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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR MAY 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 in May remained at its April level of 107.8 (1957-59=100); the United States Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics announced today. Slightly lower prices for food and housing offset fractional advances for most other types of consumer goods and services.

In the past year the index rose 1.5 percent, reflecting higher prices for most consumer items, except meats, bread, and fuel oil.

FOOD Food prices declined 0.2 percent in May, primarily because of lower prices of eggs and meats. Egg prices dropped seasonally as production reached record high levels. Prices of most types of meats were lower, with abundant supplies of beef and pork, but lamb and cold cuts were up a little.

Prices of fruits and vegetables remained unchanged as reductions in vegetable prices offset generally higher prices for fruits. Prices were substantially lower for cucumbers, celery, asparagus, lettuce, and tomatoes, but potato prices advanced as early spring production was greatly reduced. Among fresh fruits, prices of apples, bananas, and grapefruit advanced, while strawberry prices dropped as supplies became more plentiful.

Dairy products prices were 0.2 percent lower, with seasonally higher milk production. Sugar prices also declined, but coffee prices were higher, both changes reflecting the world supply situation.

HOUSING The housing cost index declined by 0.1 percent, largely because of lower homeownership costs. Fuel oil prices were seasonally lower. Prices of textile housefurnishings declined, reflecting reductions for May "white sales" and appliance prices also were lower. Residential rents were unchanged. Costs of maintenance and repair of owner-occupied dwellings were up.

OTHER GOODS AND SERVICES Transportation costs increased by 0.1 percent, largely because of higher prices for used cars and gasoline. Selling prices of new cars declined as dealers increased their concessions.

Apparel prices increased 0.1 percent with small advances for most types of apparel except children's shoes which declined slightly.

Costs of health care and recreation edged up by 0.1 percent, reflecting slight advances in fees for professional medical and hospital services, barber and beauty shop services, and prices of newspapers. Prices of recreational equipment were lower.

**COST-OF-LIVING  
ADJUSTMENTS**

Based on the national index for May, about 190,000 workers are scheduled to receive increases of 1 cent an hour, including 90,000 aerospace workers, 80,000 in meatpacking industries, and 20,000 in various other industries.

In addition, 2,600 transit workers are scheduled to receive 1/2 cent an hour, based on the quarterly change in the index for Washington, D. C.; and 2,500 drug-store clerks will receive 8 cents an hour, based on the annual change in the Los Angeles index.

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, May 1964  
and percent changes from selected dates

Group	Indexes (1957-59=100)		Percent change to May 1964 from--			Indexes 1947-49=100 1939=100	
	May 1964	April 1964	April 1964	February 1964	May 1963	May 1964	May 1964
All items-----	107.8	107.8	0	0.2	1.5	132.3	222.6
Food-----	105.5	105.7	-0.2	.5	1.2	124.5	264.4
Food at home-----	103.7	103.9	-.2	.7	1.2	120.5	255.8
Cereals and bakery products-----	108.9	108.8	.1	-.1	-.4	144.4	252.3
Meats, poultry, and fish-----	96.6	97.0	-.4	-1.7	-1.4	106.5	256.3
Dairy products-----	103.9	104.1	-.2	-.9	1.1	117.6	236.1
Fruits and vegetables-----	115.7	115.7	0	1.6	1.6	143.0	309.0
Other foods at home-----	100.5	101.1	-.6	-1.2	6.3	111.1	229.5
Food away from home-----	115.0	114.9	.1	.5	1.9	(12/)	(12/)
Housing-----	106.9	107.0	-.1	0	1.1	136.3	179.1
Shelter 1/-----	108.2	108.2	0	-.1	1.4	(12/)	(12/)
Rent-----	107.7	107.7	0	.2	1.0	148.1	171.0
Homeownership 2/-----	108.4	108.6	-.2	-.4	1.6	(12/)	(12/)
Fuel and utilities 3/-----	107.2	107.4	-.2	.4	.8	(12/)	(12/)
Fuel oil and coal 4/-----	102.1	103.3	-1.2	-4.2	-.3	139.2	246.7
Gas and electricity-----	108.0	108.0	0	1.7	.6	125.9	120.0
Household furnishings and operation-----	102.9	102.9	0	.2	.6	(12/)	(12/)
Apparel and upkeep 5/-----	105.7	105.6	.1	.6	1.3	(12/)	(12/)
Men's and boys'-----	106.2	105.9	.3	1.1	1.9	115.4	227.3
Women's and girls'-----	102.3	102.2	.1	.5	1.2	101.6	186.4
Footwear-----	111.0	110.9	.1	.3	.6	145.4	289.0
Transportation-----	109.1	109.0	.1	.5	1.6	153.7	218.9
Private-----	107.7	107.6	.1	.5	1.6	140.3	214.3
Public-----	118.6	118.4	.2	.2	1.8	220.8	271.5
Health and recreation-----	113.5	113.4	.1	.5	2.5	(12/)	(12/)
Medical care-----	119.1	119.0	.1	.5	2.1	172.1	237.1
Personal care-----	108.9	108.7	.2	.5	1.0	139.5	234.2
Reading and recreation-----	114.1	114.0	.1	.7	3.1	132.1	209.7
Other goods and services 6/-----	108.7	108.6	.1	.3	2.5	138.5	196.3
Special groups:							
All items less shelter-----	107.7	107.7	0	.2	1.5	129.7	234.1
All items less food-----	108.7	108.6	.1	.3	1.6	136.3	197.3
Commodities 7/-----	104.8	104.9	-.1	0	1.3	(12/)	(12/)
Nondurables-----	105.5	105.6	-.1	-.1	1.2	123.9	241.0
Durables 7/ 8/-----	102.8	102.9	-.1	-.1	1.0	(12/)	(12/)
Services 9/-----	114.9	114.8	.1	.5	2.0	(12/)	(12/)
Commodities less food 7/-----	104.3	104.3	0	.2	1.3	(12/)	(12/)
Nondurables less food-----	105.7	105.6	.1	.4	1.4	123.8	210.8
Apparel commodities-----	104.9	104.7	.2	.7	1.4	112.5	215.8
Apparel less footwear-----	103.7	103.5	.2	.8	1.5	106.7	(12/)
Nondurables less food and apparel-----	106.1	106.1	0	.1	1.3	133.4	202.4
New cars-----	101.2	101.6	-.4	-1.0	.1	136.0	238.6
Used cars-----	121.6	120.9	.6	2.2	5.1	(12/)	(12/)
Household durables 10/-----	98.7	98.7	0	.1	.4	101.8	177.6
Housefurnishings-----	98.7	98.7	0	.3	.3	102.7	192.4
Services less rent 9/-----	116.6	116.5	.1	.5	2.3	(12/)	(12/)
Household services less rent-----	114.4	114.4	0	.4	1.6	(12/)	(12/)
Transportation services-----	114.6	114.4	.2	.4	2.1	198.0	247.2
Medical care services-----	122.9	122.7	.2	.7	2.5	183.4	260.1
Other services 11/-----	118.3	118.2	.1	.8	3.4	(12/)	(12/)
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (reference period = \$1.00)-----	\$0.928	\$0.928	0	-.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.

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Beginning January 1964

TABLE A-2: Consumer Price Index--The 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		
		May 1964				February 1964	May 1963
U.S. City Average-----	M	107.8	132.3	222.6		0.2	1.5
Chicago-----	M	105.9	133.5	227.9		.2	.6
Detroit-----	M	103.2	127.2	215.6		.1	.8
Los Angeles-Long Beach--	M	109.9	137.0	226.9		.8	2.1
New York-----	M	110.2	132.8	220.9		.1	2.2
Philadelphia-----	M	108.4	133.1	224.9		- .3	2.1
		*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
		May 1964				February 1964	May 1963
Buffalo (Nov. 1963=100)---	2	-----	-----	-----	100.7	.6	----
Cleveland-----	2	104.5	129.8	219.3		- .7	.2
Dallas (Nov. 1963=100)---	2	-----	-----	-----	100.3	.6	----
Seattle-----	2	109.1	137.1	231.7		- .3	1.6
Washington-----	2	107.5	129.4	214.2		.2	1.3
		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--The United States and Selected Areas 1/  
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, (Including Single Workers), Major Groups  
Percent changes from April 1964 to May 1964

Group	U.S. city average	Chicago	Detroit	Los Angeles- Long Beach	New York	Philadelphia
All items-----	0	0.2	-0.6	0	0.1	0
Food-----	-0.2	-.3	-.4	-0.5	0	0
Housing-----	-.1	0	-.5	.5	.1	0.3
Apparel and upkeep-----	.1	0	-.1	.1	.3	-.3
Transportation-----	.1	1.8	-1.5	-.3	0	-.1
Health and recreation-----	.1	.1	-.3	0	.2	0
Medical care-----	.1	0	-.2	0	.2	-.2
Personal care-----	.2	.5	-.5	2.0	.3	.4
Reading and recreation-----	.1	0	-1.0	.1	.1	-.3
Other goods and services-----	.1	-.2	0	0	0	.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  
May 1964 Indexes and Percent Changes from February 1964

Group	U.S. city average	Buffalo (Nov.63=100)	Chicago	Cleve- land	Dallas (Nov.63=100)	Detroit	Los Angeles- Long Beach	New York	Phila- delphia	Seattle	Wash- ington
Indexes (1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)											
All items-----	107.8	100.7	105.9	104.5	100.3	103.2	109.9	110.2	108.4	109.1	107.5
Food-----	105.5	100.9	104.8	101.0	99.5	101.0	107.4	107.5	104.5	107.9	104.9
Food at home-----	103.7	100.9	103.9	99.4	99.1	99.7	104.5	104.4	102.4	105.1	102.4
Cereals and bakery products-----	108.9	97.6	107.3	106.1	99.7	101.5	117.0	110.7	105.7	110.3	109.3
Meats, poultry, and fish-----	96.6	96.9	98.3	95.9	96.7	93.7	93.8	97.7	94.6	99.3	92.3
Dairy products-----	103.9	100.0	110.8	92.7	98.7	104.6	107.4	101.4	104.3	108.8	103.8
Fruits and vegetables-----	115.7	111.0	109.3	110.8	104.4	108.3	118.2	119.8	115.0	114.3	112.3
Other foods at home-----	100.5	102.2	101.1	96.6	98.6	97.2	96.6	100.4	99.9	100.4	103.5
Food away from home-----	115.0	100.6	109.6	110.5	101.0	109.0	118.5	121.4	116.0	119.7	115.6
Housing-----	106.9	101.1	105.1	100.9	99.6	98.1	109.8	111.5	108.1	110.0	105.7
Shelter-----	108.2	101.7	105.1	99.2	100.0	94.9	112.6	114.0	109.0	112.7	105.4
Rent-----	107.7	100.1	105.7	101.2	100.3	-----	108.4	-----	109.1	108.9	111.4
Homeownership-----	108.4	102.0	104.9	98.7	99.8	95.1	113.8	112.3	109.1	113.4	100.8
Fuel and utilities-----	107.2	100.5	105.8	109.5	99.5	103.6	106.1	104.2	105.4	112.6	105.6
Fuel oil and coal-----	102.1	92.1	103.8	-----	-----	99.1	-----	102.3	101.0	104.0	98.6
Gas and electricity-----	108.0	101.5	106.5	107.4	98.9	105.6	113.4	104.9	103.9	100.1	106.9
Household furnishings and operation-----	102.9	99.9	105.0	100.4	98.8	101.0	103.2	108.6	103.8	102.5	105.6
Apparel and upkeep-----	105.7	100.0	102.4	104.6	99.7	106.5	106.7	108.6	109.0	108.8	108.0
Men's and boy's-----	106.2	100.7	102.5	106.5	99.6	103.7	108.0	109.9	105.6	112.0	105.3
Women's and girls'-----	102.3	100.2	98.5	99.6	99.6	108.3	105.2	103.1	104.0	108.4	106.6
Footwear-----	111.0	98.0	108.9	114.1	98.6	110.4	109.3	111.3	111.2	113.8	113.2
Transportation-----	109.1	100.4	106.8	109.5	101.2	101.7	116.2	106.3	113.9	107.0	108.6
Private-----	107.7	100.3	106.9	107.3	101.3	99.6	112.2	108.3	111.0	105.5	107.8
Public-----	118.6	102.4	107.4	122.1	100.0	114.4	138.5	100.6	123.7	118.7	113.8
Health and recreation-----	113.5	100.6	110.1	112.8	101.9	114.3	110.4	116.4	113.8	109.8	114.1
Medical care-----	119.1	100.7	127.5	128.4	101.5	124.6	118.0	119.1	122.5	112.2	128.5
Personal care-----	108.9	100.0	110.6	103.6	101.0	107.7	108.6	107.8	106.4	106.6	108.6
Reading and recreation-----	114.1	101.3	100.1	107.8	103.8	110.8	3/104.0	122.6	111.6	107.1	113.5
Other goods and services-----	108.7	99.9	101.4	108.3	100.4	108.9	107.4	111.5	110.1	111.3	103.9
Percent changes February 1964 to May 1964											
All items-----	0.2	0.6	0.2	-0.7	0.6	0.1	0.8	0.1	-0.3	-0.3	0.2
Food-----	.5	.1	-.9	-1.1	-.6	-.4	-.6	-.6	-.9	-.7	0
Food at home-----	.7	-.1	-1.0	-1.3	-.8	-.5	-.9	-1.0	-1.3	-1.1	-.3
Cereals and bakery products-----	.1	-.5	.2	-.3	.1	-.3	-.3	-1.2	1.9	-.2	.6
Meats, poultry, and fish-----	-1.7	-1.6	-2.0	-1.8	-1.4	-2.4	-1.3	-1.6	-2.2	-3.4	-2.6
Dairy products-----	.9	2.4	-.1	-4.6	-.1	-.2	.2	-1.7	-.9	.1	.2
Fruits and vegetables-----	1.6	3.7	-2.1	1.6	1.5	4.2	-1.1	.9	.3	.4	3.9
Other foods at home-----	-1.2	-2.1	-.2	-1.3	-2.2	-1.5	-1.9	-1.1	-2.0	-.6	-1.1
Food away from home-----	.5	.4	.2	.3	.2	.1	.6	.7	.4	.2	.7
Housing-----	0	1.1	-.1	-1.6	-.3	0	.4	0	-.4	-.1	-.2
Shelter-----	-.1	1.3	-.2	-2.3	-.3	-.1	.6	.3	-.2	-1.1	-.6
Rent-----	.2	.1	2/-.6	.1	.2	-----	2/-.1	-----	2/-.1	-.7	.4
Homeownership-----	-.4	1.5	-.7	-2.8	-.6	-.1	.8	0	-.3	-1.2	-1.4
Fuel and utilities-----	.4	1.2	-.3	.1	.1	.1	-.1	-1.4	-1.6	2.5	.2
Fuel oil and coal-----	-4.2	-8.5	-1.4	-----	-----	-1.5	-----	-6.9	-8.8	0	-7.1
Gas and electricity-----	1.7	2.6	-.2	0	.1	.4	-.2	.3	-.1	0	1.5
Household furnishings and operation-----	.2	.4	.5	.1	-.5	.5	-.1	.3	.1	.3	1.3
Apparel and upkeep-----	.6	-.4	1.2	.5	-.3	.9	.5	.9	-.2	.4	.7
Men's and boy's-----	1.1	.4	2.6	1.5	.4	1.1	.9	1.8	-.3	1.1	.5
Women's and girls'-----	.5	-1.0	1.4	.2	-.7	1.3	.8	.8	-.5	.5	1.1
Footwear-----	.3	-1.5	-.5	-.1	-1.0	.1	.2	.1	.3	.2	1.0
Transportation-----	.5	1.5	1.4	.2	3.7	.3	4.2	-.3	.3	-1.7	-.1
Private-----	.5	1.5	1.7	.2	4.0	.3	4.5	-.4	.3	-2.0	-.1
Public-----	.2	2.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Health and recreation-----	.5	.5	.3	.1	1.3	-.1	.6	.7	0	.5	.7
Medical care-----	.5	.2	.3	.5	.4	.6	.5	.4	0	.9	.9
Personal care-----	.5	.1	-1.0	-.3	1.4	-.4	2.7	1.5	.4	-.4	1.7
Reading and recreation-----	.7	1.7	.7	-.1	3.2	-.6	.4	1.2	-.1	.1	.4
Other goods and services-----	.3	-.3	.2	.2	-.1	-.1	.1	-.1	-.2	.8	.3

1/ See footnote 1, Table A-2.

2/ Change from March 1964.

3/ Revised April 1964 index=103.9.

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

Area <u>1/</u>	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-----	105.5	103.7	108.9	96.6	103.9	115.7	100.5	115.0
Atlanta-----	103.9	103.1	102.5	97.3	102.4	112.8	104.7	106.9
Baltimore-----	Insufficient data due to work stoppage in food stores.							
Boston-----	109.1	106.2	111.7	102.8	97.8	121.0	102.4	121.6
Buffalo (Nov. 1963=100)----	100.9	100.9	97.6	96.9	100.0	111.0	102.2	100.6
Chicago-----	104.8	103.9	107.3	98.3	110.8	109.3	101.1	109.6
Cleveland-----	101.0	99.4	106.1	95.9	92.7	110.8	96.6	110.5
Dallas (Nov. 1963=100)----	99.5	99.1	99.7	96.7	98.7	104.4	98.6	101.0
Detroit-----	101.0	99.7	101.5	93.7	104.6	108.3	97.2	109.0
Honolulu (Dec. 1963=100)---	100.6	100.6	102.3	99.4	99.1	103.3	99.8	100.3
Los Angeles-Long Beach-----	107.4	104.5	117.0	93.8	107.4	118.2	96.6	118.5
New York-----	107.5	104.4	110.7	97.7	101.4	119.8	100.4	121.4
Philadelphia-----	104.5	102.4	105.7	94.6	104.3	115.0	99.9	116.0
Pittsburgh-----	103.5	102.7	110.0	98.3	96.9	113.7	101.2	108.0
St. Louis-----	106.6	103.7	105.7	99.0	106.6	111.5	101.2	117.4
San Francisco-Oakland-----	107.0	104.3	109.4	98.2	107.1	114.5	99.1	118.9
Seattle-----	107.9	105.1	110.3	99.3	108.8	114.3	100.4	119.7
Washington-----	104.9	102.4	109.3	92.3	103.8	112.3	103.5	115.6
Percent Changes April 1964 to May 1964								
U.S. City Average-----	-0.2	-0.2	0.1	-0.4	-0.2	0	-0.6	0.1
Atlanta-----	0	0	.4	.7	0	-1.3	-.5	.2
Baltimore-----	Insufficient data due to work stoppage in food stores.							
Boston-----	.6	.7	.7	1.6	-.8	1.7	-.6	.3
Buffalo (Nov. 1963=100)----	-.2	-.3	.4	-.3	-.3	-.3	-.7	.4
Chicago-----	-.3	-.3	-.4	-.5	.1	-.9	.3	-.2
Cleveland-----	-.5	-.5	-.3	-.4	-.6	-1.0	-.5	.3
Dallas (Nov. 1963=100)----	-.6	-.8	.5	-.9	-.1	-1.4	-.9	0
Detroit-----	-.4	-.4	.1	-.5	-.4	-.1	-.8	.1
Honolulu (Dec. 1963=100)---	-.1	-.2	1.2	-1.1	0	0	.1	0
Los Angeles-Long Beach-----	-.5	-.6	.3	-.3	.2	-2.4	-.7	0
New York-----	0	-.1	.2	-.3	-.4	.8	-.6	.2
Philadelphia-----	0	-.1	0	-.2	-.1	0	-.4	.3
Pittsburgh-----	-.6	-.7	.3	-1.1	-.9	1.0	-1.6	-.2
St. Louis-----	-.1	-.2	.2	.1	-.8	-.4	-.3	0
San Francisco-Oakland-----	-.6	-.9	-1.8	-.7	.1	-1.5	-.4	.1
Seattle-----	-.7	-1.0	0	-2.2	.2	-.9	-1.3	0
Washington-----	-.3	-.5	.9	-2.2	0	.9	-.4	.1

<sup>1/</sup> See footnote 1, Table A-2.

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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, May 1964  
and percent changes from selected dates

Group	Indexes (1957-59=100)		Percent change to May 1964 from--			Indexes	
	May 1964	April 1964	April 1964	February 1964	May 1963	47-49=100 May 1964	1939=100 May 1964
All items-----	107.8	107.8	0	0.2	1.5	132.3	222.6
Food-----	105.5	105.7	-0.2	- .5	1.2	124.5	264.4
Food at home-----	103.6	103.9	- .3	- .7	1.1	120.4	255.6
Cereals and bakery products-----	108.9	108.8	.1	- .1	- .4	144.4	252.3
Meats, poultry, and fish-----	96.6	97.0	- .4	-1.7	-1.4	106.5	256.3
Dairy products-----	103.9	104.1	- .2	- .9	1.1	117.6	236.1
Fruits and vegetables-----	115.6	115.6	0	1.6	1.5	142.9	308.7
Other foods at home-----	100.5	101.0	- .5	-1.2	6.3	111.1	229.5
Food away from home-----	115.0	114.9	.1	.5	1.9	(7/)	(7/)
Housing-----	106.9	107.0	- .1	0	1.1	136.3	179.1
Shelter 1/-----	108.1	108.2	- .1	- .3	1.3	(7/)	(7/)
Rent-----	107.7	107.7	0	.2	1.0	148.1	171.0
Homeownership 2/-----	108.4	108.6	- .2	- .4	1.6	(7/)	(7/)
Fuel and utilities 3/-----	107.2	107.4	- .2	.4	.8	(7/)	(7/)
Fuel oil and coal 4/-----	102.1	103.3	-1.2	-4.2	- .3	139.2	246.7
Gas and electricity-----	108.0	108.0	0	1.6	.6	125.9	120.0
Household furnishings and operation--	102.9	102.9	0	.2	.6	(7/)	(7/)
Apparel and upkeep 5/-----	105.7	105.5	.2	.6	1.3	(7/)	(7/)
Men's and boys'-----	106.2	105.9	.3	1.1	1.9	115.4	227.3
Women's and girls'-----	102.3	102.1	.2	.5	1.2	101.6	186.4
Footwear-----	111.0	110.9	.1	.3	.6	145.4	289.0
Transportation-----	109.1	109.0	.1	.5	1.6	153.7	218.9
Private-----	107.7	107.6	.1	.5	1.6	140.3	214.3
Public-----	118.6	118.4	.2	.2	1.8	220.8	271.5
Health and recreation-----	113.5	113.4	.1	.5	2.5	(7/)	(7/)
Medical care-----	119.1	119.0	.1	.5	2.1	172.1	237.1
Personal care-----	108.9	108.7	.2	.5	1.0	139.5	234.2
Reading and recreation-----	114.1	114.0	.1	.7	3.1	132.1	209.7
Other goods and services 6/-----	108.7	108.6	.1	.3	2.5	138.5	196.3

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, May 1964  
and percent changes from selected dates

(1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)

Group	Indexes (1957-59=100)		Percent change to May 1964 from--			Indexes	
	May 1964	April 1964	April 1964	February 1964	May 1963	1947-49=100 May 1964	1939=100 May 1964
All items-----	107.9	108.0	- 0.1	0.3	1.6	132.4	222.8
Food-----	105.8	106.1	- .3	0	1.5	124.8	265.1
Food at home-----	104.0	104.3	- .3	0	1.5	120.8	256.6
Cereals and bakery products-----	109.1	109.2	- .1	0	- 0.2	144.7	252.8
Meats, poultry, and fish-----	96.7	97.5	- .8	- 1.5	- 1.3	106.7	256.5
Dairy products-----	103.5	103.8	- .3	- 1.1	.7	117.2	235.2
Fruits and vegetables-----	116.8	115.6	1.0	5.0	2.5	144.4	311.9
Other foods at home-----	100.1	101.2	- 1.1	- 2.2	5.9	110.6	228.5
Food away from home-----	115.3	115.1	.2	.6	2.1	(1/)	(1/)
Housing 2/-----	107.2	107.3	- .1	.3	1.4	136.7	179.6
Rent-----	107.8	107.7	.1	.4	1.1	148.2	171.1
Gas and electricity-----	108.5	108.4	.1	3.5	1.0	126.5	120.6
Solid and petroleum fuels-----	103.3	105.1	- 1.7	- 3.1	.9	140.8	249.6
Housefurnishings-----	99.0	99.0	0	.4	.6	103.1	193.0
Household operation-----	112.2	112.0	.2	.8	2.0	147.1	215.0
Apparel-----	104.7	104.6	.1	.5	1.0	112.2	213.9
Men's and boys'-----	106.0	105.8	.2	.5	1.7	115.2	226.9
Women's and girls'-----	101.5	101.3	.2	.6	.4	100.8	185.0
Footwear-----	111.6	111.4	.2	.4	1.2	146.2	290.6
Other apparel-----	101.6	101.6	0	.2	.7	93.6	230.4
Transportation-----	108.7	108.7	0	.4	1.2	153.2	218.1
Private-----	107.0	107.1	- .1	.4	.9	139.4	212.9
Public-----	119.6	119.6	0	.2	2.7	222.7	273.8
Medical care-----	119.4	119.1	.3	.8	2.3	172.5	237.7
Personal care-----	109.1	109.0	.1	.3	1.2	139.8	234.6
Reading and recreation-----	114.1	114.3	- .2	.3	3.1	132.1	209.7
Other goods and services-----	108.4	108.5	- .1	.1	2.3	138.1	195.7
Special groups:							
All items less food-----	108.7	108.7	0	.4	1.6	136.3	197.3
All items less shelter-----	107.8	107.9	- .1	.3	1.6	129.8	234.3
Commodities-----	104.9	105.0	- .1	.2	1.3	121.2	234.9
Nondurables-----	105.6	105.8	- .2	.2	1.3	124.0	241.3
Food-----	105.8	106.1	- .3	0	1.5	124.8	265.1
Nondurables less food-----	105.4	105.5	- .1	.3	1.2	123.4	210.2
Apparel-----	104.5	104.4	.1	.5	1.0	112.0	215.0
Apparel less footwear-----	103.2	103.0	.2	.5	1.0	106.2	(1/)
Nondurables less food and apparel-----	105.9	106.2	- .3	.1	1.1	133.1	202.0
Durables-----	101.8	101.7	.1	.1	.8	112.8	196.9
New cars-----	100.8	101.0	- .2	- 1.3	.3	135.5	237.6
Used cars-----	119.6	118.9	.6	2.1	3.4	(1/)	(1/)
Durables less cars-----	98.9	98.8	.1	.2	.6	102.0	178.0
Commodities less food-----	104.0	104.0	0	.2	1.0	118.1	198.8
Services-----	113.5	113.6	- .1	.4	2.2	161.2	200.3
Rent-----	107.8	107.7	.1	.4	1.1	148.2	171.1
Services less rent-----	114.6	114.6	0	.5	2.4	164.2	223.5
Household operation services, gas, and electricity-----	112.3	112.2	.1	1.6	1.9	147.3	169.3
Transportation services-----	115.2	115.2	0	.3	2.7	199.1	248.5
Medical care services-----	122.9	122.5	.3	.8	2.5	183.4	260.1
Other services 3/-----	113.0	113.3	- .3	- .2	2.4	145.9	250.1
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (Reference period=\$1.00)-----	\$0.927	\$0.926	.1	- .2	- 1.6	\$0.756	\$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 May 1964 from--		Indexes 1947-49=100 1939=100	
	May 1964	February 1964	May 1963	February 1964	May 1963	May 1964	May 1964
United States city average-----	107.9	107.6	106.2	0.3	1.6	132.4	222.8
Cities priced monthly 1/							
Chicago-----	106.1	105.9	105.3	.2	.8	133.8	228.4
Detroit-----	103.9	103.6	102.4	.3	1.5	128.1	217.1
Los Angeles-----	109.8	108.9	107.6	.8	2.0	136.9	226.7
New York-----	110.1	109.9	107.8	.2	2.1	132.7	220.7
Philadelphia-----	108.6	108.4	106.2	.2	2.3	133.4	225.3
Cities priced in February, May, August, November 2/	May 1964	February 1964	May 1963	February 1964	May 1963	May 1964	May 1964
Cleveland-----	104.9	105.2	104.3	- .3	.6	130.3	220.2
Houston-----	106.9	107.2	104.4	- .3	2.4	131.7	221.3
Scranton-----	108.7	108.8	106.7	- .1	1.9	129.7	221.7
Seattle-----	109.4	109.4	107.4	0	1.9	137.5	232.4
Washington, D.C.-----	107.9	107.4	106.1	.5	1.7	129.9	215.0
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

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 April 1964 to May 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-----	-0.1	-0.3	-0.1	0.1	0	0.3	0.1	-0.2	-0.1
Chicago-----	.2	- .2	- .1	.2	2.0	0	.3	.7	.2
Detroit-----	- .3	- .3	0	- .2	-1.8	.1	0	- .1	0
Los Angeles-----	- .3	-1.1	.5	.2	- .3	0	- .3	.1	- .1
New York-----	- .1	- .2	0	.2	0	- .1	- .1	- .1	- .2
Philadelphia-----	- .3	- .5	0	- .6	.1	0	- .2	-1.2	- .1

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

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Group	U.S. City Average	Chicago	Cleve- land	Detroit	Houston	Los Angeles	New York	Phila- delphia	Scranton	Seattle	Washington, D.C.
Indexes (1957-59=100)											
All items-----	107.9	106.1	104.9	103.9	106.9	109.8	110.1	108.6	108.7	109.4	107.9
Food-----	105.8	105.8	101.4	101.9	104.6	107.8	107.4	105.2	104.7	108.4	105.2
Food at home-----	104.0	105.0	99.8	100.6	101.7	105.1	104.2	103.1	102.8	105.9	103.0
Cereals and bakery products--	109.1	106.0	106.2	100.8	106.7	117.2	111.3	105.2	107.5	110.5	109.0
Meats, poultry, and fish----	96.7	99.2	96.5	93.3	94.3	94.7	97.6	95.0	97.0	98.4	93.5
Dairy products-----	103.5	110.8	93.7	104.9	101.4	108.0	100.8	104.6	98.9	108.5	103.3
Fruits and vegetables-----	116.8	113.8	110.8	111.4	112.3	118.7	119.0	117.7	116.7	118.0	114.1
Other foods at home-----	100.1	101.2	96.1	98.0	100.1	96.8	99.1	99.9	99.8	101.5	102.2
Housing-----	107.2	105.2	102.2	98.7	105.5	110.1	111.6	108.8	106.8	111.0	106.0
Rent-----	107.8	105.6	101.2	-----	100.4	108.4	-----	109.0	108.3	108.9	111.4
Gas and electricity-----	108.5	106.5	107.4	105.8	133.5	114.2	104.6	103.7	105.5	100.1	107.0
Solid and petroleum fuels-----	103.3	101.4	105.8	101.0	-----	-----	107.0	106.1	95.5	104.0	99.9
Housefurnishings-----	99.0	101.0	95.0	98.7	99.8	100.3	103.8	97.7	95.6	99.3	100.4
Household operation-----	112.2	109.1	111.0	110.1	114.5	106.8	115.5	118.4	112.7	119.8	113.6
Apparel-----	104.7	100.3	104.5	107.7	106.1	105.8	105.6	104.5	105.0	109.3	107.6
Men's and boys'-----	106.0	101.6	105.3	105.1	108.4	107.6	107.5	106.3	107.7	111.1	105.8
Women's and girls'-----	101.5	95.5	100.2	108.8	103.8	103.7	102.5	101.3	102.7	105.8	106.8
Footwear-----	111.6	109.9	114.6	112.0	111.3	110.8	111.9	111.3	108.3	116.9	113.9
Other apparel-----	101.6	98.3	103.5	101.9	101.9	101.6	102.1	102.3	100.4	106.5	106.4
Transportation-----	108.7	107.0	109.4	102.8	108.5	114.1	106.4	113.3	110.1	107.4	108.6
Private-----	107.0	107.1	107.2	100.5	106.1	110.5	108.4	110.3	107.7	106.0	107.7
Public-----	119.6	107.4	121.7	114.4	124.3	138.5	100.6	123.7	125.3	118.7	113.8
Medical care-----	119.4	128.1	128.7	124.1	113.1	118.4	119.1	123.4	118.0	111.8	127.8
Personal care-----	109.1	111.2	103.6	107.1	113.9	107.9	108.4	106.0	115.0	105.8	108.0
Reading and recreation-----	114.1	100.0	107.6	110.1	113.8	105.9	124.4	110.0	132.1	107.0	116.0
Other goods and services-----	108.4	101.2	106.9	109.1	107.9	107.4	110.8	110.2	112.6	110.2	103.7
Percent change from February 1964 to May 1964											
All items-----	0.3	0.2	- 0.3	0.3	- 0.3	0.8	0.2	0.2	- 0.1	0	0.5
Food-----	0	.2	- .6	.8	- .9	- .1	0	0	- .3	0.8	.5
Food at home-----	0	.1	- .8	.7	- 1.3	- .3	- .4	0	- .3	.8	.5
Cereals and bakery products--	0	- 2.5	- .8	- .3	- .2	.6	.1	.4	- .7	.4	- .1
Meats, poultry, and fish----	- 1.5	- 1.7	- 1.4	- 2.3	- 1.5	- .1	- 1.2	- .4	- 2.2	- 2.2	- 1.5
Dairy products-----	- 1.1	- .1	- 3.9	.2	- 2.3	.3	- 2.4	- .9	- 3.5	.3	- .1
Fruits and vegetables-----	5.0	5.9	4.2	9.2	.9	.9	4.2	4.9	8.1	6.4	7.3
Other foods at home-----	- 2.2	- .4	- 2.0	- 1.7	- 2.8	- 2.6	- 2.3	- 3.5	- 2.6	.4	- 1.9
Housing-----	.3	- .1	- .3	.4	- .5	.6	.1	- .2	- .2	- .4	- .1
Rent-----	.4	1/ .5	.1	-----	.6	1/ - .1	-----	1/ 0	.7	- .8	.4
Gas and electricity-----	3.5	.2	0	.5	.8	- .3	.6	0	0	0	1.7
Solid and petroleum fuels-----	- 3.1	- 3.3	- 3.2	- .5	-----	-----	- 3.9	- 3.6	- 5.9	0	- 5.8
Housefurnishings-----	.4	.7	- .3	.4	- .4	- .2	.1	- .7	- .4	1.6	.9
Household operation-----	.8	.2	.2	3.8	.2	.8	.2	.3	.7	1.3	1.2
Apparel-----	.5	.8	.6	.2	- 1.1	.3	1.0	- .1	.4	.9	1.6
Men's and boys'-----	.5	- .2	1.3	1.1	1.2	0	.1	.7	.6	.3	1.5
Women's and girls'-----	.6	2.1	.4	- .5	- 3.4	.3	1.9	- .9	.2	1.4	2.5
Footwear-----	.4	.4	0	.4	.2	.8	.5	.6	.7	.6	.2
Other apparel-----	.2	- .2	.6	.2	- .6	.2	.3	.1	.2	.8	.9
Transportation-----	.4	.3	.2	- .3	1.4	3.6	- .2	.8	- .3	- 1.7	.2
Private-----	.4	.4	.2	- .4	.4	4.3	- .3	1.0	- .4	- 2.0	.2
Public-----	.2	0	0	0	8.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Medical care-----	.8	.5	.2	.2	.7	.6	.1	1.1	.1	.4	.4
Personal care-----	.3	.3	- .1	.5	.4	2.2	.5	.2	.3	0	1.3
Reading and recreation-----	.3	.7	- .1	- .8	- .2	1.8	1.3	.8	- .2	1.3	2.0
Other goods and services-----	.1	- .7	- 1.1	0	- .2	.2	- .1	.1	0	- .2	- .1

1/ Change from March 1964 to May 1964.

TABLE C-5: Consumer Price Index--Food and its subgroups  
May 1964 indexes and percent changes, April 1964 to May 1964  
U.S. city average and 20 large cities  
(1957-59=100)

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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	-0.3	104.0	-0.3	109.1	-0.1	96.7	-0.8	103.5	-0.3	116.8	1.0	100.1	-1.1
Atlanta-----	104.5	.3	103.9	.3	103.6	.5	98.7	.6	102.6	0	113.9	0.8	104.5	-.2
Baltimore-----	Insufficient data due to work stoppage in food stores.													
Boston-----	109.3	.6	105.8	.6	109.3	-.3	102.5	1.7	98.1	-.9	121.4	2.6	101.5	-1.0
Chicago-----	105.8	-.2	105.0	-.3	106.0	-1.9	99.2	-.7	110.8	0	113.8	1.0	101.2	0
Cincinnati-----	103.9	.6	102.3	.7	108.7	.8	98.0	.9	100.7	.1	114.3	2.9	96.8	-1.1
Cleveland-----	101.4	-.6	99.8	-.7	106.2	-.6	96.5	-.9	93.7	-.7	110.8	-.1	96.1	-.9
Detroit-----	101.9	-.3	100.6	-.4	100.8	-.3	93.3	-.9	104.9	0	111.4	.8	98.0	-1.4
Houston-----	104.6	-.6	101.7	-.8	106.7	-.1	94.3	.2	101.4	0	112.3	-1.6	100.1	-2.0
Kansas City-----	106.3	-.2	105.4	-.3	110.1	0	95.4	-2.2	108.3	.7	117.3	.4	103.9	.5
Los Angeles-----	107.8	-1.1	105.1	-1.5	117.2	.3	94.7	-.4	108.0	.2	118.7	-4.8	96.8	-1.6
Minneapolis-----	104.2	.5	102.5	.5	103.3	.2	96.6	.6	105.6	.3	113.2	2.1	99.0	-.7
New York-----	107.4	-.2	104.2	-.3	111.3	-.1	97.6	-1.3	100.8	-.7	119.0	1.8	99.1	-.9
Philadelphia-----	105.2	-.5	103.1	-.6	105.2	0	95.0	-.5	104.6	0	117.7	.1	99.9	-2.1
Pittsburgh-----	103.7	-.7	102.8	-.7	108.4	-.5	96.7	-3.0	97.7	-1.1	117.4	5.1	100.4	-2.5
Portland, Oreg.-----	106.4	-.4	105.1	-.3	108.4	.4	97.1	-1.9	107.1	.8	118.9	-.5	100.7	.3
St. Louis-----	106.9	.1	104.2	.3	107.0	.7	97.9	.3	106.4	0	113.4	.4	101.8	.1
San Francisco-----	108.1	-.5	105.3	-.6	110.9	.2	99.2	-.5	106.5	-.1	116.3	-1.9	99.4	-.3
Scranton-----	104.7	.2	102.8	.2	107.5	.2	97.0	-1.1	98.9	-1.4	116.7	5.2	99.8	-.9
Seattle-----	108.4	-.5	105.9	-.7	110.5	.4	98.4	-1.6	108.5	.1	118.0	-.8	101.5	-.5
Washington, D. C.-----	105.2	-.2	103.0	-.2	109.0	.2	93.5	-1.3	103.3	0	114.1	1.9	102.2	-1.0

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

OLD SERIES

Food and unit	May 1964	April 1964	Food and unit	May 1964	April 1964
	Cents	Cents		Cents	Cents
Cereals and bakery products:					
Flour, wheat-----5 lb.	57.8	57.6	Fresh--Continued		
Biscuit mix-----40 oz.	48.8	48.6	Grapefruit-----each	19.2	16.4
Macaroni-----16 oz.	25.0	25.1	Peaches *-----lb.	*	*
Corn meal-----1 lb.	14.5	14.5	Strawberries *-----pt.	37.4	40.2
Rolled oats-----18 oz.	25.2	24.8	Grapes, seedless *-----lb.	*	*
Corn flakes-----12 oz.	28.8	28.5	Watermelons *-----lb.	*	*
Rice, short grain-----lb.	19.3	19.3	Potatoes-----10 lb.	75.0	69.5
Rice, long grain-----lb.	21.7	21.6	Sweet potatoes-----lb.	18.3	16.9
Bread, white-----1 lb.	21.4	21.5	Corn *-----doz. ears	125.7	131.9
Soda crackers-----1 lb.	31.0	31.0	Onions-----1 lb.	11.3	11.9
Sandwich cookies-----16 oz.	51.7	51.9	Carrots-----1 lb.	14.1	13.8
Meats, poultry, and fish:					
Round steak-----1 lb.	102.3	103.1	Lettuce-----head	21.0	21.7
Sirloin steak-----lb.	104.2	104.5	Celery-----1 lb.	14.2	16.0
Chuck roast-----1 lb.	55.7	56.6	Cabbage-----1 lb.	10.8	10.5
Rib roast-----1 lb.	81.6	81.9	Tomatoes-----1 lb.	37.0	39.0
Hamburger-----1 lb.	49.1	49.5	Beans, green-----1 lb.	26.6	26.3
Veal cutlets-----1 lb.	151.1	151.6	Canned:		
Pork chops, center cut-----lb.	83.1	84.3	Orange juice-----46 oz. can	64.7	65.0
Pork roast-----1 lb.	58.3	58.8	Pineapple juice-----46 oz. can	38.5	38.1
Bacon, sliced-----1 lb.	66.8	67.2	Peaches-----#2 1/2 can	34.6	34.4
Ham, whole-----1 lb.	58.8	59.5	Pineapple-----#2 can	40.0	40.0
Lamb, leg-----1 lb.	73.7	73.7	Fruit cocktail-----#303 can	27.7	27.7
Frankfurters-----1 lb.	62.5	62.5	Corn, cream style-----#303 can	18.9	19.0
Luncheon meat, canned-----12 oz.	48.8	49.1	Peas, green-----#303 can	22.7	22.7
Frying chickens, ready-to-cook-----lb.	37.8	38.4	Tomatoes-----#303 can	16.2	16.2
Ocean perch, fillet, frozen-----lb.	52.5	53.0	Tomato juice-----46 oz. can	32.9	32.6
Haddock, fillet, frozen-----lb.	59.7	59.5	Baby foods-----4 1/2 to 5 oz.	10.9	10.9
Salmon, pink, canned-----16 oz.	67.4	67.8	Dried:		
Tuna fish, canned-----6 to 6 1/2 oz.	33.3	33.3	Prunes-----1 lb.	40.4	40.4
Dairy products:					
Milk, fresh, (grocery)-----qt.	23.9	24.0	Beans-----1 lb.	17.4	17.4
Milk, fresh, (delivered)-----qt.	25.8	25.9	Other foods at home:		
Ice cream-----1/2 gal.	84.1	84.4	Tomato soup-----10 1/2 to 11 oz. can	12.4	12.4
Butter-----1 lb.	75.1	75.2	Beans, with pork-----16 oz. can	15.0	15.1
Cheese, American process-----1 lb.	37.2	37.1	Pickles, sliced-----15 oz.	27.3	27.4
Milk, evaporated-----14 1/2 oz. can	15.4	15.4	Catsup, tomato-----14 oz.	21.9	22.0
Fruits and vegetables:					
Frozen:					
Strawberries-----10 oz.	28.0	28.0	Potato chips-----4 oz.	27.9	28.1
Orange juice concentrate-----6 oz.	31.7	32.7	Coffee-----1 lb. can	82.8	81.1
Lemonade concentrate-----6 oz.	14.5	14.9	Coffee-----1 lb. bag	72.6	70.9
Peas, green-----10 oz.	20.8	20.8	Coffee, instant-----6 oz.	110.0	107.8
Beans, green-----9 oz.	23.7	23.6	Tea bags-----48 pkg.	63.2	62.8
Potatoes, french fried-----9 oz.	17.7	17.8	Cola drink, carton-----72 oz.	55.1	55.0
Fresh:					
Apples-----1 lb.	17.9	16.8	Shortening, hydrogenated-----3 lb.	80.5	82.2
Bananas-----1 lb.	18.1	17.0	Margarine, colored-----1 lb.	27.7	27.7
Oranges, size 200-----doz.	84.4	85.4	Lard-----1 lb.	20.0	20.0
Lemons-----1 lb.	20.7	21.2	Salad dressing-----pt.	38.3	38.4
			Peanut butter-----1 lb.	57.9	57.9
			Sugar-----5 lb.	68.3	70.1
			Corn syrup-----24 oz.	30.1	30.1
			Grape jelly-----12 oz.	31.6	31.6
			Chocolate bar-----1 oz.	5.2	5.2
			Eggs, Grade A, large-----doz.	49.3	52.5
			Gelatin, flavored-----3 to 4 oz.	10.4	10.4

\* 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.

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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