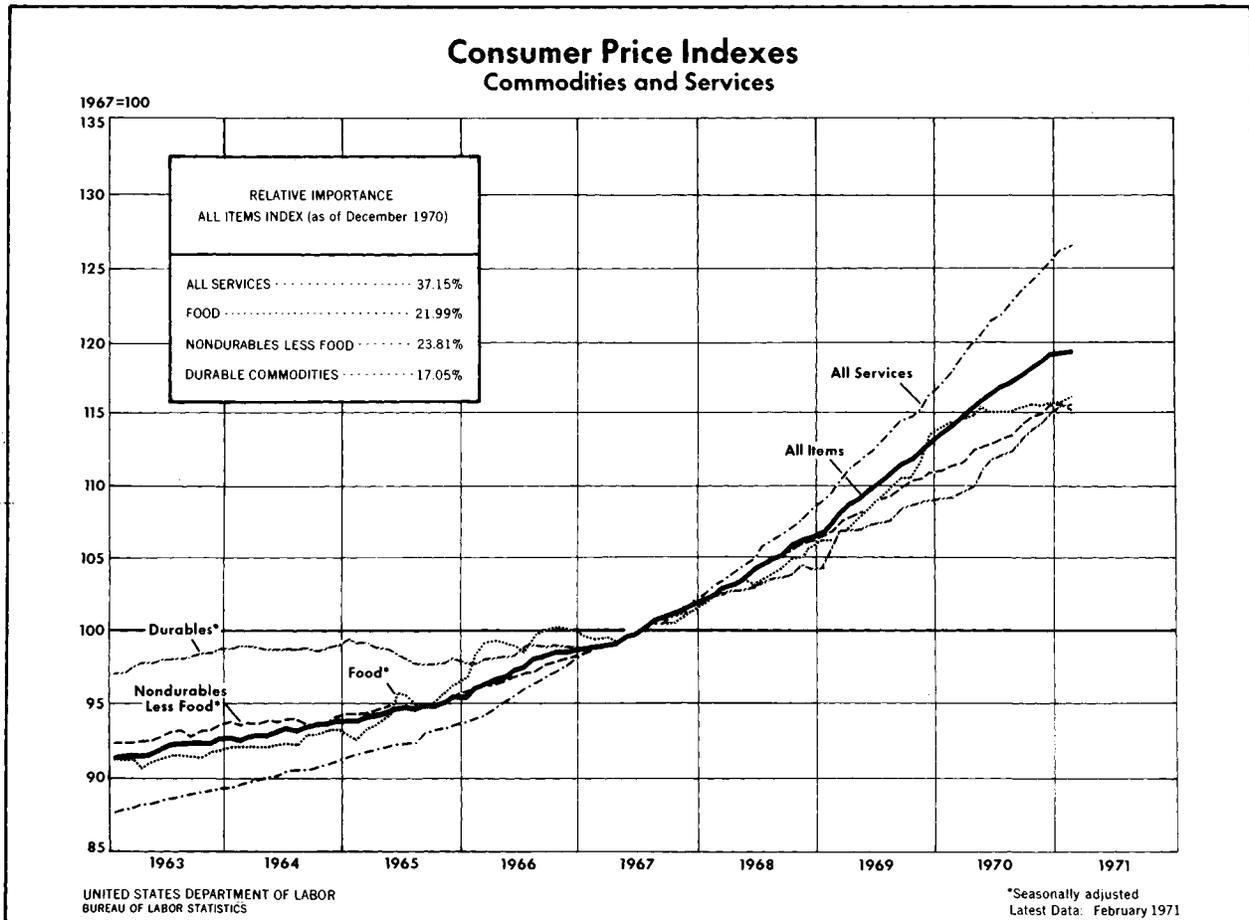




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# the consumer price index

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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX  
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The Consumer Price Index rose 0.2 percent in February to 119.4 percent of its 1967 base. The increase in January was 0.1 percent. The effects of higher prices for food, apparel, and most consumer services were moderated by declines in mortgage interest rates, and prices of used cars and gasoline. The February CPI was 4.8 percent higher than it had been a year ago, less than the 6.3 percent rate in February 1970, and the smallest 12-month rise since February 1969.

The seasonally adjusted increase in February was also 0.2 percent. This rate was the same as the increase last July and August and below monthly increases ranging from 0.3 to 0.6 percent during the September-January period. Food prices increased 0.4 percent, the largest rise since last May. Prices of commodities other than food edged down 0.1 percent. Prices of consumer services rose 0.2 percent, the smallest rise since mid-1967.

Summary of month-to-month percent changes <sup>1/</sup>

	All Items		Food		Commodities less food		Services <sup>1/</sup>
	Seas.	Seas.	Seas.	Seas.	Seas.		
	Unadj.	Adj.	Unadj.	Adj.	Unadj.	Adj.	Unadj.
February 1970 -----	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.2	0.8
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
February -----	.2	.2	.3	.4	.0	-.1	.2

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

Food

Retail food prices, which usually decline slightly in February, rose 0.3 percent because of higher prices of food purchased in grocery stores as well as restaurant meals and snacks consumed away from home. Prices of grocery store foods, which usually register a small decline in February, rose 0.4 percent. In January, they averaged unchanged instead of showing their usual large seasonal advance. Except for increases in September and December 1970 and February 1971, prices of grocery store foods had been declining since May 1970.

Prices of fresh fruits and vegetables rose substantially in February. The mid-January freeze in Florida, which cut supplies of green peppers, cucumbers, cabbage, tomatoes, and citrus fruits, was largely responsible for the increase.

Prices of beef and veal rose more than is usual for February as production and cold storage holdings declined over the month. Contrary to their usual seasonal increases, pork, poultry and egg prices declined in February. The decrease in pork prices was not as great as it has been in recent months. Pork production fell in February, but cold storage holdings increased. Prices for poultry declined for the second consecutive month, because of increased production of frying chickens. Egg prices dropped as stocks of shell eggs increased 6 percent during January.

Instead of declining as they usually do in February, prices of dairy products increased 0.1 percent. Heavy demand for cheese was largely responsible for the rise. Prices for most cereal and bakery products continued to advance in February. White bread, used as a price leader to encourage sales, posted the only price decline.

Prices of restaurant meals and snacks consumed away from home increased 0.4 percent in February, about the same as the average monthly rise since mid-1970, and smaller than the rise during the first six months of 1970. Over the year, prices of restaurant meals increased 6.0 percent, compared with a rise of 0.4 percent in the prices of grocery store foods. Restaurant owners usually attribute higher prices to higher operating costs. The increase in wages is one contributing factor. On February 1, the Federal minimum wage increased to \$1.60 an hour from \$1.45 for restaurant workers who were brought under the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1966. In the past 3 years, average hourly earnings for nonsupervisory workers in eating and drinking places increased about 7 percent each year.

#### Commodities less food

The seasonally adjusted decline in prices of nonfood commodities was the first since July 1965. The February decline of 0.1 percent compares with an increase of 0.2 percent in January and increases of 0.3 to 0.6 percent during the last 4 months of 1970. Prices of durables also declined 0.1 percent on a seasonally adjusted basis in February as prices of used cars and homes fell. Average new car prices which advanced steadily during the preceding 7 months were unchanged as dealer concessions on new cars increased about as much as they usually do in February. Production and sales of new cars continued to recover from low levels recorded during the General Motors strike. Inventories rose in February but were still slightly below the February 1970 level.

Prices of household durables increased 0.3 percent in February; prices were unchanged in January and up 0.1 percent in December. Furniture prices, which were down 0.3 percent in January, rose by the same amount in February. Many sales prices were returned to regular levels and higher prices were reported on new lines of furniture as a result of earlier wholesale price increases. The increase in steel prices was an important factor in the rise at both wholesale and retail in furniture items such as bedding which contain large amounts of steel. Retail prices of floor coverings, continued to rise, in part, as a result of higher wholesale prices of vinyl floor products. Prices of most major home appliances rose again.

In February, retail prices of nondurable goods other than food were the same as in January on a seasonally adjusted basis and 0.1 percent higher than those for December 1970. Prices of gasoline declined, but prices of most other groups of commodities, particularly women's apparel, rose after seasonal adjustment. The decrease in gasoline prices occurred chiefly on the West Coast and in Detroit.

Despite a decline in prices of footwear, retail apparel prices rose 0.3 percent, seasonally adjusted, in February. The increase, which followed a decline of 0.2 percent in January, was less than the increases recorded in the fall of 1970. Prices of women's apparel advanced 0.7 percent in February and men's apparel edged up only 0.1 percent; they both fell in January. Women's spring coats, blouses, and cotton slacks showed large increases. Some items of men's clothing were higher, but others were on sale.

## Services

The rise in charges for consumer services slowed noticeably in February from the 0.6 percent average monthly increase for the past 10 months. This slowing resulted entirely from the decline of 0.5 percent in the household service category which, in turn, was due to a substantial drop in mortgage interest rates.

After a decline of 1.4 percent in January, mortgage interest rates fell 3.0 percent in February to a level 0.5 percent lower than a year ago. This decline marked the first time since January 1967 that mortgage rates were lower than year-earlier levels. Improvement in the mortgage market in the second half of 1970 resulted in a lowering of the interest rate ceiling on FHA (excluding 0.5 percent for insurance) and VA loans early in December from 8.5 to 8.0 percent. The ceiling was reduced again in early January to 7.5 percent and in mid-February to 7.0 percent. The February decline in the CPI for mortgage interest rates reflected the early January reduction in the VA rate ceiling and the December reduction in the FHA rate ceiling as well as some decreases in rates on conventional mortgages. Usually a lag of 1 month in VA mortgage and 2 months on FHA mortgages occurs before a majority of loans are made predominantly at the lower rates.

Charges for most other household services continued to rise. The increase of 0.6 percent in rent in February was almost as large as it was in December. In both of these months, the rent index was influenced by the increase for both controlled and uncontrolled rental units approved last fall in New York City. Rent was also higher in other cities such as Detroit and San Diego. Residential gas and electricity rates increased in a number of cities. Higher interstate telephone rates, which applied to all 48 contiguous States, were largely responsible for the 1.0 percent increase in residential telephone rates.

Costs of transportation services continued to advance sharply. Auto insurance rates increased 2.8 percent in January and rose another 3.0 percent in February. Higher premiums for both physical damage and liability insurance went into effect in a number of cities. Parking fees advanced 2.4 percent in February, considerably more than in recent months. Private lot and municipal parking rates were raised in cities such as Detroit, New York, Seattle, and Baton Rouge. One of the factors contributing to increases in municipal fees has been the growing need of cities for additional revenues.

Charges for medical care services rose 0.7 percent, about the same as the average monthly rise over the past year. Fees for professional services and cost of most services connected with hospital care continued to rise in February. Among other services, the cost of funeral services rose 1.0 percent as a result of higher prices for caskets.

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:

	February	January	December	November	October	September
<b>Consumer Price Index:</b>						
All items -----	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.6
Commodities -----	.1	.1	.4	.3	.4	.5
Food -----	.4	.0	.2	-.1	.1	.3
Food at home -----	.5	-.4	.3	-.2	-.1	.4
Apparel commodities ---	.3	-.2	.3	.4	.6	.6
Nondurables less food and apparel -----	.0	.4	.5	.4	.5	.3
Durables -----	-.1	.2	.8	.5	.4	.7
Services <sup>1/</sup> -----	.2	.6	.6	.6	.5	.7
Rent -----	.6	.3	.7	.4	.5	.4
Household services less rent -----	-.5	.0	.7	.7	.5	.8
Transportation -----	1.4	1.6	.5	.8	.9	.8
Medical care services	.7	.6	.8	.6	.2	.6
Other services -----	.2	1.0	.3	.3	.6	.5

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

#### Cost-of-Living Adjustments

Approximately 551,000 workers will receive cost-of-living wage increases based on the national or city Consumer Price Indexes for February. About 530,000 workers, including 527,000 employees in the trucking industry, will receive annual hourly pay increases ranging from 3 to 8 cents based on the national index. An additional 13,000 employees in various industries will get quarterly, or semiannual pay increases of 2 to 7 cents also based on the national index.

About 5,500 retail and wholesale bakery employees in New York will receive a pay increase of 2 percent based on the index for the New York-Northeastern New Jersey area.

Approximately 17,000 other workers whose escalator reviews are tied to the February index will not receive an adjustment because they have already received the maximums stipulated in their contracts.

## 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 a 12-month period.

Movements of the indexes from one date to another are usually expressed as percent 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 percent changes are not. The following example illustrates the computation of index point and percent changes.

Index Point Change		Percent Change
February 1971 CPI (1967=100)	119.4	Index point difference divided by the index for the previous period: $\frac{119.4 - 119.2}{119.2} \times 100 = 0.2$
less January 1971 index	<u>119.2</u>	
index point difference =	0.2	

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, February 1971

(Unadjusted, unless otherwise indicated)

Group	Indexes (1967 = 100) (unless otherwise specified)				Percent change to February 1971 from:		
	February 1971	January 1971	November 1970	February 1970	1 Month Ago	3 Months Ago	1 Year Ago
All items -----	119.4	119.2	118.5	113.9	0.2	0.8	4.8
All items (1957-59=100) -----	138.9	138.6	137.8	132.5	-	-	-
<b>Food</b> -----	115.9	115.5	114.9	114.1	.3	.9	1.6
Food at home -----	113.9	113.4	113.0	113.4	.4	.8	.4
Cereals and bakery products -----	112.8	112.4	111.2	106.6	.4	1.4	5.8
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	113.6	113.1	114.3	116.6	.4	-.6	- 2.6
Dairy products -----	114.0	113.9	113.5	110.4	.1	.4	3.3
Fruits and vegetables -----	112.6	109.6	109.4	112.7	2.7	2.9	-.1
Other foods at home -----	115.7	117.0	114.7	115.9	- 1.1	.9	-.2
Food away from home -----	123.9	123.4	122.5	116.9	.4	1.1	6.0
<b>Housing</b> -----	122.6	122.7	121.9	115.7	-.1	.0	6.0
Shelter <sup>1/</sup> -----	127.3	128.0	127.1	119.5	-.5	.2	6.5
Rent -----	113.6	112.9	111.8	108.4	.6	1.6	4.8
Homeownership <sup>2/</sup> -----	132.3	133.4	132.5	123.5	-.8	-.2	7.1
Fuel and utilities <sup>3/</sup> -----	113.1	112.1	110.7	105.4	.9	2.2	7.3
Fuel oil and coal -----	117.2	116.7	113.9	108.1	.4	2.9	8.4
Gas and electricity -----	112.8	111.5	109.9	105.6	1.2	2.6	6.8
Household furnishings and operation -----	115.9	115.4	115.1	111.6	.4	.7	3.9
<b>Apparel and upkeep</b> <sup>4/</sup> -----	118.1	117.6	119.0	114.0	.4	-.8	3.6
Men's and boys' -----	117.9	118.0	119.7	114.6	-.1	- 1.5	2.9
Women's and girls' -----	118.5	117.4	120.5	114.1	.9	- 1.7	3.9
Footwear -----	119.9	119.8	119.4	115.5	.1	.4	3.8
<b>Transportation</b> -----	117.5	117.5	116.0	109.8	.0	1.3	7.0
Private -----	115.8	115.8	114.2	108.3	.0	1.4	6.9
New cars -----	115.2	115.4	112.5	106.6	-.2	2.4	8.1
Used cars -----	105.5	107.0	108.8	97.0	- 1.4	- 3.0	8.8
Gasoline -----	106.0	107.7	106.2	104.5	- 1.6	-.2	1.4
Public -----	134.4	133.8	132.5	125.2	.4	1.4	7.3
<b>Health and recreation</b> -----	120.2	119.8	118.7	113.7	.3	1.3	5.7
Medical care -----	125.8	124.9	123.4	117.1	.7	1.9	7.4
Personal care -----	115.4	115.3	114.5	111.7	.1	.8	3.3
Reading and recreation -----	117.5	117.3	116.0	110.9	.2	1.3	6.0
Other goods and services -----	119.1	118.9	118.3	113.6	.2	.7	4.8
<b>Seasonally Adjusted:</b>							
Food -----	116.1	115.6	115.4	-	.4	-.6	-
Apparel and upkeep -----	118.7	118.3	118.1	-	.3	.5	-
Transportation -----	117.9	117.7	115.7	-	.2	- 1.9	-
<b>Special Groups:</b>							
All items less food -----	120.4	120.3	119.6	113.9	.1	.7	5.7
All items less medical care -----	119.1	118.9	118.3	113.7	.2	.7	4.7
Commodities less food -----	115.2	115.2	115.1	110.3	0	.1	4.4
Commodities -----	115.5	115.4	115.1	111.7	.1	.3	3.4
Nondurables -----	115.7	115.4	115.3	112.6	.3	.3	2.8
Nondurables less food -----	115.4	115.3	115.4	111.2	.1	0	3.8
Apparel commodities -----	118.3	117.8	119.6	114.4	.4	- 1.1	3.4
Durables -----	115.0	115.2	114.7	109.0	-.2	.3	5.5
Household durables -----	111.8	111.5	111.4	108.9	.3	.4	2.7
Services -----	126.6	126.3	124.9	118.0	.2	1.4	7.3
Services less rent -----	129.0	128.7	127.3	119.8	.2	1.3	7.7
Services less medical care -----	126.1	125.9	124.5	117.7	.2	1.3	7.1
Insurance and finance -----	139.5	140.5	139.0	128.6	-.7	.4	8.5
Utilities and public transportation -----	117.7	116.7	115.5	109.8	.9	1.9	7.2
Housekeeping and home maintenance services -----	132.1	131.5	130.1	122.7	.5	1.5	7.7
Medical care services -----	130.2	129.3	127.5	120.3	.7	2.1	8.2
<b>Purchasing Power of Consumer Dollar:</b>							
1967=\$1.00 -----	\$0.838	\$0.839	\$0.844	\$0.878	-.1	-.7	- 4.6
1957-59=\$1.00 -----	.720	.722	.726	.755	-	-	-

<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 <u>1/</u>	Pricing Schedule <u>2/</u>	Indexes			Percent change from:		
		1967=100	1957-59=100	Other bases	January 1971	November 1970	February 1970
		February 1971			January 1971	November 1970	February 1970
U.S. City Average -----	M	119.4	138.9		0.2	0.8	4.8
Chicago -----	M	119.4	135.7		.3	.6	4.9
Detroit -----	M	120.0	137.8		-.2	.1	4.3
Los Angeles-Long Beach ---	M	116.2	136.7		-.4	.0	3.8
New York -----	M	123.5	147.0		.8	1.6	6.4
Philadelphia -----	M	121.8	142.2		.4	.6	5.8
		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
		February 1971				November 1970	February 1970
Buffalo -----	2	119.6		<u>3/</u> 131.5		.8	4.9
Cleveland -----	2	121.5	137.2			.2	3.7
Dallas -----	2	119.8		<u>3/</u> 129.5		.8	3.1
Milwaukee -----	2	119.0	134.3			1.0	4.6
San Diego -----	2	118.2		<u>4/</u> 124.3		.4	4.8
Seattle -----	2	114.6	134.6			-.3	1.9
Washington -----	2	120.9	140.8			1.3	4.7
		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		<u>5/</u> 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 <sup>1/</sup> for urban wage earners and clerical workers, major groups percent changed from January 1971 to February 1971

Group	U.S. City Average	Chicago	Detroit	Los Angeles-Long Beach	New York-Northeastern New Jersey	Philadelphia
All items -----	0.2	0.3	- 0.2	- 0.4	0.8	0.4
Food -----	.3	.1	.3	0	.7	.7
Housing -----	-.1	-.4	-.8	-.7	.7	-.1
Apparel and upkeep -----	.4	2.4	4.2	.6	1.3	1.2
Transportation -----	0	.7	- 3.5	- 1.7	1.9	-.1
Health and recreation -----	.3	.2	.7	.1	.2	.6
Medical care -----	.7	1.1	.8	.3	.5	.5
Personal care -----	.1	(2/)	(2/)	(2/)	(2/)	(2/)
Reading and recreation -----	.2	-.3	.8	.3	.2	1.1
Other goods and services -----	.2	.2	1.0	-.3	.3	(2/)

<sup>1/</sup> See footnote 1, table 2.  
<sup>2/</sup> 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 February 1971 From:	
	February 1971	January 1971	November 1970	1 Month Ago	3 Months Ago
Food -----	116.1	115.6	115.4	0.4	0.6
Food at home -----	114.1	113.5	113.6	.5	.4
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	114.1	113.9	114.6	.2	-.4
Dairy products -----	114.1	113.7	113.0	.4	1.0
Fruits and vegetables -----	113.5	110.5	112.8	2.7	.6
Other foods at home -----	115.0	116.2	114.5	- 1.0	.4
Fuel and utilities <sup>1/</sup> -----	113.0	112.0	110.6	.9	2.2
Fuel oil and coal -----	116.0	115.5	113.9	.4	1.8
Apparel and upkeep <sup>2/</sup> -----	118.7	118.3	118.1	.3	.5
Men's and boys' -----	118.6	118.5	118.8	.1	-.2
Women's and girls' -----	119.6	118.8	118.8	.7	.7
Footwear -----	120.1	120.2	119.0	-.1	.9
Transportation -----	117.9	117.7	115.7	.2	1.9
Private -----	116.3	116.0	113.7	.3	2.3
New cars -----	114.7	114.7	110.2	0	4.1
Commodities -----	115.7	115.6	115.0	.1	.6
Commodities less food -----	115.4	115.5	114.5	-.1	.8
Nondurables -----	115.9	115.6	115.3	.3	.5
Nondurables less food -----	115.6	115.6	114.8	0	.7
Apparel commodities -----	119.0	118.6	118.5	.3	.4
Durables -----	115.2	115.3	114.2	-.1	.9

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

<sup>2/</sup> 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 1971 index and percent changes from November 1970

Group	U.S. City Average	Chicago	Detroit	Los Angeles-Long Beach	New York-Northeastern New Jersey	Philadelphia
(Indexes 1967=100 unless otherwise specified)						
All items -----	119.4	119.4	120.0	116.2	123.5	121.8
Food -----	115.9	115.7	114.6	112.9	120.1	117.8
Food at home -----	113.9	113.7	113.2	111.7	117.3	115.7
Cereals and bakery products -----	112.8	116.8	112.3	109.7	113.3	116.7
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	113.6	112.7	115.6	112.1	118.4	114.9
Dairy products -----	114.0	111.8	110.5	111.1	117.5	117.2
Fruits and vegetables -----	112.6	111.2	109.7	110.3	117.7	113.2
Other foods at home -----	115.7	116.9	114.2	114.1	117.4	117.2
Food away from home -----	123.9	123.8	120.9	116.2	129.0	126.7
Housing -----	122.6	119.6	126.8	120.3	125.6	124.7
Shelter -----	127.3	123.8	135.9	123.2	130.5	132.2
Rent -----	113.6	(2/)	114.4	(2/)	117.0	(2/)
Homeownership -----	132.3	130.2	140.2	125.7	140.1	136.3
Fuel and utilities -----	113.1	110.8	109.1	115.1	113.1	111.7
Fuel oil and coal -----	117.2	113.5	113.9	-	117.5	117.8
Gas and electricity -----	112.8	108.4	109.3	118.3	109.2	110.8
Household furnishings and operation -----	115.9	112.3	110.5	113.1	120.5	118.9
Apparel and upkeep -----	118.1	115.2	114.8	116.3	119.3	117.0
Men's and boys' -----	117.9	116.5	116.2	116.7	118.9	117.6
Women's and girls' -----	118.5	115.0	111.2	117.9	117.9	114.6
Footwear -----	119.9	114.6	119.5	116.8	120.1	117.9
Transportation -----	117.5	125.0	113.6	112.1	128.4	120.5
Private -----	115.8	119.4	110.8	112.1	124.5	119.4
Public -----	134.4	160.3	147.7	111.9	143.5	126.6
Health and recreation -----	120.2	121.8	121.4	115.2	123.8	125.8
Medical care -----	125.8	127.2	131.5	122.0	133.2	134.6
Personal care -----	115.4	(2/)	(2/)	(2/)	113.0	(2/)
Reading and recreation -----	117.5	117.1	118.3	110.2	121.7	121.4
Other goods and services -----	119.1	124.4	115.9	114.6	121.5	(2/)
Percent changes from November 1970 to February 1971						
All items -----	0.8	0.6	0.1	0	1.6	0.6
Food -----	.9	1.2	.3	.3	1.3	1.2
Food at home -----	.8	1.2	-.3	0	1.1	1.3
Cereals and bakery products -----	1.4	1.7	-.9	.6	2.6	.3
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	-.6	-.7	-1.7	-1.8	.3	.3
Dairy products -----	.4	1.1	1.3	0	.4	.9
Fruits and vegetables -----	2.9	5.2	1.6	1.1	3.3	3.3
Other foods at home -----	.9	1.7	2.0	1.4	.3	2.5
Food away from home -----	1.1	1.5	2.5	1.0	1.9	.7
Housing -----	.6	.4	-.5	-.2	2.4	.2
Shelter -----	.2	.2	-.9	-.7	2.8	-.6
Rent -----	1.6	(2/)	3/ .8	(2/)	3/ 2.0	(2/)
Homeownership -----	-.2	.1	-1.3	-1.2	2.0	-.9
Fuel and utilities -----	2.2	1.4	2.6	3.1	2.8	2.0
Fuel oil and coal -----	2.9	2.1	0	-	4.8	4.7
Gas and electricity -----	2.6	2.0	4.0	5.1	3.5	1.9
Household furnishings and operation -----	.7	.5	-.5	.7	1.4	.7
Apparel and upkeep -----	-.8	-1.3	.6	-.2	-1.4	-2.3
Men's and boys' -----	-1.5	-1.7	-1.9	1.0	-2.5	-3.1
Women's and girls' -----	-1.7	-1.5	2.7	-2.1	-3.2	-1.7
Footwear -----	.4	-2.4	.2	1.5	1.9	-5.7
Transportation -----	1.3	.6	-2.2	-.6	2.8	1.9
Private -----	1.4	.6	-2.5	-.7	3.5	2.0
Public -----	1.4	.3	.5	.8	.7	.9
Health and recreation -----	1.3	1.2	2.4	.4	1.9	1.5
Medical care -----	1.9	2.9	2.7	.7	2.7	1.2
Personal care -----	.8	(2/)	(2/)	(2/)	-1.0	(2/)
Reading and recreation -----	1.3	1.0	3.0	.6	2.4	2.8
Other goods and services -----	.7	0	1.9	.4	1.9	(2/)

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, February 1971 index and percent changes from November 1970--Continued

Group	Buffalo	Cleveland	Dallas	Milwaukee	San Diego	Seattle	Washington
Indexes 1967=100) unless otherwise specified)							
All items -----	119.6	121.5	119.8	119.0	118.2	114.6	120.9
Food -----	116.6	118.6	115.2	113.1	115.6	114.0	117.1
Food at home -----	115.2	117.8	111.6	111.2	112.6	111.5	112.9
Cereals and bakery products -----	115.1	114.3	113.0	112.9	108.3	110.6	112.4
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	114.0	115.9	111.7	112.5	115.2	110.1	111.1
Dairy products -----	116.1	121.4	108.3	108.6	111.8	111.0	108.5
Fruits and vegetables -----	113.4	117.5	109.7	108.5	111.0	109.6	116.5
Other foods at home -----	117.5	120.3	113.8	112.5	113.2	115.7	116.4
Food away from home -----	124.4	123.3	128.1	120.5	122.8	122.0	127.7
Housing -----	122.5	120.8	124.5	121.4	126.8	117.5	121.3
Shelter -----	124.9	121.9	130.3	124.7	137.2	122.5	125.3
Rent -----	112.1	110.7	111.4	112.0	129.1	107.4	112.4
Homeownership -----	127.3	123.9	139.0	128.6	140.8	126.7	132.7
Fuel and utilities -----	120.5	117.8	114.5	115.1	105.9	108.5	107.1
Fuel oil and coal -----	118.7	-	-	120.6	-	118.7	117.5
Gas and electricity -----	123.8	118.2	109.1	117.1	108.6	100.5	107.6
Household furnishings and operation -----	117.6	118.0	117.0	116.6	110.3	111.0	118.0
Apparel and upkeep -----	120.7	119.7	116.9	123.8	116.2	113.9	120.8
Men's and boys' -----	4/ 129.1	117.1	120.4	119.1	117.8	117.6	120.8
Women's and girls' -----	119.2	121.0	115.4	126.9	120.0	112.0	121.6
Footwear -----	117.9	121.1	120.1	126.1	114.2	116.3	122.7
Transportation -----	117.0	124.0	115.6	118.2	110.7	106.0	122.4
Private -----	116.1	120.2	113.4	115.4	110.1	105.6	118.1
Public -----	125.9	148.6	144.5	151.4	122.4	108.3	146.0
Health and recreation -----	119.7	126.1	121.4	119.2	114.5	114.9	123.1
Medical care -----	119.7	135.8	127.6	124.6	118.7	121.5	134.7
Personal care -----	115.7	119.1	118.6	118.3	110.0	114.5	115.1
Reading and recreation -----	122.5	120.8	118.1	117.5	112.2	113.7	117.1
Other goods and services -----	118.7	123.8	117.1	116.8	115.1	110.0	121.8
Percent changes from November 1970 to February 1971							
All items -----	0.8	0.2	0.8	1.0	0.4	0.3	1.3
Food -----	.7	-.3	1.1	.7	1.2	.5	1.2
Food at home -----	.6	-.4	1.0	.7	1.0	.5	1.3
Cereals and bakery products -----	1.3	.8	-.3	.7	-.2	1.7	.9
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	-.4	-1.9	.5	-.3	.2	-1.3	-1.2
Dairy products -----	-.1	.1	.8	.5	.9	0	1.4
Fruits and vegetables -----	4.7	.7	2.1	3.2	2.6	2.7	6.2
Other foods at home -----	-.7	-.2	1.4	1.2	2.4	1.2	2.3
Food away from home -----	1.1	1.2	1.1	.2	1.5	.3	.6
Housing -----	.7	-.5	-.1	.8	.8	-1.3	1.6
Shelter -----	.5	-1.0	-.8	.8	.7	-2.8	2.0
Rent -----	.7	.8	.2	.5	1.4	-.4	1.1
Homeownership -----	.4	-1.3	-1.2	.9	.5	-3.5	2.4
Fuel and utilities -----	2.3	1.0	1.6	.6	.7	1.9	.9
Fuel oil and coal -----	0	-	-	1.0	-	4.3	2.2
Gas and electricity -----	3.3	1.3	.3	-.4	.5	0	.6
Household furnishings and operation -----	.4	.5	.8	1.1	.8	.9	.9
Apparel and upkeep -----	-.8	0	-.3	-1.4	0	-1.0	-1.2
Men's and boys' -----	-2.3	-.6	-2.7	-3.2	-.3	-.4	-1.6
Women's and girls' -----	-.7	.1	.4	-1.8	-.2	-2.5	-2.6
Footwear -----	-.5	.3	-.2	.7	0	.2	.7
Transportation -----	2.3	.4	2.8	2.9	-1.5	1.0	2.6
Private -----	2.4	.4	1.8	3.1	-1.7	.9	2.5
Public -----	1.0	.1	13.4	.2	2.9	1.3	2.8
Health and recreation -----	.8	1.5	1.4	1.8	1.0	.4	1.6
Medical care -----	1.4	2.7	2.9	3.7	1.2	1.6	4.0
Personal care -----	.5	.6	1.9	3.5	1.4	-.4	-.1
Reading and recreation -----	.7	1.6	.1	1.0	1.1	.4	.8
Other goods and services -----	.3	.2	.2	.2	.5	-.3	.2

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

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

<sup>3/</sup> Change from December 1970.

<sup>4/</sup> Corrected index: November 1970 = 132.1

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

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 1967=100 unless otherwise specified)								
U.S. City Average -----	115.9	113.9	112.8	113.6	114.0	112.6	115.7	123.9
Atlanta -----	115.4	112.9	111.5	110.9	115.0	115.8	113.8	123.3
Baltimore -----	118.6	116.7	113.7	118.7	116.6	111.4	119.5	126.0
Boston -----	117.7	116.3	112.3	118.9	115.2	116.1	116.1	122.6
Buffalo -----	116.6	115.2	115.1	114.0	116.1	113.4	117.5	124.4
Chicago -----	115.7	113.7	116.8	112.7	111.8	111.2	116.9	123.8
Cincinnati -----	116.3	115.0	112.1	112.5	116.6	115.4	119.2	121.4
Cleveland -----	118.6	117.8	114.3	115.9	121.4	117.5	120.3	123.3
Dallas -----	115.2	111.6	113.0	111.7	108.3	109.7	113.8	128.1
Detroit -----	114.6	113.2	112.3	115.6	110.5	109.7	114.2	120.9
Honolulu -----	115.4	112.2	104.7	113.0	111.6	117.9	112.6	124.7
Houston -----	115.6	112.1	110.0	111.7	113.5	111.0	113.7	128.2
Kansas City -----	116.1	113.4	114.0	111.9	119.6	108.9	114.0	125.0
Los Angeles-Long Beach -	112.9	111.7	109.7	112.1	111.1	110.3	114.1	116.2
Milwaukee -----	113.1	111.2	112.9	112.5	108.6	108.5	112.5	120.5
Minneapolis-St. Paul ---	115.6	112.9	119.0	113.2	107.6	109.6	115.6	127.9
N.Y.-Northeastern N.J. -	120.1	117.3	113.3	118.4	117.5	117.7	117.4	129.0
Philadelphia -----	117.8	115.7	116.7	114.9	117.2	113.2	117.2	126.7
Pittsburgh -----	116.6	114.6	112.9	111.9	118.9	116.8	115.3	128.1
St. Louis -----	115.8	113.4	119.4	110.3	115.2	116.9	110.2	127.0
San Diego -----	115.6	112.6	108.3	115.2	111.8	111.0	113.2	122.8
San Francisco-Oakland --	114.5	112.9	108.9	113.5	110.4	114.2	115.5	119.9
Seattle -----	114.0	111.5	110.6	110.1	111.0	109.6	115.7	122.0
Washington -----	117.1	112.9	112.4	111.1	108.5	116.5	116.4	127.7
Percent changes January 1971 to February 1971								
U.S. City Average -----	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.1	2.7	- 1.1	0.4
Atlanta -----	-.1	-.2	.3	.4	0	2.1	- 2.7	.1
Baltimore -----	.4	.5	.8	.9	.1	.8	-.5	.2
Boston -----	.7	.8	-.2	1.3	0	2.9	-.3	.3
Buffalo -----	.3	.3	-.2	.5	.1	2.6	- 1.5	.5
Chicago -----	.1	.2	1.5	-.7	.1	2.3	-.6	.1
Cincinnati -----	1.0	1.2	1.8	1.4	1.2	2.6	-.7	.3
Cleveland -----	.8	.8	2.1	-.7	1.1	.6	2.1	.6
Dallas -----	.2	0	-.8	.7	.8	1.2	- 1.6	.5
Detroit -----	.3	.1	- 1.2	0	-.8	4.0	- 1.5	.9
Honolulu -----	.6	.8	-.2	1.8	-.2	1.9	-.3	0
Houston -----	-.8	- 1.0	-.1	- 2.1	0	1.4	- 2.1	-.1
Kansas City -----	-.1	-.1	.5	.4	-.2	2.1	- 2.6	.5
Los Angeles-Long Beach -	0	0	.9	.1	-.2	.4	-.6	.1
Milwaukee -----	.4	.5	.3	1.4	.1	1.4	-.6	.3
Minneapolis-St. Paul ---	- 1.2	- 1.7	.7	-.6	- 8.3	1.8	- 1.5	.8
N.Y.-Northeastern N.J. -	.7	.6	.2	.8	.1	4.0	- 1.5	.9
Philadelphia -----	.7	.8	-.4	1.6	0	3.0	-.8	.4
Pittsburgh -----	.4	.4	.6	.4	.3	3.3	- 2.0	.7
St. Louis -----	.7	.4	1.6	-.8	.2	4.4	- 1.3	1.8
San Diego -----	.7	.4	-.1	1.1	.5	.8	-.7	1.4
San Francisco-Oakland --	.7	.9	.8	.5	.2	4.0	-.5	-.2
Seattle -----	.1	.2	.8	.8	-.2	.8	- 1.0	-.1
Washington -----	.6	.7	.4	.7	0	4.8	- 1.4	.3

<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 1971 indexes and percent changes from selected dates

(1967=100 unless otherwise specified)

Item or Group	Index		Percent change to February 1971 from--		
	February 1971		January 1971		February 1970
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted
Total food -----	115.9	116.1	0.3	0.4	1.6
Food away from home -----	123.9	-	.4	-	6.0
Restaurant meals -----	123.6	-	.4	-	5.9
Snacks 1/ -----	125.4	-	.2	-	6.5
Food at home -----	113.9	114.1	.4	.5	.4
Cereals and bakery products -----	112.8	-	.4	-	5.8
Flour -----	100.7	-	.5	-	2.8
Cracker meal 1/ -----	126.4	-	1.9	-	13.4
Corn flakes -----	109.4	-	.6	-	8.2
Rice -----	108.7	-	.6	-	3.1
Bread, white -----	111.8	-	.1	-	4.4
Bread, whole wheat 1/ -----	115.2	-	.1	-	4.6
Cookies -----	106.0	-	.4	-	6.1
Layer cake 1/ -----	119.1	-	.3	-	4.7
Cinnamon rolls 1/ -----	117.0	-	.2	-	7.6
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	113.6	114.1	.4	.2	- 2.6
Meats -----	113.5	114.0	.5	.4	- 3.6
Beef and veal -----	120.0	120.5	1.3	1.2	2.0
Steak, round -----	119.1	119.1	2.5	1.9	2.1
Steak, sirloin 2/ -----	116.1	-	.3	-	2.8
Steak, porterhouse 1/ -----	117.3	-	1.0	-	2.9
Rump roast 1/ -----	118.6	-	2.2	-	3.8
Rib roast -----	118.1	118.6	-.7	.9	-.4
Chuck roast -----	119.5	119.4	3.8	2.9	-.9
Hamburger -----	122.3	123.0	.6	.3	.9
Beef liver 1/ -----	112.3	-	.4	-	-.4
Veal cutlets -----	134.2	134.3	.6	-.1	7.8
Pork -----	103.2	104.0	-.4	-.5	- 13.6
Chops -----	102.7	103.5	1.6	1.3	- 14.6
Loin roast 2/ -----	103.4	-	.9	-	- 12.7
Pork sausage 1/ -----	110.9	-	.1	-	- 8.3
Ham, whole -----	105.7	104.8	- 3.6	- 1.4	- 12.5
Picnics 1/ -----	108.5	-	.9	-	- 9.2
Bacon -----	95.4	97.6	- 2.5	- 3.2	- 18.9
Other meats -----	114.0	114.2	-.1	-.1	- 1.2
Lamb chops 1/ -----	118.1	-	.4	-	1.7
Frankfurters -----	113.3	114.4	-.9	-.8	- 1.3
Ham, canned 1/ -----	107.6	-	0	-	- 8.2
Bologna sausage 1/ -----	116.5	-	-.1	-	-.8
Salami sausage 1/ -----	114.8	-	-.3	-	.3
Liverwurst 1/ -----	113.8	-	.4	-	.7
Poultry -----	105.5	-	-.8	-	- 5.4
Frying chicken -----	104.2	103.5	- 1.4	- 5.4	- 6.5
Chicken breasts 1/ -----	106.6	-	.8	-	- 3.2
Turkey 1/ -----	110.7	-	.7	-	- 2.0
Fish -----	127.0	126.6	1.3	1.4	11.9
Shrimp, frozen 1/ -----	115.1	-	1.2	-	-.3
Fish, fresh or frozen -----	135.6	135.3	1.5	1.6	14.2
Tuna fish, canned -----	127.1	-	1.2	-	16.1
Sardines, canned 1/ -----	130.2	-	1.1	-	17.5
Dairy products -----	114.0	114.1	.1	.4	3.3
Milk, fresh, grocery -----	113.1	113.3	0	.4	2.0
Milk, fresh, delivered -----	116.5	-	-.1	-	3.1
Milk, fresh, skim 1/ -----	118.0	-	.1	-	4.0
Milk, evaporated -----	115.4	-	-.1	-	6.4
Ice cream -----	106.0	-	-.6	-	2.8
Cheese, American process -----	119.2	119.2	.3	.3	4.9
Butter -----	106.0	105.9	.1	.5	2.8

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

(1967=100 unless otherwise specified)

Item or Group	Index		Percent change to February 1971 from--		
	February 1971		January 1971		February 1970
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted
Fruits and vegetables -----	112.6	113.5	2.7	2.7	- 0.1
Fresh fruits and vegetables -----	112.2	114.0	4.5	4.6	- 3.5
Apples -----	104.5	112.9	3.2	.3	8.0
Bananas -----	95.1	97.4	6.6	8.8	7.3
Oranges -----	115.1	122.6	3.4	3.6	8.1
Orange juice, fresh 1/ -----	116.8	-	- 1.7	-	- 4.8
Grapefruit -----	107.1	119.9	3.9	2.6	- 3.8
Grapes 3/ -----	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)
Strawberries 3/ -----	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)
Watermelon 3/ -----	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)
Potatoes -----	110.1	114.4	- .5	- 3.2	- 4.1
Onions -----	95.7	98.3	.4	- 4.0	- 22.6
Asparagus 3/ 1/ -----	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	-	(3/)
Cabbage -----	121.0	112.5	8.6	9.0	- 22.3
Carrots -----	109.5	107.9	.5	-.6	- 16.3
Celery -----	108.3	108.5	-.9	1.9	- 16.0
Cucumbers 1/ -----	125.5	-	8.7	-	- 20.6
Lettuce -----	108.8	112.5	2.6	10.1	13.9
Peppers, green 1/ -----	127.9	-	27.4	-	- 30.9
Spinach 1/ -----	126.3	-	2.8	-	3.0
Tomatoes -----	130.4	125.1	10.4	13.6	12.5
Processed fruits and vegetables -----	113.0	-	.2	-	5.2
Fruit cocktail, canned -----	114.7	-	.1	-	9.1
Pears, canned 1/ -----	115.9	-	.8	-	8.5
Grapefruit-pineapple juice, canned 1/ --	111.6	-	-1.2	-	2.5
Orange juice concentrate, frozen -----	117.4	118.1	.3	.4	- 8.3
Lemonade concentrate, frozen 2/ -----	111.9	-	.7	-	5.1
Beets, canned 1/ -----	112.2	-	.4	-	5.4
Peas, green, canned -----	104.5	-	0	-	3.9
Tomatoes, canned -----	114.8	-	.1	-	11.7
Dried beans -----	113.1	-	1.5	-	5.5
Broccoli, frozen 1/ -----	116.7	-	.2	-	4.0
Other food at home -----	115.7	115.0	- 1.1	- 1.0	- .2
Eggs -----	112.7	106.7	- 9.1	- 10.6	- 29.3
Fats and oils:					
Margarine -----	113.7	-	.1	-	12.8
Salad dressing, Italian 1/ -----	107.4	-	1.0	-	7.1
Salad or cooking oil 1/ -----	116.7	-	1.6	-	14.0
Sugar and sweets -----	117.9	-	.1	-	5.2
Sugar -----	111.4	-	.4	-	6.9
Grape jelly -----	116.2	-	.3	-	3.9
Chocolate bar -----	129.8	-	0	-	6.9
Syrup, chocolate flavored 1/ -----	113.2	-	-.2	-	2.9
Nonalcoholic beverages -----	122.1	-	.2	-	9.3
Coffee, can and bag -----	125.0	-	-.2	-	13.4
Coffee, instant 4/ -----	124.0	-	-.5	-	8.1
Tea -----	107.3	-	1.1	-	4.1
Cola drink -----	123.7	-	.7	-	6.4
Carbonated fruit drink 1/ -----	124.3	-	.6	-	7.0
Prepared and partially prepared foods 1/	111.6	-	.3	-	3.2
Bean soup, canned 1/ -----	113.6	-	.2	-	1.6
Chicken soup, canned 1/ -----	106.2	-	0	-	1.4
Spaghetti, canned 1/ -----	117.0	-	.5	-	5.5
Mashed potatoes, instant 1/ -----	110.3	-	.5	-	1.9
Potatoes, french fried, frozen 2/ -----	110.4	-	.3	-	.6
Baby foods, canned -----	109.9	-	.1	-	4.7
Sweet pickle relish 1/ -----	114.4	-	.5	-	5.2
Pretzels 1/ -----	110.1	-	.2	-	4.2

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, February 1971 and percent changes from selected dates

(1967=100 unless otherwise specified)

Item and group	Other index bases	Indexes		Percent change to February 1971	
		February 1971	January 1971	From: January 1971	February 1970
Housing -----		122.6	122.7	0.1	6.0
Shelter 1/ -----		127.3	128.0	-.5	6.5
Rent -----		113.6	112.9	.6	4.8
Homeownership 2/ -----		132.3	133.4	-.8	7.1
Mortgage interest rates -----		127.4	131.4	- 3.0	-.5
Property taxes -----		127.1	126.9	.2	9.7
Property insurance rates -----		116.0	115.8	.2	3.3
Maintenance and repairs -----		129.3	128.8	.4	7.7
Commodities 3/ -----		116.4	116.1	.3	4.7
Exterior house paint -----		115.6	114.9	.6	4.1
Interior house paint -----		113.9	113.8	.1	2.9
Services -----		134.9	134.3	.4	8.8
Repainting living and dining rooms -----		141.7	141.3	.3	13.2
Reshingling house roof -----		136.2	135.8	.3	8.0
Residing house -----		127.4	127.0	.3	6.7
Sink replacement -----		136.4	135.8	.4	10.7
Furnace repair -----		139.1	138.1	.7	6.4
Fuel and utilities -----		113.1	112.1	.9	7.3
Fuel oil and coal -----		117.2	116.7	.4	8.4
Fuel oil, #2 -----		115.8	115.3	.4	7.6
Gas and electricity -----		112.8	111.5	1.2	6.8
Gas -----		114.6	112.7	1.7	7.1
Electricity -----		111.2	110.4	.7	6.5
Other utilities:					
Residential telephone services -----		105.9	104.9	1.0	5.3
Residential water and sewerage services -----		128.9	128.9	0	12.9
Household furnishings and operation 4/ -----		115.9	115.4	.4	3.9
Housefurnishings -----		113.2	112.7	.4	2.7
Textiles -----		111.1	109.7	1.3	2.8
Sheets, percale or muslin -----		115.7	111.6	3.7	2.8
Curtains, tailored, polyester -----		108.7	108.2	.5	.3
Bedspreads, chiefly cotton -----		108.2	107.4	.7	1.9
Drapery fabric, cotton or rayon/acetate -----		117.7	117.1	.5	4.4
Pillows, bed, polyester, acrylic, or kapok -----		105.4	103.9	1.4	2.7
Slipcover, ready made, chiefly cotton -----		110.7	109.8	.8	4.1
Furniture and bedding -----		117.4	116.9	.4	3.1
Bedroom furniture, chest and dresser -----	Mar. 70	101.9	101.3	.6	(5/)
Living room suites, good and inexpensive quality -----		114.3	114.3	0	2.8
Lounge chairs, upholstered -----		120.9	120.1	.7	4.5
Dining room chairs -----	Mar.70	102.2	101.9	.3	(5/)
Sofas, upholstered -----		115.8	115.3	.4	4.0
Sofas, dual purpose -----		116.6	115.1	1.3	4.1
Bedding mattress and box springs -----	June 70	102.3	101.4	.9	(5/)
Aluminum folding chair -----		(6/)	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)
Cribs -----		116.5	117.4	-.8	3.9
Floor coverings -----		106.2	105.9	.3	1.4
Broadloom, carpeting, manmade fibers -----		102.5	102.5	0	-.5
Vinyl sheet goods -----		112.8	111.7	1.0	4.5
Vinyl asbestos tile -----		116.6	115.5	1.0	6.3
Appliances 7/ -----		105.1	105.1	0	1.7
Washing machines, electric, automatic -----		108.5	108.4	.1	1.8
Vacuum cleaners, canister type -----		103.5	103.2	.3	.9
Refrigerators or refrigerator-freezers electric -----		107.8	107.5	.3	2.7
Ranges, free standing, gas or electric -----		109.9	109.8	.1	2.6
Clothes dryers, electric, automatic -----		110.8	110.3	.5	3.4
Air conditioners, demountable -----		(6/)	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)
Room heaters, electric, portable 6/ -----		107.6	108.4	-.7	1.7
Garbage disposal units -----		110.5	110.8	-.3	3.1
Other housefurnishings:					
Dinnerware, earthenware -----		115.1	114.7	.3	5.0
Flatware, stainless steel -----		119.8	117.8	1.7	1.4
Table lamps, with shade -----		118.9	118.6	.3	4.9
Lawn mowers, power, rotary type -----		(6/)	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)
Electric drills, hand held -----		107.2	107.2	0	- 1.0
Housekeeping supplies:					
Laundry soaps and detergents -----		107.4	106.4	.9	2.6
Paper napkins -----		122.9	121.7	1.0	8.6
Toilet tissue -----		122.7	122.5	.2	8.4
Housekeeping services:					
Domestic service, general housework -----		131.5	131.4	.1	6.8
Baby sitter service -----		127.8	126.3	1.2	6.6
Postal charges -----		121.0	121.0	0	3.4
Laundry, flatwork, finished service -----		129.9	129.7	.2	6.9
Licensed day care service, preschool child -----		116.9	116.9	0	3.4
Washing machine repairs -----		131.0	129.5	1.2	8.9

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

(1967=100 unless otherwise specified)

Item and group	Other index bases	Indexes		Percent change to February 1971 from:	
		February 1971	January 1971	January 1971	February 1970
Apparel and upkeep 8/ -----		118.1	117.6	0.4	3.6
Apparel commodities -----		118.3	117.8	.4	3.4
Apparel commodities less footwear -----		118.0	117.4	.5	3.3
Men's and boys' -----		117.9	118.0	-.1	2.9
Men's:					
Topcoats, wool or all-weather coats, polyester blends 6/ -----		119.9	122.3	- 2.0	6.4
Suits, year round weight -----		124.8	125.0	-.2	5.0
Suits, tropical weight 6/ -----	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)
Jackets, lightweight -----		111.2	109.9	1.2	- 2.0
Slacks, wool or wool blends -----		115.0	115.4	-.3	1.5
Slacks, cotton or manmade blends -----		130.9	129.1	1.4	8.3
Trousers, work, cotton or polyester/cotton -----		111.0	110.7	.3	3.0
Shirts, work, cotton or polyester/cotton -----		111.1	110.5	.5	3.3
Shirts, business, polyester/cotton -----		110.4	109.3	1.0	1.1
T-shirts, chiefly cotton -----		119.0	119.8	-.7	.8
Socks, cotton or stretch nylon -----		115.3	114.8	.4	1.4
Handkerchiefs, cotton or polyester/cotton -----		113.8	113.6	.2	2.0
Boy's:					
Coats, all purpose, cotton or cotton blend 6/ -----		116.5	119.5	- 2.5	5.1
Sport coats, wool or wool blend 6/ -----	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)
Dungarees, cotton or cotton blend -----		120.3	119.9	.3	3.6
Undershorts, cotton -----		119.0	118.7	.3	1.3
Women's and girls' -----		118.5	117.4	.9	3.9
Women's:					
Coats, heavyweight, wool or wool blend 6/ -----	(6/)	(6/)	111.9	(6/)	(6/)
Carcoats, heavyweight, cotton 6/ -----	(6/)	(6/)	118.8	(6/)	(6/)
Sweaters, wool or acrylic 6/ -----	(6/)	(6/)	110.9	(6/)	(6/)
Skirts, wool, wool blend or manmade fibers 6/ -----	114.4	124.7	- 8.3	6.2	
Skirts, cotton or polyester blends 6/ -----	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)	
Blouses, cotton or polyester blends -----		123.4	120.0	2.8	8.7
Dresses, street, chiefly manmade fiber -----		128.1	127.8	.2	- 1.2
Dresses, street, wool or wool blend 6/ -----	(6/)	(6/)	130.8	(6/)	(6/)
Slips, nylon -----		110.7	110.5	.2	1.6
Panties, acetate or nylon tricot -----		114.6	113.0	1.4	3.6
Girdles, manmade blend -----		115.2	114.4	.7	3.7
Brassieres, nylon lace -----		118.2	117.7	.4	4.5
Hose, nylon seamless -----		100.3	100.1	.2	1.4
Anklets, or knee-length socks, various fibers -----		116.5	116.4	.1	- 1.0
Gloves, fabric, nylon or cotton -----		109.3	108.8	.5	1.5
Handbags, rayon faille or plastic -----		127.9	127.1	.6	5.8
Girl's:					
Raincoats, vinyl cotton, or polyester blends -----		113.3	115.8	- 2.2	2.1
Skirts, wool, wool blends, or acrylic 6/ -----	(6/)	(6/)	103.9	(6/)	(6/)
Dresses, cotton or polyester blends -----		103.3	101.3	2.0	- 3.5
Slacks, cotton or chiefly cotton 6/ -----		131.1	130.4	.5	13.8
Slips, polyester blends -----		109.0	108.6	.4	1.6
Handbags, plastic -----		127.6	127.4	.2	3.0
Footwear -----		119.9	119.8	.1	3.8
Men's:					
Shoes, street, oxford -----		117.8	117.8	0	4.6
Shoes, work, high -----		116.7	116.5	.2	4.4
Women's:					
Shoes, street, pump -----		122.2	121.9	.2	4.3
Shoes, evening, pump -----		120.1	120.1	0	3.8
Shoes, casual -----		121.2	122.3	-.9	.7
Houseslippers, scuff -----		119.7	120.6	-.7	1.5
Children's:					
Shoes, oxford -----		120.1	119.3	.7	3.4
Sneakers, boys', oxford type -----		117.2	116.7	.4	5.3
Dress shoes, girls', strap -----		123.0	122.4	.5	4.5
Miscellaneous apparel:					
Diapers, cotton gauze -----		110.6	110.3	.3	1.7
Yard goods, cotton or polyester blend -----		121.8	121.4	.3	2.7
Wrist watches, men's and women's -----		112.2	111.9	.3	1.4
Apparel services:					
Drycleaning, men's suits and women's dresses -----		115.7	115.1	.5	3.8
Automatic laundry service -----		114.8	114.8	0	5.4
Laundry, men's shirts -----		118.4	118.2	.2	4.5
Tailoring charge, hem adjustment -----		126.7	126.0	.6	9.8
Shoe repair, women's heel lift -----		109.7	109.3	.4	3.7

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

(1967=100 unless otherwise specified)

Item and group	Other index bases	Indexes		Percent change to February 1971 from:	
		February 1971	January 1971	January 1971	February 1970
Transportation -----		117.5	117.5	0	7.0
Private 9/ -----		115.8	115.8	0	6.9
Automobiles, new -----		115.2	115.4	-.2	8.1
Automobiles, used -----		105.5	107.0	- 1.4	8.8
Gasoline, regular and premium -----		106.0	107.7	- 1.6	1.4
Motor oil, premium -----		117.8	117.3	.4	4.7
Tires, new, tubeless -----		115.0	115.4	-.3	2.8
Auto repairs and maintenance 10/ -----		125.8	124.4	1.1	7.0
Auto insurance rates -----		139.9	135.8	3.0	14.3
Auto registration -----		121.7	121.7	0	3.7
Parking fees, private and municipal -----		134.1	130.9	2.4	11.8
Public -----		134.4	133.9	.4	7.3
Local transit fares -----		141.2	140.5	.5	7.7
Taxicab fare -----		119.0	119.0	0	4.5
Railroad fares, coach -----		125.1	124.7	.3	12.6
Airplane fares, chiefly coach -----		121.9	121.9	0	4.6
Bus fares, intercity -----		128.9	128.9	0	11.5
Health and recreation -----		120.2	119.8	.3	5.7
Medical care -----		125.8	124.9	.7	7.4
Drugs and prescriptions -----		104.9	104.5	.4	2.7
Over-the-counter items -----		109.8	109.2	.5	5.9
Multiple vitamin concentrates -----		97.9	97.9	0	1.2
Aspirin compounds -----		112.9	112.3	.5	9.1
Liquid tonics -----		101.6	101.8	-.2	1.3
Adhesive bandages, package -----		120.2	118.2	1.7	9.9
Cold tablets or capsules -----		109.2	108.7	.5	2.3
Cough syrup -----		114.0	113.8	.2	9.4
Prescriptions -----		100.8	100.5	.3	0
Anti-infectives -----		81.6	81.7	-.1	11.4
Sedatives and hypnotics -----		120.9	120.4	.4	6.3
Ataractics -----		101.3	101.0	.3	1.4
Anti-spasmodics -----		105.6	105.0	.6	3.6
Cough preparations -----		124.2	123.4	.6	7.1
Cardiovasculars and anti-hypertensives -----		109.5	109.1	.4	4.3
Analgesics, internal -----		107.2	106.6	.6	2.4
Anti-obesity -----		111.5	111.4	.1	5.8
Hormones -----		95.1	95.3	-.2	1.1
Professional services: -----					
Physicians' fees -----		126.6	125.9	.6	7.8
General physician, office visits -----		128.2	127.6	.5	8.5
General physician, house visits -----		127.0	126.3	.6	7.2
Obstetrical cases -----		125.7	125.2	.4	5.5
Pediatric care, office visits -----		128.5	126.9	1.3	7.5
Psychiatrist, office visits -----		123.0	122.2	.7	4.6
Herniorrhaphy, adult -----		121.1	120.7	.3	8.9
Tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy -----		121.3	121.2	.1	6.8
Dentists' fees -----		124.2	123.7	.4	6.7
Fillings, adult, amalgam, one surface -----		125.0	124.7	.2	6.6
Extractions, adult -----		124.5	123.8	.6	8.1
Dentures, full upper -----		122.4	121.5	.7	5.7
Other professional services: -----					
Examination, prescription, and dispensing of eyeglasses -----		117.6	116.7	.8	5.6
Routine laboratory tests -----		114.5	113.7	.7	4.4
Hospital service charges: -----					
Daily service charges -----		155.3	153.6	1.1	12.8
Semiprivate rooms -----		157.4	155.5	1.2	13.3
Private rooms -----		152.3	150.8	1.0	11.9
Operating room charges -----		151.6	149.9	1.1	11.0
X-ray, diagnostic series, upper G.I. -----		122.0	120.6	1.2	9.2
Personal care -----		115.4	115.3	.1	3.3
Toilet goods -----		112.3	112.2	.1	2.8
Toothpaste, standard dentifrice -----		106.5	106.1	.4	.3
Toilet soap, hard milled -----		108.5	110.2	- 1.5	4.5
Hand lotions, liquid -----		120.0	119.3	.6	3.4
Shaving cream, aerosol -----		105.3	104.2	1.1	3.5
Face powder, pressed -----		123.9	122.5	1.1	6.0
Deodorants, aerosol -----		105.2	104.7	.5	.7
Cleansing tissues -----		121.4	121.9	-.4	3.7
Home permanent wave kits -----		109.4	109.5	-.1	.6
Personal care services -----		118.6	118.6	0	3.9
Men's haircuts -----		121.5	121.6	-.1	4.2
Beauty shop services -----		116.5	116.4	.1	3.5
Women's haircuts -----		118.1	118.0	.1	4.0
Shampoo and wave sets, plain -----		119.4	119.2	.2	3.8
Permanent waves, cold -----		108.6	108.6	.0	1.9

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

(1967=100 unless otherwise specified)

Item and group	Other index bases	Indexes		Percent change to February 1971 from:	
		February 1971	January 1971	January 1971	February 1970
Reading and recreation <sup>11/</sup>		117.5	117.3	0.2	6.0
Recreational goods		105.6	105.7	-.1	1.7
TV sets, portable and console		100.1	100.3	-.2	.7
TV replacement tubes		121.1	121.3	-.2	5.9
Radios, portable and table model		98.6	99.1	-.5	.2
Tape recorders, portable		95.6	95.7	-.1	.7
Phonograph records, stereophonic		99.5	99.5	0	-.4
Movie cameras, Super 8, zoom lens		90.3	90.4	-.1	-1.2
Film, 35mm, color		108.1	107.7	.4	1.5
Golf balls, liquid center or solid core		104.0	103.9	.1	1.3
Basketballs, rubber or vinyl cover		120.7	121.0	-.2	4.3
Fishing rods, fresh water spincasting		106.7	109.6	-2.6	-1.1
Bowling balls		109.9	110.4	-.5	3.8
Bicycles, boys'		110.2	109.8	.4	1.2
Tricycles		109.6	109.4	.2	1.7
Dog food, canned or boxed		106.7	106.5	.2	3.2
Recreational services		123.2	123.1	.1	6.1
Indoor movie admissions		135.5	135.1	.3	8.9
Adult		135.6	135.2	.3	8.7
Children's		134.9	134.7	.1	9.2
Drive-in movie admissions, adult		135.9	137.1	-.9	7.5
Bowling fees, evening		115.5	115.3	.2	4.3
Golf green fees		(6/)	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)
TV repair, picture tube replacement		97.2	96.9	.3	-.9
Film developing, color		114.7	114.5	.2	3.7
Reading and education:					
Newspapers, street sale and delivery		127.7	126.8	.7	11.0
Magazines, single copy and subscription		122.8	122.8	0	5.3
Piano lessons, beginner		120.6	120.5	.1	4.4
Other goods and services		119.1	118.9	.2	4.8
Tobacco products		124.1	124.0	.1	4.9
Cigarettes, nonfilter tip, regular size		125.5	125.5	0	5.1
Cigarettes, filter tip, king size		125.5	125.4	.1	5.1
Cigars, domestic, regular size		105.7	105.8	-.1	.4
Alcoholic beverages		115.4	115.2	.2	4.4
Beer		111.6	111.3	.3	4.0
Whiskey, spirit blended and straight bourbon		105.8	105.8	0	1.9
Wine, dessert and table		119.0	118.5	.4	4.0
Away from home		124.7	124.7	0	6.4
Financial and miscellaneous personal expenses:					
Funeral services, adult		115.6	114.5	1.0	3.9
Bank service charges, checking accounts		111.1	111.0	.1	5.0
Legal services, short form will		133.1	132.8	.2	11.5
Other special groups:					
All items less shelter		117.4	117.0	.3	4.4
Commodities less food		115.2	115.2	0	4.4
Nondurables less food and apparel		113.8	113.8	0	4.0
Household services less rent		131.0	131.6	-.5	7.4
Transportation services		131.3	129.5	1.4	9.4
Other services		120.9	120.7	.2	6.1

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

<sup>2/</sup> Also includes home purchase costs not shown separately.

<sup>3/</sup> Also includes pine shelving, furnace air filters, packaged dry cement mix, and shrubbery not shown separately.

<sup>4/</sup> Also includes venetian blinds, nails, carpet sweepers, air deodorizers, steel wool scouring pads, envelopes, reupholstering, and moving expenses.

<sup>5/</sup> Not available.

<sup>6/</sup> Prices only in season.

<sup>7/</sup> Also includes radios and television sets, shown separately under reading and recreation.

<sup>8/</sup> 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.

<sup>9/</sup> Also includes recapped tires and drivers' license fees not shown separately.

<sup>10/</sup> Includes prices for water pump replacement, motor tune-up, automatic transmission repair, exhaust system repair, front end alignment, and chassis lubrication.

<sup>11/</sup> Also includes outboard motors, nondurable toys, college tuition fees, paperback books, and college textbooks, not shown separately.

TABLE 9. Consumer Price Index--general summary and U.S. average for groups, subgroups, and selected items

[1967=100 unless otherwise specified]

Item and group	General summary													Annual average 1970
	1971	1970												
	Jan.	Dec.	Nov.	Oct.	Sept.	Aug.	July	June	May	Apr.	Mar.	Feb.	Jan.	
All items.....	119.2	119.1	118.5	118.1	117.5	116.9	116.7	116.3	115.7	115.2	114.5	113.9	113.3	116.3
All items (1957-59=100).....	138.6	138.5	137.8	137.4	136.6	136.0	135.7	135.2	134.6	134.0	133.2	132.5	131.8	135.3
Food.....	115.5	115.3	114.9	115.5	115.7	115.9	115.8	115.2	114.9	114.6	114.2	114.1	113.5	114.9
Food at home.....	113.4	113.4	113.0	113.8	114.2	114.5	114.6	114.0	113.8	113.4	113.4	113.4	112.7	113.7
Food away from home.....	123.4	122.8	122.5	121.9	121.5	121.0	120.5	119.8	119.4	118.8	117.6	116.9	116.2	119.9
Housing.....	122.7	122.6	121.9	121.2	120.6	119.9	119.2	118.6	118.2	117.6	116.9	115.7	114.7	118.9
Rent.....	112.9	112.6	111.8	111.4	110.9	110.5	110.1	109.8	109.4	109.1	108.8	108.4	107.9	110.1
Homeownership.....	133.4	133.4	132.5	131.9	131.3	130.0	129.0	128.5	127.5	126.5	125.5	123.5	122.1	128.5
Apparel and upkeep.....	117.6	119.2	119.0	118.2	117.2	115.4	115.3	116.0	115.7	115.0	114.6	114.0	113.4	116.1
Transportation.....	117.5	116.9	116.0	115.2	113.0	112.7	113.4	112.7	112.1	111.2	109.7	109.8	109.8	112.7
Health and recreation.....	119.8	119.1	118.7	118.2	117.7	117.2	116.6	116.1	115.4	114.9	114.2	113.7	113.2	116.2
Medical care.....	124.9	124.2	123.4	122.8	122.6	122.0	121.3	120.5	119.7	119.1	118.2	117.1	116.3	120.6
Special groups.....	117.0	116.8	116.3	116.0	115.4	114.9	114.8	114.4	114.0	113.5	112.8	112.4	112.0	114.4
All items less shelter.....	120.3	120.2	119.6	118.9	118.0	117.2	117.0	116.5	116.0	115.4	114.6	113.9	113.3	116.7
All items less food.....	118.9	118.8	118.3	117.9	117.2	116.7	116.4	116.0	115.6	115.0	114.3	113.7	113.1	116.1
All items less medical care.....	118.9	118.8	118.3	117.9	117.2	116.7	116.4	116.0	115.6	115.0	114.3	113.7	113.1	116.1
Commodities.....	115.4	115.6	115.1	114.8	114.2	113.8	113.8	113.5	113.1	112.6	112.0	111.7	111.2	113.5
Nondurables.....	115.4	115.6	115.3	115.2	114.9	114.5	114.4	114.0	113.9	113.4	112.9	112.6	112.1	114.0
Durables.....	115.2	115.2	114.7	113.9	112.5	112.2	112.1	111.9	111.1	110.1	109.4	109.0	109.0	111.8
Services.....	126.3	125.6	124.9	124.1	123.5	122.7	122.0	121.4	120.7	120.1	119.3	118.0	117.1	121.6
Commodities less food.....	115.2	115.5	115.1	114.5	113.4	112.6	112.5	112.5	112.0	111.4	110.6	110.3	110.0	112.5
Nondurables less food.....	115.3	115.7	115.4	114.9	114.1	113.0	113.0	112.9	112.7	112.3	111.5	111.2	110.7	113.1
Apparel commodities.....	117.8	119.6	119.6	118.8	117.7	115.6	115.5	116.3	116.1	115.4	115.0	114.4	113.8	116.5
Apparel commodities less footwear.....	117.4	119.6	119.7	118.8	117.6	115.1	115.1	116.1	115.8	115.0	114.7	114.2	113.6	116.3
Nondurables less food and apparel.....	113.8	113.5	113.0	112.6	112.0	111.6	111.6	111.0	110.8	110.5	109.5	109.4	108.9	111.2
Household durables.....	111.5	111.5	111.4	111.0	110.6	110.4	110.3	110.2	110.0	109.8	109.4	108.9	108.6	110.2
Housefurnishings.....	112.7	112.9	112.7	112.2	111.8	111.5	111.6	111.5	111.3	111.1	110.8	110.2	109.6	111.4
Services less rent.....	128.7	128.0	127.3	126.5	125.8	124.9	124.2	123.5	122.8	122.1	121.2	119.8	118.8	123.7
Household services less rent.....	131.6	131.6	130.7	129.8	129.1	128.1	127.2	126.5	126.0	125.3	124.2	122.0	120.6	126.8
Transportation services.....	129.5	127.5	126.9	125.9	124.8	123.8	123.5	122.4	121.6	121.1	120.3	120.0	119.1	123.1
Medical care services.....	129.3	128.5	127.5	126.7	126.5	125.8	124.9	124.0	123.1	122.5	121.6	120.3	119.4	124.2
Other services.....	120.7	119.5	119.1	118.8	118.1	117.5	117.0	116.7	115.8	115.1	114.3	113.9	113.6	116.7
U.S. average for groups, subgroups, and selected items														
FOOD.....	115.5	115.3	114.9	115.5	115.7	115.9	115.8	115.2	114.9	114.6	114.2	114.1	113.5	114.9
Food away from home.....	123.4	122.8	122.5	121.9	121.5	121.0	120.5	119.8	119.4	118.8	117.6	116.9	116.2	119.9
Restaurant meals.....	123.1	122.6	122.2	121.6	121.2	120.8	120.2	119.6	119.2	118.7	117.4	116.7	116.0	119.7
Snacks.....	125.1	124.2	123.6	123.2	122.6	122.2	121.8	120.6	120.1	119.5	118.1	117.8	117.2	120.9
Food at home.....	113.4	113.4	113.0	113.8	114.2	114.5	114.6	114.0	113.8	113.4	113.4	113.4	112.7	113.7
Cereals and bakery products.....	112.4	111.6	111.2	111.0	110.2	109.8	108.7	108.2	108.0	107.7	107.2	106.6	105.9	108.9
Flour.....	100.2	99.7	99.6	99.3	99.5	99.3	98.9	99.0	99.0	99.8	98.9	98.0	97.8	99.0
Cracker meal.....	124.1	122.5	122.1	121.0	119.9	119.5	117.0	116.8	116.2	115.0	113.8	111.5	109.4	117.0
Corn flakes.....	108.8	108.5	107.5	106.8	105.0	102.3	101.2	101.2	101.3	100.9	101.2	101.1	101.1	103.2
Rice.....	108.0	107.4	106.9	106.6	106.2	106.1	106.3	106.2	106.2	106.0	105.6	105.4	105.1	106.2
Bread, white.....	111.9	110.8	111.2	111.6	111.3	110.6	109.0	108.3	107.8	107.7	107.8	107.1	106.8	109.1
Bread, whole wheat.....	115.1	114.9	113.9	113.2	112.6	112.1	110.6	110.3	109.9	110.3	110.2	110.1	109.1	111.4
Cookies.....	105.6	105.9	105.4	105.9	105.5	105.7	105.3	103.8	102.8	101.6	100.6	99.9	99.5	103.5
Layer cake.....	118.7	118.4	116.6	116.2	115.9	115.7	115.6	115.6	115.3	115.5	115.1	113.8	112.0	115.5
Cinnamon rolls.....	116.8	114.7	114.5	114.5	111.6	112.2	111.4	110.6	110.3	110.1	108.4	108.7	108.3	111.4
Meats, poultry, and fish.....	113.1	113.7	114.3	116.1	117.0	117.8	117.6	117.1	117.4	117.7	117.1	116.6	115.8	116.5
Meats.....	112.9	113.4	115.1	117.1	118.4	119.3	118.8	118.2	118.6	119.2	118.4	117.7	116.8	117.6
Beef and veal.....	118.5	118.4	119.3	120.6	121.0	121.3	120.8	119.6	120.2	120.7	118.1	117.6	116.9	119.5
Steak, round.....	116.2	115.7	117.6	118.8	119.9	119.0	118.8	117.7	119.0	120.9	117.1	116.6	116.4	118.2
Steak, sirloin.....	115.7	114.0	115.3	118.9	117.9	119.9	120.1	116.6	116.6	116.8	114.3	112.9	113.9	116.4
Steak, porterhouse.....	116.1	114.6	116.1	119.3	118.8	120.3	120.1	117.6	116.8	118.0	114.6	114.0	114.5	117.1
Rump roast.....	116.0	115.0	116.7	118.0	118.8	118.0	117.4	117.1	118.2	119.0	115.2	114.3	114.8	116.8
Rib roast.....	118.9	119.0	119.0	119.5	120.9	120.4	119.1	117.6	119.3	119.4	118.1	118.6	118.4	119.1
Chuck roast.....	115.1	117.8	119.2	120.9	122.2	122.8	120.1	119.7	121.8	123.7	120.7	120.6	116.2	120.5
Hamburger.....	121.6	122.3	122.5	123.0	123.1	124.2	123.8	123.1	123.2	122.9	121.5	121.2	119.7	122.5
Beef liver.....	111.8	113.2	112.6	113.3	114.7	113.7	114.1	113.9	114.5	113.8	113.3	112.7	111.6	113.4
Veal cutlets.....	133.4	132.6	132.4	132.5	131.7	131.4	130.7	129.9	128.9	128.4	126.1	124.5	123.0	129.3
Pork.....	103.6	105.1	108.8	113.2	116.5	118.4	117.5	117.1	117.4	118.4	120.1	119.5	118.1	115.9
Chops.....	101.1	102.7	107.9	112.8	118.1	120.5	118.4	116.7	116.4	116.8	120.3	120.2	117.9	115.8
Loin roast.....	102.5	104.5	108.8	113.6	117.2	118.6	116.9	115.6	116.4	116.3	118.4	118.5	116.5	115.1
Pork sausage.....	110.8	113.0	116.7	117.5	120.6	122.0	121.7	122.6	122.5	122.6	122.6	121.0	119.5	120.2
Ham, whole.....	109.6	108.3	108.1	108.6	109.4	113.6	113.5	114.1	116.3	120.4	122.0	120.8	123.4	114.9
Picnics.....	107.5	109.4	112.2	114.5	114.9	115.4	117.2	117.4	118.3	119.5	121.3	119.5	117.6	116.4
Bacon.....	97.8	100.0	103.9	112.3	116.5	117.6	116.5	116.5	116.3	117.2	117.6	117.7	115.9	114.0
Other meats.....	114.1	114.6	115.0	115.4	115.6	116.5	116.5	116.6	117.1	117.1	116.6	115.4	114.9	116.0
Lamb chops.....	117.6	118.5	117.4	117.5	117.7	117.5	117.0	116.2	116.4	117.1	117.2	116.1	116.2	117.1
Frankfurters.....	114.3	115.2	115.6	115.8	114.8	117.1	117.3	117.3	118.2	117.5	116.4	114.8	114.8	116.3
Ham, canned.....	107.6	10												

TABLE 9. Consumer Price Index--general summary and U.S. average for groups, subgroups, and selected items--Continued

Item and group	General summary													Annual average 1970		
	1971	1970														
	Jan.	Dec.	Nov.	Oct.	Sept.	Aug.	July	June	May	Apr.	Mar.	Feb.	Jan.			
<b>FOOD--Continued</b>																
<b>Meats, poultry, and fish--Continued</b>																
Poultry.....	106.3	107.9	103.3	105.4	105.5	107.5	109.7	109.6	109.2	109.2	110.1	111.5	111.9	108.4		
Frying chicken.....	105.7	107.7	100.7	103.2	103.8	106.1	109.3	108.5	107.8	107.9	109.4	111.4	112.4	107.4		
Chicken breasts.....	105.8	106.6	104.4	107.2	106.9	108.2	107.7	107.9	108.9	109.1	110.1	110.1	109.8	108.1		
Turkey.....	109.9	109.8	114.2	113.8	112.3	113.8	114.3	116.2	116.5	116.0	113.9	113.0	111.5	113.7		
Fish.....	125.4	124.4	122.8	121.4	119.9	118.6	117.7	117.6	116.8	115.8	114.8	113.5	112.5	118.0		
Shrimp, frozen.....	113.7	114.7	114.8	115.5	115.4	115.9	116.5	117.2	116.8	117.7	116.5	115.4	114.6	115.8		
Fish, fresh or frozen.....	133.6	131.5	129.3	127.9	127.2	126.2	125.2	123.7	122.6	122.2	120.9	118.7	116.3	124.3		
Tuna fish, canned.....	125.6	124.0	122.5	121.1	118.0	116.2	114.2	114.1	113.5	112.2	110.9	109.5	108.6	115.4		
Sardines, canned.....	128.8	127.2	124.8	121.4	118.8	116.5	115.3	115.5	114.5	113.2	111.1	110.8	110.3	116.6		
Dairy products.....	113.9	113.6	113.5	113.1	112.5	112.1	111.9	111.6	111.3	111.0	110.9	110.4	110.0	111.8		
Milk, fresh, grocery.....	113.1	112.7	112.8	112.4	112.0	111.2	111.2	111.0	111.2	111.2	111.4	110.9	110.8	111.6		
Milk, fresh, delivered.....	116.6	116.2	116.0	115.8	114.9	114.5	114.2	113.9	113.8	113.7	113.3	113.0	112.6	114.3		
Milk, fresh, skim.....	117.9	117.9	117.6	117.4	116.7	115.4	115.3	115.2	114.3	114.3	114.4	113.5	113.5	115.6		
Milk, evaporated.....	115.5	115.2	115.3	114.9	114.2	113.5	113.4	112.0	110.5	108.9	108.8	108.5	107.7	111.9		
Ice cream.....	106.6	106.1	106.0	105.8	105.9	106.1	105.6	104.8	104.4	103.7	103.7	103.1	103.1	104.8		
Cheese, American process.....	118.8	118.4	116.9	116.3	115.9	115.8	115.5	115.3	115.4	114.7	113.6	113.6	112.3	115.6		
Butter.....	105.9	105.8	105.6	105.3	104.8	104.9	104.7	104.5	104.4	103.7	103.1	103.1	103.5	104.5		
Fruits and vegetables.....	109.6	110.6	109.4	110.0	111.5	114.9	117.0	118.6	116.4	114.6	113.3	112.7	111.4	113.4		
Fresh fruits and vegetables.....	107.4	109.4	108.0	109.7	112.5	118.7	122.4	125.4	121.9	119.1	117.2	116.3	114.2	116.3		
Apples.....	101.3	96.9	93.8	95.6	122.5	129.8	126.9	118.3	106.7	100.7	99.5	96.8	95.5	106.9		
Bananas.....	89.2	86.8	94.2	103.3	98.7	100.4	98.2	108.8	108.0	107.8	108.3	102.6	100.4	101.5		
Oranges.....	111.3	118.6	124.9	130.9	121.5	119.5	116.0	110.4	105.8	104.7	107.3	106.5	103.9	114.2		
Orange juice, fresh.....	118.8	120.8	121.7	122.3	121.5	122.6	121.9	121.1	121.9	121.7	122.6	122.7	122.5	121.9		
Grapefruit.....	103.1	104.2	109.1	139.2	153.2	156.4	158.0	139.2	117.5	111.8	110.5	111.3	105.4	126.3		
Grapes <sup>1</sup> .....			126.4	121.1	109.7	132.2	142.2							126.3		
Strawberries <sup>1</sup> .....						103.0	118.1	104.3	100.3	105.6				103.4		
Watermelon <sup>1</sup> .....								151.3						124.1		
Potatoes.....	110.6	111.0	110.1	110.9	116.8	138.1	147.6	134.7	126.8	121.5	116.5	114.8	109.7	121.6		
Onions.....	95.3	96.2	97.3	100.7	109.0	121.8	128.1	128.1	133.3	133.9	126.7	123.6	104.1	116.9		
Asparagus <sup>1</sup> .....							117.1	115.9	121.8	104.6	154.9			122.9		
Cabbage.....	111.4	110.3	105.8	106.5	107.5	118.4	134.5	161.9	143.3	149.0	150.8	155.8	139.2	131.9		
Carrots.....	109.0	104.8	103.7	104.7	104.3	112.3	111.1	108.9	105.6	103.8	109.9	130.8	130.8	110.4		
Celery.....	109.3	112.3	116.4	115.6	107.6	105.8	119.6	157.8	144.2	115.6	122.4	129.0	126.2	122.7		
Cucumbers.....	115.5	109.3	91.1	87.7	75.9	81.0	95.4	105.6	117.1	162.1	158.4	158.0	154.1	116.3		
Lettuce.....	106.0	111.7	113.9	119.5	138.5	116.3	98.9	98.1	108.1	97.4	95.7	95.5	107.1	108.4		
Peppers, green.....	100.4	109.3	102.0	90.9	88.9	94.7	113.7	159.0	224.4	195.2	173.0	185.0	150.6	140.6		
Spinach.....	122.9	126.7	126.4	124.3	118.1	117.0	117.8	117.9	118.1	120.5	118.9	122.6	120.9	120.8		
Tomatoes.....	118.1	137.7	111.5	101.0	84.3	102.9	120.5	132.8	124.8	136.7	117.0	115.9	144.5	119.2		
Processed fruits and vegetables.....	112.8	112.2	111.4	110.7	110.0	109.2	109.1	108.6	108.3	108.1	107.4	107.4	107.2	109.2		
Fruit cocktail, canned.....	114.6	113.6	112.6	111.8	109.8	108.4	108.1	106.5	106.5	106.4	105.5	105.1	105.5	108.3		
Pears, canned.....	115.0	114.1	113.2	111.8	110.7	109.6	108.8	107.3	107.0	106.3	106.3	106.8	107.4	109.1		
Grapefruit-pineapple juice, canned.....	113.0	112.2	112.1	112.3	111.6	110.5	110.9	110.7	110.8	110.5	109.3	108.9	108.2	110.7		
Orange juice concentrate, frozen.....	117.0	118.0	118.7	119.2	121.5	122.3	121.5	122.5	122.5	122.8	124.0	128.0	127.9	122.4		
Lemonade concentrate, frozen.....	111.1	110.6	109.0	108.1	106.0	106.7	107.2	109.0	108.4	107.8	106.5	106.9	107.8	107.8		
Beets, canned.....	112.7	111.9	111.7	111.2	110.6	110.1	109.9	109.4	108.2	108.5	107.4	106.5	106.3	109.3		
Peas, green, canned.....	104.5	104.8	104.6	103.0	102.7	101.2	101.2	101.2	100.4	101.3	100.2	100.6	100.7	101.8		
Tomatoes, canned.....	114.7	114.6	113.7	113.3	112.5	111.5	110.5	109.2	107.8	105.7	103.5	102.8	102.4	109.0		
Dried beans.....	111.4	109.2	107.0	105.9	105.7	105.6	105.2	105.0	105.4	105.6	106.0	107.2	107.0	106.3		
Broccoli, frozen.....	116.5	115.8	115.6	114.7	114.2	113.5	114.0	113.9	113.4	113.5	113.2	112.2	111.2	113.8		
Other food at home.....	117.0	116.0	114.7	115.5	115.8	113.9	113.8	111.2	111.6	111.7	113.8	115.9	115.5	114.1		
Eggs.....	124.0	119.5	112.1	120.2	126.8	116.7	119.1	104.0	110.5	117.2	138.7	159.5	161.8	125.6		
Fats and oils:																
Margarine.....	113.6	112.3	110.2	108.8	107.3	107.0	106.8	106.9	106.3	103.8	101.2	100.8	100.8	106.0		
Salad dressing, Italian.....	106.3	105.3	105.0	104.4	103.6	103.1	102.7	102.0	101.6	100.7	100.6	100.3	100.9	102.6		
Salad or cooking oil.....	114.9	113.4	112.1	111.8	111.1	111.1	110.8	109.0	108.5	105.6	103.9	102.4	101.6	108.5		
Sugar and sweets.....	117.8	117.8	117.2	116.8	116.5	116.1	115.7	115.3	114.9	113.8	113.1	112.1	111.7	115.1		
Sugar.....	111.0	110.9	110.4	109.6	109.1	108.6	108.1	106.9	106.3	105.7	105.1	104.2	103.7	107.4		
Grape jelly.....	115.8	115.6	115.2	114.5	114.0	113.8	113.6	113.4	113.3	112.4	112.6	111.8	111.0	113.4		
Chocolate bar.....	129.8	130.4	129.8	129.9	129.8	129.6	128.7	128.2	127.7	124.7	122.6	121.4	121.9	127.0		
Syrup, chocolate flavored.....	113.4	113.2	112.3	112.3	111.9	111.5	111.3	111.2	111.3	111.0	110.8	110.0	108.8	111.3		
Nonalcoholic beverages.....	121.9	121.8	121.9	121.4	120.5	119.5	118.8	117.6	116.2	115.0	113.4	111.7	110.1	117.4		
Coffee, can and bag.....	125.2	125.6	126.0	125.1	124.3	123.0	121.4	119.2	117.2	115.6	112.8	110.2	107.4	119.0		
Coffee, instant.....	124.6	124.2	123.8	123.5	121.7	120.1	119.5	119.5	118.5	117.9	116.8	114.7	113.2	119.4		
Tea.....	106.1	106.4	107.0	106.9	106.5	106.1	105.9	105.4	104.3	103.1	102.6	103.1	102.6	105.0		
Cola drink.....	122.8	122.2	121.6	121.0	119.9	119.7	119.6	119.2	118.3	117.6	117.5	116.3	115.6	119.0		
Carbonated fruit drink.....	123.5	123.0	122.9	122.7	122.0	121.2	120.4	119.9	119.9	118.5	117.5	116.2	115.8	120.1		
Prepared and partially prepared foods.....	111.3	110.9	110.7	110.8	110.1	109.7	109.2	109.2	109.2	108.9	108.6	108.1	107.6	109.4		
Bean soup, canned.....	113.4	113.3	113.2	112.7	112.4	112.4	112.4	112.2	112.0	111.4	111.3	111.8	110.6	112.2		
Chicken soup, canned.....	106.2	106.5	106.2	106.2	105.9	105.7	105.7	105.9	105.9	105.6	105.4	104.7	104.3	105.7		
Spaghetti, canned.....	116.4	116.1	115.8	115.7	114.4	113.7	113.6	113.0	112.8	112.4	111.5	110.9	110.6	113.4		
Mashed potatoes, instant.....	109.7	108.1	107.6	109.2	109.0	108.9	108.9	108.7	108.6	108.5	108.4	108.2	107.7	108.5		
Potatoes, French fried, frozen.....	110.1	109.9	110.4	110.3	110.2	111.0	110.3	110.4	110.5	110.2	110.2	109.7	109.6	110.2		
Baby food, canned.....	109.8	109.6	109.2	109.7	108.5	106.8	105.6	105.5	105.4	105.0	105.0	105.0	105.1	106.7		
Sweet pickle relish.....	113.8	112.6	112.7	111.9	110.7	110.2	109.1	109.7	110.2	110.6	109.8	108.7	108.3	110.4		
Pretzels.....	109.9	109.9	109.7	109.2	108.7	108.4	107.7	107.6	107.4	107.3	106.4	105.7	104.5	107.7		

See footnotes at end of table.

TABLE 9. Consumer Price Index--general summary and U.S. average for groups, subgroups, and selected items--Continued

Item and group	General summary													Annual average 1970
	1971	1970												
	Jan.	Dec.	Nov.	Oct.	Sept.	Aug.	July	June	May	Apr.	Mar.	Feb.	Jan.	
<b>HOUSING</b> .....	122.7	122.6	121.9	121.2	120.6	119.9	119.2	118.6	118.2	117.6	116.9	115.7	114.7	118.9
Shelter.....	128.0	127.9	127.1	126.5	125.9	124.9	124.0	123.5	122.7	121.9	121.1	119.5	118.4	123.6
Rent.....	112.9	112.6	111.8	111.4	110.9	110.5	110.1	109.8	109.4	109.1	108.8	108.4	107.9	110.1
Homeownership.....	133.4	133.4	132.5	131.9	131.3	130.0	129.0	128.5	127.5	126.5	125.5	123.5	122.1	128.5
Mortgage interest rates.....	131.4	133.2	133.2	133.6	133.5	133.2	133.1	133.1	133.2	133.1	132.9	128.1	124.9	132.1
Property taxes.....	126.9	126.1	124.2	123.8	123.7	122.6	121.9	121.2	120.9	119.9	116.8	115.9	115.4	121.0
Property insurance rates.....	114.5	115.4	114.4	114.7	114.0	114.3	113.6	112.8	112.6	112.9	112.6	112.3	112.0	113.4
Maintenance and repairs.....	128.8	128.2	127.6	126.9	126.2	125.3	124.6	123.8	122.6	121.7	121.3	120.1	119.7	124.0
Commodities.....	116.1	115.7	115.8	115.2	115.1	115.2	114.8	114.1	113.0	112.4	111.8	111.2	110.8	113.7
Exterior house paint.....	114.9	114.6	113.7	112.9	113.0	113.2	113.3	111.9	111.1	111.1	112.1	111.0	110.6	112.4
Interior house paint.....	113.8	113.2	112.6	111.2	111.0	111.4	111.6	111.5	110.9	110.5	110.6	110.7	110.0	111.3
Services.....	134.3	133.6	132.6	132.0	130.9	129.6	128.9	127.9	126.7	125.7	125.3	124.0	123.5	128.4
Repainting living and dining rooms.....	141.3	140.6	139.5	138.6	137.6	135.1	133.7	132.5	129.4	126.9	126.1	125.2	124.6	132.5
Reshingling roofs.....	135.8	135.0	134.0	133.4	132.4	130.3	129.4	128.0	127.4	126.2	126.6	126.1	125.7	129.6
Residing houses.....	127.0	126.2	125.4	125.0	124.3	123.8	123.1	122.3	121.5	121.2	120.9	119.4	119.0	122.6
Replacing sinks.....	135.8	135.4	134.2	132.7	131.3	129.5	129.2	128.3	127.2	126.1	125.4	123.2	122.8	128.8
Repairing furnaces.....	138.1	137.4	136.2	135.9	135.0	134.3	134.0	133.2	132.7	132.0	131.6	130.7	129.5	133.6
<b>Fuel and utilities</b> .....	112.1	111.3	110.7	109.2	108.4	108.0	107.5	106.6	106.8	106.7	106.1	105.4	105.1	107.6
Fuel oil and coal.....	116.7	114.9	113.9	112.5	111.4	110.1	109.6	108.6	108.4	108.3	108.2	108.1	107.3	110.1
Fuel oil, #2.....	115.3	113.5	112.4	111.0	110.2	109.2	109.1	108.3	108.1	107.9	107.9	107.6	106.8	109.3
Gas and electricity.....	111.5	110.7	109.9	108.8	107.6	107.3	106.6	106.3	106.7	106.6	105.8	105.6	105.2	107.3
Gas.....	112.7	111.5	110.7	108.9	108.8	108.8	107.7	107.4	108.5	108.4	107.3	107.0	106.1	108.5
Electricity.....	110.4	109.9	109.2	108.6	106.7	105.9	105.6	105.2	105.2	105.0	104.5	104.4	104.4	106.2
Other utilities:														
Residential telephone.....	104.9	104.1	104.1	103.3	103.2	103.0	102.9	102.6	102.6	102.5	101.7	100.6	100.8	102.6
Residential water and sewerage.....	128.9	128.9	128.9	122.8	122.8	122.8	122.8	116.9	116.9	116.9	116.9	114.2	114.2	120.4
<b>Household furnishings and operations</b> .....	115.4	115.3	115.1	114.5	114.2	113.9	113.7	113.5	113.2	112.8	112.4	111.6	111.0	113.4
House furnishings.....	112.7	112.9	112.7	112.2	111.8	111.5	111.6	111.5	111.3	111.1	110.8	110.2	109.6	111.4
Textiles.....	109.7	111.4	111.2	109.7	109.2	108.5	109.1	109.1	108.6	109.1	108.8	108.1	106.7	109.2
Sheets, percale, or muslin.....	111.6	116.9	116.9	113.2	114.6	111.0	112.5	113.6	113.4	115.1	114.2	112.5	109.2	113.6
Curtains, tailored, polyester marquisette.....	108.2	109.2	108.3	107.2	106.2	109.3	109.5	108.8	108.8	108.9	109.3	108.4	107.3	108.5
Bedspreads, chiefly cotton.....	107.4	108.7	108.4	107.5	107.1	106.7	107.4	107.0	106.4	107.3	106.6	106.2	104.7	107.0
Drapery fabric, cotton or rayon/acetate.....	117.1	117.4	116.9	116.6	114.7	114.5	114.2	113.4	114.1	113.8	113.4	112.7	112.0	114.5
Slipcovers, ready made, chiefly cotton.....	109.8	109.8	109.8	110.0	109.3	109.3	109.1	108.2	106.7	105.9	106.2	106.3	105.1	108.0
Furniture and bedding.....	116.9	117.3	117.0	116.3	116.0	115.6	115.8	115.8	115.7	115.2	114.6	113.9	113.4	115.5
Bedroom furniture, chest and dresser <sup>3,7</sup> .....	101.3	101.7	101.6	101.2	101.6	100.9	100.9	100.6	100.5	100.4	100.0	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	100.9
Living room suites, good or inexpensive quality.....	114.3	114.5	114.1	113.7	114.1	113.8	113.6	113.1	113.0	112.8	112.3	111.2	111.1	113.1
Lounge chair, upholstered.....	120.1	121.0	120.5	119.8	119.2	118.4	117.8	117.7	118.1	117.6	116.7	115.7	115.7	118.2
Dining room chairs <sup>4,7</sup> .....	101.9	101.8	101.5	100.8	100.5	100.2	100.6	100.6	100.2	100.2	100.0	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	100.6
Sofas, upholstered.....	115.3	116.3	116.6	115.5	113.9	113.9	115.7	114.6	113.8	113.4	112.7	111.3	111.1	114.0
Sofas, dual purpose.....	115.1	116.3	116.7	116.1	114.4	115.5	114.1	115.7	115.1	114.5	112.6	112.0	112.5	114.7
Mattress and box springs <sup>6,8</sup> .....	101.4	101.4	101.2	100.5	99.9	99.6	99.5	100.0	( <sup>2</sup> )	100.3				
Cribs.....	117.4	117.1	116.4	113.9	113.4	113.6	114.1	113.5	113.5	112.1	112.7	112.1	111.8	113.6
Floor coverings.....	105.9	105.6	105.3	105.2	104.9	105.1	105.0	105.0	105.2	104.7	104.7	104.7	104.6	105.0
Broadloom carpeting, manmade fibers.....	102.5	102.8	102.7	102.7	102.4	102.9	102.7	102.9	103.2	102.8	102.9	103.0	103.0	102.8
Vinyl sheet goods.....	111.7	110.5	110.3	109.8	109.0	108.3	108.8	108.3	108.0	108.0	108.0	107.9	107.5	108.7
Vinyl asbestos tile.....	115.5	113.5	112.5	112.4	112.1	112.1	111.8	111.4	111.4	110.1	110.0	109.7	108.7	111.3
Appliances.....	105.1	104.9	104.8	104.5	104.2	104.2	104.2	104.1	103.9	103.9	103.6	103.3	103.2	104.1
Washing machines, automatic.....	108.4	108.1	107.9	107.5	107.0	107.5	107.5	107.4	107.3	107.3	106.7	106.6	106.0	107.3
Vacuum cleaners, canister type.....	103.2	102.9	102.5	103.0	102.9	102.5	102.5	102.3	102.6	102.8	102.4	102.6	103.0	102.6
Refrigerator-freezers.....	107.5	107.1	106.9	106.5	106.0	105.8	105.9	105.8	105.6	105.8	105.4	105.0	104.1	105.8
Ranges, free standing, gas or electric.....	109.8	109.5	109.2	109.6	109.1	109.1	109.0	108.6	108.1	108.6	108.0	107.1	106.8	108.5
Clothes dryers, electric.....	110.3	110.1	109.5	109.2	108.7	108.7	108.7	108.6	107.8	108.0	107.7	107.2	106.7	108.4
Air conditioners.....											( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	107.1
Room heaters, electric, portable.....	108.4	108.5	108.7	107.9	( <sup>2</sup> )				106.9	106.9	105.7	105.8	105.8	107.0
Garbage disposal units.....	110.8	110.3	110.4	110.1	110.1	110.0	109.8	109.5	108.7	108.5	107.9	107.2	106.8	109.1
Other house furnishings:														
Dinnerware, earthenware.....	114.7	113.7	113.4	113.5	112.2	112.3	111.6	111.4	110.6	110.4	110.4	109.6	108.9	111.5
Flatware, stainless steel.....	117.8	119.7	119.7	119.8	120.0	119.9	119.6	119.0	118.8	118.7	118.4	118.1	117.2	119.1
Table lamps, with shade.....	118.6	118.7	118.4	117.9	116.4	116.0	115.5	116.1	116.0	115.8	114.5	113.3	113.0	116.0
Housekeeping supplies:														
Laundry soaps and detergents.....	106.4	106.4	106.3	106.4	107.1	106.8	106.2	105.9	105.9	105.7	105.9	104.7	104.0	106.0
Paper napkins.....	121.7	121.3	121.0	120.9	120.5	121.0	121.1	120.3	119.4	117.6	116.1	113.2	111.9	118.7
Toilet tissue.....	122.5	121.5	120.0	118.7	119.1	119.2	119.1	118.9	118.6	117.1	116.2	113.2	111.7	117.8
Housekeeping services:														
Domestic service, general housework.....	131.4	131.3	130.9	130.2	129.2	128.2	126.4	126.3	125.5	125.0	123.5	123.1	122.1	126.8
Baby sitter service.....	126.3	126.4	125.9	125.3	124.5	123.4	123.2	122.7	122.4	121.9	121.1	119.9	119.0	123.0
Postal charges.....	121.0	121.0	121.0	117.0	117.0	117.0	117.0	117.0	117.0	117.0	117.0	117.0	117.0	117.7
Laundry, flatwork.....	129.7	128.2	127.1	126.5	125.9	125.1	123.7	123.4	123.3	123.1	122.5	121.5	121.2	124.3
Licensed day care service, preschool child.....	116.9	116.5	115.9	116.4	115.8	115.1	114.1	113.7	113.5	113.2	113.1	113.1	113.1	114.5
Washing machine repair.....	129.5	128.7	128.5	127.6	127.0	125.7	122.4	121.9	122.1	121.6	121.4	120.3	118.8	123.8

TABLE 9. Consumer Price Index--general summary and U.S. average for groups, subgroups, and selected items--Continued

Item and group	General summary													Annual average 1970
	1971	1970												
	Jan.	Dec.	Nov.	Oct.	Sept.	Aug.	July	June	May	Apr.	Mar.	Feb.	Jan.	
<b>APPAREL AND UPKEEP</b> .....	117.6	119.2	119.0	118.2	117.2	115.4	115.3	116.0	115.7	115.0	114.6	114.0	113.4	116.1
<b>Men's and boys'</b> .....	118.0	119.6	119.7	119.0	117.9	116.5	116.2	117.4	117.1	116.7	115.7	114.6	114.4	117.1
<b>Men's:</b>														
Topcoats, wool <sup>1</sup> .....	122.3	124.8	125.0	122.8	120.3						115.1	112.7	114.8	119.3
Suits, year round weight.....	125.0	128.0	128.4	127.1	125.8	123.3	122.6	124.0	123.8	123.5	121.6	118.9	119.2	123.9
Suits, tropical weight <sup>1</sup> .....							118.4	126.2	124.3	123.5	122.7			123.0
Jackets, lightweight.....	109.9	113.3	113.3	113.1	112.6	112.8	112.7	113.1	113.0	113.2	113.2	113.5	113.4	113.1
Slacks, wool or blend.....	115.4	117.0	117.4	118.8	116.0	114.3	114.3	116.1	116.0	115.2	114.5	113.3	113.6	115.4
Slacks, cotton or blend.....	129.1	128.9	127.7	125.9	125.0	125.0	124.9	125.2	124.9	124.5	122.4	120.9	119.0	124.5
Trousers, work, cotton.....	110.7	110.6	110.6	110.8	110.0	109.9	109.6	109.1	108.4	108.5	108.0	107.8	107.4	109.3
Shirt, work, cotton.....	110.5	110.6	110.4	110.1	110.2	109.6	109.3	109.1	108.9	108.8	108.4	107.5	107.1	109.2
Shirt, business, cotton.....	109.3	109.0	112.4	112.3	112.1	111.5	110.9	110.5	110.1	110.0	109.7	109.2	108.6	110.5
T-shirts, chiefly cotton.....	119.8	119.8	119.7	118.8	119.4	119.2	119.5	119.2	119.1	118.7	117.6	118.0	117.2	118.8
Socks, cotton.....	114.8	115.8	115.7	115.7	115.6	115.0	115.6	115.4	114.9	114.9	113.9	113.7	113.3	114.9
Handkerchiefs, cotton.....	113.6	115.2	114.2	114.2	113.6	112.8	113.1	112.9	112.7	112.0	111.9	111.6	111.5	113.0
<b>Boys':</b>														
Coats, all purpose, cotton or cotton blend <sup>1</sup> .....	119.5	121.4	120.4	118.8	(?)						111.0	110.8	110.7	115.5
Sport coats, wool or blend <sup>1</sup> .....	118.8	122.3	124.2	124.0	121.5								119.0	122.3
Dungarees, cotton or blend.....	119.9	119.6	119.2	118.9	118.4	117.4	114.8	116.7	116.7	116.1	116.1	116.1	115.6	117.7
Undershorts, cotton.....	118.7	118.8	118.7	118.9	119.0	118.9	118.7	118.9	119.0	118.4	118.0	117.5	117.6	118.5
<b>Women's and girls'</b> .....	117.4	120.5	120.5	119.3	117.7	114.3	114.5	115.4	115.2	113.9	114.0	114.1	113.0	116.0
<b>Women's:</b>														
Coats, heavyweight, wool or wool blend <sup>1</sup> .....	111.9	122.0	125.9	124.1	120.7								106.5	119.9
Skirts, wool or wool blend <sup>1</sup> .....	124.7	133.0	134.5	127.7	125.4							107.7	120.6	124.8
Skirts, cotton or blend.....						109.6	113.2	118.7	118.7	117.8	(?)			115.6
Blouses, cotton.....	120.0	121.3	120.5	118.9	118.5	118.4	114.7	118.7	117.9	115.5	113.9	113.5	115.4	117.3
Dresses, street, chiefly manmade fiber.....	127.8	131.9	130.8	131.4	130.3	129.6	127.5	127.3	127.9	129.8	129.5	129.7	127.4	129.4
Dresses, street, wool or wool blend <sup>1</sup> .....	130.8	135.7	133.8	130.7	129.4								122.4	130.4
Slips, nylon.....	110.5	110.5	109.5	109.1	108.9	109.1	109.6	110.2	110.0	109.1	108.7	109.9	107.9	109.3
Panties, acetate or nylon.....	113.0	113.2	113.1	113.1	112.5	112.3	112.4	111.4	111.2	110.6	111.1	110.6	109.9	111.8
Girdles, manmade blend.....	114.4	114.7	113.0	113.0	112.1	112.0	110.7	111.6	111.6	111.5	111.6	111.1	110.8	111.9
Brasieres, nylon lace.....	117.7	117.8	117.5	116.7	116.1	116.1	115.4	116.0	116.3	115.6	114.7	113.1	112.0	115.6
Hose, nylon, seamless.....	100.1	100.5	100.6	100.2	99.6	99.9	100.0	99.4	99.7	99.5	99.6	98.9	99.1	99.8
Anklets or knee-length socks.....	116.4	115.9	115.8	116.2	115.8	114.6	115.0	114.2	115.4	115.4	115.8	117.7	116.2	115.7
Gloves, fabric, nylon or cotton.....	108.8	109.1	109.8	109.1	108.9	108.4	108.2	108.1	107.9	107.3	107.6	107.7	107.4	108.2
Handbags, rayon faille or plastic.....	127.1	127.4	126.8	126.0	125.3	122.8	121.1	122.8	121.7	121.2	120.6	120.9	118.8	123.0
<b>Girls:</b>														
Raincoats, vinyl plastic or chiefly cotton <sup>1</sup> .....	115.8	119.2	120.3	115.5	112.3						107.2	111.0	110.3	113.7
Skirts, wool or wool blend <sup>1</sup> .....	103.9	111.0	110.4	110.9	111.0								105.0	109.7
Dresses, cotton.....	103.3	104.0	104.2	106.8	104.9	105.7	106.4	107.8	104.7	109.3	108.4	107.0	105.0	106.1
Slacks, cotton <sup>1</sup> .....	130.4	132.0	131.2	125.6	(?)							115.2	117.9	122.9
Slips, cotton blend.....	108.6	108.3	108.6	108.4	107.6	107.3	107.4	107.5	106.8	107.0	107.6	107.3	107.5	107.6
Handbags.....	127.4	128.7	129.0	128.6	126.4	126.4	126.3	127.6	126.6	124.8	124.2	123.9	122.7	126.3
<b>Footwear</b> .....	119.8	119.8	119.4	119.0	118.4	117.8	117.5	117.7	117.6	117.3	116.6	115.5	115.1	117.7
<b>Men's:</b>														
Shoes, street, oxford.....	117.8	117.7	116.5	115.7	115.6	114.5	114.9	115.2	115.0	114.5	113.8	112.6	111.8	114.8
Shoes, work, high.....	116.5	116.2	115.7	115.3	114.5	114.4	113.4	113.4	113.0	112.7	112.3	111.8	111.4	113.7
<b>Women's:</b>														
Shoes, street, pump.....	121.9	122.5	122.3	122.6	121.5	120.7	120.2	121.2	121.6	121.6	120.2	117.2	117.3	120.7
Shoes, evening, pump.....	120.1	120.0	120.1	120.0	119.2	118.4	118.2	117.3	117.4	116.6	115.8	115.7	115.1	117.8
Shoes, casual, pump.....	122.3	123.1	124.0	122.9	122.4	122.2	121.7	122.7	123.1	122.7	120.9	120.4	119.1	122.1
Houseslippers, scuff.....	120.6	120.7	120.1	120.4	120.5	119.5	118.3	118.2	117.8	117.8	118.3	117.9	118.1	118.9
<b>Children's:</b>														
Shoes, oxford.....	119.3	119.2	118.7	118.3	117.7	117.7	117.0	117.1	116.6	116.4	116.6	116.1	114.8	117.2
Sneakers, boys', oxford type.....	116.7	115.2	114.3	114.3	113.7	114.2	114.0	114.3	113.7	113.2	112.0	111.3	110.9	113.5
Dress shoes, girls', strap.....	122.4	122.6	122.0	120.5	118.9	119.3	119.4	119.1	119.1	118.4	118.9	117.7	117.7	119.5
<b>Miscellaneous apparel:</b>														
Diapers, cotton gauze.....	110.3	110.1	109.9	109.8	109.8	109.9	109.9	109.5	109.4	109.3	109.4	108.8	108.4	109.5
Yard goods, cotton.....	121.4	122.1	122.2	122.5	121.8	119.2	119.3	120.9	121.4	120.6	119.8	118.6	117.3	120.5
<b>Apparel services:</b>														
Drycleaning, men's suits and women's dresses.....	115.1	114.8	114.2	113.7	113.3	113.3	113.0	112.9	112.7	112.4	112.0	111.5	110.9	112.9
Automatic laundry service.....	114.8	113.0	112.7	111.6	111.2	111.0	110.9	110.6	109.8	109.7	109.8	108.9	108.6	110.7
Laundry, men's shirts.....	118.2	118.0	116.8	116.3	116.0	115.6	115.3	115.0	114.2	114.0	113.7	113.3	112.2	115.0
Tailoring charges hem adjustment.....	126.0	125.5	124.6	124.2	121.9	121.6	121.1	120.7	116.7	116.3	115.7	115.4	115.0	119.9
Shoe repairs, women's heel lift.....	109.3	108.9	108.8	108.6	108.4	108.2	107.5	107.4	107.1	106.9	106.3	105.8	105.5	107.5

See footnotes at end of table.

TABLE 9. Consumer Price Index--general summary and U.S. average for groups, subgroups, and selected items--Continued

Item and group	General summary													Annual average 1970
	1971	1970												
	Jan.	Dec.	Nov.	Oct.	Sept.	Aug.	July	June	May	Apr.	Mar.	Feb.	Jan.	
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b> .....	117.5	116.9	116.0	115.2	113.0	112.7	113.4	112.7	112.1	111.2	109.7	109.8	109.8	112.7
<b>Private</b> .....	115.8	115.2	114.2	113.4	111.2	111.0	111.7	111.2	110.5	109.7	108.0	108.3	108.3	111.1
Automobiles, new.....	115.4	114.1	112.5	110.8	105.1	105.5	105.7	105.8	106.1	106.3	106.4	106.6	106.7	107.6
Automobiles, used.....	107.0	109.5	108.8	107.2	104.9	106.3	108.5	108.6	104.9	99.7	96.8	97.0	99.3	104.3
Gasoline, regular and premium.....	107.7	107.4	106.2	106.8	105.5	104.7	106.3	105.3	106.2	106.7	103.2	104.5	104.4	105.6
Motor oil, premium.....	117.3	117.0	116.6	116.0	115.7	114.8	114.3	113.8	113.6	113.4	113.2	112.5	111.9	114.4
Tires, new, tubeless.....	115.4	115.6	114.9	115.4	114.2	113.0	112.4	111.4	112.0	112.0	112.7	111.9	111.6	113.1
Auto repairs and maintenance.....	124.4	123.7	123.2	122.7	122.1	121.5	121.1	120.4	119.9	119.2	118.7	117.6	116.8	120.6
Auto insurance rates.....	135.8	132.1	131.8	130.3	129.6	128.0	127.7	126.5	124.8	124.2	122.7	122.4	120.6	126.7
Auto registration.....	121.7	117.9	117.9	117.9	117.9	117.9	117.9	117.9	117.9	117.9	117.4	117.4	117.4	117.8
<b>Public</b> .....	133.9	133.4	132.5	131.3	131.2	129.4	129.3	127.0	126.1	125.5	125.5	125.2	125.0	128.5
Local transit fares.....	140.5	139.7	139.2	137.4	137.2	136.3	136.2	132.5	132.1	131.2	131.1	131.0	130.7	134.5
Taxicab fares.....	119.0	119.0	117.7	117.7	117.7	117.7	117.7	117.7	113.9	113.9	113.9	113.9	113.9	116.2
Railroad fares, coach.....	124.7	124.6	124.4	124.4	124.4	115.2	115.2	114.8	114.8	114.8	114.8	111.1	111.1	117.4
Airplane fares, chiefly coach.....	121.9	121.9	121.6	121.6	121.6	117.0	117.0	117.0	116.9	116.9	116.9	116.5	116.5	118.5
Bus fares, intercity.....	128.9	128.9	119.8	119.8	119.8	117.6	117.6	117.6	116.3	116.3	116.3	116.6	116.6	118.4
<b>HEALTH AND RECREATION</b> .....	119.8	119.1	118.7	118.2	117.7	117.2	116.6	116.1	115.4	114.9	114.2	113.7	113.2	116.2
<b>Medical care</b> .....	124.9	124.2	123.4	122.8	122.6	122.0	121.3	120.5	119.7	119.1	118.2	117.1	116.3	120.6
<b>Drugs and prescriptions</b> .....	104.5	104.2	104.0	104.4	104.3	104.4	104.2	103.8	103.6	103.1	102.5	102.1	101.8	103.6
Over-the-counter items.....	109.2	108.7	108.3	108.2	107.2	106.9	106.9	106.1	105.6	105.0	104.3	103.7	103.7	106.2
Multiple vitamin concentrates.....	97.4	97.4	97.2	98.2	98.2	98.3	98.7	98.6	98.7	98.0	97.7	96.7	98.3	98.0
Aspirin compounds.....	112.3	112.1	111.1	110.0	108.6	108.2	107.9	105.8	105.2	104.1	103.4	103.5	102.3	106.8
Liquid tonics.....	101.8	101.7	101.6	101.3	101.2	100.9	100.8	100.9	101.0	101.0	100.6	100.3	100.4	101.0
Adhesive bandages, package.....	118.2	118.1	117.8	116.9	115.6	115.2	115.7	113.6	112.4	110.9	110.8	109.4	109.1	113.8
Cold tablets or capsules.....	108.7	109.0	108.9	108.5	108.4	108.2	107.8	107.8	107.8	107.8	107.4	106.7	106.2	107.8
Cough syrup.....	113.8	111.5	110.6	110.0	108.9	108.6	108.4	108.1	107.4	107.0	104.7	104.2	104.6	107.8
<b>Prescriptions</b> .....	100.5	100.2	100.3	101.1	101.8	102.2	101.9	101.8	101.7	101.5	100.8	100.8	100.3	101.2
Anti-infectives.....	81.7	82.0	83.0	86.7	90.1	92.8	92.5	92.4	92.3	92.1	91.8	92.1	91.8	89.9
Sedatives and hypnotics.....	120.4	119.5	118.9	118.6	117.9	116.9	116.2	115.7	115.9	115.4	113.8	113.7	112.3	116.2
Ataractics.....	101.0	100.7	100.6	100.7	100.6	100.6	100.7	100.8	100.7	100.7	99.9	99.9	99.9	100.4
Anti-spasmodics.....	105.0	104.7	104.3	103.9	103.6	103.5	103.1	102.9	102.7	102.5	102.0	101.9	101.8	103.1
Cough preparations.....	123.4	122.4	121.6	121.3	120.2	119.9	119.0	118.9	118.8	118.9	117.9	116.0	113.5	119.0
Cardiovasculars and antihypertensives.....	109.1	108.0	107.8	107.7	107.2	107.0	106.7	106.7	106.7	106.3	105.2	105.0	104.5	106.6
Analgesics, internal.....	106.6	106.3	106.1	106.0	105.8	105.6	105.1	105.1	104.9	105.0	104.4	104.7	104.0	105.3
Anti-obesity.....	111.4	111.4	110.7	109.5	109.4	108.8	108.0	107.1	107.1	105.9	105.7	105.4	104.7	107.8
Hormones.....	95.3	95.1	95.0	94.8	95.5	95.4	95.2	94.7	94.7	94.1	94.4	94.1	94.1	94.8
<b>Professional services:</b>														
Physicians' fee.....	125.9	125.7	124.6	123.7	123.3	122.6	121.9	121.6	120.3	119.4	119.0	117.4	116.8	121.4
General physician, office visits.....	127.6	127.4	125.9	125.3	124.8	123.7	123.4	123.1	121.3	120.5	120.0	118.2	117.5	122.6
General physician, house visits.....	126.3	126.0	124.7	124.3	124.1	123.8	123.4	123.1	121.7	121.0	120.4	118.5	117.7	122.4
Obstetrical cases.....	125.2	124.6	124.0	123.3	123.3	123.1	122.6	122.3	121.8	120.3	120.2	119.1	117.8	121.8
Pediatric care, office visits.....	126.9	126.5	126.3	124.7	124.4	124.4	122.4	122.5	122.4	120.3	120.1	119.5	118.5	122.7
Psychiatrist, office visits.....	122.2	121.9	121.6	120.8	120.8	120.3	119.0	118.7	118.7	118.5	118.4	117.6	117.0	119.4
Herniorrhaphy, adult.....	120.7	120.3	119.9	116.8	116.7	116.2	114.7	114.7	113.8	113.0	111.9	111.2	110.9	115.0
Tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy.....	121.2	120.9	120.6	119.8	118.9	118.6	117.3	116.7	116.2	114.8	114.5	113.6	113.4	117.1
Dentists' fees.....	123.7	122.2	122.0	121.7	121.0	120.3	119.8	119.1	118.6	118.2	116.6	116.4	116.1	119.4
Fillings, adult, amalgam, one surface.....	124.7	123.0	122.8	122.4	122.1	121.4	120.9	120.3	119.7	119.0	117.6	117.3	116.9	120.3
Extractions, adult.....	123.8	122.3	122.1	121.8	120.3	119.5	118.5	118.2	117.5	117.5	115.3	115.2	115.2	118.6
Dentures, full uppers.....	121.5	120.6	120.5	120.5	119.8	119.0	118.9	117.8	117.5	117.0	116.1	115.8	115.2	118.3
<b>Other professional services:</b>														
Examination, prescription, and dispensing of eyeglasses.....	116.7	116.6	116.3	115.0	114.8	114.3	113.5	113.1	112.4	112.2	111.9	111.4	110.5	113.5
Routine laboratory tests.....	113.7	113.2	112.8	111.9	111.5	111.4	111.6	111.4	111.1	111.0	110.6	109.7	109.5	111.4
<b>Hospital service charges:</b>														
Daily service charges.....	153.6	152.0	150.3	148.8	147.5	146.2	144.5	142.1	141.5	141.1	139.4	137.7	135.7	143.9
Semiprivate rooms.....	155.5	153.8	151.9	150.5	149.2	147.8	146.0	143.6	142.9	142.5	140.8	138.9	136.9	145.4
Private rooms.....	150.8	149.3	147.7	146.4	144.9	143.8	142.2	140.0	139.4	138.9	137.5	136.1	134.0	141.7
Operating room charges.....	149.9	149.3	147.1	146.9	145.2	144.8	143.0	141.5	140.9	140.4	138.4	136.6	134.6	142.4
X-ray, diagnostic series, upper G.I.....	120.6	120.2	119.7	118.9	118.3	118.3	117.0	117.0	115.2	114.1	113.7	111.7	111.0	116.3
<b>Personal care</b> .....	115.3	115.0	114.5	114.4	114.0	113.7	113.1	112.7	112.8	112.4	112.2	111.7	111.3	113.2
<b>Toilet goods</b> .....	112.2	111.9	111.3	111.4	110.9	110.8	110.3	110.1	110.1	109.8	109.7	109.2	108.8	110.4
Toothpaste, standard dentifrice.....	106.1	107.1	106.9	107.9	107.6	106.9	106.4	106.9	106.9	107.2	106.4	106.8	106.6	107.0
Toilet soap, hard milled.....	110.2	109.8	109.3	109.0	108.4	107.8	107.1	106.0	105.3	103.8	104.8	103.8	102.7	106.5
Hand lotions, liquid.....	119.3	117.7	116.9	116.1	115.6	115.3	115.5	117.3	117.6	117.4	116.6	116.0	115.2	116.5
Shaving cream, aerosol.....	104.2	103.9	103.5	103.5	102.1	101.8	101.6	100.9	101.7	101.9	101.8	101.7	101.7	102.2
Face powder, pressed.....	122.5	122.6	121.9	121.6	121.6	121.2	119.5	119.0	119.2	118.7	118.5	116.9	116.0	119.7
Deodorants, aerosol.....	104.7	104.3	103.5	105.4	105.0	105.4	104.8	104.2	104.1	104.2	104.5	104.5	104.3	104.6
Cleansing tissues.....	121.9	121.0	119.3	119.2	119.3	120.2	119.8	119.1	119.1	118.7	118.2	117.1	116.5	118.9
Home permanent wave sets.....	109.5	109.1	109.4	109.1	108.5	108.9	109.1	108.5	108.6	108.5	108.8	108.8	108.8	108.8

See footnotes at end of table.

TABLE 9. Consumer Price Index--general summary and U.S. average for groups, subgroups, and selected items--Continued

Item and group	General summary													Annual average 1970
	1971	1970												
	Jan.	Dec.	Nov.	Oct.	Sept.	Aug.	July	June	May	Apr.	Mar.	Feb.	Jan.	
<b>HEALTH AND RECREATION--Continued</b>														
<b>Medical care--Continued</b>														
Personal care services.....	118.6	118.3	118.0	117.6	117.2	116.7	116.0	115.5	115.6	115.0	114.7	114.2	113.8	116.0
Men's haircuts.....	121.6	121.4	121.2	120.9	120.6	120.2	119.4	118.3	118.3	117.3	116.9	116.6	116.1	119.0
Beauty shop services.....	116.4	116.0	115.7	115.1	114.7	114.1	113.6	113.4	113.6	113.4	113.1	112.6	112.0	113.9
Women's haircuts.....	118.0	117.6	117.3	116.8	116.6	114.8	113.9	113.6	114.5	114.4	114.2	113.6	113.5	115.0
Shampoo and wave sets, plain.....	119.2	118.8	118.4	117.7	117.2	116.8	116.2	116.1	116.1	115.8	115.5	115.0	114.5	116.5
Permanent waves, cold.....	108.6	108.5	108.1	107.9	107.4	107.4	107.4	107.6	107.2	107.0	106.7	106.6	105.2	107.2
Reading and recreation.....	117.3	116.2	116.0	115.2	114.7	114.2	113.7	113.3	112.6	111.9	111.2	110.9	110.8	113.4
Recreational goods.....	105.7	105.5	105.5	105.3	105.1	104.8	104.7	104.6	104.5	104.2	104.0	103.8	103.7	104.6
TV sets, portable and console.....	100.3	100.4	100.4	100.0	99.6	99.5	99.4	99.6	99.6	99.5	99.4	99.4	99.5	99.8
TV replacement tubes.....	121.3	121.0	121.1	120.8	120.1	119.0	117.7	116.4	115.4	114.6	114.4	114.4	113.8	117.4
Radios, portable and table model.....	99.1	99.0	99.0	98.8	98.8	99.1	99.1	99.1	99.1	99.0	98.3	98.4	98.8	98.8
Tape recorders, portable.....	95.7	96.0	95.9	95.5	94.4	93.9	94.5	94.6	95.2	95.1	94.9	94.9	94.7	94.9
Phonograph records, stereophonic.....	99.5	99.6	99.6	99.8	99.8	99.6	100.1	100.2	100.3	99.8	100.1	99.9	100.0	99.9
Movie cameras, Super 8, zoom lens.....	90.4	90.3	90.8	90.9	91.7	91.8	92.0	92.2	91.8	91.2	91.0	91.4	91.9	91.4
Film, 35mm, color.....	107.7	107.5	107.4	107.2	107.2	106.9	106.9	106.8	106.8	106.5	106.5	106.5	105.9	106.8
Bicycle, boys.....	109.8	108.0	109.6	109.5	109.4	108.8	108.4	108.1	108.2	108.5	109.1	108.9	108.4	108.7
Tricycles.....	109.4	109.2	109.6	109.6	109.5	109.0	109.3	109.4	108.9	107.4	107.0	107.8	107.8	108.8
Recreational services.....	123.1	122.0	121.8	121.6	121.0	119.8	119.0	118.8	118.0	117.2	116.4	116.1	116.2	119.0
Indoor movie admissions.....	135.1	134.0	133.5	134.1	134.0	132.2	130.9	130.0	128.8	127.3	125.3	124.4	125.1	130.0
Adult.....	135.2	133.9	133.5	134.0	134.4	132.2	131.2	130.4	128.7	127.6	125.7	124.7	125.4	130.1
Children's.....	134.7	134.0	133.3	134.3	132.7	131.9	129.9	128.8	128.7	126.4	124.2	123.5	124.3	129.3
Drive-in movie admissions, adult.....	137.1	136.7	136.3	136.6	135.0	133.4	130.4	129.9	127.9	127.3	126.8	126.4	125.4	131.0
Bowling fees, evening.....	115.3	113.1	113.4	112.0	110.5	110.0	110.3	111.4	110.9	110.9	110.5	110.7	111.0	111.3
Golf greens fees <sup>1</sup> .....			122.7	122.8	122.6	122.0	122.6	122.2	119.2	117.4				121.2
TV repairs, picture tube replacement.....	96.9	96.3	96.4	96.2	96.4	96.3	96.4	96.3	97.2	97.3	97.5	98.1	98.8	96.9
Film developing, color.....	114.5	114.3	113.7	113.3	112.6	111.3	109.7	109.4	110.6	110.5	110.2	110.6	110.3	111.4
Reading and education.....	126.8	126.1	125.2	123.3	121.2	120.7	120.1	118.0	116.3	115.5	115.5	115.0	115.3	119.4
Newspapers, street sale and delivery.....	120.5	119.2	119.0	118.7	118.4	116.9	116.6	116.1	115.9	115.9	115.6	115.5	115.4	116.9
Piano lessons, beginner.....														
Other goods and services.....	118.9	118.5	118.3	118.0	117.4	116.8	116.2	115.7	115.1	114.7	114.0	113.6	113.3	116.0
Tobacco products.....	124.0	123.9	123.8	123.7	123.5	122.9	122.0	120.8	119.7	119.5	124.4	124.3	117.7	122.2
Cigarettes, nonfilter tip, regular size.....	125.5	125.5	125.3	125.2	125.0	124.1	123.2	121.8	120.6	120.4	119.4	119.4	118.7	122.4
Cigarettes, filter, king.....	125.4	125.3	125.1	125.1	124.9	124.4	123.5	122.2	121.2	120.9	119.4	119.4	118.7	122.5
Cigars, domestic, regular.....	105.8	105.7	105.7	105.5	105.6	105.6	105.2	105.2	105.2	105.2	105.3	105.3	105.6	105.4
Alcoholic beverages.....	115.2	114.4	114.2	113.8	113.3	112.7	112.1	112.1	112.0	111.5	111.0	110.5	110.1	112.3
Beer.....	111.3	110.7	110.5	110.0	109.7	109.4	108.5	108.6	108.8	108.5	108.1	107.3	107.0	108.9
Whiskey, spirit blended and straight bourbon.....	105.8	105.8	105.7	105.5	105.8	105.7	105.5	104.9	104.3	104.1	103.8	103.7	103.7	105.0
Wine, dessert and table.....	118.5	117.9	117.9	117.6	117.5	117.5	117.3	117.1	116.9	116.5	115.0	114.4	114.1	116.7
Beer, away from home.....	124.7	123.1	122.8	122.4	120.9	119.7	118.9	119.0	118.7	117.9	117.5	117.2	116.7	119.6
Financial and miscellaneous personal expenses:														
Funeral services, adult.....	114.5	114.7	114.5	114.2	113.8	113.4	113.0	112.7	112.4	112.2	111.8	111.3	110.9	112.9
Bank service charges, checking accounts.....	111.0	111.0	111.2	111.2	106.2	106.0	106.0	106.1	105.8	105.8	105.9	105.8	106.0	107.2
Legal services, will.....	132.8	132.3	129.9	129.4	125.4	125.4	124.9	124.7	122.3	121.8	121.4	119.4	119.1	124.7

<sup>1</sup> Priced only in season.

<sup>2</sup> Not available.

<sup>3</sup> This item is a replacement for bedroom suites, good or inexpensive quality, which was discontinued after March 1970.

<sup>4</sup> This item is a replacement for dining room suites, which was discontinued after March 1970.

<sup>5</sup> Item discontinued.

<sup>6</sup> This item is a replacement for box springs, which was discontinued after April 1970.

<sup>7</sup> March 1970=100.

<sup>8</sup> June 1970=100.

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 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.

<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 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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