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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR FEBRUARY 1964

The initial report on the revised Consumer Price Index which has been updated to reflect the buying patterns of wage earners and clerical workers in the 1960's was published for January 1964. The first set of tables (A-1 etc.) presents the new index series covering both families and single workers living alone. The analysis contained in the text of this report is based on these tables. Table B-1 presents a new index series for families only (excluding single workers). Both series A and series B have been linked to the old series as of December 1963 to provide continuous series. The old series, presented in the third set of tables (C-1 etc.), will be discontinued after June 1964. Documents describing the new index series and the major differences between them and the old series are available on request. Tables containing more detailed data will be available about April 14.

Refunds on gas utility bills and lower prices for gasoline caused a decline of 0.1 percent in the Consumer Price Index in February, the United States Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics announced today. Used car prices also went down, but food prices, rents, and homeownership costs were somewhat higher, and consumer service prices continued to rise.

The February index, at 107.6 (1957-59=100), was 1.4 percent above a year ago. Prices of most consumer goods and services increased over the year, with the exception of meats and gas utility rates.

TRANSPORTATION Costs of private transportation dropped by 0.7 percent in February, largely because of renewed competitive reductions in gasoline prices in several cities. Used car prices were down 0.5 percent, following their usual mid-winter pattern.

GAS UTILITIES The cost of residential gas service dropped by an average of 3½ percent for the country as a whole, as substantial refunds were made to customers, especially on the West Coast. A rate reduction was put into effect in New York.

FOOD Food prices edged up by 0.2 percent, primarily as a result of higher prices for fresh fruits and vegetables. Prices of bananas climbed 5 percent, as imports declined, and apple prices rose by 4 percent in response to heavy demand. Orange prices were about 1 percent lower. Prices of fresh vegetables advanced by more than 1½ percent, as a result of adverse weather conditions which were responsible for price increases for cucumbers, cabbage, and green peppers. Potato prices also were higher, but prices of tomatoes and carrots declined as production increased seasonally.

Egg prices fell more than 4 percent in February, as supplies increased seasonally. Prices of sugar advanced 2 percent and coffee prices jumped by more than 4 percent.

OTHER GOODS AND SERVICES Costs of medical care continued to climb, mostly because of advances in charges for professional services and hospital room rates. Increases in prices of film developing and motion picture admissions caused costs of recreational services to go up in February. Prices for women's apparel rose 0.4 percent, as many items returned to regular prices following mid-winter special sales, but prices were off a little for footwear, men's clothing, and girls' apparel.

COST-OF-LIVING Based on quarterly reviews of the "old series" national index for
ADJUSTMENTS February, about 100,000 workers will receive cost-of-living increases
of 1 cent an hour. Of these, 85,000 are employed in the aerospace
and 6,000 in the chemical industries.

In addition, 2,600 public transit workers will receive a 1-cent
increase, based on the Washington, D. C. index and the allowances of 4,000 food pro-
cessing workers will be reduced 1 cent an hour, based on the Detroit index.

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TABLE A-1: Consumer Price Index--United States City Average
Per Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (Including Single Workers)
Major group, subgroup, and special group indexes, February 1964,
and percent changes from selected dates

Group	Indexes (1957-59=100)		Percent change to February 1964 from--			Indexes	
	February 1964	January 1964	January 1964	November 1963	February 1963	1947-49=100	1939=100
						February 1964	February 1964
All items-----	107.6	107.7	- 0.1	0.2	1.4	132.0	222.2
Food-----	106.0	105.8	.2	.9	1.0	125.1	265.6
Food at home-----	104.4	104.2	.2	1.0	.9	121.3	257.6
Cereals and bakery products-----	109.0	109.1	-.1	.1	-.2	144.5	252.6
Meats, poultry, and fish-----	98.3	98.3	0	- 1.4	- 3.7	108.4	260.8
Dairy products-----	104.8	105.0	-.2	0	1.2	118.6	238.2
Fruits and vegetables-----	113.9	112.4	1.3	5.3	4.1	140.8	304.2
Other foods at home-----	101.7	101.8	-.1	2.2	4.7	112.4	232.2
Food away from home-----	114.4	114.3	.1	.4	1.7	(12/)	(12/)
Housing-----	106.9	106.9	0	.3	1.4	136.3	179.1
Shelter 1/-----	108.3	108.1	.2	.6	2.0	(12/)	(12/)
Rent-----	107.5	107.3	.2	.3	1.0	147.8	170.7
Homeownership 2/-----	108.8	108.5	.3	.7	2.5	(12/)	(12/)
Fuel and utilities 3/-----	106.8	107.7	-.8	-.7	0	(12/)	(12/)
Fuel oil and coal 4/-----	106.6	106.6	0	1.1	1.7	145.3	257.6
Gas and electricity-----	106.2	108.1	- 1.8	- 1.7	- 1.7	123.8	118.0
Household furnishings and operation---	102.7	102.7	0	0	.6	(12/)	(12/)
Apparel and upkeep 5/-----	105.1	105.0	.1	-.9	1.1	(12/)	(12/)
Men's and boys'-----	105.0	105.2	-.2	- 1.0	1.3	114.1	224.8
Women's and girls'-----	101.8	101.4	.4	- 1.6	1.1	101.1	185.5
Footwear-----	110.7	110.9	-.2	-.4	.7	145.0	288.2
Transportation-----	108.6	109.4	-.7	-.5	1.7	152.0	217.9
Private-----	107.2	108.0	-.7	-.6	1.8	139.7	213.3
Public-----	118.4	118.3	.1	.7	1.8	220.5	271.1
Health and recreation-----	112.9	112.7	.2	.4	2.5	(12/)	(12/)
Medical care-----	118.5	118.2	.3	.5	2.2	171.2	235.9
Personal care-----	108.4	108.5	-.1	0	1.0	138.9	233.1
Reading and recreation-----	113.3	113.1	.2	.4	3.0	131.2	208.3
Other goods and services 6/-----	108.4	108.3	.1	.1	2.6	138.1	195.7
Special groups:							
All items less shelter-----	107.5	107.6	-.1	.1	1.3	129.4	233.6
All items less food-----	108.4	108.4	0	0	1.7	135.9	196.8
Commodities 7/-----	104.8	104.9	-.1	.1	1.2	(12/)	(12/)
Nondurables-----	105.6	105.7	-.1	.2	1.1	124.0	241.3
Nondurables less food-----	105.3	105.6	-.3	-.5	1.2	123.3	210.0
Apparel commodities-----	104.2	104.2	0	- 1.1	1.0	111.7	214.3
Apparel less footwear-----	102.9	102.8	.1	- 1.3	1.1	105.9	(12/)
Nondurables less food and apparel---	106.0	106.5	-.5	0	1.3	133.2	202.2
Durables 7/ 8/-----	102.9	102.9	0	-.2	1.7	(12/)	(12/)
New cars-----	102.2	102.3	-.1	- 1.0	.5	137.4	240.9
Used cars-----	119.0	119.6	-.5	- 1.7	7.5	(12/)	(12/)
Household durables 9/-----	98.6	98.7	-.1	-.2	.2	101.7	177.4
Commodities less food 7/-----	104.1	104.3	-.2	-.4	1.4	(12/)	(12/)
Services 10/-----	114.3	114.2	.1	.4	2.0	(12/)	(12/)
Services less rent 10/-----	116.0	116.0	0	.4	2.3	(12/)	(12/)
Household services less rent 13/-----	100.0	100.1	-.1	(12/)	(12/)	(12/)	(12/)
Transportation services-----	114.2	114.1	.1	.8	2.5	197.3	246.3
Medical care services-----	122.1	121.7	.3	.7	2.5	182.2	258.4
Other services 11/ 13/-----	100.3	100.0	.3	(12/)	(12/)	(12/)	(12/)
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (reference period = \$1.00)-----	\$0.929	\$0.929	0	-.2	- 1.5	\$0.757	\$0.449

1/ Also includes hotel and motel rates not shown separately.

2/ Includes home purchase, mortgage interest, taxes, insurance, and maintenance and repairs.

3/ Also includes telephone, water, and sewerage service not shown separately.

4/ Called "Solid and petroleum fuels" prior to 1964.

5/ Also includes infants' wear, sewing materials, jewelry, and apparel upkeep services not shown separately.

6/ Includes tobacco, alcoholic beverages, and funeral, legal, and bank service charges.

7/ Includes home purchase costs which were classified under services prior to 1964.

8/ Also includes auto parts, toys, and recreational goods not shown separately.

9/ Called "Durables less cars" prior to 1964.

10/ Excludes home purchase costs which were classified under this heading prior to 1964.

11/ Includes the services components of apparel, personal care, reading and recreation, and other goods and services.

12/ Not available.

13/ December 1963=100.

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TABLE A-2: Consumer Price Index--United States City Average and Selected Cities
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (Including Single Workers), All Items
Most recent index and percent changes from selected dates

City	Pricing Schedule 1/	Indexes				Percent change from:	
		1957-59=100	1947-49=100	1939=100	Other bases	November 1963	February 1963
		February 1964					
U.S. City Average-----	M	107.6	132.0	222.2		0.2	1.4
Chicago-----	M	105.7	133.3	227.5		-.1	.6
Detroit-----	M	103.1	127.1	215.4		-.6	.5
Los Angeles-----	M	109.0	135.9	225.0		-.3	1.1
New York-----	M	110.1	132.7	220.7		.4	2.3
Philadelphia-----	M	108.7	133.5	225.5		.4	2.4
		January 1964					
Boston-----	1	110.1	136.4	223.6		.1	1.4
Pittsburgh-----	1	107.7	132.7	228.4		.3	1.1
		February 1964					
Buffalo (Nov. 1963=100)-----	2	-----	-----	-----	100.1	.1	-----
Cleveland-----	2	105.2	130.7	220.8		.2	.9
Dallas (Nov. 1963=100)-----	2	-----	-----	-----	99.7	-.3	-----
Seattle-----	2	109.4	137.5	232.4		.1	2.1
Washington, D. C.-----	2	107.3	129.2	213.8		.2	1.6
		December 1963					
Atlanta-----	3	105.8	131.0	224.7		.6	1.2
Baltimore-----	3	107.5	133.4	230.4		.4	1.7
Honolulu (Dec. 1963=100)-----	3	-----	-----	-----	100.0	-----	-----
St. Louis-----	3	107.3	133.2	224.6		.8	1.2
San Francisco-----	3	109.9	139.5	238.1		.6	1.9

1/ Foods, fuels, and several other items priced every month in all cities; most other goods and services priced as indicated:
M - Every month.
1 - January, April, July, and October.
2 - February, May, August, and November.
3 - March, June, September, and December.

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TABLE A-3: Consumer Price Index--United States City Average and Selected Cities
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (Including Single Workers), Major Groups
Percent changes for January 1964 to February 1964

Group	U.S. city average	Chicago	Detroit	Los Angeles	New York	Philadelphia
All items-----	-0.1	-0.1	-0.6	-0.5	0.4	0.1
Food-----	.2	-.1	0	-.1	0	.3
Housing-----	0	0	-.1	.4	.6	.2
Apparel and upkeep-----	.1	.6	.6	1.0	.7	.3
Transportation-----	-.7	-.6	-3.7	-5.0	-.1	.1
Health and recreation-----	.2	0	.3	.3	.4	0
Medical care-----	.3	-.1	.2	.5	.7	.2
Personal care-----	-.1	.9	1.3	.7	-1.0	-.3
Reading and recreation-----	.2	-.2	.2	.1	1.2	-.3
Other goods and services-----	.1	-.2	-.1	-.1	.1	.2

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TABLE A-4: Consumer Price Index--United States City Average and Selected Cities
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (Including Single Workers), Commodity Groups
February 1964 Indexes and Percent Changes from November 1963

Group	U.S. city average	Buffalo (November 1963=100)	Chicago	Cleve- land	Dallas (November 1963=100)	Detroit	Los Angeles	New York	Phila- delphia	Seattle	Washington D.C.
Indexes (1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)											
All items-----	107.6	100.1	105.7	105.2	99.7	103.1	109.0	110.1	108.7	109.4	107.3
Food-----	106.0	100.8	105.7	102.1	100.1	101.4	108.0	108.1	105.5	108.7	104.9
Food at home-----	104.4	101.0	105.0	100.7	99.9	100.2	105.5	105.5	103.7	106.3	102.7
Cereals and bakery products-----	109.0	98.1	107.1	106.4	99.6	101.8	117.3	112.0	103.7	110.5	108.6
Meats, poultry, and fish-----	98.3	98.5	100.3	97.7	98.1	96.0	95.0	99.3	97.9	102.8	94.8
Dairy products-----	104.8	97.7	110.9	97.2	98.8	104.8	107.2	103.2	105.2	108.7	103.6
Fruits and vegetables-----	113.9	107.0	111.6	109.1	102.9	103.9	119.5	118.7	114.6	113.9	108.1
Other foods at home-----	101.7	104.4	101.3	97.9	100.8	98.7	98.5	101.5	101.9	101.0	104.7
Food away from home-----	114.4	100.2	109.4	110.2	100.8	108.9	117.8	120.6	115.5	119.5	114.8
Housing-----	106.9	100.0	105.2	102.5	99.9	98.1	109.4	111.5	108.5	110.1	105.9
Shelter-----	108.3	100.4	105.3	101.5	100.3	95.0	111.9	113.7	109.2	113.9	106.0
Rent-----	107.5	100.0	--	101.1	100.1	94.6	--	114.4	--	109.7	111.0
Homeownership-----	108.8	100.5	105.6	101.5	100.4	95.2	112.9	112.3	109.4	114.8	102.2
Fuel and utilities-----	106.8	99.3	106.1	109.4	99.4	103.5	106.2	105.7	107.1	109.9	105.4
Fuel oil and coal-----	106.6	100.7	105.3	--	--	100.6	--	109.9	110.7	104.0	106.1
Gas and electricity-----	106.2	98.9	106.7	107.4	98.8	105.2	113.6	104.6	104.0	100.1	105.3
Household furnishings and operation--	102.7	99.5	104.5	100.3	99.3	100.5	103.3	108.3	103.7	102.2	104.2
Apparel and upkeep-----	105.1	100.4	101.2	104.1	100.0	105.6	106.2	107.6	109.2	108.4	107.2
Men's and boys'-----	105.0	100.3	99.9	104.9	99.2	102.6	107.0	108.0	105.9	110.8	104.8
Women's and girls'-----	101.8	101.2	97.1	99.4	100.3	106.9	104.4	102.3	104.5	107.9	105.4
Footwear-----	110.7	99.5	109.4	114.2	99.6	110.3	109.1	111.2	110.9	113.6	112.1
Transportation-----	108.6	98.9	105.3	109.3	97.6	101.4	111.5	106.6	113.6	108.9	108.7
Private-----	107.2	98.8	105.1	107.1	97.4	99.3	107.4	108.7	110.7	107.7	107.9
Public-----	118.4	100.0	107.4	122.1	100.0	114.4	138.5	100.6	123.7	118.7	113.8
Health and recreation-----	112.9	100.1	109.8	112.7	100.6	114.4	109.7	115.6	113.8	109.3	113.3
Medical care-----	118.5	100.5	127.1	127.7	101.1	123.9	117.4	118.6	122.5	111.2	127.3
Personal care-----	108.4	99.9	111.7	103.9	99.6	108.1	105.7	106.2	106.0	107.0	106.8
Reading and recreation-----	113.3	99.6	99.4	107.9	100.6	111.5	103.6	121.1	111.7	107.0	113.1
Other goods and services-----	108.4	100.2	101.2	108.1	100.5	109.0	107.3	111.6	110.3	110.4	103.6
Percent Changes, November 1963 to February 1964											
All items-----	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.2	-0.3	-0.6	-0.3	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.2
Food-----	.9	.8	.3	.5	.1	.5	.4	.7	1.5	1.2	.9
Food at home-----	1.0	1.0	.4	.5	-.1	.7	.4	.9	1.9	1.5	1.1
Cereals and bakery products-----	-.1	-1.9	-2.0	-.8	-.4	.4	-.2	.6	-.9	1.0	-.2
Meats, poultry, and fish-----	-1.4	-1.5	-.4	-1.0	-1.9	-.5	-2.8	-2.1	1.2	.5	-2.1
Dairy products-----	0	-2.3	.2	-1.0	-1.2	-.3	-.5	-.8	-.3	.1	.3
Fruits and vegetables-----	5.3	7.0	4.7	3.5	2.9	3.5	1.5	6.3	7.4	5.1	6.9
Other foods at home-----	2.2	4.4	.1	2.7	.8	.9	5.0	2.2	1.6	1.4	2.3
Food away from home-----	.4	.2	-.1	.5	.8	-.4	.2	.4	-.1	.2	.2
Housing-----	.3	0	.4	.2	-.1	-.2	.5	.8	.2	-.8	.1
Shelter-----	.6	.4	.8	.4	.3	-.2	.6	1.1	0	-.9	.2
Rent-----	.3	0	--	-.3	.1	<u>1/</u> .2	--	<u>1/</u> .4	--	-.4	.7
Homeownership-----	.7	.5	1.5	.5	.4	-.4	.7	1.6	0	-1.0	-.1
Fuel and utilities-----	-.7	-.7	.6	0	-.6	0	-.4	-.2	.4	0	.6
Fuel oil and coal-----	1.1	.7	.6	--	--	0	--	.5	1.0	0	.1
Gas and electricity-----	-1.7	-1.1	.9	0	-1.2	-.2	-.7	-.9	.3	0	1.4
Household furnishings and operation--	0	-.5	-.8	-.3	-.7	-.4	.3	.7	0	-.9	-.9
Apparel and upkeep-----	-.9	.4	-1.6	.2	0	-.9	.3	-1.0	-1.1	.2	-.4
Men's and boys'-----	-1.0	.3	-2.7	.3	-.8	-1.0	-.8	-.6	0	0	-.5
Women's and girls'-----	-1.6	1.2	-1.8	.1	.3	-1.8	1.5	-2.8	-3.3	1.1	-.7
Footwear-----	-.4	-.5	-.7	-.2	-.4	0	-.2	.3	-.2	-2.1	-1.1
Transportation-----	-.5	-1.1	-.7	0	-2.4	-4.2	-3.2	-.7	.5	.2	0
Private-----	-.6	-1.2	-.8	0	-2.6	-4.6	-3.9	-.8	.6	.2	0
Public-----	.7	0	0	.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Health and recreation-----	.4	.1	.1	.1	.6	.9	.2	.6	.2	.3	.2
Medical care-----	.5	.5	.2	.2	1.1	.4	1.0	.9	.6	.3	.9
Personal care-----	0	-.1	4.1	-.2	-.4	1.0	-.6	-1.3	.2	1.3	.2
Reading and recreation-----	.4	-.4	-.3	-.3	.6	2.0	-.4	1.5	-.3	.1	-.2
Other goods and services-----	.1	.2	-1.4	.5	.5	-.1	0	.2	.2	0	0

1/ Change from December 1963.

TABLE A-5: Consumer Price Index--United States City Average and Selected Cities
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (Including Single Workers), Food and its Subgroups
February 1964 Indexes and Percent Changes from January 1964

City	Total food	Food at home						Food away from home
		Total	Cereals and bakery products	Meats, poultry, and fish	Dairy products	Fruits and vegetables	Other foods at home	
Indexes (1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)								
U.S. City Average-----	106.0	104.4	109.0	98.3	104.8	113.9	101.7	114.4
Atlanta-----	104.0	103.3	102.7	97.2	101.2	112.3	106.7	106.6
Baltimore-----	^{1/} 106.3	^{1/} 103.5	^{1/} 116.6	96.9	100.5	110.5	102.1	117.5
Boston-----	108.5	105.6	109.3	101.9	101.1	117.1	102.8	120.9
Buffalo (Nov. 1963=100)-----	^{2/} 100.8	^{2/} 101.0	^{2/} 98.1	98.5	97.7	^{2/} 107.0	^{2/} 104.4	100.2
Chicago-----	^{2/} 105.7	^{2/} 105.0	107.1	100.3	110.9	111.6	101.3	109.4
Cleveland-----	102.1	100.7	106.4	97.7	97.2	109.1	97.9	110.2
Dallas (Nov. 1963=100)-----	^{3/} 100.1	^{3/} 99.9	99.6	98.1	98.8	^{3/} 102.9	100.8	100.8
Detroit-----	101.4	100.2	101.8	96.0	104.8	103.9	98.7	108.9
Honolulu (Dec. 1963=100)-----	100.3	100.3	99.6	100.4	99.1	101.0	101.1	100.1
Los Angeles-----	108.0	105.5	117.3	95.0	107.2	119.5	98.5	117.8
New York-----	108.1	105.5	112.0	99.3	103.2	118.7	101.5	120.6
Philadelphia-----	105.5	103.7	103.7	97.9	105.2	114.6	101.9	115.5
Pittsburgh-----	104.3	103.6	107.6	101.0	100.1	111.4	102.2	108.1
St. Louis-----	106.1	103.3	105.2	98.9	106.7	108.9	101.6	116.9
San Francisco-----	108.0	105.6	110.5	99.7	106.8	115.7	101.3	118.6
Seattle-----	108.7	106.3	110.5	102.8	108.7	113.9	101.0	119.5
Washington, D.C.-----	104.9	102.7	108.6	94.8	103.6	108.1	104.7	114.8
Percent changes, January 1964 to February 1964								
U.S. City Average-----	0.2	0.2	-0.1	0	-0.2	1.3	-0.1	0.1
Atlanta-----	-.4	-.6	-1.2	-.7	-.4	.2	-.4	.1
Baltimore-----	^{4/} .4	^{4/} .4	^{4/} 1.8	-.3	.2	2.7	-.8	.2
Boston-----	0	0	-2	-1.3	-.2	1.6	1.1	.1
Buffalo-----	^{4/} .4	^{4/} .6	^{4/} .3	.7	-1.1	^{4/} 1.8	^{4/} .8	-.1
Chicago-----	-.1	-.2	-.8	-.6	-.1	-.1	-1.3	0
Cleveland-----	-.2	-.3	-.7	-1.0	0	1.5	-.4	.4
Dallas-----	^{4/} .1	^{4/} 0	0	-.3	-.9	^{4/} 1.6	-.5	.5
Detroit-----	0	0	.3	.3	-.1	.9	-1.2	.2
Honolulu-----	.4	.5	-.9	.8	0	3.1	-.5	.1
Los Angeles-----	-.1	-.2	-.1	-1.0	0	-.9	1.4	.1
New York-----	0	-.1	.3	-.1	-.8	1.7	-.5	0
Philadelphia-----	.3	.3	-.5	1.2	-.1	2.0	-1.5	.1
Pittsburgh-----	.5	.5	-1.2	1.9	.2	1.8	-.9	0
St. Louis-----	0	.1	-1.1	-1.3	1.8	2.8	-.8	0
San Francisco-----	.7	.7	.2	.4	.1	-.2	2.4	.3
Seattle-----	.5	.7	-.4	-.1	0	2.6	1.0	-.1
Washington, D.C.-----	.3	.4	-.5	.6	-.2	2.4	-.2	.1

^{1/} Corrected indexes January 1964: Total food 105.9; Food at home 103.1; Cereals and bakery products 114.5.^{2/} Corrected indexes January 1964: Total food 100.4; Food at home 100.4; Cereals and bakery products 97.8; Fruits and vegetables 105.1; Other foods at home 103.6.^{3/} Corrected indexes January 1964: Total food 100.0; Food at home 99.9; Fruits and vegetables 101.3.^{4/} Based on corrected indexes for January 1964.

TABLE B-1: Consumer Price Index--United States City Average
For Urban Wage-Earner and Clerical-Worker Families (Single Workers Excluded)
Major group and subgroup indexes, February 1964
and percent changes from selected dates

Group	Indexes (1957-59=100)		Percent change to February 1964 from--			Indexes	
	February 1964	January 1964	January 1964	November 1963	February 1963	47-49=100 February 1964	1939=100 February 1964
All items-----	107.6	107.7	-0.1	0.2	1.4	132.0	222.2
Food-----	106.0	105.8	.2	.9	1.0	125.1	265.6
Food at home-----	104.3	104.2	.1	.9	.8	121.2	257.3
Cereals and bakery products-----	109.0	109.1	-.1	-.1	-.2	144.5	252.6
Meats, poultry, and fish-----	98.3	98.3	0	-1.4	-3.7	108.4	260.8
Dairy products-----	104.8	105.0	-.2	0	1.2	118.6	238.2
Fruits and vegetables-----	113.8	112.5	1.2	5.2	4.0	140.7	303.9
Other foods at home-----	101.7	101.8	-.1	2.2	4.7	112.4	232.2
Food away from home-----	114.4	114.3	.1	.4	1.7	(7/)	(7/)
Housing-----	106.9	106.9	0	.3	1.4	136.3	179.1
Shelter 1/-----	108.4	108.1	.3	.6	2.1	(7/)	(7/)
Rent-----	107.5	107.3	.2	.3	1.0	147.8	170.7
Homeownership 2/-----	108.8	108.5	.3	.7	2.5	(7/)	(7/)
Fuel and utilities 3/-----	106.8	107.7	-.8	-.7	0	(7/)	(7/)
Fuel oil and coal 4/-----	106.6	106.6	0	1.1	1.7	145.3	257.6
Gas and electricity-----	106.3	108.1	-1.7	-1.6	-1.6	123.9	118.1
Household furnishings and operation-----	102.7	102.7	0	0	.6	(7/)	(7/)
Apparel and upkeep 5/-----	105.1	105.0	.1	-.9	1.1	(7/)	(7/)
Men's and boys'-----	105.0	105.2	-.2	-1.0	1.3	114.1	224.8
Women's and girls'-----	101.8	101.4	.4	-1.6	1.1	101.1	185.5
Footwear-----	110.7	110.9	-.2	-.4	.7	145.0	288.2
Transportation-----	108.6	109.4	-.7	-.5	1.7	153.0	217.9
Private-----	107.2	108.0	-.7	-.6	1.8	139.7	213.3
Public-----	118.4	118.3	.1	.7	1.8	220.5	271.1
Health and recreation-----	112.9	112.7	.2	.4	2.5	(7/)	(7/)
Medical care-----	118.5	118.2	.3	.5	2.2	171.2	235.9
Personal care-----	108.4	108.5	-.1	0	1.0	138.9	233.1
Reading and recreation-----	113.3	113.1	.2	.4	3.0	131.2	208.3
Other goods and services 6/-----	108.4	108.3	.1	.1	2.6	138.1	195.7

1/ Also includes hotel and motel rates not shown separately.
2/ Includes home purchase, mortgage interest, taxes, insurance, and maintenance and repairs.
3/ Also includes telephone, water, and sewerage service not shown separately.
4/ Called "Solid and petroleum fuels" prior to 1964.
5/ Also includes infants' wear, sewing materials, jewelry, and apparel upkeep services not shown separately.
6/ Includes tobacco, alcoholic beverages, and funeral, legal, and bank service charges.
7/ Not available.

TABLE C-1: Consumer Price Index--United States city average
Major group, subgroup, and special group indexes, February 1964
and percent changes from selected dates

(1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)

Group	Indexes (1957-59=100)		Percent change to February 1964 from--			Indexes	
	February 1964	January 1964	January 1964	November 1963	February 1963	1947-49=100	1939=100
						February 1964	February 1964
All items-----	107.6	107.6	0	0.2	1.4	132.0	222.2
Food-----	105.8	105.7	0.1	.7	.8	124.8	265.1
Food at home-----	104.0	104.0	0	.6	.5	120.8	256.6
Cereals and bakery products-----	109.1	109.1	0	0	-.1	144.7	252.8
Meats, poultry, and fish-----	98.2	98.2	0	-1.5	-3.8	108.3	260.5
Dairy products-----	104.7	105.0	-.3	-.1	1.1	118.5	238.0
Fruits and vegetables-----	111.2	110.7	.5	2.8	1.6	137.4	296.9
Other foods at home-----	102.3	102.2	.1	2.8	5.4	113.0	233.6
Food away from home-----	114.6	114.4	.2	.5	1.9	(1/)	(1/)
Housing 2/-----	106.9	106.9	0	.3	1.4	136.3	179.1
Rent-----	107.4	107.3	.1	.2	.9	147.7	170.5
Gas and electricity-----	104.8	108.4	-3.3	-3.0	-3.0	122.2	116.5
Solid and petroleum fuels-----	106.6	106.6	0	1.1	1.7	145.3	257.6
Housefurnishings-----	98.6	98.4	.2	-.2	.3	102.6	192.2
Household operation-----	111.3	110.9	.4	.5	1.8	145.9	213.3
Apparel-----	104.2	104.3	-.1	-1.3	.9	111.7	212.8
Men's and boys'-----	105.5	105.7	-.2	-.6	1.7	114.7	225.8
Women's and girls'-----	100.9	101.0	-.1	-2.5	.2	100.2	183.9
Footwear-----	111.2	111.0	.2	.1	1.2	145.7	289.5
Other apparel-----	101.4	101.3	.1	-.6	.5	93.4	230.0
Transportation-----	108.3	108.9	-.6	-.7	1.4	152.6	217.3
Private-----	106.6	107.5	-.8	-1.1	1.2	138.9	212.1
Public-----	119.4	118.5	.8	1.5	2.7	222.3	273.4
Medical care-----	118.5	118.2	.3	.5	2.2	171.2	235.9
Personal care-----	108.8	109.1	-.3	.4	1.4	139.4	233.9
Reading and recreation-----	113.8	113.0	.7	.9	3.5	131.8	209.2
Other goods and services-----	108.3	108.3	0	0	2.5	138.0	195.5
Special groups:							
All items less food-----	108.3	108.4	-.1	-.1	1.6	135.8	196.6
All items less shelter-----	107.5	107.5	0	.1	1.3	129.4	233.6
Commodities-----	104.7	104.8	-.1	-.1	.9	120.9	234.5
Nondurables-----	105.4	105.6	-.2	0	.9	123.7	240.8
Food-----	105.8	105.7	.1	.7	.8	124.8	265.1
Nondurables less food-----	105.1	105.6	-.5	-.7	1.0	123.1	209.6
Apparel-----	104.0	104.1	-.1	-1.3	.8	111.5	213.9
Apparel less footwear-----	102.7	102.8	-.1	-1.5	.9	105.7	(1/)
Nondurables less food and apparel-----	105.8	106.5	-.7	-.2	1.1	133.0	201.8
Durables-----	101.7	101.7	0	-.8	1.1	112.7	196.7
New cars-----	102.1	102.1	0	-1.1	.4	137.2	240.7
Used cars-----	117.1	117.4	-.3	-3.2	5.8	(1/)	(1/)
Durables less cars-----	98.7	98.6	.1	-.1	.3	101.8	177.6
Commodities less food-----	103.8	104.1	-.3	-.7	1.1	117.9	198.4
Services-----	113.0	112.8	.2	.6	2.3	160.5	199.4
Rent-----	107.4	107.3	.1	.2	.9	147.7	170.5
Services less rent-----	114.0	113.8	.2	.7	2.5	163.4	222.4
Household operation services, gas, and electricity-----	110.5	111.3	-.7	-.5	.5	145.0	166.6
Transportation services-----	114.8	114.0	.7	1.3	3.1	198.4	247.6
Medical care services-----	121.9	121.6	.2	.5	2.4	181.9	257.9
Other services 3/-----	113.2	112.6	.5	1.1	3.3	146.1	250.6
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (Reference period=\$1.00)-----	\$ 0.929	\$ 0.929	0	-.2	-1.5	\$ 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 C-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 February 1964 from--		Indexes 1947-49=100 1939=100	
	February 1964	November 1963	February 1963	November 1963	February 1963	February 1964	February 1964
	United States city average-----	107.6	107.4	106.1	0.2	1.4	132.0
Cities priced monthly 1/							
Chicago-----	105.9	105.8	105.1	.1	.8	133.5	227.9
Detroit-----	103.6	103.7	102.6	-.1	1.0	127.7	216.4
Los Angeles-----	108.9	109.3	107.8	-.4	1.0	135.8	224.8
New York-----	109.9	109.7	107.6	.2	2.1	132.4	220.3
Philadelphia-----	108.4	108.3	106.2	.1	2.1	133.1	224.9
Cities priced in February, May, August, November 2/	February 1964	November 1963	February 1963	November 1963	February 1963	February 1964	February 1964
Cleveland-----	105.2	105.0	104.3	.2	.9	130.7	220.8
Houston-----	107.2	106.7	105.0	.5	2.1	132.1	221.9
Scranton-----	108.8	107.9	106.9	.8	1.8	129.8	221.9
Seattle-----	109.4	109.3	107.2	.1	2.1	137.5	232.4
Washington, D. C.-----	107.4	107.1	105.6	.3	1.7	129.3	214.0
Cities priced in January, April, July, October 2/	January 1964	October 1963	January 1963	October 1963	January 1963	January 1964	January 1964
Boston-----	110.0	110.0	108.6	0	1.3	136.3	223.4
Kansas City-----	108.5	108.7	105.9	-.2	2.5	134.2	217.5
Minneapolis-----	107.5	107.4	106.0	.1	1.4	133.0	219.2
Pittsburgh-----	107.4	107.4	106.5	0	.8	132.3	227.8
Portland, Oregon-----	107.6	107.1	105.7	.5	1.8	133.3	228.7
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

1/ Rents priced bimonthly.

2/ Foods, fuels, and a few other items priced monthly; rents and other commodities and services priced quarterly.

TABLE C-3: Consumer Price Index—Percent changes from January 1964 to February 1964
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	0.1	0	-0.1	-0.6	0.3	-0.3	0.7	0
Chicago-----	0	-.1	0.2	-.2	.3	0	-.3	-.2	-0.3
Detroit-----	-0.4	-.2	0	.6	-3.2	.3	-.7	.1	-.1
Los Angeles-----	-.5	-.2	.6	1.1	-4.3	.1	-.9	-.2	.1
New York-----	.3	-.1	.6	-.5	.1	.8	-.9	2.8	0
Philadelphia-----	0	.2	.3	.2	.2	0	-.7	-2.3	0

**TABLE C-4: Consumer Price Index--All items and commodity groups
February 1964 indexes and percent changes, November 1963 to February 1964
U.S. city average and 10 cities priced in February 1964**

OLD SERIES

Group	U.S. City Average	Chicago	Cleve- land	Detroit	Houston	Las Angelas	New York	Phila- delphia	Scranton	Seattle	Washing- ton, D.C.
Indexes (1957-59=100)											
All items-----	107.6	105.9	105.2	103.6	107.2	108.9	109.9	108.4	108.8	109.4	107.4
Food-----	105.8	105.6	102.0	101.1	105.5	107.9	107.4	105.2	105.0	107.5	104.7
Food at home-----	104.0	104.9	100.6	99.9	103.0	105.4	104.6	103.1	103.1	105.1	102.5
Cereals and bakery products--	109.1	108.7	107.1	101.1	106.9	116.5	111.2	104.8	106.8	110.1	109.1
Meats, poultry, and fish----	98.2	100.9	97.9	95.5	95.7	94.8	98.8	95.4	99.2	100.6	94.9
Dairy products-----	104.7	110.9	97.5	104.7	103.8	107.7	103.3	105.6	102.5	108.2	103.4
Fruits and vegetables-----	111.2	107.5	106.3	102.0	111.3	117.6	114.2	112.2	108.0	110.9	106.3
Other foods at home-----	102.3	101.6	98.1	99.7	103.0	99.4	101.4	103.5	102.5	101.1	104.2
Housing-----	106.9	105.3	102.5	98.3	106.0	109.4	111.5	109.0	107.0	111.5	106.1
Rent-----	107.4	--	101.1	94.6	99.8	--	114.5	--	107.5	109.8	111.0
Gas and electricity-----	104.8	106.3	107.4	105.3	132.5	114.5	104.0	103.7	105.5	100.1	105.2
Solid and petroleum fuels-----	106.6	104.9	109.3	101.5	--	--	111.4	110.1	101.5	104.0	106.1
Housefurnishings-----	98.6	100.3	95.3	98.3	100.2	100.5	103.7	98.4	96.0	97.7	99.5
Household operation-----	111.3	108.9	110.8	106.1	114.3	106.0	115.3	118.1	111.9	118.3	112.3
Apparel-----	104.2	99.5	103.9	107.5	107.3	105.5	104.6	104.6	104.6	108.3	105.9
Men's and boys'-----	105.5	101.8	103.9	104.0	107.1	107.6	107.4	105.6	107.1	110.8	104.2
Women's and girls'-----	100.9	93.5	99.8	109.3	107.4	103.4	100.6	102.2	102.5	104.3	104.2
Footwear-----	111.2	109.5	114.6	111.6	111.1	109.9	111.3	110.6	107.6	116.2	113.7
Other apparel-----	101.4	98.5	102.9	101.7	102.5	101.4	101.8	102.2	100.2	105.7	105.4
Transportation-----	108.3	106.7	109.2	103.1	107.0	110.1	106.6	112.4	110.4	109.3	108.4
Private-----	106.6	106.7	107.0	100.9	105.7	105.9	108.7	109.2	108.1	108.2	107.5
Public-----	119.4	107.4	121.7	114.4	115.1	138.5	100.6	123.7	125.3	118.7	113.8
Medical care-----	118.5	127.5	128.5	123.9	112.3	117.7	119.0	122.1	2/117.9	111.3	127.3
Personal care-----	108.8	110.9	103.7	106.6	113.4	105.6	107.9	105.8	114.6	105.8	106.6
Reading and recreation-----	113.8	99.3	107.7	111.0	114.0	104.0	122.8	109.1	132.3	105.6	113.7
Other goods and services-----	108.3	101.9	108.1	109.1	108.1	107.2	110.9	110.1	112.6	110.4	103.8
Percent change from November 1963 to February 1964											
All items-----	0.2	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.5	-0.4	0.2	0.1	0.8	0.1	0.3
Food-----	.7	.2	.4	.2	.5	.3	0	1.3	1.2	.1	.7
Food at home-----	.6	.3	.4	.4	.6	.3	0	1.3	1.2	.4	.9
Cereals and bakery products--	0	-.5	-.2	-.3	.5	-.9	-.1	.2	-.3	.6	.3
Meats, poultry, and fish----	-1.5	.2	-.8	-1.0	-1.7	-3.0	-2.6	-1.3	-.6	-1.7	-2.0
Dairy products-----	-.1	.2	-.7	-.4	.3	0	-.7	.1	.9	-.4	.1
Fruits and vegetables-----	2.8	.8	.9	1.6	.2	-.1	2.2	5.2	3.9	2.3	5.1
Other foods at home-----	2.8	.4	2.9	1.9	4.0	6.0	2.1	3.2	2.9	1.5	1.9
Housing-----	.3	.5	.2	0	.5	.5	.8	.6	.8	.5	.3
Rent-----	.2	--	-.3	1/ .2	-.4	--	1/ .4	--	.3	-.3	.7
Gas and electricity-----	-3.0	.6	0	-.1	0	.1	-1.4	0	0	0	1.3
Solid and petroleum fuels-----	1.1	.2	0	.9	--	--	1.9	.5	0	0	.1
Housefurnishings-----	-.2	-1.1	.2	-.5	2.0	.5	-.4	.1	.9	0	0
Household operation-----	.5	.1	.4	.3	.2	-.1	2.2	1.5	-.4	2.4	-.5
Apparel-----	-1.3	-2.8	0	.5	1.4	.2	-2.2	-2.7	.2	-1.0	-1.0
Men's and boys'-----	-.6	-.9	-.7	.4	-.4	-.3	-1.2	-.3	-.2	0	-1.0
Women's and girls'-----	-2.5	-5.5	.5	.4	3.3	.5	-4.4	-5.5	.4	-2.2	-1.8
Footwear-----	.1	-.6	.2	1.2	0	.5	.4	-.5	.1	.2	.4
Other apparel-----	-.6	-2.5	-.3	-.2	.7	.3	-.5	-1.7	.1	.2	-.3
Transportation-----	-.7	.7	-.1	-2.6	-.7	-4.4	-.7	-.5	2.3	.6	-.3
Private-----	-1.1	.8	-.1	-3.1	-.9	-5.3	-.8	-.7	.5	.7	-.4
Public-----	1.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13.8	0	0
Medical care-----	.5	.6	.8	.4	1.0	1.3	1.3	.2	.3	.4	.9
Personal care-----	.4	3.4	-.4	-.4	1.3	-.7	.3	0	-.5	.2	0
Reading and recreation-----	.9	-.4	-.5	1.6	1.1	0	2.9	-2.6	.2	-1.2	.4
Other goods and services-----	0	-.7	.5	0	0	-.1	-.4	0	.1	0	.2

1/ Change from December 1963 to February 1964.

2/ Corrected indexes: August 1963 = 117.4; November 1963 = 117.5.

TABLE C-5 : Consumer Price Index--Food and its subgroups
February 1964 indexes and percent changes, January 1964 to February 1964
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--	105.8	0.1	104.0	0	109.1	0	98.2	0	104.7	-0.3	111.2	0.5	102.3	0.1
Atlanta-----	104.7	-.2	104.2	-0.3	103.8	-0.1	98.4	-0.5	101.2	-.1	112.6	.2	107.4	-.6
Baltimore-----	106.3	.3	103.4	.2	115.7	.8	97.3	-.1	99.5	-.2	108.9	1.3	102.4	-.9
Boston-----	108.5	.1	105.5	.2	109.4	.4	103.3	-1.1	101.4	.1	113.5	1.0	102.8	1.3
Chicago-----	105.6	-.1	104.9	-.1	108.7	-1.1	100.9	1.6	110.9	-.2	107.5	-.4	101.6	-1.5
Cincinnati-----	103.2	.3	101.5	.2	107.6	5.1	97.5	-.3	98.5	-1.7	111.0	.1	98.7	-.3
Cleveland-----	102.0	.3	100.6	.4	107.1	.7	97.9	1.3	97.5	-.7	106.3	.3	98.1	-.1
Detroit-----	101.1	-.2	99.9	-.2	101.1	.2	95.5	.4	104.7	-.2	102.0	-.5	99.7	-1.0
Houston-----	105.5	-.1	103.0	-.1	106.9	.2	95.7	-.6	103.8	-.1	113.0	-.1	103.0	.2
Kansas City-----	106.0	.1	105.2	.2	109.9	.2	98.1	.5	108.4	-.2	111.1	-.3	104.5	.1
Los Angeles-----	107.9	-.2	105.4	-.3	116.5	-.5	94.8	-.2	107.7	0	117.6	-2.2	99.4	1.6
Minneapolis-----	103.8	-.2	102.2	-.2	102.7	-.2	97.6	-.2	105.7	0	107.5	.1	101.1	-.6
New York-----	107.4	-.1	104.6	-.1	111.2	-.2	98.8	-.7	103.3	-.7	114.2	1.5	101.4	-.5
Philadelphia-----	105.2	.2	103.1	.1	104.8	-.1	95.4	.5	105.6	-.1	112.2	.7	103.5	-.5
Pittsburgh-----	103.8	.3	102.9	.3	108.4	-.1	100.0	1.1	100.8	.2	106.9	.9	102.1	-1.1
Portland, Oreg.-----	106.5	.3	105.2	.4	108.0	.1	100.4	0	107.5	0	113.4	.2	101.3	1.2
St. Louis-----	106.2	.3	103.5	.4	106.6	.2	99.0	-1.2	105.5	.7	108.0	2.8	102.7	.6
San Francisco-----	107.6	.6	104.7	.1	110.0	-.4	99.5	.1	106.5	0	111.8	-1.2	100.7	2.1
Scranton-----	105.0	.1	103.1	.1	106.8	.3	99.2	1.1	102.5	-.2	108.0	-.1	102.5	-1.0
Seattle-----	107.5	.3	105.1	.7	110.1	.1	100.6	-1.1	108.2	-.1	110.9	3.4	101.1	1.2
Washington, D. C.-----	104.7	.1	102.5	.1	109.1	.2	94.9	-.2	103.4	-.1	106.3	2.2	104.2	-1.0

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

Food and unit	February 1964	January 1964	Food and unit	February 1964	January 1964
	Cents	Cents		Cents	Cents
Cereals and bakery products:			Fresh--Continued		
Flour, wheat-----5 lb.	57.2	57.2	Grapefruit-----each	15.4	15.2
Biscuit mix-----40 oz.	48.3	48.2	Peaches *-----lb.	*	*
Macaroni-----16 oz.	25.0	25.0	Strawberries *-----pt.	*	*
Corn meal-----1b.	14.5	14.5	Grapes, seedless *-----lb.	*	*
Rolled oats-----18 oz.	24.3	24.2	Watermelons *-----lb.	*	*
Corn flakes-----12 oz.	28.5	28.5	Potatoes-----10 lb.	64.3	63.8
Rice, short grain-----1b.	19.6	19.5	Sweet potatoes-----lb.	15.5	15.1
Rice, long grain-----1b.	21.8	21.8	Corn *-----doz. ears	*	*
Bread, white-----1b.	21.5	21.5	Onions-----lb.	11.5	11.5
Soda crackers-----1b.	31.0	31.0	Carrots-----lb.	14.9	15.7
Sandwich cookies-----16 oz.	51.9	52.0	Lettuce-----head	27.5	28.8
Meats, poultry, and fish:			Celery-----lb.	15.8	15.4
Round steak-----1b.	103.8	103.2	Cabbage-----lb.	11.3	10.6
Sirloin steak-----1b.	106.5	104.5	Tomatoes-----lb.	35.6	37.7
Chuck roast-----1b.	58.1	57.1	Beans, green-----lb.	32.3	31.0
Rib roast-----1b.	83.1	83.0	Canned:		
Hamburger-----1b.	49.9	50.4	Orange juice-----46 oz. can	63.6	61.7
Veal cutlets-----1b.	151.6	150.1	Pineapple juice-----46 oz. can	37.3	37.1
Pork chops, center cut-----1b.	84.6	85.5	Peaches-----#2 1/2 can	33.7	33.6
Pork roast-----1b.	60.0	59.7	Pineapple-----#2 can	39.9	39.8
Bacon, sliced-----1b.	67.4	66.7	Fruit cocktail-----#303 can	27.1	27.0
Ham, whole-----1b.	60.6	60.8	Corn, cream style-----#303 can	19.1	19.2
Lamb, leg-----1b.	72.1	73.0	Peas, green-----#303 can	22.7	22.6
Frankfurters-----1b.	62.4	62.6	Tomatoes-----#303 can	16.0	16.0
Luncheon meat, canned-----12 oz.	48.9	49.1	Tomato juice-----46 oz. can	32.4	32.3
Frying chickens, ready-to-cook-----1b.	38.4	39.1	Baby foods-----4 1/2 to 5 oz.	10.9	10.9
Ocean perch, fillet, frozen-----1b.	53.2	53.0	Dried:		
Haddock, fillet, frozen-----1b.	59.1	58.6	Prunes-----lb.	40.2	40.2
Salmon, pink, canned-----16 oz.	68.1	68.9	Beans-----lb.	17.6	17.6
Tuna fish, canned-----6 to 6 1/2 oz.	33.2	33.2	Other foods at home:		
Dairy products:			Tomato soup-----10 1/2 to 11 oz. can	12.4	12.3
Milk, fresh, (grocery)-----qt.	24.5	24.6	Beans, with pork-----16 oz. can	15.0	15.1
Milk, fresh, (delivered)-----qt.	26.2	26.3	Pickles, sliced-----15 oz.	27.5	27.4
Ice cream-----1/2 gal.	84.6	85.1	Catsup, tomato-----14 oz.	22.1	22.2
Butter-----1b.	75.2	75.3	Potato chips-----4 oz.	28.0	28.0
Cheese, American process-----1/2 lb.	37.1	37.1	Coffee-----1b. can	74.8	71.7
Milk, evaporated-----1 1/4 oz. can	15.4	15.4	Coffee, instant-----1b. bag	60.1	58.1
Fruits and vegetables:			Coffee, instant-----6 oz.	99.5	94.8
Frozen:			Tea bags-----pkg. of 48	63.2	63.8
Strawberries-----10 oz.	27.6	27.6	Cola drink, carton-----72 oz.	55.2	55.1
Orange juice concentrate-----6 oz.	32.8	32.7	Shortening, hydrogenated-----3 lb.	82.3	82.6
Lemonade concentrate-----6 oz.	15.0	15.0	Margarine, colored-----1b.	27.4	27.8
Peas, green-----10 oz.	20.7	21.1	Lard-----1b.	20.1	20.1
Beans, green-----9 oz.	23.7	23.8	Salad dressing-----pt.	38.5	38.5
Potatoes, french fried-----9 oz.	17.9	17.9	Peanut butter-----1b.	57.8	57.6
Fresh:			Sugar-----5 lb.	74.6	73.4
Apples-----1b.	15.5	15.0	Corn syrup-----24 oz.	30.0	29.9
Bananas-----1b.	16.6	15.6	Grape jelly-----12 oz.	31.3	31.3
Oranges, size 200-----doz.	79.0	79.6	Chocolate bar-----1 oz.	5.2	5.2
Lemons-----1b.	21.8	22.0	Eggs, Grade A, large-----doz.	58.3	60.2
			Gelatin, flavored-----3 to 4 oz.	10.3	10.3

* Priced only in season.

TABLE D: Consumer Price Index--All items and commodity groups
 1963 annual average indexes and percent changes, 1962 to 1963
 5 cities priced in February 1964
 (1957-59=100)

Group	Cleveland		Houston		Scranton		Seattle		Washington, D.C.	
	Index	Percent change	Index	Percent change	Index	Percent change	Index	Percent change	Index	Percent change
All items-----	104.7	1.2	105.6	1.0	107.3	1.3	108.2	1.6	106.4	1.7
All items (1947-49=100)-----	130.0		130.1		128.0		136.0		128.1	
All items (1939=100)-----	219.8		218.6		218.8		229.8		212.0	
Food-----	101.8	0.8	103.8	0.9	104.1	1.0	107.3	1.5	104.2	2.2
Food at home-----	100.5	.7	101.0	.4	102.7	0.8	104.8	1.3	102.3	1.7
Cereals and bakery products-----	106.6	2.8	104.9	- .5	108.3	- .2	108.0	0.8	108.8	- 0.1
Meats, poultry, and fish-----	99.8	- 2.1	97.9	- 2.2	99.5	- 1.9	103.3	- .2	97.8	- 1.5
Dairy products-----	98.5	- 1.2	100.1	- .6	100.7	- .2	107.8	1.0	102.4	- .2
Fruits and vegetables-----	107.3	4.9	109.1	3.5	110.4	6.3	111.6	3.2	107.9	8.6
Other foods at home-----	94.0	.8	97.0	2.5	98.8	1.6	97.5	1.9	99.6	2.9
Housing-----	102.1	.9	104.6	2.0	105.4	1.4	108.5	3.0	105.0	2.0
Rent-----	101.3	- .1	99.8	.5	106.9	1.3	110.2	1.1	109.7	1.6
Gas and electricity-----	107.4	0	132.5	9.3	105.3	.1	100.1	0	104.7	- 1.7
Solid and petroleum fuels-----	107.9	.9	--	--	96.9	.5	104.1	3.1	105.0	3.6
Housefurnishings-----	94.9	- 1.4	98.3	- 1.9	94.8	- .5	97.3	0	98.2	- .6
Household operation-----	108.9	2.8	110.8	4.7	111.5	2.1	114.2	7.3	112.5	1.0
Apparel-----	104.1	1.7	105.7	1.3	104.7	.7	107.3	1.8	106.0	.7
Men's and boys'-----	103.5	.8	105.7	.8	106.9	1.5	108.6	3.8	104.5	1.3
Women's and girls'-----	100.8	2.1	105.1	1.6	102.9	.7	104.6	.9	104.6	- .1
Footwear-----	114.0	2.3	110.1	2.2	107.4	- .5	114.1	1.4	112.9	1.4
Other apparel-----	103.3	1.3	102.2	.2	100.1	- 1.2	103.7	.2	105.0	1.1
Transportation-----	108.0	.5	105.6	- 1.8	107.1	1.7	109.1	- .5	106.6	.9
Private-----	106.2	- .1	104.2	- 1.8	106.6	.6	107.9	- .4	105.6	.6
Public-----	118.3	3.0	115.1	- 1.4	110.2	9.5	118.7	- 1.4	112.8	2.6
Medical care-----	125.0	5.5	110.2	2.6	115.6	2.0	110.6	.8	125.0	4.2
Personal care-----	104.5	- .3	111.4	- .6	114.9	.5	106.6	- .5	106.6	- 1.8
Reading and recreation-----	107.7	.1	111.3	.7	129.5	.2	107.3	2.5	112.6	2.1
Other goods and services-----	107.3	.6	107.6	.6	110.2	2.5	110.2	.2	103.1	.8

Brief Explanation of the CPI

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) measures average changes in prices of goods and services usually bought by urban wage earners and clerical workers, both families and single persons living alone. It is based on prices of about 400 items which were selected to represent the movement of prices of all goods and services purchased by wage earners and clerical workers. Prices for these items are obtained in urban portions of 33 Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas (SMSA's) and 17 smaller cities, which were chosen to represent all urban places in the United States, including Alaska and Hawaii. They are collected from grocery and department stores, hospitals, filling stations, and other types of stores and service establishments which wage earners and clerical workers patronize.

Prices of foods, fuels, and a few other items are obtained every month in all 50 locations. Prices of most other commodities and services are collected every month in the 5 largest SMSA's and every 3 months in other SMSA's and 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 location are averaged together with weights which represent their importance in the spending of all wage earners and clerical workers. SMSA and city data are then combined in the total index with weights based on the 1960 populations of SMSA's and cities they represent. Index numbers are computed on the base 1957-59=100, and are also available on the bases of 1947-49=100 and 1939=100.

The national index (the United States city average) includes prices from the 17 SMSA's for which separate indexes are published in this report, as well as from the following additional locations:

Alabama - Florence	Louisiana - Baton Rouge*	Ohio - Findlay
Alaska - Anchorage	Maine - Portland*	Oklahoma - Mangum
California - Bakersfield*	Massachusetts - Southbridge	Oregon - Klamath Falls
Colorado - Denver*	Michigan - Niles	Pennsylvania - Lancaster*
Connecticut - Hartford*	Minnesota - Crookston	South Carolina - Union
Florida - Orlando*	Mississippi - Vicksburg	Tennessee - Nashville*
Indiana - Indianapolis*	New Jersey - Millville	Texas - Austin*
Indiana - Logansport	New York - Kingston	Texas - McAllen
Illinois - Champaign-Urbana*	North Carolina - Durham*	Utah - Orem
Iowa - Cedar Rapids*	North Dakota - Devils Lake	Virginia - Martinsville
Kansas - Wichita*	Ohio - Dayton*	Wisconsin - Green Bay*

*Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area

Comparisons of indexes for individual SMSA's show only that prices in one location changed more or less than in another. The SMSA indexes cannot be used to measure differences in price levels or in living costs between areas.

A description of the index and historical tables of index numbers for the United States city average and for 17 large SMSA's are available on request to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Washington, D. C. 20210 or any of its regional offices (addresses below).

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