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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR APRIL 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 rose 0.1 percent in April, because of higher prices for most consumer services, used cars, and apparel, the United States Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics announced today. Food prices were steady, and housing costs were slightly lower.

At 107.8 percent of its 1957-59 average, the April index was 1.5 percent higher than a year ago. Prices of most consumer items had advanced over the year, except for meats, eggs, and fuel oil.

HEALTH AND RECREATION An increase of 0.3 percent in costs of health care and recreation in April resulted from higher prices for such recreational services as movie admissions and golf greens fees, and continuing increases in medical fees and hospital service charges. Prices also were higher for newspapers and tobacco products, but lower prices were reported for television receivers. Health care and recreation costs have risen by nearly 2½ percent during the past year.

FOOD Food prices averaged unchanged in April, but were 1.3 percent above a year ago. Prices of meats, poultry, and fish reached their lowest level since February 1960 and egg prices were down by 5½ percent from a year ago. Prices of milk declined seasonally and sugar prices dropped by nearly 4 percent.

Fresh vegetable prices declined in April for the first time during 1964, averaging 4½ percent lower with prices of lettuce, cucumbers, asparagus, and celery off sharply. On the other hand, potato and tomato prices went up because unfavorable weather in March delayed the growth of early spring crops.

Fresh fruit prices averaged nearly 8 percent higher in April as strawberries returned to the market at prices substantially above those prevailing at the close of last season and prices of apples and oranges advanced. Banana prices also were higher, due to reduced imports, and coffee prices increased by nearly 4 percent.

OTHER GOODS AND SERVICES Apparel prices rose 0.3 percent over the month, chiefly as a result of increases for men's suits and slacks. Used car prices rose by more than 1 percent, following their usual seasonal pattern. Higher premiums for automobile insurance were reported in several areas, but prices of gasoline and new cars were lower.

Lower costs of homeownership and seasonal reductions in fuel oil prices brought slightly lower housing costs, in spite of increases in rents and higher charges for gas, marking the end of special refunds on the West Coast. Housekeeping service costs went up because of the April 1 increase in parcel post rates.

**COST-OF-LIVING
ADJUSTMENTS**

As a result of the national "old series" index, more than 1 million workers will receive increases of 1 cent an hour, based on quarterly reviews. Of these, 800,000 are in the automobile and auto parts industries; 100,000 in the farm and construction equipment industries; 65,000 in the aerospace industries; and 45,000 in miscellaneous metalworking industries.

NEW SERIES
Beginning January 1964

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, April 1964
and percent changes from selected dates

Group	Indexes (1957-59=100)		Percent change to April 1964 from--			Indexes	
	April 1964	March 1964	March 1964	January 1964	April 1963	1947-49=100	1939=100
						April 1964	April 1964
All items-----	107.8	107.7	0.1	0.1	1.5	132.3	222.6
Food-----	105.7	105.7	0	-.1	1.3	124.7	264.9
Food at home-----	103.9	104.0	-.1	-.3	1.3	120.7	256.3
Cereals and bakery products-----	108.8	108.8	0	-.3	-.4	144.3	252.1
Meats, poultry, and fish-----	97.0	97.2	-.2	-1.3	-1.3	107.0	257.3
Dairy products-----	104.1	104.5	-.4	-.9	1.2	117.8	236.6
Fruits and vegetables-----	115.7	115.1	.5	2.9	3.3	143.0	309.0
Other foods at home-----	101.1	100.9	.2	-.7	5.1	111.7	230.8
Food away from home-----	114.9	114.7	.2	.5	1.9	(12/)	(12/)
Housing-----	107.0	107.1	-.1	.1	1.1	136.4	179.3
Shelter <u>1/</u> -----	108.2	108.4	-.2	.1	1.3	(12/)	(12/)
Rent-----	107.7	107.5	.2	.4	1.1	148.1	171.0
Homeownership <u>2/</u> -----	108.6	108.9	-.3	.1	1.6	(12/)	(12/)
Fuel and utilities <u>3/</u> -----	107.4	107.3	.1	-.3	.5	(12/)	(12/)
Fuel oil and coal <u>4/</u> -----	103.3	106.1	-2.6	-3.1	-.9	140.8	249.6
Gas and electricity-----	108.0	107.1	.8	-.1	.5	125.9	120.0
Household furnishings and operation-----	102.9	102.8	.1	.2	.6	(12/)	(12/)
Apparel and upkeep <u>5/</u> -----	105.6	105.3	.3	.6	1.1	(12/)	(12/)
Men's and boys'-----	105.9	105.2	.7	.7	1.7	115.1	226.7
Women's and girls'-----	102.2	102.1	.1	.8	.8	101.5	186.3
Footwear-----	110.9	110.7	.2	0	.6	145.3	288.8
Transportation-----	109.0	108.9	.1	-.4	1.9	153.6	218.7
Private-----	107.6	107.4	.2	-.4	2.0	140.2	214.1
Public-----	118.4	118.3	.1	.1	1.6	220.5	271.1
Health and recreation-----	113.4	113.1	.3	.6	2.4	(12/)	(12/)
Medical care-----	119.0	118.7	.3	.7	2.2	172.0	236.9
Personal care-----	108.7	108.7	0	.2	1.0	139.2	233.7
Reading and recreation-----	114.0	113.6	.4	.8	2.7	132.0	209.6
Other goods and services <u>6/</u> -----	108.6	108.5	.1	.3	2.6	138.4	196.1
Special groups:							
All items-----	107.8	107.7	.1	.1	1.5	132.3	222.6
All items less shelter-----	107.7	107.5	.2	.1	1.5	129.7	234.1
All items less food-----	108.6	108.6	0	.2	1.5	136.2	197.1
Commodities <u>7/</u> -----	104.9	104.8	.1	0	1.3	(12/)	(12/)
Nondurables-----	105.6	105.6	0	-.1	1.3	124.0	241.3
Durables <u>7/ 8/</u> -----	102.9	102.9	0	0	1.1	(12/)	(12/)
Services <u>9/</u> -----	114.8	114.5	.3	.5	2.0	(12/)	(12/)
Commodities less food <u>7/</u> -----	104.3	104.3	0	0	1.2	(12/)	(12/)
Nondurables less food-----	105.6	105.6	0	0	1.2	123.7	210.6
Apparel commodities-----	104.7	104.5	.2	.5	1.1	112.2	215.4
Apparel less footwear-----	103.5	103.2	.3	.7	1.2	106.5	(12/)
Nondurables less food and apparel-----	106.1	106.2	-.1	-.4	1.3	133.4	202.4
New cars-----	101.6	101.8	-.2	-.7	.5	136.6	239.5
Used cars-----	120.9	119.6	1.1	1.1	4.8	(12/)	(12/)
Household durables <u>10/</u> -----	98.7	98.7	0	0	.3	101.8	177.6
Housefurnishings-----	98.7	98.6	.1	.2	.2	102.7	192.4
Services less rent <u>9/</u> -----	116.5	116.3	.2	.4	2.2	(12/)	(12/)
Household services less rent-----	114.4	114.3	.1	.3	1.6	(12/)	(12/)
Transportation services-----	114.4	114.1	.3	.3	2.1	197.7	246.7
Medical care services-----	122.7	122.3	.3	.8	2.6	183.1	259.6
Other services <u>11/</u> -----	118.2	117.7	.4	.9	3.1	(12/)	(12/)
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (reference period = \$1.00)-----	\$0.928	\$0.929	-.1	-.1	-1.5	\$0.756	\$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/ Excludes home purchase costs which were classified under this heading prior to 1964.

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

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

12/ Not available.

NEW SERIES
Beginning January 1964

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

Area ^{1/}	Pricing Schedule ^{2/}	Indexes				Percent change from:	
		1957-59=100	1947-49=100	1939=100	Other bases	January 1964	April 1963
		April 1964				January 1964	April 1963
U.S. City Average-----	M	107.8	132.3	222.6		0.1	1.5
Chicago-----	M	105.7	133.3	227.5		-.1	.3
Detroit-----	M	103.8	128.0	216.9		.1	1.7
Los Angeles-Long Beach--	M	109.9	137.0	226.9		.3	1.8
New York-----	M	110.1	132.7	220.7		.4	2.0
Philadelphia-----	M	108.4	133.1	224.9		-.2	1.9
		April 1964				January 1964	April 1963
Boston-----	1	110.6	137.0	224.7		.5	1.3
Pittsburgh-----	1	108.1	133.2	229.3		.4	1.7
		February 1964				November 1963	February 1963
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-----	2	107.3	129.2	213.8		.2	1.6
		March 1964				December 1963	March 1963
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-Oakland---	3	109.9	139.5	238.1		0	1.4

^{1/} Area coverage includes the urban portion of the corresponding Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area (SMSA) except for New York and Chicago where the more extensive Standard Consolidated Areas are used. Area definitions are those established for the 1960 Census and do not include revisions made since 1960.

^{2/} 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 and Selected Areas ^{1/}
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (Including Single Workers), Major Groups
Percent changes from March 1964 to April 1964

Group	U.S. city average	Chicago	Detroit	Los Angeles-Long Beach	New York	Philadelphia
All items-----	0.1	0	0.2	0.2	0.1	0
Food-----	0	0	.3	.6	0	0.2
Housing-----	-.1	-0.2	.4	-.3	-.1	-.6
Apparel and upkeep-----	.3	.1	0	.2	-.1	.2
Transportation-----	.1	-.1	0	.3	.1	.4
Health and recreation-----	.3	.3	0	.5	.3	0
Medical care-----	.3	.2	.1	.5	.2	0
Personal care-----	0	-.8	-.3	.3	-.1	0
Reading and recreation-----	.4	.9	.4	1.1	.9	.1
Other goods and services-----	.1	.4	-.1	0	.1	-.1

^{1/} See footnote 1, Table A-2.

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TABLE A-4: Consumer Price Index--United States and Selected Areas ^{1/}
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (Including Single Workers), Commodity Groups
April 1964 Indexes and Percent Changes from January 1964

Group	U.S. city average	Boston	Chicago	Detroit	Los Angeles- Long Beach	New York	Phila- delphia	Pittsburgh
Indexes (1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)								
All items-----	107.8	110.6	105.7	103.8	109.9	110.1	108.4	108.1
Food-----	105.7	108.5	105.1	101.4	107.9	107.5	104.5	104.1
Food at home-----	103.9	105.5	104.2	100.1	105.1	104.5	102.5	103.4
Cereals and bakery products-----	108.8	110.9	107.7	101.4	116.6	110.5	105.7	109.7
Meats, poultry, and fish-----	97.0	101.2	98.8	94.2	94.1	98.0	94.8	99.4
Dairy products-----	104.1	98.6	110.7	105.0	107.2	101.8	104.4	97.8
Fruits and vegetables-----	115.7	119.0	110.3	108.4	121.1	118.8	115.0	112.6
Other foods at home-----	101.1	103.0	100.8	98.0	97.3	101.0	100.3	102.8
Food away from home-----	114.9	121.2	109.8	108.9	118.5	121.1	115.6	108.2
Housing-----	107.0	113.6	105.1	98.6	109.3	111.4	107.8	107.6
Shelter-----	108.2	119.2	105.0	95.7	111.7	113.8	108.3	105.2
Rent-----	107.7	118.2	-----	94.7	-----	115.0	-----	106.1
Homeownership-----	108.6	119.6	105.1	96.1	112.6	112.1	108.2	104.8
Fuel and utilities-----	107.4	107.0	106.0	103.4	106.1	104.6	105.8	114.6
Fuel oil and coal-----	103.3	108.5	105.0	100.6	-----	103.7	103.3	-----
Gas and electricity-----	108.0	103.2	106.6	105.2	113.5	105.1	103.9	114.1
Household furnishings and operation--	102.9	105.1	105.1	101.1	103.6	108.4	103.9	105.2
Apparel and upkeep-----	105.6	107.4	102.4	106.6	106.6	108.3	109.3	106.8
Men's and boys'-----	105.9	101.7	102.5	103.7	107.9	109.7	105.9	105.2
Women's and girls'-----	102.2	106.1	98.2	108.7	104.8	102.7	104.5	98.9
Footwear-----	110.9	112.6	109.1	110.4	109.3	111.2	111.7	116.9
Transportation-----	109.0	110.0	104.9	103.3	116.5	106.3	114.0	112.0
Private-----	107.6	103.6	104.7	101.3	112.5	108.4	111.2	107.6
Public-----	118.4	131.6	107.4	114.4	138.5	100.6	123.7	126.0
Health and recreation-----	113.4	111.9	110.0	114.7	110.4	116.2	113.8	114.8
Medical care-----	119.0	118.2	127.5	124.8	118.0	118.9	122.7	126.7
Personal care-----	108.7	109.4	110.1	108.2	106.5	107.5	106.0	104.0
Reading and recreation-----	114.0	116.7	100.1	111.9	105.0	122.5	111.9	111.3
Other goods and services-----	108.6	102.8	101.6	108.9	107.4	111.5	110.0	110.6
Percent changes January 1964 to April 1964								
All items-----	0.1	0.5	-0.1	0.1	0.3	0.4	-0.2	0.4
Food-----	-.1	0	-.7	0	-.2	-.6	-.7	.3
Food at home-----	-.3	-.1	-1.0	-.1	-.6	-.9	-.9	.3
Cereals and bakery products-----	-.3	1.3	-.3	-.1	-.7	-1.1	1.4	.7
Meats, poultry, and fish-----	-1.3	-1.9	-.9	-1.6	-2.0	-1.4	-.5	.7
Dairy products-----	-.9	-2.7	-.3	-.1	0	-2.1	-.9	-2.1
Fruits and vegetables-----	2.9	3.2	-1.3	5.2	.4	1.8	2.4	2.9
Other foods at home-----	-.7	1.3	-1.8	-1.9	.2	-1.0	-3.1	-.3
Food away from home-----	.5	.3	.4	.2	.7	.4	.2	.1
Housing-----	.1	.7	-.1	.4	.3	.5	-.5	.3
Shelter-----	.1	1.3	-.4	.6	.2	.9	-.9	.1
Rent-----	.4	.3	-----	2/ .1	-----	2/ .5	-----	-.2
Homeownership-----	.1	1.7	-.6	.7	.3	1.0	-1.3	.1
Fuel and utilities-----	-.3	-1.3	-.1	-.1	-.2	-1.5	-1.1	.8
Fuel oil and coal-----	-3.1	-3.0	-.3	0	-----	-5.6	-6.7	-----
Gas and electricity-----	-.1	-.8	0	.2	-.3	-.7	.1	1.2
Household furnishings and operation--	.2	1.0	.7	.4	.9	.8	.8	.2
Apparel and upkeep-----	.6	2.0	1.8	1.5	1.3	1.3	.4	.8
Men's and boys'-----	.7	3.0	2.7	1.5	1.1	2.4	.3	.2
Women's and girls'-----	.8	1.4	2.2	2.6	2.8	1.6	.5	.6
Footwear-----	0	1.0	.4	.1	.5	-.1	.7	2.5
Transportation-----	-.4	-.4	-.9	-1.9	-.8	-.4	.4	-.2
Private-----	-.4	-.4	-1.0	-2.1	-.8	-.4	.5	-.2
Public-----	.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.1
Health and recreation-----	.6	.4	.2	.5	.9	1.0	0	.7
Medical care-----	.7	1.0	.2	.9	1.0	.9	.3	1.8
Personal care-----	.2	.3	-.5	1.4	1.4	.2	-.3	.6
Reading and recreation-----	.8	.7	.5	.5	1.4	2.3	-.1	1.0
Other goods and services-----	.3	-.1	.2	-.2	0	0	-.1	-.7

^{1/} See footnote 1, Table A-2.

^{2/} Change from February 1964.

TABLE A-5: Consumer Price Index--United States and Selected Areas 1/
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (Including Single Workers), Food and its Subgroups
April 1964 Indexes and Percent Changes from March 1964

Area 1/	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	103.9	108.8	97.0	104.1	115.7	101.1	114.9
Atlanta-----	103.9	103.1	102.1	96.6	102.4	114.3	105.2	106.7
Baltimore-----	106.1	103.1	115.8	94.5	100.4	114.2	102.1	118.0
Boston-----	108.5	105.5	110.9	101.2	98.6	119.0	103.0	121.2
Buffalo (Nov. 1963=100)---	101.1	101.2	97.2	97.2	100.3	111.3	102.9	100.2
Chicago-----	105.1	104.2	107.7	98.8	110.7	110.3	100.8	109.8
Cleveland-----	101.5	99.9	106.4	96.3	93.3	111.9	97.1	110.2
Dallas (Nov. 1963=100)---	100.1	99.9	99.2	97.6	98.8	105.9	99.5	101.0
Detroit-----	101.4	100.1	101.4	94.2	105.0	108.4	98.0	108.9
Honolulu (Dec. 1963=100)---	100.7	100.8	101.1	100.5	99.1	103.3	99.7	100.3
Los Angeles-Long Beach---	107.9	105.1	116.6	94.1	107.2	121.1	97.3	118.5
New York-----	107.5	104.5	110.5	98.0	101.8	118.8	101.0	121.1
Philadelphia-----	104.5	102.5	105.7	94.8	104.4	115.0	100.3	115.6
Pittsburgh-----	104.1	103.4	109.7	99.4	97.8	112.6	102.8	108.2
St. Louis-----	106.7	103.9	105.5	98.9	107.5	111.9	101.5	117.4
San Francisco-Oakland---	107.7	105.2	111.4	98.9	107.0	116.3	99.5	118.8
Seattle-----	108.7	106.2	110.3	101.5	108.6	115.3	101.7	119.7
Washington-----	105.2	102.9	108.3	94.4	103.8	111.3	103.9	115.5
		Percent changes, March 1964 to April 1964						
U.S. City Average-----	0	-0.1	0	-0.2	-0.4	0.5	0.2	0.2
Atlanta-----	-0.1	-.2	-1.0	-.6	1.2	-1.1	.6	0
Baltimore-----	-.1	-.2	-.3	-1.5	0	1.9	.2	.2
Boston-----	-.3	-.5	.5	-.1	-2.5	-.8	.3	.1
Buffalo (Nov. 1963=100)---	0	-.1	.4	-1.0	-.3	2.1	-.6	0
Chicago-----	0	0	.2	-.2	.1	-.1	.1	.1
Cleveland-----	0	-.1	.6	-.1	-1.7	1.2	-.3	0
Dallas (Nov. 1963=100)---	.4	.5	-.5	.8	.2	1.7	-.3	.1
Detroit-----	.3	.2	.5	-.5	-.2	2.6	-.1	0
Honolulu (Dec. 1963=100)---	.2	.3	.1	0	-.1	.7	.3	.1
Los Angeles-Long Beach---	.6	.5	.3	.2	0	.8	1.0	.4
New York-----	0	0	-.4	.4	-.3	-.4	.2	.1
Philadelphia-----	.2	.3	1.1	-.4	-.1	2.2	-.6	0
Pittsburgh-----	-.7	-.9	-.9	-.1	-2.5	-2.4	.2	.3
St. Louis-----	.6	.8	-.6	.4	.3	3.3	.3	.1
San Francisco-Oakland---	-.3	-.5	.1	-.8	0	-.5	-.5	.1
Seattle-----	.3	.3	-.2	-.1	-.3	1.0	1.1	.1
Washington-----	.2	.1	-.3	.4	.2	.2	.1	.3

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Food at home-----	103.9	103.9	0	-.3	1.3	120.7	256.3
Cereals and bakery products-----	108.8	108.8	0	-.3	-.4	144.3	252.1
Meats, poultry, and fish-----	97.0	97.2	-.2	-1.3	-1.3	107.0	257.3
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Fruits and vegetables-----	115.6	115.0	.5	2.8	3.2	142.9	308.7
Other foods at home-----	101.0	100.9	.1	-.8	5.0	111.6	230.6
Food away from home-----	114.9	114.7	.2	.5	1.9	(?)	(?)
Housing-----	107.0	107.1	-.1	.1	1.1	136.4	179.3
Shelter 1/-----	108.2	108.4	-.2	.1	1.3	(?)	(?)
Rent-----	107.7	107.5	.2	.4	1.1	148.1	171.0
Homeownership 2/-----	108.6	108.9	-.3	.1	1.6	(?)	(?)
Fuel and utilities 3/-----	107.4	107.3	.1	-.3	.5	(?)	(?)
Fuel oil and coal 4/-----	103.3	106.1	-2.6	-3.1	-.9	140.8	249.6
Gas and electricity-----	108.0	107.1	.8	-.1	.5	125.9	120.0
Household furnishings and operation-----	102.9	102.8	.1	.2	.6	(?)	(?)
Apparel and upkeep 5/-----	105.5	105.3	.2	.5	1.1	(?)	(?)
Men's and boys'-----	105.9	105.2	.7	.7	1.7	115.1	226.7
Women's and girls'-----	102.1	102.1	0	.7	.7	101.4	186.1
Footwear-----	110.9	110.7	.2	0	.6	145.3	288.8
Transportation-----	109.0	108.8	.2	-.4	1.9	153.6	218.7
Private-----	107.6	107.4	.2	-.4	2.0	140.2	214.1
Public-----	118.4	118.4	0	.1	1.6	220.5	271.1
Health and recreation-----	113.4	113.1	.3	.6	2.4	(?)	(?)
Medical care-----	119.0	118.7	.3	.7	2.2	172.0	236.9
Personal care-----	108.7	108.7	0	.2	1.0	139.2	233.7
Reading and recreation-----	114.0	113.6	.4	.8	2.7	132.0	209.6
Other goods and services 6/-----	108.6	108.5	.1	.3	2.6	138.4	196.1

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, April 1964
and percent changes from selected dates

(1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)

Group	Indexes (1957-59=100)		Percent change to April 1964 from--			Indexes	
	April 1964	March 1964	March 1964	January 1964	April 1963	1947-49=100	1939=100
						April 1964	April 1964
All items-----	108.0	107.8	0.2	0.4	1.7	132.5	223.0
Food-----	106.1	105.6	.5	.4	1.7	125.2	265.9
Food at home-----	104.3	103.8	.5	.3	1.7	121.2	257.3
Cereals and bakery products-----	109.2	109.1	.1	.1	0	144.8	253.0
Meats, poultry, and fish-----	97.5	97.6	-.1	-.7	-.8	107.5	258.6
Dairy products-----	103.8	104.7	-.9	-1.1	.9	117.5	235.9
Fruits and vegetables-----	115.6	111.8	3.4	4.4	3.2	142.9	308.7
Other foods at home-----	101.2	101.3	-.1	-1.0	5.2	111.8	231.1
Food away from home-----	115.1	114.9	.2	.6	2.0	(1/)	(1/)
Housing 2/-----	107.3	107.2	.1	.4	1.4	136.8	179.8
Rent-----	107.7	107.5	.2	.4	1.1	148.1	171.0
Gas and electricity-----	108.4	106.8	1.5	0	.8	126.4	120.5
Solid and petroleum fuels-----	105.1	106.5	-1.3	-1.4	.9	143.3	254.0
Housefurnishings-----	99.0	98.9	.1	.6	.5	103.1	193.0
Household operation-----	112.0	111.7	.3	1.0	1.9	146.8	214.6
Apparel-----	104.6	104.4	.2	.3	.8	112.1	213.6
Men's and boys'-----	105.8	105.4	.4	.1	1.6	115.0	226.5
Women's and girls'-----	101.3	101.5	-.2	.3	-.1	100.6	184.6
Footwear-----	111.4	111.2	.2	.4	1.1	145.9	290.1
Other apparel-----	101.6	101.4	.2	.3	.7	93.6	230.4
Transportation-----	108.7	108.9	-.2	-.2	1.6	153.2	218.1
Private-----	107.1	107.3	-.2	-.4	1.5	139.6	213.1
Public-----	119.6	119.4	.2	.9	2.7	222.7	273.8
Medical care-----	119.1	118.8	.3	.8	2.3	172.1	237.1
Personal care-----	109.0	109.0	0	-.1	1.3	139.6	234.4
Reading and recreation-----	114.3	113.9	.4	1.2	3.0	132.4	210.1
Other goods and services-----	108.5	108.5	0	.2	2.6	138.2	195.9
Special groups:							
All items less food-----	108.7	108.7	0	.3	1.6	136.3	197.3
All items less shelter-----	107.9	107.6	.3	.4	1.7	129.9	234.5
Commodities-----	105.0	104.8	.2	.2	1.4	121.3	235.1
Nondurables-----	105.8	105.6	.2	.2	1.5	124.2	241.7
Food-----	106.1	105.6	.5	.4	1.7	125.2	265.9
Nondurables less food-----	105.5	105.6	-.1	-.1	1.2	123.5	210.4
Apparel-----	104.4	104.2	.2	.3	.8	111.9	214.8
Apparel less footwear-----	103.0	102.9	.1	.2	.7	106.0	(1/)
Nondurables less food and apparel-----	106.2	106.4	-.2	-.3	1.4	133.5	202.6
Durables-----	101.7	101.8	-.1	0	.8	112.7	196.7
New cars-----	101.0	102.0	-1.0	-1.1	-.1	135.7	238.1
Used cars-----	118.9	117.9	.8	1.3	3.0	(1/)	(1/)
Durables less cars-----	98.8	98.7	.1	.2	.4	101.9	177.8
Commodities less food-----	104.0	104.1	-.1	-.1	1.0	118.1	198.8
Services-----	113.6	113.3	.3	.7	2.3	161.3	200.5
Rent-----	107.7	107.5	.2	.4	1.1	148.1	171.0
Services less rent-----	114.6	114.4	.2	.7	2.4	164.2	223.5
Household operation services, gas, and electricity-----	112.2	111.5	.6	.8	1.8	147.2	169.2
Transportation services-----	115.2	114.8	.3	1.1	2.9	199.1	248.5
Medical care services-----	122.5	122.3	.2	.7	2.4	182.8	259.2
Other services 3/-----	113.3	113.4	-.1	.6	2.5	146.3	250.8
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (Reference period=\$1.00)-----	\$0.926	\$0.928	-.2	-.3	-1.7	\$0.755	\$0.448

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 April 1964 from--		Indexes 1947-49=100 1939=100	
	April 1964	January 1964	April 1963	January 1964	April 1963	April 1964	April 1964
United States city average	108.0	107.6	106.2	0.4	1.7	132.5	223.0
Cities priced monthly 1/							
Chicago	105.9	105.9	105.4	0	.5	133.5	227.9
Detroit	104.2	104.0	102.1	.2	2.1	128.5	217.7
Los Angeles	110.1	109.4	108.0	.6	1.9	137.3	227.3
New York	110.2	109.6	107.9	.5	2.1	132.8	220.9
Philadelphia	108.9	108.4	106.4	.5	2.3	133.7	225.9
Cities priced in January, April, July, October 2/	April 1964	January 1964	April 1963	January 1964	April 1963	April 1964	April 1964
Boston	110.2	110.0	109.2	.2	.9	136.5	223.9
Kansas City	109.0	108.5	106.4	.5	2.4	134.8	218.5
Minneapolis	107.3	107.5	106.5	-.2	.8	132.7	218.8
Pittsburgh	107.9	107.4	106.3	.5	1.5	132.9	228.9
Portland, Oregon	108.6	107.6	106.2	.9	2.3	134.6	230.8
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

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 March 1964 to April 1964
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	0.5	0.1	0.2	-0.2	0.3	0	0.4	0
Chicago	.1	.7	-.3	-.1	-.3	.3	-0.1	-.2	-0.1
Detroit	.4	1.0	.3	.4	-.4	-.1	-.3	.3	0
Los Angeles	.6	1.6	-.2	-.2	.4	.5	2.3	1.7	0
New York	.1	.1	0	-.4	0	.1	-.3	1.5	-.1
Philadelphia	.4	1.0	-.2	.3	0	0	.1	1.9	.2

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

Group	U.S. City Average	Boston	Chicago	Detroit	Kansas City	Los Angeles	Minn-neapolis	New York	Phila-delphia	Pitts-burgh	Portland, Oregon
Indexes (1957-59=100)											
All items-----	108.0	110.2	105.9	104.2	109.0	110.1	107.3	110.2	108.9	107.9	108.6
Food-----	106.1	108.6	106.0	102.2	106.5	109.0	103.7	107.6	105.7	104.4	106.8
Food at home-----	104.3	105.2	105.3	101.0	105.7	106.7	102.0	104.5	103.7	103.5	105.4
Cereals and bakery products--	109.2	109.6	108.1	101.1	110.1	116.9	103.1	111.4	105.2	108.9	108.0
Meats, poultry, and fish-----	97.5	100.8	99.9	94.1	97.5	95.1	96.0	98.9	95.5	99.7	99.0
Dairy products-----	103.8	99.0	110.8	104.9	107.5	107.8	105.3	101.5	104.6	98.8	106.3
Fruits and vegetables-----	115.6	118.3	112.7	110.5	116.8	124.7	110.9	116.9	117.6	111.7	119.5
Other foods at home-----	101.2	102.5	101.2	99.4	103.4	98.4	99.7	100.0	102.0	103.0	100.4
Housing-----	107.3	112.5	105.3	98.7	107.6	109.6	106.2	111.6	108.8	108.1	109.0
Rent-----	107.7	118.2	-----	94.7	104.7	-----	107.8	115.0	-----	106.1	106.6
Gas and electricity-----	108.4	103.9	106.5	105.1	115.3	114.3	101.6	104.8	103.7	114.5	102.5
Solid and petroleum fuels-----	105.1	108.5	104.9	101.5	112.3	-----	102.8	109.3	108.8	-----	102.8
Housefurnishings-----	99.0	99.0	101.3	98.8	98.7	100.3	98.2	104.4	98.2	102.0	98.4
Household operation-----	112.0	114.8	109.1	106.4	116.1	106.7	109.1	115.4	118.4	118.4	111.0
Apparel-----	104.6	104.4	100.1	107.9	104.4	105.6	102.4	105.4	105.1	102.0	105.7
Men's and boys'-----	105.8	102.0	101.8	104.6	110.2	107.7	108.2	107.6	106.6	106.4	109.7
Women's and girls'-----	101.3	104.0	94.9	109.6	97.7	103.0	97.1	102.1	102.5	93.2	100.6
Footwear-----	111.4	112.1	109.8	112.0	115.3	110.8	107.0	111.9	111.3	117.7	113.6
Other apparel-----	101.6	100.5	98.9	102.0	98.4	101.5	97.5	102.0	102.5	100.1	100.0
Transportation-----	108.7	109.8	104.9	104.7	108.0	114.5	107.1	106.4	113.2	112.0	108.0
Private-----	107.1	103.4	104.5	102.8	104.8	111.0	105.1	108.4	110.2	108.0	105.0
Public-----	119.6	131.6	107.4	114.4	125.4	138.5	121.9	100.6	123.7	125.9	126.8
Medical care-----	119.1	116.0	128.1	124.0	116.3	118.4	132.2	119.2	123.4	124.2	117.1
Personal care-----	109.0	109.7	110.9	107.1	114.5	108.2	107.5	108.5	106.2	104.0	109.8
Reading and recreation-----	114.3	118.4	99.3	110.2	118.7	105.8	112.7	124.5	111.3	108.2	115.1
Other goods and services-----	108.5	102.9	101.0	109.1	115.9	107.5	106.7	111.0	110.3	111.5	105.4
Percent change from January 1964 to April 1964											
All items-----	0.4	0.2	0	0.2	0.5	0.6	-0.2	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.9
Food-----	.4	.2	0.3	.9	.6	.8	-.3	.1	.7	.9	.6
Food at home-----	.3	-.1	.3	.9	.7	.9	-.4	-.2	.7	.9	.6
Cereals and bakery products--	.1	.6	-1.6	.2	.4	-.2	.2	0	.3	.4	.1
Meats, poultry, and fish-----	-.7	-3.4	.6	-1.1	-.1	-.1	-1.8	-.6	.6	.8	-1.4
Dairy products-----	-1.1	-2.3	-.3	0	-1.0	.1	-.4	-2.4	-1.0	-1.8	-1.1
Fruits and vegetables-----	4.4	5.2	4.4	7.8	4.8	3.7	3.3	3.9	5.6	5.5	5.6
Other foods at home-----	-1.0	1.0	-1.8	-1.3	-1.0	.6	-2.0	-1.9	-1.9	-.2	.3
Housing-----	.4	.2	.2	.4	.6	.7	.4	.7	.1	.7	1.2
Rent-----	.4	.3	-----	^{1/} .1	.6	-----	.2	^{1/} -.4	-----	-.3	.8
Gas and electricity-----	0	-.2	.2	0	5.4	-.2	-1.9	-.8	0	1.5	0
Solid and petroleum fuels-----	-1.4	-.9	0	0	-3.9	-----	0	-1.4	-1.2	-----	0
Housefurnishings-----	.6	1.3	1.7	-.1	.5	1.6	.9	.6	.7	.6	1.4
Household operation-----	1.0	.5	.3	.3	1.9	.7	2.9	1.9	.4	1.6	.2
Apparel-----	.3	.3	.4	.9	-.1	1.1	1.2	.3	.7	-.1	1.7
Men's and boys'-----	.1	2.2	-.2	1.6	1.0	1.0	2.1	-.4	.9	1.0	1.5
Women's and girls'-----	.3	-1.2	.1	.6	-1.0	1.2	1.5	.7	.6	-1.2	3.2
Footwear-----	.4	2.0	2.3	1.0	.4	.9	-2.0	.5	.6	.6	-.3
Other apparel-----	.3	.5	.4	.8	0	1.3	2.0	.1	.9	0	1.0
Transportation-----	-.2	-.4	-1.4	-1.7	-.1	-.4	-3.2	-.1	.9	.4	.2
Private-----	-.4	-.5	-1.7	-2.0	-.1	-.5	-3.7	-.2	1.2	.6	.1
Public-----	.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Medical care-----	.8	-.2	.5	.4	.6	.7	1.3	1.0	1.1	.2	2.8
Personal care-----	-.1	-.7	-.3	-.3	-.6	1.5	-.2	-.4	-.3	.4	-.1
Reading and recreation-----	1.2	2.8	-.2	-.6	-.6	1.5	0	4.2	-.4	-.7	.1
Other goods and services-----	.2	.1	-1.2	-.1	1.7	.4	.1	.1	.2	0	.3

^{1/} Change from February 1964 to April 1964.

TABLE C-5: Consumer Price Index--Food and its subgroups
 April 1964 indexes and percent changes, March 1964 to April 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--	106.1	0.5	104.3	0.5	109.2	0.1	97.5	-0.1	103.8	-0.9	115.6	3.4	101.2	-0.1
Atlanta-----	104.2	-.4	103.6	-.5	103.1	-.7	98.1	-.8	102.6	1.5	113.0	-.9	104.7	-.7
Baltimore-----	106.1	-.4	103.0	-.5	115.3	0	96.6	-1.6	99.8	.1	109.7	.1	101.1	-.4
Boston-----	108.6	-.2	105.2	-.5	109.6	.2	100.8	-1.5	99.0	-2.5	118.3	1.3	102.5	0
Chicago-----	106.0	.7	105.3	.8	108.1	-.1	99.9	0	110.8	.1	112.7	4.4	101.2	-.1
Cincinnati-----	103.3	-.1	101.6	-.2	107.8	-.3	97.1	-1.3	100.6	-.9	111.1	-.1	97.9	-.6
Cleveland-----	102.0	.5	100.5	.5	106.8	.6	97.4	-.2	94.4	-2.6	110.9	4.5	97.0	-.2
Detroit-----	102.2	1.0	101.0	1.1	101.1	.1	94.1	-.2	104.9	-.3	110.5	6.0	99.4	-.3
Houston-----	105.2	.1	102.5	0	106.8	0	94.1	-1.3	101.4	-2.3	114.1	4.3	102.1	-.6
Kansas City-----	106.5	.8	105.7	1.0	110.1	.2	97.5	1.4	107.5	-1.0	116.8	3.5	103.4	-.1
Los Angeles-----	109.0	1.6	106.7	1.9	116.9	.4	95.1	1.6	107.8	.1	124.7	5.2	98.4	1.4
Minneapolis-----	103.7	.4	102.0	.6	103.1	.1	96.0	-.6	105.3	-.2	110.9	4.6	99.7	-.3
New York-----	107.6	.1	104.5	0	111.4	.1	98.9	.2	101.5	-1.1	116.9	1.3	100.0	-.6
Philadelphia-----	105.7	1.0	103.7	1.1	105.2	.3	95.5	-.2	104.6	0	117.6	5.8	102.0	-.2
Pittsburgh-----	104.4	.1	103.5	0	108.9	.2	99.7	.3	98.8	-2.3	111.7	1.5	103.0	-.4
Portland, Oreg.-----	106.8	.8	105.4	.8	108.0	-.2	99.0	.1	106.3	-1.0	119.5	4.7	100.4	-.5
St. Louis-----	106.8	.9	103.9	1.1	106.3	-.2	97.6	-.4	106.4	.1	113.0	6.3	101.7	-.1
San Francisco-----	108.6	.8	105.9	1.0	110.7	0	99.7	-.6	106.6	0	118.5	5.8	99.7	-.3
Scranton-----	104.5	-.2	102.6	-.2	107.3	.2	98.1	.3	100.3	-2.1	110.9	1.1	100.7	-.9
Seattle-----	108.9	1.2	106.6	1.6	110.1	-.1	100.0	.4	108.4	0	118.9	7.2	102.0	-.8
Washington, D. C.---	105.4	.3	103.2	.3	108.8	.1	94.7	-1.1	103.3	.2	112.0	3.4	103.2	-.3

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

Food and unit	April 1964	March 1964	Food and unit	April 1964	March 1964
	Cents	Cents		Cents	Cents
Cereals and bakery products:			Fresh--Continued		
Flour, wheat-----5 lb.	57.6	57.5	Grapefruit-----each	16.4	15.5
Biscuit mix-----40 oz.	48.6	48.6	Peaches *-----lb.	*	*
Macaroni-----16 oz.	25.1	25.0	Strawberries *-----pt.	40.2	*
Corn meal-----1b.	14.5	14.5	Grapes, seedless *-----lb.	*	*
Rolled oats-----18 oz.	24.8	24.5	Watermelons *-----lb.	*	*
Corn flakes-----12 oz.	28.5	28.4	Potatoes-----10 lb.	69.5	65.2
Rice, short grain-----lb.	19.3	19.5	Sweet potatoes-----lb.	16.9	16.3
Rice, long grain-----lb.	21.6	21.8	Corn *-----doz. ears	131.9	*
Bread, white-----1b.	21.5	21.5	Onions-----1b.	11.9	11.9
Soda crackers-----1b.	31.0	30.9	Carrots-----1b.	13.8	14.2
Sandwich cookies-----16 oz.	51.9	51.9	Lettuce-----head	21.7	27.0
Meats, poultry, and fish:			Celery-----1b.	16.0	17.6
Round steak-----1b.	103.1	101.8	Cabbage-----1b.	10.5	10.4
Sirloin steak-----1b.	104.5	104.5	Tomatoes-----1b.	39.0	35.1
Chuck roast-----1b.	56.6	57.0	Beans, green-----1b.	26.3	31.2
Rib roast-----1b.	81.9	82.2	Canned:		
Hamburger-----1b.	49.5	49.8	Orange juice-----46 oz. can	65.0	64.9
Veal cutlets-----1b.	151.6	151.6	Pineapple juice-----46 oz. can	38.1	37.6
Pork chops, center cut-----1b.	84.3	84.2	Peaches-----#2 1/2 can	34.4	34.1
Pork roast-----1b.	58.8	59.3	Pineapple-----#2 can	40.0	39.8
Bacon, sliced-----1b.	67.2	67.2	Fruit cocktail-----#303 can	27.7	27.5
Ham, whole-----1b.	59.5	60.3	Corn, cream style-----#303 can	19.0	19.1
Lamb, leg-----1b.	73.7	72.4	Peas, green-----#303 can	22.7	22.7
Frankfurters-----1b.	62.5	62.8	Tomatoes-----#303 can	16.2	16.2
Luncheon meat, canned-----12 oz.	49.1	49.1	Tomato juice-----46 oz. can	32.6	32.5
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.	53.0	52.8	Dried:		
Haddock, fillet, frozen-----1b.	59.5	59.2	Prunes-----1b.	40.4	40.3
Salmon, pink, canned-----16 oz.	67.8	67.5	Beans-----1b.	17.4	17.5
Tuna fish, canned-----6 to 6 1/2 oz.	33.3	33.0	Other foods at home:		
Dairy products:			Tomato soup-----10 1/2 to 11 oz. can	12.4	12.4
Milk, fresh, (grocery)-----qt.	24.0	24.4	Beans, with pork-----16 oz. can	15.1	15.1
Milk, fresh, (delivered)-----qt.	25.9	26.5	Pickles, sliced-----15 oz.	27.4	27.4
Ice cream-----1/2 gal.	84.4	84.3	Catsup, tomato-----14 oz.	22.0	21.9
Butter-----1b.	75.2	75.3	Potato chips-----4 oz.	28.1	28.0
Cheese, American process-----1/2 lb.	37.1	37.3	Coffee-----1b. can	81.1	78.9
Milk, evaporated-----14 1/2 oz. can	15.4	15.4	Coffee-----1b. bag	70.9	65.1
Fruits and vegetables:			Coffee, instant-----6 oz.	107.8	105.2
Frozen:			Tea bags-----pkg. of 48	62.8	62.7
Strawberries-----10 oz.	28.0	27.9	Cola drink, carton-----36 oz.	55.0	55.0
Orange juice concentrate-----6 oz.	32.7	32.9	Shortening, hydrogenated-----3 lb.	82.2	82.1
Lemonade concentrate-----6 oz.	14.9	14.9	Margarine, colored-----1b.	27.7	27.5
Peas, green-----10 oz.	20.8	20.8	Lard-----1b.	20.0	20.1
Beans, green-----9 oz.	23.6	23.5	Salad dressing-----pt.	38.4	38.5
Potatoes, french fried-----9 oz.	17.8	17.9	Peanut butter-----1b.	57.9	57.9
Fresh:			Sugar-----5 lb.	70.1	72.6
Apples-----1b.	16.8	16.1	Corn syrup-----24 oz.	30.1	30.1
Bananas-----1b.	17.0	16.4	Grape jelly-----12 oz.	31.6	31.4
Oranges, size 200-----doz.	85.4	79.3	Chocolate bar-----1 oz.	5.2	5.2
Lemons-----1b.	21.2	21.0	Eggs, Grade A, large-----doz.	52.5	53.8
			Gelatin, flavored-----3 to 4 oz.	10.4	10.4

* Priced only in season.

Brief Explanation of the CPI

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) measures average changes in prices of goods and services usually bought by 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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