

**THE CONSUMER  
PRICE INDEX**

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

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The Consumer Price Index rose by 0.2 percent in October, the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics announced today. At 110.4 percent of the 1957-59 average the index was the highest on record and 1.8 percent above October 1964. However, the rate of increase, which averaged about 0.3 percent per month between March and June of this year, has slowed down since June to less than 0.1 percent per month.

Price Changes, September-October 1965

Apparel prices rose 0.6 percent in October as a result of higher wholesale prices, introduction of seasonal items at higher price lines, and the return to regular prices after last summer's sales. Higher material and labor costs have been a factor. Footwear had the largest percentage increase in this category, rising 0.9 percent.

Housing costs advanced 0.4 percent in October, reflecting principally a 0.4 percent rise in the cost of home ownership.

Transportation costs rose 0.2 percent over the month, as higher prices for new and used cars, and the continuing advance in auto insurance rates were partially offset by lower gasoline prices. The 1.2 percent increase in new car prices is based on a comparison of prices of 1965 models in September with a combination of 1965 and 1966 models in October. Dealers offered smaller concessions on 1966 models, as usual at the beginning of a model year, than they had offered on the outgoing 1965 models during September. (As noted below, however, retail prices for the newly-introduced models were below the introductory levels of 1965 models, after making allowance for quality improvements.)

Food prices, on the average, did not change between September and October. Lower prices of food for home consumption were offset by continuing increases for restaurant meals. The cost of food at home declined 0.2 percent chiefly because of lower prices for meats and poultry. Meat declined for the first time since February, reflecting seasonal increases in supplies, but was still 10 percent higher than last year. Likewise fresh fruit declined 3-1/2 percent as a result of seasonal factors. At the same time, prices of eggs, milk, and some fresh vegetables increased because of seasonally reduced supplies.

The Consumer Price Index generally goes up in October as a result of seasonal influences affecting such commodities as clothing, automobiles and certain foods.

Price Trends, October 1964-October 1965

Although the October 1965 index was 1.8 percent higher than the previous October's, there were considerable differences in the trend for particular goods and services. Fruits and vegetables declined in price over the year, as did new and used cars, household appliances, toilet goods, and public utility rates. On the other hand, there were substantial increases in the prices of meat and fish, medical care services, footwear, fuel oil and restaurant meals.

In comparing the newly-introduced 1966 auto models with those of a year ago, quality changes were taken into account by making allowance for the cost of safety features which have been made standard equipment on most of the 1966 models, as

well as certain other quality improvements. The safety features include padded dash, back-up lights, rear seat belts, windshield washers, and an outside mirror.

One factor in the situation is the reduction of the excise tax on auto sales, a saving which has been passed on to the consumers. In addition to the tax reduction, retail prices of 1966 models, after adjustment for quality changes in the vehicles, were 0.8 percent below October 1964 prices of 1965 models. In spite of the tax reduction, the actual dollar prices of 1966 autos with the additional standard equipment were slightly higher, on the average, than the introductory prices of 1965 autos without such equipment. In California, smog reduction devices required by statute add from \$25 to \$45 to the list prices of 1966 cars sold in that State.

Meat prices, which were relatively stable during the first 5 months of 1965, rose sharply in June, and for the last 5 months have averaged about 10 percent above a year earlier. The increase has occurred because production of meat--especially of pork--has not kept pace with rising demand. Total meat production for 1965 is estimated as 3 percent less than in 1964. Production of beef rose 1 percent, but this was not sufficient to compensate for declines of over 8 percent in pork production and 9 percent for lamb and mutton.

Pork prices reflect in part the traditional "corn-hog cycle." During 1963 and 1964, hog prices were unusually low in relation to prices of animal feeds. As a result, hog production was discouraged, so that last spring's pig crop, which supplies pork for this fall's marketing, was 10 percent less than that of 1964. With curtailed supply and increasing demand, pork prices are about 19 percent higher than last October. The pork situation has affected demand for beef, causing retail prices of beef and veal to rise about 4 percent above last year.

COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENTS About 22,000 workers will receive an increase of 1 cent an hour in their cost-of-living allowances, based on the change in the national Consumer Price Index since July; and about 1,200 workers will receive a 3-cent increase, based on the change since April. The 975,000 automotive, aerospace, and farm equipment workers, whose wages are subject to review in October, will receive no increase.

OTHER BASES The Consumer Price Index for October 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)	135.5	\$ 0.738
1939=100 (or \$1.00)	228.0	.439

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

Group	Indexes (1957-59=100)			Percent change to October 1965 from--		
	October 1965	September 1965	October 1964	September 1965	July 1965	October 1964
All items-----	110.4	110.2	108.5	0.2	0.2	1.8
Food-----	109.7	109.7	106.9	0	- 1.1	2.6
Food at home-----	107.8	108.0	105.3	- .2	- 1.7	2.4
Cereals and bakery products-----	111.3	111.3	110.4	0	.2	.8
Meats, poultry, and fish-----	108.9	109.8	100.6	- .8	- .3	8.3
Dairy products-----	105.5	105.3	105.3	.2	1.2	.2
Fruits and vegetables-----	108.5	108.5	111.7	0	-12.7	- 2.9
Other foods at home-----	103.5	103.0	102.7	.5	2.3	.8
Food away from home-----	119.2	118.8	115.7	.3	1.4	3.0
Housing-----	109.0	108.6	107.6	.4	.6	1.3
Shelter <u>1/</u> -----	111.2	110.8	109.2	.4	.5	1.8
Rent-----	109.2	109.1	108.2	.1	.3	.9
Homeownership <u>2/</u> -----	112.1	111.6	109.6	.4	.8	2.3
Fuel and utilities <u>3/</u> -----	107.7	107.4	107.4	.3	1.0	.3
Fuel oil and coal <u>4/</u> -----	106.9	104.3	102.9	2.5	3.6	3.9
Gas and electricity-----	107.9	107.9	108.2	0	.9	- .3
Household furnishings and operation---	103.3	103.1	102.8	.2	.4	.5
Apparel and upkeep <u>5/</u> -----	107.8	107.2	106.2	.6	1.6	1.5
Men's and boys'-----	108.7	107.9	106.7	.7	1.8	1.9
Women's and girls'-----	104.3	103.8	102.9	.5	1.8	1.4
Footwear-----	114.4	113.4	111.4	.9	2.1	2.7
Transportation-----	111.2	111.0	109.4	.2	- .3	1.6
Private-----	109.7	109.5	108.0	.2	- .3	1.6
Public-----	121.6	121.6	119.3	0	.2	1.9
Health and recreation-----	116.2	115.8	114.0	.3	.8	1.9
Medical care-----	123.0	122.8	119.9	.2	.2	2.6
Personal care-----	109.2	109.2	109.7	0	.5	- .5
Reading and recreation-----	115.2	114.8	114.5	.3	.5	.6
Other goods and services <u>6/</u> -----	113.3	112.7	109.1	.5	1.6	3.8
<b>Special groups:</b>						
All items less shelter-----	110.2	110.0	108.3	.2	.1	1.8
All items less food-----	110.9	110.6	109.2	.3	.6	1.6
Commodities <u>7/</u> -----	106.9	106.6	105.5	.3	0	1.3
Nondurables-----	108.7	108.6	106.4	.1	0	2.2
Durables <u>7/ 8/</u> -----	102.1	101.7	103.1	.4	- .2	- 1.0
Services <u>9/</u> -----	118.7	118.5	115.7	.2	.8	2.6
Commodities less food <u>7/</u> -----	105.3	104.9	104.6	.4	.6	.7
Nondurables less food-----	108.0	107.7	106.0	.3	1.0	1.9
Apparel commodities-----	106.9	106.2	105.4	.7	1.8	1.4
Apparel less footwear-----	105.4	104.8	104.2	.6	1.7	1.2
Nondurables less food and apparel---	108.7	108.5	106.3	.2	.6	2.3
New cars-----	97.7	96.5	101.3	1.2	.5	- 3.6
Used cars-----	119.4	118.9	121.9	.4	- 2.9	- 2.1
Household durables <u>10/</u> -----	96.0	96.0	98.0	0	- .3	- 2.0
Housefurnishings-----	97.6	97.5	98.2	.1	0	- .6
Services less rent <u>9/</u> -----	121.0	120.7	117.6	.2	.8	2.9
Household services less rent-----	117.9	117.6	115.4	.3	.9	2.2
Transportation services-----	120.7	120.2	115.3	.4	1.3	4.7
Medical care services-----	128.1	127.8	124.0	.2	.5	3.3
Other services <u>11/</u> -----	122.8	122.6	119.3	.2	.7	2.9
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1957-59 = \$1.00)-----	\$0.906	\$0.907	\$0.922	- .1	- .1	- 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.

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	July 1965	October 1964
		October 1965			July 1965	October 1964
U.S. City Average -----	M	110.4	135.5		0.2	1.8
Chicago -----	M	108.3	136.6		.6	1.8
Detroit -----	M	107.4	132.4		.5	2.4
Los Angeles-Long Beach ----	M	112.7	140.5		0	1.5
New York -----	M	113.0	136.2		.5	1.9
Philadelphia -----	M	111.1	136.4		.1	1.6
		October 1965			July 1965	October 1964
Boston -----	1	113.6	140.8		0.1	1.8
Houston <u>3/</u> -----	1	109.3	134.7		.7	<u>4/</u> 1.9
Minneapolis-St. Paul <u>3/</u> ---	1	110.1	136.2		.4	1.4
Pittsburgh -----	1	110.7	136.4		-.1	1.7
		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
		September 1965			June 1965	September 1964
Atlanta -----	3	108.2	134.0		0.3	0.9
Baltimore -----	3	110.0	136.5		0	1.9
Cincinnati <u>3/</u> -----	3	107.1	130.3		-.4	.1
Honolulu (Dec.1963=100) ---	3	-----	-----	102.3	.6	2.1
Kansas City <u>3/</u> -----	3	114.3	141.4		.4	<u>5/</u> 3.3
St. Louis -----	3	109.9	136.4		-.3	1.1
San Francisco-Oakland ----	3	112.7	143.0		-.3	1.5

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 November 1964.

5/ Change from October 1964.

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 September 1965 to October 1965

Group	U.S. city average	Chicago	Detroit	Los Angeles- Long Beach	New York	Philadelphia
All items -----	0.2	0.3	0.5	- 0.1	0.1	0.3
Food -----	0	.2	.4	.4	-.7	-.3
Housing -----	.4	-.1	1.0	0	.4	.4
Apparel and upkeep ----	.6	.4	-.1	.3	.2	.5
Transportation -----	.2	.8	.5	- 1.3	.5	1.1
Health and recreation ---	.3	.7	.1	-.1	.4	.2
Medical care -----	.2	.2	0	.2	.2	.1
Personal care -----	0	0	-.1	- 1.8	-.6	.8
Reading and recreation -	.3	.2	-.1	.4	-.1	0
Other goods and services	.5	( <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.

TABLE A-4: Consumer Price Index--United States and Selected Areas 1/  
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Commodity Groups  
October 1965 indexes and percent changes from July 1965

Group	U.S. City Average	Boston	Chicago	Detroit	Houston 2/	Los Angeles-Long Beach 3/	Minnneapolis-St. Paul 2/	New York	Philadelphia	Pittsburgh
Indexes (1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)										
All items -----	110.4	113.6	108.3	107.4	109.3	112.7	110.1	113.0	111.1	110.7
Food -----	109.7	112.8	110.0	106.2	111.0	112.2	108.2	110.0	107.9	108.2
Food at home -----	107.8	110.1	109.2	104.7	109.0	109.2	106.9	106.5	106.1	107.4
Cereals and bakery products -----	111.3	113.8	110.7	106.0	113.4	120.8	107.2	109.6	108.4	114.3
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	108.9	112.7	110.3	109.5	106.5	104.0	107.7	107.6	104.1	114.5
Dairy products -----	105.5	103.7	111.5	105.8	102.8	108.6	105.6	100.9	110.0	98.2
Fruits and vegetables -----	108.5	113.5	106.5	97.2	116.7	119.5	109.6	108.0	106.9	101.7
Other foods at home -----	103.5	105.0	105.5	99.8	105.4	98.4	104.5	102.9	101.8	103.9
Food away from home -----	119.2	124.2	113.8	115.1	120.0	124.0	113.6	125.6	117.9	112.8
Housing -----	109.0	115.2	105.6	101.2	105.0	113.6	107.9	113.8	110.3	109.1
Shelter -----	111.2	120.9	106.0	100.2	101.3	118.4	111.5	117.2	112.4	106.7
Rent -----	109.2	122.4	-----	96.7	100.0	-----	109.1	117.8	-----	108.2
Homeownership -----	112.1	120.1	106.1	101.1	101.9	121.0	111.9	115.8	113.2	106.1
Fuel and utilities -----	107.7	108.3	105.3	102.5	4/116.5	104.3	102.8	107.3	106.2	115.5
Fuel oil and coal -----	106.9	113.6	105.6	100.6	-----	-----	104.9	111.3	109.7	-----
Gas and electricity -----	107.9	103.2	105.4	104.7	5/127.7	111.5	100.4	108.6	102.0	114.9
Household furnishings and operation -----	103.3	106.6	104.9	100.6	107.6	103.7	101.2	108.2	104.8	107.3
Apparel and upkeep -----	107.8	109.1	104.7	108.8	108.0	107.6	107.4	112.5	112.4	110.8
Men's and boys' -----	108.7	102.9	104.5	106.4	108.1	109.9	112.1	113.7	110.5	105.7
Women's and girls' -----	104.3	107.4	101.2	110.2	106.1	105.0	103.0	108.4	107.9	107.1
Footwear -----	114.4	115.9	112.0	116.1	113.6	113.2	114.4	115.8	115.5	119.5
Transportation -----	111.2	114.6	109.5	109.8	108.9	117.4	112.1	108.4	117.1	114.2
Private -----	109.7	108.5	109.9	108.2	105.6	113.4	110.5	110.8	112.8	109.4
Public -----	121.6	132.9	107.7	114.4	135.4	139.0	121.9	101.4	136.7	130.9
Health and recreation -----	116.2	115.1	112.1	117.5	117.4	111.1	117.0	120.4	115.8	116.7
Medical care -----	123.0	124.4	130.8	128.8	117.0	120.7	132.9	123.5	127.8	131.5
Personal care -----	109.2	110.2	109.9	111.1	119.2	105.8	103.7	107.5	106.9	104.8
Reading and recreation -----	115.2	118.4	100.1	111.8	118.0	103.8	115.2	124.0	111.7	111.1
Other goods and services -----	113.3	106.0	106.3	(6/)	115.9	(6/)	107.0	119.5	(6/)	113.1
Percent changes from July 1965 to October 1965										
All items -----	0.2	0.1	0.6	0.5	0.7	0	0.4	0.5	0.1	- 0.1
Food -----	- 1.1	- 1.8	- .5	- 1.7	.5	0.4	- .6	- 1.4	- 1.6	- 2.1
Food at home -----	- 1.7	- 2.5	- 1.2	- 2.3	.5	.4	- .8	- 2.4	- 1.9	- 2.5
Cereals and bakery products -----	.2	- 1.0	1.7	.5	.4	- .4	1.1	- 2.1	.5	2.0
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	- .3	- 1.1	- .6	- .5	.4	.3	- .3	- 1.1	- .8	.4
Dairy products -----	1.2	3.8	.1	2.7	2.9	- 1	- 1.5	2.0	.5	- .2
Fruits and vegetables -----	-12.7	-14.2	-11.2	-17.3	- 4.3	- 2.9	- 7.2	-13.2	-12.9	-18.1
Other foods at home -----	2.3	.9	3.4	3.3	2.6	3.4	2.1	1.8	2.3	1.7
Food away from home -----	1.4	.6	1.7	1.2	.6	.7	.8	1.4	0	1.2
Housing -----	.6	.7	.4	1.7	.2	.4	.5	.6	.5	.6
Shelter -----	.5	.6	.3	2.5	0	.2	.5	.7	.3	.2
Rent -----	.3	1.3	-----	7/ .5	.4	-----	.4	7/ .3	-----	.3
Homeownership -----	.8	.3	.5	2.6	- .1	.2	.4	.9	.3	.2
Fuel and utilities -----	1.0	1.5	.8	- .4	0	.4	.3	1.2	.7	1.7
Fuel oil and coal -----	3.6	4.7	1.9	1.0	-----	-----	7.0	3.3	3.6	-----
Gas and electricity -----	.9	.1	.8	- .8	0	.1	.1	.9	.1	2.7
Household furnishings and operation -----	.4	.3	.4	1.1	- .1	1.0	.4	.4	1.0	.6
Apparel and upkeep -----	1.6	1.2	2.8	.7	1.2	.6	2.4	3.7	2.7	1.8
Men's and boys' -----	1.8	2.0	3.4	.2	1.9	.9	.7	3.9	2.6	1.6
Women's and girls' -----	1.8	.9	3.9	.2	1.2	- .8	5.4	5.3	3.2	1.7
Footwear -----	2.1	2.2	1.8	3.8	1.8	3.2	1.2	4.2	5.0	3.1
Transportation -----	- .3	1.1	- .3	.1	1.8	- 2.0	.8	.9	- .3	0
Private -----	- .3	1.2	- .4	.1	1.3	- 2.2	.8	1.2	- .3	- .1
Public -----	.2	0	0	- .2	8.9	.1	0	0	0	.4
Health and recreation -----	.8	.3	1.4	.9	.9	0	.2	.8	.1	.2
Medical care -----	.2	.6	.5	.5	.6	0	.5	- .3	.5	.6
Personal care -----	.5	- .3	.6	- .2	3.2	- 1.5	.1	- .3	.7	.2
Reading and recreation -----	.5	- .3	0	- .3	.3	0	- .2	.3	- .3	.6
Other goods and services -----	1.6	.9	4.3	(6/)	.1	(6/)	.2	2.5	(6/)	- .6

1/ See footnote 1, table A-2.

2/ Not included in U.S. average.

3/ Los Angeles indexes revised to reflect refund of overcharges for telephone service, as follows: Housing - October 1964, 110.5; February 1965, 113.1; April 1965, 113.4; and May 1965, 113.3. Fuel and utilities - 1964 average, 106.1; August-October 1964, 105.5; November and December 1964, 107.0; January 1965, 106.7; February and March 1965, 106.4; April 1965, 106.1; and May 1965, 106.0.

4/ Corrected index July 1965, 116.5.

5/ Corrected index July 1965, 127.7.

6/ Not available.

7/ Change from August 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  
October 1965 indexes and percent changes from September 1965

Area <sup>1/</sup>	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 -----	109.7	107.8	111.3	108.9	105.5	108.5	103.5	119.2
Atlanta -----	108.8	108.3	104.5	109.2	104.5	110.7	109.3	110.8
Baltimore -----	110.7	107.6	116.0	109.1	102.7	109.6	100.8	123.4
Boston -----	112.8	110.1	113.8	112.7	103.7	113.5	105.0	124.2
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100) -----	104.2	103.8	100.0	108.5	99.8	99.5	105.7	106.5
Chicago -----	110.0	109.2	110.7	110.3	111.5	106.5	105.5	113.8
Cincinnati <sup>2/</sup> -----	106.9	105.4	108.7	109.6	<sup>4/</sup> 100.6	109.8	97.7	116.4
Cleveland -----	106.0	104.4	107.3	109.6	98.0	102.6	100.0	115.0
Dallas (Nov.1963=100) -----	105.1	105.1	103.3	111.4	101.1	100.2	103.4	105.1
Detroit -----	106.2	104.7	106.0	109.5	105.8	97.2	99.8	115.1
Honolulu (Dec.1963=100) -----	103.9	104.1	101.7	107.0	98.8	106.1	102.4	103.5
Houston <sup>2/</sup> -----	111.0	109.0	113.4	106.5	102.8	116.7	105.4	120.0
Kansas City <sup>2/</sup> -----	113.0	112.6	113.4	110.5	115.5	115.7	108.8	114.9
Los Angeles-Long Beach -----	112.2	109.2	120.8	104.0	108.6	119.5	98.4	124.0
Milwaukee <sup>2/ 3/</sup> -----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Minneapolis-St. Paul <sup>2/</sup> -----	108.2	106.9	107.2	107.7	105.6	109.6	104.5	113.6
New York -----	110.0	106.5	109.6	107.6	100.9	108.0	102.9	125.6
Philadelphia -----	107.9	106.1	108.4	104.1	110.0	106.9	101.8	117.9
Pittsburgh -----	108.2	107.4	114.3	114.5	98.2	101.7	103.9	112.8
St. Louis -----	112.4	110.0	109.5	113.5	110.9	108.7	105.5	120.7
San Diego (Feb.1965=100) <sup>2/ 3/</sup> -----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
San Francisco-Oakland -----	111.4	108.1	110.9	108.4	107.1	113.0	100.4	125.8
Seattle -----	111.0	108.7	109.2	110.8	113.1	106.3	103.8	121.2
Washington -----	109.3	106.7	110.0	106.8	107.4	103.0	104.2	120.6
Percent changes, September 1965 to October 1965								
U.S. city average -----	0	- 0.2	0	- 0.8	0.2	0	0.5	0.3
Atlanta -----	0.4	.4	- 0.1	- .1	- .1	- 0.9	2.2	.6
Baltimore -----	- .1	- .3	.4	- .3	.7	- .5	- 1.0	.5
Boston -----	- .4	- .5	- .1	- .9	.3	- 2.3	.5	.3
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100) -----	- .3	- .4	1.8	- 1.5	- .7	- .8	.5	.6
Chicago -----	- .2	.1	.4	- .4	.2	- .3	1.1	.3
Cincinnati <sup>2/</sup> -----	- .3	.5	.6	- 1.5	2.2	3.4	0	.2
Cleveland -----	- .2	- .3	.2	- 1.2	1.8	- 1.8	.4	.3
Dallas (Nov.1963=100) -----	0	0	- .1	- .6	- .1	.3	.7	.2
Detroit -----	.4	.4	.7	- .6	1.2	.9	.9	.1
Honolulu (Dec.1963=100) -----	.6	.8	- .3	.8	.6	1.4	1.0	.1
Houston <sup>2/</sup> -----	- .1	- .3	- .6	- .8	- .1	- .8	1.0	.3
Kansas City <sup>2/</sup> -----	.4	.4	.4	- .6	.2	.5	1.5	.5
Los Angeles-Long Beach -----	.4	.6	- .1	.5	.1	1.2	.9	.2
Milwaukee <sup>2/ 3/</sup> -----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Minneapolis-St. Paul <sup>2/</sup> -----	.2	.1	0	- 1.5	.1	1.4	.9	.6
New York -----	- .7	- .9	- 2.1	- 1.1	- 1.1	- .6	- .2	.1
Philadelphia -----	- .3	- .4	.7	- .8	0	- 1.3	.2	0
Pittsburgh -----	0	- .1	- .3	.3	.1	- 1.9	.4	.5
St. Louis -----	.4	.5	.4	.5	0	.5	1.0	0
San Diego (Feb.1965=100) <sup>2/ 3/</sup> -----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
San Francisco-Oakland -----	.3	.3	1.1	- .3	.4	.4	.5	0
Seattle -----	- .1	- .2	.3	- .8	- .1	- .7	.8	0
Washington -----	- .2	- .2	- .2	- .8	.8	- 1.1	.8	0

<sup>1/</sup> See footnote 1, table A-2.

<sup>2/</sup> Not included in U.S. average.

<sup>3/</sup> See footnote 2, table A-2.

<sup>4/</sup> Corrected indexes: May 1965 is 100.1; September 1965 is 98.4

**NEW SERIES**  
(Including Single Workers)

**TABLE A-6: Consumer Price Index--Food, Groups, and Items**  
October 1965 indexes, and percent changes September 1965 to October 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-----	109.7	0	Fruits and vegetables-----	108.5	0
Food away from home-----	119.2	0.3	Fresh fruits and vegetables-----	109.7	- 0.5
Restaurant meals-----	119.4	.4	Apples-----	104.1	- 13.5
Snacks <u>1</u> /-----	103.6	.1	Bananas-----	102.4	1.9
Food at home-----	107.8	- .2	Oranges-----	129.3	1.3
Cereals and bakery products-----	111.3	0	Orange juice, fresh <u>1</u> /-----	89.1	- .4
Flour-----	109.3	.1	Grapefruit-----	155.4	- 4.4
Cracker meal <u>1</u> /-----	113.1	.7	Grapes *-----	97.0	- 1.0
Corn flakes-----	118.7	.1	Strawberries *-----	*	*
Rice-----	106.3	.2	Watermelon *-----	*	*
Bread, white-----	114.8	.4	Potatoes-----	115.4	- .9
Bread, whole wheat <u>1</u> /-----	103.3	- .8	Onions-----	107.9	- 7.8
Cookies-----	98.6	- .2	Asparagus * <u>1</u> /-----	*	*
Layer cake <u>1</u> /-----	97.7	.1	Cabbage-----	102.7	4.1
Cinnamon rolls <u>1</u> /-----	100.7	- .4	Carrots-----	101.1	- 1.7
Meats, poultry, and fish-----	108.9	- .8	Celery-----	98.9	2.5
Meats-----	111.8	- .6	Cucumbers <u>1</u> /-----	102.5	- 7.2
Beef and veal-----	109.1	- .6	Lettuce-----	121.8	10.0
Steak, round-----	107.2	- .1	Peppers, green <u>1</u> /-----	104.9	8.1
Steak, sirloin <u>2</u> /-----	104.5	- 2.1	Spinach <u>1</u> /-----	99.8	3.1
Steak, porterhouse <u>1</u> /-----	109.4	- 1.1	Tomatoes-----	92.0	8.9
Rump roast <u>1</u> /-----	103.1	- .1	Processed fruits and vegetables-----	107.4	.7
Rib roast-----	115.9	- .9	Fruit cocktail, canned-----	100.6	1.3
Chuck roast-----	104.1	- .2	Pears, canned <u>1</u> /-----	105.8	3.4
Hamburger-----	108.4	- .8	Grapefruit-pineapple juice, canned <u>1</u> /-----	99.6	- .7
Beef liver <u>1</u> /-----	104.1	.4	Orange juice concentrate, frozen-----	94.4	.1
Veal cutlets-----	120.9	.1	Lemonade concentrate frozen <u>2</u> /-----	88.2	- .2
Pork-----	118.8	- .9	Beets, canned <u>1</u> /-----	98.0	- .1
Chops-----	117.3	- 1.4	Peas, green, canned-----	115.4	0
Loin roast <u>2</u> /-----	125.2	- 1.6	Tomatoes, canned-----	105.5	8
Pork sausage <u>1</u> /-----	127.8	- .5	Dried beans-----	109.3	1.3
Ham, whole-----	108.6	- 1.3	Broccoli, frozen <u>1</u> /-----	95.7	0
Picnics <u>1</u> /-----	120.1	1.6	Other food at home-----	103.5	.5
Bacon-----	130.1	- 1.4	Eggs-----	103.5	5.0
Other meats-----	112.0	- .2	Fats and oils:		
Lamb chops <u>1</u> /-----	114.4	- .9	Margarine-----	101.6	- .6
Frankfurters-----	113.9	- 1.1	Salad dressing, Italian <u>1</u> /-----	100.9	.4
Ham, canned <u>1</u> /-----	111.4	1.0	Salad or cooking oil <u>1</u> /-----	110.4	.7
Bologna sausage <u>1</u> /-----	110.2	.1	Sugar and sweets-----	113.8	0
Salami sausage <u>1</u> /-----	107.1	- .7	Sugar-----	108.3	.1
Liverwurst <u>1</u> /-----	109.5	- .6	Grape jelly-----	114.8	.1
Poultry-----	89.5	- 2.7	Chocolate bar-----	105.8	- .6
Frying chicken-----	89.1	- 3.7	Syrup, chocolate flavored <u>1</u> /-----	99.9	.3
Chicken breasts <u>1</u> /-----	99.4	- 1.7	Nonalcoholic beverages-----	99.8	- .3
Turkey <u>1</u> /-----	103.6	0	Coffee, can and bag-----	94.0	- .4
Fish-----	111.1	.1	Coffee, instant <u>3</u> /-----	99.7	- .8
Shrimp, frozen <u>1</u> /-----	94.8	.4	Tea-----	99.3	- .5
Fish, fresh or frozen-----	117.7	.2	Cola drink-----	126.7	.3
Tuna fish, canned-----	102.0	- .4	Carbonated fruit drink <u>1</u> /-----	102.1	.4
Sardines, canned <u>1</u> /-----	105.0	.1	Prepared and partially prepared foods <u>1</u> /	100.5	- .9
Dairy products-----	105.5	.2	Bean soup, canned <u>1</u> /-----	98.1	- .1
Milk, fresh, grocery-----	103.7	.6	Chicken soup, canned <u>1</u> /-----	99.3	- .1
Milk, fresh, delivered-----	107.3	.4	Spaghetti, canned <u>1</u> /-----	100.6	- .1
Milk, fresh, skim <u>1</u> /-----	100.2	.4	Mashed potatoes, instant <u>1</u> /-----	109.4	- 1.9
Milk, evaporated-----	105.5	.2	Potatoes, french fried, frozen <u>2</u> /-----	89.8	- 5.0
Ice cream-----	93.4	- 1.4	Baby foods, canned-----	105.7	- .1
Cheese, American process-----	116.7	- .1	Sweet pickle relish <u>1</u> /-----	101.5	- .7
Butter-----	104.7	.8	Pretzels <u>1</u> /-----	99.7	.5

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:	Oct.	110.4	109.7	109.0	107.8	111.2	116.2	123.0	109.2	115.2	113.3
	Sept.	110.2	109.7	108.6	107.2	111.0	115.8	122.8	109.2	114.8	112.7
	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	107.3	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
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 October 1965 from--	Index	Percent change to August 1965 from--
	October 1965	July 1965	August 1965	May 1965
All items -----	<u>1/</u> 112.9	0.4	111.6	1.0
All items (1947-49=100) -----	<u>2/</u> 139.9		133.1	
Food -----	110.5	.3	108.2	1.3
Food at home -----	108.6	.7	106.5	1.3
Cereals and bakery products	109.6	.2	112.0	.3
Meats, poultry, and fish --	112.6	2.3	111.2	10.2
Dairy products -----	110.4	.2	99.5	0
Fruits and vegetables -----	107.9	-10.7	110.6	- 7.4
Other foods at home -----	103.0	2.9	98.8	- .7
Housing -----	114.6	1.1	107.6	.3
Rent -----	108.8	.2	109.9	.5
Gas and electricity -----	102.5	0	104.8	0
Solid and petroleum fuels ---	104.2	0	100.5	1.2
Housefurnishings -----	97.8	.3	95.2	- 1.0
Household operation -----	115.9	2.4	113.3	.3
Apparel -----	113.0	4.2	106.2	.6
Men's and boys' -----	119.5	3.6	110.5	1.7
Women's and girls' -----	108.8	5.8	103.0	- .1
Footwear -----	115.1	2.3	109.2	.2
Other apparel -----	105.0	3.3	102.1	.5
Transportation -----	108.6	- 1.5	109.6	- .5
Private -----	105.8	- 1.7	107.1	- .7
Public -----	126.8	0	125.3	0
Medical care -----	<u>3/</u> 123.2	.2	128.0	1.0
Personal care -----	111.4	- .2	118.8	- .9
Reading and recreation -----	118.0	- 1.6	149.1	7.3
Other goods and services -----	<u>4/</u> 106.8	.3	113.1	0

1/ Corrected indexes: 1964 annual average, 109.0; July 1964, 109.3; October 1964, 109.7; January 1965, 110.0; April 1965, 111.1; July 1965, 112.4.

2/ Corrected indexes: 1964 annual average, 135.1; July 1964, 135.4; October 1964, 135.9; January 1965, 136.3 April 1965, 137.7; July 1965, 139.3.

3/ Corrected indexes: 1964 annual average, 118.6; July 1964, 120.3; October 1964, 120.7; January 1965, 121.0; April 1965, 121.5; July 1965, 123.0.

4/ Corrected indexes: July 1964, 105.0; April 1965, 106.0; July 1965, 106.5.

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

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