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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR FEBRUARY 1963

The Consumer Price Index increased by 0.1 percent in February, returning to its record high of 106.1 (1957-59=100) which was first reached last September, the United States Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics announced today. Higher prices for food and apparel were largely responsible for the advance. The index was 1.2 percent above a year ago, primarily because of continuing increases in prices of services and foods.

FOOD

Food prices rose by 0.3 percent on the average in February largely as a result of higher prices of fruits and vegetables. Prices of oranges and orange juice concentrate advanced sharply, and prices of most fresh vegetables, especially lettuce and cabbage, rose substantially--the aftermath of freezing weather in producing areas during December and January. Banana prices declined, as supplies returned to normal levels following the end of the East and Gulf Coast dockworkers' strike. Green bean prices also dropped, as the Florida crop was supplemented by shipments from Mexico.

Meat prices averaged lower, with seasonal increases in supplies of pork and some decline in beef prices, but poultry prices were up a little. Egg and milk prices were off seasonally, but bread and sugar prices advanced.

Compared with a year ago, food prices were up 1.8 percent largely because of an advance of 6.3 percent in fruit and vegetable prices and some increase in prices of meats, cereals, and restaurant meals. Dairy products prices were lower over the year.

OTHER GOODS
AND SERVICES

Apparel prices were up by 0.3 percent during the month as many items returned to their regular prices following special January sales. Women's and girls' apparel showed the largest advance (0.5 percent), as new spring lines appeared in the stores, although clothing for all family members cost slightly more.

Private transportation costs were unchanged on the average as lower prices for new cars, gasoline, and tires offset advances in used car prices and auto insurance rates. Public transportation was up 0.5 percent, reflecting transit fare increases.

Rents continued to edge up and housefurnishings also advanced. Gas and electricity rates were somewhat lower.

COST-OF-LIVING
ADJUSTMENTS

Cost-of-living allowances determined on a quarterly basis for more than 100,000 workers (primarily in the aerospace industry) will remain unchanged on the basis of the February index. About 2,500 metal-working and meatpacking workers will receive an increase of 1 cent an hour based on quarterly or semiannual adjustments, and 16,000 trucking workers in New England will get 6 cents (or 1.5 mills a mile) based on the rise in the index since February 1961.

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

(1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)

Group	Indexes (1957-59=100)		Percent change to February 1963 from--			Indexes	
	February 1963	January 1963	January 1963	November 1962	February 1962	1947-49=100	1939=100
						February 1963	February 1963
All items-----	106.1	106.0	0.1	0.1	1.2	130.2	219.1
Food-----	105.0	104.7	.3	.9	1.8	123.9	263.1
Food at home-----	103.5	103.2	.3	.9	1.6	120.3	255.4
Cereals and bakery products-----	109.2	108.7	.5	.7	2.0	144.8	253.0
Meats, poultry, and fish-----	102.1	102.5	-.4	-1.4	1.5	112.6	270.9
Dairy products-----	103.6	103.8	-.2	-.6	-1.4	117.3	235.5
Fruits and vegetables-----	109.4	106.4	2.8	7.1	6.3	135.2	292.1
Other foods at home-----	97.1	97.6	-.5	-.1	-.3	107.3	221.7
Food away from home-----	112.5	112.3	.2	.5	2.7	(1/)	(1/)
Housing 2/-----	105.4	105.4	0	.3	.8	134.4	176.6
Rent-----	106.4	106.3	.1	.2	1.1	146.3	168.9
Gas and electricity-----	108.0	108.2	-.2	-.1	.1	125.9	120.0
Solid and petroleum fuels-----	104.8	104.9	-.1	1.2	.8	142.8	253.2
Housefurnishings-----	98.3	97.9	.4	-.4	-1.0	102.3	191.6
Household operation-----	109.3	109.3	0	1.4	2.2	143.3	209.5
Apparel-----	103.3	103.0	.3	-1.0	1.3	110.7	211.0
Men's and boys'-----	103.7	103.5	.2	-.6	.9	112.7	222.0
Women's and girls'-----	100.7	100.2	.5	-1.8	1.7	100.0	183.5
Footwear-----	109.9	109.8	.1	.2	1.0	144.0	286.2
Other apparel-----	100.9	100.3	.6	-.2	1.1	92.9	228.8
Transportation-----	106.8	106.6	.2	-1.4	.8	150.5	214.3
Private-----	105.3	105.3	0	-1.8	.6	137.2	209.5
Public-----	116.3	115.7	.5	.8	1.3	216.6	266.3
Medical care-----	115.6	115.5	.1	.5	2.3	167.0	230.2
Personal care-----	107.3	107.4	-.1	.2	1.4	137.5	230.7
Reading and recreation-----	110.0	110.2	-.2	-.1	.8	127.4	202.2
Other goods and services-----	105.7	105.7	0	.1	.7	134.7	190.8
Special groups:							
All items less food-----	106.6	106.5	.1	-.1	1.0	133.7	193.5
All items less shelter-----	106.1	105.9	.2	.1	1.2	127.7	230.6
Commodities-----	103.8	103.6	.2	-.1	1.1	119.9	232.4
Nondurables-----	104.5	104.3	.2	.3	1.4	122.7	238.7
Food-----	105.0	104.7	.3	.9	1.8	123.9	263.1
Nondurables less food-----	104.1	104.0	.1	-.3	.8	121.9	207.6
Apparel-----	103.2	102.8	.4	-.9	1.3	110.6	212.3
Apparel less footwear-----	101.8	101.5	.3	-1.2	1.3	104.8	(1/)
Nondurables less food and apparel-----	104.6	104.7	-.1	.1	.5	131.5	199.5
Durables-----	100.6	100.4	.2	-1.6	-.2	111.5	194.5
New cars-----	101.7	102.1	-.4	-2.0	-.7	136.7	239.8
Used cars-----	110.7	108.2	2.3	-7.3	2.8	(1/)	(1/)
Durables less cars-----	98.4	98.5	-.1	-.2	-.6	101.5	177.1
Commodities less food-----	102.7	102.6	.1	-.8	.5	116.7	196.3
Services-----	110.5	110.5	0	.5	1.5	156.9	195.0
Rent-----	106.4	106.3	.1	.2	1.1	146.3	168.9
Services less rent-----	111.2	111.2	0	.5	1.6	159.3	216.9
Household operation services, gas, and electricity-----	109.9	109.9	0	1.0	1.7	144.2	165.7
Transportation services-----	111.4	111.1	.3	.6	.2	192.5	240.3
Medical care services-----	118.7	118.5	.2	.6	2.8	177.1	251.2
Other services 3/-----	109.6	109.7	-.1	.3	1.6	141.5	242.6
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (Reference period=\$1.00)-----	\$0.943	\$0.943	0	0	-1.2	\$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 February 1963 from--		Indexes 1947-49=100 1939=100	
	February 1963	November 1962	February 1962	November 1962	February 1962	February 1963	February 1963
	United States city average	106.1	106.0	104.8	0.1	1.2	130.2
Cities priced monthly 1/							
Chicago	104.7	105.0	104.4	-.3	.3	132.0	225.3
Detroit	102.6	102.6	102.0	0	.6	126.5	214.4
Los Angeles	107.8	107.1	105.7	.7	2.0	134.4	222.5
New York	107.6	107.1	105.9	.5	1.6	129.7	215.7
Philadelphia	106.2	105.8	105.0	.4	1.1	130.4	220.3
Cities priced in February, May, August, November 2/	February 1963	November 1962	February 1962	November 1962	February 1962	February 1963	February 1963
Cleveland	104.3	103.7	103.1	.6	1.2	129.5	218.9
Houston	105.0	104.5	104.5	.5	.5	129.4	217.4
Scranton	106.9	106.5	105.5	.4	1.3	127.5	218.0
Seattle	107.2	107.0	105.9	.2	1.2	134.8	227.7
Washington, D. C.	105.6	105.3	104.0	.3	1.5	127.1	210.4
Cities priced in January, April, July, October 2/	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
Cities priced in March, June, September, December 2/	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

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 January 1963 to February 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
United States city average	0.1	0.3	0	0.3	0.2	0.1	- 0.1	- 0.2	0
Chicago	0	-.2	0	.1	.3	-.1	.1	.1	- 0.4
Detroit	.1	.4	0	.7	-.9	.6	.2	-.8	-.2
Los Angeles	.5	.9	0.3	0	.4	0	.2	-.1	.1
New York	.1	.2	0	-.1	-.1	.5	-.3	-.1	0
Philadelphia	.3	-.1	0	.8	2.8	.1	.1	-.3	.1

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

Group	U.S. City Average	Chicago	Cleve- land	Detroit	Houston	Los Angeles	New York	Phila- delphia	Scranton	Seattle	Washington D. C.
Indexes (1957-59=100)											
All items-----	106.1	104.7	104.3	102.6	105.0	107.8	107.6	106.2	106.9	107.2	105.6
Food-----	105.0	105.4	102.2	101.7	103.0	107.8	106.8	104.4	104.4	106.9	103.2
Food at home-----	103.5	104.6	101.1	100.8	100.2	105.8	104.3	102.8	103.3	104.6	101.6
Cereals and bakery products--	109.2	110.4	105.7	104.4	104.1	118.7	113.2	105.7	112.2	106.9	108.2
Meats, poultry, and fish----	102.1	103.8	103.0	98.5	99.1	100.0	103.5	100.7	101.2	104.5	100.3
Dairy products-----	103.6	110.4	99.4	106.8	96.8	108.5	101.3	103.4	101.7	106.4	100.4
Fruits and vegetables-----	109.4	105.3	105.9	102.8	108.5	116.6	110.3	109.6	108.2	110.8	105.7
Other foods at home-----	97.1	97.8	93.7	95.6	95.3	93.9	96.5	97.6	97.5	97.6	97.0
Housing-----	105.4	103.6	102.2	97.9	103.5	106.6	109.1	105.3	105.0	105.9	104.3
Rent-----	106.4	-----	101.2	94.6	99.4	-----	112.6	-----	106.3	110.3	109.2
Gas and electricity-----	108.0	106.4	107.4	105.0	132.6	114.7	105.2	102.7	105.2	100.1	106.1
Solid and petroleum fuels-----	104.8	104.7	109.3	100.4	-----	-----	105.4	108.0	99.0	104.2	105.3
Housefurnishings-----	98.3	100.6	95.7	97.5	98.3	99.0	102.8	98.1	94.3	97.7	97.2
Household operation-----	109.3	107.6	107.3	105.3	107.5	105.9	111.9	114.7	110.4	109.5	112.6
Apparel-----	103.3	100.8	103.1	104.5	105.3	103.9	103.6	106.2	104.6	106.6	105.4
Men's and boys'-----	103.7	102.2	102.4	102.2	103.6	105.1	105.0	104.7	106.0	107.5	103.5
Women's and girls'-----	100.7	96.0	100.0	104.4	105.9	102.0	100.4	106.4	103.3	104.3	104.6
Footwear-----	109.9	110.0	112.5	110.1	108.9	109.1	111.4	110.4	107.1	113.4	111.7
Other apparel-----	100.9	99.3	102.7	100.5	102.6	100.2	100.3	103.3	99.7	102.5	104.7
Transportation-----	106.8	105.6	107.2	103.6	106.7	111.9	104.9	111.1	105.8	108.6	104.5
Private-----	105.3	105.3	105.9	101.4	105.4	108.0	106.5	107.5	105.1	107.4	103.7
Public-----	116.3	107.4	114.8	114.4	115.1	138.5	100.6	123.7	110.1	118.7	109.7
Medical care-----	115.6	119.1	119.0	115.2	109.7	114.5	116.4	120.8	114.6	110.0	123.5
Personal care-----	107.3	107.3	104.3	107.3	110.8	105.2	106.3	105.8	114.4	107.3	106.3
Reading and recreation-----	110.0	100.5	107.6	105.7	110.3	102.9	110.3	100.2	127.9	108.7	112.4
Other goods and services-----	105.7	100.9	106.8	108.9	107.2	106.0	105.0	104.4	107.8	109.9	102.6
Percent change from November 1962 to February 1963											
All items-----	0.1	- 0.3	0.6	0	0.5	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Food-----	.9	-.3	.9	0.1	.2	2.4	.9	.9	.8	.9	1.1
Food at home-----	.9	-.4	1.2	.1	0	2.6	1.3	1.0	.8	1.1	1.2
Cereals and bakery products--	.7	.5	2.1	-.2	- 1.7	1.5	3.9	0	2.7	-.3	-.4
Meats, poultry, and fish----	- 1.4	- 2.4	- 1.1	- 2.2	- 1.6	-.1	- 1.3	- 2.1	- 2.7	- 1.0	- 1.1
Dairy products-----	-.6	-.3	-.2	-.1	- 3.0	1.8	- 1.1	- 1.4	.1	-.1	- 2.6
Fruits and vegetables-----	7.1	3.4	7.4	4.7	6.4	8.1	7.9	11.3	8.7	5.0	12.3
Other foods at home-----	-.1	- 1.3	-.2	-.5	.2	2.3	-.8	-.5	- 1.2	2.5	-.4
Housing-----	.3	0	1.2	0	.4	.4	.8	.7	.4	.2	.7
Rent-----	.2	-----	-.2	1/ 0	.1	-----	1/ .4	-----	.3	-.6	-.4
Gas and electricity-----	-.1	.1	0	-.2	3.5	-.7	-.2	0	0	0	-.3
Solid and petroleum fuels-----	1.2	0	1.4	.4	-----	-----	2.4	7.9	0	0	1.8
Housefurnishings-----	-.4	-.5	-.3	-.7	-.3	.2	-.2	.1	- 1.2	-.1	- 1.0
Household operation-----	1.4	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.4	1.6	2.8	-.2	1.4	2.1	.7
Apparel-----	- 1.0	- 1.5	-.3	-.4	.3	-.4	- 1.5	-.8	-.1	.3	- 1.0
Men's and boys'-----	-.6	-.4	- 1.1	-.7	- 1.2	.1	-.4	0	.3	.3	-.5
Women's and girls'-----	- 1.8	- 3.8	1.3	-.6	1.0	- 1.2	- 2.9	- 1.8	-.2	.4	- 1.9
Footwear-----	-.2	.9	.5	.5	.9	.2	0	.5	-.7	.8	-.1
Other apparel-----	-.2	.8	.5	-.3	.1	-.3	-.6	-.8	-.1	- 1.6	-.5
Transportation-----	- 1.4	-.9	-.7	-.2	2.3	- 1.1	-.8	.9	-.1	- 2.2	- 1.8
Private-----	- 1.8	- 1.2	-.8	-.4	2.6	- 1.4	-.9	- 1.6	- 1.6	- 2.5	- 2.1
Public-----	.8	0	0	.1	.4	.6	0	9.4	9.7	0	0
Medical care-----	.5	.3	.3	.5	1.2	.4	1.1	.3	0	0	.5
Personal care-----	.2	.4	.3	.6	- 1.3	2.3	-.4	-.2	-.1	.1	- 2.0
Reading and recreation-----	-.1	-.1	-.6	-.3	-.7	- 1.1	0	- 2.4	0	2.9	.4
Other goods and services-----	.1	-.3	.1	-.2	.2	.2	.1	.1	.2	-.1	.1

1/ Change from December 1962 to February 1963.

TABLE 5: Consumer Price Index--Food and its subgroups
February 1963 Indexes and Percent Changes, January 1963 to February 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--	105.0	0.3	103.5	0.3	109.2	0.5	102.1	- 0.4	103.6	- 0.2	109.4	2.8	97.1	- 0.5
Atlanta-----	104.2	. 2	103.7	. 1	104.8	. 9	100.9	- . 8	102.9	. 3	110.8	1.1	102.1	- . 1
Baltimore-----	103.9	- . 7	101.2	- . 7	107.9	. 3	100.6	- 1.2	98.7	- . 2	105.2	- . 8	96.9	- 1.2
Boston-----	106.3	- . 1	104.2	- . 2	107.8	- . 6	105.3	- . 3	98.3	- . 1	113.8	. 5	96.9	- . 8
Chicago-----	105.4	- . 2	104.6	- . 2	110.4	- . 1	103.8	- 1.6	110.4	- . 3	105.3	3.2	97.8	- . 8
Cincinnati-----	103.7	. 6	102.6	. 5	107.5	. 7	101.3	- . 4	103.2	- . 1	111.5	4.4	94.7	- 1.1
Cleveland-----	102.2	. 5	101.1	. 5	105.7	. 8	103.0	0	99.4	- . 1	105.9	3.6	93.7	- . 8
Detroit-----	101.7	- . 4	100.8	- . 5	104.4	- . 3	98.5	- . 8	106.8	. 5	102.8	4.8	95.6	- . 8
Houston-----	103.0	- . 2	100.2	- . 2	104.1	- . 9	99.1	- . 7	96.8	- 2.0	108.5	2.2	95.3	. 2
Kansas City-----	104.3	1.1	103.5	1.2	108.3	. 6	100.2	. 3	105.7	. 1	109.8	5.8	98.8	- . 1
Los Angeles-----	107.8	. 9	105.8	1.1	118.7	- . 2	100.0	. 5	108.5	- . 1	116.6	3.6	93.9	. 9
Minneapolis-----	101.7	. 2	100.1	. 3	95.9	0	100.3	- . 1	102.3	. 6	106.3	2.1	95.9	- 1.2
New York-----	106.8	. 2	104.3	. 3	113.2	2.8	103.5	- . 5	101.3	- . 4	110.3	1.4	96.5	- 1.1
Philadelphia-----	104.4	- . 1	102.8	0	105.7	0	100.7	- . 9	103.4	0	109.6	1.7	97.6	- . 5
Pittsburgh-----	104.3	1.1	104.1	1.2	110.3	- . 1	106.3	. 8	99.8	- . 1	107.1	6.0	98.5	- . 3
Portland, Oreg.-----	105.2	- . 1	103.6	0	106.4	- 1.6	103.5	- 1.2	105.9	0	109.8	4.6	96.1	- 1.0
St. Louis-----	105.0	. 1	103.1	. 1	106.4	. 3	102.2	. 2	103.0	- 1.2	109.1	1.9	97.4	- . 9
San Francisco-----	107.0	. 3	105.1	. 5	110.2	- . 3	103.4	- . 2	106.5	- . 2	113.9	1.9	95.6	. 8
Scranton-----	104.4	. 3	103.3	. 3	112.2	3.1	101.2	- . 9	101.7	0	108.2	1.4	97.5	- . 9
Seattle-----	106.9	- . 6	104.6	- . 7	106.9	- . 2	104.5	- 1.3	106.4	. 1	110.8	4.1	97.6	- 1.6
Washington, D. C.-----	103.2	- . 7	101.6	- . 8	108.2	- . 6	100.3	- . 2	100.4	- 2.6	105.7	- . 6	97.0	- . 4

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

Food and unit	February 1963	January 1963	Food and unit	February 1963	January 1963
	Cents	Cents		Cents	Cents
Cereals and bakery products:					
Flour, wheat-----5 lb.	56.6	57.2	Fresh--Continued		
Biscuit mix-----40 oz.	48.0	48.0	Grapefruit-----each	15.6	15.6
Macaroni-----16 oz.	25.0	24.9	Peaches *-----lb.	*	*
Corn meal-----lb.	14.3	14.3	Strawberries *-----pt.	*	*
Rolled oats-----18 oz.	24.1	24.0	Grapes, seedless *-----lb.	*	*
Corn flakes-----12 oz.	28.2	28.2	Watermelons *-----lb.	*	*
Rice, short grain-----lb.	19.3	19.4	Potatoes-----10 lb.	62.1	62.0
Rice, long grain-----lb.	21.5	21.5	Sweet potatoes-----lb.	13.0	13.2
Bread, white-----lb.	21.7	21.4	Corn *-----doz. ears	*	*
Soda crackers-----lb.	31.1	31.1	Onions-----lb.	10.3	9.8
Sandwich cookies-----16 oz.	52.2	52.4	Carrots-----lb.	14.8	15.2
Meats, poultry, and fish:					
Round steak-----lb.	111.0	110.8	Lettuce-----head	22.3	18.4
Sirloin steak-----lb.	113.8	114.2	Celery-----lb.	15.0	14.7
Chuck roast-----lb.	64.3	65.2	Cabbage-----lb.	14.2	12.4
Rib roast-----lb.	86.8	88.4	Tomatoes-----lb.	39.3	38.5
Hamburger-----lb.	52.7	53.1	Beans, green-----lb.	29.1	33.9
Veal cutlets-----lb.	151.9	149.9	Canned:		
Pork chops, center cut-----lb.	88.1	89.0	Orange juice-----46 oz. can	47.5	42.1
Pork roast-----lb.	63.3	64.0	Pineapple juice-----46 oz. can	32.8	33.0
Bacon, sliced-----lb.	67.6	68.9	Peaches-----#2½ can	32.2	32.2
Ham, whole-----lb.	62.4	63.2	Pineapple-----#2 can	39.1	39.1
Lamb, leg-----lb.	73.2	73.6	Fruit cocktail-----#303 can	25.3	25.4
Frankfurters-----lb.	63.9	63.8	Corn, cream style-----#303 can	19.5	19.5
Luncheon meat, canned-----12 oz.	50.4	50.6	Peas, green-----#303 can	22.6	22.6
Frying chickens, ready-to-cook-----lb.	40.8	40.4	Tomatoes-----#303 can	15.3	15.3
Ocean perch, fillet, frozen-----lb.	52.0	51.7	Tomato juice-----46 oz. can	31.5	31.6
Haddock, fillet, frozen-----lb.	56.8	56.7	Baby foods-----4½ to 5 oz.	11.0	10.9
Salmon, pink, canned-----16 oz.	73.2	73.8	Dried:		
Tuna fish, canned-----6 to 6½ oz.	34.4	34.4	Prunes-----lb.	39.8	39.6
Dairy products:					
Milk, fresh, (grocery)-----qt.	24.3	24.4	Beans-----lb.	17.8	17.6
Milk, fresh, (delivered)-----qt.	25.9	26.0	Tomato soup-----10½ to 11 oz. can	12.4	12.3
Ice cream-----½ gal.	84.7	85.1	Beans, with pork-----16 oz. can	15.0	15.0
Butter-----lb.	74.9	75.0	Pickles, sliced-----15 oz.	26.9	26.9
Cheese, American process-----½ lb.	36.0	36.1	Catsup, tomato-----14 oz.	22.3	22.5
Milk, evaporated-----14½ oz. can	15.4	15.4	Potato chips-----4 oz.	27.9	27.9
Fruits and vegetables:					
Frozen:					
Strawberries-----10 oz.	27.4	27.3	Coffee-----1b. can	69.1	69.2
Orange juice concentrate-----6 oz.	26.5	24.7	Coffee, instant-----1b. bag	57.0	56.6
Lemonade concentrate-----6 oz.	13.7	13.7	Coffee, instant-----6 oz.	92.6	91.7
Peas, green-----10 oz.	21.0	20.9	Tea bags-----pkg. of 48	64.0	63.7
Beans, green-----9 oz.	23.0	22.9	Cola drink, carton-----72 oz.	50.2	50.3
Potatoes, french fried-----9 oz.	18.5	18.4	Shortening, hydrogenated-----3 lb.	86.1	85.7
Fresh:					
Apples-----lb.	15.2	14.4	Margarine, colored-----lb.	27.5	27.7
Bananas-----lb.	16.8	17.9	Lard-----lb.	20.0	20.2
Oranges, size 200-----doz.	85.9	78.6	Salad dressing-----pt.	38.0	38.0
Lemons-----lb.	26.9	27.6	Peanut butter-----lb.	57.7	57.5
			Sugar-----5 lb.	59.4	58.8
			Corn syrup-----24 oz.	28.1	27.7
			Grape jelly-----12 oz.	29.6	29.8
			Chocolate bar-----1 oz.	4.5	4.5
			Eggs, Grade A, large-----doz.	57.4	59.2
			Gelatin, flavored-----3 to 4 oz.	9.9	10.0

* Priced only in season.

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

Group	Cleveland		Houston		Scranton		Seattle		Washington, D. C.	
	Index	Percent change	Index	Percent change	Index	Percent change	Index	Percent change	Index	Percent change
All items-----	103.5	0.3	104.6	1.9	105.9	1.7	106.5	1.5	104.6	0.9
Food-----	101.0	.1	102.9	1.6	103.1	1.8	105.7	1.1	102.0	.4
Food at home-----	99.8	- .1	100.6	.6	101.9	1.6	103.5	.7	100.6	- .3
Cereals and bakery products---	103.7	.2	105.4	1.7	108.5	4.7	107.1	1.2	108.9	2.2
Meats, poultry, and fish-----	101.9	2.8	100.1	2.2	101.4	2.8	103.5	2.0	99.3	1.2
Dairy products-----	99.7	- 1.6	100.7	- 1.3	100.9	- .1	106.7	- .2	102.6	- .9
Fruits and vegetables-----	102.3	- .6	105.4	1.7	103.9	1.1	108.1	1.3	99.4	- 1.0
Other foods at home-----	93.3	- 2.5	94.6	- 1.5	97.2	- .4	95.7	- .9	96.8	- 2.5
Housing-----	101.2	.1	102.5	1.0	103.9	1.0	105.3	1.2	102.9	- .1
Rent-----	101.4	- .3	99.3	0	105.5	1.2	109.0	3.7	108.0	2.2
Gas and electricity-----	107.4	0	121.2	6.6	105.2	0	100.1	0	106.5	.1
Solid and petroleum fuels-----	106.9	1.8	-----	-----	96.4	- .4	101.0	2.4	101.4	- .4
Housefurnishings-----	96.2	- .8	100.2	0	95.3	- 1.0	97.3	- 1.4	98.8	- .8
Household operation-----	105.9	.9	105.8	1.7	109.2	2.6	106.4	3.5	111.4	2.7
Apparel-----	102.4	.3	104.3	2.9	104.0	- .2	105.4	1.3	105.3	2.6
Men's and boys'-----	102.7	.5	104.9	1.8	105.3	1.1	104.6	.7	103.2	.3
Women's and girls'-----	98.7	- 1.1	103.4	3.7	102.2	- 1.0	103.7	.8	104.7	3.7
Footwear-----	111.4	3.4	107.7	2.6	107.9	.4	112.5	4.3	111.3	4.8
Other apparel-----	102.0	- .2	102.0	2.3	101.3	- 1.2	103.5	1.3	103.9	1.3
Transportation-----	107.5	1.4	107.5	3.3	105.3	1.0	109.6	3.0	105.7	1.1
Private-----	106.3	.8	106.1	3.0	106.0	1.0	108.3	2.5	105.0	1.4
Public-----	114.8	5.1	116.7	4.9	100.6	.2	120.4	6.7	109.9	- .1
Medical care-----	118.5	.4	107.4	1.4	113.3	5.7	109.7	1.1	120.0	5.4
Personal care-----	104.8	- .5	112.1	5.9	114.3	2.4	107.1	1.3	108.5	1.0
Reading and recreation-----	107.6	.8	110.5	4.9	129.2	5.9	104.7	3.4	110.3	1.1
Other goods and services-----	106.7	.3	107.0	.3	107.5	2.9	110.0	.5	102.3	.8

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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