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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR OCTOBER 1963

The Consumer Price Index edged up 0.1 percent in October to a new high, the United States Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics announced today. Lower prices for food were not sufficient to offset higher prices for most other goods and services. The index, at 107.2 (1957-59=100) was 1.1 percent above a year ago, primarily because of an advance of 2.1 percent in costs of services, particularly those associated with housing and with medical care. There also were substantial increases in prices of cigarettes and newspapers over the past year.

FOOD

Food prices declined 0.5 percent in October, largely because of seasonally lower prices for fresh fruits and for meats. Compared with a year earlier, food prices were up 0.6 percent, mostly because of higher prices for bread, apples, potatoes, orange juice, soft drinks, and sugar. Meat prices were lower than in October 1962.

Prices of fresh fruits dropped 4.5 percent in October, led by sharp declines in apple and grapefruit prices, as supplies increased seasonally. Fresh vegetable prices were slightly lower, as reductions in prices of potatoes and onions were not quite offset by higher lettuce and tomato prices. Meat prices declined 1.1 percent, reflecting reduced quotations for most cuts.

Retail sugar prices fell 1.8 percent over the month, but were 12.6 percent above October 1962. Eggs and dairy products were up seasonally. Restaurant meals climbed 0.4 percent in October and were 2.0 percent higher than a year ago.

TRANSPORTATION

Costs of transportation rose 1.0 percent in October as new car prices averaged 3.3 percent higher, reflecting smaller concessions by dealers on incoming 1964 models. Gasoline prices advanced 0.8 percent, but were 1.6 percent below October of last year. Public transportation costs rose by 0.4 percent over the month, and were 1.4 percent higher than in October 1962.

OTHER GOODS
AND SERVICES

The housing index increased by 0.1 percent in October to a level 1.2 percent above a year earlier. Costs of homeownership continued to rise slightly because of increasing costs of upkeep. Residential rents, fuels, and some housefurnishings rose slightly. On the other hand, household operation costs (including housekeeping services) were lower over the month.

Apparel prices climbed 0.6 percent from September to October, but were only 0.5 percent higher than a year ago. Men's and boys' clothing prices increased 0.5 percent in October, while costs of women's and girls' apparel advanced 1.0 percent.

Costs of reading and recreation increased by 0.4 percent over the month, principally because of higher prices of newspapers and motion picture admissions.

COST-OF-LIVING
ADJUSTMENTS

As a result of the October national index, about 42,000 workers will receive cost-of-living wage increases. Of these, 11,000 workers in the farm equipment industry and 20,000 aerospace workers will receive 1 cent increases based on quarterly adjustments, and 7,000 workers, including 5,000 tool and die employees in the Detroit area, will receive 3 cents from semiannual or annual adjustments.

In the public transit industry, 12,000 workers in Chicago and 1,775 employees in Pittsburgh will receive cost-of-living decreases of $\frac{1}{2}$ cent and $1\frac{1}{2}$ cents, respectively, based on their city indexes.

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

(1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)

Group	Indexes (1957-59=100)		Percent change to October 1963 from--			Indexes	
	October 1963	September 1963	September 1963	July 1963	October 1962	1947-49=100	1939=100
						October 1963	October 1963
All items-----	107.2	107.1	0.1	0.1	1.1	131.5	221.4
Food-----	104.9	105.4	- .5	- 1.2	.6	123.8	262.9
Food at home-----	103.2	103.8	- .6	- 1.5	.3	119.9	254.6
Cereals and bakery products-----	109.1	109.1	0	- .1	1.0	144.7	252.8
Meats, poultry, and fish-----	100.4	101.5	- 1.1	.2	- 3.6	110.7	266.3
Dairy products-----	104.6	104.3	.3	1.3	.3	118.4	237.7
Fruits and vegetables-----	106.3	108.1	- 1.7	-10.4	4.2	131.4	283.9
Other foods at home-----	99.6	99.5	.1	1.8	1.5	110.1	227.4
Food away from home-----	114.0	113.6	.4	.8	2.0	(1/)	(1/)
Housing 2/-----	106.3	106.2	.1	.3	1.2	135.5	178.1
Rent-----	107.1	107.0	.1	.4	.9	147.3	170.0
Gas and electricity-----	108.1	108.0	.1	0	.1	126.0	120.1
Solid and petroleum fuels-----	104.5	103.7	.8	2.2	2.1	142.4	252.5
Housefurnishings-----	98.7	98.6	.1	.2	- .1	102.7	192.4
Household operation-----	110.5	110.7	- .2	.2	2.7	144.9	211.8
Apparel-----	105.4	104.8	.6	1.4	.5	113.0	215.3
Men's and boys'-----	105.7	105.2	.5	1.1	1.4	114.9	226.3
Women's and girls'-----	103.5	102.5	1.0	2.3	- .5	102.8	188.6
Footwear-----	110.9	110.7	.2	.4	1.2	145.3	288.8
Other apparel-----	101.8	101.4	.4	.7	.2	93.8	230.9
Transportation-----	109.0	107.9	1.0	1.1	.8	153.6	218.7
Private-----	107.7	106.5	1.1	1.2	.7	140.3	214.3
Public-----	117.6	117.1	.4	.9	1.4	219.0	269.2
Medical care-----	117.4	117.2	.2	.4	2.2	169.6	233.8
Personal care-----	108.4	108.2	.2	.4	1.4	138.9	233.1
Reading and recreation-----	112.7	112.3	.4	1.1	2.9	130.5	207.2
Other goods and services-----	108.2	108.0	.2	.2	2.5	137.8	195.4
Special groups:							
All items less food-----	108.1	107.8	.3	.6	1.3	135.6	196.2
All items less shelter-----	107.2	107.1	.1	.1	1.0	129.1	233.0
Commodities-----	104.7	104.6	.1	0	.7	120.9	234.5
Nondurables-----	105.2	105.3	- .1	- .3	.8	123.5	240.3
Food-----	104.9	105.4	- .5	- 1.2	.6	123.8	262.9
Nondurables less food-----	105.6	105.2	.4	.8	1.0	123.7	210.6
Apparel-----	105.3	104.6	.7	1.5	.5	112.9	216.6
Apparel less footwear-----	104.2	103.4	.8	1.8	.4	107.2	(1/)
Nondurables less food and apparel-----	105.8	105.5	.3	.3	1.2	133.0	201.8
Durables-----	102.2	101.5	.7	.9	.2	113.2	197.6
New cars-----	103.1	99.8	3.3	2.6	.6	138.6	243.1
Used cars-----	120.0	120.1	- .1	1.6	.5	(1/)	(1/)
Durables less cars-----	98.7	98.6	.1	.2	.1	101.8	177.6
Commodities less food-----	104.3	103.8	.5	.8	.7	118.5	199.3
Services-----	112.1	111.9	.2	.5	2.1	159.2	197.9
Rent-----	107.1	107.0	.1	.4	.9	147.3	170.0
Services less rent-----	112.9	112.8	.1	.4	2.2	161.8	220.2
Household operation services, gas, and electricity-----	111.0	111.1	- .1	.3	2.1	145.6	167.4
Transportation services-----	113.1	112.9	.2	.6	2.1	195.4	243.9
Medical care services-----	120.7	120.5	.2	.4	2.5	180.1	255.4
Other services 3/-----	111.5	111.3	.2	.5	2.2	143.9	246.8
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (Reference period=\$1.00)-----	\$0.933	\$0.934	- .1	- .1	- 1.1	\$0.760	\$0.451

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 October 1963 from--		Indexes 1947-49=100 1939=100	
	October 1963	July 1963	October 1962	July 1963	October 1962	October 1963	October 1963
United States city average-----	107.2	107.1	106.0	0.1	1.1	131.5	221.4
Cities priced monthly 1/							
Chicago-----	105.7	106.0	105.0	- .3	.7	133.3	227.5
Detroit-----	103.5	103.9	102.8	- .4	.7	127.6	216.2
Los Angeles-----	109.1	108.0	107.2	1.0	1.8	136.0	225.2
New York-----	109.4	109.2	107.2	.2	2.1	131.8	219.3
Philadelphia-----	108.2	107.4	105.8	.7	2.3	132.9	224.5
Cities priced in January, April, July, October 2/	October 1963	July 1963	October 1962	July 1963	October 1962	October 1963	October 1963
Boston-----	110.0	109.8	108.2	.2	1.7	136.3	223.4
Kansas City-----	108.7	107.1	107.1	1.5	1.5	134.5	217.9
Minneapolis-----	107.4	107.7	105.9	- .3	1.4	132.9	219.0
Pittsburgh-----	107.4	107.9	106.3	- .5	1.0	132.3	227.8
Portland, Oregon-----	107.1	106.8	105.3	.3	1.7	132.7	227.6
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

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 September 1963 to October 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	- 0.5	0.1	0.6	1.0	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.2
Chicago-----	.1	- .3	0	.2	1.4	.3	0	- .5	- .5
Detroit-----	.2	- .6	.1	- .2	3.0	0	.3	- .4	.1
Los Angeles-----	.5	.5	- .1	- .2	2.0	.8	.2	0	0
New York-----	.1	- .5	.5	.2	.4	.2	.1	1.4	0
Philadelphia-----	.6	0	.2	.5	.9	0	- .6	7.9	0

TABLE 4: Consumer Price Index--All items and commodity groups
October 1963 indexes and percent changes, July 1963 to October 1963
U.S. city average and 10 cities priced in October 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-----	107.2	110.0	105.7	103.5	108.7	109.1	107.4	109.4	108.2	107.4	107.1
Food-----	104.9	108.1	105.8	100.7	105.1	107.5	103.2	106.9	104.3	102.9	105.2
Food at home-----	103.2	104.9	105.0	99.3	104.1	104.9	101.4	104.0	102.2	102.0	103.6
Cereals and bakery products--	109.1	110.5	109.5	101.5	109.9	117.6	102.6	111.5	104.9	109.4	107.1
Meats, poultry, and fish-----	100.4	104.3	103.0	97.6	99.8	98.8	99.8	101.9	98.3	102.8	102.9
Dairy products-----	104.6	101.5	111.0	105.1	104.0	107.8	105.2	103.5	105.2	99.6	106.8
Fruits and vegetables-----	106.3	111.4	104.0	96.3	108.1	114.1	101.8	108.1	106.6	101.0	108.7
Other foods at home-----	99.6	99.5	101.8	98.4	103.3	94.9	99.8	99.2	100.2	99.2	96.5
Housing-----	106.3	112.0	104.9	98.2	106.9	108.5	106.1	110.6	107.7	107.1	107.2
Rent-----	107.1	117.2	-----	94.3	103.9	-----	107.4	114.0	-----	106.4	105.6
Gas and electricity-----	108.1	104.2	105.7	105.9	108.9	114.5	104.0	105.5	103.7	112.5	102.5
Solid and petroleum fuels-----	104.5	107.7	104.7	100.2	115.0	-----	102.8	106.5	108.8	-----	102.8
Housefurnishings-----	98.7	99.4	101.6	98.4	99.0	100.2	97.9	104.1	98.1	102.2	97.3
Household operation-----	110.5	114.3	110.2	105.3	113.5	105.5	105.4	112.5	115.9	115.4	110.4
Apparel-----	105.4	106.1	102.7	106.5	106.9	105.3	104.1	107.3	107.6	103.8	105.4
Men's and boys'-----	105.7	102.8	102.6	102.8	109.4	107.5	107.1	108.5	106.0	105.2	107.6
Women's and girls'-----	103.5	106.8	99.8	108.5	103.8	103.8	101.0	105.7	108.5	98.3	102.0
Footwear-----	110.9	111.7	109.9	110.3	114.6	108.5	109.6	111.3	111.1	116.3	112.7
Other apparel-----	101.8	101.8	101.2	101.2	99.9	100.6	97.4	103.0	102.8	100.9	99.6
Transportation-----	109.0	109.9	107.2	104.1	110.7	115.0	109.5	106.7	112.8	110.0	106.6
Private-----	107.7	103.5	107.4	102.1	108.0	111.6	107.8	108.9	109.7	105.4	105.8
Public-----	117.6	131.6	107.4	114.4	125.4	138.5	121.9	100.6	123.7	125.9	111.0
Medical care-----	117.4	116.4	121.2	123.2	115.4	116.2	129.8	117.1	121.8	123.7	113.6
Personal care-----	108.4	110.4	107.4	107.4	115.0	106.5	108.3	107.7	106.1	104.0	110.0
Reading and recreation-----	112.7	116.2	99.6	111.9	117.0	103.7	111.3	118.1	111.9	113.7	113.4
Other goods and services-----	108.2	102.8	101.1	109.1	113.9	107.2	106.5	111.4	110.0	111.5	104.9
Percent change from July 1963 to October 1963											
All items-----	0.1	0.2	- 0.3	- 0.4	1.5	1.0	- 0.3	0.2	0.7	- 0.5	0.3
Food-----	- 1.2	- .5	- 1.6	- 2.6	0	- .2	- .5	- 1.2	- .8	- 1.6	- .6
Food at home-----	- 1.5	- 1.8	- 2.0	- 3.2	- .3	- .4	- .8	- 1.7	- 1.1	- 2.2	- .7
Cereals and bakery products--	- .1	- 1.2	.5	- 1.9	1.2	.3	3.2	- .6	.4	- .5	0
Meats, poultry, and fish-----	.2	1.8	0	- .1	.5	1.5	1.6	.4	1.3	- .2	1.1
Dairy products-----	1.3	1.7	0	1.0	1.8	- .2	1.7	2.5	2.1	2.8	.3
Fruits and vegetables-----	-10.4	-11.0	-12.2	-17.8	- 7.2	- 4.7	-11.7	-11.4	- 9.9	-13.5	- 8.6
Other foods at home-----	1.8	- .5	2.4	3.0	3.0	1.5	2.1	1.7	1.0	.2	3.0
Housing-----	.3	.6	.6	.1	.7	.2	.2	.8	.5	- .1	.1
Rent-----	.4	.4	-----	1/ - .1	- .2	-----	.5	1/ .4	-----	.2	.1
Gas and electricity-----	0	0	0	- .1	.4	0	- 1.2	- .1	0	0	0
Solid and petroleum fuels-----	2.2	1.1	1.5	.7	2.3	-----	4.2	1.6	6.1	-----	- .6
Housefurnishings-----	.2	- .5	.8	.1	1.7	1.1	.3	.9	.6	- .7	1.1
Household operation-----	.2	.8	2.0	.1	0	- .4	- .6	.1	- .3	- .8	0
Apparel-----	1.4	2.5	2.0	1.6	5.4	1.2	.8	2.3	1.9	1.1	1.0
Men's and boys'-----	1.1	1.7	.1	.2	3.1	1.4	.8	1.7	.3	2.7	.9
Women's and girls'-----	2.3	3.3	4.6	3.6	9.0	1.8	1.0	3.8	3.7	.9	1.0
Footwear-----	.4	2.1	- .1	- .4	1.7	- .1	0	0	.5	- .4	1.3
Other apparel-----	.7	1.6	1.4	.5	4.4	.3	.5	1.4	.6	- .1	.4
Transportation-----	1.1	- .6	0	.8	4.4	5.4	- 1.4	.3	.9	- 1.3	.7
Private-----	1.2	- .9	.1	.9	2.9	6.5	- 1.6	.4	1.1	- 1.8	.7
Public-----	.9	0	0	0	12.7	0	0	0	0	0	0
Medical care-----	.4	.9	.5	.1	.4	.7	.2	.6	.2	.1	1.7
Personal care-----	.4	.9	- .1	.8	1.5	.8	.7	- .1	- .7	.3	- .6
Reading and recreation-----	1.1	- 1.8	- 3.2	1.3	1.3	1.9	- 2.1	1.0	11.7	.9	3.2
Other goods and services-----	.2	.3	- .5	0	1.2	0	.1	.1	0	- .2	- .1

1/ Change from August 1963 to October 1963.

TABLE 5: Consumer Price Index--Food and its subgroups
 October 1963 Indexes and Percent Changes, September 1963 to October 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--	104.9	- 0.5	103.2	- 0.6	109.1	0	100.4	- 1.1	104.6	0.3	106.3	- 1.7	99.6	0.1
Atlanta-----	104.0	- .1	103.5	- .2	104.0	- 0.5	100.9	- .4	101.1	.2	108.2	- 1.2	104.7	.8
Baltimore-----	104.7	- .7	102.0	- .8	114.7	- .3	98.4	- 1.2	98.2	- .2	104.7	- 1.9	99.9	- .1
Boston-----	108.1	0	104.9	- .4	110.5	.2	104.3	- .3	101.5	1.6	111.4	- 2.0	99.5	- 1.1
Chicago-----	105.8	- .3	105.0	- .4	109.5	- .1	103.0	- 1.2	111.0	.1	104.0	- .8	101.8	.5
Cincinnati-----	102.6	- .6	100.9	- .7	106.4	- .6	100.3	- 1.8	100.8	0	104.3	- 1.8	96.6	1.2
Cleveland-----	101.7	- .5	100.3	- .7	107.3	.2	99.6	- .5	99.8	.1	104.2	- 1.5	94.5	- 1.2
Detroit-----	100.7	- .6	99.3	- .8	101.5	- 1.2	97.6	- 1.2	105.1	.2	96.3	- 1.8	98.4	- .1
Houston-----	104.8	- .5	102.3	- .5	106.7	0	98.1	- 1.5	103.4	1.0	109.4	- 1.4	98.7	0
Kansas City-----	105.1	.1	104.1	- .1	109.9	.9	99.8	- 1.5	104.0	.9	108.1	- .9	103.3	1.2
Los Angeles-----	107.5	.5	104.9	.6	117.6	.2	98.8	.8	107.8	0	114.1	- .1	94.9	1.6
Minneapolis-----	103.2	.3	101.4	.4	102.6	2.6	99.8	- .2	105.2	1.3	101.8	- 1.3	99.8	.4
New York-----	106.9	- .5	104.0	- .8	111.5	0	101.9	- 1.1	103.5	.5	108.1	- 1.8	99.2	- .4
Philadelphia-----	104.3	0	102.2	- .1	104.9	.2	98.3	- .9	105.2	2.1	106.6	- .1	100.2	- 1.0
Pittsburgh-----	102.9	- .7	102.0	- 1.1	109.4	- .7	102.8	- 1.2	99.6	- .2	101.0	- 1.7	99.2	- 1.6
Portland, Oreg.-----	105.2	- .3	103.6	- .4	107.1	- .1	102.9	- .7	106.8	.6	108.7	- 2.4	96.5	.7
St. Louis-----	105.1	- .2	102.7	- .6	106.6	.5	101.1	- 1.6	104.1	1.6	104.5	- 2.8	100.2	.7
San Francisco-----	106.6	- .6	104.2	- .8	110.5	- .2	102.1	- 1.2	106.5	.2	109.3	- 2.6	97.1	.5
Scranton-----	104.4	- .4	102.5	- .5	107.3	- .6	100.1	- .6	101.7	.2	105.9	- .4	100.6	- .7
Seattle-----	107.4	- .2	104.6	- .4	109.3	1.1	103.6	- .1	108.5	.1	105.3	- 3.9	99.7	.7
Washington, D. C.-----	104.6	- .4	102.4	- .7	109.0	.2	98.5	.7	103.5	- .1	102.3	- 4.4	102.4	- .1

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

Food and unit	October 1963	September 1963	Food and unit	October 1963	September 1963
Cereals and bakery products:	Cents	Cents	Fresh--Continued	Cents	Cents
Flour, wheat-----5 lb.	56.8	56.8	Grapefruit-----each	16.3	21.4
Biscuit mix-----40 oz.	48.2	48.2	Peaches *-----lb.	*	19.8
Macaroni-----16 oz.	25.0	24.9	Strawberries *-----pt.	*	*
Corn meal-----1b.	14.5	14.5	Grapes, seedless *-----lb.	28.1	24.0
Rollod oats-----18 oz.	24.1	24.1	Watermelons *-----lb.	*	*
Corn flakes-----12 oz.	28.3	28.4	Potatoes-----10 lb.	63.7	67.3
Rice, short grain-----1b.	19.5	19.4	Sweet potatoes-----lb.	13.1	14.9
Rice, long grain-----1b.	21.7	21.6	Corn *-----doz. ears	*	67.1
Bread, white-----1b.	21.6	21.6	Onions-----1b.	10.9	11.4
Soda crackers-----1b.	30.9	31.0	Carrots-----1b.	14.6	14.9
Sandwich cookies-----16 oz.	52.1	51.9	Lettuce-----head	23.1	21.5
Meats, poultry, and fish:			Celery-----1b.	13.4	12.7
Round steak-----1b.	107.2	105.5	Cabbage-----1b.	8.7	8.8
Sirloin steak-----1b.	109.6	110.9	Tomatoes-----1b.	22.7	21.1
Chuck roast-----1b.	59.4	60.3	Beans, green-----1b.	22.8	21.6
Rib roast-----1b.	83.4	83.6	Canned:		
Hamburger-----1b.	51.0	51.6	Orange juice-----46 oz. can	57.3	56.6
Veal cutlets-----1b.	152.0	151.8	Pineapple juice-----46 oz. can	35.5	35.0
Pork chops, center cut-----1b.	90.5	92.9	Peaches-----#2½ can	33.0	33.2
Pork roast-----1b.	63.1	65.0	Pineapple-----#2 can	39.8	39.6
Bacon, sliced-----1b.	69.9	72.9	Fruit cocktail-----#303 can	26.2	26.1
Ham, whole-----1b.	60.8	60.9	Corn, cream style-----#303 can	19.1	19.2
Lamb, leg-----1b.	72.6	73.0	Peas, green-----#303 can	22.7	22.6
Frankfurters-----1b.	63.1	63.3	Tomatoes-----#303 can	15.7	15.6
Luncheon meat, canned-----12 oz.	49.1	48.9	Tomato juice-----46 oz. can	31.6	31.7
Frying chickens, ready-to-cook-----lb.	39.7	40.0	Baby foods-----4½ to 5 oz.	10.9	10.9
Ocean perch, fillet, frozen-----lb.	52.7	53.2	Dried:		
Haddock, fillet, frozen-----1b.	57.9	57.8	Prunes-----1b.	40.2	40.1
Salmon, pink, canned-----16 oz.	68.9	69.6	Beans-----1b.	17.7	17.9
Tuna fish, canned-----6 to 6½ oz.	32.5	32.6	Other foods at home:		
Dairy products:			Tomato soup-----10½ to 11 oz. can	12.2	12.3
Milk, fresh, (grocery)-----qt.	24.6	24.5	Beans, with pork-----16 oz. can	15.1	15.0
Milk, fresh, (delivered)-----qt.	26.2	26.1	Pickles, sliced-----15 oz.	27.1	27.2
Ice cream-----½ gal.	85.4	85.4	Catsup, tomato-----14 oz.	22.2	22.1
Butter-----1b.	75.6	75.0	Potato chips-----4 oz.	27.9	27.9
Cheese, American process-----½ lb.	36.5	36.5	Coffee-----1b. can	69.7	69.6
Milk, evaporated-----14½ oz. can	15.4	15.4	Coffee-----1b. bag	56.8	56.7
Fruits and vegetables:			Coffee, instant-----6 oz.	90.7	91.9
Frozen:			Tea bags-----pkg. of 48	63.4	64.0
Strawberries-----10 oz.	27.5	27.6	Cola drink, carton-----72 oz.	55.0	55.1
Orange juice concentrate-----6 oz.	32.7	32.7	Shortening, hydrogenated-----3 lb.	81.5	82.4
Lemonade concentrate-----6 oz.	14.6	14.7	Margarine, colored-----1b.	27.6	27.6
Peas, green-----10 oz.	20.9	20.9	Lard-----1b.	19.8	19.8
Beans, green-----9 oz.	23.7	23.6	Salad dressing-----pt.	38.4	38.2
Potatoes, french fried-----9 oz.	18.1	18.0	Peanut butter-----1b.	57.7	57.6
Fresh:			Sugar-----5 lb.	66.1	67.3
Apples-----1b.	14.2	16.8	Corn syrup-----24 oz.	29.1	28.9
Bananas-----1b.	16.1	16.4	Grape jelly-----12 oz.	30.9	30.8
Oranges, size 200-----doz.	91.0	88.9	Chocolate bar-----1 oz.	4.7	4.6
Lemons-----1b.	21.9	22.0	Eggs, Grade A, large-----doz.	59.4	59.0
			Gelatin, flavored-----3 to 4 oz.	10.2	10.1

* Priced only in season.

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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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