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AND  
SELECTED AREAS



*for November 1969*

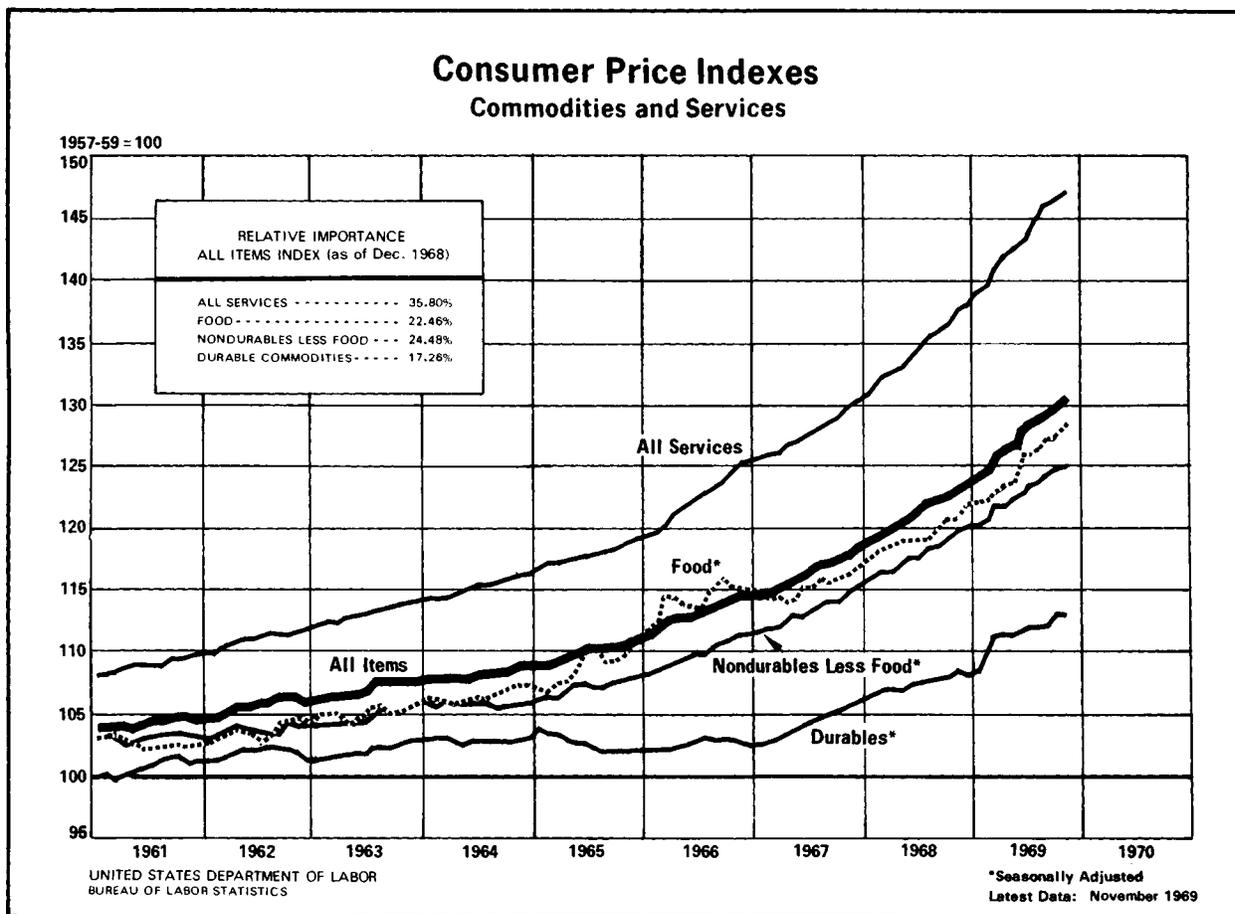
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a monthly report  
on consumer price movements  
including statistical tables  
and technical notes.



## CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR NOVEMBER 1969

The Consumer Price Index advanced rapidly in November (0.5 percent), to 130.5 (1957-59=100). The rise of 0.5 percent in charges for consumer services, led by increases for services associated with homeownership, was responsible for about 40 percent of the advance. Food prices rose contras~~e~~asonally, largely because of higher prices for fresh vegetables and eggs, and constituted about one-third of the overall increase. Movement of prices for nondurable goods other than food, was mixed. Significant increases for apparel and most other nondurables, particularly cigarettes and alcoholic beverages, were moderated by a relatively sharp drop in gasoline prices, resulting in an average advance of 0.2 percent, seasonally adjusted. Following last month's rise, prices of consumer durables declined slightly on a seasonally adjusted basis.

Nearly half of the 5.8 percent rise in retail prices since November 1968 was the result of higher prices for consumer services. Food prices were up 6.3 percent over the year and were responsible for about one-fourth of the increase. Price increases for meats and restaurant meals played large roles in the 12-month advance in food prices. Prices of other nondurable goods climbed 4.4 percent and made up about one-fifth of the rise; the remainder was attributable to a 3.8 percent increase in the price of consumer durable goods.

The rise in retail prices in the first 11 months in 1969 was significantly larger than in the similar 1968 period. With the exception of prices of nondurable goods other than food, which advanced at the same rate in both periods, prices of the major groups of goods and services have risen more this year than last. Food prices showed the greatest acceleration; they climbed 5.7 percent in the 1969 span compared with 3.7 percent in the 1968 interval. The sharp rise in meat prices in the second quarter of 1969 was in large part responsible for the faster pace. The rise in prices of durable goods also picked up significantly in 1969. Charges for consumer services showed a relatively moderate acceleration, as prices of household and transportation services moved up faster.

### Services

Charges for consumer services advanced in November at a pace slightly below this year's monthly average. The 0.5 percent increase was due largely to continued increases in prices of services associated with homeownership. Prices of medical care services posted a relatively moderate advance as physicians' fees rose more slowly for the second consecutive month. Transportation services costs were up appreciably, but by considerably less than in October. Charges for "other services" continued to advance at about the average rate shown in the first 10 months of the year.

Mortgage interest rates rose 0.4 percent for the second consecutive month. This pace contrasts sharply with the 1.1 percent average monthly rise in the January to September period. However, a further increase in prices of houses added to the amount of funds borrowed by purchasers. Residential property taxes and insurance both moved higher and were important factors in the rise for household services. Prices of residential gas were up sharply, reflecting in part the introduction of winter rates and higher utility taxes. Prices paid by homeowners for maintenance and repair services averaged 0.4 percent higher. The increase was the smallest since February and was well below the 1.1 percent average monthly rise recorded in the March through October period.

With the exception of October, when an annual adjustment to health insurance costs resulted in their downward movement, charges for medical care services registered their smallest monthly advance in more than a year. Increases for both physicians' fees and hospital daily service charges were smaller than they have been for some time.

Increased costs of automobile insurance and repairs were behind the rise in transportation services in November. Part of the sustained uptrend in automobile insurance prices stems from rising costs of medical care and auto repairs, both of which enter into the determination of the size of claim settlements.

Prices of consumer services have increased 7.1 percent since November 1968. Half of this rise resulted from an increase in household services, other than rent, of more than 9 percent. Higher prices for medical care and transportation services, up 7.2 and 7.8 percent, respectively, constituted about a third of the rise.

### Food

Retail food prices rose 1.2 percent on a seasonally adjusted basis in November. Prices of food purchased for home consumption averaged 1.3 percent higher, seasonally adjusted, on the strength of substantial increases for fresh vegetables and eggs. Restaurant meals and other food consumed away from home continued to advance, but at a pace below last month's record rise.

Egg prices, which usually decline sharply in November, rose nearly 7 percent, despite a seasonal expansion in supplies. Strength in egg prices appears to stem from increased consumer and commercial demand for eggs as a substitute for relatively more expensive meat. Prices of fresh vegetables climbed 10 percent in response to curtailed supplies resulting from production shortages and inclement growing and harvesting conditions in the principal producing areas. Fresh fruit prices averaged lower in November because of significant declines for grapefruit, bananas, and apples.

Prices of meats, poultry, and fish fell less than seasonally. Pork prices, reflecting a combination of sustained strength in demand and a decline in supplies relative to last year, failed to show their full seasonal drop. Retail poultry prices showed unusual strength in November, probably because of increased demand for this item as a substitute for higher-priced red meats. Prices of beef and veal fell more than seasonally, marking the fourth consecutive monthly decline from their July peak, but remained 10 percent above year-earlier levels.

The 0.6 percent rise in prices of food away from home, about one-fifth of the November increase in food prices, brought the total rise in these prices since last November to nearly 7 percent. Prices of cereals and bakery products and dairy products also continued to climb in November.

Retail food prices advanced 6.3 percent over the past 12 months; higher prices for food purchased in grocery stores made up about three-fourths of the rise. Prices of meats, poultry and fish were 11 percent higher and played the dominant role in the overall increase. Price increases for eggs, fresh vegetables and dairy products also contributed significantly to the advance.

### Nondurable goods other than food

Retail prices of nondurable goods other than food advanced at a comparatively moderate pace in November, following 2 months of sharp increases. Price increases for apparel commodities continued to be large; they amounted to 0.8 percent on a seasonally adjusted basis. The most important advances were reported for women's apparel, particularly dresses, slacks, and skirts. Prices of men's and boys' apparel were also up significantly, reflecting increases for men's suits, topcoats, and slacks and boys' sport coats. Increases in apparel amounted to 5.4 percent in the first 11 months of 1969. They totaled 6.5 percent in the similar 1968 period. In the years 1965 through 1967, the value of retail sales of apparel stores increased substantially more than retail prices of apparel. In contrast, the increase in the value of retail sales in 1968 and 1969 appears to have been due almost entirely to price increases.

Cigarettes posted their sixth substantial price rise in as many months in November. The sustained uptrend reflects both an earlier increase in wholesale prices and continued advances in State excise taxes on this item. Over the past 12 months, retail prices of tobacco products have climbed nearly 9 percent. Prices of alcoholic beverages

also were up appreciably in November, largely because of higher prices for beer and wine.

Among nondurable commodities other than food, retail prices of gasoline registered the only significant decline. The 1.4 percent drop reflected sizeable price decreases in several cities of the mid-continent and far West where competitive "price wars" took place. The intensity of the competitive situation in these areas is reportedly due to the efforts of major companies to establish new markets in these areas.

Since November 1968, retail prices of nondurable commodities other than food have averaged 4.4 percent higher. Nearly half of this increase was due to an increase of 5.7 percent in prices of apparel commodities. An additional 25 percent of the rise was due to increases for tobacco products and alcoholic beverages.

#### Durables

Prices of consumer durable goods declined slightly on a seasonally adjusted basis in November, largely because of a drop in prices of used cars. The weakness in used car prices apparently stemmed from sluggish retail demand. New car prices rose 0.2 percent after seasonal adjustment. The introduction of new model year car prices generally tends to be phased into the CPI over several months, since some cars of the previous model year are still being sold in those initial months. The November increase for new cars in part reflected the larger number of higher priced 1970 models being sold relative to October.

Over the 12-month span ending in November, retail prices of consumer durable goods rose 3.8 percent. This is the largest increase for any similar period since the early 1950's. About 60 percent of the rise resulted from significant advances in prices of houses. Retail prices of furniture were 5.5 percent higher over the year and were an important factor in the overall rise in prices of durable goods. New car prices climbed 1.3 percent while prices of used cars fell slightly below their November 1968 level.

#### Cost-of-Living Adjustments

Approximately 161,000 workers will receive cost-of-living wage increases, based on the Consumer Price Index for November. About 86,500 workers, including 73,000 in the meatpacking industry and 10,000 grocery store employees in San Francisco, will receive hourly pay increases ranging from 6 to 9 cents based on the rise in the national CPI from May to November. An additional 55,000 workers, including 20,000 tobacco workers, 5,000 in farm equipment, and 9,000 chemical workers, will get increases ranging from 1 to 5 cents an hour, based on the increase in the national index since August. About 11,400 workers in various industries will receive 7- or 8-cent hourly pay raises as a result of the change in the CPI since October 1968, and 1,800 workers will receive 2.5 percent increases based on the rise in the index during the same period.

2,350 employees of the Cleveland Transit system will receive a 7-cent hourly increase in January as a result of the rise in the Cleveland index since May. Another 1,500 workers employed by the Milwaukee and Suburban Transport Corporation will get their usual monthly 1-cent raise in pay based on the National CPI, bringing their total for the year to 11 cents.

Approximately 10,000 other workers whose escalation reviews are tied to the November index will not receive adjustments 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:

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November 1969 CPI (1957-59=100)	130.5	Index point difference divided by
less October 1969 index	<u>129.8</u>	the index for the previous period:
Index point difference =	0.7	<u>130.5 - 129.8</u> x 100 = 0.5 percent
		129.8

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

(Unadjusted, unless otherwise indicated)

Group	Indexes (1957-59=100 unless otherwise noted)				Percent change to November 1969 from:		
	November 1969	October 1969	August 1969	November 1968	1 Month Ago	3 Months Ago	1 Year Ago
All items -----	130.5	129.8	128.7	123.4	0.5	1.4	5.8
All items (1947-49=100) -----	160.1	159.3	157.9	151.4	---	---	---
<b>Food</b> -----	128.1	127.2	127.4	120.5	.7	.5	6.3
Food at home -----	123.8	122.9	123.6	116.6	.7	.2	6.2
Cereals and bakery products -----	124.1	123.7	122.6	120.1	.3	1.2	3.3
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	127.2	127.6	127.9	114.6	-.3	-.5	11.0
Dairy products -----	126.3	125.8	125.0	122.6	.4	1.0	3.0
Fruits and vegetables -----	127.0	124.0	130.2	123.8	2.4	2.5	2.6
Other foods at home -----	112.9	111.0	110.5	106.7	1.7	2.2	5.8
Food away from home -----	149.0	148.1	145.8	139.4	.6	2.2	6.9
<b>Housing</b> -----	129.8	129.2	127.8	121.7	.5	1.6	6.7
Shelter <sup>1/</sup> -----	137.7	137.0	135.1	126.9	.5	1.9	8.5
Rent -----	120.5	120.1	119.3	116.3	.3	1.0	3.6
Homeownership <sup>2/</sup> -----	144.5	143.6	141.3	131.1	.6	2.3	10.2
Fuel and utilities <sup>3/</sup> -----	114.2	113.5	113.0	111.3	.6	1.1	2.6
Fuel oil and coal -----	118.9	118.4	117.7	115.9	.4	1.0	2.6
Gas and electricity -----	113.2	112.2	111.5	109.9	.9	1.5	3.0
Household furnishings and operation -----	119.6	119.3	118.5	114.8	.3	.9	4.2
<b>Apparel and upkeep</b> <sup>4/</sup> -----	130.7	129.8	126.6	124.0	.7	3.2	5.4
Men's and boys' -----	132.1	131.0	128.7	125.0	.8	2.6	5.7
Women's and girls' -----	127.4	126.2	120.8	120.7	1.0	5.5	5.6
Footwear -----	143.9	143.3	141.5	135.7	.4	1.7	6.0
<b>Transportation</b> -----	125.6	125.7	124.2	121.2	-.1	1.1	3.6
Private -----	122.7	122.8	121.3	118.9	-.1	1.2	3.2
New cars -----	105.1	104.2	101.0	103.8	.9	4.1	1.3
Used cars -----	124.9	125.8	125.4	(5/)	.7	.4	(5/)
Gasoline -----	116.3	118.0	118.0	(5/)	1.4	1.4	(5/)
Public -----	151.1	150.3	149.7	139.4	.5	.9	8.4
<b>Health and recreation</b> -----	139.1	138.6	137.7	132.4	.4	1.0	5.1
Medical care -----	157.4	156.9	156.8	148.2	.3	.4	6.2
Personal care -----	127.8	127.3	126.8	122.8	.4	.8	4.1
Reading and recreation -----	132.3	132.0	131.2	128.0	.2	.8	3.4
Other goods and services -----	133.1	132.2	130.1	125.4	.7	2.3	6.1
<b>Seasonally Adjusted:</b>							
Commodities -----	122.8	122.2	121.3	117.0	.5	1.2	5.0
Food -----	128.6	127.1	126.4	121.0	1.2	1.7	---
Apparel and upkeep -----	129.8	129.0	127.4	123.2	.6	1.9	---
Transportation -----	125.1	125.4	124.2	120.7	-.2	.7	---
<b>Special Groups:</b>							
All items less food -----	131.4	130.8	129.3	124.4	.5	1.6	5.6
All items less medical care -----	128.9	128.2	127.0	121.9	.5	1.5	5.7
<b>Commodities</b> -----	122.9	122.4	121.4	117.1	.4	1.2	5.0
Nondurables -----	126.7	126.1	125.2	120.3	.5	1.2	5.3
Nondurables less food -----	125.5	125.1	123.3	120.2	.3	1.8	4.4
Apparel commodities -----	130.4	129.3	125.9	123.4	.9	3.6	5.7
Durables -----	113.5	113.2	111.9	109.3	.3	1.4	3.8
Household durables -----	106.5	106.4	106.0	102.8	.1	.5	3.6
Services -----	147.2	146.5	145.0	137.4	.5	1.5	7.1
Services less rent -----	153.1	152.3	150.7	142.0	.5	1.6	7.8
Services less medical care -----	143.3	142.5	140.9	(5/)	.6	1.7	(5/)
Insurance and finance (Dec.1965=100) -----	134.3	133.3	130.9	120.2	.8	2.6	11.7
Utilities and public transportation (Dec.1965=100) -----	109.2	108.5	108.1	105.0	.6	1.0	4.0
Housekeeping and home maintenance services (Dec.1965=100) -----	132.4	131.8	129.4	121.2	.5	2.3	9.2
Medical care services -----	171.8	171.2	171.1	160.3	.4	.4	7.2
<b>Purchasing Power of Consumer Dollar:</b>							
1957-59=\$1.00 -----	\$0.767	\$0.770	\$0.777	\$0.811	-.4	-1.3	-5.4
1939=\$1.00 -----	.371	.373	.376	.393	---	---	---

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

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

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

<sup>4/</sup> Also includes infants' wear, sewing materials, jewelry, and apparel upkeep services not shown separately.

<sup>5/</sup> Not available.

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	October 1969	August 1969	November 1968
		November 1969			October 1969	August 1969	November 1968
U.S. City Average -----	M	130.5	160.1		0.5	1.4	5.8
Chicago -----	M	127.7	161.0		.6	1.3	6.2
Detroit -----	M	129.8	160.0		.5	1.0	6.3
Los Angeles-Long Beach ---	M	130.0	162.0		-.1	.9	4.7
New York -----	M	134.6	162.1		.4	1.6	6.1
Philadelphia -----	M	131.7	161.6		.4	1.2	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
		November 1969				August 1969	November 1968
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100) ---	2			123.2		1.7	5.4
Cleveland -----	2	129.5	160.8			1.7	6.3
Dallas (Nov.1963=100) ----	2			123.7		2.1	7.2
Milwaukee -----	2	127.0	160.2			2.5	7.0
San Diego (Feb.1965=100) -	2			117.0		.9	5.2
Seattle -----	2	130.0	163.3			.4	4.4
Washington -----	2	132.0	158.8			.9	5.7
		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 <sup>1/</sup>  
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Major Groups  
Percent change from October 1969 to November 1969

Group	U.S. City Average	Chicago	Detroit	Los Angeles-Long Beach	New York	Philadelphia
All items -----	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.1	0.4	0.4
Food -----	.7	.9	.6	.6	.8	.8
Housing -----	.5	.8	1.1	.4	.2	.2
Apparel and upkeep -----	.7	.6	.2	.5	.3	.3
Transportation -----	.1	.1	.8	- 3.3	.0	.4
Health and recreation -----	.4	.4	.3	.2	.2	.1
Medical care -----	.3	.5	.6	.6	.2	.1
Personal care -----	.4	(2/)	(2/)	(2/)	(2/)	(2/)
Reading and recreation -----	.2	.4	.3	.7	.1	.1
Other goods and services -----	.7	.2	.2	.3	.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 for Selected Groups  
Seasonally Adjusted  
(1957-59=100)

Group	Indexes			Percent changes to: Nov. 1969	
	November 1969	October 1969	August 1969	From: 1 Month Ago	From: 3 Months Ago
Food -----	128.6	127.1	126.4	1.2	1.7
Food at home -----	124.5	122.9	122.4	1.3	1.7
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	127.5	126.7	126.4	.6	.9
Dairy products -----	125.7	125.2	124.9	.4	.6
Fruits and vegetables -----	131.5	128.9	127.8	2.0	2.9
Other foods at home -----	112.7	109.5	110.2	2.9	2.3
Fuel and utilities <sup>1/</sup> -----	114.1	113.5	113.1	.5	.9
Fuel oil and coal -----	118.8	118.8	119.1	.0	.3
Apparel and upkeep <sup>2/</sup> -----	129.8	129.0	127.4	.6	1.9
Men's and boys' -----	131.2	130.3	129.2	.7	1.5
Women's and girls' -----	125.9	124.8	122.3	.9	2.9
Footwear -----	143.5	143.0	141.8	.3	1.2
Transportation -----	125.1	125.4	124.2	-.2	.7
Private -----	122.1	122.4	121.3	-.2	.7
New cars -----	103.0	102.8	102.5	.2	.5
Commodities -----	122.8	122.2	121.3	.5	1.2
Commodities less food -----	119.7	119.4	118.4	.3	1.1
Nondurables -----	126.8	125.8	125.0	.8	1.4
Nondurables less food -----	124.9	124.7	123.7	.2	1.0
Apparel commodities -----	129.4	128.4	126.8	.8	2.1
Durables -----	112.9	113.0	112.0	-.1	.8

<sup>1/</sup> Also includes telephone, water, and sewerage service not shown separately.

<sup>2/</sup> Also includes infants' wear, sewing materials, jewelry, and apparel upkeep services not shown separately.

TABLE 5: Consumer Price Index--United States and Selected Areas <sup>1/</sup>  
 For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Commodity Groups --Continued  
 November 1969 Index and Percent Changes from August 1969

Group	Buffalo (Nov. 1963=100)	Cleveland	Dallas (Nov. 1963=100)	Milwaukee	San Diego (Feb. 1965=100)	Seattle	Washington
Indexes (1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)							
All items -----	123.2	129.5	123.7	127.0	117.0	130.0	132.0
Food -----	122.8	125.7	122.8	127.8	119.1	126.2	131.2
Food at home -----	120.8	122.6	119.6	125.0	115.2	119.6	125.6
Cereals and bakery products -----	107.6	115.3	110.1	118.4	111.0	113.6	114.7
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	126.9	128.2	128.5	130.6	126.6	125.3	130.0
Dairy products -----	122.8	127.0	125.1	135.3	112.3	127.6	125.5
Fruits and vegetables -----	121.8	126.0	114.6	122.7	106.9	121.7	127.4
Other foods at home -----	117.2	112.7	113.6	113.7	110.2	108.0	120.5
Food away from home -----	135.0	144.2	135.4	143.4	129.7	153.3	152.3
Housing -----	121.6	124.7	124.9	123.4	121.9	134.1	127.7
Shelter -----	124.8	127.2	132.2	125.1	131.9	149.2	132.6
Rent -----	111.4	108.5	109.2	113.0	120.6	127.7	124.9
Homeownership -----	127.2	130.6	143.6	129.0	136.7	155.2	135.4
Fuel and utilities -----	115.6	115.4	110.3	121.9	99.5	115.2	105.9
Fuel oil and coal -----	115.3	---	---	129.1	---	115.7	116.8
Gas and electricity -----	119.1	116.4	105.5	116.2	100.0	98.1	104.2
Household furnishings and operation -----	117.0	118.3	118.0	120.3	108.3	114.5	126.0
Apparel and upkeep -----	134.7	129.2	124.4	132.5	113.9	126.7	137.8
Men's and boys' -----	140.8	134.9	131.1	132.9	122.2	130.4	136.7
Women's and girls' -----	135.9	120.4	120.8	129.6	109.2	125.0	137.7
Footwear -----	138.8	145.7	121.8	147.0	121.9	143.8	150.6
Transportation -----	117.9	130.1	115.5	123.3	109.3	120.5	128.1
Private -----	117.5	125.0	114.6	121.5	109.5	119.3	123.9
Public -----	122.7	163.9	128.1	147.2	106.9	131.1	153.4
Health and recreation -----	124.4	144.1	128.0	132.9	115.3	133.1	142.3
Medical care -----	128.9	179.0	136.4	150.0	124.0	151.2	180.4
Personal care -----	120.1	127.9	121.8	132.5	105.6	128.0	127.5
Reading and recreation -----	121.2	127.6	123.7	126.9	109.1	122.3	134.4
Other goods and services -----	125.6	137.8	124.7	125.7	119.1	130.5	124.3
Percent Changes August 1969 to November 1969							
All items -----	1.7	1.7	2.1	2.5	0.9	0.4	0.9
Food -----	.2	.4	.7	.2	.4	.0	- 1.0
Food at home -----	.0	.2	.4	-.4	.2	-.6	- 1.6
Cereals and bakery products -----	- 1.1	- 1.6	-.2	3.9	.6	-.8	-.3
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	.6	- 1.7	-.2	-.2	- 2.9	- 2.6	- 1.2
Dairy products -----	1.0	4.5	.6	.6	.0	-.5	.0
Fruits and vegetables -----	- 5.3	- 1.9	- 1.6	- 6.9	3.2	-.6	- 6.8
Other foods at home -----	3.3	2.6	2.7	.9	3.4	2.5	.1
Food away from home -----	1.5	1.8	2.0	2.8	1.2	1.5	.7
Housing -----	2.3	1.9	2.4	2.6	1.8	.7	1.1
Shelter -----	3.5	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.6	.7	1.1
Rent -----	1.0	1.1	1.3	.8	1.7	.5	1.1
Homeownership -----	3.9	2.3	2.4	2.4	3.1	.7	1.1
Fuel and utilities -----	-.3	.9	5.1	6.7	.1	.1	.2
Fuel oil and coal -----	4.2	---	---	5.7	---	-.5	.2
Gas and electricity -----	-.8	1.3	4.6	9.7	.0	.0	.4
Household furnishings and operation -----	.5	1.4	1.8	1.3	.7	1.1	1.6
Apparel and upkeep -----	3.5	2.7	3.3	5.7	.4	2.7	2.3
Men's and boys' -----	6.3	2.2	4.5	4.9	.7	2.5	3.6
Women's and girls' -----	4.1	4.5	1.9	7.7	.3	3.4	3.1
Footwear -----	.7	2.0	2.5	4.6	.4	3.3	.4
Transportation -----	1.8	2.4	2.2	3.8	-.4	- 1.8	1.8
Private -----	1.0	2.9	1.5	3.4	-.3	- 2.1	1.5
Public -----	11.3	-.3	11.4	7.3	.2	-.2	3.5
Health and recreation -----	1.0	2.1	2.2	2.4	.8	.3	1.1
Medical care -----	.8	.4	.9	.6	-.1	.5	.5
Personal care -----	.0	3.7	1.5	3.1	.0	.3	1.0
Reading and recreation -----	2.0	1.7	.9	1.1	.6	.0	1.1
Other goods and services -----	.4	4.0	7.2	4.9	2.5	.3	2.0

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

<sup>2/</sup> Not available.

<sup>3/</sup> Change from July 1969.

TABLE 5: Consumer Price Index--United States and Selected Areas 1/  
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Commodity Groups  
November 1969 Index and Percent Changes from August 1969

Group	U.S. City Average	Chicago	Detroit	Los Angeles- Long Beach	New York	Philadelphia
Indexes (1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)						
All items -----	130.5	127.7	129.8	130.0	134.6	131.7
Food -----	128.1	129.4	126.8	124.7	130.6	128.0
Food at home -----	123.8	127.3	124.1	119.0	124.0	122.6
Cereals and bakery products -----	124.1	127.6	120.3	122.5	122.4	121.7
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	127.2	131.6	133.8	116.3	127.1	121.5
Dairy products -----	126.3	134.7	133.4	123.4	117.2	134.9
Fruits and vegetables -----	127.0	126.7	112.6	132.7	133.4	126.0
Other foods at home -----	112.9	113.5	112.2	103.6	114.3	110.7
Food away from home -----	149.0	139.0	142.2	145.6	158.4	156.6
Housing -----	129.8	124.0	129.3	135.6	133.4	129.0
Shelter -----	137.7	129.7	139.4	145.3	139.4	135.9
Rent -----	120.5	114.7	(2/)	121.6	(2/)	122.8
Homeownership -----	144.5	136.9	146.2	153.3	144.3	139.3
Fuel and utilities -----	114.2	109.4	105.9	112.3	113.8	112.2
Fuel oil and coal -----	118.9	113.6	113.3	---	124.4	122.5
Gas and electricity -----	113.2	107.9	107.7	119.3	112.6	106.4
Household furnishings and operation -----	119.6	117.5	112.7	117.8	129.1	122.4
Apparel and upkeep -----	130.7	125.0	125.8	127.0	137.4	137.7
Men's and boys' -----	132.1	122.8	126.9	128.5	143.3	134.1
Women's and girls' -----	127.4	122.0	120.5	128.2	132.2	130.6
Footwear -----	143.9	139.1	139.9	137.7	145.1	153.0
Transportation -----	125.6	126.8	122.0	126.6	128.4	135.6
Private -----	122.7	122.7	119.1	121.9	129.0	127.8
Public -----	151.1	154.0	141.5	156.7	129.4	178.6
Health and recreation -----	139.1	134.4	141.8	130.5	145.8	139.4
Medical care -----	157.4	165.9	168.0	152.3	163.9	168.8
Personal care -----	127.8	(2/)	(2/)	(2/)	121.9	(2/)
Reading and recreation -----	132.3	115.3	133.1	114.4	143.9	126.2
Other goods and services -----	133.1	128.1	124.8	126.1	142.4	(2/)
Percent Change from August 1969 to November 1969						
All items -----	1.4	1.3	1.0	0.9	1.6	1.2
Food -----	.5	-.8	-.4	.6	1.5	.6
Food at home -----	.2	-1.6	-.8	.5	.6	.2
Cereals and bakery products -----	1.2	1.4	1.1	.3	.1	.4
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	-.5	-1.1	-1.9	-1.9	-.2	.0
Dairy products -----	1.0	-2.7	1.3	.4	1.5	1.3
Fruits and vegetables -----	-2.5	-5.5	-6.1	2.2	-1.7	-4.4
Other foods at home -----	2.2	-.2	3.1	3.2	3.8	3.3
Food away from home -----	2.2	1.8	1.4	1.2	4.1	2.4
Housing -----	1.6	1.6	3.1	1.5	1.5	.6
Shelter -----	1.9	3/ 2.1	(2/)	3/ 1.3	(2/)	3/ .4
Rent -----	1.0	1.1	.6	1.8	.5	2.2
Homeownership -----	2.3	2.5	4.9	1.2	3.2	-.1
Fuel and utilities -----	1.1	.6	1.3	2.6	.1	-.3
Fuel oil and coal -----	1.0	3.1	3.0	---	.0	.0
Gas and electricity -----	1.5	.6	1.6	4.5	.1	-.6
Household furnishings and operation -----	.9	.4	.3	1.9	.7	1.7
Apparel and upkeep -----	3.2	5.6	3.0	2.9	3.9	4.4
Men's and boys' -----	2.6	4.3	2.3	1.2	2.3	3.6
Women's and girls' -----	5.5	10.1	5.4	5.8	7.5	7.3
Footwear -----	1.7	2.2	1.5	1.3	2.0	2.9
Transportation -----	1.1	1.3	-2.4	-1.5	.8	1.0
Private -----	1.2	1.6	-2.7	-1.7	1.1	1.1
Public -----	.9	.1	.4	.2	-.2	.3
Health and recreation -----	1.0	1.1	.8	.6	.8	.6
Medical care -----	.4	1.4	.2	.7	-.1	-.4
Personal care -----	.8	(2/)	(2/)	(2/)	1.1	(2/)
Reading and recreation -----	.8	.5	.9	.2	.5	.5
Other goods and services -----	2.3	1.7	1.4	.6	1.7	(2/)

See footnotes at end of table.

TABLE 6: Consumer Price Index--United States and Selected Areas  
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Food and its Subgroups  
November 1969 Indexes and Percent Changes from October 1969

Area <sup>1/</sup>	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 -----	128.1	123.8	124.1	127.2	126.3	127.0	112.9	149.0
Atlanta -----	126.9	123.5	117.3	125.4	124.5	128.9	120.2	139.4
Baltimore -----	132.3	126.6	127.4	130.9	123.7	133.3	115.2	156.9
Boston -----	131.6	125.6	129.1	130.6	121.8	132.4	111.9	157.8
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100) -	122.8	120.8	107.6	126.9	122.8	121.8	117.2	135.0
Chicago -----	129.4	127.3	127.6	131.6	134.7	126.7	113.5	139.0
Cincinnati -----	125.1	121.3	119.0	127.6	121.6	128.3	108.4	145.0
Cleveland -----	125.7	122.6	115.3	128.2	127.0	126.0	112.7	144.2
Dallas (Nov.1963=100) --	122.8	119.6	110.1	128.5	125.1	114.6	113.6	135.4
Detroit -----	126.8	124.1	120.3	133.8	133.4	112.6	112.2	142.2
Honolulu (Dec.1963=100)	119.5	117.2	112.3	121.5	115.8	119.7	112.2	126.8
Houston -----	129.2	123.8	126.3	122.1	128.1	135.3	111.7	152.3
Kansas City -----	132.9	129.0	130.4	132.2	139.9	125.4	117.4	146.6
Los Angeles-Long Beach -	124.7	119.0	122.5	116.3	123.4	132.7	103.6	145.6
Milwaukee -----	127.8	125.0	118.4	130.6	135.3	122.7	113.7	143.4
Minneapolis-St. Paul ---	127.2	122.8	119.9	128.4	128.0	121.5	115.3	147.4
New York -----	130.6	124.0	122.4	127.1	117.2	133.4	114.3	158.4
Philadelphia -----	128.0	122.6	121.7	121.5	134.9	126.0	110.7	156.6
Pittsburgh -----	125.7	122.9	123.0	130.6	120.1	123.2	113.8	143.5
St. Louis -----	133.5	128.8	124.5	136.9	138.8	132.0	110.8	152.8
San Diego (Feb.1965=100)	119.1	115.2	111.0	126.6	112.3	106.9	110.2	129.7
San Francisco-Oakland --	126.2	120.5	122.6	120.8	120.7	129.1	109.2	151.2
Seattle -----	126.2	119.6	113.6	125.3	127.6	121.7	108.0	153.3
Washington -----	131.2	125.6	114.7	130.0	125.5	127.4	120.5	152.3
Percent Changes October 1969 to November 1969								
U.S. City Average -----	0.7	0.7	0.3	- 0.3	0.4	2.4	1.7	0.6
Atlanta -----	.3	.3	.7	.9	.2	.9	1.7	.5
Baltimore -----	.6	.5	-.2	.3	.1	.5	1.3	1.4
Boston -----	.3	.4	1.0	.9	.3	3.4	.4	.1
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100) -	.7	.8	-.5	.0	.2	2.4	2.4	.2
Chicago -----	.9	1.0	.7	.5	.7	4.0	1.8	.4
Cincinnati -----	.8	.8	-.4	.5	.1	3.6	2.1	.9
Cleveland -----	.6	.6	-.6	.1	1.7	.8	2.3	.7
Dallas (Nov.1963=100) --	.9	1.0	-.3	1.1	.6	1.7	1.0	.9
Detroit -----	.6	.6	.4	.5	.0	2.1	2.0	.4
Honolulu (Dec.1963=100)	-.2	-.2	.7	2.2	.9	2.3	.2	.1
Houston -----	.4	.5	-.1	.1	.0	1.3	1.1	.1
Kansas City -----	1.3	1.4	1.6	.5	2.0	2.1	1.7	.7
Los Angeles-Long Beach -	.6	.9	-.9	.3	.2	4.1	2.3	-.1
Milwaukee -----	.2	.2	-.1	1.2	.7	1.3	.6	(2/)
Minneapolis-St. Paul ---	.6	.6	-.1	.3	.1	1.6	.9	.5
New York -----	.8	.7	.2	.6	.4	1.6	2.9	1.1
Philadelphia -----	.8	.8	.9	.4	.2	1.4	3.0	.8
Pittsburgh -----	1.9	2.2	1.3	.9	3.3	3.3	3.1	.6
St. Louis -----	.8	.9	.5	.1	2.5	.5	1.7	.0
San Diego (Feb.1965=100)	1.1	1.1	.0	.0	.2	4.2	2.5	(2/)
San Francisco-Oakland --	.5	.5	.7	1.3	.2	3.3	1.2	.4
Seattle -----	.8	.9	.0	.2	.8	4.7	1.6	.4
Washington -----	.5	.7	-.9	.6	.2	1.7	1.4	.0

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

<sup>2/</sup> Not available.

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

Item or Group	Index		Percent Change to November 1969 from--		
	November 1969		October 1969		November 1968
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted
Total food -----	128.1	128.6	.7	1.2	6.3
Food away from home -----	149.0	---	.6	---	6.9
Restaurant meals -----	149.3	---	.7	---	6.9
Snacks <u>1/</u> -----	129.2	---	.3	---	6.7
Food at home -----	123.8	124.5	.7	1.3	6.2
Cereals and bakery products -----	124.1	---	.3	---	3.3
Flour -----	111.2	---	.4	---	.7
Cracker meal <u>1/</u> -----	127.2	---	.2	---	8.3
Corn flakes -----	129.7	---	.1	---	.5
Rice -----	113.0	---	.0	---	1.8
Bread, white -----	129.7	---	.5	---	2.4
Bread, whole wheat <u>1/</u> -----	123.4	---	.7	---	5.0
Cookies -----	99.8	---	.0	---	.3
Layer cake <u>1/</u> -----	117.1	---	1.5	---	6.2
Cinnamon rolls <u>1/</u> -----	115.1	---	.1	---	6.3
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	127.2	127.5	.3	.6	11.0
Meats -----	131.1	131.1	.7	.4	11.7
Beef and veal -----	131.5	131.4	1.1	.3	10.0
Steak, round -----	125.2	124.5	1.3	1.0	9.2
Steak, sirloin <u>2/</u> -----	121.1	---	1.9	---	7.7
Steak, porterhouse <u>1/</u> -----	125.9	---	2.4	---	7.2
Rump roast <u>1/</u> -----	119.5	---	1.3	---	8.5
Rib roast -----	140.9	141.6	.1	1.1	10.1
Chuck roast -----	122.7	122.1	2.1	1.0	9.8
Hamburger -----	138.4	138.3	.5	.3	12.6
Beef liver <u>1/</u> -----	117.9	---	.1	---	9.7
Veal cutlets -----	162.1	163.1	.4	.0	12.0
Pork -----	132.0	132.5	.5	2.1	15.3
Chops -----	134.1	135.5	.1	3.7	15.0
Loin roast <u>2/</u> -----	140.4	---	1.0	---	12.4
Pork sausage <u>1/</u> -----	148.3	---	.5	---	17.3
Ham, whole -----	124.8	124.4	.7	1.5	11.8
Picnics <u>1/</u> -----	136.0	---	.4	---	19.2
Bacon -----	132.4	134.1	1.9	2.3	15.9
Other meats -----	133.6	133.3	.2	.3	10.7
Lamb chops <u>1/</u> -----	139.4	---	.4	---	7.3
Frankfurters -----	134.7	134.0	.0	.3	13.8
Ham, canned <u>1/</u> -----	127.8	---	2.2	---	9.7
Bologna sausage <u>1/</u> -----	136.1	---	.1	---	12.6
Salami sausage <u>1/</u> -----	127.1	---	.1	---	9.5
Liverwurst <u>1/</u> -----	129.8	---	.1	---	11.8
Poultry -----	99.1	---	.9	---	8.8
Frying chicken -----	99.5	102.9	.9	2.6	9.1
Chicken breasts <u>1/</u> -----	110.8	---	1.1	---	7.1
Turkey <u>1/</u> -----	110.0	---	2.6	---	8.5
Fish -----	134.0	134.5	.4	.4	6.8
Shrimp, frozen <u>1/</u> -----	122.9	---	.3	---	10.2
Fish, fresh or frozen -----	141.1	141.2	.9	.7	11.6
Tuna fish, canned -----	116.7	---	.4	---	4.6
Sardines, canned <u>1/</u> -----	125.0	---	.1	---	1.4
Dairy products -----	126.3	125.7	.4	.4	3.0
Milk, fresh, grocery -----	123.4	122.3	.5	.7	2.3
Milk, fresh, delivered -----	130.4	---	.2	---	3.4
Milk, fresh, skim <u>1/</u> -----	125.0	---	.6	---	3.9
Milk, evaporated -----	124.3	---	.4	---	2.1
Ice cream -----	100.7	---	.8	---	1.0
Cheese, American process -----	151.0	150.7	.7	.4	6.9
Butter -----	119.4	118.7	.4	.5	1.8

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

Item or Group	Index		Percent Change to November 1969 from--		November 1968 Unadjusted
	November 1969		October 1969		
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	
Fruits and vegetables -----	127.0	131.5	2.4	2.0	2.6
Fresh fruits and vegetables -----	135.4	143.4	4.1	3.6	3.7
Apples -----	125.7	150.4	- 4.6	- 2.8	- 11.9
Bananas -----	93.9	97.4	- 6.8	2.6	6.5
Oranges -----	132.4	122.4	.4	5.7	- 18.5
Orange juice, fresh 1/ -----	91.8	---	- .2	---	4.7
Grapefruit -----	144.1	159.4	- 21.7	2.6	- 21.3
Grapes 3/ -----	154.3	154.0	7.2	- 8.2	6.7
Strawberries 3/ -----	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)
Watermelon 3/ -----	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)
Potatoes -----	140.1	152.8	1.8	.4	6.2
Onions -----	133.2	144.5	- .7	2.6	2.5
Asparagus 3/ 1/ -----	(3/)	---	(3/)	---	(3/)
Cabbage -----	150.6	168.1	3.2	3.8	6.7
Carrots -----	127.1	130.4	- 1.9	- 3.8	18.8
Celery -----	131.2	133.6	13.6	9.0	23.1
Cucumbers 1/ -----	122.5	---	3.4	---	- 9.0
Lettuce -----	177.9	164.7	33.5	28.5	41.2
Peppers, green 1/ -----	160.9	---	10.4	---	8.7
Spinach 1/ -----	116.5	---	- 3.0	---	12.1
Tomatoes -----	146.7	157.7	23.3	3.5	10.8
Processed fruits and vegetables -----	116.8	---	.2	---	1.0
Fruit cocktail, canned -----	105.4	---	- .2	---	- 2.0
Pears, canned 1/ -----	106.9	---	- .7	---	- 5.3
Grapefruit-pineapple juice, canned 1/ --	102.6	---	.4	---	4.4
Orange juice concentrate, frozen -----	97.2	96.4	- 1.0	- 1.9	5.8
Lemonade concentrate, frozen 2/ -----	94.1	---	.3	---	4.7
Beets, canned 1/ -----	113.3	---	.4	---	.0
Peas, green, canned -----	123.1	---	.2	---	1.5
Tomatoes, canned -----	125.5	---	.6	---	- .6
Dried beans -----	123.6	---	- .6	---	1.3
Broccoli, frozen 1/ -----	108.0	---	1.2	---	6.8
Other food at home -----	112.9	112.7	1.7	2.9	5.8
Eggs -----	122.3	120.1	6.8	15.1	19.2
Fats and oils:					
Margarine -----	103.7	---	1.0	---	1.2
Salad dressing, Italian 1/ -----	102.5	---	- .3	---	1.2
Salad or cooking oil 1/ -----	123.9	---	.7	---	.9
Sugar and sweets -----	126.6	---	.2	---	4.3
Sugar -----	116.2	---	- .1	---	2.3
Grape jelly -----	126.5	---	.7	---	5.2
Chocolate bar -----	126.6	---	- .1	---	4.5
Syrup, chocolate flavored 1/ -----	106.8	---	.1	---	4.4
Nonalcoholic beverages -----	106.1	---	1.7	---	3.9
Coffee, can and bag -----	90.0	---	3.4	---	2.9
Coffee, instant 4/ -----	106.0	---	1.7	---	5.4
Tea -----	102.2	---	.1	---	1.5
Cola drink -----	158.7	---	.4	---	5.4
Carbonated fruit drink 1/ -----	124.7	---	.2	---	5.1
Prepared and partially prepared foods 1/	107.6	---	.2	---	3.7
Bean soup, canned 1/ -----	107.2	---	.8	---	6.7
Chicken soup, canned 1/ -----	99.5	---	1.2	---	3.5
Spaghetti, canned 1/ -----	119.8	---	.8	---	5.6
Mashed potatoes, instant 1/ -----	110.0	---	.4	---	7.3
Potatoes, french fried, frozen 2/ -----	92.1	---	- .8	---	3.5
Baby foods, canned -----	111.4	---	- .3	---	.2
Sweet pickle relish 1/ -----	114.3	---	.1	---	2.1
Pretzels 1/ -----	107.0	---	- .6	---	.4

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

Item or Group	Other Index Bases	Indexes		Percent Change to November 1969 From:	
		November 1969	October 1969	October 1969	November 1968
Housing -----		129.8	129.2	0.5	6.7
Shelter 1/ -----		137.7	137.0	.5	8.5
Rent -----		120.5	120.1	.3	3.6
Homeownership costs 2/ -----		144.5	143.6	.6	10.2
Mortgage interest rates -----		139.3	138.8	.4	(3/)
Property taxes -----	Dec.63	131.5	130.5	.8	(3/)
Property insurance rates -----		152.3	150.7	1.1	(3/)
Maintenance and repairs -----		144.9	144.5	.3	(3/)
Commodities 4/ -----	Dec.63	116.0	116.2	-.2	(3/)
Exterior house paint -----		118.7	118.0	.6	(3/)
Interior house paint -----	Dec.63	113.6	113.8	-.2	(3/)
Services -----	Dec.63	142.2	141.6	.4	(3/)
Repainting living and dining rooms -----		182.6	181.8	.4	(3/)
Reshingling roofs -----		163.0	162.3	.4	(3/)
Residing houses -----	Dec.63	134.2	133.7	.4	(3/)
Replacing sinks -----	Dec.63	142.6	142.0	.4	(3/)
Repairing furnaces -----	Dec.63	145.2	144.1	.8	(3/)
Fuel and utilities -----		114.2	113.5	.6	2.6
Fuel oil and coal -----		118.9	118.4	.4	2.6
Fuel oil, #2 -----		116.0	115.5	.4	(3/)
Gas and electricity -----		113.2	112.2	.9	3.0
Gas -----		118.8	116.9	1.6	(3/)
Electricity -----		107.2	106.9	.3	(3/)
Other utilities:					
Residential telephone services -----		103.7	103.6	.1	(3/)
Residential water and sewerage services -----		147.5	145.3	1.5	(3/)
Household furnishings and operation 5/ -----		119.6	119.3	.3	4.2
Housefurnishings -----		110.4	110.2	.2	3.7
Textiles -----		115.7	115.0	.6	(3/)
Sheets, percale or muslin -----		121.7	120.1	1.3	(3/)
Curtains, tailored, polyester marquisette -----		112.1	112.0	.1	(3/)
Bedspreads, chiefly cotton, tufted -----		117.7	117.1	.5	(3/)
Drapery fabric, cotton or rayon/acetate -----		126.0	124.1	1.5	(3/)
Pillows, bed, polyester or acrylic filling -----	Dec.63	107.6	106.5	1.0	(3/)
Slipcovers, ready made, chiefly cotton -----	Dec.63	110.0	111.1	- 1.0	(3/)
Furniture and bedding -----		123.7	123.6	.1	(3/)
Bedroom suites, good or inexpensive quality -----		128.0	127.6	.3	(3/)
Living room suites, good and inexpensive quality -----		125.8	125.9	-.1	(3/)
Lounge chairs, upholstered -----	Dec.63	118.6	118.9	-.3	(3/)
Dining room suites -----	Dec.63	129.4	128.7	.5	(3/)
Sofas, upholstered -----	Dec.63	115.7	115.9	-.2	(3/)
Sofas, dual purpose -----		120.2	118.9	1.1	(3/)
Sleep sets, Hollywood bed type -----	Dec.63	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)
Box springs -----	Dec.63	122.5	124.1	- 1.3	(3/)
Aluminum folding chairs 7/ -----	June 64	(7/)	(7/)	(7/)	(7/)
Cribs -----	Dec.63	119.5	119.2	.3	(3/)
Floor coverings -----		107.1	107.1	.0	(3/)
Rugs, soft surface -----		104.8	104.9	-.1	(3/)
Rugs, hard surface -----		112.5	112.1	.4	(3/)
Tile, vinyl -----	Dec.63	110.1	109.6	.5	(3/)
Appliances 8/ -----		86.3	86.2	.1	(3/)
Washing machines, electric, automatic -----		91.2	90.9	.3	(3/)
Vacuum cleaners, canister type -----		81.4	81.5	-.1	(3/)
Refrigerators or refrigerator-freezers electric -----		85.8	85.8	.0	(3/)
Ranges, free standing, gas or electric -----		98.8	98.5	.3	(3/)
Clothes dryers, electric, automatic -----	Dec.63	100.5	99.8	.7	(3/)
Air conditioners, demountable 7/ -----	June 64	(7/)	(7/)	(7/)	(7/)
Room heaters, electric, portable 7/ -----	Dec.63	99.8	99.6	.2	(3/)
Garbage disposal units -----	Dec.63	105.0	104.7	.3	(3/)
Other housefurnishings:					
Dinnerware, earthenware -----		135.2	134.8	.3	(3/)
Flatware, stainless steel -----	Dec.63	119.6	119.6	.0	(3/)
Table lamps, with shade -----	Dec.63	118.3	117.8	.4	(3/)
Lawn mowers, power, rotary type 7/ -----	June 64	(7/)	(7/)	(7/)	(7/)
Electric drills, hand held -----	Dec.63	104.2	103.9	.3	(3/)
Housekeeping supplies:					
Laundry soaps and detergents -----		106.2	106.8	-.6	(3/)
Paper napkins -----		130.0	129.0	.8	(3/)
Toilet tissue -----		121.2	121.2	.0	(3/)
Housekeeping services:					
Domestic service, general housework -----		178.7	177.6	.6	(3/)
Baby sitter service -----	Dec.63	136.6	135.7	.7	(3/)
Postal charges -----		165.5	165.5	.0	(3/)
Laundry, flatwork, finished service -----	Dec.63	144.3	143.2	.8	(3/)
Licensed day care service, preschool child -----	Dec.63	131.8	130.7	.8	(3/)
Washing machine repairs -----	Dec.63	135.1	135.2	-.1	(3/)

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Item and Group	Other Index Bases	Indexes		Percent change to November 1969 From:	
		November 1969	October 1969	October 1969	November 1968
Apparel and upkeep 9/-----		130.7	129.8	0.7	5.4
Apparel commodities-----		130.4	129.3	.9	5.7
Apparel commodities less footwear-----		127.7	126.6	.9	5.5
Men's and boys'-----		132.1	131.0	.8	5.7
Men's:					
Topcoats, wool 7/-----		148.5	145.9	1.8	(3/)
Suits, year round weight-----		158.2	156.4	1.2	(3/)
Suits, tropical weight 7/-----	June 64	(7/)	(7/)	(7/)	(7/)
Jackets, lightweight-----	Dec.63	125.6	125.4	.2	(3/)
Slacks, wool or wool blend-----		131.7	130.4	1.0	(3/)
Slacks, cotton or manmade blend-----		117.1	115.6	1.3	(3/)
Trousers, work, cotton-----		117.0	116.9	.1	(3/)
Shirts, work, cotton-----		124.7	124.2	.4	(3/)
Shirts, business, cotton-----		122.2	122.2	.0	(3/)
T-shirts, chiefly cotton-----		131.8	131.5	.2	(3/)
Socks, cotton-----		120.4	121.1	-.6	(3/)
Handkerchiefs, cotton-----	Dec.63	113.3	112.9	.4	(3/)
Boy's:					
Coats, all purpose, cotton or cotton blend 7/-----	Dec.63	115.9	115.2	.6	(3/)
Sport coats, wool or wool blend 7/-----	Dec.63	131.0	126.4	3.6	(3/)
Dungarees, cotton or cotton blend-----		127.9	126.9	.8	(3/)
Undershirts, cotton-----		130.3	129.0	1.0	(3/)
Women's and girls'-----		127.4	126.2	1.0	5.6
Women's:					
Coats, heavyweight, wool or wool blend 7/-----		139.9	139.9	.0	(3/)
Carcots, heavyweight, cotton 7/-----	Dec.63	138.2	138.9	-.5	(3/)
Sweaters, wool or acrylic 7/-----	Dec.63	117.5	117.7	.2	(3/)
Skirts, wool or wool blend 7/-----	Sept.61	145.3	133.9	8.5	(3/)
Skirts, cotton or cotton blend 7/-----	Mar.62	(7/)	(7/)	(7/)	(7/)
Blouses, cotton-----		127.2	125.4	1.4	(3/)
Dresses, street, chiefly manmade fiber-----		158.8	155.9	1.9	(3/)
Dresses, street, wool or wool blend 7/-----		144.8	145.7	-.6	(3/)
Dresses, street, cotton 7/-----		(7/)	(7/)	(7/)	(7/)
Housedresses, cotton-----		152.1	150.7	.9	(3/)
Slips, nylon-----		112.2	111.9	.3	(3/)
Panties, acetate-----		111.4	110.5	.8	(3/)
Girdles, manmade blend-----		120.5	120.2	.2	(3/)
Brassieres, cotton-----	Dec.63	123.8	123.1	.6	(3/)
Hose, nylon seamless-----		99.8	99.4	.4	(3/)
Anklets, cotton-----	Dec.63	118.5	118.5	.0	(3/)
Gloves, fabric, nylon or cotton-----	Dec.63	109.8	109.2	.5	(3/)
Handbags, rayon faille or plastic-----	Dec.63	117.2	115.5	1.5	(3/)
Girl's:					
Raincoats, vinyl plastic or chiefly cotton 7/-----	Dec.63	124.4	121.7	2.2	(3/)
Skirts, wool or wool blend 7/-----		123.4	124.0	-.5	(3/)
Dresses, cotton-----		136.3	137.4	-.8	(3/)
Slacks, cotton 7/-----	Dec.63	131.7	127.9	3.0	(3/)
Slips, cotton blend-----	Dec.63	108.6	108.5	.1	(3/)
Robes, duster style, quilted tricot or percale 7/-----	Dec.63	125.5	123.1	1.9	(3/)
Handbags-----	Dec.63	114.7	111.1	3.2	(3/)
Footwear-----		143.9	143.3	.4	(3/)
Men's:					
Shoes, street, oxford-----		142.1	141.5	.4	(3/)
Shoes, work, high-----		139.5	139.0	.4	(3/)
Women's:					
Shoes, street, pump-----		152.5	152.0	.3	(3/)
Shoes, evening, pump-----	Dec.63	122.9	122.9	.0	(3/)
Shoes, casual, pump-----	Dec.63	133.4	132.0	1.1	(3/)
Houseslippers, scuff-----	Dec.63	127.1	126.6	.4	(3/)
Children's:					
Shoes, oxford-----		143.3	142.3	.7	(3/)
Sneakers, boys', oxford type-----	Dec.63	119.3	119.1	.2	(3/)
Dress shoes, girls', strap-----	Dec.63	135.7	134.6	.8	(3/)
Miscellaneous apparel:					
Diapers, cotton gauze-----		104.1	103.8	.3	(3/)
Yard goods, cotton-----		123.1	123.5	-.3	(3/)
Wrist watches, men's and women's-----	Dec.63	103.1	102.9	.2	(3/)
Apparel services:					
Drycleaning, men's suits and women's dresses-----		132.9	132.2	.5	(3/)
Automatic laundry service-----	Dec.63	111.8	111.4	.4	(3/)
Laundry, men's shirts-----	Dec.63	124.3	123.8	.4	(3/)
Tailoring charges, hem adjustment-----	Dec.63	127.6	127.5	.1	(3/)
Shoe repairs, women's heel lift-----		123.6	122.7	.7	(3/)

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Item and Group	Other Index Bases	Indexes		Percent change to November 1969 From:	
		November 1969	October 1969	October 1969	November 1968
Transportation -----		125.6	125.7	- 0.1	3.6
Private 10/-----		122.7	122.8	- .1	3.2
Automobiles, new -----		105.1	104.2	- .9	1.3
Automobiles, used -----		124.9	125.8	- .7	(3/)
Gasoline, regular and premium -----		116.3	118.0	- 1.4	(3/)
Motor oil, premium -----		140.1	139.6	.4	(3/)
Tires, new, tubeless -----		118.0	117.4	.5	(3/)
Auto repairs and maintenance 11/ -----		136.6	136.1	.4	(3/)
Auto insurance rates -----		164.6	163.7	.5	(3/)
Auto registration -----		134.2	134.2	.0	(3/)
Parking fees, private and municipal -----	Dec. 63	122.5	121.9	.5	(3/)
Public -----		151.1	150.3	.5	8.4
Local transit fares -----		163.0	161.7	.8	(3/)
Taxicab fares -----	Dec. 63	127.5	127.5	.0	(3/)
Railroad fares, coach -----		115.5	115.1	.3	(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 -----		139.1	138.6	.4	5.1
Medical care -----		157.4	156.9	.3	6.2
Drugs and prescriptions -----		99.6	99.4	.2	(3/)
Over-the-counter items -----	Dec. 63	107.1	106.9	.2	(3/)
Multiple vitamin concentrates -----	Dec. 63	92.4	92.5	- .1	(3/)
Aspirin compounds -----	Dec. 63	106.2	106.1	.1	(3/)
Liquid tonics -----	Dec. 63	101.3	100.8	.5	(3/)
Adhesive bandages, package -----	Dec. 63	117.1	117.4	- .3	(3/)
Cold tablets or capsules -----	Dec. 63	110.0	109.6	.4	(3/)
Cough syrup -----	Dec. 63	114.7	113.7	.9	(3/)
Prescriptions -----		89.0	89.0	.0	(3/)
Anti-infectives -----	Mar. 60	62.8	63.0	- .3	(3/)
Sedatives and hypnotics -----	Mar. 60	109.6	108.9	.6	(3/)
Ataractics -----	Mar. 60	89.8	89.8	.0	(3/)
Anti-spasmodics -----	Mar. 60	101.3	101.3	.0	(3/)
Cough preparations -----	Mar. 60	111.7	111.4	.3	(3/)
Cardiovasculars and anti-hypertensives -----	Mar. 60	98.0	97.9	.1	(3/)
Analgesics, internal -----	Mar. 67	103.2	103.1	.1	(3/)
Anti-obesity -----	Mar. 67	104.3	104.2	.1	(3/)
Hormones -----	Mar. 67	93.9	94.3	- .4	(3/)
Professional services:					
Physicians' fees -----		159.0	158.3	.4	(3/)
Family doctor, office visits -----		161.0	160.6	.2	(3/)
Family doctor, house visits -----		166.2	165.9	.2	(3/)
Obstetrical cases -----		154.9	153.9	.6	(3/)
Pediatric care, office visits -----	Dec. 63	145.5	144.2	.9	(3/)
Psychiatrist, office visits -----	Dec. 63	132.6	131.7	.7	(3/)
Herniorrhaphy, adult -----	Dec. 63	125.2	124.6	.5	(3/)
Tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy -----		151.3	149.3	1.3	(3/)
Dentists' fees -----		147.2	146.9	.2	(3/)
Fillings, adult, amalgam, one surface -----		148.3	148.3	.0	(3/)
Extractions, adult -----		146.7	145.9	.5	(3/)
Dentures, full upper -----	Dec. 63	129.7	129.5	.2	(3/)
Other professional services:					
Examination, prescription, and dispensing of eyeglasses -----		133.8	132.8	.8	(3/)
Routine laboratory tests -----	Dec. 63	119.4	118.5	.8	(3/)
Hospital service charges:					
Daily service charges -----		265.4	263.8	.6	(3/)
Semiprivate rooms -----		261.7	260.1	.6	(3/)
Private rooms -----		256.1	254.7	.5	(3/)
Operating room charges -----	Dec. 63	170.6	170.9	- .2	(3/)
X-ray, diagnostic series, upper G.I. -----	Dec. 63	124.5	124.8	- .2	(3/)
Personal care -----		127.8	127.3	.4	4.1
Toilet goods -----		111.8	111.6	.2	(3/)
Toothpaste, standard dentrifice -----		114.7	114.4	.3	(3/)
Toilet soap, hard milled -----		124.8	125.1	- .2	(3/)
Hand lotions, liquid -----	Dec. 63	109.7	110.7	- .9	(3/)
Shaving cream, aerosol -----		101.6	102.0	- .4	(3/)
Face powder, pressed -----		127.5	127.2	.2	(3/)
Deodorants, cream or roll-on -----	Dec. 63	95.0	95.1	- .1	(3/)
Cleansing tissues -----		111.8	109.2	2.4	(3/)
Home permanent refills -----		98.6	98.5	.1	(3/)
Personal care services -----		147.5	146.7	.5	(3/)
Men's haircuts -----		156.4	155.2	.8	(3/)
Beauty shop services -----		138.0	137.7	.2	(3/)
Women's haircuts -----	Dec. 63	124.0	123.4	.5	(3/)
Shampoo and wave sets, plain -----		155.3	154.9	.3	(3/)
Permanent waves, cold -----		107.2	107.1	.1	(3/)

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Item and Group	Other Index Bases	Indexes		Percent change to November 1969 From:	
		November 1969	October 1969	October 1969	November 1968
Reading and recreation <sup>12/</sup> -----		132.3	132.0	0.2	(3/)
Recreational goods -----	Dec.63	99.2	99.1	.1	(3/)
TV sets, portable and console -----		80.3	80.2	.1	(3/)
TV replacement tubes -----	Dec.63	116.3	115.9	.3	(3/)
Radios, portable and table model -----		76.5	76.6	-.1	(3/)
Tape recorders, portable -----	Dec.63	91.2	91.4	-.2	(3/)
Phonograph records, stereophonic -----	Dec.63	98.0	98.1	-.1	(3/)
Movie cameras, Super 8, zoom lens -----	Dec.63	83.4	83.1	.4	(3/)
Film, 35mm, color -----	Dec.63	99.1	99.4	-.3	(3/)
Golf balls, liquid center -----	Dec.63	103.5	103.4	.1	(3/)
Basketballs, rubber or vinyl cover -----	Dec.63	114.8	114.8	.0	(3/)
Fishing rods, fresh water spincast -----	Dec.63	118.0	118.1	-.1	(3/)
Bowling balls -----	Dec.63	100.5	100.2	.3	(3/)
Bicycle, boys' -----	Dec.63	110.0	109.7	.3	(3/)
Tricycles -----	Dec.63	111.4	111.9	-.4	(3/)
Dog food, canned or boxed -----	Dec.63	107.9	108.0	-.1	(3/)
Recreational services -----	Dec.63	132.6	132.1	.4	(3/)
Indoor movie admissions -----		208.3	207.0	.6	(3/)
Adult -----		203.2	201.9	.6	(3/)
Children's -----		255.4	224.5	.4	(3/)
Drive-in movie admissions, adult -----	Dec.63	165.0	164.5	.3	(3/)
Bowling fees, evening -----	Dec.63	113.6	112.1	1.3	(3/)
Golf greens fees -----	Dec.63	(3/)	135.5	.1	(3/)
TV repairs, picture tube replacement -----		100.0	101.4	- 1.4	(3/)
Film developing, black and white -----	Dec.63	117.9	117.9	.0	(3/)
Reading and education:					
Newspapers, street sale and delivery -----		156.7	156.4	.2	(3/)
Magazines, single copy and subscription -----	Dec.63	126.3	126.3	.0	(3/)
Pfano lessons, beginner -----	Dec.63	126.7	126.5	.2	(3/)
Other goods and services -----		133.1	132.2	.7	6.1
Tobacco products -----		153.1	151.5	1.1	(3/)
Cigarettes, nonfilter tip, regular size -----		160.7	158.9	1.1	(3/)
Cigarettes, filter tip, king size -----	Mar.59	152.6	151.0	1.1	(3/)
Cigars, domestic, regular size -----		109.9	109.4	.5	(3/)
Alcoholic beverages -----		120.4	120.0	.3	(3/)
Beer -----		116.6	116.3	.3	(3/)
Whiskey, spirit blended and straight bourbon -----		111.4	111.3	.1	(3/)
Wine, dessert and table -----	Dec.63	114.5	113.6	.8	(3/)
Away from home -----	Dec.63	125.6	125.0	.5	(3/)
Financial and miscellaneous personal expenses:					
Funeral services, adult -----	Dec.63	117.3	116.9	.3	(3/)
Bank service charges, checking accounts -----	Dec.63	109.9	109.1	.7	(3/)
Legal services, short form will -----	Dec.63	139.5	139.5	.0	(3/)
Other special groups:					
All items less shelter -----		128.6	128.1	.4	5.0
Commodities less food -----		120.2	119.8	.3	4.2
Nondurables less food and apparel -----		122.6	122.6	.0	3.6
Household services less rent -----		151.4	150.4	.7	9.3
Transportation services -----		145.8	145.1	.5	7.8
Other services -----		148.2	147.6	.4	4.7

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. <sup>1/</sup> 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.

<sup>1/</sup> 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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