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**U.S. CITY AVERAGE
and
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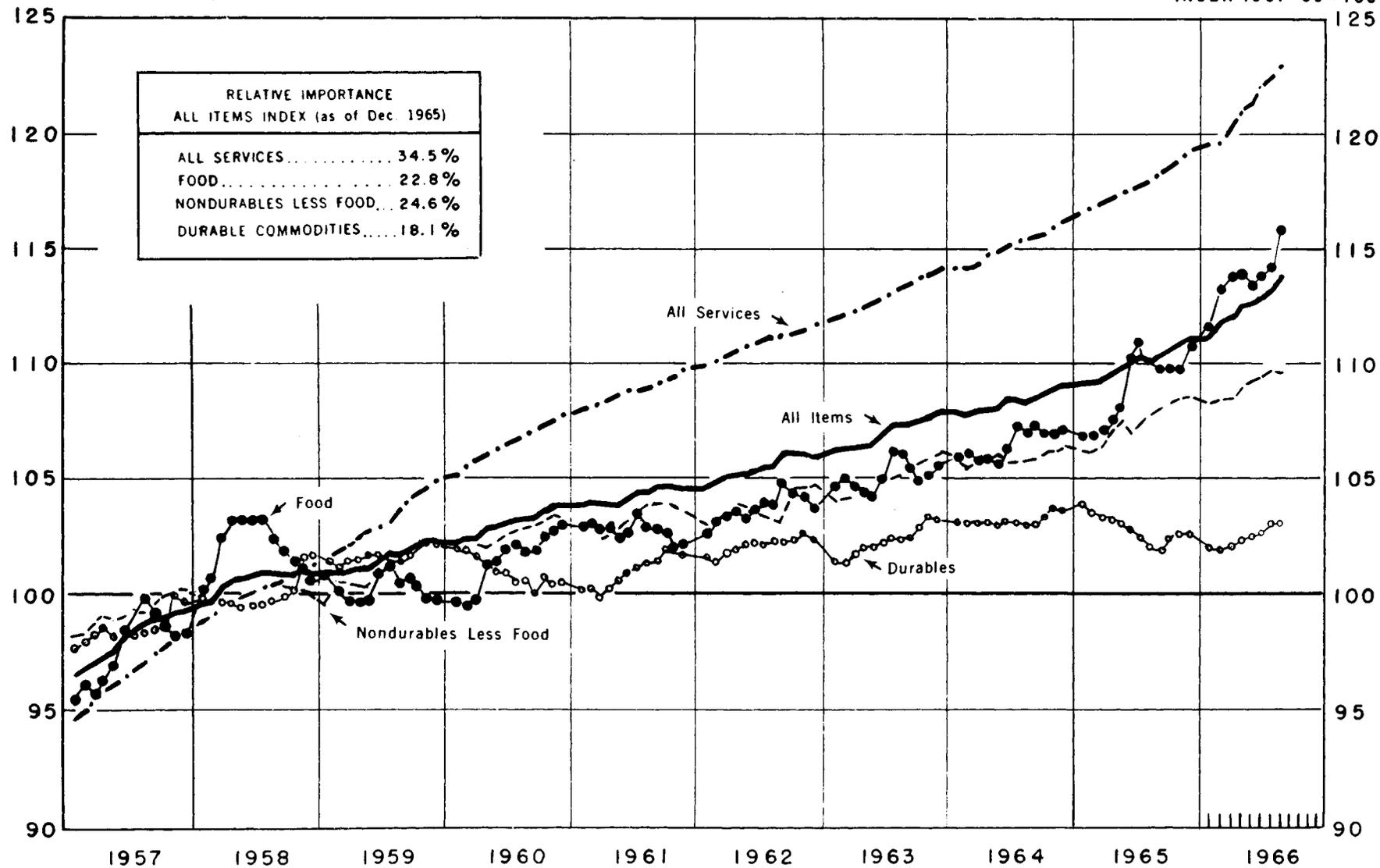
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The Consumer Price Index rose by 0.4 percent in August, to 113.8 (1957-59=100), the United States Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics announced today. Higher prices of foods, used cars, and medical services caused most of the advance. The August index was 3.5 percent higher than a year ago.

Price Changes, July-August 1966

Food prices went up 1.3 percent in August. Egg prices were up by 18 percent and dairy products by 3-1/2 percent. Bread prices also advanced in response to earlier increases in wholesale prices of flour. Higher prices for bacon and round steak were about offset by reductions in several other cuts of beef and pork.

Prices of fruits and vegetables were up by 0.7 percent. Prices of lettuce, cabbage, apples, and oranges rose substantially. Tomato and cucumber prices dropped.

Prices of commodities other than foods were down by 0.1 percent. Apparel prices averaged unchanged, as higher prices for men's and boys' clothing and footwear were offset by end-of-season clearance prices for women's and girls' summer apparel. Used car prices rose by 1.5 percent. Gasoline prices were lower. Prices of furniture and floor coverings moved higher, while appliances and household textiles were reduced.

The housing index rose by 0.2 percent mainly because of higher costs of owning a home--repairs, taxes, insurance, and interest on mortgages. Rents advanced 0.3 percent. Costs of most other services also continued to rise, particularly medical care services, barber and beauty shops, auto insurance, laundry and dry cleaning, and recreational services.

Price Trends, August 1965-August 1966

The rise in the Consumer Price Index over the past year has been caused mostly by increases averaging 4.3 percent for consumer services, and by 5.2 percent higher food prices. Nondurables other than food (such as apparel, fuels, gasoline, etc.) have shown an average 2.3 price increase, and the advance for consumer durables (houses, furniture, appliances, new and used cars, etc.) has amounted to 1.2 percent since August 1965.

Aside from food and services, the largest price increases since August 1965, have been for shoes, newspapers, cigarettes, and furniture.

Prices of appliances have declined slightly during the year.

Mortgage interest rates have risen by more than 8 percent over the past year. Hospital rates are up by 9 percent, and increases of 4 to 6 percent have occurred for taxes, insurance, and upkeep on owned homes, housekeeping services, auto insurance, public transportation, professional medical fees, barber and beauty shop services, and recreational services.

Prices of dairy products are up by 9.3 percent; eggs, 22 percent; fruits and vegetables, 6.7 percent; and cereals and bakery products, 5.6 percent. The rise in meat prices has been caused by reduced supplies, primarily of pork. Fruits and vegetables, eggs, and many other foods have been affected by hot, dry weather over much of the country during the past summer.

Cost-of-Living Adjustments

About 175,000 workers will receive increases in their cost-of-living allowances as a result of the August Consumer Price Index. For about 150,000, mostly in aerospace industries, the increase will be 3 cents an hour, based on the change in the index since May. Other workers will receive increases ranging from 1 to 10 cents an hour, based on price changes for periods of one month to one year.

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

Group	Indexes (1957-59=100)					Percent change to August 1966 from--				
	August 1966		July 1966		August 1965	July 1966		May 1966		August 1965
	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted
All items -----	113.8	-----	113.3	-----	110.0	0.4	-----	1.1	-----	3.5
Food -----	115.8	115.5	114.3	113.2	110.1	1.3	2.0	2.0	1.3	5.2
Food at home -----	114.4	113.9	112.7	111.3	108.6	1.5	2.3	2.1	1.2	5.3
Cereals and bakery products -----	117.3	-----	114.8	-----	111.1	2.2	-----	2.6	-----	5.6
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	114.5	112.9	114.3	114.1	109.8	.2	- 1.1	.5	- 2.7	4.3
Dairy products -----	114.8	114.9	111.0	111.6	105.0	3.4	3.0	5.0	4.3	9.3
Fruits and vegetables -----	122.3	121.4	121.5	113.9	114.6	.7	6.6	2.6	5.3	6.7
Other foods at home -----	104.9	105.1	102.1	102.9	101.9	2.7	2.1	2.0	1.1	2.9
Food away from home -----	124.0	-----	123.5	-----	118.2	.4	-----	1.5	-----	4.9
Housing -----	111.5	-----	111.3	-----	108.2	.2	-----	.7	-----	3.0
Shelter 1/ -----	114.6	-----	114.4	-----	110.7	.2	-----	1.0	-----	3.5
Rent -----	110.6	-----	110.3	-----	109.0	.3	-----	.4	-----	1.5
Homeownership 2/ -----	116.4	-----	116.2	-----	111.4	.2	-----	1.2	-----	4.5
Fuel and utilities 3/ -----	107.9	108.4	107.9	108.4	105.3	0	0	-.3	-.1	2.5
Fuel oil and coal 4/ -----	107.0	109.2	107.0	109.3	103.5	0	- .1	-.9	-.3	3.4
Gas and electricity -----	108.1	-----	108.1	-----	107.7	0	-----	-.1	-----	.4
Household furnishings and operation -----	105.2	-----	105.1	-----	102.9	.1	-----	.6	-----	2.2
Apparel and upkeep 5/ -----	109.2	109.6	109.2	109.6	106.4	0	0	-.1	.2	2.6
Men's and boys' -----	109.9	110.2	109.6	109.9	107.2	.3	.3	0	.3	2.5
Women's and girls' -----	103.8	104.5	104.6	105.1	102.6	-.8	-.6	- 1.1	-.9	1.2
Footwear -----	120.4	120.6	119.8	120.2	112.7	.5	.3	1.2	1.3	6.8
Transportation -----	113.5	113.5	113.5	113.4	111.0	0	.1	1.3	1.3	2.3
Private -----	111.6	111.6	111.5	111.4	109.5	.1	.2	1.0	1.0	1.9
Public -----	129.2	-----	129.1	-----	121.5	.1	-----	5.8	-----	6.3
Health and recreation -----	119.5	-----	119.1	-----	115.6	.3	-----	.9	-----	3.4
Medical care -----	128.4	-----	127.7	-----	122.8	.5	-----	1.7	-----	4.6
Personal care -----	112.7	-----	112.5	-----	109.0	.2	-----	.6	-----	3.4
Reading and recreation -----	117.4	-----	117.2	-----	114.3	.2	-----	.5	-----	2.7
Other goods and services 6/ -----	115.5	-----	115.3	-----	112.6	.2	-----	.7	-----	2.6
Special groups:										
All items less shelter -----	113.6	-----	113.1	-----	109.8	.4	-----	1.1	-----	3.5
All items less food -----	113.4	-----	113.2	-----	110.2	.2	-----	.8	-----	2.9
Commodities 7/ -----	109.8	109.8	109.3	109.1	106.6	.5	.6	.9	.7	3.0
Nondurables -----	112.5	112.4	111.8	111.4	108.5	.6	.9	1.1	.7	3.7
Durables 7/ 8/ -----	103.0	103.2	103.0	103.1	101.8	0	.1	.5	.7	1.2
Services 9/ -----	123.0	-----	122.6	-----	117.9	.3	-----	1.2	-----	4.3
Commodities less food 7/ -----	106.6	106.9	106.7	106.8	104.7	-.1	.1	.3	.5	1.8
Nondurables less food -----	109.6	109.8	109.7	109.9	107.1	-.1	-.1	.3	.4	2.3
Apparel commodities -----	107.9	108.4	108.1	108.3	105.3	-.2	.1	-.4	0	2.5
Apparel commodities less footwear -----	105.5	106.0	105.8	106.1	103.8	-.3	-.1	-.6	-.3	1.6
Nondurables less food and apparel -----	110.5	-----	110.6	-----	108.2	-.1	-----	.5	-----	2.1
New cars -----	95.8	97.1	96.7	97.9	97.1	-.9	-.8	- 1.2	-.3	- 1.3
Used cars -----	122.1	120.8	120.3	118.6	120.3	1.5	1.9	3.9	2.7	1.5
Household durables 10/ -----	97.0	-----	96.9	-----	95.8	.1	-----	.3	-----	1.3
Housefurnishings -----	98.9	99.2	98.8	98.9	97.3	.1	.3	.4	.8	1.6
Services less rent 9/ -----	125.9	-----	125.5	-----	120.0	.3	-----	1.5	-----	4.9
Household services less rent -----	122.4	-----	122.1	-----	116.6	.2	-----	1.2	-----	5.0
Transportation services -----	125.3	-----	125.0	-----	119.6	.2	-----	1.9	-----	4.8
Medical care services -----	134.7	-----	133.9	-----	127.7	.6	-----	2.0	-----	5.5
Other services 11/ -----	127.1	-----	126.7	-----	122.1	.3	-----	1.0	-----	4.1
All items index on other bases:										
1947-49=100 -----	139.6	-----	139.0	-----	135.0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
1939=100 -----	235.0	-----	234.0	-----	227.2	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:										
1957-59=\$1.00 -----	\$0.879	-----	\$0.883	-----	\$0.909	-.5	-----	- 1.0	-----	- 3.3
1947-49=\$1.00 -----	.716	-----	.719	-----	.741	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
1939=\$1.00 -----	.426	-----	.427	-----	.440	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

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 ^{1/}	Pricing Schedule ^{2/}	Indexes			Percent change from:	
		1957-59=100	1947-49=100	Other bases	May 1966	August 1965
		August 1966			May 1966	August 1965
U.S. City Average -----	M	113.8	139.6		1.1	3.5
Chicago -----	M	111.4	140.5		1.1	3.4
Detroit ^{3/} -----	M	111.9	138.0		1.2	4.8
Los Angeles-Long Beach -	M	114.6	142.9		.4	2.8
New York -----	M	116.7	140.6		1.3	3.6
Philadelphia -----	M	114.5	140.6		1.2	3.5
		July 1966			April 1966	July 1965
Boston -----	1	117.1	145.1		0.3	3.2
Houston -----	1	111.6	137.5		.6	2.9
Minneapolis-St. Paul ---	1	112.0	138.5		.2	2.1
Pittsburgh -----	1	112.8	139.0		-.2	1.8
		August 1966			May 1966	August 1965
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100) -	2	-----	-----	107.7	1.0	3.6
Cleveland -----	2	110.2	136.9		.5	2.9
Dallas (Nov.1963=100) --	2	-----	-----	105.6	1.0	3.8
Milwaukee -----	2	111.5	140.6		1.3	2.4
San Diego (Feb.1965=100)	2	-----	-----	102.0	.4	2.4
Seattle -----	2	114.5	143.9		.7	2.7
Washington -----	2	114.0	137.3		1.1	4.0
		June 1966			March 1966	June 1965
Atlanta -----	3	111.1	137.5		0.7	3.0
Baltimore -----	3	113.4	140.7		.8	3.1
Cincinnati -----	3	110.2	134.1		1.0	2.5
Honolulu (Dec.1963=100)	3	-----	-----	104.6	.2	2.9
Kansas City -----	3	116.5	144.1		1.0	2.3
St. Louis -----	3	113.6	141.0		1.3	3.1
San Francisco-Oakland --	3	115.2	146.2		.3	1.9

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

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

M - Every month.

1 - January, April, July, and October.

2 - February, May, August, and November.

3 - March, June, September, and December.

^{3/} Detroit indexes have been corrected, as follows:
(1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)

Date	All items	All items (1947-49=100)	Total trans- portation	Private trans- portation
1966: March-	109.6	135.1	111.7	110.2
April-	110.2	135.9	112.3	110.8
May---	110.6	136.4	112.2	110.7
June--	111.2	137.1	112.2	110.4
July--	111.3	137.2	111.8	110.0

TABLE 3: Consumer Price Index--The United States and Selected Areas ^{1/}
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Major Groups
Percent change from July 1966 to August 1966

Group	U.S. City Average	Chicago	Detroit	Los Angeles-Long Beach	New York	Philadelphia
All items -----	0.4	0.8	^{3/} 0.5	- 0.3	0.3	0.7
Food -----	1.3	2.4	1.4	.9	1.1	1.5
Housing -----	.2	.1	.2	-.2	.4	.8
Apparel and upkeep -----	0	1.0	.8	-.3	-.6	-.7
Transportation -----	0	.5	^{3/} .4	- 3.3	.1	.4
Health and recreation -----	.3	.1	.3	.1	.2	.3
Medical care -----	.5	.1	.4	.2	.6	.6
Personal care -----	.2	.4	.1	-.1	-.2	-.2
Reading and recreation -----	.2	0	.1	.6	.1	0
Other goods and services -----	.2	0	.5	-.3	.1	(^{2/})

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

^{2/} Not available.

^{3/} Based on corrected indexes; see footnote 3, table 2.

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

Date	All items	Food	Housing	Apparel and upkeep	Transportation	Health and recreation				
						Total	Medical care	Personal care	Reading and recreation	Other goods and services
1966:										
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
June	112.9	113.9	111.1	109.4	112.2	118.7	127.0	112.2	117.0	114.9
May	112.6	113.5	110.7	109.3	112.0	118.4	126.3	112.0	116.8	114.7
Apr.	112.5	114.0	110.3	108.7	112.0	118.1	125.8	111.6	116.8	114.3
Mar.	112.0	113.9	109.6	108.2	111.4	117.6	125.3	111.0	116.6	113.8
Feb.	111.6	113.1	109.4	107.6	111.1	117.1	124.5	110.8	115.9	113.6
Jan.	111.0	111.4	109.2	107.3	111.2	116.9	124.2	110.4	115.7	113.4
1965:										
Dec.	111.0	110.6	109.4	108.1	111.6	116.6	123.7	110.0	115.4	113.4
Nov.	110.6	109.7	109.2	108.1	111.5	116.4	123.4	109.6	115.4	113.3
Oct.	110.4	109.7	109.0	107.8	111.2	116.2	123.0	109.2	115.2	113.3
Sept.	110.2	109.7	108.6	107.2	111.0	115.8	122.8	109.2	114.8	112.7
Aug.	110.0	110.1	108.2	106.4	111.0	115.6	122.8	109.0	114.3	112.6
Annual Average:										
1965	109.9	108.8	108.5	106.8	111.1	115.6	122.3	109.9	115.2	111.4
1964	108.1	106.4	107.2	105.7	109.3	113.6	119.4	109.2	114.1	108.8
1963	106.7	105.1	106.0	104.8	107.8	111.4	117.0	107.9	111.5	107.1
1962	105.4	103.6	104.8	103.6	107.2	109.4	114.2	106.5	109.6	105.3
1961	104.2	102.6	103.9	103.0	105.0	107.3	111.3	104.6	107.2	104.6
1960	103.1	101.4	103.1	102.2	103.8	105.4	108.1	104.1	104.9	103.8
1955	93.3	94.0	94.1	95.9	89.7	91.4	88.6	90.0	92.1	94.3

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

Group	U.S. City Average	Buffalo (Nov.1963=100)	Chicago	Cleveland	Dallas (Nov.1963=100)	Detroit	Los Angeles- Long Beach
Indexes (1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)							
All items -----	113.8	107.7	111.4	110.2	105.6	111.9	114.6
Food -----	115.8	110.5	116.8	113.1	111.6	114.4	113.8
Food at home -----	114.4	110.3	116.9	111.9	112.1	113.2	110.5
Cereals and bakery products -----	117.3	103.3	120.0	113.1	107.8	110.0	120.6
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	114.5	113.4	115.0	114.3	116.8	115.4	106.5
Dairy products -----	114.8	108.4	122.5	113.9	117.9	118.5	114.8
Fruits and vegetables -----	122.3	117.1	124.3	119.2	111.3	117.0	120.5
Other foods at home -----	104.9	106.5	107.5	100.8	106.2	103.6	96.3
Food away from home -----	124.0	111.1	117.0	119.7	109.5	122.0	126.4
Housing -----	111.5	105.4	108.6	104.7	102.3	105.5	117.2
Shelter -----	114.6	104.9	110.2	103.3	104.7	106.5	123.5
Rent -----	110.6	102.6	-----	101.7	100.1	98.8	-----
Homeownership -----	116.4	105.3	112.1	103.4	107.0	108.5	127.5
Fuel and utilities -----	107.9	108.4	106.0	115.6	98.3	102.7	103.8
Fuel oil and coal -----	107.0	98.6	105.0	-----	-----	100.2	-----
Gas and electricity -----	108.1	112.2	106.6	116.9	97.5	105.2	110.9
Household furnishings and operation -----	105.2	104.5	106.0	101.5	99.4	101.6	104.8
Apparel and upkeep -----	109.2	107.7	105.1	108.5	102.1	110.3	108.6
Men's and boys' -----	109.9	107.9	104.9	111.1	104.4	105.5	110.7
Women's and girls' -----	103.8	106.2	98.9	102.1	98.8	111.2	105.0
Footwear -----	120.4	112.0	118.0	121.0	102.8	120.0	117.6
Transportation -----	113.5	106.9	110.1	112.6	102.8	112.2	117.3
Private -----	111.6	107.0	110.4	110.3	102.9	110.4	113.2
Public -----	129.2	106.3	109.2	125.9	103.1	119.4	140.3
Health and recreation -----	119.5	109.3	114.2	117.7	108.3	121.3	112.4
Medical care -----	128.4	111.1	134.3	135.1	110.2	135.9	123.6
Personal care -----	112.7	107.4	112.5	109.0	105.4	114.9	107.4
Reading and recreation -----	117.4	105.6	101.8	110.6	107.4	114.9	104.8
Other goods and services -----	115.5	112.6	107.3	113.6	108.6	114.3	108.3
Percent changes May 1966 to August 1966							
All items -----	1.1	1.0	1.1	0.5	1.0	2/ 1.2	0.4
Food -----	2.0	2.3	2.8	2.8	2.0	2.6	.7
Food at home -----	2.1	2.4	3.3	3.2	2.1	2.9	.5
Cereals and bakery products -----	2.6	3.0	6.0	2.6	.7	2.5	1.3
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	.5	1.4	1.2	.2	.2	.4	.6
Dairy products -----	5.0	6.6	4.7	9.8	8.2	8.2	3.0
Fruits and vegetables -----	2.6	.3	5.4	3.5	.5	3.6	- 1.5
Other foods at home -----	2.0	2.6	2.2	3.5	3.2	3.4	.1
Food away from home -----	1.5	1.6	.8	.6	1.7	1.5	1.1
Housing -----	.7	.9	.7	-.4	1.2	1.6	.8
Shelter -----	1.0	.9	.9	-.5	1.9	2.2	1.1
Rent -----	.4	.8	-----	.3	.6	3/ .7	-----
Homeownership -----	1.2	.9	1.4	-.8	2.7	2.6	1.4
Fuel and utilities -----	-.3	1.6	.2	0	-.2	.1	0
Fuel oil and coal -----	-.9	- 1.6	-.6	-----	-----	-.4	-----
Gas and electricity -----	-.1	2.7	.2	-.1	-.2	.4	0
Household furnishings and operation -----	.6	.2	.5	-.2	.1	.8	.3
Apparel and upkeep -----	-.1	-.6	-.3	-.3	-.1	.2	-.7
Men's and boys' -----	0	-.7	- 1.0	-.1	.2	- 1.3	- 1.9
Women's and girls' -----	- 1.1	- 1.8	-.9	-.8	- 1.0	.8	- 1.2
Footwear -----	1.2	1.4	1.1	.1	.5	0	.9
Transportation -----	1.3	1.0	.8	-.3	.3	2/ 0	-.8
Private -----	1.0	1.1	1.0	-.4	.4	2/- .3	-.9
Public -----	5.8	0	0	0	0	4.0	.3
Health and recreation -----	.9	.9	.4	.5	.5	.6	.2
Medical care -----	1.7	2.4	1.0	.4	1.1	1.6	.8
Personal care -----	.6	.4	.6	.2	-.5	2.2	-.8
Reading and recreation -----	.5	.2	.6	.2	.5	- 1.0	.8
Other goods and services -----	.7	.2	-.3	1.2	0	.3	-.7

See footnotes at end of table.

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

Group	Milwaukee	New York	Philadelphia	San Diego (Feb.1965=100)	Seattle	Washington
Indexes (1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)						
All items -----	111.5	116.7	114.5	102.0	114.5	114.0
Food -----	116.2	116.4	114.9	106.8	114.9	115.8
Food at home -----	115.5	113.4	113.4	106.2	112.5	114.1
Cereals and bakery products ----	107.4	117.0	112.1	107.5	108.8	110.7
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	116.4	113.1	110.7	112.6	116.7	111.8
Dairy products -----	121.1	108.7	119.9	103.9	119.5	117.8
Fruits and vegetables -----	123.5	122.8	122.7	99.0	115.9	124.7
Other foods at home -----	108.6	105.2	104.1	103.2	101.7	107.1
Food away from home -----	121.7	130.5	123.9	108.4	125.5	124.8
Housing -----	107.3	116.0	112.0	101.1	113.3	112.4
Shelter -----	106.7	119.4	115.1	102.4	118.8	115.0
Rent -----	104.4	119.3	-----	100.9	112.1	116.2
Homeownership -----	107.6	118.5	116.3	103.0	120.3	113.3
Fuel and utilities -----	110.9	107.1	106.3	97.8	110.2	104.9
Fuel oil and coal -----	115.9	110.9	110.4	-----	104.0	105.4
Gas and electricity -----	101.9	108.0	101.9	100.0	97.7	105.0
Household furnishings and operation	106.7	111.6	105.8	99.4	103.8	107.8
Apparel and upkeep -----	108.0	110.8	114.1	100.8	111.2	112.0
Men's and boys' -----	110.7	112.6	108.1	104.0	116.3	110.2
Women's and girls' -----	103.7	102.7	110.3	97.6	107.4	107.2
Footwear -----	117.1	120.2	123.2	106.9	123.6	124.0
Transportation -----	112.9	114.8	119.9	99.6	114.7	111.2
Private -----	113.1	113.2	116.0	99.3	113.5	110.2
Public -----	111.2	124.3	137.3	104.3	125.4	117.7
Health and recreation -----	114.9	125.1	118.5	101.5	117.1	119.5
Medical care -----	122.1	131.7	133.2	105.9	125.4	140.1
Personal care -----	116.6	110.8	109.1	97.3	111.9	111.1
Reading and recreation -----	112.3	127.0	113.1	100.3	110.1	117.6
Other goods and services -----	110.8	123.5	(4/)	100.7	119.2	106.5
Percent changes May 1966 to August 1966						
All items -----	1.3	1.3	1.2	0.4	0.7	1.1
Food -----	2.4	1.7	2.1	.5	.4	1.9
Food at home -----	2.7	1.7	2.3	.5	.3	2.5
Cereals and bakery products ----	3.3	1.1	2.1	2.3	.9	.7
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	.4	0	.5	-.4	1.0	.4
Dairy products -----	5.3	4.7	4.9	2.5	2.2	5.3
Fruits and vegetables -----	4.1	2.5	3.4	-2.8	-2.7	7.0
Other foods at home -----	2.8	2.1	2.8	1.4	-.1	1.8
Food away from home -----	1.1	2.2	1.6	.4	.7	.6
Housing -----	.5	.9	.7	.6	.9	1.3
Shelter -----	.9	.9	1.1	1.0	1.9	2.0
Rent -----	.4	3/ .3	-----	.7	2.1	.8
Homeownership -----	.9	1.4	1.4	1.2	1.8	2.6
Fuel and utilities -----	0	-.5	-.4	0	-.6	.2
Fuel oil and coal -----	0	-2.4	-2.0	-----	0	0
Gas and electricity -----	0	0	0	0	-1.3	-.6
Household furnishings and operation	-.1	1.3	.7	-.4	-.4	-.3
Apparel and upkeep -----	1.0	-1.4	-.1	.2	-.8	-.3
Men's and boys' -----	1.7	-1.1	-1.0	.9	.4	-.2
Women's and girls' -----	.7	-3.7	-.2	-.4	-2.9	-1.7
Footwear -----	1.5	-.9	1.2	.1	1.2	1.1
Transportation -----	2.5	4.8	1.4	.3	2.1	.1
Private -----	2.6	1.0	1.6	.3	2.6	.2
Public -----	0	22.2	.3	0	.2	0
Health and recreation -----	.3	1.5	1.3	.5	.6	.9
Medical care -----	1.9	2.8	2.1	.9	1.8	1.3
Personal care -----	1.0	.7	.1	1.1	.9	.2
Reading and recreation -----	-1.3	1.0	1.0	.3	.3	1.3
Other goods and services -----	.1	1.3	(4/)	0	-.2	0

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

^{2/} Based on corrected indexes; see footnote 3, table 2.

^{3/} Change from June 1966

^{4/} Not available.

TABLE 6: Consumer Price Index—United States and Selected Areas
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Food and its Subgroups
August 1966 indexes and percent changes from July 1966

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 -----	115.8	114.4	117.3	114.5	114.8	122.3	104.9	124.0
Atlanta -----	114.0	113.7	111.5	114.9	107.3	123.6	110.8	115.0
Baltimore -----	117.4	114.5	119.0	114.4	113.3	127.7	103.0	128.7
Boston -----	118.9	116.1	121.1	119.0	108.0	127.6	104.4	130.9
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100)	110.5	110.3	103.3	113.4	108.4	117.1	106.5	111.1
Chicago -----	116.8	116.9	120.0	115.0	122.5	124.3	107.5	117.0
Cincinnati -----	113.9	112.6	114.5	116.1	109.9	124.8	99.3	122.3
Cleveland -----	113.1	111.9	113.1	114.3	113.9	119.2	100.8	119.7
Dallas (Nov.1963=100) -	111.6	112.1	107.8	116.8	117.9	111.3	106.2	109.5
Detroit -----	114.4	113.2	110.0	115.4	118.5	117.0	103.6	122.0
Honolulu (Dec.1963=100)	106.6	106.8	103.5	112.5	101.7	108.3	101.6	105.8
Houston -----	117.0	115.4	124.7	111.9	116.3	123.4	106.7	124.2
Kansas City -----	118.1	117.5	119.8	116.8	121.1	123.1	108.8	120.7
Los Angeles-Long Beach	113.8	110.5	120.6	106.5	114.8	120.5	96.3	126.4
Minneapolis-St. Paul --	113.3	112.7	110.4	113.6	122.3	114.3	105.1	114.9
New York -----	116.4	113.4	117.0	113.1	108.7	122.8	105.2	130.5
Philadelphia -----	114.9	113.4	112.1	110.7	119.9	122.7	104.1	123.9
Pittsburgh -----	112.8	112.2	114.5	117.1	103.6	121.1	103.9	116.2
St. Louis -----	119.8	117.8	117.9	119.0	124.3	124.0	107.0	125.6
San Francisco-Oakland -	114.2	111.0	115.0	111.0	113.9	115.2	100.8	128.9
Seattle -----	114.9	112.5	108.8	116.7	119.5	115.9	101.7	125.5
Washington -----	115.8	114.1	110.7	111.8	117.8	124.7	107.1	124.8
Percent changes July 1966 to August 1966								
U.S. City Average -----	1.3	1.5	2.2	0.2	3.4	0.7	2.7	0.4
Atlanta -----	1.3	1.6	3.0	.3	.1	1.3	3.8	.1
Baltimore -----	1.0	1.2	.3	0	2.8	1.9	2.4	.3
Boston -----	1.6	1.9	4.8	.9	1.5	.9	2.7	.7
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100)	1.6	1.6	2.9	.4	1.7	1.6	2.7	.8
Chicago -----	2.4	2.8	4.2	.9	4.1	4.5	3.2	.1
Cincinnati -----	1.6	2.0	4.5	1.1	2.4	1.8	1.8	.4
Cleveland -----	1.8	2.1	2.7	- 1.2	8.6	1.7	2.6	.3
Dallas (Nov.1963=100) -	1.4	1.4	.7	.4	5.6	- 1.2	2.8	1.1
Detroit -----	1.4	1.5	1.9	- .3	6.9	- .6	3.2	.6
Honolulu (Dec.1963=100)	.1	.1	.1	.1	.7	- .4	.2	0
Houston -----	1.0	1.1	3.9	.2	1.0	- 1.0	2.7	.2
Kansas City -----	.9	1.0	3.6	- .8	1.0	- .2	2.8	.4
Los Angeles-Long Beach	.9	1.3	1.3	1.6	2.8	- 1.5	1.6	-. 2
Minneapolis-St. Paul --	.9	1.1	2.7	.4	2.9	- 2.6	2.4	.3
New York -----	1.1	1.3	1.0	.4	2.9	.6	2.9	.3
Philadelphia -----	1.5	1.7	2.1	.1	2.4	2.1	3.4	.6
Pittsburgh -----	1.1	1.3	0	- .1	2.1	1.5	3.3	.2
St. Louis -----	1.4	1.4	4.1	- 1.0	3.7	.5	2.5	1.9
San Francisco-Oakland -	.5	.5	2.3	- .9	4.0	- 3.3	2.6	.9
Seattle -----	.7	.7	2.3	- .1	1.4	- .9	2.0	.3
Washington -----	1.3	2.0	.9	.4	2.2	3.3	3.6	-. 3

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

TABLE 7: Consumer Price Index--United States City Average
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Food Items
August 1966 indexes and percent changes from selected dates
(1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)

Item or Group	Index		Percent change to August 1966 from --		
	August 1966		July 1966		August 1965
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted
Total food -----	115.8	115.5	1.3	2.0	5.2
Food away from home -----	124.0	-----	.4	-----	4.9
Restaurant meals -----	124.4	-----	.4	-----	5.2
Snacks <u>1/</u> -----	106.9	-----	.2	-----	3.8
Food at home -----	114.4	113.9	1.5	2.3	5.3
Cereals and bakery products -----	117.3	-----	2.2	-----	5.6
Flour -----	112.7	-----	2.8	-----	3.0
Cracker meal <u>1/</u> -----	115.9	-----	.1	-----	3.4
Corn flakes -----	123.5	-----	.7	-----	3.9
Rice -----	107.3	-----	.4	-----	.8
Bread, white -----	125.2	-----	4.6	-----	9.8
Bread, whole wheat <u>1/</u> -----	113.8	-----	5.3	-----	10.6
Cookies -----	100.8	-----	2.5	-----	1.6
Layer cake <u>1/</u> -----	102.4	-----	-.3	-----	5.1
Cinnamon rolls <u>1/</u> -----	105.1	-----	0	-----	4.4
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	114.5	112.9	.2	- 1.1	4.3
Meats -----	116.9	114.9	.3	- 1.2	3.9
Beef and veal -----	112.3	112.0	.1	- 1.1	2.0
Steak, round -----	108.4	107.9	1.5	.7	-.2
Steak, sirloin <u>2/</u> -----	107.2	-----	.1	-----	1.1
Steak, porterhouse <u>1/</u> -----	110.6	-----	-.8	-----	.3
Rump roast <u>1/</u> -----	104.4	-----	.9	-----	.5
Rib roast -----	117.9	117.8	-.2	- 1.1	.8
Chuck roast -----	104.1	104.6	-.1	- 3.3	-.4
Hamburger -----	114.6	115.1	-.3	-.3	4.9
Beef liver <u>1/</u> -----	107.1	-----	- 1.6	-----	2.5
Veal cutlets -----	128.5	128.9	.1	.3	5.8
Pork -----	125.9	120.7	.7	- 1.3	5.0
Chops -----	125.3	118.1	.1	- 2.5	3.1
Loin roast <u>2/</u> -----	132.8	-----	.1	-----	3.3
Pork sausage <u>1/</u> -----	132.9	-----	-.7	-----	6.7
Ham, whole -----	112.4	111.2	-.4	- 2.0	3.0
Picnics <u>1/</u> -----	126.2	-----	-.7	-----	6.4
Bacon -----	140.2	132.3	3.8	.5	7.2
Other meats -----	118.4	118.3	0	-.3	6.5
Lamb chops <u>1/</u> -----	118.8	-----	-.1	-----	3.3
Frankfurters -----	118.6	118.6	.9	.5	3.9
Ham, canned <u>1/</u> -----	118.1	-----	-.7	-----	9.0
Bologna sausage <u>1/</u> -----	117.8	-----	.5	-----	8.1
Salami sausage <u>1/</u> -----	113.6	-----	0	-----	5.7
Liverwurst <u>1/</u> -----	117.3	-----	-.8	-----	9.1
Poultry -----	96.5	-----	-.6	-----	4.6
Frying chicken -----	97.6	98.0	-.8	.8	5.4
Chicken breasts <u>1/</u> -----	105.7	-----	.9	-----	3.4
Turkey <u>1/</u> -----	105.8	-----	-.9	-----	1.8
Fish -----	119.6	120.0	.9	1.1	7.7
Shrimp, frozen <u>1/</u> -----	104.7	-----	2.2	-----	10.2
Fish, fresh or frozen -----	123.5	123.7	.5	.5	5.2
Tuna fish, canned -----	115.4	-----	.2	-----	12.6
Sardines, canned <u>1/</u> -----	107.8	-----	.8	-----	3.1
Dairy products -----	114.8	114.9	3.4	3.0	9.3
Milk, fresh, grocery -----	112.2	112.1	3.1	2.1	8.8
Milk, fresh, delivered -----	114.9	-----	2.4	-----	7.5
Milk, fresh, skim <u>1/</u> -----	109.0	-----	3.9	-----	9.8
Milk, evaporated -----	112.0	-----	1.6	-----	6.4
Ice cream -----	99.4	-----	4.7	-----	7.1
Cheese, American process -----	133.5	133.9	3.2	3.2	14.4
Butter -----	118.3	119.0	6.7	6.6	14.9

See footnotes at end of table.

TABLE 7: Consumer Price Index--United States City Average
 For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Food Items
 August 1966 indexes and percent changes from selected dates--Continued
 (1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)

Item or Group	Index		Percent change to August 1966 from --		
	August 1966		July 1966		August 1965
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted
Fruits and vegetables -----	122.3	121.4	0.7	6.6	6.7
Fresh fruits and vegetables -----	132.4	131.0	.9	10.6	9.2
Apples -----	171.6	136.4	6.5	9.6	20.8
Bananas -----	97.7	97.1	5.2	4.1	- 1.3
Oranges -----	128.7	124.8	8.4	5.9	7.1
Orange juice, fresh 1/ -----	85.5	-----	1.2	-----	- 5.1
Grapefruit -----	178.3	153.2	9.5	6.5	9.0
Grapes * -----	108.8	110.1	- 27.7	- 4.5	- 2.7
Strawberries * -----	*	*	*	*	*
Watermelon * -----	113.4	140.9	5.8	24.6	37.8
Potatoes -----	137.4	129.7	- 2.1	13.8	- 19.3
Onions -----	159.7	146.2	10.3	13.7	16.7
Asparagus * 1/ -----	*	*	*	*	*
Cabbage -----	160.0	179.0	18.0	30.5	46.1
Carrots -----	118.9	113.2	- 4.2	- 3.0	.3
Celery -----	127.9	131.9	- 1.2	12.7	25.5
Cucumbers 1/ -----	103.1	-----	- 22.7	-----	10.7
Lettuce -----	140.6	153.2	15.2	14.3	39.3
Peppers, green 1/ -----	137.4	-----	- 7.6	-----	20.7
Spinach 1/ -----	102.0	-----	1.0	-----	5.2
Tomatoes -----	105.8	144.3	- 12.9	30.7	23.7
Processed fruits and vegetables -----	109.6	-----	0	-----	3.0
Fruit cocktail, canned -----	99.9	-----	- .2	-----	3.0
Pears, canned 1/ -----	102.3	-----	- .6	-----	2.3
Grapefruit-pineapple juice, canned 1/ --	96.6	-----	.2	-----	- 2.9
Orange juice concentrate, frozen -----	92.4	93.5	1.0	.5	- 3.3
Lemonade concentrate, frozen 2/ -----	87.6	-----	- .6	-----	- .8
Beets, canned 1/ -----	104.1	-----	.5	-----	6.1
Peas, green, canned -----	116.6	-----	.3	-----	.5
Tomatoes, canned -----	113.1	-----	.2	-----	7.6
Dried beans -----	123.6	-----	- .6	-----	14.9
Broccoli, frozen 1/ -----	96.9	-----	.4	-----	.7
Other food at home -----	104.9	105.1	2.7	2.1	2.9
Eggs -----	110.5	113.4	17.7	11.6	22.1
Fats and oils:					
Margarine -----	104.3	-----	.7	-----	2.1
Salad dressing, Italian 1/ -----	101.6	-----	.2	-----	1.4
Salad or cooking oil 1/ -----	121.9	-----	1.0	-----	10.5
Sugar and sweets -----	110.9	-----	.2	-----	- 2.6
Sugar -----	110.5	-----	.5	-----	2.7
Grape jelly -----	116.4	-----	0	-----	.7
Chocolate bar -----	93.1	-----	.2	-----	- 12.4
Syrup, chocolate flavored 1/ -----	99.3	-----	.2	-----	.5
Nonalcoholic beverages -----	100.9	-----	.1	-----	.5
Coffee, can and bag -----	94.0	-----	0	-----	- 1.2
Coffee, instant 3/ -----	100.1	-----	.6	-----	- .1
Tea -----	100.3	-----	- 1.0	-----	- .2
Cola drink -----	130.2	-----	.2	-----	3.5
Carbonated fruit drink 1/ -----	105.1	-----	.5	-----	3.4
Prepared and partially prepared foods 1/ -----	99.5	-----	- .1	-----	- 2.3
Bean soup, canned 1/ -----	97.7	-----	.2	-----	- .5
Chicken soup, canned 1/ -----	98.5	-----	0	-----	- 1.0
Spaghetti, canned 1/ -----	104.9	-----	.1	-----	4.1
Mashed potatoes, instant 1/ -----	101.7	-----	- .5	-----	- 8.9
Potatoes, french fried, frozen 2/ -----	85.2	-----	- 1.0	-----	- 11.2
Baby foods, canned -----	105.1	-----	.2	-----	- 1.9
Sweet pickle relish 1/ -----	104.2	-----	.6	-----	2.7
Pretzels 1/ -----	99.4	-----	- .7	-----	.1

1/ December 1963=100.

2/ April 1960=100.

3/ July 1961=100.

* Priced only in season.

OLD SERIES

TABLE 8: Consumer Price Index--Scranton
All items and commodity groups
 August 1966 indexes and percent changes from selected dates
 (1957-59=100)

Group	Index	Percent change from --	
		May 1966	August 1965
All items -----	115.5	1.2	3.5
All items (1947-49=100) -----	137.8	----	----
Food -----	113.7	1.4	5.1
Food at home -----	112.0	1.6	5.2
Cereals and bakery products --	117.2	3.0	4.6
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	118.1	- .2	6.2
Dairy products -----	105.9	1.6	6.4
Fruits and vegetables -----	112.4	3.1	1.6
Other foods at home -----	104.5	2.3	5.8
Housing -----	109.0	1.2	1.3
Rent -----	111.3	.5	1.3
Gas and electricity -----	104.8	0	0
Solid and petroleum fuels -----	101.0	2.6	.5
Housefurnishings -----	97.9	- .5	2.8
Household operation -----	116.1	2.7	2.5
Apparel -----	111.8	1.2	5.3
Men's and boys' -----	112.2	.3	1.5
Women's and girls' -----	109.0	1.1	5.8
Footwear -----	122.6	3.6	12.3
Other apparel -----	103.2	0	1.1
Transportation -----	110.8	.5	1.1
Private -----	108.5	.6	1.3
Public -----	125.3	0	0
Medical care -----	135.3	.7	4.2
Personal care -----	123.1	2.9	3.6
Reading and recreation -----	157.7	.6	5.8
Other goods and services -----	115.8	1.6	2.4

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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