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U.S. CITY AVERAGE
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SELECTED AREAS

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The Consumer Price Index rose by 0.1 percent in March, the United States Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics announced today. The increase was caused largely by higher prices for fresh vegetables and higher medical fees. Residential rents, furniture, and apparel prices also moved up in March.

At 109.0 percent of its 1957-59 average, the March index was 1.2 percent above a year ago. Higher charges for most consumer services accounted for nearly two-thirds of the increase. Prices have declined over the past year for eggs, sugar, household appliances, new cars, and electric utility rates.

Food prices rose 0.3 percent in March, as abnormally cold and windy weather conditions in Florida early this year retarded the development of fresh vegetables, especially tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, celery, and potatoes. Diminishing supplies from already depleted stocks brought potato prices to a level more than 60 percent above March 1964. Apple prices also were advanced.

On the other hand, egg prices continued downward, reaching their lowest level for the month in 18 years. Competitive market conditions brought reductions in instant coffee prices, while banana prices decreased following settlement of the longshoremen's strike at East and Gulf Coast Ports. Seasonally increased supplies caused a further reduction in prices of citrus fruits.

Fees for professional medical services and hospital service charges moved higher in March. Some newspaper prices and movie admission charges also were increased. Prices of gasoline and new cars declined, but automobile repair charges and insurance rates were increased over the month.

COST-OF-LIVING
 ADJUSTMENTS

About 14,000 workers, mostly bus drivers, are scheduled to receive an increase of 1 cent an hour, based on the quarterly change in the national Consumer Price Index. About 7,000 electronics workers in New York City will also receive a 1-cent-an-hour increase, based on the quarterly change in the index for New York City; but 1800 transit workers in Baltimore will have their cost-of-living allowances reduced by 1 cent, based on the quarterly change in the Baltimore index.

OTHER BASES

The Consumer Price Index for March 1965 and 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)	133.7	\$ 0.748
1939=100 (or \$1.00)	225.1	.444

: The first set of the attached tables (A-1 etc.) and :
 : the analysis contained in this report are based on :
 : the new index series, covering both single workers :
 : living alone and families. :

TABLE A-1: Consumer Price Index--United States City Average
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers
Major group, subgroup, and special group indexes, March 1965
and percent changes from selected dates

Group	Indexes (1957-59=100)			Percent change to March 1965 from--		
	March 1965	February 1965	March 1964	February 1965	December 1964	March 1964
All items-----	109.0	108.9	107.7	0.1	0.2	1.2
Food-----	106.9	106.6	105.7	.3	0	1.1
Food at home-----	105.0	104.8	104.0	.2	-.1	1.0
Cereals and bakery products-----	110.9	110.7	108.8	.2	-.1	1.9
Meats, poultry, and fish-----	99.6	99.5	97.2	.1	.6	2.5
Dairy products-----	105.0	105.2	104.5	-.2	-.6	.5
Fruits and vegetables-----	115.3	113.3	115.1	1.8	.7	.2
Other foods at home-----	100.3	100.9	100.9	-.6	-1.6	-.6
Food away from home-----	116.5	116.3	114.7	.2	.4	1.6
Housing-----	108.2	108.2	107.1	0	.4	1.0
Shelter <u>1</u> /-----	110.1	110.2	108.4	-.1	.5	1.6
Rent-----	108.7	108.5	107.5	.2	.3	1.1
Homeownership <u>2</u> /-----	110.8	110.9	108.9	-.1	.7	1.7
Fuel and utilities <u>3</u> /-----	107.4	107.4	107.3	0	-.5	.1
Fuel oil and coal <u>4</u> /-----	106.5	106.7	106.1	-.2	.7	.4
Gas and electricity-----	107.7	107.8	107.1	-.1	-.6	.6
Household furnishings and operation---	103.1	102.8	102.8	.3	.2	.3
Apparel and upkeep <u>5</u> /-----	106.0	105.8	105.3	.2	-.6	.7
Men's and boys'-----	106.3	106.2	105.2	.1	-.7	1.0
Women's and girls'-----	102.1	101.9	102.1	.2	-1.2	0
Footwear-----	111.7	111.6	110.7	.1	0	.9
Transportation-----	110.6	110.6	108.9	0	.1	1.6
Private-----	109.0	109.1	107.4	-.1	0	1.5
Public-----	121.3	121.2	118.3	.1	.8	2.5
Health and recreation-----	114.9	114.7	113.1	.2	.5	1.6
Medical care-----	121.4	121.0	118.7	.3	.9	2.3
Personal care-----	110.4	110.1	108.7	.3	.4	1.6
Reading and recreation-----	115.4	115.2	113.6	.2	.4	1.6
Other goods and services <u>6</u> /-----	109.5	109.4	108.5	.1	.3	.9
Special groups:						
All items less shelter-----	108.7	108.6	107.5	.1	.1	1.1
All items less food-----	109.9	109.8	108.6	.1	.3	1.2
Commodities <u>7</u> /-----	105.6	105.5	104.8	.1	-.1	.8
Nondurables-----	106.4	106.3	105.6	.1	-.1	.8
Durables <u>7</u> / <u>8</u> /-----	103.2	103.3	102.9	-.1	-.2	.3
Services <u>9</u> /-----	117.0	116.9	114.5	.1	.7	2.2
Commodities less food <u>7</u> /-----	104.8	104.7	104.3	.1	-.1	.5
Nondurables less food-----	106.2	106.1	105.6	.1	-.1	.6
Apparel commodities-----	105.0	104.9	104.5	.1	-.8	.5
Apparel less footwear-----	103.7	103.5	103.2	.2	-.9	.5
Nondurables less food and apparel---	106.9	106.8	106.2	.1	.2	.7
New cars-----	100.8	101.0	101.8	-.2	-.8	-1.0
Used cars-----	121.7	121.7	119.6	0	-1.6	1.8
Household durables <u>10</u> /-----	98.0	97.8	98.7	.2	.1	-.7
Housefurnishings-----	98.4	98.1	98.6	.3	.2	-.2
Services less rent <u>9</u> /-----	119.1	118.9	116.3	.2	.8	2.4
Household services less rent-----	116.2	116.2	114.3	0	.5	1.7
Transportation services-----	118.4	118.2	114.1	.2	1.4	3.8
Medical care services-----	125.9	125.5	122.3	.3	1.1	2.9
Other services <u>11</u> /-----	120.7	120.4	117.7	.2	.8	2.5
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1957-59 = \$1.00)-----	\$0.917	\$0.918	\$0.929	-.1	-.2	-1.3

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/ 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 1/	Pricing Schedule 2/	Indexes			Percent change from--	
		1957-59=100	1947-49=100	Other bases	December 1964	March 1964
		March 1965				
U.S. City Average -----	M	109.0	133.7		0.2	1.2
Chicago -----	M	106.7	134.5		.2	.9
Detroit -----	M	104.8	129.2		0	1.2
Los Angeles-Long Beach -----	M	112.2	139.9		.7	2.3
New York -----	M	111.2	134.0		.1	1.1
Philadelphia -----	M	109.9	135.0		.3	1.4
		January 1965				
Boston -----	1	112.3	139.1		0.6	2.0
Pittsburgh -----	1	109.0	134.3		.1	1.2
		February 1965				
Buffalo (Nov. 1963=100) -----	2	-----	-----	102.4	0.3	2.3
Cleveland -----	2	106.0	131.7		.1	.8
Dallas (Nov. 1963=100) -----	2	-----	-----	100.0	-.7	.3
Seattle -----	2	109.8	138.0		-.3	.4
Washington -----	2	108.8	131.0		-.1	1.4
		March 1965				
Atlanta -----	3	107.6	133.2		0.2	0.9
Baltimore -----	3	108.3	134.4		-.3	.7
Cincinnati 3/ -----	3	106.8	130.0		-.1	1.1
Honolulu (Dec. 1963=100) -----	3	-----	-----	101.5	.3	1.0
St. Louis -----	3	109.0	135.3		0	1.4
San Francisco-Oakland -----	3	112.2	142.4		.5	2.1

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.

3/ Not included in U.S. Average.

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 February 1965 to March 1965

Group	U.S. City Average	Chicago	Detroit	Los Angeles-Long Beach	New York	Philadelphia
All Items -----	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0
Food -----	.3	0	.6	0	-.1	0.7
Housing -----	0	-.1	-.1	.3	-.1	-.6
Apparel and upkeep -----	.2	.8	.7	.2	.3	.3
Transportation -----	0	.2	-.4	-.3	.3	-.3
Health and recreation -----	.2	.4	.3	.3	.2	.5
Medical care -----	.3	0	1.0	.3	.3	.7
Personal care -----	.3	.5	.9	.2	.5	.5
Reading and recreation -----	.2	1.2	-.3	.4	.1	-.3
Other goods and services ---	.1	(2/)	(2/)	(2/)	(2/)	(2/)

1/ See footnote 1, Table A-2.

2/ Not available.

TABLE A-4: Consumer Price Index--United States and Selected Areas 1/
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Commodity Groups
March 1965 Indexes and Percent Changes from December 1964

Group	U.S. City Average	Atlanta	Baltimore	Chicago	Cincinnati 2/	Detroit
Indexes (1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)						
All items -----	109.0	107.6	108.3	106.7	106.8	104.8
Food -----	106.9	106.1	106.6	106.6	104.3	102.1
Food at home -----	105.0	105.5	103.4	105.9	102.5	100.6
Cereals and bakery products -----	110.9	105.0	115.3	108.8	109.3	104.5
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	99.6	99.8	98.1	102.5	100.3	97.7
Dairy products -----	105.0	105.0	102.4	111.3	100.3	102.8
Fruits and vegetables -----	115.3	119.5	112.5	111.0	111.7	105.8
Other foods at home -----	100.3	104.6	98.3	101.0	96.4	96.2
Food away from home -----	116.5	108.4	119.6	110.6	114.7	111.0
Housing -----	108.2	106.6	106.8	105.2	104.0	99.0
Shelter -----	110.1	105.4	107.8	105.6	102.6	97.1
Rent -----	108.7	105.0	108.4	105.5	103.2	-----
Homeownership -----	110.8	105.4	107.6	105.7	102.4	97.7
Fuel and utilities -----	107.4	110.5	105.7	104.8	106.9	102.4
Fuel oil and coal -----	106.5	-----	105.7	105.3	107.7	100.6
Gas and electricity -----	107.7	110.7	99.9	104.7	110.1	104.6
Household furnishings and operation -----	103.1	104.4	105.4	104.8	102.8	99.4
Apparel and upkeep -----	106.0	105.2	107.1	102.1	106.0	107.9
Men's and boys' -----	106.3	105.1	106.5	102.1	107.5	104.8
Women's and girls' -----	102.1	98.3	104.3	96.9	99.1	110.0
Footwear -----	111.7	116.0	118.5	110.0	113.7	112.1
Transportation -----	110.6	112.1	112.3	108.7	109.8	105.9
Private -----	109.0	109.8	109.7	109.0	108.6	104.1
Public -----	121.3	124.5	123.4	107.7	117.8	114.6
Health and recreation -----	114.9	112.5	112.2	110.9	114.8	116.1
Medical care -----	121.4	117.8	131.6	129.2	125.1	127.3
Personal care -----	110.4	111.9	108.8	111.5	107.1	110.4
Reading and recreation -----	115.4	111.9	106.4	101.0	117.3	112.3
Other goods and services -----	109.5	109.6	104.5	(3/)	105.9	(3/)
Percent changes December 1964 to March 1965						
All items -----	0.2	0.2	- 0.3	0.2	- 0.1	0
Food -----	0	.5	.1	.1	-.6	0.1
Food at home -----	-.1	.5	0	.2	-.8	0
Cereals and bakery products -----	-.1	.7	-.5	.5	-.1	-.1
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	.6	.1	1.0	1.2	.3	1.6
Dairy products -----	-.6	2.6	-.5	-.3	-.4	-.9
Fruits and vegetables -----	.7	1.7	3.1	.2	- 1.8	1.1
Other foods at home -----	- 1.6	- 1.0	- 3.1	- 1.5	- 2.1	- 2.5
Food away from home -----	.4	.6	.6	.1	.3	.4
Housing -----	.4	.3	- 1.3	.1	.2	-.5
Shelter -----	.5	.1	- 1.5	.3	.4	-.3
Rent -----	.3	.3	.1	4/- .3	.3	-----
Homeownership -----	.7	0	- 2.1	.5	.5	-.3
Fuels and utilities -----	-.5	- 1.0	- 1.9	-.6	-.4	-.2
Fuel oil and coal -----	.7	-----	.8	.2	0	0
Gas and electricity -----	-.6	-.6	- 3.8	-.6	0	-.1
Household furnishings and operation -----	.2	1.2	-.4	.1	-.1	- 1.4
Apparel and upkeep -----	-.6	.1	-.4	-.4	.2	.4
Men's and boys' -----	-.7	.3	-.3	- 1.5	-.3	-.1
Women's and girls' -----	- 1.2	- 1.3	-.9	0	.9	.5
Footwear -----	0	1.4	.3	.2	.1	.8
Transportation -----	.1	-.1	.2	.6	-.5	-.7
Private -----	0	-.1	.3	.7	-.6	-.7
Public -----	.8	0	0	.1	0	0
Health and recreation -----	.5	.5	.7	.4	.3	1.5
Medical care -----	.9	.9	.7	.3	.7	1.7
Personal care -----	.4	1.1	1.0	.5	.3	1.9
Reading and recreation -----	.4	.4	1.1	1.2	0	1.8
Other goods and services -----	.3	-.4	-.2	(3/)	.1	(3/)

See footnotes at end of table.

NEW SERIES
(Including Single Workers)

TABLE A-4: Consumer Price Index--United States and Selected Areas (Continued)
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Commodity Groups
March 1965 Indexes and Percent Changes from December 1964

Group	Honolulu (Dec. 1963=100)	Los Angeles- Long Beach	New York	Philadelphia	St. Louis	San Francisco- Oakland
Indexes (1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)						
All items -----	<u>5/</u> 101.5	112.2	111.2	109.9	109.0	112.2
Food -----	102.9	109.1	107.9	105.8	109.1	108.4
Food at home -----	103.2	105.7	104.4	103.7	106.3	105.1
Cereals and bakery products -----	101.5	121.6	111.9	108.7	108.7	109.1
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	101.8	94.5	100.1	96.4	102.0	101.1
Dairy products -----	100.6	108.5	101.0	108.5	110.6	106.5
Fruits and vegetables -----	110.4	122.2	114.3	114.9	115.0	116.6
Other foods at home -----	102.0	95.4	100.1	98.4	101.7	97.1
Food away from home -----	102.1	121.7	123.3	117.3	119.6	122.8
Housing -----	101.5	113.5	112.9	109.5	105.5	115.3
Shelter -----	101.8	118.1	115.7	111.6	105.3	119.9
Rent -----	101.4	110.1	-----	109.5	105.6	122.3
Homeownership -----	102.1	120.7	114.2	112.3	104.8	118.6
Fuel and utilities -----	99.4	106.5	106.5	106.0	107.6	106.2
Fuel oil and coal -----	-----	-----	110.9	109.7	105.6	-----
Gas and electricity -----	100.0	112.1	107.2	101.9	109.8	107.6
Household furnishings and operation -----	101.7	103.1	108.7	103.6	104.4	104.2
Apparel and upkeep -----	101.5	107.8	109.1	110.2	106.8	110.1
Men's and boys' -----	100.7	110.5	109.5	106.5	108.3	107.3
Women's and girls' -----	102.5	105.2	104.1	106.9	103.0	105.4
Footwear -----	99.6	110.2	112.2	109.6	112.9	112.1
Transportation -----	<u>6/</u> 98.6	118.2	107.5	116.8	110.9	111.9
Private -----	100.3	114.2	109.6	112.6	109.3	113.3
Public -----	90.5	138.9	101.4	136.7	116.8	100.8
Health and recreation -----	<u>7/</u> 102.0	111.4	117.7	115.4	116.6	115.4
Medical care -----	103.9	119.6	122.7	125.2	118.5	123.9
Personal care -----	102.1	108.5	109.1	108.8	113.7	118.1
Reading and recreation -----	100.7	105.1	123.4	112.1	122.4	110.2
Other goods and services -----	101.7	(<u>3/</u>)	(<u>3/</u>)	111.3	110.9	109.6
Percent changes December 1964 to March 1965						
All items -----	0.5	0.7	0.1	0.3	0	0.5
Food -----	1.2	0	-.6	.7	0.5	.5
Food at home -----	1.5	-.7	-1.0	.7	.6	.3
Cereals and bakery products -----	1.0	-.3	.1	1.9	-.5	-.5
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	.6	-.1	-.4	1.5	1.1	2.3
Dairy products -----	1.0	-.4	-2.0	-.5	.1	-.5
Fruits and vegetables -----	4.9	-1.2	-.2	4.4	2.3	-2.2
Other foods at home -----	.2	-1.4	-2.4	-3.1	-.5	-.1
Food away from home -----	.5	1.8	.5	.6	.2	.9
Housing -----	.3	2.1	.6	.2	-.2	.9
Shelter -----	.4	3.1	.6	0	-.2	1.3
Rent -----	.2	<u>4/</u> .6	-----	<u>4/</u> .3	0	.7
Homeownership -----	.7	4.0	1.1	0	-.2	1.5
Fuel and utilities -----	-.5	-.7	-.2	.1	-.7	-.3
Fuel oil and coal -----	-----	-----	.4	2.3	.3	-----
Gas and electricity -----	0	-.5	.3	-.1	-.9	0
Household furnishings and operation -----	-.1	-.2	1.1	.4	0	.3
Apparel and upkeep -----	-.4	.7	-.7	-.8	-.2	.7
Men's and boys' -----	1.6	-.1	-.5	-.4	.1	.3
Women's and girls' -----	-1.6	1.3	-1.6	-.7	-.4	1.5
Footwear -----	-1.2	0	.1	-3.2	-.4	.1
Transportation -----	-.3	-.6	0	.8	-1.1	-.4
Private -----	-.3	-.6	-.1	-.5	-1.3	-.4
Public -----	0	0	0	9.4	0	-.3
Health and recreation -----	1.0	.3	.7	.6	.5	.6
Medical care -----	1.3	.5	1.7	.8	1.9	1.2
Personal care -----	2.7	-.9	.4	.4	-.5	.4
Reading and recreation -----	0	.4	.3	-.1	-.3	.2
Other goods and services -----	1.3	(<u>3/</u>)	(<u>3/</u>)	1.0	.1	.5

1/ See footnote 1, Table A-2.

2/ Not included in U.S. Average.

3/ Not available.

4/ Change from January 1965.

5/ Corrected indexes for December, September, and June 1964 are 101.0, 100.2, and 99.7 respectively, 1964 average, 100.3.

6/ Corrected indexes for December, September, and June 1964 are 98.9, 97.3, and 97.2 respectively, 1964 average, 98.2.

7/ Corrected indexes for December, September, and June 1964 are 90.5 respectively, 1964 average, 93.7.

NEW SERIES
(Including Single Workers)

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
March 1965 Indexes and Percent Changes from February 1965

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-----	106.9	105.0	110.9	99.6	105.0	115.3	100.3	116.5
Atlanta-----	106.1	105.5	105.0	99.8	105.0	119.5	104.6	108.4
Baltimore-----	106.6	103.4	115.3	98.1	102.4	112.5	98.3	119.6
Boston-----	111.5	108.8	114.6	106.4	102.1	121.0	103.7	123.1
Buffalo (Nov. 1963 = 100)-----	102.4	102.3	97.6	100.4	100.2	110.3	103.7	102.8
Chicago-----	106.6	105.9	108.8	102.5	111.3	111.0	101.0	110.6
Cincinnati ^{2/} -----	104.3	102.5	109.3	100.3	100.3	111.7	96.4	114.7
Cleveland-----	102.3	100.5	106.1	97.9	98.6	110.5	95.0	112.7
Dallas (Nov. 1963 = 100)-----	101.7	101.6	103.7	102.1	99.5	105.9	98.4	102.3
Detroit-----	102.1	100.6	104.5	97.7	102.8	105.8	96.2	111.0
Honolulu (Dec. 1963 = 100)-----	102.9	103.2	101.5	101.8	100.6	110.4	102.0	102.1
Los Angeles-Long Beach-----	109.1	105.7	121.6	94.5	108.5	122.2	95.4	121.7
New York-----	107.9	104.4	111.9	100.1	101.0	114.3	100.1	123.3
Philadelphia-----	105.8	103.7	108.7	96.4	108.5	114.9	98.4	117.3
Pittsburgh-----	105.1	104.4	112.0	103.9	98.7	110.8	100.5	109.3
St. Louis-----	109.1	106.3	108.7	102.0	110.6	115.0	101.7	119.6
San Francisco-Oakland-----	108.4	105.1	109.1	101.1	106.5	116.6	97.1	122.8
Seattle-----	109.1	106.6	111.0	101.6	112.7	115.3	100.1	119.9
Washington, D.C.-----	106.6	104.0	110.7	97.7	106.8	110.7	101.0	118.0
Percent changes, February 1965 to March 1965								
U.S. City Average-----	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	- 0.2	1.8	- 0.6	0.2
Atlanta-----	.7	.8	.5	.4	.2	3.6	0	.3
Baltimore-----	.4	.4	.6	.6	-.6	3.1	- 1.4	.3
Boston-----	.2	.3	1.3	-.2	- 1.4	2.5	-.4	0
Buffalo (Nov. 1963 = 100)-----	.6	.7	.7	.6	.4	2.4	-.3	.1
Chicago-----	0	.1	-.5	0	-.1	1.5	-.6	0
Cincinnati ^{2/} -----	-.6	-.8	-.1	.3	-.4	- 1.8	- 2.1	.3
Cleveland-----	.1	.1	0	.4	1.0	.9	- 1.3	0
Dallas (Nov. 1963 = 100)-----	.3	.3	0	.9	-.3	3.1	- 1.7	.2
Detroit-----	.6	.7	.7	1.1	-.3	1.9	-.2	.1
Honolulu (Dec. 1963 = 100)-----	.2	.2	.7	-.7	.4	1.8	-.4	.3
Los Angeles-Long Beach-----	0	-.2	0	-.1	-.3	.7	-.8	.2
New York-----	-.1	-.3	.6	-.2	-.7	.4	- 1.0	.4
Philadelphia-----	.7	.7	.1	.2	.4	4.9	- 1.1	.2
Pittsburgh-----	0	.1	.4	.5	-.1	1.4	- 1.1	-.3
St. Louis-----	-.2	-.2	-.4	-.1	-.8	.6	-.3	-.1
San Francisco-Oakland-----	.4	.3	-.3	.6	-.7	.9	.3	.5
Seattle-----	.5	.6	.5	1.1	.3	1.2	-.1	0
Washington, D.C.-----	.5	.5	1.3	1.5	-.1	2.0	- 2.0	.6

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

^{2/} Not included in U.S. average.

NEW SERIES
(Including Single Workers)

TABLE A-6: Consumer Price Index--Food, Groups, and Items
March 1965 Indexes and Percent Changes February 1965 to March 1965
U.S. City Average
(1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)

Item or Group	Index	Percent Change	Item or Group	Index	Percent Change
Total food-----	106.9	0.3	Fruits and vegetables-----	115.3	1.8
Food away from home-----	116.5	.2	Fresh fruits and vegetables-----	122.2	3.4
Restaurant meals-----	116.6	.3	Apples-----	115.2	3.3
Snacks 1/------	101.6	.1	Bananas-----	93.1	- 3.5
Food at home-----	105.0	.2	Oranges-----	111.0	- 3.1
Cereals and bakery products-----	110.9	.2	Orange juice, fresh 1/------	94.2	- .7
Flour-----	109.3	.1	Grapefruit-----	120.2	- .5
Cracker meal 1/------	107.3	.4	Grapes *-----	*	*
Corn flakes-----	119.5	0	Strawberries *-----	*	*
Rice-----	106.1	-.2	Watermelon *-----	*	*
Bread, white-----	115.1	.3	Potatoes-----	174.4	1.8
Bread, whole wheat 1/------	102.7	0	Onions-----	103.6	- 4.0
Cookies-----	99.7	.3	Asparagus * 1/------	134.3	(4/)
Layer cake 1/------	97.6	.6	Cabbage-----	126.3	- 2.1
Cinnamon rolls 1/------	100.1	.2	Carrots-----	94.4	- 4.3
Meats, poultry, and fish-----	99.6	.1	Celery-----	111.0	8.2
Meats-----	100.3	.3	Cucumbers 1/------	159.7	16.2
Beef and veal-----	102.6	.2	Lettuce-----	106.0	- .2
Steak, round-----	101.8	.3	Peppers, green 1/------	131.7	7.0
Steak, sirloin 2/------	96.7	-.3	Spinach 1/------	98.1	1.4
Steak, porterhouse 1/------	101.9	.8	Tomatoes-----	122.3	18.9
Rump roast 1/------	98.5	.3	Fresh fruits and vegetables-----	106.9	- .6
Rib roast-----	107.8	1.1	Fruit cocktail, canned-----	95.2	- 1.9
Chuck roast-----	96.9	- 1.2	Pears, canned 1/------	96.0	- .6
Hamburger-----	101.4	0	Grapefruit-pineapple juice, canned 1/------	99.0	- .4
Beef liver 1/------	96.1	.6	Orange juice concentrate, frozen-----	111.9	- 4.1
Veal cutlets-----	117.3	-.2	Lemonade concentrate frozen 2/------	96.7	.2
Pork-----	97.4	.4	Beets, canned 1/------	97.0	- .2
Chops-----	101.8	-.5	Peas, green, canned-----	112.2	1.1
Loin roast 2/------	105.3	0	Tomatoes, canned-----	103.0	.2
Pork sausage 1/------	101.7	1.2	Dried beans-----	107.3	.1
Ham, whole-----	95.0	-.1	Broccoli, frozen 1/------	94.9	.4
Ficnics 1/------	95.6	.3	Other food at home-----	100.3	- .6
Bacon-----	98.5	1.7	Eggs-----	83.5	- 3.0
Other meats-----	102.9	.3	Fats and oils:		
Lamb chops 1/------	107.7	1.2	Margarine-----	101.7	.1
Frankfurters-----	102.6	.9	Salad dressing, Italian 1/------	99.5	.6
Ham, canned 1/------	98.5	-.2	Salad or cooking oil 1/------	106.5	.9
Bologna sausage 1/------	100.5	-.4	Sugar and sweets-----	113.6	.3
Salami sausage 1/------	100.7	.5	Sugar-----	108.4	.4
Liverwurst 1/------	102.1	-.7	Grape jelly-----	114.9	.7
Poultry-----	88.9	-.3	Chocolate bar-----	105.7	- .1
Frying chicken-----	89.1	-.7	Syrup, chocolate flavored 1/------	99.2	0
Chicken breasts 1/------	98.7	-.2	Nonalcoholic beverages-----	101.5	- 1.5
Turkey 1/------	100.0	1.2	Coffee, can and bag-----	95.6	- .4
Fish-----	109.9	-.2	Coffee, instant 3/------	105.6	- 7.4
Shrimp, frozen 1/------	94.5	.1	Tea-----	100.7	- .3
Fish, fresh or frozen-----	115.0	-.4	Cola drink-----	125.2	- .2
Tuna fish, canned-----	102.0	-.5	Carbonated fruit drink 1/------	102.5	0
Sardines, canned 1/------	103.4	0	Prepared and partially prepared foods 1/-	100.0	.1
Dairy products-----	105.0	-.2	Bean soup, canned 1/------	98.4	.2
Milk, fresh, grocery-----	102.7	-.3	Chicken soup, canned 1/------	99.4	- .1
Milk, fresh, delivered-----	106.8	-.2	Spaghetti, canned 1/------	100.3	- .3
Milk, fresh, skim 1/------	99.9	-.6	Mashed potatoes, instant 1/------	103.2	2.5
Milk, evaporated-----	105.3	.1	Potatoes, french fried, frozen 2/------	92.4	.2
Ice cream-----	95.0	.1	Baby foods, canned-----	107.6	- .2
Cheese, American process-----	116.3	.3	Sweet pickle relish 1/------	100.8	- .6
Butter-----	102.8	-.2	Pretzels 1/------	98.5	- .6

1/ December 1963 = 100.

2/ April 1960 = 100.

3/ July 1961 = 100.

4/ Not available.

* 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	Transportation	Health and recreation					
						Total	Medical care	Personal care	Reading and recreation	Other goods and services	
1965:	Mar.	109.0	106.9	108.2	106.0	110.6	114.9	121.4	110.4	115.4	109.5
	Feb.	108.9	106.6	108.2	105.8	110.6	114.7	121.0	110.1	115.2	109.4
	Jan.	108.9	106.6	108.1	105.6	111.1	114.5	120.6	110.0	115.0	109.3
1964:	Dec.	108.8	106.9	107.8	106.6	110.5	114.3	120.3	110.0	114.9	109.2
	Nov.	108.7	106.8	107.7	106.4	110.0	114.2	120.2	109.7	114.9	109.1
	Oct.	108.5	106.9	107.6	106.2	109.4	114.0	119.9	109.7	114.5	109.1
	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
Annual Average:	1964	108.1	106.4	107.2	105.7	109.3	113.6	119.4	109.2	114.1	108.8
	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
	1955	93.3	94.0	94.1	95.9	89.7	91.4	88.6	90.0	92.1	94.3

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 ^{2/}	Indexes		Percent change from--	
		1957-59 = 100	1947-49 = 100		
		January 1965		October 1964	January 1964
Kansas City-----	1	111.4	137.8	0.6	2.7
Minneapolis-----	1	108.7	134.5	.1	1.1
Portland-----	1	109.8	136.0	.3	2.0
		February 1965		November 1964	February 1964
Houston-----	2	107.4	132.3	0.1	0.2
Milwaukee-----	2	107.0	134.9	.2	1.7
Scranton-----	2	110.0	131.2	.1	1.1

^{1/} The old series Consumer Price Index, U.S. city average, was discontinued with the June 1964 publication. Indexes for Cincinnati were published on the old series basis through December 1964 and are now published on the new series basis. Old series indexes for Houston, Milwaukee, and Minneapolis were discontinued after their first pricing in 1965. New series indexes will be published initially in April for Houston and Minneapolis and in May for Milwaukee. Indexes for Kansas City will be continued on the old series basis until April and will be published as new series in June. These cities will be added to the national index in January 1966. Contrary to original plans, Portland and Scranton will be published on the old series basis indefinitely.

^{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.

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	Minn- eapolis	Portland, Oregon	Houston	Milwaukee	Scranton						
							Indexes (1957-59 = 100)					
							January 1965			February 1965		
All items-----	111.4	108.7	109.8	107.4	107.0	110.0						
Food-----	108.8	105.7	107.9	106.9	105.5	106.4						
Food at home-----	108.2	104.1	106.8	104.2	104.4	104.6						
Cereals and bakery products	113.3	106.7	108.7	111.1	100.4	111.2						
Meats, poultry and fish---	99.7	98.1	101.3	96.4	102.5	100.9						
Dairy products-----	112.3	106.9	110.5	103.1	106.7	102.0						
Fruits and vegetables-----	117.5	112.7	118.1	114.7	111.3	113.6						
Other foods at home-----	106.1	101.4	101.2	102.3	101.9	100.2						
Housing-----	107.9	107.0	110.7	105.6	104.6	107.9						
Rent-----	104.5	108.2	108.0	99.5	102.3	109.3						
Gas and electricity-----	115.8	101.9	102.5	132.8	103.4	104.8						
Solid and petroleum fuels----	112.3	104.9	104.2	-----	115.9	105.7						
Housefurnishings-----	98.4	98.1	96.5	98.4	103.3	95.3						
Household operation-----	117.8	106.8	110.6	115.3	112.8	112.7						
Apparel-----	105.3	103.8	105.5	104.1	105.1	104.8						
Men's and boys'-----	109.6	109.5	111.4	104.7	108.6	108.2						
Women's and girls'-----	99.9	97.5	99.4	103.5	100.6	101.8						
Footwear-----	115.1	112.1	112.0	106.8	109.7	108.9						
Other apparel-----	99.0	97.9	100.0	102.3	103.3	100.6						
Transportation-----	112.5	110.2	109.0	106.2	110.5	108.7						
Private-----	110.1	108.5	106.2	103.4	110.5	106.1						
Public-----	125.4	121.9	126.8	124.3	111.2	125.3						
Medical care-----	124.7	131.9	117.6	114.7	114.0	123.6						
Personal care-----	114.8	106.9	111.5	115.4	114.1	119.6						
Reading and recreation-----	127.5	115.7	118.5	118.0	113.2	136.6						
Other goods and services-----	115.9	106.8	105.1	108.5	107.2	112.8						
Percent Changes												
	October 1964 to January 1965			November 1964 to February 1965								
All items-----	0.6	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.1						
Food-----	.6	.5	.4	.8	.6	.8						
Food at home-----	.4	.9	.4	.8	.8	.8						
Cereals and bakery products	0	2.1	.2	.5	3.1	.2						
Meats, poultry, and fish--	-.9	-1.0	-1.2	.7	.8	1.7						
Dairy products-----	1.8	.2	.5	-.4	.9	.2						
Fruits and vegetables-----	2.3	5.4	2.4	2.1	2.6	2.4						
Other foods at home-----	-.4	-.9	.4	.4	-1.8	-.8						
Housing-----	-.1	-.1	.1	.2	-.9	0						
Rent-----	0	-.3	.7	-.6	.5	.1						
Gas and electricity-----	-.1	.3	0	-.2	0	-.7						
Solid and petroleum fuels----	0	.4	1.8	-----	.1	1.5						
Housefurnishings-----	-.8	-.8	-1.9	-.5	.2	.4						
Household operation-----	-.1	-2.5	-.6	0	-.4	-.4						
Apparel-----	-2.3	-1.3	-2.0	-1.5	0	-.9						
Men's and boys'-----	-1.3	-.5	-.4	-3.0	.2	-.6						
Women's and girls'-----	-4.3	-3.2	-4.4	-.2	-.4	-1.4						
Footwear-----	.3	1.2	-.4	-2.6	.2	0						
Other apparel-----	-1.5	-.4	-1.3	-.5	0	-.4						
Transportation-----	4.3	0	2.8	-2.4	1.2	-1.4						
Private-----	5.2	-.1	3.3	-2.8	1.4	-1.7						
Public-----	0	0	0	0	0	0						
Medical care-----	.2	.1	.3	1.1	2.5	4.9						
Personal care-----	.4	.4	-.2	1.3	1.3	-.2						
Reading and recreation-----	2.7	2.1	.5	3.2	.6	-2.5						
Other goods and services-----	.1	0	.2	.6	.4	0						

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.

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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*

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