

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

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**U.S. CITY AVERAGE
and
SELECTED AREAS**

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The Consumer Price Index advanced by 0.3 percent in April as prices of nearly all consumer goods and services rose, the United States Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics announced today. Higher prices for gasoline, fresh fruits and vegetables, and consumer services were the most important factors in the increase.

The April index at 109.3 percent of its 1957-59 average, was 1.4 percent above its level of a year ago, mainly as the result of higher prices for consumer services and nondurable commodities.

Food prices rose 0.4 percent in April, led by higher prices for fresh fruits. As usual, strawberries were substantially higher priced as they returned to market than at the end of last year's season. Apples also advanced but oranges were lower. Price increases were also reported for green peppers, potatoes, and cucumbers, which were in short supply in April. A 6.1 percent upturn in egg prices, reversing a 6-months downturn, reflected increased demand prior to Easter. Meat prices averaged 0.2 percent higher in response to a reduction in supplies. A 0.5 percent decline in dairy food prices was the result of seasonally increased supplies of fresh milk.

Higher average gasoline prices were observed in most cities, reflecting lessened competitive pressures. Used car prices were lower as record new car sales resulted in a high volume of trade-ins on dealers' lots. The introduction of new spring lines in some areas at higher prices than at the end of last season caused a 0.3 percent rise in apparel prices. Higher costs of college tuition, professional medical services, and household services were chiefly responsible for the increase in consumer service prices.

COST-OF-LIVING
ADJUSTMENTS

Based on a review of the national Consumer Price Index for the quarter ending April, about 900,000 workers will receive cost-of-living increases of 1 cent an hour. Of these, 750,000 are employed by automobile and automotive parts manufacturers, 70,000 by aerospace firms, and 50,000 in the farm and construction equipment industries. Approximately 30,000 workers in other industries will receive the same increase. In addition, about 11,500 transit workers will receive increases of 1½ cents an hour, based on the quarterly change in the index for the Chicago area.

OTHER BASES

The Consumer Price Index for April 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)	134.1	\$ 0.746
1939=100 (or \$1.00)	225.7	.443

: 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. :

NEW SERIES
(Including Single Workers)

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

Group	Indexes (1957-59=100)			Percent change to April 1965 from--		
	April 1965	March 1965	April 1964	March 1965	January 1965	April 1964
All items-----	109.3	109.0	107.8	0.3	0.4	1.4
Food-----	107.3	106.9	105.7	.4	.7	1.5
Food at home-----	105.5	105.0	103.9	.5	.7	1.5
Cereals and bakery products-----	111.0	110.9	108.8	.1	- .1	2.0
Meats, poultry, and fish-----	99.8	99.6	97.0	.2	.6	2.9
Dairy products-----	104.5	105.0	104.1	- .5	- 1.0	.4
Fruits and vegetables-----	117.6	115.3	115.7	2.0	4.6	1.6
Other foods at home-----	101.1	100.3	101.1	.8	- .5	0
Food away from home-----	116.8	116.5	114.9	.3	.6	1.7
Housing-----	108.2	108.2	107.0	0	.1	1.1
Shelter 1/-----	110.1	110.1	108.2	0	.2	1.8
Rent-----	108.8	108.7	107.7	.1	.4	1.0
Homeownership 2/-----	110.8	110.8	108.6	0	.2	2.0
Fuel and utilities 3/-----	107.2	107.4	107.4	- .2	- .6	- .2
Fuel oil and coal 4/-----	105.4	106.5	103.3	- 1.0	- 1.0	2.0
Gas and electricity-----	107.7	107.7	108.0	0	- .3	- .3
Household furnishings and operation-----	103.1	103.1	102.9	0	.3	.2
Apparel and upkeep 5/-----	106.3	106.0	105.6	.3	.7	.7
Men's and boys'-----	106.6	106.3	105.9	.3	.4	.7
Women's and girls'-----	102.5	102.1	102.2	.4	1.1	.3
Footwear-----	112.0	111.7	110.9	.3	.4	1.0
Transportation-----	111.0	110.6	109.0	.4	- .1	1.8
Private-----	109.5	109.0	107.6	.5	- .2	1.8
Public-----	121.3	121.3	118.4	0	.6	2.4
Health and recreation-----	115.4	114.9	113.4	.4	.8	1.8
Medical care-----	121.6	121.4	119.0	.2	.8	2.2
Personal care-----	110.7	110.4	108.7	.3	.6	1.8
Reading and recreation-----	115.9	115.4	114.0	.4	.8	1.7
Other goods and services 6/-----	110.3	109.5	108.6	.7	.9	1.6
<u>Special groups:</u>						
All items less shelter-----	109.1	108.7	107.7	.4	.5	1.3
All items less food-----	110.1	109.9	108.6	.2	.3	1.4
Commodities 7/-----	105.9	105.6	104.9	.3	.3	1.0
Nondurables-----	107.0	106.4	105.6	.6	.7	1.3
Durables 7/ 8/-----	103.0	103.2	102.9	- .2	- .6	.1
Services 9/-----	117.3	117.0	114.8	.3	.6	2.2
Commodities less food 7/-----	105.0	104.8	104.3	.2	.1	.7
Nondurables less food-----	106.8	106.2	105.6	.6	.7	1.1
Apparel commodities-----	105.3	105.0	104.7	.3	.6	.6
Apparel less footwear-----	104.0	103.7	103.5	.3	.7	.5
Nondurables less food and apparel-----	107.6	106.9	106.1	.7	.7	1.4
New cars-----	100.7	100.8	101.6	- .1	- .8	- .9
Used cars-----	120.6	121.7	120.9	- .9	- 2.5	- .2
Household durables 10/-----	97.9	98.0	98.7	- .1	.1	- .8
Housefurnishings-----	98.5	98.4	98.7	.1	.5	- .2
Services less rent 9/-----	119.3	119.1	116.5	.2	.6	2.4
Household services less rent-----	116.3	116.2	114.4	.1	.3	1.7
Transportation services-----	118.5	118.4	114.4	.1	.7	3.6
Medical care services-----	126.2	125.9	122.7	.2	1.0	2.9
Other services 11/-----	121.3	120.7	118.2	.5	1.0	2.6
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1957-59 = \$1.00)-----	\$ 0.915	\$ 0.917	\$ 0.928	- .2	- .3	- 1.4

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 service 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		
		April 1965			January 1965	April 1964
U.S. City Average -----	M	109.3	134.1		0.4	1.4
Chicago -----	M	106.9	134.8		.5	1.1
Detroit -----	M	105.6	130.2		.6	1.7
Los Angeles-Long Beach -----	M	112.5	140.3		.8	2.4
New York -----	M	111.6	134.5		.6	1.4
Philadelphia -----	M	109.7	134.7		0	1.2
		April 1965			January 1965	April 1964
Boston -----	1	112.9	139.9		0.5	2.1
Houston <u>3/</u> -----	1	107.9	132.9		<u>4/</u> .5	<u>5/</u> .9
Minneapolis-St. Paul <u>3/</u> -----	1	108.9	134.7		.2	1.5
Pittsburgh -----	1	109.8	135.3		.7	1.6
		February 1965			November 1964	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			December 1964	March 1964
Atlanta -----	3	107.6	133.2		0.2	0.9
Baltimore -----	3	108.3	134.4		- .3	.7
Cincinnati <u>3/</u> -----	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.

4/ Change from February 1965.

5/ Change from May 1964.

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 March 1965 to April 1965

Group	U.S. city average	Chicago	Detroit	Los Angeles- Long Beach	New York	Philadelphia
All items -----	0.3	0.2	0.8	0.3	0.4	- 0.2
Food -----	.4	.1	.9	.7	.6	- .2
Housing -----	0	- .2	.2	0	0	- .5
Apparel and upkeep -----	.3	.2	.7	0	- .1	- .2
Transportation -----	.4	1.0	2.5	.9	- .1	.3
Health and recreation -----	.4	.1	.3	.3	1.4	.1
Medical care -----	.2	0	.2	.4	0	.1
Personal care -----	.3	.2	.4	1.0	- .1	- .6
Reading and recreation -----	.4	.1	1.0	- .3	.4	.8
Other goods and services ---	.7	(<u>2/</u>)	(<u>2/</u>)	(<u>2/</u>)	(<u>2/</u>)	(<u>2/</u>)

1/ See footnote 1, table A-2.

2/ Not available.

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
April 1965 Indexes and Percent Changes from January 1965

Group	U.S. City Average	Boston	Chicago	Detroit	Houston 2/	Los Angeles- Long Beach	Minn- neapolis- St. Paul 2/	New York	Phila- delphia	Pitts- burgh
Indexes (1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)										
All items -----	109.3	112.9	106.9	105.6	107.9	112.5	108.9	111.6	109.7	109.8
Food -----	107.3	111.4	106.7	103.0	106.8	109.9	106.3	108.5	105.6	105.9
Food at home -----	105.5	108.7	105.9	101.5	104.1	106.5	104.8	105.1	103.5	105.3
Cereals and bakery products -----	111.0	114.7	109.0	104.3	113.2	120.3	107.4	111.7	108.0	112.6
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	99.8	106.3	101.3	97.8	94.7	95.1	99.4	100.8	96.4	103.8
Dairy products -----	104.5	99.7	111.2	103.1	100.0	108.6	106.6	100.0	106.4	98.7
Fruits and vegetables -----	117.6	121.9	112.6	109.1	119.9	126.2	114.0	116.2	114.6	112.8
Other foods at home -----	101.1	104.3	102.0	97.4	101.8	96.1	101.6	101.5	99.5	102.6
Food away from home -----	116.8	123.1	110.7	111.9	118.8	122.4	112.5	123.6	117.4	109.6
Housing -----	108.2	115.6	105.0	99.2	105.3	113.5	3/106.5	112.9	108.9	108.3
Shelter -----	110.1	122.1	105.5	97.1	101.2	118.0	109.4	115.7	110.4	106.5
Rent -----	108.8	120.4	-----	95.4	99.3	-----	108.3	116.9	-----	107.1
Homeownership -----	110.8	123.0	105.7	97.7	102.1	120.7	109.6	113.9	110.6	106.2
Fuel and utilities -----	107.2	106.7	104.5	102.4	119.2	106.3	102.0	106.3	105.2	113.1
Fuel oil and coal -----	105.4	108.5	105.3	100.6	-----	-----	104.9	110.7	106.0	-----
Gas and electricity -----	107.7	103.1	104.3	104.5	4/132.7	111.7	5/99.3	107.1	101.9	111.7
Household furnishings and operation	103.1	106.7	104.5	100.2	107.8	103.3	101.2	108.7	104.1	106.5
Apparel and upkeep -----	106.3	107.1	102.3	108.7	107.2	107.8	105.5	109.0	110.0	110.0
Men's and boys' -----	106.6	100.6	103.3	106.7	105.6	110.4	111.8	109.3	106.9	103.8
Women's and girls' -----	102.5	105.9	96.5	110.7	106.2	105.2	98.3	103.5	106.4	107.7
Footwear -----	112.0	113.4	110.0	112.1	111.2	110.2	112.8	112.8	109.6	116.9
Transportation -----	111.0	112.6	109.8	108.5	107.4	119.3	110.6	107.4	117.1	114.0
Private -----	109.5	106.3	110.4	106.8	104.6	115.3	108.9	109.6	112.8	109.1
Public -----	121.3	132.9	107.7	114.6	124.3	138.9	121.9	101.4	136.7	131.4
Health and recreation -----	115.4	115.3	111.0	116.4	115.2	111.7	117.8	119.3	115.5	116.7
Medical care -----	121.6	122.4	129.2	127.6	115.9	120.1	132.5	122.7	125.3	129.7
Personal care -----	110.7	112.6	111.7	110.8	116.6	109.6	107.8	109.0	108.2	106.5
Reading and recreation -----	115.9	120.1	101.1	113.4	119.8	104.8	116.3	123.9	113.0	110.8
Other goods and services -----	110.3	105.3	101.4	109.1	108.7	108.3	107.0	116.2	(6/)	114.0
Percent changes from January 1965 to April 1965										
All items -----	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.6	7/ 0.5	0.8	0.2	0.6	0	0.7
Food -----	.7	.5	.9	1.1	- .1	.4	.6	.5	0.7	1.2
Food at home -----	.7	.6	1.0	1.1	- .1	.1	.7	.4	.8	1.4
Cereals and bakery products -----	- .1	1.3	- .5	- .2	1.9	- 1.5	.7	- .3	- .4	1.9
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	.6	.4	.9	.3	- 1.8	- .2	1.3	.7	1.2	1.2
Dairy products -----	- 1.0	- 3.8	- .4	- .5	- 3.0	- .3	- .3	- 2.8	- 2.2	- .1
Fruits and vegetables -----	4.6	4.8	5.8	6.8	4.5	3.4	1.2	3.9	5.3	5.1
Other foods at home -----	- .5	- .1	- .3	- .4	- .5	- 1.1	.2	- .2	- .5	.1
Food away from home -----	.6	.1	.2	1.2	0	1.4	.1	.7	.6	- .1
Housing -----	.1	.6	- .2	0	- .3	1.4	- .4	- .1	- 1.4	- .2
Shelter -----	.2	1.2	- .2	- .3	- .5	2.1	- .5	- .4	- 2.7	0
Rent -----	.4	.2	-----	8/ .2	- .2	-----	.1	8/ .3	-----	.2
Homeownership -----	.2	1.8	- .1	- .3	- .6	2.6	- .5	- 1.0	- 3.6	- .1
Fuel and utilities -----	- .6	- 1.0	- .4	- .1	- .1	- .6	- .9	- .7	- 1.1	- 1.1
Fuel oil and coal -----	- 1.0	- 2.3	0	0	-----	-----	0	- .2	- 3.4	-----
Gas and electricity -----	- .3	- .1	- .9	0	0	- .4	- 1.3	- .3	- .1	- 1.4
Household furnishings and operation	.3	.4	.4	.8	.1	0	.1	1.2	.7	.5
Apparel and upkeep -----	.7	1.0	.8	2.2	1.8	.9	1.1	1.7	.3	3.0
Men's and boys' -----	.4	.3	1.6	4.0	.9	.7	2.1	.6	1.6	- 1.6
Women's and girls' -----	1.1	2.2	.7	2.2	2.6	2.3	.8	3.2	.8	9.0
Footwear -----	.4	.1	.2	.6	4.1	- .3	.6	1.0	- 2.1	.6
Transportation -----	- .1	.2	.8	0	1.1	.7	.4	- .5	.9	0
Private -----	- .2	.2	1.0	0	1.2	.7	.4	- .5	- .4	- .1
Public -----	.6	0	.1	0	0	0	0	0	9.4	0
Health and recreation -----	.8	.6	.6	.9	1.0	.6	.4	1.8	.8	.6
Medical care -----	.8	.2	.2	1.4	1.0	1.0	.5	.9	1.0	.8
Personal care -----	.6	.8	.8	1.1	1.0	1.0	.8	.2	- .2	- .7
Reading and recreation -----	.8	.9	1.3	.9	1.5	.1	.5	.8	.8	- .1
Other goods and services -----	.9	.2	- .1	0	.2	.5	.2	4.2	(6/)	1.9

1/ See footnote 1, table A-2.

2/ Not included in U.S. average.

3/ Corrected index January 1965 is 106.9.

4/ Corrected index February 1965 is 132.7.

5/ Corrected index January 1965 is 100.6; 1964 average is 101.8.

6/ Not available.

7/ All percent changes for Houston are from February to April 1965.

8/ Change from February 1965.

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
April 1965 Indexes and Percent Changes from March 1965

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 -----	107.3	105.5	111.0	99.8	104.5	117.6	101.1	116.8
Atlanta -----	105.7	105.0	103.9	98.6	104.6	119.0	105.2	108.4
Baltimore -----	107.5	104.3	115.9	98.5	102.5	115.1	99.5	120.2
Boston -----	111.4	108.7	114.7	106.3	99.7	121.9	104.3	123.1
Buffalo (Nov. 1963=100) ---	102.5	102.5	97.6	100.2	99.0	111.9	104.4	102.8
Chicago -----	106.7	105.9	109.0	101.3	111.2	112.6	102.0	110.7
Cincinnati <u>2/</u> -----	104.9	103.2	108.7	100.9	100.1	114.7	96.6	114.7
Cleveland -----	102.5	100.7	106.3	97.7	96.3	113.4	95.8	112.8
Dallas (Nov. 1963=100) ---	102.1	102.0	103.4	101.6	98.9	107.4	100.0	102.5
Detroit -----	103.0	101.5	104.3	97.8	103.1	109.1	97.4	111.9
Honolulu (Dec. 1963=100) --	102.9	103.2	101.7	101.8	100.0	113.8	99.3	102.1
Houston <u>2/</u> -----	106.8	104.1	113.2	94.7	100.0	119.9	101.8	118.8
Los Angeles-Long Beach ---	109.9	106.5	120.3	95.1	108.6	126.2	96.1	122.4
Minneapolis-St. Paul <u>2/</u> ---	106.3	104.8	107.4	99.4	106.6	114.0	101.6	112.5
New York -----	108.5	105.1	111.7	100.8	100.0	116.2	101.5	123.6
Philadelphia -----	105.6	103.5	108.0	96.4	106.4	114.6	99.5	117.4
Pittsburgh -----	105.9	105.3	112.6	103.8	98.7	112.8	102.6	109.6
St. Louis -----	109.9	107.2	108.4	102.6	110.9	119.1	101.4	119.6
San Francisco-Oakland ----	108.9	105.8	109.0	100.9	106.8	121.4	96.9	123.1
Seattle -----	109.6	107.3	110.8	101.6	112.5	118.5	100.7	120.0
Washington -----	106.7	104.0	111.6	96.5	106.9	111.1	102.0	118.3
Percent changes, March 1965 to April 1965								
U.S. City Average -----	0.4	0.5	0.1	0.2	- 0.5	2.0	0.8	0.3
Atlanta -----	- .4	- .5	- 1.0	- 1.2	- .4	- .4	.6	0
Baltimore -----	.8	.9	.5	.4	.1	2.3	1.2	.5
Boston -----	- .1	- .1	.1	- .1	- 2.4	.7	.6	0
Buffalo (Nov. 1963=100) ---	.1	.2	0	- .2	- 1.2	1.5	.7	0
Chicago -----	.1	0	.2	- 1.2	- .1	1.4	1.0	.1
Cincinnati <u>2/</u> -----	.6	.7	- .5	.6	- .2	2.7	.2	0
Cleveland -----	.2	.2	.2	- .2	- 2.3	2.6	.8	.1
Dallas (Nov. 1963=100) ---	.4	.4	- .3	- .5	- .6	1.4	1.6	.2
Detroit -----	.9	.9	- .2	.1	.3	3.1	1.2	.8
Honolulu (Dec. 1963=100) --	0	0	.2	0	- .6	3.1	- 2.6	0
Houston <u>2/</u> -----	0	- .1	2.6	- 2.2	- .8	3.0	- .6	(3/)
Los Angeles-Long Beach ---	.7	.8	- 1.1	.6	.1	3.3	.7	.6
Minneapolis-St. Paul <u>2/</u> ---	.8	.7	1.1	1.9	.7	- 2.1	1.1	(3/)
New York -----	.6	.7	- .2	.7	- 1.0	1.7	1.4	.2
Philadelphia -----	- .2	- .2	- .6	0	- 1.9	- .3	1.1	.1
Pittsburgh -----	.8	.9	.5	- .1	0	1.8	2.1	.3
St. Louis -----	.7	.8	- .3	.6	.3	3.6	- .3	0
San Francisco-Oakland ----	.5	.7	- .1	- .2	.3	4.1	- .2	.2
Seattle -----	.5	.7	- .2	0	- .2	2.8	.6	.1
Washington -----	.1	0	.8	- 1.2	.1	.4	1.0	.3

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

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

^{3/} Not available.

NEW SERIES
(Including Single Workers)

TABLE A-6: Consumer Price Index--Food, Groups, and Items
April 1965 Indexes, and Percent Changes March 1965 to April 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-----	107.3	0.4	Fruits and vegetables-----	117.6	2.0
Food away from home-----	116.8	.3	Fresh fruits and vegetables-----	126.4	3.4
Restaurant meals-----	116.7	.1	Apples-----	120.6	4.7
Snacks 1/-	102.2	.6	Bananas-----	94.4	1.4
Food at home-----	105.5	.5	Oranges-----	109.6	- 1.3
Cereals and bakery products-----	111.0	.1	Orange juice, fresh 1/-	92.9	- 1.4
Flour-----	109.5	.2	Grapefruit-----	123.1	2.4
Cracker meal 1/-	107.8	.5	Grapes *-----	*	*
Corn flakes-----	119.0	.4	Strawberries *-----	136.3	(4/)
Rice-----	106.4	.3	Watermelon *-----	*	*
Bread, white-----	115.3	.2	Potatoes-----	178.3	2.2
Bread, whole wheat 1/-	102.9	.2	Onions-----	110.0	6.2
Cookies-----	99.8	.1	Asparagus * 1/-	89.9	-33.1
Layer cake 1/-	96.7	-.9	Cabbage-----	133.0	5.3
Cinnamon rolls 1/-	100.4	.3	Carrots-----	94.9	.5
Meats, poultry, and fish-----	99.8	.2	Celery-----	103.4	- 6.8
Meats-----	100.4	.1	Cucumbers 1/-	172.4	8.0
Beef and veal-----	102.6	0	Lettuce-----	103.6	- 2.3
Steak, round-----	102.0	.2	Peppers, green 1/-	189.9	44.2
Steak, sirloin 2/-	97.3	.6	Spinach 1/-	100.3	2.2
Steak, porterhouse 1/-	101.8	-.1	Tomatoes-----	125.7	2.8
Rump roast 1/-	97.8	-.7	Processed fruits and vegetables-----	106.7	-.2
Rib roast-----	107.9	.1	Fruit cocktail, canned-----	94.8	-.4
Chuck roast-----	96.5	-.4	Pears, canned 1/-	95.3	-.7
Hamburger-----	101.4	0	Grapefruit-pineapple juice, canned 1/-	99.3	.3
Beef liver 1/-	97.0	.9	Orange juice concentrate, frozen-----	109.9	- 1.8
Veal cutlets-----	117.2	-.1	Lemonade concentrate frozen 2/-	96.3	-.4
Pork-----	97.5	.1	Beets, canned 1/-	97.0	0
Chops-----	101.2	-.6	Peas, green, canned-----	113.1	.8
Loin roast 2/-	105.9	.6	Tomatoes, canned-----	102.9	-.1
Pork sausage 1/-	101.8	.1	Dried beans-----	107.2	-.1
Ham, whole-----	95.5	.5	Broccoli, frozen 1/-	94.7	-.2
Picnics 1/-	95.6	0	Other food at home-----	101.1	.8
Bacon-----	98.9	.4	Eggs-----	88.6	6.1
Other meats-----	103.2	.3	Fats and oils:		
Lamb chops 1/-	108.9	1.1	Margarine-----	102.2	.5
Frankfurters-----	103.3	.7	Salad dressing, Italian 1/-	99.9	.4
Ham, canned 1/-	97.9	-.6	Salad or cooking oil 1/-	108.1	1.5
Bologna sausage 1/-	101.6	1.1	Sugar and sweets-----	113.7	.1
Salami sausage 1/-	99.8	-.9	Sugar-----	108.0	-.4
Liverwurst 1/-	102.5	.4	Grape jelly-----	114.9	0
Poultry-----	89.0	.1	Chocolate bar-----	105.6	-.1
Frying chicken-----	89.4	.3	Syrup, chocolate flavored 1/-	99.9	.7
Chicken breasts 1/-	98.2	-.5	Nonalcoholic beverages-----	100.4	- 1.1
Turkey 1/-	100.2	.2	Coffee, can and bag-----	95.4	-.2
Fish-----	110.1	.2	Coffee, instant 3/-	98.4	- 6.8
Shrimp, frozen 1/-	94.8	.3	Tea-----	100.9	.2
Fish, fresh or frozen-----	115.4	.3	Cola drink-----	125.4	.2
Tuna fish, canned-----	101.2	-.8	Carbonated fruit drink 1/-	102.4	-.1
Sardines, canned 1/-	104.2	.8	Prepared and partially prepared foods 1/-	100.5	.5
Dairy products-----	104.5	.5	Bean soup, canned 1/-	97.8	-.6
Milk, fresh, grocery-----	102.1	-.6	Chicken soup, canned 1/-	99.4	0
Milk, fresh, delivered-----	105.8	-.9	Spaghetti, canned 1/-	100.3	0
Milk, fresh, skim 1/-	98.8	- 1.1	Mashed potatoes, instant 1/-	106.8	3.5
Milk, evaporated-----	105.3	0	Potatoes, french fried, frozen 2/-	92.5	.1
Ice cream-----	95.2	.2	Baby foods, canned-----	108.2	.6
Cheese, American process-----	116.3	0	Sweet pickle relish 1/-	100.7	-.1
Butter-----	102.7	-.1	Pretzels 1/-	98.8	.3

1/ December 1963 = 100.

2/ April 1960 = 100.

3/ July 1961 = 100.

4/ Not available.

* Priced only in season.

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(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
1965:	Apr.	109.3	107.3	108.2	106.3	111.0	115.4	121.6	110.7	115.9	110.3
	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
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

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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		
		April 1965		January 1965	April 1964
Kansas City -----	1	112.1	138.7	0.6	2.8
Portland, Oregon --	1	110.9	137.4	1.0	2.1
		February 1965		November 1964	February 1964
Milwaukee -----	2	107.0	134.9	0.2	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, Minneapolis and Houston were published on the old series basis through December 1964, January 1965, and February 1965 respectively, and are now published on the new series basis. Old series indexes for Milwaukee were discontinued after February 1965 and new series indexes will be published initially in May. Old series indexes for Kansas City will be discontinued after their April publication and will be replaced by new series indexes 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.

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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	Portland, Oregon	Milwaukee	Scranton
Indexes (1957-59=100)				
	April 1965		February 1965	
All items -----	112.1	110.9	107.0	110.0
Food -----	109.3	107.7	105.5	106.4
Food at home -----	108.7	106.6	104.4	104.6
Cereals and bakery products --	112.6	109.5	100.4	111.2
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	100.3	102.5	102.5	100.9
Dairy products -----	112.2	110.2	106.7	102.0
Fruits and vegetables -----	121.1	116.7	111.3	113.6
Other foods at home -----	105.0	99.6	101.9	100.2
Housing -----	108.9	113.2	104.6	107.9
Rent -----	104.8	108.1	102.3	109.3
Gas and electricity -----	^{2/} 117.9	102.5	103.4	104.8
Solid and petroleum fuels -----	112.3	104.2	115.9	105.7
Housefurnishings -----	99.1	97.1	103.3	95.3
Household operation -----	117.7	112.9	112.8	112.7
Apparel -----	106.1	107.3	105.1	104.8
Men's and boys' -----	112.0	113.4	108.6	108.2
Women's and girls' -----	99.8	101.9	100.6	101.8
Footwear -----	115.5	112.2	109.7	108.9
Other apparel -----	99.5	101.1	103.3	100.6
Transportation -----	113.4	109.3	110.5	108.7
Private -----	111.1	106.6	110.5	106.1
Public -----	125.4	126.8	111.2	125.3
Medical care -----	125.6	118.1	114.0	123.6
Personal care -----	115.5	112.7	114.1	119.6
Reading and recreation -----	126.9	117.5	113.2	136.6
Other goods and services -----	116.6	105.9	107.2	112.8
Percent Changes				
	January 1965 to April 1965		November 1964 to February 1965	
All items -----	0.6	1.0	0.2	0.1
Food -----	.5	- .2	.6	.8
Food at home -----	.5	- .2	.8	.8
Cereals and bakery products --	- .6	.7	3.1	- .2
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	.6	1.2	.8	1.7
Dairy products -----	- .1	- .3	.9	.2
Fruits and vegetables -----	3.1	- 1.2	2.6	2.4
Other foods at home -----	- 1.0	- 1.6	- 1.8	- .8
Housing -----	.9	2.3	- .9	0
Rent -----	.3	.1	.5	.1
Gas and electricity -----	.3	0	0	- .7
Solid and petroleum fuels -----	0	0	.1	1.5
Housefurnishings -----	.7	.6	.2	.4
Household operation -----	- .1	2.1	- .4	- .4
Apparel -----	.8	1.7	0	- .9
Men's and boys' -----	2.2	1.8	.2	- .6
Women's and girls' -----	- .1	2.5	- .4	- 1.4
Footwear -----	.3	.2	.2	0
Other apparel -----	.5	1.1	0	- .4
Transportation -----	.8	.3	1.2	- 1.4
Private -----	.9	.4	1.4	- 1.7
Public -----	0	0	0	0
Medical care -----	.7	.4	2.5	4.9
Personal care -----	.6	1.1	1.3	- .2
Reading and recreation -----	- .5	- .8	.6	- 2.5
Other goods and services -----	.6	.8	.4	0

^{1/} See footnote 1, table C-1.

^{2/} Corrected indexes July 1964 is 117.6, October 1964 is 117.5, January 1965 is 117.5; 1964 average is 115.6.

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.

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