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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR JULY 1964

The Consumer Price Index rose by 0.3 percent in July, the United States Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics announced today. Sharp increases in prices of meats and fresh fruits and vegetables were primarily responsible for the increase. Costs of transportation and health and personal care also rose over the month, while apparel prices were lower.

At 108.3 percent of its 1957-59 average, the July index was 1.1 percent higher than a year ago. Most consumer goods and services have advanced in price since July 1963, except for meats, eggs, sugar, fuel oil, and household durables.

FOOD A sharp rise in meat prices was chiefly responsible for an 0.9 percent increase in the food index over the month. Higher prices for fresh fruits and vegetables and eggs were also reported in July.

Meat prices averaged 2.4 percent higher as substantial increases were reported for most beef and fresh pork items. This reflects partly normal seasonal movements, and partly the effects of Government and industry programs to promote consumption. Pork prices continued their seasonal upward trend and poultry prices also advanced. Despite the rise, meat prices were still 1.4 percent below year-ago levels.

Fruit and vegetable prices rose 1.7 percent in July. Adverse weather conditions accentuated the usual seasonal decline in marketings of potatoes, celery, and tomatoes, while seasonal declines in supply resulted in higher prices for apples and oranges. Prices of lettuce, cucumbers, and green peppers declined in July, reflecting increased supplies.

TRANSPORTATION Transportation costs rose 0.2 percent over the month, largely because of seasonally higher prices for gasoline and increases in automobile insurance rates in a number of areas. New car prices declined 0.2 percent as some dealers with sizeable inventories offered higher concessions.

OTHER GROUPS Costs of health care and recreation rose by 0.2 percent, with higher fees for medical and hospital services, toiletries and personal care services, and tobacco products.

The index of housing costs was unchanged, on the average, as lower prices for housefurnishings, fuel oil, and electricity offset increased costs of home-ownership and housekeeping supplies and services.

Apparel prices declined 0.2 percent largely because of seasonal markdowns on summer wear.

COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENTS Information is not available on cost-of-living escalator adjustments that will result from the July index. Several major companies have cost-of-living escalator clauses that provide for adjustments effective in September, but reportedly they have not yet decided how these clauses will be interpreted, because they are tied to the old series index which is no longer published.

OTHER BASES

The Consumer Price Index for July 1964 and the purchasing power of the consumer dollar on the bases of 1947-49 and 1939 are shown

below:

| <u>Base</u> | <u>Index</u> | <u>Purchasing power</u> |
|-------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|
| 1947-49=100 (or \$1.00) | 132.9 | \$0.752 |
| 1939=100 (or \$1.00) | 223.6 | .447 |

:The first set of the attached tables (A-1 etc.) presents the new index series, :
 :covering both single workers living alone and families. The analysis contained in :
 :this report is based on these tables. Table B-1 presents a new index series for :
 :families only (excluding single workers). The old series index, U.S. city average, :
 :was discontinued after June 1964. However, indexes for several cities will be pub- :
 :lished on the old basis for a short time. These are shown on Table C-1. :
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TABLE A-1: Consumer Price Index--United States City Average
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers
Major group, subgroup, and special group indexes, July 1964
and percent changes from selected dates

| Group | Indexes (1957-59=100) | | | Percent change to July 1964 from -- | | |
|---|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|--|---------------|--------------|
| | July 1964 | June 1964 | July 1963 | June 1964 | April 1964 | July 1963 |
| All items ----- | 108.3 | 108.0 | 107.1 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 1.1 |
| Food ----- | 107.2 | 106.2 | 106.2 | .9 | 1.4 | .9 |
| Food at home ----- | 105.7 | 104.4 | 104.8 | 1.2 | 1.7 | .9 |
| Cereals and bakery products ----- | 109.2 | 109.2 | 109.2 | 0 | .4 | 0 |
| Meats, poultry, and fish ----- | 98.9 | 96.8 | 100.2 | 2.2 | 2.0 | -1.3 |
| Dairy products ----- | 104.3 | 104.0 | 103.3 | .3 | .2 | 1.0 |
| Fruits and vegetables ----- | 122.3 | 120.2 | 118.7 | 1.7 | 5.7 | 3.0 |
| Other foods at home ----- | 101.0 | 100.3 | 97.8 | .7 | -.1 | 3.3 |
| Food away from home ----- | 115.2 | 115.1 | 113.1 | .1 | .3 | 1.9 |
| Housing ----- | 107.1 | 107.1 | 106.0 | 0 | .1 | 1.0 |
| Shelter <u>1/</u> ----- | 108.6 | 108.4 | 107.0 | .2 | .4 | 1.5 |
| Rent ----- | 107.8 | 107.8 | 106.7 | 0 | .1 | 1.0 |
| Homeownership <u>2/</u> ----- | 108.9 | 108.7 | 107.1 | .2 | .3 | 1.7 |
| Fuel and utilities <u>3/</u> ----- | 107.0 | 107.1 | 106.7 | -.1 | -.4 | .3 |
| Fuel oil and coal <u>4/</u> ----- | 100.9 | 101.4 | 102.3 | -.5 | -2.3 | -1.4 |
| Gas and electricity ----- | 107.9 | 108.1 | 108.1 | -.2 | -.1 | -.2 |
| Household furnishings and operation --- | 102.8 | 102.9 | 102.4 | -.1 | -.1 | .4 |
| Apparel and upkeep <u>5/</u> ----- | 105.5 | 105.7 | 104.5 | -.2 | -.1 | 1.0 |
| Men's and boys' ----- | 106.0 | 106.3 | 104.5 | -.3 | -.1 | 1.4 |
| Women's and girls' ----- | 101.9 | 102.2 | 101.2 | -.3 | -.3 | .7 |
| Footwear ----- | 110.8 | 111.0 | 110.5 | -.2 | -.1 | .3 |
| Transportation ----- | 109.4 | 109.2 | 107.8 | .2 | .4 | 1.5 |
| Private ----- | 107.9 | 107.8 | 106.4 | .1 | .3 | 1.4 |
| Public ----- | 119.0 | 118.9 | 116.6 | .1 | .5 | 2.1 |
| Health and recreation ----- | 113.7 | 113.5 | 111.7 | .2 | .3 | 1.8 |
| Medical care ----- | 119.5 | 119.3 | 117.3 | .2 | .4 | 1.9 |
| Personal care ----- | 109.3 | 109.1 | 108.0 | .2 | .6 | 1.2 |
| Reading and recreation ----- | 114.1 | 114.0 | 111.5 | .1 | .1 | 2.3 |
| Other goods and services <u>6/</u> ----- | 108.9 | 108.7 | 108.0 | .2 | .3 | .8 |
| <u>Special groups:</u> | | | | | | |
| All items less shelter ----- | 108.2 | 107.9 | 107.1 | .3 | .5 | 1.0 |
| All items less food ----- | 108.8 | 108.8 | 107.5 | 0 | .2 | 1.2 |
| Commodities <u>7/</u> ----- | 105.3 | 105.0 | 104.6 | .3 | .4 | .7 |
| Nondurables ----- | 106.3 | 105.8 | 105.5 | .5 | .7 | .8 |
| Durables <u>7/ 8/</u> ----- | 102.9 | 102.9 | 102.1 | 0 | 0 | .8 |
| Services <u>9/</u> ----- | 115.3 | 115.1 | 113.1 | .2 | .4 | 1.9 |
| Commodities less food <u>7/</u> ----- | 104.3 | 104.3 | 103.5 | 0 | 0 | .8 |
| Nondurables less food ----- | 105.6 | 105.6 | 104.8 | 0 | 0 | .8 |
| Apparel commodities ----- | 104.7 | 104.9 | 103.7 | -.2 | 0 | 1.0 |
| Apparel less footwear ----- | 103.4 | 103.7 | 102.4 | -.3 | -.1 | 1.0 |
| Nondurables less food and apparel --- | 106.1 | 106.0 | 105.5 | .1 | 0 | .6 |
| New cars ----- | 100.6 | 100.8 | 100.5 | -.2 | -1.0 | .1 |
| Used cars ----- | 122.7 | 122.7 | 118.1 | 0 | 1.5 | 3.9 |
| Household durables <u>10/</u> ----- | 98.3 | 98.5 | 98.5 | -.2 | -.4 | -.2 |
| Housefurnishings ----- | 98.4 | 98.6 | 98.5 | -.2 | -.3 | -.1 |
| Services less rent <u>9/</u> ----- | 117.0 | 116.8 | 114.6 | .2 | .4 | 2.1 |
| Household services less rent ----- | 114.8 | 114.7 | 113.1 | .1 | .3 | 1.5 |
| Transportation services ----- | 114.9 | 114.7 | 112.4 | .2 | .4 | 2.2 |
| Medical care services ----- | 123.4 | 123.1 | 120.6 | .2 | .6 | 2.3 |
| Other services <u>11/</u> ----- | 118.6 | 118.4 | 115.3 | .2 | .3 | 2.9 |
| Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1957-59 = \$1.00) ----- | \$0.923 | \$0.926 | \$0.934 | -.3 | -.5 | -1.2 |

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.

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

| Area <u>1/</u> | Pricing Schedule <u>2/</u> | Indexes | | | Percent change from: | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------------|-----------|
| | | 1957-59=100 | 1947-49=100 | Other bases | April 1964 | July 1963 |
| | | July 1964 | | | | |
| U.S. City Average ----- | M | 108.3 | 132.9 | | 0.5 | 1.1 |
| Chicago ----- | M | 106.6 | 134.4 | | .9 | .3 |
| Detroit ----- | M | 104.2 | 128.5 | | .4 | .3 |
| Los Angeles-Long Beach ----- | M | 109.9 | 137.0 | | 0 | 1.8 |
| New York ----- | M | 110.5 | 133.2 | | .4 | 1.2 |
| Philadelphia ----- | M | 108.8 | 133.6 | | .4 | 1.3 |
| | | July 1964 | | | April 1964 | July 1963 |
| Boston ----- | 1 | 111.2 | 137.8 | | .5 | 1.3 |
| Pittsburgh ----- | 1 | 108.8 | 134.0 | | .6 | .8 |
| | | May 1964 | | | February 1964 | May 1963 |
| Buffalo (Nov. 1963=100) ----- | 2 | ----- | ----- | 100.7 | .6 | ----- |
| Cleveland ----- | 2 | 104.5 | 129.8 | | -.7 | .2 |
| Dallas (Nov. 1963=100) ----- | 2 | ----- | ----- | 100.3 | .6 | ----- |
| Seattle ----- | 2 | 109.1 | 137.1 | | -.3 | 1.6 |
| Washington ----- | 2 | 107.5 | 129.4 | | .2 | 1.3 |
| | | June 1964 | | | March 1964 | June 1963 |
| Atlanta ----- | 3 | 106.3 | 131.6 | | -.3 | 1.3 |
| Baltimore ----- | 3 | 108.0 | 134.0 | | .5 | 1.1 |
| Honolulu (Dec. 1963=100) ----- | 3 | ----- | ----- | 99.9 | -.6 | ----- |
| St. Louis ----- | 3 | 107.7 | 133.7 | | .2 | 2.0 |
| San Francisco-Oakland ----- | 3 | 110.6 | 140.4 | | .6 | 1.6 |

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.

NEW SERIES
(Including Single Workers)TABLE A-3: Consumer Price Index--The United States and Selected Areas 1/
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Major Groups
Percent change from June 1964 to July 1964

| Group | U.S. city average | Chicago | Detroit | Los Angeles-Long Beach | New York | Philadelphia |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|---------|---------|------------------------|----------|--------------|
| All items ----- | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.6 | -0.1 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| Food ----- | .9 | 1.0 | 1.2 | .7 | 1.1 | .9 |
| Housing ----- | 0 | .2 | 0 | .4 | -.1 | .2 |
| Apparel and upkeep ----- | -.2 | -.2 | 0 | 0 | -.2 | -.6 |
| Transportation ----- | .2 | .7 | 1.7 | -2.6 | .1 | .9 |
| Health and recreation ----- | .2 | .3 | .2 | 0 | .1 | 0 |
| Medical care ----- | .2 | .5 | 0 | .4 | 0 | .6 |
| Personal care ----- | .2 | .2 | .6 | .1 | .5 | -.2 |
| Reading and recreation ----- | .1 | .2 | .5 | -.5 | .2 | -.4 |
| Other goods and services ----- | .2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -.1 | 0 |

1/ See footnote 1, Table A-2.

TABLE A-4: Consumer Price Index--United States and Selected Areas 1/
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Commodity Groups
July 1964 Indexes and Percent Changes from April 1964

| Group | U.S. city Average | Boston | Chicago | Detroit | Los Angeles- Long Beach | New York | Phila- delphia | Pitts- burgh |
|--|-------------------------|--------|---------|---------|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Indexes (1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified) | | | | | | | | |
| All items----- | 108.3 | 111.2 | 106.6 | 104.2 | 109.9 | 110.5 | 108.8 | 108.8 |
| Food----- | 107.2 | 111.0 | 106.8 | 103.0 | 108.3 | 109.2 | 105.8 | 105.9 |
| Food at home----- | 105.7 | 108.5 | 106.3 | 102.1 | 105.5 | 106.5 | 103.9 | 105.3 |
| Cereals and bakery products----- | 109.2 | 112.8 | 108.0 | 102.4 | 117.8 | 111.1 | 105.3 | 109.5 |
| Meats, poultry, and fish----- | 98.9 | 103.3 | 101.0 | 96.6 | 94.6 | 100.2 | 95.7 | 102.5 |
| Dairy products----- | 104.3 | 101.0 | 110.8 | 104.2 | 107.7 | 101.4 | 106.4 | 96.2 |
| Fruits and vegetables----- | 122.3 | 129.8 | 117.9 | 115.0 | 123.7 | 125.7 | 119.3 | 121.3 |
| Other foods at home----- | 101.0 | 102.6 | 101.5 | 97.8 | 96.0 | 101.3 | 100.9 | 102.0 |
| Food away from home----- | 115.2 | 121.8 | 109.8 | 109.1 | 119.1 | 122.0 | 116.1 | 109.4 |
| Housing----- | 107.1 | 112.8 | 105.5 | 98.4 | 110.1 | 111.5 | 108.6 | 107.9 |
| Shelter----- | 108.6 | 118.4 | 105.9 | 95.6 | 113.1 | 114.3 | 110.0 | 105.6 |
| Rent----- | 107.8 | 118.8 | 105.5 | ----- | 108.5 | ----- | 109.0 | 106.4 |
| Homeownership----- | 108.9 | 118.0 | 106.1 | 95.9 | 114.4 | 112.5 | 110.3 | 105.2 |
| Fuel and utilities----- | 107.0 | 105.7 | 105.1 | 103.5 | 105.7 | 104.1 | 105.6 | 114.9 |
| Fuel oil and coal----- | 100.9 | 103.4 | 101.2 | 97.7 | ----- | 102.3 | 100.1 | ----- |
| Gas and electricity----- | 107.9 | 103.3 | 105.6 | 105.9 | 112.7 | 104.5 | 103.9 | 114.0 |
| Household furnishings and operation-- | 102.8 | 104.9 | 105.1 | 100.5 | 103.2 | 107.7 | 103.6 | 105.6 |
| Apparel and upkeep----- | 105.5 | 106.6 | 101.9 | 106.4 | 106.8 | 108.2 | 108.1 | 107.2 |
| Men's and boys'----- | 106.0 | 100.8 | 102.1 | 103.2 | 108.3 | 109.2 | 104.7 | 104.8 |
| Women's and girls'----- | 101.9 | 105.2 | 97.4 | 108.7 | 105.0 | 102.4 | 103.5 | 100.5 |
| Footwear----- | 110.8 | 110.9 | 108.7 | 110.2 | 109.7 | 111.9 | 108.5 | 115.6 |
| Transportation----- | 109.4 | 111.2 | 107.9 | 104.7 | 114.3 | 106.1 | 113.9 | 111.3 |
| Private----- | 107.9 | 105.0 | 108.1 | 102.8 | 110.3 | 108.1 | 110.9 | 106.8 |
| Public----- | 119.0 | 131.6 | 107.4 | 114.4 | 138.5 | 100.6 | 124.8 | 126.0 |
| Health and recreation----- | 113.7 | 112.4 | 110.4 | 114.5 | 110.2 | 116.3 | 114.0 | 115.7 |
| Medical care----- | 119.5 | 118.4 | 128.2 | 124.7 | 118.5 | 119.0 | 123.4 | 128.2 |
| Personal care----- | 109.3 | 110.5 | 111.3 | 108.6 | 108.4 | 108.5 | 107.0 | 106.1 |
| Reading and recreation----- | 114.1 | 117.6 | 100.3 | 110.9 | 103.0 | 122.4 | 111.3 | 111.7 |
| Other goods and services----- | 108.9 | 102.7 | 101.5 | 109.1 | 107.4 | 111.3 | 110.1 | 110.8 |
| Percent changes April 1964 to July 1964 | | | | | | | | |
| All items----- | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.9 | 0.4 | 0 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.6 |
| Food----- | 1.4 | 2.3 | 1.6 | 1.6 | .4 | 1.6 | 1.2 | 1.7 |
| Food at home----- | 1.7 | 2.8 | 2.0 | 2.0 | .4 | 1.9 | 1.4 | 1.8 |
| Cereals and bakery products----- | .4 | 1.7 | .3 | 1.0 | 1.0 | .5 | -.4 | -.2 |
| Meats, poultry, and fish----- | 2.0 | 2.1 | 2.2 | 2.5 | .5 | 2.2 | .9 | 3.1 |
| Dairy products----- | .2 | 2.4 | .1 | -.8 | .5 | -.4 | 1.9 | -1.6 |
| Fruits and vegetables----- | 5.7 | 9.1 | 6.9 | 6.1 | 2.1 | 5.8 | 3.7 | 7.7 |
| Other foods at home----- | -.1 | -.4 | -.7 | -.2 | -1.3 | .3 | .6 | -.8 |
| Food away from home----- | .3 | .5 | 0 | .2 | .5 | .7 | .4 | 1.1 |
| Housing----- | .1 | -.7 | .4 | -.2 | .7 | .1 | .7 | .3 |
| Shelter----- | .4 | -.7 | .9 | -.1 | 1.3 | .4 | 1.6 | .4 |
| Rent----- | .1 | .5 | 2/- .2 | ----- | 2/ .1 | ----- | 2/- .1 | .3 |
| Homeownership----- | .3 | -1.3 | 1.0 | -.2 | 1.6 | .4 | 1.9 | .4 |
| Fuel and utilities----- | -.4 | -1.2 | -.8 | .1 | -.4 | -.5 | -.2 | .3 |
| Fuel oil and coal----- | -2.3 | -4.7 | -3.6 | -2.9 | ----- | -1.4 | -3.1 | ----- |
| Gas and electricity----- | -.1 | .1 | -.9 | .7 | -.7 | -.6 | 0 | -.1 |
| Household furnishings and operation-- | -.1 | -.2 | 0 | -.6 | -.4 | -.6 | -.3 | .4 |
| Apparel and upkeep----- | -.1 | -.7 | -.5 | -.2 | .2 | -.1 | -1.1 | .4 |
| Men's and boys'----- | -.1 | -.9 | -.4 | -.5 | .4 | -.5 | -1.1 | -.4 |
| Women's and girls'----- | -.3 | -.8 | -.8 | 0 | .2 | -.3 | -1.0 | 1.6 |
| Footwear----- | -.1 | -1.5 | -.4 | -.2 | .4 | .6 | -2.9 | -1.1 |
| Transportation----- | .4 | 1.1 | 2.9 | 1.4 | -1.9 | -.2 | -.1 | -.6 |
| Private----- | .3 | 1.4 | 3.2 | 1.5 | -2.0 | -.3 | -.3 | -.7 |
| Public----- | .5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .9 | 0 |
| Health and recreation----- | .3 | .4 | .4 | -.2 | -.2 | .1 | .2 | .8 |
| Medical care----- | .4 | .2 | .5 | -.1 | .4 | .1 | .6 | 1.2 |
| Personal care----- | .6 | 1.0 | 1.1 | .4 | 1.8 | .9 | .9 | 2.0 |
| Reading and recreation----- | .1 | .8 | .2 | -.9 | -.9 | -.1 | -.5 | .4 |
| Other goods and services----- | .3 | -.1 | -.1 | .2 | 0 | -.2 | .1 | .2 |

1/ See footnote 1, Table A-2.

2/ Change from May 1964.

TABLE A-5: Consumer Price Index--United States and Selected Areas
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Food and its Subgroups
July 1964 Indexes and Percent Changes from June 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----- | 107.2 | 105.7 | 109.2 | 98.9 | 104.3 | 122.3 | 101.0 | 115.2 |
| Atlanta----- | 104.9 | 104.4 | 101.9 | 97.2 | 101.7 | 123.5 | 104.8 | 106.7 |
| Baltimore----- | 107.1 | 104.3 | 116.3 | 95.8 | 99.7 | 122.2 | 100.3 | 118.1 |
| Boston----- | 111.0 | 108.5 | 112.8 | 103.3 | 101.0 | 129.8 | 102.6 | 121.8 |
| Buffalo (Nov. 1963=100)--- | 102.6 | 102.9 | 95.3 | 99.1 | 99.7 | 118.6 | 103.9 | 100.8 |
| Chicago----- | 106.8 | 106.3 | 108.0 | 101.0 | 110.8 | 117.9 | 101.5 | 109.8 |
| Cleveland----- | 102.3 | 100.9 | 107.1 | 97.4 | 91.6 | 117.6 | 96.6 | 110.6 |
| Dallas (Nov. 1963=100)---- | 100.5 | 100.4 | 99.4 | 99.8 | 98.0 | 105.8 | 99.4 | 101.0 |
| Detroit----- | 103.0 | 102.1 | 102.4 | 96.6 | 104.2 | 115.0 | 97.8 | 109.1 |
| Honolulu (Dec. 1963=100)--- | 100.8 | 100.9 | 101.9 | 99.4 | 99.5 | 105.4 | 99.5 | 100.3 |
| Los Angeles-Long Beach---- | 108.3 | 105.5 | 117.8 | 94.6 | 107.7 | 123.7 | 96.0 | 119.1 |
| New York----- | 109.2 | 106.5 | 111.1 | 100.2 | 101.4 | 125.7 | 101.3 | 122.0 |
| Philadelphia----- | 105.8 | 103.9 | 105.3 | 95.7 | 106.4 | 119.3 | 100.9 | 116.1 |
| Pittsburgh----- | 105.9 | 105.3 | 109.5 | 102.5 | 96.2 | 121.3 | 102.0 | 109.4 |
| St. Louis----- | 108.5 | 105.8 | 107.6 | 99.7 | 107.2 | 120.1 | 101.6 | 118.0 |
| San Francisco-Oakland----- | 108.3 | 105.9 | 109.5 | 99.8 | 107.4 | 121.8 | 98.4 | 119.0 |
| Seattle----- | 109.2 | 106.9 | 110.7 | 102.5 | 111.7 | 116.4 | 100.1 | 119.6 |
| Washington----- | 107.5 | 105.6 | 109.3 | 96.6 | 107.1 | 120.8 | 103.4 | 116.3 |
| Percent changes, June 1964 to July 1964 | | | | | | | | |
| U.S. City Average----- | 0.9 | 1.2 | 0 | 2.2 | 0.3 | 1.7 | 0.7 | 0.1 |
| Atlanta----- | 1.0 | 1.2 | - 1.0 | 2.2 | - .5 | 3.7 | .4 | 0 |
| Baltimore----- | Insufficient data due to work stoppage in food stores in June. | | | | | | | |
| Boston----- | 1.6 | 2.1 | .3 | 1.1 | 4.0 | 4.5 | 1.5 | .2 |
| Buffalo (Nov. 1963=100)--- | .7 | .8 | - 1.4 | 1.6 | 0 | 1.2 | 1.2 | .2 |
| Chicago----- | 1.0 | 1.3 | .1 | 2.6 | - .2 | 1.3 | 1.1 | .1 |
| Cleveland----- | 1.0 | 1.2 | .7 | 2.0 | .2 | 2.0 | .2 | 0 |
| Dallas (Nov. 1963=100)---- | .5 | .6 | - .2 | 2.4 | - .5 | - 1.7 | .9 | .2 |
| Detroit----- | 1.2 | 1.5 | .8 | 3.1 | 0 | 1.1 | .8 | .1 |
| Honolulu (Dec. 1963=100)--- | .1 | .1 | - .2 | - .6 | 1 | 1.1 | .5 | - .1 |
| Los Angeles-Long Beach---- | .7 | .8 | .9 | 2.0 | .2 | 1.3 | - .7 | .3 |
| New York----- | 1.1 | 1.4 | .2 | 2.3 | .1 | 1.8 | 1.1 | .2 |
| Philadelphia----- | .9 | 1.0 | .1 | .5 | 2.1 | 1.3 | 1.2 | .1 |
| Pittsburgh----- | 1.5 | 1.6 | - .9 | 4.2 | - .3 | 2.4 | .5 | 1.2 |
| St. Louis----- | .8 | 1.0 | .7 | .7 | .4 | 3.1 | .2 | 0 |
| San Francisco-Oakland----- | 1.0 | 1.2 | - .1 | 2.3 | 0 | 3.5 | - .2 | .1 |
| Seattle----- | .6 | .8 | - .1 | 4.1 | - .1 | - .9 | - .4 | - .1 |
| Washington----- | 2.1 | 2.6 | - .2 | 4.8 | 3.3 | 3.7 | .6 | .2 |

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

NEW SERIES
(Including Single Workers)

TABLE A-6: Consumer Price Index--Food, Groups, and Items
July 1964 Indexes, and Percent Changes June 1964 to July 1964
U.S. City Average
(1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)

| Item or Group | Index | Percent Change | Item or Group | Index | Percent Change |
|--|-------|----------------|---|-------|-------------------|
| Total food ----- | 107.2 | 0.9 | Fruits and vegetables ----- | 122.3 | 1.7 |
| Food away from home ----- | 115.2 | .1 | Fresh fruits and vegetables ----- | 131.4 | 3.1 |
| Restaurant meals ----- | 115.2 | .1 | Apples ----- | 150.1 | 5.9 |
| Snacks ^{3/} ----- | 100.8 | -.1 | Bananas ----- | 100.6 | 1.5 |
| Food at home ----- | 105.7 | 1.2 | Oranges, size 200 ----- | 134.2 | 5.7 |
| Cereals and bakery products ----- | 109.2 | 0 | Orange juice, fresh ^{3/} ----- | 101.1 | .6 |
| Flour ----- | 106.5 | -.5 | Grapefruit ----- | 170.8 | 2.6 |
| Cracker meal ^{3/} ----- | 100.8 | -.2 | Grapes * ----- | 169.6 | (^{4/}) |
| Corn flakes ----- | 119.1 | .3 | Strawberries * ----- | ----- | ----- |
| Rice ----- | 106.1 | 0 | Watermelon * ----- | 103.3 | -24.2 |
| Bread, white ----- | 112.9 | .4 | Potatoes ----- | 175.8 | 13.4 |
| Bread, whole wheat ^{3/} ----- | 100.5 | .1 | Onions ----- | 112.2 | 2.1 |
| Cookies ----- | 99.5 | -.4 | Asparagus * ^{3/} ----- | 87.2 | 5.2 |
| Layer cake ^{3/} ----- | 98.3 | 0 | Cabbage ----- | 126.3 | -6.3 |
| Cinnamon rolls ^{3/} ----- | 99.2 | .1 | Carrots ----- | 106.0 | 4.0 |
| Meats, poultry and fish ----- | 98.9 | 2.2 | Celery ----- | 115.9 | 17.3 |
| Meats ----- | 99.5 | 2.4 | Cucumbers ^{3/} ----- | 108.8 | -12.5 |
| Beef and veal ----- | 101.4 | 2.4 | Lettuce ----- | 99.7 | -5.9 |
| Steak, round ----- | 101.3 | 3.4 | Peppers, green ^{3/} ----- | 137.7 | -15.6 |
| Steak, sirloin ^{1/} ----- | 97.0 | 3.9 | Spinach ^{3/} ----- | 106.2 | 4.6 |
| Steak, porterhouse ^{3/} ----- | 100.4 | 3.4 | Tomatoes ----- | 117.0 | 8.3 |
| Rump roast ^{3/} ----- | 97.5 | 2.4 | Processed fruits and vegetables ----- | 111.1 | -.3 |
| Rib roast ----- | 104.4 | 2.5 | Fruit cocktail, canned ----- | 105.4 | .2 |
| Chuck roast ----- | 92.9 | 2.3 | Pears, canned ^{3/} ----- | 108.3 | -.7 |
| Hamburger ----- | 99.8 | 2.4 | Grapefruit-Pineapple juice, canned ^{3/} ----- | 100.4 | -.8 |
| Beef liver ^{3/} ----- | 97.6 | -.2 | Orange juice concentrate, frozen ----- | 132.0 | -.4 |
| Veal cutlets ----- | 116.3 | -.4 | Lemonade concentrate, frozen ^{1/} ----- | 95.9 | -2.2 |
| Pork ----- | 97.2 | 4.0 | Beets, canned ^{3/} ----- | 98.7 | -.5 |
| Chops ----- | 105.9 | 8.6 | Peas, green, canned ----- | 109.1 | -.1 |
| Loin roast ^{1/} ----- | 107.6 | 7.7 | Tomatoes, canned ----- | 104.0 | .5 |
| Pork sausage ^{3/} ----- | 99.2 | -.8 | Dried beans ----- | 104.1 | 0 |
| Ham whole ----- | 94.2 | 1.7 | Broccoli, frozen ^{3/} ----- | 97.4 | -.8 |
| Picnics ^{3/} ----- | 96.4 | -.9 | Other food at home ----- | 101.0 | .7 |
| Bacon ----- | 93.2 | 1.0 | Eggs ----- | 87.9 | 5.5 |
| Other meats ----- | 102.4 | .4 | Fats and oils: ----- | ----- | ----- |
| Lamb chops ^{3/} ----- | 104.4 | 2.1 | Margarine ----- | 95.6 | .5 |
| Frankfurters ----- | 101.9 | .2 | Salad dressing, Italian ^{3/} ----- | 100.1 | -.9 |
| Ham, canned ^{3/} ----- | 99.0 | -.1 | Salad or cooking oil ^{3/} ----- | 97.9 | -.2 |
| Bologna sausage ^{3/} ----- | 100.7 | -.8 | Sugar and sweets ----- | 114.3 | -1.0 |
| Salami sausage ^{3/} ----- | 101.1 | .4 | Sugar ----- | 111.9 | -4.1 |
| Liverwurst sausage ^{3/} ----- | 101.9 | .1 | Grape jelly ----- | 114.6 | .4 |
| Poultry ----- | 89.1 | 1.8 | Chocolate bar ----- | 105.5 | .2 |
| Frying chicken ----- | 89.4 | 2.1 | Syrup, chocolate flavored ^{3/} ----- | 99.5 | -1.0 |
| Chicken breasts ^{3/} ----- | 99.0 | 2.2 | Nonalcoholic beverages ----- | 103.8 | .4 |
| Turkey ^{3/} ----- | 99.7 | .6 | Coffee ----- | 96.3 | .5 |
| Fish ----- | 106.5 | 0 | Coffee, instant ^{2/} ----- | 118.1 | -.3 |
| Shrimp, frozen ^{3/} ----- | 88.3 | -1.1 | Tea ----- | 103.2 | .4 |
| Fish, fresh or frozen ----- | 114.5 | .1 | Cola drink ----- | 124.8 | 0 |
| Tuna fish, canned ----- | 102.0 | 1.0 | Carbonated drink ^{3/} ----- | 101.8 | .9 |
| Sardines, canned ^{3/} ----- | 97.7 | -.2 | Prepared and partially prepared foods ^{3/} ----- | 99.6 | -.1 |
| Dairy products ----- | 104.3 | .3 | Bean soup, canned ^{3/} ----- | 99.3 | -.1 |
| Milk, fresh, grocery ----- | 102.9 | .4 | Chicken soup, canned ^{3/} ----- | 99.5 | 0 |
| Milk, fresh, delivered ----- | 106.0 | 1.0 | Spaghetti, canned ^{3/} ----- | 101.1 | .6 |
| Milk, fresh, skim ^{3/} ----- | 99.4 | .4 | Mashed potatoes, instant ^{3/} ----- | 98.0 | .1 |
| Milk, evaporated ----- | 102.4 | -.3 | Potatoes, french fried, frozen ^{1/} ----- | 89.4 | -1.0 |
| Ice cream ----- | 96.6 | -.4 | Baby foods, canned ----- | 108.8 | -.3 |
| Cheese, American process ----- | 112.4 | -.5 | Sweet pickle relish ^{3/} ----- | 100.1 | -.1 |
| Butter ----- | 101.2 | 0 | Pretzels ^{3/} ----- | 101.3 | -.2 |

^{1/} April 1960 = 100.

^{2/} July 1961 = 100.

^{3/} December 1963 = 100.

^{4/} Not available.

* Priced only in season.

TABLE A-7: Consumer Price Index--United States City Average
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers
Major group indexes, selected dates
(1957-59=100)

| Date | All Items | Food | Housing | Apparel and upkeep | Transportation | Health and recreation | | | | | |
|-----------------|-----------|-------|---------|--------------------|----------------|-----------------------|--------------|---------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-------|
| | | | | | | Total | Medical care | Personal care | Reading and recreation | Other goods and services | |
| 1964: | July | 108.3 | 107.2 | 107.1 | 105.5 | 109.4 | 113.7 | 119.5 | 109.3 | 114.1 | 108.9 |
| | June | 108.0 | 106.2 | 107.1 | 105.7 | 109.2 | 113.5 | 119.3 | 109.1 | 114.0 | 108.7 |
| | May | 107.8 | 105.5 | 106.9 | 105.7 | 109.1 | 113.5 | 119.1 | 108.9 | 114.1 | 108.7 |
| | Apr. | 107.8 | 105.7 | 107.0 | 105.6 | 109.0 | 113.4 | 119.0 | 108.7 | 114.0 | 108.6 |
| | Mar. | 107.7 | 105.7 | 107.1 | 105.3 | 108.9 | 113.1 | 118.7 | 108.7 | 113.6 | 108.5 |
| | Feb. | 107.6 | 106.0 | 106.9 | 105.1 | 108.6 | 112.9 | 118.5 | 108.4 | 113.3 | 108.4 |
| | Jan. | 107.7 | 105.8 | 106.9 | 105.0 | 109.4 | 112.7 | 118.2 | 108.5 | 113.1 | 108.3 |
| 1963: | Dec. | 107.6 | 105.4 | 106.9 | 106.1 | 108.9 | 112.7 | 117.9 | 108.8 | 113.1 | 108.3 |
| | Nov. | 107.4 | 105.1 | 106.6 | 106.1 | 109.1 | 112.4 | 117.9 | 108.4 | 112.8 | 108.3 |
| | Oct. | 107.2 | 104.9 | 106.3 | 105.9 | 109.0 | 112.3 | 117.7 | 108.4 | 112.7 | 108.2 |
| | Sept. | 107.1 | 105.4 | 106.2 | 105.4 | 107.9 | 112.1 | 117.5 | 108.2 | 112.3 | 108.0 |
| | Aug. | 107.1 | 106.0 | 106.0 | 104.7 | 108.3 | 111.9 | 117.4 | 108.0 | 112.1 | 108.0 |
| | July | 107.1 | 106.2 | 106.0 | 104.5 | 107.8 | 111.7 | 117.3 | 108.0 | 111.5 | 108.0 |
| Annual Average: | 1963 | 106.7 | 105.1 | 106.0 | 104.8 | 107.8 | 111.4 | 117.0 | 107.9 | 111.5 | 107.1 |
| | 1962 | 105.4 | 103.6 | 104.8 | 103.6 | 107.2 | 109.4 | 114.2 | 106.5 | 109.6 | 105.3 |
| | 1961 | 104.2 | 102.6 | 103.9 | 103.0 | 105.0 | 107.3 | 111.3 | 104.6 | 107.2 | 104.6 |
| | 1960 | 103.1 | 101.4 | 103.1 | 102.2 | 103.8 | 105.4 | 108.1 | 104.1 | 104.9 | 103.8 |
| | 1959 | 101.5 | 100.3 | 101.3 | 100.6 | 103.8 | 102.8 | 104.4 | 102.4 | 102.4 | 101.8 |
| | 1954 | 93.6 | 95.4 | 93.4 | 96.3 | 90.8 | 90.7 | 86.6 | 88.5 | 92.4 | 94.3 |

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

| Group | Indexes (1957-59=100) | | | Percent change to July 1964 from -- | | |
|--|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|--|---------------|--------------|
| | July 1964 | June 1964 | July 1963 | June 1964 | April 1964 | July 1963 |
| All items----- | 108.3 | 108.0 | 107.1 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 1.1 |
| Food----- | 107.2 | 106.1 | 106.2 | 1.0 | 1.4 | .9 |
| Food at home----- | 105.6 | 104.4 | 104.8 | 1.1 | 1.6 | .8 |
| Cereals and bakery products----- | 109.2 | 109.2 | 109.2 | 0 | .4 | 0 |
| Meats, poultry, and fish----- | 98.8 | 96.8 | 100.2 | 2.1 | 1.9 | - 1.4 |
| Dairy products----- | 104.3 | 103.9 | 103.3 | .4 | .2 | 1.0 |
| Fruits and vegetables----- | 122.2 | 120.1 | 118.7 | 1.7 | 5.7 | 2.9 |
| Other foods at home----- | 100.9 | 100.3 | 97.8 | .6 | -.1 | 3.2 |
| Food away from home----- | 115.2 | 115.1 | 113.1 | .1 | .3 | 1.9 |
| Housing----- | 107.1 | 107.0 | 106.0 | .1 | .1 | 1.0 |
| Shelter <u>1/</u> ----- | 108.6 | 108.4 | 107.0 | .2 | .4 | 1.5 |
| Rent----- | 107.8 | 107.8 | 106.7 | 0 | .1 | 1.0 |
| Homeownership <u>2/</u> ----- | 108.9 | 108.7 | 107.1 | .2 | .3 | 1.7 |
| Fuel and utilities <u>3/</u> ----- | 107.0 | 107.1 | 106.7 | -.1 | -.4 | .3 |
| Fuel oil and coal <u>4/</u> ----- | 100.9 | 101.4 | 102.3 | -.5 | - 2.3 | - 1.4 |
| Gas and electricity----- | 107.9 | 108.2 | 108.1 | -.3 | -.1 | -.2 |
| Household furnishings and operation-- | 102.8 | 102.8 | 102.4 | 0 | -.1 | .4 |
| Apparel and upkeep <u>5/</u> ----- | 105.5 | 105.7 | 104.5 | -.2 | 0 | 1.0 |
| Men's and boys'----- | 106.0 | 106.3 | 104.5 | -.3 | .1 | 1.4 |
| Women's and girls'----- | 101.9 | 102.2 | 101.2 | -.3 | -.2 | .7 |
| Footwear----- | 110.8 | 111.0 | 110.5 | -.2 | -.1 | .3 |
| Transportation----- | 109.3 | 109.2 | 107.8 | .1 | .3 | 1.4 |
| Private----- | 107.9 | 107.8 | 106.4 | .1 | .3 | 1.4 |
| Public----- | 119.0 | 119.0 | 116.6 | 0 | .5 | 2.1 |
| Health and recreation----- | 113.7 | 113.5 | 111.7 | .2 | .3 | 1.8 |
| Medical care----- | 119.5 | 119.3 | 117.3 | .2 | .4 | 1.9 |
| Personal care----- | 109.3 | 109.1 | 108.0 | .2 | .6 | 1.2 |
| Reading and recreation----- | 114.1 | 114.0 | 111.5 | .1 | .1 | 2.3 |
| Other goods and services <u>6/</u> ----- | 108.9 | 108.7 | 108.0 | .2 | .3 | .8 |

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.

OLD SERIES

TABLE C-1: Consumer Price Index--Selected Cities 1/
All Items
Most recent index and percent changes from selected dates

| City | Pricing Schedule <u>2/</u> | Indexes | | Percent change from: | |
|-------------------|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------------|-----------|
| | | 1957-59=100 | 1947-49=100 | | |
| | | July 1964 | | April 1964 | July 1963 |
| Kansas City ----- | 1 | 109.5 | 135.5 | 0.5 | 2.2 |
| Minneapolis ----- | 1 | 108.1 | 133.7 | .7 | .4 |
| Portland ----- | 1 | 109.1 | 135.2 | .5 | 2.2 |
| | | May 1964 | | February 1964 | May 1963 |
| Houston ----- | 2 | 106.9 | 131.7 | - .3 | 2.4 |
| Milwaukee ----- | 2 | 105.6 | 133.2 | .4 | .8 |
| Scranton ----- | 2 | 108.7 | 129.7 | - .1 | 1.9 |
| | | June 1964 | | March 1964 | June 1963 |
| Cincinnati ----- | 3 | 106.1 | 129.1 | .5 | 1.4 |

1/ The old series Consumer Price Index, U.S. city average, has been discontinued with the June 1964 publication. Contrary to original plans, Portland and Scranton will be published on the old series basis temporarily. Indexes for Cincinnati, Houston, Kansas City, and Minneapolis will be published on the old series basis for the duration of 1964 and the first part of 1965, and will be added to the new series index in 1966. The present index for Milwaukee, calculated by special arrangement with the City of Milwaukee, is now published on the old series basis, with this issue, and will also be added to the new series index in 1966.

2/ Foods, fuels, and several other items priced every month in all cities; most other goods and services priced as indicated:

- 1 - January, April, July, and October.
- 2 - February, May, August, and November.
- 3 - March, June, September, and December.

TABLE C-2: Consumer Price Index All Items and Commodity Groups for Selected Cities 1/
Most recent index and percent changes from selected dates
(1957-59=100)

| Group | Kansas City | Minneapolis | Portland Oregon | Houston | Milwaukee | Scranton | Cincinnati |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------|----------|-----------|----------|------------|
| | Indexes (1957-59=100) | | | | | | |
| | July 1964 | | | May 1964 | | | June 1964 |
| All items----- | 109.5 | 108.1 | 109.1 | 106.9 | 105.6 | 108.7 | 106.1 |
| Food----- | 108.2 | 105.7 | 108.1 | 104.6 | 104.9 | 104.7 | 105.1 |
| Food at home----- | 107.7 | 104.2 | 107.2 | 101.7 | 103.9 | 102.8 | 103.7 |
| Cereals and bakery products--- | 106.9 | 103.1 | 108.3 | 106.7 | 96.5 | 107.5 | 109.0 |
| Meats, poultry, and fish----- | 99.6 | 97.2 | 100.4 | 94.3 | 98.7 | 97.0 | 97.7 |
| Dairy products----- | 107.5 | 105.9 | 106.9 | 101.4 | 108.2 | 98.9 | 100.5 |
| Fruits and vegetables----- | 126.2 | 121.1 | 127.8 | 112.3 | 116.2 | 116.7 | 122.1 |
| Other foods at home----- | 104.0 | 99.5 | 99.5 | 100.1 | 101.9 | 99.8 | 96.9 |
| Housing----- | 107.2 | 106.2 | 109.3 | 105.5 | 103.7 | 106.8 | 103.4 |
| Rent----- | 104.1 | 108.1 | 106.9 | 100.4 | 101.6 | 108.3 | 103.0 |
| Gas and electricity----- | 115.9 | 101.4 | 102.5 | 133.5 | 104.0 | 105.5 | 110.5 |
| Solid and petroleum fuels----- | 112.3 | 99.3 | 102.2 | ----- | 111.0 | 95.5 | 99.1 |
| Housefurnishings----- | 98.7 | 98.4 | 97.6 | 99.8 | 103.7 | 95.6 | 99.0 |
| Household operation----- | 116.2 | 109.4 | 111.3 | 114.5 | 113.2 | 112.7 | 111.6 |
| Apparel----- | 104.4 | 102.2 | 105.1 | 106.1 | 103.8 | 105.0 | 104.0 |
| Men's and boys'----- | 111.3 | 108.5 | 111.0 | 108.4 | 107.8 | 107.7 | 106.9 |
| Women's and girls'----- | 97.4 | 96.7 | 98.1 | 103.8 | 99.0 | 102.7 | 99.1 |
| Footwear----- | 113.4 | 106.6 | 114.0 | 111.3 | 107.8 | 108.3 | 113.4 |
| Other apparel----- | 98.4 | 97.4 | 99.7 | 101.9 | 102.5 | 100.4 | 99.5 |
| Transportation----- | 108.9 | 109.1 | 108.5 | 108.5 | 104.9 | 110.1 | 110.2 |
| Private----- | 105.8 | 107.3 | 105.6 | 106.1 | 104.1 | 107.7 | 109.1 |
| Public----- | 125.4 | 121.9 | 126.8 | 124.3 | 111.2 | 125.3 | 117.8 |
| Medical care----- | 116.4 | 132.0 | 117.0 | 113.1 | 110.6 | 118.0 | 117.8 |
| Personal care----- | 114.4 | 107.5 | 110.1 | 113.9 | 112.1 | 115.0 | 106.4 |
| Reading and recreation----- | 120.9 | 113.5 | 117.2 | 113.8 | 114.8 | 132.1 | 113.2 |
| Other goods and services----- | 116.2 | 106.7 | 104.9 | 107.9 | 106.8 | 112.6 | 105.2 |

| Group | Percent Changes | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|-------|-------|----------------------|-------|-------|--------------------|
| | April to July 1964 | | | February to May 1964 | | | March to June 1964 |
| | | | | | | | |
| All items----- | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.5 | - 0.3 | 0.4 | - 0.1 | 0.5 |
| Food----- | 1.6 | 1.9 | 1.2 | - .9 | .6 | - .3 | 1.6 |
| Food at home----- | 1.9 | 2.2 | 1.7 | - 1.3 | .7 | - .3 | 1.9 |
| Cereals and bakery products--- | - 2.9 | 0 | .3 | - .2 | - 5.1 | .7 | .8 |
| Meats, poultry, and fish----- | 2.2 | 1.3 | 1.4 | - 1.5 | - .7 | - 2.2 | - .7 |
| Dairy products----- | 0 | .6 | .6 | - 2.3 | 1.3 | - 3.5 | .8 |
| Fruits and vegetables----- | 8.0 | 9.2 | 6.9 | .9 | 6.1 | 8.1 | 9.8 |
| Other foods at home----- | .6 | - .2 | - .9 | - 2.8 | .6 | - 2.6 | - .4 |
| Housing----- | - .4 | 0 | .3 | - .5 | 1.0 | - .2 | - .2 |
| Rent----- | - .6 | .3 | .3 | .6 | .1 | .7 | .5 |
| Gas and electricity----- | .5 | - .2 | 0 | .8 | - 1.1 | 0 | - .1 |
| Solid and petroleum fuels----- | 0 | - 3.4 | - .6 | ----- | - 3.0 | - 5.9 | - 8.6 |
| Housefurnishings----- | 0 | .2 | - .8 | - .4 | - .1 | - .4 | 0 |
| Household operation----- | .1 | .3 | .3 | .2 | 2.8 | .7 | .2 |
| Apparel----- | 0 | - .2 | - .6 | - 1.1 | .2 | .4 | 0 |
| Men's and boys'----- | 1.0 | .3 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 0 | .6 | - .3 |
| Women's and girls'----- | - .3 | - .4 | - 2.5 | - 3.4 | - .3 | .2 | .1 |
| Footwear----- | - 1.6 | - .4 | .4 | .2 | 1.6 | .7 | .6 |
| Other apparel----- | 0 | - .1 | - .3 | - .6 | 0 | .2 | - .1 |
| Transportation----- | .8 | 1.9 | .5 | 1.4 | - 1.5 | - .3 | .1 |
| Private----- | 1.0 | 2.1 | .6 | .4 | - 1.7 | - .4 | .2 |
| Public----- | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Medical care----- | .1 | - .2 | - .1 | .7 | .5 | .1 | .2 |
| Personal care----- | - .1 | 0 | .3 | .4 | .3 | .3 | - .3 |
| Reading and recreation----- | 1.9 | .7 | 1.8 | - .2 | 1.2 | - .2 | 1.7 |
| Other goods and services----- | .3 | 0 | - .5 | - .2 | - .4 | 0 | - .4 |

1/ See footnote 1, Table C-1.

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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