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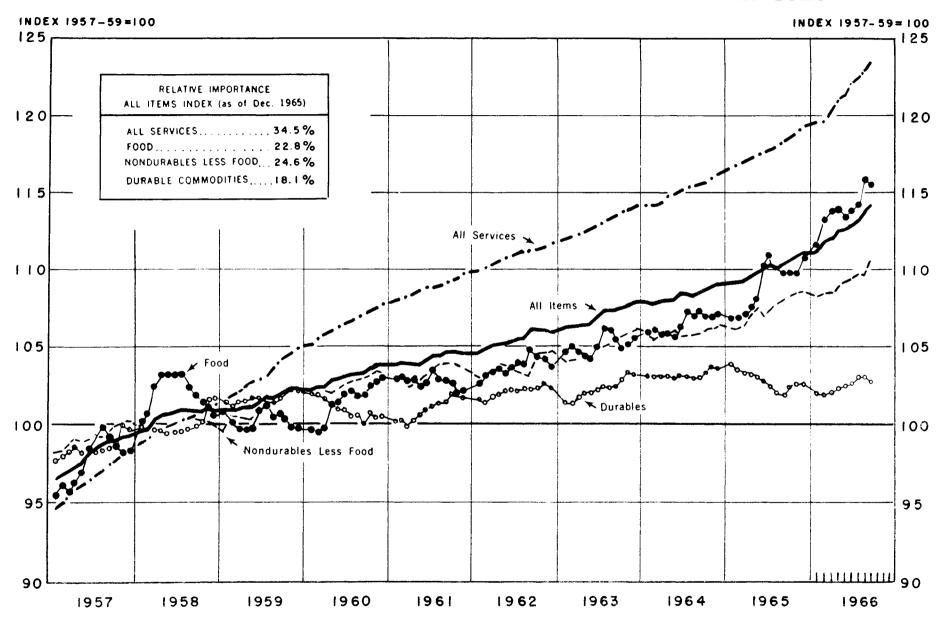
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The Consumer Price Index rose by 0.3 percent in September, to 114.1 percent of its 1957-59 base, despite a 0.2 percent decline in prices of foods, the United States Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics announced today. Higher apparel prices were primarily responsible for the advance although housing and medical care costs also increased. Prices for transportation were lower. The September index was 3.5 percent above a year ago.

Price Changes, August-September 1966

Apparel prices usually rise in September as fall and winter clothing returns to the market, but the increase of 1.4 percent last month was considerably more than usual because several items, particularly women's coats, dresses, and skirts, carried price tags higher than last season. Prices of men's suits also moved up in response to earlier increases in prices of wool and higher wages in the men's clothing industry.

Much of the 0.3 percent rise in housing costs was the result of further increases in mortgage interest rates and in charges for home repair and maintenance services. Prices of household textiles went up following traditional August white sale reductions, and costs of housekeeping services (laundry, domestic help, baby sitters, etc.) continued to advance.

Medical care costs rose 0.8 percent reflecting continued advances in fees for professional services, hospital services, and the services provided by health insurance.

Prices of food for home use declined by 0.3 percent but restaurant meal prices continued to advance. Abundant supplies of most fresh fruits and vegetables resulted in an average price decline of 7.5 percent. Prices of apples and onions dropped by more than 15 percent, and there were substantial declines in prices of green peppers, tomatoes, celery, cabbage, and carrots.

Dairy products prices averaged 1.0 percent higher, with increases of over 2 percent for cheese and butter. Prices of flour and bakery products--bread, cookies, cakes, and sweet rolls--were also higher.

Most cuts of beef and pork cost a little more but poultry prices were slightly lower. Egg prices were up by 1.2 percent, but coffee prices declined.

Prices of 1966 model cars dropped 1.5 percent as dealers offered higher concessions to clear stocks before introduction of the 1967 models. Used car prices fell 1.6 percent. Prices of gasoline and auto repairs advanced.

Price Trends, September 1965-September 1966

Prices of most consumer goods and services increased during the year ending September 1966, with higher costs of services providing the major impact. Particularly significant advances were recorded for mortgage interest, hospital services, professional medical services, barber and beauty shop services, home repair services, auto insurance, and housekeeping services.

Food prices rose nearly 5-1/2 percent during the year, with increases of 7-1/2 percent for fruits and vegetables, 4 percent for meats and poultry, 10 percent for dairy products, and 6-1/2 percent for cereals and bakery products. Prices were substantially higher for cabbage, lettuce, green peppers, apples, onions, celery, and potatoes, reflecting the effects of spring freezes and dry summer weather in producing areas. Bread and milk prices rose about 10 percent during the year and egg prices were 13-1/2 percent higher.

Prices of commodities other than foods rose 2.0 percent, largely because of higher prices for apparel, gasoline, cigarettes, newspapers, and furniture. New car prices were lower than a year earlier.

Cost-of-Living Adjustments

About 78,000 workers will receive cost-of-living increases based on the September Consumer Price Index. For about 56,000 (mostly aircraft workers) the increase will be 3 cents an hour, based on the change in the index since June. Other workers will receive increases ranging from 1 to 8 cents an hour based on quarterly, semiannual, and annual price increases.

An adjustment of retired/retainer pay for eligible military personnel will become effective December 1, 1966, based on the change in the index since August 1965. Adjustment of pensions for retired civilian Federal government workers will depend upon the October index.

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

		Ind	exes (19	57-59=100)		Pe	rcent change	to Sept	ember 1966 f		
Croun	Septem	ber 1966		st 1966	September		st 1966	June	1966	September	
Group	Unad- justed	Seasonally adjusted	Unad- justed	Seasonally adjusted	1965 Unadjusted	Unad- justed	Seasonally adjusted	Unad- justed	Seasonally adjusted	1965 Unadjusted	
All items	114.1		113,8		110.2	0.3		1.1		3.5	
Food	.115.6	115.3	115.8	115.5	109.7	2	- 0.2	1.5	1.1	5.4	
Food at home	114.0	113.7	114.4	113.9	108.0	3	2	1.5	1.2	5.6	
Cereals and bakery products	118.4		117.3		111.3	.9		3.2		6.4	
Meats, poultry, and fish	114.8	112.4	114.5	112.9	109.8	.3	4	.5	- 3,0	4.6	
Dairy productsFruits and vegetables	116.0	115.8	114.8	114.9	105.3	1.0	.8	5.8	4.6	10.2	
Fruits and vegetables	116.6	121.0	122.3	121.4	108.5	- 4.7	3	- 4.2	4.5	7.5	
Other foods at home	105.3	103.8	104.9	105.1	103.0	.4	- 1.2	3.9	.9	2.2	
Food away from home	124.6		124.0		118.8	.5		1.5		4.9	
Housing	111.8		111.5		108.6	.3		.6		2.9	
Shelter 1/	115.0		114.6		110.8	.3		.8		3.8	
Rent	110.7		110.6		109.1	.1		.5		1.5	
Homeownership 2/	116.8	100.0	116.4	100 /	111.6	.3		.9		4.7	
Fuel and utilities 3/	108.0	108.2	107.9 107.0	108.4	107.4 104.3	.1	2	.4	2	.6	
Fuel oil and coal 4/	108.1	100.0	107.0	109.2	104.3	.4	4	0	4	3.0	
Gas and electricity	105.7		105.2		103.1	.5		.9		2.5	
Apparel and unkeep 5/	110.7	110.5	109.2	109.6	107.2	1.4	.8	1.2	.9	3.3	
Apparel and upkeep 5/ Men's and boys'	111.2	111.0	109.2	110.2	107.9	1.2	.,	1.0	.7	3.3	
Women's and girls'	106.3	105.8	103.8	104.5	107.9	2.4	1.2	1.5	.8	2.4	
Footwear	121.3	121.3	120.4	120.6	113.4	.7	.6	1.3	1.2	7.0	
Transportation	113.3	113.5	113.5	113.5	111.0	2	0	1.0	1.1	2.1	
Private	111.3	111.5	111.6	111.6	109.5	3	- ,1	.5	.6	1.6	
Public	129.5		129.2		121.6	.2		5.5		6.5	
Health and recreation	119.9		119.5		115.8	.3		1.0		3.5	
Medical care	129.4		128.4		122.8	.8		1.9		5.4	
Personal care	113.0		112.7		109.2	.3		.7		3.5	
Reading and recreation	117.5		117.4		114.8	.1		.4		2.4	
Other goods and services 6/	115.7		115.5		112.7	.2		•7		2.7	
Special groups:											
All items less shelterAll items less food	113.9 113.8		113.6 113.4		110.0 110.6	.3 .4		1.2 .9		3.5 2.9	
Commodities 7/	110.0	109.9	109.8	109.8	106.6	.2	.1	.9	.9	3.2	
Nondurables	112.9	112.8	112.5	112.4	108.6	.4	.4	1.3	1.2	4.0	
Durables 7/8/	102.7 123.5	102,9	103.0 123.0	103.2	101.7 118.5	.4	3	1.2	.3	1.0 4.2	
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Commodities less food 7/	107.0	107.0	106.6	106.9	104.9	.4	.1	.6	.5	2.0	
Nondurables less food	110.5	110.3	109.6	109.8	107.7	8	.5	9	.6	2.6	
Apparel commodities	109.7	109.5	107.9	108.4	106.2 104.8	1.7	1.0	1.3	1.0	3.3	
Apparel commodities less footwear	111.0	107.1	110.5	106.0	104.8	.5	1.0	1.3	.8	2.5 2.3	
Nondurables less food and apparel -	94.4	96.2	95.8	97.1	96.5	- 1.5	9	- 2.5	- 1.2	2.2	
Used cars	120.1	118.7	122.1	120.8	118.9	- 1.6	- 1.7	1.6	1.6	1.0	
Household durables 10/	97.3		97.0		96.0	.3		.6		1.4	
Housefurnishings	99.3	99.3	98.9	99.2	97.5	.4	.1	.7	.9	1.8	
Services less rent 9/	126.5		125.9		120.7	.5		1.4		4.8	
Household services less rent	123.0		122.4		1 .6	.5		1.1		4.6	
Transportation services	125.5		125.3		120.2	.2		1.9		4.4	
Medical care services Other services <u>11</u> /	136.2		134.7 127.1		127.8 122.6	1.1		2.4		6.6 4.0	
All items index on other bases:	140.0		120 4		125 2			}			
1947-49=100	235.6		139.6 235.0		135.2 227.6						
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Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:	ho e=:		00 0=1			_					
1957-59=\$1.00	\$0.876		\$0.879		\$0.907	.3		- 1.1		3.4	
1947-49=\$1.00	.714		.716		.740						
1939=\$1.00	.424	1	.426		.439					•••-	
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Also includes hotel and motel rates not shown separately.
Includes home purchase, mortgage interest, taxes, insurance, and maintenance and repairs.
Also includes telephone, water, and severage service not shown separately.
Called "Solid and petroleum fuels" prior to 1964.
Also includes infants' wear, sewing materials, jewelry, and apparel upkeep services not shown separately.
Includes tobacco, alcoholic beverages, and funeral, legal, and bank service charges.
Includes home purchase costs which were classified under services prior to 1964.
Also includes auto parts, toys, and recreational goods not shown separately.
Excludes home purchase costs which were classified under this heading prior to 1964.
Called "Durables less cars" prior to 1964.
Includes the services components of apparel, personal care, reading and recreation, and other goods and services.

TABLE 2. Consumer Price Index -- The United States and Selected Areas For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, All Items Most recent index and percent changes from selected dates

			Indexes				
Area <u>1</u> /	Pricing Schedule <u>2</u> /	1957-59=100	1947-49=100	Other bases	Percent	Percent change from:	
			September 1966		June 1966	September 1965	
U.S. City Average	м	114.1	140.0		1.1	3.5	
Chicago Detroit Los Angeles-Long Beach - New York Philadelphia	м м м м	111.9 112.1 115.7 117.3 114.7	141.1 138.2 144.3 141.3 140.9		1.2 .8 1.0 1.7	3.6 4.9 2.6 3.9 3.5	
			July 1966	W.,	April 1966	July 1965	
Boston Houston Minneapolis-St. Paul Pittsburgh	1 1 1 1	117.1 111.6 112.0 112.8	145.1 137.5 138.5 139.0		.3 .6 .2 2	3.2 2.9 2.1 1.8	
			August 1966		May 1966	August 1965	
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100) - Cleveland Dallas (Nov.1963=100) Milwaukee San Diego (Feb.1965=100) Seattle Washington	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	110.2 111.5 114.5 114.0	136.9 140.6 143.9 137.3	107.7 105.6 102.0	1.0 .5 1.0 1.3 .4 .7	3.6 2.9 3.8 2.4 2.4 2.7 4.0	
			September 1966		June 1966	September 1965	
Atlanta	3 3 3 3 3 3 3	112.8 114.3 111.7 117.1 114.7 116.4	139.6 141.8 135.9 144.9 142.3 147.7	105.6	1.5 .8 1.4 1.0 .5 1.0	4.3 3.9 4.3 3.2 2.4 4.4 3.3	

^{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 August 1966 to September 1966

Group	U.S. City Average	Chicago	Detroit	Los Angeles- Long Beach	New York	Philadelphia
All items	0.3	0.4	0.2	1.0	0.5	0.2
Food	2	4	6	1	1	3
Housing	.3	.5	.4	.3	.3	.1
Apparel and upkeep	1.4	2.9	1.6	1.9	3.9	3.1
Transportation	2	1	- 1.0	3.1	- 1.0	- 1.0
Health and recreation	.3	.6	.6	1.3	.1	.3
Medical care	.8	1.2	.9	3,6	.2	1
Personal care	.3	.9	1.8	1.2	.4	.2
Reading and recreation	i i	. 2	.6	0	2	2
Other goods and services	. 2	.5	3	0	. 2	(<u>2</u> /)
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^{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)

							Health and recreation				
Date		All items	Food	Housing	Apparel and upkeep	Trans- porta- tion	Total	Medical care	Personal care	Reading and recrea- tion	Other goods and services
1966:	Sept.	114.1	115.6	111.8	110.7	113.3	119.9	129.4	113.0	117.5	115.7
	Aug.	113.8	115.8	111.5	109.2	113.5	119.5	128.4	112.7	117.4	115.5
	July	113.3	114.3	111.3	109.2	113.5	119.1	127.7	112.5	117.2	115.3
	June	112.9	113.9	111.1	109.4	112.2	118.7	127.0	112.2	117.0	114.9
	May	112,6	113.5	110.7	109.3	112.0	118.4	126.3	112.0	116.8	114.7
	Apr.	112.5	114.0	110.3	108.7	112.0	118.1	125.8	111.6	116.8	114.3
	Mar.	112.0	113.9	109.6	108.2	111.4	117.6	125.3	111.0	116.6	113.8
	Feb.	111.6	113.1	109.4	107.6	111.1	117.1	124.5	110.8	115.9	113.6
	Jan.	111.0	111.4	109.2	107.3	111.2	116.9	124.2	110.4	115.7	113.4
1965:	Dec.	111.0	110.6	109.4	108.1	111.6	116.6	123.7	110.0	115.4	113.4
	Nov.	110.6	109.7	109.2	108.1	111.5	116.4	123.4	109.6	115.4	113.3
	Oct.	110.4	109.7	109.0	107.8	111.2	116.2	123.0	109.2	115.2	113.3
	Sept.	110.2	109.7	108.6	107.2	111.0	115.8	122.8	109.2	114.8	112.7
Annual Average	: 1965	109.9	108.8	108.5	106.8	111.1	115.6	122.3	109.9	115.2	111.4
ŭ	1964	108.1	106.4	107.2	105.7	109.3	113.6	119.4	109.2	114.1	108.8
	1963	106.7	105.1	106.0	104.8	107.8	111.4	117.0	107.9	111.5	107.1
	1962	105.4	103.6	104.8	103.6	107.2	109.4	114.2	106.5	109.6	105.3
	1961	104.2	102.6	103.9	103.0	105.0	107.3	111.3	104.6	107.2	104.6
	1960	103.1	101.4	103.1	102.2	103.8	105.4	108.1	104.1	104.9	103.8
	1955	93.3	94.0	94.1	95.9	89.7	91.4	88.6	90.0	92.1	94.3

TABLE 5: Consumer Price Index--United States and Selected Areas $\underline{1}/$ For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Commodity Groups September 1966 indexes and percent changes from June 1966

Group	U.S. City Average	Atlanta	Baltimore	Chicago	Cincinnati	Detroit	Honolulu (Dec.1963=100)
	Average	In	dexes (1957-5	9=100 unles	s otherwise sp	ecified)	
All items	114.1	112.8	114.3	111.9	111.7	112.1	105.6
Food	115.6	114.2	117.9	116.3	113.4	113.7	107.3
Food at home	114.0	113.9	115.0	116.3	111.8	112.2	107.8
Cereals and bakery products	118.4	112.3	121.5	120.3	113.8	111.4	107.6
Meats, poultry, and fish	114.8	116.4	114.8	115.4	116.2	116.7	112.4
Dairy products	116.0	108.1	113.8	123.5	114.0	119.2	103.3
Fruits and vegetables	116.6	119.0	125.9	117.3	116.9	106.5	108.4
Other foods at home	105.3	111.0	103.9	107.8	99.5	103.9	102.2
Food away from home	124.6	115.6	129.4	117.6	123.5	123.1	105.9
Housing	111.8	111.9	112.0	109.1	106.7	105.9	108.6
Shelter	115.0	111.8	114.5	110.7	106.4	107.0	112.6
Rent	110.7	106.6	110.5	106.9	104.1		105.4
Homeownership	116.8	113.2	116.2	112.6	107.6	109.0	117.7
Fuel and utilities	108.0	110.7	107.1	106.0	104.6	102.7	98.9
Fuel oil and coal	107.4		109.5	105.0	102.7	100.6	
Gas and electricity	108.1	110.7	102.0	106.6	107.0	105.2	99.4
Household furnishings and operation	105.7	110.1	110.2	107.1	105.5	102.2	102.7
Apparel and upkeep	110.7	113.5	112.0	100.3	112.4		
Men's and boys'	110.7	112.4	112.0	108.2	112.4	112.1	104.1
Women's and girls'	106.3	106.1	112.1	108.1	114.3	108.2	102.1
Footwear	121.3	125.7	132.3	104.1	105.1	113.2	106.8
	121.3	123.7	132.3	118.0	127.2	121.8	104.4
Transportation	113.3	111.0	113.9	110.0	113.5	111.1	98.3
Private	111.3	108.5	111.5	110.3	111.1	109.2	99.5
Public	129.5	124.5	123.5	109.2	132.8	119.4	92.3
Health and recreation	119.9	117.6	116.6	114.9	118.0	122.0	105.6
Medical care	129.4	127.0	139.9	135.9	132.9	137.1	108.4
Personal care	113.0	115.1	113.0	113.5	106.6	117.0	103.5
Reading and recreation	117.5	116.5	110.1	102.0	118.4	115.6	100.8
Other goods and services	115.7	111.3	107.0	107.8	108.8	113.9	110.4
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		1	Percent change	es June 1966	to September	1966	r
All items	1.1	1.5	0.8	1.2	1.4	0.8	1.0
Food	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.5	.7
Food at home	1.5	1.9	1.9	2.0	1.6	1.4	.8
Cereals and bakery products	3.2	3.2	2.1	4.6	2.4	3.1	4.3
Meats, poultry, and fish	.5	1.0	.4	.6	.5	1.1	1.1
Dairy products	5.8	1.3	3.5	5.0	5.7	7.7	2,2
Fruits and vegetables	- 4.2	- 1.2	.5	- 3.2	- 1.4	- 7.9	- 3.5
Other foods at home	3.9	4.4	4.4	4.6	3.1	5.1	1.2
Food away from home	1.5	.8	1.0	.9	1.9	2.2	.2
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Housing	.6	1.4	.6	1.1	1.5 1.8	1.0	2.3 3.0
Rent	.5	.1	.5	2/ .3	.4		.8
Homeownership	.9	1.9	.9	1.4	2.6	1.0	4.5
Fuel and utilities	l ó	1	í	.2	.3	1	3
Fuel oil and coal	.4		o	0	3.8	1	·
Gas and electricity	, ,	0	.1	.2	.3	.1	5
Household furnishings and operation	.9	1.9	.6	1.1	1.5	.8	1.3
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Apparel and upkeep	1.2	3.4	.5	2.4	1.7	1.8	1
Men's and boys'	1.0	1.8	1.7	2.2	1.4	.9	2.6
Women's and girls'Footwear	1.5 1.3	5.0 3.6	- 1.0 1.5	4.1	2.4 2.0	3.2 1.2	- 2.6 1.2
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Transportation	1.0	.5	.3	.4	.9	- 1.0	.1
Private	.5	.6	.4	.5	.3	- 1.1	0
Public	5.5	0	0	0	6.5	0	0
Health and recreation	1.0	1.3	.5	.9	.9	.9	.4
Medical care	1.9	2.7	1.3	2.0	.8	1.7	1.0
Personal care	.7	3	1.3	1.2	2	3.7	1.2
Reading and recreation	.4	1.1	.1	.5	2.0	6	1
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TABLE 5: Consumer Price Index--United States and Selected Areas 1/For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Commodity Groups
September 1966 indexes and percent changes from June 1966--Continued

Group	Kansas City	Los Angeles- Long Beach	New York	Philadelphia	St. Louis	San Francisco- Oakland
		Indexes (19	957-59=100 un	less otherwise s	pecified)	
All items	117.1	115.7	117 2	114.7	114 7	1 ,,,,
	117.1	115.7	117.3	114.7	114.7	116.4
Food	119.0	113.7	116.3	114.5	119.4	114.7
Food at home	118.3	110.2	113.1	112.6	117.2	111.4
Cereals and bakery products Meats, poultry, and fish	121.4	121.1	118.6	113.0	118.2	115.4
Dairy products	119.2 121.8	105.7 116.0	112.8 110.0	110.8 120.8	119.4 125.1	112.3
Fruits and vegetables	121.7	118.6	118.9	116.3	117.9	114.3 113.7
Other foods at home	109.0	96.1	105.4	104.0	107.4	101.3
Food away from home	121.6	(<u>3</u> /)	130.9	125.0	126.6	129.3
Housing	110.8	117.6	116.4	112.1	108.6	120.0
Shelter	111.9	123.8	119.9	115.1	109.5	126.6
Rent	105.2	111.7		111.2	107.0	126.8
Homeownership	114.7	127.8	119.3	116.1	109.8	126.4
Fuel and utilities	114.0	103.8	107.0	106.6	107.4	104.2
Fuel oil and coal	115 7		110.9	112.3	106.9	
Gas and electricity	115.7	110.9	107.9	101.9	109.1	108.5
Household furnishings and operation	103.8	105.6	112.4	106.0	107.6	106.8
Apparel and upkeep Men's and boys'	113.7	110.7	115.1	117.6	112.2	113.9
Women's and girls'	115.6 108.5	113.2 109.0	115.4	112.1	111.2	109.8
Footwear	122.4	116.9	110.8 121.4	115.1 125.1	109.9 124.3	110.5 119.3
	}					
TransportationPrivate	118.8 116.6	120.9	113.7	118.7	115.1	113.6
Public	126.4	116.9 140.3	111.8 124.4	114.6 137.3	113.5 120.8	115.0 102.4
				207.5	120.0	102.4
Health and recreation Medical care	126.8	113.9	125.2	118.8	121.9	119.0
Personal care	135.0	128.1	131.9	133.1	128.3	133.4
Reading and recreation	115.9 128.8	108.7 104.8	111.2 126.7	109.3 112.9	117.1 123.4	121.6
Other goods and services	120.4	108.3	123.8	115.0	116.1	108.4 112.9
		Percent c	hanges June 1	.966 to September	1966	
All items	0.5	1.0	1.7	1.1	1.0	1.0
Food	1.8	1.2	1.6	1.4	1.9	1.0
Food at home	1.8	1.1	1.5	1.3	1.7	.8
Coreals and bakery products	2.9	1.5	2.4	2.4	4.1	2.9
Meats, poultry, and fish	1.2	.7	2	.5	0	4
Dairy products	3.2 - 1.7	4.4 - 2.5	6.7 - 2.9	. 5.4	6.7	4.4
Other foods at home	4.0	1.8	4.4	- 4.7 4.1	- 3.4 3.5	- 4.3 3.5
Food away from home	1.6	(<u>3</u> /)	1.7	1.7	2.7	1.7
Housing	.5	.4	1.0	•7	.4	1.1
Shelter	.9	.3	1.0	1.1	.5	1.6
Rent	0					
	· ·	$\frac{2}{1}$		2/ .3	.5	1.3
Homeownership	1.2	<u>2</u> / .1	1.3	2/ .3 1.0	.5 .5	1.3 1.8
Fuel and utilities			1.3 1			
Fuel and utilities Fuel oil and coal	1.2 3 	.3 0	1.3 1 0	1.0 .2 1.0	.5 6 .8	1.8 .5
Fuel and utilities Fuel oil and coal Gas and electricity	1.2 3	.3	1.3 1 0 2	1.0 .2 1.0 0	.5 6 .8 - 1.1	1.8 .5
Fuel and utilities	1.2 3 6 0	.3 0 0 .9	1.3 1 0 2 2.2	1.0 .2 1.0 0 .6	.5 6 .8 - 1.1	1.8 .5 .8 3
Fuel and utilities Fuel oil and coal Gas and electricity Household furnishings and operation Apparel and upkeep	1.2 3 6 0	.3 0 0 .9	1.3 1 0 2 2.2 3.0	1.0 .2 1.0 0 .6	.5 6 .8 - 1.1 .7	1.8 .5 .8 3
Fuel and utilities	1.2 3 6 0	.3 0 0 .9	1.3 1 0 2 2.2 3.0 1.9	1.0 .2 1.0 0 .6	.5 6 .8 - 1.1 .7	1.8 .5 .8 3
Fuel and utilities	1.2 3 6 0 .4 .4	.3 0 0 .9 1.2 0 3.2	1.3 1 0 2 2.2 3.0 1.9 5.6	1.0 .2 1.0 0 .6 2.9 2.6 4.2	.5 6 .8 - 1.1 .7 1.2 .7	1.8 .5 .8 3 .6 2 .5
Fuel and utilities	1.2 3 6 0	.3 0 0 .9	1.3 1 0 2 2.2 3.0 1.9	1.0 .2 1.0 0 .6	.5 6 .8 - 1.1 .7	1.8 .5 .8 3
Fuel and utilities	1.2 3 6 0 .4 .4 .3 .2	.3 0 0 .9 1.2 0 3.2	1.3 1 0 2 2.2 3.0 1.9 5.6	1.0 .2 1.0 0 .6 2.9 2.6 4.2	.5 6 .8 - 1.1 .7 1.2 .7	1.8 .5 .8 3 .6 2 .5
Fuel and utilities	1.2 3 	.3 0 0 .9 1.2 0 3.2 1	1.3 1 0 2 2.2 3.0 1.9 5.6 5	1.0 .2 1.0 0 .6 2.9 2.6 4.2 2.7	.5 6 .8 - 1.1 .7 1.2 .7 1.9	1.8 .5 .8 3 .6 2 .5
Fuel and utilities	1.2 3 6 0 .4 .4 .3 .2	.3 0 0 .9 1.2 0 3.2 1	1.3 1 0 2 2.2 3.0 1.9 5.6 5	1.0 .2 1.0 0 .6 2.9 2.6 4.2 2.7	.5 6 .8 - 1.1 .7 1.2 .7 1.9 .7	1.8 .5 .8 3 .6 2 .5 1.4
Fuel and utilities	1.2 3 6 0 .4 .4 .3 .2 4 5 .4	.3 0 0 .9 1.2 0 3.2 1	1.3 1 0 2 2.2 3.0 1.9 5.6 5	1.0 .2 1.0 0 .6 2.9 2.6 4.2 2.7	.5 6 .8 - 1.1 .7 1.2 .7 1.9 .7	1.8 .5 .8 3 .6 2 .5 1.4
Fuel and utilities	1.2 3 6 0 .4 .4 .3 .2 4 5 .4	.3 0 0 .9 1.2 0 3.2 1 1.5 1.7 .3	1.3 1 0 2 2.2 3.0 1.9 5.6 5 3.6 4 22.0 1.0 1.5	1.0 .2 1.0 0 .6 2.9 2.6 4.2 2.7 1 1 0	.5 6 .8 - 1.1 .7 1.2 .7 1.9 .7 3 4 .1	1.8 .5 .8 3 .6 2 .5 1.4 1.9 2.0 .2
Fuel and utilities	1.2 3 6 0 .4 .4 .3 .2 4 5 .4 .2 .5	.3 0 0 .9 1.2 0 3.2 1 1.5 1.7 .3	1.3 1 0 2 2.2 3.0 1.9 5.6 5 3.6 4 22.0 1.5 1.3	1.0 .2 1.0 0 .6 2.9 2.6 4.2 2.7 1 0	.5 6 .8 - 1.1 .7 1.2 .7 1.9 .7 3 4 .1	1.8 .5 .8 3 .6 2 .5 1.4 1.9 2.0 .2 .8 2.3 .7
Fuel and utilities	1.2 3 6 0 .4 .4 .3 .2 4 5 .4	.3 0 0 .9 1.2 0 3.2 1 1.5 1.7 .3	1.3 1 0 2 2.2 3.0 1.9 5.6 5 3.6 4 22.0 1.0 1.5	1.0 .2 1.0 0 .6 2.9 2.6 4.2 2.7 1 1 0	.5 6 .8 - 1.1 .7 1.2 .7 1.9 .7 3 4 .1	1.8 .5 .8 3 .6 2 .5 1.4 1.9 2.0 .2

^{1/} See footnote 1, table 2. 2/ Change from July 1966. 3/ Not available.

TABLE 6: Consumer Price Index-United States and Selected Areas For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Food and its Subgroups September 1966 Indexes and Percent Changes from August 1966

				Food	at home			Food
Area <u>1</u> /	Total food	Total	Cereals and bakery products	Meats, poultry, and fish	Dairy products	Fruits and vegetables	Other foods at home	away from
			Indexes (195 7-59=100 u n	less otherwise	specified)		
U.S. City Average	115.6	114.0	118.4	114.8	116.0	116.6	105.3	124.
Atlanta	114.2	113.9	112.3	116.4	108.1	119.0	111.0	115.
Baltimore	117.9	115.0	121.5	114.8	113.8	125.9	103.9	129.
Boston	119.3	116.5	121.9	119.8	111.3	124.1	104.9	131.
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100)	109.9	109.6	105.3	113.3	109.5	109.4	107.1	111.
Chicago	116.3	116.3	120.3	115.4	123.5	117.3	107.8	117.
Cincinnati	113.4	111.8	113.8	116.2	114.0	116.9	99.5	123.
Cleveland	112.4	111.1	113.4	114.9	114.8	113.4	99.9	119.
Dallas (Nov.1963=100) -	111.1	111.4	107.9	116.5	118.9	107.3	105.9	110
Detroit	113.7	112.2	111.4	116.7	119.2	106.5	103.9	123.
Honolulu (Dec.1963=100)	107.3	107.8	107.6	112.4	103.3	108.4	102.2	105
louston	117.0	115.3	125.1	112.2	117.4	119.9	107.0	124.
Cansas City	119.0	118.3	121.4	119.2	121.8	121.7	109.0	121.
Los Angeles-Long Beach	113.7	110.2	121.1	105.7	116.0	118.6	96.1	(2/
Minneapolis-St. Paul —	113.4	112.7	111,1	113.8	124.0	111.6	105.3	115.
New York	116.3	113.1	118.6	112.8	110.0	118.9	105.4	130.
Philadelphia	114.5	112.6	113.0	110.8	120.8	116.3	104.0	125.
Pittsburgh	112.8	112.1	116.6	118.3	107.6	113.0	103.6	116.
St. Louis	119.4	117.2	118.2	119.4	125.1	117.9	107.4	126.
San Francisco-Oakland -	114.7	111.4	115.4	112.3	114.3	113.7	101.3	129.
Seattle	115.2	112.5	110.2	116.8	119.8	112.8	102.4	127.
Washington	115.6	113.5	111.5	111.2	119.7	118.1	108.2	125.
		<u> </u>	Percent (Changes August	1966 to Septer	mber 1966		
U.S. City Average	- 0.2	- 0.3	0.9	0.3	1.0	- 4.7	0.4	0.
Atlanta	.2	.2	.7	1.3	.7	- 3.7	.2	! .
Baltimore	.4	.4	2.1	.3	.4	- 1.4	.9	Ι.
Boston	.3	.3	.7	.7	3.1	- 2.7	.5	١.
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100)	5	6	1.9	1	1.0	- 6.6	.6	
Chicago	4	5	.3	.3	.8	- 5.6	.3	
Cincinnati	- 4	7	6	.1	3.7	- 6.3	.2	1.
Cleveland	6	7	.3	.5	.8	- 4.9	9	1 .
Dallas (Nov.1963=100) -	4	6	.1	3	.8	- 3.6	3	
Detroit	6	9	1.3	1.1	.6	- 9.0	.3	
Honolulu (Dec.1963=100)	.7	.9	4.0	1	1.6	1 .1	.6	i .
Houston	0	1	.3	.3	.9	- 2.8	.3]]
Kansas City	.8	.7	1.3	2.1	.6	- 1.1	.2	:
Los Angeles-Long Beach		3	4	8	1.0	- 1.6	2	(2/
Minneapolis-St. Paul	1	0	.6	.2	1.4	- 2.4	.2	`='.
New York	l - :i	3	1.4	3	1.2	- 3.2	.2	:
Philadelphia	3	7	.8	.1	.8	- 5.2	1	:
Pittsburgh	3	1	1.8	1.0	3.9	- 6.7	3	·
St. Louis	3	5	.3	.3	.6	- 4.9	3	
San Francisco-Oakland -	3	4	.3	1.2	.4	- 1.3	.5	
	.3	1 6	1.3	.1	.3	- 2.7	.7	1.
Seattle								
Seattle	2	5	.7	5	1.6	- 5.3	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 September 1966 indexes and percent changes from selected dates (1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)

		dex	Percent chang			
Item or Group	Septembe	er 1966	August	1966	September	
Item of Group		Seasonally		Seasonally	1965	
	Unadjusted	adjusted	Unadjusted	adjusted	Unadjusted	
otal food	115.6	115.3	- 0.2	- 0.2	5.4	
Food away from home	1	115.5	ł.	- 0.2		
Restaurant meals	124.6 125.0		.5		4.9	
Snacks 1/	107.3		.4		5.1	
Food at home	114.0	113.7	3	2	3.7 5.6	
Cereals and bakery products	118.4	113.7	.9	2	6.4	
Flour	114.5		1.6		4.9	
Cracker meal <u>1</u> /	116.0		.1		3.3	
Corn flakes	123.9		.3		4.5	
Rice	107.3		1 6		1.1	
Bread, white	126.1		.,7		10.3	
Bread, whole wheat 1/	114.1		.3		9.6	
Cookies	101.9		1.1	1	3.1	
Layer cake <u>1</u> /	104.3		1.9		6.9	
Cinnamon rolls 1/	107.2		2.0		6.0	
Meats, poultry, and fish	114.8	112.4	.3	4		
Meats	117.2	112.4	11	1	4.6	
Beef and veal	1	I .	.3	3	4.2	
Steak, round	112.7	111.6	.4	4	2.6	
Steak, round	1	107.0	- 1.0	8	0	
Steak, sirloin 2/	108.2		.9		1.4	
Steak, porterhouse 1/	111.6		.9		.9	
Rump roast 1/	104.0		4		.8	
Rib roast	118.2	117.3	• 3	4	1.1	
Chuck roast	105.4	103.9	1.2	7	1.1	
Hamburger	115.8	114.3	1.0	7	5.9	
Beef liver 1/	107.6		.5		3.8	
Veal cutlets	128.1	128.0	3	7	6.0	
Pork	126.4	120.3	.4	3	5.4	
Chops	124.3	118.7	8	.5	4.5	
Loin roast 2/	132.7		1		4.2	
Pork sausage 1/	133.9		.8		4.2	
Ham, whole	115.0	113.7	2.3	2.2	4.5	
Picnics 1/	126.7		.4		7.2	
Bacon	141.1	132.2	.6	1	7.0	
Other meats	118.5	117.7	.1	5	5.6	
Lamb chops <u>1</u> /	118.8		0		2.9	
Frankfurters	118.6	117.2	0	- 1.2	3.0	
Ham, canned $\underline{1}/$	118.1		0		7.1	
Bologna sausage 1/	117.3		4		6.5	
Salami sausage 1/	113.9		.3		5.6	
Liverwurst 1/	118.4		.9		8.7	
Poultry	95.9		6		4.2	
Frying chicken	96.9	96.5	7	- 1.5	4.8	
Chicken breasts $\frac{1}{2}$ /	105.3		4		4.2	
Turkey <u>1</u> /	105.3		5		1.6	
Fish	120.3	120.9	.6	.8	8.4	
Shrimp, frozen $\underline{1}/$	106.6		1.8		12.9	
Fish, fresh or frozen	125.1	125.4	1.3	1.4	6.5	
Tuna fish, canned	115.0		3		12.3	
Sardines, canned 1/	107.3		5		2.3	
Dairy products	116.0	115.8	1.0	.8	10.2	
Milk, fresh, grocery	113.0	112.4	.7	.3	9.6	
Milk, fresh, delivered	115.6		.6		8.1	
Milk, fresh, skim 1/	109.6		.6		9.8	
Milk, evaporated	113.8		1.6		8.1	
Ice cream	100.4		1.0		6.0	
Cheese, American process	136.6	136.9	2.3	2.2	17.0	
Butter	120.8	120.9	2.1	1.6	16.3	
	1]]		10.3	

See footnotes at end of table.

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

	In	dex	Percent change	to September	1966 from	
Thom on Chaus	Septemb			1966	September	
Item or Group		Seasonally		Seasonally	1965	
	Unadjusted	adjusted	Unadjusted	adjusted	Unadjusted	
Fruits and vegetables	116.6	121.0	- 4.7	3	7.5	
Fresh fruits and vegetables	122.5	129.2	- 7.5	- 1.4	11.2	
Apples	145.2	152.5	- 15.4	11.8	20.6	
Bananas	92.4	91.5	- 5.4	- 5.8	- 8.1	
Oranges	131.6	122.8	2.3	1.6	3.1	
Orange juice, fresh 1/	86.2		.8		- 3.7	
Grapefruit	178.0	152.5	2	5	9.5	
Grapes *	108.0	129.0	7	17.2	10.2	
Strawberries * 3/	*	*	∦ *''	***	*	
Watermelon *	*	*	*	*	*	
Potatoes	128.5	134.1	- 6.5	3.4	10.4	
Onions	134.9	141.4	- 15.5	- 3.3	15.3	
Asparagus * 1/	*	*	*	*	*	
Cabbage	142.8	165.3	- 10.8	- 7.7	44.7	
Carrots	106.5	106.4	- 10.4	- 6.0	3.5	
Celery	113.5	122.7	- 11.3	- 7.0	17.6	
Cucumbers 1/	98.6	122.7	- 4.4	- /.0	- 10.8	
Lettuce	134.3	136.3	4.5	- 11.0	21.3	
Peppers, green 1/	118.1	150.5	- 14.0	- 11.0	21.8	
Spinach 1/	100.1		- 1.9		3.4	
Tomatoes	93.4	136.7	- 11.7	- 5.3	10.5	
Processed fruits and vegetables	109.4	130.7	2	1 - 3.3	2.5	
Fruit cocktail, canned	99.4		5	1	1 .1	
Pears, canned 1/	100.7		- 1.6		- 1.6	
	96.8		2		- 3.5	
Grapefruit-pineapple juice, canned 1/ Orange juice concentrate, frozen	91.9	93.0	5	5	- 2.5	
	87.4		2		- 1.1	
Lemonade concentrate, frozen 2/ Beets, canned 1/	104.4		3		6.4	
Peas, green, canned	117.6	1	.9		1.9	
Tomatoes, canned	1		.9		8.0	
Dried beans	113.1		11		I .	
Broccoli, frozen 1/	96.5		6		13.8	
Other food at home		1	4	- 1.2	2.2	
Eggs	105.3	103.8		- 10.1	N. Contraction of the Contractio	
	111.8	101.9	1.2	- 10.1	13.4	
Fats and oils: Margarine	106.0	l	1.6		3.7	
Salad dressing, Italian 1/	101.8		1.0		1.3	
Salad or cooking oil 1/	122.8		.7		12.0	
Sugar and sweets	111.3		.4	1	- 2.2	
Sugar	111.0		.5		2.6	
Grape jelly	116.4		l o		1.5	
Chocolate bar	93.4		.3		- 12.2	
Syrup, chocolate flavored 1/	99.8		.5		.2	
Nonalcoholic beverages	100.6		3		.5	
Coffee, can and bag	93.4		6		- 1.1	
Coffee, instant 4/	98.8		- 1.3		- 1.7	
Tea	100.5		.2		.7	
Cola drink	131.2		.8	l	3.9	
Carbonated fruit drink 1/	105.6	1	.5		3.8	
Prepared and partially prepared foods 1/	99.6		.1		- 1.8	
Bean soup, canned 1/	97.6		l - :i		4	
Chicken soup, canned 1/	98.2		3		- 1.2	
Spaghetti, canned 1/	105.2		3		4.5	
Mashed potatoes, instant 1/	101.3		4		- 9.1	
Potatoes, french fried, frozen 2/	1		4	1	- 9.1	
Baby foods, canned	85.2					
Cupat mickle reliab 1/	105.1	ı	11		7	
Sweet pickle relish <u>1</u> /	105.0		.8		2.7	
LIECTETS T.	100.0		.6		.8	
1/ December 1963=100			Ш		<u> </u>	

^{1/} December 1963=100.
2/ April 1960=100.
3/ Corrected indexes: 1965--April, 127.1; May, 128.6; June, 118.9; annual average, 124.9; 1966--April, 139.9; May, 124.9; June, 131.6.
4/ July 1961=100.
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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.

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Iowa - Cedar Rapids*
Kansas - Wichita*

Louisiana - Baton Rouge*
Maine - Portland*
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Michigan - Niles
Minnesota - Crookston
Mississippi - Vicksburg
New Jersey - Millville
New York - Kingston
North Carolina - Durham*
North Dakota - Devils Lake
Ohio - Dayton*

Ohio - Findlay
Oklahoma - Mangum
Oregon - Klamath Falls
Pennsylvania - Lancaster*
South Carolina - Union
Tennessee - Nashville*
Texas - Austin*
Texas - McAllen
Utah - Orem
Virginia - Martinsville
Wisconsin - Green Bay*

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