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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR DECEMBER 1963

The Consumer Price Index rose by 0.2 percent in December, the United States Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics announced today. The increase was caused largely by higher costs of food and housing. Public transit fares and prices of gasoline and movie admissions also rose in December.

The December index, at 107.6 (1957-59=100), was 1.7 percent above a year earlier. Prices of practically everything were higher over the year, except meats, new cars, gasoline, drugs, appliances, and electric utility rates.

FOOD

Food prices rose by 0.3 percent in December, primarily because of sharp increases in prices of fresh vegetables, sugar, and candy. Fresh vegetable prices jumped 7.5 percent, with especially large increases for tomatoes and green beans. Prices of fresh fruits averaged a little lower, reflecting mostly a seasonal drop in orange prices. Oranges still cost about 14 percent more than a year earlier, however, while frozen orange juice concentrate was up by 67 percent and canned orange juice nearly 50 percent over the year.

Retail sugar prices rose nearly 3 percent in December and were 23 percent higher than a year ago, as the world sugar supply situation continued tight. Chocolate candy bar prices rose by 4 percent in December and were about 12 percent above a year earlier. Prices of nearly all foods rose during 1963, except meats, shortening, and eggs. Meats averaged more than 4 percent lower in December 1963 than a year earlier. Fruits and vegetables, on the other hand, averaged  $9\frac{1}{2}$  percent higher.

HOUSING

Housing costs advanced by 0.3 percent in December largely because of increased costs of homeownership and housekeeping services. Residential rents continued to advance and coal prices were up seasonally.

OTHER GOODS  
AND SERVICES

Motion picture admission charges and newspaper prices went up further in December and barber and beauty shop charges were raised. Transportation costs fell slightly as lower prices of new and used cars more than offset higher prices for gasoline, automobile repairs, and public transportation.

COST-OF-LIVING  
ADJUSTMENTS

As a result of the December national index, about 75,000 workers will receive cost-of-living wage increases of 1 and 2 cents an hour. Of these, 25,000 workers in the aerospace industry will receive 1-cent and 15,000 aerospace employees will receive 2-cent increases based on quarterly reviews; 16,000 over-the-road and local transit workers will receive 1-cent quarterly increases; 10,000 San Francisco-Oakland area local truckers will receive a 2-cent semi-annual adjustment; and 9,000 workers in various industries will receive 1-cent quarterly increases.

In addition, about 11,300 employees will receive increases based on reviews of city indexes. These include 9,500 ordnance and scientific instrument workers, who will receive 1- or 2-cent quarterly increases (7,000 at 1 cent and 2,500 at 2 cents) based on the New York index, and 1,800 public transit workers, who will receive a quarterly increase of 1 cent based on the Baltimore index.

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

(1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)

Group	Indexes (1957-59=100)		Percent change to December 1963 from--			Indexes	
	December 1963	November 1963	November 1963	September 1963	December 1962	1947-49=100	1939=100
						December 1963	December 1963
All items-----	107.6	107.4	0.2	0.5	1.7	132.0	222.2
Food-----	105.4	105.1	.3	0	1.8	124.4	264.1
Food at home-----	103.7	103.4	.3	-.1	1.8	120.5	255.8
Cereals and bakery products-----	109.0	109.1	-.1	-.1	.7	144.5	252.6
Meats, poultry, and fish-----	99.2	99.7	-.5	-2.3	-3.2	109.4	263.2
Dairy products-----	105.0	104.8	.2	.7	1.1	118.9	238.6
Fruits and vegetables-----	109.8	108.2	1.5	1.6	9.6	135.7	293.2
Other foods at home-----	100.2	99.5	.7	.7	3.1	110.7	228.8
Food away from home-----	114.3	114.0	.3	.6	1.9	(1/)	(1/)
Housing 2/-----	106.9	106.6	.3	.7	1.6	136.3	179.1
Rent-----	107.3	107.2	.1	.3	1.0	147.5	170.4
Gas and electricity-----	108.1	108.0	.1	.1	0	126.0	120.1
Solid and petroleum fuels-----	105.8	105.4	.4	2.0	1.0	144.2	255.6
Housefurnishings-----	98.8	98.8	0	.2	.2	102.9	192.6
Household operation-----	110.9	110.7	.2	.2	2.6	145.4	212.5
Apparel-----	105.5	105.6	-.1	.7	1.5	113.1	215.5
Men's and boys'-----	106.2	106.1	.1	1.0	1.8	115.4	227.3
Women's and girls'-----	103.3	103.5	-.2	.8	1.8	102.6	188.3
Footwear-----	111.2	111.1	.1	.5	1.2	145.7	289.5
Other apparel-----	102.1	102.0	.1	.7	.8	94.0	231.6
Transportation-----	108.9	109.1	-.2	.9	.8	153.4	218.5
Private-----	107.5	107.8	-.3	.9	.7	140.1	213.9
Public-----	118.3	117.6	.6	1.0	2.2	220.3	270.8
Medical care-----	117.5	117.5	0	.3	1.9	169.8	234.0
Personal care-----	108.8	108.4	.4	.6	1.1	139.4	233.9
Reading and recreation-----	113.1	112.8	.3	.7	2.8	131.0	207.9
Other goods and services-----	108.3	108.3	0	.3	2.6	138.0	195.5
Special groups:							
All items less food-----	108.5	108.4	.1	.6	1.7	136.1	196.9
All items less shelter-----	107.5	107.4	.1	.4	1.6	129.4	233.6
Commodities-----	105.0	104.8	.2	.4	1.4	121.3	235.1
Nondurables-----	105.6	105.4	.2	.3	1.5	124.0	241.3
Food-----	105.4	105.1	.3	0	1.8	124.4	264.1
Nondurables less food-----	105.9	105.8	.1	.7	1.2	124.0	211.2
Apparel-----	105.4	105.4	0	.8	1.6	113.0	216.8
Apparel less footwear-----	104.2	104.3	-.1	.8	1.7	107.2	(1/)
Nondurables less food and apparel-----	106.2	106.0	.2	.7	1.0	133.5	202.6
Durables-----	102.2	102.5	-.3	.7	.5	113.2	197.6
New cars-----	102.1	103.2	-1.1	2.3	-.5	137.2	240.7
Used cars-----	120.3	121.0	-.6	.2	3.1	(1/)	(1/)
Durables less cars-----	98.9	98.8	.1	.3	.3	102.0	178.0
Commodities less food-----	104.5	104.5	0	.7	1.1	118.7	199.7
Services-----	112.6	112.3	.3	.6	2.3	159.9	198.7
Rent-----	107.3	107.2	.1	.3	1.0	147.5	170.4
Services less rent-----	113.5	113.2	.3	.6	2.4	162.6	221.4
Household operation services, gas, and electricity-----	111.2	111.0	.2	.1	1.9	145.9	167.7
Transportation services-----	113.7	113.3	.4	.7	2.5	196.5	245.2
Medical care services-----	120.9	120.8	.1	.3	2.3	180.4	255.8
Other services 3/-----	112.4	112.0	.4	1.0	2.8	145.1	248.8
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (Reference period=\$1.00)-----	\$0.929	\$0.931	-.2	-.5	-1.7	\$0.757	\$0.449

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 Dec. 1963 from--		Indexes 1947-49=100 1939=100	
	December 1963	September 1963	December 1962	September 1963	December 1962	December 1963	December 1963
United States city average-----	107.6	107.1	105.8	0..	1.7	132.0	222.2
Cities priced monthly 1/							
Chicago-----	105.8	105.6	104.7	.2	1.1	133.4	227.7
Detroit-----	103.6	103.3	102.5	.3	1.1	127.7	216.4
Los Angeles-----	108.7	108.6	107.2	.1	1.4	135.5	224.4
New York-----	109.9	109.3	106.9	.5	2.8	132.4	220.3
Philadelphia-----	108.5	107.6	105.7	.8	2.6	133.2	225.1
Cities priced in March, June, September, December 2/	December 1963	September 1963	December 1962	September 1963	December 1962	December 1963	December 1963
Atlanta-----	105.8	105.2	104.5	.6	1.2	131.0	224.7
Baltimore-----	107.5	107.1	105.7	.4	1.7	133.4	230.4
Cincinnati-----	105.1	105.1	104.0	0	1.1	127.9	219.1
St. Louis-----	107.3	106.5	106.0	.8	1.2	133.2	224.6
San Francisco-----	109.9	109.2	107.8	.6	1.9	139.5	238.1
Cities priced in February, May, August, November 2/	November 1963	August 1963	November 1962	August 1963	November 1962	November 1963	November 1963
Cleveland-----	105.0	105.1	103.7	-.1	1.3	130.4	220.4
Houston-----	106.7	106.2	104.5	.5	2.1	131.5	220.9
Scranton-----	107.9	107.6	106.5	.3	1.3	128.7	220.0
Seattle-----	109.3	109.1	107.0	.2	2.1	137.4	232.1
Washington, D. C.-----	107.1	106.8	105.3	.3	1.7	128.9	213.4
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

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 November 1963 to December 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-----	0.2	0.3	0.3	-0.1	-0.2	0	0.4	0.3	0
Chicago-----	.3	-.2	.4	.3	.9	0	3.8	0	-1.0
Detroit-----	-.1	-.1	0	-.4	-.9	0	.1	1.6	0
Los Angeles-----	-.5	.2	0	.8	-3.8	0.1	.3	-.3	0
New York-----	.2	.4	.2	.1	-.4	0	0	.3	.2
Philadelphia-----	.2	.4	.2	-.3	.3	.2	.2	0	0

1/ Change from October 1963 to December 1963.

TABLE 4: Consumer Price Index--All items and commodity groups  
December 1963 indexes and percent changes, September 1963 to December 1963  
U.S. city average and 10 cities priced in December 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-----	107.6	105.8	107.5	105.8	105.1	103.6	108.7	109.9	108.5	107.3	109.9
Food-----	105.4	103.8	105.7	105.2	102.7	100.8	107.8	107.8	104.3	105.9	106.5
Food at home-----	103.7	103.1	102.8	104.4	101.0	99.5	105.3	105.1	102.3	103.0	103.9
Cereals and bakery products--	109.0	103.7	115.0	107.1	103.9	101.4	117.6	111.7	104.7	106.4	110.1
Meats, poultry, and fish----	99.2	97.9	97.7	101.1	98.7	96.0	96.5	100.9	96.3	101.0	99.5
Dairy products-----	105.0	101.2	100.4	111.1	100.2	104.9	107.7	104.4	105.0	104.5	106.4
Fruits and vegetables-----	109.8	111.1	106.0	106.9	108.8	100.9	118.2	113.7	109.2	106.2	111.6
Other foods at home-----	100.2	105.0	101.7	100.5	97.4	98.1	95.9	99.9	101.2	100.2	97.3
Housing-----	106.9	104.7	106.8	105.2	103.1	98.3	108.9	110.8	108.5	104.1	112.5
Rent-----	107.3	104.5	107.1	-----	102.6	94.4	-----	114.0	-----	104.5	119.0
Gas and electricity-----	108.1	111.4	103.4	105.7	110.6	105.3	114.4	105.4	103.7	109.6	110.0
Solid and petroleum fuels-----	105.8	111.2	108.1	104.7	107.7	100.6	-----	109.3	110.1	105.1	-----
Housefurnishings-----	98.8	93.9	97.0	100.9	98.7	99.0	100.2	104.0	98.2	98.1	98.6
Household operation-----	110.9	117.8	114.5	108.8	110.0	106.2	106.0	113.7	117.2	112.4	115.4
Apparel-----	105.5	103.0	106.8	102.7	103.7	106.6	106.1	107.1	107.2	106.1	105.7
Men's and boys'-----	106.2	103.9	105.6	102.7	106.4	103.7	108.1	108.7	105.9	107.9	104.7
Women's and girls'-----	103.3	100.2	105.1	99.7	99.0	107.9	104.6	105.1	107.4	103.9	104.4
Footwear-----	111.2	111.7	117.7	110.2	113.0	110.3	109.3	111.3	111.1	110.7	111.6
Other apparel-----	102.1	98.6	99.9	101.3	99.2	101.7	101.6	103.0	103.7	101.9	103.8
Transportation-----	108.9	111.4	110.1	107.0	109.5	104.8	110.8	106.9	113.3	110.2	110.6
Private-----	107.5	109.1	107.2	107.1	108.3	102.9	106.7	109.1	110.4	108.6	111.9
Public-----	118.3	124.0	123.2	107.4	117.8	114.4	138.5	100.6	123.7	116.6	101.1
Medical care-----	117.5	113.5	127.7	121.2	116.1	123.4	116.3	117.5	122.0	115.6	119.2
Personal care-----	108.8	109.9	107.9	111.4	106.4	107.1	106.6	107.6	106.0	110.6	113.0
Reading and recreation-----	113.1	111.6	104.5	99.7	111.8	111.1	103.7	119.6	112.0	120.7	108.8
Other goods and services-----	108.3	102.9	104.8	101.6	105.6	109.1	107.3	111.6	110.1	111.2	108.9
Percent change from September 1963 to December 1963											
All items-----	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.2	0	0.3	0.1	0.5	0.8	0.8	0.6
Food-----	0	-.3	.3	-.8	-.05	-.5	.7	.4	0	.6	-.7
Food at home-----	-.1	-.6	0	-.9	-.6	-.6	1.0	.3	0	-.3	-1.0
Cereals and bakery products--	-.1	-.8	0	-2.3	-2.9	-1.3	.2	.2	0	.3	-.5
Meats, poultry, and fish----	-2.3	-3.4	-1.9	-3.0	-3.3	-2.8	-1.5	-2.0	-2.9	-1.7	-3.7
Dairy products-----	.7	.3	2.0	.2	-.6	0	-.1	1.4	1.9	2.0	.1
Fruits and vegetables-----	1.6	1.5	-.7	2.0	2.4	2.9	3.5	3.3	2.5	-1.2	-.5
Other foods at home-----	.7	1.1	1.7	-.8	2.0	-.4	2.7	.3	0	.7	.7
Housing-----	.7	.4	.2	.3	.3	.2	.3	.7	.9	.4	1.4
Rent-----	.3	.1	-.3	-----	0	1/	.1	1/	0	-----	.9
Gas and electricity-----	.1	0	.9	0	-.1	-.8	-.1	-.3	0	1.0	0
Solid and petroleum fuels-----	2.0	6.8	.5	.9	3.0	1.1	-----	2.9	1.2	1.5	-----
Housefurnishings-----	.2	-.6	.4	-.4	0	1.3	-.7	0	.9	1.3	.5
Household operation-----	.2	.2	0	.1	0	.7	.1	1.1	.9	.2	1.1
Apparel-----	.7	-.9	-.1	.2	-.2	-.1	.6	0	.1	1.0	.4
Men's and boys'-----	1.0	.5	0	.4	.4	-.1	.6	.5	-.6	1.7	.4
Women's and girls'-----	.8	-2.0	-.4	-.1	-.8	-.4	.6	-.6	.4	.3	.4
Footwear-----	.5	0	-.4	.3	0	0	.7	0	.3	1.4	.3
Other apparel-----	.7	-1.1	2.3	.7	.8	-.1	.7	.5	.6	.9	.2
Transportation-----	.9	4.2	1.5	1.2	.6	3.7	-1.8	.6	1.3	1.8	2.0
Private-----	.9	2.2	2.0	1.6	.7	4.5	-2.2	.7	1.8	2.4	2.3
Public-----	1.0	14.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Medical care-----	.3	-.1	.2	.3	.3	.2	.9	.5	.2	.3	.4
Personal care-----	.6	.8	.3	3.7	-.4	0	.3	0	-.7	.5	.1
Reading and recreation-----	.7	2.9	.4	-.4	.1	-1.1	0	2.7	8.0	1.2	.1
Other goods and services-----	.3	.3	.4	0	0	.1	.1	.2	.1	.9	.2

1/ Change from October 1963 to December 1963.

**TABLE 5: Consumer Price Index--Food and its subgroups**  
December 1963 Indexes and Percent Changes, November 1963 to December 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	0.3	103.7	0.3	109.0	- 0.1	99.2	- 0.5	105.0	0.2	109.8	1.5	100.2	0.7
Atlanta-----	103.8	.1	103.1	.1	103.7	- .2	97.9	- 2.2	101.2	.4	111.1	3.3	105.0	.6
Baltimore-----	105.7	1.2	102.8	1.3	115.0	0	97.7	.8	100.4	2.3	106.0	2.6	101.7	1.2
Boston-----	108.4	.4	105.5	.2	109.6	- .8	103.9	- .6	102.2	.8	113.4	.9	101.0	.7
Chicago-----	105.2	- .2	104.4	- .2	107.1	- 2.0	101.1	.4	111.1	.4	106.9	.3	100.5	- .7
Cincinnati-----	102.7	.2	101.0	.2	103.9	- 2.7	98.7	- .6	100.2	- .1	108.8	2.8	97.4	.9
Cleveland-----	101.9	.3	100.5	.3	106.7	- .6	99.2	.5	97.9	- .3	106.3	.9	96.1	.8
Detroit-----	100.8	- .1	99.5	0	101.4	0	96.0	- .5	104.9	- .2	100.9	.5	98.1	.3
Houston-----	105.5	.5	103.0	.6	106.4	0	97.2	- .2	103.6	.1	110.7	- .4	102.1	3.1
Kansas City-----	105.3	.1	104.4	.1	110.0	.1	97.3	- 1.6	108.7	4.3	111.1	.4	101.9	- .9
Los Angeles-----	107.8	.2	105.3	.2	117.6	- .1	96.5	- 1.2	107.7	0	118.2	.4	95.9	2.2
Minneapolis-----	103.4	.4	101.7	.6	102.8	.3	98.5	- .1	105.4	.1	106.2	2.3	98.8	.2
New York-----	107.8	.4	105.1	.5	111.7	.4	100.9	- .5	104.4	.4	113.7	1.8	99.9	.6
Philadelphia-----	104.3	.4	102.3	.5	104.7	.1	96.3	- .4	105.0	- .5	109.2	2.3	101.2	.9
Pittsburgh-----	103.3	.4	102.5	.4	109.5	.3	100.7	- 1.3	99.6	- .1	105.3	2.3	101.1	1.8
Portland, Oreg.-----	105.6	.2	104.2	.3	107.8	1.2	100.3	- 1.5	106.6	- .3	112.7	.9	98.6	1.5
St. Louis-----	105.9	.8	103.0	.3	106.4	- .1	101.0	- .8	104.5	.2	106.2	1.8	100.2	.9
San Francisco-----	106.5	- .5	103.9	- .6	110.1	- .4	99.5	- 1.8	106.4	- .1	111.6	- 1.0	97.3	.7
Scranton-----	104.7	.9	102.9	1.0	107.1	0	99.5	- .3	101.6	0	107.1	3.1	102.1	2.5
Seattle-----	107.9	.5	105.2	.5	110.0	- .5	102.7	.4	108.6	0	108.9	.5	100.5	.9
Washington, D. C.-----	103.9	- .1	101.4	- .2	108.7	- .1	94.4	- 2.5	103.6	.3	102.7	1.6	103.1	.8

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

Food and unit	December 1963	November 1963	Food and unit	December 1963	November 1963
<b>Cereals and bakery products:</b>	<b>Cents</b>	<b>Cents</b>	<b>Fresh--Continued</b>	<b>Cents</b>	<b>Cents</b>
Flour, wheat-----5 lb.	57.0	56.8	Grapefruit-----each	14.9	15.1
Biscuit mix-----40 oz.	48.1	47.9	Peaches *-----lb.	*	*
Macaroni-----16 oz.	25.0	25.0	Strawberries *-----pt.	*	*
Corn meal-----1b.	14.5	14.5	Grapes, seedless *-----lb.	*	31.9
Rolled oats-----18 oz.	24.2	24.2	Watermelons *-----lb.	*	*
Corn flakes-----12 oz.	28.4	28.4	Potatoes-----10 lb.	63.2	63.1
Rice, short grain-----1b.	19.5	19.6	Sweet potatoes-----lb.	14.1	13.6
Rice, long grain-----1b.	21.8	21.7	Corn *-----doz. ears	*	*
Bread, white-----1b.	21.6	21.6	Onions-----lb.	11.4	10.8
Soda crackers-----1b.	30.9	31.0	Carrots-----lb.	15.1	15.0
Sandwich cookies-----16 oz.	52.0	51.9	Lettuce-----head	25.8	1/ 26.9
<b>Meats, poultry, and fish:</b>			Celery-----lb.	13.8	13.4
Round steak-----1b.	102.8	106.4	Cabbage-----lb.	9.1	8.5
Sirloin steak-----1b.	105.4	108.7	Tomatoes-----lb.	41.5	30.9
Chuck roast-----1b.	59.2	59.9	Beans, green-----lb.	28.5	24.0
Rib roast-----1b.	83.4	82.2	<b>Canned:</b>		
Hamburger-----1b.	51.2	51.0	Orange juice-----46 oz. can	59.4	58.4
Veal cutlets-----1b.	152.1	152.0	Pineapple juice-----46 oz. can	36.6	36.4
Pork chops, center cut-----1b.	87.4	88.3	Peaches-----#2 1/2 can	33.3	33.2
Pork roast-----1b.	61.0	62.0	Pineapple-----#2 can	39.9	39.8
Bacon, sliced-----1b.	67.3	67.4	Fruit cocktail-----#303 can	26.6	26.5
Ham, whole-----1b.	60.7	60.7	Corn, cream style-----#303 can	19.1	19.1
Lamb, leg-----1b.	70.9	72.2	Peas, green-----#303 can	22.7	22.7
Frankfurters-----1b.	63.1	63.1	Tomatoes-----#303 can	16.0	15.8
Luncheon meat, canned-----12 oz.	49.1	49.1	Tomato juice-----46 oz. can	32.0	32.0
Frying chickens, ready-to-cook-----1b.	40.0	39.7	Baby foods-----4 1/2 to 5 oz.	10.8	10.9
Ocean perch, fillet, frozen-----1b.	52.9	52.7	<b>Dried:</b>		
Haddock, fillet, frozen-----1b.	58.5	58.2	Prunes-----lb.	40.1	40.2
Salmon, pink, canned-----16 oz.	69.1	69.5	Beans-----lb.	17.7	17.7
Tuna fish, canned-----6 to 6 1/2 oz.	32.9	32.6	<b>Other foods at home:</b>		
<b>Dairy products:</b>			Tomato soup-----10 1/2 to 11 oz. can	12.3	12.2
Milk, fresh, (grocery)-----qt.	24.6	24.6	Beans, with pork-----16 oz. can	15.1	15.0
Milk, fresh, (delivered)-----qt.	26.3	26.3	Pickles, sliced-----15 oz.	27.3	27.3
Ice cream-----1/2 gal.	85.1	85.2	Catsup, tomato-----14 oz.	22.2	22.1
Butter-----1b.	75.3	75.5	Potato chips-----4 oz.	28.1	28.0
Cheese, American process-----1/2 lb.	36.8	36.7	Coffee-----lb. can	70.1	69.8
Milk, evaporated-----14 1/2 oz. can	15.4	15.4	Coffee-----lb. bag	56.8	56.7
<b>Fruits and vegetables:</b>			Coffee, instant-----6 oz.	91.9	91.4
<b>Frozen:</b>			Tea bags-----pkg. of 48	63.8	63.6
Strawberries-----10 oz.	27.3	27.5	Cola drink, carton-----72 oz.	55.1	55.1
Orange juice concentrate-----6 oz.	32.7	32.8	Shortening, hydrogenated-----3 lb.	81.6	80.9
Lemonade concentrate-----6 oz.	14.9	14.7	Margarine, colored-----1b.	27.6	27.6
Peas, green-----10 oz.	21.0	21.0	Lard-----1b.	20.1	19.9
Beans, green-----9 oz.	23.6	23.5	Salad dressing-----pt.	38.5	38.3
Potatoes, french fried-----9 oz.	17.9	18.0	Peanut butter-----lb.	57.6	57.7
<b>Fresh:</b>			Sugar-----5 lb.	72.4	70.5
Apples-----1b.	14.8	14.0	Corn syrup-----24 oz.	29.6	29.4
Bananas-----1b.	15.4	15.6	Grape jelly-----12 oz.	31.1	31.0
Oranges, size 200-----doz.	82.8	89.1	Chocolate bar-----1 oz.	5.0	4.8
Lemons-----1b.	22.0	21.9	Eggs, Grade A, large-----doz.	57.1	56.9
			Gelatin, flavored-----3 to 4 oz.	10.3	10.2

\* Priced only in season.

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TABLE A: Consumer Price Index--United States city average  
Major group, subgroup, and special group indexes, 1963 annual averages  
and percent changes from 1962  
(1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)

Group	Indexes (1957-59=100)		Percent change to 1963 from--	Indexes	
	1963	1962		1947-49=100	1939=100
All items-----	106.7	105.4	1.2	131.0	220.4
Food-----	105.1	103.6	1.4	124.0	263.3
Food at home-----	103.5	102.2	1.3	120.2	255.3
Cereals and bakery products-----	109.1	107.6	1.4	144.7	252.8
Meats, poultry, and fish-----	100.2	101.7	- 1.5	110.5	265.8
Dairy products-----	103.8	104.1	- .3	117.5	235.9
Fruits and vegetables-----	111.0	105.0	5.7	137.2	296.5
Other foods at home-----	97.8	96.1	1.8	108.1	223.3
Food away from home-----	113.2	110.7	2.3	(1/)	(1/)
Housing 2/-----	106.0	104.8	1.1	135.2	177.6
Rent-----	106.8	105.7	1.0	146.8	169.5
Gas and electricity-----	107.9	107.9	0	125.8	119.9
Solid and petroleum fuels-----	104.0	102.1	1.9	141.7	251.2
Housefurnishings-----	98.5	98.9	- .4	102.5	192.0
Household operation-----	110.2	107.4	2.6	144.4	211.1
Apparel-----	104.2	103.2	1.0	111.7	212.9
Men's and boys'-----	104.7	103.3	1.4	113.8	224.1
Women's and girls'-----	101.7	100.9	.8	101.0	185.4
Footwear-----	110.5	109.3	1.1	144.7	287.7
Other apparel-----	101.2	100.6	.6	93.2	229.6
Transportation-----	107.8	107.2	.6	151.8	216.2
Private-----	106.4	105.9	.5	138.6	211.7
Public-----	116.9	115.4	1.3	217.6	267.5
Medical care-----	116.7	114.2	2.2	168.6	232.3
Personal care-----	107.9	106.5	1.3	138.3	232.0
Reading and recreation-----	111.5	109.6	1.7	129.1	204.9
Other goods and services-----	107.1	105.3	1.7	136.5	193.4
Special groups:					
All items less food-----	107.4	106.1	1.2	134.7	195.0
All items less shelter-----	106.7	105.4	1.2	128.4	231.9
Commodities-----	104.2	103.2	1.0	120.4	233.4
Nondurables-----	104.9	103.6	1.3	123.2	239.7
Food-----	105.1	103.6	1.4	124.0	263.3
Nondurables less food-----	104.8	103.8	1.0	122.7	209.0
Apparel-----	104.0	103.0	1.0	111.5	214.0
Apparel less footwear-----	102.8	101.8	1.0	105.8	(1/)
Nondurables less food and apparel--	105.3	104.2	1.1	132.3	200.8
Durables-----	101.3	101.5	- .2	112.3	196.0
New cars-----	101.5	102.1	- .6	136.4	239.2
Used cars-----	116.6	115.2	1.2	(1/)	(1/)
Durables less cars-----	98.5	98.8	- .3	101.6	177.4
Commodities less food-----	103.5	102.8	.7	117.6	197.8
Services-----	111.5	109.5	1.8	158.3	196.7
Rent-----	106.8	105.7	1.0	146.8	169.5
Services less rent-----	112.3	110.2	1.9	160.9	219.0
Household operation services, gas, and electricity-----	110.6	108.5	1.9	145.1	166.7
Transportation services-----	112.4	111.2	1.1	194.2	242.4
Medical care services-----	119.9	116.8	2.7	178.8	253.6
Other services 3/-----	110.8	108.7	1.9	143.1	245.3
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (Reference period= \$1.00)-----	\$0.937	\$0.949	- 1.3	\$0.764	\$0.453

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 B: Consumer Price Index--All items and commodity groups  
 1963 annual average indexes and percent changes, 1962 to 1963  
 U.S. city average and 10 cities priced in December 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-----	106.7	105.1	106.8	105.3	104.7	103.2	108.2	108.7	107.2	106.2	108.9
All items (1947-49=100)-----	131.0	130.1	132.5	132.8	127.4	127.2	134.9	131.0	131.6	131.8	138.2
All items (1939=100)-----	220.4	223.2	228.9	226.6	218.3	215.6	223.4	217.9	222.4	222.3	235.9
Food-----	105.1	103.8	104.7	105.8	102.9	101.5	107.1	107.1	104.2	104.9	106.8
Food at home-----	103.5	103.3	102.0	105.1	101.4	100.4	104.6	104.4	102.3	102.7	104.7
Cereals and bakery products--	109.1	104.5	111.7	109.7	105.6	103.2	117.6	112.0	105.2	106.3	110.5
Meats, poultry, and fish-----	100.2	99.8	98.8	102.3	99.7	97.3	97.4	101.8	98.0	100.3	101.8
Dairy products-----	103.8	102.0	98.4	110.6	101.6	104.9	108.0	101.9	103.1	103.2	106.5
Fruits and vegetables-----	111.0	110.6	107.9	109.1	110.0	104.4	116.4	113.5	111.2	109.6	114.1
Other foods at home-----	97.8	102.7	98.5	99.0	94.8	96.1	93.2	97.4	98.7	98.0	95.4
Housing-----	106.0	104.1	106.4	104.4	102.7	98.1	108.0	109.8	107.0	103.3	110.8
Rent-----	106.8	104.3	107.0	-----	102.6	94.4	-----	113.2	-----	104.5	117.5
Gas and electricity-----	107.9	110.8	103.0	-----	110.7	105.6	114.6	105.3	103.3	108.8	108.7
Solid and petroleum fuels-----	104.0	107.7	106.0	103.9	104.2	100.2	-----	105.9	107.0	103.4	-----
Housefurnishings-----	98.5	93.8	96.5	100.9	98.5	98.1	99.3	103.5	97.9	97.0	98.7
Household operation-----	110.2	116.5	114.4	108.0	109.8	105.5	105.9	112.4	115.9	110.7	113.8
Apparel-----	104.2	103.4	106.8	101.4	103.0	105.3	104.5	105.1	106.3	104.7	105.3
Men's and boys'-----	104.7	103.5	105.0	102.5	105.1	102.8	106.0	106.6	105.6	104.3	103.9
Women's and girls'-----	101.7	101.5	105.6	97.0	99.0	105.7	102.7	102.4	105.9	104.1	104.2
Footwear-----	110.5	110.6	117.3	110.1	111.9	110.5	108.9	111.2	110.6	109.4	111.3
Other apparel-----	101.2	99.1	100.0	99.9	98.5	100.9	100.4	101.2	103.0	100.7	103.6
Transportation-----	107.8	108.2	108.1	106.5	108.7	103.8	112.0	106.0	111.6	108.5	108.3
Private-----	106.4	107.7	104.7	106.5	107.4	101.7	108.1	108.0	108.5	106.4	109.2
Public-----	116.9	110.8	122.7	107.4	117.2	114.4	138.5	100.6	122.8	116.6	101.1
Medical care-----	116.7	112.8	126.2	120.3	115.4	119.9	115.3	116.8	121.4	115.1	118.4
Personal care-----	107.9	109.0	107.6	107.7	104.6	107.1	105.8	107.2	106.2	110.0	112.1
Reading and recreation-----	111.5	109.0	103.9	100.4	111.2	109.2	102.9	115.6	103.7	119.3	108.1
Other goods and services-----	107.1	102.3	104.2	101.4	105.1	109.1	106.7	108.8	107.6	108.6	108.3
Percent change from 1962 to 1963											
All items-----	1.2	1.0	1.5	0.7	1.1	1.0	1.5	2.2	1.9	1.0	1.4
Food-----	1.4	.8	1.4	.5	1.0	.4	1.5	2.1	1.1	1.8	1.3
Food at home-----	1.3	.9	1.1	.4	.6	.2	1.1	2.0	.7	1.1	1.1
Cereals and bakery products--	1.4	.4	3.8	-.5	-1.7	-1.5	1.3	3.0	0	1.4	3.4
Meats, poultry, and fish-----	-1.5	-2.3	-2.4	-1.8	-2.1	-1.6	-1.8	-.5	-2.8	-1.3	-.4
Dairy products-----	-.3	-.9	-.9	.6	0	-2.1	1.0	-1.5	.4	.3	.2
Fruits and vegetables-----	5.7	6.1	5.1	3.2	7.8	5.1	4.6	9.0	6.7	4.6	1.1
Other foods at home-----	1.8	2.0	1.8	1.3	.5	1.3	1.3	1.6	1.2	2.0	1.7
Housing-----	1.1	.4	1.0	1.0	.6	.3	2.2	1.9	2.2	1.1	1.8
Rent-----	1.0	.5	1.3	1/ ---	.3	-.5	1/ ---	1.7	1/ ---	.2	3.0
Gas and electricity-----	0	.8	-1.0	-.4	.1	.3	-.8	-.4	.6	0	-2.1
Solid and petroleum fuels-----	1.9	.2	3.6	.4	0	.3	---	3.9	5.1	.6	---
Housefurnishings-----	-.4	-2.0	-1.7	0	.3	.3	.0	.3	-.5	-1.2	-.1
Household operation-----	2.6	5.0	2.6	2.4	1.8	2.0	2.0	3.2	1.6	4.1	3.4
Apparel-----	1.0	2.0	.8	0	.9	.7	1.4	1.8	1.4	.7	.8
Men's and boys'-----	1.4	.6	1.2	.6	2.2	0	2.3	1.8	1.4	1.4	1.5
Women's and girls'-----	.8	3.5	.7	-1.2	-.6	1.1	.9	2.7	1.8	.3	.4
Footwear-----	1.1	1.1	2.3	1.0	2.6	1.7	.5	0	.8	.5	.4
Other apparel-----	.6	.1	-2.4	1.1	-.9	-.7	1.1	1.2	.8	1.4	.4
Transportation-----	.6	2.1	2.1	.8	.6	.4	.1	.9	2.3	-.5	1.1
Private-----	.5	2.1	1.3	1.0	.5	.4	.1	1.1	.5	-.6	1.3
Public-----	1.3	1.5	4.9	-.4	1.2	0	-.2	-.2	8.6	-.2	-1.1
Medical care-----	2.2	1.4	6.0	2.3	3.6	5.0	1.7	2.1	2.3	1.0	2.3
Personal care-----	1.3	.4	.6	.5	3.8	-.1	2.4	2.0	-.7	.3	3.0
Reading and recreation-----	1.7	1.4	1.5	-.2	3.8	2.6	-.2	4.7	2.6	1.2	.9
Other goods and services-----	1.7	.8	.7	-.2	.5	3.2	.6	4.6	3.2	1.8	.6

1/ Not available.

### 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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