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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR DECEMBER

Prices of consumer goods and services in U.S. cities rose by 0.1 percent between November and December to 127.5 (1947-49 = 100), according to the United States Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics. A moderate but generally steady upward movement was a principal characteristic of retail prices in 1960 and by December the index was 1.6 percent above year-ago levels. For the second consecutive month the increase was primarily due to higher food prices although an increase in overall shelter costs also contributed materially to the advance to a new record high. Among nonfood components, services registered a further small increase but commodities excluding food were unchanged as a consequence of divergent price movements between durables and nondurables, largely reflecting higher prices for used cars and lower prices for gasoline and for women's and girls' apparel.

FOOD Higher meat prices accounted for a major share of the 0.2 percent rise in the food index; however, four of the five major food subgroups registered price increases. The index for all foods at 121.4 was at a peak for the year and close to the postwar high of 121.7 reached in July 1958.

The 0.5 percent increase in the meats, poultry, and fish subgroup was due almost entirely to higher prices for all beef and veal products priced and for cured pork products. The increases in prices of beef products resulted in part from higher wholesale prices as cattle slaughter decreased over the period. Partially offsetting these increases were lower prices for pork chops, pork roasts and lamb. Lamb prices decreased to the lowest December levels since 1956 reflecting improved supplies over a year ago. Increased production also resulted in lower poultry prices. In comparison with December 1959, meat prices were up by 4.3 percent reflecting primarily a 13.5 percent increase in pork prices. Beef and veal prices, on the other hand, were 2.0 percent below year ago levels.

Higher prices for milk and cheese were largely responsible for the 0.3 percent increase in the index for dairy products. Cheese prices have risen steadily since August mainly as a result of increased demand and higher costs of raw milk, compared to a year ago. An advance in bread prices was mainly responsible for the 0.3 percent rise in average prices of cereals and bakery products; over the year bread prices have increased by 5.4 percent. Lower average prices for candy bars were attributable to continuing reports of increase in size of bar with no change in price.

The fruits and vegetables index registered only a small increase over the period as a small decline in average prices of fresh fruits and vegetables was more than offset by increases for processed fruits and vegetables. Prices of fresh fruits and fresh vegetables moved in opposite directions, with fresh fruits decreasing by nearly 5 percent and fresh vegetables increasing by approximately the same amount. Such divergent trends are not unusual for December when supplies of some fresh fruits, particularly citrus fruits, are increasing while supplies of some fresh vegetables are decreasing. Among fresh fruits, orange and grapefruit prices continued to decline substantially. However, prices were well above a year ago as shipments remained below the previous year. The primary factor for the increase in fresh vegetables was a sharp rise (about 57 percent) in the price of tomatoes. Inclement weather during the early part of December, particularly in Florida, retarded harvesting with resultant light supplies to market.

HOUSING Most elements of home ownership charges advanced over the period, led by higher residential property taxes. For the past several years tax increases have been widespread as a result of the increasing cost of local government services. Rents continued their upward trend although several cities priced

in December reported decreases. Higher material costs for most items and services accounted for the upward movement in home maintenance and repair costs. Widespread price increases for coal and petroleum fuels accompanied the unusually cold weather.

MEDICAL CARE,
APPAREL, AND
OTHER GROUPS

An increase in fees for professional services was largely responsible for the slight advance in the medical care index. However, average prices for prescriptions and drugs declined for the fourth consecutive month.

Reductions at year-end clearance sales for winter and fall items of women's and girls' apparel mainly accounted for the decline in the apparel index. However, the apparel index is now 1.3 percent above the level of December 1959.

Dealers' selling prices of new cars declined only 0.1 percent. This stability reflected the greater than normal concessions from list prices reported by dealers in the first two months of the 1961 model year. However, new car prices were 3 percent lower than a year ago. Used car prices, on the other hand, advanced by 1.6 percent over the month, reversing the trend of the past 14 months, but are still about 13 percent below levels of a year ago.

1960 PRICE TRENDS

The 1960 annual average Consumer Price Index (126.5) was 1.5 percent above the 1959 average, an increase well below that of some postwar years. Continued gains in service charges, especially shelter costs, were again mainly responsible for the 1960 advances. However, higher food prices also contributed significantly to the overall price rise. All food subgroups except the important meats, poultry, and fish component, increased over 1959. The advance was led by higher prices for restaurant meals and fruits and vegetables. Among the nonfood components of the index, significant price declines were registered in dealers' prices of new and used cars and in household durables, particularly major appliances.

COST-OF-LIVING
ADJUSTMENT

On the basis of a December Consumer Price Index of 127.5 more than 150,000 workers will receive automatic cost-of-living wage increases of 1 or 2 cents an hour. About 110,000 workers, mainly employees of various metal working industries, including some aircraft companies, will receive 1 cent an hour raises, practically all on a quarterly basis. The remaining workers, numbering about 42,000, are scheduled to receive increases of 2 cents an hour. Of these, about 20,000 are employed by Western trucking companies whose contracts provide for semiannual adjustments.

TABLE 1: Consumer Price Index—United States city average
Major group, subgroup, and special group indexes, December 1960
and percent changes from selected dates

(1947-49=100 unless otherwise specified)

Group	Indexes		Percent change to December 1960 from --			
	December 1960	November 1960	November 1960	September 1960	December 1959	Year 1959
All items	127.5	127.4	0.1	0.6	1.6	114.6
Food	121.4	121.1	.2	1.0	3.1	157.7
Food at home	118.7	118.4	.3	1.1	3.2	152.0
Cereals and bakery products	139.0	138.6	.3	.9	3.3	143.0
Meats, poultry, and fish	110.5	109.9	.5	.3	3.7	165.6
Dairy products	119.3	118.9	.3	1.5	2.2	139.6
Fruits and vegetables	126.3	126.2	.1	1.4	0.6	172.8
Other foods at home	111.6	111.6	0	2.1	5.9	130.6
Food away from home (Jan. 1953=100)	119.9	119.6	.3	.5	2.2	(1/)
Housing 2/	132.3	132.1	.2	.2	1.5	73.9
Rent	142.8	142.7	.1	.5	1.4	64.9
Gas and electricity	125.6	125.7	-.1	-.1	2.4	19.7
Solid fuels and fuel oil	137.0	136.3	.5	1.6	-.2	142.9
Housefurnishings	103.9	104.0	-.1	-.2	.3	94.6
Household operation	138.3	138.3	0	.2	2.1	102.2
Apparel	110.6	110.7	-.1	0	1.3	110.7
Men's and boys'	112.0	112.0	0	-.2	2.7	120.5
Women's and girls'	101.1	101.4	-.3	0	.8	85.5
Footwear	140.7	140.3	.3	.4	.7	179.7
Other apparel	94.0	94.1	-.1	.2	1.0	131.5
Transportation	146.5	146.5	0	1.2	-1.5	108.7
Private	134.5	134.4	.1	1.3	-2.2	105.3
Public 4/	202.9	202.9	0	1.3	3.6	149.6
Medical care	158.0	157.9	.1	.7	3.1	117.6
Personal care	133.7	133.9	-.1	-.1	.6	124.3
Reading and recreation	122.3	122.5	-.2	.2	1.6	94.1
Other goods and services	132.7	132.7	0	0	.8	88.0
Special groups:						
All items less food	130.8	130.8	0	.4	1.0	89.3
All items less shelter	125.0	125.0	0	.6	1.5	125.6
Commodities	118.4	118.3	.1	.6	1.1	129.5
Nondurables	121.0	120.9	.1	.6	2.1	135.4
Food	121.4	121.1	.2	1.0	3.1	157.7
Nondurables less food	121.0	121.1	-.1	.1	.9	106.1
Apparel	110.5	110.6	-.1	0	1.3	112.1
Apparel less footwear	105.3	105.4	-.1	0	1.5	(1/)
Nondurables less food and apparel	130.0	130.0	0	.2	.7	97.3
Durables	110.8	110.7	.1	.7	-2.6	93.4
New cars	139.0	139.1	-.1	5.0	-3.0	143.9
Used cars (Jan. 1953=100)	83.0	81.7	1.6	-1.9	-12.8	(1/)
Durables less cars	102.8	102.8	0	-.2	-.5	79.4
Commodities less food	115.9	115.9	0	.3	-.4	95.1
Services	151.4	151.3	.1	.4	2.4	88.3
Rent	142.8	142.7	.1	.5	1.4	64.9
Services less rent	153.6	153.6	0	.4	2.6	109.0
Household operation services, gas, and electricity	140.0	140.1	-.1	.1	2.4	60.9
Transportation services	186.8	187.0	-.1	.5	2.2	133.2
Medical care services	165.3	165.1	.1	1.0	3.8	134.5
Other services 3/	136.8	136.7	.1	.2	2.4	134.6
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1947-49=\$1.00)	\$0.784	\$0.785	-.1	-.6	-1.6	-53.4

1/ Not available.

2/ Includes house purchase, interest, taxes, insurance, and upkeep, not shown separately.

3/ Includes house purchase, interest, taxes, insurance, and upkeep services; shoe repairs, television repairs, barber and beauty shop services, and movies.

4/ Corrected index. See page 7.

**TABLE 2: Consumer Price Index--All items indexes and percent changes, selected dates
U.S. city average and 20 large cities**

City	Indexes (1947-49=100)				Percent change to current month from --		
	December 1960	September 1960	December 1959	Year 1939	September 1960	December 1959	Year 1939
United States city average	127.5	126.8	125.5	59.4	0.6	1.6	114.6
Cities priced monthly 1/							
Chicago	130.6	130.4	129.0	58.6	.2	1.2	122.9
Detroit	125.8	125.4	124.0	59.0	.3	1.5	113.2
Los Angeles	131.0	129.8	128.9	60.4	.9	1.6	116.9
New York	126.3	125.5	124.2	60.1	.6	1.7	110.1
Philadelphia	128.0	127.2	126.5	59.2	.6	1.2	116.2
Cities priced in March, June, September, December 2/	December 1960	September 1960	December 1959	Year 1939	September 1960	December 1959	Year 1939
Atlanta	127.7	127.9	126.4	58.3	-.2	1.0	119.0
Baltimore	129.3	128.7	127.2	57.9	.5	1.7	123.3
Cincinnati	125.0	124.8	123.8	58.4	.2	1.0	114.0
St. Louis	127.9	127.4	126.6	59.3	.4	1.0	115.7
San Francisco	133.9	133.0	131.8	58.6	.7	1.6	128.5
Cities priced in February, May, August, November 2/	November 1960	August 1960	November 1959	Year 1939	August 1960	November 1959	Year 1939
Cleveland	127.9	127.4	126.4	59.2	.4	1.2	116.0
Houston	126.4	126.1	125.4	59.5	.2	0.8	112.4
Scranton	123.9	121.8	121.5	58.5	1.7	2.0	111.8
Seattle	130.5	129.8	129.2	59.2	.5	1.0	120.4
Washington, D.C.	123.8	123.2	121.7	60.4	.5	1.7	105.0
Cities priced in January, April, July, October 2/	October 1960	July 1960	October 1959	Year 1939	July 1960	October 1959	Year 1939
Boston	129.1	128.7	126.7	61.0	.3	1.9	111.6
Kansas City	128.2	127.9	126.9	61.7	.2	1.0	107.8
Minneapolis	128.5	127.5	126.5	60.7	.8	1.6	111.7
Pittsburgh	129.0	128.9	126.8	58.1	.1	1.7	122.0
Portland, Oregon	127.2	127.5	126.3	58.3	-.2	.7	118.2

1/ Rents priced bimonthly.

2/ Foods, fuels, and a few other items priced monthly; rents and other commodities and services priced quarterly.

**TABLE 3: Consumer Price Index--Percent changes from November 1960 to December 1960
U.S. city average and five cities priced monthly
All items and commodity groups**

City	All items	Food	Housing	Apparel	Transportation	Medical care	Personal care	Reading and recreation	Other goods & services
United States city average	0.1	0.2	0.2	- 0.1	0	0.1	- 0.1	- 0.2	0
Chicago	.1	.3	0	.2	- 0.6	.1	-.1	0	0.3
Detroit	.1	.6	.3	0	- 1.2	-.1	-.6	0	0
Los Angeles	.3	.6	-.1	.1	1.0	0	-.1	0	- 1.0
New York	-.2	-.6	.2	.1	.2	0	-.1	-.5	0
Philadelphia	.1	0	.4	-.5	.1	.5	-.6	0	0

TABLE 4: Consumer Price Index—All items and commodity groups
 December 1960 indexes and percent changes, September 1960 to December 1960
 U.S. city average and 10 cities priced in December 1960

Group	U.S. City Average	Atlanta	Baltimore	Chicago	Cincinnati	Detroit	Los Angeles	New York	Philadelphia	St. Louis	San Francisco
Indexes (1947-49=100)											
All items -----	127.5	127.7	129.3	130.6	125.0	125.8	131.0	126.3	128.0	127.9	133.9
Food -----	121.4	118.2	121.2	119.1	122.2	120.1	128.1	122.8	123.9	121.8	126.2
Food at home -----	118.7	116.5	117.2	116.6	119.5	117.4	122.4	119.2	120.3	117.3	123.3
Cereals and bakery products --	139.0	126.3	135.4	132.1	139.2	129.7	152.7	148.6	138.6	126.0	152.7
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	110.5	113.9	111.4	105.5	113.0	105.6	109.6	110.9	111.0	107.1	115.0
Dairy products -----	119.3	118.1	116.9	123.0	118.8	119.5	116.4	122.8	125.1	110.9	123.3
Fruits and vegetables -----	126.3	125.3	119.3	122.1	126.9	130.5	141.8	121.0	126.8	134.6	135.9
Other foods at home -----	111.6	106.8	111.9	116.9	113.1	110.3	110.9	110.1	111.0	118.5	109.2
Housing -----	132.3	136.1	129.4	140.9	126.4	127.6	139.5	131.3	126.6	129.2	137.4
Rent -----	142.8	141.0	140.3	--	145.0	140.8	--	136.3	--	150.8	157.0
Gas and electricity -----	125.6	136.0	110.3	130.0	136.7	121.7	147.8	121.8	106.7	114.7	152.3
Solid fuels and fuel oil -----	137.0	139.8	131.4	143.6	151.1	127.4	--	141.8	125.3	161.3	--
Housefurnishings -----	103.9	108.1	100.4	101.7	96.0	110.0	102.6	106.3	111.1	103.9	106.6
Household operation -----	138.3	149.2	134.8	139.6	143.3	125.7	127.9	139.3	146.8	142.5	129.9
Apparel -----	110.6	116.3	113.2	114.1	107.5	108.0	112.1	109.9	111.9	110.5	111.8
Men's and boys' -----	112.0	120.8	109.3	118.1	110.4	110.4	115.3	112.9	112.9	111.3	110.9
Women's and girls' -----	101.1	105.1	106.9	101.8	95.7	97.6	102.5	98.1	102.6	101.9	102.7
Footwear -----	140.7	148.4	146.2	145.4	145.6	136.4	141.5	143.0	141.2	138.0	148.1
Other apparel -----	94.0	93.5	99.7	98.2	90.2	86.8	86.0	98.6	97.2	97.1	92.4
Transportation -----	146.5	141.1	159.2	155.8	142.9	137.9	144.4	147.7	156.2	156.1	166.3
Private -----	134.5	131.0	137.7	136.5	131.2	130.3	137.9	129.1	133.8	132.6	153.5
Public -----	1/202.9	202.1	1/215.4	1/205.0	1/191.2	1/179.1	1/186.5	1/191.0	1/207.0	1/236.6	1/184.8
Medical care -----	158.0	145.5	174.6	168.7	156.6	162.9	154.3	148.0	162.4	171.3	160.5
Personal care -----	133.7	139.7	133.0	138.0	130.0	140.4	135.0	123.6	143.7	139.6	132.3
Reading and recreation -----	122.3	126.9	133.8	125.3	111.9	119.5	104.2	127.1	122.1	101.7	121.7
Other goods and services -----	132.7	133.7	140.8	122.7	131.1	140.1	133.8	133.5	132.6	132.4	135.2
Percent change from September 1960 to December 1960											
All items -----	0.6	- 0.2	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.9	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.7
Food -----	1.0	0	.9	.8	.7	1.0	1.3	.2	.6	2.4	.8
Food at home -----	1.1	0	1.1	1.0	.9	1.1	1.5	.3	.7	3.0	1.1
Cereals and bakery products --	.9	.2	0	1.0	2.2	1.2	2.8	.3	- 1.0	.1	1.3
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	.3	1.3	1.8	1.7	0	-.1	- 1.1	-.9	.5	2.1	- 1.5
Dairy products -----	1.5	1.1	.3	.6	1.6	2.0	.7	2.1	3.4	4.3	2.2
Fruits and vegetables -----	1.4	- 7.3	-.1	- 1.7	.3	2.3	4.3	-.6	-.9	5.2	3.0
Other foods at home -----	2.1	3.0	2.3	2.2	1.4	1.0	1.7	1.0	.8	3.4	1.4
Housing -----	.2	.3	-.2	-.1	-.1	.5	.6	.8	.7	-.2	.2
Rent -----	.5	-.1	0	--	.3	2/-.6	--	2/.4	--	-.1	.8
Gas and electricity -----	-.1	0	.1	0	-.1	4.7	.1	-.2	0	0	0
Solid fuels and fuel oil -----	1.6	7.0	2.5	1.4	3.0	.9	--	3.4	3.0	1.6	--
Housefurnishings -----	-.2	-.3	.1	-.7	-.2	1.2	-.4	.4	.2	-.6	.2
Household operation -----	.2	1.8	-.8	.2	.2	.2	-.2	1.1	2.2	0	.5
Apparel -----	0	-.6	0	.2	- 1.5	0	.4	.3	.4	-.2	.2
Men's and boys' -----	-.2	.2	.7	-.1	-.7	.3	.3	.4	.3	.2	-.3
Women's and girls' -----	0	- 1.4	-.8	.2	- 3.0	-.4	.5	-.4	.6	-.8	.7
Footwear -----	.4	0	.8	.8	0	0	.1	1.5	.2	.7	-.1
Other apparel -----	.2	-.4	0	.1	-.1	0	.1	.8	.2	0	-.6
Transportation -----	1.2	- 1.1	.8	.1	.2	-.9	2.1	1.2	2.3	- 2.0	2.0
Private -----	1.3	- 1.4	1.1	.4	.4	- 1.0	2.4	1.7	1.1	- 2.3	2.3
Public -----	1.3	0	0	.1	0	0	.4	0	7.0	.1	0
Medical care -----	.7	- 1.1	3.4	1.2	.1	.2	1.2	2.8	.4	.6	.6
Personal care -----	-.1	-.2	.7	-.1	.7	-.4	.5	-.7	-.6	.1	.8
Reading and recreation -----	.2	-.4	1.0	0	.1	-.6	1.1	.5	- 1.3	-.7	.8
Other goods and services -----	0	0	.1	-.1	-.2	.1	- 1.0	.1	.1	-.2	.1

1/ Corrected indexes for U.S. and all cities listed except Atlanta. See pages 7 and 7A.
 2/ Change from October 1960 to December 1960.

TABLE 5: Consumer Price Index -- Food and its subgroups
December 1960 indexes and percent changes, November 1960 to December 1960
U.S. city average and 20 large cities
(1947-49=100)

City	Total food		Total food at home		Cereals and bakery products		Meats, poultry, and fish		Dairy products		Fruits and vegetables		Other foods at home	
	Index	Percent change	Index	Percent change	Index	Percent change	Index	Percent change	Index	Percent change	Index	Percent change	Index	Percent change
U.S. city average ---	121.4	0.2	118.7	0.3	139.0	0.3	110.5	0.5	119.3	0.3	126.3	0.1	111.6	0
Atlanta -----	118.2	-.4	116.5	-.5	126.3	.2	113.9	0	118.1	0	125.3	-3.4	106.8	0.2
Baltimore -----	121.2	.4	117.2	.5	135.4	-.2	111.4	1.4	116.9	.1	119.3	1.4	111.9	-.3
Boston -----	121.0	.4	117.6	.2	135.1	-.3	112.2	-.3	116.1	.2	125.4	1.6	106.5	-.6
Chicago -----	119.1	.3	116.6	.4	132.1	.2	105.5	1.4	123.0	.2	122.1	.5	116.9	-.8
Cincinnati -----	122.2	.2	119.5	.3	139.2	1.5	113.0	.3	118.8	.2	126.9	1.0	113.1	-1.1
Cleveland -----	116.8	-.3	114.0	-.3	132.7	0	105.6	.9	109.9	-.1	119.7	-2.8	112.8	0
Detroit -----	120.1	.6	117.4	.4	129.7	.5	105.6	.7	119.5	.7	130.5	1.6	110.3	-.9
Houston -----	116.2	-.3	113.2	-.4	128.5	-.2	102.4	-.8	114.5	-1.5	127.6	-.4	106.7	.1
Kansas City -----	114.8	.3	111.9	.3	135.9	1.6	103.5	1.4	112.6	0	116.6	-.3	104.4	-1.5
Los Angeles -----	128.1	.6	122.4	.7	152.7	-.3	109.6	1.1	116.4	.2	141.8	1.3	110.9	.8
Minneapolis -----	119.7	.4	116.6	.4	134.6	-.1	104.5	.6	110.7	.5	133.3	-1.9	116.4	-.7
New York -----	122.8	-.6	119.2	-.7	148.6	.3	110.9	-.3	122.8	.2	121.0	-2.7	110.1	-1.2
Philadelphia -----	123.9	0	120.3	-.1	138.6	-.8	111.0	.7	125.1	.2	126.8	-.8	111.0	-.5
Pittsburgh -----	122.2	-.2	120.5	-.2	138.2	.3	110.4	-.3	121.0	.3	122.5	-.4	121.9	-.7
Portland, Oreg. -----	122.2	.7	119.3	.5	141.4	0	110.0	.5	124.6	-.2	123.6	-.3	111.7	1.5
St. Louis -----	121.8	.9	117.3	1.1	126.0	0	107.1	1.0	110.9	.3	134.6	3.3	118.5	.7
San Francisco -----	126.2	.6	123.3	.7	152.7	.1	115.0	.1	123.3	1.3	135.9	-.4	109.2	2.2
Scranton -----	117.4	.3	115.9	.4	135.5	-.7	110.8	.7	113.7	.1	117.2	2.0	109.6	0
Seattle -----	124.6	1.0	121.9	.9	150.4	-.1	113.5	1.1	124.3	3.2	132.0	-.3	108.3	.7
Washington, D.C. -----	121.7	.4	119.2	.3	139.0	.1	110.0	2.1	122.5	.3	118.5	-2.2	116.0	.3

TABLE 6: Consumer Price Index -- Average retail prices of selected foods
U.S. city average

Food and unit	December 1960	November 1960	Food and unit	December 1960	November 1960
	Cents	Cents		Cents	Cents
Cereals and bakery products:			Fresh--Continued		
Flour, wheat ----- 5 lb.	56.1	55.9	Grapefruit * ----- each	13.2	14.3
Biscuit mix ----- 20 oz.	26.9	26.9	Peaches * ----- lb.		
Macaroni ----- 16 oz.	23.2	23.1	Strawberries * ----- pt.		
Corn meal ----- lb.	13.1	13.1	Grapes, seedless * ----- lb.		24.8
Rolled oats ----- 15 oz.	22.2	22.2	Watermelons * ----- lb.		
Corn flakes ----- 12 oz.	26.0	25.9	Potatoes ----- 10 lb.	67.9	66.8
Rice, short grain ----- lb.	18.5	18.5	Sweet potatoes ----- lb.	13.7	13.1
Rice, long grain ----- lb.	20.5	20.5	Onions ----- lb.	8.5	8.6
Bread, white ----- lb.	20.9	20.8	Carrots ----- lb.	14.8	14.3
Soda crackers ----- lb.	29.0	29.0	Lettuce ----- head	15.4	18.9
Vanilla cookies ----- 7 oz.	24.4	24.4	Celery ----- lb.	12.8	13.3
Meats, poultry, and fish:			Cabbage ----- lb.	8.4	7.9
Round steak ----- lb.	104.6	103.8	Tomatoes ----- lb.	38.6	24.5
Sirloin steak ----- lb.	107.7	107.6	Beans, green ----- lb.	23.7	25.2
Chuck roast ----- lb.	61.4	60.1	Canned:		
Rib roast ----- lb.	81.4	81.1	Orange juice ----- 46-oz. can	43.4	42.8
Hamburger ----- lb.	51.9	51.3	Pineapple juice ----- 46 oz. can	32.4	32.3
Veal cutlets ----- lb.	140.1	137.9	Peaches ----- #2 1/2 can	33.6	33.6
Pork chops, center cut ----- lb.	88.9	90.2	Pineapple ----- #2 can	38.2	38.3
Pork roast ----- lb.	64.4	65.1	Fruit cocktail ----- #303 can	27.0	27.0
Bacon, sliced ----- lb.	69.2	68.2	Corn, cream style ----- #303 can	20.0	19.7
Ham, whole ----- lb.	63.1	61.2	Peas, green ----- #303 can	21.6	21.5
Lamb, leg ----- lb.	71.6	72.8	Tomatoes ----- #303 can	16.1	16.0
Frankfurters ----- lb.	62.9	63.0	Tomato juice ----- 46 oz. can	32.6	32.5
Luncheon meat, canned ----- 12 oz.	50.5	50.4	Baby foods ----- 4 1/2 to 5 oz.	10.6	10.5
Frying chickens, ready-to-cook ----- lb.	41.0	41.4	Dried:		
Ocean perch, fillet, frozen ----- lb.	47.3	47.2	Prunes ----- lb.	40.7	40.2
Haddock, fillet, frozen ----- lb.	55.0	55.3	Beans ----- lb.	16.7	16.5
Salmon, pink, canned ----- 16 oz.	69.7	68.5	Other foods at home:		
Tuna fish, canned ----- 6 to 6 1/2 oz.	32.5	32.6	Tomato soup ----- 10 1/2 to 11-oz. can	12.4	12.4
Dairy products:			Beans, with pork ----- 16-oz. can	14.8	14.9
Milk, fresh, (grocery) ----- qt.	25.1	25.1	Pickles, sliced ----- 15 oz.	26.5	26.5
Milk, fresh, (delivered) ----- qt.	26.4	26.4	Catsup, tomato ----- 14 oz.	22.7	22.7
Ice cream ----- 1/2 gal.	86.3	86.6	Potato chips ----- 4 oz.	27.3	27.2
Butter ----- lb.	76.6	76.5	Coffee ----- 1 lb. can	74.4	74.6
Cheese, American process ----- 1/2 lb.	36.3	35.7	Coffee ----- 1 lb. bag	59.0	59.2
Milk, evaporated ----- 14 1/2-oz. can	15.8	15.8	Tea bags ----- pkg. of 16	24.5	24.5
Fruits and vegetables:			Cola drink, carton ----- 36 oz.	30.1	30.2
Frozen:			Shortening, hydrogenated ----- 3 lb.	84.9	84.1
Strawberries ----- 10 oz.	26.9	27.2	Margarine, colored ----- lb.	27.1	27.0
Orange juice concentrate ----- 6 oz.	23.3	23.0	Lard ----- lb.	20.2	20.0
Lemonade concentrate ----- 6 oz.	13.4	13.3	Salad dressing ----- pt.	36.0	36.0
Peas, green ----- 10 oz.	20.8	20.5	Peanut butter ----- lb.	55.6	55.5
Beans, green ----- 9 oz.	23.1	23.1	Sugar ----- 5 lb.	59.4	59.4
Potatoes, french fried ----- 9 oz.	19.8	19.7	Corn syrup ----- 24 oz.	26.8	26.7
Fresh:			Grape jelly ----- 12 oz.	29.1	28.9
Apples ----- lb.	14.7	14.1	Chocolate bar ----- 1 oz.	4.6	4.7
Bananas ----- lb.	16.4	15.5	Eggs, Grade A, large ----- doz.	69.1	69.3
Oranges, size 200 ----- doz.	74.4	87.1	Gelatin, flavored ----- 3 to 4 oz.	9.3	9.2
Lemons ----- lb.	22.7	21.3			

* Priced only in season.

TABLE A: Consumer Price Index--United States city average: Special group indexes, 1960 annual averages and percent changes from 1959

(1947-49 = 100 unless otherwise specified)

Group	1960 Average	
	Index	Percent change from 1959
All items-----	126.5	1.5
All items less food-----	130.0	1.6
All items less shelter-----	124.0	1.5
Commodities-----	117.5	0.8
Nondurables-----	119.6	1.3
Food-----	119.7	1.2
Nondurables less food-----	120.1	1.5
Apparel-----	109.3	1.4
Apparel less footwear-----	104.0	1.1
Nondurables less food and apparel-----	129.2	1.5
Durables-----	111.6	- 1.2
New cars-----	137.7	- 1.4
Used cars (Jan. 1953=100)-----	87.6	- 6.6
Durables less cars-----	103.2	- .1
Commodities less food-----	115.7	.5
Services-----	150.0	2.9
Rent-----	141.8	1.5
Services less rent-----	152.1	3.1
Household operation, gas, and electricity---	139.0	3.1
Transportation services-----	184.9	2.6
Medical care services-----	162.8	4.2
Other services-----	135.6	3.0
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1947-49 = \$1.00)-----	\$0.791	- 1.5

TABLE B: Consumer Price Index--All items and commodity groups
 1960 annual average indexes and percent changes, 1959 to 1960
 U.S. city average and 10 cities priced in December 1960

Group	U.S. City Average	Atlanta	Balti- more	Chicago	Cincin- nati	Detroit	Los Angeles	New York	Phila- delphia	St. Louis	San Francisco
Indexes (1947-49=100)											
All items -----	126.5	127.2	128.3	129.9	124.4	124.9	129.8	125.2	126.7	127.1	132.6
Food -----	119.7	117.0	119.8	117.5	120.5	118.7	126.1	122.0	122.1	119.0	124.4
Food at home -----	116.9	115.0	115.7	114.8	117.6	116.0	120.5	118.2	118.7	114.0	121.3
Cereals and bakery products --	136.8	126.0	133.7	131.0	135.8	127.2	149.0	145.0	138.0	124.5	151.6
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	109.3	111.9	109.0	103.0	110.9	104.3	109.8	111.9	110.5	104.7	115.2
Dairy products -----	116.8	116.4	116.5	121.4	117.6	114.7	114.8	119.6	121.2	105.2	119.4
Fruits and vegetables -----	128.3	130.2	123.5	125.2	127.9	136.2	139.4	123.8	129.7	132.8	134.6
Other foods at home -----	106.8	101.8	107.0	111.9	109.3	106.8	107.4	106.3	105.9	113.4	105.1
Food away from home -----	118.8										
Housing -----	131.5	135.7	128.7	140.6	126.0	127.1	138.7	129.8	125.7	129.1	136.3
Rent -----	141.8	140.8	139.4	--	144.2	142.2	--	134.5	--	150.4	154.8
Gas and electricity -----	124.8	134.6	109.7	130.0	134.1	117.1	143.7	121.2	106.7	113.8	151.0
Solid fuels and fuel oil -----	135.6	135.4	130.4	140.3	147.1	126.8	--	138.6	126.4	157.8	--
Housefurnishings -----	104.2	109.2	100.3	102.2	96.3	109.0	103.5	105.5	110.3	104.0	107.0
Household operation -----	137.4	146.7	135.1	138.8	141.2	125.3	127.8	138.3	142.9	141.2	127.8
Apparel -----	109.4	115.5	112.2	113.0	108.0	106.5	111.4	108.4	108.9	109.5	111.1
Men's and boys' -----	110.4	119.0	107.8	116.7	109.4	108.9	113.7	110.3	110.9	110.0	110.2
Women's and girls' -----	100.0	105.0	106.4	100.9	97.7	95.7	102.2	97.4	98.2	101.4	102.0
Footwear -----	139.9	146.9	144.6	144.0	145.2	136.1	141.5	141.0	140.5	136.7	147.2
Other apparel -----	93.3	93.7	99.2	97.6	89.8	86.1	85.9	97.4	95.7	95.1	92.3
Transportation -----	146.2	143.7	160.1	156.4	144.1	138.5	143.2	147.7	154.9	160.1	164.8
Private -----	134.5	134.5	138.7	136.9	132.4	130.9	136.8	129.1	134.5	136.7	152.0
Public -----	199.3	197.3	215.0	204.3	190.5	177.9	184.1	190.4	195.1	235.9	184.8
Medical care -----	156.2	146.5	168.5	167.1	155.8	160.8	151.9	144.5	161.0	170.5	158.7
Personal care -----	133.3	140.1	133.0	137.9	129.4	137.4	134.7	124.3	143.8	136.6	131.0
Reading and recreation -----	121.5	124.8	131.5	125.4	111.9	118.9	102.8	125.1	123.2	100.6	120.6
Other goods and services -----	132.2	133.7	140.6	123.3	131.2	140.0	133.8	133.4	132.5	132.5	134.3
Percent change from 1959 to 1960											
All items -----	1.5	1.4	1.2	1.4	1.1	0.9	1.9	2.0	1.8	0.6	2.0
Food -----	1.2	1.1	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.0	2.1	1.4	1.0	.3	1.5
Food at home -----	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.5	1.4	1.0	1.3	0.7	0.6	.1	0.7
Cereals and bakery products --	1.9	.6	4.0	1.8	2.2	1.9	2.0	2.0	.4	.7	2.4
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	- 1.3	-.6	- 1.0	- 0.6	0.4	- 1.9	- 1.5	- 1.1	- 1.5	-.8	-.5
Dairy products -----	2.2	3.0	- 0.5	5.0	3.1	4.4	2.8	1.5	1.8	-.9	2.1
Fruits and vegetables -----	2.6	1.4	2.6	2.3	1.3	2.8	5.2	2.7	2.4	1.6	2.7
Other foods at home -----	.7	1.4	1.7	1.1	.6	.3	- 0.2	.2	1.2	.3	- 1.3
Food away from home -----	2.6										
Housing -----	1.8	2.4	.9	1.1	.9	-.1	1.8	2.6	2.2	.9	3.0
Rent -----	1.5	1.1	1.6	--	.5	- 1.5	--	3.0	--	1.5	3.4
Gas and electricity -----	4.1	6.2	.1	.5	6.0	-.4	7.9	3.0	1.7	5.2	2.4
Solid fuels and fuel oil -----	-.7	2.0	- 2.7	-.9	.5	-.2	--	- 1.1	- 3.6	-.7	--
Housefurnishings -----	.3	- 1.2	.9	.6	.1	-.4	.9	1.3	2.0	- 1.0	-.7
Household operation -----	2.3	4.3	.6	1.5	3.5	2.2	2.7	3.1	4.5	3.0	3.8
Apparel -----	1.4	1.4	2.3	1.7	.8	.9	2.0	1.7	2.5	2.1	1.7
Men's and boys' -----	1.8	2.5	.4	2.1	1.8	.5	2.2	1.8	2.1	1.7	1.1
Women's and girls' -----	.5	0	2.1	.7	-.5	.2	1.6	.8	2.4	1.5	1.3
Footwear -----	3.5	3.7	6.7	3.7	2.8	3.4	3.4	4.0	3.5	3.9	4.0
Other apparel -----	1.1	.2	1.3	1.0	.7	.3	1.3	1.4	2.7	2.8	1.5
Transportation -----	-.1	- 1.1	-.3	.3	.8	.1	.6	.6	1.0	-.8	-.6
Private -----	-.5	- 1.8	-.4	.7	.8	- 1.3	- 1.2	.9	.8	- 1.0	-.7
Public -----	3.4	2.8	.1	4.3	.3	7.0	13.2	.2	1.7	.2	.7
Medical care -----	3.6	2.7	5.8	5.8	1.6	2.0	3.2	3.1	4.1	1.4	2.9
Personal care -----	1.6	2.9	1.8	2.1	-.3	2.5	.2	.3	4.7	4.5	4.1
Reading and recreation -----	2.4	3.4	.6	1.0	1.0	2.8	.2	3.7	-.4	2.4	2.4
Other goods and services -----	1.9	.1	.4	.7	2.3	3.0	4.1	1.8	1.8	.3	4.8

CORRECTED PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION INDEXES

Correction of errors since 1958 in the calculation of railroad rates have resulted in adjustments in the Consumer Price Indexes for Public Transportation for the United States and for most of the 20 large cities for which separate city indexes are calculated as shown in the tabulation below. However, these corrections were not sufficiently large to affect the published All Items Consumer Price Indexes or the overall transportation group indexes.

Corrections of the item indexes for railroad coach fares and transportation services will be published in the December 1960 quarterly Consumer Price Index report "Price Indexes for Selected Items and Groups."

CORRECTED PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION INDEXES
(1947-49 = 100)

Date	United States	Chicago	Detroit	Los Angeles	New York	Philadelphia
Jan. 1958	182.4	194.3	153.9	--	189.0	187.4
Feb. 1958	184.5	194.3	153.9	--	189.0	187.4
Mar. 1958	185.1	194.3	153.9	--	189.0	187.4
Apr. 1958	185.3	194.3	153.9	--	189.0	187.4
May 1958	185.3	194.3	153.9	--	189.0	187.4
June 1958	186.8	194.3	153.9	--	189.0	187.4
July 1958	188.6	194.3	153.9	--	189.1	187.4
Aug. 1958	188.7	194.3	153.9	--	189.1	187.4
Sept. 1958	189.0	194.3	153.9	--	189.1	187.4
Oct. 1958	189.6	194.3	153.9	--	189.1	187.4
Nov. 1958	190.5	194.9	155.2	--	189.8	188.1
Dec. 1958	190.7	194.9	155.3	--	190.0	188.1
Year 1958	187.2	194.4	154.1	--	189.2	187.5
Jan. 1959	190.7	194.9	155.3	--	190.0	188.1
Feb. 1959	190.7	194.9	155.3	--	190.0	188.1
Mar. 1959	190.9	194.9	155.3	--	190.0	192.6
Apr. 1959	191.5	194.9	155.3	--	190.0	192.6
May 1959	191.6	194.9	155.3	--	190.0	192.6
June 1959	191.6	194.9	155.3	--	190.0	192.6
July 1959	193.1	194.9	177.3	--	190.0	192.6
Aug. 1959	193.5	195.2	177.3	163.6	190.0	192.6
Sept. 1959	193.5	195.2	177.3	163.6	190.0	192.6
Oct. 1959	194.4	195.2	177.3	163.6	190.0	192.6
Nov. 1959	194.6	195.2	177.3	163.6	190.0	192.6
Dec. 1959	195.8	204.0	177.3	163.6	190.0	192.6
Year 1959	192.7	195.8	166.3	162.7	190.0	191.8
Jan. 1960	195.8	204.0	177.3	163.6	190.0	192.6
Feb. 1960	197.9	204.0	177.3	185.8	190.0	192.6
Mar. 1960	198.0	204.0	177.3	185.8	190.0	192.6
Apr. 1960	198.0	204.0	177.3	185.8	190.0	192.6
May 1960	198.0	204.0	177.3	185.8	190.0	192.6
June 1960	198.3	204.0	177.3	185.8	190.0	192.6
July 1960	198.9	204.0	177.3	185.8	190.3	192.6
Aug. 1960	199.3	204.0	177.3	185.8	190.3	192.6
Sept. 1960	200.3	204.8	179.1	185.8	191.0	193.4
Oct. 1960	201.2	205.0	179.1	186.5	191.0	193.4
Nov. 1960	202.9	205.0	179.1	186.5	191.0	207.0

Corrected Public Transportation Indexes
(1947-49 = 100)

	1958				1958	1959				1959	1960			
	Jan.	Apr.	July	Oct.	Annual Average	Jan.	Apr.	July	Oct.	Annual Average	Jan.	Apr.	July	Oct.
Cities priced in January, April, July, October														
Minneapolis	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	188.5	174.0	188.5	188.5	197.4	197.9
Pittsburgh	217.1	217.1	234.6	234.6	227.4	235.9	235.9	235.9	235.9	235.9	235.9	254.4	254.4	256.0
Portland, Ore.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	197.7	197.1	197.7	197.7	197.7	198.6

	1958				1958	1959				1959	1960			
	Feb.	May	Aug.	Nov.	Annual Average	Feb.	May	Aug.	Nov.	Annual Average	Feb.	May	Aug.	Nov.
Cities priced in February, May August, November														
Cleveland	170.9	170.9	179.1	180.3	175.3	180.3	180.3	180.3	180.3	180.3	180.3	180.3	180.3	181.8
Houston	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	190.1	190.1	189.2	198.3	198.3	198.3	198.3
Scranton	190.6	190.6	190.6	190.6	190.6	190.6	190.6	190.6	190.6	190.6	190.6	190.6	190.6	191.3
Seattle	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	180.1	180.1	180.1	187.4	187.4	187.4	188.8
Washington, D.C.	156.6	156.6	156.6	169.9	159.9	169.9	169.9	169.9	169.9	169.9	169.9	176.6	176.6	178.3

	1958				1958	1959				1959	1960			
	Mar.	June	Sept.	Dec.	Annual Average	Mar.	June	Sept.	Dec.	Annual Average	Mar.	June	Sept.	Dec.
Cities priced in March, June, September, December														
Baltimore	187.3	187.3	187.3	214.7	191.9	214.7	214.7	214.7	214.7	214.7	214.7	214.7	215.4	--
Cincinnati	182.1	182.1	188.9	190.0	185.1	190.0	190.0	190.0	190.0	190.0	190.0	190.0	191.2	--
St. Louis	205.3	205.3	234.6	235.4	217.6	235.4	235.4	235.5	235.5	235.4	235.5	235.5	236.4	--

Brief Explanation of the CPI

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) measures average changes in prices of goods and services usually bought by city families of wage earners and clerical workers. It is based on prices of about 300 items which were selected so that their price changes would represent the movement of prices of all goods and services purchased by wage and clerical families; they include all of the important items in family spending. Prices for these items are obtained in 46 cities which were chosen to represent all urban places in the United States; they are collected from grocery and department stores, hospitals, filling stations, and other types of stores and service establishments which wage-earner and clerical-worker families patronize.

Prices of foods, fuels, and a few other items are obtained every month in all 46 cities. Prices of most other commodities and services are collected every month in the 5 largest cities and every 3 months in other 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 city are averaged together with weights which represent their importance in family spending. City data are then combined in the total index with weights based on the 1950 populations of cities they represent. Index numbers are computed on the base 1947-49 = 100.

The national index (the United States city average) includes prices from the 20 large cities for which separate indexes are published in this report, as well as from the following 26 medium-sized and small cities:

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Garrett, Indiana	Madison, Wisconsin	Shawnee, Oklahoma
Glendale, Arizona	Middlesboro, Kentucky	Shenandoah, Iowa
Grand Forks, N. Dakota	Middletown, Connecticut	Youngstown, Ohio
Grand Island, Nebraska	Newark, Ohio	

Comparisons of city indexes show only that prices in one city changed more or less than in another. The city indexes cannot be used to measure differences in price levels or in living costs between cities.

A description of the index and historical tables of index numbers for the United States city average and for 20 large cities are available on request to the Bureau of Labor Statistics in Washington or any of its regional offices (addresses below). The historical tables include index numbers for All Items, Food, Apparel, and Rent for periods from 1913 to date; and for other groups of goods and services from 1935 to date.

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