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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR JULY 1962

The Consumer Price Index rose by 0.2 percent in July to 105.5 (1957-59=100), the United States Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics announced today. In the last ten years, the index has always advanced between June and July. The principal causes of the advance this year were higher prices for several important food items and further increases in service prices. Moderating influences were lower average prices of gasoline and new cars. The July index was 1.1 percent above a year ago, with most of the increase having occurred since last January. (On the former base of 1947-49=100, the July index was 129.4).

FOOD

Higher average prices for pork, fresh milk, and eggs were the major causes of a 0.3 percent rise in food prices in July. Price reductions for fresh fruits and vegetables and for poultry moderated the advance in average food prices.

Compared with a year ago, food prices have advanced by 0.4 percent on the average because of an increase of nearly 3 percent in prices of restaurant meals. Average prices of food purchased for home consumption were at the same level as in July 1961.

Seasonally lower supplies of pork coinciding with unusually good summer demand explained the advance in average prices of pork products. This was the first significant change in pork prices in 7 months. Beef prices also rose in response to firm market demand. Poultry prices declined because of the prevalence of special sales, with supplies ample and consumer demand slack.

An 0.8 percent increase in average prices of dairy products was attributed mostly to seasonally higher prices of fresh milk. Average prices of processed dairy products were somewhat lower as declines for butter and evaporated milk more than offset a small increase in ice cream prices.

Egg prices rose by about 4 percent in response to seasonally reduced production. Despite this advance, egg prices were at the lowest level for the month in 20 years. From July 1961 to July 1962, egg prices dropped nearly 14 percent because of increased supplies.

The decline of nearly 2 percent in average prices of fruits and vegetables halted the upward movement that began last December. The major factors in the decline were sharp seasonal decreases in prices of watermelons and sweet corn, together with substantially lower prices for most other fresh vegetables.

TRANSPORTATION

A drop of 0.5 percent in private transportation prices was the most important factor moderating the upward movement in the Consumer Price Index in July. Average gasoline prices declined more than 2 percent in a market that remained unsettled as a result of strong competitive pressures and the introduction of lower grades of gasoline. Reductions in new car prices also contributed to the decline in transportation costs. Used car prices, however, were stable, as demand for late model cars remained high.

OTHER GOODS
AND SERVICES

Movie admission prices rose, but for television and radio sets there were competitive price reductions and 1962 model closeout sales. Prices of toilet goods rebounded from a June decline, and barber and beauty-shop service prices also advanced over the month. Medical care costs rose another 0.2 percent in July on the basis of higher prices for all medical care services, while prescription and drug prices continued their downward trend. Housing prices were

stable on the average over the month as lower prices for maintenance supplies and housefurnishings were offset by increases for rents, electricity, and household operation.

COST-OF-LIVING-ADJUSTMENTS Based on the July index, about 950,000 workers are scheduled to receive increases of 1 cent an hour as a result of a quarterly review of cost-of-living allowances under union contracts. These include approximately 780,000 employees in the automobile and automobile parts industries, 75,000 workers in the farm equipment industry, and 65,000 in the aerospace industry. The remaining 30,000 workers are employed by a variety of metalworking firms. In addition, about 15,000 employees of trucking firms will receive 3-cent increases on the basis of annual or semiannual reviews.

Notice: The following Boston city indexes for the Reading and Recreation Group were revised as shown:

**Reading and Recreation Index
Boston, Massachusetts
(1957-59=100)**

Date	Indexes
1960 Annual Average-----	110.1
April-----	112.3
July-----	110.7
October-----	111.3
1961 Annual Average-----	112.3
January-----	108.1
April-----	112.4
July-----	113.5
October-----	113.7
1962	
January-----	112.9
April-----	115.6

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

(1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)

Group	Indexes (1957-59=100)		Percent change to July 1962 from--			Indexes	
	July 1962	June 1962	June 1962	April 1962	July 1961	1947-49=100	1939=100
						July 1962	July 1962
All items-----	105.5	105.3	0.2	0.3	1.1	129.4	217.9
Food-----	103.8	103.5	.3	.4	0.4	122.5	260.1
Food at home-----	102.4	102.1	.3	.3	0	119.0	252.6
Cereals and bakery products-----	107.9	107.4	.5	.6	2.7	143.1	250.0
Meats, poultry, and fish-----	100.8	99.7	1.1	.7	3.2	111.2	267.4
Dairy products-----	103.5	102.7	.8	-.2	-.7	117.2	235.2
Fruits and vegetables-----	109.9	111.9	-1.8	1.2	-1.7	135.8	293.5
Other foods at home-----	94.1	93.4	.7	-1.1	-3.6	104.0	214.9
Food away from home-----	110.9	110.6	.3	.9	2.7	(1/)	(1/)
Housing 2/-----	104.8	104.8	0	.2	1.0	133.6	175.6
Rent-----	105.7	105.6	.1	.3	1.2	145.3	167.8
Gas and electricity-----	108.0	107.7	.3	.2	.3	125.9	120.0
Solid and petroleum fuels-----	99.7	99.4	.3	-2.6	0	135.9	240.9
Housefurnishings-----	99.0	99.1	-.1	-.3	-.5	103.1	193.0
Household operation-----	107.5	107.4	.1	.4	1.3	140.9	206.0
Apparel-----	102.9	102.8	.1	.2	.4	110.3	210.2
Men's and boys'-----	103.2	103.1	.1	.3	.6	112.2	220.9
Women's and girls'-----	100.4	100.5	-.1	.1	-.3	99.7	183.0
Footwear-----	109.2	109.1	.1	0	1.5	143.1	284.3
Other apparel-----	100.8	100.4	.4	.5	-.1	92.8	228.6
Transportation-----	106.8	107.3	-.5	-.4	1.4	150.5	214.3
Private-----	105.4	106.0	-.6	-.6	1.1	137.3	209.7
Public-----	115.6	115.6	0	0	3.2	215.2	264.7
Medical care-----	114.6	114.4	.2	.6	2.7	165.6	228.2
Personal care-----	106.8	106.1	.7	.5	1.9	136.8	229.6
Reading and recreation-----	110.0	109.2	.7	.5	2.6	127.4	202.2
Other goods and services-----	105.6	105.2	.4	.5	-.7	134.5	190.7
Special groups:							
All items less food-----	106.1	106.1	0	.1	1.2	133.0	192.6
All items less shelter-----	105.4	105.3	.1	.2	1.0	126.9	229.1
Commodities-----	103.1	103.1	0	0	.3	119.1	230.9
Nondurables-----	103.5	103.4	.1	0	.3	121.5	236.5
Food-----	103.8	103.5	.3	.4	.4	122.5	260.1
Nondurables less food-----	103.3	103.4	-.1	-.5	.3	121.0	206.0
Apparel-----	102.8	102.7	.1	.2	.5	110.2	211.5
Apparel less footwear-----	101.5	101.4	.1	.2	0	104.4	(1/)
Nondurables less food and apparel-----	103.5	103.8	-.3	-.9	.2	130.1	197.4
Durables-----	101.5	101.6	-.1	.1	.9	112.5	196.3
New cars-----	101.1	101.5	-.4	-1.1	-.3	135.9	238.3
Used cars-----	117.1	117.1	0	3.3	7.8	(1/)	(1/)
Durables less cars-----	98.7	98.8	-.1	-.2	-.3	101.8	177.6
Commodities less food-----	102.5	102.6	-.1	-.3	.4	116.4	195.9
Services-----	109.8	109.5	.3	.5	2.0	155.9	193.8
Rent-----	105.7	105.6	.1	.3	1.2	145.3	167.8
Services less rent-----	110.5	110.2	.3	.6	2.0	158.3	215.5
Household operation services, gas, and electricity-----	108.6	108.5	.1	.4	1.3	142.5	163.8
Transportation services-----	111.7	111.5	.2	.2	1.9	193.0	240.9
Medical care services-----	117.2	116.9	.3	.9	3.3	174.9	248.0
Other services 3/-----	109.1	108.7	.4	.8	2.2	140.8	241.5
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (Reference period=\$1.00)-----	\$0.948	\$0.950	-.2	-.3	-1.0	\$0.773	\$0.459

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

City	Indexes						July	July
	1962		1961		1962		1962	1962
	47-49=100	1939=100	47-49=100	1939=100	47-49=100	1939=100	47-49=100	1939=100
United States city average	105.5	105.2	104.4	0.3	1.1	129.4	217.9	
Cities priced monthly 1/								
Chicago	104.5	104.8	103.8	-.3	.7	131.8	224.9	
Detroit	101.9	102.2	101.8	-.3	.1	125.6	212.9	
Los Angeles	106.8	106.3	105.4	.5	1.3	133.2	220.5	
New York	106.4	106.0	104.9	.4	1.4	128.2	213.3	
Philadelphia	105.3	105.1	104.5	.2	.8	129.3	218.4	
Cities priced in January, April, July, October 2/	July 1962	April 1962	July 1961	April 1962	July 1961	July 1962	July 1962	
Boston	107.2	107.1	105.2	.1	1.9	132.8	217.8	
Kansas City	106.0	105.7	104.9	.3	1.0	131.1	212.5	
Minneapolis	105.7	105.5	104.4	.2	1.2	130.8	215.6	
Pittsburgh	106.0	105.7	105.2	.3	.8	130.6	224.8	
Portland, Oregon	104.8	103.9	104.4	.9	.4	129.8	222.7	
Cities priced in March, June September, December 2/	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	
Cities priced in February, May August, November 2/	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	

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 June 1962 to July 1962
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	0.2	0.3	0	0.1	-0.5	0.2	0.7	0.7	0.4
Chicago	0	.5	.2	.4	-1.0	.4	0	.3	0
Detroit	.1	.3	.1	-.5	-1.8	.1	.4	.7	6.7
Los Angeles	-.2	-1.0	.2	.3	-.1	.2	.3	.2	.1
New York	.6	1.1	.2	.4	-.2	0	.4	1.0	.1
Philadelphia	.4	1.2	.1	-.5	.1	0	.8	0	.1

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

Group	U.S. City Average	Boston	Chicago	Detroit	Kansas City	Los Angeles	Minnea- polis	New York	Phila- delphia	Pitta- burgh	Portland, Oregon
Indexes (1957-59=100)											
All items-----	105.5	107.2	104.5	101.9	106.0	106.8	105.7	106.4	105.3	106.0	104.8
Food-----	103.8	104.3	105.7	101.2	103.7	105.0	102.5	104.8	103.8	102.4	103.6
Food at home-----	102.4	102.3	105.0	100.3	103.0	102.8	101.1	102.3	102.3	101.9	101.8
Cereals and bakery products--	107.9	108.1	110.4	105.0	108.1	118.3	104.3	108.8	105.8	106.5	104.3
Meats, poultry, and fish----	100.8	102.4	103.6	97.5	98.8	98.2	98.9	101.5	99.8	103.9	101.7
Dairy products-----	103.5	98.0	110.5	106.1	108.3	106.6	102.6	102.3	102.3	97.3	104.9
Fruits and vegetables-----	109.9	111.2	110.1	105.1	111.5	111.1	110.9	108.0	110.7	108.3	110.3
Other foods at home-----	94.1	94.8	95.8	93.2	95.2	89.3	93.2	94.0	96.5	95.4	92.5
Housing-----	104.8	108.8	103.0	97.7	105.4	106.1	103.6	107.8	104.5	106.2	103.9
Rent-----	105.7	114.8	104.5	-----	103.2	105.5	106.0	-----	106.7	106.1	104.0
Gas and electricity-----	108.0	103.9	106.2	105.9	109.3	115.6	104.0	105.4	102.7	111.6	102.5
Solid and petroleum fuels-----	99.7	99.9	100.8	97.3	112.4	-----	98.7	99.1	97.0	-----	100.0
Housefurnishings-----	99.0	99.6	100.8	97.7	98.3	99.5	96.6	103.4	98.1	101.4	95.9
Household operation-----	107.5	111.2	105.2	103.5	111.1	103.9	104.0	108.9	114.6	113.1	107.7
Apparel-----	102.9	103.8	101.3	104.2	100.1	102.7	100.5	102.7	103.7	101.2	102.0
Men's and boys'-----	103.2	101.4	101.9	102.8	103.6	103.4	103.4	104.6	104.2	102.2	104.4
Women's and girls'-----	100.4	104.0	97.6	104.0	94.1	101.1	97.3	98.7	101.6	96.8	98.0
Footwear-----	109.2	109.2	109.4	108.0	111.5	107.9	105.5	111.1	109.5	110.5	109.7
Other apparel-----	100.8	99.8	99.2	101.7	96.9	99.1	95.4	99.8	102.7	100.2	97.4
Transportation-----	106.8	108.8	104.1	100.0	105.3	112.9	^{3/} 106.7	105.3	109.0	110.8	105.9
Private-----	105.4	102.0	103.4	97.2	104.2	108.9	^{4/} 105.2	107.0	107.9	106.5	104.9
Public-----	115.6	131.6	107.9	114.4	111.8	140.4	117.9	100.8	113.1	125.9	112.5
Medical care-----	114.6	113.0	117.7	114.7	114.1	114.2	128.4	114.7	120.5	122.3	109.4
Personal care-----	106.8	107.1	107.1	107.5	111.9	103.3	107.0	104.6	107.3	103.4	109.3
Reading and recreation-----	110.0	^{2/} 116.0	100.9	106.9	112.6	103.3	115.0	111.1	99.6	108.2	113.6
Other goods and services-----	105.6	101.8	101.8	109.0	110.8	106.4	104.4	104.0	104.3	105.1	103.7
Percent change from April 1962 to July 1962											
All items-----	0.3	0.1	-0.3	-0.3	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.9
Food-----	.4	.8	.1	0	1.9	-.4	.1	.3	1.2	.7	.6
Food at home-----	.3	.8	-.3	-.1	2.3	-.7	.4	0	1.1	.7	.6
Cereals and bakery products--	.6	.2	-2.3	.4	.6	4.4	.6	0	1.1	.1	4.0
Meats, poultry, and fish----	.7	.6	1.6	-.2	.7	1.2	-.5	.4	.2	1.9	1.0
Dairy products-----	-.2	2.0	1.0	-1.2	14.5	-.4	.2	-1.4	1.3	-.5	.5
Fruits and vegetables-----	1.2	2.8	-1.9	2.1	.5	-5.1	2.7	1.4	3.7	2.5	-.5
Other foods at home-----	-1.1	-.9	-1.1	-1.1	-.7	-2.2	-.4	-.8	-.2	-.7	-.8
Housing-----	.2	-.4	-.5	-.3	.5	1.0	0	.2	-.5	-.7	.3
Rent-----	.3	.3	^{1/} 0	-----	.1	^{1/} .3	.2	-----	^{1/} .5	.2	.3
Gas and electricity-----	.2	-.2	0	.6	.6	.1	.2	-.2	0	-4.0	0
Solid and petroleum fuels-----	-2.6	-4.9	-3.4	-3.9	-.8	-----	-3.4	-2.9	-8.7	-----	0
Housefurnishings-----	-.3	-.5	-.7	-.4	-.4	-.3	-.4	.2	-1.0	-.4	-.5
Household operation-----	.4	.2	-.1	.5	-.4	.4	-.2	0	1.0	.6	.2
Apparel-----	.2	.3	.3	-.3	-1.0	.3	0	.5	-.5	.4	-.3
Men's and boys'-----	.3	-.4	.4	-.9	.2	.1	0	.5	.1	.4	1.2
Women's and girls'-----	.1	.7	0	.1	-2.1	.9	-.1	.5	-1.3	.3	-1.5
Footwear-----	0	.2	.4	-.4	-.4	-.6	.2	.3	-.3	.5	-.1
Other apparel-----	.5	.4	1.7	-.1	-.8	.3	-.6	.5	1.2	.2	-.2
Transportation-----	-.4	-1.3	-2.4	-5.4	-3.1	1.7	-1.6	.4	-.4	-.1	2.4
Private-----	-.6	-1.8	-3.0	-6.5	-3.7	2.1	-1.8	.6	-.5	-.1	2.8
Public-----	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Medical care-----	.6	0	.3	1.1	.5	.1	.9	.5	3.5	5.2	.5
Personal care-----	.5	.5	-.1	0	1.4	-.1	.3	.1	-.6	-.6	6.3
Reading and recreation-----	.5	.3	.3	1.1	-.9	.5	3.0	.5	-2.8	-1.6	4.6
Other goods and services-----	.5	0	.2	6.5	2.6	.2	0	.4	.1	.1	.2

^{1/} Change from May 1962 to July 1962

^{2/} See revised indexes on page 2.

^{3/} Revised index: April 1962=108.4.

^{4/} Revised index: April 1962=107.1.

TABLE 5: Consumer Price Index--Food and its subgroups
 July 1962 Indexes and Percent Changes, June 1962 to July 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--	103.8	0.3	102.4	0.3	107.9	0.5	100.8	1.1	103.5	0.8	109.9	-1.8	94.1	0.7
Atlanta-----	102.9	-.1	102.4	0	104.3	.2	101.9	1.7	102.4	-.4	107.9	-2.6	98.5	1.2
Baltimore-----	103.4	.4	101.3	.4	107.7	.3	100.0	1.2	98.8	0	109.5	-1.0	95.0	1.2
Boston-----	104.3	.1	102.3	-.2	108.1	.1	102.4	-.4	98.0	2.9	111.2	-3.3	94.8	.6
Chicago-----	105.7	.5	105.0	-.3	110.4	2.6	103.6	.6	110.5	1.8	110.1	-3.2	95.8	.6
Cincinnati-----	102.4	.9	101.3	.8	107.3	.1	100.8	2.3	100.8	-.3	109.0	.3	91.8	.2
Cleveland-----	101.4	.2	100.5	.4	103.9	.3	101.5	2.4	99.8	0	108.7	+2.3	91.3	.3
Detroit-----	101.2	.3	100.3	.3	105.0	.2	97.5	2.2	106.1	.2	105.1	-2.9	93.2	1.3
Houston-----	103.1	.9	100.8	1.1	107.2	.1	100.6	2.4	99.8	-.2	107.3	1.7	92.9	.2
Kansas City-----	103.7	.7	103.0	.8	108.1	.7	98.8	1.0	108.3	2.4	111.5	-1.2	95.2	1.2
Los Angeles-----	105.0	-1.0	102.8	-1.2	118.3	0	98.2	-.6	106.6	-.1	111.1	-4.1	89.3	-.7
Minneapolis-----	102.5	.2	101.1	0	104.3	.5	98.9	-.3	102.6	-.3	110.9	0	93.2	.6
New York-----	104.8	1.1	102.3	1.3	108.8	-.1	101.5	2.0	102.3	2.2	108.0	.5	94.0	1.3
Philadelphia-----	103.8	1.2	102.3	1.2	105.8	.4	99.8	1.5	102.3	1.9	110.7	-.1	96.5	2.0
Pittsburgh-----	102.4	-.1	101.9	-.2	106.5	.6	103.9	1.4	97.3	0	108.3	-4.1	95.4	.7
Portland, Oreg.-----	103.6	-.6	101.8	-.8	104.3	.7	101.7	.9	104.9	0	110.3	-4.6	92.5	-.8
St. Louis-----	102.8	.5	101.6	.6	104.6	.2	99.5	.6	102.7	-.1	111.1	2.0	94.2	-.1
San Francisco-----	105.5	-.4	104.0	-.4	106.2	-.1	102.2	-.2	105.7	0	117.9	-2.2	92.0	.7
Scranton-----	103.1	-.4	101.9	-.4	108.6	.6	99.8	-.3	99.4	-.1	111.3	-2.5	95.0	.7
Seattle-----	106.1	-.4	103.7	-.9	107.0	-.2	102.7	-.5	106.8	-.1	112.2	-4.4	94.3	1.2
Washington, D. C.-----	102.2	1.1	100.8	1.4	109.1	.2	98.1	3.6	101.6	0	105.3	-.8	95.2	2.8

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

Food and unit	July 1962	June 1962	Food and unit	July 1962	June 1962
Cereals and bakery products:	Cents	Cents		Cents	Cents
Flour, wheat-----5 lb.	57.0	56.9	Fresh--Continued		
Biscuit mix-----40 oz.	47.7	47.9	Grapefruit-----each	14.3	13.4
Macaroni-----16 oz.	24.8	24.8	Peaches *-----1b.	17.8	*
Corn meal-----1b.	14.1	14.0	Strawberries *-----pt.	*	29.4
Roll'd oats-----18 oz.	23.8	23.7	Grapes, seedless *-----1b.	35.7	*
Corn flakes-----12 oz.	27.2	27.0	Watermelons *-----1b.	4.6	7.5
Rice, short grain-----1b.	19.3	19.1	Potatoes-----10 lb.	78.0	72.2
Rice, long grain-----1b.	21.5	21.5	Sweet potatoes-----1b.	18.4	18.1
Bread, white-----1b.	21.2	21.1	Corn *-----doz. ears	74.4	91.6
Soda crackers-----1b.	31.1	31.0	Onions-----1b.	12.6	13.0
Sandwich cookies-----16 oz.	52.2	51.8	Carrots-----1b.	16.1	16.3
Meats, poultry, and fish:			Lettuce-----head	16.5	19.6
Round steak-----1b.	105.9	105.8	Celery-----1b.	18.6	17.0
Sirloin steak-----1b.	108.7	108.1	Cabbage-----1b.	9.0	12.6
Chuck roast-----1b.	59.5	59.0	Tomatoes-----1b.	35.1	33.9
Rib roast-----1b.	82.6	82.3	Beans, green-----1b.	19.4	29.1
Hamburger-----1b.	51.4	51.4	Canned:		
Veal cutlets-----1b.	147.1	147.5	Orange juice-----46 oz. can	41.4	42.0
Pork chops, center cut-----1b.	90.9	86.3	Pineapple juice-----46 oz. can	32.5	32.2
Pork roast-----1b.	64.0	61.1	Peaches-----#2 1/2 can	33.3	33.2
Lamb, sliced-----1b.	71.8	68.8	Pineapple-----#2 can	38.9	38.8
Ham, whole-----1b.	61.3	61.2	Fruit cocktail-----#303 can	25.9	26.0
Lamb, leg-----1b.	72.9	72.7	Corn, cream style-----#303 can	20.0	20.0
Frankfurters-----1b.	62.9	62.7	Peas, green-----#303 can	22.6	22.5
Luncheon meat, canned-----12 oz.	50.3	50.7	Tomatoes-----#303 can	15.6	15.7
Frying chickens, ready-to-cook-----1b.	39.1	39.9	Tomato juice-----46 oz. can	32.6	32.5
Ocean perch, fillet, frozen-----1b.	50.1	50.1	Baby foods-----4 1/2 to 5 oz.	10.8	10.8
Haddock, fillet, frozen-----1b.	55.4	55.3	Bried:		
Salmon, pink, canned-----16 oz.	77.7	77.7	Prunes-----1b.	41.5	41.4
Tuna fish, canned-----6 to 6 1/2 oz.	35.1	35.1	Beans-----1b.	17.4	17.3
Dairy products:			Other foods at home:		
Milk, fresh, (grocery)-----qt.	24.2	23.9	Tomato soup-----10 1/2 to 11 oz. can	12.4	12.5
Milk, fresh, (delivered)-----qt.	25.9	25.6	Beans, with pork-----16 oz. can	14.9	14.9
Ice cream-----1/2 gal.	85.5	85.5	Pickles, sliced-----15 oz.	26.7	26.6
Butter-----1b.	74.7	74.8	Catsup, tomato-----14 oz.	23.2	23.2
Chesse, American process-----1/2 lb.	36.2	36.2	Potato chips-----4 oz.	27.9	28.0
Milk, evaporated-----14 1/2 oz. can	15.4	15.5	Coffee-----1b. can	71.2	70.9
Fruits and vegetables:			Coffee, instant-----1b. bag	57.3	57.1
Frozen:			Coffee, instant-----6 oz.	89.0	89.3
Strawberries-----10 oz.	27.1	27.3	Tea bags-----pkg. of 16	24.4	24.5
Orange juice concentrate-----6 oz.	20.1	20.2	Cola drink, carton-----72 oz.	50.2	50.0
Lemonade concentrate-----6 oz.	13.2	13.5	Shortening, hydrogenated-----3 lb.	89.2	90.1
Peas, green-----10 oz.	20.9	20.9	Margarine, colored-----1b.	28.1	28.5
Beans, green-----9 oz.	22.8	22.7	Lard-----1b.	20.0	20.1
Potatoes, french fried-----9 oz.	19.0	19.0	Salad dressing-----pt.	38.3	38.3
Fresh:			Peanut butter-----1b.	57.7	57.6
Apples-----1b.	21.7	27.3	Sugar-----5 lb.	58.6	58.4
Bananas-----1b.	15.7	16.5	Corn syrup-----24 oz.	27.3	27.2
Oranges, size 200-----doz.	73.2	74.5	Grape jelly-----12 oz.	29.6	29.6
Lemons-----1b.	18.8	19.1	Chocolate bar-----1 oz.	4.5	4.5
			Eggs, Grade A, large-----doz.	48.3	46.5
			Gelatin, flavored-----3 to 4 oz.	9.9	9.8

* Priced only in season.

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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