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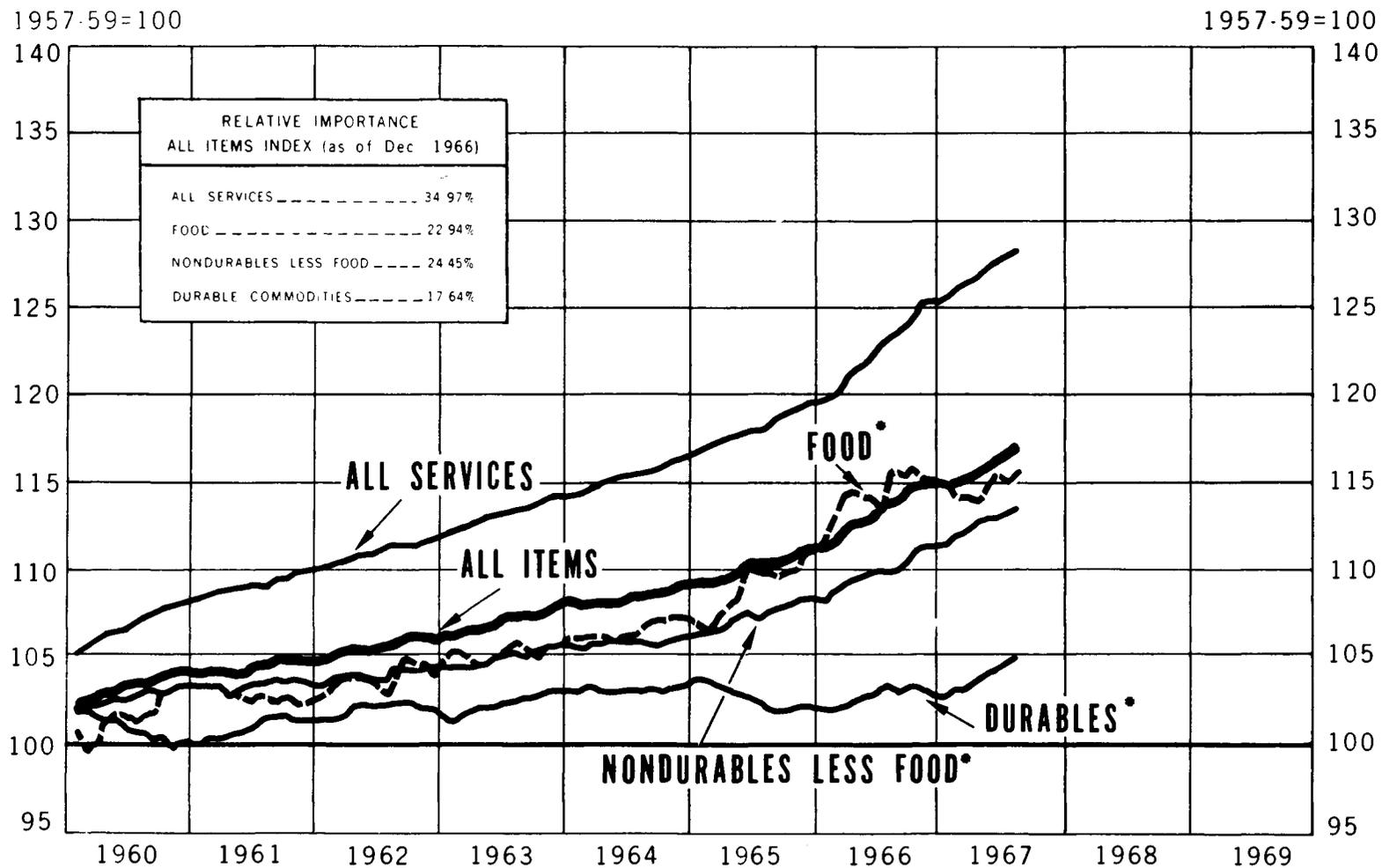
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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR AUGUST 1967

The Consumer Price Index advanced by 0.3 percent in August to 116.9 (1957-59=100), for a cumulative rise of 1.9 percent so far this year. In the same period last year the index rose 2.5 percent. Only once before in the past 10 years did the index advance in August over July. Higher food prices and service charges each accounted for a third of the August rise while most nonfood commodity prices also showed small advances.

The index in August stood 2.7 percent above a year earlier, but about two-thirds of this advance has occurred in the past 6 months. More than half of the 12-month change was caused by increasing service charges. Grocery store food prices were lower than a year ago in August despite their recent advances.

Food

Grocery store food prices, which have declined in August during 7 out of the last 10 years, increased this August for the second year in succession. A 16.5-percent jump in egg prices coupled with seasonal price advances for meats and higher prices for many fruits more than offset the less than seasonal declines in fresh vegetable prices.

Egg prices, which for several months have been depressed on the retail market by abundant supplies, rebounded to more normal levels in August. They are still 16-1/2 percent below August 1966 levels, as production in the first half of 1967 was 6 percent above the same 1966 period. Meat prices advanced seasonally in August, reflecting the lower rates of production during the summer months, but were still 0.7 percent lower than a year ago. Both production and cold storage holdings of pork were substantially higher than a year earlier, causing pork prices to average 4-1/2 percent lower. Beef prices, however, were 1-1/2 percent higher than a year ago.

Most fresh fruit prices advanced, especially apples, oranges, and grapefruit, as supplies continued to be depleted. Increased harvesting brought a 12-percent drop in prices of grapes. Prices for most fresh vegetables fell, with the greatest declines for lettuce, cucumbers, and green peppers. Tomato and celery prices declined less than seasonally, as adverse weather damaged crops and delayed harvests. Prices of potatoes and carrots increased as shipments dropped substantially from their levels of a month earlier.

Services

Consumer service charges advanced again in August, as services associated with housing and medical care led most other service costs in the upward trend. Mortgage interest costs advanced in response to the continuing high rates offered by competing long-term securities. Real estate tax increases and higher insurance rates coupled with rising costs of house maintenance also contributed to the advances in household service costs. Doctors' and dentists' fees were raised again, but appear to be advancing at slower rates than in late 1966 and early 1967. Hospital room rates

continued their sharp rise, to a level 21 percent above a year ago, while hotels and motels posted seasonally higher rates. Service charges over the past 12 months have advanced 4.6 percent, compared with a 4.3-percent rise between August 1965 and August 1966. Household services and medical services were also the most important factor in the over-the-year change.

Nondurables less food

Higher cigarette taxes and the continuing adjustment of retail prices to higher manufacturers' prices were major factors in the August increase of non-durables other than food. Apparel prices edged up by 0.1 percent, with higher prices for shoes and men's and boys' year-round clothing more than offsetting a greater than seasonal decline in women's and girls' summer apparel, particularly bathing suits and cotton skirts and shorts. A rise in prices of toilet goods reflected the introduction of new fall lines of beauty products at higher prices, higher wholesale costs, and the end of special promotional sales. Higher prices for newsprint and rising production costs resulted in an increase in prices of newspapers.

Durables

New car prices declined in August somewhat less than seasonally as the model year ended with an unusually strong demand for the apparently limited supply of 1967 models. Used car prices rose again, contrary to the normal pattern for August, as late model used cars continue to be in short supply. Tire prices rose as the inventory of tires made before the introduction of Federal standards has been largely depleted and the new higher wholesale prices were passed on to the consumer. Household durables also advanced slightly despite the fact that August is traditionally a slow sales month, apparently reflecting recent factory price increases for appliances.

Cost-of-Living Adjustments

Nearly 170,000 workers will receive pay increases as a result of the rise in the national Consumer Price Index from May to August. For 90,000, mostly in aerospace industries, the increase will be 4 cents an hour. An additional 67,000 workers, also mostly in aerospace industries will receive a 3-cent increase. A 2-cent increase will go to about 11,000 employees largely in chemical industries.

Advances in city indexes over varying periods will bring pay increases ranging from 2 to 7 cents an hour to almost 7,000 workers.

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

Group	Indexes (1957-59=100)					Percent change to August 1967 from --				
	August 1967		July 1967		August 1966 unadjusted	July 1967		May 1967		August 1966 unadjusted
	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted		Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	
All items -----	116.9	-----	116.5	-----	113.8	0.3	-----	1.1	-----	2.7
Food -----	116.6	115.8	116.0	115.0	115.8	.5	.7	2.4	1.2	.7
Food at home -----	113.9	112.9	113.3	112.0	114.4	.5	.8	2.7	1.3	-.4
Cereals and bakery products -----	118.4	-----	118.2	-----	117.3	.2	-----	-.3	-----	.9
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	113.1	112.1	112.3	112.2	114.5	.7	-.1	4.2	1.7	-1.2
Dairy products -----	116.6	116.6	116.4	117.0	114.8	.2	-.3	.6	0	1.6
Fruits and vegetables -----	122.7	120.6	124.4	116.0	122.3	-1.4	4.0	5.4	6.1	.3
Other foods at home -----	102.6	102.5	100.2	101.1	104.9	2.4	1.4	1.9	.7	-2.2
Food away from home -----	130.3	-----	129.7	-----	124.0	.5	-----	1.2	-----	5.1
Housing -----	114.7	-----	114.3	-----	111.5	.3	-----	.7	-----	2.9
Shelter <u>1/</u> -----	118.4	-----	117.9	-----	114.6	.4	-----	.8	-----	3.3
Rent -----	112.6	-----	112.4	-----	110.6	.2	-----	.4	-----	1.8
Homeownership <u>2/</u> -----	120.8	-----	120.2	-----	116.4	.5	-----	.9	-----	3.8
Fuel and utilities <u>3/</u> -----	109.1	109.5	108.9	109.3	107.9	.2	.2	.4	.6	1.1
Fuel oil and coal <u>4/</u> -----	111.7	113.9	111.4	113.7	107.0	.3	.2	.8	1.6	4.4
Gas and electricity -----	108.5	-----	108.3	-----	108.1	.2	-----	.2	-----	.4
Household furnishings and operation -----	108.3	-----	108.2	-----	105.2	.1	-----	.4	-----	2.9
Apparel and upkeep <u>5/</u> -----	113.8	114.3	113.7	114.2	109.2	.1	.1	0	.4	4.2
Men's and boys' -----	114.5	115.0	113.9	114.4	109.9	.5	.5	.4	.9	4.2
Women's and girls' -----	108.8	109.6	109.2	109.7	103.8	-.4	-.1	-.7	-.1	4.8
Footwear -----	126.0	126.3	125.4	125.8	120.4	.5	.4	.6	.9	4.7
Transportation -----	116.4	116.3	116.2	116.0	113.5	.2	.3	.8	.6	2.6
Private -----	114.4	114.3	114.1	113.9	111.6	.3	.4	.7	.5	2.5
Public -----	132.8	-----	132.7	-----	129.2	.1	-----	1.5	-----	2.8
Health and recreation -----	124.2	-----	123.6	-----	119.5	.5	-----	1.1	-----	3.9
Medical care -----	137.5	-----	136.9	-----	128.4	.4	-----	1.3	-----	7.1
Personal care -----	116.1	-----	115.5	-----	112.7	.5	-----	1.0	-----	3.0
Reading and recreation -----	120.0	-----	119.8	-----	117.4	.2	-----	.3	-----	2.2
Other goods and services <u>6/</u> -----	118.8	-----	117.8	-----	115.5	.8	-----	1.8	-----	2.9
Special groups:										
All items less shelter -----	116.5	-----	116.1	-----	113.6	.3	-----	1.2	-----	2.6
All items less food -----	117.1	-----	116.8	-----	113.4	.3	-----	.7	-----	3.3
All items less medical care -----	115.6	-----	115.2	-----	112.9	.3	-----	1.0	-----	2.4
Commodities <u>7/</u> -----	111.9	111.8	111.5	111.3	109.8	.4	.4	1.3	1.1	1.9
Nondurables -----	114.8	114.6	114.3	113.7	112.5	.4	.8	1.4	1.1	2.0
Durables <u>7/ 8/</u> -----	104.7	104.9	104.4	104.4	103.0	.3	.5	.8	1.0	1.7
Services <u>9/</u> -----	128.2	-----	127.7	-----	123.0	.4	-----	.9	-----	4.2
Commodities less food <u>7/</u> -----	109.4	109.6	109.1	109.2	106.6	.3	.4	.6	.7	2.6
Nondurables less food -----	113.2	113.4	112.8	113.0	109.6	.4	.4	.4	.5	3.3
Apparel commodities -----	112.7	113.2	112.6	113.2	107.9	.1	0	0	.4	4.4
Apparel commodities less footwear -----	110.0	110.6	110.0	110.6	105.5	0	0	-.2	.3	4.3
Nondurables less food and apparel -----	113.4	-----	113.0	-----	110.5	.4	-----	.7	-----	2.6
New cars -----	96.9	98.2	97.0	98.0	95.8	-.1	.2	0	1.1	1.1
Used cars -----	125.2	123.3	124.8	123.1	122.1	.3	.2	3.1	1.2	2.5
Household durables <u>10/</u> -----	98.2	-----	98.1	-----	97.0	.1	-----	.1	-----	1.2
Housefurnishings -----	100.8	101.1	100.8	100.9	98.9	0	.2	.2	.6	1.9
Services less rent <u>9/</u> -----	131.7	-----	131.2	-----	125.9	.4	-----	1.0	-----	4.6
Household services less rent -----	127.5	-----	127.0	-----	122.4	.4	-----	.8	-----	4.2
Transportation services -----	128.8	-----	128.3	-----	125.3	.4	-----	.9	-----	2.8
Medical care services -----	146.7	-----	146.0	-----	134.7	.5	-----	1.6	-----	8.9
Other services <u>11/</u> -----	131.9	-----	131.6	-----	127.1	.2	-----	.8	-----	3.8
All items index on other bases:										
1947-49=100 -----	143.4	-----	142.9	-----	139.6	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
1939=100 -----	241.4	-----	240.6	-----	235.0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:										
1957-59=\$1.00 -----	\$0.855	-----	\$0.858	-----	\$0.879	-.3	-----	-1.2	-----	-2.7
1947-49=\$1.00 -----	.697	-----	.700	-----	.716	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
1939=\$1.00 -----	.414	-----	.416	-----	.426	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

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.

ERRATA: JULY CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The July press release on prices reported a "significant advance" in interest rates on conventional mortgages. A data processing error in this segment of the index was discovered subsequently. It should have shown no change.

The July indexes have been recalculated using the correct data. Corrected indexes for the U.S. city average and the nine areas affected by the error are shown in the following table.

Corrected Indexes, July 1967
(1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)

Area	All items		Housing	Shelter	Home-ownership
	1957-59 =100	1947-49 =100			
U.S. City Average <u>1/</u>	*116.5	*142.9	114.3	117.9	120.2
Boston	119.9	148.6	120.8	127.4	128.1
Chicago	113.7	143.4	110.9	112.6	114.4
Detroit	115.0	141.8	109.5	111.5	113.9
Houston	*114.3	*140.8	110.9	108.9	111.5
Los Angeles-Long Beach	117.5	146.5	119.7	126.3	130.8
Minneapolis-St. Paul	115.6	143.0	113.4	119.7	121.3
Philadelphia	*116.7	*143.3	114.4	*117.3	118.3
Pittsburgh	*115.0	*141.7	113.2	112.5	113.0
Portland, Oregon	118.2	146.4	118.6	(<u>2/</u>)	(<u>2/</u>)

*Indicates that the error was not large enough to change the originally published indexes.

1/ The following special group indexes were also corrected: Services, 127.7; Services less rent, 131.2; and Household services less rent, 127.0.

2/ Indexes for these groups are not calculated for Portland.

TABLE 3. 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	May 1967	August 1966
		August 1967			May 1967	August 1966
U.S. City Average -----	M	116.9	143.4		1.1	2.7
Chicago -----	M	114.5	144.4		1.7	2.8
Detroit -----	M	115.3	142.2		.7	3.0
Los Angeles-Long Beach -	M	118.3	147.5		1.2	3.2
New York -----	M	119.4	143.9		.8	2.3
Philadelphia -----	M	117.4	144.2		1.2	2.5
		July 1967			April 1967	July 1966
Boston -----	1	119.9	148.6		0.9	2.4
Houston -----	1	114.3	140.8		.6	2.4
Minneapolis-St. Paul ---	1	115.6	143.0		1.2	3.2
Pittsburgh -----	1	115.0	141.7		.7	2.0
		August 1967			May 1967	August 1966
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100) -	2	-----	-----	110.4	0.8	2.5
Cleveland -----	2	113.2	140.6		1.3	2.7
Dallas (Nov.1963=100) --	2	-----	-----	108.9	1.3	3.1
Milwaukee -----	2	113.6	143.2		1.2	1.9
San Diego (Feb.1965=100)	2	-----	-----	105.9	1.7	3.8
Seattle -----	2	118.2	148.6		1.2	3.2
Washington -----	2	117.3	141.2		1.4	2.9
		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 ^{1/}
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Major Groups
Percent change from July 1967 to August 1967

Group	U.S. City Average	Chicago	Detroit	Los Angeles-Long Beach	New York	Philadelphia
All items -----	0.3	0.7	0.3	0.7	0.3	0.6
Food -----	.5	1.0	1.0	.3	.6	1.0
Housing -----	.3	.5	0	.2	.1	.6
Apparel and upkeep -----	.1	.8	.4	1.7	-.3	.3
Transportation -----	.2	.2	-.1	.2	.5	.2
Health and recreation -----	.5	.8	.2	1.8	.5	.2
Medical care -----	.4	1.0	.1	.3	.9	.3
Personal care -----	.5	.6	1.1	.9	1.0	.6
Reading and recreation -----	.2	.3	.5	.6	.5	.3
Other goods and services ---	.8	1.6	.1	5.5	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
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:										
Aug.	116.9	116.6	114.7	113.8	116.4	124.2	137.5	116.1	120.0	118.8
July	116.5	116.0	114.3	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
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 1/
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Commodity Groups
August 1967 indexes and percent changes from May 1967

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 -----	116.9	110.4	114.5	113.2	108.9	115.3	118.3
Food -----	116.6	111.3	117.7	113.0	110.8	116.3	114.6
Food at home -----	113.9	110.2	116.9	110.8	109.6	114.1	109.5
Cereals and bakery products -----	118.4	104.6	122.0	109.8	106.8	112.4	119.0
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	113.1	112.0	116.5	112.8	112.5	116.2	103.4
Dairy products -----	116.6	110.4	126.5	116.1	116.7	120.8	116.4
Fruits and vegetables -----	122.7	116.7	122.9	118.6	111.0	118.7	123.7
Other foods at home -----	102.6	106.0	102.0	99.4	102.8	102.5	94.5
Food away from home -----	130.3	117.9	121.9	125.4	115.4	128.9	132.9
Housing -----	114.7	108.7	111.5	108.6	106.8	109.5	119.9
Shelter -----	118.4	108.7	113.5	108.0	110.0	111.3	126.5
Rent -----	112.6	104.3	-----	102.9	101.5	102.0	-----
Homeownership -----	120.8	109.4	115.9	108.8	114.1	113.6	131.0
Fuel and utilities -----	109.1	109.9	107.1	115.2	98.4	103.0	104.7
Fuel oil and coal -----	111.7	103.1	106.2	-----	-----	104.6	-----
Gas and electricity -----	108.5	113.9	107.4	116.4	97.9	104.9	110.6
Household furnishings and operation -----	108.3	107.9	109.0	105.0	104.7	105.5	107.5
Apparel and upkeep -----	113.8	113.1	109.5	110.8	107.1	112.5	114.7
Men's and boys' -----	114.5	109.3	108.1	116.0	2/ 108.7	109.2	116.9
Women's and girls' -----	108.8	114.2	104.5	102.0	106.6	111.5	113.7
Footwear -----	126.0	119.8	122.8	127.0	106.2	123.8	122.1
Transportation -----	116.4	108.5	112.6	116.4	107.4	114.1	121.6
Private -----	114.4	108.7	113.2	112.5	107.5	112.5	117.1
Public -----	132.8	106.4	109.4	140.9	107.4	119.6	152.5
Health and recreation -----	124.2	112.2	120.1	122.2	112.4	127.1	119.5
Medical care -----	137.5	117.2	146.5	145.0	117.3	144.3	135.4
Personal care -----	116.1	110.2	115.2	113.3	107.5	123.5	111.3
Reading and recreation -----	120.0	106.5	104.8	113.5	110.3	119.1	108.0
Other goods and services -----	118.8	114.7	112.6	114.9	111.1	3/117.7	116.0
Percent changes May 1967 to August 1967							
All items -----	1.1	0.8	1.7	1.3	1.3	0.7	1.2
Food -----	2.4	2.2	3.3	2.8	2.2	2.9	2.0
Food at home -----	2.7	2.3	3.8	3.2	2.4	3.5	1.6
Cereals and bakery products -----	-.3	.5	1.0	- 2.1	- 1.0	0	-.4
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	4.2	4.4	5.3	3.8	3.9	4.4	3.7
Dairy products -----	.6	1.4	2.6	4.7	- 1.0	1.6	-.1
Fruits and vegetables -----	5.4	1.3	7.9	4.6	6.0	7.7	3.2
Other foods at home -----	1.9	2.0	1.1	3.1	1.7	2.4	.2
Food away from home -----	1.2	1.4	1.2	1.0	1.6	.4	2.5
Housing -----	.7	.9	1.0	.4	1.1	.5	.3
Shelter -----	.8	.6	1.1	.5	1.2	.5	.2
Rent -----	.4	.4	-----	.3	.5	4/ .6	-----
Homeownership -----	.9	.6	1.4	.5	1.6	.3	.1
Fuel and utilities -----	.4	1.9	.9	0	0	.3	-.1
Fuel oil and coal -----	.8	0	.3	-----	-----	-.4	-----
Gas and electricity -----	.2	3.0	.8	0	0	.2	-.3
Household furnishings and operation -----	.4	1.3	.9	.7	1.4	.5	.7
Apparel and upkeep -----	0	-.4	.1	-.5	.4	- 1.0	2.0
Men's and boys' -----	.4	.1	.9	.9	1.0	-.7	1.7
Women's and girls' -----	-.7	- 1.7	- 1.5	- 1.9	.6	- 2.4	2.8
Footwear -----	.6	.5	1.2	.5	.6	.2	1.7
Transportation -----	.8	-.1	.8	1.7	2.3	-.3	.3
Private -----	.7	-.1	.8	.3	2.2	-.3	0
Public -----	1.5	0	.1	10.3	3.9	0	7.3
Health and recreation -----	1.1	.4	2.1	1.6	.7	.6	2.5
Medical care -----	1.3	1.2	2.2	1.0	.9	.7	1.3
Personal care -----	1.0	1.0	1.1	2.8	.7	2.4	.9
Reading and recreation -----	.3	- 1.5	1.0	1.4	-.5	-.1	.7
Other goods and services -----	1.8	1.1	3.9	1.8	2.0	1.0	6.6

See footnotes at end of table.

TABLE 5: Consumer Price Index--United States and Selected Areas ^{1/}
 For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Commodity Groups
 August 1967 indexes and percent changes from May 1967--Continued

Group	Milwaukee	New York	Philadelphia	San Diego (Feb. 1965=100)	Seattle	Washington
Indexes (1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)						
All items -----	113.6	119.4	117.4	105.9	118.2	117.3
Food -----	116.5	117.2	115.9	109.1	115.2	118.0
Food at home -----	115.1	112.7	112.4	107.9	111.2	114.9
Cereals and bakery products -----	110.6	117.0	113.6	106.7	111.1	113.0
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	117.0	112.3	108.4	115.0	112.5	114.4
Dairy products -----	120.6	108.1	123.4	106.0	120.2	120.0
Fruits and vegetables -----	122.6	124.7	122.2	105.9	116.7	121.3
Other foods at home -----	105.1	102.3	100.4	101.6	99.4	106.7
Food away from home -----	125.4	136.8	134.8	112.3	132.3	131.0
Housing -----	110.3	117.7	115.1	105.0	118.5	114.1
Shelter -----	110.4	120.6	118.4	107.6	125.9	116.4
Rent -----	105.5	121.9	-----	102.6	117.5	117.3
Homeownership -----	112.1	118.3	119.8	109.6	127.9	114.6
Fuel and utilities -----	111.0	109.8	108.5	97.8	111.6	104.9
Fuel oil and coal -----	116.6	116.9	118.2	-----	106.3	112.4
Gas and electricity -----	101.9	110.7	101.8	100.0	97.9	103.8
Household furnishings and operation -----	109.8	114.2	108.7	102.3	107.4	111.7
Apparel and upkeep -----	111.3	117.6	119.6	101.5	115.9	117.2
Men's and boys' -----	112.1	120.4	113.4	106.4	118.3	116.9
Women's and girls' -----	107.8	111.4	114.8	95.1	115.2	112.3
Footwear -----	123.3	127.7	130.5	111.7	128.4	128.4
Transportation -----	113.0	117.8	122.5	105.3	119.4	115.8
Private -----	112.0	116.8	117.9	105.4	118.5	113.7
Public -----	127.4	124.7	143.8	104.8	127.6	128.2
Health and recreation -----	118.5	129.2	122.5	106.9	121.0	125.5
Medical care -----	131.9	140.0	141.1	114.7	132.3	150.9
Personal care -----	121.3	113.1	110.7	100.2	114.6	114.5
Reading and recreation -----	113.2	129.4	114.9	101.8	112.3	121.0
Other goods and services -----	112.2	126.4	(5/)	108.7	123.0	113.3
Percent changes May 1967 to August 1967						
All items -----	1.2	0.8	1.2	1.7	1.2	1.4
Food -----	2.6	2.5	2.3	2.7	1.4	3.1
Food at home -----	3.3	3.0	2.6	3.0	1.3	3.9
Cereals and bakery products -----	.8	- 1.0	- 1.0	- 1.4	.7	0
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	6.8	4.2	3.6	5.2	4.4	6.4
Dairy products -----	-.5	.3	.7	.2	.5	-.1
Fruits and vegetables -----	3.5	6.4	6.3	7.3	- 1.5	6.5
Other foods at home -----	2.8	2.6	2.2	1.6	.5	3.4
Food away from home -----	.1	1.3	.7	2.3	1.7	1.1
Housing -----	1.6	-.4	1.0	.8	1.5	1.3
Shelter -----	2.5	-.7	1.0	1.1	2.4	1.7
Rent -----	.3	^{4/} .3	-----	.8	1.1	.2
Homeownership -----	3.3	- 1.9	1.2	1.2	2.7	2.7
Fuel and utilities -----	.1	.2	1.2	0	0	.2
Fuel oil and coal -----	.6	.1	1.7	-----	.4	2.0
Gas and electricity -----	0	.5	.2	0	-.1	0
Household furnishings and operation -----	.1	0	.6	.6	.6	.7
Apparel and upkeep -----	-.6	-.3	-.5	-.2	.3	-.2
Men's and boys' -----	.9	.2	- 1.0	2.1	.4	.2
Women's and girls' -----	- 2.3	-.8	-.6	- 2.7	-.5	- 1.1
Footwear -----	1.1	.5	.5	1.5	1.2	1.1
Transportation -----	.4	- 1.1	1.2	2.0	.6	.5
Private -----	-.6	1.4	1.4	2.2	.3	.6
Public -----	14.6	.2	.1	.2	1.8	0
Health and recreation -----	.6	1.3	.9	2.7	1.4	1.1
Medical care -----	2.6	2.1	1.9	1.1	1.9	.9
Personal care -----	1.2	.4	.4	3.7	1.1	1.8
Reading and recreation -----	- 1.4	.5	-.3	.2	1.4	1.1
Other goods and services -----	.6	1.4	(5/)	7.5	1.3	1.2

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

^{2/} Corrected indexes: November 1966, 107.7; February 1967, 107.5; May 1967, 107.6; 1966 Annual Average 104.8.

^{3/} Corrected indexes: May 1967, 116.5; June 1967, 117.4; July 1967, 117.6.

^{4/} Change from June 1967.

^{5/} Not available.

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

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 -----	116.6	113.9	118.4	113.1	116.6	122.7	102.6	130.3
Atlanta -----	115.4	113.1	113.6	114.4	114.7	119.8	105.8	123.6
Baltimore -----	118.3	114.5	122.3	114.1	114.3	127.5	101.0	134.1
Boston -----	121.1	117.0	122.1	117.1	113.5	129.2	105.7	139.1
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100) -	111.3	110.2	104.6	112.0	110.4	116.7	106.0	117.9
Chicago -----	117.7	116.9	122.0	116.5	126.5	122.9	102.0	121.9
Cincinnati -----	114.4	111.5	114.5	114.1	113.0	121.0	98.4	129.7
Cleveland -----	113.0	110.8	109.8	112.8	116.1	118.6	99.4	125.4
Dallas (Nov.1963=100) --	110.8	109.6	106.8	112.5	116.7	111.0	102.8	115.4
Detroit -----	116.3	114.1	112.4	116.2	120.8	118.7	102.5	128.9
Honolulu (Dec.1963=100)	110.1	110.1	108.0	110.8	107.1	120.3	103.1	110.0
Houston -----	116.1	112.5	124.8	107.0	112.3	127.1	101.7	131.5
Kansas City -----	119.1	117.1	122.3	116.6	122.7	120.9	106.7	126.3
Los Angeles-Long Beach -	114.6	109.5	119.0	103.4	116.4	123.7	94.5	132.9
Milwaukee -----	116.5	115.1	110.6	117.0	120.6	122.6	105.1	125.4
Minneapolis-St. Paul ---	114.3	111.7	107.5	111.5	119.8	118.3	103.9	126.1
New York -----	117.2	112.7	117.0	112.3	108.1	124.7	102.3	136.8
Philadelphia -----	115.9	112.4	113.6	108.4	123.4	122.2	100.4	134.8
Pittsburgh -----	113.1	111.6	116.5	115.2	109.1	118.7	100.7	122.7
St. Louis -----	120.0	117.2	119.5	118.5	125.8	123.0	104.1	130.1
San Diego (Feb.1965=100)	109.1	107.9	106.7	115.0	106.0	105.9	101.6	112.3
San Francisco-Oakland --	116.4	112.4	117.2	111.7	114.3	123.9	98.4	134.2
Seattle -----	115.2	111.2	111.1	112.5	120.2	116.7	99.4	132.3
Washington -----	118.0	114.9	113.0	114.4	120.0	121.3	106.7	131.0
Percent changes July 1967 to August 1967								
U.S. City Average -----	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.7	0.2	- 1.4	2.4	0.5
Atlanta -----	.9	1.1	- .4	1.6	- .7	1.0	2.1	.3
Baltimore -----	.6	.8	.1	1.3	- .3	- .4	1.9	.1
Boston -----	.8	1.0	0	.9	.6	- .5	4.2	0
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100) -	.2	.2	1.3	.4	- .1	- 2.5	1.6	.3
Chicago -----	1.0	1.3	2.1	.9	.2	.8	2.9	.1
Cincinnati -----	- .7	- 1.0	- .6	- .4	- .1	- 4.5	1.3	.5
Cleveland -----	.7	.7	- .7	- .4	3.5	- 2.0	3.6	.6
Dallas (Nov.1963=100) --	.5	.5	- .6	- .3	- .5	1.4	1.6	1.1
Detroit -----	1.0	1.2	- .3	1.0	1.7	1.2	2.6	.3
Honolulu (Dec.1963=100)	.2	.2	- .3	.2	0	0	.7	.3
Houston -----	.2	.2	- .4	- 1.5	- .5	1.5	2.6	0
Kansas City -----	.6	.6	.2	.8	- .4	- 1.1	2.3	.4
Los Angeles-Long Beach -	.3	- .2	- .6	.5	- .1	- 3.0	1.5	1.3
Milwaukee -----	1.0	1.1	0	1.7	- .2	- 1.4	4.0	(2/)
Minneapolis-St. Paul ---	1.1	.6	- 1.5	.7	1.0	- 1.4	3.1	3.1
New York -----	.6	.6	.3	.8	- .1	- 2.0	3.1	.6
Philadelphia -----	1.0	1.2	.2	.8	.2	.8	3.9	.2
Pittsburgh -----	.2	.3	.2	.2	- .4	- 1.7	2.8	.1
St. Louis -----	.1	.2	.2	1.4	- .4	- 3.8	2.2	.2
San Diego (Feb.1965=100)	1.2	.8	.1	1.3	.1	- .7	2.4	(2/)
San Francisco-Oakland --	.3	0	.3	1.8	.1	- 4.8	1.0	1.3
Seattle -----	- .2	- .3	0	.9	.1	- 4.8	1.6	.1
Washington -----	1.5	1.8	1.3	2.5	- 1.8	1.8	3.5	.6

^{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
August 1967 indexes and percent changes from selected dates
(1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)

Item or Group	Index		Percent change from --		
	August 1967		July 1967		July 1966 unadjusted
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	
Total food -----	116.6	115.8	0.5	0.7	0.7
Food away from home -----	130.3	-----	.5	-----	5.1
Restaurant meals -----	130.6	-----	.5	-----	5.0
Snacks 1/ -----	112.7	-----	.4	-----	5.4
Food at home -----	113.9	112.9	.5	.8	-.4
Cereals and bakery products -----	118.4	-----	.2	-----	.9
Flour -----	113.8	-----	-.5	-----	1.0
Cracker meal 1/ -----	116.7	-----	0	-----	.7
Corn flakes -----	129.3	-----	.4	-----	4.7
Rice -----	108.2	-----	.1	-----	.8
Bread, white -----	123.5	-----	.5	-----	- 1.4
Bread, whole wheat 1/ -----	114.4	-----	.3	-----	.5
Cookies -----	102.1	-----	1.1	-----	1.3
Layer cake 1/ -----	105.1	-----	-.3	-----	2.6
Cinnamon rolls 1/ -----	107.4	-----	0	-----	2.2
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	113.1	112.1	.7	-.1	- 1.2
Meats -----	116.1	115.0	.9	-.1	-.7
Beef and veal -----	114.1	114.2	.7	0	1.6
Steak, round -----	109.0	108.0	1.2	-.6	.6
Steak, sirloin 2/ -----	108.0	-----	.4	-----	.7
Steak, porterhouse 1/ -----	112.5	-----	.2	-----	1.7
Rump roast 1/ -----	106.3	-----	1.5	-----	1.8
Rib roast -----	120.0	119.8	.4	-.4	1.8
Chuck roast -----	106.4	107.8	1.5	-.4	2.2
Hamburger -----	116.8	117.7	.7	1.0	1.9
Beef liver 1/ -----	106.4	-----	- 1.1	-----	-.7
Veal cutlets -----	134.7	134.7	.4	.7	4.8
Pork -----	120.4	115.8	1.0	- 1.4	- 4.4
Chops -----	125.1	118.8	3.0	1.0	-.2
Loin roast 2/ -----	131.0	-----	2.3	-----	- 1.4
Pork sausage 1/ -----	125.1	-----	.5	-----	- 5.9
Ham, whole -----	111.0	110.7	1.4	.3	- 1.2
Picnics 1/ -----	120.2	-----	.3	-----	- 4.8
Bacon -----	124.9	116.9	- 1.7	- 6.3	- 10.9
Other meats -----	118.6	118.6	.9	.9	.2
Lamb chops 1/ -----	124.7	-----	.2	-----	5.0
Frankfurters -----	118.3	117.9	1.5	.6	-.3
Ham, canned 1/ -----	117.1	-----	2.9	-----	-.8
Bologna sausage 1/ -----	117.4	-----	.5	-----	-.3
Salami sausage 1/ -----	112.3	-----	.4	-----	- 1.1
Liverwurst 1/ -----	115.8	-----	.2	-----	- 1.3
Poultry -----	90.1	-----	0	-----	- 6.6
Frying chicken -----	90.0	89.4	0	1.1	- 7.8
Chicken breasts 1/ -----	101.1	-----	.1	-----	- 4.4
Turkey 1/ -----	102.6	-----	.5	-----	- 3.0
Fish -----	121.4	121.6	.2	.2	1.5
Shrimp, frozen 1/ -----	110.1	-----	-.2	-----	5.2
Fish, fresh or frozen -----	124.7	124.9	.1	-.9	1.0
Tuna fish, canned -----	110.1	-----	.4	-----	- 4.6
Sardines, canned 1/ -----	113.0	-----	.6	-----	4.8
Dairy products -----	116.6	116.6	.2	-.3	1.6
Milk, fresh, grocery -----	113.7	113.1	.4	- 1.0	1.3
Milk, fresh, delivered -----	118.2	-----	.6	-----	2.9
Milk, fresh, skim 1/ -----	112.1	-----	.1	-----	2.8
Milk, evaporated -----	117.4	-----	.1	-----	4.8
Ice cream -----	98.8	-----	-.4	-----	-.6
Cheese, American process -----	135.7	135.8	-.1	-.2	1.6
Butter -----	115.4	116.1	.1	.3	- 2.5

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 1967 indexes and percent changes from selected dates--Continued
 (1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)

Item or Group	Index		Percent change from --		July 1966 unadjusted
	August 1967		July 1967		
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	
Fruits and vegetables -----	122.7	120.6	- 1.4	4.0	0.3
Fresh fruits and vegetables -----	133.9	130.1	- 2.6	5.8	1.1
Apples -----	173.8	139.2	7.0	11.1	1.3
Bananas -----	97.3	95.0	3.1	.6	- .4
Oranges -----	118.4	114.3	5.2	1.4	- 8.0
Orange juice, fresh 1/ -----	72.1	-----	.6	-----	- 15.7
Grapefruit -----	167.1	140.2	14.6	9.1	- 6.3
Grapes * -----	161.1	161.9	- 11.8	14.3	48.1
Strawberries * -----	*	*	*	*	*
Watermelon * -----	119.7	143.5	8.4	28.1	5.6
Potatoes -----	152.9	144.0	8.7	29.0	11.3
Onions -----	142.5	124.5	5.5	3.1	- 10.8
Asparagus * 1/ -----	*	*	*	*	*
Cabbage -----	126.3	136.7	- 9.2	- 5.1	- 21.1
Carrots -----	118.1	112.9	7.1	9.0	- .7
Celery -----	119.5	122.6	- 8.9	3.9	- 6.6
Cucumbers 1/ -----	97.8	-----	- 23.8	-----	- 5.1
Lettuce -----	127.5	131.6	- 28.9	- 31.6	- 9.3
Peppers, green 1/ -----	138.6	-----	- 18.3	-----	.9
Spinach 1/ -----	101.8	-----	- 3.0	-----	- .2
Tomatoes -----	133.5	167.9	- 4.7	23.8	26.2
Processed fruits and vegetables -----	108.8	-----	.7	-----	- .7
Fruit cocktail, canned -----	100.1	-----	1.6	-----	.2
Pears, canned 1/ -----	98.3	-----	2.0	-----	- 3.9
Grapefruit-pineapple juice, canned 1/ -----	95.0	-----	.2	-----	- 1.7
Orange juice concentrate, frozen -----	72.6	73.5	3.6	2.8	- 21.4
Lemonade concentrate, frozen 2/ -----	86.1	-----	- .7	-----	- 1.7
Beets, canned 1/ -----	107.7	-----	.5	-----	3.5
Peas, green, canned -----	121.4	-----	- .2	-----	4.1
Tomatoes, canned -----	125.0	-----	.3	-----	10.5
Dried beans -----	113.9	-----	1.2	-----	- 7.8
Broccoli, frozen 1/ -----	100.0	-----	.1	-----	3.2
Other food at home -----	102.6	102.5	2.4	1.4	- 2.2
Eggs -----	92.3	95.2	16.5	10.2	- 16.5
Fats and oils:					
Margarine -----	103.0	-----	- .6	-----	- 1.2
Salad dressing, Italian 1/ -----	101.1	-----	- .2	-----	- .5
Salad or cooking oil 1/ -----	123.4	-----	.4	-----	1.2
Sugar and sweets -----	115.2	-----	.2	-----	3.9
Sugar -----	112.6	-----	- .1	-----	1.9
Grape jelly -----	117.1	-----	.4	-----	.6
Chocolate bar -----	105.6	-----	.1	-----	13.4
Syrup, chocolate flavored 1/ -----	99.6	-----	.5	-----	.3
Nonalcoholic beverages -----	99.1	-----	.2	-----	- 1.8
Coffee, can and bag -----	87.8	-----	.2	-----	- 6.6
Coffee, instant 3/ -----	96.3	-----	.2	-----	- 3.8
Tea -----	100.8	-----	.3	-----	.5
Cola drink -----	139.5	-----	.4	-----	7.1
Carbonated fruit drink 1/ -----	108.9	-----	.2	-----	3.6
Prepared and partially prepared foods 1/ -----	101.1	-----	.3	-----	1.6
Bean soup, canned 1/ -----	100.2	-----	.1	-----	2.6
Chicken soup, canned 1/ -----	96.2	-----	- .2	-----	- 2.3
Spaghetti, canned 1/ -----	109.8	-----	.2	-----	4.7
Mashed potatoes, instant 1/ -----	101.7	-----	- .1	-----	0
Potatoes, french fried, frozen 2/ -----	85.1	-----	.8	-----	- .1
Baby foods, canned -----	107.0	-----	.5	-----	1.8
Sweet pickle relish 1/ -----	105.9	-----	.7	-----	1.6
Pretzels 1/ -----	103.8	-----	.9	-----	4.4

1/ December 1963=100.

2/ April 1960=100.

3/ July 1961=100.

* Priced only in season.

TABLE 8: Consumer Price Index--Scranton
All items and commodity groups
 August 1967 indexes and percent changes from selected dates
 (1957-59=100)

Group	Index	Percent change from --	
		May 1967	August 1966
All items -----	118.7	1.4	2.8
All items (1947-49=100) -----	141.6	----	----
Food -----	116.0	3.6	2.0
Food at home -----	113.8	4.1	1.6
Cereals and bakery products --	119.9	.5	2.3
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	118.4	5.5	.3
Dairy products -----	112.2	3.0	5.9
Fruits and vegetables -----	114.3	8.7	1.7
Other foods at home -----	103.3	1.7	- 1.1
Housing -----	112.6	.3	3.3
Rent -----	112.6	0	1.4
Gas and electricity -----	104.8	0	0
Solid and petroleum fuels -----	101.6	2.9	.6
Housefurnishings -----	100.4	- .3	2.6
Household operation -----	118.7	1.0	2.2
Apparel -----	116.1	.3	3.8
Men's and boys' -----	119.3	2.1	6.3
Women's and girls' -----	112.7	- .5	3.4
Footwear -----	124.8	- .1	1.8
Other apparel -----	103.5	.4	.3
Transportation -----	113.3	.5	2.3
Private -----	110.2	.6	1.6
Public -----	133.3	0	6.4
Medical care -----	145.0	2.5	7.2
Personal care -----	129.4	5.2	5.1
Reading and recreation -----	162.5	- .1	3.0
Other goods and services -----	116.9	.6	.9

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

	July to Aug. 1967		May to Aug. 1967		Feb. to May 1967		Nov. 1966 to Feb. 1967		Aug. to Nov. 1966		Aug. 1966 to Aug. 1967	
	CPI	WPI	CPI	WPI	CPI	WPI	CPI	WPI	CPI	WPI	CPI*	WPI*
*ALL ITEMS -----	0.3	-0.4	1.1	0.3	0.7	-0.2	0.2	0.1	0.7	-0.8	2.7	-0.7
CONSUMER PRODUCTS -----												
<u>Nondurable</u> -----	.5	.1	.9	.7	.5	.4	-.4	-.6	.5	-.5	1.5	0
Food and beverages at home -----	.7	-.2	.9	.6	.5	.5	-.4	-.7	.6	-.7	1.6	-.4
Apparel and accessories -----	.9	-1.0	1.3	.3	.4	.4	-1.6	-1.7	-.1	-1.5	-.3	-2.6
Household furnishings and supplies -----	0	0	.4	.3	1.3	.2	1.2	.7	1.6	.4	4.4	1.5
Gasoline and motor oil -----	.1	.1	.7	.7	1.3	1.9	.2	1.1	.4	.3	2.6	4.0
Other nondurables -----	.2	2.7	-1.1	1.0	1.5	.7	.9	1.2	2.2	-.2	3.4	2.6
<u>Durable</u> -----	1.0	0	1.4	1.6	-.2	.2	.4	.1	.4	.2	2.0	2.1
New passenger cars -----	.2	.5	.6	.5	.3	-.1	-.1	.2	.4	.9	1.2	1.5
Appliances -----	.2	.4	1.1	.1	.2	0	-.8	-.2	.6	1.2	1.1	.9
Furniture and floor coverings -----	.2	0	.5	.1	-.5	-.6	-.5	.3	-.2	.3	-.7	.2
*Other durables -----	.1	0	.4	.3	.5	.1	.5	-.7	1.1	1.2	2.5	.9
	.1	1.4	.3	1.7	.6	.3	.3	.8	.7	1.1	1.9	3.9
*CONSUMER SERVICES -----												
*Insurance and finance -----	.4	-	.9	-	.9	-	1.0	-	1.4	-	4.2	-
*Rent -----	.5	-	.8	-	.3	-	1.4	-	1.6	-	4.2	-
*Utilities and public transportation -----	.2	-	.4	-	.4	-	.4	-	.5	-	1.8	-
*Housekeeping and home maintenance services -----	.1	-	.5	-	.3	-	.1	-	.2	-	1.1	-
*Medical care services -----	.5	-	1.2	-	1.6	-	1.3	-	2.0	-	6.4	-
*Personal care services -----	.5	-	1.6	-	2.0	-	2.2	-	2.9	-	8.9	-
*Other services -----	.5	-	1.3	-	.7	-	.9	-	1.2	-	4.1	-
	.2	-	.8	-	1.3	-	.8	-	1.1	-	4.0	-
WHOLESALE PRICES:												
<u>Type of Product:</u>												
Farm products -----	-	-3.0	-	-2.6	-	.7	-	-2.1	-	-4.5	-	-8.2
Processed foods and feeds -----	-	-.2	-	.5	-	.3	-	-1.3	-	-2.6	-	-3.1
*Industrial commodities -----	-	.3	-	.3	-	0	-	.5	-	.3	-	1.0
<u>Industrial Materials and Equipment:</u>												
Chemicals and allied products -----	-	-.1	-	-.4	-	.3	-	.4	-	-.2	-	.1
Rubber and rubber products -----	-	1.9	-	2.3	-	-.2	-	1.1	-	-.3	-	2.8
Lumber and wood products -----	-	.6	-	1.8	-	-.5	-	0	-	-1.4	-	-.1
Pulp, paper and allied products -----	-	-.1	-	.3	-	.4	-	.3	-	-.2	-	.8
*Metals and metal products -----	-	.2	-	.3	-	-.6	-	.6	-	.5	-	.6
Machinery and equipment -----	-	.3	-	.5	-	.3	-	.8	-	1.4	-	3.0
<u>Stage of Processing at Wholesale:</u>												
Finished goods -----	-	-.2	-	.4	-	.4	-	-.2	-	.2	-	.7
Consumer -----	-	-.4	-	.3	-	.5	-	-.5	-	-.2	-	.1
Producer -----	-	.2	-	.5	-	.4	-	.7	-	1.3	-	2.9
Intermediate materials, supplies and components -----	-	.1	-	.2	-	-.1	-	.1	-	-.6	-	-.4
Crude materials -----	-	-2.0	-	-2.4	-	.5	-	-1.6	-	-4.0	-	-7.4

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. ^{1/} 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

^{1/} 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 9

	Consumer Price Index	Wholesale Price Index
ALL ITEMS -----	All commodities and services	All Commodities
CONSUMER PRODUCTS -----	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.
Nondurable -----	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.
Durable -----	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.
CONSUMER SERVICES -----	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.	
WHOLESALE PRICES		
Type of product		Same as the Wholesale Price Indexes for major groups.
Farm Product		
Processed foods and feeds		
Industrial commodities		
Industrial materials and equipment		
Stage of Processing at wholesale		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.
Finished goods		
Consumer		
Producer		
Intermediate materials, supplies, and components		
Crude materials		

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.