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U.S. CITY AVERAGE  
AND  
SELECTED AREAS



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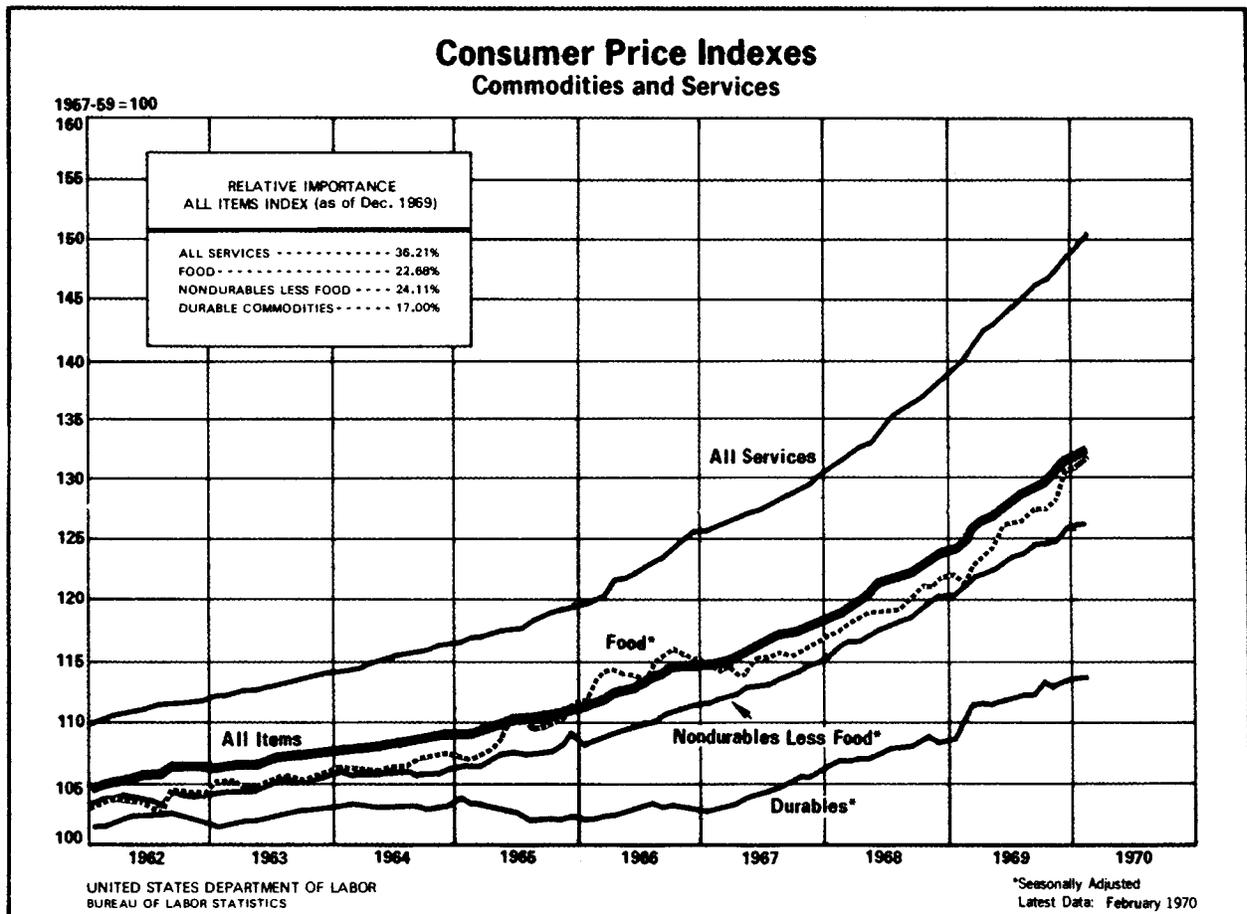
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a monthly report  
 on consumer price movements  
 including statistical tables  
 and technical notes.



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The Consumer Price Index rose 0.5 percent in February to 132.5 (1957-59=100). Most of the rise was attributed to higher prices for food and apparel and for consumer services, particularly home mortgages.

On a seasonally adjusted basis the increase was also 0.5 percent; in each of the previous 3 months the increase was 0.6 percent. February's seasonally adjusted pace was slower because declines in the rates of advance for durables and transportation services offset a faster price rise for nondurable commodities.

The February rise put the all items-index 6.3 percent above its level a year earlier. Price increases for all major categories of goods and services were larger in the 12 months ending in February 1970 than in the similar period ending in February 1969. The rate of increase in food prices showed the largest acceleration; it moved from 3.8 percent in the earlier period to 7.9 percent in the later period. The steeper climb was primarily a reflection of larger price increases in the meats, poultry and fish group. Service prices also rose noticeably faster in the later period, 7.9 percent compared with 6.4 percent primarily because of larger increases in prices of household and transportation services. Contributions to the change in the all items index for the 12-month periods ending in February 1969 and February 1970 are given below:

	February 1969-70		February 1968-69	
	Percent change	Contribution to change	Percent change	Contribution to change
All items .....	6.3	100.0	4.7	100.0
Services .....	7.9	45.0	6.4	47.7
Food .....	7.9	27.9	3.8	18.6
Nondurables less food ....	4.4	17.0	4.2	22.0
Durables .....	3.6	10.1	3.1	11.7

Services

Charges for consumer services rose significantly in February, but not as rapidly as they had in January. Services associated with homeownership, particularly mortgage costs, property taxes, insurance and maintenance and repair services, were up sharply. The increase in mortgaging costs was due primarily to the January increase in rates allowable on VA-guaranteed loans. The cost of medical care services increased by 0.8 percent in February, the largest monthly advance in nearly a year. The increase in transportation service prices was smaller than in the previous 2 months, but again it was a significant factor in the overall advance for services.

More than two-thirds of the rise in service prices since February 1969 resulted from increases of about 10 percent in prices of both household services, except rent, and transportation services. Charges for medical care services rose more slowly in the 12 months ending in February 1970 than in the similar period ending in February 1969 because hospital room rates, despite their acceleration this month, rose less in the later period.

Food

Retail food prices, which usually decline slightly in February, averaged 0.6 percent higher. Much of the increase in food prices resulted from higher prices of beef, pork, and fresh fruits and vegetables. Prices of dairy products, particularly cheese, evaporated milk, and fresh delivered milk, advanced contraseasonally. Retail prices of regular and instant coffees rose sharply again in February in continued response to supply

shortages due to weather damage to Brazil's coffee crop last year. Egg prices dropped contraseasonally, probably because of larger supplies, following several months of substantial increases on a seasonally adjusted basis.

Since February 1969, retail food prices have advanced 7.9 percent on the strength of increases of 7.9 and 7.7 percent in prices of food purchased for home consumption and restaurant meals and snacks, respectively. Price increases for meats, eggs, fresh vegetables and fresh milk accounted for about three-fourths of the rise in prices of grocery store food.

#### Nondurables less food

Retail prices of nondurable commodities other than food advanced more than seasonally in February. Apparel commodity prices climbed more than usual, almost entirely because of a sharp jump in prices of women's and girls' clothing. The introduction of new spring lines of clothing into the index at higher prices than prevailed last year played a significant role in the advance, but prices of year-round items also rose appreciably. Significant price increases were recorded for a wide variety of nondurable goods other than food and apparel; the result was a seasonally adjusted rise of 0.4 percent for the group. Cigarettes, alcoholic beverages, toilet goods, newspapers, and household supplies and furnishings were among the items showing notable price increases.

The rise in prices of nondurable goods other than food in the 12 months ending in February 1970 amounted to 4.4 percent. This was slightly larger than the increase recorded for these prices in the 12 months ending in February 1969 despite the slower rate of increase in prices of apparel commodities in the later period. Price increases for other nondurables, in contrast, rose 4 percent in the later period and 2.9 percent in the earlier period.

#### Durables

Retail prices of consumer durable goods were unchanged over the month instead of edging down slightly as they usually do in February; they were 0.1 percent higher after seasonal adjustment. Used car prices were down fairly sharply for the second consecutive month, probably in response to reduced demand, but the decline was more than offset by increases in prices of houses, household durables, and a less than seasonal drop in new car prices.

Increases in prices of houses were responsible for much of the 3.6-percent rise in prices for consumer durables between February 1969 and February 1970. Higher prices for household durables and new cars also contributed to the rise. Used-car prices, down nearly 4 percent, posted the only significant decline in durable goods over the 12-month span.

#### Cost-of-Living Adjustments

Approximately 67,000 workers will receive cost-of-living wage increases based on the Consumer Price Index for February. Nearly 33,000 workers will receive hourly pay increases ranging from 2 to 5 cents, based on the rise in the national index since November 1969, including 14,000 employees in the farm equipment industry, 10,400 chemical workers, and 6,800 employees in the household appliance industry. Another 23,000 workers, including 7,000 in electronics and 5,000 in the automobile equipment industry, will receive increases of 2 or 8 cents an hour based on the rise in the index since February 1969. About 3,100 workers will get 6- or 7-cent hourly pay increases, based on the change in the national CPI since August 1969. About 6,600 employees of a mail-order house in Chicago will receive a 4-cent hourly increase, based on the change in the index for the Chicago area since February 1969.

Approximately 31,000 other workers whose escalator reviews are tied to the February CPI will not receive an adjustment, since they have already received the maximum increases permitted by their contracts.

A NOTE ABOUT CALCULATING INDEX CHANGES

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

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

Index Point Change	Percentage Change
February 1970 CPI (1957-59=100)	132.5
less January 1970 index	<u>131.8</u>
Index point difference =	0.7
	$\frac{132.5 - 131.8}{131.8} \times 100 = 0.5$

TABLE 1: Consumer Price Index--United States City Average  
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, February 1970

(Unadjusted, unless otherwise indicated)

Group	Indexes (1957-59=100 unless otherwise noted)				Percent change to February 1970 from:		
	February 1970	January 1970	November 1969	February 1969	1 Month Ago	3 Months Ago	1 Year Ago
All items -----	132.5	131.8	130.5	124.6	0.5	1.5	6.3
All items (1947-49=100) -----	162.5	161.7	160.1	152.9	---	---	---
<b>Food</b> -----	131.5	130.7	128.1	121.9	.6	2.7	7.9
Food at home -----	127.4	126.6	123.8	118.1	.6	2.9	7.9
Cereals and bakery products -----	126.3	125.5	124.1	120.8	.6	1.8	4.6
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	129.7	128.8	127.2	116.2	.7	2.0	11.6
Dairy products -----	128.8	128.4	126.3	122.8	.3	2.0	4.9
Fruits and vegetables -----	132.4	130.9	127.0	124.7	1.1	4.3	6.2
Other foods at home -----	118.1	117.7	112.9	109.4	.3	4.6	8.0
Food away from home -----	151.5	150.6	149.0	140.7	.6	1.7	7.7
<b>Housing</b> -----	132.2	131.1	129.8	123.3	.8	1.8	7.2
Shelter <sup>1/</sup> -----	140.9	139.6	137.7	128.9	.9	2.3	9.3
Rent -----	121.8	121.3	120.5	117.2	.4	1.1	3.9
Homeownership <sup>2/</sup> -----	148.5	146.8	144.5	133.6	1.2	2.8	11.2
Fuel and utilities <sup>3/</sup> -----	114.9	114.6	114.2	111.8	.3	.6	2.8
Fuel oil and coal -----	120.6	119.7	118.9	116.9	.8	1.4	3.2
Gas and electricity -----	114.6	114.1	113.2	110.2	.4	1.2	4.0
Household furnishings and operation -----	120.8	120.1	119.6	115.8	.6	1.0	4.3
<b>Apparel and upkeep</b> <sup>4/</sup> -----	130.0	129.3	130.7	123.9	.5	-.5	4.9
Men's and boys' -----	131.0	130.8	132.1	125.3	.2	-.8	4.5
Women's and girls' -----	125.4	124.2	127.4	119.3	1.0	- 1.6	5.1
Footwear -----	145.0	144.4	143.9	136.8	.4	.8	6.0
<b>Transportation</b> -----	127.3	127.3	125.6	122.0	.0	1.4	4.3
Private -----	123.3	123.3	122.7	119.3	.0	.5	3.4
New cars -----	104.6	104.7	105.1	102.3	-.1	-.5	2.2
Used cars -----	117.8	120.7	124.9	122.6	- 2.4	- 5.7	- 3.9
Gasoline -----	116.7	116.6	116.3	114.5	.1	.3	1.9
Public -----	165.4	165.1	151.1	145.5	.2	9.5	13.7
<b>Health and recreation</b> -----	140.7	140.1	139.1	133.7	.4	1.2	5.2
Medical care -----	160.1	159.0	157.4	151.3	.7	1.7	5.8
Personal care -----	129.0	128.5	127.8	124.1	.4	.9	3.9
Reading and recreation -----	133.2	133.1	132.3	128.4	.1	.7	3.7
Other goods and services -----	134.3	133.9	133.1	125.8	.3	.9	6.8
<b>Seasonally Adjusted:</b>							
Food -----	131.8	130.8	128.7	---	.8	2.4	---
Apparel and upkeep -----	130.7	130.1	129.8	---	.5	.7	---
Transportation -----	127.7	127.3	125.1	---	.3	2.1	---
<b>Special Groups:</b>							
All items less food -----	133.0	132.3	131.4	125.6	.5	1.2	5.9
All items less medical care -----	130.8	130.1	128.9	123.0	.5	1.5	6.3
<b>Commodities</b> -----	124.2	123.7	122.9	117.8	.4	1.1	5.4
Nondurables -----	128.4	127.8	126.7	121.1	.5	1.3	6.0
Nondurables less food -----	125.8	125.2	125.5	120.5	.5	.2	4.4
Apparel commodities -----	129.3	128.6	130.4	123.1	.5	-.8	5.0
Durables -----	113.7	113.7	113.5	109.7	.0	.2	3.6
Household durables -----	106.9	106.6	106.5	103.7	.3	.4	3.1
Services -----	150.7	149.6	147.2	139.7	.7	2.4	7.9
Services less rent -----	157.1	155.8	153.1	144.6	.8	2.6	8.6
Services less medical care -----	146.8	145.7	143.3	.0	.8	2.4	.0
Insurance and finance (Dec.1965=100) -----	139.9	137.5	134.3	123.0	1.7	4.2	13.7
Utilities and public transportation (Dec.1965=100) -----	112.2	112.0	109.2	106.4	.2	2.7	5.5
Housekeeping and home maintenance services (Dec.1965=100) -----	134.7	134.0	132.4	123.2	.5	1.7	9.3
Medical care services -----	175.2	173.8	171.8	164.3	.8	2.0	6.6
<b>Purchasing Power of Consumer Dollar:</b>							
1957-59=\$1 -----	\$0.755	\$0.759	\$0.767	\$0.803	-.5	- 1.6	- 6.0
1939=\$1 -----	.366	.368	.371	.389	---	---	---

<sup>1/</sup> Also includes hotel and motel rates not shown separately.

<sup>2/</sup> Includes home purchase, mortgage interest, taxes, insurance, and maintenance and repairs.

<sup>3/</sup> Also includes telephone, water, and sewerage service not shown separately.

<sup>4/</sup> 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:		
		1957-59=100	1947-49=100	Other bases	January 1970	November 1969	February 1969
		February 1970			January 1970	November 1969	February 1969
U.S. City Average -----	M	132.5	162.5		0.5	1.5	6.3
Chicago -----	M	129.3	163.1		.2	1.3	6.1
Detroit -----	M	132.2	163.0		.8	1.8	7.1
Los Angeles-Long Beach ---	M	131.6	164.1		.3	1.2	5.1
New York -----	M	138.1	166.3		.8	2.6	7.6
Philadelphia -----	M	134.4	165.0		1.1	2.1	6.7
		January 1970				October 1969	January 1969
Boston -----	1	136.1	168.6			1.0	6.4
Houston -----	1	130.9	161.2			.8	6.3
Minneapolis-St. Paul ----	1	132.8	164.4			1.9	8.1
Pittsburgh -----	1	129.4	159.5			.7	4.4
		February 1970				November 1969	February 1969
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100) ---	2			125.3		1.7	6.8
Cleveland -----	2	132.3	164.3			2.2	7.5
Dallas (Nov.1963=100) ----	2			125.6		1.5	7.5
Milwaukee -----	2	128.5	162.0			1.2	6.4
San Diego (Feb.1965=100) -	2			118.6		1.4	5.1
Seattle -----	2	132.2	166.2			1.7	5.0
Washington -----	2	134.6	162.0			2.0	6.6
		December 1969				September 1969	December 1968
Atlanta -----	3	129.9	160.9			1.0	6.4
Baltimore -----	3	131.9	163.7			1.2	6.4
Cincinnati -----	3	127.7	155.4			1.8	5.5
Honolulu (Dec.1963=100) ---	3			119.7		1.4	5.1
Kansas City -----	3	133.2	164.9			1.4	6.1
St. Louis -----	3	130.7	162.3			1.2	5.9
San Francisco-Oakland ----	3	134.5	170.7			1.3	6.2

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

2/ Foods, fuels, and several other items priced every month in all cities; 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.

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 January 1970 to February 1970

Group	U.S. City Average	Chicago	Detroit	Los Angeles-Long Beach	New York	Philadelphia
All items -----	0.5	0.2	0.8	0.3	0.8	1.1
Food -----	.6	.3	.3	.8	.7	1.0
Housing -----	.8	.3	.7	.7	.7	.9
Apparel and upkeep -----	.5	.9	1.6	.7	2.2	1.0
Transportation -----	.0	.7	2.3	1.3	.1	2.4
Health and recreation -----	.4	.2	.4	.4	.4	1.0
Medical care -----	.7	.7	1.3	.9	.5	.4
Personal care -----	.4	(2/)	(2/)	(2/)	(2/)	(2/)
Reading and recreation -----	.1	.2	.1	.1	.1	.3
Other goods and services -----	.3	.2	.0	.2	.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  
(1957-59=100)

Group	Indexes			Percent changes to: Feb. 1970 From:	
	February 1970	January 1970	November 1969	One Month Ago	Three Months Ago
Food -----	131.8	130.8	128.7	0.8	2.4
Food at home -----	127.7	126.7	124.6	.8	2.5
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	130.4	129.7	127.5	.5	2.3
Dairy products -----	128.9	128.1	125.7	.6	2.5
Fruits and vegetables -----	133.5	132.0	131.2	1.1	1.8
Other foods at home -----	117.4	116.9	112.7	.4	4.2
Fuel and utilities 1/ -----	114.8	114.5	114.1	.3	.6
Fuel oil and coal -----	119.5	118.6	118.8	.8	.6
Apparel and upkeep 2/ -----	130.7	130.1	129.8	.5	.7
Men's and boys' -----	131.8	131.5	131.2	.2	.5
Women's and girls' -----	126.4	125.6	125.8	.6	.5
Footwear -----	145.3	144.8	143.5	.3	1.3
Transportation -----	127.7	127.3	125.1	.3	2.1
Private -----	123.7	123.5	122.1	.2	1.3
New cars -----	104.2	104.0	103.0	.2	1.2
Commodities -----	124.4	123.9	122.8	.4	1.3
Commodities less food -----	120.6	120.5	119.7	.1	.8
Nondurables -----	128.7	128.1	126.7	.5	1.6
Nondurables less food -----	126.1	125.6	125.0	.4	.9
Apparel commodities -----	130.1	129.5	129.4	.5	.5
Durables -----	113.9	113.8	113.1	.1	.7

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  
February 1970 index and percent changes from November 1969

Group	U.S. City Average	Chicago	Detroit	Los Angeles-Long Beach	New York	Philadelphia
Indexes (1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)						
All items -----	132.5	129.3	132.2	131.6	138.1	134.4
Food -----	131.5	133.2	130.2	127.2	134.7	132.0
Food at home -----	127.4	131.3	128.0	121.6	128.3	126.5
Cereals and bakery products -----	126.3	132.5	124.1	123.8	124.5	126.4
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	129.7	134.4	137.5	119.5	130.2	123.4
Dairy products -----	128.8	138.0	136.2	124.1	122.1	136.6
Fruits and vegetables -----	132.4	129.4	117.8	132.0	140.6	134.4
Other foods at home -----	118.1	120.3	115.9	109.0	119.3	115.4
Food away from home -----	151.5	142.2	143.0	147.6	161.9	161.1
Housing -----	132.2	126.2	131.1	137.7	135.8	131.3
Shelter -----	140.9	132.5	142.1	148.4	142.1	139.4
Rent -----	121.8	(2/)	111.6	(2/)	132.4	(2/)
Homeownership -----	148.5	140.9	149.1	156.9	147.5	143.4
Fuel and utilities -----	114.9	110.5	105.7	111.8	113.7	112.6
Fuel oil and coal -----	120.6	114.1	113.7	---	126.8	126.4
Gas and electricity -----	114.6	110.6	107.8	120.0	112.5	106.5
Household furnishings and operation -----	120.8	118.2	113.4	118.1	132.0	123.7
Apparel and upkeep -----	130.0	121.2	125.6	127.9	136.7	137.7
Men's and boys' -----	131.0	118.0	127.0	129.1	140.9	132.2
Women's and girls' -----	125.4	115.6	119.8	129.2	130.5	129.3
Footwear -----	145.0	138.7	138.6	138.3	145.4	154.5
Transportation -----	127.3	128.0	125.8	127.1	140.7	138.5
Private -----	123.3	124.0	122.9	122.4	133.5	131.1
Public -----	165.4	154.6	145.3	158.6	173.7	178.8
Health and recreation -----	140.7	136.1	144.3	132.0	147.5	142.7
Medical care -----	160.1	168.3	173.7	156.1	166.5	171.8
Personal care -----	129.0	(2/)	(2/)	(2/)	123.6	(2/)
Reading and recreation -----	133.2	116.2	135.4	115.5	145.4	127.0
Other goods and services -----	134.3	129.5	125.1	125.9	143.5	139.8
Percent changes from November 1969 to February 1970						
All items -----	1.5	1.3	1.8	1.2	2.6	2.1
Food -----	2.7	2.9	2.7	2.0	3.1	3.1
Food at home -----	2.9	3.1	3.1	2.2	3.5	3.2
Cereals and bakery products -----	1.8	3.8	3.2	1.1	1.7	3.9
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	2.0	2.1	2.8	2.8	2.4	1.6
Dairy products -----	2.0	2.4	2.1	.6	4.2	1.3
Fruits and vegetables -----	4.3	2.1	4.6	.5	5.4	6.7
Other foods at home -----	4.6	6.0	3.3	5.2	4.4	4.2
Food away from home -----	1.7	2.3	.6	1.4	2.2	2.9
Housing -----	1.8	1.8	1.4	1.5	1.8	1.8
Shelter -----	2.3	2.2	1.9	2.1	1.9	2.6
Rent -----	1.1	(2/)	3/ 1.6	(2/)	3/ 1.5	(2/)
Homeownership -----	2.8	2.9	2.0	2.3	2.2	2.9
Fuel and utilities -----	.6	1.0	-.2	.4	-.1	.4
Fuel oil and coal -----	1.4	.4	.4	---	1.9	3.2
Gas and electricity -----	1.2	2.5	.1	.6	-.1	.1
Household furnishings and operation -----	1.0	.6	.6	.3	2.2	1.1
Apparel and upkeep -----	-.5	- 3.0	-.2	.7	-.5	.0
Men's and boys' -----	-.8	- 3.9	.1	.5	- 1.7	- 1.4
Women's and girls' -----	- 1.6	- 5.2	-.6	.8	- 1.3	- 1.0
Footwear -----	.8	-.3	-.9	.4	.2	1.0
Transportation -----	1.4	.9	3.1	.4	9.6	2.1
Private -----	.5	1.1	3.2	.4	3.5	2.6
Public -----	9.5	.4	2.7	1.2	34.2	.1
Health and recreation -----	1.2	1.3	1.8	1.1	1.2	2.4
Medical care -----	1.7	1.4	3.4	2.5	1.6	1.8
Personal care -----	.9	(2/)	(2/)	(2/)	1.4	(2/)
Reading and recreation -----	.7	.8	1.7	1.0	1.0	.6
Other goods and services -----	.9	1.1	.2	-.2	.8	4.3

See footnotes at end of table.

TABLE 5: Consumer Price Index--United States and Selected Areas <sup>1/</sup>  
 For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Commodity Groups--Continued  
 February 1970 index and percent changes from November 1969

Group	Buffalo (Nov. 63=100)	Cleveland	Dallas (Nov. 63=100)	Milwaukee	San Diego (Feb. 65=100)	Seattle	Washington
Indexes (1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)							
All items -----	125.3	132.3	125.6	128.5	118.6	132.2	134.6
Food -----	127.0	128.4	125.9	130.1	121.3	129.2	136.2
Food at home -----	125.4	125.6	123.1	127.4	118.1	122.9	130.9
Cereals and bakery products -----	110.2	118.0	115.2	119.0	111.7	114.0	122.8
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	128.4	130.4	129.2	131.3	131.4	127.3	133.4
Dairy products -----	124.7	127.7	126.3	138.5	113.5	130.0	127.8
Fruits and vegetables -----	138.0	131.1	120.0	125.4	105.3	125.6	135.0
Other foods at home -----	121.2	117.4	119.8	118.6	116.3	114.6	127.0
Food away from home -----	136.9	144.6	136.9	145.4	129.9	155.0	156.6
Housing -----	124.8	128.7	127.0	126.4	124.8	136.6	129.8
Shelter -----	128.7	132.7	135.2	129.4	136.3	152.4	135.1
Rent -----	112.1	108.9	110.5	113.8	123.0	128.5	126.1
Homeownership -----	131.8	137.0	147.5	134.5	142.1	159.2	138.6
Fuel and utilities -----	116.8	115.1	110.7	122.0	99.1	115.9	107.8
Fuel oil and coal -----	116.1	---	---	131.3	---	115.3	121.0
Gas and electricity -----	121.1	116.4	106.9	116.2	100.0	98.1	106.2
Household furnishings and operation -----	119.8	119.5	118.9	121.3	108.7	116.3	127.1
Apparel and upkeep -----	131.2	129.3	126.3	133.0	115.2	126.6	137.8
Men's and boys' -----	140.3	133.2	132.7	129.9	122.6	132.0	135.0
Women's and girls' -----	130.7	118.7	125.0	131.1	111.1	122.7	136.1
Footwear -----	130.1	150.9	125.4	149.8	124.5	145.9	153.0
Transportation -----	119.6	131.4	114.1	120.1	108.8	123.9	129.3
Private -----	119.2	126.2	113.1	117.7	108.9	123.3	124.9
Public -----	124.1	165.9	128.1	153.3	106.5	130.8	155.7
Health and recreation -----	125.4	146.9	130.6	135.1	116.4	134.8	145.7
Medical care -----	131.4	184.5	141.7	154.2	126.5	153.2	188.0
Personal care -----	121.3	128.3	126.0	134.5	105.6	129.6	126.6
Reading and recreation -----	120.7	128.3	123.7	126.3	110.3	124.3	136.3
Other goods and services -----	126.9	141.5	125.3	129.0	119.1	131.6	128.5
Percent changes from November 1969 to February 1970							
All items -----	1.7	2.2	1.5	1.2	1.4	1.7	2.0
Food -----	3.4	2.1	2.5	1.8	1.8	2.4	3.8
Food at home -----	3.8	2.4	2.9	1.9	2.5	2.8	4.2
Cereals and bakery products -----	2.4	2.3	4.6	.5	.6	.4	7.1
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	1.2	1.7	.5	.5	3.8	1.6	2.6
Dairy products -----	1.5	.6	1.0	2.4	1.1	1.9	1.8
Fruits and vegetables -----	13.3	4.0	4.7	2.2	- 1.5	3.2	6.0
Other foods at home -----	3.4	4.2	5.5	4.3	5.5	6.1	5.4
Food away from home -----	1.4	.3	1.1	1.4	.2	1.1	2.8
Housing -----	2.6	3.2	1.7	2.4	2.4	1.9	1.6
Shelter -----	3.1	4.3	2.3	3.4	3.3	2.1	1.9
Rent -----	.6	.4	1.2	.7	2.0	.6	1.0
Homeownership -----	3.6	4.9	2.7	4.3	4.0	2.6	2.4
Fuel and utilities -----	1.0	-.3	.4	.1	-.4	.6	1.8
Fuel oil and coal -----	.7	---	---	1.7	---	.3	3.6
Gas and electricity -----	1.7	.0	1.3	.0	.0	.0	1.9
Household furnishings and operation -----	2.4	1.0	.8	.8	.4	1.6	.9
Apparel and upkeep -----	- 2.6	.1	1.5	.4	1.1	-.1	.0
Men's and boys' -----	-.4	- 1.3	1.2	- 2.3	.3	1.2	- 1.2
Women's and girls' -----	- 3.8	- 1.4	3.5	1.2	1.7	- 1.8	- 1.2
Footwear -----	- 6.3	3.6	3.0	1.9	2.1	1.5	1.6
Transportation -----	1.4	1.0	- 1.2	- 2.6	- .5	2.8	.9
Private -----	1.4	1.0	- 1.3	- 3.1	- .5	3.4	.8
Public -----	1.1	1.2	.0	4.1	-.4	-.2	1.5
Health and recreation -----	.8	1.9	2.0	1.7	1.0	1.3	2.4
Medical care -----	1.9	3.1	3.9	2.8	2.0	1.3	4.2
Personal care -----	1.0	.3	3.4	1.5	.0	1.3	-.7
Reading and recreation -----	-.4	.5	.0	-.5	1.1	1.6	1.4
Other goods and services -----	1.0	2.7	.5	2.6	.0	.8	3.4

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

<sup>2/</sup> Not available.

<sup>3/</sup> Change from December 1969.

TABLE 5A. Consumer Price Index--United States and Selected Areas 1/  
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Commodity Groups  
1969 annual average indexes and percent changes, 1968-69

Group	Buffalo (Nov.63=100)	Cleveland	Dallas (Nov.63=100)	Milwaukee	San Diego (Feb.65=100)	Seattle	Washington
Indexes (1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)							
All items -----	120.5	126.3	120.3	123.6	115.1	128.3	129.5
All items (1947-49=100)-----	---	156.9	---	155.9	---	161.2	155.9
Food -----	120.6	123.2	119.8	125.2	117.0	124.5	129.5
Food at home -----	118.7	120.2	116.8	123.1	113.4	118.7	124.3
Cereals and bakery products -----	108.6	116.0	110.1	114.5	110.0	113.3	116.2
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	121.8	124.9	122.8	126.7	124.4	122.9	125.7
Dairy products -----	120.6	123.3	123.1	133.4	111.0	127.6	125.6
Fruits and vegetables -----	125.1	127.0	115.7	127.6	106.6	125.3	130.3
Other foods at home -----	113.8	108.7	110.2	111.5	106.7	105.4	118.5
Food away from home -----	131.9	140.5	131.4	137.8	127.3	148.5	149.2
Housing -----	118.8	121.8	121.0	120.5	118.5	132.0	125.0
Shelter -----	121.2	124.0	127.6	122.8	126.7	146.0	129.3
Rent -----	109.8	106.9	107.4	111.2	117.2	126.7	123.2
Homeownership -----	123.3	127.0	137.5	126.5	130.7	151.4	131.2
Fuel and utilities -----	113.9	114.7	105.9	115.9	99.4	114.7	105.7
Fuel oil and coal -----	111.2	---	---	123.9	---	114.4	116.7
Gas and electricity -----	117.0	115.4	101.8	108.1	100.0	98.1	103.9
Household furnishings and operation -----	115.4	115.8	115.5	118.1	107.6	113.5	123.5
Apparel and upkeep -----	129.1	125.5	120.4	126.0	112.7	123.7	134.7
Men's and boys' -----	132.5	130.7	125.8	126.5	120.4	127.0	132.5
Women's and girls' -----	130.4	117.1	118.1	121.7	108.5	121.5	134.2
Footwear -----	133.1	140.5	119.2	140.7	119.5	140.4	148.2
Transportation -----	115.8	126.8	112.9	120.5	109.1	121.6	125.3
Private -----	116.1	121.8	112.6	119.2	109.2	120.7	121.7
Public -----	111.7	159.9	118.2	137.4	106.4	130.6	147.4
Health and recreation -----	122.8	139.8	124.7	129.2	113.9	131.3	139.9
Medical care -----	127.1	174.5	134.1	148.0	122.9	148.5	177.7
Personal care -----	119.2	123.5	120.1	129.0	105.5	126.8	126.0
Reading and recreation -----	119.6	124.5	121.3	123.8	108.2	121.2	132.1
Other goods and services -----	123.7	132.1	117.3	119.4	116.0	128.6	121.3
Percent changes 1968-69							
All items -----	5.0	5.6	6.5	5.8	5.2	4.9	6.1
Food -----	5.2	5.6	5.4	5.9	5.1	4.8	6.8
Food at home -----	5.0	5.4	4.7	5.8	4.3	4.2	6.1
Cereals and bakery products -----	3.0	2.2	1.0	5.1	2.1	3.8	2.9
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	8.8	8.3	8.3	9.8	8.9	8.7	9.7
Dairy products -----	4.6	2.6	1.8	4.1	2.7	2.7	2.1
Fruits and vegetables -----	.6	1.9	1.3	.2	1.3	1.0	3.6
Other foods at home -----	4.5	7.7	5.5	5.5	4.0	4.2	6.8
Food away from home -----	6.2	5.9	8.1	6.4	6.9	6.6	8.6
Housing -----	5.3	5.5	8.5	5.8	7.9	6.5	6.2
Shelter -----	6.0	6.4	11.1	6.8	11.2	9.4	7.3
Rent -----	3.2	2.3	3.4	3.4	8.3	3.5	3.1
Homeownership -----	6.5	7.1	14.3	7.7	12.5	11.1	9.7
Fuel and utilities -----	4.3	.2	3.5	4.0	-.1	1.8	1.4
Fuel oil and coal -----	2.6	---	---	4.2	---	4.3	1.5
Gas and electricity -----	6.2	.2	2.4	6.1	.0	.2	1.8
Household furnishings and operation -----	4.1	4.8	5.8	4.7	2.7	2.5	5.7
Apparel and upkeep -----	6.8	5.8	6.6	8.3	4.3	4.0	6.7
Men's and boys' -----	10.5	5.6	8.1	6.4	5.2	4.3	7.2
Women's and girls' -----	6.4	6.0	5.6	9.0	4.3	4.6	8.0
Footwear -----	6.0	5.2	6.3	9.5	4.6	4.1	7.0
Transportation -----	3.8	4.2	3.3	5.1	2.3	.8	4.9
Private -----	3.6	3.0	3.3	4.9	2.3	.7	3.7
Public -----	5.0	10.6	3.8	5.7	.9	1.6	10.9
Health and recreation -----	4.4	7.0	6.1	5.1	3.5	4.9	5.8
Medical care -----	4.9	12.1	8.0	6.9	5.2	6.8	7.8
Personal care -----	5.6	6.1	5.9	3.9	2.1	7.8	5.9
Reading and recreation -----	3.4	4.5	5.4	3.8	2.7	3.9	4.7
Other goods and services -----	4.2	4.0	4.1	4.9	3.2	2.9	4.6

See footnote 1, table 2.

TABLE 6: Consumer Price Index--United States and Selected Areas  
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Food and its Subgroups  
February 1970 Indexes and Percent Changes from January 1970

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 -----	131.5	127.4	126.3	129.7	128.8	132.4	118.1	151.5
Atlanta -----	130.7	127.5	118.7	129.2	126.5	134.0	126.4	142.3
Baltimore -----	135.4	129.8	130.3	132.2	127.6	138.1	120.1	159.5
Boston -----	135.0	129.2	129.1	134.0	123.9	138.2	117.9	160.2
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100) -	127.0	125.4	110.2	128.4	124.7	138.0	121.2	136.9
Chicago -----	133.2	131.3	132.5	134.4	138.0	129.4	120.3	142.2
Cincinnati -----	127.8	124.1	121.6	130.5	124.3	127.1	114.2	147.2
Cleveland -----	128.4	125.6	118.0	130.4	127.7	131.1	117.4	144.6
Dallas (Nov.1963=100) --	125.9	123.1	115.2	129.2	126.3	120.0	119.8	136.9
Detroit -----	130.2	128.0	124.1	137.5	136.2	117.8	115.9	143.0
Honolulu (Dec.1963=100)	122.9	121.1	116.1	126.8	116.0	123.0	116.5	128.4
Houston -----	133.3	127.9	131.5	126.5	131.1	137.2	116.8	156.6
Kansas City -----	135.8	132.2	134.3	135.1	141.3	126.7	122.6	148.8
Los Angeles-Long Beach -	127.2	121.6	123.8	119.5	124.1	132.0	109.0	147.6
Milwaukee -----	130.1	127.4	119.0	131.3	138.5	125.4	118.6	145.4
Minneapolis-St. Paul ---	130.6	126.2	123.9	130.3	134.9	122.3	119.5	151.1
New York -----	134.7	128.3	124.5	130.2	122.1	140.6	119.3	161.9
Philadelphia -----	132.0	126.5	126.4	123.4	136.6	134.4	115.4	161.1
Pittsburgh -----	128.0	125.2	124.2	133.2	120.5	128.0	116.1	145.8
St. Louis -----	137.4	133.2	132.6	138.2	139.8	141.5	116.1	153.7
San Diego (Feb.1965=100)	121.3	118.1	111.7	131.4	113.5	105.3	116.3	129.9
San Francisco-Oakland --	128.7	123.3	122.6	125.4	122.0	129.1	113.9	152.5
Seattle -----	129.2	122.9	114.0	127.3	130.0	125.6	114.6	155.0
Washington -----	136.2	130.9	122.8	133.4	127.8	135.0	127.0	156.6
Percent Changes January 1970 to February 1970								
U.S. City Average -----	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.3	1.1	0.3	0.6
Atlanta -----	1.3	1.5	.0	3.0	.6	3.1	.1	.8
Baltimore -----	.4	.4	.2	.4	.9	1.5	-.7	.6
Boston -----	.5	.5	.2	.8	.4	1.2	.3	.4
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100) -	1.3	1.4	.2	.2	1.1	6.8	-.2	.6
Chicago -----	.3	.3	.5	.1	.1	.6	.8	.2
Cincinnati -----	.5	.6	.6	1.2	.1	1.4	1.7	.1
Cleveland -----	-.5	-.6	.4	-.8	1.2	-.6	-.3	-.1
Dallas (Nov.1963=100) --	.7	.7	3.7	1.3	.2	-.3	-.2	.7
Detroit -----	.3	.4	.7	1.0	.8	-.2	-.9	.0
Honolulu (Dec.1963=100)	-.1	-.5	-.7	1.0	.0	5.5	1.6	1.0
Houston -----	.8	.6	.9	1.3	.4	.8	.4	1.4
Kansas City -----	.5	.6	2.4	1.4	-.1	-.3	-.4	.3
Los Angeles-Long Beach -	.8	.8	.9	1.2	.0	1.1	2.3	.5
Milwaukee -----	.5	.3	.5	.4	.1	.2	.2	(2/)
Minneapolis-St. Paul ---	.8	.9	3.0	1.4	.5	.2	.1	.7
New York -----	.7	.6	1.1	.9	.0	1.4	-.5	.9
Philadelphia -----	1.0	1.1	1.4	.8	.7	3.5	-.4	.5
Pittsburgh -----	.4	.3	.8	.5	.2	1.4	-.9	.8
St. Louis -----	.6	.7	.8	.1	-.3	3.4	.0	.0
San Diego (Feb.1965=100)	.6	.8	.0	1.5	-.1	.4	1.5	(2/)
San Francisco-Oakland --	.4	.5	.2	1.1	.6	1.1	1.1	.0
Seattle -----	1.1	1.4	.0	1.3	1.4	1.5	2.0	.1
Washington -----	1.0	.7	.5	.2	.5	2.8	.6	2.0

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

<sup>2/</sup> Not available.

TABLE 7: Consumer Price Index--United States City Average  
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Food Items  
February 1970 Indexes and Percent changes from Selected Dates  
(1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)

Item or Group	Index		Percent Change to February 1970 from--		February 1969 Unadjusted
	February 1970		January 1970		
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	
Total food -----	131.5	131.8	0.6	0.8	7.9
Food away from home -----	151.5	---	.6	---	7.7
Restaurant meals -----	151.6	---	.6	---	7.7
Snacks 1/ -----	132.0	---	.5	---	7.8
Food at home -----	127.4	127.7	.6	.8	7.9
Cereals and bakery products -----	126.3	---	.6	---	4.6
Flour -----	112.1	---	.2	---	.4
Cracker meal 1/ -----	130.2	---	1.9	---	10.7
Corn flakes -----	130.2	---	.0	---	.6
Rice -----	114.2	---	.4	---	2.3
Bread, white -----	132.6	---	.3	---	4.6
Bread, whole wheat 1/ -----	125.5	---	.9	---	5.9
Cookies -----	101.7	---	.4	---	2.2
Layer cake 1/ -----	119.9	---	1.5	---	7.7
Cinnamon rolls 1/ -----	116.7	---	.3	---	4.7
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	129.7	130.4	.7	.5	11.6
Meats -----	133.9	134.6	.8	.7	12.5
Beef and veal -----	133.0	133.5	.6	.5	9.6
Steak, round -----	126.4	126.4	.2	.5	8.0
Steak, sirloin 2/ -----	120.4	---	.8	---	5.8
Steak, porterhouse 1/ -----	126.1	---	.4	---	6.3
Rump roast 1/ -----	120.1	---	.5	---	7.3
Rib roast -----	141.8	142.4	.1	1.6	8.4
Chuck roast -----	126.7	126.6	3.8	2.8	11.1
Hamburger -----	140.5	141.3	1.3	1.1	12.9
Beef liver 1/ -----	119.9	---	1.0	---	10.9
Veal cutlets -----	166.0	166.0	1.2	.3	13.6
Pork -----	137.2	138.4	1.2	1.2	17.7
Chops -----	139.5	140.8	1.9	1.6	14.4
Loin roast 2/ -----	146.2	---	1.7	---	14.4
Pork sausage 1/ -----	148.6	---	1.3	---	18.4
Ham, whole -----	134.0	132.8	- 2.1	.0	19.2
Picnics 1/ -----	139.9	---	1.6	---	18.2
Bacon -----	138.8	142.4	1.5	.8	22.2
Other meats -----	136.0	136.3	.5	.4	12.0
Lamb chops 1/ -----	140.8	---	.1	---	6.7
Frankfurters -----	134.2	135.4	.0	.1	13.2
Ham, canned 1/ -----	136.6	---	1.3	---	18.8
Bologna sausage 1/ -----	137.7	---	.4	---	13.1
Salami sausage 1/ -----	128.6	---	.5	---	10.2
Liverwurst 1/ -----	131.4	---	1.0	---	11.0
Poultry -----	99.1	---	.4	---	7.4
Frying chicken -----	98.5	97.7	.9	5.2	5.9
Chicken breasts 1/ -----	110.4	---	.3	---	6.3
Turkey 1/ -----	115.9	---	1.3	---	15.3
Fish -----	138.3	137.9	.9	1.0	8.3
Shrimp, frozen 1/ -----	126.2	---	.6	---	9.2
Fish, fresh or frozen -----	148.1	147.8	2.0	2.0	15.4
Tuna fish, canned -----	121.6	---	.9	---	7.3
Sardines, canned 1/ -----	126.5	---	.4	---	2.1
Dairy products -----	128.8	128.9	.3	.6	4.9
Milk, fresh, grocery -----	126.2	126.5	.1	.6	4.9
Milk, fresh, delivered -----	133.1	---	.3	---	5.1
Milk, fresh, skim 1/ -----	127.3	---	.1	---	5.1
Milk, evaporated -----	127.4	---	.8	---	4.6
Ice cream -----	102.1	---	.0	---	2.7
Cheese, American process -----	154.8	154.6	1.1	.8	8.5
Butter -----	119.5	119.4	.3	.1	1.6

See footnotes at end of table.

TABLE 7: Consumer Price Index--United States City Average  
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Food Items  
February 1970 Indexes and Percent changes from Selected Dates--Continued  
(1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)

Item or Group	Index		Percent Change to February 1970 from--		February 1969 Unadjusted
	February 1970		January 1970		
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	
Fruits and vegetables -----	132.4	133.5	1.1	1.1	6.2
Fresh fruits and vegetables -----	144.5	146.7	1.8	1.8	9.2
Apples -----	135.8	146.5	1.3	1.5	15.2
Bananas -----	96.5	98.9	2.1	4.3	1.9
Oranges -----	124.5	132.4	2.5	2.6	1.7
Orange juice, fresh 1/ -----	90.7	---	.2	---	3.1
Grapefruit -----	151.7	169.7	5.6	4.3	7.1
Grapes 3/ -----	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)
Strawberries 3/ -----	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)
Watermelon 3/ -----	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)
Potatoes -----	151.1	156.7	4.7	1.9	10.8
Onions -----	166.9	171.7	18.8	13.8	30.2
Asparagus 3/ 1/ -----	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)
Cabbage -----	211.3	195.8	12.0	12.1	37.4
Carrots -----	145.3	142.7	4.4	3.0	27.1
Celery -----	143.6	144.3	2.2	5.3	28.7
Cucumbers 1/ -----	208.5	---	2.5	---	21.6
Lettuce -----	122.7	127.5	10.8	3.7	6.4
Peppers, green 1/ -----	283.9	---	22.8	---	47.8
Spinach 1/ -----	122.0	---	1.4	---	10.6
Tomatoes -----	134.8	129.2	19.8	17.9	1.2
Processed fruits and vegetables -----	117.3	---	.2	---	1.7
Fruit cocktail, canned -----	104.9	---	.4	---	1.9
Pears, canned 1/ -----	105.4	---	.6	---	4.3
Grapefruit-pineapple juice, canned 1/ --	103.7	---	.7	---	5.1
Orange juice concentrate, frozen -----	96.5	97.3	.1	.4	1.8
Lemonade concentrate, frozen 2/ -----	94.8	---	.3	---	3.9
Beets, canned 1/ -----	114.1	---	.2	---	.8
Peas, green, canned -----	122.2	---	.2	---	1.7
Tomatoes, canned -----	127.2	---	.4	---	1.8
Dried beans -----	123.4	---	.2	---	1.5
Broccoli, frozen 1/ -----	111.8	---	.9	---	11.0
Other food at home -----	118.1	117.4	.3	.4	8.0
Eggs -----	141.0	133.5	1.4	3.7	21.3
Fats and oils:					
Margarine -----	105.6	---	.0	---	3.2
Salad dressing, Italian 1/ -----	101.9	---	.6	---	.4
Salad or cooking oil 1/ -----	127.2	---	.8	---	3.0
Sugar and sweets -----	128.6	---	.4	---	4.5
Sugar -----	117.2	---	.4	---	3.3
Grape jelly -----	130.6	---	.7	---	7.4
Chocolate bar -----	126.6	---	.4	---	2.8
Syrup, chocolate flavored 1/ -----	109.3	---	1.1	---	4.4
Nonalcoholic beverages -----	110.7	---	1.5	---	8.3
Coffee, can and bag -----	97.4	---	2.6	---	12.0
Coffee, instant 4/ -----	111.0	---	1.3	---	11.3
Tea -----	103.6	---	.5	---	2.1
Cola drink -----	160.3	---	.6	---	5.2
Carbonated fruit drink 1/ -----	126.0	---	.4	---	5.8
Prepared and partially prepared foods 1/	109.0	---	.5	---	4.3
Bean soup, canned 1/ -----	110.9	---	1.1	---	8.3
Chicken soup, canned 1/ -----	101.1	---	.3	---	5.1
Spaghetti, canned 1/ -----	121.1	---	.2	---	5.2
Mashed potatoes, instant 1/ -----	110.3	---	.5	---	6.9
Potatoes, french fried, frozen 2/ -----	92.8	---	.1	---	4.3
Baby foods, canned -----	112.0	---	.1	---	.2
Sweet pickle relish 1/ -----	116.0	---	.3	---	3.3
Pretzels 1/ -----	108.3	---	1.1	---	1.3

1/ December 1963=100.  
2/ April 1960=100.  
3/ Priced only in season.  
4/ July 1961=100.

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Item or Group	Other Index Bases	Indexes		Percent Change to February 1970	
		February 1970	January 1970	January 1970	From: February 1969
Housing -----		132.2	131.1	0.8	7.2
Shelter 1/ -----		140.9	139.6	.9	9.3
Rent -----		121.8	121.3	.4	3.9
Homeownership costs 2/ -----		148.5	146.8	1.2	11.2
Mortgage interest rates -----		143.5	139.9	2.6	13.8
Property taxes -----	Dec.63	133.6	133.0	.5	5.7
Property insurance rates -----		152.8	152.5	.2	4.7
Maintenance and repairs -----		146.9	146.4	.3	8.5
Commodities 3/ -----	Dec.63	116.5	116.1	.3	2.3
Exterior house paint -----		119.8	119.3	.4	4.5
Interior house paint -----	Dec.63	114.8	114.1	.6	3.2
Services -----	Dec.63	144.7	144.1	.4	11.2
Repainting living and dining rooms -----		185.4	184.6	.4	11.4
Reshingling roofs -----		165.4	164.9	.3	10.7
Residing houses -----	Dec.63	135.0	134.6	.3	9.5
Replacing sinks -----	Dec.63	145.6	145.2	.3	11.1
Repairing furnaces -----	Dec.63	151.3	150.0	.9	15.1
Fuel and utilities -----		114.9	114.6	.3	2.8
Fuel oil and coal -----		120.6	119.7	.8	3.2
Fuel oil, #2 -----		117.5	116.6	.8	2.8
Gas and electricity -----		114.6	114.1	.4	4.0
Gas -----		121.5	120.5	.8	4.7
Electricity -----		107.4	107.4	.0	3.3
Other utilities:					
Residential telephone services -----		102.8	103.0	-.2	.3
Residential water and sewerage services -----		147.5	147.5	.0	4.2
Household furnishings and operation 4/ -----		120.8	120.1	.6	4.3
Housefurnishings -----		111.1	110.5	.5	3.7
Textiles -----		115.7	114.2	1.3	2.7
Sheets, percale or muslin -----		120.8	117.3	3.0	1.0
Curtains, tailored, polyester marquisette -----		112.7	111.6	1.0	4.4
Bedspreads, chiefly cotton, tufted -----		116.6	115.0	1.4	2.7
Drapery fabric, cotton or rayon/acetate -----		125.8	125.0	.6	4.7
Pillows, bed, polyester or acrylic filling -----	Dec.63	106.8	106.1	.7	1.0
Slipcovers, ready made, chiefly cotton -----	Dec.63	112.3	111.0	1.2	4.0
Furniture and bedding -----		124.6	124.1	.4	5.3
Bedroom suites, good or inexpensive quality -----		129.5	128.6	.7	6.8
Living room suites, good and inexpensive quality -----		126.1	126.0	.1	4.0
Lounge chairs, upholstered -----	Dec.63	120.0	120.0	.0	7.1
Dining room suites -----	Dec.63	131.1	130.3	.6	5.1
Sofas, upholstered -----	Dec.63	116.5	116.3	.2	4.0
Sofas, dual purpose -----		120.0	120.5	-.4	5.2
Sleep sets, (discontinued) -----	Dec.63	---	---	---	---
Box springs -----	Dec.63	122.5	122.4	.1	2.3
Aluminum folding chairs 5/ -----	June 64	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)
Cribs -----	Dec.63	119.9	119.6	.3	5.9
Floor coverings -----		106.9	106.8	.1	.8
Rugs, soft surface -----		104.0	104.0	.0	.5
Rugs, hard surface -----		113.6	113.2	.4	3.3
Tile, vinyl -----	Dec.63	111.3	110.3	.9	4.2
Appliances 6/ -----		86.6	86.5	.1	1.4
Washing machines, electric, automatic -----		92.3	91.8	.5	2.6
Vacuum cleaners, canister type -----		81.5	81.8	-.4	.5
Refrigerators or refrigerator-freezers electric -----		86.8	86.1	.8	2.5
Ranges, free standing, gas or electric -----		99.3	99.0	.3	2.9
Clothes dryers, electric, automatic -----	Dec.63	101.3	100.8	.5	2.9
Air conditioners, demountable 5/ -----	June 64	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)
Room heaters, electric, portable 5/ -----	Dec.63	100.6	100.6	.0	3.2
Garbage disposal units -----	Dec.63	105.9	105.5	.4	2.6
Other housefurnishings:					
Dinnerware, earthenware -----		137.1	136.2	.7	4.0
Flatware, stainless steel -----	Dec.63	120.1	119.2	.8	2.6
Table lamps, with shade -----	Dec.63	118.6	118.3	.3	6.6
Lawn mowers, power, rotary type 5/ -----	June 64	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)
Electric drills, hand held -----	Dec.63	103.0	102.9	.1	1.3
Housekeeping supplies:					
Laundry soaps and detergents -----		108.8	108.1	.6	3.3
Paper napkins -----		131.3	129.8	1.2	2.9
Toilet tissue -----		123.5	121.9	1.3	6.0
Housekeeping services:					
Domestic service, general housework -----		182.0	180.5	.8	7.2
Baby sitter service -----	Dec.63	138.6	137.6	.7	6.5
Postal charges -----		165.5	165.5	.0	.0
Laundry, flatwork, finished service -----	Dec.63	147.9	147.5	.3	8.3
Licensed day care service, preschool child -----	Dec.63	132.0	132.0	.0	6.7
Washing machine repairs -----	Dec.63	138.3	136.6	1.2	8.6

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Item and Group	Other Index Bases	Indexes		Percent change to February 1970 From:	
		February 1970	January 1970	January 1970	February 1969
Apparel and upkeep 7/ -----		130.0	129.3	0.5	4.9
Apparel commodities -----		129.3	128.6	.5	5.0
Apparel commodities less footwear -----		126.2	125.5	.6	4.7
Men's and boys' -----		131.0	130.8	.2	4.5
Men's:					
Topcoats, wool 5/ -----		141.1	143.7	- 1.8	2.6
Suits, year round weight -----		153.9	154.2	- .2	6.4
Suits, tropical weight 5/ -----	June 64	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)
Jackets, lightweight -----	Dec.63	125.6	125.5	.1	2.4
Slacks, wool or wool blend -----		129.6	130.0	- .3	5.0
Slacks, cotton or manmade blend -----		119.4	117.6	1.5	7.6
Trousers, work, cotton -----		116.4	116.0	.3	1.1
Shirts, work, cotton -----		124.9	124.4	.4	3.1
Shirts, business, cotton -----		123.2	122.5	.6	2.6
T-shirts, chiefly cotton -----		133.3	132.4	.7	3.6
Socks, cotton -----		121.3	120.9	.3	3.2
Handkerchiefs, cotton -----	Dec.63	113.9	113.8	.1	2.7
Boy's:					
Coats, all purpose, cotton or cotton blend 5/ -----	Dec.63	114.3	114.2	.1	5.6
Sport coats, wool or wool blend 5/ -----	Dec.63	(5/)	127.8	(5/)	(5/)
Dungarees, cotton or cotton blend -----		129.4	128.9	.4	3.6
Undershirts, cotton -----		129.9	130.1	- .2	4.8
Women's and girls' -----		125.4	124.2	1.0	5.1
Women's:					
Coats, heavyweight, wool or wool blend 5/ -----		(5/)	124.9	(5/)	(5/)
Carcoats, heavyweight, cotton 5/ -----	Dec.63	(5/)	128.4	(5/)	(5/)
Sweaters, wool or acrylic 5/ -----	Dec.63	(5/)	116.3	(5/)	(5/)
Skirts, wool or wool blend 5/ -----	Sept.61	121.0	135.6	- 10.8	15.9
Skirts, cotton or cotton blend 5/ -----	Mar.62	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)
Blouses, cotton -----		124.9	126.9	- 1.6	3.1
Dresses, street, chiefly manmade fiber -----		158.7	155.9	1.8	8.5
Dresses, street, wool or wool blend 5/ -----		(5/)	144.2	(5/)	(5/)
Dresses, street, cotton 5/ -----		(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)
Housedresses, cotton -----		153.5	152.3	.8	7.7
Slips, nylon -----		114.6	113.4	1.1	4.8
Panties, acetate -----		112.7	112.0	.6	4.3
Girdles, manmade blend -----		120.9	120.5	.3	2.3
Brassieres, cotton -----	Dec.63	125.6	124.4	1.0	5.5
Hose, nylon seamless -----		98.3	98.5	- .2	.3
Anklets, cotton -----	Dec.63	122.5	121.0	1.2	6.9
Gloves, fabric, nylon or cotton -----	Dec.63	111.0	110.7	.3	4.0
Handbags, rayon faille or plastic -----	Dec.63	118.5	116.4	1.8	6.9
Girl's:					
Raincoats, vinyl plastic or chiefly cotton 5/ -----	Dec.63	118.9	118.1	.7	.0
Skirts, wool or wool blend 5/ -----		(5/)	117.4	(5/)	(5/)
Dresses, cotton -----		132.3	129.8	1.9	.2
Slacks, cotton 5/ -----	Dec.63	125.4	128.4	- 2.3	6.5
Slips, cotton blend -----	Dec.63	107.8	108.0	- .2	1.1
Robes, duster style, quilted tricot or percale 5/ -----	Dec.63	(5/)	115.4	(5/)	(5/)
Handbags -----	Dec.63	114.9	113.7	1.1	6.7
Footwear -----		145.0	144.4	.4	6.0
Men's:					
Shoes, street, oxford -----		142.3	141.3	.7	5.9
Shoes, work, high -----		141.4	140.9	.4	5.9
Women's:					
Shoes, street, pump -----		151.6	151.8	- .1	4.6
Shoes, evening, pump -----	Dec.63	124.8	124.2	.5	6.3
Shoes, casual, pump -----	Dec.63	135.7	134.2	1.1	10.8
Houseslippers, scuff -----	Dec.63	127.8	128.0	- .2	4.2
Children's:					
Shoes, oxford -----		145.9	144.3	1.1	6.4
Sneakers, boys', oxford type -----	Dec.63	120.0	119.6	.3	3.7
Dress shoes, girls', strap -----	Dec.63	136.6	136.6	.0	7.0
Miscellaneous apparel:					
Diapers, cotton gauze -----		104.3	104.0	.3	2.4
Yard goods, cotton -----		124.6	123.3	1.1	7.6
Wrist watches, men's and women's -----	Dec.63	103.8	103.3	.5	2.9
Apparel services:					
Drycleaning, men's suits and women's dresses -----		134.6	133.8	.6	4.3
Automatic laundry service -----	Dec.63	112.3	112.0	.3	4.1
Laundry, men's shirts -----	Dec.63	128.0	126.8	.9	5.5
Tailoring charges, hem adjustment -----	Dec.63	127.4	127.0	.3	5.0
Shoe repairs, women's heel lift -----		125.0	124.6	.3	4.5

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Item and Group	Other Index Bases	Indexes		Percent change to February 1970 From:	
		February 1970	January 1970	January 1970	February 1969
Transportation -----		127.3	127.3	0.0	4.3
Private 8/ -----		123.3	123.3	.0	3.4
Automobiles, new -----		104.6	104.7	-.1	2.2
Automobiles, used -----		117.8	120.7	- 2.4	3.9
Gasoline, regular and premium -----		116.7	116.6	.1	1.9
Motor oil, premium -----		141.4	140.7	.5	5.1
Tires, new, tubeless -----		118.5	118.2	.3	3.1
Auto repairs and maintenance 9/ -----		140.2	139.2	.7	6.9
Auto insurance rates -----		176.0	173.4	1.5	13.0
Auto registration -----		140.3	140.3	.0	7.3
Parking fees, private and municipal -----	Dec.63	128.2	123.1	4.1	10.0
Public -----		165.4	165.1	.2	13.7
Local transit fares -----		183.8	183.3	.3	16.0
Taxicab fares -----	Dec.63	131.5	131.5	.0	5.4
Railroad fares, coach -----		117.2	117.2	.0	8.1
Airplane fares, chiefly coach -----	Dec.63	117.4	117.4	.0	13.6
Bus fares, intercity -----	Dec.63	127.9	127.9	.0	8.6
Health and recreation -----		140.7	140.1	.4	5.2
Medical care -----		160.1	159.0	.7	5.8
Drugs and prescriptions -----		100.0	99.7	.3	1.4
Over-the-counter items -----	Dec.63	107.2	107.2	.0	.8
Multiple vitamin concentrates -----	Dec.63	90.8	92.3	- 1.6	1.5
Aspirin compounds -----	Dec.63	107.4	106.2	1.1	1.7
Liquid tonics -----	Dec.63	101.2	101.3	-.1	.2
Adhesive bandages, package -----	Dec.63	118.2	117.8	.3	1.5
Cold tablets or capsules -----	Dec.63	111.5	111.0	.5	3.1
Cough syrup -----	Dec.63	113.0	113.4	-.4	.7
Prescriptions -----		89.7	89.3	.4	1.9
Anti-infectives -----	Mar.60	63.0	62.8	.3	1.0
Sedatives and hypnotics -----	Mar.60	112.0	110.6	1.3	6.7
Ataractics -----	Mar.60	90.0	90.0	.0	.2
Anti-spasmodics -----	Mar.60	101.6	101.5	.1	.5
Cough preparations -----	Mar.60	115.2	112.7	2.2	8.3
Cardiovasculars and anti-hypertensives -----	Mar.60	98.8	98.3	.5	3.0
Analgesics, internal -----	Mar.67	105.0	104.3	.7	2.8
Anti-obesity -----	Mar.67	105.5	104.8	.7	3.3
Hormones -----	Mar.67	93.6	93.6	.0	1.2
Professional services:					
Physicians' fees -----		161.6	160.7	.6	6.9
Family doctor, office visits -----		164.0	163.1	.6	7.9
Family doctor, house visits -----		169.0	167.9	.7	6.4
Obstetrical cases -----		157.6	155.9	1.1	8.0
Pediatric care, office visits -----	Dec.63	147.7	146.5	.8	6.3
Psychiatrist, office visits -----	Dec.63	133.7	133.0	.5	6.8
Herniorrhaphy, adult -----	Dec.63	126.7	126.3	.3	3.2
Tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy -----		152.6	152.3	.2	4.3
Dentists' fees -----		148.4	148.0	.3	6.5
Fillings, adult, amalgam, one surface -----		150.3	149.8	.3	7.2
Extractions, adult -----		145.9	146.0	-.1	5.4
Dentures, full upper -----	Dec.63	131.3	130.6	.5	5.8
Other professional services:					
Examination, prescription, and dispensing of eyeglasses -----		135.7	134.6	.8	5.6
Routine laboratory tests -----	Dec.63	119.8	119.6	.2	4.1
Hospital service charges:					
Daily service charges -----		275.6	271.6	1.5	11.9
Semiprivate rooms -----		271.9	268.0	1.5	12.3
Private rooms -----		265.9	261.8	1.6	11.5
Operating room charges -----	Dec.63	175.4	172.8	1.5	10.9
X-ray, diagnostic series, upper G.I. -----	Dec.63	125.4	124.7	.6	4.2
Personal care -----		129.0	128.5	.4	3.9
Toilet goods -----		112.4	112.0	.4	2.9
Toothpaste, standard dentifrice -----		114.3	114.1	.2	.9
Toilet soap, hard milled -----		124.3	123.0	1.1	.6
Hand lotions, liquid -----	Dec.63	110.0	109.2	.7	4.4
Shaving cream, aerosol -----		102.1	102.1	.0	.3
Face powder, pressed -----		129.1	128.1	.8	6.3
Deodorants, cream or roll-on -----	Dec.63	96.1	96.0	.1	2.3
Cleansing tissues -----		114.4	113.8	.5	7.1
Home permanent refills -----		98.6	98.6	.0	2.7
Personal care services -----		149.5	148.9	.4	4.9
Men's haircuts -----		158.7	158.0	.4	5.4
Beauty shop services -----		140.0	139.2	.6	4.6
Women's haircuts -----	Dec.63	125.4	125.3	.1	4.1
Shampoo and wave sets, plain -----		157.5	156.8	.4	5.2
Permanent waves, cold -----		108.9	107.5	1.3	3.4

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Item and Group	Other Index Bases	Indexes		Percent change to February 1970 From:	
		February 1970	January 1970	January 1970	February 1969
Reading and recreation <sup>10/</sup> -----		133.2	133.1	0.1	3.7
Recreational goods -----	Dec.63	99.2	99.1	.1	1.5
TV sets, portable and console -----		79.9	80.0	- .1	-.2
TV replacement tubes -----	Dec.63	117.3	116.6	.6	2.3
Radios, portable and table model -----		76.1	76.4	-.4	-.3
Tape recorders, portable -----	Dec.63	90.2	90.0	.2	1.0
Phonograph records, stereophonic -----	Dec.63	97.9	98.0	-.1	2.1
Movie cameras, Super 8, zoom lens -----	Dec.63	81.6	82.1	-.6	3.4
Film, 35mm, color -----	Dec.63	99.7	99.1	.6	1.1
Golf balls, liquid center -----	Dec.63	103.7	103.9	-.2	-.3
Basketballs, rubber or vinyl cover -----	Dec.63	115.6	115.5	.1	4.7
Fishing rods, fresh water spincast -----	Dec.63	115.4	116.7	- 1.1	-.8
Bowling balls -----	Dec.63	100.5	100.9	-.4	2.7
Bicycle, boys' -----	Dec.63	111.2	110.7	.5	3.6
Tricycles -----	Dec.63	112.0	112.0	.0	4.5
Dog food, canned or boxed -----	Dec.63	109.2	108.1	1.0	1.7
Recreational services -----	Dec.63	133.7	133.9	-.1	5.5
Indoor movie admissions -----		210.5	211.7	-.6	9.3
Adult -----		206.1	207.3	-.6	9.5
Children's -----		225.4	226.9	-.7	8.7
Drive-in movie admissions, adult -----	Dec.63	167.0	165.6	.8	8.7
Bowling fees, evening -----	Dec.63	115.0	115.3	-.3	4.5
Golf greens fees -----	Dec.63	(11/)	(11/)	(11/)	(11/)
TV repairs, picture tube replacement -----		99.5	100.2	-.7	3.0
Film developing, black and white -----	Dec.63	117.7	117.4	.3	1.9
Reading and education:					
Newspapers, street sale and delivery -----		159.8	160.2	-.2	4.9
Magazines, single copy and subscription -----	Dec.63	129.3	126.3	2.4	8.4
Piano lessons, beginner -----	Dec.63	127.7	127.6	.1	5.0
Other goods and services -----		134.3	133.9	.3	6.8
Tobacco products -----		154.9	154.1	.5	9.3
Cigarettes, nonfilter tip, regular size -----		162.7	161.8	.6	9.5
Cigarettes, filter tip, king size -----	Mar.59	154.8	154.0	.5	10.2
Cigars, domestic, regular size -----		108.7	109.0	-.3	2.6
Alcoholic beverages -----		121.4	121.0	.3	5.0
Beer -----		116.9	116.5	.3	3.5
Whiskey, spirit blended and straight bourbon -----		111.3	111.2	.1	2.2
Wine, dessert and table -----	Dec.63	116.8	116.5	.3	8.3
Away from home -----	Dec.63	127.6	127.1	.4	7.4
Financial and miscellaneous personal expenses:					
Funeral services, adult -----	Dec.63	118.1	117.7	.3	4.4
Bank service charges, checking accounts -----	Dec.63	110.0	110.2	-.2	2.4
Legal services, short form will -----	Dec.63	142.7	142.3	.3	11.3
Other special groups:					
All items less shelter -----		130.3	129.8	.4	5.5
Commodities less food -----		120.4	120.1	.2	4.1
Nondurables less food and apparel -----		123.7	123.2	.4	4.0
Household services less rent -----		155.0	153.2	1.2	10.2
Transportation services -----		154.1	152.9	.8	10.2
Other services -----		149.8	149.4	.3	5.0

- 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 venetian blinds, nails, carpet sweepers, air deodorizers, steel wool scouring pads, envelopes, reupholstering, and moving expenses.
- 5/ Priced 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.
- 11/ Not available.

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. <sup>1/</sup> 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 1969 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. Data also are shown in terms of the relative error of the standard error of percent changes. The relative errors tend to decrease markedly for successively longer time periods, as expected.

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.

Standard and Relative Errors of Percent Changes in the  
CPI Based on 1969 Data

Component	Standard Error			Relative Error		
	Monthly Change	Quarterly Change	Annual Change	Monthly Change	Quarterly Change	Annual Change
All items -----	.03	.05	.07	.07	.04	.01
Food at home-----	.07	.11	.13	.10	.07	.03
Food away from home ----	.08	.14	.28	.13	.08	.05
Housing -----	.06	.09	.15	.10	.06	.02
Apparel -----	.14	.23	.22	.25	.18	.04
Transportation -----	.08	.13	.14	.13	.10	.04
Medical care -----	.13	.19	.36	.24	.12	.05
Personal care -----	.12	.20	.32	.36	.20	.07
Reading and recreation --	.09	.13	.20	.33	.15	.05
Other goods and services-	.13	.20	.34	.25	.14	.08

This replaces the table of average errors based on 1968 data which was included in the CPI report through December 1969.

<sup>1/</sup> 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 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 23 SMSA's for which separate indexes are published in this report, as well as from the following additional locations:

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|------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 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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