

the consumer price index



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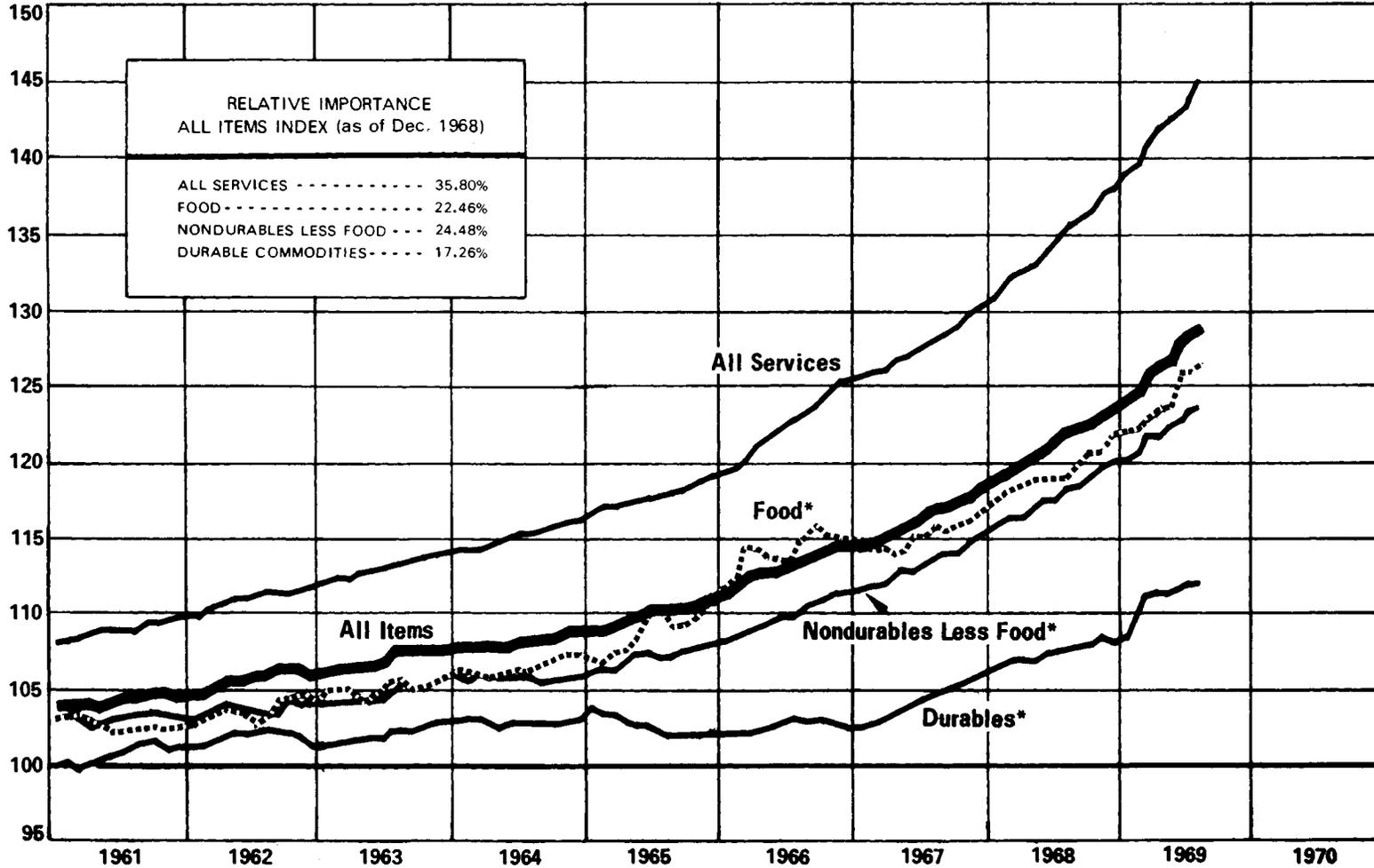
for August 1969

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES

Commodities and Services

1957-59 = 100



RELATIVE IMPORTANCE	
ALL ITEMS INDEX (as of Dec. 1968)	
ALL SERVICES	35.80%
FOOD	22.46%
NONDURABLES LESS FOOD	24.48%
DURABLE COMMODITIES	17.26%

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*Seasonally Adjusted
Latest Data: August 1969

Consumer Price Index for August 1969

The Consumer Price Index went up 0.4 percent in August, a slightly smaller increase than in other recent months. Increases in service charges and food prices accounted for 90 percent of this month's price rise. The August index, at 128.7 (1957-59=100), was 5.6 percent higher than it was a year ago, also largely because of higher food prices and service charges, which together constituted more than two-thirds of the 12 month change.

Since the beginning of the year, consumer prices have risen 4 percent compared with 3.1 percent over the same period a year ago. In the first 8 months of this year, both services and food have increased 5 percent, but services had risen 4.2 percent in the same period of 1968 while food had advanced only 3.7 percent.

Services

Service charges rose 0.7 percent in August, accelerating after 3 months of more moderate increases. Lack of loanable funds in the mortgage market exerted continued pressure on mortgage interest rates, and reassessments and rate changes instituted in many cities resulted in higher real estate tax bills to householders. Costs of repainting rooms, reshingling roofs, repairing furnances, and other home maintenance and repair services advanced strongly, largely due to higher labor and material costs. Homeowners also paid more for increasingly scarce housekeeping service work and residential gas and electric rates reverted their July declines with significant increases.

A combination of factors, including increased operating costs, higher taxes, and strong demand for apartments, resulted in an acceleration of rent increases. This month's rise, 0.4 percent, was the largest recorded since July 1956. Hotel and motel room rates also continued to advance, but at less than half of July's rate.

Medical care service charges advanced 0.6 percent again in August. The rise in hospital room rates and related charges has accelerated again after slowing down in May and June, but medical and dental fee increases have been moving up more moderately since their sharp jump of 1 percent in April.

Other services which have quickened their advance are legal fees, movie admissions (up 2 percent), laundry and drycleaning services. After slowing in July, transportation service charges have risen significantly, spurred on by widespread automobile insurance rate increases along with continued advances in auto repair bills and parking fees.

Food

Retail prices of food registered a 0.6 percent increase in August, a greater than seasonal rise, but still significantly short of the 1.5 and 1 percent increases recorded in June and July, respectively.

One-fourth of the total increase in the Consumer Price Index may be attributed to a nearly 20 percent rise in the price of eggs. Supplies were reduced by the effects of hot humid weather, and demand remained strong as consumers substituted eggs for the more expensive meats.

Despite a 1-percent decline in beef and veal prices, caused by increased production, meat prices averaged 0.2 percent higher for the month, the smallest advance since March. Pork prices rose by 0.9 percent which represented a slowdown from the sharp increases recorded since March, and other meats, mainly processed pork products, were up 1.9 percent. Pork supplies in cold storage dropped sharply in July. Prices of poultry were higher by 1 percent and fresh and frozen fish prices were 2 percent higher.

Fresh milk production, normally low at this time of the year, reached record lows in July as the number of milk cows continued to decline. Thus, dairy product prices, especially for fresh milk, rose more than expected in August.

After declines in July, coffee prices moved up. Cereal and bakery product prices remained unchanged as higher prices for cereals, cracker meal, and rice were offset by price reductions for flour and most baked goods.

Prices of fruits and vegetables declined by 1.6 percent, a less-than-usual drop for this time of year. Fresh vegetable prices fell an average of 4 percent. Declines of 14 percent were recorded for celery and more than 11 percent for spinach and tomatoes. Fresh fruits also were moderately lower; decreases ranged from 22 percent for grapes to 0.3 percent for bananas. Although the declines represented increasing supplies as the harvest progressed, some items, such as citrus fruits, onions, and carrots, were higher than usual because of strong demand, smaller acreage planted, and inclement weather during growing and harvesting seasons. Processed fruit and vegetable prices continued to move by 0.3 percent.

Prices of restaurant meals advanced 0.7 percent mainly because of higher costs of food and labor.

Nondurables less food

Nondurable commodities other than food advanced 0.2 percent in August. Most of the rise was due to reversals of July reductions, for men's apparel, footwear, and gasoline, plus continued increases for tobacco products and alcoholic beverages.

Footwear prices increased 1.1 percent in August for the sharpest 1-month advance since August 1959. New fall styles were introduced at higher prices and July sales were discontinued. At the same time, retailers found consumer demand strong.

Tobacco product prices moved up 1.4 percent, for the third consecutive month with increases of over 1 percent. Not only have retail prices been raised, but some States have imposed higher taxes. Also prices of housekeeping supplies reversed their July decrease as laundry soaps and detergents and scouring pads returned to their regular levels after promotional sales. Prescriptions and drugs were up fractionally and coal prices rose for the first time since January.

Clearance sales in women's and girls' summer apparel were more extensive and August price reductions were sharper than usual; in addition, reductions were made on some year-round items such as street dresses and hosiery. The result was an average decline of 0.6 percent for apparel commodities other than footwear. Despite fractional increases for slipcovers, curtains and draperies, widespread August "white sales" resulted in a 0.9 percent decline in textile housefurnishings.

Durables

Average durable commodity prices were unchanged in August after increasing for 2 months. The traditional August furniture sales did not take place this year, and the index advanced 0.2 percent as prices were higher for most items except dining room suites. Most appliances were higher and other housefurnishings advanced moderately.

Counterbalancing these increases were moderate declines for used cars, still lower prices for new cars as the 1969 model year drew to a close, a slight decrease for floor coverings--the first since July 1967--and the second month of declines for home maintenance and repair durables since July 1967.

Cost-of-Living Adjustments

Approximately 155,000 workers will receive cost-of-living pay increases based on the August Consumer Price Index. About 79,000 workers, mostly in the aerospace industry will receive an 8-cent hourly increase, based on the change in the index since August 1968. Another 25,000 employees, also primarily in aerospace, will receive increases of 5 cents an hour, based on the quarterly change in the national CPI. Another 36,200 workers in the tobacco, aerospace, and chemical industries will get increases ranging from 1 to 3 cents an hour, based on the increase in the index since May 1969, and approximately 11,500 employees in various industries will be given hourly pay increases ranging from 4 to 11 cents. About 2,800 transit employees in Washington, D.C. will get a 6-cent hourly increase based on the change in the Washington area index since May of this year.

A NOTE ABOUT CALCULATING INDEX CHANGES

Movements of the indexes from one date to another usually are expressed as percentage changes rather than changes in index points because index point changes are affected by the level of the index in relation to its base period, and percentage changes are not. The following example illustrates the computation of the index point and percentage changes:

<u>Index Point Change</u>		<u>Percentage Change</u>
August 1969 CPI (1957-59=100)	128.7	Index point difference divided by the
less July 1969 index	<u>128.2</u>	index for the previous period:
Index point difference =	0.5	$128.7 - 128.2 \times 100 = .4$ percent
		<u>128.2</u>

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

(Unadjusted, unless otherwise indicated)

Group	Indexes (1957-59=100 unless otherwise noted)				Percent change to August 1969 from:		
	August 1969	July 1969	May 1969	August 1968	1 Month Ago	3 Months Ago	1 Year Ago
All items -----	128.7	128.2	126.8	121.9	0.4	1.5	5.6
All items (1947-49=100) -----	157.9	157.3	155.6	149.6	---	---	---
Food -----	127.4	126.7	123.7	120.5	.6	3.0	5.7
Food at home -----	123.6	123.0	119.8	117.1	.5	3.2	5.6
Cereals and bakery products -----	122.6	122.6	121.6	119.6	.0	.8	2.5
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	127.9	127.6	119.9	115.3	.2	6.7	10.9
Dairy products -----	125.0	124.4	123.6	121.5	.5	1.1	2.9
Fruits and vegetables -----	130.2	132.3	130.0	128.2	1.6	.2	1.6
Other foods at home -----	110.5	107.2	107.1	105.5	3.1	3.2	4.7
Food away from home -----	145.8	144.8	142.8	137.2	.7	2.1	6.3
Housing -----	127.8	127.0	125.8	120.1	.6	1.6	6.4
Shelter ^{1/} -----	135.1	134.0	132.4	125.0	.8	2.0	8.1
Rent -----	119.3	118.8	118.1	115.4	.4	1.0	3.4
Homeownership ^{2/} -----	141.3	140.0	138.0	128.8	.9	2.4	9.7
Fuel and utilities ^{3/} -----	113.0	112.6	112.6	110.7	.4	.4	2.1
Fuel oil and coal -----	117.7	117.4	115.7	115.7	.3	.2	1.7
Gas and electricity -----	111.5	110.9	111.2	109.7	.5	.3	1.6
Household furnishings and operation -----	118.5	118.2	117.4	113.3	.3	.9	4.6
Apparel and upkeep ^{4/} -----	126.6	126.8	126.6	120.3	-.2	.0	5.2
Men's and boys' -----	128.7	128.1	128.1	121.2	.5	.5	6.2
Women's and girls' -----	120.8	122.5	122.4	115.8	-1.4	-1.3	4.3
Footwear -----	141.5	139.9	139.6	133.0	1.1	1.4	6.4
Transportation -----	124.2	124.3	124.0	120.0	-.1	.2	3.5
Private -----	121.3	121.4	121.2	117.7	-.1	.1	3.1
New cars -----	101.0	101.6	101.8	99.1	-.6	-.8	1.9
Used cars -----	125.4	127.0	126.8	(5/)	-1.3	-1.1	(5/)
Gasoline -----	118.0	117.7	117.3	(5/)	.3	.6	(5/)
Public -----	149.7	149.5	148.0	138.6	.1	1.1	8.0
Health and recreation -----	137.7	137.0	135.7	130.5	.5	1.5	5.5
Medical care -----	156.8	155.9	154.5	145.5	.6	1.5	7.8
Personal care -----	126.8	126.6	125.8	120.9	.2	.8	4.9
Reading and recreation -----	131.2	130.7	130.2	126.3	.4	.8	3.9
Other goods and services -----	130.1	129.1	126.9	124.2	.8	2.5	4.8
<u>Seasonally Adjusted:</u>							
Commodities -----	121.3	120.9	119.8	115.8	.3	1.3	---
Food -----	126.4	125.8	124.2	119.5	.5	1.8	---
Apparel and upkeep -----	127.4	127.6	126.3	121.0	-.2	.9	---
Transportation -----	124.2	124.1	124.1	120.0	.1	.1	---
<u>Special Groups:</u>							
All items less food -----	129.3	128.8	127.9	122.6	.4	1.1	5.5
All items less medical care -----	127.0	126.5	125.2	120.5	.4	1.4	5.4
Commodities -----	121.4	121.0	119.6	115.9	.3	1.5	4.7
Nondurables -----	125.2	124.7	123.0	119.2	.4	1.8	5.0
Nondurables less food -----	123.3	123.1	122.4	118.1	.2	.7	4.4
Apparel commodities -----	125.9	126.2	126.0	119.5	-.2	-.1	5.4
Durables -----	111.9	111.9	111.3	107.7	.0	.5	3.9
Household durables -----	106.0	106.0	105.6	101.6	.0	.4	4.3
Services -----	145.0	144.0	142.7	135.5	.7	1.6	7.0
Services less rent -----	150.7	149.6	148.1	140.0	.7	1.8	7.6
Insurance and finance (Dec.1965=100) -----	130.9	129.5	127.9	118.2	1.1	2.3	10.7
Utilities and public transportation (Dec.1965=100) -----	108.1	107.8	107.4	104.4	.3	.7	3.5
Housekeeping and home maintenance services (Dec.1965=100) -----	129.4	128.4	126.4	119.2	.8	2.4	8.6
Medical care services -----	171.1	170.1	168.2	157.1	.6	1.7	8.9
<u>Purchasing Power of Consumer Dollar:</u>							
1957-59=\$1 -----	\$0.777	\$0.780	\$0.789	\$0.820	-.4	-1.5	-5.2
1939=\$1 -----	.376	.378	.382	.397	---	---	---

^{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	July 1969	May 1969	August 1968
		August 1969			July 1969	May 1969	August 1968
U.S. City Average -----	M	128.7	157.9		0.4	1.5	5.6
Chicago -----	M	126.1	159.0		.6	2.0	5.7
Detroit -----	M	128.5	158.3		.7	1.7	6.6
Los Angeles-Long Beach ---	M	128.9	160.7		.2	1.6	5.0
New York -----	M	132.5	159.6		.3	1.3	5.8
Philadelphia -----	M	130.2	159.9		.8	2.1	5.9
		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
		August 1969				May 1969	August 1968
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100) ---	2			121.2		0.8	4.8
Cleveland -----	2	127.3	158.1			1.6	6.1
Dallas (Nov.1963=100) ---	2			121.2		1.5	6.6
Milwaukee -----	2	123.9	156.3			.9	5.5
San Diego (Feb.1965=100) -	2			116.0		1.4	5.5
Seattle -----	2	129.5	162.7			1.5	5.1
Washington -----	2	130.8	157.5			1.6	6.3
		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 July 1969 to August 1969

Group	U.S. City Average	Chicago	Detroit	Los Angeles-Long Beach	New York	Philadelphia
All items -----	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.2	0.3	0.8
Food -----	.6	1.2	.6	.1	.5	1.0
Housing -----	.6	1.0	.1	1.0	.4	1.6
Apparel and upkeep -----	.2	- 2.1	.3	-.6	-.3	.9
Transportation -----	.1	.1	2.8	-.6	.0	-.4
Health and recreation -----	.5	1.1	.4	.3	.3	.0
Medical care -----	.6	.5	.4	.3	.3	.0
Personal care -----	.2	(2/)	(2/)	(2/)	(2/)	(2/)
Reading and recreation -----	.4	-.2	.3	.4	.6	-.2
Other goods and services -----	.8	4.2	.8	.1	.0	(1/)

^{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: August 1969	
	August 1969	July 1969	May 1969	1 Month Ago	3 Months Ago
Food -----	126.4	125.8	124.2	0.5	1.8
Food at home -----	122.4	122.0	120.3	.3	1.7
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	126.4	127.0	121.5	-.5	4.0
Dairy products -----	124.9	124.6	124.1	.2	.6
Fruits and vegetables -----	127.8	124.5	127.1	2.7	.6
Other foods at home -----	110.2	108.5	108.4	1.6	1.7
Fuel and utilities ^{1/} -----	113.1	112.8	112.6	.3	.4
Fuel oil and coal -----	119.1	118.9	117.7	.2	1.2
Apparel and upkeep ^{2/} -----	127.4	127.6	126.3	-.2	.9
Men's and boys' -----	129.2	128.9	128.0	.2	.9
Women's and girls' -----	122.3	123.4	121.9	-.9	.3
Footwear -----	141.8	140.5	139.5	.9	1.6
Transportation -----	124.2	124.1	124.1	.1	.1
Private -----	121.3	121.2	121.2	.1	.1
New cars -----	102.5	102.6	102.0	-.1	.5
Commodities -----	121.3	120.9	119.8	.3	1.3
Commodities less food -----	118.4	118.2	117.5	.2	.8
Nondurables -----	125.0	124.5	123.1	.4	1.5
Nondurables less food -----	123.7	123.5	122.3	.2	1.1
Apparel commodities -----	126.8	126.8	125.6	.0	1.0
Durables -----	112.0	111.8	111.3	.2	.6

^{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
August 1969 Index and Percent Changes from May 1969

Group	U.S. City Average	Chicago	Detroit	Los Angeles- Long Beach	New York	Philadelphia
Indexes (1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)						
All items -----	128.7	126.1	128.5	128.9	132.5	130.2
Food -----	127.4	130.5	127.3	123.9	128.7	127.2
Food at home -----	123.6	129.4	125.1	118.4	123.3	122.4
Cereals and bakery products -----	122.6	125.8	119.0	122.1	122.3	121.2
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	127.9	133.1	136.4	118.6	127.4	121.5
Dairy products -----	125.0	138.5	131.7	122.9	115.5	133.2
Fruits and vegetables -----	130.2	134.1	119.9	129.9	135.7	131.8
Other foods at home -----	110.5	113.7	108.8	100.4	110.1	107.2
Food away from home -----	145.8	136.6	140.2	143.9	152.1	152.9
Housing -----	127.8	122.1	125.4	133.6	131.4	128.2
Shelter -----	135.1	127.0	133.7	143.5	136.5	135.4
Rent -----	119.3	(2/)	109.1	(2/)	129.7	(2/)
Homeownership -----	141.3	133.6	139.4	151.5	139.8	139.4
Fuel and utilities -----	113.0	108.7	104.5	109.5	113.7	112.5
Fuel oil and coal -----	117.7	110.2	110.0	----	124.4	122.5
Gas and electricity -----	111.5	107.3	106.0	114.2	112.5	107.0
Household furnishings and operation -----	118.5	117.0	112.4	115.6	128.2	120.3
Apparel and upkeep -----	126.6	118.4	122.1	123.4	132.2	131.9
Men's and boys' -----	128.7	117.7	124.0	127.0	140.1	129.4
Women's and girls' -----	120.8	110.8	114.3	121.2	123.0	121.7
Footwear -----	141.5	136.1	137.9	135.9	142.2	148.7
Transportation -----	124.2	125.2	125.0	128.5	127.4	134.2
Private -----	121.3	120.8	122.4	124.0	127.6	126.4
Public -----	149.7	153.8	141.0	156.4	129.6	178.1
Health and recreation -----	137.7	133.0	140.7	129.7	144.7	138.5
Medical care -----	156.8	163.6	167.6	151.2	164.1	169.4
Personal care -----	126.8	(2/)	(2/)	(2/)	120.6	(2/)
Reading and recreation -----	131.2	114.7	131.9	114.2	143.2	125.6
Other goods and services -----	130.1	125.9	123.1	125.4	140.0	(2/)
Percent change from May 1969 to August 1969						
All items -----	1.5	2.0	1.7	1.6	1.3	2.1
Food -----	3.0	4.2	3.7	1.9	3.0	3.3
Food at home -----	3.2	4.9	4.3	1.8	3.5	3.7
Cereals and bakery products -----	.8	.6	2.6	-.5	1.6	1.0
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	6.7	7.9	8.4	6.9	5.7	5.9
Dairy products -----	1.1	1.4	1.5	1.9	1.0	.2
Fruits and vegetables -----	.2	4.6	-.3	5.3	2.7	3.7
Other foods at home -----	3.2	6.4	3.7	1.4	2.9	5.0
Food away from home -----	2.1	1.5	1.4	1.9	1.9	2.0
Housing -----	1.6	2.6	2.0	1.9	1.0	2.8
Shelter -----	2.0	3.3	2.6	2.6	1.2	4.6
Rent -----	1.0	(2/)	3/ 1.2	(2/)	3/ 1.2	(2/)
Homeownership -----	2.4	4.7	2.9	3.1	.9	5.5
Fuel and utilities -----	.4	1.2	.8	.0	.2	2.6
Fuel oil and coal -----	.2	.0	.0	----	.3	.0
Gas and electricity -----	.3	1.7	1.3	-.1	.1	4.2
Household furnishings and operation -----	.9	.9	.9	.3	.9	-.6
Apparel and upkeep -----	.0	- 2.0	-.8	-.2	-.5	-.4
Men's and boys' -----	.5	- 1.8	.1	-.5	1.1	- 1.1
Women's and girls' -----	- 1.3	- 4.4	- 3.0	- 1.3	- 3.3	- 1.4
Footwear -----	1.4	1.2	.1	1.5	1.1	1.2
Transportation -----	.2	.5	.1	2.1	.6	.0
Private -----	.1	.5	.1	2.2	.5	-.2
Public -----	1.1	.3	.3	.7	.6	.9
Health and recreation -----	1.5	2.1	1.1	.9	1.3	2.6
Medical care -----	1.5	.6	1.6	1.0	1.9	4.3
Personal care -----	.8	(2/)	(2/)	(2/)	- 1.4	(2/)
Reading and recreation -----	.8	.6	.5	1.1	.9	.0
Other goods and services -----	2.5	6.2	1.3	1.1	2.0	(2/)

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 1969 Index and Percent Changes from May 1969--Continued

Group	Buffalo Nov. 1963= 100	Cleveland	Dallas Nov. 1963= 100	Milwaukee	San Diego Feb. 1965=100	Seattle	Washington
Indexes (1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)							
All items -----	121.2	127.3	121.2	123.9	116.0	129.5	130.8
Food -----	122.5	125.2	121.9	127.6	118.6	126.2	132.5
Food at home -----	120.8	122.4	119.1	125.5	115.0	120.3	127.7
Cereals and bakery products -----	108.8	117.2	110.3	114.0	110.3	114.5	115.1
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	126.1	130.4	128.7	130.9	130.4	128.7	131.6
Dairy products -----	121.6	121.5	124.3	134.5	112.3	128.2	125.5
Fruits and vegetables -----	128.6	128.5	116.5	131.8	103.6	122.4	136.7
Other foods at home -----	113.5	109.8	110.6	112.7	106.6	105.4	120.4
Food away from home -----	133.0	141.6	132.7	139.5	128.2	151.0	151.2
Housing -----	118.9	122.4	122.0	120.3	119.7	133.2	126.3
Shelter -----	120.6	124.6	129.5	122.6	128.5	148.2	131.1
Rent -----	110.3	107.3	107.8	112.1	118.6	127.1	123.6
Homeownership -----	122.4	127.7	140.2	126.0	132.6	154.1	133.9
Fuel and utilities -----	115.9	114.4	104.9	114.2	99.4	115.1	105.7
Fuel oil and coal -----	110.6	-----	-----	122.1	-----	116.3	116.6
Gas and electricity -----	120.0	114.9	100.9	105.9	100.0	98.1	103.8
Household furnishings and operation -----	116.4	116.7	115.9	118.8	107.6	113.2	124.0
Apparel and upkeep -----	130.1	125.8	120.4	125.4	113.5	123.4	134.7
Men's and boys' -----	132.5	132.0	125.4	126.7	121.3	127.2	131.9
Women's and girls' -----	130.6	115.2	118.6	120.3	108.9	120.9	133.5
Footwear -----	137.8	142.8	118.8	140.5	121.4	139.2	150.0
Transportation -----	115.8	127.0	113.0	118.8	109.7	122.7	125.8
Private -----	116.3	121.5	112.9	117.5	109.8	121.8	122.1
Public -----	110.2	164.4	115.0	137.2	106.7	131.4	148.2
Health and recreation -----	123.2	141.1	125.2	129.8	114.4	132.7	140.8
Medical care -----	127.9	178.2	135.2	149.1	124.1	150.5	179.5
Personal care -----	120.1	123.3	120.0	128.5	105.6	127.6	126.2
Reading and recreation -----	118.8	125.5	122.6	125.5	108.4	122.3	133.0
Other goods and services -----	125.1	132.5	116.3	119.8	116.2	130.1	121.9
Percent Changes May 1969 to August 1969							
All items -----	0.8	1.6	1.5	0.9	1.4	1.5	1.6
Food -----	3.0	2.4	3.1	3.5	1.9	2.1	3.3
Food at home -----	3.4	2.4	3.7	3.5	2.1	1.5	3.7
Cereals and bakery products -----	.4	.5	.9	.1	.2	.3	1.1
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	7.1	5.6	7.7	6.1	6.8	6.7	7.0
Dairy products -----	1.8	2.0	2.5	2.0	1.4	.4	.1
Fruits and vegetables -----	2.6	.7	.6	2.0	6.2	6.4	3.1
Other foods at home -----	2.0	3.1	3.1	3.9	3.0	2.5	3.9
Food away from home -----	1.2	2.2	1.5	3.4	1.1	4.2	2.0
Housing -----	.1	1.2	1.4	.2	2.1	1.5	1.4
Shelter -----	.7	1.2	2.0	.6	3.1	2.4	1.9
Rent -----	1.1	1.0	.9	1.4	1.9	.6	.8
Homeownership -----	1.1	1.3	2.4	1.3	3.7	2.9	2.4
Fuel and utilities -----	2.2	.1	.1	.1	.0	.3	.1
Fuel oil and coal -----	.0	-----	-----	.0	-----	1.0	.1
Gas and electricity -----	3.3	.1	.0	.1	.0	.0	.0
Household furnishings and operation -----	1.0	2.3	.8	1.0	.1	.1	.9
Apparel and upkeep -----	.3	.7	.5	.1	1.2	.1	.3
Men's and boys' -----	.8	2.6	.6	2.0	1.9	1.0	.1
Women's and girls' -----	1.6	2.9	.0	1.7	.6	1.3	2.1
Footwear -----	3.2	3.9	1.4	.7	1.4	.6	2.7
Transportation -----	.2	.2	.2	1.0	.2	1.4	.9
Private -----	.1	.2	.2	1.3	.1	1.5	.6
Public -----	2.2	.7	.0	2.4	.7	.6	2.4
Health and recreation -----	.5	2.3	1.3	1.7	1.1	1.6	1.4
Medical care -----	.8	2.9	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.9	1.9
Personal care -----	1.1	1.1	.7	1.4	1.3	.2	.1
Reading and recreation -----	.8	1.9	1.6	1.2	.3	1.3	1.2
Other goods and services -----	1.5	2.6	1.7	2.7	1.3	2.5	2.0

^{1/} See footnote 1, table 2.
^{2/} Not available.
^{3/} Change from June 1969.

TABLE 6: Consumer Price Index--United States and Selected Areas
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Food and its Subgroups
August 1969 Indexes and Percent Changes from July 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 -----	127.4	123.6	122.6	127.9	125.0	130.2	110.5	145.8
Atlanta -----	126.3	123.3	114.4	126.1	124.7	132.9	117.9	137.0
Baltimore -----	130.8	126.0	126.7	130.0	120.5	137.1	114.1	150.8
Boston -----	131.8	126.8	127.2	133.7	120.9	138.0	110.5	153.5
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100) -	122.5	120.8	108.8	126.1	121.6	128.6	113.5	133.0
Chicago -----	130.5	129.4	125.8	133.1	138.5	134.1	113.7	136.6
Cincinnati -----	123.2	119.7	115.6	127.5	119.2	126.2	106.6	141.5
Cleveland -----	125.2	122.4	117.2	130.4	121.5	128.5	109.8	141.6
Dallas (Nov.1963=100) --	121.9	119.1	110.3	128.7	124.3	116.5	110.6	132.7
Detroit -----	127.3	125.1	119.0	136.4	131.7	119.9	108.8	140.2
Honolulu (Dec.1963=100)	118.0	116.6	110.9	123.6	114.6	119.0	108.2	122.1
Houston -----	129.0	123.9	125.4	123.7	128.2	135.9	110.0	150.8
Kansas City -----	131.3	127.9	128.2	132.4	135.1	128.1	114.9	143.3
Los Angeles-Long Beach -	123.9	118.4	122.1	118.6	122.9	129.9	100.4	143.9
Milwaukee -----	127.6	125.5	114.0	130.9	134.5	131.8	112.7	139.5
Minneapolis-St. Paul ---	126.4	122.6	118.6	126.1	129.5	125.8	113.7	143.9
New York -----	128.7	123.3	122.3	127.4	115.5	135.7	110.1	152.1
Philadelphia -----	127.2	122.4	121.2	121.5	133.2	131.8	107.2	152.9
Pittsburgh -----	123.9	121.2	121.4	130.3	115.6	124.7	109.7	141.2
St. Louis -----	131.2	126.7	124.8	133.9	133.9	133.2	108.2	149.3
San Diego (Feb.1965=100)	118.6	115.0	110.3	130.4	112.3	103.6	106.6	128.2
San Francisco-Oakland --	124.9	119.6	119.6	123.3	120.3	124.0	106.9	148.1
Seattle -----	126.2	120.3	114.5	128.7	128.2	122.4	105.4	151.0
Washington -----	132.5	127.7	115.1	131.6	125.5	136.7	120.4	151.2
Percent Changes July 1969 to August 1969								
U.S. City Average -----	0.6	0.5	0	0.2	0.5	- 1.6	3.1	0.7
Atlanta -----	1.5	1.8	0.4	- .2	6.5	.0	4.1	.4
Baltimore -----	.5	.6	.6	- .4	.2	- 1.3	4.1	.5
Boston -----	1.2	1.4	- .1	2.1	.8	.4	2.9	.5
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100) -	.1	.0	.4	.0	.2	- 3.2	2.3	.6
Chicago -----	1.2	1.3	- 1.4	1.8	.4	- .4	4.6	.7
Cincinnati -----	- .1	- .3	- .7	- .5	- .6	- 2.7	2.8	.9
Cleveland -----	1.5	1.7	1.7	2.4	- .2	.8	2.7	.5
Dallas (Nov.1963=100) --	1.1	1.1	.3	.6	.0	.4	3.4	.8
Detroit -----	.6	.6	1.5	.4	1.9	- 3.6	3.0	.9
Honolulu (Dec.1963=100)	.9	1.0	.3	3.0	- .3	.1	.2	.4
Houston -----	1.0	.7	- .4	- .3	- .7	.3	4.1	2.1
Kansas City -----	.5	.3	- .2	- .6	1.1	- 1.1	2.4	.8
Los Angeles-Long Beach -	- .1	- .5	- .5	- 1.0	.3	- 3.3	1.9	1.1
Milwaukee -----	.9	.2	- .5	- .5	.0	- 1.7	3.4	(2/)
Minneapolis-St. Paul ---	.8	.9	3.0	- .4	.2	- .3	3.1	.4
New York -----	.5	.7	.0	- .1	.4	.2	3.1	- .1
Philadelphia -----	1.0	.9	.7	- .2	.4	1.5	3.7	.9
Pittsburgh -----	- .2	- .4	- .4	- .1	.4	- 6.2	3.4	.6
St. Louis -----	1.1	.8	- .4	.8	2.1	- 2.1	3.2	2.4
San Diego (Feb.1965=100)	- .1	- .6	.2	- 1.4	.4	- 5.9	4.0	(2/)
San Francisco-Oakland --	- .8	- 1.2	- .1	- .8	.4	- 8.0	2.1	.3
Seattle -----	.3	- .2	1.0	- .3	.0	- 4.5	2.3	2.2
Washington -----	.9	.9	- 4.7	1.3	- .9	1.1	3.8	1.0

^{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 1969 Indexes and Percent Changes from Selected Dates
(1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)

Item or Group	Index		Percent Change to August 1969 from--		
	August 1969		July 1969		August 1968
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted
Total food -----	127.4	126.4	0.6	0.5	5.7
Food away from home -----	145.8	-----	.7	---	6.3
Restaurant meals -----	146.2	-----	.8	---	6.3
Snacks 1/ -----	125.6	-----	.4	---	5.9
Food at home -----	123.6	122.4	.5	.3	5.6
Cereals and bakery products -----	122.6	-----	.0	---	2.5
Flour -----	111.4	-----	-.2	---	.3
Cracker meal 1/ -----	124.7	-----	1.1	---	6.5
Corn flakes -----	129.4	-----	.3	---	.5
Rice -----	112.6	-----	.3	---	1.6
Bread, white -----	128.1	-----	-.1	---	2.0
Bread, whole wheat 1/ -----	120.3	-----	-.5	---	4.1
Cookies -----	100.9	-----	.0	---	.0
Layer cake 1/ -----	113.8	-----	.2	---	3.5
Cinnamon rolls 1/ -----	112.8	-----	-.5	---	4.3
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	127.9	126.4	.2	-.5	10.9
Meats -----	131.9	130.0	.2	-.8	11.9
Beef and veal -----	135.4	134.9	-1.0	-1.5	14.0
Steak, round -----	129.9	128.7	-2.0	-3.2	14.6
Steak, sirloin 2/ -----	127.4	-----	-2.8	---	12.1
Steak, porterhouse 1/ -----	132.7	-----	-2.1	---	11.9
Rump roast 1/ -----	123.4	-----	-1.3	---	13.2
Rib roast -----	146.5	146.5	-2.4	-2.6	16.1
Chuck roast -----	128.7	128.6	-1.8	-2.6	16.5
Hamburger -----	140.5	140.1	.4	.3	15.6
Beef liver 1/ -----	116.8	-----	1.2	---	8.2
Veal cutlets -----	162.1	161.9	.6	1.1	13.0
Pork -----	130.2	125.1	.9	-.9	10.5
Chops -----	135.7	128.6	-.5	-2.4	10.0
Loin roast 2/ -----	141.3	-----	-.4	---	8.6
Pork sausage 1/ -----	146.0	-----	1.7	---	15.2
Ham, whole -----	117.0	116.8	2.5	.4	5.0
Picnics 1/ -----	134.5	-----	2.8	---	14.3
Bacon -----	128.7	121.3	1.5	-1.1	10.7
Other meats -----	131.2	130.7	1.9	1.2	9.1
Lamb chops 1/ -----	139.3	-----	-1.1	---	7.5
Frankfurters -----	133.7	132.4	3.3	1.3	13.1
Ham, canned 1/ -----	120.6	-----	4.3	---	5.1
Bologna sausage 1/ -----	134.5	-----	1.9	---	11.6
Salami sausage 1/ -----	126.0	-----	1.9	---	8.9
Liverwurst 1/ -----	126.3	-----	1.0	---	7.7
Poultry -----	101.4	-----	1.0	---	8.3
Frying chicken -----	103.3	101.1	.2	-.3	8.4
Chicken breasts 1/ -----	113.0	-----	3.3	---	8.4
Turkey 1/ -----	104.7	-----	2.8	---	7.1
Fish -----	131.5	131.6	.7	.7	5.8
Shrimp, frozen 1/ -----	120.8	-----	.9	---	11.1
Fish, fresh or frozen -----	137.2	137.3	2.0	2.0	9.0
Tuna fish, canned -----	114.4	-----	.7	---	2.4
Sardines, canned 1/ -----	123.5	-----	-.7	---	1.1
Dairy products -----	125.0	124.9	.5	.2	2.9
Milk, fresh, grocery -----	122.3	121.8	.5	-.4	2.3
Milk, fresh, delivered -----	128.7	-----	.5	---	3.3
Milk, fresh, skim 1/ -----	124.3	-----	1.1	---	4.8
Milk, evaporated -----	124.1	-----	.2	---	2.2
Ice cream -----	99.5	-----	.5	---	.3
Cheese, American process -----	148.5	148.5	.5	.5	5.8
Butter -----	118.0	118.5	.0	.1	1.0

See footnotes at end of table.

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

Item or Group	Index		Percent Change to August 1969 from--		
	August 1969		July 1969		August 1968
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted
Fruits and vegetables -----	130.2	127.8	- 1.6	2.7	1.6
Fresh fruits and vegetables -----	141.0	136.6	- 2.8	4.2	2.0
Apples -----	190.5	154.6	- 1.2	- 2.3	- 7.0
Bananas -----	97.4	94.1	- .3	- 2.1	3.0
Oranges -----	132.7	128.0	- 3.8	- 1.7	- 15.7
Orange juice, fresh 1/ -----	92.0	-----	.7	---	6.0
Grapefruit -----	194.6	164.6	24.3	16.3	4.1
Grapes 3/ -----	147.4	147.7	-21.7	5.0	2.3
Strawberries 3/ -----	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)
Watermelon 3/ -----	116.1	136.9	- 2.9	9.9	6.1
Potatoes -----	159.0	149.3	- 3.8	4.9	8.3
Onions -----	152.2	135.0	7.6	1.7	2.4
Asparagus 3/ -----	(3/)	---	(3/)	---	(3/)
Cabbage -----	138.3	150.5	- 5.1	3.0	4.9
Carrots -----	139.6	131.8	7.8	7.2	18.4
Celery -----	130.2	129.3	-14.2	- 3.1	17.9
Cucumbers 1/ -----	122.5	-----	-.4	---	6.2
Lettuce -----	124.2	127.8	- 2.1	4.4	5.4
Peppers, green 1/ -----	146.4	-----	-11.6	---	3.0
Spinach 1/ -----	117.2	-----	- 1.3	---	12.7
Tomatoes -----	116.3	143.6	-11.2	13.2	9.2
Processed fruits and vegetables -----	116.7	-----	.3	---	.9
Fruit cocktail, canned -----	106.3	-----	-.7	---	- 2.6
Pears, canned 1/ -----	108.8	-----	.2	---	- 8.0
Grapefruit-pineapple juice, canned 1/ --	101.0	-----	.6	---	5.5
Orange juice concentrate, frozen -----	100.0	100.8	-.4	- 1.8	13.3
Lemonade concentrate, frozen 2/ -----	92.5	-----	2.1	---	5.8
Beets, canned 1/ -----	112.8	-----	-.4	---	.8
Peas, green, canned -----	122.7	-----	.8	---	.8
Tomatoes, canned -----	124.6	-----	.1	---	- 4.2
Dried beans -----	125.0	-----	.2	---	1.0
Broccoli, frozen 1/ -----	106.7	-----	1.2	---	5.5
Other food at home -----	110.5	110.2	3.1	1.6	4.7
Eggs -----	114.4	116.4	19.7	11.6	15.4
Fats and oils:					
Margarine -----	102.4	-----	-.7	---	.0
Salad dressing, Italian 1/ -----	102.3	-----	-.1	---	.4
Salad or cooking oil 1/ -----	123.6	-----	.1	---	1.5
Sugar and sweets -----	125.4	-----	.1	---	4.1
Sugar -----	116.5	-----	.3	---	2.6
Grape jelly -----	123.9	-----	.0	---	3.6
Chocolate bar -----	125.1	-----	.2	---	5.3
Syrup, chocolate flavored 1/ -----	106.5	-----	.1	---	4.5
Nonalcoholic beverages -----	103.8	-----	.5	---	2.1
Coffee, can and bag -----	86.7	-----	.5	---	.8
Coffee, instant 4/ -----	103.9	-----	.3	---	5.1
Tea -----	102.2	-----	.2	---	1.2
Cola drink -----	156.6	-----	.8	---	5.0
Carbonated fruit drink 1/ -----	123.1	-----	.3	---	4.5
Prepared and partially prepared foods 1/	106.7	-----	.5	---	3.8
Bean soup, canned 1/ -----	105.4	-----	.3	---	4.5
Chicken soup, canned 1/ -----	98.3	-----	.3	---	2.4
Spaghetti, canned 1/ -----	117.3	-----	.3	---	5.0
Mashed potatoes, instant 1/ -----	108.5	-----	.4	---	6.2
Potatoes, french fried, frozen 2/ -----	92.5	-----	.8	---	6.0
Baby foods, canned -----	112.1	-----	.4	---	2.1
Sweet pickle relish 1/ -----	112.0	-----	.9	---	2.5
Pretzels 1/ -----	107.6	-----	.2	---	1.4

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

Item or Group	Other Index Bases	Indexes		Percent Change to August 1969 From:	
		August 1969	July 1969	July 1969	August 1968
Housing -----		127.8	127.0	0.6	6.4
Shelter 1/ -----		135.1	134.0	.8	8.1
Rent -----		119.3	118.8	.4	3.4
Homeownership costs 2/ -----		141.3	140.0	.9	9.7
Mortgage interest rates -----		137.1	135.8	1.0	----
Property taxes -----	Dec. 63	129.9	128.7	.9	----
Property insurance rates -----		150.3	149.6	.5	----
Maintenance and repairs -----		142.4	141.5	.6	----
Commodities 3/ -----	Dec. 63	117.2	117.5	.3	----
Exterior house paint -----		116.5	115.7	.7	----
Interior house paint -----	Dec. 63	113.1	112.3	.7	----
Services -----	Dec. 63	138.2	136.9	.9	----
Repainting living and dining rooms -----		178.3	176.1	1.2	----
Reshingling roofs -----		157.6	155.4	1.4	----
Residing houses -----	Dec. 63	130.0	129.3	.5	----
Replacing sinks -----	Dec. 63	139.0	137.8	.9	----
Repairing furnaces -----	Dec. 63	141.2	139.7	1.1	----
Fuel and utilities -----		113.0	112.6	.4	2.1
Fuel oil and coal -----		117.7	117.4	.3	1.7
Fuel oil, #2 -----		115.2	115.0	.2	----
Gas and electricity -----		111.5	110.9	.5	1.6
Gas -----		116.1	115.7	.3	----
Electricity -----		106.4	105.6	.8	----
Other utilities:					
Residential telephone services -----		103.6	103.6	.0	----
Residential water and sewerage services -----		145.3	145.3	.0	----
Household furnishings and operation 4/ -----		118.5	118.2	.3	4.6
Housefurnishings -----		109.4	109.3	.1	4.3
Textiles -----		113.8	114.8	-.9	----
Sheets, percale or muslin -----		116.2	118.7	- 2.1	----
Curtains, tailored, polyester marquisette -----		112.0	111.6	.4	----
Bedspreads, chiefly cotton, tufted -----		115.7	116.5	-.7	----
Drapery fabric, cotton or rayon/acetate -----		125.0	124.8	.2	----
Pillows, bed, polyester or acrylic filling -----	Dec. 63	104.7	108.0	- 3.1	----
Slipcovers, ready made, chiefly cotton -----	Dec. 63	110.3	110.1	.2	----
Furniture and bedding -----		122.4	122.1	.2	----
Bedroom suites, good or inexpensive quality -----		125.8	125.3	.4	----
Living room suites, good and inexpensive quality -----		124.8	123.9	.7	----
Lounge chairs, upholstered -----	Dec. 63	117.9	116.5	1.2	----
Dining room suites -----	Dec. 63	126.0	126.6	-.5	----
Sofas, upholstered -----	Dec. 63	115.1	114.3	.7	----
Sofas, dual purpose -----		118.6	117.9	.6	----
Sleep sets, Hollywood bed type -----	Dec. 63	112.9	112.2	.6	----
Box springs -----	Dec. 63	123.2	123.0	.2	----
Aluminum folding chairs 5/ -----	June 64	108.4	111.8	- 3.0	----
Cribs -----	Dec. 63	118.0	117.7	.3	----
Floor coverings -----		106.3	106.4	-.1	----
Rugs, soft surface -----		104.1	104.4	-.3	----
Rugs, hard surface -----		111.6	111.5	.1	----
Tile, vinyl -----	Dec. 63	108.5	108.2	.3	----
Appliances 6/ -----	Dec. 63	86.0	85.9	.1	----
Washing machines, electric, automatic -----		90.8	90.5	.3	----
Vacuum cleaners, canister type -----		82.1	82.0	.1	----
Refrigerators or refrigerator-freezers electric -----		85.7	85.4	.4	----
Ranges, free standing, gas or electric -----		98.2	97.6	.6	----
Clothes dryers, electric, automatic -----	Dec. 63	99.7	99.5	.2	----
Air conditioners, demountable 5/ -----	June 64	99.8	99.7	.1	----
Room heaters, electric, portable 5/ -----	Dec. 63	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	----
Garbage disposal units -----	Dec. 63	103.9	103.9	.0	----
Other housefurnishings:					
Dinnerware, earthenware -----		133.5	133.6	-.1	----
Flatware, stainless steel -----	Dec. 63	119.6	119.5	.1	----
Table lamps, with shade -----	Dec. 63	115.4	115.3	.1	----
Lawn mowers, power, rotary type 5/ -----	June 64	115.9	116.4	-.4	----
Electric drills, hand held -----	Dec. 63	103.7	103.8	-.1	----
Housekeeping supplies:					
Laundry soaps and detergents -----		107.4	106.4	.9	----
Paper napkins -----		128.0	127.2	.6	----
Toilet tissue -----		119.1	119.5	-.3	----
Housekeeping services:					
Domestic service, general housework -----		173.9	172.9	.6	----
Baby sitter service -----	Dec. 63	134.9	134.5	.3	----
Postal charges -----		165.5	165.5	.0	----
Laundry, flatwork, finished service -----	Dec. 63	141.4	140.6	.6	----
Licensed day care service, preschool child -----	Dec. 63	129.7	128.4	1.0	----
Washing machine repairs -----	Dec. 63	133.5	133.0	.4	----

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Item and Group	Other Index Bases	Indexes		Percent change to August 1969 From:	
		August 1969	July 1969	July 1969	August 1968
Apparel and upkeep 7/ -----		126.6	126.8	- 0.2	5.2
Apparel commodities -----		125.9	126.2	- .2	5.4
Apparel commodities less footwear -----		122.8	123.5	- .6	5.1
Men's and boys' -----		128.7	128.1	.5	6.2
Men's:					
Topcoats, wool 5/ -----		(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	----
Suits, year round weight -----		150.7	149.6	.7	----
Suits, tropical weight 5/ -----		(5/)	127.7	(5/)	----
Jackets, lightweight -----	June 64	125.0	125.1	- .1	----
Slacks, wool or wool blend -----	Dec.63	127.1	126.1	.8	----
Slacks, cotton or manmade blend -----		114.5	112.1	2.1	----
Trousers, work, cotton -----		116.8	116.9	- .1	----
Shirts, work, cotton -----		123.3	123.1	.2	----
Shirts, business, cotton -----		121.6	121.5	.1	----
T-shirts, chiefly cotton -----		130.6	130.1	.4	----
Socks, cotton -----		121.6	121.1	.4	----
Handkerchiefs, cotton -----	Dec.63	112.4	112.3	.1	----
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 -----		127.4	127.2	.2	----
Undershirts, cotton -----		128.4	127.9	.4	----
Women's and girls' -----		120.8	122.5	- 1.4	4.3
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	121.8	130.7	- 6.8	----
Blouses, cotton -----		122.2	122.4	- .2	----
Dresses, street, chiefly manmade fiber -----		147.3	147.6	- .2	----
Dresses, street, wool or wool blend 5/ -----		(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	----
Dresses, street, cotton 5/ -----		136.6	149.9	- 8.9	----
Housedresses, cotton -----		150.0	148.8	.8	----
Slips, nylon -----		111.6	109.7	1.7	----
Panties, acetate -----		109.1	108.6	.5	----
Girdles, manmade blend -----		119.4	119.0	.3	----
Brassieres, cotton -----	Dec.63	122.5	122.2	.2	----
Hose, nylon seamless -----		98.8	99.6	- .8	----
Anklets, cotton -----	Dec.63	118.2	118.1	.1	----
Gloves, fabric, nylon or cotton -----	Dec.63	109.3	108.9	.4	----
Handbags, rayon faille or plastic -----	Dec.63	114.1	113.8	.3	----
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 -----		135.4	134.2	.9	----
Slacks, cotton 5/ -----	Dec.63	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	----
Slips, cotton blend -----	Dec.63	108.0	108.1	- .1	----
Robes, duster style, quilted tricot or percale 5/ -----	Dec.63	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	----
Handbags -----	Dec.63	108.3	108.2	.1	----
Footwear -----		141.5	139.9	1.1	6.4
Men's:					
Shoes, street, oxford -----		138.7	137.5	.9	----
Shoes, work, high -----		138.1	137.3	.6	----
Women's:					
Shoes, street, pump -----		149.9	147.3	1.8	----
Shoes, evening, pump -----	Dec.63	121.8	121.0	.7	----
Shoes, casual, pump -----	Dec.63	128.9	126.8	1.7	----
Houseslippers, scuff -----	Dec.63	125.4	123.9	1.2	----
Children's:					
Shoes, oxford -----		140.7	140.2	.4	----
Sneakers, boys', oxford type -----	Dec.63	118.1	116.9	1.0	----
Dress shoes, girls', strap -----	Dec.63	133.1	130.6	1.9	----
Miscellaneous apparel:					
Diapers, cotton gauze -----		104.0	103.5	.5	----
Yard goods, cotton -----		123.2	122.1	.9	----
Wrist watches, men's and women's -----	Dec.63	102.5	102.7	- .2	----
Apparel services:					
Drycleaning, men's suits and women's dresses -----		131.7	130.5	.9	----
Automatic laundry service -----	Dec.63	111.0	111.0	.0	----
Laundry, men's shirts -----	Dec.63	123.2	123.0	.2	----
Tailoring charges, hem adjustment -----	Dec.63	125.4	125.2	.2	----
Shoe repairs, women's heel lift -----		121.3	121.1	.2	----

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Item and Group	Other Index Bases	Indexes		Percent change to August 1969 From:	
		August 1969	July 1969	July 1969	August 1968
Transportation -----		124.2	124.3	- 0.1	3.5
Private 8/ -----		121.3	121.4	- .1	3.1
Automobiles, new -----		101.0	101.6	- .6	1.9
Automobiles, used -----		125.4	127.0	- 1.3	-----
Gasoline, regular and premium -----		118.0	117.7	.3	-----
Motor oil, premium -----		138.7	138.1	.4	-----
Tires, new, tubeless -----		116.0	116.3	- .3	-----
Auto repairs and maintenance 9/ -----		134.5	133.8	.5	-----
Auto insurance rates -----		160.3	159.0	.8	-----
Auto registration -----		134.2	134.2	.0	-----
Parking fees, private and municipal -----	Dec.63	119.8	117.7	1.8	-----
Public -----		149.7	149.5	.1	8.0
Local transit fares -----		160.8	160.5	.2	-----
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 -----		137.7	137.0	.5	5.5
Medical care -----		156.8	155.9	.6	7.8
Drugs and prescriptions -----		99.3	99.2	.1	-----
Over-the-counter items -----	Dec.63	107.0	106.9	.1	-----
Multiple vitamin concentrates -----	Dec.63	92.4	92.1	.3	-----
Aspirin compounds -----	Dec.63	106.8	106.4	.4	-----
Liquid tonics -----	Dec.63	100.9	100.8	.1	-----
Adhesive bandages, package -----	Dec.63	116.5	116.7	- .2	-----
Cold tablets or capsules -----	Dec.63	109.2	109.1	.1	-----
Cough syrup -----	Dec.63	114.8	114.8	.0	-----
Prescriptions -----		88.7	88.6	.1	-----
Anti-infectives -----	Mar.60	62.9	62.8	.2	-----
Sedatives and hypnotics -----	Mar.60	107.6	107.1	.5	-----
Ataractics -----	Mar.60	89.7	89.9	- .2	-----
Anti-spasmodics -----	Mar.60	101.0	101.0	.0	-----
Cough preparations -----	Mar.60	110.8	110.2	.5	-----
Cardiovasculars and anti-hypertensives -----	Mar.60	97.6	97.1	.5	-----
Analgesics, internal -----	Mar.67	103.1	102.9	.2	-----
Anti-obesity -----	Mar.67	103.3	102.9	.4	-----
Hormones -----	Mar.67	93.9	93.8	.1	-----
Professional services:					
Physicians' fees -----		156.8	156.0	.5	-----
Family doctor, office visits -----		158.7	158.3	.3	-----
Family doctor, house visits -----		163.9	163.8	.1	-----
Obstetrical cases -----		152.8	150.1	1.8	-----
Pediatric care, office visits -----	Dec.63	142.8	140.9	1.3	-----
Psychiatrist, office visits -----	Dec.63	130.9	129.3	1.2	-----
Herniorrhaphy, adult -----	Dec.63	124.3	124.3	.0	-----
Tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy -----		149.0	148.1	.6	-----
Dentists' fees -----		145.5	144.9	.4	-----
Fillings, adult, amalgam, one surface -----		146.4	145.7	.5	-----
Extractions, adult -----		144.7	144.5	.1	-----
Dentures, full upper -----	Dec.63	128.8	128.3	.4	-----
Other professional services:					
Examination, prescription, and dispensing of eyeglasses -----		132.2	131.7	.4	-----
Routine laboratory tests -----	Dec.63	118.6	118.0	.5	-----
Hospital service charges:					
Daily service charges -----		259.9	256.7	1.2	-----
Semiprivate rooms -----		256.3	253.0	1.3	-----
Private rooms -----		250.8	247.9	1.2	-----
Operating room charges -----	Dec.63	167.6	166.4	.7	-----
X-ray, diagnostic series, upper G.I. -----	Dec.63	123.2	122.7	.4	-----
Personal care -----		126.8	126.6	.2	4.9
Toilet goods -----		111.4	111.2	.2	-----
Toothpaste, standard dentrifice -----		113.4	112.9	.4	-----
Toilet soap, hard milled -----		123.3	125.1	- 1.4	-----
Hand lotions, liquid -----	Dec.63	111.2	110.4	.7	-----
Shaving cream, aerosol -----		102.1	101.4	.7	-----
Face powder, pressed -----		126.6	126.1	.4	-----
Deodorants, cream or roll-on -----	Dec.63	95.5	95.0	.5	-----
Cleansing tissues -----		109.3	109.3	.0	-----
Home permanent refills -----		99.1	98.8	.3	-----
Personal care services -----		145.8	145.5	.2	-----
Men's haircuts -----		154.5	154.7	- .1	-----
Beauty shop services -----		136.6	136.0	.4	-----
Women's haircuts -----	Dec.63	121.9	121.2	.6	-----
Shampoo and wave sets, plain -----		153.6	152.8	.5	-----
Permanent waves, cold -----		106.9	106.7	.2	-----

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		August 1969	July 1969	July 1969	August 1968
Reading and recreation ^{10/} -----		131.2	130.7	0.4	3.9
Recreational goods -----	Dec.63	98.8	98.7	.1	----
TV sets, portable and console -----		79.7	79.8	-.1	----
TV replacement tubes -----	Dec.63	115.4	115.6	-.2	----
Radios, portable and table model -----		76.5	76.5	.0	----
Tape recorders, portable -----	Dec.63	91.4	91.5	-.1	----
Phonograph records, stereophonic -----	Dec.63	97.7	97.9	-.2	----
Movie cameras, Super 8, zoom lens -----	Dec.63	83.4	83.5	-.1	----
Film, 35mm, color -----	Dec.63	99.2	99.1	.1	----
Golf balls, liquid center -----	Dec.63	103.2	103.1	.1	----
Basketballs, rubber or vinyl cover -----	Dec.63	115.0	114.4	.5	----
Fishing rods, fresh water spincast -----	Dec.63	118.1	118.2	-.1	----
Bowling balls -----	Dec.63	98.7	98.7	.0	----
Bicycle, boys' -----	Dec.63	109.5	109.7	-.2	----
Tricycles -----	Dec.63	111.2	109.4	1.6	----
Dog food, canned or boxed -----	Dec.63	108.6	108.9	-.3	----
Recreational services -----	Dec.63	131.1	130.1	.8	----
Indoor movie admissions -----		204.2	200.2	2.0	----
Adult -----		198.8	194.4	2.3	----
Children's -----		222.1	219.6	1.1	----
Drive-in movie admissions, adult -----	Dec.63	163.5	161.9	1.0	----
Bowling fees, evening -----	Dec.63	110.3	110.4	-.1	----
Golf greens fees -----	Dec.63	135.8	134.7	.8	----
TV repairs, picture tube replacement -----		101.0	101.0	.0	----
Film developing, black and white -----	Dec.63	118.4	118.9	-.4	----
Reading and education:					
Newspapers, street sale and delivery -----		155.8	155.2	.4	----
Magazines, single copy and subscription -----	Dec.63	126.3	126.3	.0	----
Piano lessons, beginner -----	Dec.63	123.8	122.8	.8	----
Other goods and services -----		130.1	129.1	1.4	4.8
Tobacco products -----		148.7	146.7	.8	----
Cigarettes, nonfilter tip, regular size -----		155.8	153.7	1.4	----
Cigarettes, filter tip, king size -----	Mar.59	148.1	146.2	1.3	----
Cigars, domestic, regular size -----		108.7	107.1	1.5	----
Alcoholic beverages -----		118.2	117.7	.4	----
Beer -----		115.3	114.8	.4	----
Whiskey, spirit blended and straight bourbon -----		110.1	109.8	.3	----
Wine, dessert and table -----	Dec.63	110.6	110.2	.4	----
Away from home -----	Dec.63	122.3	121.8	.4	----
Financial and miscellaneous personal expenses:					
Funeral services, adult -----	Dec.63	115.9	115.5	.3	----
Bank service charges, checking accounts -----	Dec.63	108.4	108.2	.2	----
Legal services, short form will -----	Dec.63	137.8	135.0	2.1	----
Other special groups:					
All items less shelter -----		127.1	126.7	.3	4.9
Commodities less food -----		118.2	118.1	.1	4.1
Nondurables less food and apparel -----		121.7	121.3	.3	3.8
Household services less rent -----		148.2	146.9	.9	8.4
Transportation services -----		143.1	142.5	.4	7.1
Other services -----		146.5	145.7	.5	4.9

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

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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