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U.S. CITY AVERAGE
AND
SELECTED AREAS

for October 1969



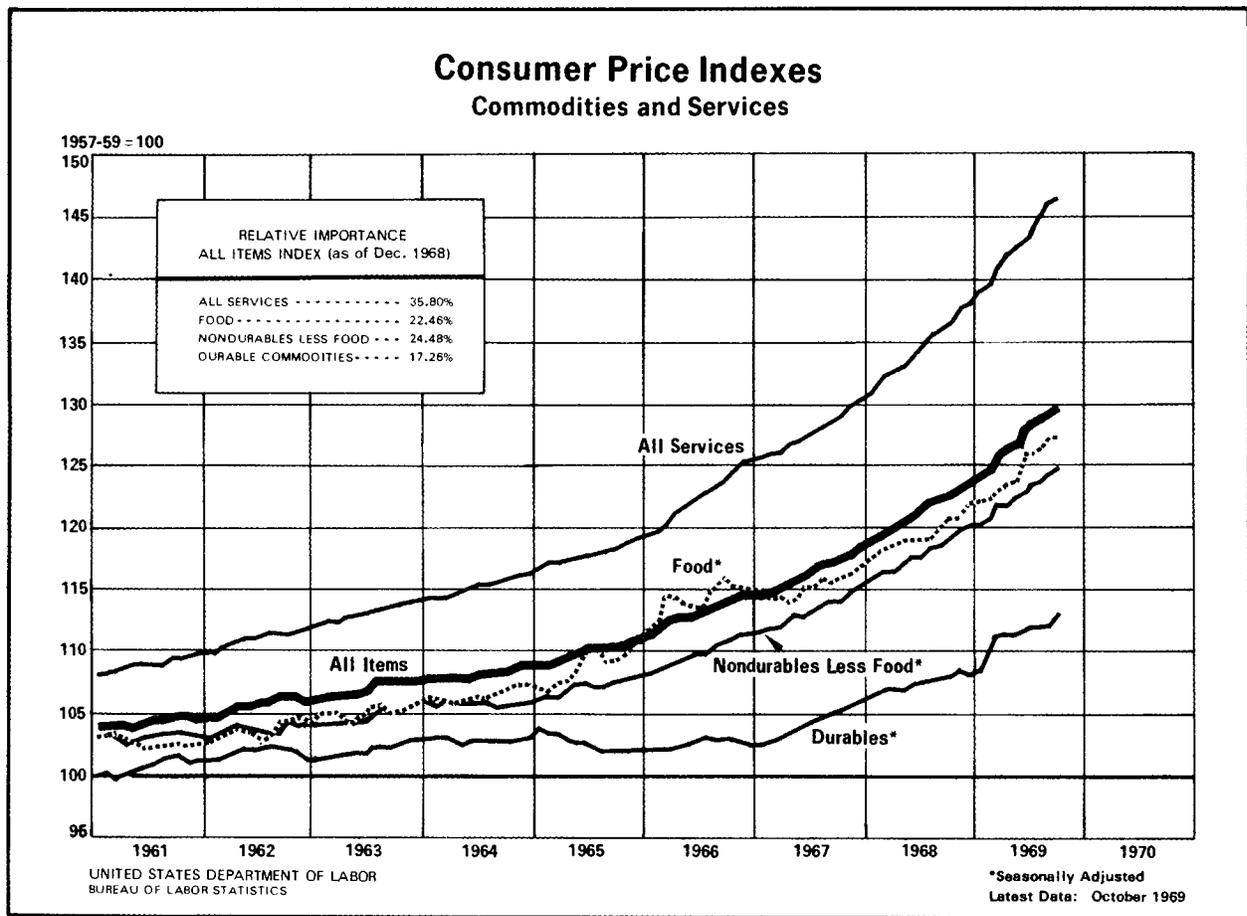
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The Consumer Price Index went up 0.4 percent in October to 129.8 (1957-59=100). Monthly increases since midyear have ranged between 0.4 and 0.5 percent. The rise this month was attributed mainly to higher costs of homeownership, restaurant meals, apparel, and automobiles. Some moderation of the average rise resulted from lower prices for food at home and a decline in the medical care services index.

Since October 1968, prices have risen 5.6 percent; nearly half of the increase was the result of higher fees for consumer services, particularly for insurance and finance charges. Nondurable commodities were responsible for another substantial portion of the advance; food and apparel prices both were up over 5 percent.

Durables

With increases of 4.7 and 3.6 percent, respectively, in October, new and used car prices were responsible for three-quarters of the 1.4 percent rise in consumer durable prices. The rate of increase in selling prices of houses accelerated, along with most furniture and appliance prices. Most other housefurnishings, floor coverings, tires, and durable recreational goods also rose, but at slower rates than in September. Prices of home maintenance and repair commodities declined for the fourth consecutive month.

A strong market for clean used cars, particularly for the 3- and 5-year old models, resulted in the unusual rate of advance in that index. Most of October's large increase for new cars was seasonal and reflects a combination of price changes for 1969 and 1970 models. After adjustment for differences in quality, the suggested list prices of incoming 1970 models were nearly 2 percent higher than those for 1969 models. Since October 1968, dealers' selling prices of new cars, less concessions, have increased 1.4 percent.

Nondurables less food

Nondurable commodities other than food increased 0.6 percent on the average, somewhat less than September's increase, but three times the August increase.

Apparel commodity prices again moved up more than seasonally (0.9 percent), but the rise was significantly less than in September. More than half of the increase was caused by higher price tags on women's and girls' apparel. The introduction of fall and winter clothing at sharply higher prices than prevailed last year was important in the hike for both men's and women's apparel. In addition to these increases, prices also were higher on women's year-round dresses, blouses and handbags, girls' robes, and boys' all purpose coats. Footwear prices moved up 0.7 percent as retailers continued to pass on previous wholesale increases for shoes, and consumers continued to buy in large quantities.

Alcoholic beverage prices repeated last month's 0.8 percent rise. Most of the advance was caused by higher prices for beer consumed away from home, due to higher costs of operation for service establishments.

Tobacco products continued upward, due mainly to additional State taxes on cigarettes, but at about half the rate in the preceding 4 months. Gasoline prices reversed their decline of last month, and reading materials, especially textbooks, moved up strongly; fuel oil and coal prices increased another 0.3 percent; and prescription prices edged up. On the other hand, modest declines were recorded for housekeeping supplies, toilet goods, and textile housefurnishings.

Services

The steep uptrend in service charges slowed to 0.3 percent in October because of the combined effect of a widespread slowdown in the rate of increase for household service charges and a drop in the medical care services component due to the annual adjustment for health insurance described below. Without this adjustment, the increase in the services index would have been 0.5 percent, instead of 0.3 percent.

Household services other than rent rose 0.6 percent. Except for property insurance rates, which increased 0.8 percent, the rate of increase in service charges to homeowners slowed somewhat in October. Mortgage interest rates continued to rise, but at the lowest rate since June. Maintenance and repair services in October increased 0.9 percent, led by higher charges for painting rooms and replacing sinks, compared with a 1.6 percent rise in September.

Housekeeping service charges went up 0.4 percent chiefly because of higher wages for domestic workers. Gas and electricity bills increased only about half as much as in the preceding month.

Residential rents increased another 0.3 percent, about average for the year; hotel and motel room rate changes were mixed because of regional differences, but resulted in a 0.6 percent climb over September.

Public transportation fares and auto registration fees remained unchanged on the average, but all other transportation services rose more than last month. Automobile repair and maintenance charges were up 0.7 percent, because of increased parts prices and labor costs. Parking fees were nearly 2 percent higher and premiums for liability and physical damage insurance were raised in several cities because of larger settlements due to higher repair bills, increasing thefts, and accidents.

Medical care services dropped 0.6 percent, solely on the basis of the annual adjustment for retained earnings of health insurance companies. Premiums for health insurance are represented in the index by prices of services for which benefits are paid, and a measure of changes in the ratio of profits and overhead costs to benefits. Data needed for this computation are available only with a considerable lag. Therefore, this is the earliest time the adjustment, which actually applies to 1968, can be made in the index. Hospital daily service charges continued to climb at about the same rate as last month, but medical and dental fees rose only 0.3 percent, the lowest rate of increase since October 1968.

Food

Food prices declined 0.2 percent in October, their normal seasonal decrease, as the greater-than-seasonal drop in prices of food at home was offset by an unusually large rise for food away from home. Much larger supplies of fruits, vegetables, beef, veal, pork, and poultry were responsible for the 0.6 percent decline in food at home.

One of the largest crops of apples since the 1930's and the early maturation of the Florida grapefruit crop resulted in price drops for these items of 25 and 11 percent, respectively. Nearly all other fresh and processed fruits and some fresh vegetables were down.

Meat, poultry, and fish prices were down over 1 percent, the first decline in this component this year, in response to seasonally increased supplies of chicken, beef cattle, and hogs.

On the other hand, the steepest monthly rise in prices of food away from home was recorded in October; cereal and bakery products prices rose more than in any other month this year. Also, prices were higher for bananas, tomatoes, leafy green vegetables, and dairy products, while egg and coffee prices reversing their September declines, increased substantially.

Cost-of-Living Adjustments

Approximately 88,000 workers will receive cost-of-living wage increases, based on the Consumer Price Index for October. About 52,000 workers in the automotive, farm equipment and office equipment industries will receive hourly pay increases ranging from 1 to 4 cents, based on the change in the national index since July. An additional 9,300 workers, including 6,000 in the automotive equipment industry, will receive increases ranging from 5 to 9 cents an hour, based on the increase in the national CPI since October 1968, while 2,000 employees of contractors in Nevada will receive 6-cent hourly pay increases based on the increase in the index since April.

Nearly 18,000 transit workers in Chicago, Boston, and Pittsburgh will be given hourly pay increases ranging from 2 to 8 cents, based on the rise since July in the indexes for their respective areas, while 6,700 printers in New York City will receive 2 percent wage increases as a result of the rise in the index for that area since October 1968.

About 31,000 other workers whose escalation reviews are tied to the October index will not receive an adjustment because they have already received the maximums stipulated in their contracts.

A NOTE ABOUT CALCULATING INDEX CHANGES

Movements of the indexes from one date to another are usually 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 while percentage changes are not. The following example illustrates the computation of index point and percentage changes:

<u>Index Point Change</u>		<u>Percentage Change</u>
October 1969 CPI (1957-59=100)	129.8	Index point difference divided by the index for the previous period: $\frac{129.8 - 129.3}{129.3} \times 100 = 0.4$ percent
less September 1969 index	<u>129.3</u>	
Index point difference =	0.5	

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

(Unadjusted, unless otherwise indicated)

Group	Indexes (1957-59=100 unless otherwise noted)				Percent change to October 1969 from:		
	October 1969	September 1969	July 1969	October 1968	1 Month Ago	3 Months Ago	1 Year Ago
All items -----	129.8	129.3	128.2	122.9	0.4	1.2	5.6
All items (1947-49=100) -----	159.3	158.6	157.3	150.9	---	---	---
Food -----	127.2	127.5	126.7	120.9	-.2	.4	5.2
Food at home -----	122.9	123.6	123.0	117.2	-.6	-.1	4.9
Cereals and bakery products -----	123.7	123.0	122.6	119.8	.6	.9	3.3
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	127.6	129.0	127.6	115.4	-1.1	.0	10.6
Dairy products -----	125.8	125.5	124.4	122.3	.2	1.1	2.9
Fruits and vegetables -----	124.0	126.8	132.3	123.4	-2.2	-6.3	.5
Other foods at home -----	111.0	110.5	107.2	108.6	.5	3.5	2.2
Food away from home -----	148.1	146.7	144.8	138.9	1.0	2.3	6.6
Housing -----	129.2	128.6	127.0	120.9	.5	1.7	6.9
Shelter ^{1/} -----	137.0	136.1	134.0	126.0	.7	2.2	8.7
Rent -----	120.1	119.7	118.8	116.0	.3	1.1	3.5
Homeownership ^{2/} -----	143.6	142.6	140.0	130.0	.7	2.6	10.5
Fuel and utilities ^{3/} -----	113.5	113.3	112.6	110.4	.2	.8	2.8
Fuel oil and coal -----	118.4	118.1	117.4	115.9	.3	.9	2.2
Gas and electricity -----	112.2	112.0	110.9	109.1	.2	1.2	2.8
Household furnishings and operation -----	119.3	119.0	118.2	114.2	.3	.9	4.5
Apparel and upkeep ^{4/} -----	129.8	128.7	126.8	123.3	.9	2.4	5.3
Men's and boys' -----	131.0	130.0	128.1	124.1	.8	2.3	5.6
Women's and girls' -----	126.2	124.6	122.5	120.1	1.3	3.0	5.1
Footwear -----	143.3	142.3	139.9	134.9	.7	2.4	6.2
Transportation -----	125.7	123.6	124.3	120.6	1.7	1.1	4.2
Private -----	122.8	120.5	121.4	118.4	1.9	1.2	3.7
New cars -----	104.2	99.5	101.6	102.8	4.7	2.6	1.4
Used cars -----	125.8	121.4	127.0	(5/)	3.6	-.9	(5/)
Gasoline -----	118.0	117.7	117.7	(5/)	.3	.3	(5/)
Public -----	150.3	150.3	149.5	138.7	.0	.5	8.4
Health and recreation -----	138.6	138.4	137.0	131.9	.1	1.2	5.1
Medical care -----	156.9	157.6	155.9	147.4	-.4	.6	6.4
Personal care -----	127.3	127.3	126.6	122.1	.0	.6	4.3
Reading and recreation -----	132.0	131.6	130.7	127.5	.3	1.0	3.5
Other goods and services -----	132.2	131.3	129.1	125.1	.7	2.4	5.7
Seasonally Adjusted:							
Commodities -----	122.2	121.7	120.9	116.6	.4	1.1	---
Food -----	127.1	127.1	125.8	120.8	.0	1.0	---
Apparel and upkeep -----	129.0	128.4	127.6	122.6	.5	1.1	---
Transportation -----	125.4	124.0	124.1	120.4	1.1	1.0	---
Special Groups:							
All items less food -----	130.8	130.0	128.8	123.8	.6	1.6	5.7
All items less medical care -----	128.2	127.6	126.5	121.5	.5	1.3	5.5
Commodities -----	122.4	121.7	121.0	116.8	.6	1.2	4.8
Nondurable -----	126.1	125.8	124.7	120.2	.2	1.1	4.9
Nondurables less food -----	125.1	124.4	123.1	119.7	.6	1.6	4.5
Apparel commodities -----	129.3	128.1	126.2	122.7	.9	2.5	5.4
Durable -----	113.2	111.6	111.9	108.5	1.4	1.2	4.3
Household durables -----	106.4	106.2	106.0	102.3	.2	.4	4.0
Services ^{6/} -----	146.5	146.0	144.0	136.6	.3	1.7	7.2
Services less rent -----	152.3	151.7	149.6	141.2	.4	1.8	7.9
Services less medical care -----	142.5	141.8	(5/)	(5/)	.5	(5/)	(5/)
Insurance and finance (Dec.1965=100) -----	133.3	132.1	129.5	119.5	.9	2.9	11.5
Utilities and public transportation (Dec.1965=100) -----	108.5	108.4	107.8	104.1	.1	.6	4.2
Housekeeping and home maintenance services (Dec.1965=100) -----	131.8	130.9	128.4	120.5	.7	2.6	9.4
Medical care services ^{6/} -----	171.2	172.2	170.1	159.4	-.6	.6	7.4
Purchasing Power of Consumer Dollar:							
1957-59=\$1 -----	\$0.770	\$0.774	\$0.780	\$0.813	-.5	-1.3	-5.3
1939=\$1 -----	.373	.375	.378	.394	---	---	---

^{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.

^{6/} Excluding the adjustment for health insurance (see text), the monthly change in the all services index was 0.5 percent and medical care service was 0.4 percent.

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	September 1969	July 1969	October 1968
		October 1969			September 1969	July 1969	October 1968
U.S. City Average -----	M	129.8	159.3		0.4	1.2	5.6
Chicago -----	M	126.9	160.1		-.2	1.3	5.6
Detroit -----	M	129.2	159.3		.5	1.3	6.2
Los Angeles-Long Beach ---	M	130.1	162.2		.4	1.2	5.1
New York -----	M	134.1	161.6		.4	1.5	6.0
Philadelphia -----	M	131.2	161.0		.2	1.5	5.4
		October 1969				July 1969	October 1968
Boston -----	1	134.7	166.9			2.0	6.4
Houston -----	1	129.8	159.9			2.2	7.2
Minneapolis-St. Paul ----	1	130.3	161.2			1.8	6.8
Pittsburgh -----	1	128.5	158.3			.6	4.8
		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
		September 1969				June 1969	September 1968
Atlanta -----	3	128.6	159.2			2.0	6.1
Baltimore -----	3	130.4	161.9			2.0	6.5
Cincinnati -----	3	125.5	152.8			.7	4.3
Honolulu (Dec.1963=100) --	3			118.1		1.3	4.7
Kansas City -----	3	131.4	162.6			.8	5.6
St. Louis -----	3	129.2	160.4			1.7	5.3
San Francisco-Oakland ---	3	132.8	168.5			1.5	5.8

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

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

M - Every month.

1 - January, April, July, and October.

2 - February, May, August, and November.

3 - March, June, September, and December.

TABLE 3: Consumer Price Index--The United States and Selected Areas ^{1/}
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Major Groups
Percent Change from September 1969 to October 1969

Group	U.S. City Average	Chicago	Detroit	Los Angeles-Long Beach	New York	Philadelphia
All items -----	0.4	- 0.2	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.2
Food -----	- .2	- 1.5	- .3	.0	.4	- .2
Housing -----	.5	- .2	1.3	.1	.4	- .2
Apparel and upkeep -----	.9	- .1	- .1	.0	.3	.6
Transportation -----	1.7	1.4	1.2	2.3	1.6	1.5
Health and recreation -----	.1	.1	- .4	.0	.2	- .1
Medical care -----	- .4	- .4	- 1.2	- .4	- .3	- .9
Personal care -----	.0	(2/)	(2/)	(2/)	(2/)	(2/)
Reading and recreation -----	.3	.3	.2	.5	- .2	.2
Other goods and services -----	.7	.9	.3	.2	1.3	(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 for Selected Groups
Seasonally Adjusted
(1957-59=100)

Group	Indexes			Percent changes to: October 1969	
	October 1969	September 1969	July 1969	1 Month Ago	3 Months Ago
Food -----	127.1	127.1	125.8	0.0	1.0
Food at home -----	122.9	123.2	122.0	- 0.2	.7
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	126.7	126.8	127.0	- .1	- .2
Dairy products -----	125.2	125.1	124.6	.1	.5
Fruits and vegetables -----	128.9	131.0	124.5	- 1.6	3.5
Other foods at home -----	109.5	109.3	108.5	.2	.9
Fuel and utilities ^{1/} -----	113.5	113.4	112.8	.1	.6
Fuel oil and coal -----	118.8	119.1	118.9	- .3	- .1
Apparel and upkeep ^{2/} -----	129.0	128.4	127.6	.5	1.1
Men's and boys' -----	130.3	129.5	128.9	.6	1.1
Women's and girls' -----	124.8	124.1	123.4	.6	1.1
Footwear -----	143.0	142.3	140.5	.5	1.8
Transportation -----	125.4	124.0	124.1	1.1	1.0
Private -----	122.4	120.9	121.2	1.2	1.0
New cars -----	102.8	102.4	102.6	.4	.2
Commodities -----	122.2	121.7	120.9	.4	1.1
Commodities less food -----	119.4	118.8	118.2	.5	1.0
Nondurables -----	125.8	125.5	124.5	.2	1.0
Nondurables less food -----	124.7	124.3	123.5	.3	1.0
Apparel commodities -----	128.4	127.7	126.8	.5	1.3
Durables -----	113.0	112.0	111.8	.9	1.1

^{1/} Also includes telephone, water, and sewerage service 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
October 1969 Index and Percent Changes from July 1969

Group	U.S. City Average	Chicago	Detroit	Los Angeles-Long Beach	New York	Philadelphia	Boston	Houston	Minneapolis	Pittsburgh
Indexes (1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)										
All items -----	129.8	126.9	129.2	130.1	134.1	131.2	134.7	129.8	130.3	128.5
Food -----	127.2	128.3	126.1	124.0	129.6	127.0	131.2	128.7	126.5	123.3
Food at home -----	122.9	126.1	123.4	117.9	123.1	121.6	125.1	123.2	122.1	120.3
Cereals and bakery products -----	123.7	126.7	119.8	123.6	122.1	120.6	127.8	126.4	120.0	121.4
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	127.6	132.3	134.5	116.7	127.9	122.0	131.8	122.2	128.0	129.4
Dairy products -----	125.8	133.8	133.4	123.6	116.7	134.6	121.4	128.1	127.9	116.3
Fruits and vegetables -----	124.0	121.8	110.3	127.5	131.3	124.3	128.1	133.5	119.6	119.3
Other foods at home -----	111.0	111.5	110.0	101.3	111.1	107.5	112.3	110.5	114.3	110.4
Food away from home -----	148.1	138.5	141.6	145.8	156.6	155.4	157.6	152.1	146.6	142.7
Housing -----	129.2	123.0	127.9	135.0	133.1	128.7	137.5	128.5	131.3	127.8
Shelter -----	137.0	128.2	137.3	144.4	139.0	135.4	151.1	131.8	142.4	130.8
Rent -----	120.1	(2/)	109.8	(2/)	130.4	(2/)	140.6	107.0	121.6	116.7
Homeownership -----	143.6	135.1	143.7	152.5	143.4	139.0	155.6	141.2	146.2	134.6
Fuel and utilities -----	113.5	109.0	104.6	112.0	113.7	112.2	110.9	122.2	109.8	122.6
Fuel oil and coal -----	118.4	110.2	111.6	---	124.4	122.5	122.0	---	117.5	---
Gas and electricity -----	112.2	107.9	105.9	119.1	112.6	106.4	103.7	137.8	106.6	124.8
Household furnishings and operation -----	119.3	117.5	112.8	117.8	129.0	122.3	127.1	127.1	115.7	121.6
Apparel and upkeep -----	129.8	124.3	125.6	126.4	137.0	137.3	133.4	131.1	127.5	133.7
Men's and boys' -----	131.0	121.8	126.7	127.6	143.0	133.8	123.0	129.7	133.1	124.0
Women's and girls' -----	126.2	121.4	120.2	127.6	131.5	130.3	133.7	132.7	123.2	131.6
Footwear -----	143.3	138.8	139.9	137.2	145.1	152.7	143.4	144.3	138.1	146.8
Transportation -----	125.7	126.7	123.0	130.9	128.4	135.1	130.6	122.3	123.8	127.0
Private -----	122.8	122.5	120.2	126.3	128.9	127.3	120.3	117.7	122.2	120.7
Public -----	150.3	154.0	141.5	156.7	129.4	178.6	176.1	172.8	131.5	152.7
Health and recreation -----	138.6	133.9	141.4	130.2	145.5	139.3	139.7	140.3	140.1	137.3
Medical care -----	156.9	165.1	167.0	151.4	163.6	168.7	164.1	148.6	162.5	162.8
Personal care -----	127.3	(2/)	136.5	(2/)	(2/)	119.2	130.4	144.7	129.8	118.3
Reading and recreation -----	132.0	114.8	132.7	115.2	143.8	126.3	139.3	132.7	135.3	123.9
Other goods and services -----	132.2	127.8	124.6	125.7	142.3	(2/)	124.8	133.8	125.3	136.1
Percent change from July 1969 to October 1969										
All items -----	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.5	1.5	2.0	2.2	1.8	0.6
Food -----	.4	-.5	-.3	.0	1.2	.8	.8	.8	.9	-.7
Food at home -----	-.1	-1.3	-.8	-.9	.5	.2	.0	.2	.5	-1.2
Cereals and bakery products -----	.9	-.7	2.2	.7	-.2	.2	.4	.4	4.3	-.4
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	.0	1.1	-1.0	-2.6	.3	.2	.6	-1.5	1.1	-.8
Dairy products -----	1.1	-3.0	3.3	.9	1.5	1.4	1.3	-.8	-1.0	1.0
Fruits and vegetables -----	-6.3	-9.6	-11.3	-5.1	-3.0	-4.3	-6.8	-1.5	-5.2	-10.3
Other foods at home -----	3.5	2.6	4.2	2.8	4.0	4.0	4.6	4.5	3.6	4.1
Food away from home -----	2.3	2.1	1.9	2.4	2.8	2.6	3.1	3.0	2.3	1.6
Housing -----	1.7	1.7	2.1	2.0	1.7	2.0	2.5	2.3	3.1	.6
Shelter -----	2.2	2.3	2.7	2.0	2.1	2.7	3.9	3.6	4.2	.8
Rent -----	1.1	(2/)	3/ 1.2	(2/)	3/ 1.2	(2/)	2.6	.7	1.8	.8
Homeownership -----	2.6	3.2	2.9	2.5	2.5	3.1	4.5	4.5	4.6	.7
Fuel and utilities -----	.8	1.4	.8	2.3	.1	1.7	.6	.0	-.4	.7
Fuel oil and coal -----	.9	.0	1.5	---	.3	.0	1.8	---	1.6	---
Gas and electricity -----	1.2	2.7	1.1	4.3	.1	3.6	-.1	-.1	-.8	1.1
Household furnishings and operation -----	.9	.3	.4	1.7	1.6	.8	.0	.9	1.7	-.1
Apparel and upkeep -----	2.4	2.8	3.2	1.8	3.3	5.0	5.8	5.1	3.0	3.6
Men's and boys' -----	2.3	2.9	3.3	.6	3.7	4.0	4.6	3.6	2.8	-.1
Women's and girls' -----	3.0	3.8	5.0	3.2	3.0	6.3	9.3	8.9	4.7	8.1
Footwear -----	2.4	3.0	1.8	1.2	5.1	9.9	3.3	1.5	1.8	1.0
Transportation -----	1.1	1.3	1.2	1.2	.8	.3	.1	1.3	1.5	.3
Private -----	1.2	1.5	1.3	1.2	.9	.3	.1	1.5	1.5	.2
Public -----	.5	.1	.4	.2	-.2	.3	-.2	.3	.5	.5
Health and recreation -----	1.2	1.8	.9	.7	.9	.6	1.9	2.8	.0	.5
Medical care -----	.6	1.4	.0	.6	.5	-.2	3.0	2.3	-.3	.4
Personal care -----	.6	(2/)	1.1	(2/)	(2/)	.2	.5	.6	-.6	.5
Reading and recreation -----	1.0	-.1	.9	1.2	1.1	.3	1.9	.0	.2	.9
Other goods and services -----	2.4	5.8	2.0	.3	1.6	(2/)	1.5	8.3	.4	.2

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

TABLE 6: Consumer Price Index--United States and Selected Areas
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Food and its Subgroups
October 1969 Indexes and Percent Changes from September 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 -----	127.2	122.9	123.7	127.6	125.8	124.0	111.0	148.1
Atlanta -----	126.5	123.1	116.5	126.6	124.7	127.8	118.2	138.7
Baltimore -----	131.5	126.0	127.7	130.5	123.6	132.6	113.7	154.8
Boston -----	131.2	125.1	127.8	131.8	121.4	128.1	112.3	157.6
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100) -	121.9	119.8	108.1	126.9	122.6	119.0	114.5	134.7
Chicago -----	128.3	126.1	126.7	132.3	133.8	121.8	111.5	138.5
Cincinnati -----	124.1	120.3	119.5	128.2	121.7	123.9	106.2	143.7
Cleveland -----	125.0	121.9	116.0	128.1	124.9	127.0	110.2	143.2
Dallas (Nov. 1963=100)	121.7	118.4	110.4	127.1	124.3	112.7	112.5	134.2
Detroit -----	126.1	123.4	119.8	134.5	133.4	110.3	110.0	141.6
Honolulu (Dec.1963=100)	119.7	117.4	111.5	124.2	114.8	117.0	112.0	126.7
Houston -----	128.7	123.2	126.4	122.2	128.1	133.5	110.5	152.1
Kansas City -----	131.2	127.2	128.3	131.5	137.2	122.8	115.4	145.6
Los Angeles-Long Beach -	124.0	117.9	123.6	116.7	123.6	127.5	101.3	145.8
Milwaukee -----	127.6	125.3	118.5	132.2	136.2	121.1	113.0	(2/)
Minneapolis-St. Paul ---	126.5	122.1	120.0	128.0	127.9	119.6	114.3	146.6
New York -----	129.6	123.1	122.1	127.9	116.7	131.3	111.1	156.6
Philadelphia -----	127.0	121.6	120.6	122.0	134.6	124.3	107.5	155.4
Pittsburgh -----	123.3	120.3	121.4	129.4	116.3	119.3	110.4	142.7
St. Louis -----	132.4	127.6	123.9	136.7	135.4	131.3	108.9	152.8
San Diego (Feb.1965=100)	117.8	114.0	111.0	126.6	112.5	102.6	107.5	(2/)
San Francisco-Oakland --	125.6	119.9	121.8	122.4	120.4	125.0	107.9	150.6
Seattle -----	125.2	118.5	113.6	125.6	128.6	116.2	106.3	152.7
Washington -----	130.5	124.7	115.7	129.2	125.3	125.3	118.8	152.3
Percent changes September 1969 to October 1969								
U.S. City Average -----	- 0.2	- 0.6	0.6	- 1.1	0.2	- 2.2	0.5	1.0
Atlanta -----	- .2	- .4	.9	- 1.2	.1	- 2.6	1.1	.4
Baltimore -----	- .2	- .6	.6	- 1.4	1.9	- 3.1	.2	1.5
Boston -----	- .2	- .8	.5	- 1.0	- .1	- 3.5	.9	1.8
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100) -	.1	.1	- .7	- .4	.4	.8	.1	.5
Chicago -----	- 1.5	- 2.2	.8	- 1.2	- 3.5	- 6.2	- 1.3	1.1
Cincinnati -----	.4	.3	3.5	- .9	2.1	- 1.0	.2	1.1
Cleveland -----	- .1	- .2	1.6	- .6	- .2	- .8	- .1	.4
Dallas (Nov.1963=100) --	- .2	- .6	.0	- 1.5	.2	- 3.0	1.8	.7
Detroit -----	- .3	- .6	.8	- 1.0	.5	- 2.7	.6	.7
Honolulu (Dec.1963=100)	.5	.2	- .5	1.3	.0	- 2.9	1.7	1.3
Houston -----	- .4	- .7	.4	- 1.9	.1	- 1.5	.8	.6
Kansas City -----	- .5	- .9	.1	- 2.1	.1	- 2.8	.7	.8
Los Angeles-Long Beach -	.0	- .3	.7	- 1.3	.5	- 1.3	.8	.6
Milwaukee -----	- .2	- .2	1.9	- .2	.7	- 4.4	.5	(2/)
Minneapolis-St. Paul ---	.5	.2	3.2	- .5	.9	- 2.1	.9	1.4
New York -----	.4	- .2	.2	- .8	.7	- .4	.2	2.2
Philadelphia -----	- .2	- .6	- .2	- .7	.8	- 2.4	.1	1.4
Pittsburgh -----	.1	- .1	- .5	- .5	.3	- .8	1.0	.9
St. Louis -----	- .2	- .2	- 1.3	.4	.4	- 2.9	.8	.7
San Diego (Feb.1965=100)	- .4	- .6	.6	- 2.3	.1	.1	.6	(2/)
San Francisco-Oakland --	.6	.5	1.8	- 1.2	.4	3.2	.7	.7
Seattle -----	- .6	- .8	- .5	- .9	.5	- 4.3	.9	.1
Washington -----	- .8	- 1.2	- .2	- .8	- .2	- 5.4	- .1	.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 1969 Indexes and Percent Changes from Selected Dates
(1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)

Item or Group	Index		Percent Change to October 1969 from--		
	October 1969		September 1969		October 1968
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted
Total food -----	127.2	127.1	- 0.2	.0	5.2
Food away from home -----	148.1	---	1.0	---	6.6
Restaurant meals -----	148.3	---	.7	---	6.6
Snacks <u>1/</u> -----	128.8	---	2.1	---	6.6
Food at home -----	122.9	122.9	- .6	- .2	4.9
Cereals and bakery products -----	123.7	---	.6	---	3.3
Flour -----	111.6	---	.4	---	- .7
Cracker meal <u>1/</u> -----	126.9	---	.9	---	8.1
Corn flakes -----	129.6	---	.2	---	.9
Rice -----	113.0	---	.1	---	1.8
Bread, white -----	129.1	---	.2	---	3.0
Bread, whole wheat <u>1/</u> -----	122.5	---	.7	---	4.5
Cookies -----	99.8	---	- 1.2	---	- 1.0
Layer cake <u>1/</u> -----	115.4	---	1.9	---	4.5
Cinnamon rolls <u>1/</u> -----	115.2	---	1.8	---	6.9
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	127.6	126.7	- 1.1	- .1	10.6
Meats -----	132.0	130.6	- .8	- .3	11.7
Beef and veal -----	132.9	131.8	- 1.6	- 1.3	11.5
Steak, round -----	126.8	125.8	- 1.0	- 1.1	11.9
Steak, sirloin <u>2/</u> -----	123.4	---	- 3.8	---	10.0
Steak, porterhouse <u>1/</u> -----	129.0	---	- 2.9	---	9.0
Rump roast <u>1/</u> -----	121.1	---	- .8	---	10.8
Rib roast -----	140.8	140.1	- 3.5	- 3.1	10.3
Chuck roast -----	125.3	123.3	- 1.5	- 2.3	12.7
Hamburger -----	139.1	137.9	- 1.3	- 1.2	13.3
Beef liver <u>1/</u> -----	117.8	---	.0	---	8.8
Veal cutlets -----	162.8	163.1	.0	.3	13.4
Pork -----	132.7	129.8	- .7	.4	12.8
Chops -----	134.0	130.7	- 2.6	- 1.4	9.3
Loin roast <u>2/</u> -----	141.8	---	- .8	---	9.8
Pork sausage <u>1/</u> -----	149.1	---	- .3	---	16.1
Ham, whole -----	123.9	122.6	1.7	2.1	10.4
Picnics <u>1/</u> -----	136.5	---	.7	---	17.2
Bacon -----	134.9	131.1	- .5	1.6	16.3
Other meats -----	133.3	132.9	.5	.6	10.2
Lamb chops <u>1/</u> -----	139.9	---	.1	---	7.0
Frankfurters -----	134.7	133.6	- .5	- .2	13.5
Ham, canned <u>1/</u> -----	125.1	---	2.0	---	7.9
Bologna sausage <u>1/</u> -----	136.2	---	.0	---	12.3
Salami sausage <u>1/</u> -----	127.2	---	.2	---	9.6
Liverwurst <u>1/</u> -----	129.9	---	1.5	---	10.8
Poultry -----	98.2	---	- 3.7	---	6.3
Frying chicken -----	98.6	100.3	- 5.0	- 1.1	6.3
Chicken breasts <u>1/</u> -----	112.0	---	- 1.6	---	6.8
Turkey <u>1/</u> -----	107.2	---	1.2	---	5.6
Fish -----	133.4	133.9	.9	1.2	6.5
Shrimp, frozen <u>1/</u> -----	122.5	---	1.2	---	11.6
Fish, fresh or frozen -----	139.9	140.2	.9	.9	10.6
Tuna fish, canned -----	116.2	---	1.1	---	3.8
Sardines, canned <u>1/</u> -----	124.9	---	.6	---	1.3
Dairy products -----	125.8	125.2	.2	.1	2.9
Milk, fresh, grocery -----	122.8	121.5	.0	- .5	1.9
Milk, fresh, delivered -----	130.1	---	.5	---	3.4
Milk, fresh, skim <u>1/</u> -----	124.3	---	- .4	---	3.5
Milk, evaporated -----	123.8	---	- .2	---	2.1
Ice cream -----	99.9	---	- .2	---	.7
Cheese, American process -----	149.9	150.1	.7	.4	6.2
Butter -----	119.9	119.3	1.4	.9	2.4

See footnotes at end of table.

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

Item or Group	Index		Percent Change to October 1969 from--		
	October 1969		September 1969		October 1968
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted
Fruits and vegetables -----	124.0	128.9	- 2.2	- 1.6	0.5
Fresh fruits and vegetables -----	130.1	138.4	- 3.6	- 2.7	.2
Apples -----	131.7	154.8	- 24.6	- 9.8	- 7.1
Bananas -----	100.7	94.9	1.1	- 1.7	3.4
Oranges -----	131.9	115.8	- .2	- 4.4	- 22.9
Orange juice, fresh 1/ -----	92.0	---	- .1	---	4.9
Grapefruit -----	184.0	155.3	- 10.6	- 10.5	- 10.5
Grapes 3/ -----	144.0	167.8	4.5	- 2.2	18.3
Strawberries 3/ -----	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)
Watermelon 3/ -----	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)
Potatoes -----	137.6	152.2	- 4.8	.7	8.0
Onions -----	134.2	140.8	- 3.5	.5	.4
Asparagus 1/ 3/ -----	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)
Cabbage -----	145.9	161.9	7.6	4.5	1.4
Carrots -----	129.6	135.6	1.0	2.5	23.4
Celery -----	115.5	122.6	- 3.8	- 4.1	14.7
Cucumbers 1/ -----	118.5	---	6.1	---	18.7
Lettuce -----	133.3	128.2	1.9	- 6.1	- 12.0
Peppers, green 1/ -----	145.7	---	- 1.4	---	13.7
Spinach 1/ -----	120.1	---	1.8	---	11.9
Tomatoes -----	119.0	152.4	15.3	9.2	11.6
Processed fruits and vegetables -----	116.6	---	- .3	---	.8
Fruit cocktail, canned -----	105.6	---	- .9	---	- 1.9
Pears, canned 1/ -----	107.6	---	- .6	---	- 5.5
Grapefruit-pineapple juice, canned 1/ --	102.2	---	.4	---	5.4
Orange juice concentrate, frozen -----	98.2	98.3	- 1.2	- 1.7	7.8
Lemonade concentrate, frozen 2/ -----	93.8	---	.5	---	4.8
Beets, canned 1/ -----	112.8	---	- .3	---	.4
Peas, green, canned -----	122.9	---	- .0	---	1.7
Tomatoes, canned -----	124.8	---	.6	---	- 1.9
Dried beans -----	124.3	---	- .6	---	- 1.7
Broccoli, frozen 1/ -----	106.7	---	- .7	---	4.5
Other food at home -----	111.0	109.5	.5	.2	2.2
Eggs -----	114.5	104.3	.6	- 2.1	- 1.2
Fats and oils:					
Margarine -----	102.7	---	.5	---	.0
Salad dressing, Italian 1/ -----	102.8	---	.5	---	1.2
Salad or cooking oil 1/ -----	123.0	---	- .5	---	1.0
Sugar and sweets -----	126.4	---	.3	---	4.2
Sugar -----	116.3	---	- .1	---	2.1
Grape jelly -----	125.6	---	.7	---	4.5
Chocolate bar -----	126.7	---	.2	---	5.3
Syrup, chocolate flavored 1/ -----	106.7	---	.2	---	4.5
Nonalcoholic beverages -----	104.3	---	.6	---	2.6
Coffee, can and bag -----	87.0	---	.5	---	.6
Coffee, instant 4/ -----	104.2	---	.4	---	4.8
Tea -----	102.1	---	.1	---	1.3
Cola drink -----	158.0	---	.8	---	5.7
Carbonated fruit drink 1/ -----	124.5	---	.9	---	6.0
Prepared and partially prepared foods 1/	107.4	---	.5	---	3.7
Bean soup, canned 1/ -----	106.3	---	.7	---	5.2
Chicken soup, canned 1/ -----	98.3	---	.2	---	2.3
Spaghetti, canned 1/ -----	118.9	---	1.5	---	5.2
Mashed potatoes, instant 1/ -----	109.6	---	.6	---	6.8
Potatoes, french fried, frozen 2/ -----	92.8	---	.1	---	4.4
Baby foods, canned -----	111.7	---	- .9	---	.9
Sweet pickle relish 1/ -----	114.2	---	1.4	---	3.3
Pretzels 1/ -----	107.6	---	.0	---	1.0

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

Item or Group	Other Index Bases	Indexes		Percent Change to October 1968	
		October 1969	September 1969	September 1969	From: October 1968
Housing -----		129.2	128.6	0.5	6.9
Shelter 1/ -----		137.0	136.1	.7	8.7
Rent -----		120.1	119.7	.3	3.5
Homeownership costs 2/ -----		143.6	142.6	.7	10.5
Mortgage interest rates -----		138.8	138.2	.4	(3/)
Property taxes -----	Dec.63	130.5	130.4	.1	(3/)
Property insurance rates -----		150.7	149.5	.8	(3/)
Maintenance and repairs -----		144.5	143.8	.5	(3/)
Commodities 4/ -----	Dec.63	116.2	116.7	-.4	(3/)
Exterior house paint -----		118.0	117.6	.3	(3/)
Interior house paint -----	Dec.63	113.8	113.1	.6	(3/)
Services -----	Dec.63	141.6	140.4	.9	(3/)
Repainting living and dining rooms -----		181.8	179.7	1.2	(3/)
Reshingling roofs -----		162.3	161.4	.6	(3/)
Residing houses -----	Dec.63	133.7	133.0	.5	(3/)
Replacing sinks -----	Dec.63	142.0	140.4	1.1	(3/)
Repairing furnaces -----	Dec.63	144.1	142.8	.9	(3/)
Fuel and utilities -----		113.5	113.3	.2	2.8
Fuel oil and coal -----		118.4	118.1	.3	2.2
Fuel oil, #2 -----		115.5	115.4	.1	(3/)
Gas and electricity -----		112.2	112.0	.2	2.8
Gas -----		116.9	116.7	.2	(3/)
Electricity -----		106.9	106.8	.1	(3/)
Other utilities:					
Residential telephone services -----		103.6	103.6	.0	(3/)
Residential water and sewerage services -----		145.3	145.3	.0	(3/)
Household furnishings and operation 5/ -----		119.3	119.0	.3	4.5
Housefurnishings -----		110.2	109.9	.3	4.1
Textiles -----		115.0	115.2	-.2	(3/)
Sheets, percale or muslin -----		120.1	119.8	.3	(3/)
Curtains, tailored, polyester marquisette -----		112.0	112.0	.0	(3/)
Bedspreads, chiefly cotton, tufted -----		117.1	116.9	.2	(3/)
Drapery fabric, cotton or rayon/acetate -----		124.1	124.5	-.3	(3/)
Pillows, bed, polyester or acrylic filling -----	Dec.63	106.5	108.8	- 2.1	(3/)
Slipcovers, ready made, chiefly cotton -----	Dec.63	111.1	110.0	1.0	(3/)
Furniture and bedding -----		123.6	122.9	.6	(3/)
Bedroom suites, good or inexpensive quality -----		127.6	127.2	.3	(3/)
Living room suites, good and inexpensive quality -----		125.9	124.9	.8	(3/)
Lounge chairs, upholstered -----	Dec.63	118.9	119.0	-.1	(3/)
Dining room suites -----	Dec.63	128.7	127.5	.9	(3/)
Sofas, upholstered -----	Dec.63	115.9	114.8	1.0	(3/)
Sofas, dual purpose -----		118.9	118.8	.1	(3/)
Sleep sets, Hollywood bed type -----	Dec.63	(7/)	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)
Box springs -----	Dec.63	124.1	123.7	.3	(3/)
Aluminum folding chairs 7/ -----	June 64	(7/)	(7/)	(7/)	(7/)
Cribs -----	Dec.63	119.2	117.1	1.8	(3/)
Floor coverings -----		107.1	107.0	.1	(3/)
Rugs, soft surface -----		104.9	104.9	.0	(3/)
Rugs, hard surface -----		112.1	111.8	.3	(3/)
Tile, vinyl -----	Dec.63	109.6	109.3	.3	(3/)
Appliances 8/ -----		86.2	86.0	.2	(3/)
Washing machines, electric, automatic -----		90.9	91.0	-.1	(3/)
Vacuum cleaners, canister type -----		81.5	81.3	.2	(3/)
Refrigerators or refrigerator-freezers electric -----		85.8	85.8	.0	(3/)
Ranges, free standing, gas or electric -----		98.5	98.1	.4	(3/)
Clothes dryers, electric, automatic -----	Dec.63	99.8	99.6	.2	(3/)
Air conditioners, demountable 7/ -----	June 64	(7/)	(7/)	(7/)	(7/)
Room heaters, electric, portable 7/ -----	Dec.63	99.6	(7/)	(7/)	(7/)
Garbage disposal units -----	Dec.63	104.7	104.3	.4	(3/)
Other housefurnishings:					
Dinnerware, earthenware -----		134.8	134.3	.4	(3/)
Flatware, stainless steel -----	Dec.63	119.6	119.8	-.2	(3/)
Table lamps, with shade -----	Dec.63	117.8	116.0	1.6	(3/)
Lawn mowers, power, rotary type 7/ -----	June 64	(7/)	(7/)	(7/)	(7/)
Electric drills, hand held -----	Dec.63	103.9	103.8	.1	(7/)
Housekeeping supplies:					
Laundry soaps and detergents -----		106.8	107.4	-.6	(3/)
Paper napkins -----		129.0	128.6	.3	(3/)
Toilet tissue -----		121.2	120.7	.4	(3/)
Housekeeping services:					
Domestic service, general housework -----		177.6	175.1	1.4	(3/)
Baby sitter service -----	Dec.63	135.7	135.6	.1	(3/)
Postal charges -----		165.5	165.5	.0	(3/)
Laundry, flatwork, finished service -----	Dec.63	143.2	142.7	.4	(3/)
Licensed day care service, preschool child -----	Dec.63	130.7	130.3	.3	(3/)
Washing machine repairs -----	Dec.63	135.2	134.4	.6	(3/)

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For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers -- Continued
Indexes for Selected Items and Groups, October 1969

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

Item and Group	Other Index Bases	Indexes		Percent change to October 1969	
		October 1969	September 1969	September 1969	From: October 1968
Apparel and upkeep 9/ -----		129.8	128.7	0.9	5.3
Apparel commodities -----		129.3	128.1	.9	5.4
Apparel commodities less footwear -----		126.6	125.3	1.0	5.2
Men's and boys' -----		131.0	130.0	.8	5.6
Men's:					
Topcoats, wool 7/ -----		145.9	144.0	1.3	(3/)
Suits, year round weight -----		156.4	154.5	1.2	(3/)
Suits, tropical weight 7/ -----	June 64	(7/)	(7/)	(7/)	(7/)
Jackets, lightweight -----	Dec.63	125.4	125.2	.2	(3/)
Slacks, wool or wool blend -----		130.4	128.9	1.2	(3/)
Slacks, cotton or manmade blend -----		115.6	115.2	.3	(3/)
Trousers, work, cotton -----		116.9	116.9	.0	(3/)
Shirts, work, cotton -----		124.2	123.2	.8	(3/)
Shirts, business, cotton -----		122.2	121.8	.3	(3/)
T-shirts, chiefly cotton -----		131.5	130.6	.7	(3/)
Socks, cotton -----		121.1	121.6	-.4	(3/)
Handkerchiefs, cotton -----	Dec.63	112.9	112.7	.2	(3/)
Boy's:					
Coats, all purpose, cotton or cotton blend 7/ -----	Dec.63	115.2	113.5	1.5	(3/)
Sport coats, wool or wool blend 7/ -----	Dec.63	126.4	122.5	3.2	(3/)
Dungarees, cotton or cotton blend -----		126.9	127.4	-.4	(3/)
Undershirts, cotton -----		129.0	128.9	.1	(3/)
Women's and girls' -----		126.2	124.6	1.3	(3/)
Women's:					
Coats, heavyweight, wool or wool blend 7/ -----		139.9	136.0	2.9	(3/)
Carcoats, heavyweight, cotton 7/ -----	Dec.63	138.9	135.4	2.6	(3/)
Sweaters, wool or acrylic 7/ -----	Dec.63	117.7	117.1	.5	(3/)
Skirts, wool or wool blend 7/ -----	Sept.61	133.9	129.4	3.5	(3/)
Skirts, cotton or cotton blend 7/ -----	Mar.62	(7/)	(7/)	(7/)	(7/)
Blouses, cotton -----		125.4	122.7	2.2	(3/)
Dresses, street, chiefly manmade fiber -----		155.9	152.5	2.2	(3/)
Dresses, street, wool or wool blend 7/ -----		145.7	140.8	3.5	(3/)
Dresses, street, cotton 7/ -----		(7/)	(7/)	(7/)	(7/)
Housedresses, cotton -----		150.7	149.0	1.1	(3/)
Slips, nylon -----		111.9	111.9	.0	(3/)
Panties, acetate -----		110.5	109.9	.5	(3/)
Girdles, manmade blend -----		120.2	119.5	.6	(3/)
Brassieres, cotton -----	Dec.63	123.1	122.9	.2	(3/)
Hose, nylon seamless -----		99.4	99.2	.2	(3/)
Anklets, cotton -----	Dec.63	118.5	118.4	.1	(3/)
Gloves, fabric, nylon or cotton -----	Dec.63	109.2	109.0	.2	(3/)
Handbags, rayon faille or plastic -----	Dec.63	115.5	114.8	.6	(3/)
Girl's:					
Raincoats, vinyl plastic or chiefly cotton 7/ -----	Dec.63	121.7	120.8	.7	(3/)
Skirts, wool or wool blend 7/ -----		124.0	(7/)	(7/)	(7/)
Dresses, cotton -----		137.4	136.9	.4	(3/)
Slacks, cotton 7/ -----	Dec.63	127.9	(7/)	(7/)	(7/)
Slips, cotton blend -----	Dec.63	108.5	107.7	.7	(3/)
Robes, duster style, quilted tricot or percale 7/ -----	Dec.63	123.1	119.2	3.3	(3/)
Handbags -----	Dec.63	111.1	108.9	2.0	(3/)
Footwear -----		143.3	142.3	.7	(3/)
Men's:					
Shoes, street, oxford -----		141.5	140.1	1.0	(3/)
Shoes, work, high -----		139.0	138.4	.4	(3/)
Women's:					
Shoes, street, pump -----		152.0	150.8	.8	(3/)
Shoes, evening, pump -----	Dec.63	122.9	122.3	.5	(3/)
Shoes, casual, pump -----	Dec.63	132.0	129.6	1.9	(3/)
Houseslippers, scuff -----	Dec.63	126.6	126.4	.2	(3/)
Children's:					
Shoes, oxford -----		142.3	141.4	.6	(3/)
Sneakers, boys', oxford type -----	Dec.63	119.1	118.9	.2	(3/)
Dress shoes, girls', strap -----	Dec.63	134.6	134.1	.4	(3/)
Miscellaneous apparel:					
Diapers, cotton gauze -----		103.8	103.9	-.1	(3/)
Yard goods, cotton -----		123.5	123.2	.2	(3/)
Wrist watches, men's and women's -----	Dec.63	102.9	102.7	.2	(3/)
Apparel services:					
Drycleaning, men's suits and women's dresses -----		132.2	132.0	.2	(3/)
Automatic laundry service -----	Dec.63	111.4	111.3	.1	(3/)
Laundry, men's shirts -----	Dec.63	123.8	123.4	.3	(3/)
Tailoring charges, hem adjustment -----	Dec.63	127.5	126.5	.8	(3/)
Shoe repairs, women's heel lift -----		122.7	123.1	-.3	(3/)

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

Item and Group	Other Index Bases	Indexes		Percent change to October 1969 From:	
		October 1969	September 1969	September 1969	October 1968
Transportation -----		125.7	123.6	1.7	4.2
Private 10/-----		122.8	120.5	1.9	3.7
Automobiles, new -----		104.2	99.5	4.7	1.4
Automobiles, used -----		125.8	121.4	3.6	(3/)
Gasoline, regular and premium -----		118.0	117.7	.3	(3/)
Motor oil, premium -----		139.6	139.1	.4	(3/)
Tires, new, tubeless -----		117.4	117.0	.3	(3/)
Auto repairs and maintenance 11/ -----		136.1	135.2	.7	(3/)
Auto insurance rates -----		163.7	163.2	.3	(3/)
Auto registration -----		134.2	134.2	.0	(3/)
Parking fees, private and municipal -----	Dec.63	121.9	120.0	1.6	(3/)
Public -----		150.3	150.3	.0	8.4
Local transit fares -----		161.7	161.7	.0	(3/)
Taxicab fares -----	Dec.63	127.5	127.5	.0	(3/)
Railroad fares, coach -----		115.1	115.1	.0	(3/)
Airplane fares, chiefly coach -----	Dec.63	111.6	111.6	.0	(3/)
Bus fares, intercity -----	Dec.63	127.0	127.0	.0	(3/)
Health and recreation -----		138.6	138.4	.1	5.1
Medical care -----		156.9	157.6	-.4	6.4
Drugs and prescriptions -----		99.4	99.3	.1	(3/)
Over-the-counter items -----	Dec.63	106.9	106.9	.0	(3/)
Multiple vitamin concentrates -----	Dec.63	92.5	92.4	.1	(3/)
Aspirin compounds -----	Dec.63	106.1	105.5	.6	(3/)
Liquid tonics -----	Dec.63	100.8	100.9	-.1	(3/)
Adhesive bandages, package -----	Dec.63	117.4	117.0	.3	(3/)
Cold tablets or capsules -----	Dec.63	109.6	109.1	.5	(3/)
Cough syrup -----	Dec.63	113.7	115.1	-1.2	(3/)
Prescriptions -----		89.0	88.8	.2	(3/)
Anti-infectives -----	Mar.60	63.0	62.9	.2	(3/)
Sedatives and hypnotics -----	Mar.60	108.9	107.8	1.0	(3/)
Ataractics -----	Mar.60	89.8	89.8	.0	(3/)
Anti-spasmodics -----	Mar.60	101.3	101.2	.1	(3/)
Cough preparations -----	Mar.60	111.4	111.1	.3	(3/)
Cardiovasculars and anti-hypertensives -----	Mar.60	97.9	97.7	.2	(3/)
Analgesics, internal -----	Mar.67	103.1	103.1	.0	(3/)
Anti-obesity -----	Mar.67	104.2	103.6	.6	(3/)
Hormones -----	Mar.67	94.3	93.9	.4	(3/)
Professional services:					
Physicians' fees -----		158.3	158.0	.2	(3/)
General physician, office visits -----		160.6	160.3	.2	(3/)
General physician, house visits -----		165.9	165.6	.2	(3/)
Obstetrical cases -----		153.9	153.2	.5	(3/)
Pediatric care, office visits -----	Dec.63	144.2	144.1	.1	(3/)
Psychiatrist, office visits -----	Dec.63	131.7	131.7	.0	(3/)
Herniorrhaphy, adult -----	Dec.63	124.6	124.6	.0	(3/)
Tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy -----		149.3	149.1	.1	(3/)
Dentists' fees -----		146.9	146.0	.6	(3/)
Fillings, adult, amalgam, one surface -----		148.3	147.1	.8	(3/)
Extractions, adult -----		145.9	145.3	.4	(3/)
Dentures, full upper -----	Dec.63	129.5	128.9	.5	(3/)
Other professional services:					
Examination, prescription, and dispensing of eyeglasses -----		132.8	132.4	.3	(3/)
Routine laboratory tests -----	Dec.63	118.5	118.5	.0	(3/)
Hospital service charges:					
Daily service charges -----		263.8	261.9	.7	(3/)
Semiprivate rooms -----		260.1	258.4	.7	(3/)
Private rooms -----		254.7	252.6	.8	(3/)
Operating room charges -----	Dec.63	170.9	168.7	1.3	(3/)
X-ray, diagnostic series, upper G.I. -----	Dec.63	124.8	124.6	.2	(3/)
Personal care -----		127.3	127.3	.0	4.3
Toilet goods -----		111.6	111.7	-.1	(3/)
Toothpaste, standard dentrifice -----		114.4	113.8	.5	(3/)
Toilet soap, hard milled -----		125.1	126.3	-1.0	(3/)
Hand lotions, liquid -----	Dec.63	110.7	111.1	-.4	(3/)
Shaving cream, aerosol -----		102.0	102.1	-.1	(3/)
Face powder, pressed -----		127.2	126.8	.3	(3/)
Deodorants, cream or roll-on -----	Dec.63	95.1	95.3	-.2	(3/)
Cleansing tissues -----		109.2	108.4	.7	(3/)
Home permanent refills -----		98.5	99.2	-.7	(3/)
Personal care services -----		146.7	146.5	.1	(3/)
Men's haircuts -----		155.2	154.8	.3	(3/)
Beauty shop services -----		137.7	137.5	.1	(3/)
Women's haircuts -----	Dec.63	123.4	123.2	.2	(3/)
Shampoo and wave sets, plain -----		154.9	154.6	.2	(3/)
Permanent waves, cold -----		107.1	107.0	.1	(3/)

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(1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)

Item and Group	Other Index Bases	Indexes		Percent change to October 1969 From:	
		October 1969	September 1969	September 1969	October 1968
Reading and recreation ^{12/}		132.0	131.6	0.3	3.5
Recreational goods -----	Dec.63	99.1	99.0	.1	(3/)
TV sets, portable and console -----		80.2	80.0	.3	(3/)
TV replacement tubes -----	Dec.63	115.9	115.7	.2	(3/)
Radios, portable and table model -----		76.6	76.9	-.4	(3/)
Tape recorders, portable -----	Dec.63	91.4	91.5	-.1	(3/)
Phonograph records, stereophonic -----	Dec.63	98.1	97.6	.5	(3/)
Movie cameras, Super 8, zoom lens -----	Dec.63	83.1	83.5	-.5	(3/)
Film, 35mm, color -----	Dec.63	99.4	99.6	-.2	(3/)
Golf balls, liquid center -----	Dec.63	103.4	103.2	.2	(3/)
Basketballs, rubber or vinyl cover -----	Dec.63	114.8	114.8	.0	(3/)
Fishing rods, fresh water spincast -----	Dec.63	118.1	118.2	-.1	(3/)
Bowling balls -----	Dec.63	100.2	99.2	1.0	(3/)
Bicycle, boys' -----	Dec.63	109.7	109.9	-.2	(3/)
Tricycles -----	Dec.63	111.9	111.6	.3	(3/)
Dog food, canned or boxed -----	Dec.63	108.0	108.4	-.4	(3/)
Recreational services -----	Dec.63	132.1	131.7	.3	(3/)
Indoor movie admissions -----		207.0	206.5	.2	(3/)
Adult -----		201.9	201.6	.1	(3/)
Children's -----		224.5	223.2	.6	(3/)
Drive-in movie admissions, adult -----	Dec.63	164.5	164.1	.2	(3/)
Bowling fees, evening -----	Dec.63	112.1	110.9	1.1	(3/)
Golf greens fees -----	Dec.63	135.5	135.9	-.3	(3/)
TV repairs, picture tube replacement -----		101.4	101.0	.4	(3/)
Film developing, black and white -----	Dec.63	117.9	118.3	-.3	(3/)
Reading and education:					
Newspapers, street sale and delivery -----		156.4	155.9	.3	(3/)
Magazines, single copy and subscription -----	Dec.63	126.3	126.3	.0	(3/)
Piano lessons, beginner -----	Dec.63	126.5	126.1	.3	(3/)
Other goods and services -----		132.2	131.3	.7	(3/)
Tobacco products -----		151.5	150.6	.6	(3/)
Cigarettes, nonfilter tip, regular size -----		158.9	158.0	.6	(3/)
Cigarettes, filter tip, king size -----	Mar.59	151.0	150.0	.7	(3/)
Cigars, domestic, regular size -----		109.4	109.6	-.2	(3/)
Alcoholic beverages -----		120.0	119.1	.8	(3/)
Beer -----		116.3	116.4	-.1	(3/)
Whiskey, spirit blended and straight bourbon -----		111.3	110.4	.8	(3/)
Wine, dessert and table -----	Dec.63	113.6	112.0	1.4	(3/)
Away from home -----	Dec.63	125.0	123.0	1.6	(3/)
Financial and miscellaneous personal expenses:					
Funeral services, adult -----	Dec.63	116.9	116.5	.3	(3/)
Bank service charges, checking accounts -----	Dec.63	109.1	108.3	.7	(3/)
Legal services, short form will -----	Dec.63	139.5	138.8	.5	(3/)
Other special groups:					
All items less shelter -----		128.1	127.6	.4	4.8
Commodities less food -----		119.8	118.7	.9	4.4
Nondurables less food and apparel -----		122.6	122.2	.3	4.0
Household services less rent -----		150.4	149.5	.6	9.3
Transportation services -----		145.1	144.0	.8	7.8
Other services -----		147.6	147.2	.3	4.8

1/ Also includes hotel and motel rates not shown separately.
2/ Also includes home purchase costs not shown separately.
3/ Not available.
4/ Also includes pine shelving, furnace air filters, packaged dry cement mix, and shrubbery not shown separately.
5/ Also includes venetian blinds, nails, carpet sweepers, air deodorizers, steel wool scouring pads, envelopes, reupholstering, and moving expenses.
6/ Discontinued.
7/ Priced only in season.
8/ Also includes radios and television sets, shown separately under reading and recreation.
9/ 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.
10/ Also includes recapped tires and drivers' license fees not shown separately.
11/ Includes prices for water pump replacement, motor tune-up, automatic transmission repair, exhaust system repair, front end alignment, and chassis lubrication.
12/ 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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