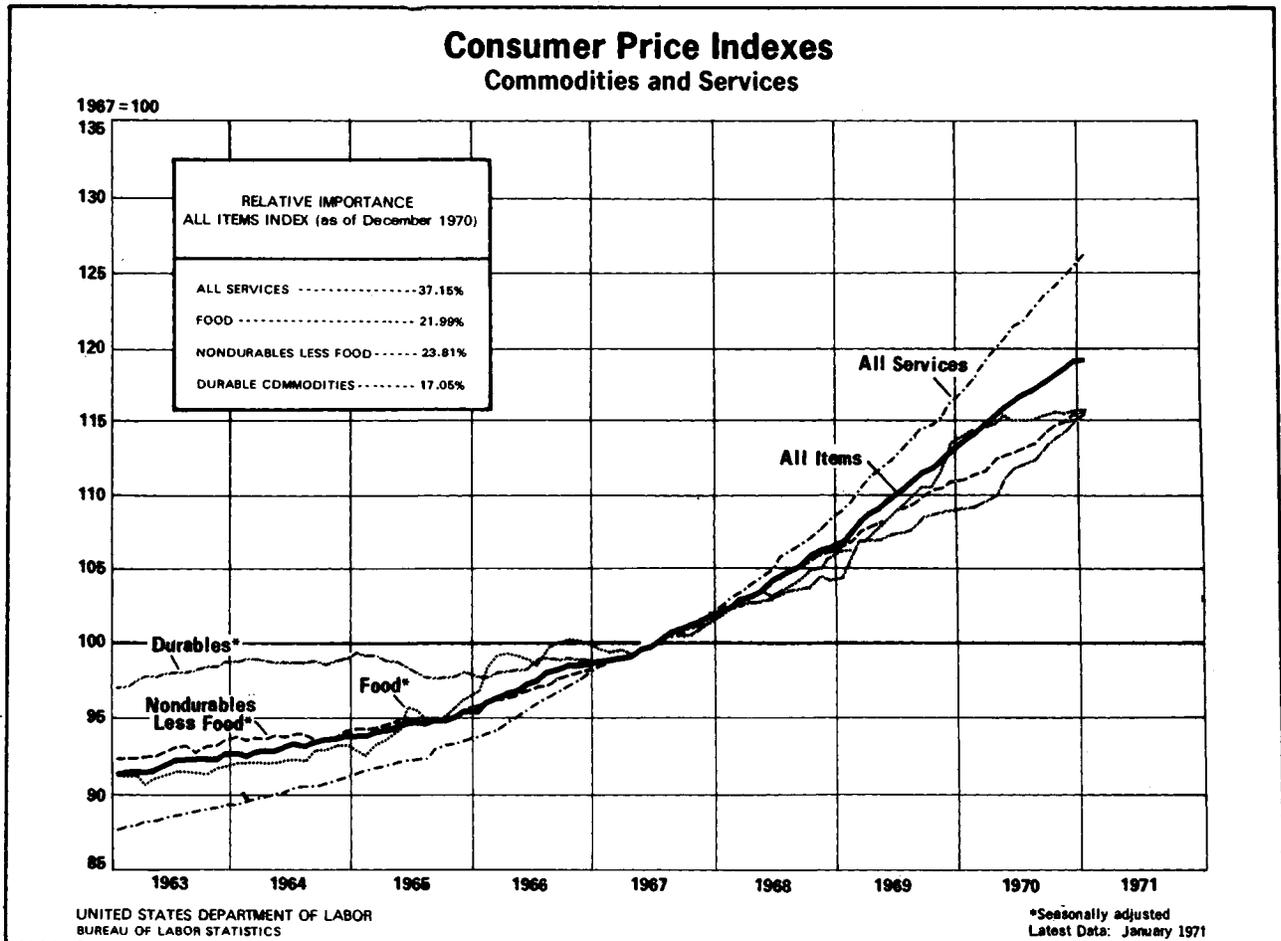




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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
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The Consumer Price Index rose 0.1 percent in January to 119.2 percent of its 1967 base. The increase was the smallest since February 1967. Higher prices for consumer services were largely offset by declines for used cars, apparel, and some grocery store items. The January CPI was 5.2 percent higher than it was a year ago, the smallest 12-month rise since March 1969.

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the January increase was 0.3 percent, less than the 0.5 percent in December and the same as the increase in November. After allowance for seasonal variations, average food prices were unchanged in January. Prices of commodities other than food rose 0.2 percent in January compared with an average monthly increase of nearly 0.6 percent in the previous 4 months. The 0.6-percent advance in prices of consumer services was the same as the average monthly rise since last May.

Summary of month-to-month percent changes 1/

Month	All items		Food		Commodities less food		Services 1/
	Unadj.	Seas.	Unadj.	Seas.	Unadj.	Seas.	Unadj.
		Adj.		Adj.		Adj.	
January 1970 -----	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.4	-0.2	0.3	0.9
February -----	.5	.5	.5	.6	.3	.2	.8
March -----	.5	.4	.1	.2	.3	.2	1.1
April -----	.6	.5	.4	.3	.7	.6	.7
May -----	.4	.5	.3	.4	.5	.5	.5
June -----	.5	.4	.3	-.3	.4	.4	.6
July -----	.3	.2	.5	.0	.0	.1	.5
August -----	.2	.2	.1	.0	.1	.2	.6
September -----	.5	.6	-.2	.3	.7	.6	.7
October -----	.5	.5	-.2	.1	1.0	.6	.5
November -----	.3	.3	-.5	-.1	.5	.3	.6
December -----	.5	.5	.3	.2	.3	.7	.6
January 1971 -----	.1	.3	.2	.0	-.3	.2	.6

1/ All percent changes are computed from 1967=100 indexes. Percent changes for services are based on unadjusted indexes.

Food

Prices of food purchased in grocery stores declined 0.4 percent after seasonal adjustment. Except for increases in September and December, these prices have been declining since last May. The decrease this January was due largely to meat and fresh fruit and vegetable prices which moved down instead of rising as they usually do between December and January.

Meat prices, which fell sharply in the last quarter of 1970, declined 0.7 percent on a seasonally adjusted basis in January. Pork prices dropped 2 percent to a level 12.3 percent below the January 1970 level. Beef and veal prices edged down 0.1 percent, but were 3.3 percent higher than year-earlier levels. The downtrend in pork prices was sustained by large increases in production and cold storage holdings in the final 3 months of 1970. Pork production in December 1970 was up 24 percent from year-earlier levels. In contrast, beef production was up just 2 percent.

After rising sharply in December, retail prices for poultry declined more than they usually do in January as production picked up. Although poultry production in December was just 1 percent higher than it had been in December 1969, for the entire year, it was 11 percent greater than it had been in 1969. Prices in January 1971 were down 5 percent from January 1970.

The late 1970 downtrend in retail prices for fruits and vegetables continued into January with a seasonally adjusted decline of 1.9 percent. Domestic production and imports of tomatoes, green peppers, lettuce and other fresh vegetables from winter producing States increased substantially in December and early January. Fresh fruit prices, however, increased as did prices of most processed fruits and vegetables, except frozen orange concentrates and canned peas. Prices of eggs and dairy products, which normally decline in January, rose 3.8 percent and 0.3 percent, respectively. Higher egg prices were due to slower movement of eggs to retail outlets in some areas affected by heavy snow, and increases in demand relative to supply. Despite the January increase, egg prices were down 23.4 percent from the year-ago levels. The price increase of 0.7 percent for cereal and bakery products was sharper than it was in November or in December. The increase of 0.6 percent for restaurant meals and snacks away from home was the largest monthly increase since May 1970.

Retail food prices generally tend to follow changes in wholesale food prices. The WPI for consumer foods declined sharply in the fourth quarter of 1970. In January, however, it rose 1.0 percent after seasonal adjustment, the largest increase since July 1970. The rise was due mostly to sizable advances in meat and fresh vegetable prices connected with adverse weather conditions which curtailed livestock marketings and reduced supplies of fresh vegetables from winter producing States. In addition, prices of frozen orange concentrates were raised by most processors soon after the mid-January freeze in Florida. The full effect of the freeze on the vegetable and citrus crops has not yet been determined by the Department of Agriculture.

Despite short-run distortions in marketing schedules caused by weather conditions, pork supplies are expected to remain ample over the next 6 months. Hogs and pigs on farms on December 1, 1970 were estimated to be up 19 percent from year-earlier levels and the June-November pig crop was up 18 percent. On the other hand, some tightening in beef supplies is indicated; on January 1, 1971 cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in 39 feeding States were estimated to be 3 percent less than they had been a year earlier.

Commodities less food

Prices of commodities other than food rose at a slower pace in January primarily due to price declines for apparel commodities and used cars. The only item to advance substantially was new cars which rose instead of falling seasonally for the second consecutive month.

Retail prices of durable commodities rose 0.2 percent on a seasonally adjusted basis in January, compared with 0.8 percent in December 1970 and an average monthly increase of about 0.5 percent in the second half of 1970. Used car prices dropped noticeably after several months of increases. The price index for household durables remained unchanged after a small rise of 0.1 percent in December. Prices of household appliances continued to move up due to manufacturers' price hikes; but furniture and bedding prices declined because of widespread sales as retailers sought to reduce inventories. House prices advanced further in January, but by considerably less than they had in the past several months.

New car prices rose 2 percent, about the same as in December, due to higher list prices on 1971 models and lower than normal dealer concessions for both the 1970 and 1971 models. A shortage of cars created by the strike at General Motors and a rebound in new

car sales accounted for smaller concessions. January production of domestic passenger cars was up 20.3 percent over production in January 1970 as General Motors attempted to build up dealer inventories. Nevertheless, new car dealers' inventories at the end of January remained below the January 1970 level, because domestic new car sales increased 8.7 percent, the first over-the-year sales increase since June 1970.

On a seasonally adjusted basis, prices of nondurable commodities other than food increased 0.1 percent in January, down from December's rise of 0.6 percent. A decline of 0.2 percent in apparel prices was chiefly responsible for the slowdown. Clearance sales on fall and winter apparel items were more extensive and widespread than usual. Also, year-round items which normally are not affected by end of the season sales registered declines. Among the year-round items were women's dresses chiefly made of man-made fibers. Sales of dresses reportedly have been suffering partly due to the great acceptance of pant suits. Therefore, stores have apparently cut dress prices to clear stocks. The decline in January was slightly larger than the 0.1-percent in July at the time of spring and summer clearance sales. The last time prices declined on a seasonally adjusted basis was September 1965. Prices of gasoline increased less in January than in December, 0.3 percent compared with 1.2 percent. Fuel oil and coal prices increased 1.0 percent seasonally adjusted. The rapid upward pace of 1970 continued because of higher wholesale and jobber prices and slightly larger profit margins of retail fuel distributors. Average prices of alcoholic beverages were 0.7 percent higher in January, considerably more than in recent months, mainly as a result of 1.3-percent increase for beer served away from home and a 0.5-percent increase for beer at home.

Services

Overall, charges for consumer services continued to advance at about the same pace as in the last 9 months of 1970, but some significant changes were recorded within the services group of the CPI. Average prices of household services, which is the largest service category, were unchanged over the month for the first time since March 1966. The increase of 0.6 percent for medical care services was somewhat smaller than the increase in the previous month. The increase of 1.6 percent for transportation services was the largest since January 1970, and the increase of 1.0 percent in other services was the sharpest monthly rise since March 1968.

A substantial decline of 1.4 percent in mortgage interest rates on VA-guaranteed and conventional mortgages was primarily responsible for the leveling out in the charges for household services in January. After advancing rapidly from mid-1967 through the first quarter of 1970, mortgage interest rates remained almost level for the balance of 1970. With definite evidence of improvement in the mortgage market, the interest rate ceiling on FHA (excluding 0.5 percent for insurance) and VA loans was lowered early in December 1970 from 8.5 percent to 8.0 percent. The ceiling was reduced again early in January 1971 to 7.5 percent and in mid-February to 7.0 percent. The January decline in the CPI for mortgage interest rates reflected the early December decline of 1/2 percent in the VA rate ceiling as well as some decreases in rates on conventional mortgages. Usually VA mortgages lag 1 month and FHA mortgages 2 months before a majority of loans is made predominantly at the low rates. Conventional mortgages usually have no lag. Charges for other household services continued to move up; particularly large increases were recorded for residential gas and telephone bills and flatwork laundry prices.

The acceleration in the rise in transportation services occurred mostly in auto-related services. Automobile insurance rates rose 2.8 percent in January as rates for both physical damage and liability insurance were raised in a number of cities. Part of the increase in physical damage insurance rates was due to higher premiums for an air conditioned car over a comparable model non-air conditioned car. The change was attributed to the higher cost of repairing a car with air conditioning if involved in a front end accident.

Auto registration fees increased 3.2 percent as yearly fees were calculated for places where auto registration is renewed in January. Fees were higher in New York, Buffalo Philadelphia, Denver, Minneapolis, and other cities due to the increased shipping weights of new cars.

The sharp advance for other services resulted primarily from increases for college tuition. In addition, charges for most winter-oriented recreational services showed large increases, particularly bowling fees. Showing of special movie features at higher prices was reflected in a 1.0-percent rise in adult motion picture admission charges. Among apparel services, automatic laundry service prices increased 1.6 percent because of higher water rates and capital equipment costs.

Seasonally adjusted monthly percent changes in the index and some of its major components for the past 6 months are given in the following tabulation:

	<u>January</u>	<u>December</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>October</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>August</u>
Consumer Price Index:						
All items -----	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.2
Commodities -----	.1	.4	.3	.4	.5	-.1
Food -----	.0	.2	-.1	.1	.3	.0
Food at home -----	-.4	.3	-.2	-.1	.4	-.2
Apparel commodities -	-.2	.3	.4	.6	.6	.4
Nondurables less food						
and apparel -----	.4	.5	.4	.5	.3	.0
Durables -----	.2	.8	.5	.4	.7	.3
Services <u>1/</u> -----	.6	.6	.6	.5	.7	.6
Rent -----	.3	.7	.4	.5	.4	.4
Household services						
less rent -----	.0	.7	.7	.5	.8	.7
Transportation -----	1.6	.5	.8	.9	.8	.2
Medical care services	.6	.8	.6	.2	.6	.7
Other services -----	1.0	.3	.3	.6	.5	.4

1/ All percent changes are computed from 1967=100 indexes. Percent changes for services are based on unadjusted indexes.

Cost-of-Living-Adjustments

Approximately 67,000 workers will receive cost-of-living wage increases based on the Consumer Price Index for January. About 30,000 workers will receive hourly pay increases ranging from 2 to 5 cents based on the change in the national index since October 1970. An additional 17,000 workers, including 11,000 employees of General Dynamics Corporation in California, will get pay raises ranging from 3 to 8 cents per hour based on the change in the national index since January 1970.

More than 20,000 transit workers in the Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, and Pittsburgh areas will receive hourly pay increases ranging from 1 to 5.5 cents, based on the rise since October 1970 in the index for their areas.

About 2,300 other workers whose escalator reviews are tied to the January index will not receive an adjustment because they have already received the maximums stipulated in their contracts.

NEW BASE PERIOD FOR CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Beginning with the release of data for January 1971, the reference base for the Consumer Price Index is 1967=100. The change in base period does not affect percentage changes in the index over time except for rounding differences. The new base was established by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget for use by all Government statistical agencies in line with the longstanding policy that index base be updated periodically. For the convenience of index users, the all items indexes for the U.S. city average and the 23 major cities will also be published on their former official reference base (1957-59 in most cases). A description of the methodology of rebasing the index will be available on request.

A NOTE ABOUT CALCULATING INDEX CHANGES

Effective with the February 1970 release, and continuing thereafter, percent changes expressed as annual rates will be computed according to the standard formula for compound growth rates. These data indicate what the percent change would be if the current rate were maintained for 12-month period.

Movements of the indexes from one data to another are usually expressed as percent changes rather than changes in the index point because index point changes are affected by the level of the index in relation to its base period while percent changes are not. The following example illustrates the computation of index point and percent changes:

Index Point Change		Percent Change	
January 1971 CPI (1967=100)	119.2	Index point difference divided	
less December 1970 index	<u>119.1</u>	by the index for the previous	
index point difference =	0.1	period:	
		$\frac{119.2 - 119.1}{119.1} \times 100 = 0.1$	

Effective with the July 1970 release, and continuing thereafter, seasonally adjusted percent changes in the U.S. All Items Index will be based on seasonal adjustment factors and seasonally adjusted indexes carried to two decimal places. This procedure will help to eliminate rounding error in the percent changes.

TABLE 1. Consumer Price Index--United States city average for urban wage earners and clerical workers, January 1971

Group	(Unadjusted, unless otherwise indicated)				Percent change to January 1971 from:		
	Indexes (1967 = 100) (unless otherwise specified)				1 Month	3 Months	1 Year
	January 1971	December 1970	October 1970	January 1970	Ago	Ago	Ago
All items -----	119.2	119.1	118.1	113.3	0.1	0.9	5.2
All items (1957-59=100) -----	138.6	138.5	137.4	131.8			
Food -----	115.5	115.3	115.5	113.5	.2	.0	1.8
Food at home -----	113.4	113.4	113.8	112.7	0	-.4	.6
Cereals and bakery products -----	112.4	111.6	111.0	105.9	-.7	1.3	6.1
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	113.1	113.7	116.1	115.8	-.5	- 2.6	- 2.3
Dairy products -----	113.9	113.6	113.1	110.0	.3	.7	3.5
Fruits and vegetables -----	109.6	110.6	110.0	111.4	-.9	-.4	- 1.6
Other foods at home -----	117.0	116.0	115.5	115.5	.9	1.3	1.3
Food away from home -----	123.4	122.8	121.9	116.2	.5	1.2	6.2
Housing -----	122.7	122.6	121.2	114.7	.1	1.2	7.0
Shelter ^{1/} -----	128.0	127.9	126.5	118.4	.1	1.2	8.1
Rent -----	112.9	112.6	111.4	107.9	.3	1.3	4.6
Homeownership ^{2/} -----	133.4	133.4	131.9	122.1	0	1.1	9.3
Fuel and utilities ^{3/} -----	112.1	111.3	109.2	105.1	.7	2.7	6.7
Fuel oil and coal -----	116.7	114.9	112.5	107.3	1.6	3.7	8.8
Gas and electricity -----	111.5	110.7	108.8	105.2	.7	2.5	6.0
Household furnishings and operation -----	115.4	115.3	114.5	111.0	.1	.8	4.0
Apparel and upkeep ^{4/} -----	117.6	119.2	118.2	113.4	- 1.3	-.5	3.7
Men's and boys' -----	118.0	119.6	119.0	114.4	- 1.3	-.8	3.1
Women's and girls' -----	117.4	120.5	119.3	113.0	- 2.6	- 1.6	3.9
Footwear -----	119.8	119.8	119.0	115.1	0	.7	4.1
Transportation -----	117.5	116.9	115.2	109.8	.5	2.0	7.0
Private -----	115.8	115.2	113.4	108.2	.5	2.1	6.9
New cars -----	115.4	114.1	110.8	106.7	1.1	4.2	8.2
Used cars -----	107.0	109.5	107.2	99.3	- 2.3	-.2	7.8
Gasoline -----	107.7	107.4	106.8	104.4	.3	.8	3.2
Public -----	133.9	133.4	131.3	125.0	.4	2.0	7.1
Health and recreation -----	119.8	119.1	118.2	113.2	.6	1.4	5.8
Medical care -----	124.9	124.2	122.8	116.3	.6	1.7	7.4
Personal care -----	115.3	115.0	114.4	111.3	.3	.8	3.6
Reading and recreation -----	117.3	116.2	115.2	110.8	.9	1.8	5.9
Other goods and services -----	118.9	118.5	118.0	113.3	.3	.8	4.9
Seasonally Adjusted:							
Food -----	115.6	115.6	115.5	-	0	.1	-
Apparel and upkeep -----	118.3	118.5	117.4	-	-.2	.8	-
Transportation -----	117.7	117.0	114.9	-	.6	2.4	-
Special Groups:							
All items less food -----	120.3	120.2	118.9	113.3	.1	1.2	6.2
All items less medical care -----	118.9	118.8	117.9	113.1	.1	.8	5.1
Commodities less food -----	115.2	115.5	114.5	110.0	-.3	.6	4.7
Commodities -----	115.4	115.6	114.8	111.2	.2	.5	3.8
Nondurables -----	115.4	115.6	115.2	112.1	.2	.2	2.9
Nondurables less food -----	115.3	115.7	114.9	110.7	.3	.3	4.2
Apparel commodities -----	117.8	119.6	118.8	113.8	- 1.5	-.8	3.5
Durables -----	115.2	115.2	113.9	109.0	0	1.1	5.7
Household durables -----	111.5	111.5	111.0	108.6	0	.5	2.7
Services -----	126.3	125.6	124.1	117.1	.6	1.8	7.9
Services less rent ⁴ -----	128.7	128.0	126.5	118.8	.5	1.7	8.3
Services less medical care -----	125.9	125.3	123.8	116.8	.5	1.7	7.8
Insurance and finance -----	140.5	140.0	138.2	126.4	.4	1.7	11.2
Utilities and public transportation -----	116.7	116.0	114.0	109.6	.6	2.4	6.5
Housekeeping and home maintenance services --	131.5	130.9	129.3	122.0	.5	1.7	7.8
Medical care services -----	129.3	128.5	126.7	119.4	.6	2.1	8.3
Purchasing Power of Consumer Dollar:							
1967=\$1.00 -----	.839	.840	.847	.883	-.1	-.9	- 5.0
1957-59=\$1.00 -----	.722	.722	.728	.759	-	-	-

^{1/} Also includes hotel and motel rates not shown.

^{2/} Includes home purchase, mortgage, interest, taxes, insurance, and maintenance and repairs.

^{3/} Also includes telephone, water, and sewerage service not shown separately.

^{4/} Also includes infants' wear, sewing materials, jewelry, and apparel upkeep services not shown separately.

Note: Index applies to month as a whole not to any specific date.

TABLE 2. Consumer Price Index--The United States and selected areas for urban wage earners and clerical workers, All Items most recent index and percent changes from selected dates

Area ^{1/}	Pricing Schedule ^{2/}	Indexes			Percent change from:		
		1967=100	1957-59=100	Other bases	December 1970	October 1970	January 1970
		January 1971					
U.S. City Average -----	M	119.2	138.6		0.1	0.9	5.2
Chicago -----	M	119.1	135.3		-.1	.6	4.8
Detroit -----	M	120.3	138.2		.7	.8	5.4
Los Angeles-Long Beach ---	M	116.7	137.2		-.1	.4	4.6
New York -----	M	122.5	145.7		.1	1.1	6.4
Philadelphia -----	M	121.3	141.7		.0	.7	6.6
		January 1971				October 1970	January 1970
Boston -----	1	120.1	143.9			1.1	5.7
Houston -----	1	119.3	136.5			1.2	4.3
Minneapolis-St. Paul ----	1	120.1	139.2			.8	4.8
Pittsburgh -----	1	119.2	137.1			.3	6.0
		November 1970				August 1970	November 1969
Buffalo -----	2	118.7		^{3/} 130.5		2.0	5.9
Cleveland -----	2	121.3	137.0			1.0	5.8
Dallas -----	2	118.9		^{3/} 128.5		.2	3.9
Milwaukee -----	2	117.8	133.0			1.4	4.7
San Diego -----	2	117.7		^{4/} 123.7		1.6	5.8
Seattle -----	2	114.9	135.0			.3	3.9
Washington -----	2	119.3	139.0			.8	5.3
		December 1970				September 1970	December 1969
Atlanta -----	3	119.2	137.1			1.6	5.5
Baltimore -----	3	120.7	140.1			2.1	6.3
Cincinnati -----	3	118.5	134.5			1.5	5.3
Honolulu -----	3	115.7		^{5/} 124.7		.7	4.2
Kansas City -----	3	119.0	141.3			2.0	6.1
St. Louis -----	3	117.6	137.3			.9	5.1
San Francisco-Oakland ----	3	118.5	141.0			1.5	4.9

^{1/} Area coverage includes the urban portion of the corresponding Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area (SMSA) except for New York and Chicago where the more extensive Standard Consolidated Areas are used. Area definitions are those established for the 1960 Census and do not include revisions made since 1960.

^{2/} Foods, fuels, and several other items priced every month in all cities; most other goods and services priced as indicated:

- M - Every month.
- 1 - January, April, July, and October.
- 2 - February, May, August, and November.
- 3 - March, June, September, and December.

^{3/} November 1963=100.

^{4/} February 1965=100.

^{5/} December 1963=100.

Note: The Consumer Price Index cannot be used for measuring differences in living costs among areas; it indicates price change within areas. Estimates of differences in living costs among areas are found in the family budgets.

TABLE 3. Consumer Price Index--The United States and selected areas 1/ for urban wage earners and clerical workers, major groups percent change from December 1970 to January 1971

Group	U.S. City Average	Chicago	Detroit	Los Angeles-Long Beach	New York	Philadelphia
All items -----	0.1	- 0.1	0.7	- 0.1	0.1	0.0
Food -----	.2	.3	- .3	- .1	.3	.6
Housing -----	.1	.3	.1	.1	.1	- .2
Apparel and upkeep -----	- 1.3	- 3.3	- 2.7	- 1.1	- 2.7	- 2.4
Transportation -----	.5	- .2	4.4	- .8	.5	.6
Health and recreation -----	.6	.7	1.3	.2	1.3	.4
Medical care -----	.6	1.0	1.4	.1	1.0	.5
Personal care -----	.3	(2/)	(2/)	(2/)	(2/)	(2/)
Reading and recreation -----	.9	1.2	1.8	.3	1.9	.9
Other goods and services -----	.3	- .1	.9	.3	1.5	(2/)

1/ See footnote 1, table 2.
2/ Not available.

TABLE 4. Consumer Price Index--United States city average for urban wage earners and clerical workers for selected groups, seasonally adjusted

(1967=100)

Group	Indexes			Percent changes to: January 1971	
	January 1971	December 1970	October 1970	From: 1 Month Ago	From: 3 Months Ago
Food -----	115.6	115.6	115.5	0.0	0.1
Food at home -----	113.5	113.9	113.8	-0.4	- .3
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	113.9	114.7	115.3	- .7	- 1.2
Dairy products -----	113.7	113.3	112.8	.4	.8
Fruits and vegetables -----	110.5	112.6	114.2	- 1.9	- 3.2
Other foods at home -----	116.2	114.9	113.8	1.1	2.1
Fuel and utilities <u>1/</u> -----	112.0	111.2	109.4	.7	2.4
Fuel oil and coal -----	115.5	114.3	112.7	1.0	2.5
Apparel and upkeep <u>2/</u> -----	118.3	118.5	117.4	- .2	.8
Men's and boys' -----	118.5	119.0	118.4	- .4	.1
Women's and girls' -----	118.8	119.2	117.9	- .3	.8
Footwear -----	120.2	119.6	118.6	.5	1.3
Transportation -----	117.7	117.0	114.9	.6	2.4
Private -----	116.0	115.3	112.9	.6	2.7
New cars -----	114.7	112.5	109.3	2.0	4.9
Commodities -----	115.6	115.5	114.6	.1	.9
Commodities less food -----	115.5	115.3	114.2	.2	1.1
Nondurables -----	115.6	115.5	115.0	.1	.5
Nondurables less food -----	115.6	115.5	114.6	.1	.9
Apparel commodities -----	118.6	118.8	118.0	- .2	.5
Durables -----	115.3	115.1	113.6	.2	1.5

1/ Also includes telephone, water, and sewerage service not shown separately.

2/ Also includes infants' wear, sewing materials, jewelry, and apparel upkeep services not shown separately.

TABLE 5. Consumer Price Index--United States and selected areas 1/ for urban wage earners and clerical workers, commodity groups, January 1971 index and percent changes from October 1970.

Group	U.S. City Average	Boston	Chicago	** Detroit	Houston	Los Angeles-Long Beach	Minnneapolis-St. Paul	New York	Philadelphia	Pittsburgh
(Indexes 1967=100 unless otherwise specified)										
All items -----	119.2	120.1	119.1	120.3	119.3	116.7	120.1	122.5	121.3	119.2
Food -----	115.5	116.9	115.6	114.3	116.5	112.9	117.0	119.3	117.0	116.1
Food at home -----	113.4	115.4	113.5	113.1	113.2	111.7	114.8	116.6	114.8	114.2
Cereals and bakery products -----	112.4	112.5	115.1	113.7	110.1	108.7	118.2	113.1	117.2	112.2
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	113.1	117.4	113.5	115.6	114.1	112.0	113.9	117.5	113.1	111.5
Dairy products -----	113.9	115.2	111.7	111.4	113.5	111.3	117.3	117.4	117.2	118.6
Fruits and vegetables -----	109.6	112.8	108.7	105.5	109.5	109.9	107.7	113.2	109.9	113.1
Other foods at home -----	117.0	116.5	117.6	115.9	116.1	114.8	117.4	119.2	118.1	117.6
Food away from home -----	123.4	122.2	123.7	119.8	128.3	116.1	126.9	127.9	126.2	127.2
Housing -----	122.7	124.3	120.1	127.8	123.2	121.1	124.0	124.7	124.8	123.6
Shelter -----	128.0	130.8	124.7	137.5	129.9	124.7	130.0	129.7	133.1	129.6
Rent -----	112.9	119.9	109.2	(2/)	108.9	114.7	116.7	(2/)	116.2	112.4
Homeownership -----	133.4	135.4	131.6	142.3	137.2	127.7	132.2	140.4	137.4	134.5
Fuel and utilities -----	112.1	109.9	110.5	**109.1	110.8	114.8	109.6	112.4	111.1	114.4
Fuel oil and coal -----	116.7	113.1	113.5	113.9	-	-	115.1	116.7	117.1	-
Gas and electricity -----	111.5	112.4	108.2	**109.5	115.7	118.3	110.8	108.8	110.2	117.8
Household furnishings and operation -----	115.4	121.3	112.1	110.5	117.2	111.7	115.5	118.9	117.9	117.0
Apparel and upkeep -----	117.6	119.2	112.5	110.2	120.3	115.6	117.1	117.8	115.6	115.5
Men's and boys' -----	118.0	120.0	116.2	114.8	111.3	113.5	118.0	117.3	117.2	115.5
Women's and girls' -----	117.4	117.4	107.5	100.4	128.8	118.4	117.3	115.8	111.8	112.5
Footwear -----	119.8	121.9	117.0	119.2	121.7	116.7	121.4	119.0	117.1	119.5
Transportation -----	117.5	114.8	124.1	117.7	114.6	114.0	117.7	126.0	120.6	117.1
Private -----	115.8	111.3	118.4	115.2	112.4	114.1	117.4	121.6	119.6	117.0
Public -----	133.9	136.3	160.3	147.7	149.4	111.9	123.6	143.2	126.6	118.1
Health and recreation -----	119.8	121.3	121.6	120.5	119.4	115.1	119.3	123.5	125.1	120.7
Medical care -----	124.9	128.9	125.8	130.4	126.6	121.6	121.1	132.5	133.9	121.0
Personal care -----	115.3	117.6	(2/)	113.5	114.5	(2/)	116.1	(2/)	116.7	113.7
Reading and recreation -----	117.3	123.3	117.5	117.4	116.3	109.9	120.1	121.5	120.1	116.2
Other goods and services -----	118.9	113.8	124.1	114.7	115.7	114.9	117.8	121.1	(2/)	128.1
Percent changes from October 1970 to January 1971										
All items -----	0.9	1.1	0.6	0.8	1.2	0.4	0.8	1.1	0.7	0.3
Food -----	.0	.7	.1	-.5	.3	-.1	-.1	.4	.0	.2
Food at home -----	-.4	.5	-.4	-1.0	.1	-.4	-.3	.1	-.3	-.2
Cereals and bakery products -----	1.3	2.6	.1	3.1	2.4	-.3	.3	2.7	1.0	.6
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	-2.6	-1.1	-2.2	-3.6	-1.2	-2.8	-2.3	-1.2	-2.8	-2.3
Dairy products -----	.7	2.4	.9	-1.4	.3	.4	.3	.7	1.1	.5
Fruits and vegetables -----	-.4	-.5	.4	-1.8	-2.4	1.4	.3	-1.2	-.4	.9
Other foods at home -----	1.3	1.5	1.4	2.2	2.1	1.0	.9	1.3	2.3	1.3
Food away from home -----	1.2	1.2	1.6	1.7	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.6	.8	1.7
Housing -----	1.2	2.1	1.7	1.3	.6	.9	.3	2.1	1.1	.6
Shelter -----	1.2	1.9	1.5	1.3	.3	.6	-.1	2.3	1.2	.5
Rent -----	1.3	2.4	3/ .4	(2/)	1.3	3/ .8	.8	(2/)	3/ .8	1.0
Homeownership -----	1.1	1.7	1.9	1.4	.1	.4	-.2	2.5	1.0	.4
Fuel and utilities -----	2.7	3.5	3.8	4.6	2.9	5.2	.6	4.8	2.2	.9
Fuel oil and coal -----	3.7	2.6	2.9	.0	-	-	-.1	5.9	6.6	-
Gas and electricity -----	2.5	6.3	2.3	7.5	4.6	5.2	1.1	3.4	1.8	1.3
Household furnishings and operation -----	.8	1.7	.8	.7	.0	.0	1.5	.2	.2	.5
Apparel and upkeep -----	-.5	-2.0	-3.7	-3.1	-2.7	-.2	-1.9	-2.6	-3.6	-3.8
Men's and boys' -----	-.8	-1.6	-1.7	-3.0	-5.3	-1.1	-1.8	-3.7	-3.3	-1.4
Women's and girls' -----	-1.6	-4.2	-8.4	-6.3	-4.6	-.9	-4.2	-5.2	-4.8	-8.3
Footwear -----	.7	.2	-.6	-.5	.3	1.7	2.2	1.2	-6.0	.2
Transportation -----	2.0	1.1	1.0	2.1	5.8	.2	3.5	1.7	2.6	1.3
Private -----	2.1	1.3	1.1	.5	4.6	.1	3.8	2.1	2.8	1.5
Public -----	2.0	.2	.3	20.0	22.5	.8	.4	.5	.9	.2
Health and recreation -----	1.4	1.6	1.3	1.8	1.4	.4	1.0	2.1	1.8	1.6
Medical care -----	1.7	.9	2.1	2.7	2.3	.7	1.4	3.0	2.8	1.1
Personal care -----	.8	.5	(2/)	-.2	.0	(2/)	.2	(2/)	.9	1.4
Reading and recreation -----	1.8	3.4	1.9	2.1	1.8	.7	2.0	2.4	2.3	2.6
Other goods and services -----	.8	.8	-.2	.9	.9	.3	.0	1.7	(2/)	.9

1/ See footnote 1, table 2.

2/ Not available.

3/ Change from November 1970.

** Corrected indexes:

	Sept. 1970	Oct. 1970	Nov. 1970	Dec. 1970	1970 Annual Average
Fuel and Utilities	103.9	104.3	106.3	106.2	104.6
Gas and Electricity	101.8	101.9	105.1	105.0	103.3

TABLE 5-A. Consumer Price Index--United States and selected areas ^{1/} for urban wage earners and clerical workers, commodity group, 1970 annual average indexes and percent changes 1969-70

	Boston	Houston	Minneapolis- St. Paul	Pittsburgh
Indexes (1967=100 unless otherwise specified)				
All items -----	116.5	116.8	117.5	116.4
All items (1937-59=100) -----	139.6	133.6	136.2	133.9
Food -----	114.9	115.5	116.5	115.6
Food at home -----	113.9	113.1	114.8	114.4
Cereals and bakery products -----	107.7	107.1	115.4	108.8
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	117.4	117.0	117.5	116.1
Dairy products -----	111.5	112.9	115.8	113.5
Fruits and vegetables -----	116.4	112.3	109.4	115.3
Other foods at home -----	112.5	112.1	114.8	115.5
Food away from home -----	118.6	123.8	123.6	122.5
Housing -----	118.8	120.5	121.8	118.9
Shelter -----	124.5	127.0	127.7	123.4
Rent ^{2/} -----	115.4	106.9	114.2	109.0
Homeownership -----	128.3	134.0	130.0	127.3
Fuel and utilities -----	104.9	107.9	108.6	110.6
Fuel oil and coal -----	108.5	-	112.8	-
Gas and electricity -----	105.6	112.3	110.0	113.7
Household furnishings and operation -----	117.3	115.1	112.5	114.8
Apparel and upkeep -----	117.5	119.9	115.3	115.4
Men's and boys' -----	118.5	115.1	116.8	114.2
Women's and girls' -----	117.5	127.0	115.3	114.9
Footwear -----	117.3	120.2	117.1	117.0
Transportation -----	112.2	108.6	111.6	113.8
Private -----	108.5	107.6	111.1	113.3
Public -----	134.8	123.6	120.6	117.0
Health and recreation -----	117.1	117.2	116.8	116.8
Medical care -----	124.4	122.9	117.7	117.7
Personal care -----	115.7	115.2	115.7	110.2
Reading and recreation -----	116.3	113.3	116.7	111.8
Other goods and services -----	111.9	114.3	116.3	124.1
Percent Changes from 1969-70				
All items -----	5.9	5.2	6.9	5.4
Food -----	6.1	5.4	6.4	5.0
Food at home -----	5.9	4.0	5.9	4.7
Cereals and bakery products -----	4.7	6.1	7.6	4.1
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	6.6	4.9	5.6	3.9
Dairy products -----	4.5	2.5	10.0	5.3
Fruits and vegetables -----	6.5	1.0	3.0	4.7
Other foods at home -----	5.7	4.2	4.6	5.8
Food away from home -----	7.3	10.3	8.1	7.1
Housing -----	7.1	6.4	8.8	6.9
Shelter -----	9.0	8.5	12.1	8.2
Rent -----	6.1	2.6	6.1	4.2
Homeownership -----	10.3	10.3	13.1	9.3
Fuel and utilities -----	3.9	1.6	1.5	6.1
Fuel oil and coal -----	6.1	-	4.9	-
Gas and electricity -----	4.2	1.8	1.5	7.3
Household furnishings and operation -----	4.9	4.4	3.1	4.1
Apparel and upkeep -----	4.9	5.4	4.8	2.3
Men's and boys' -----	6.3	1.0	5.9	1.3
Women's and girls' -----	4.4	8.4	4.4	.7
Footwear -----	4.5	6.4	5.9	4.8
Transportation -----	2.7	1.9	6.3	5.5
Private -----	2.6	1.8	5.8	5.9
Public -----	2.6	2.9	13.1	2.8
Health and recreation -----	6.1	5.5	5.6	5.3
Medical care -----	6.8	7.1	6.6	5.0
Personal care -----	5.4	1.9	4.0	2.8
Reading and recreation -----	6.7	3.6	5.0	4.0
Other goods and services -----	5.0	7.6	6.3	8.0

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

^{2/} 1970 Annual Average Indexes for Chicago, Los Angeles-Long Beach, and Philadelphia are 107.6, 111.9, and 112.5 respectively.

TABLE 6. Consumer Price Index--United States and selected areas for urban wage earners and clerical workers, food and its subgroups, January 1971 indexes and percent changes from December 1970

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 1967=100 unless otherwise specified)								
U.S. City Average -----	115.5	113.4	112.4	113.1	113.9	109.6	117.0	123.4
Atlanta -----	115.5	113.1	111.2	110.5	115.0	113.4	116.9	123.2
Baltimore -----	118.1	116.1	112.8	117.6	116.5	110.5	120.1	125.7
Boston -----	116.9	115.4	112.5	117.4	115.2	112.8	116.5	122.2
Buffalo -----	116.3	114.9	115.3	113.4	116.0	110.5	119.3	123.8
Chicago -----	115.6	113.5	115.1	113.5	111.7	108.7	117.6	123.7
Cincinnati -----	115.2	113.6	110.1	111.0	115.2	112.5	120.1	121.0
Cleveland -----	117.7	116.9	112.0	116.7	120.1	116.8	117.8	122.6
Dallas -----	115.0	111.6	113.9	110.9	107.4	108.4	115.6	127.4
Detroit -----	114.3	113.1	113.7	115.6	111.4	105.5	115.9	119.8
Honolulu -----	114.7	111.3	104.9	111.0	111.8	115.7	112.9	124.7
Houston -----	116.5	113.2	110.1	114.1	113.5	109.5	116.1	128.3
Kansas City -----	116.2	113.5	113.4	111.5	119.8	106.7	117.0	124.4
Los Angeles-Long Beach -	112.9	111.7	108.7	112.0	111.3	109.9	114.8	116.1
Milwaukee -----	112.6	110.6	112.6	110.9	108.5	107.0	113.2	(2/)
Minneapolis-St. Paul ---	117.0	114.8	118.2	113.9	117.3	107.7	117.4	126.9
New York -----	119.3	116.6	113.1	117.5	117.4	113.2	119.2	127.9
Philadelphia -----	117.0	114.8	117.2	113.1	117.2	109.9	118.1	126.2
Pittsburgh -----	116.1	114.2	112.2	111.5	118.6	113.1	117.6	127.2
St. Louis -----	115.0	112.9	117.5	111.2	115.0	112.0	111.7	124.7
San Diego -----	114.8	112.2	108.4	114.0	111.2	110.1	114.0	(2/)
San Francisco-Oakland --	113.7	111.9	108.0	112.9	110.2	109.8	116.1	120.1
Seattle -----	113.9	111.3	109.7	109.2	111.2	108.7	116.9	122.1
Washington -----	116.4	112.1	111.9	110.3	108.5	111.2	118.1	127.3
Percent changes December 1970 to January 1971								
U.S. City Average -----	0.2	0.0	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.9	0.9	0.5
Atlanta -----	-.3	-.6	.2	- 2.2	-.1	- 1.0	.8	.3
Baltimore -----	.5	.6	.3	-.3	.7	.7	1.3	.2
Boston -----	.1	.1	1.1	-.3	.3	- 1.8	1.2	.2
Buffalo -----	-.2	-.3	1.7	- 1.0	-.4	- 1.0	-.1	.5
Chicago -----	.3	.2	.8	.0	.4	- 1.0	.8	1.0
Cincinnati -----	-.3	-.5	.3	-.3	-.5	- 2.6	.8	.2
Cleveland -----	- 1.3	- 1.6	- 1.5	- 1.9	-.8	- 1.1	- 2.0	.6
Dallas -----	.7	.7	.2	.5	.7	.6	1.2	.6
Detroit -----	-.3	-.6	.2	- 1.2	-.2	- 3.8	2.3	1.0
Honolulu -----	.5	.5	.1	.0	.0	1.7	.7	.6
Houston -----	.4	.5	.8	.3	-.2	-.1	1.6	.3
Kansas City -----	.3	.1	.4	- 1.2	1.0	.4	.9	.3
Los Angeles-Long Beach -	-.1	-.3	.0	- 1.3	.1	-.4	.8	.4
Milwaukee -----	.2	.1	.3	.2	.0	- 1.5	1.0	(2/)
Minneapolis-St. Paul ---	.1	.0	.3	.3	.0	1.2	.0	.6
New York -----	.3	.2	1.2	.1	.1	.8	.8	.9
Philadelphia -----	.6	.6	.6	.1	.7	.7	1.5	.1
Pittsburgh -----	.2	.0	1.4	.3	.2	- 1.5	.0	.7
St. Louis -----	-.3	-.6	-.1	- 1.5	.0	- 2.2	1.2	.9
San Diego -----	.2	.3	.5	-.6	.3	.6	1.0	(2/)
San Francisco-Oakland --	.1	.1	.5	.1	.2	-.7	.9	.1
Seattle -----	-.1	-.2	.4	-.7	.1	- 1.0	.7	.1
Washington -----	.1	.0	- 1.7	1.7	.0	2.5	1.7	.2

^{1/} See footnote 1, table 2.
^{2/} Not available.

TABLE 7. Consumer Price Index--United States city average for urban wage earners and clerical workers, food items January 1 indexes and percent changes from selected dates

(1967=100 unless otherwise specified)

Item or Group	Index		Percent change to January 1971 from--		
	January 1971		December 1970		January 1970
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted
Total food -----	115.5	115.6	0.2	0.0	1.8
Food away from home -----	123.4	-	.5	-	6.2
Restaurant meals -----	123.1	-	.4	-	6.1
Snacks 1/ -----	125.1	-	.7	-	6.7
Food at home -----	113.4	113.5	.0	-.4	.6
Cereals and bakery products -----	112.4	-	.7	-	6.1
Flour -----	100.2	-	.5	-	2.5
Cracker meal 1/ -----	124.1	-	1.3	-	13.4
Corn flakes -----	108.8	-	.3	-	7.6
Rice -----	108.0	-	.6	-	2.8
Bread, white -----	111.9	-	1.0	-	4.8
Bread, whole wheat 1/ -----	115.1	-	.2	-	5.5
Cookies -----	105.6	-	-.3	-	6.1
Layer cake 1/ -----	118.7	-	.3	-	6.0
Cinnamon rolls 1/ -----	116.8	-	1.8	-	7.8
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	113.1	113.9	-.5	-.7	-2.3
Meats -----	112.9	113.5	-.4	-.7	-3.3
Beef and veal -----	118.5	119.1	-.1	-.1	1.4
Steak, round -----	116.2	116.9	.4	.3	-.2
Steak, sirloin 2/ -----	115.7	-	1.5	-	1.6
Steak, porterhouse 1/ -----	116.1	-	1.3	-	1.4
Rump roast 1/ -----	116.0	-	.9	-	1.0
Rib roast -----	118.9	117.6	-.1	-1.3	.4
Chuck roast -----	115.1	116.0	-2.3	-1.9	-.9
Hamburger -----	121.6	122.6	-.6	-.5	1.6
Beef liver 1/ -----	111.8	-	-1.2	-	.2
Veal cutlets -----	133.4	134.5	.6	.2	8.5
Pork -----	103.6	104.5	-1.4	-2.0	-12.3
Chops -----	101.1	102.2	-1.6	-3.5	-14.2
Loin roast 2/ -----	102.5	-	-1.9	-	-12.0
Pork sausage 1/ -----	110.8	-	-1.9	-	-7.3
Ham, whole -----	109.6	106.3	1.2	.5	-11.2
Picnics 1/ -----	107.5	-	-1.7	-	-8.6
Bacon -----	97.8	100.8	-2.2	-1.7	-15.6
Other meats -----	114.1	114.3	-.4	-.2	.7
Lamb chops 1/ -----	117.6	-	-.8	-	1.2
Frankfurters -----	114.3	115.3	-.8	-.3	-.4
Ham, canned 1/ -----	107.6	-	-.2	-	-6.9
Bologna sausage 1/ -----	116.6	-	-.5	-	-.3
Salami sausage 1/ -----	115.1	-	-.5	-	1.1
Liverwurst 1/ -----	113.4	-	.4	-	1.3
Poultry -----	106.3	-	-1.5	-	-5.0
Frying chicken -----	105.7	109.4	-1.9	-1.5	-6.0
Chicken breasts 1/ -----	105.8	-	-.8	-	-3.6
Turkey 1/ -----	109.9	-	.1	-	-1.4
Fish -----	125.4	124.9	.8	.5	11.5
Shrimp, frozen 1/ -----	113.7	-	-.9	-	-.8
Fish, fresh or frozen -----	133.6	133.2	1.6	1.7	14.9
Tuna fish, canned -----	125.6	-	1.3	-	15.7
Sardines, canned 1/ -----	128.8	-	1.3	-	16.8
Dairy products -----	113.9	113.7	.3	.4	3.5
Milk, fresh, grocery -----	113.1	112.9	.4	.7	2.1
Milk, fresh, delivered -----	116.6	-	.3	-	3.6
Milk, fresh, skim 1/ -----	117.9	-	.0	-	3.9
Milk, evaporated -----	115.5	-	.3	-	7.2
Ice cream -----	106.6	-	.5	-	3.4
Cheese, American process -----	118.8	118.9	.3	.4	5.8
Butter -----	105.9	105.4	.1	.1	2.3

See footnotes at end of table.

TABLE 7. Consumer Price Index--United States city average for urban wage earners and clerical workers, food items, January 1971 indexes and percent changes from selected dates--Continued

(1967=100 unless otherwise specified)

Item or Group	Index		Percent change to January 1971 from--		
	January 1971		December 1970		January 1970
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted
Fruits and vegetables -----	109.6	110.5	- 0.9	- 1.9	- 1.6
Fresh fruits and vegetables -----	107.4	109.0	- 1.8	- 4.0	- 6.0
Apples -----	101.3	112.6	4.5	1.1	6.1
Bananas -----	89.2	89.5	2.8	- 2.2	- 11.2
Oranges -----	111.3	118.3	- 6.2	- 3.0	7.1
Orange juice, fresh 1/ -----	118.8	-	- 1.7	-	- 3.0
Grapefruit -----	103.1	116.9	- 1.1	.9	- 2.2
Grapes 3/ -----	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)
Strawberries 3/ -----	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)
Watermelon 3/ -----	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)
Potatoes -----	110.6	118.2	- .4	.0	.8
Onions -----	95.3	102.4	- .9	-	- 8.5
Asparagus 3/ 1/ -----	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	-	(3/)
Cabbage -----	111.4	103.2	1.0	- 6.1	- 20.0
Carrots -----	109.0	108.5	4.0	8.7	- 13.0
Celery -----	109.3	106.5	- 2.7	- 6.1	- 13.4
Cucumbers 1/ -----	115.5	-	-	-	- 25.0
Lettuce -----	106.0	102.2	- 5.1	- 1.2	- 1.0
Peppers, green 1/ -----	100.4	-	- 8.1	-	- 33.3
Spinach 1/ -----	122.9	-	- 3.0	-	1.7
Tomatoes -----	118.1	110.1	- 14.2	- 2.6	- 18.3
Processed fruits and vegetables -----	112.8	-	.5	-	5.2
Fruit cocktail, canned -----	114.6	-	.9	-	8.6
Pears, canned 1/ -----	115.0	-	.8	-	7.1
Grapefruit-pineapple juice, canned 1/ --	113.0	-	.7	-	4.4
Orange juice concentrate, frozen -----	117.0	117.6	- .8	.6	- 8.5
Lemonade concentrate, frozen 2/ -----	111.1	-	.5	-	3.9
Beets, canned 1/ -----	112.7	-	.7	-	6.0
Peas, green, canned -----	104.5	-	.3	-	3.8
Tomatoes, canned -----	114.7	-	.1	-	12.0
Dried beans -----	111.4	-	2.0	-	4.1
Broccoli, frozen 1/ -----	116.5	-	.6	-	4.8
Other food at home -----	117.0	116.2	.9	1.1	1.3
Eggs -----	124.0	119.3	3.8	6.3	- 23.4
Fats and oils:					
Margarine -----	113.6	-	1.2	-	12.7
Salad dressing, Italian 1/ -----	106.3	-	.9	-	5.4
Salad or cooking oil 1/ -----	114.9	-	1.3	-	13.1
Sugar and sweets -----	117.8	-	.0	-	5.5
Sugar -----	111.0	-	.1	-	7.0
Grape jelly -----	115.8	-	.2	-	4.3
Chocolate bar -----	129.8	-	.5	-	6.5
Syrup, chocolate flavored 1/ -----	113.4	-	.2	-	4.2
Nonalcoholic beverages -----	121.9	-	.1	-	10.7
Coffee, can and bag -----	125.2	-	.3	-	16.6
Coffee, instant 4/ -----	124.6	-	.3	-	10.1
Tea -----	106.1	-	.3	-	3.4
Cola drink -----	122.8	-	.5	-	6.2
Carbonated fruit drink 1/ -----	123.5	-	.4	-	6.6
Prepared and partially prepared foods 1/	111.3	-	.4	-	3.4
Bean soup, canned 1/ -----	113.4	-	.1	-	2.5
Chicken soup, canned 1/ -----	106.2	-	.3	-	1.8
Spaghetti, canned 1/ -----	116.4	-	.3	-	5.2
Mashed potatoes, instant 1/ -----	109.7	-	1.5	-	1.9
Potatoes, french fried, frozen 2/ -----	110.1	-	.2	-	.5
Baby foods, canned -----	109.8	-	.2	-	4.5
Sweet pickle relish 1/ -----	113.8	-	1.1	-	5.1
Pretzels 1/ -----	109.9	-	.0	-	5.2

1/ December 1963=100.

2/ April 1960=100.

3/ Priced only in season.

4/ July 1961=100.

TABLE 8. Consumer Price Index--United States city average for urban wage earners and clerical workers, indexes for selected items and groups, January 1971 and percent changes from selected dates

(1967=100 unless otherwise specified)

Item and group	Other index bases	Indexes		Percent change to January 1971 from:	
		January 1971	December 1970	December 1970	January 1970
Housing -----		122.7	122.6	0.1	7.0
Shelter 1/ -----		128.0	127.9	.1	8.1
Rent -----		112.9	112.6	.3	4.6
Homeownership costs 2/ -----		133.4	133.4	.0	9.3
Mortgage interest rates -----		131.4	133.2	- 1.4	5.2
Property taxes -----		126.9	126.1	.6	10.0
Property insurance rates -----		114.5	115.4	-.8	2.2
Maintenance and repairs -----		128.8	128.2	.5	7.6
Commodities 3/ -----		116.1	115.7	.3	4.8
Exterior house paint -----		114.9	114.6	.3	3.9
Interior house paint -----		113.8	113.2	.5	3.5
Services -----		134.3	133.6	.5	8.7
Repainting living and dining rooms -----		141.3	140.6	.5	13.4
Reshingling house roof -----		135.8	135.0	.6	8.0
Residing house -----		127.0	126.2	.6	6.7
Sink replacement -----		135.8	135.4	.3	10.6
Furnace repair -----		138.1	137.4	.5	6.6
Fuel and utilities -----		112.1	111.3	.7	6.7
Fuel oil and coal -----		116.7	114.9	1.6	8.8
Fuel oil, #2 -----		115.3	113.5	1.6	8.0
Gas and electricity -----		111.5	110.7	.7	6.0
Gas -----		112.7	111.5	1.1	6.2
Electricity -----		110.4	109.9	.5	5.7
Other utilities:					
Residential telephone services -----		104.9	104.1	.8	4.1
Residential water and sewerage services -----		128.9	128.9	.0	12.9
Household furnishings and operation 4/ -----		115.4	115.3	.1	4.0
Housefurnishings -----		112.7	112.9	-.2	2.8
Textiles -----		109.7	111.4	- 1.5	2.8
Sheets, percale or muslin -----		111.6	116.9	- 4.5	2.2
Curtains, tailored, polyester -----		108.2	109.2	-.9	.8
Bedspreads, chiefly cotton -----		107.4	108.7	- 1.2	2.6
Drapery fabric, cotton or rayon/acetate -----		117.1	117.4	-.3	4.6
Pillows, bed, polyester, acrylic, or kapok -----		103.9	106.0	- 2.0	2.0
Slipcover, ready made, chiefly cotton -----		109.8	109.8	.0	4.5
Furniture and bedding -----		116.9	117.3	-.3	3.1
Bedroom furniture, chest and dresser -----	Mar.70	101.3	101.7	-.4	-
Living room suites, good and inexpensive quality -----		114.3	114.5	-.2	2.9
Lounge chairs, upholstered -----		120.1	121.0	-.7	3.8
Dining room chairs -----	Mar.70	101.9	101.8	.1	-
Sofas, upholstered -----		115.3	116.3	-.9	3.8
Sofas, dual purpose -----		115.1	116.3	- 1.0	2.3
Bedding mattress and box spring -----	June 70	101.4	101.4	.0	-
Aluminum folding chair 5/ -----		(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)
Cribs -----		117.4	117.1	.3	5.0
Floor coverings -----		105.9	105.6	.3	1.2
Broadloom, carpeting, manmade fibers -----		102.5	102.8	-.3	-.5
Vinyl sheet goods -----		111.7	110.5	1.1	3.9
Vinyl asbestos tile -----		115.5	113.5	1.8	6.3
Appliances 6/ -----		105.1	104.9	.2	1.8
Washing machines, electric, automatic -----		108.4	108.1	.3	2.3
Vacuum cleaners, canister type -----		103.2	102.9	.3	.2
Refrigerators or refrigerator-freezers, electric -----		107.5	107.1	.4	3.3
Ranges, free standing, gas or electric -----		109.8	109.5	.3	2.8
Clothes dryers, electric, automatic -----		110.3	110.1	.2	3.4
Air conditioners, window type 5/ -----		(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)
Room heaters, electric, portable 5/ -----		108.4	108.5	-.1	2.5
Garbage disposal units -----		110.8	110.3	.5	3.7
Other housefurnishings:					
Dinnerware, chinaware -----		114.7	113.7	.9	5.3
Flatware, stainless steel -----		117.8	119.7	- 1.6	.5
Table lamps, with shade -----		118.6	118.7	-.1	5.0
Lawn mowers, power, rotary type -----		(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)
Electric drills, hand held -----		107.2	106.7	.5	-.9
Housekeeping supplies:					
Laundry soaps and detergents -----		106.4	106.4	.0	2.3
Paper napkins -----		121.7	121.3	.3	8.8
Toilet tissue -----		122.5	121.5	.8	9.7
Housekeeping services:					
Domestic service, general housework -----		131.4	131.3	.1	7.6
Baby sitter service -----		126.3	126.4	-.1	6.1
Postal charges -----		121.0	121.0	.0	3.4
Laundry, flatwork, finished service -----		129.7	128.2	1.2	7.0
Licensed day care service, preschool -----		116.9	116.5	.3	3.4
Washing machine repairs -----		129.5	128.7	.6	9.0

TABLE 8. Consumer Price Index--United States city average for urban wage earners and clerical workers, indexes for selected items and groups, January 1971 and percent changes from selected dates--Continued

(1967=100 unless otherwise specified)

Item and group	Other index bases	Indexes		Percent change to January 1971 from:	
		January 1971	December 1970	December 1970	January 1970
Apparel and upkeep 7/ -----		117.6	119.2	- 1.3	3.7
Apparel commodities -----		117.8	119.6	- 1.5	3.5
Apparel commodities less footwear -----		117.4	119.6	- 1.8	3.3
Men's and boys' -----		118.0	119.6	- 1.3	3.1
Men's:					
Topcoats, wool or all-weather coats, polyester blends 5/ -----		122.3	124.8	- 2.0	6.5
Suits, year round weight -----		125.0	128.0	- 2.3	4.9
Suits, tropical weight 5/ -----		(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)
Jackets, lightweight -----		109.9	113.3	- 3.0	- 3.1
Slacks, wool or wool blends -----		115.4	117.0	- 1.4	1.6
Slacks, cotton or manmade blends -----		129.1	128.9	.2	8.5
Trousers, work, cotton or polyester/cotton -----		110.7	110.6	.1	3.1
Shirts, work, cotton or polyester/cotton -----		110.5	110.6	-.1	3.2
Shirts, business, polyester/cotton -----		109.3	109.0	.3	.6
T-shirts, chiefly cotton -----		119.8	119.8	.0	2.2
Socks, cotton or stretch nylon -----		114.8	115.8	-.9	1.3
Handkerchiefs, cotton or polyester/cotton -----		113.6	115.2	- 1.4	1.9
Boy's:					
Coats, all purpose, cotton or cotton blend 5/ -----		119.5	121.4	- 1.6	7.9
Sport coats, wool or wool blend 5/ -----		118.8	122.3	- 2.9	-.2
Dungarees, cotton or cotton blend -----		119.9	119.6	.3	3.7
Undershorts, cotton -----		118.7	118.8	-.1	.9
Women's and girls' -----		117.4	120.5	- 2.6	3.9
Women's:					
Coats, heavyweight, wool or wool blend 5/ -----		111.9	122.0	- 8.3	5.1
Carcoats, heavyweight, cotton 5/ -----		118.8	126.5	- 6.1	6.4
Sweaters, wool or acrylic 5/ -----		110.9	117.4	- 5.5	2.5
Skirts, wool, wool blend or manmade fibers 5/ -----		124.7	133.0	- 6.2	3.4
Skirts, cotton or polyester blends 5/ -----		(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)
Blouses, cotton or polyester blends -----		120.0	121.3	- 1.1	4.0
Dresses, street, chiefly manmade fiber -----		127.8	131.9	- 3.1	.3
Dresses, street, wool or wool blend 5/ -----		130.8	135.7	- 3.6	6.9
Slips, nylon -----		110.5	110.5	.0	2.4
Panties, acetate or nylon tricot -----		113.0	113.2	-.2	2.8
Girdles, manmade blend -----		114.4	114.7	-.3	3.2
Brassieres, nylon lace -----		117.7	117.8	-.1	5.1
Hose, nylon seamless -----		100.1	100.5	-.4	1.0
Anklets, or knee-length socks, various fibers -----		116.4	115.9	.4	.2
Gloves, fabric, nylon or cotton -----		108.8	109.1	-.3	1.3
Handbags, rayon faille or plastic -----		127.1	127.4	-.2	7.0
Girl's:					
Raincoats, vinyl cotton, or polyester blends -----		115.8	119.2	- 2.9	5.0
Skirts, wool, wool blends, or acrylic 5/ -----		103.9	111.0	- 6.4	- 1.0
Dresses, cotton or polyester blends -----		101.3	104.0	- 2.6	- 3.5
Slacks, cotton or chiefly cotton 5/ -----		130.4	132.0	- 1.2	10.6
Slips, polyester blends -----		108.6	108.3	.3	1.0
Robes, duster style, quilted tricot or percale (discontinued) -----		-	-	-	-
Handbags, plastic -----		127.4	128.7	- 1.0	3.8
Footwear -----		119.8	119.8	.0	4.1
Men's:					
Shoes, street, oxford -----		117.8	117.7	.1	5.4
Shoes, work, high -----		116.5	116.2	.3	4.6
Women's:					
Shoes, street, pump -----		121.9	122.5	-.5	3.9
Shoes, evening, pump -----		120.1	120.0	.1	4.3
Shoes, casual -----		122.3	123.1	-.6	2.7
Houseslippers, scuff -----		120.6	120.7	-.1	2.1
Children's:					
Shoes, oxford -----		119.3	119.2	.1	3.9
Sneakers, boys', oxford type -----		116.7	115.2	1.3	5.2
Dress shoes, girls', strap -----		122.4	122.6	-.2	4.0
Miscellaneous apparel:					
Diapers, cotton gauze -----		110.3	110.1	.2	1.8
Yard goods, cotton or polyester blend -----		121.4	122.1	-.6	3.5
Wrist watches, men's and women's -----		111.9	111.4	.4	1.6
Apparel services:					
Drycleaning, men's suits and women's dresses -----		115.1	114.8	.3	3.8
Automatic laundry service -----		114.8	113.0	1.6	5.7
Laundry, men's shirts -----		118.2	118.0	.2	5.3
Tailoring charge, hem adjustment -----		126.0	125.5	.4	9.6
Shoe repair, women's heel lift -----		109.3	108.9	.4	3.6

TABLE 8. Consumer Price Index--United States city average for urban wage earners and clerical workers, indexes for selected items and groups, January 1971 and percent changes from selected dates--Continued

(1967=100 unless otherwise specified)

Item and group	Other index bases	Indexes		Percent change to January 1971 from:	
		January 1971	December 1970	December 1970	January 1970
Transportation -----		117.5	116.9	0.5	7.0
Private g/ -----		115.8	115.2	.5	6.9
Automobiles, new -----		115.4	114.1	1.1	8.2
Automobiles, used -----		107.0	109.5	- 2.3	7.8
Gasoline, regular and premium -----		107.7	107.4	.3	3.2
Motor oil, premium -----		117.3	117.0	.3	4.8
Tires, new, tubeless -----		115.4	115.6	-.2	3.4
Auto repairs and maintenance g/ -----		124.4	123.7	.6	6.5
Auto insurance rates -----		135.8	132.1	2.8	12.6
Auto registration -----		121.7	117.9	3.2	3.7
Parking fees, private and municipal -----		130.9	130.1	.6	13.6
Public -----		133.9	133.4	.4	7.1
Local transit fares -----		140.5	139.7	.6	7.5
Taxicab fares -----		119.0	119.0	.0	4.5
Railroad fares, coach -----		124.7	124.6	.1	12.2
Airplane fares, chiefly coach -----		121.9	121.9	-	4.6
Bus fares, intercity -----		128.9	128.9	.0	11.5
Health and recreation -----		119.8	119.1	.6	5.8
Medical care -----		124.9	124.2	.6	7.4
Drugs and prescriptions -----		104.5	104.2	.3	2.7
Over-the-counter items -----		109.2	108.7	.5	5.3
Multiple vitamin concentrates -----		97.9	97.4	.5	- .4
Aspirin compounds -----		112.3	112.1	.2	9.8
Liquid tonics -----		101.8	101.7	.1	1.4
Adhesive bandages, package -----		118.2	118.1	.1	8.3
Cold tablets or capsules -----		108.7	109.0	-.3	2.4
Cough syrup -----		113.8	111.5	2.1	8.8
Prescriptions -----		100.5	100.2	.3	.2
Anti-infectives -----		81.7	82.0	-.4	11.0
Sedatives and hypnotics -----		120.4	119.5	.8	7.2
Ataractics -----		101.0	100.7	.3	1.1
Anti-spasmodics -----		105.0	104.7	.3	3.1
Cough preparations -----		123.4	122.4	.8	8.7
Cardiovasculars and anti-hypertensives -----		109.1	108.0	1.0	4.4
Analgesics, internal -----		106.6	106.3	.3	2.5
Anti-obesity -----		111.4	111.4	.0	6.4
Hormones -----		95.3	95.1	.2	1.3
Professional services:					
Physicians' fees -----		125.9	125.7	.2	7.8
General physician, office visits -----		127.6	127.4	.2	8.6
General physician, house visits -----		126.3	126.0	.2	7.3
Obstetrical cases -----		125.2	124.6	.5	6.3
Pediatric care, office visits -----		126.9	126.5	.3	7.1
Psychiatrist, office visits -----		122.2	121.9	.2	4.4
Herniorrhaphy, adult -----		120.7	120.3	.3	8.8
Tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy -----		121.2	120.9	.2	6.9
Dentists' fees -----		123.7	122.2	1.2	6.5
Fillings, adult, amalgam, one surface -----		124.7	123.0	1.4	6.7
Extractions, adult -----		123.8	122.3	1.2	7.5
Dentures, full upper -----		121.5	120.6	.7	5.5
Other professional services:					
Examination, prescription, and dispensing of eyeglasses -----		116.7	116.6	.1	5.6
Routine laboratory tests -----		113.7	113.2	.4	3.8
Hospital service charges:					
Daily service charges -----		153.6	152.0	1.1	13.2
Semiprivate rooms -----		155.5	153.8	1.1	13.6
Private rooms -----		150.8	149.3	1.0	12.5
Operating room charges -----		149.9	149.3	.4	11.4
X-ray, diagnostic series, upper G.I. -----		120.6	120.2	.3	8.6
Personal care -----		115.3	115.0	.3	3.6
Toilet goods -----		112.2	111.9	.3	3.1
Toothpaste, standard dentifrice -----		106.1	107.1	-.9	-.5
Toilet soap, hard milled -----		110.2	109.8	.4	7.3
Hand lotions, liquid -----		119.3	117.7	1.4	3.6
Shaving cream, aerosol -----		104.2	103.9	.3	2.5
Face powder, pressed -----		122.5	122.6	-.1	5.6
Deodorants, aerosol -----		104.7	104.3	.4	.4
Cleansing tissues -----		121.9	121.0	.7	4.6
Home permanent wave kits -----		109.5	109.1	.4	.6
Personal care services -----		118.6	118.3	.3	4.2
Men's haircuts -----		121.6	121.4	.2	4.7
Beauty shop services -----		116.4	116.0	.3	3.9
Women's haircuts -----		118.0	117.6	.3	4.0
Shampoo and wave sets, plain -----		119.2	118.8	.3	4.1
Permanent waves, cold -----		108.6	108.5	.1	3.2

TABLE 8. Consumer Price Index--United States city average for urban wage earners and clerical workers, indexes for selected items and groups, January 1971 and percent changes from selected dates--Continued

(1967=100 unless otherwise specified)

Item and group	Other Index bases	Indexes		Percent change to January 1971 from:	
		January 1971	December 1970	December 1970	January 1970
Reading and recreation ^{10/} -----		117.3	116.2	0.9	5.9
Recreational goods -----		105.7	105.5	.2	1.9
TV sets, portable and console -----		100.3	100.4	-.1	.8
TV replacement tubes -----		121.3	121.0	.2	6.6
Radios, portable and table model -----		99.1	99.0	.1	.3
Tape recorders, portable -----		95.7	96.0	-.3	1.1
Phonograph records, stereophonic -----		99.5	99.6	-.1	-.5
Movie cameras, Super 8, zoom lens -----		90.4	90.3	.1	- 1.6
Film, 35mm, color -----		107.7	107.5	.2	1.7
Golf balls, liquid center or solid core -----		103.9	103.8	.1	1.0
Basketballs, rubber or vinyl cover -----		121.0	120.4	.5	4.7
Fishing rods, fresh water spincasting -----		109.6	109.6	.0	.5
Bowling balls -----		110.4	110.3	.1	3.9
Bicycles, boys' -----		109.8	108.0	1.7	1.3
Tricycles -----		109.4	109.2	.2	1.5
Dog food, canned or boxed -----		106.5	106.8	-.3	4.0
Recreational services -----		123.1	122.0	.9	5.9
Indoor movie admissions -----		135.1	134.0	.8	8.0
Adult -----		135.2	133.9	1.0	7.8
Children's -----		134.7	134.0	.5	8.4
Drive-in movie admissions, adult -----		137.1	136.7	.3	9.3
Bowling fees, evening -----		115.3	113.1	1.9	3.9
Golf green fees -----		(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)
TV repair, picture tube replacement -----		96.9	96.3	.6	- 1.9
Film developing, color -----		114.5	114.3	.2	3.8
Reading and education:					
Newspapers, street sale and delivery -----		126.8	126.1	.6	10.0
Magazines, single copy and subscription -----		122.8	122.8	.0	7.8
Piano lessons, beginner -----		120.5	119.2	1.1	4.4
Other goods and services -----		118.9	118.5	.3	4.9
Tobacco products -----		124.0	123.9	.1	5.4
Cigarettes, nonfilter tip, regular size -----		125.5	125.5	.0	5.7
Cigarettes, filter tip, king size -----		125.4	125.3	.1	5.6
Cigars, domestic, regular size -----		105.8	105.7	.1	.2
Alcoholic beverages -----		115.2	114.4	.7	4.6
Beer -----		111.3	110.7	.5	4.0
Whiskey, spirit blended and straight bourbon -----		105.8	105.8	.0	2.0
Wine, dessert and table -----		118.5	117.9	.5	3.9
Away from home -----		124.7	123.1	1.3	6.9
Financial and miscellaneous personal expenses:					
Funeral services, adult -----		114.5	114.7	-.2	3.2
Bank service charges, checking accounts -----		111.0	111.0	.0	4.7
Legal services, short form will -----		132.8	132.3	.4	11.5
Other special groups:					
All items less shelter -----		117.0	116.8	.2	4.5
Commodities less food -----		115.2	115.5	-.3	4.7
Nondurables less food and apparel -----		113.8	113.5	.3	4.5
Household services less rent -----		131.6	131.6	.0	9.1
Transportation services -----		129.5	127.5	1.6	8.7
Other services -----		120.7	119.5	1.0	6.3

^{1/} Also includes hotel and motel rates not shown separately.

^{2/} Also includes home purchase costs not shown separately.

^{3/} Also includes pine shelving, furnace air filters, packaged dry cement mix, and shrubbery not shown separately.

^{4/} Also includes window shades, nails, carpet sweepers, air deodorizers, steel wool scouring pads, envelopes, reupholstering, and moving expenses.

^{5/} Prices only in season.

^{6/} Also includes radios and television sets, shown separately under reading and recreation.

^{7/} Also includes men's sport shirts, women's and girls' lightweight coats, women's slacks, cocktail dresses, bathing suits, girls' shorts, earrings, and zippers not shown separately.

^{8/} Also includes recapped tires and drivers' license fees not shown separately.

^{9/} Includes prices for water pump replacement, motor tune-up, automatic transmission repair, exhaust system repair, front end alignment, and chassis lubrication.

^{10/} Also includes outboard motors, nondurable toys, college tuition fees, paperback books, and college textbooks, not shown separately.

Reliability of Percent Changes in the CPI

A system of "replicated" samples introduced into the index structure in the 1964 revision permits an estimate of sampling error for the CPI. ^{1/} The table below shows standard errors for monthly, quarterly, and annual percent changes in the CPI for all items and for nine commodity groupings based on 1970 averages. The figures may be interpreted as follows: the chances are about 95 out of 100 that the percent change in the CPI as computed differs from the corresponding "complete coverage" change by less than twice the standard error.

Because the CPI is rounded to one decimal place, some ambiguity may arise in interpreting small index changes. The table below indicates, for example, that a month-to-month change of 0.1 percent in the all-items CPI is significant. Because of rounding, however, a change of this size in the published index might result from a much smaller change in the unrounded value. Hence, any particular change of 0.1 percent may or may not be significant. On the other hand, a published change of 0.2 percent is almost always significant, regardless of the time period to which it relates.

Average Standard Errors of Percent Changes in the
CPI Based on 1970 Data

Component	Standard Error		
	Monthly Change	Quarterly Change	Annual Change
All Items -----	.04	.06	.09
Food at home -----	.08	.13	.18
Food away from home -----	.11	.21	.36
Housing -----	.06	.10	.19
Apparel -----	.15	.26	.29
Transportation -----	.10	.16	.19
Medical care -----	.12	.15	.29
Personal care -----	.13	.23	.34
Reading and recreation -----	.11	.17	.23
Other goods and services -----	.10	.16	.41

This replaces the table of average errors based on 1969 data which was included in the CPI report through December 1970.

^{1/} The method of deriving these estimates is described in a paper by Marvin Wilkerson, "Measurement of Sampling Error in the Consumer Price Index," Journal of the American Statistical Association, September 1967.

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 39 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 56 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 1967=100, and are also available on the base of 1957-59=100.

The national index (the United States city average) includes prices from the 23 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.

A description of the index and historical tables of index numbers for the United States city average and for 23 large SMSA's are available on request to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Washington, D. C. 20212 or any of its regional offices (addresses below).

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