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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR JUNE 1963

The Consumer Price Index increased by 0.4 percent in June to a new record high, the United States Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics announced today. Prices advanced for most major types of goods and services, with substantial increases reported for food, tobacco, and used cars. In addition, sales taxes were increased in several cities. The June index, at 106.6 (1957-59=100), was 1.2 percent above last year, primarily because of higher prices for food, housing, and medical care.

**FOOD** Sharply higher sugar prices were a major cause of an 0.8 percent advance in average food prices in June. Prices of pork, apples, and grapefruit also were up, while beef, eggs, and milk declined. Sugar prices rose by 32 percent over the month and were 44 percent above a year earlier.

Seasonally low supplies of apples and very short supplies of grapefruit caused their prices to advance. On the other hand, increased marketings brought price reductions for many vegetables and kept most vegetable prices below levels that prevailed a year ago. While fresh orange prices were slightly lower in June, frozen orange juice concentrate and canned orange juice prices continued to rise.

Meat prices averaged higher because pork prices advanced 2.8 percent as hog marketings declined seasonally. In spite of their increase in June, average pork prices still were 2.3 percent below a year ago. Beef and veal prices fell 1.5 percent in June, and they also were lower than last year at the same time.

On the whole, food prices averaged 1.4 percent higher than a year ago. Restaurant meals had increased by 2.2 percent, fruits and vegetables 3.3 percent, cereals and bakery products 1.7 percent, and eggs 2.8 percent. Meat, poultry, and fish prices were down 1.3 percent from a year earlier.

**HOUSING** The housing index was up 0.2 percent in June, to a level 1.0 percent above a year earlier. Costs of homeownership edged upward as higher real estate taxes were reported in some cities surveyed in June. Residential rents and gas and electricity advanced slightly. Housefurnishings prices rose 0.1 percent, reflecting chiefly the return to regular prices following May white sales of household textiles. Household operation costs climbed 0.2 percent, while fuel oil and coal dropped 0.3 percent seasonally.

**OTHER GOODS AND SERVICES** Transportation costs were unchanged on the average from May to June. Price decreases for gasoline were balanced by advances for used cars. Costs of medical care rose 0.3 percent on further increases in premiums for hospitalization and surgical insurance and dentists' fees. Reading and recreation became somewhat more costly, primarily as a result of rising newspaper subscription rates and increased charges for movie admissions.

Prices for tobacco products climbed a sharp 3.1 percent from May to June and were up 3.8 percent compared with a year ago, reflecting the first general price rise for cigarettes since 1957.

**COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENTS** As a result of the June index, cost-of-living allowances will increase 1 cent an hour for about 85,000 workers, primarily in the aircraft, trucking and public transit industries. In addition, about 11,000 local cartage employees in California will receive 2-cent increases, and 9,000 workers will receive 2- and 3-cent raises based on the New York index.

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

(1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)

Group	Indexes (1957-59=100)		Percent change to June 1963 from--			Indexes	
	June 1963	May 1963	May 1963	March 1963	June 1962	1947-49=100	1939=100
						June 1963	June 1963
All items-----	106.6	106.2	0.4	0.4	1.2	130.8	220.1
Food-----	105.0	104.2	.8	.4	1.4	123.9	263.1
Food at home-----	103.4	102.5	.9	.4	1.3	120.2	255.1
Cereals and bakery products-----	109.2	109.3	-.1	.1	1.7	144.8	253.0
Meats, poultry, and fish-----	98.4	98.0	.4	- 2.3	- 1.3	108.5	261.0
Dairy products-----	102.8	102.8	0	-.7	.1	116.4	233.6
Fruits and vegetables-----	115.6	113.9	1.5	5.5	3.3	142.9	308.7
Other foods at home-----	96.9	94.5	2.5	.2	3.7	107.1	221.2
Food away from home-----	113.0	112.9	.1	.4	2.2	(1/)	(1/)
Housing 2/-----	105.9	105.7	.2	.2	1.0	135.0	177.4
Rent-----	106.7	106.6	.1	.3	1.0	146.7	169.4
Gas and electricity-----	108.1	107.4	.7	.1	.4	126.0	120.1
Solid and petroleum fuels-----	102.1	102.4	-.3	- 2.6	2.7	139.2	246.7
Housefurnishings-----	98.5	98.4	.1	-.1	-.6	102.5	192.0
Household operation-----	110.2	110.0	.2	.5	2.6	144.5	211.2
Apparel-----	103.9	103.7	.2	.3	1.1	111.4	212.2
Men's and boys'-----	104.4	104.2	.2	.5	1.3	113.5	223.5
Women's and girls'-----	101.2	101.1	.1	.1	.7	100.5	184.4
Footwear-----	110.6	110.3	.3	.5	1.4	144.9	288.0
Other apparel-----	101.0	100.9	.1	-.1	.6	93.0	229.1
Transportation-----	107.4	107.4	0	.4	.1	151.3	215.5
Private-----	106.1	106.0	.1	.5	.1	138.2	211.1
Public-----	116.6	116.5	.1	.2	.9	217.1	267.0
Medical care-----	116.8	116.4	.3	.9	2.1	168.8	232.6
Personal care-----	107.8	107.8	0	.5	1.6	138.1	231.8
Reading and recreation-----	110.9	110.7	.2	.7	1.6	128.4	203.9
Other goods and services-----	107.6	106.0	1.5	1.8	2.3	137.1	194.3
Special groups:							
All items less food-----	107.3	107.0	.3	.5	1.1	134.6	194.8
All items less shelter-----	106.6	106.1	.5	.5	1.2	128.3	231.7
Commodities-----	104.1	103.6	.5	.4	1.0	120.2	233.1
Nondurables-----	104.8	104.2	.6	.4	1.4	123.0	239.4
Food-----	105.0	104.2	.8	.4	1.4	123.9	263.1
Nondurables less food-----	104.5	104.2	.3	.3	1.1	122.4	208.4
Apparel-----	103.7	103.5	.2	.3	1.0	111.2	213.3
Apparel less footwear-----	102.4	102.2	.2	.3	1.0	105.4	(1/)
Nondurables less food and apparel-----	105.0	104.7	.3	.3	1.2	132.0	200.3
Durables-----	101.3	101.0	.3	.5	-.3	112.2	195.9
New cars-----	101.2	101.1	.1	-.2	-.3	136.0	238.6
Used cars-----	117.7	115.7	1.7	3.9	.5	(1/)	(1/)
Durables less cars-----	98.4	98.3	.1	-.1	-.4	101.5	177.1
Commodities less food-----	103.3	103.0	.3	.4	.7	117.3	197.4
Services-----	111.3	111.1	.2	.5	1.6	158.0	196.4
Rent-----	106.7	106.6	.1	.3	1.0	146.7	169.4
Services less rent-----	112.2	111.9	.3	.5	1.8	160.8	218.8
Household operation services, gas, and electricity-----	110.6	110.2	.4	.4	1.9	145.1	166.8
Transportation services-----	112.3	112.2	.1	.4	.7	194.1	242.2
Medical care services-----	120.1	119.5	.5	1.0	2.7	179.2	254.1
Other services 3/-----	110.5	110.3	.2	.5	1.7	142.7	244.6
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (Reference period=\$1.00)-----	\$0.938	\$0.942	-.4	-.4	- 1.3	\$0.764	\$0.454

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 June 1963 from--		Indexes	
	June 1963	March 1963	June 1962	March 1963	June 1962	1947-49=100	1939=100
						June 1963	June 1963
United States city average-----	106.6	106.2	105.3	0.4	1.2	130.8	220.1
Cities priced monthly 1/							
Chicago-----	105.2	105.2	104.5	0	.7	132.7	226.4
Detroit-----	103.5	102.6	101.8	.9	1.7	127.6	216.2
Los Angeles-----	107.4	107.7	107.0	-.3	.4	133.9	221.7
New York-----	108.7	107.6	105.8	1.0	2.7	131.0	217.9
Philadelphia-----	107.2	106.4	104.9	.8	2.2	131.6	222.4
Cities priced in March, June, September, December 2/	June 1963	March 1963	June 1962	March 1963	June 1962	June 1963	June 1963
Atlanta-----	104.9	104.9	104.0	0	.9	129.9	222.8
Baltimore-----	106.8	106.2	104.8	.6	1.9	132.5	228.9
Cincinnati-----	104.6	104.5	103.3	.1	1.3	127.3	218.1
St. Louis-----	105.6	105.8	104.4	-.2	1.1	131.0	221.0
San Francisco-----	108.9	108.4	107.5	.5	1.3	138.2	235.9
Cities priced in February, May, August, November 2/	May 1963	February 1963	May 1962	February 1963	May 1962	May 1963	May 1963
Cleveland-----	104.3	104.3	103.5	0	.8	129.5	218.9
Houston-----	104.4	105.0	104.7	-.6	-.3	128.6	216.1
Scranton-----	106.7	106.9	105.7	-.2	.9	127.3	217.6
Seattle-----	107.4	107.2	106.3	.2	1.0	135.0	228.1
Washington, D. C.-----	106.1	105.6	104.2	.5	1.8	127.7	211.4
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

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 May 1963 to June 1963  
U.S. city average and five cities priced monthly  
All items and commodity groups

City	All items	Food	Housing	Apparel	Transpor- tation	Medical care	Personal care	Reading and recreation	Other goods & services
United States city average--	0.4	0.8	0.2	0.2	0	0.3	0	0.2	1.5
Chicago-----	.2	1.1	0	- 1.0	- 0.3	.1	- 0.2	0	0
Detroit-----	1.1	1.3	.1	.2	-.5	6.7	- 1.1	3.7	.5
Los Angeles-----	-.2	.4	.1	-.1	- 2.2	0	-.7	0	.4
New York-----	.8	.6	.7	1.5	1.2	-.4	0	.2	4.0
Philadelphia-----	.9	1.3	.6	.4	0	.2	.3	.1	5.0

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

Group	U.S. City Average	Atlanta	Balti- more	Chicago	Cincin- nati	Detroit	Los Angeles	New York	Phila- delphia	St. Louis	San Francisco
Indexes (1957-59=100)											
All items-----	106.6	104.9	106.8	105.2	104.6	103.5	107.4	108.7	107.2	105.6	108.9
Food-----	105.0	103.7	104.8	105.9	102.9	102.0	106.3	106.9	104.5	104.9	107.0
Food at home-----	103.4	103.0	102.4	105.2	101.3	101.0	103.7	104.2	102.5	102.8	105.0
Cereals and bakery products--	109.2	104.7	110.9	109.5	106.3	103.8	117.1	112.6	105.6	106.3	110.7
Meats, poultry, and fish-----	98.4	97.7	98.0	100.3	98.5	96.8	94.7	100.1	96.3	98.2	101.3
Dairy products-----	102.8	102.6	96.5	110.2	100.7	104.0	107.9	99.8	100.8	102.3	106.7
Fruits and vegetables-----	115.6	113.5	114.3	116.0	113.8	111.2	117.0	117.7	116.9	116.5	116.7
Other foods at home-----	96.9	101.6	98.2	96.8	93.1	94.3	92.1	96.5	98.9	95.8	95.0
Housing-----	105.9	103.6	106.3	104.2	102.3	98.2	108.1	109.8	107.3	103.2	110.7
Rent-----	106.7	104.2	107.1	-----	103.0	94.4	-----	113.1	-----	104.5	117.8
Gas and electricity-----	108.1	111.4	102.4	105.7	110.7	105.8	114.5	2/105.7	103.7	108.5	110.0
Solid and petroleum fuels-----	102.1	104.1	105.3	102.5	97.1	100.1	-----	104.8	102.5	101.1	-----
Housefurnishings-----	98.5	93.6	96.3	101.3	98.4	98.4	98.4	104.0	98.5	96.7	99.1
Household operation-----	110.2	115.8	114.5	107.5	109.9	105.4	105.8	112.4	116.3	112.2	113.7
Apparel-----	103.9	103.6	106.9	100.2	102.2	105.0	103.8	104.6	105.6	104.4	105.3
Men's and boys'-----	104.4	103.3	104.5	102.7	104.1	102.6	104.9	106.1	105.7	102.5	103.9
Women's and girls'-----	101.2	102.0	105.9	94.2	97.9	104.7	102.5	101.5	104.4	104.9	104.3
Footwear-----	110.6	110.5	117.4	110.3	111.7	111.3	108.6	111.3	110.6	109.3	111.0
Other apparel-----	101.0	99.5	101.1	98.3	98.0	100.8	99.0	101.2	103.2	99.9	103.6
Transportation-----	107.4	108.2	107.9	107.1	108.4	103.0	109.1	106.5	111.7	105.2	107.8
Private-----	106.1	108.2	104.3	107.3	107.1	100.7	104.8	108.6	108.2	102.4	108.7
Public-----	116.6	108.1	123.2	107.4	116.7	114.4	138.5	100.6	123.7	116.6	101.1
Medical care-----	116.8	113.5	126.9	120.1	115.8	123.1	115.2	116.4	121.4	115.0	118.3
Personal care-----	107.8	108.0	107.4	107.2	105.7	106.5	105.2	107.2	106.5	109.6	111.8
Reading and recreation-----	110.9	108.2	104.7	100.0	111.1	110.8	101.7	116.2	100.1	119.0	108.1
Other goods and services-----	107.6	102.3	104.2	100.9	105.1	109.4	106.4	110.4	109.6	107.5	108.3
Percent change from March 1963 to June 1963											
All items-----	0.4	0	0.6	0	0.1	0.9	-0.3	1.0	0.8	-0.2	0.5
Food-----	.4	-0.1	1.1	0.2	.3	.9	-.5	.3	.4	.4	.1
Food at home-----	.4	-.2	1.6	.3	-.1	1.0	-.7	.3	.1	.2	.2
Cereals and bakery products--	.1	-.1	2.8	-.8	-.7	-.6	-1.0	.1	-.1	.2	.2
Meats, poultry, and fish-----	-2.3	-2.0	-1.5	-2.6	-.7	0	-2.8	-2.1	-3.4	-2.3	-1.3
Dairy products-----	-.7	-.2	-1.9	0	-2.2	-1.0	-.4	-1.3	-2.6	-.4	.1
Fruits and vegetables-----	5.5	3.7	9.3	7.1	4.4	8.0	1.0	5.4	6.9	6.8	1.0
Other foods at home-----	.2	-.9	.9	-1.2	-1.6	-1.0	.2	.5	1.5	-2.0	1.4
Housing-----	.2	-.5	0	-.1	-.6	.1	.5	.5	1.1	.7	.7
Rent-----	.3	.1	.5	-----	.7	1/-.1	-----	1/.4	-----	.2	1.2
Gas and electricity-----	.1	1.4	-.5	-.5	.2	.7	-.2	.8	1.0	0	0
Solid and petroleum fuels-----	-2.6	-5.0	.5	-2.1	-10.4	-.3	-----	-.6	-5.1	-2.7	-----
Housefurnishings-----	-.1	.2	0	.2	.1	-.1	-1.5	.8	0	-.1	.2
Household operation-----	.5	-.2	.1	0	.1	0	-.3	.4	1.7	4.2	.4
Apparel-----	.3	.4	.2	-.9	-.5	.9	-.2	1.0	-1.0	.3	.3
Men's and boys'-----	.5	-.1	-.1	.3	-.3	.1	-.2	1.0	.2	-.1	.6
Women's and girls'-----	.1	.2	.2	-2.6	-1.2	1.5	.3	.9	-2.0	.8	.3
Footwear-----	.5	1.1	.8	.4	.7	1.0	-.5	.3	0	.2	-.3
Other apparel-----	-.1	1.0	.3	-1.3	-.3	.5	-1.2	.9	-1.5	-.6	.2
Transportation-----	.4	.8	.9	.4	-.1	-1.4	-1.8	1.2	.4	-4.2	.4
Private-----	.5	.9	1.2	.5	-.1	-1.8	-2.2	1.6	.5	-5.3	.4
Public-----	.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Medical care-----	.9	2.0	1.3	.7	1.0	6.8	.6	-.3	.4	0	.3
Personal care-----	.5	-1.2	-.1	-.3	4.7	-1.0	0	.9	.5	-.4	.4
Reading and recreation-----	.7	-.4	1.7	-.6	0	4.4	-1.2	4.8	-.1	.1	.7
Other goods and services-----	1.8	.5	.6	-.4	.6	.5	.4	5.1	5.0	.5	.5

1/ Change from April 1963 to June 1963.

2/ Revised indexes: April 1963 = 104.6  
May 1963 = 104.7

**TABLE 5: Consumer Price Index--Food and its subgroups**  
 June 1963 indexes and percent changes, May 1963 to June 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	0.8	103.4	0.9	109.2	- 0.1	98.4	0.4	102.8	0	115.6	1.5	96.9	2.5
Atlanta-----	103.7	1.4	103.0	1.5	104.7	- .3	97.7	.8	102.6	- .2	113.5	4.2	101.6	2.2
Baltimore-----	104.8	1.3	102.4	1.7	110.9	2.6	98.0	1.4	96.5	- 1.8	114.3	3.6	98.2	2.2
Boston-----	106.6	.4	104.6	.7	111.3	.6	101.5	- 1.6	96.2	- .1	119.1	2.8	99.2	2.5
Chicago-----	105.9	1.1	105.2	1.3	109.5	- 1.1	100.3	1.0	110.2	- .2	116.0	4.4	96.8	1.5
Cincinnati-----	102.9	.6	101.3	.8	106.3	- .8	98.5	2.1	100.7	- 2.2	113.8	.9	93.1	2.5
Cleveland-----	101.6	.9	100.2	.9	106.7	.1	97.6	- .3	96.7	0	112.2	2.8	92.7	2.0
Detroit-----	102.0	1.3	101.0	1.4	103.8	.1	96.8	1.7	104.0	0	111.2	3.2	94.3	1.6
Houston-----	103.1	1.1	100.2	1.4	106.0	4.7	95.7	- .1	99.4	.4	107.6	- .4	97.2	3.6
Kansas City-----	103.9	1.8	103.0	2.2	108.6	.3	96.6	2.7	102.7	.3	116.2	5.4	97.4	1.2
Los Angeles-----	106.3	.4	103.7	.4	117.1	1.8	94.7	- .3	107.9	- .2	117.0	- .5	92.1	1.8
Minneapolis-----	102.1	.4	100.4	.6	96.5	- 5.5	98.0	.6	102.4	.2	110.8	2.2	96.1	3.3
New York-----	106.9	.6	104.2	.7	112.6	- .3	100.1	- .4	99.8	- .3	117.7	1.8	96.5	2.7
Philadelphia-----	104.5	1.3	102.5	1.3	105.6	- .1	96.3	.4	100.8	.3	116.9	1.7	98.9	4.0
Pittsburgh-----	103.7	.5	103.2	.4	111.0	- .2	101.1	.5	97.1	- .1	114.0	- 1.4	97.8	2.5
Portland, Oreg.-----	104.8	.7	103.0	.8	106.3	- .4	100.5	.6	106.3	.9	114.9	.6	93.3	2.3
St. Louis-----	104.9	1.7	102.8	2.3	106.3	- .2	98.2	3.7	102.3	- .1	116.5	4.2	95.8	1.5
San Francisco-----	107.0	1.0	105.0	1.4	110.7	0	101.3	1.8	106.7	0	116.7	1.0	95.0	3.0
Scranton-----	104.6	1.5	103.3	1.4	108.4	.1	98.1	1.3	99.3	- .1	118.9	2.9	98.0	2.2
Seattle-----	107.1	.4	104.6	.4	107.4	.2	101.6	.5	108.3	.7	115.6	- 1.4	95.9	1.8
Washington, D. C.-----	104.6	1.3	103.0	1.5	108.7	- .1	96.1	.6	101.4	.3	114.9	3.4	99.6	2.7

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

Food and unit	Cents	Cents	Food and unit	Cents	Cents
<b>Cereals and bakery products:</b>			<b>Fresh--Continued</b>		
Flour, wheat-----5 lb.	57.7	57.3	Grapefruit-----each	19.2	16.6
Biscuit mix-----40 oz.	47.9	48.1	Peaches *-----lb.	*	*
Macaroni-----16 oz.	25.0	25.0	Strawberries *-----pt.	31.5	34.4
Corn meal-----lb.	14.5	14.5	Crapes, seedless *-----lb.	*	*
Rolled oats-----18 oz.	24.1	24.1	Watermelons *-----lb.	5.9	*
Corn flakes-----12 oz.	28.4	28.4	Potatoes-----10 lb.	67.6	64.4
Rice, short grain-----lb.	19.4	19.4	Sweet potatoes-----lb.	13.9	13.6
Rice, long grain-----lb.	21.6	21.6	Corn *-----doz. ears	87.3	103.9
Bread, white-----lb.	21.6	21.6	Onions-----lb.	12.8	11.6
Soda crackers-----lb.	31.0	31.0	Carrots-----lb.	15.1	14.4
Sandwich cookies-----16 oz.	52.0	52.3	Lettuce-----head	23.7	22.9
<b>Meats, poultry, and fish:</b>			Celery-----lb.	13.7	14.3
Round steak-----lb.	103.3	104.7	Cabbage-----lb.	10.4	11.5
Sirloin steak-----lb.	107.9	108.0	Tomatoes-----lb.	31.3	34.2
Chuck roast-----lb.	56.6	59.0	Beans, green-----lb.	25.7	26.7
Rib roast-----lb.	81.8	82.3	<b>Canned:</b>		
Hamburger-----lb.	50.5	50.8	Orange juice-----46 oz. can	53.7	52.3
Veal cutlets-----lb.	151.2	150.0	Pineapple juice-----46 oz. can	33.1	32.9
Pork chops, center cut-----lb.	87.4	83.1	Peaches-----#2½ can	32.8	32.6
Pork roast-----lb.	61.7	59.3	Pineapple-----#2 can	39.3	39.2
Bacon, sliced-----lb.	65.7	64.4	Fruit cocktail-----#303 can	25.2	25.2
Ham, whole-----lb.	59.0	58.2	Corn, cream style-----#303 can	19.3	19.3
Lamb, leg-----lb.	73.4	73.1	Peas, green-----#303 can	22.5	22.5
Frankfurters-----lb.	63.0	62.8	Tomatoes-----#303 can	15.4	15.4
Luncheon meat, canned-----12 oz.	49.6	50.2	Tomato juice-----46 oz. can	31.7	31.6
Frying chickens, ready-to-cook-----lb.	40.1	39.7	Baby foods-----4½ to 5 oz.	10.9	10.9
Ocean perch, fillet, frozen-----lb.	52.5	52.8	<b>Dried:</b>		
Haddock, fillet, frozen-----lb.	56.9	57.9	Prunes-----lb.	40.0	40.0
Salmon, pink, canned-----16 oz.	71.8	72.1	Beans-----lb.	17.8	17.8
Tuna fish, canned-----6 to 6½ oz.	34.3	34.3	<b>Other foods at home:</b>		
<b>Dairy products:</b>			Tomato soup-----10½ to 11 oz. can	12.4	12.4
Milk, fresh, (grocery)-----qt.	23.9	24.0	Beans, with pork-----16 oz. can	14.9	15.0
Milk, fresh, (delivered)-----qt.	25.6	25.6	Pickles, sliced-----15 oz.	27.0	27.0
Ice cream-----¼ gal.	84.8	84.7	Catsup, tomato-----14 oz.	22.1	22.2
Butter-----lb.	74.8	74.9	Potato chips-----4 oz.	28.0	28.0
Cheese, American process-----¼ lb.	36.3	36.2	Coffee-----lb. can	69.5	69.0
Milk, evaporated-----14½ oz. can	15.4	15.4	Coffee-----lb. bag	57.0	56.4
<b>Fruits and vegetables:</b>			Coffee, instant-----6 oz.	92.5	92.6
<b>Frozen:</b>			Tea bags-----pkg. of 48	63.8	63.8
Strawberries-----10 oz.	27.7	27.5	Cola drink, carton-----72 oz.	51.5	50.7
Orange juice concentrate-----6 oz.	31.5	30.9	Shortening, hydrogenated-----3 lb.	83.3	83.9
Lemonade concentrate-----6 oz.	14.1	14.0	Margarine, colored-----lb.	27.3	27.3
Peas, green-----10 oz.	21.1	21.1	Lard-----lb.	19.6	19.8
Beans, green-----9 oz.	23.6	23.5	Salad dressing-----pt.	37.9	37.7
Potatoes, french fried-----9 oz.	18.2	18.3	Peanut butter-----lb.	57.9	57.7
<b>Fresh:</b>			Sugar-----5 lb.	84.0	63.7
Apples-----lb.	20.5	18.4	Corn syrup-----24 oz.	28.6	28.5
Bananas-----lb.	16.6	16.5	Grape jelly-----12 oz.	29.8	29.7
Oranges, size 200-----doz.	94.5	99.0	Chocolate bar-----1 oz.	4.5	4.5
Lemons-----lb.	22.6	23.6	Eggs, Grade A, large-----doz.	48.0	48.9
			Gelatin, flavored-----3 to 4 oz.	9.9	9.9

\* Priced only in season.

Brief Explanation of the CPI

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) measures average changes in prices of goods and services usually bought by city families of wage earners and clerical workers. It is based on prices of about 300 items which were selected so that their price changes would represent the movement of prices of all goods and services purchased by wage and clerical families; they include all of the important items in family spending. Prices for these items are obtained in 46 cities which were chosen to represent all urban places in the United States; they are collected from grocery and department stores, hospitals, filling stations, and other types of stores and service establishments which wage-earner and clerical-worker families patronize.

Prices of foods, fuels, and a few other items are obtained every month in all 46 cities. Prices of most other commodities and services are collected every month in the 5 largest cities and every 3 months in other cities. Mail questionnaires are used to obtain local transit fares, public utility rates, newspaper prices, fuel prices, and certain other items which change in price infrequently. Prices of most other goods and services are obtained by personal visits of the Bureau's trained representatives.

In calculating the index, price changes for the various items in each city are averaged together with weights which represent their importance in family spending. City data are then combined in the total index with weights based on the 1950 populations of cities they represent. Index numbers are computed on the base 1957-59 = 100.

The national index (the United States city average) includes prices from the 20 large cities for which separate indexes are published in this report, as well as from the following 26 medium-sized and small cities:

Anna, Illinois	Huntington, W. Virginia	Pulaski, Virginia
Camden, Arkansas	Laconia, New Hampshire	Ravenna, Ohio
Canton, Ohio	Lodi, California	Rawlins, Wyoming
Charleston, W. Virginia	Lynchburg, Virginia	San Jose, California
Evansville, Indiana	Madill, Oklahoma	Sandpoint, Idaho
Garrett, Indiana	Madison, Wisconsin	Shawnee, Oklahoma
Glendale, Arizona	Middlesboro, Kentucky	Shenandoah, Iowa
Grand Forks, N. Dakota	Middletown, Connecticut	Youngstown, Ohio
Grand Island, Nebraska	Newark, Ohio	

Comparisons of city indexes show only that prices in one city changed more or less than in another. The city indexes cannot be used to measure differences in price levels or in living costs between cities.

A description of the index and historical tables of index numbers for the United States city average and for 20 large cities are available on request to the Bureau of Labor Statistics in Washington or any of its regional offices (addresses below). The historical tables for the U.S. include index numbers for All Items, Food, Apparel, and Rent for periods from 1913 to date; and for other groups of goods and services from 1935 to date.

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