.0	.2	-----	.5	-----	2.6
Medical care services -----	146.0	-----	145.2	-----	133.9	.6	-----	1.7	-----	9.0
Other services <u>11/</u> -----	131.6	-----	131.3	-----	126.7	.2	-----	1.0	-----	3.9
All items index on other bases:										
1947-49=100 -----	142.9	-----	142.3	-----	139.0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
1939=100 -----	240.6	-----	239.5	-----	234.0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:										
1957-59=\$1.00 -----	\$0.858	-----	\$0.862	-----	\$0.883	-.5	-----	1.0	-----	- 2.8
1947-49=\$1.00 -----	.700	-----	.703	-----	.719	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
1939=\$1.00 -----	.416	-----	.418	-----	.427	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

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	April 1967	July 1966
		July 1967			April 1967	July 1966
U.S. City Average -----	M	116.5	142.9		1.0	2.8
Chicago -----	M	113.9	143.6		1.5	3.1
Detroit -----	M	115.1	141.9		.4	3.4
Los Angeles-Long Beach -	M	117.7	146.8		1.2	2.3
New York -----	M	119.1	143.5		.8	2.4
Philadelphia -----	M	116.7	143.3		.8	2.6
		July 1967			April 1967	July 1966
Boston -----	1	120.0	148.7		1.0	2.5
Houston -----	1	114.3	140.8		.6	2.4
Minneapolis-St. Paul ---	1	115.7	143.1		1.3	3.3
Pittsburgh -----	1	115.0	141.7		.7	2.0
		May 1967			February 1967	May 1966
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100) -	2	-----	-----	109.5	0.9	2.7
Cleveland -----	2	111.8	138.9		.3	1.9
Dallas (Nov.1963=100) --	2	-----	-----	107.5	.5	2.8
Milwaukee -----	2	112.2	141.5		.7	1.9
San Diego (Feb.1965=100)	2	-----	-----	104.1	.4	2.5
Seattle -----	2	116.8	146.8		.8	2.7
Washington -----	2	115.7	139.3		.5	2.6
		June 1967			March 1967	June 1966
Atlanta -----	3	114.8	142.1		0.7	3.3
Baltimore -----	3	115.7	143.6		.8	2.0
Cincinnati -----	3	113.1	137.6		1.3	2.6
Honolulu (Dec.1963=100)	3	-----	-----	107.9	1.1	3.2
Kansas City -----	3	117.4	145.2		.4	.8
St. Louis -----	3	116.5	144.6		.9	2.6
San Francisco-Oakland --	3	118.4	150.2		1.1	2.8

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 June 1967 to July 1967

Group	U.S. City Average	Chicago	Detroit	Los Angeles-Long Beach	New York	Philadelphia
All items -----	0.4	0.9	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.1
Food -----	.8	1.7	1.4	.6	.9	.2
Housing -----	.4	1.1	.5	.3	-.3	.3
Apparel and upkeep -----	-.2	-1.0	-1.4	.1	-.1	-1.1
Transportation -----	.4	.5	-.1	.2	.5	.7
Health and recreation -----	.3	1.0	.2	.3	.5	.3
Medical care -----	.4	.8	.2	.5	.4	.7
Personal care -----	.2	.4	1.8	0	-.4	-1.2
Reading and recreation -----	.1	.6	-.7	.1	.3	.3
Other goods and services ---	.8	1.7	.1	.6	1.2	(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
1967: July	116.5	116.0	114.5	113.7	116.2	123.6	136.9	115.5	119.8	117.8
June	116.0	115.1	114.1	113.9	115.7	123.2	136.3	115.3	119.7	116.9
May	115.6	113.9	113.9	113.8	115.5	122.8	135.7	115.0	119.6	116.7
Apr.	115.3	113.7	113.6	113.0	115.1	122.6	135.1	114.9	119.4	116.6
Mar.	115.0	114.2	113.3	112.6	114.2	122.2	134.6	114.4	118.9	116.4
Feb.	114.8	114.2	113.3	111.9	113.8	121.8	133.6	114.1	118.6	116.3
Jan.	114.7	114.7	113.1	111.3	113.4	121.4	132.9	113.8	118.5	116.2
1966: Dec.	114.7	114.8	113.0	112.3	113.8	121.0	131.9	113.7	118.4	115.9
Nov.	114.6	114.8	112.6	112.0	114.5	120.8	131.3	113.4	118.3	116.0
Oct.	114.5	115.6	112.2	111.5	114.3	120.4	130.4	113.3	118.0	115.9
Sept.	114.1	115.6	111.8	110.7	113.3	119.9	129.4	113.0	117.5	115.7
Aug.	113.8	115.8	111.5	109.2	113.5	119.5	128.4	112.7	117.4	115.5
July	113.3	114.3	111.3	109.2	113.5	119.1	127.7	112.5	117.2	115.3
Annual Average: 1966	113.1	114.2	111.1	109.6	112.7	119.0	127.7	112.2	117.1	114.9
1965	109.9	108.8	108.5	106.8	111.1	115.6	122.3	109.9	115.2	111.4
1964	108.1	106.4	107.2	105.7	109.3	113.6	119.4	109.2	114.1	108.8
1963	106.7	105.1	106.0	104.8	107.8	111.4	117.0	107.9	111.5	107.1
1962	105.4	103.6	104.8	103.6	107.2	109.4	114.2	106.5	109.6	105.3
1961	104.2	102.6	103.9	103.0	105.0	107.3	111.3	104.6	107.2	104.6
1956	94.7	94.7	95.5	97.8	91.3	93.6	91.8	93.7	93.4	95.8

TABLE 5: Consumer Price Index--United States and Selected Areas <sup>1/</sup>  
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Commodity Groups  
July 1967 indexes and percent changes from April 1967

Group	U.S. City Average	Boston	Chicago	Detroit	Houston	Los Angeles- Long Beach	Minn- neapolis- St. Paul	New York	Phila- delphia	Pitts- burgh
Indexes (1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)										
All items -----	116.5	120.0	113.9	115.1	114.3	117.7	115.7	119.1	116.7	115.0
Food -----	116.0	120.1	116.5	115.1	115.9	114.3	113.1	116.5	114.7	112.9
Food at home -----	113.3	115.8	115.4	112.7	112.3	109.7	111.0	112.0	111.1	111.3
Cereals and bakery products -----	118.2	122.1	119.5	112.7	125.3	119.7	109.1	116.7	113.4	116.3
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	112.3	116.1	115.5	115.1	108.6	102.9	110.7	111.4	107.5	115.0
Dairy products -----	116.4	112.8	126.3	118.8	112.9	116.5	118.6	108.2	123.2	109.5
Fruits and vegetables -----	124.4	129.8	121.9	117.3	125.2	127.5	120.0	127.2	121.2	120.7
Other foods at home -----	100.2	101.4	99.1	99.9	99.1	93.1	100.8	99.2	96.6	98.0
Food away from home -----	129.7	139.1	121.8	128.5	131.5	131.2	122.3	136.0	134.5	122.6
Housing -----	114.5	121.0	111.5	109.7	111.1	120.1	113.6	117.6	114.5	113.3
Shelter -----	118.1	127.8	113.4	111.7	109.3	127.0	120.1	120.5	117.3	112.7
Rent -----	112.4	<sup>2/</sup> 125.7	108.7	-----	102.2	112.8	110.8	-----	113.2	110.3
Homeownership -----	120.5	128.6	115.8	114.2	112.0	131.7	121.8	118.5	118.4	113.2
Fuel and utilities -----	108.9	108.7	106.5	103.0	115.3	104.7	101.9	109.6	108.5	116.7
Fuel oil and coal -----	111.4	116.9	106.1	104.6	-----	-----	106.1	116.7	118.2	-----
Gas and electricity -----	108.3	101.7	106.7	105.1	125.6	110.6	97.9	110.3	101.8	116.5
Household furnishings and operation -----	108.2	114.4	109.5	105.5	114.1	107.1	103.7	114.2	108.7	109.4
Apparel and upkeep -----	113.7	113.6	108.6	112.0	109.8	112.8	111.6	117.9	119.3	114.2
Men's and boys' -----	113.9	106.6	106.5	108.0	109.8	113.8	118.1	119.3	113.3	109.4
Women's and girls' -----	109.2	109.8	103.7	112.4	105.0	111.6	104.7	112.7	115.0	107.0
Footwear -----	125.4	125.1	122.8	120.9	125.4	121.0	122.1	126.5	128.3	129.4
Transportation -----	116.2	119.5	112.4	114.2	112.8	121.4	117.1	117.2	122.2	117.1
Private -----	114.1	113.9	113.0	112.5	109.2	116.9	115.1	116.1	117.6	112.2
Public -----	132.7	133.3	109.4	119.6	144.6	152.5	134.1	124.7	143.8	133.8
Health and recreation -----	123.6	123.4	119.1	126.9	123.1	117.4	124.5	128.5	122.2	122.5
Medical care -----	136.9	136.5	145.1	144.2	126.7	135.0	145.7	138.8	140.7	143.7
Personal care -----	115.5	117.0	114.5	122.2	125.5	110.3	114.5	112.0	110.0	110.4
Reading and recreation -----	119.8	125.1	104.5	118.5	120.3	107.4	119.9	128.8	114.6	113.6
Other goods and services -----	117.8	113.9	110.8	118.4	119.3	110.0	110.7	126.4	(3/)	116.9
Percent changes April 1967 to July 1967										
All items -----	1.0	1.0	1.5	0.4	0.6	1.2	1.3	0.8	0.8	0.7
Food -----	2.0	2.0	3.0	2.2	.3	1.7	.8	1.8	1.5	3.1
Food at home -----	2.3	2.2	3.3	2.5	.3	1.9	1.0	2.2	1.7	3.2
Cereals and bakery products -----	-.3	-1.1	.8	.4	.6	.5	-.2	-.9	-1.2	-.1
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	3.0	1.7	5.7	3.4	1.9	3.1	1.9	1.9	1.8	5.0
Dairy products -----	.6	.8	2.2	-.3	-4.4	.3	-.8	.4	4.0	4.0
Fruits and vegetables -----	8.9	12.6	9.2	8.5	6.6	6.3	5.9	11.3	6.0	7.6
Other foods at home -----	-1.2	-2.0	-2.7	-.5	-3.7	-1.4	-1.9	-1.2	-1.7	-1.2
Food away from home -----	1.1	1.6	1.8	.5	.8	1.2	.2	.8	.7	1.7
Housing -----	.8	.4	1.0	-.1	.9	1.4	2.3	-.2	.5	.1
Shelter -----	1.0	.9	1.0	-.1	2.2	2.1	3.4	-.2	.3	-.2
Rent -----	.4	.4	<sup>4/</sup> .4	-----	.6	<sup>4/</sup> .3	.2	-----	<sup>4/</sup> .4	.2
Homeownership -----	1.3	1.1	1.2	-.3	2.8	2.6	3.9	-.9	.1	-.4
Fuel and utilities -----	.1	-.5	.4	.3	-2.3	-.2	-.2	-.1	1.1	.1
Fuel oil and coal -----	.4	-1.4	.2	-.4	-----	-----	-1.0	0	1.7	-----
Gas and electricity -----	-.1	.1	.1	.6	-3.8	-.4	-.1	-.3	0	.3
Household furnishings and operation -----	-.5	-.2	1.3	-.3	.1	0	.7	.4	.6	.8
Apparel and upkeep -----	.6	.1	.1	-1.3	.1	-.9	-.5	.7	-.3	-.8
Men's and boys' -----	.4	.8	-.5	-1.9	.1	-.4	-.3	-.2	-.6	.7
Women's and girls' -----	.7	-.5	-.5	-1.3	.3	1.6	-1.4	1.4	-.2	-2.8
Footwear -----	.4	1.0	1.1	-2.1	-.6	.7	-.1	-.6	-.5	.6
Transportation -----	1.0	1.2	1.0	-.4	.3	.4	1.4	.9	1.0	.5
Private -----	.8	1.3	1.1	-.5	.2	0	1.0	1.1	1.1	.4
Public -----	1.6	.3	.1	0	.1	8.3	9.9	.2	.1	1.2
Health and recreation -----	.8	.7	1.5	1.0	1.0	1.0	.8	.6	1.1	-.2
Medical care -----	1.3	1.9	1.9	1.1	.7	2.1	.8	1.8	2.3	.3
Personal care -----	.5	-.4	.4	2.9	1.9	0	3.1	-1.4	-1.1	.3
Reading and recreation -----	.3	.5	1.2	-.8	.6	.4	-.3	-.4	-.4	-1.6
Other goods and services -----	1.0	.7	2.0	2.2	1.2	1.0	.8	1.4	(3/)	.5

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

<sup>2/</sup> Corrected index: April 1967, 125.2.

<sup>3/</sup> Not available.

<sup>4/</sup> Change from May 1967.

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

Area <sup>1/</sup>	Total food	Food at home						Food away from home
		Total	Cereals and bakery products	Meats, poultry, and fish	Dairy products	Fruits and vegetables	Other foods at home	
Indexes (1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)								
U.S. City Average -----	116.0	113.3	118.2	112.3	116.4	124.4	100.2	129.7
Atlanta -----	114.4	111.9	114.0	112.6	115.5	118.6	103.6	123.2
Baltimore -----	117.6	113.6	122.2	112.6	114.6	128.0	99.1	134.0
Boston -----	120.1	115.8	122.1	116.1	112.8	129.8	101.4	139.1
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100)	111.1	110.0	103.3	111.5	110.5	119.7	104.3	117.5
Chicago -----	116.5	115.4	119.5	115.5	126.3	121.9	99.1	121.8
Cincinnati -----	115.2	112.6	115.2	114.6	113.1	126.7	97.1	129.1
Cleveland -----	112.2	110.0	110.6	113.3	112.2	121.0	95.9	124.6
Dallas (Nov.1963=100) -	110.2	109.1	107.4	112.8	117.3	109.5	101.2	114.1
Detroit -----	115.1	112.7	112.7	115.1	118.8	117.3	99.9	128.5
Honolulu (Dec.1963=100)	109.9	109.9	108.3	110.6	107.1	120.3	102.4	109.7
Houston -----	115.9	112.3	125.3	108.6	112.9	125.2	99.1	131.5
Kansas City -----	118.4	116.4	122.0	115.7	123.2	122.2	104.3	125.8
Los Angeles-Long Beach	114.3	109.7	119.7	102.9	116.5	127.5	93.1	131.2
Minneapolis-St. Paul --	113.1	111.0	109.1	110.7	118.6	120.0	100.8	122.3
New York -----	116.5	112.0	116.7	111.4	108.2	127.2	99.2	136.0
Philadelphia -----	114.7	111.1	113.4	107.5	123.2	121.2	96.6	134.5
Pittsburgh -----	112.9	111.3	116.3	115.0	109.5	120.7	98.0	122.6
St. Louis -----	119.9	117.0	119.3	116.9	126.3	127.8	101.9	129.8
San Francisco-Oakland -	116.1	112.4	116.9	109.7	114.2	130.1	97.4	132.5
Seattle -----	115.4	111.5	111.1	111.5	120.1	122.6	97.8	132.2
Washington -----	116.3	112.9	111.6	111.6	122.2	119.2	103.1	130.2
Percent changes June 1967 to July 1967								
U.S. City Average -----	0.8	0.9	- 0.1	0.6	0.1	3.8	0.2	0.5
Atlanta -----	.1	-.1	-.5	1.0	-.7	-.2	- 1.6	.5
Baltimore -----	1.8	2.2	-.1	2.9	-.2	6.0	-.9	.4
Boston -----	.9	1.0	- 2.2	.8	-.2	6.8	-.4	.7
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100)	.5	.5	-.2	1.0	.2	.8	0	.1
Chicago -----	1.7	1.9	.4	2.2	1.1	4.0	1.3	1.0
Cincinnati -----	1.3	1.5	-.1	.2	.4	6.7	-.4	.2
Cleveland -----	.6	.6	- 1.5	1.4	-.2	2.6	-.2	.2
Dallas (Nov.1963=100) -	.7	.7	-.4	1.6	-.3	1.2	.6	.2
Detroit -----	1.4	1.7	.9	2.2	.1	3.0	1.3	-.1
Honolulu (Dec.1963=100)	.4	.3	.2	-.4	-.1	1.5	.3	.5
Houston -----	.8	.8	.4	1.6	- 1.5	2.8	0	.6
Kansas City -----	.5	.5	0	.6	.3	2.1	0	.3
Los Angeles-Long Beach	.6	.6	0	-.2	.2	4.3	-.3	.6
Minneapolis-St. Paul --	.7	.8	1.1	.5	-.8	3.5	.3	.2
New York -----	.9	1.0	.5	.4	-.2	4.6	.1	.7
Philadelphia -----	.2	.3	-.2	-.3	-.1	2.0	-.1	.3
Pittsburgh -----	1.2	1.2	0	1.0	0	3.6	1.2	1.0
St. Louis -----	.9	.9	-.3	.9	-.1	3.8	.3	.3
San Francisco-Oakland -	1.5	1.9	.2	1.0	.2	7.1	1.1	.1
Seattle -----	.9	.8	.9	.8	0	2.6	.1	.9
Washington -----	.5	.7	.2	.9	-.1	1.6	.4	.2

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

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

Item or Group	Index		Percent change to July 1967 from --		
	July 1967		June 1967		July 1966
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	unadjusted
Total food -----	116.0	115.0	0.8	- 0.3	1.5
Food away from home -----	129.7	-----	.5	-----	5.0
Restaurant meals -----	130.0	-----	.5	-----	4.9
Snacks <u>1/</u> -----	112.2	-----	.4	-----	5.2
Food at home -----	113.3	112.1	.9	- .4	.5
Cereals and bakery products -----	118.2	-----	- .1	-----	3.0
Flour -----	114.4	-----	- 1.0	-----	4.4
Cracker meal <u>1/</u> -----	116.7	-----	.1	-----	.8
Corn flakes -----	128.8	-----	.1	-----	5.0
Rice -----	108.1	-----	- .2	-----	1.1
Bread, white -----	122.9	-----	- .9	-----	2.7
Bread, whole wheat <u>1/</u> -----	114.1	-----	.2	-----	5.6
Cookies -----	101.0	-----	.2	-----	2.7
Layer cake <u>1/</u> -----	105.4	-----	.3	-----	2.6
Cinnamon rolls <u>1/</u> -----	107.4	-----	1.1	-----	2.2
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	112.3	112.2	.6	- .8	- 1.7
Meats -----	115.1	115.2	.3	- 1.2	- 1.3
Beef and veal -----	113.3	114.3	.5	- .5	1.0
Steak, round -----	107.7	108.7	- .9	- 1.9	.8
Steak, sirloin <u>2/</u> -----	107.6	-----	.5	-----	.5
Steak, porterhouse <u>1/</u> -----	112.3	-----	1.4	-----	.7
Rump roast <u>1/</u> -----	104.7	-----	- .6	-----	1.2
Rib roast -----	119.5	120.2	.9	0	1.2
Chuck roast -----	104.8	108.4	1.7	.7	.6
Hamburger -----	116.0	116.8	1.0	.9	1.0
Beef liver <u>1/</u> -----	107.6	-----	1.6	-----	- 1.1
Veal cutlets -----	134.1	133.8	.8	.6	4.4
Pork -----	119.2	117.4	.3	- 2.7	- 4.6
Chops -----	121.4	117.7	- .2	- 4.1	- 3.0
Loin roast <u>2/</u> -----	128.0	-----	- .2	-----	- 3.5
Pork sausage <u>1/</u> -----	124.5	-----	1.1	-----	- 7.0
Ham, whole -----	109.5	110.3	- .7	- 1.9	- 3.0
Picnics <u>1/</u> -----	119.9	-----	1.6	-----	- 5.7
Bacon -----	127.0	124.5	.3	- 3.6	- 6.0
Other meats -----	117.5	117.6	.3	.4	- .8
Lamb chops <u>1/</u> -----	124.4	-----	1.1	-----	4.6
Frankfurters -----	116.5	117.1	- .3	.2	- .9
Ham, canned <u>1/</u> -----	113.8	-----	.1	-----	- 4.3
Bologna sausage <u>1/</u> -----	116.8	-----	.2	-----	- .3
Salami sausage <u>1/</u> -----	111.8	-----	.3	-----	- 1.6
Liverwurst <u>1/</u> -----	115.6	-----	- .1	-----	- 2.2
Poultry -----	90.1	-----	3.6	-----	- 7.2
Frying chicken -----	90.0	88.4	4.3	3.3	- 8.5
Chicken breasts <u>1/</u> -----	101.0	-----	2.0	-----	- 3.6
Turkey <u>1/</u> -----	102.1	-----	.9	-----	- 4.4
Fish -----	121.2	121.3	.1	.2	2.3
Shrimp, frozen <u>1/</u> -----	110.3	-----	.6	-----	7.7
Fish, fresh or frozen -----	124.6	125.0	.5	.4	1.4
Tuna fish, canned -----	109.7	-----	- 1.3	-----	- 4.8
Sardines, canned <u>1/</u> -----	112.3	-----	.3	-----	5.1
Dairy products -----	116.4	117.0	.1	- .3	4.9
Milk, fresh, grocery -----	113.2	114.0	.2	.9	4.0
Milk, fresh, delivered -----	117.5	-----	.1	-----	4.7
Milk, fresh, skim <u>1/</u> -----	112.0	-----	.1	-----	6.8
Milk, evaporated -----	117.3	-----	- .1	-----	6.4
Ice cream -----	99.2	-----	- .5	-----	4.5
Cheese, American process -----	135.8	136.2	.2	.5	5.0
Butter -----	115.3	115.9	0	- .2	4.0

See footnotes at end of table.

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

Item or Group	Index		Percent change to July 1967 from --		
	July 1967		June 1967		July 1966
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	unadjusted
Fruits and vegetables -----	124.4	116.2	3.8	1.0	2.4
Fresh fruits and vegetables -----	137.5	123.2	5.9	1.3	4.8
Apples -----	162.4	126.1	8.4	-.2	.7
Bananas -----	94.4	94.6	1.4	3.3	1.6
Oranges -----	112.6	112.3	3.9	2.6	- 5.1
Orange juice, fresh 1/ -----	71.7	-----	.7	-----	- 15.1
Grapefruit -----	145.8	128.6	14.2	9.5	- 10.5
Grapes * -----	182.7	142.0	(4/)	(4/)	21.5
Strawberries * -----	*	*	*	*	*
Watermelon * -----	110.4	112.0	- 13.8	3.1	3.0
Potatoes -----	140.7	109.2	5.9	- 4.0	.3
Onions -----	135.1	120.8	.8	1.6	- 6.7
Asparagus * 1/ -----	108.0	-----	3.8	-----	(4/)
Cabbage -----	139.1	142.4	- 10.9	- 5.5	2.6
Carrots -----	110.3	103.5	.7	.5	- 11.1
Celery -----	131.2	117.8	6.7	- 3.5	1.3
Cucumbers 1/ -----	128.3	-----	4.0	-----	- 3.8
Lettuce -----	179.2	192.7	6.9	8.2	46.8
Peppers, green 1/ -----	169.7	-----	2.9	-----	14.1
Spinach 1/ -----	104.9	-----	3.7	-----	3.9
Tomatoes -----	140.1	135.1	15.1	12.3	15.3
Processed fruits and vegetables -----	108.0	-----	.5	-----	- 1.5
Fruit cocktail, canned -----	98.5	-----	1.7	-----	- 1.6
Pears, canned 1/ -----	96.4	-----	2.3	-----	- 6.3
Grapefruit-pineapple juice, canned 1/ --	94.8	-----	.2	-----	- 1.7
Orange juice concentrate, frozen -----	70.1	71.2	- 1.8	- 1.4	- 23.4
Lemonade concentrate, frozen 2/ -----	86.7	-----	- 1.6	-----	- 1.6
Beets, canned 1/ -----	107.2	-----	.3	-----	3.5
Peas, green, canned -----	121.7	-----	.2	-----	4.7
Tomatoes, canned -----	124.6	-----	1.1	-----	10.4
Dried beans -----	112.6	-----	.4	-----	- 9.4
Broccoli, frozen 1/ -----	99.9	-----	.7	-----	3.5
Other food at home -----	100.2	101.1	.2	.6	- 1.9
Eggs -----	79.2	86.4	1.0	- 3.6	- 15.7
Fats and oils:					
Margarine -----	103.6	-----	- 1.2	-----	0
Salad dressing, Italian 1/ -----	101.3	-----	-.4	-----	-.1
Salad or cooking oil 1/ -----	122.9	-----	-.4	-----	1.8
Sugar and sweets -----	115.0	-----	.4	-----	3.9
Sugar -----	112.7	-----	.6	-----	2.5
Grape jelly -----	116.6	-----	-.1	-----	.2
Chocolate bar -----	105.5	-----	.3	-----	13.6
Syrup, chocolate flavored 1/ -----	99.1	-----	.8	-----	0
Nonalcoholic beverages -----	98.9	-----	-.1	-----	- 1.9
Coffee, can and bag -----	87.6	-----	-.5	-----	- 6.8
Coffee, instant 3/ -----	96.1	-----	-.2	-----	- 3.4
Tea -----	101.1	-----	0	-----	-.2
Cola drink -----	138.9	-----	.5	-----	6.9
Carbonated fruit drink 1/ -----	108.7	-----	.5	-----	3.9
Prepared and partially prepared foods 1/	100.8	-----	.5	-----	1.2
Bean soup, canned 1/ -----	100.1	-----	-.1	-----	2.7
Chicken soup, canned 1/ -----	96.4	-----	.1	-----	- 2.1
Spaghetti, canned 1/ -----	109.6	-----	.6	-----	4.6
Mashed potatoes, instant 1/ -----	101.8	-----	0	-----	-.4
Potatoes, french fried, frozen 2/ -----	84.4	-----	1.1	-----	- 2.0
Baby foods, canned -----	106.5	-----	.7	-----	1.5
Sweet pickle relish 1/ -----	105.2	-----	-.7	-----	1.5
Pretzels 1/ -----	102.9	-----	1.6	-----	2.8

1/ December 1963=100.

2/ April 1960=100.

3/ July 1961=100.

4/ Not available.

\* Priced only in season.

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

Group	Index	Percent change from --	
		April 1967	July 1966
All items -----	118.4	0.9	2.5
All items (1947-49=100) -----	146.7	-----	-----
<b>Food</b> -----	115.9	1.6	1.0
Food at home -----	112.4	2.1	- .4
Cereals and bakery products --	111.3	.4	- 1.8
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	118.0	2.4	- 2.1
Dairy products -----	124.9	2.4	5.9
Fruits and vegetables -----	111.9	7.7	2.7
Other foods at home -----	98.3	- 2.0	- 4.8
<b>Housing</b> -----	119.0	.7	2.4
Rent -----	113.5	.5	3.0
Gas and electricity -----	102.5	0	0
Solid and petroleum fuels -----	109.2	0	4.8
Housefurnishings -----	97.1	.4	- .2
Household operation -----	121.2	.6	5.8
<b>Apparel</b> -----	114.8	- .1	2.0
Men's and boys' -----	119.0	.5	2.7
Women's and girls' -----	110.2	- 1.2	2.3
Footwear -----	122.9	.3	.8
Other apparel -----	105.9	.9	1.0
<b>Transportation</b> -----	115.7	1.5	5.1
Private -----	111.8	1.9	4.0
Public -----	138.8	0	9.5
<b>Medical care</b> -----	134.9	1.8	7.1
<b>Personal care</b> -----	118.8	.5	1.6
<b>Reading and recreation</b> -----	121.6	- 1.1	1.7
<b>Other goods and services</b> -----	117.3	.8	- .8

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

	June to July 1967		April to July 1967		Jan. 1967 to April 1967		Oct. 1966 to Jan. 1967		July to Oct. 1966		July 1966 to July 1967	
	CPI	WPI	CPI	WPI	CPI	WPI	CPI	WPI	CPI	WPI	CPI*	WPI*
<b>*ALL ITEMS</b> -----	0.4	0.2	1.0	1.1	0.5	-0.8	0.2	0	1.1	-0.2	2.8	0.1
<b>CONSUMER PRODUCTS</b> -----	0	.1	.6	1.3	.1	-.3	-.3	-0.8	1.2	.9	1.7	1.0
<u>Nondurable</u> -----	-.4	0	.5	1.9	.1	-.6	-.4	-1.0	1.4	.8	1.8	1.1
Food and beverages at home -----	-.5	0	.8	3.1	-1.2	-2.0	-1.1	-1.7	2.1	.8	.7	.1
Apparel and accessories -----	.3	.1	1.0	.3	1.2	.4	1.2	.7	1.0	.2	4.2	1.6
Household furnishings and supplies -----	.2	.4	.8	1.3	1.3	2.8	-.1	-.7	.7	.8	2.7	4.2
Gasoline and motor oil -----	-1.0	.4	-1.6	-.6	3.6	2.2	.1	-2.0	.9	2.5	2.8	2.0
Other nondurables -----	.4	.2	.2	1.8	.2	.2	.4	.1	.5	.2	1.2	2.3
<u>Durable</u> -----	.3	.1	.5	0	.2	0	-.1	.2	.6	.8	1.0	1.0
New passenger cars -----	.7	-.2	1.1	-.5	-.1	-.1	-1.0	-.4	-.4	1.3	.3	.3
Appliances -----	.2	.3	.1	-.3	-.5	-.1	-.4	.6	-.2	.1	-.9	.2
Furniture and floor coverings -----	.3	.1	.6	.4	.5	.1	.6	.1	1.2	.6	2.8	1.1
*Other durables -----	.2	.3	.3	.2	.7	.4	.3	1.0	.7	1.1	1.9	2.6
<b>*CONSUMER SERVICES</b> -----	.4	-	1.0	-	.9	-	1.1	-	1.2	-	4.3	-
*Insurance and finance -----	.6	-	1.2	-	.3	-	1.6	-	1.3	-	4.6	-
*Rent -----	.2	-	.4	-	.4	-	.4	-	.6	-	1.9	-
*Utilities and public transportation -----	.2	-	.5	-	.3	-	.2	-	.1	-	1.0	-
*Housekeeping and home maintenance services -----	.3	-	1.1	-	1.6	-	1.5	-	1.8	-	6.2	-
*Medical care services -----	.6	-	1.7	-	2.1	-	2.3	-	2.6	-	9.0	-
*Personal care services -----	.4	-	.8	-	1.0	-	.8	-	1.3	-	4.0	-
*Other services -----	.3	-	1.1	-	1.0	-	.9	-	1.0	-	4.1	-
<b>WHOLESALE PRICES:</b>												
<u>Type of Product:</u>												
Farm products -----	-	-1.9	-	4.7	-	-4.6	-	-2.7	-	-1.9	-	-4.6
Processed foods and feeds -----	-	.6	-	1.4	-	-1.1	-	-1.4	-	.4	-	-.6
*Industrial commodities -----	-	0	-	0	-	.2	-	.5	-	.1	-	.8
<u>Industrial Materials and Equipment:</u>												
Chemicals and allied products -----	-	.2	-	.3	-	.4	-	.4	-	.1	-	.4
Rubber and rubber products -----	-	.3	-	.3	-	.2	-	1.2	-	.9	-	.7
Lumber and wood products -----	-	1.0	-	1.3	-	-.1	-	-1.4	-	.9	-	-1.2
Pulp, paper and allied products -----	-	.5	-	.5	-	.7	-	-.1	-	.2	-	.9
*Metals and metal products -----	-	.1	-	-.1	-	-.3	-	.7	-	.2	-	.2
Machinery and equipment -----	-	.2	-	.2	-	.4	-	1.5	-	1.0	-	3.0
<u>Stage of Processing at Wholesale:</u>												
Finished goods -----	-	.1	-	1.2	-	-.2	-	-.3	-	.8	-	1.6
Consumer -----	-	.1	-	1.4	-	-.4	-	-.7	-	.8	-	1.2
Producer -----	-	0	-	.4	-	.3	-	1.2	-	1.0	-	2.9
Intermediate materials, supplies and components -----	-	0	-	-.1	-	.1	-	.1	-	.1	-	0
Crude materials -----	-	-1.6	-	2.8	-	-3.5	-	-2.2	-	-2.6	-	-5.7

NOTE: The price changes shown for Consumer Products and components are for roughly comparable classes of finished consumer products from the CPI and WPI. A brief description of the classes of items contained in each group is included at the end of this report. Complete listings of inclusions in the CPI and WPI groupings will be furnished on request.

\*Based on data unadjusted for seasonal variations.

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 average standard errors for monthly, quarterly, and annual percent changes in the CPI for all items and for nine commodity groupings. The figures may be interpreted as follows: the chances are about 95 out of 100 that the percent change in the published CPI differs from the corresponding "complete coverage" change by less than twice the standard error. For any of the time period categories--i.e., monthly, quarterly, or annual--the standard errors are more or less independent of the size of the percentage changes to which they relate, within the range that has occurred in recent periods. An annual updating of the error estimates is planned.

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 (twice the standard error). 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.

Average Standard Errors of Percent Changes  
in the CPI

Component	Monthly Change	Quarterly Change	Annual Change
All items -----	.03	.05	.06
Food at home -----	.10	.13	.13
Food away from home -----	.05	.08	.16
Housing -----	.05	.08	.11
Apparel -----	.10	.16	.18
Transportation -----	.11	.21	.24
Medical care -----	.07	.11	.24
Personal care -----	.12	.19	.31
Reading and recreation -----	.12	.14	.27
Other -----	.10	.16	.32

<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: First Results." Copies are available from the Bureau of Labor Statistics on request.

### 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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Composition of Index Groupings Appearing in Table 1

	Consumer Price Index	Wholesale Price Index
ALL ITEMS -----	All commodities and services	All Commodities
<b>CONSUMER PRODUCTS</b> -----	All commodities except home purchase, used cars, food and beverages away from home, newspapers, magazines and books.	Nondurable and durable commodities ready for use by home consumers except a few individual consumer products included in WPI groupings of commodities purchased primarily by industrial firms.
<b>Nondurable</b> -----	All nondurable commodities except food and beverages away from home and newspapers, magazines and books.	A combination of indexes listed below. <u>1/</u>
Food and beverages at home -----	Food at home, alcoholic beverages at home.	Fresh and dried fruits and vegetables, nuts, and eggs from the farm products group; and the processed foods and feeds group, excluding crude vegetable oils and manufactured animal feeds.
Apparel and accessories -----	Apparel, footwear, and accessories. <u>2/</u>	Apparel and some fabrics and sewing materials, leather footwear, leather gloves, rubber footwear, watches and clocks, jewelry.
Household furnishings and supplies -----	Home maintenance nondurables, fuel oil and coal, textile housefurnishings, housekeeping supplies.	Textile housefurnishings, fuels for home use (except gas), soap and synthetic detergents, sanitary papers and health products, matches, pens and pencils, and prepared paints, and miscellaneous housekeeping supplies.
Gasoline and motor oil -----	Gasoline and motor oil.	Gasoline and automotive motor oil.
Other nondurables -----	Drugs and pharmaceuticals, toilet goods, recreational nondurables, tobacco products.	Pharmaceutical preparations, cosmetics and other toilet preparations, tobacco products, personal brushes, and recreational items such as toys, film, and playing cards.
<b>Durable</b> -----	All durable commodities except home purchase and used cars.	A combination of indexes listed below. <u>1/</u>
New passenger cars -----	New cars.	Passenger cars.
Appliances -----	Household appliances, radio and TV.	Home electronic equipment, room heaters, and household appliances, excluding electric lamps.
Furniture and floor coverings -----	Furniture and floor coverings.	Household furniture and floor coverings.
Other durables -----	Home maintenance durables, other housefurnishings, tires, recreational durables, except radio and TV.	Other durable commodities throughout the WPI which are used for home maintenance, including some household goods, tires and tubes, outboard motors, equipment for home workshops and home gardens, recreational items such as photographic equipment, sporting and athletic goods, musical instruments, and phonograph records, electric lamps, typewriters, luggage and small leather goods, and caskets and morticians goods.
<b>CONSUMER SERVICES</b> -----	All consumer services.	
Insurance and finance -----	Mortgage interest, taxes and insurance, automobile insurance and other auto expenses. <u>3/</u>	
Rent -----	Rent of home or apartment.	
Utilities and public transportation -----	Gas and electricity, telephone, water and sewer, public transportation.	
Housekeeping and home maintenance services --	Housekeeping and home maintenance services.	
Medical care services -----	Medical care except drugs and prescriptions.	
Personal care services -----	Personal care services.	
Other services -----	Hotels, apparel services, auto repairs and maintenance, recreational services, reading and educational services, personal expenses.	
<b>WHOLESALE PRICES</b>		
Type of product Farm Product Processed foods and feeds Industrial commodities Industrial materials and equipment		Same as the Wholesale Price Indexes for major groups.
Stage of Processing at wholesale Finished goods Consumer Producer Intermediate materials, supplies, and components Crude materials		The Wholesale Price Stage of Processing Indexes. The Consumer Finished Goods index differs from the Consumer Products index in weighting structure and is based on a larger sample of commodities.

1/ The classification by durable and nondurable commodities is based on CPI classification and is not necessarily the same as the WPI classification in the Indexes by Durability of Product

2/ Same as apparel commodities.

3/ Includes registration and license fees and parking fees.