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

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Consumer prices in the United States declined 0.2 percent in August, the United States Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics announced today. Sharply lower prices for fresh vegetables and used cars, together with rebates on telephone bills, were the chief factors in the decline. Prices were also lower for most durable commodities. The decline was partly offset by increases in sales taxes in some areas.

At 110.0 percent of its 1957-59 average, the Consumer Price Index, which declined for the first time since a year ago, was 1.7 percent above its August 1964 level. Over the year, food prices increased, 3 percent, accounting for about two-fifths of the rise. Prices of most other nondurable commodities and services have also increased from a year ago.

Food prices dropped 0.7 percent on the average in August as a result of sharp reductions in prices of fresh produce. Potato prices fell 28 percent from their record high in July, reflecting increased supplies as new crops were harvested. However, potato prices in August were still 8 percent higher than a year earlier. In addition, seasonally heavy supplies of some fresh vegetables caused price declines ranging from 25 percent for tomatoes to 7-1/2 percent for onions. Fresh fruit prices declined 4 percent over the month, reflecting seasonal increases in the available supplies of seedless grapes, watermelons, and apples. Meat prices increased 0.8 percent as higher prices for pork and some other meats offset lower prices of beef and veal. An 8-percent increase in prices of bacon was primarily responsible for higher pork prices. Over the month, seasonally higher prices were recorded for eggs and most dairy products, especially fresh milk.

Housing costs decreased fractionally because of telephone bill rebates in California. A reduction in transportation costs was due to a significant decrease in used car prices, accompanied by lower gasoline prices in some areas. Federal excise tax reductions contributed to a decline in prices of appliances and durable recreational goods. On the other hand, higher costs were reported for tobacco products, due to increased taxes in some areas, and prices of shoes and men's and boy's clothing increased mainly because of higher wholesale costs.

COST-OF-LIVING Even though the index declined from its July level, over 60,000
ADJUSTMENTS workers will receive cost-of-living increases based on reviews of
the Consumer Price Index for August. About 52,000 workers (mostly
in aerospace firms) will receive 1 cent an hour, and 6,000 chemical workers will receive
2 cents, because of the rise in the national index from May to August.

About 3,000 local transit employees will receive an increase of 1/2 cent an hour, based on the quarterly change in the index for Washington, D. C., and 1,000 delicatessen employees will receive 1 cent, based on the Chicago index.

OTHER BASES The Consumer Price Index for August 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)	135.0	\$ 0.741
1939=100 (or \$1.00)	227.2	.440

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, August 1965
and percent changes from selected dates

Group	Indexes (1957-59=100)			Percent change to August 1965 from--		
	August 1965	July 1965	August 1964	July 1965	May 1965	August 1964
All items-----	110.0	110.2	108.2	- 0.2	0.4	1.7
Food-----	110.1	110.9	106.9	- .7	2.0	3.0
Food at home-----	108.6	109.7	105.3	- 1.0	2.3	3.1
Cereals and bakery products-----	111.1	111.1	109.6	0	.3	1.4
Meats, poultry, and fish-----	109.8	109.2	99.2	.5	9.5	10.7
Dairy products-----	105.0	104.3	104.4	.7	.8	.6
Fruits and vegetables-----	114.6	124.3	117.3	- 7.8	- 5.6	- 2.3
Other foods at home-----	101.9	101.2	101.9	.7	1.1	0
Food away from home-----	118.2	117.6	115.3	.5	1.1	2.5
Housing-----	108.2	108.3	107.2	- .1	0	.9
Shelter <u>1/</u> -----	110.7	110.6	108.8	.1	.5	1.7
Rent-----	109.0	108.9	107.9	.1	.2	1.0
Homeownership <u>2/</u> -----	111.4	111.2	109.2	.2	.5	2.0
Fuel and utilities <u>3/</u> -----	105.3	106.6	107.1	- 1.2	- 1.7	- 1.7
Fuel oil and coal <u>4/</u> -----	103.5	103.2	100.9	.3	- 1.1	2.6
Gas and electricity-----	107.7	106.9	108.2	.7	0	- .5
Household furnishings and operation---	102.9	102.9	102.6	0	- .2	.3
Apparel and upkeep <u>5/</u> -----	106.4	106.1	105.3	.3	- .4	1.0
Men's and boys'-----	107.2	106.8	106.0	.4	.2	1.1
Women's and girls'-----	102.6	102.5	101.3	.1	- .8	1.3
Footwear-----	112.7	112.0	110.8	.6	.4	1.7
Transportation-----	111.0	111.5	109.3	- .4	- .4	1.6
Private-----	109.5	110.0	107.9	- .5	- .5	1.5
Public-----	121.5	121.4	119.1	.1	.2	2.0
Health and recreation-----	115.6	115.3	113.8	.3	0	1.6
Medical care-----	122.8	122.7	119.8	.1	.8	2.5
Personal care-----	109.0	108.7	109.4	.3	- 1.8	- .4
Reading and recreation-----	114.3	114.6	114.2	- .3	- 1.4	.1
Other goods and services <u>6/</u> -----	112.6	111.5	108.9	1.0	1.8	3.4
<u>Special groups:</u>						
All items less shelter-----	109.8	110.1	108.1	- .3	.4	1.6
All items less food-----	110.2	110.2	108.9	0	- .1	1.2
Commodities <u>7/</u> -----	106.6	106.9	105.2	- .3	.4	1.3
Nondurables-----	108.5	108.7	106.1	- .2	.9	2.3
Durables <u>7/ 8/</u> -----	101.8	102.3	102.8	- .5	- 1.1	- 1.0
Services <u>9/</u> -----	117.9	117.8	115.4	.1	.3	2.2
Commodities less food <u>7/</u> -----	104.7	104.7	104.2	0	- .5	.5
Nondurables less food-----	107.1	106.9	105.6	.2	- .1	1.4
Apparel commodities-----	105.3	105.0	104.4	.3	- .6	.9
Apparel less footwear-----	103.8	103.6	103.1	.2	- .8	.7
Nondurables less food and apparel---	108.2	108.0	106.3	.2	.2	1.8
New cars-----	97.1	97.2	99.9	- .1	- 3.1	- 2.8
Used cars-----	120.3	123.0	122.2	- 2.2	- .7	- 1.6
Household durables <u>10/</u> -----	95.8	96.3	98.1	- .5	- 2.0	- 2.3
Housefurnishings-----	97.3	97.6	98.1	- .3	- 1.0	- .8
Services less rent <u>9/</u> -----	120.0	120.0	117.2	0	.4	2.4
Household services less rent-----	116.6	116.9	115.0	- .3	.1	1.4
Transportation services-----	119.6	119.1	115.0	.4	.8	4.0
Medical care services-----	127.7	127.5	123.7	.2	.9	3.2
Other services <u>11/</u> -----	122.1	121.9	118.8	.2	.4	2.8
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1957-59 = \$1.00)-----	\$0.909	\$0.907	\$0.924	.2	- .3	- 1.6

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		
		August 1965			May 1965	August 1964
U.S. City Average -----	M	110.0	135.0		0.4	1.7
Chicago -----	M	107.7	135.8		.5	1.3
Detroit -----	M	106.8	131.7		.7	2.4
Los Angeles-Long Beach ----	M	111.5	139.0		- 1.0	1.2
New York -----	M	112.6	135.7		.7	1.9
Philadelphia -----	M	110.6	135.8		.5	1.8
		July 1965			April 1965	July 1964
Boston -----	1	113.5	140.6		0.5	2.1
Houston <u>3/</u> -----	1	108.5	133.7		.6	<u>4/</u> 1.1
Minneapolis-St. Paul <u>3/</u> ---	1	109.7	135.7		.7	1.5
Pittsburgh -----	1	110.8	136.5		.9	1.8
		August 1965			May 1965	August 1964
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100) ----	2	-----	-----	104.0	1.0	2.7
Cleveland -----	2	107.1	133.0		.3	1.8
Dallas (Nov.1963=100) ----	2	-----	-----	101.7	.6	1.8
Milwaukee <u>3/</u> -----	2	108.9	137.3		.6	2.4
San Diego (Feb.1965=100) <u>3/</u>	2	-----	-----	99.6	- .9	-----
Seattle -----	2	111.5	140.2		.6	1.1
Washington -----	2	109.6	132.0		.1	.8
		June 1965			March 1965	June 1964
Atlanta -----	3	107.9	133.6		0.3	1.5
Baltimore -----	3	110.0	136.5		1.6	1.9
Cincinnati <u>3/</u> -----	3	107.5	130.8		.7	1.3
Honolulu (Dec.1963=100) ---	3	-----	-----	101.7	.2	2.0
Kansas City <u>3/</u> -----	3	113.9	140.9		<u>5/</u> 1.6	<u>6/</u> 3.5
St. Louis -----	3	110.2	136.8		1.1	2.3
San Francisco-Oakland -----	3	113.0	143.4		.7	2.2

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 August 1964.

5/ Change from April 1965.

6/ Change from July 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 July 1965 to August 1965

Group	U.S. city average	Chicago	Detroit	Los Angeles- Long Beach	New York	Philadelphia
All items -----	- 0.2	0	- 0.1	- 1.1	0.2	- 0.4
Food -----	- .7	- 0.3	- 1.3	- .1	- .7	- 1.6
Housing -----	- .1	- .1	.2	- 1.9	.2	.2
Apparel and upkeep -----	.3	.6	- .1	- .3	1.3	.5
Transportation -----	- .4	- .6	- .5	- 2.8	.4	- .5
Health and recreation ----	.3	.6	1.0	0	.5	- .3
Medical care -----	.1	.2	.7	0	- .4	.1
Personal care -----	.3	.4	- .4	- .5	.8	- .5
Reading and recreation -	- .3	- .1	0	- .3	0	- .7
Other goods and services	1.0	(2/)	(2/)	(2/)	(2/)	(2/)

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
August 1965 indexes and percent changes from May 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 -----	110.0	104.0	107.7	107.1	101.7	106.8	111.5
Food -----	110.1	105.3	110.3	106.6	105.5	106.6	111.7
Food at home -----	108.6	105.2	109.8	105.3	105.9	105.4	108.6
Cereals and bakery products -----	111.1	100.6	109.3	107.5	102.3	105.4	121.1
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	109.8	110.3	110.7	110.2	111.9	109.8	104.3
Dairy products -----	105.0	100.3	111.2	96.5	101.1	103.3	108.6
Fruits and vegetables -----	114.6	104.8	114.8	111.1	108.3	106.2	118.0
Other foods at home -----	101.9	104.6	102.8	98.4	101.1	97.4	96.4
Food away from home -----	118.2	105.7	113.0	114.1	104.1	114.0	123.4
Housing -----	108.2	102.0	105.1	102.7	99.0	99.7	111.1
Shelter -----	110.7	100.3	105.8	100.9	100.0	98.1	118.2
Rent -----	109.0	101.2	-----	101.1	99.3	96.2	-----
Homeownership -----	111.4	100.0	105.7	100.8	100.1	98.7	120.8
Fuel and utilities -----	105.3	107.6	105.1	115.6	98.2	102.9	83.8
Fuel oil and coal -----	103.5	96.2	103.6	-----	-----	99.2	-----
Gas and electricity -----	107.7	111.9	105.4	116.9	97.2	105.5	111.4
Household furnishings and operation -----	102.9	102.6	103.6	99.8	97.3	99.5	102.9
Apparel and upkeep -----	106.4	104.8	102.4	104.7	98.3	107.9	106.7
Men's and boys' -----	107.2	105.9	101.7	108.7	98.2	105.5	109.3
Women's and girls' -----	102.6	104.7	98.0	98.1	97.5	110.1	104.0
Footwear -----	112.7	104.3	110.4	114.6	98.3	112.3	109.7
Transportation -----	111.0	104.1	109.1	111.2	101.7	109.2	116.5
Private -----	109.5	104.0	109.5	108.7	101.6	107.6	112.5
Public -----	121.5	104.9	107.7	125.7	103.0	114.6	138.9
Health and recreation -----	115.6	105.4	111.3	115.5	104.0	117.6	111.1
Medical care -----	122.8	104.0	130.4	132.7	103.4	129.1	120.7
Personal care -----	109.0	103.9	109.6	107.5	102.2	110.8	106.9
Reading and recreation -----	114.3	104.2	100.0	108.6	103.8	112.1	103.5
Other goods and services -----	112.6	109.4	(2/)	110.9	106.8	113.1	108.6
Percent changes May 1965 to August 1965							
All items -----	0.4	1.0	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.7	- 1.0
Food -----	2.0	1.3	2.8	3.4	2.6	3.0	1.6
Food at home -----	2.3	1.2	2.9	3.7	3.1	3.2	2.0
Cereals and bakery products -----	.3	1.0	.6	1.2	-.9	1.2	.4
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	9.5	9.1	9.0	11.3	9.3	11.0	8.6
Dairy products -----	.8	.5	-.1	1.2	2.6	.2	.2
Fruits and vegetables -----	- 5.6	-10.3	- 2.3	- 2.9	- 2.7	- 4.2	- 6.1
Other foods at home -----	1.1	-.2	1.0	1.3	1.7	.2	1.5
Food away from home -----	1.1	2.2	2.1	1.2	1.1	1.7	.5
Housing -----	0	1.3	.1	-.8	-.1	.4	- 2.0
Shelter -----	.5	1.1	.3	-.8	.2	.9	.3
Rent -----	.2	.3	-----	.2	-.8	3/.6	-----
Homeownership -----	.5	1.2	.2	- 1.0	.7	1.0	.2
Fuel and utilities -----	- 1.7	2.6	.5	0	-.4	.2	-21.1
Fuel oil and coal -----	- 1.1	-.5	- 1.6	-----	-----	- 1.4	-----
Gas and electricity -----	0	4.0	.9	0	-.6	.5	-.1
Household furnishings and operation -----	-.2	.9	-.6	- 1.0	-.6	-.7	-.3
Apparel and upkeep -----	-.4	.8	-.8	- 1.2	-.8	-.5	- 1.5
Men's and boys' -----	.2	1.0	- 1.3	.3	-.1	-.7	- 1.3
Women's and girls' -----	-.8	0	- 1.0	- 2.9	- 2.1	-.3	- 2.2
Footwear -----	.4	1.9	.2	.3	2.2	.2	-.3
Transportation -----	-.4	.5	-.8	-.8	.5	-.8	- 2.5
Private -----	-.5	.5	-.9	- 1.3	.6	-.9	- 2.6
Public -----	.2	.3	0	2.8	.1	0	0
Health and recreation -----	0	.3	.2	0	.3	.5	-.5
Medical care -----	.8	.5	.8	.1	0	1.0	.2
Personal care -----	- 1.8	-.2	- 1.8	.8	- 1.3	- 1.1	- 3.0
Reading and recreation -----	- 1.4	- 1.3	-.9	-.8	- 1.5	- 1.6	- 1.1
Other goods and services -----	1.8	2.4	(2/)	.5	5.0	3.0	.5

See footnotes at end of table.

NEW SERIES
(Including Single Workers)

TABLE A-4: Consumer Price Index--United States and Selected Areas
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Commodity Groups
August 1965 indexes and percent changes from May 1965--Continued

Group	Milwaukee 4/	New York	Phila- delphia	San Diego (Feb. 1965= 100) 4/	Seattle	Washington
Indexes (1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)						
All items -----	108.9	112.6	110.6	99.6	111.5	109.6
Food -----	109.6	110.8	107.9	104.7	111.1	109.3
Food at home -----	108.9	107.8	106.1	104.4	108.8	106.8
Cereals and bakery products -----	99.1	112.0	107.1	103.7	109.1	111.0
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	112.8	108.8	104.1	112.2	110.0	106.5
Dairy products -----	108.9	100.5	109.8	99.4	113.1	106.9
Fruits and vegetables -----	114.5	113.1	111.7	98.6	111.1	107.6
Other foods at home -----	103.9	102.3	99.7	101.6	102.2	101.7
Food away from home -----	115.0	124.7	118.0	105.7	121.0	120.2
Housing -----	107.5	113.3	109.9	95.9	110.9	107.9
Shelter -----	106.9	116.5	112.4	100.1	114.6	109.7
Rent -----	102.8	117.5	-----	100.0	108.2	113.9
Homeownership -----	5/ 108.4	114.8	113.2	100.1	116.0	106.2
Fuel and utilities -----	112.2	106.2	105.5	71.1	109.9	100.7
Fuel oil and coal -----	116.6	108.5	105.9	-----	103.6	98.6
Gas and electricity -----	103.2	107.6	102.0	100.0	97.5	97.3
Household furnishings and operation	106.0	108.2	103.9	98.5	103.2	105.8
Apparel and upkeep -----	106.2	109.9	110.0	98.4	107.8	107.6
Men's and boys' -----	109.6	111.4	107.2	101.1	112.8	106.4
Women's and girls' -----	103.0	104.2	105.7	96.2	105.1	103.8
Footwear -----	109.9	113.3	112.1	100.2	115.2	115.4
Transportation -----	110.7	107.8	116.8	101.2	113.5	109.8
Private -----	110.7	110.0	112.6	101.3	111.9	108.6
Public -----	111.2	101.4	136.7	100.0	125.8	117.5
Health and recreation -----	111.5	120.1	115.4	99.9	113.4	115.7
Medical care -----	115.2	123.4	127.3	101.0	117.7	132.9
Personal care -----	112.7	108.7	105.7	96.9	107.6	108.5
Reading and recreation -----	110.8	123.6	111.2	100.5	106.5	114.0
Other goods and services -----	108.5	(2/)	(2/)	100.0	119.1	105.3
Percent changes May 1965 to August 1965						
All items -----	0.6	0.7	0.5	- 0.9	0.6	0.1
Food -----	3.2	1.7	1.7	3.2	.5	1.8
Food at home -----	3.5	2.1	2.0	3.2	.4	1.8
Cereals and bakery products -----	- .6	0	- .7	1.5	- .1	.4
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	9.9	7.9	7.5	11.2	6.9	9.0
Dairy products -----	2.0	1.8	2.8	- .4	.2	0
Fruits and vegetables -----	- 2.0	- 6.3	- 4.9	- 6.4	- 9.9	- 6.8
Other foods at home -----	1.7	1.3	.8	2.4	1.1	.2
Food away from home -----	2.0	.8	.4	3.5	.7	1.6
Housing -----	1.1	.3	.8	- 3.6	.6	.2
Shelter -----	1.9	.4	1.6	.3	.7	.6
Rent -----	.3	3/ .3	-----	0	0	.4
Homeownership -----	1.7	.3	2.0	.3	.9	.8
Fuel and utilities -----	0	- .2	.3	-28.9	.1	0
Fuel oil and coal -----	0	- 2.0	0	-----	.2	0
Gas and electricity -----	0	.3	.1	0	0	- .7
Household furnishings and operation	- .5	- .1	- .3	0	.5	- 1.2
Apparel and upkeep -----	- .6	.3	- .9	- 1.5	- .7	- 1.5
Men's and boys' -----	1.0	.9	.3	.8	.1	.9
Women's and girls' -----	- 1.2	- .1	- 1.5	- 3.6	- 1.9	- 4.1
Footwear -----	- .2	.7	- 1.2	0	.3	- .3
Transportation -----	- 1.3	.6	- 1.0	- 1.0	- .3	- .5
Private -----	- 1.4	.7	- 1.1	- 1.0	- .4	- .5
Public -----	0	0	0	0	.2	0
Health and recreation -----	- .7	.5	- .2	- .3	1.8	- .6
Medical care -----	.3	.3	1.3	.4	.9	1.3
Personal care -----	- 2.8	- .7	- 1.9	- 2.5	- 1.4	- 2.1
Reading and recreation -----	- 1.7	- .2	- 1.5	- .2	- .6	- 2.0
Other goods and services -----	.4	(2/)	(2/)	.4	6.3	.3

1/ See footnote 1, table A-2.

2/ Not available.

3/ Change from June 1965.

4/ Not included in U.S. average.

5/ Corrected indexes: May 1964 is 101.5; August 1964 is 102.7; November 1964 is 105.8; February 1965 is 103.0; May 1965 is 106.6; 1964 annual average is 102.1.

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
August 1965 indexes and percent changes from July 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 -----	110.1	108.6	111.1	109.8	105.0	114.6	101.9	118.2
Atlanta -----	108.1	107.7	103.6	108.3	104.1	115.8	105.7	109.7
Baltimore -----	111.2	108.4	115.9	109.9	102.0	115.3	99.6	122.5
Boston -----	114.5	112.4	114.6	114.7	102.4	124.2	104.8	123.6
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100) -----	105.3	105.2	100.6	110.3	100.3	104.8	104.6	105.7
Chicago -----	110.3	109.8	109.3	110.7	111.2	114.8	102.8	113.0
Cincinnati ^{2/} -----	107.0	105.6	109.4	110.5	99.8	110.7	96.7	115.8
Cleveland -----	106.6	105.3	107.5	110.2	96.5	111.1	98.4	114.1
Dallas (Nov.1963=100) -----	105.5	105.9	102.3	111.9	101.1	108.3	101.1	104.1
Detroit -----	106.6	105.4	105.4	109.8	103.3	106.2	97.4	114.0
Honolulu (Dec.1963=100) -----	103.2	103.1	102.0	105.9	98.3	107.5	98.2	103.4
Houston ^{2/} -----	111.1	109.3	113.3	108.0	102.9	119.6	103.1	119.3
Kansas City ^{2/} -----	112.6	112.5	112.2	110.7	115.5	119.3	106.4	113.7
Los Angeles-Long Beach -----	111.7	108.6	121.1	104.3	108.6	118.0	96.4	123.4
Milwaukee ^{2/ 3/} -----	109.6	108.9	99.1	112.8	108.9	114.5	103.9	115.0
Minneapolis-St. Paul ^{2/} -----	108.4	107.3	105.9	109.1	105.4	113.5	102.8	112.9
New York -----	110.8	107.8	112.0	108.8	100.5	113.1	102.3	124.7
Philadelphia -----	107.9	106.1	107.1	104.1	109.8	111.7	99.7	118.0
Pittsburgh -----	108.2	107.6	111.7	114.5	98.0	108.8	101.3	111.7
St. Louis -----	112.8	110.5	108.8	113.1	111.2	115.5	103.4	120.1
San Diego (Feb.1965=100) ^{2/ 3/} -----	104.7	104.4	103.7	112.2	99.4	98.6	101.6	105.7
San Francisco-Oakland -----	111.2	108.2	110.1	109.8	106.8	113.5	98.9	124.6
Seattle -----	111.1	108.8	109.1	110.0	113.1	111.1	102.2	121.0
Washington -----	109.3	106.8	111.0	106.5	106.9	107.6	101.7	120.2
Percent changes, July 1965 to August 1965								
U.S. City Average -----	- 0.7	- 1.0	0	0.5	0.7	- 7.8	0.7	0.5
Atlanta -----	- .6	- .9	- 0.1	.3	- 1.0	- 5.9	.1	.3
Baltimore -----	- .6	- .8	- .6	.9	- .4	- 7.0	.7	.3
Boston -----	- .3	- .4	- .3	.7	2.5	- 6.1	.7	.1
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100) -----	- 1.5	- 2.0	.4	1.5	1.5	-14.9	.1	1.6
Chicago -----	- .3	- .6	.4	- .3	- .2	- 4.3	.8	1.0
Cincinnati ^{2/} -----	- 1.4	- 1.7	.6	.1	0	- 9.2	.5	.1
Cleveland -----	- .2	- .3	.7	1.4	4.2	- 9.2	1.1	.9
Dallas (Nov.1963=100) -----	.2	.3	- .9	.6	1.8	- 1.3	.4	.1
Detroit -----	- 1.3	- 1.7	- .1	- .2	.3	- 9.6	.8	.3
Honolulu (Dec.1963=100) -----	- .7	- 1.1	.7	.4	- 1.0	- 5.6	- .4	.4
Houston ^{2/} -----	.6	.7	.4	1.8	3.0	- 2.0	.4	0
Kansas City ^{2/} -----	.4	.4	- .4	.5	3.1	- 2.5	1.1	.5
Los Angeles-Long Beach -----	- .1	- .2	- .2	.6	.1	- 4.1	1.3	.2
Milwaukee ^{2/ 3/} -----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Minneapolis-St. Paul ^{2/} -----	- .5	- .5	- .1	1.6	- 1.7	- 3.9	.4	.2
New York -----	- .7	- 1.2	.1	0	1.6	- 9.1	1.2	.6
Philadelphia -----	- 1.6	- 1.9	- .7	- .8	.4	- 9.0	.2	.1
Pittsburgh -----	- 2.1	- 2.4	- .4	.4	- .4	-12.4	- .9	.2
St. Louis -----	- .5	- .7	- .3	0	.1	- 5.0	1.0	.1
San Diego (Feb.1965=100) ^{2/ 3/} -----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
San Francisco-Oakland -----	- .7	- .9	.8	.7	.1	- 8.5	1.0	.2
Seattle -----	- .7	- 1.0	0	.2	.1	- 6.6	.6	.2
Washington -----	- 1.1	- 1.9	0	- 1.3	0	- 9.3	.4	.9

^{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
August 1965 indexes, and percent changes July 1965 to August 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-----	110.1	- 0.7	Fruits and vegetables-----	114.6	- 7.8
Food away from home-----	118.2	.5	Fresh fruits and vegetables-----	121.2	- 12.6
Restaurant meals-----	118.3	.5	Apples-----	142.1	- 1.6
Snacks 1/-----	103.0	.4	Bananas-----	99.0	1.6
Food at home-----	108.6	- 1.0	Oranges-----	120.2	.4
Cereals and bakery products-----	111.1	0	Orange juice, fresh 1/-----	90.1	- .6
Flour-----	109.4	- .5	Grapefruit-----	163.6	- .2
Cracker meal 1/-----	112.1	1.0	Grapes *-----	111.8	- 26.1
Corn flakes-----	118.9	- .1	Strawberries *-----	*	*
Rice-----	106.4	- .4	Watermelon *-----	82.3	- 15.8
Bread, white-----	114.0	- .3	Potatoes-----	170.2	- 28.2
Bread, whole wheat 1/-----	102.9	- .5	Onions-----	136.9	- 7.4
Cookies-----	99.2	.4	Asparagus * 1/-----	*	*
Layer cake 1/-----	97.4	.1	Cabbage-----	109.5	- 14.7
Cinnamon rolls 1/-----	100.7	.5	Carrots-----	118.6	.7
Meats, poultry, and fish-----	109.8	.5	Celery-----	101.9	- 10.8
Meats-----	112.5	.8	Cucumbers 1/-----	93.1	- 9.7
Beef and veal-----	110.1	- 7	Lettuce-----	100.9	- 3.9
Steak, round-----	108.6	- .9	Peppers, green 1/-----	113.8	- 24.3
Steak, sirloin 2/-----	106.0	- 1.9	Spinach 1/-----	97.0	- 4.2
Steak, porterhouse 1/-----	110.3	- 2.0	Tomatoes-----	85.5	- 25.3
Rump roast 1/-----	103.9	- 1.1	Processed fruits and vegetables-----	106.4	.3
Rib roast-----	117.0	- 2.1	Fruit cocktail, canned-----	97.0	.9
Chuck roast-----	104.5	- 1.4	Pears, canned 1/-----	100.0	2.7
Hamburger-----	109.2	.3	Grapefruit-pineapple juice, canned 1/-----	99.5	- .1
Beef liver 1/-----	104.5	1.2	Orange juice concentrate, frozen-----	95.6	- .8
Veal cutlets-----	121.5	.6	Lemonade concentrate frozen 2/-----	88.3	- 1.1
Pork-----	119.9	2.3	Beets, canned 1/-----	98.1	- .5
Chops-----	121.5	- 1.7	Peas, green, canned-----	116.0	- .1
Loin roast 2/-----	128.5	- .3	Tomatoes, canned-----	105.1	.2
Pork sausage 1/-----	124.6	2.9	Dried beans-----	107.6	.3
Ham, whole-----	109.1	1.3	Broccoli, frozen 1/-----	96.2	.2
Picnics 1/-----	118.6	4.5	Other food at home-----	101.9	.7
Bacon-----	130.8	7.7	Eggs-----	90.5	3.8
Other meats-----	111.2	1.6	Fats and oils-----		
Lamb chops 1/-----	115.0	- 1.0	Margarine-----	102.2	- .1
Frankfurters-----	114.1	1.7	Salad dressing, Italian 1/-----	100.2	- .3
Ham, canned 1/-----	108.3	3.0	Salad or cooking oil 1/-----	110.3	.2
Bologna sausage 1/-----	109.0	1.8	Sugar and sweets-----	113.9	.1
Salami sausage 1/-----	107.5	3.4	Sugar-----	107.6	- .6
Liverwurst 1/-----	107.5	1.1	Grape jelly-----	115.6	.1
Poultry-----	92.3	- .8	Chocolate bar-----	106.3	.2
Frying chicken-----	92.6	- 1.3	Syrup, chocolate flavored 1/-----	99.8	.7
Chicken breasts 1/-----	102.2	.5	Nonalcoholic beverages-----	100.4	.2
Turkey 1/-----	103.9	.6	Coffee, can and bag-----	95.1	.4
Fish-----	111.1	.3	Coffee, instant 3/-----	100.2	.7
Shrimp, frozen 1/-----	95.0	- .1	Tea-----	100.5	- .6
Fish, fresh or frozen-----	117.4	.3	Cola drink-----	125.8	.2
Tuna fish, canned-----	102.5	.7	Carbonated fruit drink 1/-----	101.6	0
Sardines, canned 1/-----	104.6	.4	Prepared and partially prepared foods 1/-----	101.8	.3
Dairy products-----	105.0	.7	Bean soup, canned 1/-----	98.2	- .1
Milk, fresh, grocery-----	103.1	1.3	Chicken soup, canned 1/-----	99.5	0
Milk, fresh, delivered-----	106.9	1.1	Spaghetti, canned 1/-----	100.8	.2
Milk, fresh, skim 1/-----	99.3	.7	Mashed potatoes, instant 1/-----	111.6	.7
Milk, evaporated-----	105.3	.3	Potatoes, french fried, frozen 2/-----	95.9	.8
Ice cream-----	92.8	- 1.1	Baby foods, canned-----	107.1	- .6
Cheese, American process-----	116.7	0	Sweet pickle relish 1/-----	101.5	.4
Butter-----	103.0	.1	Pretzels 1/-----	99.3	.4

1/ December 1963 = 100.

2/ April 1960 = 100.

3/ July 1961 = 100.

* Priced only in season.

NEW SERIES
(Including Single Workers)

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

Date		All items	Food	Housing	Apparel and upkeep	Transportation	Health and recreation				
							Total	Medical care	Personal care	Reading and recreation	Other goods and services
1965:	Aug.	110.0	110.1	108.2	106.4	111.0	115.6	122.8	109.0	114.3	112.6
	July	110.2	110.9	108.3	106.1	111.5	115.3	122.7	108.7	114.6	111.5
	June	110.1	110.1	108.2	106.9	111.2	115.7	122.2	111.0	115.7	111.0
	May	109.6	107.9	108.2	106.8	111.4	115.6	121.8	111.0	115.9	110.6
	Apr.	109.3	107.2	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
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 July 1965 from --	Index	Percent change to August 1965 from--
	July 1965	April 1965	August 1965	May 1965
All items -----	112.2	1.2	111.6	1.0
All items (1947-49=100) -----	139.0		133.1	
Food-----	110.8	2.9	108.2	1.3
Food at home -----	109.4	2.6	106.5	1.3
Cereals and bakery products -----	109.4	.1	112.0	.3
Meats, poultry, and fish --	110.1	7.4	111.2	10.2
Dairy products -----	110.2	0	99.5	0
Fruits and vegetables -----	120.8	3.5	110.6	- 7.4
Other foods at home -----	100.1	.5	98.8	- .7
Housing -----	113.3	.1	107.6	.3
Rent -----	108.6	.5	109.9	.5
Gas and electricity -----	102.5	0	104.8	0
Solid and petroleum fuels ---	104.2	0	100.5	1.2
Housefurnishings -----	97.5	.4	95.2	- 1.0
Household operation -----	113.2	.3	113.3	.3
Apparel -----	108.4	1.0	106.2	.6
Men's and boys' -----	115.4	1.8	110.5	1.7
Women's and girls' -----	102.8	.9	103.0	- .1
Footwear -----	112.5	.3	109.2	.2
Other apparel -----	101.6	.5	102.1	.5
Transportation -----	110.2	.8	109.6	- .5
Private -----	107.6	.9	107.1	- .7
Public -----	126.8	0	125.3	0
Medical care -----	119.7	1.4	128.0	1.0
Personal care -----	111.6	- 1.0	118.8	- .9
Reading and recreation -----	119.9	2.0	149.1	7.3
Other goods and services -----	106.4	.5	113.1	0

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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