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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR JUNE 1962

The Consumer Price Index rose by 0.1 percent in June to 105.3 (1957-59=100), the United States Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Higher food prices, especially for fresh fruits, and a further small price gain for services were the principal causes of the advance. Price increases also were reported for used cars, women's and girls' apparel, and household textiles, while prices of gasoline, solid and petroleum fuels, cosmetics, and household durables were lower. The index has risen by 0.8 percent since January 1962, and was up by 1.2 percent over a year ago in June. (On the former base of 1947-49=100, the June index was 129.2).

FOOD The food index reached a new high, at 103.5 (1957-59=100), with an advance of 0.3 percent in June. The major influences underlying the rise in food prices were a sharp seasonal increase in average prices of fresh fruits and higher prices for restaurant meals. Prices of eggs, fresh vegetables, beef products, and dairy products were lower. In comparison with a year ago, average retail food prices were up by 1 percent. One of the principal causes has been the consistent rise in prices of restaurant meals which, in June, were 2.8 percent above a year earlier.

Average prices of fruits and vegetables rose for the seventh consecutive month due primarily to seasonal increases in fresh fruit prices. Prices of fresh vegetables were lower, recording their first monthly decline since September 1961. This decline was attributed to more abundant supplies of most vegetables, reflecting improved weather conditions and increased seasonal marketings. Prices of dairy products also were off seasonally, with reductions for fresh milk and most processed dairy products signifying abundant milk supplies and competitive pricing in retail outlets. Egg prices registered a 5 percent drop in June reaching their lowest level since June 1959 and nearly 10 percent below a year ago.

HOUSING Housing costs advanced by 0.1 percent mostly because of increases for household textiles, as prices returned to regular levels following May "white sales". Prices also were higher for home repairs and maintenance, and there was a further advance in rents. A decline in prices of household durables resulted mainly from a continuing drop in appliance prices, with the largest decreases being reported for refrigerators.

MEDICAL CARE The medical care index continued upward by 0.3 percent in June. Higher charges for hospitalization insurance were the major factor, but professional fees and hospital room rates also increased. The rise in hospitalization insurance was attributed to increased hospital costs. A further decrease was reported in average prices of prescriptions and drugs due mainly to lower prices for prescriptions. Lower prices by pharmaceutical manufacturers, particularly for antibiotics, to dispensing druggists, and competitive pressures at the retail level were the primary reasons cited for the decline.

TRANSPORTATION Transportation costs remained stable, on the average, in June with price decreases for gasoline, new cars, and tires offsetting a further gain for used cars. Public transportation rates were unchanged. Gasoline prices averaged lower in June. Used car prices rose by 1.6 percent, bringing their total advance since last March to about 8 percent.

COST-OF-LIVING  
ADJUSTMENTS

Approximately 40,000 workers are scheduled to receive increases ranging from one-half to 2 cents per hour on the basis of the

national index, generally as a result of a quarterly review. Increases of 1 cent an hour will become effective for about 26,000 workers, mainly transportation workers, while about 2,000 chemical workers are scheduled to receive increases of 2 cents an hour will go to about 8,500 workers, who are employed mainly by local cartage firms in California. Another 3,500 trucking employees in San Francisco will receive increases of one-half cent an hour.

TABLE 1: Consumer Price Index--United States city average  
Major group, subgroup, and special indexes, June 1962  
and percent changes from selected dates

(1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)

Group	Indexes (1957-59=100)		Percent change to June 1962 from--			Indexes	
	June 1962	May 1962	May 1962	March 1962	June 1961	1947-49=100	1939=100
						June 1962	June 1962
All items-----	105.3	105.2	0.1	0.3	1.2	129.2	217.5
Food-----	103.5	103.2	.3	.3	1.0	122.1	259.4
Food at home-----	102.1	101.9	.2	.2	0.7	118.6	251.9
Cereals and bakery products-----	107.4	107.5	-.1	.1	1.9	142.4	248.8
Meats, poultry, and fish-----	99.7	99.6	.1	-.9	2.4	110.0	264.5
Dairy products-----	102.7	103.0	-.3	- 2.2	-.9	116.3	233.4
Fruits and vegetables-----	111.9	109.4	2.3	7.2	2.2	138.3	298.8
Other foods at home-----	93.4	94.4	- 1.1	- 2.8	- 2.6	103.2	213.3
Food away from home-----	110.6	110.1	.5	.8	2.8	(1/)	(1/)
Housing 2/-----	104.8	104.7	.1	.2	1.0	133.6	175.6
Rent-----	105.6	105.5	.1	.3	1.1	145.2	167.7
Gas and electricity-----	107.7	107.7	0	-.2	-.6	125.6	119.7
Solid and petroleum fuels-----	99.4	100.1	-.7	- 4.1	-.1	135.5	240.2
Housefurnishings-----	99.1	99.0	.1	-.4	-.7	103.2	193.2
Household operation-----	107.4	107.4	0	.3	1.4	140.8	205.8
Apparel-----	102.8	102.7	.1	.1	.6	110.2	210.0
Men's and boys'-----	103.1	103.1	0	.3	.6	112.1	220.7
Women's and girls'-----	100.5	100.0	.5	.1	.4	99.8	183.2
Footwear-----	109.1	109.1	0	0	1.5	142.9	284.1
Other apparel-----	100.4	100.6	-.2	.1	-.1	92.5	227.7
Transportation-----	107.3	107.3	0	1.3	2.4	151.2	215.3
Private-----	106.0	106.0	0	1.3	2.1	138.1	210.9
Public-----	115.6	115.6	0	.6	3.9	215.2	264.7
Medical care-----	114.4	114.1	.3	.7	2.8	165.3	227.8
Personal care-----	106.1	106.4	-.3	.2	1.5	135.9	228.1
Reading and recreation-----	109.2	109.5	-.3	0	2.4	126.5	200.7
Other goods and services-----	105.2	105.1	.1	.1	.7	134.0	189.9
Special groups:							
All items less food-----	106.1	106.0	.1	.4	1.4	133.0	192.6
All items less shelter-----	105.3	105.2	.1	.3	1.2	126.8	228.9
Commodities-----	103.1	103.0	.1	.3	.9	119.1	230.9
Nondurables-----	103.4	103.2	.2	.2	.8	121.4	236.2
Food-----	103.5	103.2	.3	.3	1.0	122.1	259.4
Nondurables less food-----	103.4	103.5	-.1	-.1	.7	121.1	206.2
Apparel-----	102.7	102.5	.2	.1	.6	110.1	211.3
Apparel less footwear-----	101.4	101.2	.2	.1	.3	104.3	(1/)
Nondurables less food and apparel-----	103.8	104.0	-.2	-.2	.8	130.5	198.0
Durables-----	101.6	101.5	.1	.7	1.2	112.6	196.5
New cars-----	101.5	101.8	-.3	-.9	-.2	136.4	239.3
Used cars-----	117.1	115.3	1.6	7.8	9.1	(1/)	(1/)
Durables less cars-----	98.8	98.9	-.1	-.2	.1	101.9	177.8
Commodities less food-----	102.6	102.6	0	.2	.8	116.6	196.1
Services-----	109.5	109.4	.1	.5	1.9	155.5	193.3
Rent-----	105.6	105.5	.1	.3	1.1	145.2	167.7
Services less rent-----	110.2	110.1	.1	.5	1.8	157.9	214.9
Household operation services, gas, and electricity-----	108.5	108.4	.1	.3	1.1	142.4	163.6
Transportation services-----	111.5	111.5	0	.2	1.8	192.7	240.5
Medical care services-----	116.9	116.6	.3	.9	3.4	174.4	247.4
Other services 3/-----	108.7	108.7	0	.6	2.0	140.3	240.6
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (Reference period=\$1.00)-----	\$0.950	\$0.951	-.1	-.2	- 1.2	\$0.774	\$0.460

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.

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

(1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)

City	Indexes (1957-59=100)			Percent change to June 1962 from--		Indexes 1947-49=100 1939=100	
	June 1962	March 1962	June 1961	March 1962	June 1961	June 1962	June 1962
	<b>United States city average</b> -----	105.3	105.0	104.0	0.3	1.2	129.2
<b>Cities priced monthly 1/</b>							
Chicago-----	104.5	104.5	102.9	0	1.6	131.8	224.9
Detroit-----	101.8	102.0	102.0	- .2	-0.2	125.5	212.7
Los Angeles-----	107.0	106.1	105.4	.8	1.5	133.4	220.9
New York-----	105.8	105.9	104.4	- .1	1.3	127.5	212.1
Philadelphia-----	104.9	105.0	104.1	- .1	.8	128.8	217.6
<b>Cities priced in March, June, September, December 2/</b>	June 1962	March 1962	June 1961	March 1962	June 1961	June 1962	June 1962
Atlanta-----	104.0	103.7	102.9	.3	1.1	128.8	220.9
Baltimore-----	104.8	104.6	104.6	.2	.2	130.1	224.7
Cincinnati-----	103.3	103.3	102.4	0	.9	125.7	215.4
St. Louis-----	104.4	104.8	103.9	- .4	.5	129.6	218.5
San Francisco-----	107.5	107.3	105.4	.2	2.0	136.4	232.9
<b>Cities priced in February, May, August, November 2/</b>	May 1962	February 1962	May 1961	February 1962	May 1961	May 1962	May 1962
Cleveland-----	103.5	103.1	103.0	.4	.5	128.5	217.2
Houston-----	104.7	104.5	102.4	.2	2.2	129.0	216.8
Scranton-----	105.7	105.5	104.0	.2	1.6	126.1	215.5
Seattle-----	106.3	105.9	104.8	.4	1.4	133.6	225.8
Washington, D.C.-----	104.2	104.0	103.2	.2	1.0	125.5	207.6
<b>Cities priced in January, April, July, October 2/</b>	April 1962	January 1962	April 1961	Jan 1962	April 1961	April 1962	April 1962
Boston-----	107.1	106.2	104.9	.8	2.1	132.7	217.6
Kansas City-----	105.7	105.2	104.7	.5	1.0	130.8	211.9
Minneapolis-----	105.5	104.3	104.3	1.2	1.2	130.5	215.1
Pittsburgh-----	105.7	105.2	104.9	.5	.8	130.2	224.2
Portland, Oregon-----	103.9	103.8	103.6	.1	.3	128.7	220.8

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 May 1962 to June 1962  
U.S. city average and five cities priced monthly  
All items and commodity groups**

City	All items	Food	Housing	Apparel	Transpor- tation	Medical care	Personal care	Reading and recreation	Other goods & services
<b>United States city average</b> -----	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.1	0	0.3	-0.3	-0.3	0.1
Chicago-----	- .1	.6	- .2	- .2	-1.6	- .2	- .5	- .2	- .2
Detroit-----	- .2	- .5	0	0	0.2	0	- .3	- .7	0
Los Angeles-----	.1	- .1	.2	- .3	.7	0	- .5	- .1	0
New York-----	.1	.2	.2	.5	.1	0	- .2	- .5	.4
Philadelphia-----	.2	.3	- .1	.1	.1	3.6	-1.3	.1	0

TABLE 4: Consumer Price Index--All items and commodity groups  
June 1962 indexes and percent changes, March 1962 to June 1962  
U.S. city average and 10 cities priced in June 1962

Group	U.S. City Average	Atlanta	Balti- more	Chicago	Cincin- nati	Detroit	Los Angeles	New York	Phila- delphia	St. Louis	San Francisco
Indexes (1957-59=100)											
All items-----	105.3	104.0	104.8	104.5	103.3	101.8	107.0	105.8	104.9	104.4	<sup>2/</sup> 107.5
Food-----	103.5	103.0	103.0	105.2	101.5	100.9	106.1	103.7	102.6	102.3	105.9
Food at home-----	102.1	102.4	100.9	104.7	100.5	100.0	104.1	101.0	101.1	101.0	104.4
Cereals and bakery products--	107.4	104.1	107.4	107.6	107.2	104.8	118.3	108.9	105.4	104.4	106.3
Meats, poultry, and fish-----	99.7	100.2	98.8	103.0	98.5	95.4	98.8	99.5	98.3	98.9	102.4
Dairy products-----	102.7	102.8	98.8	108.5	101.1	105.9	106.7	100.1	100.4	102.8	105.7
Fruits and vegetables-----	111.9	110.8	110.6	113.7	109.1	108.2	115.9	107.5	110.8	108.9	120.5
Other foods at home-----	93.4	98.3	93.9	95.2	91.6	92.0	89.9	92.8	94.6	94.3	91.4
Housing-----	104.8	103.6	105.2	103.2	102.0	97.8	105.9	107.6	104.4	101.9	108.6
Rent-----	105.6	103.8	105.4	----	102.4	95.1	----	111.2	----	104.4	113.8
Gas and electricity-----	107.7	109.9	104.1	106.2	110.5	105.5	115.5	105.3	102.7	108.8	111.0
Solid and petroleum fuels-----	99.4	103.9	106.8	100.1	98.1	97.4	----	98.5	97.2	99.2	----
Housefurnishings-----	99.1	97.0	99.1	101.2	98.2	97.8	99.0	103.3	99.0	98.4	98.4
Household operation-----	107.4	108.9	112.4	105.2	108.0	103.3	104.0	108.9	113.3	106.4	110.0
Apparel-----	102.8	100.9	105.2	100.9	101.6	104.7	102.4	102.3	104.2	103.9	104.7
Men's and boys'-----	103.1	102.2	103.5	101.4	101.2	103.1	103.1	104.6	104.1	103.3	102.4
Women's and girls'-----	100.5	97.3	103.9	97.3	99.5	104.9	100.8	97.9	103.0	103.3	104.2
Footwear-----	109.1	109.3	113.5	108.9	109.2	108.0	107.9	111.1	109.8	109.3	111.1
Other apparel-----	100.4	99.7	102.6	99.0	99.4	101.9	98.2	99.3	100.8	98.7	103.3
Transportation-----	107.3	105.7	104.1	105.2	108.2	101.8	113.0	105.5	108.9	106.9	107.3
Private-----	106.0	105.1	101.2	104.7	106.9	99.3	109.0	107.3	107.8	104.4	108.0
Public-----	115.6	109.4	117.0	107.9	116.7	114.4	140.4	100.8	113.1	116.8	102.4
Medical care-----	114.4	111.5	118.9	117.2	109.8	114.6	114.0	114.7	120.5	114.0	<sup>3/</sup> 115.8
Personal care-----	106.1	108.4	106.7	107.1	100.4	107.1	103.0	104.2	106.5	109.6	107.5
Reading and recreation-----	109.2	107.2	102.7	100.6	106.6	106.2	103.1	110.0	99.6	117.5	107.3
Other goods and services-----	105.2	101.7	103.4	101.8	104.6	102.2	106.3	103.9	104.2	106.6	107.8
Percent change from March 1962 to June 1962											
All items-----	0.3	0.3	0.2	0	0	-0.2	0.8	-0.1	-0.1	-0.4	0.2
Food-----	.3	.5	.6	0	0.2	0	.6	-.7	.1	-.2	.2
Food at home-----	.2	.4	.7	-0.2	.3	-.1	.2	-1.2	0	-.3	0
Cereals and bakery products--	.1	.4	0	-4.7	0	0	4.6	0	1.0	.2	0
Meats, poultry, and fish-----	-.9	-.8	-1.8	.8	-2.5	-2.1	.5	-2.1	-2.3	1.3	1.2
Dairy products-----	-2.2	-.3	-.2	-1.1	-.4	-2.6	-.5	-4.5	-2.8	.4	-1.1
Fruits and vegetables-----	7.2	7.2	9.6	4.5	8.7	8.6	1.9	4.6	8.1	2.5	3.8
Other foods at home-----	-2.8	-2.4	-2.2	-2.3	-2.4	-3.2	-4.6	-3.1	-2.3	-1.9	-4.0
Housing-----	.2	0	.8	-.2	-.3	-.1	.9	-.2	-.5	-.6	0
Rent-----	.3	.2	0	----	0	<sup>1/</sup> 0	----	<sup>1/</sup> .4	----	.4	.8
Gas and electricity-----	-.2	0	.3	0	-.1	.2	0	-.6	0	0	0
Solid and petroleum fuels-----	-4.1	-5.2	-3.9	-4.4	-8.8	-3.8	----	-6.2	-9.4	-5.4	----
Housefurnishings-----	-.4	.3	1.0	-.2	.7	-.1	-1.2	-.3	-.4	-.2	-1.1
Household operation-----	.3	0	3.9	-.1	.1	.3	.6	.1	-.2	.1	.3
Apparel-----	.1	-.3	-.3	-.2	-.1	.1	-.5	-.2	.5	.1	.3
Men's and boys'-----	.3	-.8	.4	-.2	-.4	0	-.2	.2	.6	.3	.5
Women's and girls'-----	.1	-.3	-.6	-.5	-.3	.4	-.7	-.4	.7	.3	.3
Footwear-----	0	.2	-.5	.1	.9	-.3	-.6	-.4	.2	.2	.5
Other apparel-----	.1	-.2	-1.2	.3	0	.6	-.9	-.2	0	-1.7	.2
Transportation-----	1.3	1.7	-2.2	-.2	.1	-2.5	3.0	1.2	.6	-.8	.9
Private-----	1.3	2.0	-2.7	-.3	.2	-3.1	2.9	1.5	.9	-1.1	1.0
Public-----	.6	0	0	0	0	0	3.5	0	0	0	0
Medical care-----	.7	.5	.3	.3	.2	1.0	.5	.6	3.5	.4	.3
Personal care-----	.2	-.2	-.3	-.2	-1.0	-.3	-.1	-.2	-1.2	-.3	.2
Reading and recreation-----	0	-.4	.4	0	-.2	.2	.6	-.1	-3.8	-.3	.2
Other goods and services-----	.1	.6	0	.3	0	-.2	.1	.5	0	-.1	.1

<sup>1/</sup> Change from April 1962 to June 1962.

<sup>2/</sup> Revised index for March 1962=107.3.

<sup>3/</sup> Revised index for March 1962=115.4.

TABLE 5: Consumer Price Index--Food and its subgroups  
June 1962 Indexes and percent changes, May 1962 to June 1962  
U.S. city average and 20 large cities  
(1957-59=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--	103.5	0.3	102.1	0.2	107.4	-0.1	99.7	0.1	102.7	-0.3	111.9	2.3	93.4	-1.1
Atlanta-----	103.0	-.1	102.4	.0	104.1	.3	100.2	-.9	102.8	0	110.8	3.2	98.3	-1.3
Baltimore-----	103.0	.3	100.9	.5	107.4	-.1	98.8	-.1	98.8	0	110.6	4.4	93.9	-1.6
Boston-----	104.2	.5	102.5	.6	108.0	0	102.8	1.3	95.2	-.3	115.0	3.1	94.2	-1.7
Chicago-----	105.2	.6	104.7	.7	107.6	-.7	103.0	1.8	108.5	0	113.7	2.3	95.2	-0.8
Cincinnati-----	101.5	.3	100.5	.4	107.2	2.8	98.5	-1.8	101.1	-.4	109.1	3.7	91.6	-1.0
Cleveland-----	101.2	.1	100.1	0	103.6	-.1	99.1	0	99.8	.1	111.3	2.1	91.0	-1.7
Detroit-----	100.9	-.5	100.0	-.7	104.8	-.2	95.4	-1.1	105.9	-1.6	108.2	1.0	92.0	-1.2
Houston-----	102.2	-.9	99.7	-1.1	107.1	-.2	98.2	-.4	100.0	-.6	105.5	-3.1	92.7	-1.0
Kansas City-----	103.0	.4	102.2	.6	107.4	-.4	97.8	-.7	105.8	2.6	112.8	3.7	94.0	-1.6
Los Angeles-----	106.1	-.1	104.1	-.4	118.3	.2	98.8	.9	106.7	-.1	115.9	-2.9	89.9	0
Minneapolis-----	102.3	-.1	101.1	.4	103.8	0	99.2	-.4	102.9	-.4	110.9	3.8	92.6	-1.1
New York-----	103.7	.2	101.0	-.2	108.9	-.3	99.5	-.3	100.1	-.8	107.5	1.5	92.8	-1.4
Philadelphia-----	102.6	.3	101.1	.2	105.4	-.5	98.3	-.1	100.4	-.1	110.8	3.3	94.6	-1.6
Pittsburgh-----	102.5	.1	102.1	0	105.9	-.6	102.5	-.2	97.3	-.5	112.9	2.1	94.7	-.8
Portland, Oreg.-----	104.2	-.1	102.6	0	103.6	.4	100.8	-1.1	104.9	-.2	115.6	1.3	93.2	-.2
St. Louis-----	102.3	0	101.0	0	104.4	.1	98.9	-.2	102.8	-1.1	108.9	1.3	94.3	0
San Francisco-----	105.9	.5	104.4	.5	106.3	.2	102.4	1.5	105.7	0	120.5	1.2	91.4	-.7
Scranton-----	103.5	.3	102.3	.4	107.9	-.4	100.1	.4	99.5	-.2	114.2	3.4	94.3	-1.4
Seattle-----	106.5	.9	104.6	1.2	107.2	-.1	103.2	1.4	106.9	0	117.4	4.5	93.2	-.5
Washington, D. C.-----	101.1	-.4	99.4	-.8	108.9	.4	94.7	-2.9	101.6	-1.6	106.2	4.0	92.6	-2.6

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

Food and unit	June 1962	May 1962	Food and unit	June 1962	May 1962
<b>Cereals and bakery products:</b>	<u>Cents</u>	<u>Cents</u>	<b>Fresh--Continued</b>	<u>Cents</u>	<u>Cents</u>
Flour, wheat-----5 lb.	56.9	56.7	Grapefruit-----each	13.4	13.0
Biscuit mix-----40 oz.	47.9	47.9	Peaches *-----lb.	*	*
Macaroni-----16 oz.	24.8	24.8	Strawberries *-----pt.	29.4	32.5
Corn meal-----1b.	14.0	14.0	Grapes, seedless *-----lb.	*	*
Rolled oats-----18 oz.	23.7	23.6	Watermelons *-----lb.	7.5	*
Corn flakes-----12 oz.	27.0	26.9	Potatoes-----10 lb.	72.2	64.8
Rice, short grain-----lb.	19.1	19.0	Sweet potatoes-----lb.	18.1	17.2
Rice, long grain-----lb.	21.5	21.4	Corn *-----doz. ears	91.6	111.4
Bread, white-----lb.	21.1	21.1	Onions-----lb.	13.0	13.6
Soda crackers-----lb.	31.0	31.0	Carrots-----lb.	16.3	15.1
Sandwich cookies-----16 oz.	51.8	52.3	Lettuce-----head	19.6	24.2
<b>Meats, poultry, and fish:</b>			Celery-----lb.	17.0	17.0
Round steak-----lb.	105.8	105.5	Cabbage-----lb.	12.6	13.0
Sirloin steak-----lb.	108.1	109.1	Tomatoes-----lb.	33.9	35.6
Chuck roast-----lb.	59.0	60.7	Beans, green-----lb.	29.1	31.5
Rib roast-----lb.	82.3	82.0	<b>Canned:</b>		
Hamburger-----lb.	51.4	51.3	Orange juice-----46 oz. can	42.0	42.5
Veal cutlets-----lb.	147.5	147.8	Pineapple juice-----46 oz. can	32.2	32.1
Pork chops, center cut-----lb.	86.3	86.5	Peaches-----#2½ can	33.2	32.9
Pork roast-----lb.	61.1	61.0	Pineapple-----#2 can	38.8	38.7
Bacon, sliced-----lb.	68.8	68.4	Fruit cocktail-----#303 can	26.0	25.9
Ham, whole-----lb.	61.2	61.1	Corn, cream style-----#303 can	20.0	20.0
Lamb, leg-----lb.	72.7	70.4	Peas, green-----#303 can	22.5	22.4
Frankfurters-----lb.	62.7	62.3	Tomatoes-----#303 can	15.7	15.8
Luncheon meat, canned-----12 oz.	50.7	51.0	Tomato juice-----46 oz. can	32.5	32.4
Frying chickens, ready-to-cook-----lb.	39.9	39.6	Baby foods-----4¼ to 5 oz.	10.8	10.6
Ocean perch, fillet, frozen-----lb.	50.1	50.0	<b>Dried:</b>		
Haddock, fillet, frozen-----lb.	55.3	55.6	Prunes-----lb.	41.4	41.4
Salmon, pink, canned-----16 oz.	77.3	77.3	Beans-----lb.	17.3	17.3
Tuna fish, canned-----6 to 6¼ oz.	35.1	34.9	<b>Other foods at home:</b>		
<b>Dairy products:</b>			Tomato soup-----10½ to 11 oz. can	12.5	12.4
Milk, fresh, (grocery)-----qt.	23.9	24.0	Beans, with pork-----16 oz. can	14.9	14.9
Milk, fresh, (delivered)-----qt.	25.6	25.6	Pickles, sliced-----15 oz.	26.6	26.7
Ice cream-----½ gal.	85.5	86.2	Catsup, tomato-----14 oz.	23.2	23.1
Butter-----lb.	74.8	74.9	Potato chips-----4 oz.	28.0	28.1
Cheese, American process-----½ lb.	36.2	36.2	Coffee-----lb. can	70.9	71.0
Milk, evaporated-----14½ oz. can	15.5	15.6	Coffee-----lb. bag	57.1	57.3
<b>Fruits and vegetables:</b>			Coffee, instant-----6 oz.	89.3	90.0
<b>Frozen:</b>			Tea bags-----pkg. of 16	24.5	24.6
Strawberries-----10 oz.	27.3	27.1	Cola drink, carton-----72 oz.	50.0	50.0
Orange juice concentrate-----6 oz.	20.2	20.7	Shortening, hydrogenated-----3 lb.	90.1	91.5
Lemonade concentrate-----6 oz.	13.5	13.9	Margarine, colored-----lb.	28.5	28.8
Peas, green-----10 oz.	20.9	20.8	Lard-----lb.	20.1	20.1
Beans, green-----9 oz.	22.7	22.6	Salad dressing-----pt.	38.3	38.3
Potatoes, french fried-----9 oz.	19.0	19.1	Peanut butter-----lb.	57.6	57.3
<b>Fresh:</b>			Sugar-----5 lb.	58.4	58.2
Apples-----lb.	19.9	17.8	Corn syrup-----24 oz.	27.2	27.3
Bananas-----lb.	16.5	16.5	Grape jelly-----12 oz.	29.6	29.6
Oranges, size 200-----doz.	74.5	76.7	Chocolate bar-----1 oz.	4.5	4.5
Lemons-----lb.	19.1	19.1	Eggs, Grade A, large-----doz.	46.5	48.9
			Gelatin, flavored-----3 to 4 oz.	9.8	9.8

\* Priced only in season.

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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 1957-59 = 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:

Anna, Illinois	Huntington, W. Virginia	Pulaski, Virginia
Camden, Arkansas	Laconia, New Hampshire	Ravenna, Ohio
Canton, Ohio	Lodi, California	Rawlins, Wyoming
Charleston, W. Virginia	Lynchburg, Virginia	San Jose, California
Evansville, Indiana	Madill, Oklahoma	Sandpoint, Idaho
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 for the U.S. 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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