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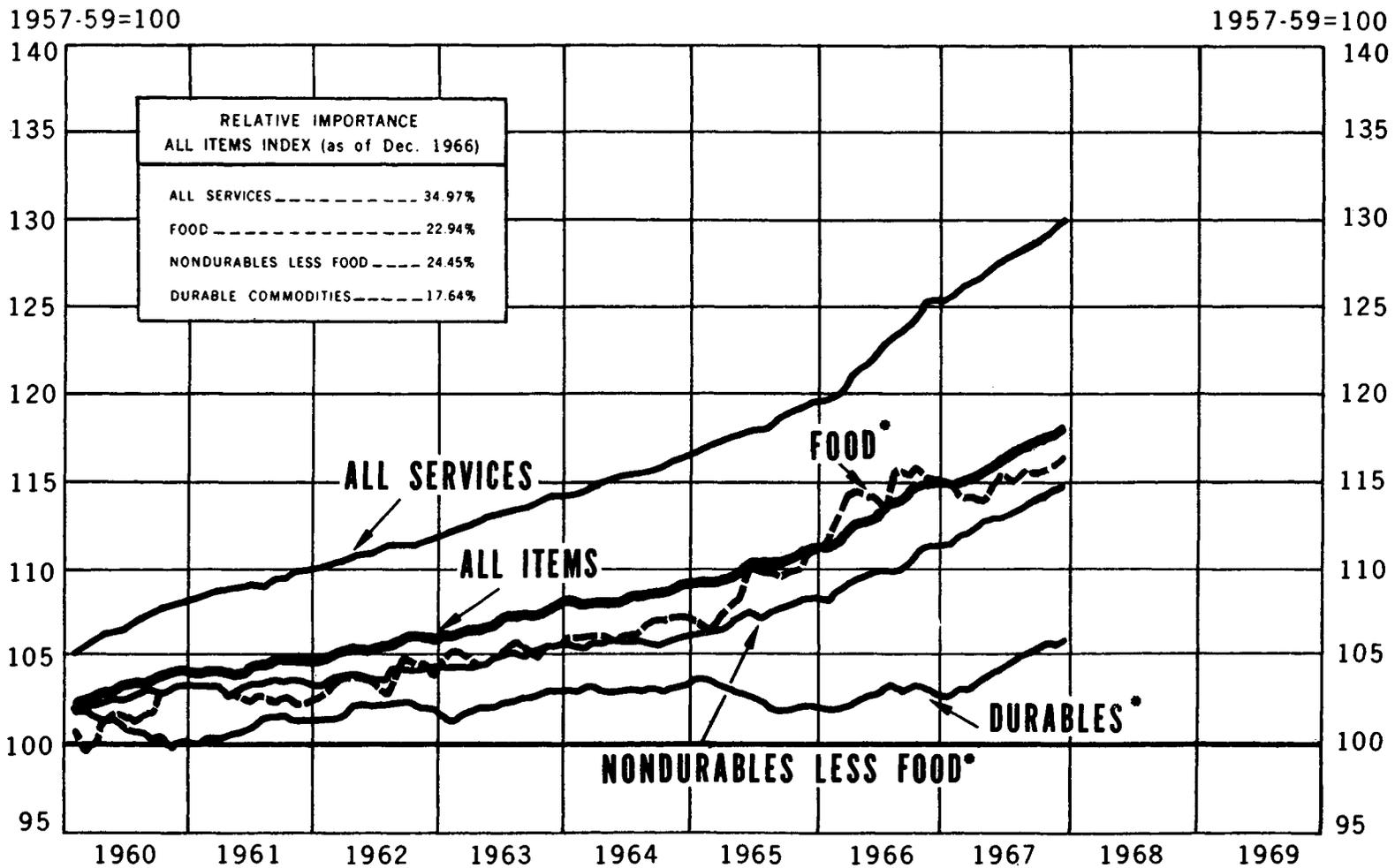
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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR DECEMBER 1967

The Consumer Price Index rose 0.3 percent in December, to 118.2 (1957-59=100); the increase was the same as in the preceding two months. Costs of food and most consumer services moved up strongly; nonfood commodities showed no overall change. Since December 1966, the total index has increased 3.1 percent, slightly less than the 3.3 percent rise for the same period in 1966, but larger than in any other year since 1951.

Price Changes, November to December

Food

About one-third of the December rise was the result of a larger-than-seasonal increase in grocery store food prices, reflecting advances for fresh vegetables, eggs, and processed fruits. Fresh fruit and vegetables increased 3.4 percent. Green peppers jumped 41 percent, reflecting limited supplies due to the beginning stage of the Florida harvest and hurricane damage to the Texas crop. Reduced acreage and rain-curtailed harvests in California and Texas caused cabbage and carrot prices to jump 11.5 and 13.2 percent, respectively. Tomato prices were up 9.3 percent, considerably less than the sharp rise which usually occurs at this time of year. On a seasonally adjusted basis, tomato prices dropped about 20 percent as ample supplies from a rapidly maturing Florida crop reached market.

Processed fruit and vegetable prices rose 1.2 percent, as most items increased. Canned pears advanced because of short supplies, and frozen orange juice concentrate rose as a result of a lower estimate for the 1967-68 orange crop.

Meat, poultry, and fish prices declined less than usual in December. Lower pork prices only partially offset higher beef and poultry prices. Declines for pork were a little larger than usual and reflected lighter demand during the holiday season; quotations were lower for all cuts except ham. Beef prices rose slightly despite heavy supplies, as demand continued strong. Poultry prices were 0.8 percent higher as a decline in chicken production in November caused higher prices for chicken that outweighed slightly lower turkey prices.

Dairy products, which usually decline fractionally in December, rose 0.3 percent, largely because of a recent tightening in supplies of fresh milk. Prices of ice cream also advanced and reflected higher processing and distribution costs. Egg prices rose about 5-1/2 percent, considerably more than their usual seasonal advance, after special sales promotions in November. Prices of coffee and tea both declined about 1 percent as a result of special sales promotions.

Services

Service costs continued upward in December and advanced 0.4 percent. Rent, which in recent years has been characterized by small but steady increases, rose a significant 0.3 percent in December. Homeownership services, notably mortgage interest charges, were also substantially higher. Although still lower than a year ago, interest rates have climbed steadily since the middle of 1967. Property taxes, insurance rates, and prices for home repairs also moved up.

Medical care services were up 0.5 percent in December; professional service fees increased 0.5 percent, and hospital service charges rose 1.0 percent, mainly because of higher wages for nurses and other hospital personnel.

Housekeeping services advanced 0.4 percent as higher wages for domestic workers were offset only partially by seasonal reductions in moving rates.

Nondurable goods other than food

Contrary to their usual decline at year-end when many special sales take place, apparel prices rose 0.2 percent in December. Higher wholesale prices and increased store operating costs accounted for most of the retail price increases.

Gasoline price wars were resumed in Los Angeles and Kansas City as some major oil companies attempted wider market penetration; a 1.1 percent decrease in U.S. average prices occurred in December. Cigarette prices were again higher and reflected primarily state tax increases and, to a lesser extent, city cigarette tax boosts.

Durable goods

The advance in prices of consumer durables slowed in December; prices edged up 0.1 percent compared with 0.9 and 0.3 percent increases in October and November. New and used car prices were the main moderating influences as new car prices dropped slightly, and used cars, reflecting increased inventories, declined 0.6 percent. Auto tires were up slightly as higher wholesale prices were passed on to consumers.

Appliance prices averaged 0.1 percent higher in December; refrigerators and laundry equipment led the upswing. However, all household appliance prices were higher as new models appeared in retail stores. Color TV sets were also up despite disappointing holiday sales figures; and black and white sets, which have been at depressed levels for some time, showed signs of rallying.

Year-End Summary

Most of the 3.1 percent rise in the Consumer Price Index during 1967 occurred in the last 3 quarters. In the first 3 months the index increased at an average rate of 0.1 percent a month, but in the remaining 9 months the rate of increase was about 0.3 percent a month. All major classes of goods and services contributed to the rise; consumer services accounted for almost one-half, nondurables other than food almost three-tenths, and durables about one-sixth.

Services

Over the year, consumer services were ahead 3.9 percent, considerably less than the 4.9 percent rise in 1966. This smaller increase in 1967 was almost entirely the result of lower mortgage interest rates, which fell almost 2 percent in the first half of 1967 and ended the year almost 1 percent lower than in December 1966. During 1966 mortgage interest rates had jumped over 12 percent. More than offsetting this mortgage interest drop in 1967 were a significant 2.0 percent increase in rent, a nearly 7 percent increase in property taxes and insurance, and a 15.5 percent increase in costs of hospital services. Costs of all medical care services were up 7.9 percent, about the same as in 1966. Other service prices which rose substantially during 1967 were hotel and motel rooms, home repairs, housekeeping services (including laundry, fees for baby sitters, and domestic workers), barber and beauty shops, and recreational services (such as movie admissions and golf and bowling fees).

Nondurables less food

Prices of nondurable goods other than food rose 3.4 percent in 1967, compared with a 1966 advance of 2.8 percent. Most of this higher rate of increase was accounted for by sharper increases in prices of apparel, cigarettes, and alcoholic beverages. Apparel commodity prices in 1967 were up 4.2 percent (compared with 3.7 percent in 1966), mainly a reflection of rapidly advancing wholesale prices. Tobacco jumped 6.3 percent (3.5 percent in 1966) as many state and local taxes were boosted and manufacturers increased prices; and alcoholic beverages were up 3.5 percent (1.2 percent in 1966), also largely because of rising state and local taxes. Prices of newspapers, magazines, and books also rose at a faster rate in 1967, 5.7 percent (3.4 percent in 1966).

Durables

The rise in durable goods prices, though less than for other groups, was 4 times as large in 1967 as in 1966 (2.9 and 0.7 percent respectively). Most of the acceleration was caused by used car prices which rose 9.3 percent in 1967 and followed a drop of 3.4 percent in 1966. New car prices also shared in the stepped up rate of increase; they rose 2.7 percent in 1967, but showed virtually no net change in 1966.

Appliance prices rose only 1.0 percent in 1967, but in the face of higher labor, material and shipping costs, the upward trend of recent months can be expected to continue.

Food

During the past 12 months prices of food at home which have shown relatively little net change rose only 0.3 percent. Restaurant meal prices, however, have jumped almost 5 percent, to bring the total food index up 1.2 percent. Fruits and vegetables, up 4.6 percent, and beef and veal, up 3.4 percent, were largely responsible for the rise in grocery-store food prices. Pork prices were 3 percent lower than a year ago and reflected a 13-percent rise in production. Dairy product prices were up an average of 1.4 percent as the price of fresh milk rose in response to curtailed production. Eggs were down 21 percent for the year, and poultry declined 2 percent as production and cold storage holdings remained at generally high levels.

Cost-of-Living Adjustments

Approximately 125,000 workers received increases in their cost-of-living allowances as a result of the December Consumer Price Index. About 85,000 aerospace employees and airline mechanics received 3-cent increases, and about 10,000 employees of painters and decorators in Los Angeles won a 10-cent increase. Some 13,000 employees of the Greyhound Corporation received 1 cent an hour and workers in other industries had raises from 1 to 7 cents an hour.

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

Group	Indexes (1957-59=100)				Percent change to December 1967 from --					
	December 1967		November 1967		December 1966	November 1967		September 1967		December 1966
	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	unadjusted	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	unadjusted
All items -----	118.2	-----	117.8	-----	114.7	0.3	-----	0.9	-----	3.1
Food -----	116.2	116.5	115.6	116.1	114.8	.5	0.3	.3	0.8	1.2
Food at home -----	112.9	113.4	112.3	112.9	112.6	.5	.4	0	.8	.3
Cereals and bakery products -----	118.4	-----	118.4	-----	118.8	0	-----	0	-----	.3
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	111.2	111.8	111.4	111.3	110.9	-.2	.4	-1.9	.6	.3
Dairy products -----	118.1	117.4	117.8	117.0	116.5	.3	.3	.7	.3	1.4
Fruits and vegetables -----	119.6	123.4	116.7	121.1	114.3	2.5	1.9	3.5	3.1	4.6
Other foods at home -----	102.2	101.3	102.5	100.9	105.7	.7	.4	-.2	0	-3.3
Food away from home -----	132.4	-----	132.0	-----	126.3	.3	-----	1.2	-----	4.8
Housing -----	116.0	-----	115.5	-----	113.0	.4	-----	.9	-----	2.7
Shelter 1/ -----	119.9	-----	119.4	-----	116.4	.4	-----	1.0	-----	3.0
Rent -----	113.5	-----	113.2	-----	111.3	.3	-----	.6	-----	2.0
Homeownership 2/ -----	122.6	-----	121.9	-----	118.6	.6	-----	1.2	-----	3.4
Fuel and utilities 3/ -----	109.3	109.0	109.3	109.1	108.4	0	-.1	-.1	-.5	.8
Fuel oil and coal 4/ -----	113.1	111.2	112.7	112.1	110.2	.4	-.8	.7	-2.3	2.6
Gas and electricity -----	108.7	-----	109.0	-----	107.9	-.3	-----	-.2	-----	.7
Household furnishings and operation -	109.7	-----	109.3	-----	106.7	.4	-----	.8	-----	2.8
Apparel and upkeep 5/ -----	116.8	116.2	116.6	115.9	112.3	.2	.3	1.5	1.1	4.0
Men's and boys' -----	116.8	116.1	116.6	115.7	112.6	.2	.3	1.1	.7	3.7
Women's and girls' -----	113.6	112.6	113.5	112.3	108.1	.1	.3	2.3	1.7	5.1
Footwear -----	127.9	127.5	127.6	127.2	122.9	.2	.2	1.2	.8	4.1
Transportation -----	117.9	117.7	118.3	117.8	113.8	-.3	-.1	.9	.6	3.6
Private -----	115.8	115.6	116.2	115.6	111.7	-.3	0	.9	.4	3.7
Public -----	134.9	-----	134.6	-----	129.8	.2	-----	1.4	-----	3.9
Health and recreation -----	126.6	-----	126.2	-----	121.0	.3	-----	1.4	-----	4.6
Medical care -----	140.4	-----	139.7	-----	131.9	.5	-----	1.3	-----	6.4
Personal care -----	117.2	-----	116.9	-----	113.7	.3	-----	.7	-----	3.1
Reading and recreation -----	122.2	-----	122.0	-----	118.4	.2	-----	1.4	-----	3.2
Other goods and services 6/ -----	121.4	-----	121.0	-----	115.9	.3	-----	1.4	-----	4.7
Special groups:										
All items less shelter -----	117.7	-----	117.5	-----	114.3	.2	-----	.9	-----	3.0
All items less food -----	118.9	-----	118.7	-----	114.9	.2	-----	1.0	-----	3.5
All items less medical care -----	116.8	-----	116.5	-----	113.7	.3	-----	.9	-----	2.7
Commodities 7/ -----	112.9	112.8	112.6	112.5	110.1	.3	.3	.8	.7	2.5
Nondurables -----	115.6	115.6	115.3	115.4	113.0	.3	.2	.6	.8	2.3
Durables 7/ 8/ -----	106.1	105.9	106.0	105.6	103.1	.1	.3	1.2	.8	2.9
Services 9/ -----	130.1	-----	129.6	-----	125.2	.4	-----	1.1	-----	3.9
Commodities less food 7/ -----	111.1	110.8	111.1	110.7	107.7	0	.1	1.0	.6	3.2
Nondurables less food -----	115.2	114.9	115.2	114.7	111.4	0	.2	1.0	.8	3.4
Apparel commodities -----	115.9	115.1	115.7	114.8	111.2	.2	.3	1.6	1.1	4.2
Apparel commodities less footwear -----	113.5	112.6	113.4	112.4	108.8	.1	.2	1.6	1.1	4.3
Nondurables less food and apparel -	114.7	-----	114.8	-----	111.6	-.1	-----	.5	-----	2.8
New cars -----	101.3	100.3	101.4	99.8	98.6	-.1	.5	5.4	2.5	2.7
Used cars -----	124.8	124.3	125.6	124.7	114.2	-.6	-.3	-1.1	-.6	9.3
Household durables 10/ -----	99.1	-----	98.8	-----	97.7	.3	-----	.7	-----	1.4
Housefurnishings -----	102.1	102.0	101.8	101.7	100.0	.3	.3	.9	.8	2.1
Services less rent 9/ -----	133.8	-----	133.2	-----	128.3	.5	-----	1.1	-----	4.3
Household services less rent -----	129.1	-----	128.6	-----	124.9	.4	-----	.8	-----	3.4
Transportation services -----	130.4	-----	130.0	-----	126.5	.3	-----	1.2	-----	3.1
Medical care services -----	150.4	-----	149.6	-----	139.4	.5	-----	1.6	-----	7.9
Other services 11/ -----	134.3	-----	133.9	-----	128.9	.3	-----	1.4	-----	4.2
All items index on other bases:										
1947-49=100 -----	145.0	-----	144.5	-----	140.7	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
1939=100 -----	244.1	-----	243.3	-----	236.9	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:										
1957-59=\$1.00 -----	\$0.846	-----	\$0.849	-----	\$0.872	-.4	-----	-.9	-----	-3.0
1947-49=\$1.00 -----	.690	-----	.692	-----	.711	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
1939=\$1.00 -----	.410	-----	.411	-----	.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 1-A: Consumer Price Index--United States City Average
 For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers
 Major group, subgroup, and special group indexes, 1967 annual average indexes
 and percent changes 1966 to 1967

Group	Indexes (1957-59=100)		Percent change to
	1967 Average	1966 Average	1967 from --
	Unadjusted	Unadjusted	1966 Average Unadjusted
All items -----	116.3	113.1	2.8
Food -----	115.2	114.2	.9
Food at home -----	112.3	112.6	-.3
Cereals and bakery products -----	118.5	115.8	2.3
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	111.2	114.1	- 2.5
Dairy products -----	116.7	111.8	4.4
Fruits and vegetables -----	117.5	117.6	-.1
Other foods at home -----	101.9	103.9	- 1.9
Food away from home -----	129.6	123.2	5.2
Housing -----	114.3	111.1	2.9
Shelter <u>1/</u> -----	117.9	114.1	3.3
Rent -----	112.4	110.4	1.8
Homeownership <u>2/</u> -----	120.2	115.7	3.9
Fuel and utilities <u>3/</u> -----	109.0	107.7	1.2
Fuel oil and coal <u>4/</u> -----	111.6	108.3	3.0
Gas and electricity -----	108.5	108.1	.4
Household furnishings and operation -----	108.2	105.0	3.0
Apparel and upkeep <u>5/</u> -----	114.0	109.6	4.0
Men's and boys' -----	114.3	110.3	3.6
Women's and girls' -----	109.9	105.1	4.6
Footwear -----	125.5	119.6	4.9
Transportation -----	115.9	112.7	2.8
Private -----	113.9	111.0	2.6
Public -----	132.1	125.8	5.0
Health and recreation -----	123.8	119.0	4.0
Medical care -----	136.7	127.7	7.0
Personal care -----	115.5	112.2	2.9
Reading and recreation -----	120.1	117.1	2.6
Other goods and services <u>6/</u> -----	118.2	114.9	2.9
Special groups:			
All items less shelter -----	115.9	112.9	2.7
All items less food -----	116.8	113.0	3.4
All items less medical care -----	115.0	112.3	2.4
Commodities <u>7/</u> -----	111.2	109.2	1.8
Nondurables -----	114.0	111.8	2.0
Durables <u>7/ 8/</u> -----	104.3	102.7	1.6
Services <u>9/</u> -----	127.7	122.3	4.4
Commodities less food <u>7/</u> -----	109.2	106.5	2.5
Nondurables less food -----	113.1	109.7	3.1
Apparel commodities -----	113.0	108.5	4.1
Apparel commodities less footwear -----	110.5	106.3	4.0
Nondurables less food and apparel -----	113.1	110.3	2.5
New cars -----	98.1	97.2	.9
Used cars -----	121.5	117.8	3.1
Household durables <u>10/</u> -----	98.2	96.8	1.4
Housefurnishings -----	100.8	98.8	2.0
Services less rent <u>9/</u> -----	131.1	125.0	4.9
Household services less rent -----	127.0	121.5	4.5
Transportation services -----	128.4	124.3	3.3
Medical care services -----	145.6	133.9	8.7
Other services <u>11/</u> -----	131.5	126.5	4.0
All items index on other bases:			
1947-49=100 -----	142.7	138.8	----
1939=100 -----	240.1	233.6	----
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:			
1957-59=\$1.00 -----	\$0.860	\$0.884	- 2.7
1947-49=\$1.00 -----	.701	.720	----
1939=\$1.00 -----	.416	.428	----

See footnotes, table 1.

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

Area ^{1/}	Pricing Schedule ^{2/}	Indexes			Percent change from:	
		1957-59=100	1947-49=100	Other bases	September 1967	December 1966
		December 1967			September 1967	December 1966
U.S. City Average -----	M	118.2	145.0		0.9	3.1
Chicago -----	M	115.8	146.0		.7	3.2
Detroit -----	M	116.4	143.5		1.0	2.7
Los Angeles-Long Beach -	M	119.9	149.5		.7	3.1
New York -----	M	120.8	145.6		.9	2.7
Philadelphia -----	M	118.7	145.8		.7	2.9
		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
		December 1967			September 1967	December 1966
Atlanta -----	3	116.8	144.6		1.0	3.1
Baltimore -----	3	117.4	145.7		.2	2.5
Cincinnati -----	3	116.0	141.2		1.1	4.3
Honolulu (Dec.1963=100)	3	-----	-----	**109.7	*1.2	*3.0
Kansas City -----	3	120.2	148.7		.1	2.5
St. Louis -----	3	118.9	147.6		1.0	3.5
San Francisco-Oakland --	3	121.3	153.9		.7	3.5

^{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.

** Corrected index. See table 9.

* Based on corrected indexes. See table 9.

TABLE 3: Consumer Price Index--The United States and Selected Areas ^{1/}
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Major Groups
Percent change from November 1967 to December 1967

Group	U.S. City Average	Chicago	Detroit	Los Angeles-Long Beach	New York	Philadelphia
All items -----	0.3	0.3	0.3	- 0.1	0.4	0.1
Food -----	.5	.1	.6	1.2	.5	.3
Housing -----	.4	.4	.5	.5	.5	-.3
Apparel and upkeep -----	.2	.4	.2	0	-.1	0
Transportation -----	-.3	-.4	.3	- 3.8	.1	.2
Health and recreation -----	.3	.2	.2	.4	.4	.2
Medical care -----	.5	.5	.5	.2	.9	.8
Personal care -----	.3	.3	0	1.1	.3	-.1
Reading and recreation -----	.2	-.1	.7	.1	.2	.2
Other goods and services ---	.3	.2	-.9	.6	.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:										
Dec.	118.2	116.2	116.0	116.8	117.9	126.6	140.4	117.2	122.2	121.4
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
Annual Average:										
1967	116.3	115.2	114.3	114.0	115.9	123.8	136.7	115.5	120.1	118.2
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
1957	98.0	97.8	98.5	99.5	96.5	97.0	95.5	97.1	96.9	98.5

Table B: Consumer Price Index--United States and Selected Areas 1/
 For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Commodity Groups
 December 1967 indexes and percent changes from September 1967

Group	U.S. City Average	Atlanta	Baltimore	Chicago	Cincinnati	Detroit	Honolulu (Dec.1963=100)
Indexes (1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)							
All items -----	113.2	116.3	117.4	115.8	116.0	116.4	109.7
Food -----	113.2	114.3	116.9	116.5	112.3	115.4	109.6
Food at home -----	117.9	111.6	112.2	115.0	108.7	112.8	109.3
Cereals and bakery products -----	118.4	110.7	121.4	119.4	112.0	112.1	112.5
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	111.2	113.6	110.5	111.3	110.2	114.9	111.1
Dairy products -----	118.1	113.0	114.5	119.8	112.6	124.3	105.3
Fruits and vegetables -----	119.6	117.7	126.5	119.1	116.4	110.7	109.1
Other foods at home -----	102.2	109.2	102.4	102.7	98.5	101.6	103.6
Food away from home -----	112.4	124.1	110.0	114.0	110.9	110.1	110.5
Housing -----	116.9	117.4	114.4	112.6	111.7	110.7	114.2
Shelter -----	119.9	118.3	116.4	114.2	112.9	113.3	120.3
Rent -----	113.5	110.9	115.1	---	104.7	103.1	108.2
Homeownership -----	122.6	120.7	118.0	116.6	116.9	115.7	128.7
Fuel and utilities -----	108.3	112.4	107.6	107.2	105.1	102.6	110.4
Fuel oil and coal -----	113.3	---	118.1	107.9	110.2	108.4	---
Gas and electricity -----	102.3	110.7	101.8	107.8	107.2	104.3	97.4
Household furnishings and operation -----	109.7	115.3	113.9	111.1	109.4	106.0	104.7
Apparel and upkeep -----	116.9	118.7	117.7	112.0	117.7	114.9	107.2
Men's and boys' -----	116.5	117.9	116.5	112.5	120.6	112.2	103.0
Women's and girls' -----	117.0	119.2	117.1	109.5	116.5	114.4	112.3
Footwear -----	121.0	111.3	109.3	114.1	133.3	126.7	106.0
Transportation -----	117.8	115.0	117.7	116.3	119.0	116.4	103.1
Private -----	113.5	112.3	115.7	113.3	115.2	114.9	103.3
Public -----	134.9	128.8	123.7	123.7	151.0	118.8	97.3
Health and recreation -----	126.6	122.9	124.0	122.0	120.7	122.5	109.3
Medical care -----	140.7	134.0	133.0	143.2	144.8	149.7	117.3
Personal care -----	117.1	118.4	117.3	116.9	113.5	114.0	104.2
Reading and recreation -----	119.7	120.7	117.5	116.7	121.4	118.1	101.3
Other goods and services -----	121.4	115.6	112.0	113.9	120.2	117.8	112.0
Percent changes September 1967 to December 1967							
All items -----	0.5	1.0	-0.2	0.7	1.1	1.0	*1.2
Food -----	.5	-.7	-1.0	-.1	-.1	.8	*.4
Food at home -----	0	-2.0	-1.5	-.3	-.2	.8	*.5
Cereals and bakery products -----	0	-.1	-.2	-.7	-.4	-.1	0.1
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	-1.3	-3.8	-2.6	-3.5	-2.2	-1.1	-.7
Dairy products -----	.7	-1.2	0	.5	-1.3	1.9	1.9
Fruits and vegetables -----	3.5	2.3	-3.6	1.7	4.4	4.7	*1.2
Other foods at home -----	-.2	.5	.3	.1	-.3	.8	-.5
Food away from home -----	1.2	.2	1.1	1.1	.2	.9	.2
Housing -----	.9	2.4	-.4	.4	1.0	1.1	2.0
Shelter -----	1.9	3.6	-1.9	.4	2.3	1.8	2.8
Rent -----	.6	.8	.4	---	.2	2/ .6	.7
Homeownership -----	3.2	4.5	-1.6	.3	3.3	1.7	4.1
Fuel and utilities -----	-.1	-.4	-.2	-.1	-.4	-.6	-.2
Fuel oil and coal -----	.7	---	.6	1.5	4.3	.4	---
Gas and electricity -----	-.7	0	.2	0	.1	-.5	0
Household furnishings and operation -----	.8	1.9	.5	.7	.5	.6	.4
Apparel and upkeep -----	1.5	.6	-.5	1.0	.9	.5	.3
Men's and boys' -----	1.1	1.2	.9	.8	.3	-.2	1.5
Women's and girls' -----	2.3	.4	-1.8	.6	.6	1.1	-.2
Footwear -----	1.2	1.0	.3	1.3	1.5	1.4	-1.1
Transportation -----	.9	1.3	1.3	2.4	2.7	1.8	2.6
Private -----	.9	1.2	1.5	.7	1.3	2.1	2.9
Public -----	1.4	0	-.1	12.1	13.5	0	0
Health and recreation -----	1.4	.6	.6	.7	.9	.7	.6
Medical care -----	1.4	.5	.7	.3	1.5	1.9	1.2
Personal care -----	.7	1.1	0	.8	.4	-.6	.3
Reading and recreation -----	1.4	.8	.8	.6	1.3	-1.0	.9
Other goods and services -----	1.4	-.3	.6	.3	.3	-.2	.2

See footnotes at end of table.

TABLE 5: Consumer Price Index—United States and Selected Areas 1/
 For Labor Day Earners and Clerical Workers, Commodity Groups
 December 1957—1967, and percent changes from September 1967—Continued

Group	Nation 1967	Los Angeles— Long Beach	New York	Philadelphia	St. Louis	San Francisco— Oakland
Indexes (1967-59=100 unless otherwise specified)						
All items -----	120.1	119.9	120.8	118.7	118.9	121.3
Food -----	115.1	117.1	116.6	115.4	120.7	116.2
Food at home -----	116.8	112.5	111.6	111.4	117.2	111.6
Cereals and bakery products -----	123.4	125.5	117.9	113.7	120.1	118.3
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	113.2	108.7	117.4	108.9	117.6	107.4
Dairy products -----	126.5	118.5	109.0	123.4	139.7	115.5
Fruits and vegetables -----	121.3	131.9	129.4	126.2	120.5	127.0
Other foods at home -----	109.0	99.8	100.6	99.3	124.2	98.1
Food away from home -----	129.5	126.7	128.1	136.9	124.3	126.5
Housing -----	114.1	121.8	113.4	115.5	113.3	125.1
Shelter -----	119.7	128.3	117.8	117.6	115.7	122.2
Rent -----	104.5	-----	121.0	-----	128.7	132.4
Homeownership -----	119.5	121.5	111.5	117.6	117.3	119.5
Fuel and utilities -----	113.3	108.1	110.9	119.2	108.6	102.0
Fuel oil and coal -----	-----	-----	116.1	114.2	109.8	-----
Gas and electricity -----	116.2	112.7	111.0	109.8	111.2	100.1
Household furnishings and operation -----	108.1	105.1	107.7	117.6	111.5	111.6
Apparel and upkeep -----	120.2	116.9	121.3	121.1	117.0	120.9
Men's and boys' -----	121.2	119.4	122.2	117.9	116.2	116.7
Women's and girls' -----	115.6	116.7	117.3	115.5	115.8	115.5
Footwear -----	122.5	123.7	126.7	131.3	127.4	128.3
Transportation -----	119.1	120.2	119.9	124.8	120.3	117.6
Private -----	117.1	116.3	118.1	119.4	118.5	121.3
Public -----	121.6	123.1	121.7	125.7	128.7	123.2
Health and recreation -----	113.4	121.5	117.2	116.0	120.3	127.9
Medical care -----	149.2	127.7	124.2	149.3	135.5	141.5
Personal care -----	113.4	112.9	114.1	111.5	120.2	127.9
Reading and recreation -----	118.1	109.1	113.4	116.1	128.3	113.8
Other goods and services -----	117.5	118.2	117.5	112.6	126.6	121.6
Percent changes September 1967 to December 1967						
All items -----	0.1	0.7	0.9	0.7	1.6	0.7
Food -----	.0	.7	.3	-.1	1.4	.4
Food at home -----	.4	-.5	-.2	-.1	1.1	.4
Cereals and bakery products -----	.5	.6	.5	-.7	.8	.8
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	-1.2	1.9	-.9	-3.1	-.3	-3.2
Dairy products -----	2.8	1.1	.3	-.3	2.9	1.9
Fruits and vegetables -----	4.1	7.8	2.5	-.3	2.1	7.7
Other foods at home -----	.8	-.7	-.7	.1	.7	-.2
Food away from home -----	2.3	1.3	1.9	1.4	1.3	.7
Housing -----	.6	1.1	1.0	.5	.7	.8
Shelter -----	.4	2.2	1.3	-.1	.5	1.1
Rent -----	-----	-----	2.7	-----	.6	1.3
Homeownership -----	.4	1.8	1.8	-.1	.5	1.7
Fuel and utilities -----	.2	1.3	.2	-.3	.3	-.7
Fuel oil and coal -----	-----	-----	1.1	0	-.8	-----
Gas and electricity -----	.9	1.5	.7	.9	1.6	.9
Household furnishings and operation -----	1.2	1.3	.6	2.5	1.0	.5
Apparel and upkeep -----	.1	.2	.9	.7	1.7	.4
Men's and boys' -----	.5	.7	.7	.6	2.3	-.2
Women's and girls' -----	-.8	-.3	.1	.1	2.8	-.3
Footwear -----	2.2	3.7	3.1	1.2	.3	2.7
Transportation -----	-1.9	-2.9	1.2	1.9	.9	.6
Private -----	-2.1	-3.1	1.5	2.2	1.6	.7
Public -----	.3	.3	0	.6	.1	.9
Health and recreation -----	.5	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.9	1.9
Medical care -----	-.1	.9	1.2	1.5	1.6	.9
Personal care -----	.3	1.6	.7	.4	.7	1.5
Reading and recreation -----	.5	.5	2.4	1.1	1.5	1.3
Other goods and services -----	1.8	1.9	.7	4.5	1.9	2.3

1/ See footnote 1, table 2.
 2/ Change from October 1967.
 3/ Corrected index: September 1967, 121.7.
 4/ Based on corrected index. See table 2.

TABLE 5-A: Consumer Price Index--United States and Selected Areas 1/
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Commodity Groups
1967 annual average indexes and percent changes, 1966 to 1967

Group	U.S. City Average	Atlanta	Baltimore	Chicago	Cincinnati	Detroit	Honolulu (Dec.1963=100)
Indexes (1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)							
All items -----	116.3	115.0	116.1	113.6	113.5	114.9	107.8
All items (1947-49=100) -----	142.7	142.4	144.1	143.2	138.1	141.7	(2/)
Food -----	115.2	114.2	116.3	115.4	112.5	114.1	108.3
Food at home -----	112.3	112.0	112.1	114.2	109.4	111.5	108.1
Cereals and bakery products -----	118.5	114.1	122.0	119.9	114.0	112.4	109.3
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	111.2	111.7	110.7	113.0	111.8	113.8	111.0
Dairy products -----	116.7	114.2	113.9	126.2	113.1	120.5	107.6
Fruits and vegetables -----	117.5	115.4	121.0	115.8	115.2	110.2	106.7
Other foods at home -----	101.9	107.1	100.5	101.8	96.8	101.3	103.3
Food away from home -----	129.6	122.3	134.0	121.4	128.9	128.3	109.3
Housing -----	114.3	114.7	113.8	111.1	108.7	109.4	111.2
Shelter -----	117.9	114.6	116.0	113.0	108.8	111.5	116.0
Rent -----	112.4	108.6	111.4	-----	104.2	101.5	106.9
Homeownership -----	120.2	116.2	117.7	115.3	110.9	113.9	122.3
Fuel and utilities -----	109.0	112.4	107.7	106.6	105.0	102.7	100.3
Fuel oil and coal -----	111.6	-----	113.9	106.3	108.1	105.0	-----
Gas and electricity -----	108.5	110.7	101.8	107.1	107.1	104.6	99.4
Household furnishings and operation -----	108.2	113.4	113.5	109.0	107.7	105.2	103.8
Apparel and upkeep -----	114.0	117.2	116.5	109.9	114.9	113.5	105.8
Men's and boys' -----	114.3	115.2	115.2	108.0	117.9	110.5	101.4
Women's and girls' -----	109.9	111.0	111.8	105.9	107.4	113.4	110.1
Footwear -----	125.5	129.2	137.3	122.2	130.0	124.0	106.8
Transportation -----	115.9	112.9	115.6	112.6	114.8	114.4	100.7
Private -----	113.9	110.3	113.4	112.9	112.2	112.8	102.5
Public -----	132.1	127.4	123.7	111.7	136.0	119.6	92.3
Health and recreation -----	123.8	120.7	121.4	118.9	122.8	126.6	108.4
Medical care -----	136.7	132.2	149.6	144.7	141.2	144.7	114.4
Personal care -----	115.5	117.6	116.9	114.9	111.2	121.5	104.1
Reading and recreation -----	120.1	118.7	114.1	104.5	119.9	118.4	103.5
Other goods and services -----	118.2	113.2	109.5	110.7	113.6	116.9	111.2
Percent changes 1966 to 1967							
All items -----	2.8	3.1	2.4	2.6	2.9	3.4	*2.8
Food -----	.9	1.2	.3	.7	.6	1.7	*1.9
Food at home -----	-.3	-.4	-.6	-.2	-.7	.7	*1.6
Cereals and bakery products -----	2.3	3.9	1.6	2.7	1.6	3.2	4.1
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	-2.5	-2.9	-2.6	-1.9	-2.9	-1.6	-.6
Dairy products -----	4.4	5.8	3.0	5.9	4.4	6.6	6.0
Fruits and vegetables -----	-.1	-1.5	.6	.6	-2.0	.5	*.8
Other foods at home -----	-1.9	-2.4	-2.1	-3.9	-1.3	-.5	1.2
Food away from home -----	5.2	6.6	4.4	4.1	6.1	5.9	3.3
Housing -----	2.9	3.5	2.2	2.7	3.4	4.5	3.7
Shelter -----	3.3	3.7	2.0	3.0	4.2	5.9	4.8
Rent -----	1.8	2.2	1.3	-----	.5	3.2	1.8
Homeownership -----	3.9	4.0	2.1	3.6	5.9	6.3	6.5
Fuel and utilities -----	1.2	2.0	1.1	1.3	.7	.5	1.7
Fuel oil and coal -----	3.0	-----	3.8	.8	3.2	3.9	-----
Gas and electricity -----	.4	0	.3	.9	.3	-.1	-.3
Household furnishings and operation -----	3.0	4.2	3.4	2.6	3.2	3.4	1.8
Apparel and upkeep -----	4.0	5.6	4.6	3.9	3.8	2.7	1.9
Men's and boys' -----	3.6	4.7	3.9	2.0	4.5	3.4	.8
Women's and girls' -----	4.6	6.9	3.7	5.5	4.3	2.0	2.4
Footwear -----	4.9	5.0	5.5	4.4	4.4	3.5	3.3
Transportation -----	2.8	2.0	1.9	2.8	2.1	2.2	2.3
Private -----	2.6	1.8	2.1	2.8	1.6	2.4	2.7
Public -----	5.0	2.3	.2	2.3	6.3	1.8	.7
Health and recreation -----	4.0	4.0	4.7	4.2	4.8	4.7	2.7
Medical care -----	7.0	6.4	8.2	7.8	7.1	7.0	6.1
Personal care -----	2.9	2.7	4.1	2.1	4.0	6.0	.8
Reading and recreation -----	2.6	3.0	3.9	3.0	2.3	3.0	2.3
Other goods and services -----	2.9	2.3	2.7	3.2	5.2	2.7	.8

See footnotes at end of table.

TABLE 5-A: Consumer Price Index--United States and Selected Areas ^{1/}
 For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Commodity Groups
 1967 annual average indexes and percent changes, 1966 to 1967--Continued

Group	Kansas City	Los Angeles- Long Beach	New York	Philadelphia	St. Louis	San Francisco- Oakland
Indexes (1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)						
All items -----	118.7	117.6	119.0	116.8	116.8	119.0
All items (1947-49=100) -----	146.8	146.6	143.4	143.4	144.9	151.0
Food -----	117.9	114.1	115.7	114.5	119.0	114.7
Food at home -----	115.7	109.4	111.0	110.9	116.0	110.5
Cereals and bakery products -----	122.3	119.5	117.3	114.3	119.3	117.0
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	113.8	102.6	111.0	107.3	115.9	108.3
Dairy products -----	123.7	116.9	108.4	122.0	127.8	114.5
Fruits and vegetables -----	118.0	122.8	118.9	117.8	119.5	119.8
Other foods at home -----	106.0	94.9	100.8	99.2	103.8	98.0
Food away from home -----	125.9	131.4	135.7	133.8	130.0	133.2
Housing -----	112.9	119.7	118.1	114.5	111.6	122.9
Shelter -----	114.2	126.1	121.2	117.4	113.7	130.4
Rent -----	106.0	-----	121.6	-----	107.9	129.8
Homeownership -----	117.6	130.6	119.9	118.5	114.9	130.6
Fuel and utilities -----	113.8	104.9	109.7	107.8	108.2	102.4
Fuel oil and coal -----	-----	-----	117.0	117.1	109.1	-----
Gas and electricity -----	115.6	110.9	110.6	101.8	110.2	108.3
Household furnishings and operation -----	106.4	107.5	114.2	109.0	109.7	109.6
Apparel and upkeep -----	117.0	113.6	118.3	120.3	114.7	118.0
Men's and boys' -----	117.7	115.8	119.4	114.8	113.8	115.0
Women's and girls' -----	112.5	112.6	113.6	115.9	112.6	114.3
Footwear -----	128.5	121.0	127.1	129.1	125.9	123.7
Transportation -----	119.1	121.0	117.1	121.9	117.9	115.8
Private -----	116.8	116.7	115.9	117.3	116.3	117.4
Public -----	131.1	146.9	124.6	143.6	124.1	102.8
Health and recreation -----	131.2	117.9	128.5	122.5	125.2	123.3
Medical care -----	143.8	134.1	138.5	140.6	132.9	139.0
Personal care -----	115.9	110.7	112.7	110.9	118.3	123.8
Reading and recreation -----	132.6	107.6	129.9	114.7	125.8	111.4
Other goods and services -----	123.0	112.4	125.4	117.9	120.1	117.6
Percent changes 1966 to 1967						
All items -----	2.1	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.9	2.9
Food -----	.6	.7	.5	1.2	1.0	.4
Food at home -----	-.7	-.5	-.9	-.4	.3	-.5
Cereals and bakery products -----	3.1	.2	1.0	2.9	3.7	3.1
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	-3.1	-2.7	-1.7	-2.3	-2.7	-3.6
Dairy products -----	2.9	3.5	2.0	4.7	6.2	2.7
Fruits and vegetables -----	-1.3	.8	-.3	.4	.9	2.2
Other foods at home -----	-1.7	-1.7	-3.0	-3.4	-2.3	-2.3
Food away from home -----	5.1	4.4	5.1	8.2	4.8	4.0
Housing -----	2.5	2.7	2.2	2.7	3.2	3.3
Shelter -----	3.1	2.8	1.8	2.6	4.3	4.2
Rent -----	.9	-----	2.0	-----	1.1	3.1
Homeownership -----	3.8	3.2	1.6	2.7	5.2	4.6
Fuel and utilities -----	.2	1.4	2.4	1.5	.7	-.9
Fuel oil and coal -----	-----	-----	3.5	4.3	2.4	-----
Gas and electricity -----	-.3	0	2.1	-.1	.3	.4
Household furnishings and operation -----	2.4	2.7	2.9	3.3	2.5	2.6
Apparel and upkeep -----	3.6	3.8	5.0	4.6	3.4	4.1
Men's and boys' -----	2.3	3.2	4.9	4.3	2.7	4.5
Women's and girls' -----	4.7	5.6	6.3	3.8	4.2	4.2
Footwear -----	5.8	3.7	5.3	6.2	2.8	5.0
Transportation -----	.5	1.4	4.5	2.7	3.1	2.7
Private -----	.4	1.2	3.0	2.3	3.1	2.8
Public -----	3.5	4.9	10.2	4.7	3.6	.6
Health and recreation -----	3.8	4.4	3.7	3.9	4.2	4.3
Medical care -----	7.2	7.4	6.8	6.6	5.2	6.0
Personal care -----	.7	2.2	2.4	1.8	3.0	2.3
Reading and recreation -----	2.9	3.0	2.8	1.8	2.9	2.3
Other goods and services -----	2.5	3.5	2.5	3.8	4.9	4.9

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

^{2/} Not available.

* Based on corrected indexes. See table 9.

TABLE 6: Consumer Price Index--United States and Selected Areas
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Food and its Subgroups
December 1967 indexes and percent changes from November 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 -----	116.2	112.9	115.4	111.7	118.1	119.6	102.2	131.4
Atlanta -----	114.3	111.6	118.7	116.4	119.0	117.7	106.6	124.1
Baltimore -----	116.9	112.2	121.8	110.5	117.5	120.5	101.4	132.9
Boston -----	119.9	115.2	121.7	117.2	118.4	119.8	104.6	140.2
Buffalo (Nov. 1963=100) --	110.5	109.3	108.1	109.6	112.3	113.8	106.3	119.5
Chicago -----	116.5	118.0	119.4	111.8	122.8	118.1	102.7	134.0
Cincinnati -----	114.2	108.7	112.0	110.5	119.6	117.4	98.5	130.9
Cleveland -----	112.2	105.6	107.6	110.7	117.3	117.8	98.6	127.3
Dallas (Nov. 1963=100) --	116.7	113.2	107.6	110.6	120.7	119.0	102.1	128.7
Detroit -----	115.7	112.8	112.1	114.0	114.3	110.7	101.6	128.1
Honolulu (Dec. 1963=100) --	109.4	104.9	102.5	111.1	109.8	109.1	103.6	110.5
Houston -----	118.1	112.5	115.3	105.9	118.1	119.4	101.3	131.9
Kansas City -----	119.3	116.8	122.4	113.2	120.3	121.0	107.0	128.5
Los Angeles-Long Beach --	117.3	112.2	120.6	109.7	114.3	111.8	94.6	131.7
Milwaukee -----	115.2	109.5	109.7	111.8	105.3	109.3	104.2	(2)
Minneapolis-St. Paul ---	116.1	110.9	107.6	108.1	117.8	118.1	103.4	126.6
New York -----	116.6	111.6	117.5	111.4	109.0	120.4	100.8	138.1
Philadelphia -----	115.4	111.4	113.7	106.9	122.1	120.2	99.2	136.9
Pittsburgh -----	114.4	109.2	115.8	112.1	111.3	111.3	90.0	123.7
St. Louis -----	116.7	117.1	119.1	117.4	106.7	106.5	90.2	134.5
San Diego (Feb. 1965=100) --	118.4	109.3	107.5	117.6	107.3	108.2	101.6	(2)
San Francisco-Oakland --	116.2	111.6	118.1	109.7	118.5	117.6	98.1	135.5
Seattle -----	116.6	112.2	113.0	111.6	110.2	112.1	88.3	124.6
Washington -----	116.7	112.6	(2)	111.1	108.6	113.8	107.4	134.1
Percent Changes November 1967 to December 1967								
U.S. City Average -----	0.5	0.5	0	- 0.9	0.3	2.5	0.7	0.3
Atlanta -----	.2	.2	0.4	- .2	.1	1.7	.6	.5
Baltimore -----	.2	.2	.4	0	0	.5	.7	0
Boston -----	.2	.1	.4	0	.1	.3	.9	.1
Buffalo (Nov. 1963=100) --	.6	.8	.3	.1	1.4	3.0	.5	.5
Chicago -----	.1	.2	.1	- .9	0	2.1	.8	0
Cincinnati -----	.1	.4	.4	- .7	.2	2.2	.3	.1
Cleveland -----	.3	.4	0	- 1.4	.3	1.7	.4	.2
Dallas (Nov. 1963=100) --	.6	.7	.1	- .3	.1	3.0	1.5	.4
Detroit -----	.8	.7	.2	- .3	1.2	2.4	.9	.5
Honolulu (Dec. 1963=100) --	.1	.4	.5	- .8	.2	* 1.4	- 1.1	.1
Houston -----	.2	.1	.7	.7	.4	0	.3	.1
Kansas City -----	.5	.5	.1	- 1.3	.2	2.7	1.8	.9
Los Angeles-Long Beach --	1.2	1.6	.6	3.3	0	3.4	.1	.1
Milwaukee -----	.4	.4	.3	- .1	0	1.8	1.0	(1)
Minneapolis-St. Paul ---	.5	.5	.5	- .5	.2	2.3	.8	.3
New York -----	.5	.6	.1	.4	.4	2.5	.4	.2
Philadelphia -----	.3	.2	.8	- 1.2	.4	3.1	1.2	.9
Pittsburgh -----	.2	.4	.9	- 1.8	.2	0	.9	.2
St. Louis -----	1.3	1.0	.4	3.3	0	1.3	1.2	2.2
San Diego (Feb. 1965=100) --	1.1	1.9	0	3.1	1.4	2.7	1.3	(2)
San Francisco-Oakland --	1.0	1.2	.4	- .4	1.1	4.7	1.3	.2
Seattle -----	.7	.5	.5	- .8	.2	4.7	.4	1.1
Washington -----	.6	.7	(2)	1.0	.4	2.7	.4	.6

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

^{2/} Not available.

^{3/} Based on corrected indexes. See table 6.

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

Item or Group	Index		Percent change to December 1967 from--		
	December 1967		November 1967		December 1966
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	unadjusted
Total food	116.2	118.5	0.5	0.5	1.2
Food away from home	132.4	-----	.3	-----	4.8
Restaurant meals	132.7	-----	.3	-----	4.7
Snacks 1/	114.3	-----	.2	-----	5.2
Food at home	112.9	113.4	.5	.4	.3
Cereals and bakery products	113.4	-----	.0	-----	-.3
Wheat	112.9	-----	-.8	-----	-2.8
Cracker meal 1/	112.1	-----	.2	-----	.2
Corn flakes	129.1	-----	.1	-----	2.2
Rice	106.1	-----	.2	-----	1.7
Bread, white	123.1	-----	-.2	-----	-2.1
Bread, whole wheat 1/	114.2	-----	.0	-----	.1
Cookies	102.5	-----	.1	-----	-.6
Layer cake 1/	106.1	-----	.6	-----	.8
Circus cakes 1/	107.0	-----	.3	-----	.0
Meats, poultry, and fish	111.2	111.8	-.2	.2	.0
Meats	114.5	114.4	-.2	-.2	.2
Beef and veal	113.7	113.4	-.2	-.2	3.0
Steak, round	112.0	111.6	-.2	-.4	3.7
Steak, sirloin 2/	109.9	-----	.2	-----	6.2
Steak, porterhouse 1/	113.4	-----	.5	-----	4.5
Roast beef 1/	108.0	-----	.1	-----	2.5
Roast lamb	123.8	123.2	-.5	-.5	5.0
Chuck roast	108.1	106.6	-.7	-1.2	2.0
Hamburger	117.3	116.9	-.1	-.0	2.0
Beef liver 1/	106.2	-----	.8	-----	-.2
Veal cutlets	106.2	106.7	.0	.4	0.0
Pork	111.4	112.8	1.7	1.4	5.0
Chops	111.4	114.5	3.5	1.2	1.8
Loaf roast 2/	115.6	-----	3.5	-----	1.2
Pork sausage 1/	121.1	-----	1.1	-----	3.5
Ham, whole	112.6	110.0	-2.4	-.8	-2.8
Picnic 1/	112.4	-----	1.0	-----	7.0
Bacon	122.5	114.1	-4.7	-1.6	-3.9
Other meats	113.4	118.4	2.2	2.2	.6
Lamb chops 1/	111.6	-----	.5	-----	3.1
Frankfurters	116.4	116.6	.2	.8	-1.0
Ham, cured 1/	116.0	-----	.4	-----	3.5
Polecat sausage 1/	118.2	-----	.2	-----	.3
Salami sausage 1/	113.4	-----	.5	-----	.0
Liverwurst 1/	116.8	-----	1.7	-----	1.0
Poultry	87.4	-----	.8	-----	-2.0
Frying chicken	86.9	89.0	1.0	1.4	-1.3
Chicken breasts 1/	100.5	-----	.9	-----	.5
Turkey 1/	99.1	-----	.2	-----	-8.0
Fish	122.0	122.1	.7	.7	.0
Salmon, frozen 1/	106.8	-----	.5	-----	-2.8
Fish, fresh or frozen	125.3	115.0	-9.3	1.2	-.1
Tuna fish, canned	115.3	-----	.7	-----	-5.5
Sardines, canned 1/	117.0	-----	.9	-----	6.6
Dairy products	118.1	117.4	-.5	-.3	1.2
Milk, fresh, grocery	115.0	115.1	.2	.5	1.0
Milk, fresh, delivered	120.0	-----	.2	-----	3.5
Milk, fresh, skim 1/	114.5	-----	.6	-----	3.1
Milk, evaporated	117.2	-----	.3	-----	.1
Ice cream	98.5	-----	.6	-----	-1.4
Cheese, American process	135.9	136.3	.2	.5	-1.6
Butter	116.2	115.4	-.1	-.2	-1.2

See footnotes at end of table.

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

Item or Group	Index		Percent change to December 1967 from --		
	December 1967		November 1967		December 1966
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	unadjusted
Fruits and vegetables -----	119.6	123.4	2.5	1.9	4.6
Fresh fruits and vegetables -----	124.4	131.2	3.4	2.7	4.6
Apples -----	131.7	154.4	4.3	- 1.0	9.3
Bananas -----	89.2	92.3	- 3.7	- 4.2	- 1.0
Oranges -----	131.6	133.5	2.4	12.3	13.1
Orange juice, fresh 1/ -----	76.7	-----	1.9	-----	- 4.1
Grapefruit -----	138.1	160.8	1.2	6.1	13.4
Grapes * -----	*	*	*	*	*
Strawberries * -----	*	*	*	*	*
Watermelon * -----	*	*	*	*	*
Potatoes -----	123.1	137.1	.3	.1	- 4.6
Onions -----	127.4	137.3	2.8	1.6	- 1.5
Asparagus * 1/ -----	*	-----	*	-----	*
Cabbage -----	128.8	137.9	11.5	3.8	- 16.6
Carrots -----	141.4	140.4	13.2	9.2	34.8
Celery -----	118.2	121.0	- 1.3	- 2.9	15.3
Cucumbers 1/ -----	110.8	-----	- 1.7	-----	- 9.6
Lettuce -----	128.3	136.3	- 2.2	14.9	17.5
Peppers, green 1/ -----	191.7	-----	41.0	-----	29.2
Spinach 1/ -----	97.4	-----	- .7	-----	1.0
Tomatoes -----	117.2	94.1	9.3	- 20.1	- 14.3
Processed fruits and vegetables -----	113.9	-----	1.2	-----	4.5
Fruit cocktail, canned -----	107.1	-----	.8	-----	9.7
Pears, canned 1/ -----	114.5	-----	3.5	-----	20.4
Grapefruit-pineapple juice, canned 1/ --	95.9	-----	.2	-----	- .1
Orange juice concentrate, frozen -----	79.4	78.1	6.9	6.0	- 14.1
Lemonade concentrate, frozen 2/ -----	90.3	-----	1.0	-----	.6
Beets, canned 1/ -----	110.1	-----	1.0	-----	6.1
Peas, green, canned -----	122.0	-----	- .5	-----	1.1
Tomatoes, canned -----	129.0	-----	- .1	-----	10.5
Dried beans -----	121.3	-----	1.8	-----	3.3
Broccoli, frozen 1/ -----	99.6	-----	.2	-----	1.5
Other food at home -----	102.2	101.3	.7	.4	- 3.3
Eggs -----	88.1	82.7	5.3	3.1	- 21.3
Fats and oils:					
Margarine -----	104.0	-----	.2	-----	- 3.2
Salad dressing, Italian 1/ -----	102.8	-----	.3	-----	.6
Salad or cooking oil 1/ -----	122.9	-----	.2	-----	- 2.9
Sugar and sweets -----	116.2	-----	.3	-----	2.6
Sugar -----	113.4	-----	0	-----	1.3
Grape jelly -----	117.6	-----	.3	-----	.5
Chocolate bar -----	105.7	-----	.1	-----	5.9
Syrup, chocolate flavored 1/ -----	101.5	-----	.3	-----	2.4
Nonalcoholic beverages -----	99.0	-----	- .2	-----	- .7
Coffee, can and bag -----	86.8	-----	- .8	-----	- 4.8
Coffee, instant 3/ -----	97.0	-----	.7	-----	.2
Tea -----	100.0	-----	- 1.0	-----	- 1.5
Cola drink -----	141.0	-----	.4	-----	6.2
Carbonated fruit drink 1/ -----	110.4	-----	.6	-----	4.0
Prepared and partially prepared foods 1/	101.6	-----	- .2	-----	1.4
Bean soup, canned 1/ -----	100.7	-----	.2	-----	3.7
Chicken soup, canned 1/ -----	96.5	-----	.2	-----	- 1.0
Spaghetti, canned 1/ -----	111.2	-----	.2	-----	3.0
Mashed potatoes, instant 1/ -----	101.7	-----	- .3	-----	- .6
Potatoes, french fried, frozen 2/ -----	84.5	-----	- .4	-----	- .8
Baby foods, canned -----	107.3	-----	0	-----	1.2
Sweet pickle relish 1/ -----	108.3	-----	0	-----	2.0
Pretzels 1/ -----	103.4	-----	- 1.4	-----	3.4

1/ December 1963=100.

2/ April 1960=100.

3/ July 1961=100.

* Priced only in season.

TABLE 7-A: Consumer Price Index--United States City Average
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Food Items
1967 annual average indexes and percent changes, 1966 to 1967

Item or Group	Indexes (1957-59=100)		Percent change to 1967 from --
	1967 unadjusted	1966 unadjusted	1966 unadjusted
Total food -----	115.2	114.2	0.9
Food away from home -----	129.6	123.2	5.2
Restaurant meals -----	129.9	123.5	5.2
Snacks <u>1/</u> -----	112.1	106.4	5.4
Food at home -----	112.3	112.6	-.3
Cereals and bakery products -----	118.5	115.8	2.3
Flour -----	114.4	112.0	2.1
Cracker meal <u>1/</u> -----	116.8	115.6	1.0
Corn flakes -----	128.8	121.9	5.7
Rice -----	108.3	107.0	1.2
Bread, white -----	123.8	121.7	1.7
Bread, whole wheat <u>1/</u> -----	114.0	110.2	3.4
Cookies -----	101.8	100.0	1.8
Layer cake <u>1/</u> -----	105.4	102.5	2.8
Cinnamon rolls <u>1/</u> -----	107.4	104.9	2.4
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	111.2	114.1	- 2.5
Meats -----	113.8	116.8	- 2.6
Beef and veal -----	113.1	112.4	.6
Steak, round -----	108.4	108.6	-.2
Steak, sirloin <u>2/</u> -----	106.6	106.1	.5
Steak, porterhouse <u>1/</u> -----	110.6	110.2	.4
Rump roast <u>1/</u> -----	105.1	104.9	.2
Rib roast -----	119.6	118.3	1.1
Chuck roast -----	105.1	106.0	-.8
Hamburger -----	115.9	114.9	.9
Beef liver <u>1/</u> -----	106.4	107.4	-.9
Veal cutlets -----	133.3	127.3	4.7
Pork -----	114.8	125.1	- 8.2
Chops -----	116.1	123.0	- 5.6
Loin roast <u>2/</u> -----	123.4	132.3	- 6.7
Pork sausage <u>1/</u> -----	122.8	134.7	- 8.8
Ham, whole -----	110.9	117.8	- 5.9
Picnics <u>1/</u> -----	117.1	128.4	- 8.8
Bacon -----	117.9	134.4	- 12.3
Other meats -----	117.8	118.8	-.8
Lamb chops <u>1/</u> -----	121.3	119.0	1.9
Frankfurters -----	116.9	118.8	- 1.6
Ham, canned <u>1/</u> -----	116.6	121.6	- 4.1
Bologna sausage <u>1/</u> -----	117.3	117.1	.2
Salami sausage <u>1/</u> -----	112.4	113.3	-.8
Liverwurst <u>1/</u> -----	116.3	117.0	-.6
Poultry -----	88.9	94.9	- 6.3
Frying chicken -----	88.4	95.6	- 7.5
Chicken breasts <u>1/</u> -----	100.3	103.8	- 3.4
Turkey <u>1/</u> -----	102.6	106.1	- 3.3
Fish -----	121.8	117.8	3.4
Shrimp, frozen <u>1/</u> -----	109.4	102.7	6.5
Fish, fresh or frozen -----	124.8	123.2	1.3
Tuna fish, canned -----	111.0	111.8	-.7
Sardines, canned <u>1/</u> -----	114.2	107.1	6.6
Dairy products -----	116.7	111.8	4.4
Milk, fresh, grocery -----	113.8	109.4	4.0
Milk, fresh, delivered -----	117.8	112.3	4.9
Milk, fresh, skim <u>1/</u> -----	112.2	105.9	5.9
Milk, evaporated -----	117.4	110.6	6.1
Ice Cream -----	99.0	96.6	2.5
Cheese, American process -----	136.3	130.6	4.4
Butter -----	115.9	112.8	2.7

See footnotes at end of table.

TABLE 7-A: Consumer Price Index--United States City Average
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Food Items
1967 annual average indexes and percent changes, 1966 to 1967--Continued

Item or Group	Indexes (1957-59=100)		Percent change to 1967 from --
	1967 unadjusted	1966 unadjusted	1966 unadjusted
Fruits and vegetables -----	117.5	117.6	- 0.1
Fresh fruits and vegetables -----	124.3	123.9	.3
Apples -----	140.3	133.7	4.9
Bananas -----	94.1	93.2	1.0
Oranges -----	116.9	120.6	- 3.1
Orange juice, fresh <u>1/</u> -----	73.9	84.3	- 12.3
Grapefruit -----	136.3	148.4	- 8.2
Grapes * <u>4/</u> -----	138.7	122.6	13.1
Strawberries * <u>5/</u> -----	127.7	132.1	- 3.3
Watermelon * <u>5/</u> -----	119.4	115.3	3.6
Potatoes -----	131.6	131.6	0
Onions -----	135.0	127.5	5.9
Asparagus * <u>1/ 4/</u> -----	114.0	118.2	- 3.6
Cabbage -----	135.6	150.2	- 9.7
Carrots -----	111.1	112.3	- 1.1
Celery -----	111.3	112.6	- 1.2
Cucumbers <u>1/</u> -----	132.0	138.5	- 4.7
Lettuce -----	128.5	128.9	- .3
Peppers, green <u>1/</u> -----	153.5	151.5	1.3
Spinach <u>1/</u> -----	99.5	99.1	.4
Tomatoes -----	116.3	115.0	1.1
Processed fruits and vegetables -----	109.2	109.9	- .6
Fruit cocktail, canned -----	99.8	100.8	- 1.0
Pears, canned <u>1/</u> -----	98.7	103.8	- 4.9
Grapefruit-pineapple juice, canned <u>1/</u> -----	95.2	97.0	- 1.9
Orange juice concentrate, frozen -----	75.4	92.9	- 18.8
Lemonade concentrate, frozen <u>2/</u> -----	89.0	89.7	- .8
Beets, canned <u>1/</u> -----	107.1	102.7	4.3
Peas, green, canned -----	121.5	116.9	3.9
Tomatoes, canned -----	123.7	112.4	10.1
Dried beans -----	115.1	122.9	- 6.3
Broccoli, frozen <u>1/</u> -----	99.6	96.6	3.1
Other food at home -----	101.9	103.9	- 1.9
Eggs -----	88.4	105.7	- 16.4
Fats and oils:			
Margarine -----	104.8	104.5	.3
Salad dressing, Italian <u>1/</u> -----	101.6	101.3	.3
Salad or cooking oil <u>1/</u> -----	124.2	119.9	3.6
Sugar and sweets -----	114.7	111.3	3.1
Sugar -----	112.5	110.3	2.0
Grape jelly -----	116.8	116.3	.4
Chocolate bar -----	104.3	94.2	10.7
Syrup, chocolate flavored <u>1/</u> -----	99.4	99.6	- .2
Nonalcoholic beverages -----	99.1	100.0	- .9
Coffee, can and bag -----	88.4	93.1	- 5.0
Coffee, instant <u>3/</u> -----	96.8	97.9	- 1.1
Tea -----	100.5	100.7	- .2
Cola drink -----	137.8	129.8	6.2
Carbonated fruit drink <u>1/</u> -----	108.4	104.2	4.0
Prepared and partially prepared foods <u>1/</u> -----	100.8	99.7	1.1
Bean soup, canned <u>1/</u> -----	99.2	97.5	1.7
Chicken soup, canned <u>1/</u> -----	96.6	98.4	- 1.8
Spaghetti, canned <u>1/</u> -----	109.2	105.2	- 3.8
Mashed potatoes, instant <u>1/</u> -----	101.9	102.1	- .2
Potatoes, french fried, frozen <u>2/</u> -----	84.6	85.6	- 1.2
Baby foods, canned -----	106.7	105.2	1.4
Sweet pickle relish <u>1/</u> -----	106.7	104.3	2.3
Pretzels <u>1/</u> -----	102.5	99.8	2.7

1/ December 1963=100.

2/ April 1960=100.

3/ July 1961=100.

4/ 5-month average.

5/ 3-month average.

* Priced only in season.

Table 8: Percent Change in Prices for Selected Groups in the Consumer Price Index and the Wholesale Price Index (Seasonally adjusted except where indicated)

	Nov. to Dec. 1967		Sept. to Dec. 1967		June to Sept. 1967		March to June 1967		Dec. 1966 to March 1967		Dec. 1966 to Dec. 1967	
	CPI	WPI	CPI	WPI	CPI	WPI	CPI	WPI	CPI	WPI	CPI*	WPI*
*ALL ITEMS -----	0.3	0.6	0.9	0.6	0.9	-0.1	0.9	0.6	0.3	-0.2	3.1	0.8
CONSUMER PRODUCTS -----												
<u>Nondurable</u> -----	.3	.7	.9	.3	.6	.2	.6	1.1	-.1	-.6	1.9	1.0
Food and beverages at home -----	.4	1.4	.8	.5	.1	-.8	.8	2.6	-1.1	-2.4	.6	-.3
Apparel and accessories -----	.3	.5	1.1	1.2	.8	.4	1.0	.3	1.4	.7	4.2	2.6
Household furnishings and supplies -----	0	.3	-.4	.3	-.6	.6	1.2	1.7	.6	1.2	2.0	3.8
Gasoline and motor oil -----	-1.3	-.1	-.9	-5.7	.4	1.9	1.0	-2.0	1.2	3.5	1.5	-2.6
Other nondurables -----	.3	.1	1.1	.2	2.1	.1	-.2	1.9	.3	-.1	3.2	2.1
<u>Durable</u> -----	.3	.2	1.1	1.5	.6	.5	.3	-.2	0	.2	2.0	2.0
New passenger cars -----	.5	0	2.5	2.3	.7	.2	.2	-.1	-.6	-.4	2.7	1.9
Appliances -----	.1	-.1	.5	.3	.4	.6	-.2	-.8	-.7	.2	-.1	.3
Furniture and floor coverings -----	.4	.1	.8	1.1	1.1	.5	.5	-.1	.3	-.3	2.6	1.2
*Other durables -----	.1	.2	.7	.3	-.6	2.0	.4	.1	.4	.9	2.1	3.2
*CONSUMER SERVICES -----												
*Insurance and finance -----	.5	-	1.3	-	.8	-	.7	-	.3	-	3.2	-
*Rent -----	.3	-	.6	-	.5	-	.4	-	.4	-	2.0	-
*Utilities and public transportation -----	0	-	.1	-	.6	-	.3	-	.3	-	1.3	-
*Housekeeping and home maintenance services -----	.4	-	1.3	-	1.6	-	1.3	-	1.5	-	5.9	-
*Medical care services -----	.5	-	1.6	-	1.9	-	1.6	-	2.5	-	7.9	-
*Personal care services -----	.5	-	1.2	-	1.2	-	.8	-	1.0	-	4.2	-
*Other services -----	.3	-	1.3	-	.9	-	1.2	-	.7	-	4.3	-
WHOLESALE PRICES:												
<u>Type of Product:</u>												
Farm products -----	-	3.3	-	2.5	-	-6.0	-	4.6	-	-3.6	-	-2.8
Processed foods and feeds -----	-	.4	-	-.8	-	-.4	-	1.7	-	-1.6	-	-1.2
*Industrial commodities -----	-	.3	-	.8	-	.5	-	0	-	.5	-	1.8
<u>Industrial Materials and Equipment:</u>												
Chemicals and allied products -----	-	.1	-	.2	-	-.5	-	.3	-	.2	-	.2
Rubber and rubber products -----	-	.3	-	.8	-	2.8	-	-.3	-	1.1	-	4.4
Lumber and wood products -----	-	1.0	-	.6	-	4.2	-	.6	-	-.5	-	5.0
Pulp, paper and allied products -----	-	.2	-	.6	-	.5	-	.3	-	.4	-	1.7
*Metals and metal products -----	-	.5	-	1.3	-	.6	-	-.5	-	.4	-	1.8
Machinery and equipment -----	-	.4	-	.9	-	.4	-	.1	-	.8	-	2.3
<u>Stage of Processing at Wholesale:</u>												
Finished goods -----	-	.6	-	.8	-	0	-	1.1	-	-.4	-	1.6
Consumer -----	-	.7	-	.5	-	-.1	-	1.4	-	-.6	-	1.2
Producer -----	-	.3	-	1.3	-	.5	-	.5	-	.5	-	2.9
Intermediate materials, supplies and components -----	-	.4	-	.6	-	.3	-	-.2	-	.2	-	.9
Crude materials -----	-	2.2	-	1.5	-	-4.0	-	2.6	-	-2.2	-	-2.2

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.

TABLE 9: Honolulu Consumer Price Index
 Corrected Indexes, 1/ 1964-67
 (December 1963=100)

Date	All Items	Food		
		Total	Food at Home	Fruits and Vegetables
1964: Average	100.2	100.7	100.7	102.7
January		* 99.8	* 99.8	* 98.3
February		*100.3	*100.3	*101.5
March	*100.5	*100.5	*100.6	103.1
April		100.5	100.5	102.4
May		100.5	100.5	103.0
June	99.6	100.3	100.3	101.3
July		100.6	100.7	104.0
August		101.0	101.0	102.9
September	*100.2	100.7	100.6	102.9
October		101.2	101.2	103.0
November		101.4	101.5	104.4
December	*101.0	101.8	101.9	105.9
1965: Average	102.0	102.8	102.8	105.6
January		102.2	102.3	107.9
February		102.9	103.2	109.5
March	*101.5	102.8	103.0	109.3
April		102.1	102.1	107.9
May		101.3	100.9	103.0
June	101.4	102.7	102.6	107.4
July		103.0	103.0	107.0
August		102.5	102.2	102.1
September	102.1	102.6	102.3	98.9
October		103.1	103.0	100.1
November		103.8	103.8	103.8
December	103.7	105.1	105.4	110.1
1966: Average	104.9	106.3	106.4	105.9
January		105.4	105.8	110.0
February		105.7	105.9	108.0
March	104.1	105.5	105.6	106.1
April		105.8	105.9	105.2
May		105.7	105.7	105.0
June	104.4	105.6	105.5	104.8
July		105.8	105.8	103.5
August		106.0	106.1	104.1
September	105.5	106.8	107.0	104.1
October		107.7	108.2	105.9
November		108.1	108.3	107.7
December	106.5	107.4	107.4	105.9
1967: Average	107.8	108.3	108.1	106.7
January		107.4	107.5	105.7
February		107.1	106.9	104.3
March	106.6	107.5	107.3	104.2
April		107.0	106.5	104.4
May		107.4	106.9	103.2
June	107.5	107.9	107.5	106.5
July		108.5	108.1	110.1
August		108.7	108.3	110.1
September	108.4	109.2	108.8	108.9
October		110.0	109.8	105.5
November		109.8	109.7	108.7
December	109.7	109.6	109.3	109.1

1/ These indexes have been recalculated to correct errors resulting from inappropriate application of standard procedures for estimating price changes for some fresh fruits and vegetables which are not available in adequate supplies in Honolulu. The sample of items has been revised to be more representative of Honolulu consumption and a more appropriate estimating technique has been adopted.

* Indicates that the error was not large enough to change the originally published indexes.

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
CONSUMER PRODUCTS -----	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.
Nondurable -----	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.
Durable -----	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.
CONSUMER SERVICES -----	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.	
WHOLESALE PRICES		
Type of product		Same as the Wholesale Price Indexes for major groups.
Farm Product		
Processed foods and feeds		
Industrial commodities		
Industrial materials and equipment		
Stage of Processing at wholesale		The Wholesale Price Stage of Processing Indexes.
Finished goods		The Consumer Finished Goods index differs from the Consumer Products index in weighting structure and is based on a larger sample of commodities.
Consumer		
Producer		
Intermediate materials, supplies, and components		
Crude materials		

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.