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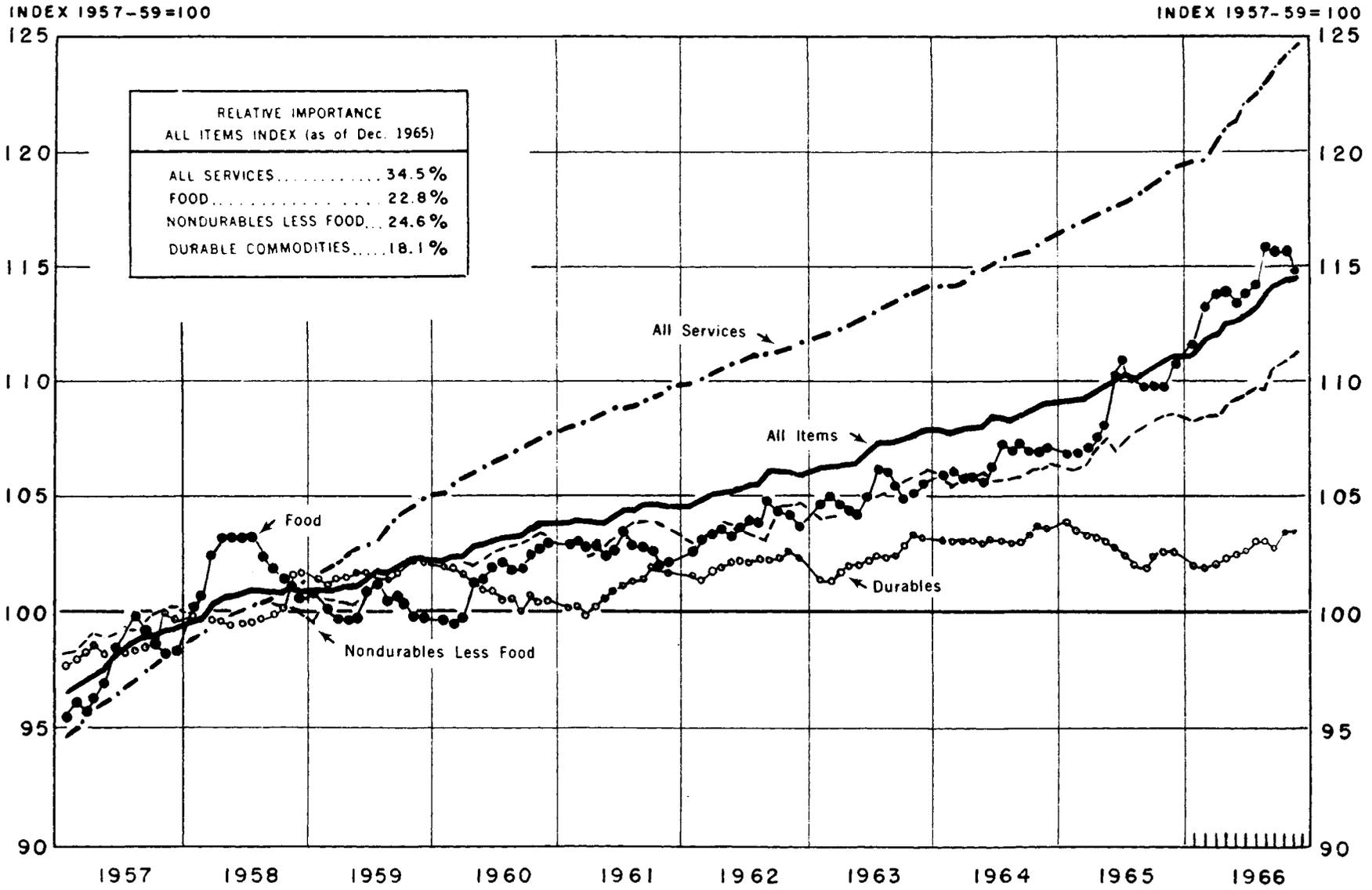
**U.S. CITY AVERAGE  
and  
SELECTED AREAS**

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The Consumer Price Index rose by 0.1 percent in November, its smallest advance in six months, the United States Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics announced today. A decline of 0.7 percent in food prices almost offset higher costs of most other consumer items, particularly housing, apparel, and medical care. The November index, at 114.6 (1957-59=100), stood 3.6 percent above a year ago.

Price Changes, October to November 1966

Housing costs rose by 0.4 percent in November, because of further advances in charges for household services (mortgage interest, domestic service, babysitters, etc.) and in prices of furniture, and household textiles. Costs of home maintenance and repair services also continued to advance, rents were up by 0.2 percent, and fuel oil prices rose seasonally.

A further increase in apparel prices, especially for men's and boys' clothing, continued to reflect higher costs of materials and labor. Laundry and dry cleaning charges also continued to advance.

Charges for hospital and professional medical services rose again, boosting medical care costs by 0.7 percent. Private transportation costs were up 0.3 percent in November when prices of new cars reflected a further transition to the 1967 models. Gasoline prices also advanced, but used car prices dropped.

Food prices in grocery stores were down by 0.9 percent, as prices of meats, eggs, frying chickens, and fresh fruits were marked down significantly. Bacon prices dropped 10 percent as supplies of pork became more plentiful. Prices, however, rose for fresh vegetables, cereals, bakery products, and restaurant meals.

Fresh fruit prices averaged almost 6 1/2 percent lower, as the new Florida citrus crop began to reach the market in quantity. Grapefruit prices were off by about a third, and oranges were down about 3 percent. Prices of bananas and apples also dropped, reflecting larger supplies. Fresh vegetable prices, on the other hand, were up by nearly 5 percent.

Price Trends, November 1965 to November 1966

The Consumer Price Index was up by 3.6 percent in November 1966, compared with a year ago. Higher charges for nearly all consumer services caused about half of the increase, particularly medical care and household services.

Food prices, up 4 1/2 percent over November 1965, were the second most important factor contributing to higher living costs. The increases in food prices compared

with November 1965 ranged from 3 percent for meats to more than 10 percent for dairy products. Some foods were a little cheaper than a year ago, including bacon, bananas, celery, coffee, and most processed fruits.

#### Cost-of-Living Adjustments

As a result of the November Consumer Price Index, approximately 190,000 workers will receive increases in their cost-of-living allowances. About 100,000, mostly in aerospace industries, will receive 2 cents an hour, based on the change in the index in the past three months. For some 82,000 meatpacking workers the increase will be 5 cents an hour, based on price increases in the past six months.

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

Group	Indexes (1957-59=100)					Percent change to November 1966 from--				November 1965 Unadjusted
	November 1966		October 1966		November 1965 Unadjusted	October 1966		August 1966		
	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted		Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	
All items -----	114.6	-----	114.5	-----	110.6	0.1	-----	0.7	-----	3.6
Food -----	114.8	115.1	115.6	115.6	109.7	-.7	-.4	-.9	-.3	4.6
Food at home -----	112.8	113.3	113.8	113.8	107.8	-.9	-.4	-1.4	-.5	4.6
Cereals and bakery products -----	118.6	-----	118.3	-----	111.4	.3	-----	1.1	-----	6.5
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	111.8	111.4	113.8	112.5	108.5	-1.8	-1.0	-2.4	-1.3	3.0
Dairy products -----	116.7	116.0	117.1	116.4	105.8	-.3	-.3	1.7	1.0	10.3
Fruits and vegetables -----	114.9	119.6	115.3	120.4	109.9	-.3	-.7	-6.1	-1.5	4.5
Other foods at home -----	104.8	104.0	106.0	104.1	102.9	-1.1	-.1	-.1	-1.0	1.8
Food away from home -----	125.7	-----	125.2	-----	119.6	.4	-----	1.4	-----	5.1
Housing -----	112.6	-----	112.2	-----	109.2	.4	-----	1.0	-----	3.1
Shelter <u>1/</u> -----	115.8	-----	115.5	-----	111.5	.3	-----	1.0	-----	3.9
Rent -----	111.2	-----	111.0	-----	109.3	.2	-----	.5	-----	1.7
Homeownership <u>2/</u> -----	117.8	-----	117.4	-----	112.5	.3	-----	1.2	-----	4.7
Fuel and utilities <u>3/</u> -----	108.3	108.1	108.1	108.1	107.9	.2	0	.4	-.3	.4
Fuel oil and coal <u>4/</u> -----	108.9	108.3	108.3	108.5	107.2	.6	-.2	1.8	-.8	1.6
Gas and electricity -----	108.1	-----	108.0	-----	108.0	.1	-----	0	-----	.1
Household furnishings and operation -----	106.5	-----	106.1	-----	103.3	.4	-----	1.2	-----	3.1
Apparel and upkeep <u>5/</u> -----	112.0	111.3	111.5	110.8	108.1	.4	.5	2.6	1.6	3.6
Men's and boys' -----	112.4	111.7	111.5	111.1	109.2	.8	.5	2.3	1.4	2.9
Women's and girls' -----	107.8	106.5	107.5	106.0	104.6	.3	.5	3.9	1.9	3.1
Footwear -----	122.8	122.6	122.2	122.1	115.1	.5	.4	2.0	1.7	6.7
Transportation -----	114.5	113.9	114.3	113.8	111.5	.2	.1	.9	.4	2.7
Private -----	112.6	111.9	112.3	111.7	110.1	.3	.2	.9	.3	2.3
Public -----	129.6	-----	129.6	-----	121.6	0	-----	.3	-----	6.6
Health and recreation -----	120.8	-----	120.4	-----	116.4	.3	-----	1.1	-----	3.8
Medical care -----	131.3	-----	130.4	-----	123.4	.7	-----	2.3	-----	6.4
Personal care -----	113.4	-----	113.3	-----	109.6	.1	-----	.6	-----	3.5
Reading and recreation -----	118.3	-----	118.0	-----	115.4	.3	-----	.8	-----	2.5
Other goods and services <u>6/</u> -----	116.0	-----	115.9	-----	113.3	.1	-----	.4	-----	2.4
<b>Special groups:</b>										
All items less shelter -----	114.4	-----	114.3	-----	110.4	.1	-----	.7	-----	3.6
All items less food -----	114.8	-----	114.4	-----	111.2	.3	-----	1.2	-----	3.2
Commodities <u>7/</u> -----	110.2	110.1	110.3	110.1	107.1	.1	0	.4	.3	2.9
Nondurables -----	112.9	112.9	113.1	112.9	108.9	.2	0	.4	.4	3.7
Durables <u>8/</u> -----	103.5	103.1	103.5	103.3	102.4	0	.2	.5	.1	1.1
Services <u>9/</u> -----	124.7	-----	124.1	-----	119.0	.5	-----	1.4	-----	4.8
Commodities less food <u>7/</u> -----	107.8	107.4	107.6	107.3	105.6	.2	.1	1.1	.5	2.1
Nondurables less food -----	111.3	111.0	110.9	110.5	108.3	.4	.5	1.6	1.1	2.8
Apparel commodities -----	110.9	110.0	110.4	109.4	107.2	.5	.5	2.8	1.5	3.5
Apparel commodities less footwear -----	108.6	107.6	108.1	107.1	105.7	.5	.5	2.9	1.5	2.7
Nondurables less food and apparel -----	111.5	-----	111.2	-----	108.9	.3	-----	.9	-----	2.4
New cars -----	99.3	97.4	98.4	97.5	98.7	.9	-.1	3.7	.3	.6
Used cars -----	119.3	118.0	120.8	119.4	118.7	1.2	-1.2	2.3	2.3	.5
Household durables <u>10/</u> -----	97.6	-----	97.4	-----	96.0	.2	-----	.6	-----	1.7
Housefurnishings -----	99.9	99.8	99.5	99.5	97.6	.4	.3	1.0	.6	2.4
Services less rent <u>9/</u> -----	127.7	-----	127.1	-----	121.3	.5	-----	1.4	-----	5.3
Household services less rent -----	124.2	-----	123.5	-----	118.1	.6	-----	1.5	-----	5.2
Transportation services -----	126.1	-----	125.9	-----	121.0	.2	-----	.6	-----	4.2
Medical care services -----	138.6	-----	137.4	-----	128.5	.9	-----	2.9	-----	7.9
Other services <u>11/</u> -----	128.5	-----	128.2	-----	123.0	.2	-----	1.1	-----	4.5
All items index on other bases:										
1947-49=100 -----	140.6	-----	140.5	-----	135.7	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
1939=100 -----	236.7	-----	236.5	-----	228.4	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:										
1957-59=\$1.00 -----	\$0.873	-----	\$0.873	-----	\$0.904	0	-----	-.7	-----	-3.4
1947-49=\$1.00 -----	.711	-----	.712	-----	.737	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
1939=\$1.00 -----	.422	-----	.423	-----	.438	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

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 <u>1/</u>	Pricing Schedule <u>2/</u>	Indexes			Percent change from:	
		1957-59=100	1947-49=100	Other bases	August 1966	November 1965
		November 1966			August 1966	November 1965
U.S. City Average -----	M	114.6	140.6		0.7	3.6
Chicago -----	M	111.9	141.1		.4	3.2
Detroit -----	M	112.7	139.0		.7	4.7
Los Angeles-Long Beach -	M	116.3	145.0		1.5	3.1
New York -----	M	117.7	141.8		.9	4.0
Philadelphia -----	M	115.0	141.2		.4	3.2
		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
		November 1966			August 1966	November 1965
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100) -	2	-----	-----	108.0	0.3	3.3
Cleveland -----	2	110.9	137.7		.6	2.9
Dallas (Nov.1963=100) --	2	-----	-----	106.5	.9	3.7
Milwaukee -----	2	111.6	140.7		.1	2.7
San Diego (Feb.1965=100)	2	-----	-----	103.5	1.5	3.2
Seattle -----	2	115.6	145.3		1.0	3.4
Washington -----	2	114.6	138.0		.5	3.7
		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 <sup>1/</sup>  
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Major Groups  
Percent change from October 1966 to November 1966

Group	U.S. City Average	Chicago	Detroit	Los Angeles-Long Beach	New York	Philadelphia
All items -----	0.1	- 0.1	0.1	0.3	- 0.1	0
Food -----	.7	.6	.4	.4	.7	- 0.9
Housing -----	.4	.1	.1	.5	.2	.2
Apparel and upkeep -----	.4	.5	.2	.5	.1	.7
Transportation -----	.2	.1	.5	.7	.3	.2
Health and recreation -----	.3	.1	.2	.1	.2	.2
Medical care -----	.7	.4	1.1	.3	.5	.9
Personal care -----	.1	.6	.2	.5	.1	.5
Reading and recreation -----	.3	.4	.8	.1	.3	.1
Other goods and services ---	.1	.3	.4	.2	.1	(2/)

<sup>1/</sup> See footnote 1, table 2.

<sup>2/</sup> 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:										
Nov.	114.6	114.8	112.6	112.0	114.5	120.8	131.3	113.4	118.3	116.0
Oct.	114.5	115.6	112.2	111.5	114.3	120.4	130.4	113.3	118.0	115.9
Sept.	114.1	115.6	111.8	110.7	113.3	119.9	129.4	113.0	117.5	115.7
Aug.	113.8	115.8	111.5	109.2	113.5	119.5	128.4	112.7	117.4	115.5
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
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  
November 1966 indexes and percent changes from August 1966

Group	U.S. City Average	Buffalo (Nov.1963=100)	Chicago	Cleveland	Dallas (Nov.1963=100)	Detroit	Los Angeles- Long Beach
Indexes (1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)							
All items -----	114.6	108.0	111.9	110.9	106.5	112.7	116.3
Food -----	114.8	109.7	114.7	111.8	111.0	113.1	113.7
Food at home -----	112.8	109.0	114.1	110.0	111.0	111.1	109.9
Cereals and bakery products -----	118.6	105.0	121.1	114.5	108.0	111.3	119.6
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	111.8	110.1	113.0	111.8	113.9	114.0	103.5
Dairy products -----	116.7	109.8	124.2	113.7	119.5	120.0	116.2
Fruits and vegetables -----	114.9	110.6	109.6	112.5	107.6	105.9	121.1
Other foods at home -----	104.8	108.1	106.0	100.4	106.7	103.4	97.2
Food away from home -----	125.7	113.8	118.4	121.9	111.2	124.8	127.8
Housing -----	112.6	105.6	109.8	106.2	103.6	106.8	117.9
Shelter -----	115.8	105.0	111.7	105.0	105.7	108.0	124.0
Rent -----	111.2	103.0	107.3	101.8	100.0	-----	111.7
Homeownership -----	117.8	105.3	114.0	105.5	108.5	110.0	128.2
Fuel and utilities -----	108.3	108.3	106.0	115.6	98.5	102.6	105.0
Fuel oil and coal -----	108.9	103.2	105.9	-----	-----	103.7	-----
Gas and electricity -----	108.1	111.3	106.5	116.9	97.8	104.6	111.0
Household furnishings and operation -----	106.5	105.4	107.2	102.9	101.9	103.5	105.9
Apparel and upkeep -----	112.0	109.6	107.8	109.9	105.2	112.6	111.0
Men's and boys' -----	112.4	110.5	108.4	113.5	108.7	109.2	113.2
Women's and girls' -----	107.8	108.2	102.6	101.5	102.6	113.2	109.6
Footwear -----	122.8	114.1	119.6	125.8	103.1	122.8	118.0
Transportation -----	114.5	107.0	110.3	113.6	103.9	113.0	122.4
Private -----	112.6	107.1	110.7	111.4	104.0	111.2	118.4
Public -----	129.6	106.3	109.2	125.9	103.1	119.4	140.3
Health and recreation -----	120.8	110.2	115.5	118.8	109.1	122.6	114.8
Medical care -----	131.3	112.8	137.0	138.1	111.4	139.3	129.7
Personal care -----	113.4	107.2	113.1	109.3	106.9	116.9	109.2
Reading and recreation -----	118.3	106.9	102.9	112.1	108.0	114.8	105.7
Other goods and services -----	116.0	113.1	107.8	112.8	108.8	114.6	108.7
Percent changes August 1966 to November 1966							
All items -----	0.7	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.9	0.7	1.5
Food -----	-.9	-.7	-1.8	-1.1	-.5	-1.1	-.1
Food at home -----	-1.4	-1.2	-2.4	-1.7	-1.0	-1.9	-.5
Cereals and bakery products -----	1.1	1.6	.9	1.2	.2	1.2	-.8
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	-2.4	-2.9	-1.7	-2.2	-2.5	-1.2	-2.8
Dairy products -----	1.7	1.3	1.4	-.2	1.4	1.3	1.2
Fruits and vegetables -----	-6.1	-5.6	-11.8	-5.6	-3.3	-9.5	-.5
Other foods at home -----	-.1	1.5	-1.4	-.4	.5	-.2	.9
Food away from home -----	1.4	2.4	1.2	1.8	1.6	2.3	1.1
Housing -----	1.0	.2	1.1	1.4	1.3	1.2	.6
Shelter -----	1.0	.1	1.4	1.6	1.0	1.4	.4
Rent -----	.5	.4	2/ .4	.1	-.1	-----	2/ 0
Homeownership -----	1.2	0	1.7	2.0	1.4	1.4	.5
Fuel and utilities -----	.4	-.1	0	0	.2	-.1	1.2
Fuel oil and coal -----	1.8	4.7	.9	-----	-----	3.5	-----
Gas and electricity -----	0	-.8	-.1	0	.3	-.6	.1
Household furnishings and operation -----	1.2	.9	1.1	1.4	2.5	1.9	1.0
Apparel and upkeep -----	2.6	1.8	2.6	1.3	3.0	2.1	2.2
Men's and boys' -----	2.3	2.4	3.3	2.2	4.1	3.5	2.3
Women's and girls' -----	3.9	1.9	3.7	-.6	3.8	1.8	4.4
Footwear -----	2.0	1.9	1.4	4.0	.3	2.3	.3
Transportation -----	.9	.1	.2	.9	1.1	.7	4.3
Private -----	.9	.1	.3	1.0	1.1	.7	4.6
Public -----	.3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Health and recreation -----	1.1	.8	1.1	.9	.7	1.1	2.1
Medical care -----	2.3	1.5	2.0	2.2	1.1	2.5	4.9
Personal care -----	.6	-.2	.5	.3	1.4	1.7	1.7
Reading and recreation -----	.8	1.2	1.1	1.4	.6	-.1	.9
Other goods and services -----	.4	.4	.5	-.7	.2	.3	.4

See footnotes at end of table.

TABLE 5: Consumer Price Index--United States and Selected Areas <sup>1/</sup>  
 For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Commodity Groups  
 November 1966 indexes and percent changes from August 1966--continued

Group	Milwaukee	New York	Philadelphia	San Diego (Feb.1965=100)	Seattle	Washington
Indexes (1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)						
All items -----	111.6	117.7	115.0	103.5	115.6	114.6
Food -----	114.3	115.7	113.5	106.6	114.7	113.5
Food at home -----	112.8	112.2	110.7	105.7	111.5	110.5
Cereals and bakery products -----	108.7	117.7	113.4	108.8	110.6	112.4
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	112.0	111.3	107.5	109.6	112.9	106.7
Dairy products -----	125.5	110.1	120.0	105.4	119.5	120.8
Fruits and vegetables -----	111.6	119.3	114.4	98.9	113.7	109.9
Other foods at home -----	106.9	104.1	102.4	103.4	102.8	106.8
Food away from home -----	123.3	131.3	128.7	109.2	128.5	126.0
Housing -----	107.8	117.0	112.7	102.1	114.6	113.4
Shelter -----	106.9	120.3	115.8	103.6	120.1	116.1
Rent -----	105.2	-----	111.6	100.8	114.1	116.4
Homeownership -----	107.6	119.6	117.0	104.8	121.5	114.8
Fuel and utilities -----	110.9	108.0	106.7	98.1	110.7	104.5
Fuel oil and coal -----	115.9	113.6	112.6	-----	105.4	108.0
Gas and electricity -----	101.9	107.8	101.9	100.0	98.0	103.8
Household furnishings and operation -----	108.4	113.0	106.6	100.4	105.3	109.9
Apparel and upkeep -----	109.2	115.8	118.3	101.4	112.9	114.7
Men's and boys' -----	112.1	116.3	113.9	105.8	117.6	114.4
Women's and girls' -----	104.5	111.2	114.7	97.4	109.3	110.0
Footwear -----	118.7	123.8	125.7	108.2	126.7	125.8
Transportation -----	112.7	115.4	120.1	103.8	117.0	112.5
Private -----	112.9	113.9	116.1	103.8	116.1	111.6
Public -----	111.2	124.4	137.3	104.3	125.4	117.7
Health and recreation -----	116.4	125.9	119.4	103.3	118.5	121.2
Medical care -----	125.9	133.1	134.9	110.7	128.8	141.7
Personal care -----	117.3	111.2	109.4	97.5	112.2	112.2
Reading and recreation -----	114.2	127.8	113.1	101.2	110.9	118.7
Other goods and services -----	110.8	124.0	(3/)	100.9	119.7	109.5
Percent changes August 1966 to November 1966						
All items -----	0.1	0.9	0.4	1.5	1.0	0.5
Food -----	- 1.6	- .6	- 1.2	- .2	- .2	- 2.0
Food at home -----	- 2.3	- 1.1	- 2.4	- .5	- .9	- 3.2
Cereals and bakery products -----	1.2	.6	1.2	1.2	1.7	1.5
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	- 3.8	- 1.6	- 2.9	- 2.7	- 3.3	- 4.6
Dairy products -----	3.6	1.3	.1	1.4	0	2.5
Fruits and vegetables -----	- 9.6	- 2.9	- 6.8	- .1	- 1.9	-11.9
Other foods at home -----	- 1.6	- 1.0	- 1.6	.2	1.1	- .3
Food away from home -----	1.3	.6	3.9	.7	2.4	1.0
Housing -----	.5	.9	.6	1.0	1.1	.9
Shelter -----	.2	.8	.6	1.2	1.1	1.0
Rent -----	.8	---	2/	- .1	1.8	.2
Homeownership -----	0	.9	.6	1.7	1.0	1.3
Fuel and utilities -----	0	.8	.4	.3	.5	- .4
Fuel oil and coal -----	0	2.4	2.0	---	1.3	2.5
Gas and electricity -----	0	-.2	0	0	.3	- 1.1
Household furnishings and operation -----	1.6	1.3	.8	1.0	1.4	1.9
Apparel and upkeep -----	1.1	4.5	3.7	.6	1.5	2.4
Men's and boys' -----	1.3	3.3	5.4	1.7	1.1	3.8
Women's and girls' -----	.8	8.3	4.0	- .2	1.8	2.6
Footwear -----	1.4	3.0	2.0	1.2	2.5	1.5
Transportation -----	- .2	.5	.2	4.2	2.0	1.2
Private -----	- .2	.6	.1	4.5	2.3	1.3
Public -----	0	.1	0	0	0	0
Health and recreation -----	1.3	.6	.8	1.8	1.2	1.4
Medical care -----	3.1	1.1	1.3	4.5	2.7	1.1
Personal care -----	.6	.4	.3	.2	.3	1.0
Reading and recreation -----	1.7	.6	0	.9	.7	.9
Other goods and services -----	0	.4	(3/)	.2	.4	2.8

<sup>1/</sup> See footnote 1, table 2.

<sup>2/</sup> Change from September 1966.

<sup>3/</sup> Not available.

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

Area <u>1/</u>	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 -----	114.8	112.8	118.6	111.8	116.7	114.9	104.8	125.7
Atlanta -----	114.0	112.9	112.6	112.4	111.7	116.0	111.8	118.0
Baltimore -----	115.9	112.3	122.5	111.2	114.2	117.0	102.8	130.3
Boston -----	118.5	115.2	123.4	116.7	112.6	119.2	105.1	132.5
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100)	109.7	109.0	105.0	110.1	109.8	110.6	108.1	113.8
Chicago -----	114.7	114.1	121.1	113.0	124.2	109.6	106.0	118.4
Cincinnati -----	112.4	110.2	116.6	112.1	113.1	116.6	97.7	124.9
Cleveland -----	111.8	110.0	114.5	111.8	113.7	112.5	100.4	121.9
Dallas (Nov.1963=100) -	111.0	111.0	108.0	113.9	119.5	107.6	106.7	111.2
Detroit -----	113.1	111.1	111.3	114.0	120.0	105.9	103.4	124.8
Honolulu (Dec.1963=100)	108.7	109.2	108.8	112.4	103.6	112.7	104.6	107.2
Houston -----	116.6	114.2	124.5	108.5	119.8	120.3	106.3	127.6
Kansas City -----	117.5	116.1	121.5	114.2	124.3	115.6	108.8	122.7
Los Angeles-Long Beach	113.7	109.9	119.6	103.5	116.2	121.1	97.2	127.8
Minneapolis-St. Paul --	112.6	111.2	111.8	111.3	119.5	110.3	105.6	118.3
New York -----	115.7	112.2	117.7	111.3	110.1	119.3	104.1	131.3
Philadelphia -----	113.5	110.7	113.4	107.5	120.0	114.4	102.4	128.7
Pittsburgh -----	111.4	110.3	117.3	112.9	108.4	111.4	103.4	117.7
St. Louis -----	118.6	116.0	118.0	116.1	128.7	114.4	107.2	127.4
San Francisco-Oakland -	115.1	111.7	117.1	110.4	115.5	118.4	100.5	130.2
Seattle -----	114.7	111.5	110.6	112.9	119.5	113.7	102.8	128.5
Washington -----	113.5	110.5	112.4	106.7	120.8	109.9	106.8	126.0
Percent changes October 1966 to November 1966								
U.S. City Average -----	- 0.7	- 0.9	0.3	- 1.8	- 0.3	- 0.3	- 1.1	0.4
Atlanta -----	- .6	- 1.1	.1	- 2.3	.4	- 2.4	- .6	1.5
Baltimore -----	- .7	- 1.1	.7	- 1.3	.1	- 2.4	- 1.6	.7
Boston -----	- .7	- 1.0	1.4	- 1.9	- .6	- 2.5	- .8	.8
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100)	0	- .2	.5	- 1.5	0	2.0	- .4	1.0
Chicago -----	- .6	- .8	1.6	- 1.7	- .6	- 1.1	- 1.0	.3
Cincinnati -----	- 1.1	- 1.3	.9	- 3.0	- .9	.4	- 2.0	.2
Cleveland -----	- .3	- .6	.3	- 2.9	- .3	2.4	.1	1.6
Dallas (Nov.1963=100) -	0	0	.2	- 1.0	.3	1.7	- .5	.5
Detroit -----	- .4	- .5	- .3	- 1.0	.5	- .5	- .6	.6
Honolulu (Dec.1963=100)	.3	.2	- .1	- .3	- 1.3	2.0	.9	.8
Houston -----	- .3	- .8	- .5	- 1.7	.1	.6	- 1.4	1.8
Kansas City -----	- 1.0	- 1.5	- .2	- 2.6	.1	- 2.7	- 1.2	.7
Los Angeles-Long Beach	- .4	- .7	- 1.8	- 1.1	- .4	.7	- .5	.2
Minneapolis-St. Paul --	- 1.4	- 1.9	.9	- 1.7	- 4.7	- 1.1	- 1.6	.8
New York -----	- .7	- 1.0	.3	- 1.2	- .2	- 1.2	- 1.7	.2
Philadelphia -----	- .9	- 1.2	.6	- 2.0	- .7	- 1.2	- 1.5	.9
Pittsburgh -----	- 1.2	- 1.7	.6	- 3.3	- .1	- 1.0	- 2.0	.9
St. Louis -----	- .9	- 1.3	- .6	- 2.8	0	.3	- 1.7	.3
San Francisco-Oakland -	.1	0	1.8	- 1.4	0	2.9	- 1.0	.5
Seattle -----	- .3	- .6	.4	- 2.3	- .7	2.1	- .7	.6
Washington -----	- 1.4	- 2.0	.5	- 3.2	.4	- 3.1	- 2.3	.3

1/ See footnote 1, table 2.

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

Item or Group	Index		Percent change to November 1966 from--		November 1965 Unadjusted
	November 1966		October 1966		
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	
Total food -----	114.8	115.1	- 0.7	- 0.4	4.6
Food away from home -----	125.7	-----	.4	-----	5.1
Restaurant meals -----	126.2	-----	.6	-----	5.3
Snacks <u>1/</u> -----	108.2	-----	.3	-----	4.3
Food at home -----	112.8	113.3	- .9	- .4	4.6
Cereals and bakery products -----	118.6	-----	.3	-----	6.5
Flour -----	116.1	-----	.3	-----	6.2
Cracker meal <u>1/</u> -----	116.3	-----	0	-----	2.6
Corn flakes -----	124.9	-----	.6	-----	5.5
Rice -----	107.5	-----	.1	-----	.9
Bread, white -----	125.6	-----	.4	-----	10.2
Bread, whole wheat <u>1/</u> -----	114.1	-----	.1	-----	9.1
Cookies -----	102.3	-----	.2	-----	3.6
Layer cake <u>1/</u> -----	105.7	-----	.1	-----	7.9
Cinnamon rolls <u>1/</u> -----	106.3	-----	.1	-----	5.2
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	111.8	111.4	- 1.8	- 1.0	3.0
Meats -----	114.5	113.8	- 1.8	- .6	2.9
Beef and veal -----	111.4	110.3	- 1.2	- 1.3	2.9
Steak, round -----	107.1	106.1	- 1.6	- .9	.2
Steak, sirloin <u>2/</u> -----	103.6	-----	- 2.4	-----	1.2
Steak, porterhouse <u>1/</u> -----	107.4	-----	- 2.4	-----	.1
Rump roast <u>1/</u> -----	104.1	-----	- .5	-----	1.2
Rib roast -----	115.6	115.1	- 1.7	- 1.3	.3
Chuck roast -----	103.0	100.8	- 3.0	- 4.4	.4
Hamburger -----	115.5	114.7	- .6	- .6	7.0
Beef liver <u>1/</u> -----	107.4	-----	- .6	-----	4.0
Veal cutlets -----	128.1	129.0	- .2	.2	6.4
Pork -----	119.1	118.7	- 3.8	- 1.5	.7
Chops -----	119.6	119.1	- 2.3	.8	1.0
Loin roast <u>2/</u> -----	128.5	-----	- 3.0	-----	1.7
Pork sausage <u>1/</u> -----	129.3	-----	- 1.3	-----	2.4
Ham, whole -----	112.2	111.6	- 1.1	- 1.1	2.4
Picnics <u>1/</u> -----	124.6	-----	.2	-----	3.6
Bacon -----	121.9	122.3	- 10.3	- 7.3	- 3.3
Other meats -----	118.9	118.5	- .2	0	6.0
Lamb chops <u>1/</u> -----	118.2	-----	- .5	-----	4.4
Frankfurters -----	119.4	118.6	.1	.2	5.4
Ham, canned <u>1/</u> -----	118.9	-----	.3	-----	6.1
Bologna sausage <u>1/</u> -----	118.0	-----	- .4	-----	6.4
Salami sausage <u>1/</u> -----	114.1	-----	- .4	-----	5.5
Liverwurst <u>1/</u> -----	118.7	-----	0	-----	8.1
Poultry -----	89.8	-----	- 2.7	-----	.3
Frying chicken -----	88.7	89.1	- 3.8	- 4.2	- .8
Chicken breasts <u>1/</u> -----	100.8	-----	- 1.9	-----	1.8
Turkey <u>1/</u> -----	107.5	-----	1.4	-----	4.6
Fish -----	121.1	121.1	.7	.3	8.8
Shrimp, frozen <u>1/</u> -----	108.5	-----	.7	-----	13.7
Fish, fresh or frozen -----	125.2	125.3	0	- .3	5.2
Tuna fish, canned -----	113.6	-----	.4	-----	12.3
Sardines, canned <u>1/</u> -----	109.7	-----	1.7	-----	4.6
Dairy products -----	116.7	116.0	- .3	- .3	10.3
Milk, fresh, grocery -----	114.0	112.8	- .1	- .2	9.6
Milk, fresh, delivered -----	116.4	-----	0	-----	8.2
Milk, fresh, skim <u>1/</u> -----	111.0	-----	.1	-----	10.3
Milk, evaporated -----	116.3	-----	.6	-----	10.4
Ice cream -----	100.1	-----	.3	-----	7.3
Cheese, American process -----	139.0	138.9	.2	.1	18.7
Butter -----	118.0	117.3	- 3.8	- 3.7	12.3

See footnotes at end of table.

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

Item or Group	Index		Percent change to November 1966 from--		November 1965 Unadjusted
	November 1966		October 1966		
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	
Fruits and vegetables -----	114.9	119.6	- 0.3	- 0.7	4.5
Fresh fruits and vegetables -----	120.0	127.8	- .5	- .9	7.9
Apples -----	113.8	142.6	- 3.7	- 1.7	10.5
Bananas -----	84.9	85.8	- 11.6	- 7.8	- 8.5
Oranges -----	138.9	131.3	- 3.3	- 1.0	13.2
Orange juice, fresh 1/ -----	85.6	-----	- 1.0	-----	- 1.9
Grapefruit -----	129.9	139.4	- 33.6	- 16.6	4.0
Grapes * -----	127.0	129.9	6.9	- .5	16.7
Strawberries * -----	*	*	*	*	*
Watermelon * -----	*	*	*	*	*
Potatoes -----	127.6	139.5	- .4	.9	6.9
Onions -----	127.6	139.6	- 3.5	- 2.3	26.6
Asparagus * 1/ -----	*	*	*	*	*
Cabbage -----	146.7	172.8	.9	3.8	42.3
Carrots -----	101.8	102.8	- 1.4	- 2.4	2.0
Celery -----	99.8	103.9	- 4.2	- 5.3	- 7.8
Cucumbers 1/ -----	110.5	-----	7.6	-----	4.9
Lettuce -----	141.0	130.7	11.8	3.3	2.9
Peppers, green 1/ -----	139.7	-----	20.7	-----	11.6
Spinach 1/ -----	97.2	-----	- 1.7	-----	.9
Tomatoes -----	109.0	120.8	17.3	- 3.7	.5
Processed fruits and vegetables -----	108.8	-----	- .2	-----	0
Fruit cocktail, canned -----	97.9	-----	- .7	-----	- 4.4
Pears, canned 1/ -----	96.4	-----	- 2.0	-----	- 10.7
Grapefruit-pineapple juice, canned 1/ -----	96.6	-----	- .2	-----	- 1.6
Orange juice concentrate, frozen -----	92.5	91.9	.4	- 1.0	- 1.1
Lemonade concentrate, frozen 2/ -----	89.3	-----	.2	-----	- .3
Beets, canned 1/ -----	103.0	-----	.2	-----	4.1
Peas, green, canned -----	119.3	-----	1.1	-----	3.2
Tomatoes, canned -----	115.1	-----	1.1	-----	8.1
Dried beans -----	118.8	-----	- 1.8	-----	1.6
Broccoli, frozen 1/ -----	97.3	-----	.5	-----	2.0
Other food at home -----	104.8	104.0	- 1.1	- .1	1.8
Eggs -----	107.9	101.3	- 7.1	- 3.7	5.2
Fats and oils:					
Margarine -----	107.1	-----	- .8	-----	5.5
Salad dressing, Italian 1/ -----	102.0	-----	.2	-----	1.1
Salad or cooking oil 1/ -----	125.6	-----	.8	-----	13.9
Sugar and sweets -----	112.7	-----	1.1	-----	.3
Sugar -----	111.4	-----	- .1	-----	3.1
Grape jelly -----	116.6	-----	.2	-----	1.7
Chocolate bar -----	98.0	-----	4.3	-----	- 3.9
Syrup, chocolate flavored 1/ -----	99.5	-----	- .2	-----	.3
Nonalcoholic beverages -----	99.5	-----	- .3	-----	0
Coffee, can and bag -----	91.2	-----	- .7	-----	- 2.0
Coffee, instant 3/ -----	96.1	-----	- 1.0	-----	- 3.1
Tea -----	101.6	-----	.2	-----	1.6
Cola drink -----	131.9	-----	.3	-----	4.5
Carbonated fruit drink 1/ -----	106.1	-----	- .2	-----	3.7
Prepared and partially prepared foods 1/ -----	99.9	-----	.1	-----	0
Bean soup, canned 1/ -----	97.2	-----	- .1	-----	- .7
Chicken soup, canned 1/ -----	97.1	-----	- 1.1	-----	- 1.9
Spaghetti, canned 1/ -----	107.2	-----	1.0	-----	6.6
Mashed potatoes, instant 1/ -----	102.1	-----	.8	-----	- 3.7
Potatoes, french fried, frozen 2/ -----	85.1	-----	- .2	-----	- 4.4
Baby foods, canned -----	105.8	-----	.3	-----	.5
Sweet pickle relish 1/ -----	105.7	-----	.4	-----	3.5
Pretzels 1/ -----	99.8	-----	.1	-----	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--Scranton**  
**All items and commodity groups**  
 November 1966 indexes and percent changes from selected dates  
 (1957-59=100)

Group	Index	Percent change from --	
		August 1966	November 1965
All items -----	116.2	0.6	4.0
All items (1947-49=100) -----			
Food -----	113.2	- .4	5.1
Food at home -----	110.9	- 1.0	4.5
Cereals and bakery products --	119.8	2.2	7.2
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	114.5	- 3.0	3.4
Dairy products -----	110.5	4.3	8.0
Fruits and vegetables -----	104.6	- 6.9	2.6
Other foods at home -----	104.8	.3	2.8
Housing -----	110.1	1.0	2.8
Rent -----	111.6	.3	1.6
Gas and electricity -----	104.8	0	0
Solid and petroleum fuels -----	103.6	2.6	.1
Housefurnishings -----	100.2	2.3	4.6
Household operation -----	116.5	.3	2.9
Apparel -----	114.4	2.3	5.9
Men's and boys' -----	114.4	2.0	3.3
Women's and girls' -----	112.3	3.0	6.9
Footwear -----	124.9	1.9	10.3
Other apparel -----	103.2	0	.2
Transportation -----	110.9	.1	.9
Private -----	108.6	.1	1.0
Public -----	125.3	0	0
Medical care -----	139.4	3.0	4.0
Personal care -----	123.1	0	3.1
Reading and recreation -----	160.4	1.7	7.7
Other goods and services -----	115.8	0	2.4

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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