

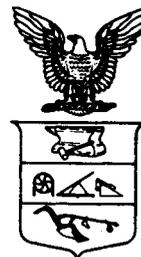
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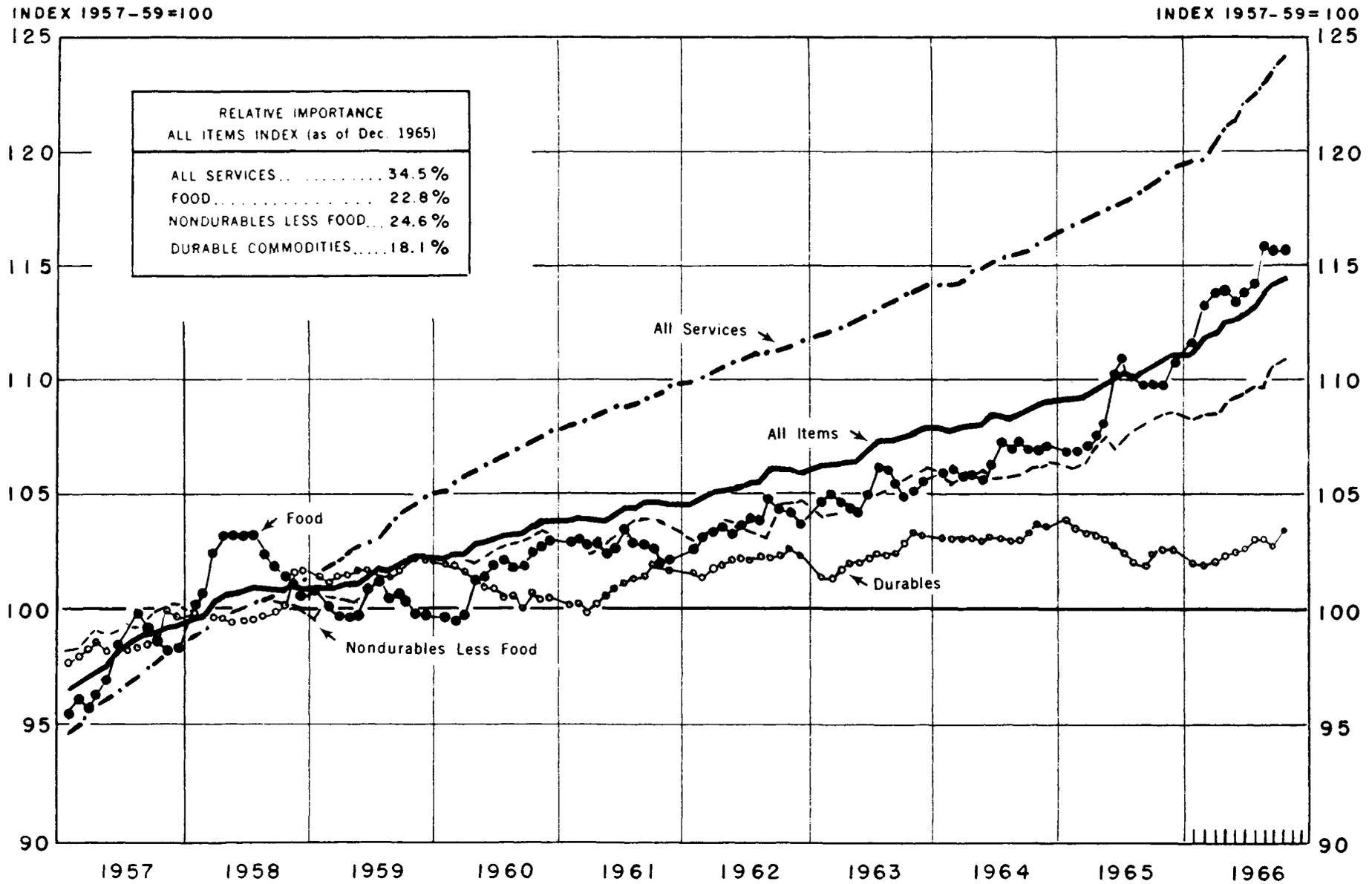
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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR OCTOBER 1966

The Consumer Price Index rose by 0.4 percent in October, the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics announced today. The increase was caused largely by higher costs of housing, apparel, and medical care. Price indexes for automobiles were also higher reflecting the fact that trade-ins and dealer concessions are customarily smaller at the beginning of a new model year. Prices of food in grocery stores averaged slightly lower than in September. At 114.5 percent of its 1957-59 base, the October index was up by 3.7 percent over a year ago.

Price Changes, September to October 1966

Housing costs rose by 0.4 percent in October, led by increases in such home-ownership costs as real estate taxes and insurance, mortgage interest rates, and home repairs and maintenance. Rents were up by 0.3 percent, and fuel oil prices rose seasonally. Prices of furniture advanced further, but appliance prices showed a small decline. Prices also rose for such housekeeping supplies as laundry soap and household paper, as well as for services, including laundry, domestic service, baby sitters, and appliance repairs.

Transportation costs were up by 0.9 percent in October, largely because dealers offered smaller concessions on the newly-introduced 1967 models of new cars than they had been granting on 1966 models in September. Basic new car prices also were up slightly after adjustment for quality changes. Prices of used cars and auto repairs also increased, while gasoline prices declined.

Apparel prices continued their seasonal advance, especially women's wear; and shoe prices continued their upward trend. Medical care costs rose again, with hospital service charges sharply higher and professional medical fees being raised.

A decline of 0.2 percent in prices of food in grocery stores was offset by higher prices for restaurant meals, causing the total food index to remain at its September level. Meat prices were down by 0.5 percent, largely because of lower prices for all cuts of pork, particularly bacon and pork chops, as the larger spring pig crop was slaughtered. Prices of beef and other meats were a little higher. Frying chicken prices dropped 5 percent, as poultry production reached record high levels.

Prices of fruits and vegetables fell by 1.1 percent, reflecting substantial reductions for apples, which were at the peak of their harvest. Lettuce, celery, carrots, onions, and green peppers also cost less as supplies increased. Citrus fruit prices advanced as supplies from the old season crop dwindled and the new crop was late in maturing.

Egg prices were 4 percent higher, and milk prices continued to rise, but prices of white bread dropped about 1 percent.

Price Trends, October 1965 to October 1966

The rise of 3.7 percent in the Consumer Price Index over the past year reflected higher charges for consumer services, led by mortgage interest rates, doctors' and dentists' fees, hospital room rates, home repair services, real estate taxes, and property insurance. Higher food prices also accounted for a substantial portion of the rise, with dairy products up 11 percent, fruits and vegetables up 6.3 percent, cereals and bakery products up 6.3 percent, and meats, poultry, and fish up 4.5 percent.

All types of dairy products were selling at higher prices than a year ago, with increases of 19 percent for cheese, 17 percent for butter, and 10 percent for milk in grocery stores. With the exceptions of bananas, orange juice, and spinach, all other fresh fruits and vegetables cost more than a year earlier. Prices of all types of meats, poultry, and fish also were higher than a year ago.

Prices of nondurable goods other than foods rose by 2.7 percent during the year, largely the result of increases for apparel, gasoline, and cigarettes. Durable goods prices rose by 1.4 percent with higher prices for furniture, new cars, and used cars.

Cost-of-Living Adjustments

Almost 1.2 million workers will receive increased cost-of-living allowances based on the October Consumer Price Index. Over 1.1 million, mostly in automobile, automotive parts, farm and construction equipment, and aerospace industries, will receive 3 cents an hour, based on the change in the index since July. Other workers will receive increases ranging from 1 to 6 cents an hour, based on changes for periods of one month to six months.

In addition, about 750,000 retired Federal civilian employees or their survivors will receive an increase of 3.9 percent in their annuities, effective January 1, 1967, based on the change in the Consumer Price Index since July 1965.

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

Group	Indexes (1957-59=100)				Percent change to October 1966 from --					
	October 1966		September 1966		October 1965	September 1966		July 1966		October 1965
	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted
All items -----	114.5	-----	114.1	-----	110.4	0.4	-----	1.1	-----	3.7
Food -----	115.6	115.6	115.6	115.3	109.7	0	0.3	1.1	2.1	5.4
Food at home -----	113.8	113.8	114.0	113.7	107.8	-.2	.1	1.0	2.2	5.6
Cereals and bakery products -----	118.3	-----	118.4	-----	111.3	-.1	-----	3.0	-----	6.3
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	113.8	112.5	114.8	112.4	108.9	-.9	.1	-.4	-1.4	4.5
Dairy products -----	117.1	116.4	116.0	115.8	105.5	.9	.5	5.5	4.3	11.0
Fruits and vegetables -----	115.3	120.4	116.6	121.0	108.5	-1.1	-.5	-5.1	5.7	6.3
Other foods at home -----	106.0	104.1	105.3	103.8	103.5	.7	.3	3.8	1.2	2.4
Food away from home -----	125.2	-----	124.6	-----	119.2	.5	-----	1.4	-----	5.0
Housing -----	112.2	-----	111.8	-----	109.0	.4	-----	.8	-----	2.9
Shelter <u>1/</u> -----	115.5	-----	115.0	-----	111.2	.4	-----	1.0	-----	3.9
Rent -----	111.0	-----	110.7	-----	109.2	.3	-----	.6	-----	1.6
Homeownership <u>2/</u> -----	117.4	-----	116.8	-----	112.1	.5	-----	1.0	-----	4.7
Fuel and utilities <u>3/</u> -----	108.1	108.1	108.0	108.2	107.7	.1	-.1	.2	-.3	.4
Fuel oil and coal <u>4/</u> -----	108.3	108.5	107.4	108.8	106.9	.8	-.3	1.2	-.7	1.3
Gas and electricity -----	108.0	-----	108.1	-----	107.9	-.1	-----	-.1	-----	.1
Household furnishings and operation -----	106.1	-----	105.7	-----	103.3	.4	-----	1.0	-----	2.7
Apparel and upkeep <u>5/</u> -----	111.5	110.8	110.7	110.5	107.8	.7	.3	2.1	1.1	3.4
Men's and boys' -----	111.5	111.1	111.2	111.0	108.7	.3	-.1	1.7	1.1	2.6
Women's and girls' -----	107.5	106.0	106.3	105.8	104.3	1.1	.2	2.8	.9	3.1
Footwear -----	122.2	122.1	121.3	121.3	114.4	.7	.7	2.0	1.6	6.8
Transportation -----	114.3	113.8	113.3	113.5	111.2	.9	.3	.7	.4	2.8
Private -----	112.3	111.7	111.3	111.5	109.7	.9	.2	.7	.3	2.4
Public -----	129.6	-----	129.5	-----	121.6	.1	-----	.4	-----	6.6
Health and recreation -----	120.4	-----	119.9	-----	116.2	.4	-----	1.1	-----	3.6
Medical care -----	130.4	-----	129.4	-----	123.0	.8	-----	2.1	-----	6.0
Personal care -----	113.3	-----	113.0	-----	109.2	.3	-----	.7	-----	3.8
Reading and recreation -----	118.0	-----	117.5	-----	115.2	.4	-----	.7	-----	2.4
Other goods and services <u>6/</u> -----	115.9	-----	115.7	-----	113.3	.2	-----	.5	-----	2.3
Special groups:										
All items less shelter -----	114.3	-----	113.9	-----	110.2	.4	-----	1.1	-----	3.7
All items less food -----	114.4	-----	113.8	-----	110.9	.5	-----	1.1	-----	3.2
Commodities <u>7/</u> -----	110.3	110.1	110.0	109.9	106.9	.3	.2	.9	.9	3.2
Nondurables -----	113.1	112.9	112.9	112.8	108.7	.2	.1	1.2	1.3	4.0
Durables <u>8/</u> -----	103.5	103.3	102.7	102.9	102.1	.8	.4	.5	.2	1.4
Services <u>9/</u> -----	124.1	-----	123.5	-----	118.7	.5	-----	1.2	-----	4.5
Commodities less food <u>7/</u> -----	107.6	107.3	107.0	107.0	105.3	.6	.3	.8	.5	2.2
Nondurables less food -----	110.9	110.5	110.5	110.3	108.0	.4	.2	1.1	.5	2.7
Apparel commodities -----	110.4	109.4	109.7	109.5	106.9	.6	-.1	2.1	1.0	3.3
Apparel commodities less footwear -----	108.1	107.1	107.4	107.1	105.4	.7	0	2.2	.9	2.6
Nondurables less food and apparel -----	111.2	-----	111.0	-----	108.7	.2	-----	.5	-----	2.3
New cars -----	98.4	97.5	94.4	96.2	97.7	4.2	1.4	1.8	-.4	.7
Used cars -----	120.8	119.4	120.1	118.7	119.4	.6	.6	.4	.7	1.2
Household durables <u>10/</u> -----	97.4	-----	97.3	-----	96.0	.1	-----	.5	-----	1.5
Housefurnishings -----	99.5	99.5	99.3	99.3	97.6	.2	.2	.7	.6	1.9
Services less rent <u>9/</u> -----	127.1	-----	126.5	-----	121.0	.5	-----	1.3	-----	5.0
Household services less rent -----	123.5	-----	123.0	-----	117.9	.4	-----	1.1	-----	4.7
Transportation services -----	125.9	-----	125.5	-----	120.7	.3	-----	.7	-----	4.3
Medical care services -----	137.4	-----	136.2	-----	128.1	.9	-----	2.6	-----	7.3
Other services <u>11/</u> -----	128.2	-----	127.5	-----	122.8	.5	-----	1.2	-----	4.4
All items index on other bases:										
1947-49=100 -----	140.5	-----	140.0	-----	135.5	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
1939=100 -----	236.5	-----	235.6	-----	228.0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:										
1957-59=\$1.00 -----	\$0.873	-----	\$0.876	-----	\$0.906	-.3	-----	-1.1	-----	-3.6
1947-49=\$1.00 -----	.712	-----	.714	-----	.738	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
1939=\$1.00 -----	.423	-----	.424	-----	.439	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

1/ Also includes hotel and motel rates not shown separately.

2/ Includes home purchase, mortgage interest, taxes, insurance, and maintenance and repairs.

3/ Also includes telephone, water, and sewerage service not shown separately.

4/ Called "Solid and petroleum fuels" prior to 1964.

5/ Also includes infants' wear, sewing materials, jewelry, and apparel upkeep services not shown separately.

6/ Includes tobacco, alcoholic beverages, and funeral, legal, and bank service charges.

7/ Includes home purchase costs which were classified under services prior to 1964.

8/ Also includes auto parts, toys, and recreational goods not shown separately.

9/ Excludes home purchase costs which were classified under this heading prior to 1964.

10/ Called "Durables less cars" prior to 1964.

11/ Includes the services components of apparel, personal care, reading and recreation, and other goods and services.

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

Area ^{1/}	Pricing Schedule ^{2/}	Indexes			Percent change from:	
		1957-59=100	1947-49=100	Other bases	July 1966	October 1965
		October 1966			July 1966	October 1965
U.S. City Average -----	M	114.5	140.5		1.1	3.7
Chicago -----	M	112.0	141.2		1.4	3.4
Detroit -----	M	112.6	138.8		1.2	4.8
Los Angeles-Long Beach -	M	115.9	144.5		.8	2.8
New York -----	M	117.8	141.9		1.3	4.2
Philadelphia -----	M	115.0	141.2		1.1	3.5
		October 1966			July 1966	October 1965
Boston -----	1	118.5	146.8		1.2	4.3
Houston -----	1	112.4	138.5		.7	2.8
Minneapolis-St. Paul ---	1	113.4	140.3		1.3	3.0
Pittsburgh -----	1	114.1	140.6		1.2	3.1
		August 1966			May 1966	August 1965
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100) -	2	-----	-----	107.7	1.0	3.6
Cleveland -----	2	110.2	136.9	-----	.5	2.9
Dallas (Nov.1963=100) --	2	-----	-----	105.6	1.0	3.8
Milwaukee -----	2	111.5	140.6	-----	1.3	2.4
San Diego (Feb.1965=100)	2	-----	-----	102.0	.4	2.4
Seattle -----	2	114.5	143.9	-----	.7	2.7
Washington -----	2	114.0	137.3	-----	1.1	4.0
		September 1966			June 1966	September 1965
Atlanta -----	3	112.8	139.6	-----	1.5	4.3
Baltimore -----	3	114.3	141.8	-----	.8	3.9
Cincinnati -----	3	111.7	135.9	-----	1.4	4.3
Honolulu (Dec.1963=100)	3	-----	-----	105.6	1.0	3.2
Kansas City -----	3	117.1	144.9	-----	.5	2.4
St. Louis -----	3	114.7	142.3	-----	1.0	4.4
San Francisco-Oakland --	3	116.4	147.7	-----	1.0	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 September 1966 to October 1966

Group	U.S. City Average	Chicago	Detroit	Los Angeles-Long Beach	New York	Philadelphia
All items -----	0.4	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.3
Food -----	0	-.8	-.2	.4	.2	0
Housing -----	.4	.5	.8	-.3	.3	.4
Apparel and upkeep -----	.7	.1	.3	-.3	.7	-.1
Transportation -----	.9	.4	1.2	.6	1.2	1.0
Health and recreation -----	.4	.4	.2	.7	.3	.3
Medical care -----	.8	.4	.5	.9	.5	.5
Personal care -----	.3	.3	.1	0	.1	.6
Reading and recreation -----	.4	.5	.1	.8	.6	.1
Other goods and services -----	.2	.3	.2	.6	.1	(^{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
1966:										
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
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
Annual Average:										
1965	109.9	108.8	108.5	106.8	111.1	115.6	122.3	109.9	115.2	111.4
1964	108.1	106.4	107.2	105.7	109.3	113.6	119.4	109.2	114.1	108.8
1963	106.7	105.1	106.0	104.8	107.8	111.4	117.0	107.9	111.5	107.1
1962	105.4	103.6	104.8	103.6	107.2	109.4	114.2	106.5	109.6	105.3
1961	104.2	102.6	103.9	103.0	105.0	107.3	111.3	104.6	107.2	104.6
1960	103.1	101.4	103.1	102.2	103.8	105.4	108.1	104.1	104.9	103.8
1955	93.3	94.0	94.1	95.9	89.7	91.4	88.6	90.0	92.1	94.3

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

Group	U.S. City Average	Boston	Chicago	Detroit	Houston	Los Angeles- Long Beach	Minn- eapolis- St. Paul	New York	Phila- delphia	Pitts- burgh
Indexes (1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)										
All items -----	114.5	118.5	112.0	112.6	112.4	115.9	113.4	117.8	115.0	114.1
Food -----	115.6	119.3	115.4	113.5	117.0	114.2	114.2	116.5	114.5	112.8
Food at home -----	113.8	116.4	115.0	111.7	115.1	110.7	113.3	113.3	112.1	112.2
Cereals and bakery products -----	118.3	121.7	119.2	111.6	125.1	121.8	110.8	117.4	112.7	116.6
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	113.8	118.9	114.9	115.1	110.4	104.7	113.2	112.6	109.7	116.8
Dairy products -----	117.1	113.3	124.9	119.4	119.7	116.7	125.4	113.3	120.9	108.5
Fruits and vegetables -----	115.3	122.3	110.8	106.4	119.6	120.2	111.5	120.7	115.8	112.5
Other foods at home -----	106.0	105.9	107.1	104.0	107.8	97.7	107.3	105.9	104.0	105.5
Food away from home -----	125.2	131.5	118.0	124.0	125.4	127.5	117.4	131.1	127.5	116.7
Housing -----	112.2	119.8	109.7	106.7	107.6	117.3	109.6	116.8	112.5	111.9
Shelter -----	115.5	126.9	111.4	107.9	104.5	123.5	114.8	120.2	115.5	110.4
Rent -----	111.0	125.1	-----	99.8	101.2	-----	109.7	120.0	-----	109.3
Homeownership -----	117.4	127.7	113.6	109.9	105.8	127.5	115.7	119.3	116.8	110.6
Fuel and utilities -----	108.1	107.9	106.0	102.6	115.1	103.8	101.3	107.3	106.6	116.8
Fuel oil and coal -----	108.3	114.0	105.9	101.4	-----	-----	104.9	112.8	112.6	-----
Gas and electricity -----	108.0	101.8	106.5	104.9	124.7	111.0	97.5	107.6	101.7	116.4
Household furnishings and operation	106.1	112.2	107.5	103.2	111.2	105.0	101.1	112.9	106.3	108.9
Apparel and upkeep -----	111.5	112.5	108.3	112.4	109.9	110.4	110.7	115.9	117.5	114.7
Men's and boys' -----	111.5	103.7	108.3	108.8	108.4	108.4	117.0	115.1	112.0	107.6
Women's and girls' -----	107.5	110.3	104.0	113.0	107.5	108.5	104.0	112.5	114.5	110.7
Footwear -----	122.2	123.0	119.3	122.6	124.9	117.7	119.9	123.2	125.6	127.3
Transportation -----	114.3	116.8	110.4	112.4	110.2	121.6	114.4	115.1	119.9	116.0
Private -----	112.3	111.1	110.7	110.7	107.0	117.6	112.9	113.6	116.0	111.2
Public -----	129.6	132.2	109.2	119.4	135.5	140.3	122.0	124.4	137.3	132.1
Health and recreation -----	120.4	121.3	115.4	122.3	119.9	114.7	121.3	125.6	119.2	120.4
Medical care -----	130.4	131.4	136.5	137.8	122.0	129.3	141.2	132.5	133.7	135.9
Personal care -----	113.3	115.0	113.8	117.1	121.1	108.7	110.7	111.3	110.0	106.9
Reading and recreation -----	118.0	124.0	102.5	115.7	118.5	105.6	117.7	127.4	113.0	114.9
Other goods and services -----	115.9	112.8	108.1	114.1	117.7	108.9	108.2	123.9	(2/)	116.4
Percent changes July 1966 to October 1966										
All items -----	1.1	1.2	1.4	1.2	0.7	0.8	1.3	1.3	1.1	1.2
Food -----	1.1	2.0	1.1	.6	1.0	1.2	1.7	1.2	1.1	1.1
Food at home -----	1.0	2.2	1.1	.2	.9	1.5	1.6	1.3	.5	1.3
Cereals and bakery products -----	3.0	5.4	3.5	3.3	4.3	2.4	3.1	1.4	2.6	1.8
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	-.4	.8	.8	-.6	-1.2	-.1	0	-.1	-.8	-.3
Dairy products -----	5.5	6.5	6.1	7.7	4.0	4.5	5.5	4.5	3.2	6.9
Fruits and vegetables -----	-5.1	-3.2	-6.8	-9.6	-4.1	-1.7	-5.0	-1.1	-3.7	-5.7
Other foods at home -----	3.8	4.1	2.8	3.6	3.8	3.1	4.6	3.6	3.3	4.9
Food away from home -----	1.4	1.2	.9	2.2	1.1	.6	2.4	.8	3.6	.6
Housing -----	.8	.5	1.1	1.3	.4	-.1	1.2	1.1	1.3	.6
Shelter -----	1.0	.6	1.1	1.4	.2	-.2	2.0	1.3	1.8	.5
Rent -----	.6	.4	-----	3/ 1.0	.2	-----	.2	3/ .6	-----	.5
Homeownership -----	1.0	.7	1.4	1.4	.1	-.2	2.3	1.4	2.3	.5
Fuel and utilities -----	.2	-.3	.1	-.1	0	0	.1	.2	.4	0
Fuel oil and coal -----	1.2	0	.9	1.2	-----	-----	7.0	1.7	2.0	-----
Gas and electricity -----	-.1	-.7	.1	-.3	0	.1	-.6	-.4	0	0
Household furnishings and operation	1.0	.8	1.4	1.9	.8	.3	0	1.3	.6	1.3
Apparel and upkeep -----	2.1	3.0	4.0	2.7	1.1	1.4	1.8	3.9	2.3	2.7
Men's and boys' -----	1.7	-.2	4.2	3.3	.6	1.6	.6	3.0	2.6	.9
Women's and girls' -----	2.8	5.6	7.1	2.9	2.0	2.2	3.2	6.7	1.9	4.7
Footwear -----	2.0	3.7	1.4	2.6	1.6	.3	1.1	2.4	4.1	1.5
Transportation -----	.7	-.1	.7	.5	.1	.2	1.1	.3	.4	.3
Private -----	.7	-.1	.7	.6	.1	.3	1.2	.4	.6	.4
Public -----	.4	.1	0	0	0	0	0	.1	0	0
Health and recreation -----	1.1	1.3	1.1	1.2	1.3	2.1	.8	.6	.8	1.7
Medical care -----	2.1	2.9	1.8	1.8	2.9	4.8	1.7	1.2	1.0	1.0
Personal care -----	.7	2.2	1.5	2.0	.5	1.1	.5	.3	.6	2.0
Reading and recreation -----	.7	.7	.7	.8	.4	1.3	.3	.4	-.1	2.5
Other goods and services -----	.5	.4	.7	.4	.6	.3	.5	.4	(2/)	1.1

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

^{2/} Not available.

^{3/} Change from August 1966.

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

Area ^{1/}	Total food	Food at home						Food away from home
		Total	Cereals and bakery products	Meats, poultry, and fish	Dairy products	Fruits and vegetables	Other foods at home	
Indexes (1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)								
U.S. City Average -----	115.6	113.8	118.3	113.8	117.1	115.3	106.0	125.2
Atlanta -----	114.7	114.2	112.5	115.1	111.2	118.8	112.5	116.3
Baltimore -----	116.7	113.6	121.6	112.7	114.1	119.9	104.5	129.4
Boston -----	119.3	116.4	121.7	118.9	113.3	122.3	105.9	131.5
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100)	109.7	109.2	104.5	111.8	109.8	108.4	108.5	112.7
Chicago -----	115.4	115.0	119.2	114.9	124.9	110.8	107.1	118.0
Cincinnati -----	113.6	111.7	115.6	115.6	114.1	116.1	99.7	124.7
Cleveland -----	112.1	110.7	114.2	115.1	114.0	109.9	100.3	120.0
Dallas (Nov.1963=100) -	111.0	111.0	107.8	115.0	119.1	105.8	107.2	110.7
Detroit -----	113.5	111.7	111.6	115.1	119.4	106.4	104.0	124.0
Honolulu (Dec.1963=100)	108.4	109.0	108.9	112.7	105.0	110.5	103.7	106.4
Houston -----	117.0	115.1	125.1	110.4	119.7	119.6	107.8	125.4
Kansas City -----	118.7	117.9	121.7	117.2	124.2	118.8	110.1	121.9
Los Angeles-Long Beach	114.2	110.7	121.8	104.7	116.7	120.2	97.7	127.5
Minneapolis-St. Paul --	114.2	113.3	110.8	113.2	125.4	111.5	107.3	117.4
New York -----	116.5	113.3	117.4	112.6	110.3	120.7	105.9	131.1
Philadelphia -----	114.5	112.1	112.7	109.7	120.9	115.8	104.0	127.5
Pittsburgh -----	112.8	112.2	116.6	116.8	108.5	112.5	105.5	116.7
St. Louis -----	119.7	117.5	118.7	119.4	128.7	114.1	109.0	127.0
San Francisco-Oakland -	115.0	111.7	115.0	112.0	115.5	115.1	101.5	129.6
Seattle -----	115.1	112.2	110.2	115.5	120.4	111.4	103.5	127.7
Washington -----	115.1	112.8	111.8	110.2	120.3	113.4	109.3	125.6
Percent changes September 1966 to October 1966								
U.S. City Average -----	0	- 0.2	- 0.1	- 0.9	0.9	- 1.1	0.7	0.5
Atlanta -----	0.4	.3	.2	- 1.1	2.9	- .2	1.4	.6
Baltimore -----	- 1.0	- 1.2	.1	- 1.8	.3	- 4.8	.6	0
Boston -----	0	.1	.2	.8	1.8	- 1.5	1.0	.2
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100)	.2	.4	.8	1.3	.3	.9	1.3	.9
Chicago -----	.8	1.1	.9	.4	1.1	- 5.5	.6	.3
Cincinnati -----	.2	.1	1.6	.5	.1	.7	.2	1.0
Cleveland -----	.3	.4	.7	.2	.7	3.1	.4	.2
Dallas (Nov.1963=100) -	.1	.4	.1	1.3	.2	1.4	1.2	.6
Detroit -----	.2	.4	.2	1.4	.2	.1	.1	.7
Honolulu (Dec.1963=100)	1.0	1.1	1.2	.3	1.6	1.9	1.5	.5
Houston -----	0	.2	0	1.6	2.0	.3	.7	.4
Kansas City -----	.3	.3	.2	1.7	2.0	2.4	1.0	.2
Los Angeles-Long Beach	.4	.5	.6	.9	.6	1.3	1.7	(2/)
Minneapolis-St. Paul --	.7	.5	.3	.5	1.1	.1	1.9	1.8
New York -----	.2	.2	1.0	.2	.3	1.5	.5	.2
Philadelphia -----	0	.4	.3	1.0	.1	.4	0	2.0
Pittsburgh -----	0	.1	0	1.3	.8	.4	1.8	.4
St. Louis -----	.3	.3	.4	0	2.9	3.2	1.5	.3
San Francisco-Oakland -	.3	.3	.3	.3	1.0	1.2	.2	.2
Seattle -----	.1	.3	0	1.1	.5	1.2	1.1	.4
Washington -----	.4	.6	.3	.9	.5	4.0	1.0	.2

^{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
October 1966 indexes and percent changes from selected dates
(1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)

Item or Group	Index		Percent change to October 1966 from--		October 1965 Unadjusted
	October 1966		September 1966		
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	
Total food -----	115.6	115.6	0	0.3	5.4
Food away from home -----	125.2	-----	0.5	-----	5.0
Restaurant meals -----	125.5	-----	.4	-----	5.1
Snacks <u>1/</u> -----	107.9	-----	.6	-----	4.2
Food at home -----	113.8	113.8	-.2	.1	5.6
Cereals and bakery products -----	118.3	-----	-.1	-----	6.3
Flour -----	115.8	-----	1.1	-----	5.9
Cracker meal <u>1/</u> -----	116.3	-----	.3	-----	2.8
Corn flakes -----	124.1	-----	.2	-----	4.5
Rice -----	107.4	-----	.1	-----	1.0
Bread, white -----	125.1	-----	-.8	-----	9.0
Bread, whole wheat <u>1/</u> -----	114.0	-----	-.1	-----	10.4
Cookies -----	102.1	-----	.2	-----	3.5
Layer cake <u>1/</u> -----	105.6	-----	1.2	-----	8.1
Cinnamon rolls <u>1/</u> -----	106.2	-----	-.9	-----	5.5
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	113.8	112.5	-.9	.1	4.5
Meats -----	116.6	114.5	-.5	0	4.3
Beef and veal -----	112.8	111.7	.1	.1	3.4
Steak, round -----	108.8	107.1	1.4	.1	1.5
Steak, sirloin <u>2/</u> -----	106.1	-----	- 1.9	-----	1.5
Steak, porterhouse <u>1/</u> -----	110.0	-----	- 1.4	-----	.5
Rump roast <u>1/</u> -----	104.6	-----	.6	-----	1.5
Rib roast -----	117.6	116.6	-.5	-.6	1.5
Chuck roast -----	106.2	105.4	.8	1.4	2.0
Hamburger -----	116.2	115.4	.3	1.0	7.2
Beef liver <u>1/</u> -----	108.1	-----	.5	-----	3.8
Veal cutlets -----	128.3	128.8	.2	.6	6.1
Pork -----	123.8	120.5	- 2.1	.2	4.2
Chops -----	122.4	118.1	- 1.5	-.5	4.3
Loin roast <u>2/</u> -----	132.5	-----	-.2	-----	5.8
Pork sausage <u>1/</u> -----	131.0	-----	- 2.2	-----	2.5
Ham, whole -----	113.4	112.8	- 1.4	-.8	4.4
Picnics <u>1/</u> -----	124.3	-----	- 1.9	-----	3.5
Bacon -----	135.9	131.9	- 3.7	-.2	4.5
Other meats -----	119.1	118.5	.5	.7	6.3
Lamb chops <u>1/</u> -----	118.8	-----	0	-----	3.8
Frankfurters -----	119.3	118.4	.6	1.0	4.7
Ham, canned <u>1/</u> -----	118.6	-----	.4	-----	6.5
Bologna sausage <u>1/</u> -----	118.5	-----	1.0	-----	7.5
Salami sausage <u>1/</u> -----	114.6	-----	.6	-----	7.0
Liverwurst <u>1/</u> -----	118.7	-----	.3	-----	8.4
Poultry -----	92.3	-----	- 3.8	-----	3.1
Frying chicken -----	92.2	93.0	- 4.9	- 3.6	3.5
Chicken breasts <u>1/</u> -----	102.7	-----	- 2.5	-----	3.3
Turkey <u>1/</u> -----	106.0	-----	.7	-----	2.3
Fish -----	120.2	120.7	-.1	-.2	8.2
Shrimp, frozen <u>1/</u> -----	107.7	-----	1.0	-----	13.6
Fish, fresh or frozen -----	125.2	125.7	.1	.2	6.4
Tuna fish, canned -----	113.1	-----	- 1.7	-----	10.9
Sardines, canned <u>1/</u> -----	107.9	-----	.6	-----	2.8
Dairy products -----	117.1	116.4	.9	.5	11.0
Milk, fresh, grocery -----	114.1	113.0	1.0	.5	10.0
Milk, fresh, delivered -----	116.4	-----	.7	-----	8.5
Milk, fresh, skim <u>1/</u> -----	110.9	-----	1.2	-----	10.7
Milk, evaporated -----	115.6	-----	1.6	-----	9.6
Ice cream -----	99.8	-----	-.6	-----	6.9
Cheese, American process -----	138.7	138.8	1.5	1.4	18.9
Butter -----	122.7	121.8	1.6	.7	17.2

See footnotes at end of table.

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

Item or Group	Index		Percent change to October 1966 from--		October 1965 Unadjusted
	October 1966		September 1966		
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	
Fruits and vegetables -----	115.3	120.4	- 1.1	- .5	6.3
Fresh fruits and vegetables -----	120.6	129.0	- 1.6	- .2	9.9
Apples -----	118.2	145.0	- 18.6	- 4.9	13.5
Bananas -----	96.0	93.1	3.9	1.7	- 6.3
Oranges -----	143.6	132.6	9.1	8.0	11.1
Orange juice, fresh 1/ -----	86.5	-----	.3	-----	- 2.9
Grapefruit -----	195.6	167.2	9.9	9.6	25.9
Grapes * -----	118.8	130.5	10.0	1.2	22.5
Strawberries * -----	*	*	*	*	*
Watermelon * -----	*	*	*	*	*
Potatoes -----	128.1	138.3	- .3	3.1	11.0
Onions -----	132.2	142.9	- 2.0	1.1	22.5
Asparagus * 1/ -----	*	*	*	*	*
Cabbage -----	145.4	166.4	1.8	.7	41.6
Carrots -----	103.2	105.3	- 3.1	- 1.0	2.1
Celery -----	104.2	109.7	- 8.2	- 10.6	5.4
Cucumbers 1/ -----	102.7	-----	4.2	-----	.2
Lettuce -----	126.1	126.5	- 6.1	- 7.2	3.5
Peppers, green 1/ -----	115.7	-----	- 2.0	-----	10.3
Spinach 1/ -----	98.9	-----	- 1.2	-----	- .9
Tomatoes -----	92.9	125.4	- .5	- 8.3	1.0
Processed fruits and vegetables -----	109.0	-----	- .4	-----	1.5
Fruit cocktail, canned -----	98.6	-----	- .8	-----	- 2.0
Pears, canned 1/ -----	98.4	-----	- 2.3	-----	- 7.0
Grapefruit-pineapple juice, canned 1/ -----	96.8	-----	0	-----	- 2.8
Orange juice concentrate, frozen -----	92.1	92.8	.2	.2	- 2.4
Lemonade concentrate, frozen 2/ -----	89.1	-----	1.9	-----	1.0
Beets, canned 1/ -----	102.8	-----	- 1.5	-----	4.9
Peas, green, canned -----	118.0	-----	.3	-----	2.3
Tomatoes, canned -----	113.9	-----	.7	-----	8.0
Dried beans -----	121.0	-----	- 1.5	-----	10.7
Broccoli, frozen 1/ -----	96.8	-----	.3	-----	1.1
Other food at home -----	106.0	104.1	.7	.3	2.4
Eggs -----	116.1	105.2	3.8	3.2	12.2
Fats and oils:					
Margarine -----	108.0	-----	1.9	-----	6.3
Salad dressing, Italian 1/ -----	101.8	-----	0	-----	.9
Salad or cooking oil 1/ -----	124.6	-----	1.5	-----	12.9
Sugar and sweets -----	111.5	-----	.2	-----	- 2.0
Sugar -----	111.5	-----	.5	-----	3.0
Grape jelly -----	116.4	-----	0	-----	1.4
Chocolate bar -----	94.0	-----	.6	-----	- 11.2
Syrup, chocolate flavored 1/ -----	99.7	-----	- .1	-----	- .2
Nonalcoholic beverages -----	99.8	-----	- .8	-----	0
Coffee, can and bag -----	91.8	-----	- 1.7	-----	- 2.3
Coffee, instant 3/ -----	97.1	-----	- 1.7	-----	- 2.6
Tea -----	101.4	-----	.9	-----	2.1
Cola drink -----	131.5	-----	.2	-----	3.8
Carbonated fruit drink 1/ -----	106.3	-----	.7	-----	4.1
Prepared and partially prepared foods 1/ -----	99.8	-----	.2	-----	- .7
Bean soup, canned 1/ -----	97.3	-----	- .3	-----	- .8
Chicken soup, canned 1/ -----	98.2	-----	0	-----	- 1.1
Spaghetti, canned 1/ -----	106.1	-----	.9	-----	5.5
Mashed potatoes, instant 1/ -----	101.3	-----	0	-----	- 7.4
Potatoes, french fried, frozen 2/ -----	85.3	-----	.1	-----	- 5.0
Baby foods, canned -----	105.5	-----	.4	-----	- .2
Sweet pickle relish 1/ -----	105.3	-----	.3	-----	3.7
Pretzels 1/ -----	99.7	-----	- .3	-----	0

1/ December 1963=100.

2/ April 1960=100.

3/ July 1961=100.

* Priced only in season.

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

Group	Index	Percent change from --	
		July 1966	October 1965
All items -----	116.6	1.0	3.3
All items (1947-49=100) -----	144.5	----	----
Food -----	115.6	.8	4.6
Food at home -----	112.9	.1	4.0
Cereals and bakery products --	112.6	- .6	2.7
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	120.8	.2	7.3
Dairy products -----	122.9	4.2	11.3
Fruits and vegetables -----	104.0	- 4.6	- 3.6
Other foods at home -----	104.0	.7	1.0
Housing -----	117.2	.9	2.3
Rent -----	111.0	.7	2.0
Gas and electricity -----	102.5	0	0
Solid and petroleum fuels -----	104.2	0	0
Housefurnishings -----	97.7	.4	- .1
Household operation -----	118.1	3.1	1.9
Apparel -----	113.8	1.2	.7
Men's and boys' -----	115.9	0	- 3.0
Women's and girls' -----	110.7	2.8	1.7
Footwear -----	122.4	.4	6.3
Other apparel -----	104.9	0	- .1
Transportation -----	112.0	1.7	3.1
Private -----	109.7	2.0	3.7
Public -----	126.8	0	0
Medical care -----	128.4	2.0	4.2
Personal care -----	117.8	.8	5.7
Reading and recreation -----	119.5	- .1	1.3
Other goods and services -----	117.5	- .7	10.0

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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