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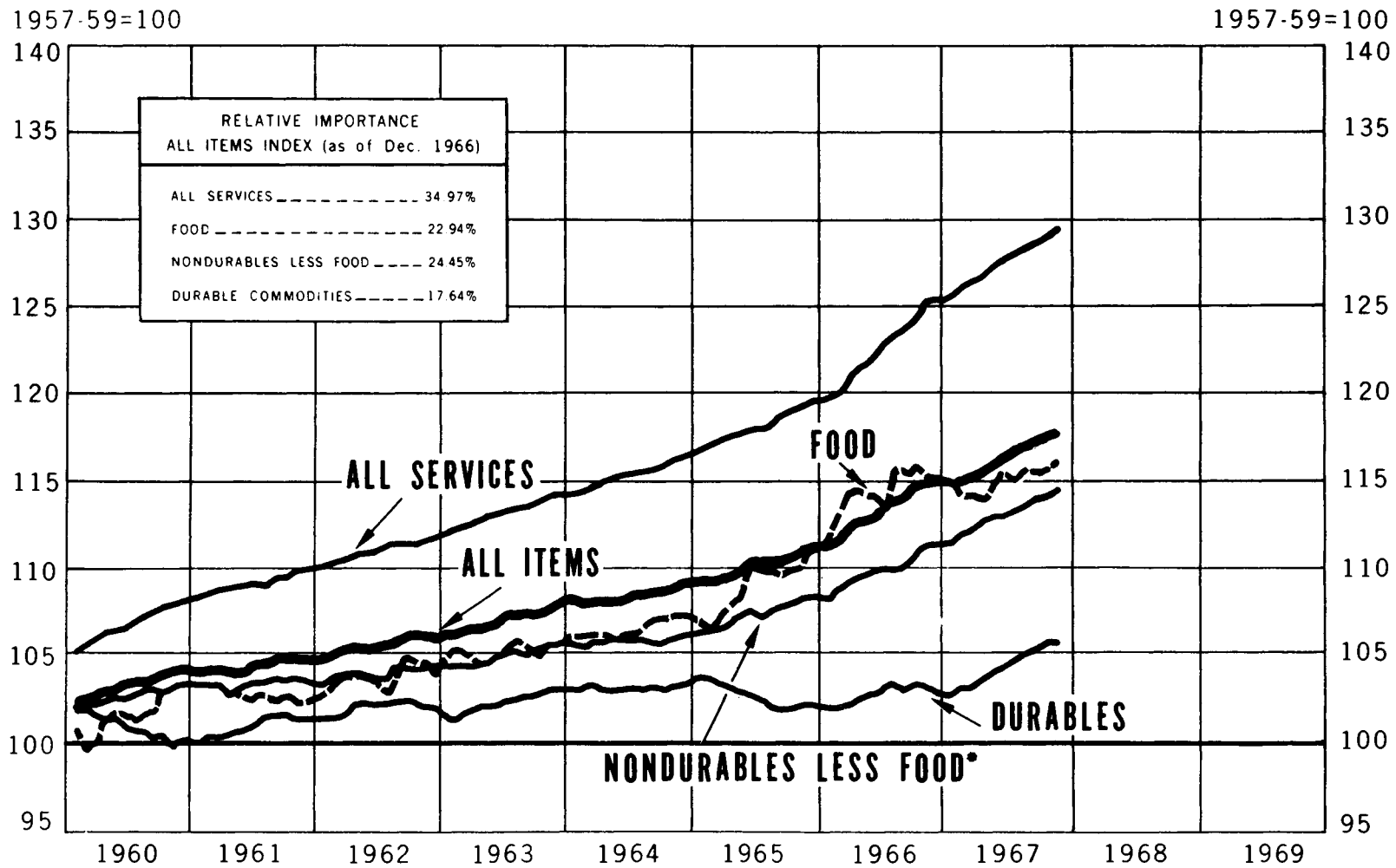
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The Consumer Price Index continued to climb in November, rising 0.3 percent to 117.8 (1957-59=100), for an increase of 2.8 percent since November 1966. Leading the upswing were higher prices for consumer services and nondurable goods other than food, each accounting for nearly half of the rise. The cost of durable goods advanced modestly. These advances were minimized by a less-than-seasonal decline in grocery store food prices.

The 2.7 percent advance in consumer prices that has been registered so far this year is less than the 3.2 percent increase that occurred in the first 11 months of 1966. The slightly lower rate of advance must be attributed largely to food prices which have increased only 0.7 percent this year compared with 3.8 percent in the same 1966 period. Charges for consumer services also rose at a slower rate in 1967, but prices of commodities other than foods increased more rapidly. Since March of this year, prices of durable goods and nondurables less food have each increased an average of 0.4 percent per month in comparison with a 0.3 percent rate for consumer services, about the same rate as the all items index.

Nondurable goods other than food

Nondurables less food moved up 0.6 percent in November, largely on the strength of sharply higher prices for apparel (particularly women's and girls' wear) and gasoline, which accounted for about three-quarters of the increase for this category. So far this year, prices of nondurable goods other than foods have increased 3.4 percent, compared with a 2.7 percent rise in the first 11 months of 1966. With the exception of only two months in each year, the price rise was persistent in both years, more than half the increases occurring in the last 3 months.

Apparel prices were 0.5 percent higher than last month and more than four percent ahead of the year-ago level. Higher wholesale apparel prices, the consequence of increased industrial wages and fabric costs, coupled with strong consumer demand and the largest increase in personal income in two years, seem to be the leading factors contributing to the price rise. Because of consumer demand, retailers are experiencing little difficulty in passing on higher wholesale prices and in many instances are widening profit margins to compensate for increased store operating costs. Women's and girls' apparel prices jumped by 0.7 percent, their largest November increase since the monthly index was begun in 1947, and were 5.3 percent higher than in November 1966. Particularly significant price advances were recorded in November for street dresses, coats, and nylon hose. Men's and boys' clothing advanced by 0.4 percent to a level 3.7 percent above a year ago. Prices were higher for men's topcoats, suits, slacks, sport shirts, jackets, and work clothing. Footwear prices advanced 0.4 percent during the month and were 3.9 percent above year-ago levels.

Cigarette prices continued to advance, reflecting the effects of earlier manufacturers' increases and state and local sales tax boosts. Gasoline and motor oil prices were up 1.0 percent almost entirely because of the end of "price wars" in the Los Angeles area, with relatively minor changes in most other cities. Average prices for gasoline and motor oil are now 2.8 percent higher than a year ago.

Food

Price fluctuations in foods are dominated to a much greater extent by changes in supply than by changes in demand. This was generally the situation in November as grocery store food prices declined 0.3 percent, mainly in response to large supplies of pork and eggs. On a seasonally adjusted basis, however, prices rose 0.2 percent, largely as a result of higher prices for fresh vegetables, a reflection of weather damage to crops earlier in the year. Prices of tomatoes, lettuce, carrots, green peppers, and celery were substantially higher. An early maturing Florida crop caused cucumber prices to drop. Strong demand for replacement of inventories brought a rise of 1.5 percent for processed fruits and vegetables. Fresh fruit prices dropped 2-1/2 percent with particularly significant decreases for grapefruit, bananas, and grapes. Meat, poultry, and fish prices fell almost 1 percent, as pork and chicken decreased seasonally, reflecting higher rates of production, seasonal marketings, and large cold storage holdings.

Beef and veal prices failed to display their usual seasonal decline, and consumer demand kept retail prices firm despite heavy supplies and lower wholesale prices. Retail fish prices were generally steady although at a relatively high level as supplies remained low. Egg prices were sharply lower as production remained high. Cold storage holdings of eggs were about 5 times greater than year-ago levels and about 50 percent above average for this month.

Over the year, retail prices of food and beverages at home decreased 0.1 percent as a 0.4 percent drop for food was partially counterbalanced by a 2.7 percent increase for alcoholic beverages at home. Prices of pork, poultry and eggs were significantly lower than a year earlier, a reflection of large supplies, while beef and veal and processed fruits and vegetables were markedly higher than a year ago.

Services

The cost of consumer services rose 0.4 percent in November, a slightly higher rate than the 0.3 percent average since the beginning of the year. In the first 11 months of 1966, services advanced 4.5 percent. The increases in November were particularly large for medical care services, public transportation and recreational services. Rents were up 0.2 percent, mortgage interest charges continued the slow but steady upturn that has been evident since August following a two percent decline between December 1966 and July 1967, and property taxes moved slightly higher.

Medical care services were up 0.5 percent, led by a 1.6 percent rise in hospital services, the result of constantly rising costs for new equipment and more and higher paid personnel, and a 0.4 percent increase in the cost of professional services as doctors' and dentists' fees maintained their steady rise.

An increase in local transit fares in Chicago was the most important factor in the 1.2 percent rise in public transportation costs. Recreational service charges crept upward reflecting higher movie admission fees and seasonally higher bowling rates, as well as persistent increases in the costs of film developing.

Among utilities, a decline of about 0.5 percent in overall telephone charges mirrored the effect of nationwide decreases in long distance telephone rates which took place in November and served to moderate a sharp increase in water and sewer charges and a small advance in average prices for gas and electricity.

Durable goods

So far this year durable goods prices have advanced by 2.8 percent, compared with a rise of 1.1 percent in the same period of 1966. Although almost one-third of the 1967 rise came in October, there were increases in every month except January, while in 1966

prices either declined or were unchanged in 4 of the first 11 months. New car prices rose less than is customary for November (0.3 percent) and were 2.1 percent higher than a year ago, the effect of higher prices for 1968 models and slightly lower concessions. Used car prices were down slightly due primarily to reductions for late models. Appliance prices averaged 0.9 percent higher than last November but were unchanged this month as higher prices for 1968 models were offset by close-out sales of old model merchandise. Furniture and floor covering prices rose again as manufacturers' price increases were largely passed on to consumers.

Cost-of-living adjustments

More than 215,000 workers will receive cost-of-living escalator increases as a result of the November Consumer Price Index. Over half of these (110,000), mostly in aerospace industries, will receive 2 cents an hour based on the change in the index since August. About 85,000 meatpacking workers will receive a 6-cent increase based on the change in the index in the past 6 months. For workers in other industries, increases will range from 1 to 5 cents an hour based on quarterly or semi-annual changes in the index.

TABLE 1: Consumer Price Index--United States City Average
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers
Major group, subgroup, and special group indexes, November 1967
and percent changes from selected dates

Group	Indexes (1957-59=100)					Percent change to November 1967 from --				
	November 1967		October 1967		November 1966	October 1967		August 1967		November 1966
	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	unadjusted	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	unadjusted
All items -----	117.8	-----	117.5	-----	114.6	0.3	-----	0.8	-----	2.8
Food -----	115.6	116.1	115.7	115.8	114.8	-.1	0.3	-.9	0.3	.7
Food at home -----	112.3	112.9	112.6	112.7	112.8	-.3	.2	-1.4	0	-.4
Cereals and bakery products -----	118.4	-----	118.2	-----	118.6	.2	-----	0	-----	.2
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	111.4	111.3	112.3	111.2	111.8	-.8	-.1	-1.5	-.7	-.4
Dairy products -----	117.8	117.0	117.9	117.3	116.7	-.1	-.3	1.0	.3	.9
Fruits and vegetables -----	116.7	121.1	115.3	120.5	114.9	1.2	.5	-4.9	.4	1.6
Other foods at home -----	101.5	100.9	102.3	101.1	104.8	-.8	-.2	-1.1	-1.6	-3.1
Food away from home -----	132.0	-----	131.4	-----	125.7	.5	-----	1.3	-----	5.0
Housing -----	115.5	-----	115.3	-----	112.6	.2	-----	.7	-----	2.6
Shelter 1/ -----	119.4	-----	119.0	-----	115.8	.3	-----	.8	-----	3.1
Rent -----	113.2	-----	113.0	-----	111.2	.2	-----	.5	-----	1.8
Homeownership 2/ -----	121.9	-----	121.5	-----	117.8	.3	-----	.9	-----	3.5
Fuel and utilities 3/ -----	109.3	109.1	109.4	109.4	108.3	-.1	-.3	.2	-.4	.9
Fuel oil and coal 4/ -----	112.7	112.1	112.5	112.8	108.9	.2	-.6	.9	-1.6	3.5
Gas and electricity -----	109.0	-----	108.9	-----	108.1	.1	-----	.5	-----	.8
Household furnishings and operation -	109.3	-----	109.1	-----	106.5	.2	-----	.9	-----	2.6
Apparel and upkeep 5/ -----	116.6	115.9	116.0	115.4	112.0	.5	.4	2.5	1.4	4.1
Men's and boys' -----	116.6	115.7	116.1	115.6	112.4	.4	.1	1.8	.6	3.7
Women's and girls' -----	113.5	112.3	112.7	111.5	107.8	.7	.7	4.3	2.5	5.3
Footwear -----	127.6	127.2	127.1	126.8	122.8	.4	.3	1.3	.7	3.9
Transportation -----	118.3	117.8	117.7	117.3	114.5	.5	.4	1.6	1.3	3.3
Private -----	116.2	115.6	115.7	115.4	112.6	.4	.2	1.6	1.1	3.2
Public -----	134.6	-----	133.0	-----	129.6	1.2	-----	1.4	-----	3.9
Health and recreation -----	126.2	-----	125.5	-----	120.8	.6	-----	1.6	-----	4.5
Medical care -----	139.7	-----	139.0	-----	131.3	.5	-----	1.6	-----	6.4
Personal care -----	116.9	-----	116.5	-----	113.4	.3	-----	.7	-----	3.1
Reading and recreation -----	122.0	-----	121.4	-----	118.3	.5	-----	1.7	-----	3.1
Other goods and services 6/ -----	121.0	-----	120.3	-----	116.0	.6	-----	1.9	-----	4.3
Special groups:										
All items less shelter -----	117.5	-----	117.1	-----	114.4	.3	-----	.9	-----	2.7
All items less food -----	118.7	-----	118.2	-----	114.8	.4	-----	1.4	-----	3.4
All items less medical care -----	116.5	-----	116.2	-----	113.6	.3	-----	.8	-----	2.6
Commodities 7/ -----	112.6	112.5	112.4	112.3	110.2	.2	.2	.6	.6	2.2
Nondurables -----	115.3	115.4	115.1	115.0	112.9	.2	.3	.4	.7	2.1
Durables 7/ 8/ -----	106.0	105.6	105.7	105.5	103.5	.3	.1	1.2	.7	2.4
Services 9/ -----	129.6	-----	129.1	-----	124.7	.4	-----	1.1	-----	3.9
Commodities less food 7/ -----	111.1	110.7	110.6	110.4	107.8	.5	.3	1.6	1.0	3.1
Nondurables less food -----	115.2	114.7	114.5	114.2	111.3	.6	.4	1.8	1.1	3.5
Apparel commodities -----	115.7	114.8	115.1	114.3	110.9	.5	.4	2.7	1.4	4.3
Apparel commodities less footwear -----	113.4	112.4	112.7	111.9	108.6	.6	.4	3.1	1.6	4.4
Nondurables less food and apparel -	114.8	-----	114.2	-----	111.5	.5	-----	1.2	-----	3.0
New cars -----	101.4	99.8	101.1	100.4	99.3	.3	-.6	4.6	1.6	2.1
Used cars -----	125.6	124.7	126.0	124.8	119.3	-.3	-.1	.3	1.1	5.3
Household durables 10/ -----	98.8	-----	98.7	-----	97.6	.1	-----	.6	-----	1.2
Housefurnishings -----	101.8	101.7	101.5	101.5	99.9	.3	.2	1.0	.6	1.9
Services less rent 9/ -----	133.2	-----	132.7	-----	127.7	.4	-----	1.1	-----	4.3
Household services less rent -----	128.6	-----	128.4	-----	124.2	.2	-----	.9	-----	3.5
Transportation services -----	130.0	-----	129.2	-----	126.1	.6	-----	.9	-----	3.1
Medical care services -----	149.6	-----	148.7	-----	138.6	.6	-----	2.0	-----	7.9
Other services 11/ -----	133.9	-----	133.1	-----	128.5	.6	-----	1.5	-----	4.2
All items index on other bases:										
1947-49=100 -----	144.5	-----	144.2	-----	140.6	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
1939=100 -----	243.3	-----	242.6	-----	236.7	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:										
1957-59=\$1.00 -----	\$0.849	-----	\$0.851	-----	\$0.873	-.2	-----	-.7	-----	-2.7
1947-49=\$1.00 -----	.692	-----	.693	-----	.711	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
1939=\$1.00 -----	.411	-----	.412	-----	.422	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

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 1967	November 1966
		November 1967			August 1967	November 1966
U.S. City Average -----	M	117.8	144.5		0.8	2.8
Chicago -----	M	115.5	145.6		.9	3.2
Detroit -----	M	116.0	143.0		.6	2.9
Los Angeles-Long Beach -	M	120.0	149.6		1.4	3.2
New York -----	M	120.3	145.0		.8	2.2
Philadelphia -----	M	118.6	145.6		1.0	3.1
		October 1967			July 1967	October 1966
Boston -----	1	120.8	149.7		0.8	1.9
Houston -----	1	115.6	142.4		1.1	2.8
Minneapolis-St. Paul ---	1	118.4	146.5		2.4	4.4
Pittsburgh -----	1	115.5	142.3		.4	1.2
		November 1967			August 1967	November 1966
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100) -	2	-----	-----	111.2	0.7	3.0
Cleveland -----	2	114.7	142.5		1.3	3.4
Dallas (Nov.1963=100) --	2	-----	-----	109.1	.2	2.4
Milwaukee -----	2	114.5	144.4		.8	2.6
San Diego (Feb.1965=100)	2	-----	-----	106.5	.6	2.9
Seattle -----	2	119.2	149.8		.8	3.1
Washington -----	2	117.8	141.8		.4	2.8
		September 1967			June 1967	September 1966
Atlanta -----	3	115.6	143.1		0.7	2.5
Baltimore -----	3	117.6	145.9		1.6	2.9
Cincinnati -----	3	114.7	139.6		1.4	2.7
Honolulu (Dec.1963=100)	3	-----	-----	108.7	.7	2.9
Kansas City -----	3	120.1	148.6		2.3	2.6
St. Louis -----	3	117.7	146.1		1.0	2.6
San Francisco-Oakland --	3	120.4	152.8		1.7	3.4

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 October 1967 to November 1967

Group	U.S. City Average	Chicago	Detroit	Los Angeles-Long Beach	New York	Philadelphia
All items -----	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.9	0.1	0.3
Food -----	.1	.3	0	.4	.1	.2
Housing -----	.2	.2	.5	.5	.2	.1
Apparel and upkeep -----	.5	.3	0	.4	.1	.1
Transportation -----	.5	2.7	1.1	3.5	.2	.6
Health and recreation -----	.6	.4	.1	.2	.5	1.1
Medical care -----	.5	.3	1.3	.4	.1	.1
Personal care -----	.3	.3	.3	.7	.4	.1
Reading and recreation -----	.5	.8	1.6	.4	1.3	.2
Other goods and services ---	.6	.3	.4	.2	.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
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
1967: Nov.	117.8	115.6	115.5	116.6	118.3	126.2	139.7	116.9	122.0	121.0
Oct.	117.5	115.7	115.3	116.0	117.7	125.5	139.0	116.5	121.4	120.3
Sept.	117.1	115.9	115.0	115.1	116.8	124.9	138.5	116.4	120.5	119.7
Aug.	116.9	116.6	114.7	113.8	116.4	124.2	137.5	116.1	120.0	118.8
July	116.5	116.0	114.3	113.7	116.2	123.6	136.9	115.5	119.8	117.8
June	116.0	115.1	114.1	113.9	115.7	123.2	136.3	115.3	119.7	116.9
May	115.6	113.9	113.9	113.8	115.5	122.8	135.7	115.0	119.6	116.7
Apr.	115.3	113.7	113.6	113.0	115.1	122.6	135.1	114.9	119.4	116.6
Mar.	115.0	114.2	113.3	112.6	114.2	122.2	134.6	114.4	118.9	116.4
Feb.	114.8	114.2	113.3	111.9	113.8	121.8	133.6	114.1	118.6	116.3
Jan.	114.7	114.7	113.1	111.3	113.4	121.4	132.9	113.8	118.5	116.2
1966: Dec.	114.7	114.8	113.0	112.3	113.8	121.0	131.9	113.7	118.4	115.9
Nov.	114.6	114.8	112.6	112.0	114.5	120.8	131.3	113.4	118.3	116.0
Annual Average: 1966	113.1	114.2	111.1	109.6	112.7	119.0	127.7	112.2	117.1	114.9
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
1956	94.7	94.7	95.5	97.8	91.3	93.6	91.8	93.7	93.4	95.8

TABLE 5: Consumer Price Index--United States and Selected Areas 1/
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Commodity Groups
November 1967 indexes and percent changes from August 1967

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 -----	117.8	111.2	115.5	114.7	109.1	116.0	120.0
Food -----	115.6	109.9	116.4	112.5	110.0	114.7	115.7
Food at home -----	112.3	108.4	114.8	110.0	108.3	112.0	110.5
Cereals and bakery products -----	118.4	103.8	119.3	112.6	107.5	112.3	119.6
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	111.4	109.7	112.8	112.3	111.5	115.2	103.5
Dairy products -----	117.8	110.8	129.8	116.4	118.9	122.8	118.3
Fruits and vegetables -----	116.7	110.5	116.7	115.4	106.8	108.1	127.6
Other foods at home -----	101.5	105.8	101.9	97.0	100.6	101.7	94.5
Food away from home -----	132.0	119.1	124.0	127.0	116.2	129.7	134.6
Housing -----	115.5	109.4	111.9	109.1	107.4	110.2	121.2
Shelter -----	119.4	109.8	113.5	108.2	111.0	112.4	127.9
Rent -----	113.2	104.9	109.2	103.4	102.1	-----	113.2
Homeownership -----	121.9	110.7	115.7	109.0	115.3	114.7	132.9
Fuel and utilities -----	109.3	109.2	107.1	115.4	98.3	102.5	104.7
Fuel oil and coal -----	112.7	104.6	106.9	-----	-----	105.0	-----
Gas and electricity -----	109.0	110.8	107.8	116.4	98.3	104.5	110.6
Household furnishings and operation -----	109.3	108.4	110.6	106.8	104.9	106.0	108.9
Apparel and upkeep -----	116.6	115.3	112.6	114.8	107.4	114.7	116.6
Men's and boys' -----	116.6	114.0	110.6	120.6	109.6	112.4	119.7
Women's and girls' -----	113.5	115.9	109.1	106.7	106.8	113.8	116.4
Footwear -----	127.6	121.2	124.0	129.8	106.2	126.1	123.2
Transportation -----	118.3	110.2	116.8	119.6	106.5	116.1	125.6
Private -----	116.2	110.6	115.8	116.1	106.5	114.5	121.1
Public -----	134.6	106.5	123.5	141.6	107.4	119.8	152.8
Health and recreation -----	126.2	114.4	121.8	125.9	113.7	128.3	120.7
Medical care -----	139.7	119.0	148.5	146.6	119.5	148.9	136.9
Personal care -----	116.9	110.7	116.5	115.0	108.2	124.0	111.7
Reading and recreation -----	122.0	111.5	106.8	114.6	111.0	117.6	109.1
Other goods and services -----	121.0	114.7	113.7	124.5	111.9	118.7	117.5
Percent changes August 1967 to November 1967							
All items -----	0.8	0.7	0.9	1.3	0.2	0.6	1.4
Food -----	-.9	-1.3	-1.1	-.4	-.7	-1.4	1.0
Food at home -----	-1.4	-1.6	-1.8	-.7	-1.2	-1.8	.9
Cereals and bakery products -----	0	-.8	-2.2	2.6	.7	-.1	.5
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	-1.5	-2.1	-3.2	-.4	-.9	-.9	.1
Dairy products -----	1.0	.4	2.6	.3	1.9	1.7	1.6
Fruits and vegetables -----	-4.9	-5.3	-5.0	-2.7	-3.8	-8.9	3.2
Other foods at home -----	-1.1	-.2	-.1	-2.4	-2.1	-.8	0
Food away from home -----	1.3	1.0	1.7	1.3	.7	.6	1.3
Housing -----	.7	.6	.4	.5	.6	.6	1.1
Shelter -----	.8	1.0	0	.2	.9	1.0	1.1
Rent -----	.5	.6	<u>2/</u> .2	.5	.6	-----	<u>2/</u> .2
Homeownership -----	.9	1.2	-.2	.2	1.1	1.0	1.5
Fuel and utilities -----	.2	-.6	0	.2	-.1	-.5	0
Fuel oil and coal -----	.9	1.5	.7	-----	-----	-.4	-----
Gas and electricity -----	.5	-2.7	.4	0	.4	-.4	0
Household furnishings and operation -----	.9	.5	1.5	1.7	.2	.5	1.3
Apparel and upkeep -----	2.5	1.9	2.8	3.6	.3	2.0	1.7
Men's and boys' -----	1.8	4.3	2.3	4.0	.8	2.9	2.4
Women's and girls' -----	4.3	1.5	4.4	4.6	.2	2.1	2.4
Footwear -----	1.3	1.2	1.0	2.2	0	1.9	.9
Transportation -----	1.6	1.6	3.7	2.7	-.8	1.8	3.3
Private -----	1.6	1.7	2.3	3.2	-.9	1.8	3.4
Public -----	1.4	.1	12.9	.5	0	.2	.2
Health and recreation -----	1.6	2.0	1.4	3.0	1.2	.9	1.0
Medical care -----	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.1	1.9	3.2	1.1
Personal care -----	.7	.5	1.1	1.5	.7	.4	.4
Reading and recreation -----	1.7	4.7	1.9	1.0	.6	-1.3	1.0
Other goods and services -----	1.9	0	1.0	8.4	.7	.8	1.3

See footnotes at end of table.

TABLE 5: Consumer Price Index--United States and Selected Areas 1/
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Commodity Groups
November 1967 indexes and percent changes from August 1967--Continued

Group	Milwaukee	New York	Philadelphia	San Diego (Feb.1965=100)	Seattle	Washington
Indexes (1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)						
All items -----	114.5	120.3	118.6	106.5	119.2	117.8
Food -----	114.7	116.0	115.1	108.9	115.8	116.0
Food at home -----	112.7	110.9	111.2	107.3	111.7	111.8
Cereals and bakery products -----	109.4	118.0	114.6	107.9	110.6	(3/)
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	112.1	111.0	108.2	113.5	112.5	110.3
Dairy products -----	125.1	108.6	123.6	106.1	123.4	119.5
Fruits and vegetables -----	116.2	117.4	116.6	105.4	116.6	110.8
Other foods at home -----	103.3	100.4	98.6	100.3	99.4	107.0
Food away from home -----	126.4	137.8	135.7	113.4	133.1	132.3
Housing -----	111.2	118.8	115.9	105.5	119.5	114.4
Shelter -----	111.6	122.1	118.6	108.3	127.4	117.1
Rent -----	106.0	-----	113.7	103.5	119.0	117.9
Homeownership -----	113.6	120.7	119.9	110.2	129.5	115.3
Fuel and utilities -----	111.0	109.7	108.1	97.4	112.2	103.7
Fuel oil and coal -----	116.6	117.5	118.2	-----	108.1	112.8
Gas and electricity -----	101.9	110.8	101.8	100.0	97.9	102.2
Household furnishings and operation -----	110.3	114.8	111.3	102.7	107.5	112.2
Apparel and upkeep -----	112.9	121.2	123.1	104.1	117.5	120.2
Men's and boys' -----	113.9	121.9	117.6	109.5	119.7	118.0
Women's and girls' -----	110.6	117.8	119.3	99.3	117.4	118.2
Footwear -----	122.6	129.0	131.8	112.5	130.3	131.2
Transportation -----	116.0	118.9	124.2	104.7	119.9	117.0
Private -----	115.2	118.2	119.7	104.8	119.2	115.1
Public -----	127.9	124.7	144.6	102.8	127.6	128.2
Health and recreation -----	120.5	130.7	125.7	108.6	122.4	127.2
Medical care -----	135.6	141.0	144.6	115.7	134.4	155.9
Personal care -----	121.6	113.8	111.6	99.9	116.2	114.6
Reading and recreation -----	116.0	133.2	116.1	103.9	113.8	121.7
Other goods and services -----	112.7	126.7	(3/)	111.7	123.4	113.8
Percent changes August 1967 to November 1967						
All items -----	0.8	0.8	1.0	0.6	0.8	0.4
Food -----	- 1.5	- 1.0	- .7	- .2	.5	- 1.7
Food at home -----	- 2.1	- 1.6	- 1.1	- .6	.4	- 2.7
Cereals and bakery products -----	- 1.1	.9	.9	1.1	- .5	(3/)
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	- 4.2	- 1.2	- .2	- 1.3	0	- 3.6
Dairy products -----	3.7	.5	.2	.1	2.7	- .4
Fruits and vegetables -----	- 5.2	- 5.9	- 4.6	- .5	- .1	- 8.7
Other foods at home -----	- 1.7	- 1.9	- 1.8	- 1.3	0	.3
Food away from home -----	.8	.7	.7	1.0	.6	1.0
Housing -----	.8	.9	.7	.5	.8	.3
Shelter -----	1.1	1.2	.2	.7	1.2	.6
Rent -----	.5	-----	2/ .1	.9	1.3	.5
Homeownership -----	1.3	2.0	.1	.5	1.3	.6
Fuel and utilities -----	0	- .1	- .4	- .4	.5	- 1.1
Fuel oil and coal -----	0	.5	0	-----	1.7	.4
Gas and electricity -----	0	.1	0	0	0	- 1.5
Household furnishings and operation -----	.5	.5	2.4	.4	.1	.4
Apparel and upkeep -----	1.4	3.1	2.9	2.6	1.4	2.6
Men's and boys' -----	1.6	1.2	3.7	2.9	1.2	.9
Women's and girls' -----	2.6	5.7	3.9	4.4	1.9	5.3
Footwear -----	- .6	1.0	1.0	.7	1.5	2.2
Transportation -----	2.7	.9	1.4	- .6	.4	1.0
Private -----	2.9	1.2	1.5	- .6	.6	1.2
Public -----	.4	0	.6	- 1.9	0	0
Health and recreation -----	1.7	1.2	2.6	1.6	1.2	1.4
Medical care -----	2.8	.7	2.5	.9	1.6	3.3
Personal care -----	.2	.6	.8	- .3	1.4	.1
Reading and recreation -----	2.5	2.9	1.0	2.1	1.3	.6
Other goods and services -----	.4	.2	(3/)	2.8	.3	.4

1/ See footnote 1, table 2.

2/ Change from September 1967.

3/ Not available.

TABLE 6: Consumer Price Index--United States and Selected Areas
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Food and its Subgroups
November 1967 indexes and percent changes from October 1967

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	112.3	118.4	111.4	117.8	116.7	101.5	132.0
Atlanta -----	114.1	111.4	113.3	111.6	112.9	115.7	106.0	123.8
Baltimore -----	116.7	112.0	121.9	110.5	114.5	119.9	100.7	136.9
Boston -----	119.7	115.1	121.3	117.2	113.3	120.4	103.7	140.1
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100) -	109.9	108.4	103.8	109.7	110.8	110.5	105.8	119.1
Chicago -----	116.4	114.8	119.3	112.8	129.8	116.7	101.9	124.0
Cincinnati -----	112.0	108.3	111.5	111.0	112.4	113.9	96.2	130.8
Cleveland -----	112.5	110.0	112.6	112.3	116.4	115.4	97.0	127.0
Dallas (Nov.1963=100) --	110.0	108.3	107.5	111.5	118.9	106.8	100.6	116.2
Detroit -----	114.7	112.0	112.3	115.2	122.8	108.1	101.7	129.7
Honolulu (Dec.1963=100)	111.1	111.4	112.3	112.0	109.1	118.3	104.8	110.4
Houston -----	115.9	112.3	125.2	105.2	119.0	122.4	102.0	132.0
Kansas City -----	118.9	116.2	122.5	114.9	126.5	117.9	105.1	128.4
Los Angeles-Long Beach -	115.7	110.5	119.6	103.5	118.3	127.6	94.5	134.6
Milwaukee -----	114.7	112.7	109.4	112.1	125.1	116.2	103.3	126.4
Minneapolis-St. Paul ---	113.5	110.3	107.3	109.4	120.0	115.4	102.6	128.2
New York -----	116.0	110.9	118.0	111.0	108.6	117.4	100.4	137.8
Philadelphia -----	115.1	111.2	114.6	108.2	123.6	116.6	98.6	135.7
Pittsburgh -----	111.7	109.6	114.8	114.2	109.2	111.3	99.1	125.5
St. Louis -----	119.2	116.0	119.9	115.9	130.7	117.8	103.0	131.4
San Diego (Feb.1965=100)	108.9	107.3	107.9	113.5	106.1	105.4	100.3	113.4
San Francisco-Oakland --	115.1	110.3	117.6	107.8	114.2	121.3	96.8	136.2
Seattle -----	115.8	111.7	110.6	112.5	123.4	116.6	99.4	133.1
Washington -----	116.0	111.8	(2/)	110.3	119.5	110.8	107.0	132.3
Percent changes October 1967 to November 1967								
U.S. City Average -----	- 0.1	- 0.3	0.2	- 0.8	- 0.1	1.2	- 0.8	0.5
Atlanta -----	- .8	- 1.0	.4	- 2.4	- .6	- 1.5	.1	- .2
Baltimore -----	- .8	- 1.1	- .5	- 1.3	0	- 2.8	- .8	.6
Boston -----	- .7	- .8	- 1.1	- .7	0	- .9	- 1.4	.2
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100) -	0	- .1	.1	- 1.2	.7	1.5	- .6	.6
Chicago -----	- .3	- .5	- 1.2	- 1.7	0	1.9	- .5	.7
Cincinnati -----	- .2	- .3	- .6	- .8	- .2	1.3	- .6	0
Cleveland -----	.4	.4	1.5	- .4	- .2	2.9	- .7	.1
Dallas (Nov.1963=100) --	- .2	- .4	.5	- .8	- 1.0	1.6	- 1.0	.2
Detroit -----	0	- .1	- 1.2	- .9	0	1.5	.8	.5
Honolulu (Dec.1963=100)	0	0	.1	- .9	- 1.7	3.6	- .8	0
Houston -----	- .2	- .2	.3	- 1.8	0	1.2	.3	.3
Kansas City -----	.3	- .1	0	- .1	.2	1.1	- .8	.9
Los Angeles-Long Beach -	.4	.5	.3	- .6	0	5.7	- 1.6	.6
Milwaukee -----	- .4	- .7	0	- 1.8	- .3	1.5	- 1.1	(2/)
Minneapolis-St. Paul ---	.1	- .1	1.6	- .7	- .4	1.1	- 1.1	.9
New York -----	- .1	- .2	1.5	- 1.0	.1	.2	- .5	.3
Philadelphia -----	- .2	- .3	0	.9	- .2	- 1.9	- 1.3	.2
Pittsburgh -----	- .1	- .1	- 1.4	- .2	- .3	2.0	- .8	.4
St. Louis -----	- .4	- .6	- .2	- 1.2	- .2	.3	- .8	.5
San Diego (Feb.1965=100)	.4	.2	- .3	- .8	- .1	5.5	- 1.6	(2/)
San Francisco-Oakland --	- .3	- .4	.1	- 1.6	0	2.9	- 1.8	.1
Seattle -----	.5	.5	- .9	- .9	2.1	5.0	- 1.1	.2
Washington -----	- .7	- 1.2	(2/)	- 2.0	- .4	- 2.4	- .4	.8

^{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
 November 1967 indexes and percent changes from selected dates
 (1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)

Item or Group	Index		Percent change to November 1967 from --		
	November 1967		October 1967		November 1966
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	unadjusted
Total food -----	115.6	116.1	- 0.1	0.3	0.7
Food away from home -----	132.0	-----	.5	-----	5.0
Restaurant meals -----	132.3	-----	.5	-----	4.8
Snacks <u>1/</u> -----	114.0	-----	.1	-----	5.4
Food at home -----	112.3	112.9	- .3	.2	- .4
Cereals and bakery products -----	118.4	-----	.2	-----	- .2
Flour -----	113.8	-----	0	-----	- 2.0
Cracker meal <u>1/</u> -----	116.8	-----	0	-----	.4
Corn flakes -----	129.0	-----	0	-----	3.3
Rice -----	108.9	-----	- .3	-----	1.3
Bread, white -----	123.4	-----	- .1	-----	- 1.8
Bread, whole wheat <u>1/</u> -----	114.1	-----	- .5	-----	0
Cookies -----	102.2	-----	.8	-----	- .1
Layer cake <u>1/</u> -----	105.5	-----	.3	-----	- .2
Cinnamon rolls <u>1/</u> -----	106.7	-----	1.1	-----	.4
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	111.4	111.3	- .8	.1	- .4
Meats -----	114.5	114.2	- 1.0	.3	0
Beef and veal -----	115.5	115.0	0	.8	3.7
Steak, round -----	111.7	110.9	.8	1.9	4.3
Steak, sirloin <u>2/</u> -----	109.7	-----	.8	-----	5.9
Steak, porterhouse <u>1/</u> -----	112.8	-----	- .3	-----	5.0
Rump roast <u>1/</u> -----	107.8	-----	.6	-----	3.6
Rib roast -----	122.2	122.6	- .7	.3	5.7
Chuck roast -----	108.9	107.9	- .4	.7	5.7
Hamburger -----	117.4	116.9	- .7	- .2	1.6
Beef liver <u>1/</u> -----	105.6	-----	0	-----	- 1.7
Veal cutlets -----	136.2	137.3	0	.5	6.3
Pork -----	113.3	113.2	- 2.8	- .3	- 4.9
Chops -----	115.8	115.7	- 3.3	- .5	- 3.2
Loin roast <u>2/</u> -----	122.9	-----	- 2.8	-----	- 4.4
Pork sausage <u>1/</u> -----	122.5	-----	- 2.5	-----	- 5.3
Ham, whole -----	110.0	109.3	- 1.4	- .8	- 2.0
Picnics <u>1/</u> -----	114.5	-----	- 2.7	-----	- 8.1
Bacon -----	113.9	115.9	- 3.3	1.7	- 6.6
Other meats -----	118.2	117.8	- .3	- .4	- .6
Lamb chops <u>1/</u> -----	124.0	-----	- .3	-----	4.9
Frankfurters -----	116.6	115.7	- 1.3	- 1.4	- 2.3
Ham, canned <u>1/</u> -----	116.5	-----	0	-----	- 2.0
Bologna sausage <u>1/</u> -----	117.9	-----	.7	-----	- .1
Salami sausage <u>1/</u> -----	113.5	-----	.7	-----	- .5
Liverwurst <u>1/</u> -----	114.8	-----	- .9	-----	- 3.3
Poultry -----	86.7	-----	- .8	-----	- 3.5
Frying chicken -----	86.0	87.8	- .8	0	- 3.0
Chicken breasts <u>1/</u> -----	99.6	-----	- .3	-----	- 1.2
Turkey <u>1/</u> -----	99.3	-----	- 1.2	-----	- 7.6
Fish -----	121.1	121.3	.1	- .2	0
Shrimp, frozen <u>1/</u> -----	106.3	-----	- 1.1	-----	- 2.0
Fish, fresh or frozen -----	124.2	124.1	.1	- .3	- .8
Tuna fish, canned -----	109.5	-----	- .4	-----	- 3.6
Sardines, canned <u>1/</u> -----	116.5	-----	1.5	-----	6.2
Dairy products -----	117.8	117.0	- .1	- .3	.9
Milk, fresh, grocery -----	115.5	114.5	0	.1	1.3
Milk, fresh, delivered -----	119.9	-----	.3	-----	3.0
Milk, fresh, skim <u>1/</u> -----	114.3	-----	- .1	-----	3.0
Milk, evaporated -----	117.3	-----	- .2	-----	.9
Ice cream -----	97.9	-----	- .3	-----	- 2.2
Cheese, American process -----	136.0	135.6	- .1	- .7	- 2.2
Butter -----	116.3	115.6	- .2	- .1	- 1.4

See footnotes at end of table.

TABLE 7: Consumer Price Index--United States City Average
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Food Items
November 1967 indexes and percent changes from selected dates--Continued
(1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)

Item or Group	Index		Percent change to November 1967 from --		November 1966 unadjusted
	November 1967		October 1967		
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	
Fruits and vegetables -----	116.7	121.1	1.2	0.5	1.6
Fresh fruits and vegetables -----	120.3	127.7	.9	-.2	.3
Apples -----	126.3	155.9	.2	3.2	11.0
Bananas -----	92.6	96.3	- 9.4	- 1.9	9.1
Oranges -----	128.5	118.9	- 5.9	- 2.5	- 7.5
Orange juice, fresh 1/ -----	75.3	-----	2.3	-----	- 12.0
Grapefruit -----	136.5	151.5	- 11.8	13.0	5.1
Grapes * -----	131.1	135.2	17.7	7.4	3.2
Strawberries * -----	*	*	*	*	*
Watermelon * -----	*	*	*	*	*
Potatoes -----	122.7	136.9	- .2	.2	- 3.8
Onions -----	123.9	135.1	- .6	2.9	- 2.9
Asparagus * 1/ -----	*	*	*	*	*
Cabbage -----	115.5	132.8	- .6	-.6	- 21.3
Carrots -----	124.9	128.6	10.3	10.4	22.7
Celery -----	119.7	124.6	6.7	5.1	19.9
Cucumbers 1/ -----	112.7	-----	- 12.1	-----	2.0
Lettuce -----	131.2	118.6	9.7	.2	- 7.0
Peppers, green 1/ -----	136.0	-----	7.1	-----	- 2.6
Spinach 1/ -----	98.1	-----	0	-----	.9
Tomatoes -----	107.2	117.7	19.9	-.2	- 1.7
Processed fruits and vegetables -----	112.6	-----	1.5	-----	3.5
Fruit cocktail, canned -----	106.3	-----	1.6	-----	8.6
Pears, canned 1/ -----	110.6	-----	5.9	-----	14.7
Grapefruit-pineapple juice, canned 1/ --	95.7	-----	.3	-----	-.9
Orange juice concentrate, frozen -----	74.3	73.7	2.5	1.7	- 19.7
Lemonade concentrate, frozen 2/ -----	89.4	-----	1.5	-----	.1
Beets, canned 1/ -----	109.0	-----	.5	-----	5.8
Peas, green, canned -----	122.6	-----	.5	-----	2.8
Tomatoes, canned -----	129.1	-----	1.3	-----	12.2
Dried beans -----	119.2	-----	2.6	-----	.3
Broccoli, frozen 1/ -----	99.4	-----	- .9	-----	2.2
Other food at home -----	101.5	100.9	- .8	-.2	- 3.1
Eggs -----	83.7	79.6	- 6.9	- 3.4	- 22.4
Fats and oils:					
Margarine -----	103.8	-----	-.4	-----	- 3.1
Salad dressing, Italian 1/ -----	102.5	-----	.4	-----	.5
Salad or cooking oil 1/ -----	122.7	-----	-.2	-----	- 2.3
Sugar and sweets -----	115.9	-----	.3	-----	2.8
Sugar -----	113.4	-----	.4	-----	1.8
Grape jelly -----	117.2	-----	.2	-----	.5
Chocolate bar -----	105.6	-----	0	-----	7.8
Syrup, chocolate flavored 1/ -----	101.2	-----	.6	-----	1.7
Nonalcoholic beverages -----	99.2	-----	.4	-----	-.3
Coffee, can and bag -----	87.5	-----	.6	-----	- 4.1
Coffee, instant 3/ -----	96.3	-----	0	-----	.2
Tea -----	101.0	-----	0	-----	-.6
Cola drink -----	140.4	-----	.3	-----	6.4
Carbonated fruit drink 1/ -----	109.7	-----	.5	-----	3.4
Prepared and partially prepared foods 1/	101.8	-----	.4	-----	1.9
Bean soup, canned 1/ -----	100.5	-----	-.2	-----	3.4
Chicken soup, canned 1/ -----	96.3	-----	.1	-----	-.8
Spaghetti, canned 1/ -----	111.0	-----	.1	-----	3.5
Mashed potatoes, instant 1/ -----	102.0	-----	.7	-----	-.1
Potatoes, french fried, frozen 2/ -----	84.8	-----	.5	-----	-.4
Baby foods, canned -----	107.3	-----	-.1	-----	1.4
Sweet pickle relish 1/ -----	108.3	-----	1.3	-----	2.5
Pretzels 1/ -----	104.9	-----	.3	-----	5.1

1/ December 1963=100.

2/ April 1960=100.

3/ July 1961=100.

* Priced only in season.

TABLE 8: Consumer Price Index--Scranton
All items and commodity groups
 November 1967 indexes and percent changes from selected dates
 (1957-59=100)

Group	Index	Percent change from --	
		August 1967	November 1966
All items -----	119.6	0.8	2.9
All items (1947-49=100) -----	142.7	----	----
Food -----	114.7	- 1.1	1.3
Food at home -----	111.8	- 1.8	.8
Cereals and bakery products --	119.7	- .2	- .1
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	115.7	- 2.3	1.0
Dairy products -----	112.0	- .2	1.4
Fruits and vegetables -----	109.5	- 4.2	4.7
Other foods at home -----	102.3	- 1.0	- 2.4
Housing -----	113.7	1.0	3.3
Rent -----	113.0	.4	1.3
Gas and electricity -----	104.8	0	0
Solid and petroleum fuels -----	106.7	5.0	3.0
Housefurnishings -----	102.3	1.9	2.1
Household operation -----	117.4	- 1.1	.8
Apparel -----	118.3	1.9	3.4
Men's and boys' -----	119.5	.2	4.5
Women's and girls' -----	116.5	3.4	3.7
Footwear -----	126.3	1.2	1.1
Other apparel -----	104.7	1.2	1.5
Transportation -----	114.6	1.1	3.3
Private -----	111.6	1.3	2.8
Public -----	133.3	0	6.4
Medical care -----	145.5	.3	4.4
Personal care -----	130.2	.6	5.8
Reading and recreation -----	163.3	.5	1.8
Other goods and services -----	124.1	6.2	7.2

Table 9: Percent Change in Prices for Selected Groups in the Consumer Price Index and the Wholesale Price Index
(Seasonally adjusted except where indicated)

	Oct. to Nov. 1967		Aug. to Nov. 1967		May to Aug. 1967		Feb. to May 1967		Nov. 1966 to Feb. 1967		Nov. 1966 to Nov. 1967	
	CPI	WPI	CPI	WPI	CPI	WPI	CPI	WPI	CPI	WPI	CPI*	WPI*
*ALL ITEMS -----	0.3	0.1	0.8	0.1	1.1	0.3	0.7	-0.2	0.2	0.1	2.8	0.3
CONSUMER PRODUCTS -----												
<u>Nondurable</u> -----	.3	.2	.7	-.3	.9	.7	.5	.4	-.4	-.6	1.7	.2
Food and beverages at home -----	.2	.5	.1	-.8	1.3	.3	.2	.4	-1.6	-1.7	-.1	-1.9
Apparel and accessories -----	.4	.6	1.4	1.0	.4	.3	1.3	.2	1.2	.7	4.3	2.1
Household furnishings and supplies -----	0	-.1	-.2	.1	.7	.7	1.3	1.9	.2	1.1	2.0	3.8
Gasoline and motor oil -----	1.1	-1.5	1.5	-6.5	-1.1	1.0	1.5	.7	.9	1.2	2.8	-3.8
Other nondurables -----	.5	-.2	1.4	.1	1.4	1.6	-.2	.2	.4	.1	3.0	2.0
<u>Durable</u> -----	0	0	.9	1.3	.6	.5	.3	-.1	-.1	.2	1.7	1.9
New passenger cars -----	-.6	-.2	1.6	2.3	1.1	-.1	.2	0	-.8	-.2	2.1	1.9
Appliances -----	0	.3	.2	.6	.5	.1	-.5	-.6	-.5	.3	-.2	.5
Furniture and floor coverings -----	-.2	.5	1.1	1.4	.4	.3	.5	.1	.5	-.7	2.4	1.1
*Other durables -----	.3	.1	.9	.4	.3	1.7	-.6	.3	.3	.8	2.1	3.2
*CONSUMER SERVICES -----												
*Insurance and finance -----	.4	-	.9	-	.8	-	.3	-	1.4	-	3.6	-
*Rent -----	.2	-	.5	-	.4	-	.4	-	.4	-	1.8	-
*Utilities and public transportation -----	.2	-	.4	-	.5	-	.3	-	.1	-	1.3	-
*Housekeeping and home maintenance services -----	.4	-	1.6	-	1.2	-	1.6	-	1.3	-	5.9	-
*Medical care services -----	.6	-	2.0	-	1.6	-	2.0	-	2.2	-	7.9	-
*Personal care services -----	.5	-	1.0	-	1.3	-	.7	-	.9	-	3.9	-
*Other services -----	.6	-	1.5	-	.8	-	1.3	-	.8	-	4.4	-
WHOLESALE PRICES:												
<u>Type of Product:</u>												
Farm products -----	-	-.9	-	-2.0	-	-2.6	-	.7	-	-2.1	-	-6.0
Processed foods and feeds -----	-	-.2	-	-1.0	-	.5	-	.3	-	-1.3	-	-1.5
*Industrial commodities -----	-	.3	-	.8	-	.3	-	0	-	.5	-	1.5
<u>Industrial Materials and Equipment:</u>												
Chemicals and allied products -----	-	0	-	-.1	-	.4	-	.3	-	.4	-	.2
Rubber and rubber products -----	-	.2	-	1.1	-	2.3	-	-.2	-	1.1	-	4.3
Lumber and wood products -----	-	.3	-	2.3	-	1.8	-	-.5	-	0	-	3.6
Pulp, paper and allied products -----	-	.4	-	.6	-	.3	-	.4	-	.3	-	1.6
*Metals and metal products -----	-	.6	-	1.2	-	.3	-	-.6	-	.6	-	1.4
Machinery and equipment -----	-	.2	-	.5	-	.5	-	.3	-	.8	-	2.2
<u>Stage of Processing at Wholesale:</u>												
Finished goods -----	-	.3	-	.5	-	.4	-	.4	-	-.2	-	1.0
Consumer -----	-	.3	-	.2	-	.3	-	.5	-	-.5	-	.5
Producer -----	-	.2	-	1.3	-	.5	-	.4	-	.7	-	2.9
Intermediate materials, supplies and components -----	-	.1	-	.4	-	.2	-	-.1	-	.1	-	.6
Crude materials -----	-	-.8	-	-1.1	-	-2.4	-	.5	-	-1.6	-	-4.5

NOTE: The price changes shown for Consumer Products and components are for roughly comparable classes of finished consumer products from the CPI and WPI. A brief description of the classes of items contained in each group is included at the end of this report. Complete listings of inclusions in the CPI and WPI groupings will be furnished on request.

*Based on data unadjusted for seasonal variations.

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 average standard errors for monthly, quarterly, and annual percent changes in the CPI for all items and for nine commodity groupings. The figures may be interpreted as follows: the chances are about 95 out of 100 that the percent change in the published CPI differs from the corresponding "complete coverage" change by less than twice the standard error. For any of the time period categories--i.e., monthly, quarterly, or annual--the standard errors are more or less independent of the size of the percentage changes to which they relate, within the range that has occurred in recent periods. An annual updating of the error estimates is planned.

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 (twice the standard error). 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.

Average Standard Errors of Percent Changes
in the CPI

Component	Monthly Change	Quarterly Change	Annual Change
All items -----	.03	.05	.06
Food at home -----	.10	.13	.13
Food away from home -----	.05	.08	.16
Housing -----	.05	.08	.11
Apparel -----	.10	.16	.18
Transportation -----	.11	.21	.24
Medical care -----	.07	.11	.24
Personal care -----	.12	.19	.31
Reading and recreation -----	.12	.14	.27
Other -----	.10	.16	.32

^{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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	Consumer Price Index	Wholesale Price Index
ALL ITEMS -----	All commodities and services	All Commodities
<u>CONSUMER PRODUCTS</u> -----	All commodities except home purchase, used cars, food and beverages away from home, newspapers, magazines and books.	Nondurable and durable commodities ready for use by home consumers except a few individual consumer products included in WPI groupings of commodities purchased primarily by industrial firms.
<u>Nondurable</u> -----	All nondurable commodities except food and beverages away from home and newspapers, magazines and books.	A combination of indexes listed below. <u>1/</u>
Food and beverages at home -----	Food at home, alcoholic beverages at home.	Fresh and dried fruits and vegetables, nuts, and eggs from the farm products group; and the processed foods and feeds group, excluding crude vegetable oils and manufactured animal feeds.
Apparel and accessories -----	Apparel, footwear, and accessories. <u>2/</u>	Apparel and some fabrics and sewing materials, leather footwear, leather gloves, rubber footwear, watches and clocks, jewelry.
Household furnishings and supplies -----	Home maintenance nondurables, fuel oil and coal, textile housefurnishings, housekeeping supplies.	Textile housefurnishings, fuels for home use (except gas), soap and synthetic detergents, sanitary papers and health products, matches, pens and pencils, and prepared paints, and miscellaneous housekeeping supplies.
Gasoline and motor oil -----	Gasoline and motor oil.	Gasoline and automotive motor oil.
Other nondurables -----	Drugs and pharmaceuticals, toilet goods, recreational nondurables, tobacco products.	Pharmaceutical preparations, cosmetics and other toilet preparations, tobacco products, personal brushes, and recreational items such as toys, film, and playing cards.
<u>Durable</u> -----	All durable commodities except home purchase and used cars.	A combination of indexes listed below. <u>1/</u>
New passenger cars -----	New cars.	Passenger cars.
Appliances -----	Household appliances, radio and TV.	Home electronic equipment, room heaters, and household appliances, excluding electric lamps.
Furniture and floor coverings -----	Furniture and floor coverings.	Household furniture and floor coverings.
Other durables -----	Home maintenance durables, other housefurnishings, tires, recreational durables, except radio and TV.	Other durable commodities throughout the WPI which are used for home maintenance, including some household goods, tires and tubes, outboard motors, equipment for home workshops and home gardens, recreational items such as photographic equipment, sporting and athletic goods, musical instruments, and phonograph records, electric lamps, typewriters, luggage and small leather goods, and caskets and morticians goods.
<u>CONSUMER SERVICES</u> -----	All consumer services.	
Insurance and finance -----	Mortgage interest, taxes and insurance, automobile insurance and other auto expenses. <u>3/</u>	
Rent -----	Rent of home or apartment.	
Utilities and public transportation -----	Gas and electricity, telephone, water and sewer, public transportation.	
Housekeeping and home maintenance services --	Housekeeping and home maintenance services.	
Medical care services -----	Medical care except drugs and prescriptions.	
Personal care services -----	Personal care services.	
Other services -----	Hotels, apparel services, auto repairs and maintenance, recreational services, reading and educational services, personal expenses.	
<u>WHOLESALE PRICES</u>		
Type of product Farm Product Processed foods and feeds Industrial commodities Industrial materials and equipment		Same as the Wholesale Price Indexes for major groups.
Stage of Processing at wholesale Finished goods Consumer Producer Intermediate materials, supplies, and components Crude materials		The Wholesale Price Stage of Processing Indexes. The Consumer Finished Goods index differs from the Consumer Products index in weighting structure and is based on a larger sample of commodities.

1/ The classification by durable and nondurable commodities is based on CPI classification and is not necessarily the same as the WPI classification in the Indexes by Durability of Product

2/ Same as apparel commodities.

3/ Includes registration and license fees and parking fees.