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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR JANUARY 1963

The Consumer Price Index rose by 0.2 percent in January 1963, to 106.0 percent of its 1957-59 average, the United States Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics announced today. Higher food prices were largely responsible for the advance, as prices of used cars and apparel declined. Compared with a year ago, the January index was up by 1.4 percent, with all major groups of goods and services sharing in the advance.

FOOD

Retail food prices increased by 1.2 percent in January, primarily because of sharply higher prices of fruits and vegetables which resulted from freezing weather in mid-December and from the East and Gulf Coast dock strikes. Leading the advance were higher prices for fresh oranges, canned and frozen orange juice, grapefruit, bananas, tomatoes, green beans, cabbage, and lettuce.

Bread prices also were higher, and egg prices rose instead of declining as they usually do in January. Prices of beef and pork were down moderately, but chicken prices advanced. Dairy products prices were off slightly as fresh and canned milk both declined.

Food prices in January were 2.1 percent above their levels of a year earlier, reflecting advances for all major categories of food purchased for home consumption except dairy products, which declined 1.7 percent. Prices of restaurant meals rose 2.8 percent over the year.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation costs dropped by 1.3 percent in January. Used car prices fell 7.3 percent to a level only 0.1 percent above January 1962. Prices of new cars were 0.5 percent lower than in December, and were down 1.2 percent from a year earlier. Gasoline prices declined by 0.8 percent during the month, while prices of tires advanced by 2.0 percent.

OTHER GOODS  
AND SERVICES

Apparel prices dropped 0.9 percent, largely because of special sales of women's and girls' outerwear. Prices of men's and boys' apparel and footwear also were slightly lower. Substantial reductions were reported in prices of household textiles represented in January "white sales". The January 7 increase in postal rates was mainly responsible for a 1.1 percent rise in household operating costs. Medical care averaged 0.2 percent higher, reflecting increases in professional fees, hospital rooms, and hospitalization insurance. Movie admissions rose 0.8 percent. Prices of toilet goods declined.

COST-OF-LIVING  
ADJUSTMENTS

Cost-of-living allowances for slightly more than one million workers, concentrated in the automobile, farm equipment, and aerospace industries, will remain unchanged, as the Consumer Price Index in January is at the same level as in October 1962. About 13,000 workers in various small industries will receive 1 to 3 cents an hour based on semiannual or annual reviews.

TABLE 1: Consumer Price Index--United States city average  
Major group, subgroup, and special group indexes, January 1963  
and percent changes from selected dates

(1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)

Group	Indexes (1957-59=100)		Percent change to January 1963 from --			Indexes	
	January 1963	December 1962	December 1962	October 1962	January 1962	1947-49=100	1939=100
						January 1963	January 1963
All items-----	106.0	105.8	0.2	0	1.4	130.1	218.9
Food-----	104.7	103.5	1.2	.4	2.1	123.5	262.4
Food at home-----	103.2	101.9	1.3	.3	2.0	119.9	254.6
Cereals and bakery products-----	108.7	108.2	.5	.6	2.0	144.1	251.9
Meats, poultry, and fish-----	102.5	102.5	0	-1.5	2.7	113.1	271.9
Dairy products-----	103.8	103.9	-.1	-.5	-1.7	117.5	235.9
Fruits and vegetables-----	106.4	100.2	6.2	4.3	5.8	131.5	284.1
Other foods at home-----	97.6	97.2	.4	-.5	.4	107.8	222.8
Food away from home-----	112.3	112.2	.1	.4	2.8	(1/)	(1/)
Housing 2/-----	105.4	105.2	.2	.4	1.0	134.4	176.6
Rent-----	106.3	106.2	.1	.2	1.1	146.2	168.8
Gas and electricity-----	108.2	108.1	.1	.2	.4	126.2	120.2
Solid and petroleum fuels-----	104.9	104.8	.1	2.4	1.0	143.0	253.5
Housefurnishings-----	97.9	98.6	-.7	-.9	-.8	101.9	190.9
Household operation-----	109.3	108.1	1.1	1.6	2.6	143.3	209.5
Apparel-----	103.0	103.9	-.9	-1.8	1.2	110.4	210.4
Men's and boys'-----	103.5	104.3	-.8	-.7	1.1	112.5	221.6
Women's and girls'-----	100.2	101.5	-1.3	-3.7	1.6	99.5	182.6
Footwear-----	109.8	109.9	-.1	.2	.8	143.8	285.9
Other apparel-----	100.3	101.3	-1.0	-1.3	.3	92.4	227.5
Transportation-----	106.6	108.0	-1.3	-1.4	.6	150.2	213.9
Private-----	105.3	106.8	-1.4	-1.5	.5	137.2	209.5
Public-----	115.7	115.7	0	-.3	.9	215.4	264.9
Medical care-----	115.5	115.3	.2	.5	2.6	166.9	230.0
Personal care-----	107.4	107.6	-.2	.5	1.7	137.6	230.9
Reading and recreation-----	110.2	110.0	.2	.6	1.6	127.6	202.6
Other goods and services-----	105.7	105.6	.1	.1	.8	134.7	190.8
Special groups:							
All items less food-----	106.5	106.7	-.2	-.2	1.1	133.6	193.3
All items less shelter-----	105.9	105.8	.1	-.2	1.4	127.5	230.2
Commodities-----	103.6	103.6	0	-.4	1.3	119.7	232.0
Nondurables-----	104.3	104.0	.3	-.1	1.7	122.4	238.3
Food-----	104.7	103.5	1.2	.4	2.1	123.5	262.4
Nondurables less food-----	104.0	104.6	-.6	-.6	1.1	121.8	207.4
Apparel-----	102.8	103.7	-.9	-1.9	1.2	110.2	211.5
Apparel less footwear-----	101.5	102.5	-1.0	-2.2	1.3	104.4	(1/)
Nondurables less food and apparel-----	104.7	105.1	-.4	.2	1.1	131.6	199.7
Durables-----	100.4	101.7	-1.3	-1.6	-.4	111.2	194.1
New cars-----	102.1	102.6	-.5	-.4	-1.2	137.2	240.7
Used cars-----	108.2	116.7	-7.3	-9.4	.1	(1/)	(1/)
Durables less cars-----	98.5	98.6	-.1	-.1	-.2	101.6	177.3
Commodities less food-----	102.6	103.4	-.8	-1.0	.6	116.6	196.1
Services-----	110.5	110.1	.4	.6	1.7	156.9	195.0
Rent-----	106.3	106.2	.1	.2	1.1	146.2	168.8
Services less rent-----	111.2	110.8	.4	.6	1.7	159.3	216.9
Household operation services, gas, and electricity-----	109.9	109.1	.7	1.1	1.9	144.2	165.7
Transportation services-----	111.1	110.9	.2	.3	.4	192.0	239.6
Medical care services-----	118.5	118.2	.3	.6	3.0	176.8	250.7
Other services 3/-----	109.7	109.3	.4	.5	1.7	141.6	242.8
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (Reference period=\$1.00)-----	\$0.943	\$0.945	-.2	0	-1.5	\$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

(1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)

City	Indexes (1957-59=100)			Percent change to from--		Indexes	
	January 1963	October 1962	January 1962	October 1962	January 1962	1947-49=100 January 1963	1939=100 January 1963
	<b>United States city average</b>	106.0	106.0	104.5	0	1.4	130.1
<b>Cities priced monthly 1/</b>							
Chicago	104.7	105.0	103.9	- 0.3	.8	132.0	225.3
Detroit	102.5	102.8	101.1	- .3	1.4	126.4	214.1
Los Angeles	107.3	107.2	105.7	.1	1.5	133.8	221.5
New York	107.5	107.2	105.6	.3	1.8	129.5	215.5
Philadelphia	105.9	105.8	104.5	.1	1.3	130.0	219.7
<b>Cities priced in January, April, July, October 2/</b>	January 1963	October 1962	January 1962	October 1962	January 1962	January 1963	January 1963
Boston	108.6	108.2	106.2	.4	2.3	134.6	220.6
Kansas City	105.9	107.1	105.2	- 1.1	.7	131.0	212.3
Minneapolis	106.0	105.9	104.3	.1	1.6	131.1	216.2
Pittsburgh	106.5	106.3	105.2	.2	1.2	131.2	225.9
Portland, Oregon	105.7	105.3	103.8	.4	1.8	131.0	224.6
<b>Cities priced in March, June, September, December 2/</b>	December 1962	September 1962	December 1961	September 1962	December 1961	December 1962	December 1962
Atlanta	104.5	104.7	103.4	- .2	1.1	129.4	221.9
Baltimore	105.7	106.0	104.4	- .3	1.2	131.2	226.6
Cincinnati	104.0	104.3	102.6	- .3	1.4	126.6	216.8
St. Louis	106.0	105.6	104.4	.4	1.5	131.5	221.8
San Francisco	107.8	107.5	106.5	.3	1.2	136.8	233.5
<b>Cities priced in February, May, August, November 2/</b>	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	104.8	104.2	.5	1.1	126.8	209.8

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 December 1962 to January 1963  
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
<b>United States city average</b>	0.2	1.2	0.2	- 0.9	- 1.3	0.2	- 0.2	0.2	0.1
Chicago	0	1.2	0	- 1.8	- 1.1	.4	0	-.2	.1
Detroit	0	.7	-.1	0	- 1.5	-.1	-.4	.7	0
Los Angeles	.1	1.1	0	-.7	- 1.4	.4	-.3	-.2	0
New York	.6	1.6	.4	-.5	-.2	.3	-.1	-.6	.1
Philadelphia	.2	1.5	.2	- 1.1	- 1.5	0	-.4	-.5	0

TABLE 4: Consumer Price Index--All items and commodity groups  
 January 1963 indexes and percent changes, October 1962 to January 1963  
 U.S. city average and 10 cities priced in January 1963

Group	U.S. City Average	Boston	Chicago	Detroit	Kansas City	Los Angeles	Minne- apolis	New York	Phila- delphia	Pitts- burgh	Portland, Oregon
	Indexes (1957-59=100)										
All items-----	106.0	108.6	104.7	102.5	105.9	107.3	106.0	107.5	105.9	106.5	105.7
Food-----	104.7	106.4	105.6	101.3	103.2	106.8	101.5	106.6	104.5	103.2	105.3
Food at home-----	103.2	104.4	104.8	100.3	102.3	104.7	99.8	104.0	102.8	102.9	103.6
Cereals and bakery products--	108.7	108.5	110.5	104.7	107.7	118.9	95.9	110.1	105.7	110.4	108.1
Meats, poultry, and fish----	102.5	105.6	105.5	99.3	99.9	99.5	100.4	104.0	101.6	105.5	104.8
Dairy products-----	103.8	98.4	110.7	106.3	105.6	108.6	101.7	101.7	103.4	99.9	105.9
Fruits and vegetables-----	106.4	113.2	102.0	98.1	103.8	112.6	104.1	108.8	107.8	101.0	105.0
Other foods at home-----	97.6	97.7	98.6	96.4	98.9	93.1	97.1	97.6	98.1	98.8	97.1
Housing-----	105.4	110.9	103.6	97.9	105.6	106.3	104.4	109.1	105.3	106.5	105.5
Rent-----	106.3	116.0	104.5	-----	103.6	106.3	106.5	-----	107.0	106.0	104.8
Gas and electricity-----	108.2	102.8	107.2	105.1	109.5	115.5	104.3	105.3	102.7	111.8	102.5
Solid and petroleum fuels-----	104.9	106.6	104.7	100.4	114.2	-----	102.2	105.6	108.0	-----	105.0
Housefurnishings-----	97.9	99.6	100.0	96.9	96.8	97.8	96.3	102.7	97.2	101.6	95.0
Household operation-----	109.3	112.7	107.6	105.2	112.4	105.9	105.3	112.1	115.7	114.5	108.8
Apparel-----	103.0	103.5	100.7	103.8	101.2	103.9	102.6	103.7	105.4	102.5	104.3
Men's and boys'-----	103.5	100.3	101.6	101.9	105.4	104.3	105.9	105.2	104.6	102.2	105.7
Women's and girls'-----	100.2	103.3	96.3	103.2	95.6	102.8	99.1	100.6	105.0	97.8	100.9
Footwear-----	109.8	111.1	110.1	109.6	111.3	109.1	108.5	111.4	110.1	115.0	111.8
Other apparel-----	100.3	100.1	98.8	100.1	96.4	100.0	96.6	99.5	102.0	100.9	100.5
Transportation-----	106.6	108.9	105.3	104.5	105.2	111.4	107.4	105.0	108.1	110.0	104.3
Private-----	105.3	102.3	105.0	102.6	104.1	107.4	106.2	106.7	106.8	105.4	103.2
Public-----	115.7	131.6	107.4	114.4	111.3	138.5	116.6	100.6	113.1	125.9	111.0
Medical care-----	115.5	113.8	119.2	114.5	114.4	114.5	129.3	115.8	120.7	123.2	111.0
Personal care-----	107.4	108.6	107.2	107.1	111.8	105.0	106.8	106.6	105.7	102.4	109.3
Reading and recreation-----	110.2	117.9	100.4	106.5	111.1	103.0	114.5	110.2	100.5	108.2	109.2
Other goods and services-----	105.7	101.8	101.3	109.1	110.6	105.9	104.3	105.0	104.3	105.5	103.8
Percent change from October 1962 to January 1963											
All items-----	0	0.4	- 0.3	- 0.3	- 1.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.4
Food-----	.4	.7	- .1	- .2	- 1.2	1.1	0	.3	- .3	.4	.8
Food at home-----	.3	.7	- .2	- .3	- 1.5	1.2	- .1	.3	- .5	.5	.6
Cereals and bakery products--	.6	.2	1.7	- .1	- .7	1.9	-5.0	1.5	- .6	3.1	3.3
Meats, poultry, and fish----	- 1.5	- 1.0	- 1.7	- 2.5	- 3.5	- 1.5	-1.1	- .8	- .9	- 1.5	- .9
Dairy products-----	- .5	- .9	.1	- .7	- 2.4	1.8	- .7	- 2.5	- 1.2	.2	- .9
Fruits and vegetables-----	4.3	7.1	2.3	4.5	1.3	5.4	7.7	4.7	.4	3.1	1.6
Other foods at home-----	- .5	- .9	- 1.4	- 1.2	- 1.5	- .3	- .9	- .3	- .5	- .4	.7
Housing-----	.4	1.1	.1	.1	.1	0	1.0	.9	1.0	.1	.8
Rent-----	.2	.3	<u>1/</u> - .1	-----	.4	<u>1/</u> .3	.5	-----	<u>1/</u> - .1	- .1	.3
Gas and electricity-----	.2	- 1.1	.8	- .1	.2	0	.3	- .1	0	.1	0
Solid and petroleum fuels-----	2.4	6.0	0	.5	1.6	-----	- .9	4.6	9.2	-----	0
Housefurnishings-----	- .9	- .5	- .8	- 1.0	- 1.1	- 1.6	- .5	- .5	- .3	- .1	0
Household operation-----	1.6	.6	1.3	2.0	.9	1.7	1.4	2.9	1.0	1.5	.9
Apparel-----	-1.8	- 1.7	- 1.7	- 1.4	- 3.3	- .5	- .6	- 1.8	- 1.3	.9	0
Men's and boys'-----	- .7	- 1.6	- 1.0	- 1.0	.4	- .3	1.0	- .1	0	.3	- .4
Women's and girls'-----	-3.7	- 3.1	- 3.6	- 2.5	- 7.1	- 1.2	-1.8	- 3.6	- 2.7	- .2	- .6
Footwear-----	.2	1.7	1.1	.3	- .8	.6	-1.0	0	.2	4.1	1.2
Other apparel-----	-1.3	- 1.0	- .7	- 2.2	- 2.1	.5	- .4	- 1.7	- 1.5	1.5	1.5
Transportation-----	- 1.4	- 1.0	- 1.3	- 1.2	- 3.8	- 1.9	-2.4	- .6	- 1.0	- .9	- .5
Private-----	- 1.5	- 1.4	- 1.5	- 1.4	- 4.5	- 2.0	-2.5	- .6	- 1.3	- 1.1	- .4
Public-----	- .3	0	- .5	0	- .4	- 1.4	-1.1	- .2	0	0	- 1.3
Medical care-----	.5	.4	.4	- .3	.2	.4	.2	1.0	.2	0	1.1
Personal care-----	.5	1.0	.1	.8	- .1	1.9	- .2	.4	.5	- .4	- .6
Reading and recreation-----	.6	- .2	- .2	.5	- 1.2	- .6	1.5	0	.9	- .2	- 1.2
Other goods and services-----	.1	.1	.3	0	- .4	.2	- .1	.2	0	.3	0

1/ Change from November 1962 to January 1963

**TABLE 5: Consumer Price Index--Food and its subgroups**  
 January 1963 Indexes and Percent Changes, December 1962 to January 1963  
 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--	104.7	1.2	103.2	1.3	108.7	0.5	102.5	0	103.8	-0.1	106.4	6.2	97.6	0.4
Atlanta-----	104.0	1.3	103.6	1.6	103.9	-.9	101.7	-.7	102.6	-.2	109.6	10.5	102.2	.6
Baltimore-----	104.6	1.2	101.9	1.3	107.6	-.5	101.8	-.5	98.9	0	106.0	8.5	98.1	.3
Boston-----	106.4	.7	104.4	.7	108.5	.2	105.6	0	98.4	-.9	113.2	4.9	97.7	-.5
Chicago-----	105.6	1.2	104.8	1.4	110.5	0	105.5	1.7	110.7	.2	102.0	5.4	98.6	-.3
Cincinnati-----	103.1	1.4	102.1	1.7	106.8	1.3	101.7	-.4	103.3	0	106.8	9.3	95.8	-.1
Cleveland-----	101.7	.9	100.6	1.2	104.9	1.5	103.0	0	99.5	-.1	102.2	5.8	94.5	.1
Detroit-----	101.3	.7	100.3	.9	104.7	0	99.3	.2	106.3	.1	98.1	3.4	96.4	.7
Houston-----	103.2	.8	100.4	1.0	105.0	-.3	99.8	0	98.8	2.5	106.2	3.3	95.1	.3
Kansas City-----	103.2	0	102.3	0	107.7	-.5	99.9	-1.7	105.6	.3	103.8	1.7	98.9	.9
Los Angeles-----	106.8	1.1	104.7	1.6	118.9	1.7	99.5	-.9	108.6	1.7	112.6	4.4	93.1	1.9
Minneapolis-----	101.5	.7	99.8	.9	95.9	-2.1	100.4	1.1	101.7	-.5	104.1	5.8	97.1	.3
New York-----	106.6	1.6	104.0	2.0	110.1	1.1	104.0	.3	101.7	-.1	108.8	9.0	97.6	.9
Philadelphia-----	104.5	1.5	102.8	1.6	105.7	-.1	101.6	.1	103.4	-1.4	107.8	10.6	98.1	.3
Pittsburgh-----	103.2	1.5	102.9	1.7	110.4	3.9	105.5	-.8	99.9	.2	101.0	7.4	98.8	.8
Portland, Oreg.-----	105.3	1.3	103.6	1.3	108.1	2.7	104.8	.5	105.9	-.9	105.0	3.8	97.1	1.0
St. Louis-----	104.9	.3	103.0	.5	106.1	.6	102.0	-2.0	104.3	-.2	107.1	5.5	98.3	.1
San Francisco-----	106.7	1.0	104.6	1.3	110.5	-.4	103.6	1.0	106.7	-.2	111.8	4.2	94.8	.6
Scranton-----	104.1	1.2	103.0	1.4	108.8	-.1	102.1	.1	101.7	0	106.7	8.2	98.4	.3
Seattle-----	106.3	.4	103.9	.4	107.1	-.1	105.9	-.4	106.3	.1	106.4	2.8	96.1	-.2
Washington, D. C.---	103.9	2.1	102.4	2.5	108.8	.6	100.5	.4	103.1	.7	106.3	13.3	97.4	0

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

Food and unit	January 1963	December 1962	Food and unit	January 1963	December 1962
	Cents	Cents		Cents	Cents
<b>Cereals and bakery products:</b>			<b>Fresh--Continued</b>		
Flour, wheat-----5 lb.	57.2	57.4	Grapefruit-----each	15.6	12.8
Biscuit mix-----40 oz.	48.0	48.0	Peaches *-----lb.	*	*
Macaroni-----16 oz.	24.9	24.9	Strawberries *-----pt.	*	*
Corn meal-----1b.	14.3	14.2	Grapes, seedless *-----lb.	*	*
Rolled oats-----18 oz.	24.0	23.9	Watermelons *-----lb.	*	*
Corn flakes-----12 oz.	28.2	28.1	Potatoes-----10 lb.	62.0	60.7
Rice, short grain-----1b.	19.4	19.4	Sweet potatoes-----1b.	13.2	13.2
Rice, long grain-----1b.	21.5	21.3	Corn *-----doz. ears	*	*
Bread, white-----1b.	21.4	21.2	Onions-----1b.	9.8	9.8
Soda crackers-----1b.	31.1	31.2	Carrots-----1b.	15.2	15.1
Sandwich cookies-----16 oz.	52.4	52.4	Lettuce-----head	18.4	16.4
<b>Meats, poultry, and fish:</b>			Celery-----1b.	14.7	13.2
Round steak-----1b.	110.8	112.0	Cabbage-----1b.	12.4	8.9
Sirloin steak-----1b.	114.2	114.7	Tomatoes-----1b.	38.5	33.0
Chuck roast-----1b.	65.2	65.2	Beans, green-----1b.	33.9	26.2
Rib roast-----1b.	88.4	87.5	<b>Canned:</b>		
Hamburger-----1b.	53.1	53.4	Orange juice-----46 oz. can	42.1	39.8
Veal cutlets-----1b.	149.9	150.4	Pineapple juice-----46 oz. can	33.0	33.0
Pork chops, center cut-----1b.	89.0	88.5	Peaches-----#2 1/2 can	32.2	32.0
Pork roast-----1b.	64.0	64.1	Pineapple-----#2 can	39.1	39.2
Bacon, sliced-----1b.	68.9	69.7	Fruit cocktail-----#303 can	25.4	25.5
Ham, whole-----1b.	63.2	63.9	Corn, cream style-----#303 can	19.5	19.6
Lamb, leg-----1b.	73.6	73.5	Peas, green-----#303 can	22.6	22.6
Frankfurters-----1b.	63.8	64.0	Tomatoes-----#303 can	15.3	15.4
Luncheon meat, canned-----12 oz.	50.6	50.7	Tomato juice-----46 oz. can	31.6	31.8
Frying chickens, ready-to-cook-----1b.	40.4	39.0	Baby foods-----4 1/2 to 5 oz.	10.9	10.9
Ocean perch, fillet, frozen-----1b.	51.7	51.3	<b>Dried:</b>		
Haddock, fillet, frozen-----1b.	56.7	56.2	Prunes-----1b.	39.6	39.7
Salmon, pink, canned-----16 oz.	73.8	74.1	Beans-----1b.	17.6	17.5
Tuna fish, canned-----6 to 6 1/2 oz.	34.4	34.4	<b>Other foods at home:</b>		
<b>Dairy products:</b>			Tomato soup-----10 1/2 to 11 oz. can	12.3	12.3
Milk, fresh, (grocery)-----qt.	24.4	24.4	Beans, with pork-----16 oz. can	15.0	14.9
Milk, fresh, (delivered)-----qt.	26.0	26.0	Pickles, sliced-----15 oz.	26.9	26.9
Ice cream-----1/2 gal.	85.1	85.1	Catsup, tomato-----14 oz.	22.5	22.6
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	69.2	69.2
Milk, evaporated-----14 1/2 oz. can	15.4	15.5	Coffee, instant-----1b. bag	56.6	56.7
<b>Fruits and vegetables:</b>			Coffee, instant-----6 oz.	91.7	91.2
<b>Frozen:</b>			Tea bags-----pkg. of 48	63.7	64.8
Strawberries-----10 oz.	27.3	27.3	Cola drink, carton-----72 oz.	50.3	50.1
Orange juice concentrate-----6 oz.	24.7	19.6	Shortening, hydrogenated-----3 lb.	85.7	85.7
Lemonade concentrate-----6 oz.	13.7	13.4	Margarine, colored-----1b.	27.7	27.7
Peas, green-----10 oz.	20.9	20.7	Lard-----1b.	20.2	20.2
Beans, green-----9 oz.	22.9	22.7	Salad dressing-----pt.	38.0	38.1
Potatoes, french fried-----9 oz.	18.4	18.8	Peanut butter-----1b.	57.5	57.7
<b>Fresh:</b>			Sugar-----5 lb.	58.8	58.8
Apples-----1b.	14.4	14.6	Corn syrup-----24 oz.	27.7	27.5
Bananas-----1b.	17.9	16.1	Grape jelly-----12 oz.	29.8	29.8
Oranges, size 200-----doz.	78.6	72.9	Chocolate bar-----1 oz.	4.5	4.5
Lemons-----1b.	27.6	26.4	Eggs, Grade A, large-----doz.	59.2	58.1
			Gelatin, flavored-----3 to 4 oz.	10.0	9.9

\* Priced only in season.

TABLE A: Consumer Price Index--All items and commodity groups  
 1962 annual average indexes and percent changes, 1961 to 1962  
 5 cities priced in January 1963  
 (1957-59=100)

Group	Boston		Kansas City		Minneapolis		Pittsburgh		Portland, Ore.	
	Index	Percent change	Index	Percent change	Index	Percent change	Index	Percent change	Index	Percent change
All items-----	107.4	2.2	106.1	1.5	105.5	1.2	105.9	0.9	104.6	0.5
Food-----	104.6	2.1	103.3	1.4	101.8	.6	102.4	.1	103.6	.6
Food at home-----	102.8	1.7	102.6	1.5	100.2	.5	102.0	-.2	101.9	.5
Cereals and bakery products-----	107.9	4.8	108.0	1.0	102.3	.9	107.4	-.2	102.2	-1.0
Meats, poultry, and fish-----	104.1	4.2	100.4	3.7	100.2	2.0	104.4	2.5	102.7	4.2
Dairy products-----	98.1	-.3	106.2	-.4	102.9	-.6	99.2	-3.0	105.6	.8
Fruits and vegetables-----	108.2	.7	106.1	2.8	102.7	0	102.7	.5	107.2	.8
Other foods at home-----	97.1	-1.2	97.0	-.6	95.1	0	97.2	-1.7	94.6	-3.3
Housing-----	109.2	1.5	105.2	1.2	103.5	.7	106.4	1.1	104.0	.1
Rent-----	114.8	2.4	103.3	.1	105.9	1.0	105.9	.9	104.0	1.2
Gas and electricity-----	104.0	-.9	109.1	1.5	104.1	-1.6	112.6	3.3	102.5	0
Solid and petroleum fuels-----	103.6	-2.5	113.3	1.9	101.1	.3	-----	-----	101.6	2.7
Housefurnishings-----	99.7	.2	97.8	-.4	96.6	-.6	101.7	.6	95.6	-.6
Household operation-----	110.9	3.5	111.2	2.5	104.0	.7	112.8	1.7	107.5	1.3
Apparel-----	103.6	1.1	101.8	-1.0	101.3	2.4	101.1	.2	102.9	-.7
Men's and boys'-----	101.4	-.8	104.0	-.3	103.8	2.0	101.9	.1	104.5	1.0
Women's and girls'-----	103.6	2.0	97.5	-3.2	98.4	3.4	97.0	-.2	99.7	-2.3
Footwear-----	109.2	1.5	111.7	4.1	106.8	1.3	110.5	1.5	110.1	1.2
Other apparel-----	99.7	.4	97.6	-1.6	96.1	1.3	99.8	-.3	98.4	-3.2
Transportation-----	109.5	7.4	107.4	2.1	107.8	1.6	110.7	2.4	104.9	.8
Private-----	103.0	1.4	106.6	2.1	106.5	1.8	106.2	.5	103.7	.1
Public-----	131.6	27.5	111.8	2.3	117.8	.3	125.9	8.3	112.3	5.3
Medical care-----	113.0	3.5	113.8	1.9	128.1	3.4	120.1	4.5	109.4	.3
Personal care-----	107.0	1.7	110.3	6.5	106.0	3.9	103.5	.3	106.9	3.6
Reading and recreation-----	116.1	3.4	112.6	1.7	112.5	2.7	108.8	-.2	110.3	4.2
Other goods and services-----	101.8	.2	109.6	5.3	104.4	1.2	105.1	.8	103.4	.3

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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