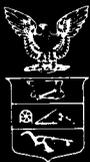




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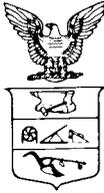
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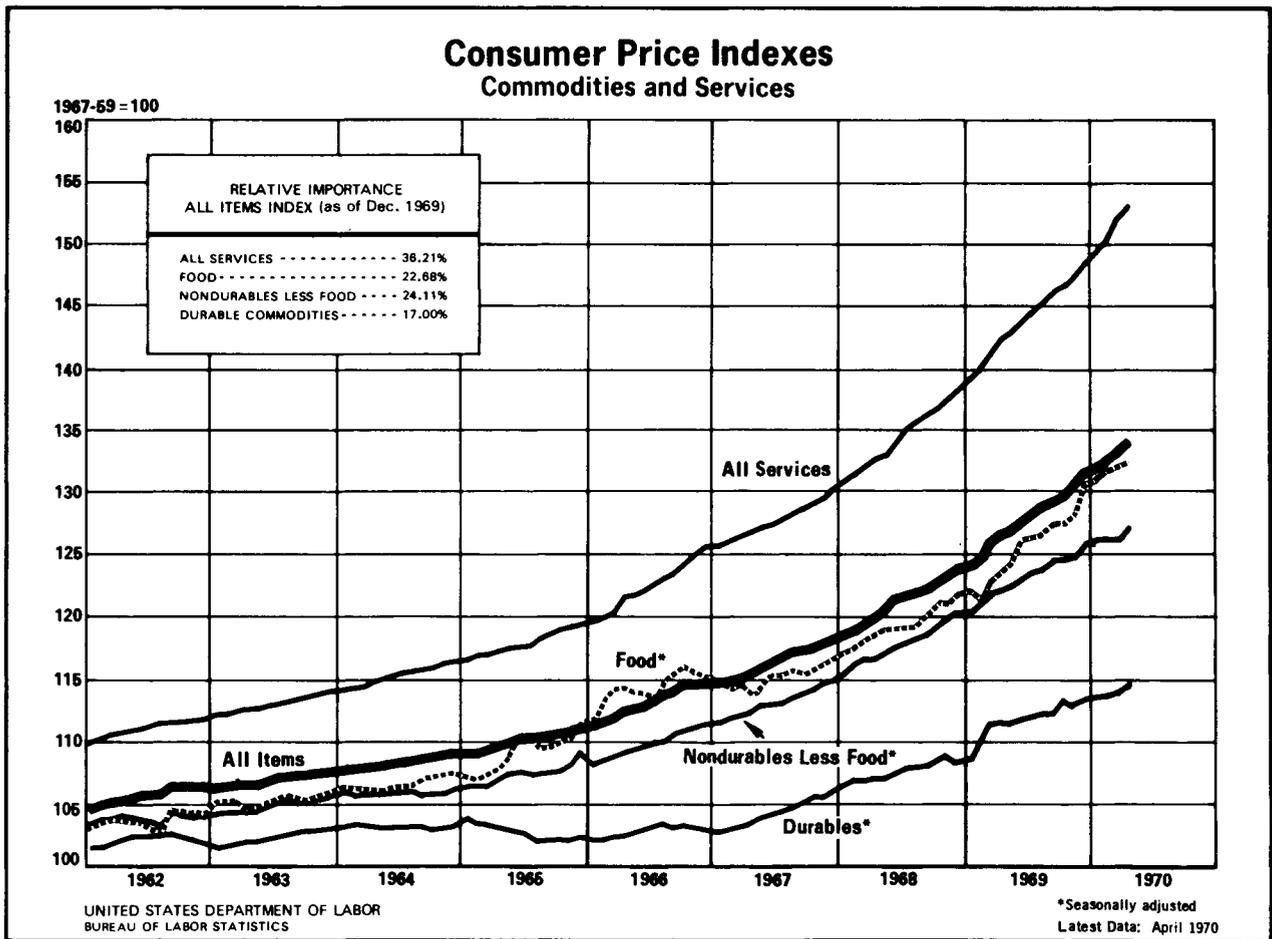
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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
FOR
APRIL 1970

Retail prices rose 0.6 percent in April and brought the Consumer Price Index to 134.0 percent of its 1957-59 base. The advance compares with a 0.5 percent rise in March. The rate of increase in prices of nonfood commodities accelerated significantly primarily because of large price increases for used cars and gasoline. The rise in charges for consumer services, while slower than in March, was substantial and reflected primarily higher prices for services associated with housing. The April advance put the all items index 6 percent above a year ago.

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI rose 0.5 percent in April following increases of 0.6, 0.5, and 0.4 percent respectively in the first 3 months of this year. Prices of nondurable commodities other than food rose substantially more than seasonally and faster than in March. The pick-up mostly reflected larger increases for apparel and gasoline. The rate of advance in food prices accelerated only slightly as grocery store food prices were seasonally unchanged on the average, while prices of food consumed away from home rose. Prices of consumer durables rose about twice as much as usual for April. However, the rise was a little less than in the previous month after seasonal adjustment.

Percent changes in the CPI and its major components, and the contribution each component made to the overall change, are given below for the 12-month periods ending in April 1970 and April 1969.

	April 1969-70		April 1968-69	
	Percent change	Contribution to change	Percent change	Contribution to change
All items	6.0	100.0	5.4	100.0
Services	8.0	47.8	7.2	47.4
Food	7.1	26.6	4.1	17.3
Nondurables less food	4.2	16.9	4.7	21.4
Durables	3.1	8.7	4.2	13.9

Services

Charges for consumer services were up 0.7 percent in April, the smallest increase in 5 months and less than two-thirds the increase of last month, when mortgage interest rates were up significantly. However, almost half of the April increase in the overall index was accounted for by increased costs for services, primarily household services, such as property taxes and insurance, domestic help and residential gas and telephone services.

The sharpest monthly advance in over 2 years was recorded for prices of "other" services; increases for movie admissions, legal expenses, and funeral charges were important factors in the rise. The overall increase for "other services", 0.7 percent, made a contribution to the rise in the index as a whole that was as large as that made by medical care services. Prices for medical care services were up 0.8 percent. The rise in March was 1.0 percent. Adult fillings, extractions, physicians' office visits, and semi-private hospital room rates shared in affecting the increase.

The rate of increase in transportation services was double that of March mainly due to auto insurance rate increases, averaging 1.2 percent, and higher parking fees.

More than half of the 8-percent gain in services prices over the past year stemmed from the sustained uptrend in costs of household services other than rent. Prices of these services have climbed 10.3 percent, mostly because of increases for mortgage interest, home maintenance and repair services, and property taxes and insurance.

Food

Retail food prices rose 0.3 percent in April on the strength of a 1-percent increase in prices of restaurant meals and other food consumed away from home. Prices of food purchased for home consumption were unchanged between March and April. Egg prices declined nearly 15-1/2 percent, and offset increases for most other foods purchased for home consumption.

Prices of meats, poultry, and fish advanced contraseasonally despite declines in prices of pork and poultry; substantial price increases were recorded for nearly all beef cuts. Prices of fruits and vegetables were up about twice as much as usual for April mainly because of higher prices for fresh vegetables. The most important price increases were posted for fresh tomatoes, green peppers, and potatoes and were due in part to declining supplies. Cereal and bakery product prices averaged 0.5 percent higher, reportedly because of the higher costs of manufacturing and distributing these products. Prices of dairy products, which tend to decline in April, rose contraseasonally largely because of higher prices for butter, cheese, and evaporated milk induced by new Government support prices. The April decline in egg prices was associated with increases in production and cold storage holdings of shell eggs in the previous month.

Retail food prices advanced 7.1 percent in the 12 months ending in April 1970; prices of food purchased in grocery stores were 6.8 percent higher and prices of restaurant meals and snacks were up 8.3. Higher prices for meats, poultry, and fish, particularly beef and pork, were responsible for about half of the rise in grocery store food prices. Price increases for bakery products, fresh milk, cheese, coffee, and fresh vegetables also played an important part in the advance.

Nondurables less food

Prices of nondurable commodities other than food were up 0.6 percent on a seasonally adjusted basis in April--their sharpest monthly rise since early last year. Widespread increases in gasoline prices were responsible for about half of the rise; higher prices for men's tailored clothing, footwear, cigarettes, and alcoholic beverages accounted for much of the remainder.

The 3.4 percent increase in gasoline prices was due to the removal of temporary dealer discounts and an increase of 1 cent a gallon at retail. The rise in retail prices was amplified in some cities because it represented a return from prices at unusually low levels because of intense competition. In areas where "price wars" have not been in effect, retail prices rose about 1 cent per gallon. Increases of as much as 9 cents a gallon were reported in areas where "price wars" had previously prevailed.

The rise in prices of men's clothing and footwear was partially offset by the decreases in prices of women's and girls' spring apparel resulting from clearance sales. Overall, apparel commodity prices advanced 0.4 percent, about twice as much as seasonally.

Since April 1969, retail prices of nondurable commodities other than food have advanced 4.2 percent. Approximately 70 percent of this rise resulted from price increases for apparel, cigarettes and alcoholic beverages.

Durables

Retail prices of consumer durable goods rose sharply in April, up 0.6 percent from their previous month's level. The unadjusted increase was the sharpest since October 1969 but, after adjustment for seasonal variation, was somewhat smaller than last month's adjusted rise.

Used car prices were unusually strong, up 3 percent, and, together with a further increase in house prices, accounted for more than 80 percent of the advance for durable goods.

Prices of furniture and bedding, appliances, and other durable housefurnishings were up with very few exceptions; as in March, they averaged 0.3 percent higher, seasonally adjusted. Prices of floor coverings were unchanged for the second consecutive month as a result of offsetting price changes for tile and carpeting.

Over the past year, the greater part of the 3.1 percent increase in prices of durable goods has been due to the large rise in the price of houses. Moderate increases in prices of furniture and bedding and new cars also were a significant part of the rise. The 7.7 percent drop in used car prices from last April was a strong moderating influence.

A NOTE ABOUT CALCULATING INDEX CHANGES

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

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

<u>Index Point Change</u>		<u>Percentage Change</u>
April 1970 CPI (1957-59=100)	134.0	Index point difference divided by the index for the previous period: $\frac{134.0 - 133.2}{133.2} \times 100 = 0.6$
less March 1970 index	<u>133.2</u>	
Index point difference =	0.8	

TABLE 1. Consumer Price Index--United States city average for urban wage earners and clerical workers, April 1970

(Unadjusted, unless otherwise indicated)

Group	Indexes (1957-59=100 unless otherwise noted)				Percent change to April 1970 from:		
	April 1970	March 1970	January 1970	April 1969	1 Month Ago	3 Months Ago	1 Year Ago
All items -----	134.0	133.2	131.8	126.4	0.6	1.7	6.0
All items (1947-49=100) -----	164.4	163.4	161.7	155.0	-	-	-
Food -----	132.0	131.6	130.7	123.2	.3	1.0	7.1
Food at home -----	127.4	127.4	126.6	119.3	.0	.6	6.8
Cereals and bakery products -----	127.6	127.0	125.5	121.3	.5	1.7	5.2
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	130.9	130.2	128.8	118.4	.5	1.6	10.6
Dairy products -----	129.5	129.4	128.4	122.9	.1	.9	5.4
Fruits and vegetables -----	134.7	133.1	130.9	127.9	1.2	2.9	5.3
Other foods at home -----	113.8	116.0	117.7	109.0	-1.9	-3.3	4.4
Food away from home -----	154.0	152.4	150.6	142.2	1.0	2.3	8.3
Housing -----	134.4	133.6	131.1	125.3	.6	2.5	7.3
Shelter 1/ -----	143.7	142.8	139.6	131.6	.6	2.9	9.2
Rent -----	122.6	122.3	121.3	117.8	.2	1.1	4.1
Homeownership 2/ -----	152.1	150.9	146.8	137.1	.8	3.6	10.9
Fuel and utilities 3/ -----	116.3	115.6	114.6	112.6	.6	1.5	3.3
Fuel oil and coal -----	120.9	120.8	119.7	117.4	.1	1.0	3.0
Gas and electricity -----	115.7	114.8	114.1	111.2	.8	1.4	4.0
Household furnishings and operation -----	122.0	121.6	120.1	116.9	.3	1.6	4.4
Apparel and upkeep 4/ -----	131.1	130.6	129.3	125.6	.4	1.4	4.4
Men's and boys' -----	133.4	132.3	130.8	127.3	.8	2.0	4.8
Women's and girls' -----	125.2	125.3	124.2	121.0	-1.1	.8	3.5
Footwear -----	147.2	146.3	144.4	138.4	.6	1.9	6.4
Transportation -----	128.9	127.1	127.3	124.6	1.4	1.3	3.5
Private -----	124.9	123.0	123.3	121.9	1.5	1.3	2.5
New cars -----	104.3	104.4	104.7	101.9	-1.1	-4.4	2.4
Used cars -----	121.1	117.6	120.7	131.2	3.0	.3	-7.7
Gasoline -----	119.2	115.3	116.6	117.8	3.4	2.2	1.2
Public -----	165.8	165.8	165.1	148.0	.0	.4	12.0
Health and recreation -----	142.3	141.4	140.1	135.1	.6	1.6	5.3
Medical care -----	162.8	161.6	159.0	153.6	.7	2.4	6.0
Personal care -----	129.8	129.6	128.5	125.5	.2	1.0	3.4
Reading and recreation -----	134.4	133.6	133.1	129.6	.6	1.0	3.7
Other goods and services -----	135.6	134.8	133.9	126.6	.6	1.3	7.1
<u>Seasonally Adjusted:</u>							
Food -----	132.4	132.0	130.8	-	.3	1.2	-
Apparel and upkeep -----	131.2	130.9	130.1	-	.2	.8	-
Transportation -----	128.8	127.2	127.6	-	1.3	.9	-
<u>Special Groups:</u>							
All items less food -----	134.8	133.8	132.3	127.5	.7	1.9	5.7
All items less medical care -----	132.2	131.5	130.1	124.7	.5	1.6	6.0
Commodities -----	125.2	124.5	123.7	119.3	.6	1.2	4.9
Nondurables -----	129.3	128.7	127.8	122.5	.5	1.2	5.6
Nondurables less food -----	127.0	126.1	125.2	121.9	.7	1.4	4.2
Apparel commodities -----	130.4	129.9	128.6	124.9	.4	1.4	4.4
Durables -----	114.8	114.1	113.7	111.4	.6	1.0	3.1
Household durables -----	107.8	107.4	106.6	105.0	.4	1.1	2.7
Services -----	153.4	152.3	149.6	142.0	.7	2.5	8.0
Services less rent -----	160.1	158.9	155.8	147.4	.8	2.8	8.6
Services less medical care -----	149.4	148.3	145.7	137.5	.7	2.5	5/
Insurance and finance (Dec.1965=100) -----	144.5	142.9	137.5	127.1	1.1	5.1	13.7
Utilities and public transportation (Dec.1965=100) -----	113.4	112.8	112.0	107.5	.5	1.3	5.5
Housekeeping and home maintenance services (Dec.1965=100) -----	136.4	135.8	134.0	125.3	.4	1.8	8.9
Medical care services -----	178.4	177.0	173.8	167.2	.8	2.6	6.7
<u>Purchasing Power of Consumer Dollar:</u>							
1957-59=\$1 -----	\$0.746	\$0.751	\$0.759	\$0.791	-.7	-1.7	-5.7
1939=\$1 -----	.362	.364	.368	.383	-	-	-

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

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

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

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

5/ Not available.

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

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

Area 1/	Pricing Schedule 2/	Indexes			Percent change from:		
		1957-59=100	1947-49=100	Other bases	March 1970	January 1970	April 1969
		April 1970			March 1970	January 1970	April 1969
U.S. City Average -----	M	134.0	164.4		0.6	1.7	6.0
Chicago -----	M	130.2	164.2		.2	.9	5.7
Detroit -----	M	133.8	165.0		.5	2.1	6.4
Los Angeles-Long Beach ---	M	133.5	166.4		1.0	1.8	5.2
New York -----	M	140.1	168.8		.7	2.3	7.4
Philadelphia -----	M	135.7	166.6		.2	2.1	6.3
		April 1970				January 1970	April 1969
Boston -----	1	137.9	170.8			1.3	6.2
Houston -----	1	132.9	163.7			1.5	5.9
Minneapolis-St. Paul -----	1	135.1	167.2			1.7	8.0
Pittsburgh -----	1	132.4	163.1			2.3	5.1
		February 1970				November 1969	February 1969
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100) ---	2			125.3		1.7	6.8
Cleveland -----	2	132.3	164.3			2.2	7.5
Dallas (Nov.1963=100) ----	2			125.6		1.5	7.5
Milwaukee -----	2	128.5	162.0			1.2	6.4
San Diego (Feb.1965=100) -	2			118.6		1.4	5.1
Seattle -----	2	132.2	166.2			1.7	5.0
Washington -----	2	134.6	162.0			2.0	6.6
		March 1970				December 1969	March 1969
Atlanta -----	3	131.9	163.3			1.5	5.6
Baltimore -----	3	133.5	165.6			1.2	6.2
Cincinnati -----	3	129.2	157.2			1.2	5.3
Honolulu (Dec.1963=100) --	3			122.0		1.9	5.5
Kansas City -----	3	134.6	166.6			1.1	5.1
St. Louis -----	3	132.4	164.3			1.3	5.6
San Francisco-Oakland ----	3	136.1	172.8			1.2	5.6

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

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

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

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

TABLE 3. Consumer Price Index--The United States and Selected Areas ^{1/}
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Major Groups
Percent change from March 1970 to April 1970

Group	U.S. City Average	Chicago	Detroit	Los Angeles-Long Beach	New York	Philadelphia
All items -----	0.6	0.2	0.5	1.0	0.7	0.2
Food -----	.3	-.3	.2	.6	.4	-.4
Housing -----	.6	.2	-.1	.1	1.2	.7
Apparel and upkeep -----	.4	-.9	-1.9	.5	.4	-1.5
Transportation -----	1.4	1.6	3.1	4.5	.7	1.2
Health and recreation -----	.6	.4	1.3	.8	.7	.7
Medical care -----	.7	.4	.8	1.8	.8	.8
Personal care -----	.2	(2/)	(2/)	(2/)	(2/)	(2/)
Reading and recreation -----	.6	.8	.2	.4	1.3	-.2
Other goods and services -----	.6	.4	3.8	-.1	.6	(2/)

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

TABLE 4: Consumer Price Index -- United States City Average for
Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers for Selected Groups
Seasonally Adjusted
(1957-59=100)

Group	Indexes			Percent changes to: April 1970 From:	
	April 1970	March 1970	January 1970	1 Month Ago	3 Months Ago
Food -----	132.4	132.0	130.8	0.3	1.2
Food at home -----	127.8	127.8	126.7	.0	.9
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	132.1	131.1	129.7	.8	1.9
Dairy products -----	130.2	129.7	128.1	.4	1.6
Fruits and vegetables -----	133.5	132.7	132.0	.6	1.1
Other foods at home -----	113.9	116.2	116.9	- 2.0	- 2.6
Fuel and utilities ^{1/} -----	116.2	115.5	114.5	.6	1.5
Fuel oil and coal -----	120.5	120.0	118.5	.4	1.7
Apparel and upkeep ^{2/} -----	131.2	130.9	130.1	.2	.8
Men's and boys' -----	133.3	132.7	131.3	.5	1.5
Women's and girls' -----	125.6	125.7	125.7	-.1	-.1
Footwear -----	147.2	146.4	144.8	.5	1.7
Transportation -----	128.8	127.2	127.6	1.3	.9
Private -----	124.5	123.1	123.5	1.1	.8
New cars -----	104.4	104.1	104.1	.3	.3
Commodities -----	125.3	124.6	123.9	.6	1.1
Commodities less food -----	121.6	120.9	120.5	.6	.9
Nondurables -----	129.4	128.8	128.1	.5	1.0
Nondurables less food -----	127.0	126.2	125.6	.6	1.1
Apparel commodities -----	130.5	130.2	129.5	.2	.8
Durables -----	114.7	114.3	113.8	.3	.8

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

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

TABLE 5. Consumer Price Index—United States and Selected Areas 1/
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Commodity Groups
April 1970 Index and Percent Changes from January 1970

Group	U.S. City Average	Boston	Chicago	Detroit	Houston	Los Angeles-Long Beach	Minneapolis-St. Paul	New York	Philadelphia	Pittsburgh
Indexes (1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)										
All items -----	134.0	137.9	130.2	133.8	132.9	133.5	135.1	140.1	135.7	132.4
Food -----	132.0	135.9	132.6	131.2	133.8	127.4	131.2	135.7	131.5	128.3
Food at home -----	127.4	130.1	130.5	128.6	127.5	121.5	126.6	127.7	125.5	125.3
Cereals and bakery products -----	127.6	131.3	134.2	123.8	133.3	124.7	122.3	124.5	128.7	124.5
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	130.9	135.8	135.0	138.9	127.8	120.6	131.1	131.2	124.1	133.0
Dairy products -----	129.5	124.5	138.2	137.9	131.6	124.9	139.0	122.6	136.1	120.9
Fruits and vegetables -----	134.7	142.4	128.5	120.9	136.6	134.2	125.7	141.6	133.3	132.9
Other foods at home -----	113.8	114.0	114.6	113.5	112.5	104.9	116.0	114.2	109.5	113.0
Food away from home -----	154.0	161.5	142.4	146.0	160.4	149.0	152.4	168.4	163.4	147.4
Housing -----	134.4	140.6	127.1	134.4	132.4	139.1	136.8	139.3	134.4	131.6
Shelter -----	143.7	154.1	133.5	146.3	135.6	150.2	150.6	146.7	143.0	134.8
Rent -----	122.6	143.7	(2/)	112.5	108.4	(2/)	125.4	133.3	(2/)	118.6
Homeownership -----	152.1	158.5	142.1	154.1	145.9	158.9	155.3	154.8	147.7	139.2
Fuel and utilities -----	116.3	113.1	110.7	107.4	127.3	111.9	111.0	115.7	114.9	127.5
Fuel oil and coal -----	120.9	126.5	114.1	114.0	-----	-----	120.9	126.8	126.4	-----
Gas and electricity -----	115.7	106.4	111.0	107.7	147.8	120.2	108.5	112.4	109.7	131.0
Household furnishings and operation -----	122.0	131.0	119.5	114.9	130.8	119.0	117.0	134.1	126.4	124.4
Apparel and upkeep -----	131.1	134.6	122.6	126.6	131.4	129.1	129.1	137.0	137.1	131.8
Men's and boys' -----	133.4	126.4	122.9	127.1	126.7	133.1	140.2	145.3	136.8	124.5
Women's and girls' -----	125.2	133.0	114.8	117.1	132.5	129.2	119.9	126.6	123.5	124.1
Footwear -----	147.2	143.8	141.5	152.1	152.0	140.0	142.8	148.8	156.5	150.2
Transportation -----	128.9	132.0	129.8	124.5	122.7	132.8	129.0	142.0	140.4	132.2
Private -----	124.9	121.4	126.0	121.5	118.0	128.1	126.8	135.1	133.2	126.2
Public -----	165.8	178.6	154.6	145.3	173.5	160.0	146.2	173.7	179.1	155.2
Health and recreation -----	142.3	143.2	137.7	146.1	143.6	133.7	144.9	150.0	144.3	142.7
Medical care -----	162.8	168.0	171.4	178.2	155.5	160.7	170.9	170.2	174.2	167.6
Personal care -----	129.8	134.5	(2/)	136.0	144.5	(2/)	131.2	(2/)	125.4	119.9
Reading and recreation -----	134.4	144.4	117.6	132.5	135.6	116.0	140.1	148.8	127.6	127.2
Other goods and services -----	135.6	125.8	130.4	129.8	135.1	126.4	128.2	145.6	(2/)	145.8
Percent changes from January 1970 to April 1970										
All items -----	1.7	1.3	0.9	2.1	1.5	1.8	1.7	2.3	2.1	2.3
Food -----	1.0	1.2	-.2	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.3	1.4	.6	.6
Food at home -----	.6	1.2	-.3	.9	.2	.7	1.2	.2	.3	.4
Cereals and bakery products -----	1.7	1.5	1.8	.5	2.3	1.6	1.7	1.1	3.2	1.1
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	1.6	2.2	.5	2.1	2.3	2.1	2.0	1.7	1.4	.3
Dairy products -----	.9	.9	.2	2.1	.8	.6	3.6	.4	.4	.5
Fruits and vegetables -----	2.9	4.3	-.1	2.5	- 1.2	.5	2.9	2.1	2.7	5.3
Other foods at home -----	- 3.3	- 3.0	- 4.0	- 3.0	- 3.3	- 1.6	- 2.8	- 4.8	- 5.5	- 3.6
Food away from home -----	2.3	1.2	.4	2.1	3.8	1.5	1.6	5.0	1.9	1.9
Housing -----	2.5	.5	1.0	3.2	2.3	1.7	1.3	3.3	3.3	2.3
Shelter -----	2.9	-.1	.8	3.9	2.6	2.0	1.3	3.7	3.8	2.4
Rent -----	1.1	.5	(2/)	3/ .8	.6	(2/)	1.5	3/ .7	(2/)	.9
Homeownership -----	3.6	-.5	1.0	4.3	3.1	2.3	1.4	5.3	4.5	2.7
Fuel and utilities -----	1.5	.7	.5	1.6	1.2	.3	1.3	1.8	2.3	4.1
Fuel oil and coal -----	1.0	.0	.2	.6	---	---	1.3	1.0	1.4	---
Gas and electricity -----	1.4	2.1	1.2	.1	2.1	.8	2.1	-.1	3.1	5.0
Household furnishings and operation -----	1.6	2.1	2.0	1.8	2.6	1.1	1.0	3.0	2.9	.8
Apparel and upkeep -----	1.4	4.4	2.1	2.4	1.1	1.7	2.5	2.5	.6	2.6
Men's and boys' -----	2.0	4.4	2.6	1.6	.9	3.3	6.1	4.5	3.5	3.0
Women's and girls' -----	.8	7.3	2.5	.9	1.3	1.5	1.0	.6	- 2.1	2.7
Footwear -----	1.9	-.4	2.5	9.9	2.3	1.7	2.0	3.2	2.5	1.5
Transportation -----	1.3	.8	.7	1.2	.9	3.1	2.5	1.1	3.8	4.2
Private -----	1.3	.9	.9	1.3	.9	3.2	2.6	1.4	4.5	4.9
Public -----	.4	.0	.0	.0	.3	.9	.8	.0	.2	.5
Health and recreation -----	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.7	1.1	1.7	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.9
Medical care -----	2.4	.9	2.5	4.0	2.3	3.9	4.1	2.7	1.8	2.0
Personal care -----	1.0	1.5	(2/)	-.7	-.4	(2/)	.2	(2/)	1.9	.8
Reading and recreation -----	1.0	2.7	1.4	- 2.1	1.8	.5	1.7	2.3	.2	1.5
Other goods and services -----	1.3	.6	.5	3.8	-.1	.2	.9	2.0	(2/)	6.0

1/ See footnote 1, table 2.
2/ Not available.
3/ Change from February 1970.

TABLE 6. Consumer Price Index--United States and Selected Areas
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Food and its Subgroups
April 1970 Indexes and percent changes from March 1970

Area ^{1/}	Total food	Food at home						Food away from home
		Total	Cereals and bakery products	Meats, poultry, and fish	Dairy products	Fruits and vegetables	Other foods at home	
Indexes (1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)								
U.S. City Average -----	132.0	127.4	127.6	130.9	129.5	134.7	113.8	154.0
Atlanta -----	130.6	127.2	119.4	131.2	127.5	136.8	120.3	143.1
Baltimore -----	135.9	129.5	133.7	133.8	127.7	138.3	114.3	163.3
Boston -----	135.9	130.1	131.3	135.8	124.5	142.4	114.0	161.5
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100) -	128.4	126.8	112.2	129.8	125.5	140.2	122.1	138.0
Chicago -----	132.6	130.5	134.2	135.0	138.2	128.5	114.6	142.4
Cincinnati -----	128.6	124.8	122.1	130.9	124.9	133.9	110.9	148.5
Cleveland -----	129.7	126.9	120.6	133.0	132.1	133.0	113.5	146.2
Dallas (Nov.1963=100) --	125.5	122.0	115.8	130.0	125.0	123.6	112.6	139.0
Detroit -----	131.2	128.6	123.8	138.9	137.9	120.9	113.5	146.0
Honolulu (Dec.1963=100)	123.4	120.7	116.4	127.2	116.8	121.2	114.9	131.4
Houston -----	133.8	127.5	133.3	127.8	131.6	136.6	112.5	160.4
Kansas City -----	136.4	132.0	135.2	135.5	141.8	129.7	118.7	152.2
Los Angeles-Long Beach -	127.4	121.5	124.7	120.6	124.9	134.2	104.9	149.0
Milwaukee -----	129.3	126.3	120.0	132.1	133.8	130.0	112.8	(2/)
Minneapolis-St. Paul ---	131.2	126.6	122.3	131.1	139.0	125.7	116.0	152.4
New York -----	135.7	127.7	124.5	131.2	122.6	141.6	114.2	168.4
Philadelphia -----	131.5	125.5	128.7	124.1	136.1	133.3	109.5	163.4
Pittsburgh -----	128.3	125.3	124.5	133.0	120.9	132.9	113.0	147.4
St. Louis -----	136.5	132.0	133.7	138.7	139.9	139.5	110.9	154.6
San Diego (Feb.1965=100)	121.3	118.1	113.2	133.4	114.2	108.4	109.4	(2/)
San Francisco-Oakland --	128.8	123.0	124.1	126.6	122.7	131.2	108.2	154.1
Seattle -----	130.1	123.7	116.3	130.3	130.4	127.8	111.3	156.6
Washington -----	136.6	130.1	125.0	132.5	129.4	135.5	122.8	160.4
Percent Changes March 1970 to April 1970								
U.S. City Average -----	0.3	0.0	0.5	0.5	0.1	1.2	- 1.9	1.0
Atlanta -----	.1	.2	- .1	1.4	.2	1.8	- 2.4	.1
Baltimore -----	-.2	-.5	.1	.1	.0	.4	- 2.7	.5
Boston -----	.4	.4	.3	1.1	.2	.9	- 1.5	.7
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100) -	.9	.9	.2	.3	-.2	4.6	.0	.4
Chicago -----	-.3	-.4	.8	.2	.0	-.9	- 2.4	.0
Cincinnati -----	.5	.6	-.4	.8	.2	4.0	- 1.9	.5
Cleveland -----	.3	.3	.2	1.1	2.4	-.2	- 2.2	.3
Dallas (Nov.1963=100) --	.0	-.2	-.3	.9	- 1.3	2.1	- 3.1	.9
Detroit -----	.2	-.1	-.1	-.2	.7	.8	- 1.0	1.7
Honolulu (Dec.1963=100)	.0	-.4	.2	.5	.6	- 2.3	-.9	.8
Houston -----	.8	.6	1.4	2.0	.3	.9	- 1.8	1.3
Kansas City -----	.4	.2	1.7	.1	.0	2.1	- 1.7	.9
Los Angeles-Long Beach -	.6	.5	1.2	.8	.3	1.7	- 1.5	.9
Milwaukee -----	-.7	-.9	.9	.1	- 3.5	1.2	- 2.8	(2/)
Minneapolis-St. Paul ---	.0	-.2	-.4	.3	.1	1.5	- 1.8	.4
New York -----	.4	-.5	.2	.2	.2	-.1	- 2.6	2.9
Philadelphia -----	-.4	-.6	.0	-.1	-.2	-.2	- 2.6	.6
Pittsburgh -----	.1	-.1	-.5	.7	-.1	1.6	- 2.2	.9
St. Louis -----	-.1	-.1	.1	.8	.5	-.6	- 1.9	.1
San Diego (Feb.1965=100)	.4	.6	1.1	1.7	.9	1.9	- 2.8	(2/)
San Francisco-Oakland --	.5	.3	1.0	.7	.5	1.0	- 1.3	1.0
Seattle -----	1.2	1.5	1.0	2.3	.3	3.6	-.2	.8
Washington -----	.7	.1	1.0	.5	.9	.4	- 1.8	2.0

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

^{2/} Not available.

TABLE 7. Consumer Price Index--United States City Average
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Food Items
April 1970 Indexes and percent changes from selected dates
(1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)

Item or Group	Index		Percent Change to April 1970 from--		
	April 1970		March 1970		April 1969
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted
Total food -----	132.0	132.4	0.3	0.3	7.1
Food away from home -----	154.0	-----	1.0	---	8.3
Restaurant meals -----	154.2	-----	1.1	---	8.4
Snacks 1/ -----	134.0	-----	1.2	---	8.3
Food at home -----	127.4	127.8	.0	.0	6.8
Cereals and bakery products -----	127.6	-----	.5	---	5.2
Flour -----	114.2	-----	1.0	---	2.2
Cracker meal 1/ -----	134.3	-----	1.1	---	13.9
Corn flakes -----	130.0	-----	-.3	---	1.2
Rice -----	114.8	-----	.3	---	2.8
Bread, white -----	133.3	-----	-.1	---	4.8
Bread, whole wheat 1/ -----	125.7	-----	.1	---	5.2
Cookies -----	103.4	-----	1.0	---	2.3
Layer cake 1/ -----	121.7	-----	.3	---	8.4
Cinnamon rolls 1/ -----	118.2	-----	1.5	---	5.4
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	130.9	132.1	.5	.8	10.6
Meats -----	135.6	137.4	.7	1.1	11.9
Beef and veal -----	136.5	137.7	2.2	2.8	9.1
Steak, round -----	131.1	132.8	3.3	4.2	8.0
Steak, sirloin 2/ -----	124.5	-----	2.2	---	6.2
Steak, porterhouse 1/ -----	130.5	-----	2.9	---	7.3
Rump roast 1/ -----	125.1	-----	3.3	---	8.4
Rib roast -----	142.8	143.7	1.1	1.1	6.9
Chuck roast -----	130.0	129.6	2.4	2.2	9.1
Hamburger -----	142.4	143.5	1.1	1.7	11.0
Beef liver 1/ -----	121.1	-----	.5	---	10.0
Veal cutlets -----	171.1	171.1	1.8	2.2	13.6
Pork -----	135.9	139.8	-1.5	.1	15.7
Chops -----	135.6	141.4	-2.9	.7	11.1
Loin roast 2/ -----	143.5	-----	-1.8	---	12.0
Pork sausage 1/ -----	150.6	-----	.0	---	18.2
Ham, whole -----	133.5	136.4	-1.3	1.0	23.6
Picnics 1/ -----	139.9	-----	-1.5	---	15.5
Bacon -----	138.2	141.7	-.4	.4	17.8
Other meats -----	138.0	138.7	.5	.5	12.9
Lamb chops 1/ -----	142.0	-----	-.1	---	6.2
Frankfurters -----	137.4	137.8	1.0	.2	14.1
Ham, canned 1/ -----	138.3	-----	.0	---	19.9
Bologna sausage 1/ -----	139.7	-----	.9	---	14.1
Salami sausage 1/ -----	131.8	-----	1.1	---	13.0
Liverwurst 1/ -----	131.9	-----	.2	---	11.0
Poultry -----	97.1	-----	-.8	---	1.9
Frying chicken -----	95.4	93.5	-1.3	-1.5	2.6
Chicken breasts 1/ -----	109.4	-----	-.9	---	2.5
Turkey 1/ -----	119.0	-----	1.8	---	27.4
Fish -----	141.1	141.0	.9	.9	9.9
Shrimp, frozen 1/ -----	126.8	-----	-.5	---	8.6
Fish, fresh or frozen -----	152.5	152.7	1.1	.9	17.1
Tuna fish, canned -----	124.5	-----	1.1	---	10.1
Sardines, canned 1/ -----	129.3	-----	1.9	---	4.5
Dairy products -----	129.5	130.2	.1	.4	5.4
Milk, fresh, grocery -----	126.5	127.4	-.2	.1	5.0
Milk, fresh, delivered -----	133.9	-----	.3	---	5.6
Milk, fresh, skim 1/ -----	128.3	-----	-.1	---	5.6
Milk, evaporated -----	127.9	-----	.2	---	4.1
Ice cream -----	102.7	-----	.0	---	5.9
Cheese, American process -----	157.3	157.6	.6	.6	9.5
Butter -----	120.2	120.6	.6	.8	2.4

See footnotes at end of table.

TABLE 7. Consumer Price Index--United States City Average
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Food Items
April 1970 Indexes and percent changes from selected dates--Continued
(1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)

Item or Group	Index		Percent Change to April 1970 from--		April 1969
	April 1970		March 1970		
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	
Fruits and vegetables -----	134.7	133.5	1.2	0.6	5.3
Fresh fruits and vegetables -----	148.0	145.7	1.6	.6	7.6
Apples -----	141.3	141.4	1.2	- 2.5	- 15.6
Bananas -----	101.4	101.8	- .5	- 1.7	10.6
Oranges -----	122.4	131.0	- 2.4	- 1.8	- 3.2
Orange juice, fresh 1/ -----	89.9	-----	- .8	---	- 2.0
Grapefruit -----	152.4	170.5	1.2	- .6	13.3
Grapes 3/ -----	(3/)	-----	(3/)	---	(3/)
Strawberries 3/ -----	134.9	125.3	(3/)	(3/)	- 8.5
Watermelon 3/ -----	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)
Potatoes -----	159.9	162.5	4.3	2.6	13.2
Onions -----	180.8	183.4	5.7	5.6	45.5
Asparagus 1/ 3/ -----	119.3	-----	- 32.4	---	- 21.6
Cabbage -----	202.1	196.2	- 1.2	1.8	35.8
Carrots -----	115.3	119.1	- 5.6	- 4.4	1.1
Celery -----	128.7	138.4	- 5.5	- 2.7	13.7
Cucumbers 1/ -----	214.0	-----	2.3	---	32.2
Lettuce -----	125.2	124.3	1.8	- .2	- 24.6
Peppers, green 1/ -----	299.7	-----	12.9	---	83.1
Spinach 1/ -----	119.9	-----	1.4	---	5.7
Tomatoes -----	159.0	144.8	16.8	13.9	34.0
Processed fruits and vegetables -----	118.0	-----	.6	---	1.8
Fruit cocktail, canned -----	106.2	-----	.9	---	- .3
Pears, canned 1/ -----	104.9	-----	.0	---	- 4.1
Grapefruit-pineapple juice, canned 1/ -----	105.2	-----	1.1	---	5.6
Orange juice concentrate, frozen -----	92.6	91.2	- 1.0	- 1.8	- 9.3
Lemonade concentrate, frozen 2/ -----	96.5	-----	.6	---	4.6
Beets, canned 1/ -----	116.2	-----	1.0	---	2.7
Peas, green, canned -----	123.1	-----	1.1	---	1.5
Tomatoes, canned -----	130.7	-----	2.1	---	5.7
Dried beans -----	121.5	-----	- .4	---	- 2.5
Broccoli, frozen 1/ -----	113.0	-----	.3	---	11.8
Other food at home -----	113.8	113.9	- 1.9	- 2.0	4.4
Eggs -----	103.6	104.6	- 15.5	- 15.4	- 5.6
Fats and oils:					
Margarine -----	108.8	-----	2.5	---	6.0
Salad dressing, Italian 1/ -----	102.3	-----	.1	---	- .6
Salad or cooking oil 1/ -----	131.2	-----	1.6	---	7.3
Sugar and sweets -----	130.5	-----	.6	---	4.9
Sugar -----	118.9	-----	.6	---	3.9
Grape jelly -----	131.3	-----	- .2	---	7.2
Chocolate bar -----	130.1	-----	1.7	---	4.5
Syrup, chocolate flavored 1/ -----	110.3	-----	.2	---	3.8
Nonalcoholic beverages -----	114.0	-----	1.4	---	11.1
Coffee, can and bag -----	102.2	-----	2.5	---	17.7
Coffee, instant 4/ -----	114.1	-----	.9	---	11.8
Tea -----	103.6	-----	.5	---	2.6
Cola drink -----	162.0	-----	.1	---	5.3
Carbonated fruit drink 1/ -----	128.5	-----	.9	---	7.3
Prepared and partially prepared foods 1/ -----	109.8	-----	.3	---	3.8
Bean soup, canned 1/ -----	110.5	-----	.1	---	5.7
Chicken soup, canned 1/ -----	102.0	-----	.2	---	4.6
Spaghetti, canned 1/ -----	122.7	-----	.7	---	5.8
Mashed potatoes, instant 1/ -----	110.6	-----	.1	---	3.9
Potatoes, french fried, frozen 2/ -----	93.2	-----	.0	---	2.2
Baby foods, canned -----	112.0	-----	.0	---	.8
Sweet pickle relish 1/ -----	118.0	-----	.7	---	4.2
Pretzels 1/ -----	110.0	-----	.8	---	2.9

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

TABLE 8. Consumer Price Index--U.S. City Average
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers
Indexes for Selected Items and Groups, April 1970

and Percent Changes from Selected Dates
(1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)

Item or Group	Other Index Bases	Indexes		Percent Change to April 1970 From:	
		April 1970	March 1970	March 1970	April 1969
Housing -----		134.4	133.6	0.6	7.3
Shelter 1/ -----		143.7	142.8	.6	9.2
Rent -----		122.6	122.3	.2	4.1
Homeownership costs 2/ -----		152.1	150.9	.8	10.9
Mortgage interest rates -----		149.1	148.9	.1	11.7
Property taxes -----	Dec.63	138.2	134.7	2.6	7.9
Property insurance rates -----		153.6	153.2	.3	5.2
Maintenance and repairs -----		148.8	148.3	.3	7.5
Commodities 3/ -----	Dec.63	117.8	117.2	.5	.7
Exterior house paint -----		119.9	121.0	-.9	3.2
Interior house paint -----	Dec.63	114.6	114.7	-.1	2.6
Services -----	Dec.63	146.7	146.2	.3	10.4
Repainting living and dining rooms -----		187.9	186.8	.6	11.9
Reshingling roofs -----		165.6	166.1	-.3	9.4
Residing houses -----	Dec.63	137.1	136.7	.3	8.4
Replacing sinks -----	Dec.63	149.1	148.2	.6	10.7
Repairing furnaces -----	Dec.63	152.9	152.4	.3	13.3
Fuel and utilities -----		116.3	115.6	.6	3.3
Fuel oil and coal -----		120.9	120.8	.1	3.0
Fuel oil, #2 -----		117.8	117.8	.0	2.6
Gas and electricity -----		115.7	114.8	.8	4.0
Gas -----		123.1	121.9	1.0	5.7
Electricity -----		108.0	107.5	.5	2.5
Other utilities:					
Residential telephone services -----		104.8	103.9	.9	1.5
Residential water and sewerage services -----		151.0	151.0	.0	5.3
Household furnishings and operation 4/ -----		122.0	121.6	.3	4.4
Housefurnishings -----		112.0	111.7	.3	3.4
Textiles -----		116.7	116.4	.3	1.8
Sheets, percale or muslin -----		123.6	122.7	.7	2.1
Curtains, tailored, polyester marquisette -----		113.3	113.7	-.4	2.6
Bedspreads, chiefly cotton, tufted -----		117.8	117.1	.6	.4
Drapery fabric, cotton or rayon/acetate -----		127.0	126.5	.4	4.7
Pillows, bed, polyester or acrylic filling -----	Dec.63	107.4	107.2	.2	- 1.6
Slipcovers, ready made, chiefly cotton -----	Dec.63	111.8	112.1	-.3	2.3
Furniture and bedding -----		126.0	125.4	.5	4.6
Bedroom furniture, chest & dresser -----	Mar.70	100.4	100.0	.4	(5/)
Living room suites, good and inexpensive quality -----		127.9	127.3	.5	4.5
Lounge chairs, upholstered -----	Dec.63	121.9	121.0	.7	7.6
Dining room chairs -----	Mar.70	100.2	100.0	.2	(5/)
Sofas, upholstered -----	Dec.63	118.7	118.0	.6	4.8
Sofas, dual purpose -----		122.6	120.6	1.7	5.7
Sleep sets, (discontinued) -----	Dec.63	-	-	-	-
Box springs (discontinued) -----	Dec.63	-	-	-	-
Aluminum folding chairs 6/ -----	June 64	111.8	(6/)	(6/)	-.5
Cribs -----	Dec.63	120.0	120.6	-.5	3.6
Floor coverings -----		106.9	106.9	.0	.7
Rugs, soft surface -----		103.8	103.9	-.1	-.6
Rugs, hard surface -----		113.7	113.7	.0	3.1
Tile, vinyl -----	Dec.63	111.8	111.7	.1	3.8
Appliances 7/ -----		87.1	86.8	.3	1.8
Washing machines, electric, automatic -----		92.9	92.4	.5	3.1
Vacuum cleaners, canister type -----		81.6	81.3	.4	.5
Refrigerators or refrigerator-freezers electric -----		87.5	87.2	.3	3.2
Ranges, free standing, gas or electric -----		100.7	100.1	.6	3.7
Clothes dryers, electric, automatic -----	Dec.63	102.1	101.8	.3	3.2
Air conditioners, demountable 5/ -----	June 64	101.3	(6/)	(6/)	2.0
Room heaters, electric, portable 5/ -----	Dec.63	(6/)	100.5	(6/)	(6/)
Garbage disposal units -----	Dec.63	107.2	106.6	.6	4.0
Other housefurnishings:					
Dinnerware, earthenware -----		138.1	138.1	.0	4.5
Flatware, stainless steel -----	Dec.63	120.7	120.4	.2	2.2
Table lamps, with shade -----	Dec.63	121.2	119.9	1.1	7.3
Lawn mowers, power, rotary type 5/ -----	June 64	120.5	120.0	.4	4.1
Electric drills, hand held -----	Dec.63	103.3	102.8	.5	1.1
Housekeeping supplies:					
Laundry soaps and detergents -----		109.8	110.0	-.2	3.9
Paper napkins -----		136.4	134.7	1.3	7.4
Toilet tissue -----		127.8	126.8	.8	8.6
Housekeeping services:					
Domestic service, general housework -----		184.8	182.5	1.3	8.0
Baby sitter service -----	Dec.63	140.9	140.0	.6	6.8
Postal charges -----		165.5	165.5	.0	.0
Laundry, flatwork, finished service -----	Dec.63	149.8	149.1	.5	7.8
Licensed day care service, preschool child -----	Dec.63	132.1	132.0	.1	5.4
Washing machine repairs -----	Dec.63	139.8	139.6	.1	8.2

TABLE 8. Consumer Price Index--U.S. City Average
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers -- Continued
Indexes for Selected Items and Groups, March 1970

and Percent Changes from Selected Dates
(1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)

Item and Group	Other Index Bases	Indexes		Percent change to April 1970 From:	
		April 1970	March 1970	March 1970	April 1969
Apparel and upkeep 8/ -----		131.1	130.6	0.4	4.4
Apparel commodities -----		130.4	129.9	.4	4.4
Apparel commodities less footwear -----		127.1	126.7	.3	4.0
Men's and boys' -----		133.4	132.3	.8	4.8
Men's:					
Topcoats, wool 6/ -----		(6/)	144.1	(6/)	(6/)
Suits, year round weight -----		159.8	157.3	1.6	7.9
Suits, tropical weight 6/ -----	June 64	137.4	136.6	.6	7.3
Jackets, lightweight -----	Dec.63	125.3	125.3	.0	.6
Slacks, wool or wool blend -----		131.8	131.0	.6	4.2
Slacks, cotton or manmade blend -----		123.0	120.9	1.7	7.7
Trousers, work, cotton -----		117.2	116.6	.5	1.0
Shirts, work, cotton -----		126.4	126.0	.3	3.4
Shirts, business, cotton -----		124.1	123.7	.3	3.0
T-shirts, chiefly cotton -----		134.1	132.9	.9	4.0
Socks, cotton -----		122.6	121.5	.9	3.1
Handkerchiefs, cotton -----	Dec.63	114.4	114.2	.2	2.5
Boy's:					
Coats, all purpose, cotton or cotton blend 6/ -----	Dec.63	(6/)	114.6	(6/)	(6/)
Sport coats, wool or wool blend 6/ -----	Dec.63	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)
Dungarees, cotton or cotton blend -----		129.5	129.5	.0	3.4
Undershirts, cotton -----		130.9	130.5	.3	4.2
Women's and girls' -----		125.2	125.3	-.1	3.5
Women's:					
Coats, heavyweight, wool or wool blend 6/ -----		(6/)	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)
Carcots, heavyweight, cotton 6/ -----	Dec.63	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)
Sweaters, wool or acrylic 6/ -----	Dec.63	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)
Skirts, wool or wool blend 6/ -----	Sept.61	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)
Skirts, cotton or cotton blend 6/ -----	Mar.62	135.2	(6/)	(6/)	8.7
Blouses, cotton -----		127.1	125.3	1.4	3.2
Dresses, street, chiefly manmade fiber -----		158.9	158.5	.3	6.8
Dresses, street, wool or wool blend 6/ -----		(6/)	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)
Dresses, street, cotton 6/ -----		(6/)	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)
Housedresses, cotton -----		(6/)	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)
Slips, nylon -----		114.7	114.2	.4	4.0
Panties, acetate -----		112.7	113.2	-.4	3.9
Girdles, manmade blend -----		121.3	121.4	-.1	1.8
Brassieres, cotton -----	Dec.63	128.4	127.4	.8	6.4
Hose, nylon seamless -----		98.9	99.0	-.1	.2
Anklets, cotton -----	Dec.63	120.1	120.5	-.3	4.3
Gloves, fabric, nylon or cotton -----	Dec.63	110.6	110.9	-.3	2.0
Handbags, rayon faille or plastic -----	Dec.63	118.8	118.2	.5	6.0
Girl's:					
Raincoats, vinyl plastic or chiefly cotton 6/ -----	Dec.63	(6/)	114.8	(6/)	(6/)
Skirts, wool or wool blend 6/ -----		(6/)	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)
Dresses, cotton -----		135.1	134.0	.8	.7
Slacks, cotton 6/ -----	Dec.63	(6/)	125.5	(6/)	(6/)
Slips, cotton blend -----	Dec.63	107.5	108.1	-.6	.5
Robes, duster style, quilted tricot or percale 6/ -----	Dec.63	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)
Handbags -----	Dec.63	115.7	115.1	.5	6.3
Footwear -----		147.2	146.3	.6	6.4
Men's:					
Shoes, street, oxford -----		144.7	143.8	.6	5.9
Shoes, work, high -----		142.6	142.1	.4	5.5
Women's:					
Shoes, street, pump -----		157.3	155.5	1.2	6.9
Shoes, evening, pump -----	Dec.63	125.8	125.0	.6	6.6
Shoes, casual, pump -----	Dec.63	138.3	136.3	1.5	10.2
Houseslippers, scuff -----	Dec.63	127.7	128.2	-.4	3.5
Children's:					
Shoes, oxford -----		146.3	146.6	-.2	5.9
Sneakers, boys', oxford type -----	Dec.63	122.0	120.7	1.1	5.4
Dress shoes, girls', strap -----	Dec.63	137.5	138.0	-.4	6.5
Miscellaneous apparel:					
Diapers, cotton gauze -----		104.8	104.9	-.1	2.4
Yard goods, cotton -----		126.8	125.9	.7	6.3
Wrist watches, men's and women's -----	Dec.63	103.7	103.8	-.1	1.7
Apparel services:					
Drycleaning, men's suits and women's dresses -----		135.7	135.2	.4	4.5
Automatic laundry service -----	Dec.63	113.1	113.2	-.1	4.3
Laundry, men's shirts -----	Dec.63	128.8	128.5	.2	5.4
Tailoring charges, hem adjustment -----	Dec.63	128.4	127.7	.5	4.6
Shoe repairs, women's heel lift -----		126.3	125.5	.6	5.2

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Item and Group	Other Index Bases	Indexes		Percent change to April 1970 From:	
		April 1970	March 1970	March 1970	April 1969
Transportation -----		128.9	127.1	1.4	3.5
Private ^{9/} -----		124.9	123.0	1.5	2.5
Automobiles, new -----		104.3	104.4	-.1	2.4
Automobiles, used -----		121.1	117.6	3.0	- 7.7
Gasoline, regular and premium -----		119.2	115.3	3.4	1.2
Motor oil, premium -----		142.6	142.3	.2	4.9
Tires, new, tubeless -----		118.6	119.4	-.7	2.5
Auto repairs and maintenance ^{10/} -----		142.1	141.5	.4	7.4
Auto insurance rates -----		178.6	176.4	1.2	13.6
Auto registration -----		140.9	140.3	.4	5.0
Parking fees, private and municipal -----	Dec. 63	131.7	128.6	2.4	11.5
Public -----		165.8	165.8	.0	12.0
Local transit fares -----		183.9	183.8	.1	15.2
Taxicab fares -----	Dec. 63	131.5	131.5	.0	5.4
Railroad fares, coach -----		121.1	121.1	.0	5.7
Airplane fares, chiefly coach -----	Dec. 63	117.8	117.8	.0	6.4
Bus fares, intercity -----	Dec. 63	128.6	128.6	.0	8.4
Health and recreation -----		142.3	141.4	.6	5.3
Medical care -----		162.8	161.6	.7	6.0
Drugs and prescriptions -----		100.9	100.3	.6	1.9
Over-the-counter items -----	Dec. 63	108.6	107.8	.7	1.7
Multiple vitamin concentrates -----	Dec. 63	92.0	91.7	.3	-.2
Aspirin compounds -----	Dec. 63	108.1	107.3	.7	1.7
Liquid tonics -----	Dec. 63	101.9	101.5	.4	1.0
Adhesive bandages, package -----	Dec. 63	119.8	119.7	.1	2.7
Cold tablets or capsules -----	Dec. 63	112.6	112.2	.4	3.0
Cough syrup -----	Dec. 63	116.0	113.5	2.2	1.3
Prescriptions -----		90.3	89.7	.7	2.3
Anti-infectives -----	Mar. 60	63.0	62.8	.3	.8
Sedatives and hypnotics -----	Mar. 60	113.7	112.1	1.4	7.2
Ataractics -----	Mar. 60	90.7	90.0	.8	1.1
Anti-spasmodics -----	Mar. 60	102.2	101.7	.5	1.3
Cough preparations -----	Mar. 60	118.1	117.1	.9	8.8
Cardiovasculars and anti-hypertensives -----	Mar. 60	100.0	99.0	1.0	3.2
Analgesics, internal -----	Mar. 67	105.3	104.7	.6	2.2
Anti-obesity -----	Mar. 67	106.0	105.8	.2	3.5
Hormones -----	Mar. 67	93.6	93.9	-.3	- 1.2
Professional services:					
Physicians' fees -----		164.3	163.7	.4	7.2
Family doctor, office visits -----		167.3	166.6	.4	8.0
Family doctor, house visits -----		172.5	171.7	.5	6.2
Obstetrical cases -----		159.2	159.0	.1	8.0
Pediatric care, office visits -----	Dec. 63	148.7	148.5	.1	6.3
Psychiatrist, office visits -----	Dec. 63	134.7	134.6	.1	6.4
Herniorrhaphy, adult -----	Dec. 63	128.7	127.5	.9	4.5
Tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy -----		154.2	153.8	.3	5.3
Dentists' fees -----		150.7	148.7	1.3	5.5
Fillings, adult, amalgam, one surface -----		152.5	150.6	1.3	5.9
Extractions, adult -----		148.9	146.1	1.9	5.0
Dentures, full upper -----	Dec. 63	132.7	131.7	.8	4.9
Other professional services:					
Examination, prescription, and dispensing of eyeglasses -----		136.7	136.3	.3	5.6
Routine laboratory tests -----	Dec. 63	121.2	120.8	.3	4.8
Hospital service charges:					
Daily service charges -----		282.3	279.0	1.2	12.3
Semiprivate rooms -----		279.1	275.6	1.3	12.8
Private rooms -----		271.4	268.7	1.0	11.5
Operating room charges -----	Dec. 63	180.3	177.7	1.5	10.6
X-ray, diagnostic series, upper G.I. -----	Dec. 63	128.1	127.7	.3	5.2
Personal care -----		129.8	129.6	.2	3.4
Toilet goods -----		113.0	112.9	.1	2.4
Toothpaste, standard dentrifice -----		114.7	113.9	.7	.5
Toilet soap, hard milled -----		124.3	125.6	- 1.0	.1
Hand lotions, liquid -----	Dec. 63	111.3	110.5	.7	4.0
Shaving cream, aerosol -----		102.3	102.2	.1	.4
Face powder, pressed -----		131.0	130.8	.2	5.3
Deodorants, cream or roll-on -----	Dec. 63	95.9	96.1	-.2	.8
Cleansing tissues -----		116.0	115.5	.4	7.4
Home permanent refills -----		98.3	98.6	-.3	.8
Personal care services -----		150.5	150.1	.3	4.4
Men's haircuts -----		159.7	159.1	.4	4.9
Beauty shop services -----		140.9	140.6	.2	4.1
Women's haircuts -----	Dec. 63	126.3	126.1	.2	4.0
Shampoo and wave sets, plain -----		158.6	158.3	.2	4.5
Permanent waves, cold -----		109.4	109.0	.4	3.1

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Item and Group	Other Index Bases	Indexes		Percent change to April 1970	
		April 1970	March 1970	March 1970	From: April 1969
Reading and recreation 11/ -----		134.4	133.6	0.6	3.7
Recreational goods -----	Dec.63	99.6	99.4	.2	1.2
TV sets, portable and console -----		80.0	79.9	.1	-.1
TV replacement tubes -----	Dec.63	117.5	117.3	.2	1.9
Radios, portable and table model -----		76.5	76.0	.7	.0
Tape recorders, portable -----	Dec.63	90.3	90.2	.1	- 1.5
Phonograph records, stereophonic -----	Dec.63	97.8	98.1	-.3	1.2
Movie cameras, Super 8, zoom lens -----	Dec.63	81.4	81.3	.1	- 4.1
Film, 35mm, color -----	Dec.63	99.7	99.7	.0	.8
Golf balls, liquid center -----	Dec.63	103.8	103.7	.1	-.5
Basketballs, rubber or vinyl cover -----	Dec.63	117.2	116.8	.3	4.1
Fishing rods, fresh water spincast -----	Dec.63	119.0	119.3	-.3	.8
Bowling balls -----	Dec.63	101.5	101.2	.3	3.0
Bicycle, boys' -----	Dec.63	110.8	111.4	-.5	2.0
Tricycles -----	Dec.63	111.6	111.2	.4	3.4
Dog food, canned or boxed -----	Dec.63	110.4	109.7	.6	1.8
Recreational services -----	Dec.63	135.0	134.1	.7	4.9
Indoor movie admissions -----		215.4	212.0	1.6	9.7
Adult -----		210.9	207.7	1.5	10.1
Children's -----		230.6	226.7	1.7	8.5
Drive-in movie admissions, adult -----	Dec.63	168.1	167.5	.4	7.8
Bowling fees, evening -----	Dec.63	115.2	114.8	.3	4.0
Golf greens fees -----	Dec.63	139.3	(5/)	(5/)	6.4
TV repairs, picture tube replacement -----		98.7	98.9	-.2	- 4.5
Film developing, black and white -----	Dec.63	117.6	117.3	.3	- 2.4
Reading and education:					
Newspapers, street sale and delivery -----		160.4	160.4	.0	4.7
Magazines, single copy and subscription -----	Dec.63	129.3	129.3	.0	8.4
Piano lessons, beginner -----	Dec.63	128.2	127.8	.3	4.9
Other goods and services -----		135.6	134.8	.6	7.1
Tobacco products -----		156.4	155.0	.9	10.1
Cigarettes, nonfilter tip, regular size -----		164.1	162.8	.8	10.1
Cigarettes, filter tip, king size -----	Mar.59	156.8	154.9	1.2	11.3
Cigars, domestic, regular size -----		108.6	108.7	-.1	2.5
Alcoholic beverages -----		122.5	122.0	.4	5.2
Beer -----		118.2	117.7	.4	3.8
Whiskey, spirit blended and straight bourbon -----		111.8	111.6	.2	2.4
Wine, dessert and table -----	Dec.63	118.9	117.4	1.3	9.5
Away from home -----	Dec.63	128.4	128.0	.3	7.1
Financial and miscellaneous personal expenses:					
Funeral services, adult -----	Dec.63	119.0	118.6	.3	4.4
Bank service charges, checking accounts -----	Dec.63	110.0	110.1	-.1	2.0
Legal services, short form will -----	Dec.63	145.6	145.1	.3	11.3
Other special groups:					
All items less shelter -----		131.5	130.7	.6	5.2
Commodities less food -----		121.6	120.8	.7	3.8
Nondurables less food and apparel -----		125.0	123.9	.9	4.0
Household services less rent -----		159.1	157.7	.9	10.3
Transportation services -----		155.5	154.5	.6	10.0
Other services -----		151.4	150.3	.7	5.0

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

2/ Also includes home purchase costs not shown separately.

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

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

5/ Not available.

6/ Priced only in season.

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

8/ 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.

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

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

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

Reliability of Percent Changes in the CPI

A system of "replicated" samples introduced into the index structure in the 1964 revision permits an estimate of sampling error for the CPI. ^{1/} The table below shows standard errors for monthly, quarterly, and annual percent changes in the CPI for all items and for nine commodity groupings based on 1969 averages. The figures may be interpreted as follows: the chances are about 95 out of 100 that the percent change in the CPI as computed differs from the corresponding "complete coverage" change by less than twice the standard error. Data also are shown in terms of the relative error of the standard error of percent changes. The relative errors tend to decrease markedly for successively longer time periods, as expected.

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

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

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

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

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

Brief Explanation of the CPI

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) measures average changes in prices of goods and services usually bought by urban wage earners and clerical workers, both families and single persons living alone. It is based on prices of about 400 items which were selected to represent the movement of prices of all goods and services purchased by wage earners and clerical workers. Prices for these items are obtained in urban portions of 39 Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas (SMSA's) and 17 smaller cities, which were chosen to represent all urban places in the United States, including Alaska and Hawaii. They are collected from grocery and department stores, hospitals, filling stations, and other types of stores and service establishments which wage earners and clerical workers patronize.

Prices of foods, fuels, and a few other items are obtained every month in all 56 locations. Prices of most other commodities and services are collected every month in the 5 largest SMSA's and every 3 months in other SMSA's and cities. Mail questionnaires are used to obtain local transit fares, public utility rates, newspaper prices, fuel prices, and certain other items which change in price infrequently. Prices of most other goods and services are obtained by personal visits of the Bureau's trained representatives.

In calculating the index, price changes for the various items in each location are averaged together with weights which represent their importance in the spending of all wage earners and clerical workers. SMSA and city data are then combined in the total index with weights based on the 1960 populations of SMSA's and cities they represent. Index numbers are computed on the base 1957-59=100, and are also available on the bases of 1947-49=100 and 1939=100.

The national index (the United States city average) includes prices from the 23 SMSA's for which separate indexes are published in this report, as well as from the following additional locations:

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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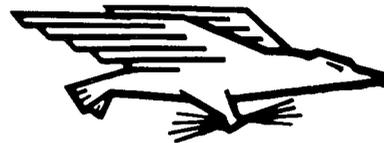
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