

**THE CONSUMER
PRICE INDEX**

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

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Consumer prices advanced by 0.3 percent in May, the United States Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics announced today. Higher prices for meats, fresh vegetables, apparel, and gasoline, were primarily responsible for the increase. Prices of most consumer services also rose during the month.

The May Consumer Price Index, at 109.6 (1957-59=100), was 1.7 percent above May of last year. Increased charges for services and higher food costs were largely responsible for the advance from a year ago.

An increase of 0.6 percent in average food prices during the month was caused primarily by sharply higher prices for fresh vegetables, especially potatoes, lettuce, cabbage, and tomatoes, which were in short supply as a result of unfavorable weather. Cucumber prices dropped substantially, however, as supplies increased. Rising demand and short supplies pushed up prices of beef, veal, pork, and lamb. On the other hand, prices of frying chickens, milk, eggs, coffee, and bread were lower.

Transportation costs rose 0.4 percent as gasoline prices increased in response to lessened competitive pressures. Used car prices advanced seasonally, but new car prices declined. Car owners also paid more for insurance premiums in some areas.

The return of women's and girls' summer apparel items to the market at higher levels than last year's end-of-season prices was the main reason for the 0.5 percent rise in the apparel index. Prices for men's clothing also advanced, reflecting returns to regular levels after special sales.

Cigarette prices continued to rise during May and services associated with professional medical care and personal care also cost more. Housing costs did not change on the average, as lower prices for most durable housefurnishings and lower mortgage interest rates combined to offset rising costs of housekeeping services, maintenance and repairs, and property taxes.

COST-OF-LIVING
 ADJUSTMENTS

About 183,000 workers will receive increases in their cost-of-living allowances based on the national Consumer Price Index for May, as follows: 2 cents an hour for 101,000 workers, including 85,000 in meatpacking and 8,000 in aerospace; 1 cent an hour for 82,000, including 75,000 in aerospace industries. An additional 11,300 workers will receive increases based on city indexes: 2 cents an hour for 3,000 transit workers in Washington, D. C.; 4 cents an hour for 4,300 workers in food processing in Battle Creek, Michigan, based on the Consumer Price Index for Detroit; and 9 cents an hour for more than 4,000 drug store clerks in the Los Angeles-Long Beach area.

OTHER BASES

The Consumer Price Index for May 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)	134.5	\$ 0.743
1939=100 (or \$1.00)	226.3	.442

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

Group	Indexes (1957-59=100)			Percent change to May 1965 from--		
	May 1965	April 1965	May 1964	April 1965	February 1965	May 1964
All items-----	109.6	109.3	107.8	0.3	0.6	1.7
Food-----	107.9	107.3	105.5	.6	1.2	2.3
Food at home-----	106.2	105.5	103.7	.7	1.3	2.4
Cereals and bakery products-----	110.8	111.0	108.9	-.2	.1	1.7
Meats, poultry, and fish-----	100.3	99.8	96.6	.5	.8	3.8
Dairy products-----	104.2	104.5	103.9	-.3	- 1.0	.3
Fruits and vegetables-----	121.4	117.6	115.7	3.2	7.1	4.9
Other foods at home-----	100.8	101.1	100.5	-.3	-.1	.3
Food away from home-----	116.9	116.8	115.0	.1	.5	1.7
Housing-----	108.2	108.2	106.9	0	0	1.2
Shelter <u>1/</u> -----	110.2	110.1	108.2	.1	0	1.8
Rent-----	108.8	108.8	107.7	0	.3	1.0
Homeownership <u>2/</u> -----	110.8	110.8	108.4	0	-.1	2.2
Fuel and utilities <u>3/</u> -----	107.1	107.2	107.2	-.1	-.3	-.1
Fuel oil and coal <u>4/</u> -----	104.6	105.4	102.1	-.8	- 2.0	2.4
Gas and electricity-----	107.7	107.7	108.0	0	-.1	-.3
Household furnishings and operation---	103.1	103.1	102.9	0	.3	.2
Apparel and upkeep <u>5/</u> -----	106.8	106.3	105.7	.5	.9	1.0
Men's and boys'-----	107.0	106.6	106.2	.4	.8	.8
Women's and girls'-----	103.4	102.5	102.3	.9	1.5	1.1
Footwear-----	112.2	112.0	111.0	.2	.5	1.1
Transportation-----	111.4	111.0	109.1	.4	.7	2.1
Private-----	110.0	109.5	107.7	.5	.8	2.1
Public-----	121.3	121.3	118.6	0	.1	2.3
Health and recreation-----	115.6	115.4	113.5	.2	.8	1.9
Medical care-----	121.8	121.6	119.1	.2	.7	2.3
Personal care-----	111.0	110.7	108.9	.3	.8	1.9
Reading and recreation-----	115.9	115.9	114.1	0	.6	1.6
Other goods and services <u>6/</u> -----	110.6	110.3	108.7	.3	1.1	1.7
Special groups:						
All items less shelter-----	109.4	109.1	107.7	.3	.7	1.6
All items less food-----	110.3	110.1	108.7	.2	.5	1.5
Commodities <u>7/</u> -----	106.2	105.9	104.8	.3	.7	1.3
Nondurables-----	107.5	107.0	105.5	.5	1.1	1.9
Durables <u>7/ 8/</u> -----	102.9	103.0	102.8	-.1	-.4	.1
Services <u>9/</u> -----	117.5	117.3	114.9	.2	.5	2.3
Commodities less food <u>7/</u> -----	105.2	105.0	104.3	.2	.5	.9
Nondurables less food-----	107.2	106.8	105.7	.4	1.0	1.4
Apparel commodities-----	105.9	105.3	104.9	.6	1.0	1.0
Apparel less footwear-----	104.6	104.0	103.7	.6	1.1	.9
Nondurables less food and apparel---	108.0	107.6	106.1	.4	1.1	1.8
New cars-----	100.2	100.7	101.2	-.5	-.8	- 1.0
Used cars-----	121.1	120.6	121.6	.4	-.5	-.4
Household durables <u>10/</u> -----	97.8	97.9	98.7	-.1	0	-.9
Housefurnishings-----	98.3	98.5	98.7	-.2	.2	-.4
Services less rent <u>9/</u> -----	119.5	119.3	116.6	.2	.5	2.5
Household services less rent-----	116.5	116.3	114.4	.2	.3	1.8
Transportation services-----	118.7	118.5	114.6	.2	.4	3.6
Medical care services-----	126.5	126.2	122.9	.2	.8	2.9
Other services <u>11/</u> -----	121.6	121.3	118.3	.2	1.0	2.8
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1957-59 = \$1.00)-----	\$ 0.912	\$ 0.915	\$ 0.928	-.3	-.7	- 1.7

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	February 1965	May 1964
May 1965						
U.S. City Average -----	M	109.6	134.5		0.6	1.7
Chicago -----	M	107.2	135.2		.6	1.2
Detroit -----	M	106.1	130.8		1.4	2.8
Los Angeles-Long Beach ----	M	112.6	140.4		.5	2.5
New York -----	M	111.8	134.7		.6	1.5
Philadelphia -----	M	110.1	135.2		.2	1.6
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
May 1965						
February 1965 May 1964						
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100) ----	2	-----	-----	103.0	0.6	2.3
Cleveland -----	2	106.8	132.6		.8	2.2
Dallas (Nov.1963=100) ----	2	-----	-----	101.1	1.1	.8
Milwaukee <u>3/</u> -----	2	108.2	136.4		1.1	2.5
San Diego (Feb.1965=100) <u>3/</u>	2	-----	-----	100.5	.5	-----
Seattle -----	2	110.8	139.3		.9	1.6
Washington -----	2	109.5	131.8		.6	1.9
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 except Milwaukee and San Diego; 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 April 1965 to May 1965

Group	U.S. city average	Chicago	Detroit	Los Angeles-Long Beach	New York	Philadelphia
All items -----	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.1	0.2	0.4
Food -----	.6	.6	.5	0	.4	.5
Housing -----	0	0	.1	-.1	.1	.1
Apparel and upkeep -----	.5	.9	-.3	.5	.6	.9
Transportation -----	.4	.2	1.5	.2	-.2	.8
Health and recreation -----	.2	.1	.5	0	.2	.1
Medical care -----	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.3
Personal care -----	.3	-.1	1.1	.5	.5	-.5
Reading and recreation -----	0	-.2	.4	-.1	0	-.1
Other goods and services -----	.3	(<u>2/</u>)	.6	-.2	(<u>2/</u>)	(<u>2/</u>)

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
May 1965 Indexes and Percent Changes from February 1965

Group	U.S. City Average	Buffalo (Nov. 1963= 100)	Chicago	Cleve- land	Dallas (Nov. 1963= 100)	Detroit	Los Angeles- Long Beach
Indexes (1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)							
All items -----	109.6	103.0	107.2	106.8	101.1	106.1	112.6
Food -----	107.9	103.9	107.3	103.1	102.8	103.5	109.9
Food at home -----	106.2	104.0	106.7	101.5	102.7	102.1	106.5
Cereals and bakery products -----	110.8	99.6	108.6	106.2	103.2	104.2	120.6
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	100.3	101.1	101.6	99.0	102.4	98.9	96.0
Dairy products -----	104.2	99.8	111.3	95.4	98.5	103.1	108.4
Fruits and vegetables -----	121.4	116.8	117.5	114.4	111.3	110.8	125.7
Other foods at home -----	100.8	104.8	101.8	97.1	99.4	97.2	95.0
Food away from home -----	116.9	103.4	110.7	112.7	103.0	112.1	122.8
Housing -----	108.2	100.7	105.0	103.5	99.1	99.3	113.4
Shelter -----	110.2	99.2	105.5	101.7	99.8	97.2	117.9
Rent -----	108.8	100.9	105.7	100.9	100.1	-----	110.0
Homeownership -----	110.8	98.8	105.5	101.8	99.4	97.7	120.5
Fuel and utilities -----	107.1	104.9	104.6	115.6	98.6	102.7	106.2
Fuel oil and coal -----	104.6	96.7	105.3	-----	-----	100.6	-----
Gas and electricity -----	107.7	107.6	104.5	116.9	97.8	105.0	111.5
Household furnishings and operation -----	103.1	101.7	104.2	100.8	97.9	100.2	103.2
Apparel and upkeep -----	106.8	104.0	103.2	106.0	99.1	108.4	108.3
Men's and boys' -----	107.0	104.9	103.0	108.4	98.3	106.2	110.7
Women's and girls' -----	103.4	104.7	99.0	101.0	99.6	110.4	106.3
Footwear -----	112.2	102.4	110.2	114.3	96.2	112.1	110.0
Transportation -----	111.4	103.6	110.0	112.1	101.2	110.1	119.5
Private -----	110.0	103.5	110.5	110.1	101.0	108.6	115.5
Public -----	121.3	104.6	107.7	122.3	102.9	114.6	138.9
Health and recreation -----	115.6	105.1	111.1	115.5	103.7	117.0	111.7
Medical care -----	121.8	103.5	129.4	132.6	103.4	127.8	120.4
Personal care -----	111.0	104.1	111.6	106.6	103.5	112.0	110.2
Reading and recreation -----	115.9	105.6	100.9	109.5	105.4	113.9	104.7
Other goods and services -----	110.6	106.8	(2/)	110.4	101.7	109.8	108.1
Percent changes February 1965 to May 1965							
All items -----	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.8	1.1	1.4	0.5
Food -----	1.2	2.1	.7	.9	1.4	2.0	.7
Food at home -----	1.3	2.4	.9	1.1	1.4	2.2	.6
Cereals and bakery products -----	.1	2.8	- .7	.1	- .5	.4	- .8
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	.8	1.3	- .9	1.5	1.2	2.4	1.5
Dairy products -----	- 1.0	0	- .1	- 2.3	- 1.3	0	- .4
Fruits and vegetables -----	7.1	8.4	7.4	4.5	8.4	6.7	3.6
Other foods at home -----	- .1	.8	.2	.8	- .7	.8	- 1.2
Food away from home -----	.5	.7	.1	0	.9	1.1	1.2
Housing -----	0	- 1.5	- .3	.7	- .4	.2	.2
Shelter -----	0	- 2.6	- .3	.7	- .2	0	.3
Rent -----	.3	.1	3/ .2	0	0	-----	3/-.1
Homeownership -----	- .1	- 3.1	- .4	.9	- .6	- .1	.2
Fuel and utilities -----	- .3	.2	- .3	- .1	- .4	.5	- .3
Fuel oil and coal -----	- 2.0	- 3.8	0	-----	-----	0	-----
Gas and electricity -----	- .1	.7	- .4	0	- .7	.5	- .5
Household furnishings and operation -----	.3	.1	- .3	.7	- .6	.6	.1
Apparel and upkeep -----	.9	1.0	1.9	1.6	.3	1.1	.7
Men's and boys' -----	.8	1.3	2.2	.8	- .3	2.6	.6
Women's and girls' -----	1.5	1.5	3.0	2.9	1.3	.8	1.6
Footwear -----	.5	.3	.4	.1	- .6	.4	- .5
Transportation -----	.7	1.3	1.4	.7	5.7	3.6	.8
Private -----	.8	1.4	1.6	.8	6.1	3.9	.9
Public -----	.1	0	.1	0	.1	0	0
Health and recreation -----	.8	1.8	.5	.7	.7	1.1	.5
Medical care -----	.7	.1	.2	.5	.7	1.3	.9
Personal care -----	.8	2.2	.5	1.2	1.1	2.4	1.8
Reading and recreation -----	.6	- .1	1.1	.3	.2	1.2	0
Other goods and services -----	1.1	6.2	(2/)	1.1	1.1	.3	.1

See footnotes at end of table.

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

Group	Milwaukee <u>4/</u>	New York	Phila- delphia	San Diego (Feb. 1965= 100) <u>4/</u>	Seattle	Washington
Indexes (1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)						
All items -----	108.2	111.8	110.1	100.5	110.8	109.5
Food -----	106.2	108.9	106.1	101.5	110.5	107.4
Food at home -----	105.2	105.6	104.0	101.2	108.4	104.9
Cereals and bakery products -----	99.7	112.0	107.9	102.2	109.2	110.6
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	102.6	100.8	96.8	100.9	102.9	97.7
Dairy products -----	106.8	98.7	106.8	99.8	112.9	106.9
Fruits and vegetables -----	116.8	120.7	117.4	105.3	123.3	115.5
Other foods at home -----	102.2	101.0	98.9	99.2	101.1	101.5
Food away from home -----	112.7	123.7	117.5	102.1	120.1	118.3
Housing -----	<u>5/</u> 106.3	113.0	109.0	99.5	110.2	107.7
Shelter -----	104.9	116.0	110.6	99.8	113.8	109.0
Rent -----	102.5	-----	109.4	100.0	108.2	113.5
Homeownership -----	105.7	114.4	111.0	99.8	115.0	105.4
Fuel and utilities -----	112.2	106.4	105.2	100.0	109.8	100.7
Fuel oil and coal -----	<u>6/</u> 116.6	110.7	105.9	-----	103.4	98.6
Gas and electricity -----	103.2	107.3	101.9	100.0	97.5	98.0
Household furnishings and operation	106.5	108.3	104.2	98.5	102.7	107.1
Apparel and upkeep -----	106.8	109.6	111.0	99.9	108.6	109.2
Men's and boys' -----	108.5	110.4	106.9	100.3	112.7	105.5
Women's and girls' -----	104.3	104.3	107.3	99.8	107.1	108.2
Footwear -----	110.1	112.5	113.5	100.2	114.9	115.8
Transportation -----	112.2	107.2	118.0	102.2	113.8	110.4
Private -----	112.3	109.2	113.8	102.3	112.4	109.2
Public -----	111.2	101.4	136.7	100.0	125.6	117.5
Health and recreation -----	112.3	119.5	115.6	100.2	111.4	116.4
Medical care -----	114.8	123.0	125.7	100.6	116.7	131.2
Personal care -----	115.9	109.5	107.7	99.4	109.1	110.8
Reading and recreation -----	112.7	123.9	112.9	100.7	107.1	116.3
Other goods and services -----	108.1	(2/)	(2/)	99.6	112.0	105.0
Percent changes February 1965 to May 1965						
All items -----	1.1	0.6	0.2	0.5	0.9	0.6
Food -----	.7	.8	1.0	1.5	1.7	1.2
Food at home -----	.8	.9	1.0	1.2	2.3	1.4
Cereals and bakery products -----	-.7	.7	-.6	2.2	-1.2	1.2
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	.1	.5	.6	.9	2.4	1.5
Dairy products -----	.1	-2.9	-1.2	-.2	.4	0
Fruits and vegetables -----	4.9	6.1	7.2	5.3	8.3	6.5
Other foods at home -----	.3	-.1	-.6	-.8	.9	-1.6
Food away from home -----	0	.7	.3	2.1	.2	.9
Housing -----	1.5	0	-1.1	-.5	-.4	.1
Shelter -----	2.6	-.2	-2.2	-.2	-.3	.2
Rent -----	.2	-----	<u>3/</u> -.1	0	-.1	.3
Homeownership -----	3.5	-.6	-2.9	-.2	-.3	0
Fuel and utilities -----	-.1	-.1	-.8	0	0	-.8
Fuel oil and coal -----	0	-.2	-3.5	-----	0	-5.6
Gas and electricity -----	-.2	-.1	-.1	0	0	-.3
Household furnishings and operation	0	.6	.8	-1.5	-.5	.8
Apparel and upkeep -----	1.5	.7	1.0	-.1	.4	2.0
Men's and boys' -----	-.1	.8	.6	.3	.1	1.4
Women's and girls' -----	3.7	.9	1.8	-.2	.2	3.5
Footwear -----	.4	.5	1.2	.2	1.6	1.7
Transportation -----	1.5	0	.8	2.2	4.5	0
Private -----	1.6	-.1	.8	2.3	5.3	-.2
Public -----	0	0	0	0	0	.5
Health and recreation -----	.5	1.7	.7	.2	.7	.6
Medical care -----	.7	.6	1.1	.6	1.8	.6
Personal care -----	1.6	.8	-.6	-.6	1.1	1.0
Reading and recreation -----	-.4	.5	.4	-.7	.2	.5
Other goods and services -----	.8	(2/)	(2/)	-.4	.4	.6

1/ See footnote 1, table A-2.
2/ Not available.
3/ Change from March 1965.
4/ Not included in U.S. average.
5/ Corrected index February 1965 is 104.7.
6/ Corrected index February 1965 is 116.6.

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
May 1965 Indexes and Percent Changes from April 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 -----	107.9	106.2	110.8	100.3	104.2	121.4	100.8	116.9
Atlanta -----	105.5	104.7	103.4	98.2	102.5	120.3	105.3	108.6
Baltimore -----	108.3	105.3	115.3	100.2	102.1	119.4	98.9	120.4
Boston -----	111.7	109.0	114.6	106.4	98.7	124.9	104.4	123.2
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100) -----	103.9	104.0	99.6	101.1	99.8	116.8	104.8	103.4
Chicago -----	107.3	106.7	108.6	101.6	111.3	117.5	101.8	110.7
Cincinnati ^{2/} -----	105.7	104.2	109.2	102.0	100.6	117.6	96.3	114.7
Cleveland -----	103.1	101.5	106.2	99.0	95.4	114.4	97.1	112.7
Dallas (Nov.1963=100) -----	102.8	102.7	103.2	102.4	98.5	111.3	99.4	103.0
Detroit -----	103.5	102.1	104.2	98.9	103.1	110.8	97.2	112.1
Honolulu (Dec.1963=100) -----	102.4	102.3	101.8	101.3	99.9	110.9	98.1	102.6
Houston ^{2/} -----	107.7	105.2	112.7	97.0	100.3	122.4	101.7	118.8
Kansas City ^{2/} -----	109.3	108.7	112.0	100.5	111.8	121.8	104.9	111.9
Los Angeles-Long Beach -----	109.9	106.5	120.6	96.0	108.4	125.7	95.0	122.8
Milwaukee ^{2/} -----	106.2	105.2	99.7	102.6	106.8	116.8	102.2	112.7
Minneapolis-St. Paul ^{2/} -----	106.6	105.1	107.0	100.2	106.6	114.7	101.8	112.5
New York -----	108.9	105.6	112.0	100.8	98.7	120.7	101.0	123.7
Philadelphia -----	106.1	104.0	107.9	96.8	106.8	117.4	98.9	117.5
Pittsburgh -----	106.8	106.3	111.4	105.0	98.3	118.4	102.1	109.9
St. Louis -----	110.7	108.2	108.9	103.2	110.9	123.2	101.9	119.6
San Diego (Feb.1965=100) ^{2/} --	101.5	101.2	102.2	100.9	99.8	105.3	99.2	102.1
San Francisco-Oakland -----	109.4	106.3	108.3	101.4	106.7	124.6	96.5	123.6
Seattle -----	110.5	108.4	109.2	102.9	112.9	123.3	101.1	120.1
Washington -----	107.4	104.9	110.6	97.7	106.9	115.5	101.5	118.3
Percent changes, April 1965 to May 1965								
U.S. City Average -----	0.6	0.7	- 0.2	0.5	- 0.3	3.2	- 0.3	0.1
Atlanta -----	-.2	-.3	-.5	-.4	- 2.0	1.1	.1	.2
Baltimore -----	.7	1.0	-.5	1.7	-.4	3.7	-.6	.2
Boston -----	.3	.3	-.1	.1	- 1.0	2.5	.1	.1
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100) -----	1.4	1.5	2.0	.9	.8	4.4	.4	.6
Chicago -----	.6	.8	-.4	.3	.1	4.4	-.2	0
Cincinnati ^{2/} -----	.8	1.0	.5	1.1	.5	2.5	-.3	0
Cleveland -----	.6	.8	-.1	1.3	-.9	.9	1.4	-.1
Dallas (Nov.1963=100) -----	.7	.7	-.2	.8	-.4	3.6	-.6	.5
Detroit -----	.5	.6	-.1	1.1	0	1.6	-.2	.2
Honolulu (Dec.1963=100) -----	-.5	-.9	.1	-.5	-.1	- 2.5	- 1.2	.5
Houston ^{2/} -----	.8	1.1	-.4	2.4	.3	2.1	-.1	0
Kansas City ^{2/} -----	0	0	-.5	.2	-.4	.6	-.1	.1
Los Angeles-Long Beach -----	0	0	.2	.9	-.2	-.4	- 1.1	.3
Milwaukee ^{2/ 3/} -----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Minneapolis-St. Paul ^{2/} -----	.3	.3	-.4	.8	0	.6	.2	0
New York -----	.4	.5	.3	0	- 1.3	3.9	-.5	.1
Philadelphia -----	.5	.5	-.1	.4	.4	2.4	-.6	.1
Pittsburgh -----	.8	.9	- 1.1	1.2	-.4	5.0	-.5	.3
St. Louis -----	.7	.9	.5	.6	0	3.4	.5	0
San Diego (Feb.1965=100) ^{2/ 3/} -----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
San Francisco-Oakland -----	.5	.5	-.6	.5	-.1	2.6	-.4	.4
Seattle -----	.8	1.0	- 1.4	1.3	.4	4.1	-.4	.1
Washington -----	.7	.9	-.9	1.2	0	4.0	-.5	0

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

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

^{3/} See footnote 2, table A-2.

NEW SERIES
(Including Single Workers)

TABLE A-6: Consumer Price Index--Food, Groups, and Items
May 1965 Indexes and Percent Changes April 1965 to May 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-----	107.9	0.6	Fruits and vegetables-----	121.4	3.2
Food away from home-----	116.9	.1	Fresh fruits and vegetables-----	133.5	5.6
Restaurant meals-----	116.9	.2	Apples-----	127.0	5.3
Snacks <u>1</u> /-----	102.3	.1	Bananas-----	94.1	- .3
Food at home-----	106.2	.7	Oranges-----	112.9	3.0
Cereals and bakery products-----	110.8	-.2	Orange juice, fresh <u>1</u> /-----	91.5	- 1.5
Flour-----	109.6	.1	Grapefruit-----	130.4	5.9
Cracker meal <u>1</u> /-----	108.0	.2	Grapes *-----	*	*
Corn flakes-----	118.8	-.2	Strawberries *-----	138.7	1.8
Rice-----	105.9	-.5	Watermelon *-----	*	*
Bread, white-----	114.6	-.6	Potatoes-----	196.0	9.9
Bread, whole wheat <u>1</u> /-----	102.9	0	Onions-----	115.3	4.8
Cookies-----	99.5	-.3	Asparagus * <u>1</u> /-----	91.5	1.8
Layer cake <u>1</u> /-----	96.9	.2	Cabbage-----	167.2	25.7
Cinnamon rolls <u>1</u> /-----	100.4	0	Carrots-----	97.2	2.4
Meats, poultry, and fish-----	100.3	.5	Celery-----	104.4	1.0
Meats-----	101.3	.9	Cucumbers <u>1</u> /-----	133.3	-22.7
Beef and veal-----	103.9	1.3	Lettuce-----	133.6	29.0
Steak, round-----	103.5	1.5	Peppers, green <u>1</u> /-----	189.0	- .5
Steak, sirloin <u>2</u> /-----	98.5	1.2	Spinach <u>1</u> /-----	101.9	1.6
Steak, porterhouse <u>1</u> /-----	103.0	1.2	Tomatoes-----	137.6	9.5
Rump roast <u>1</u> /-----	98.8	1.0	Processed fruits and vegetables-----	106.2	- .5
Rib roast-----	109.1	1.1	Fruit cocktail, canned-----	94.8	0
Chuck roast-----	97.4	.9	Peas, canned <u>1</u> /-----	95.1	- .2
Hamburger-----	102.6	1.2	Grapefruit-pineapple juice, canned <u>1</u> /-----	99.2	- .1
Beef liver <u>1</u> /-----	99.2	2.3	Orange juice concentrate, frozen-----	101.4	- 7.7
Veal cutlets-----	118.0	.7	Lemonade concentrate frozen <u>2</u> /-----	95.3	- 1.0
Pork-----	98.6	1.1	Beets, canned <u>1</u> /-----	97.4	.4
Chops-----	103.2	2.0	Peas, green, canned-----	114.8	1.5
Loin roast <u>2</u> /-----	108.0	2.0	Tomatoes, canned-----	102.9	0
Pork sausage <u>1</u> /-----	103.2	1.4	Dried beans-----	107.2	0
Ham, whole-----	95.7	.2	Broccoli, frozen <u>1</u> /-----	95.5	.8
Picnics <u>1</u> /-----	96.0	.4	Other food at home-----	100.8	- .3
Bacon-----	99.3	.4	Eggs-----	87.5	- 1.2
Other meats-----	103.3	.1	Fats and oils:		
Lamb chops <u>1</u> /-----	109.7	.7	Margarine-----	102.5	.3
Frankfurters-----	103.2	-.1	Salad dressing, Italian <u>1</u> /-----	99.7	- .2
Ham, canned <u>1</u> /-----	98.4	.5	Salad or cooking oil <u>1</u> /-----	108.7	.6
Bologna sausage <u>1</u> /-----	101.4	-.2	Sugar and sweets-----	113.7	0
Salami sausage <u>1</u> /-----	99.6	-.2	Sugar-----	108.1	.1
Liverwurst <u>1</u> /-----	102.4	-.1	Grape jelly-----	114.7	- .2
Poultry-----	87.4	- 1.8	Chocolate bar-----	105.8	.2
Frying chicken-----	87.1	- 2.6	Syrup, chocolate flavored <u>1</u> /-----	99.8	- .1
Chicken breasts <u>1</u> /-----	97.3	-.9	Nonalcoholic beverages-----	99.8	- .6
Turkey <u>1</u> /-----	101.1	.9	Coffee, can and bag-----	94.7	- .7
Fish-----	110.3	.2	Coffee, instant <u>3</u> /-----	96.8	- 1.6
Shrimp, frozen <u>1</u> /-----	94.8	0	Tea-----	100.9	0
Fish, fresh or frozen-----	116.0	.5	Cola drink-----	125.4	0
Tuna fish, canned-----	101.5	.3	Carbonated fruit drink <u>1</u> /-----	102.1	- .3
Sardines, canned <u>1</u> /-----	104.0	-.2	Prepared and partially prepared foods <u>1</u> /	100.6	.1
Dairy products-----	104.2	-.3	Bean soup, canned <u>1</u> /-----	97.7	- .1
Milk, fresh, grocery-----	101.3	-.8	Chicken soup, canned <u>1</u> /-----	99.6	.2
Milk, fresh, delivered-----	105.5	-.3	Spaghetti, canned <u>1</u> /-----	100.3	0
Milk, fresh, skim <u>1</u> /-----	98.5	-.3	Mashed potatoes, instant <u>1</u> /-----	108.2	1.3
Milk, evaporated-----	105.4	.1	Potatoes, french fried, frozen <u>2</u> /-----	93.0	.5
Ice cream-----	94.8	-.4	Baby foods, canned-----	106.8	- 1.3
Cheese, American process-----	116.2	-.1	Sweet pickle relish <u>1</u> /-----	100.9	.2
Butter-----	103.0	.3	Pretzels <u>1</u> /-----	98.8	0

1/ December 1963 = 100.

2/ April 1960 = 100.

3/ July 1961 = 100.

* 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	Transportation	Health and recreation					
						Total	Medical care	Personal care	Reading and recreation	Other goods and services	
1965:	May	109.6	107.9	108.2	106.8	111.4	115.6	121.8	111.0	115.9	110.6
	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
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--Portland, Oregon and Scranton
 All Items and Commodity Groups
 Most recent index and percent changes from selected dates
 (1957-59=100)

Group	Portland, Oregon		Scranton	
	Index	Percent change to April 1965 from--	Index	Percent change to May 1965 from--
	April 1965	January 1965	May 1965	February 1965
All items -----	110.9	1.0	110.5	0.5
All items (1947-49=100) -----	137.4		131.8	
Food -----	107.7	- .2	106.8	.4
Food at home -----	106.6	- .2	105.1	.5
Cereals and bakery products --	109.5	.7	111.7	.4
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	102.5	1.2	100.9	0
Dairy products -----	110.2	- .3	99.5	- 2.5
Fruits and vegetables -----	116.7	- 1.2	119.4	5.1
Other foods at home -----	99.6	- 1.6	99.5	- .7
Housing -----	113.2	2.3	107.3	- .6
Rent -----	108.1	.1	109.4	.1
Gas and electricity -----	102.5	0	104.8	0
Solid and petroleum fuels -----	104.2	0	99.3	- 6.1
Housefurnishings -----	97.1	.6	96.2	.9
Household operation -----	112.9	2.1	113.0	.3
Apparel -----	107.3	1.7	105.6	.8
Men's and boys' -----	113.4	1.8	108.6	.4
Women's and girls' -----	101.9	2.5	103.1	1.3
Footwear -----	112.2	.2	109.0	.1
Other apparel -----	101.1	1.1	101.6	1.0
Transportation -----	109.3	.3	110.2	1.4
Private -----	106.6	.4	107.9	1.7
Public -----	126.8	0	125.3	0
Medical care -----	118.1	.4	126.7	2.5
Personal care -----	112.7	1.1	119.9	.3
Reading and recreation -----	117.5	- .8	139.0	1.8
Other goods and services -----	105.9	.8	113.1	.3

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
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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*

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