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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR MARCH 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.

The Consumer Price Index moved up by 0.1 percent in March, as lower food prices failed to offset price advances for most other consumer items, the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics announced today. The March index, at 107.7 (1957-59=100), was 1.4 percent higher than a year ago because of price increases over the past year for most consumer goods and services, except meats.

HOUSING Housing costs were up by 0.2 percent in March, largely because gas bills for West Coast customers began to return to regular levels following substantial refunds in February. Taxes and insurance on real estate continued to advance, and prices of furniture and floor coverings increased. Residential rents were unchanged on the average.

HEALTH AND RECREATION Costs of health care and recreation advanced by 0.2 percent, with most of the increase resulting from higher fees for professional and hospital services and charges for some recreation items. Prices of newspapers and magazines went up, and golf fees and motion picture admissions were increased. Prices also were higher for toilet goods and for barber and beauty shop services.

FOOD Prices of most foods were lower in March, causing the food index to decline by 0.3 percent. The largest price decreases were for meats and eggs.

All cuts of beef and most cuts of pork and other meats were cheaper in March, with continued plentiful supplies and some slackening in demand. Pork prices dropped for the seventh consecutive month, and prices of poultry and fish also declined.

Egg prices dropped 8 percent as supplies continued to increase. Sugar prices fell more than 3 percent, but prices of coffee continued upward with an increase of about 6 percent.

Prices of fruits and vegetables rose by 1.1 percent in March, largely because of damage to some vegetable crops by the mid-January freeze in Florida, particularly cucumbers and celery. Higher prices also were reported for potatoes, tomatoes, and apples, but seasonal increases in production brought lower prices for cabbage, lettuce, and carrots.

**OTHER GOODS
AND SERVICES**

Transportation costs rose 0.3 percent, largely because of higher prices for gasoline. Used car prices also advanced, but dealers' prices for new cars were a little lower.

Apparel prices were up by 0.2 percent, with most of the increase in prices of women's clothing.

**COST-OF-LIVING
ADJUSTMENTS**

Based on quarterly reviews of the "old series" national index for March, about 32,000 workers--including 25,000 in the aircraft industry--are scheduled to receive increases of 1 cent an hour. In addition, about 25,000 workers are scheduled to receive increases of one-half, 1, or 2 cents an hour, based on reviews of "old series" indexes for Baltimore, New York, and Los Angeles, respectively.

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

Group	Indexes (1957-59=100)		Percent change to March 1964 from--			Indexes	
	March 1964	February 1964	February 1964	December 1963	March 1963	March 1964	March 1964
All items-----	107.7	107.6	0.1	0.1	1.4	132.1	222.4
Food-----	105.7	106.0	-.3	.3	1.1	124.7	264.9
Food at home-----	104.0	104.4	-.4	.3	1.0	120.8	256.6
Cereals and bakery products-----	108.8	109.0	-.2	-.2	-.3	144.3	252.1
Meats, poultry, and fish-----	97.2	98.3	-1.1	-2.0	-3.5	107.2	257.9
Dairy products-----	104.5	104.8	-.3	-.5	1.0	118.3	237.5
Fruits and vegetables-----	115.1	113.9	1.1	4.8	5.0	142.3	307.4
Other foods at home-----	100.9	101.7	-.8	.7	4.3	111.5	230.4
Food away from home-----	114.7	114.4	.3	.3	1.9	(12/)	(12/)
Housing-----	107.1	106.9	.2	.2	1.3	136.6	179.4
Shelter 1/-----	108.4	108.3	.1	.4	1.8	(12/)	(12/)
Rent-----	107.5	107.5	0	.2	1.0	147.8	170.7
Homeownership 2/-----	108.9	108.8	.1	.5	2.3	(12/)	(12/)
Fuel and utilities 3/-----	107.3	106.8	.5	-.3	.1	(12/)	(12/)
Fuel oil and coal 4/-----	106.1	106.6	-.5	.3	1.2	144.6	256.4
Gas and electricity-----	107.1	106.2	.8	-.9	-.8	124.9	119.0
Household furnishings and operation-----	102.8	102.7	.1	-.1	.5	(12/)	(12/)
Apparel and upkeep 5/-----	105.3	105.1	.2	-.8	1.1	(12/)	(12/)
Men's and boys'-----	105.2	105.0	.2	-.9	1.3	114.4	225.2
Women's and girls'-----	102.1	101.8	.3	-1.2	1.0	101.4	186.1
Footwear-----	110.7	110.7	0	-.4	.6	145.0	288.2
Transportation-----	108.9	108.6	.3	0	1.8	153.4	218.5
Private-----	107.4	107.2	.2	-.1	1.7	139.9	213.7
Public-----	118.3	118.4	-.1	0	1.6	220.3	270.8
Health and recreation-----	113.1	112.9	.2	.4	2.6	(12/)	(12/)
Medical care-----	118.7	118.5	.2	.7	2.2	171.5	236.3
Personal care-----	108.7	108.4	.3	-.1	1.3	139.2	233.7
Reading and recreation-----	113.6	113.3	.3	.4	3.2	131.5	208.8
Other goods and services 6/-----	108.5	108.4	.1	.2	2.6	138.2	195.9
Special groups:							
All items less shelter-----	107.5	107.5	0	0	1.3	129.4	233.6
All items less food-----	108.6	108.4	.2	.1	1.7	136.2	197.1
Commodities 7/-----	104.8	104.8	0	-.1	1.2	(12/)	(12/)
Nondurables-----	105.6	105.6	0	0	1.1	124.0	241.3
Nondurables less food-----	105.6	105.3	.3	-.3	1.3	123.7	210.6
Apparel commodities-----	104.5	104.2	.3	-.9	1.1	112.0	215.0
Apparel less footwear-----	103.2	102.9	.3	-1.0	1.1	106.2	(12/)
Nondurables less food and apparel-----	106.2	106.0	.2	0	1.4	133.5	202.6
Durables 7/ 8/-----	102.9	102.9	0	-.1	1.4	(12/)	(12/)
New cars-----	101.8	102.2	-.4	-.3	.4	136.8	240.0
Used cars-----	119.6	119.0	.5	-.6	5.6	(12/)	(12/)
Household durables 9/-----	98.7	98.6	.1	-.2	.2	101.8	177.6
Commodities less food 7/-----	104.3	104.1	.2	-.2	1.4	(12/)	(12/)
Services 10/-----	114.5	114.3	.2	.4	2.0	(12/)	(12/)
Services less rent 10/-----	116.3	116.0	.3	.4	2.3	(12/)	(12/)
Household services less rent 13/-----	114.3	113.9	.4	.3	1.6	(12/)	(12/)
Transportation services-----	114.1	114.2	-.1	.4	2.1	197.2	246.1
Medical care services-----	122.3	122.1	.2	.8	2.5	182.5	258.8
Other services 11/ 13/-----	117.7	117.4	.3	.5	3.1	(12/)	(12/)
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (reference period = \$1.00)-----	\$0.929	\$0.929	0	0	-1.4	\$0.757	\$0.450

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/ Formerly 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	December 1963	March 1963
		March 1964					
U.S. City Average-----	M	107.7	132.1	222.4		0.1	1.4
Chicago-----	M	105.7	133.3	227.5		-.4	.2
Detroit-----	M	103.6	127.7	216.4		0	1.0
Los Angeles-----	M	109.7	136.8	226.5		.9	1.9
New York-----	M	110.0	132.6	220.5		.1	2.2
Philadelphia-----	M	108.4	133.1	224.9		-.1	1.9
		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
		March 1964					
Atlanta-----	3	106.6	132.0	226.4		.8	1.6
Baltimore-----	3	107.5	133.4	230.4		0	1.2
Honolulu (Dec. 1963=100)-----	3	-----	-----	-----	100.5	.5	-----
St. Louis-----	3	107.5	133.4	225.0		.2	1.6
San Francisco-----	3	109.9	139.5	238.1		0	1.4

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 from February 1964 to March 1964

Group	U.S. city average	Chicago	Detroit	Los Angeles	New York	Philadelphia
All items-----	0.1	0	0.5	0.6	-0.1	-0.3
Food-----	-.3	-0.6	-.3	-.6	-.6	-1.1
Housing-----	.2	.1	.1	.2	0	0
Apparel and upkeep-----	.2	1.1	.9	.2	.7	-.1
Transportation-----	.3	-.3	1.9	4.1	-.4	-.1
Health and recreation-----	.2	-.1	.3	.2	.2	0
Medical care-----	.2	.2	.6	0	.1	.2
Personal care-----	.3	-.6	.4	.5	1.3	0
Reading and recreation-----	.3	-.2	0	.3	.2	.1
Other goods and services-----	.1	0	0	.1	-.2	-.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
March 1964 Indexes and Percent Changes from December 1963

Group	Indexes (1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)										
	U.S. City Average	Atlanta	Balti- more	Chicago	Detroit	Honolulu (December 1963=100)	Los Angeles	New York	Phila- delphia	St. Louis	San Fran- cisco
All items-----	107.7	106.6	107.5	105.7	103.6	100.5	109.7	110.0	108.4	107.5	109.9
Food-----	105.7	104.0	106.2	105.1	101.1	100.5	107.3	107.5	104.3	106.1	108.0
Food at home-----	104.0	103.3	103.3	104.2	99.9	100.5	104.6	104.5	102.2	103.1	105.7
Cereals and bakery products-----	108.8	103.1	116.1	107.5	100.9	101.0	116.3	110.9	104.6	106.1	111.3
Meats, poultry, and fish-----	97.2	97.2	95.9	99.0	94.7	100.5	93.9	97.6	95.2	98.5	99.7
Dairy products-----	104.5	101.2	100.4	110.6	105.2	99.0	107.2	102.1	104.3	107.2	107.0
Fruits and vegetables-----	115.1	115.6	112.1	110.2	105.7	102.6	120.1	119.3	112.5	108.3	116.9
Other foods at home-----	100.9	104.6	101.9	100.7	98.1	99.4	96.3	100.8	100.9	101.2	100.0
Food away from home-----	114.7	106.7	117.8	109.7	108.9	100.2	118.0	121.0	115.6	117.3	118.7
Housing-----	107.1	105.9	106.8	105.3	98.2	101.5	109.6	111.5	108.5	104.6	111.1
Shelter-----	108.4	104.2	107.2	105.3	95.1	102.3	112.3	113.8	109.2	103.2	116.3
Rent-----	107.5	104.3	108.0	105.1	---	100.1	108.5	---	109.0	104.9	120.0
Homeownership-----	108.9	104.1	106.9	105.6	95.4	103.9	113.5	112.6	109.4	102.2	114.4
Fuel and utilities-----	107.3	111.5	108.6	106.0	103.4	100.0	106.1	105.7	106.4	108.5	92.1
Fuel oil and coal-----	106.1	---	108.1	105.0	100.6	---	---	---	109.9	107.0	---
Gas and electricity-----	107.1	111.4	104.3	106.6	105.2	100.0	113.5	104.7	103.9	109.6	77.9
Household furnishings and operation---	102.8	104.2	105.0	105.0	101.0	100.1	103.3	107.8	104.0	104.7	103.9
Apparel and upkeep-----	105.3	104.8	106.2	102.3	106.6	100.6	106.4	108.4	109.1	106.1	108.7
Men's and boys'-----	105.2	103.9	106.0	100.5	103.6	100.6	107.1	108.9	105.6	107.0	105.3
Women's and girls'-----	102.1	100.3	103.0	99.5	108.8	100.2	104.8	103.4	104.1	102.0	104.3
Footwear-----	110.7	111.4	117.6	109.3	110.6	100.3	109.1	110.9	111.7	112.5	111.8
Transportation-----	108.9	111.0	109.6	105.0	103.3	98.9	116.1	106.2	113.5	110.0	110.6
Private-----	107.4	108.6	106.7	104.8	101.3	98.6	112.1	108.2	110.7	108.4	111.9
Public-----	118.3	124.0	123.3	107.4	114.4	100.0	138.5	110.6	123.7	116.6	101.1
Health and recreation-----	113.1	111.4	110.8	109.7	114.7	100.3	109.9	115.8	113.8	115.3	112.9
Medical care-----	118.7	114.7	128.4	127.3	124.7	101.3	117.4	118.7	122.7	115.5	120.4
Personal care-----	108.7	109.9	108.5	111.0	108.5	100.1	106.2	107.6	106.0	112.0	114.2
Reading and recreation-----	113.6	112.3	104.6	99.2	111.5	100.1	103.9	121.4	111.8	121.6	108.1
Other goods and services-----	108.5	110.0	104.6	101.2	109.0	99.7	107.4	111.4	110.1	111.7	108.6
Percent changes, December 1963 to March 1964											
All items-----	0.1	0.8	0	-0.4	0	0.5	0.9	0.1	-0.1	0.2	0
Food-----	.3	.2	0.5	-.1	0.3	.5	-.5	-.3	0	.2	1.4
Food at home-----	.3	.2	.5	-.2	.4	.5	-.7	-.6	-.1	.1	1.7
Cereals and bakery products-----	-.2	-.6	1.0	.4	-.5	1.0	-1.1	-.7	-.1	-.3	1.1
Meats, poultry, and fish-----	-2.0	-.7	-1.8	-2.1	-1.4	.5	-2.7	-3.3	2/-1.1	-2.5	.2
Dairy products-----	-.5	0	0	-.5	.3	-1.0	-.5	-2.2	-.7	2.6	.6
Fruits and vegetables-----	4.8	4.1	5.8	3.1	4.8	2.6	1.6	4.9	3.0	2.0	4.7
Other foods at home-----	.7	-.4	.2	.2	0	-.6	.4	.9	-.3	1.0	2.8
Food away from home-----	.3	.2	.4	.3	.2	.2	.3	.5	.2	.3	.4
Housing-----	.2	1.1	0	.1	-.1	1.5	.6	.6	0	.5	-1.2
Shelter-----	.4	1.5	-.1	-.1	0	2.3	1.0	1.0	-.1	.5	.5
Rent-----	.2	-.2	.8	1/- .1	---	.1	1/ 0	---	1/ .3	.4	.8
Homeownership-----	.5	2.1	-.5	-.1	0	3.9	1.2	1.5	-.2	.5	.4
Fuel and utilities-----	-.3	.3	.5	.5	-.1	0	-.5	-.2	-.5	1.5	-14.5
Fuel oil and coal-----	.3	---	0	.3	0	---	---	.5	-2.8	.5	---
Gas and electricity-----	-.9	0	.9	.9	-.1	0	-.8	-.7	.2	0	-29.2
Household furnishings and operation---	-.1	1.1	0	.1	-.3	.1	.2	0	.3	0	.6
Apparel and upkeep-----	-.8	0	-.7	-.8	.3	.6	-.2	-.6	-1.2	-.4	.2
Men's and boys'-----	-.9	0	.4	-2.1	-.1	.6	-.9	.2	-.3	-.8	.6
Women's and girls'-----	-1.2	.1	-2.0	-.2	.8	.2	-.2	-1.6	-3.1	-1.8	-.1
Footwear-----	-.4	-.3	-.1	-.8	.3	.3	-.2	-.4	.5	1.6	.2
Transportation-----	0	-.4	-.5	-1.9	-1.4	-1.1	4.8	-.7	.2	-.2	0
Private-----	-.1	-.5	-.5	-2.1	-1.6	-1.4	5.1	-.8	.3	-.2	0
Public-----	0	0	.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Health and recreation-----	.4	2.0	.2	-.2	.6	.3	.4	.6	.1	.4	.2
Medical care-----	.7	1.1	.5	-.4	1.1	1.3	.9	1.0	.6	-.1	1.0
Personal care-----	-.1	0	.6	-.4	1.3	.1	-.4	0	0	1.3	1.1
Reading and recreation-----	.4	.6	.1	-.5	.4	.1	.2	1.5	-.2	.7	-.6
Other goods and services-----	.2	6.9	-.2	-.4	-.1	-.3	.1	-.2	0	.4	-.3

1/ Change from January 1964.

2/ Based on corrected index for February, 1964.

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
March 1964 Indexes and Percent Changes from February 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-----	105.7	104.0	108.8	97.2	104.5	115.1	100.9	114.7
Atlanta-----	104.0	103.3	103.1	97.2	101.2	115.6	104.6	106.7
Baltimore-----	106.2	103.3	116.1	95.9	100.4	112.1	101.9	117.8
Boston-----	108.8	106.0	110.4	101.3	101.1	120.0	102.7	121.1
Buffalo (Nov. 1963=100)----	101.1	101.3	96.8	98.2	100.6	109.0	103.5	100.2
Chicago-----	105.1	104.2	107.5	99.0	110.6	110.2	100.7	109.7
Cleveland-----	101.5	100.0	105.8	96.4	94.9	110.6	97.4	110.2
Dallas (Nov. 1963=100)----	99.7	99.4	99.7	96.8	98.6	104.1	99.8	100.9
Detroit-----	101.1	99.9	100.9	94.7	105.2	105.7	98.1	108.9
Honolulu (Dec. 1963=100)---	100.5	100.5	101.0	100.5	99.0	102.6	99.4	100.2
Los Angeles-----	107.3	104.6	116.3	93.9	107.2	120.1	96.3	118.0
New York-----	107.5	104.5	110.9	97.6	102.1	119.3	100.8	121.0
Philadelphia-----	104.3	102.2	104.6	95.2	104.3	112.5	100.9	115.6
Pittsburgh-----	104.8	104.3	110.7	99.5	100.3	115.4	102.6	107.9
St. Louis-----	106.1	103.1	106.1	98.5	107.2	108.3	101.2	117.3
San Francisco-----	108.0	105.7	111.3	99.7	107.0	116.9	100.0	118.7
Seattle-----	108.4	105.9	110.5	101.6	108.9	114.2	100.6	119.6
Washington, D. C.-----	105.0	102.8	108.6	94.0	103.6	111.1	103.8	115.1
Percent Changes, February 1964 to March 1964								
U.S. City Average-----	-0.3	-0.4	-0.2	-1.1	-0.3	1.1	-0.8	.3
Atlanta-----	0	0	.4	0	0	2.9	-2.0	.1
Baltimore-----	-.1	-.2	-.4	-1.0	-.1	1.4	-.2	.3
Boston-----	.3	.4	1.0	-.6	0	2.5	-.1	.2
Buffalo (Nov. 1963=100)----	.3	.3	-1.3	-.3	3.0	1.9	-.9	0
Chicago-----	-.6	-.8	.4	-1.3	-.3	-1.3	-.6	.3
Cleveland-----	-.6	-.7	-.6	-1.3	-2.4	1.4	-.5	0
Dallas (Nov. 1963=100)----	-.4	-.5	.1	-1.3	-.2	1.2	-1.0	.1
Detroit-----	-.3	-.3	-.9	-1.4	-.4	1.7	-.6	0
Honolulu (Dec. 1963=100)---	-.2	.2	1.4	-.1	-.1	1.6	-1.7	.1
Los Angeles-----	-.6	-.9	-.9	-1.2	0	.5	-2.2	.2
New York-----	-.6	-.9	-1.0	-1.7	-1.1	.5	-.7	.3
Philadelphia-----	-1.1	-1.4	.9	1/-1.6	-.9	-1.8	-1.0	.1
Pittsburgh-----	.5	.7	2.9	2/- .8	.2	3.6	-.4	-.2
St. Louis-----	0	-.2	.9	-.4	.5	-.6	-.4	.3
San Francisco-----	0	.1	.7	0	.2	1.0	-1.3	.1
Seattle-----	-.3	-.4	0	-1.2	.2	.3	-.4	.1
Washington, D. C.-----	.1	.1	0	-.8	0	2.8	-.9	.3

1/ Based on corrected index for February, 96.7.

2/ Based on corrected index for February, 100.3.

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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, March 1964
and percent changes from selected dates

Group	Indexes (1957-59=100)		Percent change to March 1964 from--			Indexes	
	March 1964	February 1964	February 1964	December 1963	March 1963	47-49=100	1939=100
						March 1964	March 1964
All items-----	107.7	107.6	0.1	0.1	1.4	132.1	222.4
Food-----	105.7	106.0	-.3	-.3	1.1	124.7	264.9
Food at home-----	103.9	104.3	-.4	-.2	-.9	120.7	256.3
Cereals and bakery products-----	108.8	109.0	-.2	-.2	-.3	144.3	252.1
Meats, poultry, and fish-----	97.2	98.3	-1.1	-2.0	-3.5	107.2	257.9
Dairy products-----	104.5	104.8	-.3	-.5	1.0	118.3	237.5
Fruits and vegetables-----	115.0	113.8	1.1	4.7	4.9	142.1	307.1
Other foods at home-----	100.9	101.7	-.8	-.7	4.3	111.5	230.4
Food away from home-----	114.7	114.4	-.3	-.3	1.9	(7/)	(7/)
Housing-----	107.1	106.9	.2	.2	1.3	136.6	179.4
Shelter 1/-----	108.4	108.4	0	.4	1.8	(7/)	(7/)
Rent-----	107.5	107.5	0	.2	1.0	147.8	170.7
Homeownership 2/-----	108.9	108.8	.1	-.5	2.3	(7/)	(7/)
Fuel and utilities 3/-----	107.3	106.8	-.5	-.3	-.1	(7/)	(7/)
Fuel oil and coal 4/-----	106.1	106.6	-.5	-.3	1.2	144.6	256.4
Gas and electricity-----	107.1	106.3	.8	-.9	-.8	124.9	119.0
Household furnishings and operation---	102.8	102.7	.1	-.1	.5	(7/)	(7/)
Apparel and upkeep 5/-----	105.3	105.1	.2	-.8	1.1	(7/)	(7/)
Men's and boys'-----	105.2	105.0	.2	-.9	1.3	114.4	225.2
Women's and girls'-----	102.1	101.8	.3	-1.2	1.0	101.4	186.1
Footwear-----	110.7	110.7	0	-.4	.6	145.0	288.2
Transportation-----	108.8	108.6	.2	-.1	1.7	153.3	218.3
Private-----	107.4	107.2	.2	-.1	1.7	139.9	213.7
Public-----	118.4	118.4	0	-.1	1.7	220.5	271.1
Health and recreation-----	113.1	112.9	.2	.4	2.6	(7/)	(7/)
Medical care-----	118.7	118.5	.2	.7	2.2	171.5	236.3
Personal care-----	108.7	108.4	.3	-.1	1.3	139.2	233.7
Reading and recreation-----	113.6	113.3	.3	.4	3.2	131.5	208.8
Other goods and services 6/-----	108.5	108.4	.1	.2	2.6	138.2	195.9

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, March 1964
and percent changes from selected dates

(1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)

Group	Indexes (1957-59=100)		Percent change to March 1964 from--			Indexes	
	March 1964	February 1964	February 1964	December 1963	March 1963	1947-49=100	1939=100
						March 1964	March 1964
All items-----	107.8	107.6	0.2	0.2	1.5	132.3	222.6
Food-----	105.6	105.8	-.2	.2	1.0	124.6	264.6
Food at home-----	103.8	104.0	-.2	.1	.8	120.6	256.1
Cereals and bakery products-----	109.1	109.1	0	.1	0	144.7	252.8
Meats, poultry, and fish-----	97.6	98.2	-.6	-1.6	-3.1	107.7	258.9
Dairy products-----	104.7	104.7	0	-.3	1.2	118.5	238.0
Fruits and vegetables-----	111.8	111.2	.5	1.8	2.0	138.2	298.5
Other foods at home-----	101.3	102.3	-1.0	1.1	4.8	111.9	231.3
Food away from home-----	114.9	114.6	.3	.5	2.0	(1/)	(1/)
Housing 2/-----	107.2	106.9	.3	.3	1.4	136.7	179.6
Rent-----	107.5	107.4	.1	.2	1.0	147.8	170.7
Gas and electricity-----	106.8	104.8	1.9	-1.2	-1.1	124.5	118.7
Solid and petroleum fuels-----	106.5	106.6	-.1	-.7	1.6	145.2	257.3
Housefurnishings-----	98.9	98.6	.3	.1	.3	103.0	192.8
Household operation-----	111.7	111.3	.4	.7	1.8	146.4	214.1
Apparel-----	104.4	104.2	.2	-1.0	.8	111.9	213.2
Men's and boys'-----	105.4	105.5	-.1	-.8	1.4	114.6	225.6
Women's and girls'-----	101.5	100.9	.6	-1.7	.4	100.8	185.0
Footwear-----	111.2	111.2	0	0	1.1	145.7	289.5
Other apparel-----	101.4	101.4	0	-.7	.3	93.4	230.0
Transportation-----	108.9	108.3	.6	0	1.8	153.4	218.5
Private-----	107.3	106.6	.7	-.2	1.6	139.8	213.5
Public-----	119.4	119.4	0	.9	2.6	222.3	273.4
Medical care-----	118.8	118.5	.3	.8	2.3	171.7	236.5
Personal care-----	109.0	108.8	.2	.2	1.6	139.6	234.4
Reading and recreation-----	113.9	113.8	.1	.7	3.5	131.9	209.4
Other goods and services-----	108.5	108.3	.2	.2	2.6	138.2	195.9
Special groups:							
All items less food-----	108.7	108.3	.4	.2	1.8	136.3	197.3
All items less shelter-----	107.6	107.5	.1	.1	1.4	129.6	233.9
Commodities-----	104.8	104.7	.1	-.2	1.1	121.0	234.7
Nondurables-----	105.6	105.4	.2	0	1.1	124.0	241.3
Food-----	105.6	105.8	-.2	.2	1.0	124.6	264.6
Nondurables less food-----	105.6	105.1	.5	-.3	1.3	123.7	210.6
Apparel-----	104.2	104.0	.2	-1.1	.8	111.7	214.3
Apparel less footwear-----	102.9	102.7	.2	-1.2	.8	105.9	(1/)
Nondurables less food and apparel-----	106.4	105.8	.6	.2	1.6	133.7	202.9
Durables-----	101.8	101.7	.1	-.4	1.0	112.8	196.9
New cars-----	102.0	102.1	-.1	-.1	.6	137.1	240.5
Used cars-----	117.9	117.1	.7	-2.0	4.1	(1/)	(1/)
Durables less cars-----	98.7	98.7	0	-.2	.2	101.8	177.6
Commodities less food-----	104.1	103.8	.3	-.4	1.2	118.3	199.0
Services-----	113.3	113.0	.3	.6	2.3	160.9	200.0
Rent-----	107.5	107.4	.1	.2	1.0	147.8	170.7
Services less rent-----	114.4	114.0	.4	.8	2.5	163.9	223.1
Household operation services, gas, and electricity-----	111.5	110.5	.9	.3	1.2	146.3	168.1
Transportation services-----	114.8	114.8	0	1.0	2.7	198.4	247.6
Medical care services-----	122.3	121.9	.3	.8	2.5	182.5	258.8
Other services 3/-----	113.4	113.2	.2	.9	3.1	146.4	251.0
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (Reference period=\$1.00)-----	\$0.928	\$0.929	-.1	-.1	-1.5	\$0.756	\$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 March 1964 from--		Indexes	
	March 1964	December 1963	March 1963	December 1963	March 1963	1947-49=100 March 1964	1939=100 March 1964
United States city average-----	107.8	107.6	106.2	0.2	1.5	132.3	222.6
Cities priced monthly 1/							
Chicago-----	105.8	106.1	105.5	-.3	.3	133.4	227.7
Detroit-----	103.8	103.6	102.6	.2	1.2	128.0	216.9
Los Angeles-----	109.4	108.7	107.7	.6	1.6	136.4	225.8
New York-----	110.1	109.9	107.6	.2	2.3	132.7	220.7
Philadelphia-----	108.5	108.5	106.4	0	2.0	133.2	225.1
Cities priced in March, June, September, December 2/	March 1964	December 1963	March 1963	December 1963	March 1963	March 1964	March 1964
Atlanta-----	106.8	105.8	104.9	.9	1.8	132.2	226.8
Baltimore-----	107.8	107.5	106.2	.3	1.5	133.8	231.1
Cincinnati-----	105.6	105.1	104.5	.5	1.1	128.5	220.2
St. Louis-----	107.1	107.3	105.8	-.2	1.2	132.9	224.2
San Francisco-----	109.8	109.9	108.4	-.1	1.3	139.3	237.8
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

1/ Rents priced bimonthly.

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

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TABLE C-3: Consumer Price Index--Percent changes from February 1964 to March 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--	0.2	-0.2	0.3	0.2	0.6	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2
Chicago-----	-.1	-.3	.3	.7	-1.4	.2	.1	.2	-.8
Detroit-----	.2	.1	.1	0	1.9	.2	.8	-1.0	0
Los Angeles-----	.5	-.6	.4	.3	3.5	.1	.2	0	.3
New York-----	.2	.1	.1	1.1	-.2	.1	.8	-.2	.2
Philadelphia-----	.1	-.5	0	.2	.7	1.1	.3	.1	0

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

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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-----	107.8	106.8	107.8	105.8	105.6	103.8	109.4	110.1	108.5	107.1	109.8
Food-----	105.6	104.6	106.5	105.3	103.4	101.2	107.3	107.5	104.7	105.8	107.7
Food at home-----	103.8	104.1	103.5	104.5	101.8	99.9	104.7	104.5	102.6	102.8	104.9
Cereals and bakery products--	109.1	103.8	115.3	108.2	108.1	101.0	116.4	111.3	104.9	106.5	110.7
Meats, poultry, and fish-----	97.6	98.9	98.2	99.9	98.4	93.9	93.6	98.7	95.7	98.0	100.3
Dairy products-----	104.7	101.1	99.7	110.7	99.7	105.2	107.7	102.6	104.6	106.3	106.6
Fruits and vegetables-----	111.8	114.0	109.6	107.9	111.2	104.2	118.5	115.4	111.2	106.3	112.0
Other foods at home-----	101.3	105.4	101.5	101.3	97.3	99.7	97.0	100.6	102.2	101.8	100.0
Housing-----	107.2	105.5	107.1	105.6	103.6	98.4	109.8	111.6	109.0	105.1	111.4
Rent-----	107.5	104.2	107.9	105.1	102.5	--	108.5	--	109.0	104.8	120.0
Gas and electricity-----	106.8	111.4	104.1	106.3	110.6	105.1	114.3	104.4	103.7	2/112.0	80.5
Solid and petroleum fuels-----	106.5	111.2	108.1	104.9	108.4	101.5	--	111.4	109.5	106.5	--
Housefurnishings-----	98.9	94.1	96.8	101.6	99.0	99.0	100.2	104.3	98.3	99.5	98.9
Household operation-----	111.7	118.6	114.6	109.1	111.4	106.1	106.5	115.3	118.3	114.9	116.1
Apparel-----	104.4	104.6	107.3	100.2	104.0	107.5	105.8	105.8	104.8	106.2	105.1
Men's and boys'-----	105.4	104.8	106.4	100.8	107.2	104.0	107.6	107.1	107.0	107.8	105.1
Women's and girls'-----	101.5	102.9	105.6	95.9	99.0	109.1	103.9	103.8	101.7	104.4	102.7
Footwear-----	111.2	111.7	117.7	109.3	112.7	112.0	109.9	110.9	111.3	110.6	112.0
Other apparel-----	101.4	99.5	100.2	98.9	99.6	101.7	101.9	101.5	102.3	101.7	103.3
Transportation-----	108.9	109.9	109.7	105.2	110.1	105.1	114.0	106.4	113.2	106.4	110.1
Private-----	107.3	107.4	106.7	104.9	108.9	103.3	110.4	108.5	110.2	103.9	111.3
Public-----	119.4	124.0	123.2	107.4	117.8	114.4	138.5	100.6	123.7	116.6	101.1
Medical care-----	118.8	114.6	128.2	127.7	117.6	124.1	117.8	119.1	123.4	116.0	120.4
Personal care-----	109.0	109.5	107.6	111.0	106.7	107.4	105.8	108.8	106.1	110.7	114.0
Reading and recreation-----	113.9	113.3	103.9	99.5	111.3	109.9	104.0	122.6	109.2	120.2	108.3
Other goods and services-----	108.5	109.2	104.8	101.1	105.6	109.1	107.5	111.1	110.1	111.2	108.8
Percent change from December 1963 to March 1964											
All items-----	0.2	0.9	0.3	-0.3	0.5	0.2	0.6	0.2	0	-0.2	-0.1
Food-----	.2	.8	.8	.1	.7	.4	-.5	-.3	0.4	-.1	1.1
Food at home-----	.1	1.0	.7	.1	.8	.4	-.6	-.6	.3	-.2	1.0
Cereals and bakery products--	.1	1.0	.3	1.0	4.0	-.4	-1.0	-.4	.2	.1	.5
Meats, poultry, and fish-----	-1.6	1.0	.5	-1.2	-.3	-2.2	-3.0	-2.2	-.6	-3.0	.8
Dairy products-----	-.3	-.1	-.7	-.4	-.5	.3	0	-1.7	-.4	1.7	.2
Fruits and vegetables-----	1.8	2.6	3.4	.9	2.2	3.3	.3	1.5	1.8	.1	.4
Other foods at home-----	1.1	.4	-.2	.8	-.1	1.6	1.1	.7	1.0	1.6	2.8
Housing-----	.3	.8	.3	.4	.5	.1	.8	.7	.5	1.0	-1.0
Rent-----	.2	-.3	.7	1/- .1	-.1	--	1/ 0	--	1/ .3	.3	.8
Gas and electricity-----	-1.2	0	.7	.6	0	-.2	-.1	-.9	0	0	-26.8
Solid and petroleum fuels-----	.7	0	0	.2	.6	.9	--	1.9	-.5	1.3	--
Housefurnishings-----	.1	.2	-.2	.7	.3	0	0	.3	.1	1.4	.3
Household operation-----	.7	.7	.1	.3	1.3	-.1	.5	1.4	.9	2.2	.6
Apparel-----	-1.0	1.6	.5	-2.4	.3	.8	-.3	-1.2	-2.2	-.1	-.6
Men's and boys'-----	-.8	.9	.8	-1.9	.8	.3	-.5	-1.5	1.0	-.1	.4
Women's and girls'-----	-1.7	2.7	.5	-3.8	0	1.1	-.7	-1.2	-5.3	.5	-1.6
Footwear-----	0	0	0	-.8	-.3	1.5	.5	-.4	.2	-.1	.4
Other apparel-----	-.7	.9	.3	-2.4	.4	0	.3	-1.5	-1.4	-.2	-.5
Transportation-----	0	-1.3	-.4	-1.7	.5	.3	2.9	-.5	-.1	-3.4	-.5
Private-----	-.2	-1.6	-.5	-2.1	.6	.4	3.5	-.5	-.2	-4.3	-.5
Public-----	.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Medical care-----	.8	1.0	.4	.7	1.3	.6	1.3	1.4	1.1	.3	1.0
Personal care-----	.2	-.4	-.3	-.4	.3	.3	-.8	1.1	.1	.1	.9
Reading and recreation-----	.7	1.5	-.6	-.2	-.4	-1.1	.3	2.5	-2.5	-.4	-.5
Other goods and services-----	.2	6.1	0	-.5	0	0	.2	-.4	0	0	-.1

1/ Change from January 1964 to March 1964.

2/ Corrected indexes: January 1963 through September 1963 = 110.9; October 1963 through December 1963 = 112.0.

TABLE C-5: Consumer Price Index--Food and its subgroups
 March 1964 indexes and percent changes, February 1964 to March 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--	105.6	-0.2	103.8	-0.2	109.1	0	97.6	-0.6	104.7	0	111.8	0.5	101.3	-1.0
Atlanta-----	104.6	-.1	104.1	-.1	103.8	0	98.9	.5	101.1	-.1	114.0	1.2	105.4	-1.9
Baltimore-----	106.5	.2	103.5	-.1	115.3	-.3	98.2	.9	99.7	.2	109.6	.6	101.5	-.9
Boston-----	108.8	.3	105.7	.2	109.4	0	102.3	-1.0	101.5	-.1	116.8	2.9	102.5	-.3
Chicago-----	105.3	-.3	104.5	-.4	108.2	-.5	99.9	-1.0	110.7	-.2	107.9	-.4	101.3	-.3
Cincinnati-----	103.4	.2	101.8	.3	108.1	.5	98.4	.9	99.7	1.2	111.2	-.2	97.3	-1.4
Cleveland-----	101.5	-.5	100.0	-.6	106.2	-.8	97.6	-.3	96.9	-.6	106.1	-.2	97.2	-.9
Detroit-----	101.2	-.1	99.9	0	101.0	-.1	93.9	-1.7	105.2	.5	104.2	2.2	99.7	0
Houston-----	105.1	-.4	102.5	-.5	106.8	-.1	95.3	-.4	103.8	0	109.4	-1.7	102.7	-.3
Kansas City-----	105.7	-.3	104.7	-.5	109.9	0	96.2	-1.9	108.6	.2	112.9	1.6	103.3	-1.1
Los Angeles-----	107.3	-.6	104.7	-.7	116.4	-.1	93.6	-1.3	107.7	0	118.5	.8	97.0	-2.4
Minneapolis-----	103.3	-.5	101.4	-.8	103.0	.3	96.6	-1.0	105.5	-.2	106.0	-1.4	100.0	-1.1
New York-----	107.5	.1	104.5	-.1	111.3	.1	98.7	-.1	102.6	-.7	115.4	1.1	100.6	-.8
Philadelphia-----	104.7	-.5	102.6	-.5	104.9	.1	95.7	.3	104.6	-.9	111.2	-.9	102.2	-1.3
Pittsburgh-----	104.3	.5	103.5	.6	108.7	.3	99.4	-.6	101.1	.3	110.1	3.0	102.6	.5
Portland, Oreg.-----	106.0	-.5	104.6	-.6	108.2	.2	98.9	-1.5	107.4	-.1	114.1	.6	99.9	-1.4
St. Louis-----	105.8	-.4	102.8	-.7	106.5	-.1	98.0	-1.0	106.3	.8	106.3	-1.6	101.8	-.9
San Francisco-----	107.7	.1	104.9	.2	110.7	.6	100.3	.8	106.6	.1	112.0	.2	100.0	-.7
Scranton-----	104.7	-.3	102.8	-.3	107.1	.3	97.8	-1.4	102.5	0	109.7	1.6	101.6	-.9
Seattle-----	107.6	.1	104.9	-.2	110.2	.1	99.6	-1.0	108.4	.2	110.9	0	101.2	.1
Washington, D. C.-----	105.1	.4	102.9	.4	108.7	-.4	95.8	.9	103.1	-.3	108.3	1.9	103.5	-.7

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

Food and unit	March 1964	February 1964	Food and unit	March 1964	February 1964
Cereals and bakery products:	<u>Cents</u>	<u>Cents</u>	Fresh--Continued	<u>Cents</u>	<u>Cents</u>
Flour, wheat-----5 lb.	57.5	57.2	Grapefruit-----each	15.5	15.4
Biscuit mix-----20 oz.	48.6	48.3	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.	24.5	24.3	Watermelons *-----lb.	*	*
Corn flakes-----12 oz.	28.4	28.5	Potatoes-----10 lb.	65.2	64.3
Rice, short grain-----lb.	19.5	19.6	Sweet potatoes-----lb.	16.3	15.5
Rice, long grain-----lb.	21.8	21.8	Corn *-----doz. ears	*	*
Bread, white-----1b.	21.5	21.5	Onions-----lb.	11.9	11.5
Soda crackers-----1b.	30.9	31.0	Carrots-----lb.	14.2	14.9
Sandwich cookies-----16 oz.	51.9	51.9	Lettuce-----head	27.0	27.5
Meats, poultry, and fish:			Celery-----lb.	17.6	15.8
Round steak-----1b.	101.8	103.8	Cabbage-----lb.	10.4	11.3
Sirloin steak-----1b.	104.5	106.5	Tomatoes-----lb.	35.1	35.6
Chuck roast-----1b.	57.0	58.1	Beans, green-----lb.	31.2	32.3
Rib roast-----1b.	82.2	83.1	Canned:		
Hamburger-----1b.	49.8	49.9	Orange juice-----46 oz. can	64.9	63.6
Veal cutlets-----1b.	151.6	151.6	Pineapple juice-----46 oz. can	37.6	37.3
Pork chops, center cut-----1b.	84.2	84.6	Peaches-----#2 1/2 can	34.1	33.7
Pork roast-----1b.	59.3	60.0	Pineapple-----#2 can	39.8	39.9
Bacon, sliced-----1b.	67.2	67.4	Fruit cocktail-----#303 can	27.5	27.1
Ham, whole-----1b.	60.3	60.6	Corn, cream style-----#303 can	19.1	19.1
Lamb, leg-----1b.	72.4	72.1	Peas, green-----#303 can	22.7	22.7
Frankfurters-----1b.	62.8	62.4	Tomatoes-----#303 can	16.2	16.0
Luncheon meat, canned-----12 oz.	49.1	48.9	Tomato juice-----46 oz. can	32.5	32.4
Frying chickens, ready-to-cook-----1b.	38.4	38.4	Baby foods-----4 1/2 to 5 oz.	10.9	10.9
Ocean perch, fillet, frozen-----1b.	52.8	53.2	Dried:		
Haddock, fillet, frozen-----1b.	59.2	59.1	Prunes-----1b.	40.3	40.2
Salmon, pink, canned-----16 oz.	67.5	68.1	Beans-----1b.	17.5	17.6
Tuna fish, canned-----6 to 6 1/2 oz.	33.0	33.2	Other foods at home:		
Dairy products:			Tomato soup-----10 1/2 to 11 oz. can	12.4	12.4
Milk, fresh, (grocery)-----qt.	24.4	24.5	Beans, with pork-----16 oz. can	15.1	15.0
Milk, fresh, (delivered)-----qt.	26.5	26.2	Pickles, sliced-----15 oz.	27.4	27.5
Ice cream-----1/2 gal.	84.3	84.6	Catsup, tomato-----14 oz.	21.9	22.1
Butter-----1b.	75.3	75.2	Potato chips-----4 oz.	28.0	28.0
Cheese, American process-----1/2 lb.	37.3	37.1	Coffee-----1b. can	78.9	74.8
Milk, evaporated-----14 1/2 oz. can	15.4	15.4	Coffee-----1b. bag	65.1	60.1
Fruits and vegetables:			Coffee, instant-----6 oz.	105.2	99.5
Frozen:			Tea bags-----pkg. of 48	62.7	63.2
Strawberries-----10 oz.	27.9	27.6	Cola drink, carton-----72 oz.	55.0	55.2
Orange juice concentrate-----6 oz.	32.9	32.8	Shortening, hydrogenated-----3 lb.	82.1	82.3
Lemonade concentrate-----6 oz.	14.9	15.0	Margarine, colored-----1b.	27.5	27.4
Peas, green-----10 oz.	20.8	20.7	Lard-----1b.	20.1	20.1
Beans, green-----9 oz.	23.5	23.7	Salad dressing-----pt.	38.5	38.5
Potatoes, french fried-----9 oz.	17.9	17.9	Peanut butter-----1b.	57.9	57.8
Fresh:			Sugar-----5 lb.	72.6	74.6
Apples-----1b.	16.1	15.5	Corn syrup-----24 oz.	30.1	30.0
Bananas-----1b.	16.4	16.6	Grape jelly-----12 oz.	31.4	31.3
Oranges, size 200-----doz.	79.3	79.0	Chocolate bar-----1 oz.	5.2	5.2
Lemons-----1b.	21.0	21.8	Eggs, Grade A, large-----doz.	53.8	58.3
			Gelatin, flavored-----3 to 4 oz.	10.4	10.3

* 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 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.

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