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U.S. CITY AVERAGE
AND
SELECTED AREAS



for July 1969

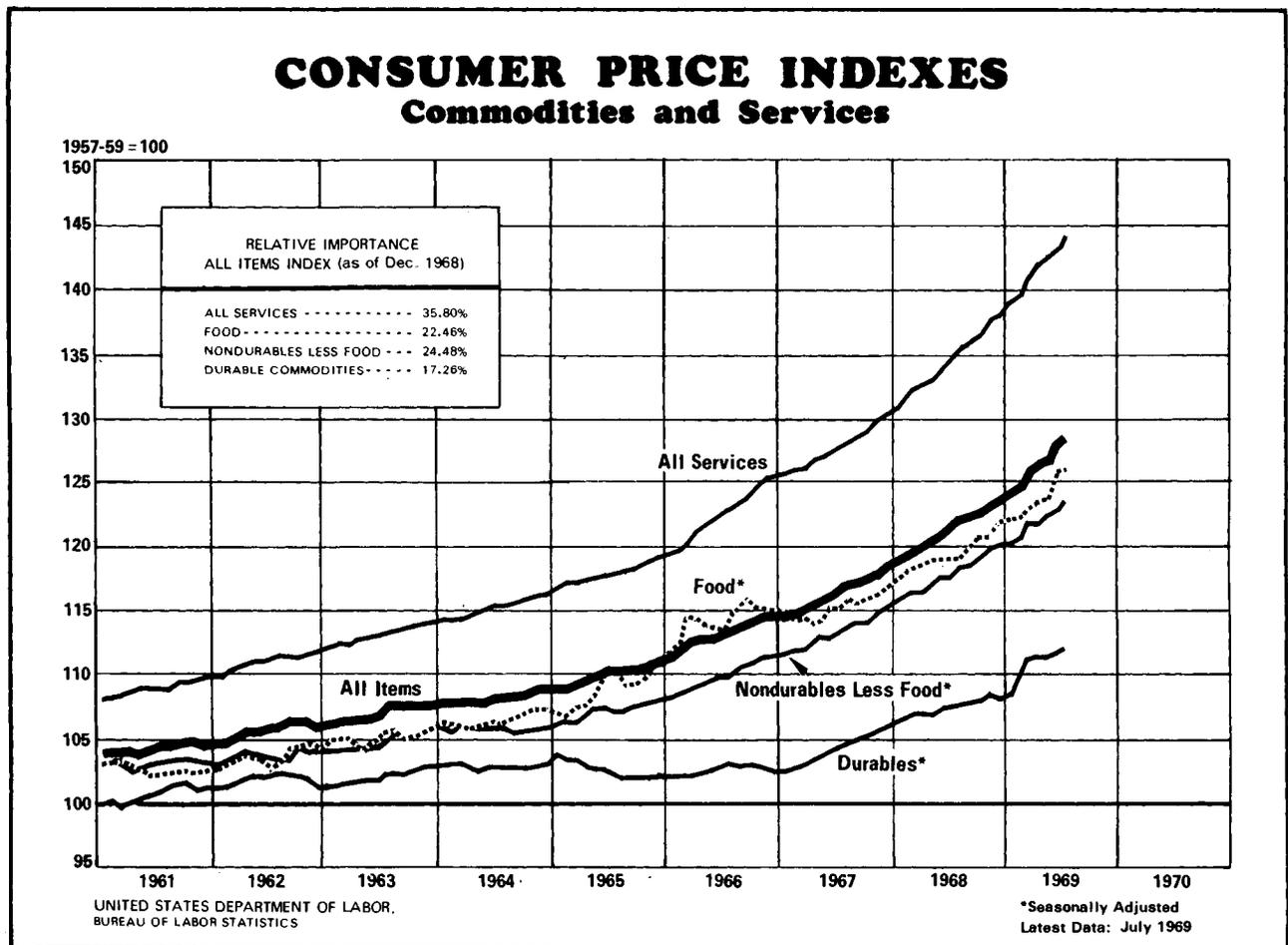
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The Consumer Price Index continued to climb rapidly in July, advancing 0.5 percent to 128.2 (1957-59=100). The increase, due largely to higher prices for foods and consumer services, left the index 5.5 percent higher than a year ago. So far this year, retail prices have climbed 3.6 percent compared with a 2.8 percent increase in the similar 1968 period.

The rise in food prices, largely due to seasonal influences, stemmed primarily from increases for meats and poultry and accounted for nearly half of the index advance. Services continued their strong climb, led by increased charges for household and medical care services. However, they rose at a pace well below the annual rate of about 8½ percent recorded for all services during the first four months of this year. Prices of commodities other than food posted a comparatively small rise, 0.1 percent, due to the moderating effects of lower prices for used cars, gasoline, and apparel.

Approximately 45 percent of the rise in retail prices since July 1968 resulted from an increase of nearly 7 percent in charges for consumer services. The over-the-year increase in food prices, a good part of which has taken place in the past several months, and in prices of other nondurable goods, each accounted for about one-fifth of the twelve-month rise in the all items index. Higher prices for durable goods accounted for the remainder.

Food

Retail food prices climbed somewhat more than usual for July, 0.2 percent on a seasonally adjusted basis. Prices of food purchased in grocery stores rose 1 percent, unadjusted, and prices of restaurant meals and snacks advanced 0.8 percent, for the largest monthly increase on record. The July increase left the index of retail food prices 5.6 percent higher than its level of July last year. Three-fourths of this increase resulted from a 5.4 percent rise in prices of food purchased for home consumption; a 6.1 percent rise for restaurant meals and other food consumed away from home accounted for the remainder.

The July increase in prices of grocery store food stemmed primarily from the continued advance in prices of meats and poultry. Beef and veal climbed considerably more than is usual at this season, because consumer demand remained relatively strong and supplies declined somewhat. Pork prices were also up appreciably, but the increase was largely seasonal. Significant advances were posted for poultry prices, despite an increase in supplies, as demand was bolstered by consumers' substitution of poultry for relatively higher priced red meats.

Fruits and vegetables also were more expensive at retail in July, but the price increases from June were significantly less than usual. The average rise was held below its usual proportions primarily by a sharp, contraseasonal decline for tomatoes, a larger than normal drop for watermelon, and a less-than-seasonal advance for apples. Supply conditions were primary factors in all three instances. Prices of eggs and dairy products averaged higher, in part because of increased demand resulting from high meat prices.

About two-thirds of the advance in grocery store food prices since July 1968 has resulted from a rise of nearly 12 percent in prices of meats, poultry, and fish. Prices of beef and pork were responsible for much of this increase, climbing 16.2 and 10.9 percent respectively over the twelve months.

Services

For the third consecutive month, prices of consumer services experienced an annual rate of increase of nearly 6 percent. Charges for services associated with homeownership continued to exert the strongest upward influence and medical care services posted a further substantial advance. The rise brought the increase in service costs since the beginning of the year to 4.3 percent. In the similar 1968 period, they rose 3.7 percent.

Charges for household services less rent rose sharply, after a comparatively moderate advance in June. The costs of mortgaging a home continued their steep climb and reached a point nearly 20 percent above year-earlier levels. Property taxes and insurance also moved higher as did prices for home maintenance and repair services. Approximately one-tenth of the increase in nonrent household services in July was due to widespread increases for housekeeping services, particularly household moving and babysitting. Residential gas and electricity rates were the only household services to show an appreciable decline. Residential rents sustained their steady uptrend, apparently reflecting very strong demand. Hotel and motel room rates registered an unusually large gain in July, due to both seasonal factors and the growing expense of providing these services. In the first seven months of this year, hotel and motel room rates have advanced faster than in any similar period.

Doctors' and dentists' fees and hospital daily service charges pushed medical care services up in July and helped to maintain the annual average rate of increase (about 7 percent) evident in the past several months. This increase represents a substantial slowdown from the annual rate of nearly 11 percent recorded in the first four months of this year.

Since July 1968, prices consumers pay for services have risen 6.7 percent. Excluding rents, which have provided a moderating influence, services have advanced 7.4 percent over the same period. Prices of household services, particularly home mortgaging, have played the most important role; they accounted for about half the increase.

Nondurable goods other than food

Retail prices of nondurable goods rose contraseasonally in July, largely because clothing prices failed to decline as much as usual and tobacco prices rose sharply. The increase brought the rise in prices of these goods so far this year to 2.3 percent; in the similar 1968 period they rose 2.1 percent.

Apparel prices declined 0.2 percent, about one-third as much as usual for July. Summer clearance sales, which account for the weakness in clothing prices at this season, were not as extensive as in previous years and were largely offset by price increases for items not subject to seasonal price reductions. Prices of women's apparel, climbing 0.7 on a seasonally adjusted basis, were particularly strong in July. Significant increases were recorded for street and cocktail dresses and seamless nylon hosiery.

Prices of tobacco products jumped nearly 2 percent, because of widespread increases for cigarettes, a continued response to an earlier price rise by manufacturers. Gasoline prices were down in July. The decreases were centered in the West and Midwest, and were generated by competitive conditions in those areas. Alcoholic beverages, toilet goods, and newspapers also showed appreciable price increases.

Over the past year, retail prices of nondurable commodities other than food have advanced 4.7 percent. Higher prices for apparel commodities, up 6.1 percent, were responsible for about half of this increase. The steep uptrend in clothing prices at retail is due both to a sustained high level of consumer demand and higher manufacturing and marketing costs. Price increases for gasoline, cigarettes, alcoholic beverages, newspapers, and magazines since July 1968 also have played a very important part in the increase for nondurable goods.

Durables

Prices of durable goods advanced moderately and more than seasonally in July, despite a sizeable decline for used cars. So far this year, prices of durable goods have risen nearly 3 percent--approximately twice as fast as in the similar period last year. The quicker pace for 1969 reflects larger price increases for nearly all consumer durables, but

particularly for used cars and houses.

Used car prices, which generally remain rather strong in the summer months, dropped nearly 1 percent in July. A continued uptrend in prices of houses and household durables offset the drop for used cars. Furniture prices moved higher, because of higher wholesale prices and retailing costs. Prices of durable home maintenance and repair commodities, which in June had reached a point almost 20 percent higher than a year ago, declined in July. The decrease was due largely to lower prices for pine shelving, the item responsible for much of the previous increase; the lower prices were due to earlier sharp price reductions for lumber at wholesale.

Nearly all of the 4 percent increase for durable goods since July last year has resulted from price increases for houses and household durables. Prices of new cars were up less than 2 percent, and used car prices were about 1 percent lower than their year-earlier level.

Cost-of-Living Adjustments

Approximately 1,150,000 workers will receive cost-of-living pay increases based on the July Consumer Price Index. About 1,050,000 of them are employed in automobile manufacturing, automotive parts and farm machinery industries. They will receive an 8 cent per hour increase based on averages of the May, June and July indexes. Nearly 800,000 of them have foregone another 1 cent per hour increase which is to be applied toward an additional holiday. On a similar contract, about 18,000 employees of John Deere will receive a 2½ percent increase. These are all maximum adjustments permitted under the contracts.

About 60,000 other workers will receive pay adjustments ranging from 1 to 18 cents in annual, quarterly, and monthly reviews based on the national index. Nearly 20,000 employees will have pay increases based on indexes for Chicago, Illinois, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and Boston, Massachusetts.

Approximately 17,000 workers who are covered under escalator provisions subject to adjustment on the July 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 points 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
July 1969 CPI (1957-59=100)	128.2	Index point difference divided by the index for the previous period: $\frac{128.2 - 127.6}{127.6} \times 100 = .5 \text{ percent}$
less June 1969 index	<u>127.6</u>	
Index point difference =	0.6	

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

(Unadjusted, unless otherwise indicated)

Group	Indexes (1957-59=100 unless otherwise noted)				Percent change to July 1969 from:		
	July 1969	June 1969	April 1969	July 1968	One Month Ago	Three Months Ago	One Year Ago
All items -----	128.2	127.6	126.4	121.5	0.5	1.4	5.5
All items (1947-49=100) -----	157.3	156.6	155.0	149.1			
Food -----	126.7	125.5	123.2	120.0	1.0	2.8	5.6
Food at home -----	123.0	121.8	119.3	116.7	1.0	3.1	5.4
Cereals and bakery products -----	122.6	122.0	121.3	119.2	.5	1.1	2.9
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	127.6	125.3	118.4	114.0	1.8	7.8	11.9
Dairy products -----	124.4	124.0	122.9	121.0	.3	1.2	2.8
Fruits and vegetables -----	132.3	130.8	127.9	132.2	1.1	3.4	.1
Other foods at home -----	107.2	106.6	109.0	103.3	.6	- 1.7	3.8
Food away from home -----	144.8	143.7	142.2	136.5	.8	1.8	6.1
Housing -----	127.0	126.3	125.3	119.5	.6	1.4	6.3
Shelter ^{1/} -----	134.0	133.0	131.6	124.2	.8	1.8	7.9
Rent -----	118.8	118.5	117.8	115.1	.3	.8	3.2
Homeownership ^{2/} -----	140.0	138.7	137.1	127.8	.9	2.1	9.5
Fuel and utilities ^{3/} -----	112.6	112.7	112.6	110.6	-.1	.0	1.8
Fuel oil and coal -----	117.4	117.5	117.4	115.7	-.1	.0	1.5
Gas and electricity -----	110.9	111.3	111.2	109.5	-.4	-.3	1.3
Household furnishings and operation -----	118.2	117.9	116.9	113.1	.3	1.1	4.5
Apparel and upkeep ^{4/} -----	126.8	127.0	125.6	119.7	-.2	1.0	5.9
Men's and boys' -----	128.1	128.5	127.3	120.1	-.3	.6	6.7
Women's and girls' -----	122.5	122.7	121.0	115.7	-.2	1.2	5.9
Footwear -----	139.9	140.1	138.4	132.0	-.1	1.1	6.0
Transportation -----	124.3	124.6	124.6	119.8	-.2	-.2	3.8
Private -----	121.4	121.8	121.9	117.6	-.3	-.4	3.2
New cars -----	101.6	101.8	101.9	99.8	-.2	-.3	1.8
Used cars -----	127.0	128.2	131.2	^{5/}	-.9	- 3.2	^{5/}
Gasoline -----	117.7	118.6	117.8	^{5/}	-.8	-.1	^{5/}
Public -----	149.5	149.1	148.0	138.5	.3	1.0	7.9
Health and recreation -----	137.0	136.3	135.1	130.2	.5	1.4	5.2
Medical care -----	155.9	155.2	153.6	145.1	.5	1.5	7.4
Personal care -----	126.6	126.2	125.5	120.4	.3	.9	5.1
Reading and recreation -----	130.7	130.4	129.6	125.9	.2	.8	3.8
Other goods and services -----	129.1	127.9	126.6	123.9	.9	2.0	4.2
Seasonally Adjusted:							
Commodities -----	120.9	120.5	119.4	115.4	.3	1.3	---
Food -----	125.8	125.5	123.6	119.2	.2	1.8	---
Apparel and upkeep -----	127.6	126.9	125.7	120.4	.6	1.5	---
Transportation -----	124.1	124.7	124.6	119.6	-.5	-.4	---
Special Groups:							
All items less food -----	128.8	128.4	127.5	122.1	.3	1.0	5.5
All items less medical care -----	126.5	126.0	124.7	120.1	.4	1.4	5.3
Commodities -----	121.0	120.5	119.3	115.5	.4	1.4	4.8
Nondurables -----	124.7	124.1	122.5	118.7	.5	1.8	5.1
Nondurables less food -----	123.1	123.0	121.9	117.6	.1	1.0	4.7
Apparel commodities -----	126.2	126.4	124.9	118.9	-.2	1.0	6.1
Durables -----	111.9	111.7	111.4	107.6	.2	.4	4.0
Household durables -----	106.0	105.8	105.0	101.5	.2	1.0	4.4
Services -----	144.0	143.3	142.0	134.9	.5	1.4	6.7
Services less rent -----	149.6	148.8	147.4	139.3	.5	1.5	7.4
Insurance and finance (Dec.1965=100) -----	129.5	128.4	127.1	117.1	.9	1.9	10.6
Utilities and public transportation (Dec.1965=100) -----	107.8	107.8	107.5	104.2	.0	.3	3.5
Housekeeping and home maintenance services (Dec.1965=100) -----	128.4	127.4	125.3	118.7	.8	2.5	8.2
Medical care services -----	170.1	169.1	167.2	156.6	.6	1.7	8.6
Purchasing Power of Consumer Dollar:							
1957-59=\$1.00 -----	\$.780	\$.784	\$.791	\$.823	-.5	- 1.4	- 5.2
1939=\$1.00 -----	.378	.380	.383	.399			

^{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 <u>1/</u>	Pricing Schedule <u>2/</u>	Indexes			Percent change from:		
		1957-59=100	1947-49=100	Other bases	June 1969	April 1969	July 1968
		July 1969			June 1969	April 1969	July 1968
U.S. City Average -----	M	128.2	157.3		0.5	1.4	5.5
Chicago -----	M	125.3	158.1		.6	1.7	5.4
Detroit -----	M	127.6	157.3		.2	1.5	6.1
Los Angeles-Long Beach ---	M	128.6	160.3		.5	1.3	5.2
New York -----	M	132.1	159.2		.4	1.2	6.4
Philadelphia -----	M	129.2	158.7		.8	1.3	5.4
		July 1969				April 1969	July 1968
Boston -----	1	132.1	163.7			1.8	5.9
Houston -----	1	127.0	156.4			1.2	6.5
Minneapolis-St. Paul -----	1	128.0	158.4			2.3	5.1
Pittsburgh -----	1	127.7	157.4			1.3	6.4
		May 1969				February 1969	May 1968
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100) ---	2			120.2		2.5	5.2
Cleveland -----	2	125.3	155.7			1.8	5.2
Dallas (Nov.1963=100) ---	2			119.4		2.2	5.9
Milwaukee -----	2	122.8	154.9			1.7	6.0
San Diego (Feb.1965=100) -	2			114.4		1.4	5.2
Seattle -----	2	127.6	160.3			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			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			116.6		.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 June 1969 to July 1969

Group	U.S. City Average	Chicago	Detroit	Los Angeles-Long Beach	New York	Philadelphia
All items -----	0.5	0.6	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.8
Food -----	1.0	1.2	1.6	.8	1.2	1.2
Housing -----	.6	1.1	1.0	.8	.4	1.1
Apparel and upkeep -----	- .2	- .7	- 1.1	.1	- .4	- .8
Transportation -----	- .2	- .2	- 2.9	- .1	.2	- .1
Health and recreation -----	.5	.5	.2	.2	.3	1.4
Medical care -----	.5	.0	.4	.2	.0	3.4
Personal care -----	.3	(2/)	1.3	(2/)	(2/)	- .4
Reading and recreation -----	.2	.5	- .5	.2	.2	.1
Other goods and services -----	.9	1.2	.0	.6	1.0	(2/)

^{1/} See footnote 1, table 2.

^{2/} Not available.

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

Group	Indexes			Percent changes to: July 1969	
	July 1969	June 1969	April 1969	From: One Month Ago	From: Three Months Ago
Food -----	125.8	125.5	123.6	0.2	1.8
Food at home -----	122.0	121.8	119.7	.2	1.9
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	127.0	125.5	119.4	1.1	6.4
Dairy products -----	124.6	124.5	123.5	.1	.9
Fruits and vegetables -----	124.5	127.0	126.4	- 2.0	- 1.5
Other foods at home -----	108.5	108.3	109.4	.2	- .8
Fuel and utilities ^{1/} -----	112.8	112.9	112.6	- .1	.2
Fuel oil and coal -----	118.9	119.2	117.0	- .3	1.5
Apparel and upkeep ^{2/} -----	127.6	126.9	125.7	.6	1.5
Men's and boys' -----	128.9	128.5	127.2	.3	1.3
Women's and girls' -----	123.4	122.6	121.4	.7	1.6
Footwear -----	140.5	140.1	138.3	.3	1.6
Transportation -----	124.1	124.7	124.6	- .5	- .4
Private -----	121.2	121.8	121.9	- .5	- .6
New cars -----	102.6	102.4	101.8	.2	.8
Commodities -----	120.9	120.5	119.4	.3	1.3
Commodities less food -----	118.2	118.0	117.2	.2	.9
Nondurables -----	124.5	124.2	122.7	.2	1.5
Nondurables less food -----	123.5	123.0	121.9	.4	1.3
Apparel commodities -----	126.8	126.3	125.0	.4	1.4
Durables -----	111.8	111.7	111.4	.1	.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
 July 1969 Index and Percent Changes from April 1969

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 -----	128.2	132.1	125.3	127.6	127.0	128.6	128.0	132.1	129.2	127.7
Food -----	126.7	130.2	129.0	126.5	127.7	124.0	125.4	128.1	126.0	124.2
Food at home -----	123.0	125.1	127.7	124.4	123.0	119.0	121.5	122.5	121.3	121.7
Cereals and bakery products -----	122.6	127.3	127.6	117.2	125.9	122.7	115.1	122.3	120.3	121.9
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	127.6	131.0	130.8	135.8	124.1	119.8	126.6	127.5	121.8	130.4
Dairy products -----	124.4	119.9	138.0	129.2	129.1	122.5	129.2	115.0	132.7	115.1
Fruits and vegetables -----	132.3	137.4	134.7	124.4	135.5	134.4	126.2	135.4	129.9	133.0
Other foods at home -----	107.2	107.4	108.7	105.6	105.7	98.5	110.3	106.8	103.4	106.1
Food away from home -----	144.8	152.8	135.6	139.0	147.7	142.4	143.3	152.3	151.5	140.4
Housing -----	127.0	134.2	120.9	125.3	125.6	132.3	127.4	130.9	126.2	127.1
Shelter -----	134.0	145.4	125.3	133.7	127.2	141.5	136.7	136.1	131.8	129.8
Rent -----	118.8	137.1	113.4	(2/)	106.3	119.5	119.5	(2/)	120.2	115.8
Homeownership -----	140.0	148.9	130.9	139.6	135.1	148.8	139.8	139.9	134.8	133.7
Fuel and utilities -----	112.6	110.2	107.5	103.8	122.2	109.5	110.2	113.6	110.3	121.7
Fuel oil and coal -----	117.4	119.8	110.2	110.0	-----	-----	115.7	124.0	122.5	-----
Gas and electricity -----	110.9	103.8	105.1	104.7	137.9	114.2	107.5	112.5	102.7	123.4
Household furnishings and operation -----	118.2	127.1	117.2	112.3	126.0	115.8	113.8	127.0	121.3	121.7
Apparel and upkeep -----	126.8	126.1	120.9	121.7	124.7	124.2	123.8	132.6	130.7	129.0
Men's and boys' -----	128.1	117.6	118.4	122.6	125.2	126.8	129.5	137.9	128.7	124.1
Women's and girls' -----	122.5	122.3	117.0	114.5	121.9	123.7	117.7	127.7	122.6	121.7
Footwear -----	139.9	138.8	134.7	137.4	142.1	135.6	135.7	138.0	138.9	145.3
Transportation -----	124.3	130.5	125.1	121.6	120.7	129.3	122.0	127.4	134.7	126.6
Private -----	121.4	120.2	120.7	118.7	116.0	124.8	120.4	127.7	126.9	120.4
Public -----	149.5	176.4	153.8	141.0	172.3	156.4	130.8	129.6	178.1	152.0
Health and recreation -----	137.0	137.1	131.5	140.2	136.5	129.3	140.1	144.2	138.5	136.6
Medical care -----	155.9	159.3	162.8	167.0	145.3	150.5	163.0	162.8	169.0	162.2
Personal care -----	126.6	129.7	(2/)	135.0	143.8	(2/)	130.6	(2/)	119.0	117.7
Reading and recreation -----	130.7	136.7	114.9	131.5	132.7	113.8	135.0	142.3	125.9	122.8
Other goods and services -----	129.1	122.9	120.8	122.1	123.5	125.3	124.8	140.0	(2/)	135.8
Percent Change from April 1969 to July 1969										
All items -----	1.4	1.8	1.7	1.5	1.2	1.3	2.3	1.2	1.3	1.3
Food -----	2.8	2.1	3.7	3.8	2.7	2.3	3.9	2.7	1.4	3.8
Food at home -----	3.1	2.3	4.4	4.5	2.4	2.7	3.9	2.9	1.3	4.1
Cereals and bakery products -----	1.1	.2	1.4	1.1	.6	1.4	.2	1.5	.2	.2
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	7.8	6.1	7.8	10.0	8.5	9.5	8.8	7.1	5.6	8.2
Dairy products -----	1.2	.0	2.2	.3	-.5	1.7	5.1	.8	.2	.0
Fruits and vegetables -----	3.4	4.2	6.6	5.2	3.4	-1.0	5.4	3.2	.9	7.4
Other foods at home -----	-1.7	-3.2	.5	-1.1	-3.7	-2.8	-1.9	-2.6	-4.2	.3
Food away from home -----	1.8	2.1	.9	.9	3.6	1.2	3.8	2.4	1.5	2.5
Housing -----	1.4	2.8	1.9	2.7	.7	1.1	3.2	1.0	1.9	1.6
Shelter -----	1.8	3.9	2.5	3.6	1.8	1.2	4.8	1.2	2.9	2.2
Rent -----	.8	1.8	3/1.1	(2/)	.5	3/1.6	1.7	(2/)	3/1.8	1.0
Homeownership -----	2.1	4.9	2.9	4.3	2.1	1.0	5.3	1.5	3.1	2.5
Fuel and utilities -----	.0	.8	-.2	.2	-2.4	-.1	.3	.1	.6	.7
Fuel oil and coal -----	.0	.0	.0	.0	---	---	.0	.2	.0	---
Gas and electricity -----	-.3	2.1	-.8	.3	-4.5	-.2	-.1	.1	.0	.4
Household furnishings and operation -----	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.3	.3	1.0	.3	1.0	.7	.7
Apparel and upkeep -----	1.0	.1	-.9	-1.0	.8	1.2	1.1	.3	-1.7	-.5
Men's and boys' -----	.6	.1	-.8	-.4	2.1	-.1	-1.3	-.6	-1.6	.6
Women's and girls' -----	1.2	.3	2.5	-2.6	.2	2.2	3.2	1.6	-2.2	-2.5
Footwear -----	1.1	-.6	.6	-.7	.1	1.6	.9	-1.0	-5.0	1.0
Transportation -----	-.2	-.2	-.2	-2.3	-.2	.7	-1.9	.0	-.1	-.3
Private -----	-.4	-.5	-.3	-2.6	-.2	.8	-2.0	-.1	-.4	-.4
Public -----	1.0	1.4	.3	.3	.0	.7	.4	.6	.9	.7
Health and recreation -----	1.4	1.9	1.4	1.1	1.6	1.2	3.0	1.3	3.0	.4
Medical care -----	1.5	1.3	.6	1.7	.7	1.2	2.0	1.8	4.8	1.1
Personal care -----	.9	2.4	(2/)	.8	4.3	(2/)	5.3	(2/)	.4	.0
Reading and recreation -----	.8	-.1	1.5	.9	.9	.7	.4	.5	.3	-.6
Other goods and services -----	2.0	4.5	2.1	.4	1.4	1.7	6.5	2.5	(2/)	1.0

^{1/} See footnote 1, table 2.

^{2/} Not available.

^{3/} Change from May 1969.

TABLE 6: Consumer Price Index--United States and Selected Areas
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Food and its Subgroups
July 1969 Indexes and Percent Changes from June 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 -----	126.7	123.0	122.6	127.6	124.4	132.3	107.2	144.8
Atlanta -----	124.4	121.1	114.0	126.4	117.1	132.9	113.3	136.4
Baltimore -----	130.1	125.3	126.0	130.5	120.3	138.9	109.6	150.1
Boston -----	130.2	125.1	127.3	131.0	119.9	137.4	107.4	152.8
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100) -	122.4	120.8	108.4	126.1	121.3	132.9	110.9	132.2
Chicago -----	129.0	127.7	127.6	130.8	138.0	134.7	108.7	135.6
Cincinnati -----	123.3	120.1	116.4	128.1	119.9	129.7	103.7	140.3
Cleveland -----	123.3	120.3	115.2	127.4	121.8	127.5	106.9	140.9
Dallas (Nov.1963=100) --	120.6	117.8	110.0	127.9	124.3	116.0	107.0	131.6
Detroit -----	126.5	124.4	117.2	135.8	129.2	124.4	105.6	139.0
Honolulu (Dec.1963=100)	116.9	115.4	110.6	120.0	115.0	118.9	108.0	121.6
Houston -----	127.7	123.0	125.9	124.1	129.1	135.5	105.7	147.7
Kansas City -----	130.7	127.5	128.4	133.2	133.6	129.5	112.2	142.1
Los Angeles-Long Beach -	124.0	119.0	122.7	119.8	122.5	134.4	98.5	142.4
Milwaukee -----	126.5	125.3	114.6	131.6	134.5	134.1	109.0	(2/)
Minneapolis-St. Paul ---	125.4	121.5	115.1	126.6	129.2	126.2	110.3	143.3
New York -----	128.1	122.5	122.3	127.5	115.0	135.4	106.8	152.3
Philadelphia -----	126.0	121.3	120.3	121.8	132.7	129.9	103.4	151.5
Pittsburgh -----	124.2	121.7	121.9	130.4	115.1	133.0	106.1	140.4
St. Louis -----	129.8	125.7	125.3	132.8	131.2	136.0	104.8	145.8
San Diego (Feb.1965=100)	118.7	115.7	110.1	132.3	111.9	110.1	102.5	(2/)
San Francisco-Oakland --	125.9	121.0	119.7	124.3	119.8	134.8	104.7	147.6
Seattle -----	125.8	120.6	113.4	129.1	128.2	128.2	103.0	147.7
Washington -----	131.3	126.6	120.8	129.9	126.7	135.2	116.0	149.7
Percent Changes June 1969 to July 1969								
U.S. City Average -----	1.0	1.0	0.5	1.8	0.3	1.1	0.6	.8
Atlanta -----	1.3	1.4	.4	2.2	-.1	1.6	1.6	1.0
Baltimore -----	1.7	2.0	-.2	2.8	.0	5.4	.5	.6
Boston -----	.5	.6	-.1	1.3	.2	2.0	-1.3	.6
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100) -	1.0	1.1	-.2	1.8	.8	1.8	.4	.7
Chicago -----	1.2	1.3	.9	1.3	-.2	3.9	.8	.5
Cincinnati -----	1.1	1.4	1.1	2.6	.3	1.2	.6	.2
Cleveland -----	-.1	-.1	.4	-.2	-2.5	.9	1.1	.8
Dallas (Nov.1963=100) --	.4	.6	-.1	2.2	.1	-1.4	.4	.1
Detroit -----	1.6	2.0	.3	3.3	-.2	2.4	1.5	.2
Honolulu (Dec.1963=100)	.5	.3	-.5	.9	.3	.8	-.5	.9
Houston -----	.7	.3	.6	1.9	-.1	.0	-1.6	1.9
Kansas City -----	.7	.6	.9	.8	-.2	1.3	.4	.7
Los Angeles-Long Beach -	.8	.9	-.5	2.2	1.6	-.7	.6	.6
Milwaukee -----	1.1	1.4	.8	1.4	1.9	1.0	1.5	(2/)
Minneapolis-St. Paul ---	2.1	2.1	.3	2.5	4.8	2.4	.3	2.0
New York -----	1.2	1.3	.7	1.9	.1	2.3	.4	1.2
Philadelphia -----	1.2	1.4	.3	2.3	-.2	1.6	1.8	.7
Pittsburgh -----	.8	.8	-.7	1.4	-.4	2.5	.2	1.1
St. Louis -----	.9	.9	1.8	1.5	-.2	.6	.3	.7
San Diego (Feb.1965=100)	.5	.8	-.5	1.3	1.4	.1	.3	(2/)
San Francisco-Oakland --	1.3	1.3	.3	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.2	1.3
Seattle -----	.6	.5	-.5	1.7	.2	-.5	.5	.9
Washington -----	1.7	2.3	4.4	2.6	1.0	3.2	.8	.3

^{1/} See footnote 1, table 2.

^{2/} Not available.

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

Item or Group	Index		Percent Change to July 1969 from--		
	July 1969		June 1969		July 1968
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted
Total food -----	126.7	125.8	1.0	0.2	5.6
Food away from home -----	144.8	-----	.8	---	6.1
Restaurant meals -----	145.1	-----	.8	---	6.1
Snacks 1/ -----	125.1	-----	.6	---	5.8
Food at home -----	123.0	122.0	1.0	.2	5.4
Cereals and bakery products -----	122.6	-----	.5	---	2.9
Flour -----	111.6	-----	-.4	---	.8
Cracker meal 1/ -----	123.3	-----	1.0	---	5.3
Corn flakes -----	129.0	-----	.0	---	.5
Rice -----	112.3	-----	.2	---	1.4
Bread, white -----	128.2	-----	.8	---	2.8
Bread, whole wheat 1/ -----	120.9	-----	1.1	---	5.0
Cookies -----	100.9	-----	.8	---	.1
Layer cake 1/ -----	113.6	-----	-.4	---	3.9
Cinnamon rolls 1/ -----	113.4	-----	.2	---	5.9
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	127.6	127.0	1.8	1.1	11.9
Meats -----	131.7	131.0	1.7	.8	13.0
Beef and veal -----	136.8	136.9	1.6	1.5	16.2
Steak, round -----	132.5	133.0	1.1	1.8	18.2
Steak, sirloin 2/ -----	131.1	-----	1.2	---	18.1
Steak, porterhouse 1/ -----	135.5	-----	1.9	---	16.6
Rump roast 1/ -----	125.0	-----	1.6	---	15.3
Rib roast -----	150.1	150.4	2.0	1.8	19.0
Chuck roast -----	131.0	132.1	2.4	1.3	19.0
Hamburger -----	140.0	139.7	1.5	1.4	16.5
Beef liver 1/ -----	115.4	-----	2.9	---	6.3
Veal cutlets -----	161.1	160.1	.8	.6	12.1
Pork -----	129.0	126.2	2.3	-.2	10.9
Chops -----	136.4	131.7	1.2	-1.4	10.9
Loin roast 2/ -----	141.9	-----	1.6	---	11.0
Pork sausage 1/ -----	143.6	-----	4.7	---	16.5
Ham, whole -----	114.2	116.3	.0	.5	4.9
Picnics 1/ -----	130.9	-----	4.9	---	13.1
Bacon -----	126.8	122.6	2.2	-1.2	9.9
Other meats -----	128.8	129.2	1.3	1.3	8.3
Lamb chops 1/ -----	140.9	-----	1.3	---	8.4
Frankfurters -----	129.4	130.7	1.4	2.7	12.5
Ham, canned 1/ -----	115.6	-----	-1.7	---	2.5
Bologna sausage 1/ -----	132.0	-----	2.5	---	11.1
Salami sausage 1/ -----	123.7	-----	1.8	---	8.1
Liverwurst 1/ -----	125.0	-----	2.3	---	7.4
Poultry -----	100.4	-----	3.2	---	9.6
Frying chicken -----	103.1	101.4	3.9	1.5	11.1
Chicken breasts 1/ -----	109.4	-----	1.7	---	6.5
Turkey 1/ -----	101.8	-----	.7	---	5.1
Fish -----	130.6	130.7	.6	.6	5.2
Shrimp, frozen 1/ -----	119.7	-----	1.2	---	9.8
Fish, fresh or frozen -----	134.5	134.6	1.1	.6	6.9
Tuna fish, canned -----	113.6	-----	-.2	---	2.4
Sardines, canned 1/ -----	124.4	-----	.3	---	2.1
Dairy products -----	124.4	124.6	.3	.1	2.8
Milk, fresh, grocery -----	121.7	122.3	.3	-.9	2.4
Milk, fresh, delivered -----	128.0	-----	.3	---	3.0
Milk, fresh, skim 1/ -----	122.9	-----	.5	---	4.0
Milk, evaporated -----	123.9	-----	-.1	---	2.4
Ice cream -----	99.0	-----	-.8	---	1.2
Cheese, American process -----	147.7	147.7	.8	.5	5.7
Butter -----	118.0	118.4	.2	.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
July 1969 Indexes and Percent Changes from Selected Dates
(1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)

Item or Group	Index		Percent Change to July 1969 from--		
	July 1969		June 1969		July 1968
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted
Fruits and vegetables -----	132.3	124.5	1.1	- 2.0	0.1
Fresh fruits and vegetables -----	145.0	131.1	1.8	- 3.0	- .5
Apples -----	192.9	158.2	4.1	- 1.7	- 3.6
Bananas -----	97.7	96.1	3.4	3.7	1.5
Oranges -----	127.9	130.2	2.0	1.9	-11.2
Orange juice, fresh 1/ -----	91.4	-----	- .4	-----	6.9
Grapefruit -----	156.6	141.5	9.1	5.5	-11.6
Grapes 3/ -----	188.3	140.6	3/	3/	- 3.4
Strawberries 3/ -----	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/
Watermelon 3/ -----	119.6	124.6	-25.2	- 7.1	9.2
Potatoes -----	165.2	142.3	6.9	8.8	1.0
Onions -----	141.5	132.7	4.8	8.2	- 6.4
Asparagus 1/ 3/ -----	129.6	-----	7.0	-----	6.8
Cabbage -----	145.7	146.1	- 6.4	1.6	2.2
Carrots -----	129.5	123.0	8.1	10.3	8.9
Celery -----	151.8	133.4	9.1	.8	10.2
Cucumbers 1/ -----	123.0	-----	- 1.3	-----	11.1
Lettuce -----	126.8	122.4	5.5	2.5	- 5.7
Peppers, green 1/ -----	165.6	-----	- 8.4	-----	8.7
Spinach 1/ -----	118.8	-----	6.9	-----	12.4
Tomatoes -----	131.0	126.9	-17.1	-18.7	- .4
Processed fruits and vegetables -----	116.4	-----	.1	-----	1.0
Fruit cocktail, canned -----	107.1	-----	.8	-----	- 1.4
Pears, canned 1/ -----	108.6	-----	- .3	-----	- 8.0
Grapefruit-pineapple juice, canned 1/ --	100.4	-----	.5	-----	5.5
Orange juice concentrate, frozen -----	100.4	102.6	- .6	- .1	13.6
Lemonade concentrate, frozen 2/ -----	90.6	-----	- 1.8	-----	5.0
Beets, canned 1/ -----	113.3	-----	.5	-----	1.4
Peas, green, canned -----	121.7	-----	.6	-----	.3
Tomatoes, canned -----	124.5	-----	.3	-----	- 4.7
Dried beans -----	124.7	-----	- .2	-----	.8
Broccoli, frozen 1/ -----	105.4	-----	.5	-----	5.1
Other food at home -----	107.2	108.5	.6	.2	3.8
Eggs -----	95.6	104.3	3.4	.7	7.5
Fats and oils:					
Margarine -----	103.1	-----	- .4	-----	- .6
Salad dressing, Italian 1/ -----	102.4	-----	- 1.0	-----	- .3
Salad or cooking oil 1/ -----	123.5	-----	.2	-----	1.6
Sugar and sweets -----	125.3	-----	.1	-----	5.9
Sugar -----	116.2	-----	.5	-----	2.8
Grape jelly -----	123.9	-----	- .2	-----	4.1
Chocolate bar -----	124.9	-----	.1	-----	11.5
Syrup, chocolate flavored 1/ -----	106.4	-----	- .1	-----	4.4
Nonalcoholic beverages -----	103.3	-----	- .1	-----	2.2
Coffee, can and bag -----	86.3	-----	- .6	-----	- 1.6
Coffee, instant 4/ -----	103.6	-----	- .1	-----	5.1
Tea -----	102.0	-----	.0	-----	1.2
Cola drink -----	155.3	-----	.1	-----	5.3
Carbonated fruit drink 1/ -----	122.7	-----	.7	-----	6.6
Prepared and partially prepared foods 1/	106.2	-----	.3	-----	3.8
Bean soup, canned 1/ -----	105.1	-----	.0	-----	4.7
Chicken soup, canned 1/ -----	98.0	-----	.2	-----	2.0
Spaghetti, canned 1/ -----	117.0	-----	.5	-----	4.7
Mashed potatoes, instant 1/ -----	108.1	-----	.4	-----	6.2
Potatoes, french fried, frozen 2/ -----	91.8	-----	1.1	-----	5.2
Baby foods, canned -----	111.7	-----	.9	-----	3.2
Sweet pickle relish 1/ -----	111.0	-----	- .7	-----	2.9
Pretzels 1/ -----	107.4	-----	.4	-----	1.5

1/ December 1963=100.

2/ April 1960=100.

3/ Priced only in season.

4/ 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, July 1969
and Percent Changes from Selected Dates
(1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)

Item or Group	Other Index Bases	Indexes		Percent Change to July 1969 From:	
		July 1969	June 1969	June 1969	July 1968
Housing -----		127.0	126.3	0.6	6.3
Shelter 1/ -----		134.0	133.0	.8	7.9
Rent -----		118.8	118.5	.3	3.2
Homeownership costs 2/ -----		140.0	138.7	.9	9.5
Mortgage interest rates -----		135.8	134.9	.7	
Property taxes -----	Dec.63	128.7	128.2	.4	
Property insurance rates -----		149.6	147.4	1.5	
Maintenance and repairs -----		141.5	140.8	.5	
Commodities 3/ -----	Dec.63	117.5	117.8	.3	
Exterior house paint -----		115.7	115.6	.1	
Interior house paint -----	Dec.63	112.3	112.2	.1	
Services -----	Dec.63	136.9	135.7	.9	
Repainting living and dining rooms -----		176.1	174.0	1.2	
Reshingling roofs -----		155.4	154.2	.8	
Residing houses -----	Dec.63	129.3	128.6	.5	
Replacing sinks -----	Dec.63	137.8	137.2	.4	
Repairing furnaces -----	Dec.63	139.7	137.7	1.5	
Fuel and utilities -----		112.6	112.7	-.1	1.8
Fuel oil and coal -----		117.4	117.5	-.1	1.5
Fuel oil, #2 -----		115.0	115.0	.0	
Gas and electricity -----		110.9	111.3	-.4	1.3
Gas -----		115.7	116.4	-.6	
Electricity -----		105.6	105.7	-.1	
Other utilities:					
Residential telephone services -----		103.6	103.6	.0	
Residential water and sewerage services -----		145.3	143.4	1.3	
Household furnishings and operation 4/ -----		118.2	117.9	.3	4.5
Housefurnishings -----		109.3	109.0	.3	4.3
Textiles -----		114.8	114.8	.0	
Sheets, percale or muslin -----		118.7	120.2	-1.2	
Curtains, tailored, polyester marquisette -----		111.6	111.5	.1	
Bedspreads, chiefly cotton, tufted -----		116.5	116.9	-.3	
Drapery fabric, cotton or rayon/acetate -----		124.8	122.2	2.1	
Pillows, bed, polyester or acrylic filling -----	Dec.63	108.0	109.3	-1.2	
Slipcovers, ready made, chiefly cotton -----	Dec.63	110.1	109.6	.5	
Furniture and bedding -----		122.1	121.8	.2	
Bedroom suites, good or inexpensive quality -----		125.3	124.8	.4	
Living room suites, good and inexpensive quality -----		123.9	123.4	.4	
Lounge chairs, upholstered -----	Dec.63	116.5	116.2	.3	
Dining room suites -----	Dec.63	126.6	126.1	.4	
Sofas, upholstered -----	Dec.63	114.3	113.8	.4	
Sofas, dual purpose -----		117.9	117.1	.7	
Sleep sets, Hollywood bed type -----	Dec.63	112.2	111.6	.5	
Box springs -----	Dec.63	123.0	123.0	.0	
Aluminum folding chairs 5/ -----	June 64	111.8	113.3	-1.3	
Cribs -----	Dec.63	117.7	117.5	.2	
Floor coverings -----		106.4	106.2	.2	
Rugs, soft surface -----		104.4	104.1	.3	
Rugs, hard surface -----		111.5	111.2	.3	
Tile, vinyl -----	Dec.63	108.2	108.0	.2	
Appliances 7/ -----	Dec.63	85.9	85.8	.1	
Washing machines, electric, automatic -----		90.5	90.5	.0	
Vacuum cleaners, canister type -----		82.0	81.8	.2	
Refrigerators or refrigerator-freezers electric -----		85.4	85.2	.2	
Ranges, free standing, gas or electric -----		97.6	97.4	.2	
Clothes dryers, electric, automatic -----	Dec.63	99.5	99.5	.0	
Air conditioners, demountable 5/ -----	June 64	99.7	99.5	.2	
Room heaters, electric, portable 5/ -----	Dec.63	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	
Garbage disposal units -----	Dec.63	103.9	103.9	.0	
Other housefurnishings:					
Dinnerware, earthenware -----		133.6	132.7	.7	
Flatware, stainless steel -----	Dec.63	119.5	118.9	.5	
Table lamps, with shade -----	Dec.63	115.3	114.0	1.1	
Lawn mowers, power, rotary type 5/ -----	June 64	116.4	116.8	-.3	
Electric drills, hand held -----	Dec.63	103.8	102.6	1.2	
Housekeeping supplies:					
Laundry soaps and detergents -----		106.4	106.5	-.1	
Paper napkins -----		127.2	128.1	-.7	
Toilet tissue -----		119.5	119.8	-.3	
Housekeeping services:					
Domestic service, general housework -----		172.9	172.2	.4	
Baby sitter service -----	Dec.63	134.5	133.7	.6	
Postal charges -----		165.5	165.5	.0	
Laundry, flatwork, finished service -----	Dec.63	140.6	140.2	.3	
Licensed day care service, preschool child -----	Dec.63	128.4	128.1	.2	
Washing machine repairs -----	Dec.63	133.0	131.6	1.1	

TABLE 8: Consumer Price Index--U.S. City Average
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers -- Continued

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

Item and Group	Other Index Bases	Indexes		Percent change to July 1969 From:	
		July 1969	June 1969	June 1969	July 1968
Apparel and upkeep 8/ -----		126.8	127.0	- 0.2	5.9
Apparel commodities -----		126.2	126.4	- .2	6.1
Apparel commodities less footwear -----		123.5	123.7	- .2	6.2
Men's and boys' -----		128.1	128.5	- .3	6.7
Men's:					
Topcoats, wool 5/ -----		(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	
Suits, year round weight -----		149.6	150.0	- .3	
Suits, tropical weight 5/ -----	June 64	127.7	130.8	- 2.4	
Jackets, lightweight -----	Dec.63	125.1	125.6	- .4	
Slacks, wool or wool blend -----		126.1	126.6	- .4	
Slacks, cotton or manmade blend -----		112.1	114.3	- 1.9	
Trousers, work, cotton -----		116.9	116.7	.2	
Shirts, work, cotton -----		123.1	123.4	- .2	
Shirts, business, cotton -----		121.5	121.7	- .2	
T-shirts, chiefly cotton -----		130.1	129.4	.5	
Socks, cotton -----		121.1	120.5	.5	
Handkerchiefs, cotton -----	Dec.63	112.3	112.3	.0	
Boy's:					
Coats, all purpose, cotton or cotton blend 5/ -----	Dec.63	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	
Sport coats, wool or wool blend 5/ -----	Dec.63	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	
Dungarees, cotton or cotton blend -----		127.2	127.0	.2	
Undershirts, cotton -----		127.9	126.6	1.0	
Women's and girls' -----		122.5	122.7	- .2	5.9
Women's:					
Coats, heavyweight, wool or wool blend 5/ -----		(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	
Carcoats, heavyweight, cotton 5/ -----	Dec.63	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	
Sweaters, wool or acrylic 5/ -----	Dec.63	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	
Skirts, wool or wool blend 5/ -----	Sept.61	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	
Skirts, cotton or cotton blend 5/ -----	Mar.62	130.7	135.0	- 3.2	
Blouses, cotton -----		122.4	122.7	- .2	
Dresses, street, chiefly manmade fiber -----		147.6	147.3	.2	
Dresses, street, wool or wool blend 5/ -----		(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	
Dresses, street, cotton 5/ -----		149.9	150.6	- .5	
Housedresses, cotton -----		148.8	149.6	- .5	
Slips, nylon -----		109.7	110.5	- .7	
Panties, acetate -----		108.6	108.4	.2	
Girdles, manmade blend -----		119.0	118.7	.3	
Brassieres, cotton -----	Dec.63	122.2	122.0	.2	
Hose, nylon seamless -----		99.6	99.0	.6	
Anklets, cotton -----	Dec.63	118.1	117.6	.4	
Gloves, fabric, nylon or cotton -----	Dec.63	108.9	108.9	.0	
Handbags, rayon faille or plastic -----	Dec.63	113.8	113.7	.1	
Girl's:					
Raincoats, vinyl plastic or chiefly cotton 5/ -----	Dec.63	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	
Skirts, wool or wool blend 5/ -----		(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	
Dresses, cotton -----		134.2	133.9	.2	
Slacks, cotton 5/ -----	Dec.63	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	
Slips, cotton blend -----	Dec.63	108.1	107.2	.8	
Robes, duster style, quilted tricot or percale 5/ -----	Dec.63	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	
Handbags -----	Dec.63	108.2	106.5	1.6	
Footwear -----		139.9	140.1	- .1	
Men's:					
Shoes, street, oxford -----		137.5	138.6	- .8	
Shoes, work, high -----		137.3	136.8	.4	
Women's:					
Shoes, street, pump -----		147.3	147.9	- .4	
Shoes, evening, pump -----	Dec.63	121.0	120.0	.8	
Shoes, casual, pump -----	Dec.63	126.8	128.2	- 1.1	
Householders, scuff -----	Dec.63	123.9	124.0	- .1	
Children's:					
Shoes, oxford -----		140.2	139.8	.3	
Sneakers, boys', oxford type -----	Dec.63	116.9	116.2	.6	
Dress shoes, girls', strap -----	Dec.63	130.6	131.9	- 1.0	
Miscellaneous apparel:					
Diapers, cotton gauze -----		103.5	103.2	.3	
Yard goods, cotton -----		122.1	123.2	- .9	
Wrist watches, men's and women's -----	Dec.63	102.7	102.4	.3	
Apparel services:					
Drycleaning, men's suits and women's dresses -----		130.5	130.2	.2	
Automatic laundry service -----	Dec.63	111.0	110.4	.5	
Laundry, men's shirts -----	Dec.63	123.0	122.5	.4	
Tailoring charges, hem adjustment -----	Dec.63	125.2	125.1	.1	
Shoe repairs, women's heel lift -----		121.1	120.4	.6	

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Indexes for Selected Items and Groups, July 1969
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Item and Group	Other Index Bases	Indexes		Percent change to July 1969 From:	
		July 1969	June 1969	June 1969	July 1968
Transportation -----		124.3	124.6	- 0.2	3.8
Private 9/ -----		121.4	121.8	- .3	3.2
Automobiles, new -----		101.6	101.8	- .2	1.8
Automobiles, used -----		127.0	128.2	- .9	
Gasoline, regular and premium -----		117.7	118.6	- .8	
Motor oil, premium -----		138.1	137.4	.5	
Tires, new, tubeless -----		116.3	115.5	.7	
Auto repairs and maintenance <u>10/</u> -----		133.8	133.3	.4	
Auto insurance rates -----		159.0	158.7	.2	
Auto registration -----		134.2	134.2	.0	
Parking fees, private and municipal -----	Dec. 63	117.7	117.5	.2	
Public -----		149.5	149.1	.3	7.9
Local transit fares -----		160.5	159.9	.4	
Taxicab fares -----	Dec. 63	127.5	127.5	.0	
Railroad fares, coach -----		114.9	114.9	.0	
Airplane fares, chiefly coach -----	Dec. 63	112.1	112.1	.0	
Bus fares, intercity -----	Dec. 63	122.9	122.9	.0	
Health and recreation -----		137.0	136.3	.5	5.2
Medical care -----		155.9	155.2	.5	7.4
Drugs and prescriptions -----		99.2	99.3	- .1	
Over-the-counter items -----	Dec. 63	106.9	107.1	- .2	
Multiple vitamin concentrates -----	Dec. 63	92.1	92.2	- .1	
Aspirin compounds -----	Dec. 63	106.4	106.6	- .2	
Liquid tonics -----	Dec. 63	100.8	100.9	- .1	
Adhesive bandages, package -----	Dec. 63	116.7	117.0	- .3	
Cold tablets or capsules -----	Dec. 63	109.1	109.5	- .4	
Cough syrup -----	Dec. 63	114.8	115.2	- .3	
Prescriptions -----		88.6	88.6	.0	
Anti-infectives -----	Mar. 60	62.8	63.1	- .5	
Sedatives and hypnotics -----	Mar. 60	107.1	106.9	.2	
Ataractics -----	Mar. 60	89.9	90.0	- .1	
Anti-spasmodics -----	Mar. 60	101.0	101.2	- .2	
Cough preparations -----	Mar. 60	110.2	109.7	.5	
Cardiovasculars and anti-hypertensives -----	Mar. 60	97.1	97.0	.1	
Analgesics, internal -----	Mar. 67	102.9	102.8	.1	
Anti-obesity -----	Mar. 67	102.9	102.6	.3	
Hormones -----	Mar. 67	93.8	93.9	- .1	
Professional services: -----					
Physicians' fees -----		156.0	155.5	.3	
Family doctor, office visits -----		158.3	157.6	.4	
Family doctor, house visits -----		163.8	163.4	.2	
Obstetrical cases -----		153.1	149.4	.5	
Pediatric care, office visits -----	Dec. 63	140.9	140.3	.4	
Psychiatrist, office visits -----	Dec. 63	129.3	129.6	- .2	
Herniorrhaphy, adult -----	Dec. 63	124.3	124.1	.2	
Tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy -----		148.1	147.8	.2	
Dentists' fees -----		144.9	144.2	.5	
Fillings, adult, amalgam, one surface -----		145.7	145.1	.4	
Extractions, adult -----		144.5	143.4	.8	
Dentures, full upper -----	Dec. 63	128.3	127.7	.5	
Other professional services: -----					
Examination, prescription, and dispensing of eyeglasses -----		131.7	131.2	.4	
Routine laboratory tests -----	Dec. 63	118.0	117.9	.1	
Hospital service charges: -----					
Daily service charges -----		256.7	253.8	1.1	
Semiprivate rooms -----		253.0	250.0	1.2	
Private rooms -----		247.9	245.5	1.0	
Operating room charges -----	Dec. 63	166.4	165.6	.5	
X-ray, diagnostic series, upper G.I. -----	Dec. 63	122.7	122.3	.3	
Personal care -----		126.6	126.2	.3	5.1
Toilet goods -----		111.2	110.9	.3	
Toothpaste, standard dentifrice -----		112.9	113.6	- .6	
Toilet soap, hard milled -----		125.1	123.6	1.2	
Hand lotions, liquid -----	Dec. 63	110.4	109.0	1.3	
Shaving cream, aerosol -----		101.4	102.3	- .9	
Face powder, pressed -----		126.1	125.0	.9	
Deodorants, cream or roll-on -----	Dec. 63	95.0	94.9	.1	
Cleansing tissues -----		109.3	108.7	.6	
Home permanent refills -----		98.8	99.3	- .5	
Personal care services -----		145.5	144.9	.4	
Men's haircuts -----		154.7	153.8	.6	
Beauty shop services -----		136.0	135.6	.3	
Women's haircuts -----	Dec. 63	121.2	120.9	.2	
Shampoo and wave sets, plain -----		152.8	152.3	.3	
Permanent waves, cold -----		106.7	106.5	.2	

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Item and Group	Other Index Bases	Indexes		Percent change to From:	
		July 1969	June 1969	June 1969	July 1968
Reading and recreation ^{11/} -----		130.7	130.4	0.2	3.8
Recreational goods -----	Dec. 63	98.7	98.6	.1	
TV sets, portable and console -----		79.8	80.0	-.3	
TV replacement tubes -----	Dec. 63	115.6	115.8	-.2	
Radios, portable and table model -----		76.5	76.6	-.1	
Tape recorders, portable -----	Dec. 63	91.5	91.9	-.4	
Phonograph records, stereophonic -----	Dec. 63	97.9	97.5	.4	
Movie cameras, Super 8, zoom lens -----	Dec. 63	83.5	84.1	-.7	
Film, 35mm, color -----	Dec. 63	99.1	99.0	.1	
Golf balls, liquid center -----	Dec. 63	103.1	103.5	-.4	
Basketballs, rubber or vinyl cover -----	Dec. 63	114.4	113.9	.4	
Fishing rods, fresh water spincast -----	Dec. 63	118.2	118.0	.2	
Bowling balls -----	Dec. 63	98.7	99.0	-.3	
Bicycle, boys' -----	Dec. 63	109.7	109.1	.5	
Tricycles -----	Dec. 63	109.4	109.2	.2	
Dog food, canned or boxed -----	Dec. 63	108.9	108.5	.4	
Recreational services -----	Dec. 63	130.1	129.7	.3	
Indoor movie admissions -----		200.2	198.3	1.0	
Adult -----		194.4	192.8	.8	
Children's -----		219.6	216.7	1.3	
Drive-in movie admissions, adult -----	Dec. 63	161.9	160.1	1.1	
Bowling fees, evening -----	Dec. 63	110.4	110.6	-.2	
Golf greens fees -----	Dec. 63	134.7	134.6	.1	
TV repairs, picture tube replacement -----		101.0	102.2	-1.2	
Film developing, black and white -----	Dec. 63	118.9	119.2	-.3	
Reading and education:					
Newspapers, street sale and delivery -----		155.2	154.3	.6	
Magazines, single copy and subscription -----	Dec. 63	126.3	126.3	.0	
Piano lessons, beginner -----	Dec. 63	122.8	122.3	.4	
Other goods and services -----		129.1	127.9	.9	4.2
Tobacco products -----		146.7	144.0	1.9	
Cigarettes, nonfilter tip, regular size -----		153.7	150.8	1.9	
Cigarettes, filter tip, king size -----	Mar. 59	146.2	143.4	2.0	
Cigars, domestic, regular size -----		107.1	106.5	.6	
Alcoholic beverages -----		117.7	117.4	.3	
Beer -----		114.8	114.5	.3	
Whiskey, spirit blended and straight bourbon -----		109.8	109.4	.4	
Wine, dessert and table -----	Dec. 63	110.2	109.5	.6	
Away from home -----	Dec. 63	121.8	121.5	.2	
Financial and miscellaneous personal expenses:					
Funeral services, adult -----	Dec. 63	115.5	115.2	.3	
Bank service charges, checking accounts -----	Dec. 63	108.2	108.2	.0	
Legal services, short form will -----	Dec. 63	135.0	134.5	.4	
Other special groups:					
All items less shelter -----		126.7	126.3	.3	4.9
Commodities less food -----		118.1	118.0	.1	4.3
Nondurables less food and apparel -----		121.3	121.0	.2	3.8
Household services less rent -----		146.9	145.7	.8	8.3
Transportation services -----		142.5	142.3	.1	6.7
Other services -----		145.7	145.2	.3	4.7

^{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/} Not available.

^{7/} Also includes radios and television sets, shown separately under reading and recreation.

^{8/} 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.

^{9/} Also includes recapped tires and drivers' license fees not shown separately.

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

^{11/} Also includes outboard motors, nondurable toys, college tuition fees, paperback books, and college textbooks, not shown separately.

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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