

the consumer price index

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for December 1969

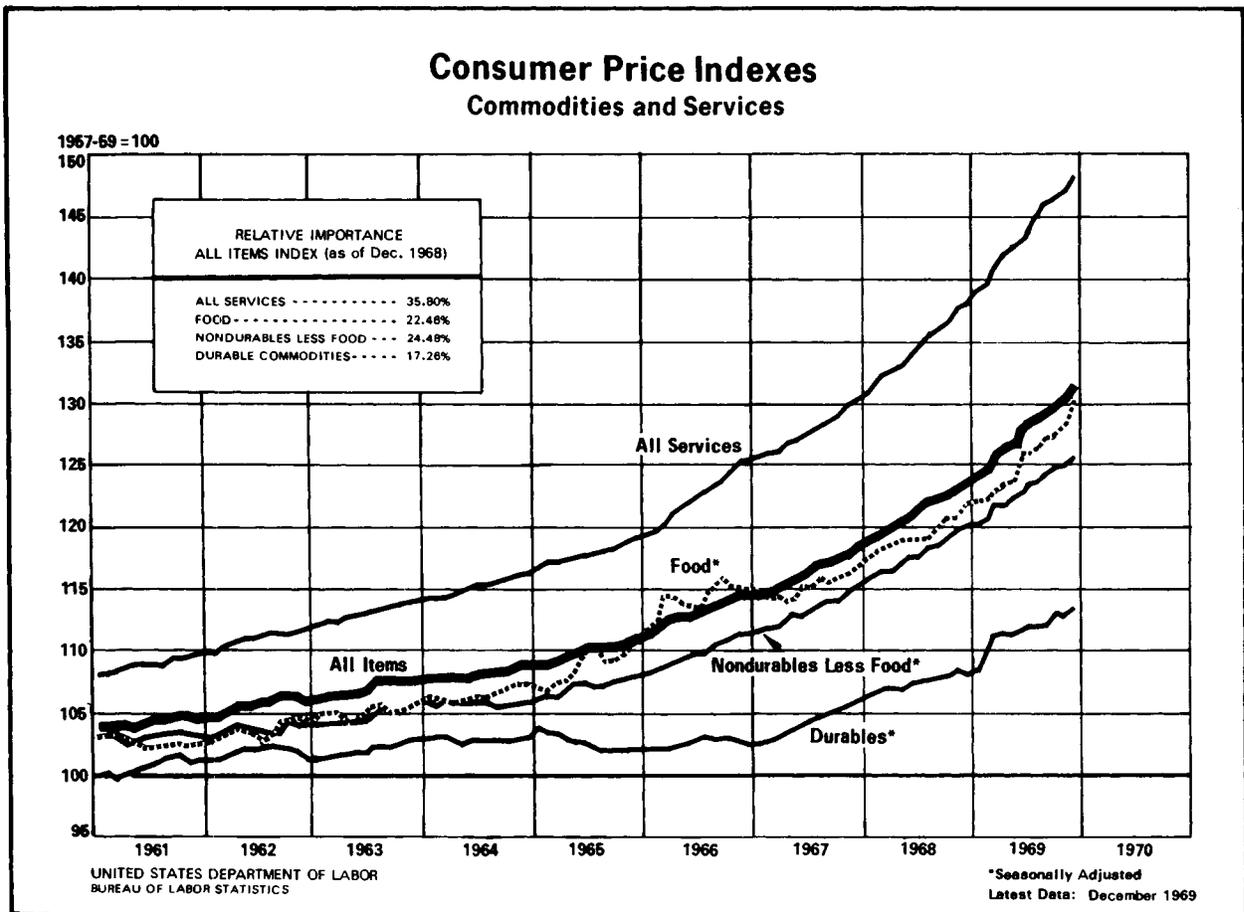
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 on consumer price movements
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The Consumer Price Index--December 1969

The Consumer Price Index rose 0.6 percent in December to 131.3 (1957-59=100), following a 0.5-percent rise in November. Nearly half of the increase was attributed to sharply higher food prices, particularly fresh vegetables, and eggs; most of the remainder was caused by higher charges for consumer services.

At its December level, the index was 6.1 percent above a year earlier, the largest increase for any 12-month period since November 1951. Of the major components of the index shown below, higher service charges constituted over two-fifths of the 6.1-percent increase since December 1968 and higher food prices contributed about a quarter of the rise.

Contribution to Change in the All Items Index

	December 1968-69		December 1967-68	
	Percent Change	Contribution to Change	Percent Change	Contribution to Change
All items	6.1	100.0	4.7	100.0
Services	7.4	42.9	6.1	46.8
Food	7.2	26.4	4.3	20.7
Nondurables less food	4.5	18.0	4.4	23.3
Durables	4.5	12.7	2.5	9.2

Food

The larger than usual increase--1.4 percent--in food prices in December was twice the November rise. The acceleration was due almost entirely to a 1.6-percent increase in prices for food bought for home consumption that occurred when heavy holiday demand coincided with reduced supplies of vegetables, eggs, dairy products, and coffee.

Fruit and vegetable prices advanced 4.0 percent (up 2.8 percent when seasonally adjusted) as fresh vegetable prices, up 10 percent in November, jumped 11.8 percent. Cucumbers, green peppers, and tomatoes led the increase. The higher vegetable prices were attributed to low supplies as the winter vegetable season drew to a close in California and the winter harvest in Florida was delayed by inclement weather. The unusually sharp increase for eggs, 15 percent compared with 6.8 percent in November, was the result of strong demand from egg processors and from consumers who may have begun eating more eggs in preference to the more expensive meats.

In response to higher farm prices and increased processing costs, dairy products prices rose 1.0 percent, the largest 1-month increase in 18 months. Fresh milk and ice cream led the advance with hikes of over 1 percent each.

Higher coffee prices, resulting from crop damage in Brazil, caused a 1.2-percent increase in nonalcoholic beverage prices following last month's 1.7-percent advance. Prepared and partially prepared foods, cereals and bakery products each increased 0.6 percent, more rapid advances than in November.

Instead of showing their usual December decline, meat prices were 0.2 percent higher than in November. Greater than seasonal increases for pork and other meats more than offset lower prices for beef and veal which continued to decline for the fifth consecutive month. Prices fell for poultry and rose for fish.

Fresh fruit prices were down substantially except for apples. Greater supplies of citrus fruits from all producing States resulted in price decreases of 5.6 percent for oranges and 1.5 percent for grapefruit.

Services

Consumer services moved up 0.7 percent. Nearly half of the increase was caused by higher insurance and finance charges which rose 1.3 percent. Automobile insurance rates increased 4.2 percent and homeowners' and property insurance rate increases were put into effect in several cities.

In addition, householders paid more for nearly all other services; rising costs of labor and materials were behind the 0.9-percent rise in home maintenance service charges; interior house paint rose 0.6 percent. Higher laundry flatwork and general domestic services caused the rise in housekeeping services. Fairly widespread rate increases for gas were reported, and public transportation rates were raised 1.3 percent due to approval of higher taxicab and airplane fares.

Medical care services moved up mainly because of higher physicians' fees, eye care prices, and hospital service charges. Men's and women's haircuts and movie admissions rose also.

As in the rest of 1969, economic conditions were cited as the principal reason for rent increases which in December amounted to 0.4 percent, equalling the record increase in August. Higher laundry expenses and costs associated with customer damage to rooms were cited by hotel and motel proprietors as hotel and motel room rates were up in all regions with increases averaging 0.7 percent.

Nondurables less food

Nondurable commodities other than food advanced 0.2 percent (0.4 percent seasonally adjusted), as a decline in apparel prices nearly outweighed increases for most other nondurable consumer goods.

Gasoline prices rose 0.5 percent, almost entirely as the result of the return to "normal" prices after price wars in the Los Angeles area. Other price changes in this category were mixed and largely offsetting. Higher laundry soap and detergent prices led the advance in housekeeping supplies; fractional increases also were reported for scouring pads, paper napkins, and envelopes. Tobacco products prices increased 0.5 percent, less than half the rise reported for November, and with publishing costs increasing, especially for newsprint, newspaper prices averaged higher in December. Prices for footwear continued to rise.

Price reductions were widespread for apparel, but somewhat less than usual for December as stores held pre-Christmas sales for heavy outerwear and began their traditional yearend clearance sales. Prices were notably lower for women's dress coats, sport coats and car coats, men's tailored clothing and shirts. Some price cuts also were reported for such year-round items as women's street dresses, girls' dresses and boys' dungarees.

Durables

The advance in consumer durables prices slowed to 0.1 percent in December, down substantially from October's peak increase of 1.4 percent. Moderate increases for furniture, household appliances, and other housefurnishings, each up 0.2 percent, just managed to outweigh the effect of price drops for new and used cars and some household items. Concessions on new car purchases offered by dealers were increased, but not as much as usual for this time of year; as a consequence, dealers' selling prices decreased, less than expected.

1969 Prices

In 1969, as in 1968, prices rose for all classes of consumer goods and services. Prices moved higher by 6.1 percent between December 1968 and December 1969 compared with the 4.7-percent rise in 1968.

Service charges increased an average of 7.4 percent. This compares with 6.1 percent in 1968 and 3.9 percent in 1967. Increased service charges were responsible for two-fifths of the advance in the total index. Food prices also rose more than the overall CPI in 1969 (up 7.2 percent) and their influence on the total price movement increased from one-fifth to just over one quarter in 1969. Nondurable commodities other than food and durable commodities each rose 4.5 percent; durables made up more of the price rise in 1969 than in 1968.

Services

In 9 of the 12 months last year, the rise in service charges exceeded the average monthly price movement for all items. Insurance and finance charges, up 12.5 percent, were responsible for over 40 percent of the increase.

The 12-month rise for automobile insurance rates quadrupled from 3.4 percent in 1968 to 14.3 percent in 1969. This was the largest calendar year increase since 1952. Mortgage interest rose 12.5 percent, constituting one-tenth of the rise in the overall index; homeowners' taxes and insurance increased 7.1 percent.

Nearly all household services rose more in 1969 than in 1968; maintenance and repair services were up 11 percent, led by furnace repair charges which were up nearly 15 percent. Electricity rates increased 3.2 percent last year compared with 0.5 percent the year before; gas bill increases in 1969 were double those in 1968.

Residential rents increased 3.7 percent, rising 0.3 percent in each month of 1969 except August and December, when the increases were 0.4 percent. Hotel and motel room rates increased 9.5 percent during 1969, mainly because of higher maintenance, operation, and labor costs.

Except for professional medical and dental fee increases which were up by 7.2 percent, medical care service charges rose less during 1969 than in 1968. Price rises for "other services" also were not as steep last year while public transportation fares and automobile repair costs rose about as much as in 1968.

Food

Strong demand for high protein foods was the principal factor in the 1969 food price rise of over 7 percent. Meat, poultry, and fish prices were in the van with increases ranging from 2 to 5 times those of 1968; they averaged 11.2 percent higher in 1969. Egg prices rose 25 percent during the year, not quite equal to the 27 percent increase in the year ending December 1968, and cheese prices rose nearly 8 percent.

Reduced supplies of fresh vegetables caused mainly by inclement weather brought increases of 6.6 percent in the fresh fruit and vegetables index. The same lack of supplies buoyed processed vegetables prices. On the other hand, fresh fruits ended the year at lower levels and processed fruits reflected these decreases.

Declining milk cow herds contributed to an increase of 4.1 percent on dairy products during the year; cereals and bakery products rose 4.0 percent and coffee prices were 5.6 percent higher than in December 1968, when they went up 0.7 percent.

Nondurables less food

Consumers paid 4.5 percent more for nondurable commodities other than food in December 1969 than they had 12 months earlier. This was about the same as the rise during 1968.

Tobacco products prices were raised 8.8 percent during the year, mainly because of widespread increases in State and local taxes on cigarettes. Gasoline prices increased 3.2 percent, nearly twice as much as in 1968, despite the prevalence of some localized price wars. Led by higher prices for wines and beer purchased for consumption away from home, alcoholic beverage prices rose 4.3 percent last year. Drugs and prescriptions rose 1.1 percent compared with 0.4 percent during 1968.

Other nondurable commodities rose, but less than in 1968, including apparel commodities which were higher by 5.3 percent compared with 6.7 percent the preceding 12-month period.

Durables

Durable commodities prices increased 4.5 percent during 1969 compared with 2.5 percent in 1968, 2.9 percent in 1967, and only 0.7 percent in 1966.

The cost of houses continued to mount rapidly in 1969. The volume of new construction of single family homes fell well below levels necessary to meet the demand created by new family formation and urban growth.

New car prices were up by 2.1 percent compared with 1.4 percent in 1968. Most of the increase occurred at the time of model changeover. After adjustment for quality differences with 1969 cars, 1970 model cars were about 2 percent higher. Used car prices advanced 4.4 percent as there was strong demand for clean late models.

Furniture prices rose 5.5 percent, the same as in 1968; appliances, floor coverings, and other housefurnishing price increases were not as large as in 1968.

Cost-of-Living Adjustments

Approximately 134,000 workers will receive cost-of-living wage increases, based on the Consumer Price Index for December. About 85,000 workers will receive pay increases based on the rise in the national index since December 1968, including 63,000 workers in the glass container industry (1 percent); 14,000 airline employees (7 cents per hour); and 5,000 aerospace workers (2-1/2 percent). An additional 24,000 workers will receive hourly pay increases of from 3 to 5 cents based on the rise in the national index from September to December including 14,000 employees of the Greyhound Corporation and 9,000 workers in the aerospace industry. About 1,500 employees of the Milwaukee and Suburban Transport Corporation will get a 2-cent hourly increase, based on the December rise in the National CPI.

Some 7,100 metal workers and machinists in the San Francisco Area will get 7-cent hourly pay increases, based on the rise in the index for the area since June. About 6,000 bakery workers in New York City will get a 2-percent pay raise based on the New York index and 1,600 transit employees in Baltimore will get an hourly increase of 5 cents based on the rise in the Baltimore CPI since June.

Approximately 12,000 other workers whose escalation reviews are tied to the December CPI will not receive pay 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 the 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:

Index Point Change	131.3	Percentage Change
December 1969 CPI (1957-59=100)	131.3	Index point difference divided by
less November 1969 index	<u>130.5</u>	the index for the previous period:
Index point difference =	0.8	$\frac{131.3 - 130.5}{130.5} \times 100 = 0.6$

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

(Unadjusted, unless otherwise indicated)

Group	Indexes (1957-59=100 unless otherwise noted)				Percent change to December 1969 from:		
	December 1969	November 1969	September 1969	December 1968	1 Month Ago	3 Months Ago	1 Year Ago
All items -----	131.3	130.5	129.3	123.7	0.6	1.5	6.1
All items (1947-49=100) -----	161.1	160.1	158.6	151.8	---	---	---
Food -----	129.9	128.1	127.5	121.2	1.4	1.9	7.2
Food at home -----	125.8	123.8	123.6	117.4	1.6	1.8	7.2
Cereals and bakery products -----	124.9	124.1	123.0	120.1	.6	1.5	4.0
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	127.2	127.2	129.0	114.4	.0	- 1.4	11.2
Dairy products -----	127.6	126.3	125.5	122.6	1.0	1.7	4.1
Fruits and vegetables -----	132.1	127.0	126.8	126.4	4.0	4.2	4.5
Other foods at home -----	116.6	112.9	110.5	108.4	3.3	5.5	7.6
Food away from home -----	149.9	149.0	146.7	139.9	.6	2.2	7.1
Housing -----	130.5	129.8	128.6	122.3	.5	1.5	6.7
Shelter ^{1/} -----	138.5	137.7	136.1	127.6	.6	1.8	8.5
Rent -----	121.0	120.5	119.7	116.7	.4	1.1	3.7
Homeownership ^{2/} -----	145.4	144.5	142.6	132.0	.6	2.0	10.2
Fuel and utilities ^{3/} -----	114.6	114.2	113.3	111.5	.4	1.1	2.8
Fuel oil and coal -----	119.2	118.9	118.1	116.2	.3	.9	2.6
Gas and electricity -----	113.7	113.2	112.0	110.0	.4	1.5	3.4
Household furnishings and operation -----	120.0	119.6	119.0	115.1	.3	.8	4.3
Apparel and upkeep ^{4/} -----	130.8	130.7	128.7	124.3	.1	1.6	5.2
Men's and boys' -----	132.0	132.1	130.0	125.3	- .1	1.5	5.3
Women's and girls' -----	127.2	127.4	124.6	120.8	- .2	2.1	5.3
Footwear -----	144.4	143.9	142.3	136.3	.3	1.5	5.9
Transportation -----	126.4	125.6	123.6	120.2	.6	2.3	5.2
Private -----	123.4	122.7	120.5	117.5	.6	2.4	5.0
New cars -----	104.9	105.1	99.5	102.7	- .2	5.4	2.1
Used cars ^{5/} -----	123.9	124.9	121.4	118.7	- .8	2.1	4.4
Gasoline -----	116.9	116.3	117.7	113.3	.5	.7	3.2
Public -----	153.0	151.1	150.3	144.3	1.3	1.8	6.0
Health and recreation -----	139.6	139.1	138.4	132.8	.4	.9	5.1
Medical care -----	158.1	157.4	157.6	149.1	.4	.3	6.0
Personal care -----	128.1	127.8	127.3	123.4	.2	.6	3.8
Reading and recreation -----	132.7	132.3	131.6	128.2	.3	.8	3.5
Other goods and services -----	133.5	133.1	131.3	125.6	.3	1.7	6.3
Seasonally Adjusted:							
Food -----	130.3	128.6	127.1	---	1.3	2.5	---
Apparel and upkeep -----	130.1	129.8	128.4	---	.2	1.3	---
Transportation -----	126.8	125.1	124.0	---	1.4	2.3	---
Special Groups:							
All items less food -----	131.9	131.4	130.0	124.7	.4	1.5	5.8
All items less medical care -----	129.7	128.9	127.6	122.2	.6	1.6	6.1
Commodities -----	123.6	122.9	121.7	117.2	.6	1.6	5.5
Nondurables -----	127.7	126.7	125.8	120.7	.8	1.5	5.8
Nondurables less food -----	125.7	125.5	124.4	120.3	.2	1.0	4.5
Apparel commodities -----	130.3	130.4	128.1	123.7	- .1	1.7	5.3
Durables -----	113.6	113.5	111.6	108.7	.1	1.8	4.5
Household durables -----	106.5	106.5	106.2	103.0	.0	.3	3.4
Services -----	148.3	147.2	146.0	138.1	.7	1.6	7.4
Services less rent -----	154.3	153.1	151.7	142.9	.8	1.7	8.0
Services less medical care -----	144.4	143.3	141.8	134.5	.8	1.8	7.4
Insurance and finance (Dec.1965=100) -----	136.0	134.3	132.1	120.9	1.3	3.0	12.5
Utilities and public transportation (Dec.1965=100) -----	109.8	109.2	108.4	105.8	.5	1.3	3.8
Housekeeping and home maintenance services (Dec.1965=100) -----	133.5	132.4	130.9	121.9	.8	2.0	9.5
Medical care services -----	172.8	171.8	172.2	161.4	.6	.3	7.1
Purchasing Power of Consumer Dollar:							
1957-59=\$1 -----	\$0.762	\$0.767	\$0.774	\$0.808	- .7	- 1.6	- 5.7
1939=\$1 -----	.369	.371	.375	.391	---	---	---

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

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

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

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

5/ 1968 average not available.

TABLE 1-A: Consumer Price Index--United States City Average
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers
1969 annual average indexes

(Unadjusted, unless otherwise indicated)

Group	Indexes (1957-59=100 unless otherwise noted)		Percent change to 1969 from --
	1969	1968	1968
	Average	Average	Average
All items -----	127.7	121.2	5.4
All items (1947-49=100)-----	156.7	148.7	---
Food -----	125.5	119.3	5.2
Food at home -----	121.5	115.9	4.8
Cereals and bakery products -----	122.4	119.0	2.9
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	123.2	113.7	8.4
Dairy products -----	124.5	120.6	3.2
Fruits and vegetables -----	128.4	126.8	1.3
Other foods at home -----	109.9	104.5	5.2
Food away from home -----	144.6	136.3	6.1
Housing -----	126.7	119.1	6.4
Shelter <u>1/</u> -----	133.6	123.6	8.1
Rent -----	118.8	115.1	3.2
Homeownership <u>2/</u> -----	139.4	127.0	9.8
Fuel and utilities <u>3/</u> -----	112.9	110.4	2.3
Fuel oil and coal -----	117.8	115.1	2.3
Gas and electricity -----	111.5	109.5	1.8
Household furnishings and operation -----	117.9	113.0	4.3
Apparel and upkeep <u>4/</u> -----	127.1	120.1	5.8
Men's and boys' -----	128.5	120.8	6.4
Women's and girls' -----	122.8	116.4	5.5
Footwear -----	140.3	132.2	6.1
Transportation -----	124.2	119.6	3.8
Private -----	121.3	117.3	3.4
New cars -----	102.4	100.8	1.6
Used cars <u>5/</u> -----	125.3	(5/)	(5/)
Gasoline -----	117.0	113.3	3.3
Public -----	148.9	138.2	7.7
Health and recreation -----	136.6	130.0	5.1
Medical care -----	155.0	145.0	6.9
Personal care -----	126.2	120.3	4.9
Reading and recreation -----	130.5	125.7	3.8
Other goods and services -----	129.0	123.6	4.4
Special Groups:			
All items less food -----	128.6	121.9	5.5
All items less medical care -----	126.1	119.7	5.3
Commodities -----	120.5	115.3	4.5
Nondurables -----	124.1	118.4	4.8
Nondurables less food -----	123.0	117.7	4.5
Apparel commodities -----	126.5	119.3	6.0
Durables -----	111.6	107.5	3.8
Household durables -----	105.5	101.4	4.0
Services -----	143.7	134.3	7.0
Services less rent -----	149.2	138.6	7.6
Services less medical care -----	139.7	130.8	6.8
Insurance and finance (Dec. 1965=100) -----	129.2	115.9	11.5
Utilities and public transportation (Dec. 1965=100) -----	107.8	104.1	3.6
Housekeeping and home maintenance services (Dec. 1965=100) -----	128.0	118.2	8.3
Medical care services -----	168.9	156.3	8.1
Purchasing Power of Consumer Prices:			
1957-59=\$1 -----	\$0.783	\$0.825	- 5.1
1939=\$1 -----	.379	.400	---

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	November 1969	September 1969	December 1968
		December 1969			November 1969	September 1969	December 1968
U.S. City Average -----	M	131.3	161.1		0.6	1.5	6.1
Chicago -----	M	128.3	161.8		.5	.9	6.0
Detroit -----	M	130.8	161.2		.8	1.7	6.8
Los Angeles-Long Beach ---	M	131.1	163.5		.8	1.2	5.6
New York -----	M	136.0	163.8		1.0	1.9	6.9
Philadelphia -----	M	132.2	162.3		.4	.9	5.7
		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
		December 1969				September 1969	December 1968
Atlanta -----	3	129.9	160.9			1.0	6.4
Baltimore -----	3	131.9	163.7			1.2	6.4
Cincinnati -----	3	127.7	155.4			1.8	5.5
Honolulu (Dec.1963=100) --	3			119.7		1.4	5.1
Kansas City -----	3	133.2	164.9			1.4	6.1
St. Louis -----	3	130.7	162.3			1.2	5.9
San Francisco-Oakland ----	3	134.5	170.7			1.3	6.2

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

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

- M - Every month.
- 1 - January, April, July, and October.
- 2 - February, May, August, and November.
- 3 - March, June, September, and December.

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

Group	U.S. City Average	Chicago	Detroit	Los Angeles-Long Beach	New York	Philadelphia
All items -----	0.6	0.5	0.8	0.8	1.0	0.4
Food -----	1.4	1.5	2.0	.9	1.8	1.3
Housing -----	.5	.1	.5	.3	1.0	.2
Apparel and upkeep -----	.1	- .1	.1	.3	- .4	- .1
Transportation -----	.6	.7	.5	3.3	2.6	- .1
Health and recreation -----	.4	.2	.3	.6	.3	.4
Medical care -----	.4	.1	.4	1.3	.7	.4
Personal care -----	.2	(2/)	(2/)	(2/)	(2/)	(2/)
Reading and recreation -----	.3	- .1	.2	.5	.6	.5
Other goods and services -----	.3	.2	.1	.0	.0	(2/)

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

^{2/} Not available.

TABLE 4: Consumer Price Index -- United States City Average for
Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers for Selected Groups
Seasonally Adjusted
(1957-59=100)

Group	Indexes			Percent changes to: Dec. 1969 From:	
	December 1969	November 1969	September 1969	1 Month Ago	3 Months Ago
Food -----	130.3	128.6	127.1	1.3	2.5
Food at home -----	126.2	124.5	123.2	1.4	2.4
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	128.1	127.5	126.8	.5	1.0
Dairy products -----	127.1	125.7	125.1	1.1	1.6
Fruits and vegetables -----	135.2	131.5	131.0	2.8	3.2
Other foods at home -----	115.4	112.7	109.3	2.4	5.6
Fuel and utilities ^{1/} -----	114.4	114.1	113.4	.3	.9
Fuel oil and coal -----	118.0	118.8	119.1	- .7	- .9
Apparel and upkeep ^{2/} -----	130.1	129.8	128.4	.2	1.3
Men's and boys' -----	131.3	131.2	129.5	.1	1.4
Women's and girls' -----	126.1	125.9	124.1	.2	1.6
Footwear -----	144.3	143.5	142.3	.6	1.4
Transportation -----	126.8	125.1	124.0	1.4	2.3
Private -----	123.8	122.1	120.9	1.4	2.4
New cars -----	103.5	103.0	102.4	.5	1.1
Commodities -----	123.6	122.8	121.7	.7	1.6
Commodities less food -----	120.1	119.7	118.8	.3	1.1
Nondurables -----	127.7	126.8	125.5	.7	1.8
Nondurables less food -----	125.4	124.9	124.3	.4	.9
Apparel commodities -----	129.5	129.4	127.7	.1	1.4
Durables -----	113.5	112.9	112.0	.5	1.3

^{1/} Also includes telephone, water, and sewerage service not shown separately.

^{2/} Also includes infants' wear, sewing materials, jewelry, and apparel upkeep services not shown separately.

TABLE 5: Consumer Price Index--United States and Selected Areas 1/
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Commodity Groups
December 1969 index and percent changes from September 1969

Group	U.S. City Average	Chicago	Detroit	Los Angeles-Long Beach	New York	Philadelphia
Indexes (1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)						
All items -----	131.3	128.3	130.8	131.1	136.0	132.2
Food -----	129.9	131.3	129.3	125.8	132.9	129.7
Food at home -----	125.8	129.5	127.0	120.2	126.6	124.4
Cereals and bakery products -----	124.9	129.7	121.9	123.6	123.0	124.7
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	127.2	131.6	135.3	116.0	127.5	121.7
Dairy products -----	127.6	136.5	134.1	123.8	121.4	135.1
Fruits and vegetables -----	132.1	130.8	119.6	136.4	138.6	130.1
Other foods at home -----	116.6	118.2	116.3	105.8	118.7	114.1
Food away from home -----	149.9	139.9	142.5	146.1	159.8	157.8
Housing -----	130.5	124.1	130.0	136.0	134.7	129.2
Shelter -----	138.5	129.7	140.1	145.8	141.2	136.1
Rent -----	121.0	(2/)	110.6	(2/)	131.3	(2/)
Homeownership -----	145.4	136.9	146.9	154.0	146.6	139.5
Fuel and utilities -----	114.6	109.7	105.8	111.9	113.8	112.2
Fuel oil and coal -----	119.2	113.9	113.3	---	124.5	122.5
Gas and electricity -----	113.7	108.5	107.6	119.4	112.5	106.4
Household furnishings and operation -----	120.0	117.5	113.8	118.1	130.0	122.8
Apparel and upkeep -----	130.8	124.9	125.9	127.4	136.8	137.5
Men's and boys' -----	132.0	123.3	126.7	129.2	141.5	133.7
Women's and girls' -----	127.2	120.9	120.6	128.6	131.4	130.5
Footwear -----	144.4	139.3	140.6	136.5	145.3	151.7
Transportation -----	126.4	127.7	122.6	130.8	131.7	135.5
Private -----	123.4	123.6	119.5	126.1	132.6	127.7
Public -----	153.0	154.6	145.3	158.6	130.9	178.7
Health and recreation -----	139.6	134.7	142.2	131.3	146.2	140.0
Medical care -----	158.1	166.0	168.7	154.3	165.1	169.4
Personal care -----	128.1	128.7	(2/)	121.6	(2/)	(2/)
Reading and recreation -----	132.7	115.2	133.3	115.0	144.7	126.8
Other goods and services -----	133.5	128.3	124.9	126.1	142.4	134.5
Percent changes from September 1969 to December 1969						
All items -----	1.5	0.9	1.7	1.2	1.9	0.9
Food -----	1.9	.8	2.2	1.5	2.9	2.0
Food at home -----	1.8	.5	2.3	1.6	2.6	1.7
Cereals and bakery products -----	1.5	3.2	2.6	.7	1.0	3.2
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	- 1.4	- 1.7	-.4	- 1.9	- 1.1	- 1.0
Dairy products -----	1.7	- 1.6	1.1	.7	4.7	1.2
Fruits and vegetables -----	4.2	.7	5.5	5.6	5.2	2.2
Other foods at home -----	5.5	4.6	6.4	5.3	7.0	6.2
Food away from home -----	2.2	2.1	1.4	.8	4.2	2.9
Housing -----	1.5	.6	2.9	.9	1.6	.2
Shelter -----	1.8	1.0	3.6	1.0	2.3	-.3
Rent -----	1.1	(2/)	3/ 1.4	(2/)	3/ 1.2	(2/)
Homeownership -----	2.0	1.0	4.0	1.1	2.9	-.6
Fuel and utilities -----	1.1	.6	1.2	.1	.1	-.3
Fuel oil and coal -----	.9	3.4	3.0	---	.1	.0
Gas and electricity -----	1.5	.6	1.5	.5	.0	-.6
Household furnishings and operation -----	.8	-.4	1.6	.5	.7	1.5
Apparel and upkeep -----	1.6	.4	.2	.8	.1	.7
Men's and boys' -----	1.5	1.1	.0	.3	-.1	.3
Women's and girls' -----	2.1	-.9	-.7	1.3	-.1	1.2
Footwear -----	1.5	1.4	1.2	.2	.5	.1
Transportation -----	2.3	2.2	.9	2.2	4.2	1.8
Private -----	2.4	2.7	.7	2.2	4.8	2.1
Public -----	1.8	.4	2.7	1.2	1.2	.1
Health and recreation -----	.9	.7	.2	.8	.7	.4
Medical care -----	.3	.2	-.2	1.5	.6	-.5
Personal care -----	.6	1.7	(2/)	1.2	(2/)	(2/)
Reading and recreation -----	.8	.6	.7	.3	.4	.6
Other goods and services -----	1.7	1.3	.6	.6	1.4	.6

See footnotes at end of table.

TABLE 5: Consumer Price Index--United States and Selected Areas ^{1/}
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Commodity Groups--Continued
December 1969 index and percent changes from September 1969

Group	Atlanta	Baltimore	Cincinnati	Honolulu (Dec.1963=100)	Kansas City	San Francisco	St. Louis
Indexes (1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)							
All items -----	129.9	131.9	127.7	119.7	133.2	134.5	130.7
Food -----	128.4	134.1	126.6	120.8	134.4	127.2	135.5
Food at home -----	125.0	128.5	122.7	118.8	130.7	121.4	131.0
Cereals and bakery products ----	117.9	128.5	120.7	112.5	131.3	121.8	124.8
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	124.3	130.6	126.8	123.0	131.8	121.3	136.6
Dairy products -----	124.8	125.4	123.2	115.8	141.1	121.3	139.7
Fruits and vegetables -----	132.7	136.8	131.4	124.7	127.8	130.8	138.8
Other foods at home -----	125.1	120.1	111.2	113.0	121.7	111.5	115.0
Food away from home -----	140.6	158.2	146.9	127.1	148.0	152.4	153.7
Housing -----	133.6	129.0	122.0	124.5	126.1	144.4	123.9
Shelter -----	139.0	135.4	125.4	134.5	129.6	159.4	128.7
Rent -----	116.6	117.4	108.3	121.2	110.7	148.8	112.6
Homeownership -----	145.9	142.9	133.6	143.7	137.4	164.6	132.9
Fuel and utilities -----	114.7	111.7	110.5	100.6	122.4	105.2	4/115.3
Fuel oil and coal -----	---	120.0	127.2	---	---	---	119.3
Gas and electricity -----	111.7	104.7	111.4	99.8	122.6	109.4	5/119.2
Household furnishings and operation	128.5	127.3	116.5	109.6	116.9	119.6	120.0
Apparel and upkeep -----	129.5	135.6	133.8	117.9	138.0	133.1	129.4
Men's and boys' -----	132.0	139.8	138.7	114.3	135.1	132.2	128.9
Women's and girls' -----	122.0	127.6	124.4	121.1	138.7	128.2	128.1
Footwear -----	140.7	162.6	155.9	116.0	151.6	141.5	143.4
Transportation -----	120.4	127.4	126.2	109.7	129.5	127.2	126.8
Private -----	116.1	124.0	121.8	114.0	126.4	128.3	122.9
Public -----	160.8	142.7	164.5	89.0	152.8	121.0	159.7
Health and recreation -----	137.0	136.7	138.8	120.1	147.2	136.0	141.9
Medical care -----	159.4	173.3	167.7	131.5	163.4	156.3	149.8
Personal care -----	133.1	132.3	126.0	110.4	132.3	136.6	133.1
Reading and recreation -----	131.2	127.7	129.9	113.7	143.6	119.3	138.7
Other goods and services -----	120.6	120.4	126.8	122.0	140.5	131.1	141.5
Percent changes from September 1969 to December 1969							
All items -----	1.0	1.2	1.8	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.2
Food -----	1.3	1.7	2.4	1.4	1.9	1.8	2.2
Food at home -----	1.1	1.3	2.3	1.4	1.8	1.8	2.4
Cereals and bakery products ----	2.1	1.3	4.5	.4	2.4	1.8	-.6
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	- 3.0	- 1.4	- 1.9	.3	- 1.9	- 2.1	.3
Dairy products -----	.2	3.4	3.4	.9	2.9	1.2	3.6
Fruits and vegetables -----	1.1	.0	5.0	3.5	1.1	8.0	2.7
Other foods at home -----	7.0	5.8	4.9	2.6	6.2	4.1	6.5
Food away from home -----	1.7	3.7	3.3	1.6	2.4	1.9	1.3
Housing -----	1.3	1.2	1.9	.8	.2	1.5	1.1
Shelter -----	1.5	1.0	2.5	1.0	.0	2.0	.7
Rent -----	1.0	.3	1.7	2.2	.8	2.1	.4
Homeownership -----	1.6	1.2	3.0	.3	-.3	2.0	.8
Fuel and utilities -----	.0	.6	1.8	.0	.5	.0	3.2
Fuel oil and coal -----	---	.3	7.8	---	---	---	1.3
Gas and electricity -----	.0	1.3	2.3	.0	-.2	.0	4.3
Household furnishings and operation	1.5	2.2	.2	.9	.9	.6	-.2
Apparel and upkeep -----	.6	.8	.1	.8	.4	.3	.5
Men's and boys' -----	.1	2.2	1.1	.5	.4	1.1	.5
Women's and girls' -----	1.0	-.1	- 1.7	1.8	.4	- 1.1	.4
Footwear -----	1.4	1.6	.7	.9	.3	1.6	.9
Transportation -----	1.3	1.2	2.3	2.4	3.0	1.9	.9
Private -----	1.3	1.3	2.5	3.4	3.2	1.9	.7
Public -----	.4	.4	.9	- 3.6	.7	1.0	1.9
Health and recreation -----	.4	.4	.9	1.6	1.4	.3	.5
Medical care -----	.8	.1	.2	-.5	.3	1.0	.1
Personal care -----	.8	2.4	2.8	.0	3.3	.0	1.2
Reading and recreation -----	-.1	.0	1.6	2.4	1.8	-.4	.1
Other goods and services -----	.0	.3	.2	3.8	1.1	.1	.9

1/ See footnote 1, table 2.
 2/ Not available.
 3/ Change from October 1969.
 4/ Corrected indexes: Sept. 1969=111.7; Oct. 1969=111.7
 5/ Corrected indexes: Sept. 1969=114.3; Oct. 1969=114.3

TABLE 5A: Consumer Price Index--United States and Selected Areas 1/
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Commodity Groups
1969 annual average indexes and percent changes, 1968-69

Group	U.S. City Average	Atlanta	Baltimore	Chicago	Cincinnati	Detroit	Honolulu (Dec.1963=100)
Indexes (1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)							
All items -----	127.7	126.7	128.3	124.9	124.6	127.1	117.0
All items (1947-49=100)-----	156.7	156.9	159.3	157.5	151.6	156.7	---
Food -----	125.5	123.8	128.8	127.2	122.1	124.3	117.4
Food at home -----	121.5	120.4	123.7	125.4	118.5	127.1	116.0
Cereals and bakery products -----	122.4	114.7	125.9	126.7	116.5	117.7	111.6
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	123.2	122.1	125.9	127.0	123.2	129.2	119.3
Dairy products -----	124.5	120.3	121.2	136.5	120.2	130.8	114.6
Fruits and vegetables -----	128.4	128.3	133.6	127.6	126.9	116.9	120.9
Other foods at home -----	109.9	116.4	112.7	111.1	105.6	108.3	109.9
Food away from home -----	144.6	136.0	150.1	135.9	140.7	139.3	122.0
Housing -----	126.7	129.5	125.2	120.8	119.1	124.4	121.9
Shelter -----	133.6	133.2	130.4	125.2	121.6	132.3	130.6
Rent -----	118.8	114.6	116.1	---	106.0	108.7	116.8
Homeownership -----	139.4	138.8	136.4	131.0	129.0	137.8	140.2
Fuel and utilities -----	112.9	114.6	110.4	108.2	107.7	104.2	100.5
Fuel oil and coal -----	117.8	---	119.2	110.7	117.6	110.7	---
Gas and electricity -----	111.5	111.6	102.7	106.6	108.2	105.4	99.6
Household furnishings and operation	117.9	126.1	123.9	116.6	115.7	111.8	109.2
Apparel and upkeep -----	127.1	127.0	131.6	121.3	130.9	123.6	115.7
Men's and boys' -----	128.5	130.0	134.2	120.0	134.9	124.3	111.8
Women's and girls' -----	122.8	118.5	123.9	116.6	122.4	118.3	119.2
Footwear -----	140.3	137.5	157.9	135.7	152.6	137.9	113.9
Transportation -----	124.2	119.3	126.1	125.0	124.2	122.9	108.0
Private -----	121.3	115.6	122.7	120.7	119.9	120.2	111.4
Public -----	148.9	149.7	141.9	153.5	161.2	140.8	91.7
Health and recreation -----	136.6	134.9	134.1	131.4	136.2	139.8	117.2
Medical care -----	155.0	155.2	168.5	162.6	164.8	165.6	129.5
Personal care -----	126.2	132.4	129.1	125.7	122.2	---	108.8
Reading and recreation -----	130.5	130.0	126.4	113.9	128.4	131.5	110.3
Other goods and services -----	129.0	119.1	118.3	122.4	124.1	122.6	118.2
Percent changes 1968-69							
All items -----	5.4	5.9	6.1	5.4	4.8	6.1	4.6
Food -----	5.2	5.6	6.2	5.6	5.0	5.7	4.6
Food at home -----	4.8	5.2	5.8	5.6	5.1	6.0	3.8
Cereals and bakery products -----	2.9	1.1	1.9	3.6	2.6	4.2	.2
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	8.4	7.3	9.5	10.1	8.5	10.4	6.0
Dairy products -----	3.2	4.9	3.9	2.6	4.2	3.6	1.6
Fruits and vegetables -----	1.3	3.0	1.8	1.2	1.7	1.1	3.2
Other foods at home -----	5.2	6.7	7.0	5.2	5.5	5.2	4.9
Food away from home -----	6.1	6.9	7.5	6.2	4.6	4.4	7.2
Housing -----	6.4	7.7	6.2	5.0	4.6	8.4	4.9
Shelter -----	8.1	10.3	7.3	6.6	5.7	11.7	6.4
Rent -----	3.2	3.0	2.5	---	1.1	3.6	5.8
Homeownership -----	9.8	12.5	9.4	8.4	7.6	13.3	6.9
Fuel and utilities -----	2.3	.5	2.2	.3	1.4	.9	.1
Fuel oil and coal -----	2.3	---	1.4	1.8	4.7	3.6	---
Gas and electricity -----	1.8	.8	1.8	-.8	-.4	.8	.2
Household furnishings and operation	4.3	5.8	5.7	3.3	3.0	2.7	2.4
Apparel and upkeep -----	5.8	4.1	8.0	4.8	6.4	4.4	5.4
Men's and boys' -----	6.4	8.0	10.0	5.1	6.8	5.7	6.1
Women's and girls' -----	5.5	2.5	7.5	4.8	6.5	1.2	4.5
Footwear -----	6.1	1.8	8.4	5.4	8.0	7.3	3.3
Transportation -----	3.8	3.2	5.4	6.2	3.0	3.3	3.4
Private -----	3.4	2.4	4.7	3.6	2.7	3.1	4.2
Public -----	7.7	14.2	10.8	21.4	5.7	5.2	.7
Health and recreation -----	5.1	6.1	5.5	5.2	5.1	5.4	4.5
Medical care -----	6.9	10.1	6.6	6.1	8.4	7.3	6.8
Personal care -----	4.9	3.9	6.9	5.5	7.1	---	3.1
Reading and recreation -----	3.8	5.3	4.4	4.2	3.0	5.1	3.8
Other goods and services -----	4.4	2.3	5.0	5.1	2.9	2.9	3.1

See footnotes at end of table.

TABLE 5A: Consumer Price Index--United States and Selected Areas ^{1/}
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Commodity Groups
1969 annual average indexes and percent changes, 1968-69--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 -----	130.1	128.0	131.8	128.9	127.5	131.1
All items (1947-49=100) -----	161.1	159.6	158.7	158.3	158.2	166.4
Food -----	129.4	122.6	127.1	125.5	129.5	123.8
Food at home -----	126.0	117.1	121.3	120.6	125.1	118.5
Cereals and bakery products -----	126.8	122.2	121.3	120.7	124.2	119.3
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	128.5	113.5	123.6	118.2	129.6	118.7
Dairy products -----	134.9	121.6	115.6	133.3	133.5	118.8
Fruits and vegetables -----	126.1	133.2	132.7	128.3	132.9	129.2
Other foods at home -----	114.5	100.8	110.1	106.7	108.1	106.7
Food away from home -----	141.4	142.7	151.7	151.7	147.2	147.3
Housing -----	123.8	132.2	130.8	125.9	121.5	139.4
Shelter -----	126.9	141.2	136.1	131.4	126.2	152.2
Rent -----	109.4	---	129.1	---	111.7	144.5
Homeownership -----	134.2	148.6	139.8	134.4	129.9	156.0
Fuel and utilities -----	120.9	110.1	113.4	110.8	111.1	105.0
Fuel oil and coal -----	---	---	123.9	---	117.9	---
Gas and electricity -----	121.0	115.5	112.1	104.3	112.9	109.2
Household furnishings and operation -----	114.8	116.0	126.8	120.7	118.9	118.3
Apparel and upkeep -----	134.5	124.5	133.3	133.6	127.3	130.7
Men's and boys' -----	132.6	127.5	138.9	130.8	126.0	128.8
Women's and girls' -----	133.7	124.1	127.5	125.6	126.7	126.9
Footwear -----	148.5	135.0	140.8	147.4	140.5	137.9
Transportation -----	127.7	128.3	127.3	134.1	125.0	124.4
Private -----	124.6	123.7	127.6	126.6	121.9	126.0
Public -----	151.4	156.1	129.1	175.7	148.0	111.1
Health and recreation -----	143.7	128.9	143.4	136.8	138.7	134.2
Medical care -----	161.2	149.9	161.5	165.0	147.8	153.0
Personal care -----	127.1	119.3	---	---	130.8	135.1
Reading and recreation -----	141.6	113.7	142.1	125.5	137.0	118.4
Other goods and services -----	134.9	124.6	138.7	130.4	135.0	130.2
Percent changes 1968-69						
All items -----	5.3	4.7	6.2	5.3	4.9	5.5
Food -----	5.5	4.3	5.7	4.9	4.9	4.6
Food at home -----	5.0	4.6	5.4	4.9	4.4	4.2
Cereals and bakery products -----	2.4	2.3	2.9	4.6	2.1	1.5
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	9.3	8.8	8.1	6.9	8.8	7.2
Dairy products -----	4.7	2.4	3.2	5.2	.7	2.1
Fruits and vegetables -----	.9	.1	2.4	.5	2.0	.5
Other foods at home -----	5.3	5.0	6.3	5.1	4.2	5.9
Food away from home -----	6.6	3.9	6.9	5.3	6.5	5.7
Housing -----	5.7	6.5	6.4	6.0	5.0	7.6
Shelter -----	6.9	7.9	7.6	8.7	6.6	9.4
Rent -----	2.1	---	3.4	---	3.5	5.8
Homeownership -----	8.8	9.1	10.5	9.8	7.9	11.3
Fuel and utilities -----	3.4	3.5	2.4	1.3	2.2	2.5
Fuel oil and coal -----	---	---	2.9	1.1	5.5	---
Gas and electricity -----	3.2	2.8	1.1	1.6	1.9	.7
Household furnishings and operation -----	3.9	3.5	5.7	3.8	3.6	3.5
Apparel and upkeep -----	7.0	4.1	6.6	5.1	4.9	4.8
Men's and boys' -----	5.5	3.6	8.3	7.6	4.4	6.4
Women's and girls' -----	7.6	4.5	6.1	2.2	5.0	4.0
Footwear -----	8.3	5.3	6.9	7.8	6.9	5.0
Transportation -----	4.6	2.9	5.9	4.7	3.2	4.5
Private -----	4.5	2.9	6.9	3.3	2.2	4.3
Public -----	5.7	1.4	2.1	12.8	14.8	7.3
Health and recreation -----	4.8	3.9	6.1	5.6	5.6	3.5
Medical care -----	5.2	5.9	9.4	8.6	6.1	4.9
Personal care -----	5.3	3.6	---	---	6.1	4.2
Reading and recreation -----	4.0	2.2	3.9	4.5	4.3	2.5
Other goods and services -----	5.1	3.2	6.2	4.6	6.0	2.0

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

TABLE 6: Consumer Price Index--United States and Selected Areas
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Food and its Subgroups
December 1969 indexes and percent changes from November 1969

Area ^{1/}	Total food	Food at home						Food away from home
		Total	Cereals and bakery products	Meats, poultry, and fish	Dairy products	Fruits and vegetables	Other foods at home	
Indexes (1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)								
U.S. City Average -----	129.9	125.8	124.9	127.2	127.6	132.1	116.6	149.9
Atlanta -----	128.4	125.0	117.9	124.3	124.8	132.7	125.1	140.6
Baltimore -----	134.1	128.5	128.5	130.6	125.4	136.8	120.1	158.2
Boston -----	133.1	127.2	128.1	131.6	123.1	135.5	115.7	158.7
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100) -	125.1	123.4	110.6	126.6	122.6	131.8	120.5	135.8
Chicago -----	131.3	129.5	129.7	131.6	136.5	130.8	118.2	139.9
Cincinnati -----	126.6	122.7	120.7	126.8	123.2	131.4	111.2	146.9
Cleveland -----	128.5	125.8	118.7	129.9	128.8	133.0	116.5	144.4
Dallas (Nov.1963=100) --	124.2	121.2	110.7	126.1	125.9	120.9	118.2	135.7
Detroit -----	129.3	127.0	121.9	135.3	134.1	119.6	116.3	142.5
Honolulu (Dec.1963=100)	120.8	118.8	112.5	123.0	115.8	124.7	113.0	127.1
Houston -----	131.2	125.9	126.4	122.4	130.9	140.0	115.4	153.9
Kansas City -----	134.4	130.7	131.3	131.8	141.1	127.8	121.7	148.0
Los Angeles-Long Beach -	125.8	120.2	123.6	116.0	123.8	136.4	105.8	146.1
Milwaukee -----	128.4	125.8	117.9	129.1	135.8	125.5	117.1	(2/)
Minneapolis-St. Paul ---	128.2	123.8	120.7	126.2	128.6	123.8	119.4	148.6
New York -----	132.9	126.6	123.0	127.5	121.4	138.6	118.7	159.8
Philadelphia -----	129.7	124.4	124.7	121.7	135.1	130.1	114.1	157.8
Pittsburgh -----	127.1	124.6	122.6	130.3	120.2	129.4	117.4	143.8
St. Louis -----	135.5	131.0	124.8	136.6	139.7	138.8	115.0	153.7
San Diego (Feb.1965=100)	120.0	116.4	111.9	127.2	112.8	108.9	112.5	(2/)
San Francisco-Oakland --	127.2	121.4	121.8	121.3	121.3	130.8	111.5	152.4
Seattle -----	127.6	121.0	114.3	124.3	128.2	127.0	110.9	154.8
Washington -----	133.5	128.3	121.8	130.0	127.9	134.2	122.4	153.4
Percent changes November 1969 to December 1969								
U.S. City Average -----	1.4	1.6	0.6	0.0	1.0	4.0	3.3	0.6
Atlanta -----	1.2	1.2	.5	-.9	.2	2.9	4.1	.9
Baltimore -----	1.4	1.5	.9	-.2	1.4	2.6	4.3	.8
Boston -----	1.1	1.3	-.8	.8	1.1	2.3	3.4	.6
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100) -	1.9	2.2	2.8	-.2	-.2	8.2	2.8	.6
Chicago -----	1.5	1.7	1.6	.0	1.3	3.2	4.1	.6
Cincinnati -----	1.2	1.2	1.4	-.6	1.3	2.4	2.6	1.3
Cleveland -----	2.2	2.6	2.9	1.3	1.4	5.6	3.4	.1
Dallas (Nov.1963=100) --	1.1	1.3	.5	-1.9	.6	5.5	4.0	.2
Detroit -----	2.0	2.3	1.3	1.1	.5	6.2	3.7	.2
Honolulu (Dec.1963=100)	1.1	1.4	.2	1.2	.0	4.2	.7	.2
Houston -----	1.5	1.7	.1	.2	2.2	3.5	3.3	1.1
Kansas City -----	1.1	1.3	.7	-.3	.9	1.9	3.7	1.0
Los Angeles-Long Beach -	.9	1.0	.9	-.3	.3	2.8	2.1	.3
Milwaukee -----	.5	.6	-.4	-1.1	.4	2.3	3.0	(2/)
Minneapolis-St. Paul ---	.8	.8	.7	-1.7	.5	1.9	3.6	.8
New York -----	1.8	2.1	.5	.3	3.6	3.9	3.8	.9
Philadelphia -----	1.3	1.5	2.5	.2	.1	3.3	3.1	.8
Pittsburgh -----	1.1	1.4	-.3	-.2	.1	5.0	3.2	.2
St. Louis -----	1.5	1.7	.2	-.2	.6	5.2	3.8	.6
San Diego (Feb.1965=100)	.8	1.0	.8	.5	.4	1.9	2.1	(2/)
San Francisco-Oakland --	.8	.7	-.7	-.4	.5	1.3	2.1	.8
Seattle -----	1.1	1.2	.6	-.8	.5	4.4	2.7	1.0
Washington -----	1.8	2.1	6.2	.0	1.9	5.3	1.6	.7

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

^{2/} Not available.

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

Item or Group	Index		Percent Change to December 1969 from--		
	December 1969		November 1969		December 1968
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted
Total food -----	129.9	130.3	1.4	1.3	7.2
Food away from home -----	149.9	---	.6	---	7.1
Restaurant meals -----	150.2	---	.6	---	7.3
Snacks 1/ -----	129.9	---	.5	---	6.8
Food at home -----	125.8	126.2	1.6	1.4	7.2
Cereals and bakery products -----	124.9	---	.6	---	4.0
Flour -----	110.9	---	.3	---	.6
Cracker meal 1/ -----	127.9	---	.6	---	8.9
Corn flakes -----	130.0	---	.2	---	.5
Rice -----	113.4	---	.4	---	2.1
Bread, white -----	131.1	---	1.1	---	4.0
Bread, whole wheat 1/ -----	124.1	---	.6	---	5.3
Cookies -----	100.9	---	1.1	---	.3
Layer cake 1/ -----	118.0	---	.8	---	6.8
Cinnamon rolls 1/ -----	115.8	---	.6	---	6.2
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	127.2	128.1	.0	.5	11.2
Meats -----	131.3	132.1	.2	.8	12.1
Beef and veal -----	130.6	130.9	.7	.4	10.0
Steak, round -----	123.2	122.8	1.6	1.4	9.3
Steak, sirloin 2/ -----	119.0	---	1.7	---	7.1
Steak, porterhouse 1/ -----	123.9	---	1.6	---	6.2
Rump roast 1/ -----	118.8	---	.6	---	9.2
Rib roast -----	140.5	139.9	.3	1.2	8.7
Chuck roast -----	123.2	123.0	.4	.7	11.6
Hamburger -----	137.8	138.1	.4	.1	11.9
Beef liver 1/ -----	118.6	---	.6	---	11.7
Veal cutlets -----	162.0	163.6	.1	.3	12.7
Pork -----	133.3	135.5	1.0	2.3	16.0
Chops -----	135.7	140.0	1.2	3.3	15.0
Loin roast 2/ -----	143.4	---	2.1	---	15.1
Pork sausage 1/ -----	146.8	---	1.0	---	17.1
Ham, whole -----	130.7	128.5	4.7	3.3	16.3
Picnics 1/ -----	134.7	---	1.0	---	14.9
Bacon -----	133.1	136.4	.5	1.7	17.8
Other meats -----	134.4	134.4	.6	.8	11.4
Lamb chops 1/ -----	140.4	---	.7	---	8.1
Frankfurters -----	134.6	135.1	.1	.8	14.2
Ham, canned 1/ -----	130.4	---	2.0	---	12.9
Bologna sausage 1/ -----	136.6	---	.4	---	12.6
Salami sausage 1/ -----	127.9	---	.6	---	10.2
Liverwurst 1/ -----	129.9	---	.1	---	10.5
Poultry -----	97.9	---	1.2	---	7.8
Frying chicken -----	97.9	101.2	1.6	1.7	7.3
Chicken breasts 1/ -----	110.4	---	.4	---	6.6
Turkey 1/ -----	110.3	---	.3	---	12.1
Fish -----	135.4	135.4	1.0	.7	7.2
Shrimp, frozen 1/ -----	124.4	---	1.2	---	10.6
Fish, fresh or frozen -----	143.4	143.1	1.6	1.3	12.5
Tuna fish, canned -----	117.9	---	1.0	---	5.2
Sardines, canned 1/ -----	125.4	---	.3	---	1.5
Dairy products -----	127.6	127.1	1.0	1.1	4.1
Milk, fresh, grocery -----	125.0	124.1	1.3	1.5	3.6
Milk, fresh, delivered -----	132.3	---	1.5	---	4.8
Milk, fresh, skim 1/ -----	126.0	---	.8	---	4.1
Milk, evaporated -----	125.0	---	.6	---	2.9
Ice cream -----	102.0	---	1.3	---	3.0
Cheese, American process -----	152.4	152.4	.9	1.1	7.9
Butter -----	119.6	118.8	.2	.1	2.1

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

Item or Group	Index		Percent Change to December 1969 from--		
	December 1969		November 1969		December 1968
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted
Fruits and vegetables -----	132.1	135.2	4.0	2.8	4.5
Fresh fruits and vegetables -----	144.1	150.6	6.4	5.0	6.6
Apples -----	129.3	148.3	2.9	- 1.4	- 13.8
Bananas -----	93.3	97.5	- .6	.1	6.3
Oranges -----	125.0	126.6	- 5.6	3.4	- 4.9
Orange juice, fresh 1/ -----	91.5	---	- .3	---	3.9
Grapefruit -----	142.0	161.5	- 1.5	1.3	- 6.1
Grapes 3/ -----	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)
Strawberries 3/ -----	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)
Watermelon 3/ -----	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)
Potatoes -----	142.0	153.2	1.4	.3	6.4
Onions -----	136.4	147.0	2.4	1.7	3.3
Asparagus 1/ 3/ -----	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)
Cabbage -----	173.4	178.0	15.1	5.9	10.9
Carrots -----	146.6	144.3	15.3	10.7	30.2
Celery -----	132.2	132.5	.8	- .8	19.4
Cucumbers 1/ -----	176.5	---	44.1	---	- 18.7
Lettuce -----	189.5	191.8	6.5	16.5	36.7
Peppers, green 1/ -----	217.2	---	35.0	---	35.7
Spinach 1/ -----	121.8	---	4.5	---	13.7
Tomatoes -----	177.5	144.7	21.0	- 8.2	6.9
Processed fruits and vegetables -----	117.1	---	.3	---	1.2
Fruit cocktail, canned -----	106.2	---	.8	---	- 1.6
Pears, canned 1/ -----	106.4	---	- .5	---	- 4.6
Grapefruit-pineapple juice, canned 1/ --	102.4	---	- .2	---	4.0
Orange juice concentrate, frozen -----	97.4	95.4	.2	- 1.0	6.1
Lemonade concentrate, frozen 2/ -----	94.7	---	.6	---	4.5
Beets, canned 1/ -----	113.6	---	.3	---	.4
Peas, green, canned -----	122.4	---	- .6	---	.7
Tomatoes, canned -----	126.6	---	.9	---	.2
Dried beans -----	123.3	---	- .2	---	- 1.8
Broccoli, frozen 1/ -----	109.6	---	1.5	---	8.3
Other food at home -----	116.6	115.4	3.3	2.4	7.6
Eggs -----	140.6	130.9	15.0	9.0	25.3
Fats and oils:					
Margarine -----	105.0	---	1.3	---	2.2
Salad dressing, Italian 1/ -----	102.6	---	.1	---	1.3
Salad or cooking oil 1/ -----	124.8	---	.7	---	2.0
Sugar and sweets -----	127.5	---	.7	---	4.5
Sugar -----	116.2	---	.0	---	2.4
Grape jelly -----	128.7	---	1.7	---	6.7
Chocolate bar -----	127.4	---	.6	---	3.7
Syrup, chocolate flavored 1/ -----	107.1	---	.3	---	4.8
Nonalcoholic beverages -----	107.4	---	1.2	---	5.0
Coffee, can and bag -----	92.3	---	2.6	---	5.6
Coffee, instant 4/ -----	108.0	---	1.9	---	7.4
Tea -----	102.9	---	.7	---	1.7
Cola drink -----	158.4	---	- .2	---	4.5
Carbonated fruit drink 1/ -----	124.8	---	.1	---	4.9
Prepared and partially prepared foods 1/	108.2	---	.6	---	4.1
Bean soup, canned 1/ -----	108.8	---	1.5	---	7.9
Chicken soup, canned 1/ -----	100.3	---	.8	---	4.6
Spaghetti, canned 1/ -----	120.4	---	.5	---	5.2
Mashed potatoes, instant 1/ -----	109.6	---	- .4	---	6.7
Potatoes, french fried, frozen 2/ -----	92.5	---	.4	---	3.9
Baby foods, canned -----	111.9	---	.4	---	.7
Sweet pickle relish 1/ -----	115.0	---	.6	---	2.8
Pretzels 1/ -----	107.5	---	.5	---	.9

1/ December 1963=100.
2/ April 1960=100.
3/ Priced only in season.
4/ July 1961=100.

TABLE 7-A: Consumer Price Index--United States City Average
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Food Items
1969 annual average indexes and percent changes, 1968 to 1969

Item or Group	Indexes (1957-59=100)		Percent change to 1969 from -- 1968 unadjusted
	1969 unadjusted	1968 unadjusted	
Total Food -----	125.5	119.3	5.2
Food Away From Home -----	144.6	136.3	6.1
Restaurant Meals -----	144.9	136.5	6.2
Snacks 1/ -----	125.4	118.0	6.3
Food at Home -----	121.5	115.9	4.8
Cereals and Bakery Products -----	122.4	119.0	2.9
Flour -----	111.5	112.4	.8
Cracker Meal 1/ -----	122.3	117.3	4.3
Corn Flakes -----	129.2	128.7	.4
Rice -----	112.3	110.3	1.8
Bread, White -----	128.1	124.4	3.0
Bread, Whole Wheat 1/ -----	120.5	115.3	4.5
Cookies -----	100.6	100.5	.1
Layer Cake 1/ -----	113.7	108.8	4.5
Cinnamon Rolls 1/ -----	113.1	107.3	5.4
Meats, Poultry and Fish -----	123.2	113.7	8.4
Meats -----	126.8	116.4	8.9
Beef and Veal -----	129.5	117.7	10.0
Steak, Round -----	124.4	112.5	10.6
Steak, Sirloin 2/ -----	121.7	111.0	9.6
Steak, Porterhouse 1/ -----	126.4	116.1	8.9
Rump Roast 1/ -----	118.4	108.7	8.9
Rib Roast -----	139.7	125.8	11.0
Chuck Roast -----	122.3	109.9	11.3
Hamburger -----	134.0	120.6	11.1
Beef Liver 1/ -----	113.2	106.8	6.0
Veal Cutlets -----	156.4	142.2	10.0
Pork -----	125.2	115.0	8.9
Chops -----	129.6	118.8	9.1
Loin Roast 2/ -----	135.8	125.3	8.4
Pork Sausage 1/ -----	137.8	124.0	11.1
Ham, Whole -----	117.1	110.9	5.6
Picnics 1/ -----	127.5	115.0	10.9
Bacon -----	124.3	114.8	8.3
Other Meats -----	127.7	119.5	6.9
Lamb Chops 1/ -----	137.0	128.3	6.8
Frankfurters -----	127.4	117.2	8.7
Ham, Canned 1/ -----	120.0	115.0	4.3
Bologna Sausage 1/ -----	129.3	119.4	8.3
Salami Sausage 1/ -----	122.1	114.6	6.5
Liverwurst 1/ -----	123.7	116.4	6.3
Poultry -----	96.9	91.7	5.7
Frying Chicken -----	98.1	92.7	5.8
Chicken Breasts 1/ -----	108.4	103.2	5.0
Turkey 1/ -----	102.8	97.9	5.0
Fish -----	130.6	123.8	5.5
Shrimp, frozen 1/ -----	119.3	108.6	9.9
Fish, Fresh or Frozen -----	134.6	125.5	7.3
Tuna Fish, Canned -----	114.4	110.7	3.3
Sardines, Canned 1/ -----	124.2	121.7	2.1
Dairy Products -----	124.5	120.6	3.2
Milk, Fresh, Grocery -----	121.8	118.5	2.8
Milk, Fresh, Delivered -----	128.4	123.7	3.8
Milk, Fresh, Skim 1/ -----	123.0	117.5	4.7
Milk, Evaporated -----	123.5	119.8	3.1
Ice Cream -----	99.5	98.8	.7
Cheese, American Process -----	146.8	139.2	5.5
Butter -----	118.3	116.8	1.3

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
1969 annual average indexes and percent changes, 1968 to 1969--Continued

Item or Group	Indexes (1957-59=100)		Percent change to 1969 from -- 1968 unadjusted
	1969 unadjusted	1968 unadjusted	
Fruits and Vegetables -----	128.4	126.8	1.3
Fresh Fruits and Vegetables -----	138.1	136.0	1.5
Apples -----	162.5	163.4	- .6
Bananas -----	95.3	93.0	2.5
Oranges -----	128.4	147.6	- 13.0
Orange Juice, Fresh 1/ -----	90.9	84.7	7.3
Grapefruit -----	155.1	167.4	- 7.3
Grapes 3/ -----	154.4	144.0	7.2
Strawberries 3/ -----	131.9	128.8	2.4
Watermelon 3/ -----	131.9	124.5	5.9
Potatoes -----	144.8	135.1	7.2
Onions -----	134.1	146.6	- 8.5
Asparagus 1/ 3/ -----	138.7	124.6	11.3
Cabbage -----	152.0	147.4	3.1
Carrots -----	123.8	128.4	- 3.6
Celery -----	125.6	113.3	10.9
Cucumbers 1/ -----	148.1	150.8	- 1.8
Lettuce -----	144.4	127.8	13.0
Peppers, Green 1/ -----	172.4	162.7	6.0
Spinach 1/ -----	114.8	104.5	9.9
Tomatoes -----	138.1	133.0	3.8
Processed Fruits and Vegetables -----	116.3	115.3	.9
Fruit Cocktail, Canned -----	106.4	108.3	- 1.8
Pears, Canned 1/ -----	108.7	116.3	- 6.5
Grapefruit-Pineapple Juice, Canned 1/ -----	100.5	95.9	4.8
Orange Juice Concentrate, Frozen -----	98.9	87.0	13.7
Lemonade Concentrate Frozen 2/ -----	92.5	89.5	3.4
Beets, Canned 1/ -----	113.2	111.3	1.7
Peas, Green, Canned -----	121.7	121.4	.2
Tomatoes, Canned -----	124.7	129.3	- 3.6
Dried Beans -----	124.7	124.1	.5
Broccoli, Frozen 1/ -----	104.7	100.9	3.8
Other Food At Home -----	109.9	104.5	5.2
Eggs -----	112.1	95.3	17.6
Fats and Oil: -----			
Margarine -----	103.0	103.3	- .3
Salad Dressing, Italian 1/ -----	102.6	102.4	.2
Salad or Cooking Oil 1/ -----	123.4	122.1	1.1
Sugar and Sweets -----	125.1	118.6	5.5
Sugar -----	115.3	113.2	1.9
Grape Jelly -----	124.1	118.9	4.4
Chocolate Bar -----	125.1	112.9	10.8
Syrup, Choc. Flavored 1/ -----	106.1	101.9	4.1
Nonalcoholic Beverages -----	103.7	101.0	2.7
Coffee, Can and Bag -----	87.5	87.3	.2
Coffee, Instant 4/ -----	103.2	98.5	4.8
Tea -----	101.8	100.7	1.1
Cola Drink -----	155.3	147.7	5.1
Carbonated Fruit Drink 1/ -----	121.9	116.0	5.1
Prepared & Partially Prep. Foods 1/ -----	106.2	102.7	3.4
Bean Soup, Canned 1/ -----	105.0	100.8	4.2
Chicken Soup, Canned 1/ -----	98.0	96.0	2.1
Spaghetti, Canned 1/ -----	117.1	112.3	4.3
Mashed Potatoes, Instant 1/ -----	107.2	102.4	4.7
Potatoes, French Fried, Frozen 2/ -----	91.4	87.0	5.1
Baby Foods, Canned -----	111.6	108.3	3.0
Sweet Pickle Relish 1/ -----	112.8	109.7	2.8
Pretzels 1/ -----	107.1	105.8	1.2

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

Item or Group	Other Index Bases	Indexes		Percent Change to December 1969	
		December 1969	November 1969	November 1969	December 1968
Housing -----		130.5	129.8	0.5	6.7
Shelter 1/ -----		138.5	137.7	.6	8.5
Rent -----		121.0	120.5	.4	3.7
Homeownership costs 2/ -----		145.4	144.5	.6	10.2
Mortgage interest rates -----		139.6	139.3	.2	11.4
Property taxes -----	Dec.63	132.0	131.5	.4	5.5
Property insurance rates -----		153.3	152.3	.7	5.3
Maintenance and repairs -----		145.8	144.9	.6	9.2
Commodities 3/ -----	Dec.63	115.9	116.0	-.1	4.2
Exterior house paint -----		119.1	118.7	.3	5.0
Interior house paint -----	Dec.63	114.3	113.6	.6	3.7
Services -----	Dec.63	143.5	142.2	.9	11.2
Repainting living and dining rooms -----		183.6	182.6	.5	11.3
Reshingling roofs -----		164.1	163.0	.7	11.3
Residing houses -----	Dec.63	134.0	134.2	-.1	9.6
Replacing sinks -----	Dec.63	144.5	142.6	1.3	11.2
Repairing furnaces -----	Dec.63	149.7	145.2	3.1	14.8
Fuel and utilities -----		114.6	114.2	.4	2.8
Fuel oil and coal -----		119.2	118.9	.3	2.6
Fuel oil, #2 -----		116.2	116.0	.2	2.4
Gas and electricity -----		113.7	113.2	.4	3.4
Gas -----		119.8	118.8	.8	3.6
Electricity -----		107.2	107.2	.0	3.2
Other utilities:					
Residential telephone services -----		103.8	103.7	.1	.9
Residential water and sewerage services -----		147.5	147.5	.0	4.2
Household furnishings and operation 4/ -----		120.0	119.6	.3	4.3
Housefurnishings -----		110.6	110.4	.2	3.8
Textiles -----		116.1	115.7	.3	2.1
Sheets, percale or muslin -----		122.2	121.7	.4	.8
Curtains, tailored, polyester marquisette -----		112.3	112.1	.2	4.1
Bedspreads, chiefly cotton, tufted -----		117.6	117.7	-.1	3.4
Drapery fabric, cotton or rayon/acetate -----		126.6	126.0	.5	6.1
Pillows, bed, polyester or acrylic filling -----	Dec.63	108.4	107.6	.7	- 3.0
Slipcovers, ready made, chiefly cotton -----	Dec.63	110.4	110.0	.4	1.4
Furniture and bedding -----		123.9	123.7	.2	5.5
Bedroom suites, good or inexpensive quality -----		128.0	128.0	.0	6.0
Living room suites, good and inexpensive quality -----		126.3	125.8	.4	5.0
Lounge chairs, upholstered -----	Dec.63	118.8	118.6	.2	6.4
Dining room suites -----	Dec.63	129.5	129.4	.1	6.8
Sofas, upholstered -----	Dec.63	116.5	115.7	.7	4.4
Sofas, dual purpose -----		120.0	120.2	-.2	6.2
Sleep sets, Hollywood bed type -----	Dec.63	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)
Box springs -----	Dec.63	122.6	122.5	.1	5.0
Aluminum folding chairs 6/ -----	June 64	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)
Cribs -----	Dec.63	119.8	119.5	.3	5.6
Floor coverings -----		107.1	107.1	.0	1.5
Rugs, soft surface -----		104.7	104.8	-.1	1.1
Rugs, hard surface -----		112.5	112.5	.0	2.6
Tile, vinyl -----	Dec.63	110.3	110.1	.2	2.9
Appliances 7/ -----		86.4	86.3	.1	1.1
Washing machines, electric, automatic -----		91.5	91.2	.3	1.9
Vacuum cleaners, canister type -----		81.4	81.4	.0	.6
Refrigerators or refrigerator-freezers electric -----		86.0	85.8	.2	1.7
Ranges, free standing, gas or electric -----		99.0	98.8	.2	2.4
Clothes dryers, electric, automatic -----	Dec.63	100.6	100.5	.1	1.9
Air conditioners, demountable 6/ -----	June 64	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)
Room heaters, electric, portable 6/ -----	Dec.63	100.4	99.8	.6	3.3
Garbage disposal units -----	Dec.63	105.0	105.0	.0	2.0
Other housefurnishings:					
Dinnerware, earthenware -----		135.6	135.2	.3	4.3
Flatware, stainless steel -----	Dec.63	119.0	119.6	-.5	.7
Table lamps, with shade -----	Dec.63	118.7	118.3	.3	8.6
Lawn mowers, power, rotary type 6/ -----	June 64	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)
Electric drills, hand held -----	Dec.63	104.0	104.2	-.2	3.1
Housekeeping supplies:					
Laundry soaps and detergents -----		107.1	106.2	.8	1.6
Paper napkins -----		131.0	130.0	.8	3.6
Toilet tissue -----		120.3	121.2	-.7	4.2
Housekeeping services:					
Domestic service, general housework -----		179.9	178.7	.7	6.8
Baby sitter service -----	Dec.63	137.4	136.6	.6	6.5
Postal charges -----		165.5	165.5	.0	.0
Laundry, flatwork, finished service -----	Dec.63	146.8	144.3	1.7	10.0
Licensed day care service, preschool child -----	Dec.63	131.8	131.8	.0	6.9
Washing machine repairs -----	Dec.63	135.4	135.1	.2	8.1

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Item and Group	Other Index Bases	Indexes		Percent change to December 1969 From:	
		December 1969	November 1969	November 1969	December 1968
Apparel and upkeep 8/ -----		130.8	130.7	0.1	5.2
Apparel commodities -----		130.3	130.4	-.1	5.3
Apparel commodities less footwear -----		127.5	127.7	-.2	5.2
Men's and boys' -----		132.0	132.1	-.1	5.3
Men's:					
Topcoats, wool 6/ -----		147.4	148.5	-.7	5.2
Suits, year round weight -----		158.2	158.2	.0	8.3
Suits, tropical weight 6/ -----	June 64	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)
Jackets, lightweight -----	Dec. 63	125.7	125.6	.1	4.2
Slacks, wool or wool blend -----		131.2	131.7	-.4	3.9
Slacks, cotton or manmade blend -----		117.6	117.1	.4	8.0
Trousers, work, cotton -----		117.2	117.0	.2	2.4
Shirts, work, cotton -----		124.2	124.7	-.4	3.0
Shirts, business, cotton -----		122.3	122.2	.1	1.8
T-shirts, chiefly cotton -----		131.9	131.8	.1	3.6
Socks, cotton -----		120.9	120.4	.4	3.4
Handkerchiefs, cotton -----	Dec. 63	113.8	113.3	.4	4.2
Boy's:					
Coats, all purpose, cotton or cotton blend 6/ -----	Dec. 63	116.1	115.9	.2	4.1
Sport coats, wool or wool blend 6/ -----	Dec. 63	130.3	131.0	-.5	10.1
Dungarees, cotton or cotton blend -----		127.1	127.9	-.6	3.2
Undershirts, cotton -----		130.3	130.3	.0	6.6
Women's and girls' -----		127.2	127.4	-.2	5.3
Women's:					
Coats, heavyweight, wool or wool blend 6/ -----		136.2	139.9	-2.6	4.8
Carcoats, heavyweight, cotton 6/ -----	Dec. 63	135.7	138.2	-1.8	2.9
Sweaters, wool or acrylic 6/ -----	Dec. 63	119.7	117.5	1.9	4.4
Skirts, wool or wool blend 6/ -----	Sept. 61	144.6	145.3	-.5	13.1
Skirts, cotton or cotton blend 6/ -----	Mar. 62	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)
Blouses, cotton -----		127.6	127.2	.3	4.2
Dresses, street, chiefly manmade fiber -----		158.3	158.8	-.3	9.0
Dresses, street, wool or wool blend 6/ -----		145.7	144.8	.6	6.5
Dresses, street, cotton 6/ -----		(6/)	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)
Housedresses, cotton -----		153.0	152.1	.6	9.4
Slips, nylon -----		112.3	112.2	.1	2.5
Panties, acetate -----		111.2	111.4	-.2	2.9
Girdles, manmade blend -----		120.8	120.5	.2	6.1
Brassieres, cotton -----	Dec. 63	124.9	123.8	.9	5.1
Hose, nylon seamless -----		99.8	99.8	.0	.3
Anklets, cotton -----	Dec. 63	121.5	118.5	2.5	6.7
Gloves, fabric, nylon or cotton -----	Dec. 63	110.5	109.8	.6	4.7
Handbags, rayon faille or plastic -----	Dec. 63	117.3	117.2	.1	7.5
Girl's:					
Raincoats, vinyl plastic or chiefly cotton 6/ -----	Dec. 63	125.6	124.4	1.0	7.3
Skirts, wool or wool blend 6/ -----		123.2	123.4	-.2	3.6
Dresses, cotton -----		133.6	136.3	-2.0	1.8
Slacks, cotton 6/ -----	Dec. 63	131.8	131.7	.1	6.4
Slips, cotton blend -----	Dec. 63	108.0	108.6	-.6	1.8
Robes, duster style, quilted tricot or percale 6/ -----	Dec. 63	124.9	125.5	-.5	8.0
Handbags -----	Dec. 63	114.2	114.7	-.4	6.3
Footwear -----		144.4	143.9	.3	5.9
Men's:					
Shoes, street, oxford -----		142.6	142.1	.4	5.6
Shoes, work, high -----		139.8	139.5	.2	6.0
Women's:					
Shoes, street, pump -----		152.7	152.5	.1	5.5
Shoes, evening, pump -----	Dec. 63	123.2	122.9	.2	5.9
Shoes, casual, pump -----	Dec. 63	134.0	133.4	.4	8.9
Houseslippers, scuff -----	Dec. 63	127.5	127.1	.3	4.9
Children's:					
Shoes, oxford -----		144.3	143.3	.7	5.6
Sneakers, boys', oxford type -----	Dec. 63	119.5	119.3	.2	4.0
Dress shoes, girls', strap -----	Dec. 63	136.4	135.7	.5	7.6
Miscellaneous apparel:					
Diapers, cotton gauze -----		104.0	104.1	-.1	2.1
Yard goods, cotton -----		123.5	123.1	.3	7.6
Wrist watches, men's and women's -----	Dec. 63	103.2	103.1	.1	2.9
Apparel services:					
Drycleaning, men's suits and women's dresses -----		133.3	132.9	.3	4.1
Automatic laundry service -----	Dec. 63	112.0	111.8	.2	3.8
Laundry, men's shirts -----	Dec. 63	126.7	124.3	1.9	5.7
Tailoring charges, hem adjustment -----	Dec. 63	127.4	127.6	-.2	6.3
Shoe repairs, women's heel lift -----		123.7	123.6	.1	2.7

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Item and Group	Other Index Bases	Indexes		Percent change to December 1969 From:	
		December 1969	November 1969	November 1969	December 1968
Transportation -----		126.4	125.6	0.6	5.2
Private 9/ -----		123.4	122.7	.6	5.0
Automobiles, new -----		104.9	105.1	-.2	2.1
Automobiles, used -----		123.9	124.9	-.8	4.4
Gasoline, regular and premium -----		116.9	116.3	.5	3.2
Motor oil, premium -----		140.2	140.1	.1	4.6
Tires, new, tubeless -----		118.2	118.0	.2	3.4
Auto repairs and maintenance 10/ -----		137.3	136.6	.5	6.5
Auto insurance rates -----		171.5	164.6	4.2	14.3
Auto registration -----		134.2	134.2	.0	5.3
Parking fees, private and municipal -----	Dec. 63	122.7	122.5	.2	5.9
Public -----		153.0	151.1	1.3	6.0
Local transit fares -----		163.2	163.0	.1	4.3
Taxicab fares -----	Dec. 63	131.5	127.5	3.1	5.4
Railroad fares, coach -----		117.2	115.5	1.5	8.1
Airplane fares, chiefly coach -----	Dec. 63	117.4	111.6	5.2	13.6
Bus fares, intercity -----	Dec. 63	127.9	127.0	.7	8.6
Health and recreation -----		139.6	139.1	.4	5.1
Medical care -----		158.1	157.4	.4	6.0
Drugs and prescriptions -----		99.6	99.6	.0	1.1
Over-the-counter items -----	Dec. 63	107.1	107.1	.0	.5
Multiple vitamin concentrates -----	Dec. 63	92.8	92.4	.4	.7
Aspirin compounds -----	Dec. 63	106.6	106.2	.4	.9
Liquid tonics -----	Dec. 63	101.3	101.3	.0	.4
Adhesive bandages, package -----	Dec. 63	117.7	117.1	.5	1.2
Cold tablets or capsules -----	Dec. 63	110.5	110.0	.5	2.6
Cough syrup -----	Dec. 63	112.9	114.7	- 1.6	- 2.3
Prescriptions -----		89.1	89.0	.1	1.7
Anti-infectives -----	Mar. 60	62.8	62.8	.0	1.0
Sedatives and hypnotics -----	Mar. 60	110.4	109.6	.7	6.8
Ataractics -----	Mar. 60	89.8	89.8	.0	.0
Anti-spasmodics -----	Mar. 60	101.3	101.3	.0	.6
Cough preparations -----	Mar. 60	112.0	111.7	.3	7.2
Cardiovasculars and anti-hypertensives -----	Mar. 60	98.0	98.0	.0	3.0
Analgesics, internal -----	Mar. 67	103.3	103.2	.1	1.8
Anti-obesity -----	Mar. 67	104.3	104.3	.0	2.9
Hormones -----	Mar. 67	94.2	93.9	.3	- 1.4
Professional services:					
Physicians' fees -----		160.0	159.0	.6	7.3
Family doctor, office visits -----		162.4	161.0	.9	7.9
Family doctor, house visits -----		167.6	166.2	.8	6.8
Obstetrical cases -----		155.0	154.9	.1	8.5
Pediatric care, office visits -----	Dec. 63	145.9	145.5	.3	9.5
Psychiatrist, office visits -----	Dec. 63	132.6	132.6	.0	7.5
Herniorrhaphy, adult -----	Dec. 63	125.4	125.2	.2	3.5
Tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy -----		151.6	151.3	.2	4.3
Dentists' fees -----		147.6	147.2	.3	7.5
Fillings, adult, amalgam, one surface -----		148.7	148.3	.3	8.3
Extractions, adult -----		147.0	146.7	.2	6.8
Dentures, full upper -----	Dec. 63	130.2	129.7	.4	6.3
Other professional services:					
Examination, prescription, and dispensing of eyeglasses -----		133.9	133.8	.1	4.9
Routine laboratory tests -----	Dec. 63	119.5	119.4	.1	4.6
Hospital service charges:					
Daily service charges -----		267.9	265.4	.9	12.0
Semiprivate rooms -----		264.1	261.7	.9	12.3
Private rooms -----		258.7	256.1	1.0	11.4
Operating room charges -----	Dec. 63	170.9	170.6	.2	13.3
X-ray, diagnostic series, upper G.I. -----	Dec. 63	124.7	124.5	.2	4.8
Personal care -----		128.1	127.8	.2	3.8
Toilet goods -----		111.6	111.8	-.2	2.8
Toothpaste, standard dentifrice -----		114.6	114.7	-.1	3.0
Toilet soap, hard milled -----		123.4	124.8	- 1.1	.4
Hand lotions, liquid -----	Dec. 63	109.1	109.7	-.5	4.6
Shaving cream, aerosol -----		101.9	101.6	.3	-.9
Face powder, pressed -----		127.6	127.5	.1	5.6
Deodorants, cream or roll-on -----	Dec. 63	94.5	95.0	-.5	-.2
Cleansing tissues -----		112.5	111.8	.6	5.6
Home permanent refills -----		98.7	98.6	.1	4.3
Personal care services -----		148.5	147.5	.7	4.9
Men's haircuts -----		157.8	156.4	.9	5.4
Beauty shop services -----		138.8	138.0	.6	4.4
Women's haircuts -----	Dec. 63	125.2	124.0	1.0	4.6
Shampoo and wave sets, plain -----		156.3	155.3	.6	5.4
Permanent waves, cold -----		107.2	107.2	.0	2.2

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Item and Group	Other Index Bases	Indexes		Percent change to December 1969 From:	
		December 1969	November 1969	November 1969	December 1968
Reading and recreation ^{11/} -----		132.7	132.3	0.3	3.5
Recreational goods -----	Dec.63	99.1	99.2	-.1	1.2
TV sets, portable and console -----		80.2	80.3	-.1	-.4
TV replacement tubes -----	Dec.63	116.3	116.3	.0	2.0
Radios, portable and table model -----		76.5	76.5	.0	-.4
Tape recorders, portable -----	Dec.63	90.1	91.2	-1.2	-1.2
Phonograph records, stereophonic -----	Dec.63	98.0	98.0	.0	1.3
Movie cameras, Super 8, zoom lens -----	Dec.63	82.3	83.4	-1.3	-3.5
Film, 35mm, color -----	Dec.63	99.1	99.1	.0	.5
Golf balls, liquid center -----	Dec.63	104.0	103.5	.5	.3
Basketballs, rubber or vinyl cover -----	Dec.63	114.8	114.8	.0	4.6
Fishing rods, fresh water spincast -----	Dec.63	118.2	118.0	.2	2.2
Bowling balls -----	Dec.63	100.5	100.5	.0	2.4
Bicycle, boys' -----	Dec.63	110.4	110.0	.4	3.5
Tricycles -----	Dec.63	111.6	111.4	.2	3.6
Dog food, canned or boxed -----	Dec.63	107.7	107.9	-.2	.7
Recreational services -----	Dec.63	133.2	132.6	.5	5.5
Indoor movie admissions -----		210.3	208.3	1.0	10.5
Adult -----		205.4	203.2	1.1	10.8
Children's -----		227.1	225.4	.8	9.7
Drive-in movie admissions, adult -----	Dec.63	165.5	165.0	.3	7.7
Bowling fees, evening -----	Dec.63	113.7	113.6	.1	4.1
Golf greens fees -----	Dec.63	(12.)	(12/)	(12/)	(12/)
TV repairs, picture tube replacement -----		100.2	100.0	.2	-2.3
Film developing, black and white -----	Dec.63	117.7	117.9	-.2	-2.1
Reading and education:					
Newspapers, street sale and delivery -----		158.2	156.7	1.0	4.6
Magazines, single copy and subscription -----	Dec.63	126.3	126.3	.0	5.9
Piano lessons, beginner -----	Dec.63	127.3	126.7	.5	5.1
Other goods and services -----		133.5	133.1	.3	6.3
Tobacco products -----		153.8	153.1	.5	8.8
Cigarettes, nonfilter tip, regular size -----		161.4	160.7	.4	9.1
Cigarettes, filter tip, king size -----	Mar.59	153.5	152.6	.6	9.3
Cigars, domestic, regular size -----		110.0	109.9	.1	4.4
Alcoholic beverages -----		120.6	120.4	.2	4.3
Beer -----		116.5	116.6	-.1	3.5
Whiskey, spirit blended and straight bourbon -----		111.5	111.4	.1	2.3
Wine, dessert and table -----	Dec.63	115.2	114.5	.6	7.6
Away from home -----	Dec.63	125.9	125.6	.2	5.5
Financial and miscellaneous personal expenses:					
Funeral services, adult -----	Dec.63	117.4	117.3	.1	4.5
Bank service charges, checking accounts -----	Dec.63	110.3	109.9	.4	3.5
Legal services, short form will -----	Dec.63	141.2	139.5	1.2	10.7
Other special groups:					
All items less shelter -----		129.5	128.6	.7	5.5
Commodities less food -----		120.3	120.2	.1	4.4
Nondurables less food and apparel -----		123.0	122.6	.3	4.0
Household services less rent -----		152.4	151.4	.7	9.5
Transportation services -----		148.4	145.8	1.8	8.5
Other services -----		148.9	148.2	.5	4.9

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

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1969 Annual Average Indexes for Selected Items and Groups
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Item or Group	Other Index Bases	Indexes		Percent change to 1969 from 1968
		1969 Average	1968 Average	
Housing -----		126.7	119.1	6.4
Shelter <u>1/</u> -----		133.6	123.6	8.1
Rent -----		118.8	115.1	3.2
Homeownership costs <u>2/</u> -----		139.4	127.0	9.8
Mortgage interest rates -----		134.4	119.5	12.5
Property taxes -----	Dec.63	129.0	121.8	5.9
Property insurance rates -----		148.7	142.5	4.4
Maintenance and repairs -----		140.7	129.8	8.4
Commodities <u>3/</u> -----	Dec.63	116.1	108.8	6.7
Exterior house paint -----		116.5	112.0	4.0
Interior house paint -----	Dec.63	112.4	108.7	3.4
Services -----	Dec.63	136.4	125.0	9.1
Repainting living and dining rooms -----		174.6	159.0	9.8
Reshingling roofs -----		155.8	141.6	10.0
Residing houses -----	Dec.63	129.0	119.4	8.0
Replacing sinks -----	Dec.63	137.4	126.5	8.6
Repairing furnaces -----	Dec.63	139.1	126.1	10.3
Fuel and utilities -----		112.9	110.4	2.3
Fuel oil and coal -----		117.8	115.1	2.3
Fuel oil, #2 -----		115.1	112.7	2.1
Gas and electricity -----		111.5	109.5	1.8
Gas -----		116.8	114.7	1.8
Electricity -----		105.8	103.8	1.9
Other utilities:				
Residential telephone services -----		103.5	102.2	1.3
Residential water and sewerage services -----		144.4	135.3	6.7
Household furnishings and operation <u>4/</u> -----		117.9	113.0	4.3
Housefurnishings -----		109.0	104.7	4.1
Textiles -----		114.4	111.0	3.1
Sheets, percale or muslin -----		119.6	117.8	1.5
Curtains, tailored, polyester marquisette -----		110.9	106.3	4.3
Bedspreads, chiefly cotton, tufted -----		116.2	112.8	3.0
Drapery fabric, cotton or rayon/acetate -----		123.1	116.6	5.6
Pillows, bed, polyester or acrylic filling -----	Dec.63	107.7	107.2	.5
Slipcovers, ready made, chiefly cotton -----	Dec.63	109.6	106.3	3.1
Furniture and bedding -----		121.5	114.9	5.7
Bedroom suites, good or inexpensive quality -----		124.9	116.7	7.0
Living room suites, good and inexpensive quality -----		123.7	118.3	4.6
Lounge chairs, upholstered -----	Dec.63	115.8	108.5	6.7
Dining room suites -----	Dec.63	126.6	119.2	6.2
Sofas, upholstered -----	Dec.63	114.2	108.7	5.1
Sofas, dual purpose -----		117.2	111.1	5.5
Sleep sets, Hollywood bed type -----	Dec.63	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)
Box springs -----	Dec.63	122.0	113.5	7.5
Aluminum folding chairs <u>6/</u> -----	June 64	112.1	108.3	3.5
Cribs -----	Dec.63	117.0	111.0	5.4
Floor coverings -----		106.5	104.6	1.8
Rugs, soft surface -----		104.5	103.0	1.5
Rugs, hard surface -----		111.2	108.5	2.5
Tile, vinyl -----	Dec.63	108.4	105.8	2.5
Appliances <u>7/</u> -----		85.8	84.8	1.2
Washing machines, electric, automatic -----		90.6	88.8	2.0
Vacuum cleaners, canister type -----		81.5	80.1	1.7
Refrigerators or refrigerator-freezers electric -----		85.3	83.8	1.8
Ranges, free standing, gas or electric -----		97.7	95.2	2.6
Clothes dryers, electric, automatic -----	Dec.63	99.4	97.4	2.1
Air conditioners, demountable <u>6/</u> -----	June 64	99.5	97.0	2.6
Room heaters, electric, portable <u>6/</u> -----	Dec.63	98.8	96.4	2.5
Garbage disposal units -----	Dec.63	103.9	100.9	3.0
Other housefurnishings:				
Dinnerware, earthenware -----		133.3	128.6	3.7
Flatware, stainless steel -----	Dec.63	118.7	113.5	4.6
Table lamps, with shade -----	Dec.63	114.6	108.0	6.1
Lawn mowers, power, rotary type <u>6/</u> -----	June 64	116.2	(8/)	(8/)
Electric drills, hand held -----	Dec.63	103.0	99.1	3.9
Housekeeping supplies:				
Laundry soaps and detergents -----		106.3	105.0	1.2
Paper napkins -----		128.2	122.3	4.8
Toilet tissue -----		118.9	114.7	3.7
Housekeeping services:				
Domestic service, general housework -----		173.5	162.6	6.7
Baby sitter service -----	Dec.63	133.7	124.9	7.0
Postal charges -----		165.5	160.9	2.9
Laundry, flatwork, finished service -----	Dec.63	140.6	129.6	8.5
Licensed day care service, preschool child -----	Dec.63	127.9	123.1	3.9
Washing machine repairs -----	Dec.63	131.7	121.5	8.4

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Item and Group	Other Index Bases	Indexes		Percent change to 1969 from 1968
		1969 Average	1968 Average	
Apparel and upkeep <u>9/</u> -----		127.1	120.1	5.8
Apparel commodities-----		126.5	119.3	6.0
Apparel commodities less footwear-----		123.7	116.8	5.9
Men's and boys'-----		128.5	120.8	6.4
Men's:				
Topcoats, wool <u>6/</u> -----		142.9	134.1	6.6
Suits, year round weight-----		150.9	138.1	9.3
Suits, tropical weight <u>6/</u> -----	June 64	128.6	117.9	9.1
Jackets, lightweight-----	Dec.63	124.6	115.9	7.5
Slacks, wool or wool blend-----		127.4	120.6	5.6
Slacks, cotton or manmade blend-----		113.9	104.6	8.9
Trousers, work, cotton-----		116.4	112.1	3.8
Shirts, work, cotton-----		122.9	118.9	3.4
Shirts, business, cotton-----		121.3	117.6	3.1
T-shirts, chiefly cotton-----		130.0	122.5	6.1
Socks, cotton-----		119.8	114.2	4.9
Handkerchiefs, cotton-----	Dec.63	112.1	105.6	6.2
Boy's:				
Coats, all purpose, cotton or cotton blend <u>6/</u> -----	Dec.63	112.4	108.9	3.2
Sport coats, wool or wool blend <u>6/</u> -----	Dec.63	125.6	113.7	10.5
Dungarees, cotton or cotton blend-----		126.3	119.6	5.6
Undershirts, cotton-----		127.1	118.7	7.1
Women's and girls'-----		122.8	116.4	5.5
Women's:				
Coats, heavyweight, wool or wool blend <u>6/</u> -----		134.4	126.7	6.1
Carcoats, heavyweight, cotton <u>6/</u> -----	Dec.63	133.9	127.7	4.9
Sweaters, wool or acrylic <u>6/</u> -----	Dec.63	116.7	112.8	3.5
Skirts, wool or wool blend <u>6/</u> -----	Sept.61	129.3	119.7	8.0
Skirts, cotton or cotton blend <u>6/</u> -----	Mar.62	129.3	(7/)	(7/)
Blouses, cotton-----		123.6	116.3	6.3
Dresses, street, chiefly manmade fiber-----		150.2	137.0	9.6
Dresses, street, wool or wool blend <u>6/</u> -----		141.0	128.4	9.8
Dresses, street, cotton <u>6/</u> -----		147.2	(7/)	(7/)
Housedresses, cotton-----		147.9	128.6	15.0
Slips, nylon-----		110.8	107.7	2.9
Panties, acetate-----		109.2	105.6	3.4
Girdles, manmade blend-----		119.1	111.5	6.8
Brassieres, cotton-----	Dec.63	121.7	116.4	4.6
Hose, nylon seamless-----		99.1	99.4	.3
Anklets, cotton-----	Dec.63	117.2	110.9	5.7
Gloves, fabric, nylon or cotton-----	Dec.63	108.6	104.7	3.7
Handbags, rayon faille or plastic-----	Dec.63	113.6	105.2	8.0
Girl's:				
Raincoats, vinyl plastic or chiefly cotton <u>6/</u> -----	Dec.63	120.9	112.5	7.5
Skirts, wool or wool blend <u>6/</u> -----		121.4	116.2	4.5
Dresses, cotton-----		134.4	125.1	7.4
Slacks, cotton <u>6/</u> -----	Dec.63	125.8	120.1	4.7
Slips, cotton blend-----	Dec.63	107.5	104.0	3.4
Robes, duster style, quilted tricot or percale <u>6/</u> -----	Dec.63	120.4	113.9	5.7
Handbags-----	Dec.63	109.3	102.9	6.2
Footwear-----		140.3	132.2	6.1
Men's:				
Shoes, street, oxford-----		138.4	131.6	5.2
Shoes, work, high-----		136.7	130.0	5.2
Women's:				
Shoes, street, pump-----		148.6	139.0	6.9
Shoes, evening, pump-----	Dec.63	120.3	113.1	6.4
Shoes, casual, pump-----	Dec.63	127.7	119.6	6.8
Houseslippers, scuff-----	Dec.63	124.7	115.6	7.9
Children's:				
Shoes, oxford-----		140.1	132.8	5.5
Sneakers, boys', oxford type-----	Dec.63	117.2	113.1	3.6
Dress shoes, girls', strap-----	Dec.63	131.5	122.3	7.5
Miscellaneous apparel:				
Diapers, cotton gauze-----		103.0	100.1	2.9
Yard goods, cotton-----		120.9	111.2	8.7
Wrist watches, men's and women's-----	Dec.63	102.2	96.7	5.7
Apparel services:				
Drycleaning, men's suits and women's dresses-----		130.8	125.1	4.6
Automatic laundry service-----	Dec.63	110.1	106.5	3.4
Laundry, men's shirts-----	Dec.63	122.9	117.4	4.7
Tailoring charges, hem adjustment-----	Dec.63	124.5	116.5	6.9
Shoe repairs, women's heel lift-----		121.3	119.7	1.3

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Item and Group	Other Index Bases	Indexes		Percent change to 1969 from 1968
		1969 Average	1968 Average	
Transportation -----		124.2	119.6	3.8
Private ^{10/} -----		121.3	117.3	3.4
Automobiles, new -----		102.4	100.8	1.6
Automobiles, used -----		125.3	(7/)	(7/)
Gasoline, regular and premium -----		117.0	113.3	3.3
Motor oil, premium -----		137.5	131.7	4.4
Tires, new, tubeless -----		116.2	111.8	3.9
Auto repairs and maintenance ^{11/} -----		133.8	125.7	6.4
Auto insurance rates -----		160.2	147.1	8.9
Auto registration -----		133.6	126.3	5.8
Parking fees, private and municipal -----	Dec.63	119.0	112.0	6.3
Public -----		148.9	138.2	7.7
Local transit fares -----		160.4	148.5	8.0
Taxicab fares -----	Dec.63	126.7	121.7	4.1
Railroad fares, coach -----		114.0	107.3	6.2
Airplane fares, chiefly coach -----	Dec.63	110.6	103.0	7.4
Bus fares, intercity -----	Dec.63	122.4	116.3	5.2
Health and recreation -----		136.6	130.0	5.1
Medical care -----		155.0	145.0	6.9
Drugs and prescriptions -----		99.2	98.1	1.1
Over-the-counter items -----	Dec.63	106.9	106.0	.8
Multiple vitamin concentrates -----	Dec.63	92.4	93.7	- 1.4
Aspirin compounds -----	Dec.63	106.2	105.5	.7
Liquid tonics -----	Dec.63	101.0	101.0	.0
Adhesive bandages, package -----	Dec.63	116.9	114.3	2.3
Cold tablets or capsules -----	Dec.63	109.2	107.2	1.9
Cough syrup -----	Dec.63	114.5	113.5	.9
Prescriptions -----		88.6	87.5	1.3
Anti-infectives -----	Mar.60	62.8	63.2	-.6
Sedatives and hypnotics -----	Mar.60	107.2	101.2	5.9
Ataractics -----	Mar.60	89.8	89.8	.0
Anti-spasmodics -----	Mar.60	101.1	100.6	.5
Cough preparations -----	Mar.60	109.4	102.7	6.5
Cardiovasculars and anti-hypertensives -----	Mar.60	97.1	94.7	2.5
Analgesics, internal -----	Mar.67	102.8	101.2	1.6
Anti-obesity -----	Mar.67	103.1	99.5	3.6
Hormones -----	Mar.67	94.3	95.5	- 1.3
Professional services: -----				
Physicians' fees -----		155.4	145.3	7.0
Family doctor, office visits -----		157.2	146.8	7.1
Family doctor, house visits -----		163.3	151.9	7.5
Obstetrical cases -----		150.2	139.2	7.9
Pediatric care, office visits -----	Dec.63	141.4	129.6	9.1
Psychiatrist, office visits -----	Dec.63	129.1	119.7	7.9
Herniorrhaphy, adult -----	Dec.63	123.9	119.1	4.0
Tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy -----		148.2	140.9	5.2
Dentists' fees -----		143.9	134.5	7.0
Fillings, adult, amalgam, one surface -----		144.9	135.0	7.3
Extractions, adult -----		143.1	133.3	7.4
Dentures, full upper -----	Dec.63	127.4	120.3	5.9
Other professional services: -----				
Examination, prescription, and dispensing of eyeglasses -----		131.1	125.7	4.3
Routine laboratory tests -----	Dec.63	117.4	113.0	3.9
Hospital service charges: -----				
Daily service charges -----		256.0	226.6	13.0
Semiprivate rooms -----		252.1	222.5	13.3
Private rooms -----		247.5	220.2	12.4
Operating room charges -----	Dec.63	165.2	143.2	15.4
X-ray, diagnostic series, upper G.I. -----	Dec.63	122.7	117.1	4.8
Personal care -----		126.2	120.3	4.9
Toilet goods -----		110.7	106.0	4.4
Toothpaste, standard dentifrice -----		113.7	107.8	5.5
Toilet soap, hard milled -----		124.1	122.3	1.5
Hand lotions, liquid -----	Dec.63	108.6	99.9	8.7
Shaving cream, aerosol -----		102.0	101.9	.1
Face powder, pressed -----		125.0	117.5	6.4
Deodorants, cream or roll-on -----	Dec.63	94.9	92.3	2.8
Cleansing tissues -----		108.8	104.5	4.1
Home permanent refills -----		98.0	91.2	7.5
Personal care services -----		145.2	137.9	5.3
Men's haircuts -----		153.7	144.7	6.2
Beauty shop services -----		136.1	130.2	4.5
Women's haircuts -----	Dec.63	122.0	117.2	4.1
Shampoo and wave sets, plain -----		152.7	144.6	5.6
Permanent waves, cold -----		106.4	103.8	2.5

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Item and Group	Other Index Bases	Indexes		Percent changes to 1969 from 1968
		1969 Average	1968 Average	
Reading and recreation 12/ -----		130.5	125.7	3.8
Recreational goods -----	Dec.63	98.6	96.9	- 1.8
TV sets, portable and console -----		80.1	80.2	-.1
TV replacement tubes -----	Dec.63	115.5	109.3	5.7
Radios, portable and table model -----		76.5	77.0	.6
Tape recorders, portable -----	Dec.63	91.3	91.8	.5
Phonograph records, stereophonic -----	Dec.63	97.2	96.7	.5
Movie cameras, Super 8, zoom lens -----	Dec.63	84.0	85.6	- 1.9
Film, 35mm, color -----	Dec.63	99.0	98.0	1.0
Golf balls, liquid center -----	Dec.63	103.7	103.1	.6
Basketballs, rubber or vinyl cover -----	Dec.63	113.2	105.5	7.3
Fishing rods, fresh water spincast -----	Dec.63	117.6	112.8	4.3
Bowling balls -----	Dec.63	98.9	96.8	2.2
Bicycle, boys' -----	Dec.63	109.0	105.0	3.8
Tricycles -----	Dec.63	109.6	106.8	2.6
Dog food, canned or boxed -----	Dec.63	108.0	106.4	1.5
Recreational services -----	Dec.63	129.9	123.4	5.3
Indoor movie admissions -----		200.6	185.3	8.3
Adult -----		195.5	181.2	7.9
Children's -----		217.6	199.1	9.3
Drive-in movie admissions, adult -----	Dec.63	159.9	146.2	9.4
Bowling fees, evening -----	Dec.63	111.1	107.4	3.4
Golf greens fees -----	Dec.63	131.8	124.9	5.5
TV repairs, picture tube replacement -----		101.7	102.9	- 1.2
Film developing, black and white -----	Dec.63	119.1	118.3	.7
Reading and education:				
Newspapers, street sale and delivery -----		154.7	147.7	4.7
Magazines, single copy and subscription -----	Dec.63	124.0	116.5	6.4
Piano lessons, beginner -----	Dec.63	123.7	117.5	5.3
Other goods and services -----		129.0	123.6	4.4
Tobacco products -----		146.5	139.1	5.3
Cigarettes, nonfilter tip, regular size -----		153.6	145.7	5.4
Cigarettes, filter tip, king size -----	Mar.59	145.7	138.0	5.6
Cigars, domestic, regular size -----		107.6	104.5	3.0
Alcoholic beverages -----		117.8	113.7	3.6
Beer -----		114.8	111.9	2.6
Whiskey, spirit blended and straight bourbon -----		109.9	108.7	1.1
Wine, dessert and table -----	Dec.63	110.5	106.0	4.2
Away from home -----	Dec.63	121.8	114.9	6.0
Financial and miscellaneous personal expenses:				
Funeral services, adult -----	Dec.63	115.2	110.7	4.1
Bank service charges, checking accounts -----	Dec.63	108.3	107.3	.9
Legal services, short form will -----	Dec.63	134.7	124.3	8.4
Other special groups:				
All items less shelter -----		126.3	120.6	4.7
Commodities less food -----		118.0	113.2	4.2
Nondurables less food and apparel -----		121.0	116.8	3.6
Household services less rent -----		146.4	134.5	8.8
Transportation services -----		142.9	133.5	7.0
Other services -----		145.5	138.8	4.8

1/ Also includes hotel and motel rates not shown separately.
 2/ Also includes home purchase costs not shown separately.
 3/ Also includes pine shelving, furnace air filters, packaged dry cement mix, and shrubbery not shown separately.
 4/ Also includes venetian blinds, nails, carpet sweepers, air deodorizers, steel wool scouring pads, envelopes, reupholstering, and moving expenses.
 5/ Discontinued.
 6/ Priced only in season.
 7/ Also includes radios and television sets, shown separately under reading and recreation.
 8/ Not available.
 9/ Also includes men's sport shirts, women's and girls' lightweight coats, women's slacks, cocktail dresses, bathing suits, girls' shorts, earrings, and zippers not shown separately.
 10/ Also includes recapped tires and drivers' license fees not shown separately.
 11/ Includes prices for water pump replacement, motor tune-up, automatic transmission repair, exhaust system repair, front end alignment, and chassis lubrication.
 12/ Also includes outboard motors, nondurable toys, college tuition fees, paperback books, and college textbooks, not shown separately.

Reliability of Percent Changes in the CPI

A system of "replicated" samples introduced into the index structure in the 1964 revision permits an estimate of sampling error for the CPI. ^{1/} The table below shows standard errors for monthly, quarterly, and annual percent changes in the CPI for all items and for nine commodity groupings based on 1969 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 1969 Data

Component	Standard Error			Relative Error		
	Monthly Change	Quarterly Change	Annual Change	Monthly Change	Quarterly Change	Annual Change
All items -----	.03	.05	.07	.07	.04	.01
Food at home-----	.07	.11	.13	.10	.07	.03
Food away from home ----	.08	.14	.28	.13	.08	.05
Housing -----	.06	.09	.15	.10	.06	.02
Apparel -----	.14	.23	.22	.25	.18	.04
Transportation -----	.08	.13	.14	.13	.10	.04
Medical care -----	.13	.19	.36	.24	.12	.05
Personal care -----	.12	.20	.32	.36	.20	.07
Reading and recreation --	.09	.13	.20	.33	.15	.05
Other goods and services-	.13	.20	.34	.25	.14	.08

This replaces the table of average errors based on 1968 data which was included in the CPI report through December 1969.

^{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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