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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR NOVEMBER 1962

The Consumer Price Index remained at 106.0 percent of its 1957-59 average in November, ~~the~~ United States Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics announced today. The stability in the index was primarily the net effect of lower food and apparel prices offsetting advances in prices of services and new automobiles. The November index was 0.1 percent below its record high reached in September, but was 1.3 percent higher than a year earlier. (On the former base of 1947-49=100, the November index was 130.1).

FOOD

Food prices dropped 0.2 percent during the month, largely because of seasonal reductions in prices of pork, oranges, and eggs. The food price index, at 104.1, was 0.7 percent below its September peak, but was 2.2 percent higher than in November 1961. The rise from a year ago was largely the result of higher prices for meats, poultry, and fish, and fresh fruits and vegetables.

Prices of meats, poultry, and fish fell 0.6 percent between October and November, as seasonally larger supplies of pork led to decreases of 3.7 percent in bacon prices, 2.7 percent for pork roast, and 1.6 percent for pork chops. Beef and veal prices were unchanged on the average, while frankfurters were 0.5 percent lower, but poultry prices were 1.6 percent higher.

Prices of fruits and vegetables edged up by 0.1 percent, as advances of about 18 percent for both lettuce and tomatoes more than offset a reduction of 9.7 percent in prices of oranges. Prices of canned and frozen fruits and vegetables were lower.

APPAREL

A dip of 1.4 percent in prices of women's and girls' apparel was the major factor in the 0.6 percent decrease in apparel prices between October and November. Price reductions for women's nylon hose, wool coats and suits, and girls' coats and sweaters were largely responsible for the decline. Prices of men's and boys' clothing and footwear each rose 0.1 percent during the month.

OTHER GOODS
AND SERVICES

Housing costs continued their upward trend with a rise of 0.1 percent as rents and homeowner costs edged up. Prices also were higher for fuel oil and household operation costs. Prices of textile housefurnishings declined.

The reading and recreation group index rose 0.5 percent primarily because of increases in movie admission charges for special features. Transportation costs were 0.2 percent higher as record-breaking sales, accompanied by smaller dealer discounts on new models, resulted in an average advance of 1.3 percent in new car prices. This increase was partially offset by lower prices for gasoline and reductions in railroad fares reflecting the elimination of the Federal transportation tax.

Medical care and personal care prices rose 0.1 and 0.2 percent respectively.

COST-OF-LIVING
ADJUSTMENTS

About 200,000 workers will receive increases in cost-of-living allowances of from 1 to 4 cents an hour as a result of the national Consumer Price Index for November. About 85,000 (including 75,000 aerospace employees) will receive 1 cent an hour; 90,000 (including 80,000 meatpacking workers) will receive 2 cents; and about 25,000 cartage workers in Chicago will receive 4 cents. In addition, about 29,000 workers will receive 1 cent an hour, based on changes in city indexes.

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

(1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)

Group	Indexes (1957-59=100)		Percent change to November 1962 from --			Indexes	
	November 1962	October 1962	October 1962	August 1962	November 1961	1947-49=100	1939=100
						November 1962	November 1962
All items-----	106.0	106.0	0	0.5	1.3	130.1	218.9
Food-----	104.1	104.3	-0.2	.3	2.2	122.8	260.9
Food at home-----	102.6	102.9	-.3	.3	2.1	119.2	253.1
Cereals and bakery products-----	108.4	108.0	.4	.6	2.0	143.7	251.2
Meats, poultry, and fish-----	103.5	104.1	-.6	.9	5.1	114.2	274.6
Dairy products-----	104.2	104.3	-.1	.3	-1.2	118.0	236.8
Fruits and vegetables-----	102.1	102.0	.1	-2.9	3.8	126.2	272.6
Other foods at home-----	97.2	98.1	-.9	2.1	-.7	107.4	221.9
Food away from home-----	111.9	111.8	.1	.4	2.7	(1/)	(1/)
Housing 2/-----	105.1	105.0	.1	.3	.9	134.0	176.1
Rent-----	106.2	106.1	.1	.4	1.2	146.0	168.6
Gas and electricity-----	108.1	108.0	.1	.1	.3	126.0	120.1
Solid and petroleum fuels-----	103.6	102.4	1.2	3.5	1.5	141.2	250.3
Housefurnishings-----	98.7	98.8	-.1	.2	-.6	102.7	192.4
Household operation-----	107.8	107.6	.2	.4	1.3	141.3	206.6
Apparel-----	104.3	104.9	-.6	1.8	.6	111.8	213.0
Men's and boys'-----	104.3	104.2	.1	1.4	1.0	113.4	223.3
Women's and girls'-----	102.5	104.0	-1.4	2.6	.1	101.8	186.8
Footwear-----	109.7	109.6	.1	.4	1.0	143.7	285.6
Other apparel-----	101.1	101.6	-.5	.8	.1	93.1	229.3
Transportation-----	108.3	108.1	.2	.8	1.4	152.6	217.3
Private-----	107.2	106.9	.3	.9	1.2	139.7	213.3
Public-----	115.4	116.0	-.5	-.3	1.7	214.9	264.2
Medical care-----	115.0	114.9	.1	.3	2.3	166.2	229.0
Personal care-----	107.1	106.9	.2	.3	2.2	137.2	230.3
Reading and recreation-----	110.1	109.5	.5	-.2	1.9	127.5	202.4
Other goods and services-----	105.6	105.6	0	.1	.6	134.5	190.7
Special groups:							
All items less food-----	106.7	106.7	0	.5	1.0	133.8	193.7
All items less shelter-----	106.0	106.1	-.1	.5	1.4	127.6	230.4
Commodities-----	103.9	104.0	-.1	.7	1.3	120.0	232.7
Nondurables-----	104.2	104.4	-.2	.7	1.5	122.3	238.1
Food-----	104.1	104.3	-.2	.3	2.2	122.8	260.9
Nondurables less food-----	104.4	104.6	-.2	1.2	.6	122.3	208.2
Apparel-----	104.1	104.8	-.7	1.7	.6	111.6	214.1
Apparel less footwear-----	103.0	103.8	-.8	2.0	.4	106.0	(1/)
Nondurables less food and apparel-----	104.5	104.5	0	.8	.7	131.4	199.3
Durables-----	102.2	102.0	.2	.5	.6	113.2	197.6
New cars-----	103.8	102.5	1.3	2.8	-.1	139.5	244.7
Used cars-----	119.4	119.4	0	.3	6.2	(1/)	(1/)
Durables less cars-----	98.6	98.6	0	-.1	-.3	101.7	177.4
Commodities less food-----	103.5	103.6	-.1	.9	.6	117.6	197.8
Services-----	110.0	109.8	.2	.1	1.7	156.2	194.1
Rent-----	106.2	106.1	.1	.4	1.2	146.0	168.6
Services less rent-----	110.6	110.5	.1	0	1.6	158.5	215.7
Household operation services, gas, and electricity-----	108.8	108.7	.1	.3	1.1	142.7	164.1
Transportation services-----	110.7	110.8	-.1	-.9	.5	191.3	238.7
Medical care services-----	118.0	117.8	.2	.6	3.1	176.1	249.7
Other services 3/-----	109.3	109.1	.2	0	1.8	141.1	241.9
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (Reference period=\$1.00)-----	\$0.943	\$0.943	0	-.5	-1.4	\$0.769	\$0.456

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

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(1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)

City	Indexes (1957-59=100)			Percent change to November 1962 from--		Indexes 1947-49=100 1939=100	
	November 1962	August 1962	November 1961	August 1962	November 1961	November 1962	November 1962
United States city average-----	106.0	105.5	104.6	0.5	1.3	130.1	218.9
Cities priced monthly 1/							
Chicago-----	105.0	104.4	103.8	.6	1.2	132.4	226.0
Detroit-----	102.6	102.3	101.5	.3	1.1	126.5	214.4
Los Angeles-----	107.1	106.6	105.8	.5	1.2	133.6	221.1
New York-----	107.1	106.6	105.2	.5	1.8	129.1	214.7
Philadelphia-----	105.8	105.2	104.9	.6	.9	129.9	219.5
Cities priced in February, May, August, November 2/	November 1962	August 1962	November 1961	August 1962	November 1961	November 1962	November 1962
Cleveland-----	103.7	103.8	103.1	- .1	.6	128.8	217.7
Houston-----	104.5	104.6	103.9	- .1	.6	128.7	216.3
Scranton-----	106.5	106.0	104.6	.5	1.8	127.1	217.2
Seattle-----	107.0	106.7	105.7	.3	1.2	134.5	227.3
Washington, D.C.-----	105.3	3/ 104.8	104.2	.5	1.1	4/ 126.8	5/ 209.8
Cities priced in January, April, July, October 2/	October 1962	July 1962	October 1961	July 1962	October 1961	October 1962	October 1962
Boston-----	108.2	107.2	105.4	.9	2.7	134.1	219.8
Kansas City-----	107.1	106.0	104.6	1.0	2.4	132.5	214.7
Minneapolis-----	105.9	105.7	104.4	.2	1.4	131.0	216.0
Pittsburgh-----	106.3	106.0	105.0	.3	1.2	131.0	225.5
Portland, Oregon-----	105.3	104.8	104.6	.5	.7	130.5	223.8
Cities priced in March, June, September, December 2/	September 1962	June 1962	September 1961	June 1962	September 1961	September 1962	September 1962
Atlanta-----	104.7	104.0	103.6	.7	1.1	129.6	222.4
Baltimore-----	106.0	104.8	104.4	1.1	1.5	131.5	227.2
Cincinnati-----	104.3	103.3	103.0	1.0	1.3	126.9	217.4
St. Louis-----	105.6	104.4	104.1	1.1	1.4	131.0	221.0
San Francisco-----	107.5	107.5	106.3	0	1.1	136.4	232.9

1/ Rents priced bimonthly.

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

3/ Revised.

4/ August 1962 index revised = 126.2.

5/ August 1962 index revised = 208.8.

TABLE 3: Consumer Price Index—Percent changes from October 1962 to November 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 cars	Reading and recreation	Other goods & services
United States city average--	0	-0.2	0.1	-0.6	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.5	0
Chicago-----	0	0	.1	- .1	- .1	0	- .2	0	0.2
Detroit-----	-0.2	.1	.1	- .4	-1.9	- .2	.4	0	0
Los Angeles-----	- .1	- .3	- .1	- .1	- .4	0	- .2	.4	.1
New York-----	- .1	- .5	.1	- .4	.1	.4	.5	.1	.1
Philadelphia-----	0	-1.2	.3	.3	.8	0	.8	3.1	0

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

Group	U.S. City Average	Chicago	Cleveland	Detroit	Houston	Los Angeles	New York	Philadelphia	Scranton	Seattle	Washington D. C.
Indexes (1957-59=100)											
All items-----	106.0	105.0	103.7	102.6	104.5	107.1	107.1	105.8	106.5	107.0	<u>2/</u> 105.3
Food-----	104.1	105.7	101.3	101.6	102.8	105.3	105.8	103.5	103.6	105.9	102.1
Food at home-----	102.6	105.0	99.9	100.7	100.2	103.1	103.0	101.8	102.5	103.5	100.4
Cereals and bakery products--	108.4	109.9	103.5	104.6	105.9	117.0	108.9	105.7	109.2	107.2	108.6
Meats, poultry, and fish----	103.5	106.3	104.1	100.7	100.7	100.1	104.9	102.9	104.0	105.6	101.4
Dairy products-----	104.2	110.7	99.6	106.9	99.8	106.6	102.4	104.9	101.6	106.5	103.1
Fruits and vegetables-----	102.1	101.8	98.6	98.2	102.0	107.9	102.2	98.5	99.5	105.5	94.1
Other foods at home-----	97.2	99.1	93.9	96.1	95.1	91.8	97.3	98.1	98.7	95.2	97.4
Housing-----	105.1	103.6	101.0	97.9	103.1	106.2	108.2	104.6	104.6	105.7	103.6
Rent-----	106.2	104.6	101.4	-----	99.3	106.0	-----	107.1	106.0	111.0	108.8
Gas and electricity-----	108.1	106.3	107.4	105.2	128.1	115.5	105.4	102.7	105.2	100.1	106.4
Solid and petroleum fuels-----	103.6	104.7	107.8	100.0	-----	-----	102.9	100.1	99.0	104.2	103.4
Housefurnishings-----	98.7	101.1	96.0	98.2	98.6	98.8	103.0	98.0	95.4	97.8	98.2
Household operation-----	107.8	106.5	106.0	104.1	106.0	104.2	108.9	114.9	108.9	107.2	111.8
Apparel-----	104.3	102.3	102.8	104.9	105.0	104.3	105.2	107.1	104.7	106.3	106.5
Men's and boys'-----	104.3	102.6	103.5	102.9	104.9	105.0	105.4	104.7	105.7	107.2	104.0
Women's and girls'-----	102.5	99.8	98.7	105.0	104.8	103.2	103.4	108.4	103.5	103.9	106.6
Footwear-----	109.7	109.0	111.9	109.6	107.9	108.9	111.4	109.9	107.9	112.5	111.8
Other apparel-----	101.1	98.5	102.2	100.8	102.5	100.5	100.9	104.1	99.8	104.2	105.2
Transportation-----	108.3	106.6	108.0	103.8	104.3	113.1	105.7	110.1	105.9	111.0	106.4
Private-----	107.2	106.6	106.8	101.8	102.7	109.5	107.5	109.3	106.8	110.1	105.9
Public-----	115.4	107.4	114.8	114.3	114.6	137.7	100.6	113.1	100.4	118.7	109.7
Medical care-----	115.0	118.7	118.6	114.6	108.4	114.1	115.1	120.4	114.6	110.0	<u>3/</u> 122.9
Personal care-----	107.1	106.9	104.0	106.7	112.3	102.8	106.7	106.0	114.5	107.2	108.5
Reading and recreation-----	110.1	100.6	108.3	106.0	111.1	104.0	110.3	102.7	127.9	105.6	112.0
Other goods and services-----	105.6	101.2	106.7	109.1	107.0	105.8	104.9	104.3	107.6	110.0	102.5
Percent change from August 1962 to November 1962											
All items-----	0.5	0.6	- 0.1	0.3	- 0.1	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.5
Food-----	.3	- .1	- .2	.8	- .1	.6	.1	- .1	1.3	- .1	- .5
Food at home-----	.3	- .3	- .6	.8	- .3	.8	.2	- .1	1.5	- .1	- .8
Cereals and bakery products--	.6	- .8	- .2	.1	.7	-1.1	.3	- .2	.5	.1	-1.2
Meats, poultry, and fish-----	.9	.3	.3	.7	- .3	1.3	1.8	1.7	2.6	.7	2.0
Dairy products-----	.3	.5	.4	.5	.4	- .2	- .8	2.8	2.5	- .3	1.6
Fruits and vegetables-----	-2.9	- 4.4	- 5.6	- .1	- 4.0	1.6	-3.5	- 6.6	-1.6	-1.2	-8.6
Other foods at home-----	2.1	2.8	1.6	2.8	1.7	1.5	1.9	.9	2.2	0	1.2
Housing-----	.3	.5	- .6	.2	.6	.2	.3	.2	.7	0	.9
Rent-----	.4	<u>1/</u> .1	0	-----	0	<u>1/</u> .6	-----	<u>1/</u> .1	.5	.3	.6
Gas and electricity-----	.1	.1	0	- .2	2.2	- .1	- .1	0	0	0	-1.9
Solid and petroleum fuels-----	3.5	3.9	2.3	2.8	-----	-----	3.8	3.3	2.9	1.1	4.4
Housefurnishings-----	.2	.8	- .1	.7	- .5	.3	0	.3	.3	1.6	- .3
Household operation-----	.4	1.1	.1	.5	.1	.2	0	.1	- .2	.5	.4
Apparel-----	1.8	1.7	.7	.1	.3	2.5	3.0	2.8	1.0	.5	1.3
Men's and boys'-----	1.4	1.3	.9	.2	- .5	3.0	.9	.2	.3	2.9	.8
Women's and girls'-----	2.6	3.0	.8	.1	1.0	2.8	5.8	5.9	1.9	- .6	2.5
Footwear-----	.4	.2	.4	.4	- .4	.9	.3	.2	.2	- .2	- .2
Other apparel-----	.8	.2	.4	-1.2	.2	2.1	2.1	1.1	-1.2	.3	.9
Transportation-----	.8	3.3	.1	.4	- 3.2	0	.3	1.0	.9	1.3	.5
Private-----	.9	4.3	.1	.6	- 3.3	.3	.4	1.3	1.0	1.8	.6
Public-----	- .3	- .5	0	- .1	- 2.4	-1.9	- .2	0	0	-2.1	- .3
Medical care-----	.3	.8	0	- .1	.9	0	.1	.1	1.5	.1	.4
Personal care-----	.3	- .2	- .1	- .7	.1	- .7	1.3	- 1.2	.1	- .1	- .2
Reading and recreation-----	- .2	- .1	.8	- .9	1.5	.9	- .2	3.1	-5.7	.9	2.5
Other goods and services-----	.1	- .7	- .5	0	0	- .4	.8	0	.1	.1	- .2

1/ Change from September 1962 to November 1962.

2/ August 1962 index revised = 104.8.

3/ August 1962 index revised = 122.4.

TABLE 5: Consumer Price Index--Food and its subgroups
November 1962 Indexes and percent changes, October 1962 to November 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--	104.1	-0.2	102.6	-0.3	108.4	0.4	103.5	-0.6	104.2	-0.1	102.1	0.1	97.2	-0.9
Atlanta-----	103.1	- .8	102.4	-1.0	104.7	- .1	103.4	- .6	103.1	.3	99.2	-3.2	102.2	- .9
Baltimore-----	103.6	- .6	101.0	- .4	108.0	.1	102.8	.3	98.9	.1	98.8	-2.0	98.1	- .8
Boston-----	106.4	.7	104.5	.8	108.5	.2	107.3	.6	99.3	0	109.4	3.5	98.4	- .2
Chicago-----	105.7	0	105.0	0	109.9	1.1	106.3	- .9	110.7	.1	101.8	2.1	99.1	- .9
Cincinnati-----	102.8	- .2	101.8	- .1	110.1	.4	104.6	1.4	103.3	2.0	98.5	-3.3	95.4	-1.1
Cleveland-----	101.3	- .4	99.9	- .5	103.5	- .6	104.1	- .2	99.6	.1	98.6	- .5	93.9	-1.2
Detroit-----	101.6	.1	100.7	.1	104.6	- .2	100.7	-1.1	106.9	- .1	98.2	4.6	96.1	-1.5
Houston-----	102.8	- .8	100.2	- .8	105.9	.2	100.7	-1.8	99.8	- .2	102.0	-1.2	95.1	- .5
Kansas City-----	104.4	- .1	103.8	- .1	108.4	- .1	103.0	- .5	106.2	-1.8	105.8	3.2	99.1	-1.3
Los Angeles-----	105.3	- .3	103.1	- .4	117.0	.3	100.1	- .9	106.6	- .1	107.9	1.0	91.8	-1.7
Minneapolis-----	100.9	- .6	99.0	- .9	98.2	-2.8	100.0	-1.5	102.4	0	98.0	1.3	96.6	-1.4
New York-----	105.8	- .5	103.0	- .7	108.9	.4	104.9	.1	102.4	-1.8	102.2	-1.6	97.3	- .6
Philadelphia-----	103.5	-1.2	101.8	-1.5	105.7	.6	102.9	.4	104.9	.2	98.5	-8.3	98.1	- .5
Pittsburgh-----	102.5	- .3	102.1	- .3	107.1	0	106.7	- .4	99.8	.1	98.3	.3	97.8	-1.4
Portland, Oreg.-----	104.1	- .4	102.5	- .5	104.2	- .4	105.0	- .7	106.8	- .1	103.1	- .2	95.7	- .7
St. Louis-----	104.5	.7	102.3	.2	106.0	- .1	104.2	- .2	101.8	- .5	103.1	2.4	97.1	- .7
San Francisco-----	105.8	.2	103.6	.2	110.2	3.6	102.5	-1.5	106.7	- .1	110.1	2.2	93.2	-1.7
Scranton-----	103.6	- .5	102.5	- .4	109.2	0	104.0	- .7	101.6	.1	99.5	- .6	98.7	- .6
Seattle-----	105.9	0	103.5	.1	107.2	0	105.6	0	106.5	.1	105.5	2.5	95.2	-1.7
Washington, D. C.---	102.1	-1.3	100.4	-1.7	108.6	- .4	101.4	-1.0	103.1	.1	94.1	-5.7	97.4	-1.2

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

Food and unit	November 1962	October 1962	Food and unit	November 1962	October 1962
Cereals and bakery products:	Cents	Cents	Fresh--Continued	Cents	Cents
Flour, wheat-----5 lb.	57.5	57.4	Grapefruit-----each	13.6	15.6
Biscuit mix-----40 oz.	48.2	48.2	Peaches *-----lb.	*	*
Macaroni-----16 oz.	24.9	24.9	Strawberries *-----pt.	*	*
Corn meal-----1b.	14.2	14.2	Grapes, seedless *-----lb.	(2/)	24.9
Rolled oats-----18 oz.	24.1	23.9	Watermelons *-----lb.	*	*
Corn flakes-----12 oz.	28.0	27.8	Potatoes-----10 lb.	60.7	61.5
Rice, short grain-----1b.	19.3	19.3	Sweet potatoes-----lb.	13.0	13.7
Rice, long grain-----1b.	21.3	21.5	Corn *-----doz. ears	*	*
Bread, white-----1b.	21.3	21.2	Onions-----1b.	9.7	10.0
Soda crackers-----1b.	31.1	31.1	Carrots-----1b.	14.9	14.6
Sandwich cookies-----16 oz.	52.3	52.3	Lettuce-----head	21.4	18.1
Meats, poultry, and fish:			Celery-----1b.	13.6	12.8
Round steak-----1b.	110.9	111.2	Cabbage-----1b.	8.2	8.3
Sirloin steak-----1b.	115.4	114.9	Tomatoes-----1b.	26.4	22.4
Chuck roast-----1b.	65.1	65.0	Beans, green-----1b.	25.2	23.3
Rib roast-----1b.	87.3	87.0	Canned:		
Hamburger-----1b.	53.2	53.4	Orange juice-----46 oz. can	40.3	40.5
Veal cutlets-----1b.	150.6	150.2	Pineapple juice-----46 oz. can	32.9	33.0
Pork chops, center cut-----1b.	90.4	91.9	Peaches-----#2 1/2 can	31.8	32.0
Pork roast-----1b.	65.2	67.0	Pineapple-----#2 can	39.2	39.1
Bacon, sliced-----1b.	70.9	73.6	Fruit cocktail-----#303 can	25.4	25.5
Ham, whole-----1b.	63.3	62.9	Corn, cream style-----#303 can	19.7	19.8
Lamb, leg-----1b.	74.3	74.1	Peas, green-----#303 can	22.4	22.5
Frankfurters-----1b.	64.4	64.7	Tomatoes-----#303 can	15.4	15.6
Luncheon meat, canned-----12 oz.	50.7	50.7	Tomato juice-----46 oz. can	31.8	31.9
Frying chickens, ready-to-cook-----1b.	41.5	40.8	Baby foods-----4 1/2 to 5 oz.	10.9	10.8
Ocean perch, fillet, frozen-----1b.	50.7	50.9	Dried:		
Haddock, fillet, frozen-----1b.	55.4	55.6	Prunes-----1b.	39.6	39.8
Salmon, pink, canned-----16 oz.	74.7	75.1	Beans-----1b.	17.5	17.4
Tuna fish, canned-----6 to 6 1/2 oz.	34.6	34.8	Other foods at home:		
Dairy products:			Tomato soup-----10 1/2 to 11 oz. can	12.4	12.3
Milk, fresh, (grocery)-----qt.	24.5	24.5	Beans, with pork-----16 oz. can	15.0	15.0
Milk, fresh, (delivered)-----qt.	26.1	26.2	Pickles, sliced-----15 oz.	26.9	26.8
Ice cream-----1/2 gal.	85.6	85.4	Ketchup, tomato-----14 oz.	22.9	23.0
Butter-----1b.	75.0	75.0	Potato chips-----4 oz.	27.9	27.9
Cheese, American process-----1/2 lb.	36.1	36.1	Coffee-----1b. can	69.5	71.1
Milk, evaporated-----14 1/2 oz. can	15.5	15.5	Coffee-----1b. bag	56.9	56.5
Fruits and vegetables:			Coffee, instant-----6 oz.	91.7	91.8
Frozen:			Tea bags 1/ -----pkg. of 48	65.0	64.4
Strawberries-----10 oz.	27.3	27.1	Cola drink, carton-----72 oz.	50.0	50.2
Orange juice concentrate-----6 oz.	19.7	19.8	Shortening, hydrogenated-----3 lb.	85.6	85.4
Lemonade concentrate-----6 oz.	13.4	13.5	Margarine, colored-----1b.	27.9	28.0
Peas, green-----10 oz.	20.8	20.9	Lard-----1b.	20.3	20.2
Beans, green-----9 oz.	22.9	22.9	Salad dressing-----pt.	38.3	38.4
Potatoes, french fried-----9 oz.	18.9	18.7	Peanut butter-----1b.	57.9	57.8
Fresh:			Sugar-----5 lb.	58.9	58.8
Apples-----1b.	14.0	13.8	Corn syrup-----24 oz.	27.5	27.4
Bananas-----1b.	16.7	16.6	Grape jelly-----12 oz.	29.8	29.7
Oranges, size 200-----doz.	83.9	93.0	Chocolate bar-----1 oz.	4.5	4.5
Lemons-----1b.	23.8	20.6	Eggs, Grade A, large-----doz.	57.7	59.7
			Gelatin, flavored-----3 to 4 oz.	9.9	9.9

* Priced only in season.

1/ Unit changed from pkg. of 16, effective November 1962.

2/ Not available.

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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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