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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR SEPTEMBER 1963

The Consumer Price Index remained unchanged at 107.1 (1957-59=100) in September for the second consecutive month, the United States Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics announced today. Lower prices for food and transportation offset price increases for several other types of consumer goods and services. The index was 0.9 percent above a year ago, principally because of higher costs of services, particularly those associated with housing, medical care, and recreation. Prices of commodities were only 0.5 percent higher than in September 1962.

FOOD Food prices fell by 0.6 percent in September, largely because of seasonally lower prices of fresh fruits and vegetables, which more than offset seasonally higher egg prices. Fresh apples and grapes dropped more than 20 percent in price. Potatoes, onions, and tomatoes showed smaller declines. Orange prices declined again in September, but frozen and canned orange juice continued to advance.

Prices of sugar at retail dropped 8.6 percent over the month, but remained 14.7 percent above a year earlier. However, prices of products containing sugar (candy, soft drinks, and jelly) continued to advance.

Poultry prices rose a little, while meats were unchanged, on the average.

Over the past year, food prices averaged 0.6 percent higher, principally because of an increase of 5.8 percent in prices of fruits and vegetables. There were smaller price increases for all other classes of foods except meats, poultry, and fish, which were 4.5 percent below a year ago.

OTHER GROUPS Transportation costs declined by 0.4 percent in September, largely because of lower prices for gasoline and new cars. Prices of used cars, tires, auto repairs, and insurance advanced.

Residential rents continued to rise, fuel prices were up seasonally, and housing upkeep and textile housefurnishings also moved up.

Apparel prices climbed 0.8 percent in September, but were only slightly higher than last year. Prices of women's and girls' apparel advanced 1.3 percent during the month, as fall and winter items returned to the stores at prices higher than at the end of last season. Men's and boys' clothing prices rose by 0.5 percent.

Costs of services continued to increase in September and were 1.9 percent higher than a year earlier. The largest advances over the past year have been for auto insurance and registration fees, movie admissions, medical services, home repairs and maintenance, and laundry, dry cleaning, and postage.

COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENTS Adjustments based on the national index for September will bring increased cost-of-living allowances of 1 or 2 cents an hour to about 80,000 workers. Of these, 40,000 aerospace employees and 11,000 workers in the public transit industry will receive 1 cent, another 5,000 workers in the aerospace industry and 5,200 public transit employees will receive 2 cents; the remaining 18,800 workers are employed in various industries. In addition, about 22,000 employees will receive increases based on reviews of city indexes. These include 9,000 ordnance and scientific instrument workers, who will receive 1- and 2-cent

quarterly increases (7,000 at 1 cent and 2,000 at 2 cents) based on the New York index; 11,000 meat department employees of supermarkets, who will receive a 2-cent semiannual increase based on the Los Angeles index; and 1,800 public transit workers, who will receive a quarterly increase of $\frac{1}{2}$ cent based on the Baltimore index.

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

(1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)

Group	Indexes (1957-59=100)		Percent change to September 1963 from--			Indexes	
	September 1963	August 1963	August 1963	June 1963	September 1962	1947-49=100	1939=100
						September 1963	September 1963
All items-----	107.1	107.1	0	0.5	0.9	131.4	221.2
Food-----	105.4	106.0	-0.6	.4	.6	124.4	264.1
Food at home-----	103.8	104.5	-.7	.4	.3	120.6	256.1
Cereals and bakery products-----	109.1	109.1	0	-.1	1.1	144.7	252.8
Meats, poultry, and fish-----	101.5	101.4	.1	3.2	-4.5	112.0	269.3
Dairy products-----	104.3	104.2	.1	1.5	.1	118.1	237.0
Fruits and vegetables-----	108.1	114.2	-5.3	-6.5	5.8	133.6	288.7
Other foods at home-----	99.5	98.0	1.5	2.7	1.7	109.9	227.2
Food away from home-----	113.6	113.3	.3	.5	1.9	(1/)	(1/)
Housing 2/-----	106.2	106.0	.2	.3	1.2	135.4	177.9
Rent-----	107.0	106.8	.2	.3	1.0	147.1	169.9
Gas and electricity-----	108.0	107.2	.7	-.1	0	125.9	120.0
Solid and petroleum fuels-----	103.7	102.6	1.1	1.6	2.4	141.3	250.6
Housefurnishings-----	98.6	98.3	.3	.1	-.1	102.6	192.2
Household operation-----	110.7	110.6	.1	.5	2.9	145.1	212.1
Apparel-----	104.8	104.0	.8	.9	.2	112.3	214.1
Men's and boys'-----	105.2	104.7	.5	.8	1.2	114.4	225.2
Women's and girls'-----	102.5	101.2	1.3	1.3	-1.1	101.8	186.8
Footwear-----	110.7	110.6	.1	.1	1.1	145.0	288.2
Other apparel-----	101.4	101.1	.3	.4	.2	93.4	230.0
Transportation-----	107.9	108.3	-.4	.5	.1	152.0	216.5
Private-----	106.5	106.9	-.4	.4	-.2	138.8	211.9
Public-----	117.1	117.1	0	.4	1.2	218.0	268.1
Medical care-----	117.2	117.1	.1	.3	2.2	169.4	233.4
Personal care-----	108.2	108.0	.2	.4	1.3	138.6	232.7
Reading and recreation-----	112.3	112.1	.2	1.3	2.1	130.0	206.4
Other goods and services-----	108.0	108.0	0	.4	2.3	137.6	195.0
Special groups:							
All items less food-----	107.8	107.6	.2	.5	1.1	135.2	195.7
All items less shelter-----	107.1	107.2	-.1	.5	.9	128.9	232.8
Commodities-----	104.6	104.7	-.1	.5	.5	120.8	234.2
Nondurables-----	105.3	105.5	-.2	.5	.6	123.6	240.6
Food-----	105.4	106.0	-.6	.4	.6	124.4	264.1
Nondurables less food-----	105.2	105.0	.2	.7	.6	123.2	209.8
Apparel commodities-----	104.6	103.8	.8	.9	.1	112.1	215.2
Apparel less footwear-----	103.4	102.5	.9	1.0	-.1	106.4	(1/)
Nondurables less food and apparel-----	105.5	105.7	-.2	.5	.9	132.6	201.2
Durables-----	101.5	101.4	.1	.2	-.1	112.5	196.3
New cars-----	99.8	100.2	-.4	-1.4	-.6	134.1	235.3
Used cars-----	120.1	119.0	.9	2.0	-.3	(1/)	(1/)
Durables less cars-----	98.6	98.5	.1	.2	0	101.7	177.4
Commodities less food-----	103.8	103.6	.2	.5	.4	117.9	198.4
Services-----	111.9	111.7	.2	.5	1.9	158.9	197.5
Rent-----	107.0	106.8	.2	.3	1.0	147.1	169.9
Services less rent-----	112.8	112.6	.2	.5	2.1	161.6	220.0
Household operation services, gas, and electricity-----	111.1	110.7	.4	.5	2.3	145.8	167.5
Transportation services-----	112.9	112.7	.2	.5	2.2	195.1	243.5
Medical care services-----	120.5	120.4	.1	.3	2.6	179.8	255.0
Other services 3/-----	111.3	111.2	.1	.7	1.8	143.7	246.4
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (Reference period=\$1.00)-----	\$0.934	\$0.934	0	-.4	-1.0	\$0.761	\$0.452

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 Sept. 1963 from--		Indexes	
	September 1963	June 1963	September 1962	June 1963	September 1962	1947-49=100 September 1963	1939=100 September 1963
	United States city average -----	107.1	106.6	106.1	0.5	0.9	131.4
Cities priced monthly 1/							
Chicago-----	105.6	105.2	105.2	.4	.4	133.2	227.3
Detroit-----	103.3	103.5	102.8	-.2	.5	127.4	215.8
Los Angeles-----	108.6	107.4	107.2	1.1	1.3	135.4	224.2
New York-----	109.3	108.7	107.3	.6	1.9	131.7	219.1
Philadelphia-----	107.6	107.2	106.0	.4	1.5	132.1	223.2
Cities priced in March, June, September, December 2/	September 1963	June 1963	September 1962	June 1963	September 1962	September 1963	September 1963
Atlanta-----	105.2	104.9	104.7	.3	.5	130.2	223.4
Baltimore-----	107.1	106.8	106.0	.3	1.0	132.9	229.6
Cincinnati-----	105.1	104.6	104.3	.5	.8	127.9	219.1
St. Louis-----	106.5	105.6	105.6	.9	.9	132.2	222.9
San Francisco-----	109.2	108.9	107.5	.3	1.6	138.6	236.5
Cities priced in February, May, August, November 2/	August 1963	May 1963	August 1962	May 1963	August 1962	August 1963	August 1963
Cleveland-----	105.1	104.3	103.8	.8	1.3	130.5	220.6
Houston-----	106.2	104.4	104.6	1.7	1.5	130.8	219.9
Scranton-----	107.6	106.7	106.0	.8	1.5	128.4	219.4
Seattle-----	109.1	107.4	106.7	1.6	2.2	137.1	231.7
Washington, D. C.-----	106.8	106.1	104.8	.7	1.9	128.6	212.8
Cities priced in January, April, July, October 2/	July 1963	April 1963	July 1962	April 1963	July 1962	July 1963	July 1963
Boston-----	109.8	109.2	107.2	.5	2.4	136.0	223.0
Kansas City-----	107.1	106.4	106.0	.7	1.0	132.5	214.7
Minneapolis-----	107.7	106.5	105.7	1.1	1.9	133.2	219.6
Pittsburgh-----	107.9	106.3	106.0	1.5	1.8	132.9	228.9
Portland, Oregon-----	106.8	106.2	104.8	.6	1.9	132.3	227.0

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 August 1963 to September 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	-0.6	0.2	0.8	-0.4	0.1	0.2	0.2	0
Chicago-----	-0.1	-1.4	.8	2.2	-.9	0	.1	0	-0.2
Detroit-----	-1.1	-1.7	0	1.0	-5.5	0	.7	-.2	-.2
Los Angeles-----	.2	-.1	.4	1.3	-.3	-.1	.2	.6	-.1
New York-----	0	-.6	0	2.1	-.1	0	0	-.4	.1
Philadelphia-----	.1	-.9	.2	1.9	.1	.2	.1	.5	0

TABLE 4: Consumer Price Index--All items and commodity groups
September 1963 indexes and percent changes, June 1963 to September 1963
U.S. city average and 10 cities priced in September 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-----	107.1	105.2	107.1	105.6	105.1	103.3	108.6	109.3	107.6	106.5	109.2
Food-----	105.4	104.1	105.4	106.1	103.2	101.3	107.0	107.4	104.3	105.3	107.2
Food at home-----	103.8	103.7	102.8	105.4	101.6	100.1	104.3	104.8	102.3	103.3	105.0
Cereals and bakery products--	109.1	104.5	115.0	109.6	107.0	102.7	117.4	111.5	104.7	106.1	110.7
Meats, poultry, and fish-----	101.5	101.3	99.6	104.2	102.1	98.8	98.0	103.0	99.2	102.7	103.3
Dairy products-----	104.3	100.9	98.4	110.9	100.8	104.9	107.8	103.0	103.0	102.5	106.3
Fruits and vegetables-----	108.1	109.5	106.7	104.8	106.2	98.1	114.2	110.1	106.5	107.5	112.2
Other foods at home-----	99.5	103.9	100.0	101.3	95.5	98.5	93.4	99.6	101.2	99.5	96.6
Housing-----	106.2	104.3	106.6	104.9	102.8	98.1	108.6	110.0	107.5	103.7	111.0
Rent-----	107.0	104.4	107.4	105.1	102.6	-----	107.5	-----	108.4	104.5	117.9
Gas and electricity-----	108.0	111.4	102.5	105.7	110.7	106.2	114.5	105.7	103.7	108.5	110.0
Solid and petroleum fuels-----	103.7	104.1	107.6	103.8	104.6	99.5	-----	106.2	108.8	103.5	-----
Housefurnishings-----	98.6	94.5	96.6	101.3	98.7	97.7	100.9	104.0	97.3	96.8	98.1
Household operation-----	110.7	117.6	114.5	110.2	110.0	105.5	105.9	112.5	116.2	112.2	114.2
Apparel-----	104.8	103.9	106.9	102.5	103.9	106.7	105.5	107.1	107.1	105.0	105.3
Men's and boys'-----	105.2	103.4	105.6	102.3	106.0	103.8	107.5	108.2	106.5	106.1	104.3
Women's and girls'-----	102.5	102.2	105.5	99.8	99.8	108.3	104.0	105.7	107.0	103.6	104.0
Footwear-----	110.7	111.7	118.2	109.9	113.0	110.3	108.5	111.3	110.8	109.2	111.3
Other apparel-----	101.4	99.7	97.7	100.6	98.4	101.8	100.9	102.5	103.1	101.0	103.6
Transportation-----	107.9	106.9	108.5	105.7	108.8	101.1	112.8	106.3	111.8	108.2	108.4
Private-----	106.5	106.7	105.1	105.4	107.5	98.5	109.1	108.3	108.4	106.1	109.4
Public-----	117.1	108.1	123.2	107.4	117.8	114.4	138.5	100.6	123.7	116.6	101.1
Medical care-----	117.2	113.6	127.5	120.8	115.8	123.2	115.3	116.9	121.8	115.3	118.7
Personal care-----	108.2	109.0	107.6	107.4	106.8	107.1	106.3	107.6	106.7	110.0	112.9
Reading and recreation-----	112.3	108.5	104.1	100.1	111.7	112.3	103.7	116.5	103.7	119.3	108.7
Other goods and services-----	108.0	102.6	104.4	101.6	105.6	109.0	107.2	111.4	110.0	110.2	108.7
Percent change from June 1963 to September 1963											
All items-----	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.5	- 0.2	1.1	0.6	0.4	0.9	0.3
Food-----	.4	.4	.6	.2	.3	- .7	.7	.5	- .2	.4	.2
Food at home-----	.4	.7	.4	.2	.3	- .9	.6	.6	- .2	.5	0
Cereals and bakery products--	- .1	- .2	3.7	.1	.7	- 1.1	.3	- 1.0	- .9	- .2	0
Meats, poultry, and fish-----	3.2	3.7	1.6	3.9	3.7	2.1	3.5	2.9	3.0	4.6	2.0
Dairy products-----	1.5	- 1.7	2.0	.6	.1	.9	- .1	3.2	2.2	.2	- .4
Fruits and vegetables-----	- 6.5	- 3.5	- 6.6	- 9.7	- 6.7	- 11.8	- 2.4	- 6.5	- 8.9	- 7.7	- 3.9
Other foods at home-----	2.7	2.3	1.8	4.6	2.6	4.5	1.4	3.2	2.3	3.9	1.7
Housing-----	.3	.7	.3	.7	.5	- .1	.5	.2	.2	.5	.3
Rent-----	.3	.2	.3	<u>1/</u> .3	- .4	-----	<u>1/</u> .2	-----	<u>1/</u> .3	0	.1
Gas and electricity-----	- .1	0	.1	0	0	.4	0	0	0	0	0
Solid and petroleum fuels-----	1.6	0	2.2	1.3	7.7	- .6	-----	1.3	6.1	2.4	-----
Housefurnishings-----	.1	1.0	.3	0	.3	- .7	2.5	0	- 1.2	.1	- 1.0
Household operation-----	.5	1.6	0	2.5	.1	.1	.1	.1	- .1	0	.4
Apparel-----	.9	.3	0	2.3	1.7	1.6	1.6	2.4	1.4	.6	0
Men's and boys'-----	.8	.1	1.1	- .4	1.8	1.2	2.5	2.0	.8	3.5	.4
Women's and girls'-----	1.3	.2	- .4	5.9	1.9	3.4	1.5	4.1	2.5	- 1.2	- .3
Footwear-----	.1	1.1	.7	- .4	1.2	- .9	- .1	0	.2	- .1	.3
Other apparel-----	.4	.2	- 3.4	2.3	.4	1.0	1.9	1.3	- .1	1.1	0
Transportation-----	.5	- 1.2	.6	- 1.3	.4	- 1.8	3.4	- .2	.1	2.9	.6
Private-----	.4	- 1.4	.8	- 1.8	.4	- 2.2	4.1	- .3	.2	3.6	.6
Public-----	.4	0	0	0	.9	0	0	0	0	0	0
Medical care-----	.3	.1	.5	.6	0	.1	.1	.4	.3	.3	.3
Personal care-----	.4	.9	.2	.2	1.0	.6	1.0	.4	.2	.4	1.0
Reading and recreation-----	1.3	.3	- .6	.1	.5	1.4	2.0	.3	3.6	.3	.6
Other goods and services-----	.4	.3	.2	.7	.5	- .4	.8	.9	.4	2.5	.4

1/ Change from July 1963 to September 1963.

TABLE 5: Consumer Price Index--Food and its subgroups
 September 1963 Indexes and Percent Changes, August 1963 to September 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--	105.4	- 0.6	103.8	- 0.7	109.1	0	101.5	0.1	104.3	0.1	108.1	- 5.3	99.5	1.5
Atlanta-----	104.1	- .7	103.7	- .7	104.5	- 0.4	101.3	- .8	100.9	- .2	109.5	- 4.0	103.9	1.2
Baltimore-----	105.4	- .3	102.8	- .5	115.0	- .1	99.6	- .7	98.4	- .2	106.7	- 3.8	100.0	2.1
Boston-----	108.1	- .8	105.3	- 1.3	110.3	- 1.0	104.6	- .9	99.9	- .8	113.7	- 7.6	100.6	1.3
Chicago-----	106.1	- 1.4	105.4	- 1.7	109.6	0	104.2	- .9	110.9	- .1	104.8	- 8.8	101.3	1.7
Cincinnati-----	103.2	- .5	101.6	- .6	107.0	3.7	102.1	0	100.8	0	106.2	- 6.1	95.5	.7
Cleveland-----	102.2	- .4	101.0	- .4	107.1	.2	100.1	- .6	99.7	- .1	105.8	- 3.4	95.6	1.6
Detroit-----	101.3	- 1.7	100.1	- 2.0	102.7	.3	98.8	- .8	104.9	0	98.1	-11.4	98.5	2.7
Houston-----	105.3	.6	102.8	.7	106.7	- .1	99.6	.9	102.4	.3	110.9	0	98.7	1.8
Kansas City-----	105.0	- .2	104.2	- .3	108.9	- .1	101.3	1.0	103.1	- .1	109.1	- 4.3	102.1	1.5
Los Angeles-----	107.0	- .1	104.3	- .3	117.4	.3	98.0	- .2	107.8	- .1	114.2	- .6	93.4	0
Minneapolis-----	102.9	.5	101.0	.4	100.0	.7	100.0	1.1	103.9	- .4	103.1	- 2.1	99.4	2.3
New York-----	107.4	- .6	104.8	- .8	111.5	- .4	103.0	.7	103.0	- .4	110.1	- 7.2	99.6	2.5
Philadelphia-----	104.3	- .9	102.3	- 1.0	104.7	- .3	99.2	.3	103.0	- .1	106.5	- 7.7	101.2	2.7
Pittsburgh-----	103.6	- .8	103.1	- 1.0	110.2	- .6	104.0	- .2	99.8	- .1	102.7	- 6.3	100.8	1.8
Portland, Oreg.-----	105.5	- .7	104.0	- .8	107.2	- .1	103.6	- 1.1	106.2	- .7	111.4	- 1.8	95.8	- .2
St. Louis-----	105.3	- .2	103.3	- .2	106.1	0	102.7	.9	102.5	- .6	107.5	- 3.4	99.5	1.3
San Francisco-----	107.2	.1	105.0	- .1	110.7	.1	103.3	.3	106.3	- .1	112.2	- 1.0	96.6	.1
Scranton-----	104.8	.4	103.0	0	108.0	.1	100.7	1.3	101.5	2.4	106.3	- 6.4	101.3	1.9
Seattle-----	107.6	- .2	105.0	- .3	108.1	- .6	103.7	- .1	108.4	0	109.6	- 2.3	99.0	1.2
Washington, D. C.-----	105.0	- .5	103.1	- .6	108.8	.1	97.8	- .8	103.6	- .1	107.0	- 5.0	102.5	2.4

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

Food and unit	September 1963	August 1963	Food and unit	September 1963	August 1963
	Cents	Cents		Cents	Cents
Cereals and bakery products:			Fresh--Continued		
Flour, wheat-----5 lb.	56.8	57.3	Grapefruit-----each	21.4	22.4
Biscuit mix-----40 oz.	48.2	48.1	Peaches *-----lb.	19.8	18.5
Macaroni-----16 oz.	24.9	25.0	Strawberries *-----pt.	*	*
Corn meal-----lb.	14.5	14.5	Grapes, seedless *-----lb.	24.0	31.0
Rolled oats-----18 oz.	24.1	24.1	Watermelons *-----lb.	*	4.7
Corn flakes-----12 oz.	28.4	28.4	Potatoes-----10 lb.	67.3	72.0
Rice, short grain-----lb.	19.4	19.4	Sweet potatoes-----lb.	14.9	16.1
Rice, long grain-----lb.	21.6	21.6	Corn *-----doz. ears	67.1	67.3
Bread, white-----lb.	21.6	21.6	Onions-----lb.	11.4	13.5
Soda crackers-----lb.	31.0	30.9	Carrots-----lb.	14.9	15.4
Sandwich cookies-----16 oz.	51.9	52.1	Lettuce-----head	21.5	21.8
Meats, poultry, and fish:			Celery-----lb.	12.7	13.4
Round steak-----lb.	105.5	107.0	Cabbage-----lb.	8.8	9.4
Sirloin steak-----lb.	110.9	111.3	Tomatoes-----lb.	21.1	23.8
Chuck roast-----lb.	60.3	60.2	Beans, green-----lb.	21.6	21.4
Rib roast-----lb.	83.6	83.4	Canned:		
Hamburger-----lb.	51.6	50.4	Orange juice-----46 oz. can	56.6	55.9
Veal cutlets-----lb.	151.8	151.8	Pineapple juice-----46 oz. can	35.0	34.3
Pork chops, center cut-----lb.	92.9	92.7	Peaches-----#2½ can	33.2	33.5
Pork roast-----lb.	65.0	64.7	Pineapple-----#2 can	39.6	39.7
Bacon, sliced-----lb.	72.9	73.4	Fruit cocktail-----#303 can	26.1	25.8
Ham, whole-----lb.	60.9	61.0	Corn, cream style-----#303 can	19.2	19.3
Lamb, leg-----lb.	73.0	72.5	Peas, green-----#303 can	22.6	22.5
Frankfurters-----lb.	63.3	63.0	Tomatoes-----#303 can	15.6	15.6
Luncheon meat, canned-----12 oz.	48.9	49.2	Tomato juice-----46 oz. can	31.7	31.9
Frying chickens, ready-to-cook-----lb.	40.0	39.6	Baby foods-----4¼ to 5 oz.	10.9	10.9
Ocean perch, fillet, frozen-----lb.	53.2	52.7	Dried:		
Haddock, fillet, frozen-----lb.	57.8	57.4	Prunes-----lb.	40.1	40.1
Salmon, pink, canned-----16 oz.	69.6	69.6	Beans-----lb.	17.9	17.9
Tuna fish, canned-----6 to 6¼ oz.	32.6	33.0	Other foods at home:		
Dairy products:			Tomato soup-----10½ to 11 oz. can	12.3	12.3
Milk, fresh, (grocery)-----qt.	24.5	24.4	Beans, with pork-----16 oz. can	15.0	15.0
Milk, fresh, (delivered)-----qt.	26.1	26.1	Pickles, sliced-----15 oz.	27.2	27.1
Ice cream-----¼ gal.	85.4	85.1	Catsup, tomato-----14 oz.	22.1	22.2
Butter-----lb.	75.0	74.9	Potato chips-----4 oz.	27.9	27.9
Cheese, American process-----¼ lb.	36.5	36.5	Coffee-----lb. can	69.6	69.8
Milk, evaporated-----14¼ oz. can	15.4	15.4	Coffee-----lb. bag	56.7	56.5
Fruits and vegetables:			Coffee, instant-----6 oz.	91.9	92.6
Frozen:			Tea bags-----pkg. of 48	64.0	64.1
Strawberries-----10 oz.	27.6	27.7	Cola drink, carton-----72 oz.	55.1	55.0
Orange juice concentrate-----6 oz.	32.7	32.7	Shortening, hydrogenated-----3 lb.	82.4	83.4
Lemonade concentrate-----6 oz.	14.7	14.5	Margarine, colored-----lb.	27.6	27.6
Peas, green-----10 oz.	20.9	21.1	Lard-----lb.	19.8	19.7
Beans, green-----9 oz.	23.6	23.7	Salad dressing-----pt.	38.2	38.1
Potatoes, french fried-----9 oz.	18.0	18.2	Peanut butter-----lb.	57.6	57.8
Fresh:			Sugar-----5 lb.	67.3	73.7
Apples-----lb.	16.8	22.5	Corn syrup-----24 oz.	28.9	28.7
Bananas-----lb.	16.4	16.2	Grape jelly-----12 oz.	30.8	30.5
Oranges, size 200-----doz.	88.9	92.1	Chocolate bar-----1 oz.	4.6	4.5
Lemons-----lb.	22.0	22.1	Eggs, Grade A, large-----doz.	59.0	52.6
			Gelatin, flavored-----3 to 4 oz.	10.1	10.1

* 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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