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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR APRIL 1963

The Consumer Price Index in April remained unchanged from its March level of 106.2 (1957-59=100), the United States Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics announced today. Prices increased in April for housing, used cars, newspapers, and apparel, but were lower for food and gasoline. The index was up by 1.0 percent from a year ago, principally because of higher prices for food, housing, and reading and recreation, although all major types of goods and services except transportation shared in the advance. Transportation costs were slightly lower than in April 1962.

FOOD A decrease of 0.3 percent in average food prices in April was largely the result of reductions in prices of meats, eggs, and dairy products. The effect of these decreases was partly offset by price rises for most fresh fruits and vegetables.

Meat, poultry, and fish prices declined 2.4 percent as decreases continued for almost all types of meats. Both beef and pork prices decreased about 3½ percent, with the sharpest drops reported for chuck roast and pork chops.

Prices for fruits and vegetables advanced 2.2 percent, as fresh fruits climbed 4.0 percent and fresh vegetables 1.6 percent. Prices of apples and strawberries rose and there were sharp increases for fresh corn and lettuce. Prices of frozen orange juice concentrate and canned orange juice also continued to increase. Banana prices declined and there was a fall in the price of tomatoes. Dairy products and eggs were down seasonally, with decreases of 0.6 and 2.5 percent, respectively.

Over the past year, food prices had climbed by 0.9 percent, with restaurant meals up by 2.6 percent, fruits and vegetables 3.1 percent, and cereals and bakery products 1.8 percent. Prices of meats and dairy products were slightly lower than a year ago in April.

HOUSING The housing index rose 0.1 percent from March to April, and was 1.1 percent above a year ago. Homeownership costs were slightly higher over the month, household operation costs advanced a little, and residential rents increased by 0.1 percent. Electricity and solid fuel prices were down 1.0 percent.

OTHER GOODS AND SERVICES Apparel prices rose 0.2 percent in April and were 1.1 percent above last year. Small advances recorded for almost all types of apparel from March to April.

The transportation index was unchanged in April, as used car prices increased 1.9 percent, while new car prices declined 0.3 percent and gasoline prices fell 1.6 percent.

Reading and recreation prices climbed 0.8 percent, influenced primarily by rises in the costs of newspapers (up 2.9 percent) and movies (up 0.8 percent).

COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENTS As a result of the April index, increases of 1 cent an hour in cost-of-living allowances, based on a quarterly review, will be paid to about 950,000 workers, primarily in the automotive, aerospace, and farm equipment industries.

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

(1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)

Group	Indexes (1957-59=100)		Percent change to April 1963 from--			Indexes	
	April 1963	March 1963	March 1963	January 1963	April 1962	1947-49=100	1939=100
						April 1963	April 1963
All items-----	106.2	106.2	0	0.2	1.0	130.3	219.3
Food-----	104.3	104.6	- 0.3	- .4	.9	123.1	261.4
Food at home-----	102.6	103.0	- .4	- .6	.5	119.2	253.1
Cereals and bakery products-----	109.2	109.1	.1	.5	1.8	144.8	253.0
Meats, poultry, and fish-----	98.3	100.7	- 2.4	- 4.1	- 1.8	108.4	260.8
Dairy products-----	102.9	103.5	- .6	- .9	- .8	116.5	233.9
Fruits and vegetables-----	112.0	109.6	2.2	5.3	3.1	138.4	299.1
Other foods at home-----	96.2	96.7	- .5	- 1.4	1.2	106.3	219.6
Food away from home-----	112.8	112.6	.2	.4	2.6	(L/)	(L/)
Housing 2/-----	105.8	105.7	.1	.4	1.1	134.9	177.2
Rent-----	106.5	106.4	.1	.2	1.0	146.4	169.1
Gas and electricity-----	107.5	108.0	- .5	- .6	- .3	125.3	119.5
Solid and petroleum fuels-----	104.2	104.8	- .6	- .7	1.8	142.0	251.8
Housefurnishings-----	98.5	98.6	- .1	.6	- .8	102.5	192.0
Household operation-----	109.9	109.7	.2	.5	2.6	144.1	210.6
Apparel-----	103.8	103.6	.2	.8	1.1	111.3	212.0
Men's and boys'-----	104.1	103.9	.2	.6	1.2	113.2	222.8
Women's and girls'-----	101.4	101.1	.3	1.2	1.1	100.7	184.8
Footwear-----	110.2	110.0	.2	.4	.9	144.4	286.9
Other apparel-----	100.9	101.1	- .2	.6	.6	92.9	228.8
Transportation-----	107.0	107.0	0	.4	- .2	150.8	214.7
Private-----	105.5	105.6	- .1	.2	- .5	137.5	209.9
Public-----	116.5	116.4	.1	.7	.8	216.9	266.7
Medical care-----	116.1	115.8	.3	.5	1.9	167.8	231.2
Personal care-----	107.6	107.3	.3	.2	1.2	137.8	231.4
Reading and recreation-----	111.0	110.1	.8	.7	1.5	128.5	204.0
Other goods and services-----	105.8	105.7	.1	.1	.7	134.8	191.0
Special groups:							
All items less food-----	107.0	106.8	.2	.5	.9	134.2	194.2
All items less shelter-----	106.1	106.1	0	.2	.9	127.7	230.6
Commodities-----	103.6	103.7	- .1	0	.5	119.7	232.0
Nondurables-----	104.2	104.4	- .2	- .1	.7	122.3	238.1
Food-----	104.3	104.6	- .3	- .4	.9	123.1	261.4
Nondurables less food-----	104.3	104.2	.1	.3	.5	122.1	208.0
Apparel-----	103.6	103.4	.2	.8	1.0	111.1	213.1
Apparel less footwear-----	102.3	102.1	.2	.8	1.0	105.3	(L/)
Nondurables less food and apparel-----	104.7	104.7	0	0	.3	131.6	199.7
Durables-----	100.9	100.8	.1	.5	- .5	111.8	195.1
New cars-----	100.6	100.9	- .3	- 1.5	- 1.6	135.2	237.2
Used cars-----	115.4	113.3	1.9	6.7	1.8	(L/)	(L/)
Durables less cars-----	98.4	98.5	- .1	- .1	- .5	101.5	177.1
Commodities less food-----	103.0	102.9	.1	.4	.2	117.0	196.9
Services-----	111.1	110.8	.3	.5	1.7	157.8	196.1
Rent-----	106.5	106.4	.1	.2	1.0	146.4	169.1
Services less rent-----	111.9	111.6	.3	.6	1.9	160.4	218.3
Household operation services, gas, and electricity-----	110.2	110.2	0	.3	1.8	144.6	166.2
Transportation services-----	112.0	111.8	.2	.8	.4	193.5	241.6
Medical care services-----	119.2	118.9	.3	.6	2.6	177.8	252.2
Other services 3/-----	110.5	110.0	.5	.7	2.1	142.7	244.6
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (Reference period=\$1.00)-----	\$0.942	\$0.942	0	- .1	- .9	\$0.768	\$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 April 1963 from--		Indexes 1947-49=100 1939=100	
	April 1963	January 1963	April 1962	January 1963	April 1962	April 1963	April 1963
	United States city average-----	106.2	106.0	105.2	0.2	1.0	130.3
Cities priced monthly 1/							
Chicago-----	105.0	104.7	104.8	.3	.2	132.4	226.0
Detroit-----	102.1	102.5	102.2	-.4	-.1	125.9	213.3
Los Angeles-----	108.0	107.3	106.3	.7	1.6	134.7	222.9
New York-----	107.9	107.5	106.0	.4	1.8	130.0	216.3
Philadelphia-----	106.4	105.9	105.1	.5	1.2	130.7	220.7
Cities priced in January, April, July, October 2/	April 1963	January 1963	April 1962	January 1963	April 1962	April 1963	April 1963
Boston-----	109.2	108.6	107.1	.6	2.0	135.3	221.8
Kansas City-----	106.4	105.9	105.7	.5	.7	131.6	213.3
Minneapolis-----	106.5	106.0	105.5	.5	.9	131.7	217.2
Pittsburgh-----	106.3	106.5	105.7	-.2	.6	131.0	225.5
Portland, Oregon-----	106.2	105.7	103.9	.5	2.2	131.6	225.7
Cities priced in March, June, September, December 2/	March 1963	December 1962	March 1962	December 1962	March 1962	March 1963	March 1963
Atlanta-----	104.9	104.5	103.7	.4	1.2	129.9	222.8
Baltimore-----	106.2	105.7	104.6	.5	1.5	131.8	227.7
Cincinnati-----	104.5	104.0	103.3	.5	1.2	127.2	217.9
St. Louis-----	105.8	106.0	104.8	-.2	1.0	131.3	221.4
San Francisco-----	108.4	107.8	107.3	.6	1.0	137.6	234.8
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

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 March 1963 to April 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	- 0.3	0.1	0.2	0	0.3	0.3	0.8	0.1
Chicago-----	- 0.2	- .7	0	.2	- 0.2	.6	-.2	.2	-.4
Detroit-----	-.5	-.3	.1	.6	- 3.6	0	-.2	.8	-.1
Los Angeles-----	.3	-.2	.5	-.5	1.2	.5	.2	-.5	0
New York-----	.3	-.3	-.1	.2	.2	0	.7	4.9	.9
Philadelphia-----	0	- 1.0	.9	-.5	.3	.2	-.1	-.2	0

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

Group	U.S. City Average	Boston	Chicago	Detroit	Kansas City	Los Angeles	Minnea- polis	New York	Phila- delphia	Pitts- burgh	Portland, Oregon
Indexes (1957-59=100)											
All items-----	106.2	109.2	105.0	102.1	106.4	108.0	106.5	107.9	106.4	106.3	106.2
Food-----	104.3	106.6	105.0	100.8	103.3	106.6	102.0	106.3	103.1	103.1	104.5
Food at home-----	102.6	104.4	104.1	99.6	102.2	104.3	100.1	103.5	101.1	102.7	102.7
Cereals and bakery products--	109.2	110.4	110.4	104.1	108.0	118.3	100.8	112.9	105.6	110.6	106.6
Meats, poultry, and fish----	98.3	103.3	99.1	94.6	95.4	95.1	96.9	100.2	95.0	101.7	100.2
Dairy products-----	102.9	96.2	110.3	103.5	105.6	108.0	101.7	100.8	101.1	97.6	105.3
Fruits and vegetables-----	112.0	115.5	111.1	106.6	111.7	118.7	113.4	108.7	112.6	111.2	113.4
Other foods at home-----	96.2	99.4	97.2	94.8	97.7	91.9	96.0	95.8	97.2	97.0	93.9
Housing-----	105.8	111.6	104.3	98.2	105.7	108.1	105.2	109.2	107.1	105.9	106.3
Rent-----	106.5	116.2	-----	94.5	104.0	-----	106.8	112.7	-----	106.2	104.8
Gas and electricity-----	107.5	103.9	105.7	105.3	109.1	114.7	105.1	99.9	102.7	111.5	102.5
Solid and petroleum fuels-----	104.2	106.3	104.0	100.4	112.4	-----	102.2	105.4	108.0	-----	105.0
Housefurnishings-----	98.5	100.4	100.6	98.5	97.3	99.5	96.2	103.1	98.0	102.2	96.2
Household operation-----	109.9	113.4	107.5	105.5	113.3	106.1	105.3	112.0	115.5	115.4	109.5
Apparel-----	103.8	104.2	101.3	104.7	101.7	103.5	103.2	103.8	106.2	102.8	104.9
Men's and boys'-----	104.1	101.7	102.5	102.7	106.2	104.9	105.9	105.0	105.6	102.4	106.2
Women's and girls'-----	101.4	104.3	96.6	104.3	95.8	101.1	100.0	101.0	105.8	97.4	102.0
Footwear-----	110.2	109.8	110.3	110.2	112.1	109.3	109.5	111.0	110.3	117.1	112.4
Other apparel-----	100.9	100.6	100.4	100.6	96.1	99.9	96.9	99.6	103.5	101.1	99.8
Transportation-----	107.0	110.0	106.5	100.7	107.7	112.4	109.0	105.4	111.5	110.4	106.4
Private-----	105.5	103.7	106.5	98.0	107.0	108.6	107.9	107.2	108.0	105.9	105.7
Public-----	116.5	131.6	107.4	114.4	111.3	138.5	116.6	100.6	123.7	125.9	111.0
Medical care-----	116.1	115.4	120.0	115.3	114.6	115.1	129.5	116.7	121.1	123.3	110.8
Personal care-----	107.6	109.3	107.3	107.4	112.4	105.4	107.0	106.9	106.1	103.4	110.0
Reading and recreation-----	111.0	118.8	100.8	106.9	112.0	102.4	111.5	116.3	100.0	108.7	111.4
Other goods and services-----	105.8	101.9	100.9	108.8	110.7	106.0	104.4	105.9	104.4	105.5	104.4
Percent change from January 1963 to April 1963											
All items-----	0.2	0.6	0.3	-0.4	0.5	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.5	-0.2	0.5
Food-----	-.4	.2	-.6	-.5	.1	-.2	.5	-.3	-1.3	-.1	-.8
Food at home-----	-.6	0	-.7	-.7	-.1	-.4	.3	-.5	-1.7	-.2	-.9
Cereals and bakery products--	.5	1.8	-.1	-.6	.3	-.5	5.1	2.5	-.1	.2	-1.4
Meats, poultry, and fish----	-4.1	-2.2	-6.1	-4.7	-4.5	-4.4	-3.5	-3.7	-6.5	-3.6	-4.4
Dairy products-----	-.9	-2.2	-.4	-2.6	0	-.6	0	-.9	-2.2	-2.3	-.6
Fruits and vegetables-----	5.3	2.0	8.9	8.7	7.6	5.4	4.4	4.2	4.5	10.1	8.0
Other foods at home-----	-1.4	1.7	-1.4	-1.7	-1.2	-1.3	-1.1	-1.8	-.9	-1.8	-3.3
Housing-----	.4	.6	.7	.3	.1	1.7	.8	.1	1.7	-.6	.8
Rent-----	.2	.2	-----	1/-.1	.4	-----	.3	1/-.1	-----	.2	0
Gas and electricity-----	-.6	1.1	-1.4	.2	-.4	-.7	.8	-5.1	0	-.3	0
Solid and petroleum fuels-----	-.7	-.3	-.7	0	-1.6	-----	0	-.2	0	-----	0
Housefurnishings-----	.6	.8	.6	1.7	.5	1.7	-.1	.4	.8	.6	1.3
Household operation-----	.5	.6	-.1	.3	.8	.2	0	-.1	-.2	.8	.6
Apparel-----	.8	.7	.6	.9	.5	-.4	.6	.1	.8	.3	.6
Men's and boys'-----	.6	1.4	.9	.8	.8	.6	0	-.2	1.0	.2	.5
Women's and girls'-----	1.2	1.0	.3	1.1	.2	-1.7	.9	.4	.8	-.4	1.1
Footwear-----	.4	-1.2	.2	.5	.7	.2	.9	-.4	.2	1.8	.5
Other apparel-----	.6	.5	1.6	.5	-.3	-.1	.3	.1	1.5	.2	-.7
Transportation-----	.4	1.0	1.1	-3.6	2.4	.9	1.5	.4	3.1	.4	2.0
Private-----	.2	1.4	1.4	-4.5	2.8	1.1	1.6	.5	1.1	.5	2.4
Public-----	.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9.4	0	0
Medical care-----	.5	1.4	.7	.7	.2	.5	.2	.8	.3	.1	-.2
Personal care-----	.2	.6	.1	.3	.5	.4	.2	.3	.4	1.0	.6
Reading and recreation-----	.7	.8	.4	.4	.8	-.6	-2.6	5.5	-.5	.5	2.0
Other goods and services-----	.1	.1	-.4	-.3	.1	.1	.1	.9	.1	0	.6

1/ Change from February 1963 to April 1963.

TABLE 5: Consumer Prices Index--Food and its subgroups
 April 1963 Indexes and Percent Changes, March 1963 to April 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--	104.3	-0.3	102.6	-0.4	109.2	0.1	98.3	-2.4	102.9	-0.6	112.0	2.2	96.2	-0.5
Atlanta-----	102.7	-1.1	102.0	-1.2	104.7	- .1	97.3	-2.4	102.6	- .2	108.9	- .5	101.0	-1.5
Baltimore-----	103.5	- .2	100.6	- .2	108.1	.2	98.0	-1.5	98.1	- .3	106.6	1.9	97.0	- .3
Boston-----	106.6	.1	104.4	- .2	110.4	1.6	103.3	-1.9	96.2	-1.0	115.5	1.2	99.4	.5
Chicago-----	105.0	- .7	104.1	- .8	110.4	0	99.1	-3.8	110.3	.1	111.1	2.6	97.2	- .8
Cincinnati-----	102.2	- .4	100.3	-1.1	102.4	-4.3	97.2	-2.0	102.7	- .3	111.7	2.5	93.1	-1.6
Cleveland-----	100.8	- .9	99.3	-1.2	106.9	.7	97.9	-3.3	97.7	-1.6	106.0	.9	92.8	- .7
Detroit-----	100.8	- .3	99.6	- .4	104.1	- .3	94.6	-2.3	103.5	-1.5	106.6	3.5	94.8	- .5
Houston-----	101.8	- .5	98.6	- .7	101.2	-1.0	95.9	-2.2	96.6	0	108.3	2.0	94.3	-1.3
Kansas City-----	103.3	- .3	102.2	- .4	108.0	- .1	95.4	-2.1	105.6	- .4	111.7	2.1	97.7	- .7
Los Angeles-----	106.6	- .2	104.3	- .1	118.3	0	95.1	-2.4	108.0	- .3	118.7	2.5	91.9	0
Minneapolis-----	102.0	.2	100.1	.1	100.8	- .1	96.9	-1.4	101.7	-1.0	108.7	4.2	96.0	- .2
New York-----	106.3	- .3	103.5	- .4	112.9	.4	100.2	-2.0	100.8	- .3	113.4	1.5	95.8	- .2
Philadelphia-----	103.1	-1.0	101.1	-1.3	105.6	- .1	95.0	-4.7	101.1	-2.3	112.6	2.9	97.2	- .2
Pittsburgh-----	103.1	-1.0	102.7	-1.2	110.6	.3	101.7	-2.1	97.6	-2.2	111.2	.5	97.0	-1.2
Portland, Oreg.-----	104.5	- .1	102.7	- .1	106.6	- .2	100.2	-2.3	105.3	- .1	113.4	2.2	93.9	.8
St. Louis-----	104.0	- .5	101.8	- .8	106.5	.4	97.4	-3.1	102.6	- .1	111.3	2.0	96.5	-1.3
San Francisco-----	106.5	- .4	104.4	- .4	110.7	.2	101.0	-1.6	106.5	- .1	115.5	- .1	93.9	.2
Scranton-----	103.1	- .2	101.9	- .1	108.1	0	98.2	-1.4	99.4	-2.3	111.8	4.6	96.9	- .6
Seattle-----	107.3	0	104.8	- .3	106.9	.1	102.6	-2.2	107.4	.1	115.0	1.6	96.9	.2
Washington, D. C.-----	102.9	- .7	101.0	-1.1	108.7	- .3	96.3	-4.4	100.7	- .5	108.4	1.9	96.6	- .1

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

Food and unit	April 1963	March 1963	Food and unit	April 1963	March 1963
Cereals and bakery products:	<u>Cents</u>	<u>Cents</u>		<u>Cents</u>	<u>Cents</u>
Flour, wheat-----5 lb.	56.6	56.4	Fresh--Continued		
Biscuit mix-----40 oz.	48.1	48.1	Grapefruit-----each	15.8	15.4
Macaroni-----16 oz.	24.9	24.9	Peaches *-----lb.	*	*
Corn meal-----1b.	14.4	14.4	Strawberries *-----pt.	40.0	*
Rolled oats-----18 oz.	24.1	24.1	Grapes, seedless *-----lb.	*	*
Corn flakes-----12 oz.	28.3	28.3	Watermelons *-----lb.	*	*
Rice, short grain-----1b.	19.3	19.3	Potatoes-----10 lb.	63.0	62.6
Rice, long grain-----1b.	21.6	21.5	Sweet potatoes-----1b.	13.4	13.0
Bread, white-----1b.	21.6	21.7	Corn *-----doz. ears	115.8	*
Soda crackers-----1b.	31.1	31.1	Onions-----1b.	10.8	10.2
Sandwich cookies-----16 oz.	52.3	52.2	Carrots-----1b.	13.8	14.0
Meats, poultry, and fish:			Lettuce-----head	1/ 28.0	17.4
Round steak-----1b.	104.7	109.0	Celery-----1b.	13.8	14.7
Sirloin steak-----1b.	107.5	110.9	Cabbage-----1b.	10.9	13.1
Chuck roast-----1b.	59.2	63.0	Tomatoes-----1b.	28.7	37.6
Rib roast-----1b.	82.2	84.8	Beans, green-----1b.	27.9	26.2
Hamburger-----1b.	51.0	52.0	Canned:		
Veal cutlets-----1b.	151.0	151.7	Orange juice-----46 oz. can	50.8	49.6
Pork chops, center cut-----1b.	81.1	86.9	Pineapple juice-----46 oz. can	32.9	32.7
Pork roast-----1b.	59.7	62.6	Peaches-----#2 1/2 can	32.3	32.2
Bacon, sliced-----1b.	64.3	65.9	Pineapple-----#2 can	39.0	39.1
Ham, whole-----1b.	60.4	61.3	Fruit cocktail-----#303 can	25.3	25.1
Lamb, leg-----1b.	71.0	71.5	Corn, cream style-----#303 can	19.1	19.2
Frankfurters-----1b.	63.1	63.5	Peas, green-----#303 can	22.6	22.6
Luncheon meat, canned-----12 oz.	50.7	50.5	Tomatoes-----#303 can	15.4	15.3
Frying chickens, ready-to-cook-----1b.	40.3	40.9	Tomato juice-----46 oz. can	31.6	31.5
Ocean perch, fillet, frozen-----1b.	52.5	52.2	Baby foods-----4 1/2 to 5 oz.	10.9	10.9
Maddock, fillet, frozen-----1b.	57.3	56.4	Dried:		
Salmon, pink, canned-----16 oz.	71.8	72.2	Fruites-----1b.	40.0	39.9
Tuna fish, canned-----6 to 6 1/2 oz.	34.1	34.2	Beans-----1b.	17.8	17.7
Dairy products:			Other foods at home:		
Milk, fresh, (grocery)-----qt.	24.1	24.3	Tomato soup-----10 1/2 to 11 oz. can	12.4	12.3
Milk, fresh, (delivered)-----qt.	25.7	25.9	Beans, with pork-----16 oz. can	15.0	15.0
Ice cream-----1/2 gal.	84.4	84.9	Pickles, sliced-----15 oz.	27.0	27.0
Butter-----1b.	74.8	74.9	Catsup, tomato-----14 oz.	22.2	22.2
Cheese, American process-----1/2 lb.	36.0	36.1	Potato chips-----4 oz.	28.0	27.9
Milk, evaporated-----14 1/2 oz. can	15.4	15.4	Coffee-----1b. can	68.7	68.7
Fruits and vegetables:			Coffee-----1b. bag	56.9	56.8
Frozen:			Coffee, instant-----6 oz.	92.7	93.1
Strawberries-----10 oz.	27.4	27.4	Tea bags-----pkg. of 48	63.0	63.0
Orange juice concentrate-----6 oz.	28.4	27.4	Cola drink, carton-----72 oz.	50.3	50.3
Lemonade concentrate-----6 oz.	14.0	13.9	Shortening, hydrogenated-----3 lb.	85.0	85.3
Peas, green-----10 oz.	21.1	21.1	Margarine, colored-----1b.	27.4	27.4
Beans, green-----9 oz.	23.4	23.2	Lard-----1b.	19.9	20.0
Potatoes, french fried-----9 oz.	18.3	18.3	Salad dressing-----pt.	37.8	37.8
Fresh:			Peanut butter-----1b.	57.6	57.4
Apples-----1b.	17.1	16.0	Sugar-----5 lb.	60.0	59.7
Bananas-----1b.	16.2	16.9	Corn syrup-----24 oz.	28.4	28.3
Oranges, size 200-----doz.	95.8	93.4	Grape jelly-----12 oz.	29.8	29.7
Lemons-----1b.	24.1	24.7	Chocolate bar-----1 oz.	4.5	4.5
			Eggs, Grade A, large-----doz.	55.2	56.6
			Gelatin, flavored-----3 to 4 oz.	9.8	9.8

* Priced only in season.

1/ Effective April 1963, published price is for size 24 head. Comparable March price 22.3.

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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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