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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR SEPTEMBER 1964

The Consumer Price Index rose by 0.2 percent in September, the United States Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics announced today. Prices were higher for food, housing, and apparel, while transportation costs declined.

At 108.4 percent of its 1957-59 average, the September index was 1.2 percent above a year ago. Prices of most consumer goods and services have advanced since September 1963, except new cars, sugar, fuel oil, household durables, and women's apparel.

FOOD Food prices averaged 0.3 percent higher in September because of price increases for meats and eggs. Meat prices advanced 2.8 percent with increases being reported for nearly all cuts of fresh beef and pork. Reduced market supplies and anticipation of temporary disruptions resulting from the plan of the National Farmers Organization to promote withholding of livestock from market in late August and early September were given as the causes of higher meat prices. Despite the increases reported in September, prices of meats averaged about the same as a year ago. Egg prices usually rise in September, as production declines seasonally.

Fresh fruits and vegetables cost less in September, as seasonally abundant supplies brought sharply lower prices for potatoes, apples, grapes, tomatoes, and green peppers. However, prices of many fresh fruits and vegetables remained significantly above a year ago, reflecting unfavorable weather conditions this year. Food prices as a whole averaged 1.7 percent higher than in September 1963.

HOUSING Housing costs rose 0.2 percent in September, chiefly as a result of increased costs of homeownership. Smaller increases were reported for fuel oil and coal, textile housefurnishings, furniture, and housekeeping services and supplies. Residential rents were unchanged, on the average.

APPAREL Apparel prices averaged 0.6 percent higher in September as wool apparel items, particularly women's coats, returned to the market at higher levels than last winter's end-of-season prices. Some of the increases also were attributed to higher wages which resulted from the recently negotiated agreements.

OTHER GROUPS Transportation costs declined by 0.4 percent, as new car dealers offered increased price concessions at the end of the 1964 selling season, and gasoline prices declined. Lower prices for some drugs contributed to a slight decline in medical care costs.

COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENTS About 28,000 aircraft workers will receive an increase of one cent an hour, based on the quarterly change in the national index. Some 7,000 electronics and instrument workers are due for a two-cent increase, based on the quarterly changes in the index for New York. About 25,000 additional workers are employed under contracts which may be adjusted as a result of the September index, but the Bureau has not been informed whether the contracting parties have adopted the new series index as a basis for such adjustments.

OTHER BASES

The Consumer Price Index for September 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)	133.0	\$0.752
1939=100 (or \$1.00)	223.9	.447

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: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 published 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, September 1964  
and percent changes from selected dates

Group	Indexes (1957-59=100)			Percent change to September 1964 from--		
	September 1964	August 1964	September 1963	August 1964	June 1964	September 1963
All items-----	108.4	108.2	107.1	0.2	0.4	1.2
Food-----	107.2	106.9	105.4	.3	.9	1.7
Food at home-----	105.6	105.3	103.8	.3	1.1	1.7
Cereals and bakery products-----	109.9	109.6	109.1	.3	.6	.7
Meats, poultry, and fish-----	101.4	99.2	101.5	2.2	4.8	-.1
Dairy products-----	104.6	104.4	104.3	.2	.6	.3
Fruits and vegetables-----	112.2	117.3	108.1	-4.3	-6.7	3.8
Other foods at home-----	103.5	101.9	99.5	1.6	3.2	4.0
Food away from home-----	115.5	115.3	113.6	.2	.3	1.7
Housing-----	107.4	107.2	106.2	.2	.3	1.1
Shelter 1/-----	109.0	108.8	107.1	.2	.6	1.8
Rent-----	107.9	107.9	107.0	0	.1	.8
Homeownership 2/-----	109.5	109.2	107.2	.3	.7	2.1
Fuel and utilities 3/-----	107.2	107.1	107.0	.1	.1	.2
Fuel oil and coal 4/-----	101.5	100.9	103.7	.6	.1	-2.1
Gas and electricity-----	108.2	108.2	108.0	0	.1	.2
Household furnishings and operation-----	102.8	102.6	102.7	.2	-.1	.1
Apparel and upkeep 5/-----	105.9	105.3	105.4	.6	.2	.5
Men's and boys'-----	106.6	106.0	105.2	.6	.3	1.3
Women's and girls'-----	102.4	101.3	102.5	1.1	.2	-.1
Footwear-----	110.9	110.8	110.7	.1	-.1	.2
Transportation-----	108.9	109.3	107.9	-.4	-.3	.9
Private-----	107.4	107.9	106.5	-.5	-.4	.8
Public-----	119.3	119.1	117.1	.2	.3	1.9
Health and recreation-----	113.9	113.8	112.1	.1	.4	1.6
Medical care-----	119.7	119.8	117.5	-.1	.3	1.9
Personal care-----	109.5	109.4	108.2	.1	.4	1.2
Reading and recreation-----	114.3	114.2	112.3	.1	.3	1.8
Other goods and services 6/-----	109.0	108.9	108.0	.1	.3	.9
<u>Special groups:</u>						
All items less shelter-----	108.2	108.1	107.1	.1	.3	1.0
All items less food-----	109.0	108.9	107.8	.1	.2	1.1
Commodities 7/-----	105.4	105.2	104.4	.2	.4	1.0
Nondurables-----	106.4	106.1	105.3	.3	.6	1.0
Durables 7/ 8/-----	102.8	102.8	102.2	0	-.1	.6
Services 9/-----	115.5	115.4	113.5	.1	.3	1.8
Commodities less food 7/-----	104.3	104.2	103.7	.1	0	.6
Nondurables less food-----	105.8	105.6	105.2	.2	.2	.6
Apparel commodities-----	105.1	104.4	104.6	.7	.2	.5
Apparel less footwear-----	103.9	103.1	103.4	.8	.2	.5
Nondurables less food and apparel-----	106.2	106.3	105.5	-.1	.2	.7
New cars-----	98.7	99.9	99.8	-1.2	-2.1	-1.1
Used cars-----	121.9	122.2	120.1	-.2	-.7	1.5
Household durables 10/-----	98.2	98.1	98.6	.1	-.3	-.4
Housefurnishings-----	98.3	98.1	98.6	.2	-.3	-.3
Services less rent 9/-----	117.4	117.2	115.1	.2	.5	2.0
Household services less rent-----	115.3	115.0	113.4	.3	.5	1.7
Transportation services-----	115.1	115.0	112.9	.1	.3	1.9
Medical care services-----	123.7	123.7	120.9	0	.5	2.3
Other services 11/-----	119.0	118.8	116.2	.2	.5	2.4
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1957-59 = \$1.00)-----	\$0.923	\$0.924	\$0.934	-.1	-.3	-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.

NEW SERIES  
(Including Single Workers)

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	June 1964	September 1963
		September 1964				
U.S. City Average-----	M	108.4	133.0		0.4	1.2
Chicago-----	M	106.3	134.0		.1	.3
Detroit-----	M	104.6	129.0		1.0	1.3
Los Angeles-Long Beach----	M	110.0	137.2		0	1.3
New York-----	M	110.9	133.6		.6	1.5
Philadelphia-----	M	109.0	133.9		.5	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
		August 1964			May 1964	August 1963
Buffalo (Nov. 1963=100)----	2	-----	-----	101.3	.6	-----
Cleveland-----	2	105.2	130.7		.7	.1
Dallas (Nov. 1963=100)----	2	-----	-----	99.9	- .4	-----
Seattle-----	2	110.3	138.6		1.1	1.1
Washington-----	2	108.7	130.9		1.1	1.8
		September 1964			June 1964	September 1963
Atlanta-----	3	107.2	132.7		.8	1.9
Baltimore-----	3	107.9	133.9		- .1	.7
Honolulu (Dec. 1963=100)----	3	-----	-----	100.5	.6	-----
St. Louis-----	3	108.7	134.9		.9	2.1
San Francisco-Oakland-----	3	111.0	140.9		.4	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 August 1964 to September 1964

Group	U.S. city average	Chicago	Detroit	Los Angeles- Long Beach	New York	Philadelphia
All items-----	0.2	0	0.3	- 0.2	0.4	0.4
Food-----	.3	0.7	0	.2	.6	.5
Housing-----	.2	- .5	.4	.3	.2	.5
Apparel and upkeep-----	.6	1.8	.8	.5	1.9	1.8
Transportation-----	- .4	- .7	.6	- 2.0	- .6	- .6
Health and recreation-----	.1	- .1	0	0	0	.2
Medical care-----	- .1	- .3	- .2	- .1	- .4	.1
Personal care-----	.1	.1	.6	.1	.4	1.2
Reading and recreation-----	.1	0	- .1	0	0	- .2
Other goods and services-----	.1	- .1	0	- .1	.1	.2

1/ See footnote 1, Table A-2.

**NEW SERIES**  
(Including Single Workers)

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

Group	U.S. City Average	Atlanta	Balti- more	Chicago	Detroit	Hono- lulu (Dec. 1963=100)	Los Angeles- Long Beach	New York	Phila- delphia	St. Louis	San Francisco- Oakland
Indexes (1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)											
All items-----	108.4	107.2	107.9	106.3	104.6	100.5	110.0	110.9	109.0	108.7	111.0
Food-----	107.2	106.1	107.1	107.0	102.4	100.8	108.3	109.6	105.9	109.1	107.6
Food at home-----	105.6	105.9	104.3	106.5	101.2	100.7	105.3	106.8	104.0	106.5	104.9
Cereals and bakery products-----	109.9	103.5	116.8	108.1	102.0	100.9	118.0	111.0	107.2	108.4	109.6
Meats, poultry, and fish-----	101.4	101.5	98.6	103.6	99.7	99.4	94.4	103.3	97.5	103.7	99.9
Dairy products-----	104.6	101.9	101.1	111.0	103.6	99.3	107.8	102.0	106.3	108.4	107.4
Fruits and vegetables-----	112.2	117.3	109.3	108.2	101.0	103.3	119.2	115.2	110.7	110.9	113.6
Other foods at home-----	103.5	107.6	103.4	104.7	100.4	101.3	97.9	104.8	103.7	104.7	99.5
Food away from home-----	115.5	107.0	118.4	110.0	109.5	101.1	119.5	122.4	116.4	118.3	119.8
Housing-----	107.4	106.2	106.1	104.7	99.0	100.5	110.3	112.0	108.6	105.2	113.7
Shelter-----	109.0	105.1	106.1	104.9	96.7	100.2	113.4	114.8	110.4	104.8	117.6
Rent-----	107.9	104.5	108.0	105.7	-----	100.9	108.9	-----	109.4	105.2	120.9
Homeownership-----	109.5	105.1	105.2	104.5	97.2	99.7	114.6	113.3	110.8	104.3	115.7
Fuel and utilities-----	107.2	111.5	106.9	104.7	102.9	99.9	105.7	105.0	104.5	107.1	106.5
Fuel oil and coal-----	101.5	-----	99.7	100.1	97.7	-----	-----	102.3	100.1	104.9	-----
Gas and electricity-----	108.2	111.4	103.9	105.2	105.5	100.0	112.6	106.6	101.8	107.9	107.6
Household furnishings and operation-----	102.8	103.4	105.9	104.7	100.5	101.7	103.3	108.2	103.5	104.1	104.0
Apparel and upkeep-----	105.9	104.9	107.1	102.9	107.1	102.1	106.8	109.8	110.3	106.9	108.7
Men's and boys'-----	106.6	105.0	106.6	103.7	103.7	100.8	110.1	109.7	106.6	108.4	106.3
Women's and girls'-----	102.4	99.6	105.1	98.4	109.9	103.4	103.8	105.7	106.8	102.9	102.8
Footwear-----	110.9	112.6	117.0	108.9	110.6	101.1	109.9	112.3	110.9	113.2	111.8
Transportation-----	108.9	111.1	110.8	106.5	106.3	98.9	114.1	105.4	113.4	110.8	110.7
Private-----	107.4	108.8	108.0	106.5	104.5	98.7	110.0	107.2	110.4	109.3	112.0
Public-----	119.3	124.0	123.3	107.4	114.4	100.0	138.9	100.6	124.9	116.5	101.1
Health and recreation-----	113.9	111.8	111.5	110.3	114.3	100.7	110.5	116.5	114.2	115.7	114.3
Medical care-----	119.7	116.6	130.0	127.7	124.6	102.1	118.4	119.3	123.4	115.9	122.4
Personal care-----	109.5	111.2	107.8	111.4	109.2	101.1	108.4	108.7	108.2	114.4	116.8
Reading and recreation-----	114.3	111.2	105.8	100.4	110.5	100.2	103.3	122.5	111.2	122.0	109.2
Other goods and services-----	109.0	109.8	104.7	101.4	108.6	99.6	108.1	111.4	110.3	110.8	109.2
Percent changes June 1964 to September 1964											
All items-----	0.4	0.8	- 0.1	0.1	1.0	0.6	0	0.6	0.5	0.9	0.4
Food-----	.9	2.1	(2/)	1.2	.6	.1	0.7	1.5	1.0	1.4	.4
Food at home-----	1.1	2.6	(2/)	1.5	.6	- .1	.6	1.7	1.1	1.6	.3
Cereals and bakery products-----	.6	.6	(2/)	.2	.4	- 1.2	1.1	.1	1.9	1.4	0
Meats, poultry, and fish-----	4.8	6.7	(2/)	5.3	6.4	- .6	1.8	5.5	2.4	4.7	2.4
Dairy products-----	.6	- .3	(2/)	0	- .6	- .1	.3	.7	2.0	1.5	0
Fruits and vegetables-----	- 6.7	- 1.5	(2/)	- 7.0	- 11.2	- 1.0	- 2.4	- 6.7	- 6.0	- 4.8	- 3.5
Other foods at home-----	3.2	3.1	(2/)	4.3	3.5	2.3	1.2	4.6	4.0	3.3	.9
Food away from home-----	.3	.3	(2/)	.3	.5	.7	.7	.6	.3	.3	.8
Housing-----	.3	.3	- .1	- .6	.6	1.1	.5	.4	.2	.4	.4
Shelter-----	.6	.7	- .4	- .6	1.2	1.6	1.0	.4	.8	.9	.9
Rent-----	.1	.2	.1	3/ .2	-----	.3	3/ .4	-----	3/ .4	.1	.6
Homeownership-----	.7	.9	- .5	- .9	1.4	2.7	1.0	.6	1.0	1.3	.9
Fuel and utilities-----	.1	0	- .1	- .7	- .6	- .1	- .4	.8	- .5	- .9	- .9
Fuel oil and coal-----	.1	-----	0	- 3.1	0	-----	-----	0	.8	.6	-----
Gas and electricity-----	.1	0	- .2	- .7	- .2	0	- .7	1.9	- 2.0	- 1.4	- 1.7
Household furnishings and operation-----	- .1	- .3	.5	- .3	.1	.3	0	0	- .7	- .1	.2
Apparel and upkeep-----	.2	.5	.5	.8	.7	1.5	0	1.3	1.4	.7	0
Men's and boys'-----	.3	.1	.2	1.3	.4	.1	1.4	0	.9	1.2	1.0
Women's and girls'-----	.2	.9	1.1	.6	1.2	3.1	- 1.3	2.9	3.1	.5	- 1.1
Footwear-----	- .1	.4	- .3	.3	.2	.2	.3	.6	- .3	.4	0
Transportation-----	- .3	.5	- .1	- .6	3.3	.1	- 2.7	- .6	.4	2.8	- .6
Private-----	- .4	.6	0	- .7	3.6	.2	- 2.9	- .7	.5	3.0	- .6
Public-----	.3	0	0	0	0	0	.3	0	.1	- .1	0
Health and recreation-----	.4	.9	- .1	.2	0	.3	.3	.3	.2	.3	.7
Medical care-----	.3	1.5	.5	.2	- .1	.6	.3	.3	.6	.6	.9
Personal care-----	.4	2.7	- .7	.3	1.1	1.0	.1	.6	.9	.4	1.1
Reading and recreation-----	.3	.4	- .4	.3	.1	.3	- .2	.3	- .5	.4	.3
Other goods and services-----	.3	- .2	- .1	- .1	- .5	- .3	.7	0	.2	- .5	.9

1/ See footnote 1, Table A-2.

2/ Not available.

3/ Change from July 1964.

**NEW SERIES**  
(Including Single Workers)

**TABLE A-5: Consumer Price Index--United States and Selected Areas**  
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Food and its Subgroups  
September 1964 Indexes and Percent Changes from August 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-----	107.2	105.6	109.9	101.4	104.6	112.2	103.5	115.5
Atlanta-----	106.1	105.9	103.5	101.5	101.9	117.3	107.6	107.0
Baltimore-----	107.1	104.3	116.8	98.6	101.1	109.3	103.4	118.4
Boston-----	110.8	108.2	113.4	104.4	102.1	119.4	106.0	121.9
Buffalo (Nov. 1963=100)---	102.4	102.5	97.4	102.7	100.2	104.1	106.1	102.1
Chicago-----	107.0	106.5	108.1	103.6	111.0	108.2	104.7	110.0
Cleveland-----	103.0	101.6	107.2	101.3	96.1	104.5	99.6	111.0
Dallas (Nov. 1963=100)---	101.0	101.0	102.5	100.7	97.9	102.5	101.3	101.1
Detroit-----	102.4	101.2	102.0	99.7	103.6	101.0	100.4	109.5
Honolulu (Dec. 1963=100)---	100.8	100.7	100.9	99.4	99.3	103.3	101.3	101.1
Los Angeles-Long Beach---	108.3	105.3	118.0	94.4	107.8	119.2	97.9	119.5
New York-----	109.6	106.8	111.0	103.3	102.0	115.2	104.8	122.4
Philadelphia-----	105.9	104.0	107.2	97.5	106.3	110.7	103.7	116.4
Pittsburgh-----	106.2	105.6	110.4	107.9	97.4	106.0	105.0	109.7
St. Louis-----	109.1	106.5	108.4	103.7	108.4	110.9	104.7	118.3
San Francisco-Oakland-----	107.6	104.9	109.6	99.9	107.4	113.6	99.5	119.8
Seattle-----	109.3	107.0	110.8	104.7	111.8	110.0	102.1	119.6
Washington-----	108.0	106.2	110.0	101.0	107.2	110.1	106.0	116.9
Percent changes, August 1964 to September 1964								
U.S. City Average-----	0.3	0.3	0.3	2.2	0.2	- 4.3	1.6	0.2
Atlanta-----	.7	.9	1.1	2.8	.3	- 4.0	1.8	.1
Baltimore-----	.5	.6	.4	2.1	2.0	- 6.2	2.8	.2
Boston-----	- .3	- .4	.3	1.8	- .2	- 5.3	.2	.1
Buffalo (Nov. 1963=100)---	.2	.2	1.2	3.2	.5	- 7.1	1.2	.4
Chicago-----	.7	.8	.6	2.9	- .1	- 4.8	2.4	.1
Cleveland-----	.5	.6	.4	3.2	.2	- 5.8	1.6	.4
Dallas (Nov. 1963=100)---	.1	.2	2.6	1.1	- .6	- 4.2	1.3	.1
Detroit-----	0	- .1	- .3	3.0	- .4	- 7.8	1.9	.4
Honolulu (Dec. 1963=100)---	- .3	- .4	- .2	- .9	- .2	- .4	0	0
Los Angeles-Long Beach---	.2	.1	0	.7	.3	.3	1.2	.3
New York-----	.6	.7	0	2.2	.6	- 3.8	2.3	.2
Philadelphia-----	.5	.5	1.8	1.5	- .1	- 3.9	2.3	.3
Pittsburgh-----	.7	.7	.5	5.1	.3	- 8.4	2.0	.2
St. Louis-----	.4	.5	.6	2.6	.5	- 5.3	2.2	0
San Francisco-Oakland-----	.3	.3	0	.2	.2	.2	.7	.4
Seattle-----	.2	.3	- .1	.7	.1	- .6	.9	0
Washington-----	.5	.6	.2	4.3	.1	- 7.0	1.8	.1

1/ See footnote 1, Table A-2.

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(Including Single Workers)

**TABLE A-6: Consumer Price Index--Food, Groups, and Items**  
September 1964 Indexes, and Percent Changes August 1964 to September 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	0.3	Fruits and vegetables-----	112.2	- 4.3
Food away from home-----	115.5	.2	Fresh fruits and vegetables-----	114.5	- 6.9
Restaurant meals-----	115.5	.2	Apples-----	121.0	-16.3
Snacks <u>1</u> /-----	100.9	- .1	Bananas-----	96.1	- 2.7
Food at home-----	105.6	.3	Oranges-----	149.2	4.4
Cereals and bakery products---	109.9	.3	Orange juice, fresh <u>1</u> /-----	101.1	- .2
Flour-----	108.3	1.0	Grapefruit-----	173.2	3.0
Cracker meal <u>1</u> /-----	101.5	.7	Grapes *-----	97.2	-25.1
Corn flakes-----	119.3	- .2	Strawberries *-----	*	*
Rice-----	106.2	.2	Watermelon *-----	*	*
Bread, white-----	113.9	.7	Potatoes-----	136.3	-13.4
Bread, whole wheat <u>1</u> /-----	101.5	.7	Onions-----	104.4	- 6.8
Cookies-----	99.9	.1	Asparagus * <u>1</u> /-----	*	*
Layer cake <u>1</u> /-----	98.3	- .2	Cabbage-----	121.0	3.2
Cinnamon rolls <u>1</u> /-----	99.3	- 1.1	Carrots-----	105.2	- 1.2
Meats, poultry, and fish-----	101.4	2.2	Celery-----	100.4	.2
Meats-----	103.0	2.8	Cucumbers <u>1</u> /-----	94.9	- .4
Beef and veal-----	105.1	3.3	Lettuce-----	111.0	4.5
Steak, round-----	106.0	4.6	Peppers, green <u>1</u> /-----	98.3	-15.1
Steak, sirloin <u>2</u> /-----	100.3	3.1	Spinach <u>1</u> /-----	102.0	.1
Steak, porterhouse <u>1</u> /-----	103.3	2.4	Tomatoes-----	75.0	-19.4
Rump roast <u>1</u> /-----	100.9	3.4	Processed fruits and vegetables-----	109.6	- .6
Rib roast-----	109.9	5.1	Fruit cocktail, canned-----	101.5	- 1.2
Chuck roast-----	101.2	6.5	Pears, canned <u>1</u> /-----	106.0	- 2.0
Hamburger-----	102.9	2.9	Grapefruit-pineapple juice, canned <u>1</u> /-----	100.1	.1
Beef liver <u>1</u> /-----	98.8	.8	Orange juice concentrate, frozen-----	130.9	0
Veal cutlets-----	117.3	.9	Lemonade concentrate, frozen <u>2</u> /-----	92.7	- 1.6
Pork-----	102.7	3.9	Beets, canned <u>1</u> /-----	97.7	- .2
Chops-----	114.8	6.2	Peas, green, canned-----	109.2	0
Loin roast <u>2</u> /-----	117.7	7.0	Tomatoes, canned-----	103.2	- .5
Pork sausage <u>1</u> /-----	101.4	.8	Dried beans-----	104.2	- .1
Ham, whole-----	95.1	- .2	Broccoli, frozen <u>1</u> /-----	96.1	- 1.1
Picnics <u>1</u> /-----	100.6	3.3	Other food at home-----	103.5	1.6
Bacon-----	97.8	3.6	Eggs-----	104.9	11.8
Other meats-----	102.6	0	Fats and oils:		
Lamb chops <u>1</u> /-----	107.0	1.9	Margarine-----	94.7	- .2
Frankfurters-----	101.0	- .8	Salad dressing, Italian <u>1</u> /-----	99.0	- 1.4
Ham, canned <u>1</u> /-----	97.7	- 1.7	Salad or cooking oil <u>1</u> /-----	98.0	.4
Bologna sausage <u>1</u> /-----	100.3	- 1.0	Sugar and sweets-----	114.0	- .2
Salami sausage <u>1</u> /-----	101.8	1.4	Sugar-----	109.1	- 1.2
Liverwurst <u>1</u> /-----	102.6	.1	Grape jelly-----	115.3	- .1
Poultry-----	87.7	.2	Chocolate bar-----	105.8	.2
Frying chicken-----	88.1	.7	Syrup, chocolate flavored <u>1</u> /-----	99.6	.3
Chicken breasts <u>1</u> /-----	97.7	- .3	Nonalcoholic beverages-----	103.7	- .4
Turkey <u>1</u> /-----	97.1	- 1.7	Coffee, can and bag-----	96.5	- .4
Fish-----	106.4	- .2	Coffee, instant <u>3</u> /-----	117.7	- .3
Shrimp, frozen <u>1</u> /-----	88.2	- .9	Tea-----	102.3	- .4
Fish, fresh or frozen-----	114.5	- .3	Cola drink-----	124.2	- .8
Tuna fish, canned-----	102.1	.1	Carbonated fruit drink <u>1</u> /-----	102.2	.1
Sardines, canned <u>1</u> /-----	97.4	.1	Prepared and partially prepared foods <u>1</u> /-----	99.2	- .2
Dairy products-----	104.6	.2	Bean soup, canned <u>1</u> /-----	99.4	.2
Milk, fresh, grocery-----	103.5	.5	Chicken soup, canned <u>1</u> /-----	99.6	.1
Milk, fresh, delivered-----	106.6	.2	Spaghetti, canned <u>1</u> /-----	100.6	- .2
Milk, fresh, skim <u>1</u> /-----	100.4	.4	Mashed potatoes, instant <u>1</u> /-----	97.7	- .3
Milk, evaporated-----	102.6	0	Potatoes, french fried, frozen <u>2</u> /-----	87.7	- 1.3
Ice cream-----	94.7	- 1.1	Baby foods, canned-----	108.4	- .1
Cheese, American process-----	112.6	- .2	Sweet pickle relish <u>1</u> /-----	100.2	0
Butter-----	102.1	.7	Pretzels <u>1</u> /-----	101.4	.1

1/ December 1963 = 100.

2/ April 1960 = 100.

3/ July 1961 = 100.

\* Priced only in season.

NEW SERIES  
(Including Single Workers)

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	Trans- porta- tion	Health and recreation				
							Total	Medical care	Personal care	Reading and recrea- tion	Other goods and services
1964:	Sept.	108.4	107.2	107.4	105.9	108.9	113.9	119.7	109.5	114.3	109.0
	Aug.	108.2	106.9	107.2	105.3	109.3	113.8	119.8	109.4	114.2	108.9
	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
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



NEW SERIES  
(Single Workers Excluded)

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

Group	Indexes (1957-59=100)			Percent change to September 1964 from--		
	September 1964	August 1964	September 1963	August 1964	June 1964	September 1963
All items-----	108.4	108.2	107.1	0.2	0.4	1.2
Food-----	107.2	106.9	105.4	.3	1.0	1.7
Food at home-----	105.6	105.2	103.8	.4	1.1	1.7
Cereals and bakery products-----	109.9	109.6	109.1	.3	.6	.7
Meats, poultry, and fish-----	101.4	99.2	101.5	2.2	4.8	-.1
Dairy products-----	104.6	104.4	104.3	.2	.7	.3
Fruits and vegetables-----	112.0	117.2	108.1	-4.4	-6.7	3.6
Other foods at home-----	103.4	101.9	99.5	1.5	3.1	3.9
Food away from home-----	115.5	115.3	113.6	.2	.3	1.7
Housing-----	107.4	107.2	106.2	.2	.4	1.1
Shelter 1/-----	109.0	108.8	107.1	.2	.6	1.8
Rent-----	107.9	107.8	107.0	.1	.1	.8
Homeownership 2/-----	109.5	109.2	107.2	.3	.7	2.1
Fuel and utilities 3/-----	107.2	107.1	107.0	.1	.1	.2
Fuel oil and coal 4/-----	101.5	100.8	103.7	.7	.1	-2.1
Gas and electricity-----	108.2	108.2	108.0	0	0	.2
Household furnishings and operation---	102.8	102.6	102.7	.2	0	.1
Apparel and upkeep 5/-----	105.9	105.3	105.4	.6	.2	.5
Men's and boys'-----	106.6	106.0	105.2	.6	.3	1.3
Women's and girls'-----	102.4	101.3	102.5	1.1	.2	-.1
Footwear-----	110.9	110.8	110.7	.1	-.1	.2
Transportation-----	108.9	109.3	107.9	-.4	-.3	.9
Private-----	107.4	107.9	106.5	-.5	-.4	.8
Public-----	119.4	119.2	117.1	.2	.3	2.0
Health and recreation-----	113.9	113.8	112.1	.1	.4	1.6
Medical care-----	119.7	119.8	117.5	-.1	.3	1.9
Personal care-----	109.5	109.4	108.2	.1	.4	1.2
Reading and recreation-----	114.3	114.2	112.3	.1	.3	1.8
Other goods and services 6/-----	109.0	108.9	108.0	.1	.3	.9

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

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

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

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

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

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

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
		August 1964		May 1964	August 1963
Houston-----	2	107.3	132.2	.4	1.0
Milwaukee-----	2	106.3	134.0	.7	1.1
Scranton-----	2	110.0	131.2	1.2	2.2
		September 1964		June 1964	September 1963
Cincinnati-----	3	107.0	130.2	.8	1.8

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, 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 <sup>1/</sup>  
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			August 1964			September 1964
All items-----	109.5	108.1	109.1	107.3	106.3	110.0	107.0
Food-----	108.2	105.7	108.1	105.8	105.6	106.8	106.2
Food at home-----	107.7	104.2	107.2	103.2	104.5	105.2	104.9
Cereals and bakery products-----	106.9	103.1	108.3	106.7	95.8	107.4	108.7
Meats, poultry, and fish-----	99.6	97.2	100.4	95.4	101.9	100.8	103.1
Dairy products-----	107.5	105.9	106.9	101.3	108.2	99.4	100.8
Fruits and vegetables-----	126.2	121.1	127.8	117.4	114.0	121.8	114.4
Other foods at home-----	104.0	99.5	99.5	101.1	102.8	101.2	101.2
Housing-----	107.2	106.2	109.3	105.4	104.2	106.9	103.8
Rent-----	104.1	108.1	106.9	100.2	102.1	108.8	102.5
Gas and electricity-----	115.9	101.4	102.5	133.2	103.4	105.5	110.2
Solid and petroleum fuels-----	112.3	99.3	102.2	-----	111.6	101.2	103.3
Housefurnishings-----	98.7	98.4	97.6	98.5	102.9	95.6	98.9
Household operation-----	116.2	109.4	111.3	115.3	113.0	111.9	112.3
Apparel-----	104.4	102.2	105.1	105.6	104.5	105.0	105.5
Men's and boys'-----	111.3	108.5	111.0	107.2	108.2	108.3	108.7
Women's and girls'-----	97.4	96.7	98.1	103.3	100.3	102.4	101.0
Footwear-----	113.4	106.6	114.0	111.7	107.9	108.4	113.5
Other apparel-----	98.4	97.4	99.7	102.2	103.0	100.3	100.4
Transportation-----	108.9	109.1	108.5	108.2	107.8	109.0	110.6
Private-----	105.8	107.3	105.6	105.7	107.5	106.5	109.6
Public-----	125.4	121.9	126.8	124.3	111.2	125.3	117.8
Medical care-----	116.4	132.0	117.0	113.4	111.1	117.5	117.9
Personal care-----	114.4	107.5	110.1	114.0	111.7	115.0	106.8
Reading and recreation-----	120.9	113.5	117.2	116.7	113.7	143.7	116.8
Other goods and services-----	116.2	106.7	104.9	107.9	106.7	112.8	105.9
Percent Changes							
	April to July 1964			May to August 1964			June to September 1964
All items-----	0.5	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.7	1.2	0.8
Food-----	1.6	1.9	1.2	1.1	.7	2.0	1.0
Food at home-----	1.9	2.2	1.7	1.5	.6	2.3	1.2
Cereals and bakery products-----	- 2.9	0	.3	0	- .7	- .1	- .3
Meats, poultry, and fish-----	2.2	1.3	1.4	1.2	3.2	3.9	5.5
Dairy products-----	0	.6	.6	- .1	0	.5	.3
Fruits and vegetables-----	8.0	9.2	6.9	4.5	- 1.9	4.4	- 6.3
Other foods at home-----	.6	- .2	- .9	1.0	.9	1.4	4.4
Housing-----	- .4	0	.3	- .1	.5	.1	.4
Rent-----	- .6	.3	.3	- .2	.5	.5	- .5
Gas and electricity-----	.5	- .2	0	- .2	- .6	0	- .3
Solid and petroleum fuels-----	0	- 3.4	- .6	-----	.5	4.3	4.2
Housefurnishings-----	0	.2	- .8	- 1.3	- .8	0	- .1
Household operation-----	.1	.3	.3	.7	- .2	- .7	.6
Apparel-----	0	- .2	- .6	- .5	.7	0	1.4
Men's and boys'-----	1.0	.3	1.2	- 1.1	.4	.6	1.7
Women's and girls'-----	- .3	- .4	- 2.5	- .5	1.3	- .3	1.9
Footwear-----	- 1.6	- .4	.4	.4	.1	.1	.1
Other apparel-----	0	- .1	- .3	.3	.5	- .1	.9
Transportation-----	.8	1.9	.5	- .3	2.8	- 1.0	.4
Private-----	1.0	2.1	.6	- .4	3.3	- 1.1	.5
Public-----	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Medical care-----	.1	- .2	- .1	.3	.5	- .4	.1
Personal care-----	- .1	0	.3	.1	- .4	0	.4
Reading and recreation-----	1.9	.7	1.8	2.5	- 1.0	8.8	3.2
Other goods and services-----	.3	0	- .5	0	- .1	.2	.7

<sup>1/</sup> 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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