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the consumer price index

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

The Consumer Price Index

The Consumer Price Index rose 0.2 percent in April to 124.3 percent of its 1967 base. The increase was primarily due to higher prices for men's clothing, used cars, restaurant meals, and most household services, the effects of which were moderated by lower prices for food purchased in grocery stores and gasoline, and a decline in mortgage interest rates. The April index was 3.4 percent higher than it was a year ago.

After seasonal adjustment, the April increase was also 0.2 percent. Since the wage-price-rent freeze ended in November, the CPI has risen at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 3.3 percent. This compares with a 4.1 percent annual rate of advance in the 6 months preceding the freeze. In the first 8 months of the Economic Stabilization program, which includes the August–November period when most prices were frozen, the CPI rose at an annual rate of 2.8 percent.

Food

The April food price index, which includes both grocery store food and restaurant meals, decreased 0.1 percent after seasonal adjustment. This decline follows no change in March and an increase of 1.8 percent in February.

The index of food purchased in grocery stores, which usually shows no change in April, declined 0.2 percent. Lower prices for meats, poultry, eggs, and fresh vegetables accounted for the decrease. Beef and veal prices which usually increase slightly in April, declined for the first time since November. Pork prices fell substantially for the second consecutive month. Poultry prices declined for the first time this year. These price declines

Table A. Percent changes in CPI and components, selected periods

Month	Changes from preceding month							Changes in all items at seasonally adjusted compound annual rates		
	All items		Food		Commodities less food		Services	From 3 mos. ago	From 6 mos. ago	From 12 mos. ago
	Unadj.	Seas. adj.	Unadj.	Seas. adj.	Unadj.	Seas. adj.	Unadj.			
Apr. 1971	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.6	0.3	0.2	0.2	2.9	3.6	4.3
May	.5	.5	.3	.3	.7	.6	.6	4.0	3.9	4.4
June	.6	.4	.8	.4	.4	.3	.5	4.7	3.8	4.5
July	.2	.3	.5	.2	-.1	.2	.5	4.8	3.8	4.4
Aug	.2	.3	.2	.3	.1	.3	.5	4.1	4.0	4.4
Sept	.1	.1	-.8	-.3	.3	0	.3	3.0	3.9	4.0
Oct	.2	.2	-.2	-.1	.5	0	.2	2.6	3.7	3.6
Nov	.2	.2	.1	.8	.1	0	.3	1.9	3.0	3.5
Dec	.4	.3	1.1	.6	0	.2	.3	2.6	2.8	3.4
Jan. 1972	.1	.3	0	-.1	-.3	.2	.5	3.2	2.9	3.4
Feb	.5	.6	1.6	1.8	.1	.3	.2	4.8	3.4	3.7
Mar	.2	0	.2	0	.3	.2	.2	3.6	3.1	3.5
Apr	.2	.2	0	-.1	.3	.2	.3	3.1	3.2	3.4

NOTE: In accordance with longstanding policy, seasonal adjustment factors have been recalculated to reflect developments during the preceding 12 months. For this reason, some of the seasonally adjusted figures shown above differ from those previously reported. New factors are introduced annually in April. Those to be used through March 1973 can be found on page 20 of this report.

reflected lower wholesale prices and increased production of 9 percent for beef, 11 percent for veal, 22 percent for pork, and 9 percent for poultry from February to March.

Fresh vegetable prices declined contraseasonally in April, as they did in March. Large supplies, especially of asparagus, celery, carrots, and cabbage accounted for the April decline. Fresh fruit prices, however, advanced sharply due to declines in banana imports and also because strawberries were priced for the first time this season. Processed fruits and vegetable prices increased 0.3 percent for the fifth consecutive month. Prices have moved up since November for most items, particularly fruit cocktail, canned beets, dried beans, and pineapple-grapefruit juice. The increase of 0.3 percent this April, however, was considerably smaller than the advance in April of last year. The difference was partly because prices of frozen orange juice held steady in contrast to a sharp advance a year ago in response to short supplies.

Prices rose for cereal and bakery products and dairy products, but the increases were smaller than in February or March. Bread prices were higher, but prices declined for flour and corn flakes. The decline in corn flake prices reflected large supplies of corn. Among dairy products, cheese prices rose sharply as wholesale prices have advanced in response to record levels of consumer demand. On the other hand, ice cream and butter prices decreased as milk production continued to rise. After rising sharply in March, egg prices declined in April due to decreased demand following the Easter holidays and a slight increase in production.

The index for food away from home—restaurant meals and snacks—increased 0.5 percent in April, the largest increase since last August and more than usual for this time of the year. The increase was attributed mostly to the spurt in wholesale food prices which occurred earlier this year.

Commodities less food

The index for commodities less food increased 0.3 percent, somewhat more than usual for this time of the year. The seasonally adjusted increase of 0.2 percent was about the same as the monthly increases since December. The price rise in apparel commodities, which had accounted for about 40 percent of the March rise in the non-food commodities index, was responsible for about a third of the April rise in this index.

The index for apparel commodities rose 0.4 percent in April—instead of the usual 0.2 percent—primarily due to a sharper-than-usual increase in men's clothing, particularly year-round and tropical weight suits, wool slacks, and shirts. In March, men's clothing prices increased seasonally after declining from November to

February as they usually do. Women's apparel prices declined in April, slightly more than usual, after advancing sharply in February and March. Footwear prices continued to increase at a faster pace than usual for this time of the year.

A mostly seasonal upturn in used car prices contributed about 40 percent to the April increase in the commodities index. The increase of 2.4 percent in used car prices followed a small rise in March and an almost steady decline from June 1971 through February of this year. Instead of moving down seasonally, new car prices held steady in April as concessions offered by dealers remained at their March levels.

Prices rose in April for most housefurnishings. The increase in textile housefurnishings reflected the end of white sales (in quarterly cities). Prices of most durable housefurnishings also increased, particularly lawnmowers, which were priced for the first time this season, and dinnerware and flatware. The increase at retail for lawnmowers was substantially higher than the wholesale increase since August 1971. Imported Japanese dinnerware prices continued to move higher and some domestic prices followed the upward trend. Prices of floor coverings continued to move up. Price increases for furniture, however, were much smaller than in March. Although demand for furniture was up, some articles were being marketed at promotional prices. Many household appliances were on sale.

Among other nonfood commodities, subscription rates for some magazines rose substantially, and prices increased for newspapers, alcoholic beverages, mostly for beer away from home, and toilet goods such as hand lotion and cleansing tissues.

The rise in the index for nonfood commodities was moderated by a decline in gasoline prices. Despite price "restorations" in several cities, the national gasoline market was weak and severe price wars started in a number of cities.

Services

Charges for consumer services increased 0.3 percent in April, slightly more than in February and March. Charges for electricity rose 0.9 percent as rate increases were registered in several cities; tax changes and increased fuel costs also contributed to the rise. The residential property tax index rose 0.8 percent, reflecting annual changes for several cities. Prices increased for all services connected with home maintenance. Higher wages caused increases for domestic services, laundry flatwork, and licensed day care service. The April mortgage interest rate index fell 0.5 percent, the largest drop yet in 6 consecutive months of decline.

The index for medical care services rose 0.3 percent, slightly less than the rise of 0.4 percent in each of the previous 4 months. Dentists' fees advanced 0.5 percent. Physicians' fees rose mainly as a result of increased charges for obstetrical care. Charges for hospital services rose 0.3 percent largely because of the increase in rates for semiprivate rooms.

Charges for transportation services increased 0.1 percent in April, as the index for local-transit fares rose 0.5 percent. Recreational service charges also rose as indoor movie admission prices increased 1.1 percent. Legal fees averaged 5.2 percent higher.

Effect of items identified as exempt from post-freeze regulations

About one-half of the 0.2 percent increase in the April CPI was due to price changes for items identified

as exempt from regulation under Phase II to the Economic Stabilization program. Mortgage interest rates and prices of raw agricultural products declined, while increases occurred in taxes and in the prices of used cars and houses. When the effects of the price changes for these items are removed, the increase in the April index was 0.1 percent. This increase is less than those in the last 2 months and the same as the increase in January.

Diffusion of individual price changes

Approximately 120,000 individual prices were collected directly by the Bureau of Labor Statistics in April for use in the index. Approximately 80 percent of these quotations represent monthly comparisons. As can be seen from table B, 74 percent of these monthly comparisons remained unchanged, 12 percent decreased, and

Table B. Percent distribution of monthly price comparisons¹

Groups	September to October	October to November	November to December	December to January	January to February	February to March	March to April
All items ²	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Increases	11	11	16	14	22	15	14
Decreases	10	9	7	11	8	10	12
No change	79	80	77	75	70	75	74
Food at home	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Increases	12	13	17	15	24	16	15
Decreases	11	10	8	11	9	12	13
No change	77	77	75	74	67	72	72
Commodities less food	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Increases	7	7	6	7	8	10	7
Decreases	7	6	5	10	7	5	7
No change	86	87	89	83	85	85	86
Services	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Increases	1	2	6	12	8	3	6
Decreases	8	1	1	5	3	1	4
No change	91	97	93	83	89	96	90
All items excluding raw agricultural products	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Increases	7	7	9	12	20	13	11
Decreases	8	7	6	7	6	7	9
No change	85	86	85	81	74	80	80

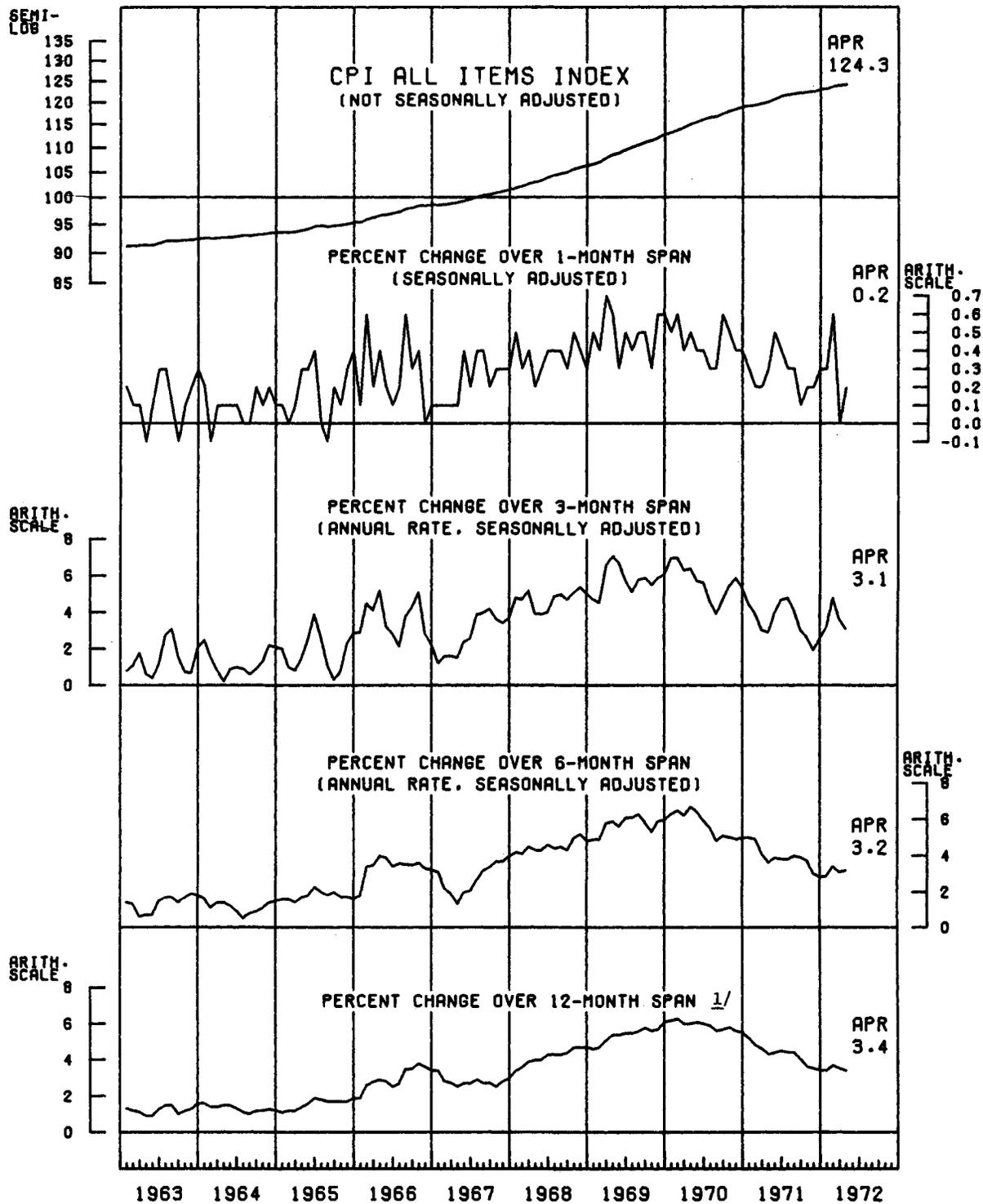
¹ Regulations of the Economic Stabilization program permit certain types of increases but it is not possible to determine whether allowable increases accounted for all increases shown in the above table.

² Based on approximately 98,000 individual price quotations.

14 percent increased between March and April. The proportion of commodity prices—both food and non-food—which remained unchanged in April was about the same as in the previous month. However, a higher percentage of commodity prices declined and a smaller percentage increased than in the previous month. For services, the proportion of prices remaining unchanged declined and the proportion of services prices decreasing was considerably larger than in March.

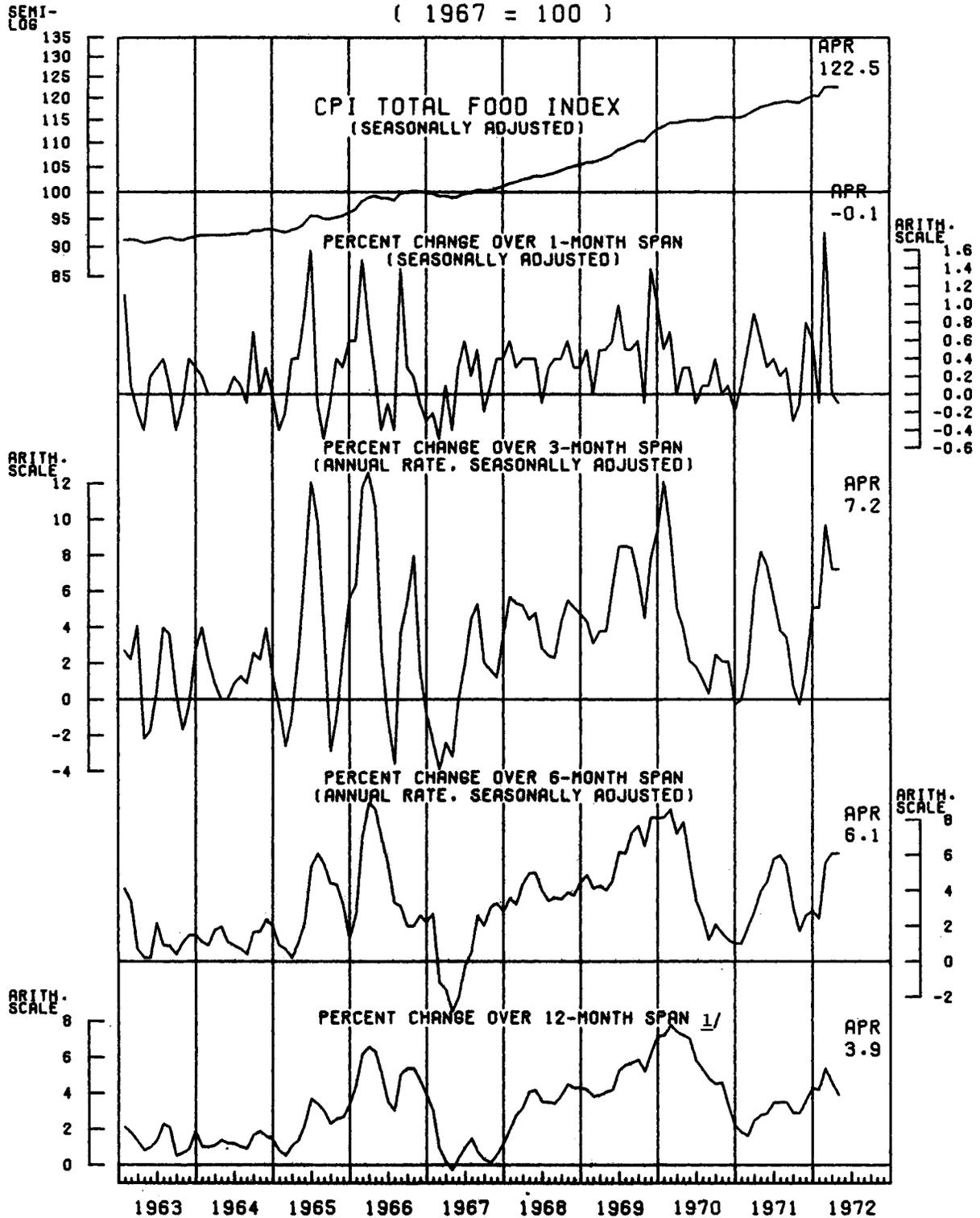
The April index also includes more than 23,000 price comparisons to April from periods before March. About 18,000 of these cover the quarterly span from January to April. About 15 percent of these prices increased, about the same as in last month's index. In addition, about 5,000 rental units were surveyed in April, and about 17 percent of these reported rent increases since October. Three percent of the 5,000 reported increases between March and April.

ALL ITEMS INDEX AND ITS RATE OF CHANGE 1963-72
(1967 = 100)



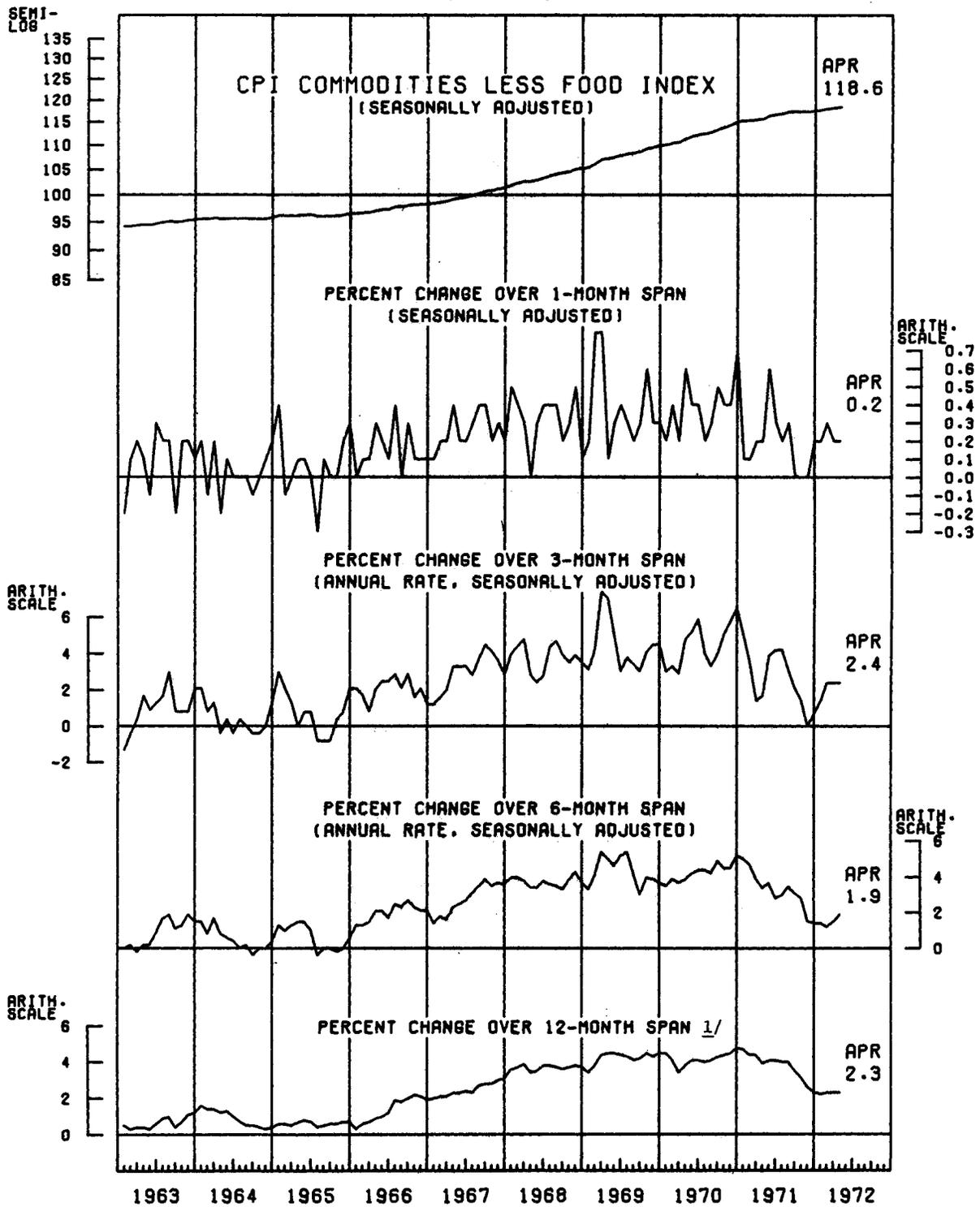
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TOTAL FOOD INDEX AND ITS RATE OF CHANGE 1963-72
 (1967 = 100)



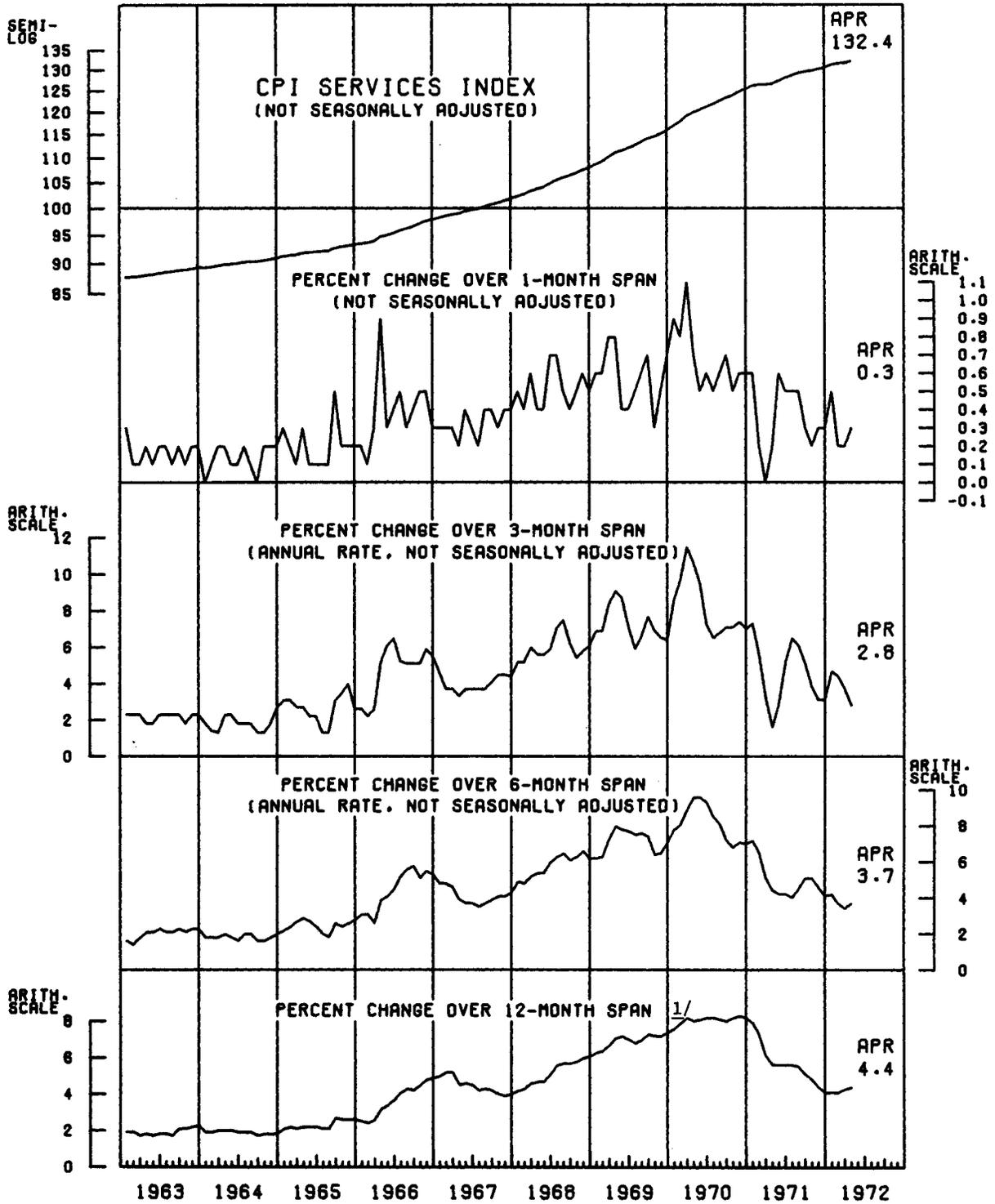
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COMMODITIES LESS FOOD INDEX AND ITS RATE OF CHANGE 1963-72
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SERVICES INDEX AND ITS RATE OF CHANGE 1963-72
 (1967 = 100)



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Table 1. Consumer Price Index--United States city average for urban wage earners and clerical workers, by commodity and service groups, and expenditure classes

Groups	Relative importance	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to		Seasonally adjusted percent change from		
	December	1967=100 unless otherwise noted		from--		previous month		
	1971	April 1972	March 1972	March 1972	April 1971	March April	February-March	January-February
Commodity and service groups								
All items -----	100.00	124.3	124.0	0.2	3.4	0.2	0	0.6
All items (1957-59=100)-----	-	144.6	144.3	-	-	-	-	-
Commodities-----	62.59	119.9	119.7	.2	2.8	0	.1	.8
Food-----	22.19	122.4	122.4	0	3.9	-.1	0	1.8
Food at home-----	17.23	120.4	120.6	-.2	3.7	-.2	-.1	2.1
Cereals and bakery products-----	2.28	115.0	114.8	.2	1.0	.1	.4	.5
Meats, poultry, and fish-----	5.64	125.9	126.8	.7	8.8	-.6	-.4	4.6
Dairy products-----	2.72	117.4	117.3	.1	2.4	.3	.4	.6
Fruits and vegetables-----	3.03	122.1	121.4	-.6	1.8	-.7	-.3	2.7
Other foods at home-----	3.56	116.2	116.7	-.4	.3	-.5	1.9	.2
Food away from home-----	4.96	130.0	129.4	.5	4.2	.3	.5	.3
Commodities less food-----	40.40	118.5	118.2	.3	2.3	.2	.2	.3
Nondurables less food-----	23.63	119.1	118.9	.2	.27	.1	.3	.3
Apparel commodities 1/-----	9.03	122.1	121.6	.4	2.3	.2	.3	.2
Men's and boys'-----	2.82	121.9	120.3	1.3	1.3	.8	0	0
Women's and girls'-----	4.02	122.3	122.5	-.2	3.0	-.1	.4	.7
Footwear-----	1.57	124.1	123.5	.5	2.5	.4	.3	.2
Nondurables less food and apparel-----	14.60	117.4	117.3	.1	3.0	.1	.3	.3
Gasoline and motor oil-----	2.92	106.3	107.3	-.9	1.5	-.7	-.4	-.4
Tobacco products-----	2.09	132.7	132.5	.2	6.8	.2*	.4*	1.4*
Alcoholic beverages-----	2.50	119.3	118.9	.3	2.7	.3*	.2*	.2*
Fuel oil and coal-----	.67	118.6	118.7	-.1	1.1	.3	.2	.1
Other nondurables-----	6.42	117.4	116.9	.4	2.6	.3	.2	.2
Durables commodities-----	16.77	117.7	117.3	.3	1.7	.1	.3	.2
Household durables-----	4.83	114.4	114.1	.3	1.8	.2	.3	-.1
New cars-----	2.12	111.7	111.7	0	-1.8	.5	.3	-.3
Used cars-----	1.98	106.4	103.9	2.4	-3.1	2.4*	.9*	-2.2*
Other durables-----	7.84	125.1	125.0	.1	3.9	.3	0	.2
Services-----	37.41	132.4	132.0	.3	4.4	.3*	.2*	.2*
Rent-----	5.05	118.1	117.7	.3	3.2	.3*	.2*	.3*
Services less rent-----	32.36	135.0	134.7	.2	4.6	.2*	.2*	.2*
Household services less rent-----	15.36	138.1	137.7	.3	6.5	.1	-.2	.5
Transportation services-----	5.57	135.6	135.5	.1	2.0	.1	-.1	-.1
Medical care services-----	55.5	137.3	136.9	.3	3.9	.3	.1	.3
Other services-----	5.88	125.1	124.7	.3	3.0	.2	.1	.3
Special indexes:								
All items less food-----	77.81	124.9	124.5	.3	3.3	.2	.2	.2
Nondurable commodities-----	45.82	120.7	120.6	.1	3.2	0	.1	1.1
Apparel commodities less footwear-----	7.46	121.8	121.3	.4	2.4	.2	.2	.4
Services less medical care services-----	31.86	131.7	131.3	.3	4.5	.3*	.2*	.2*
Insurance and finance-----	9.85	142.7	142.6	.1	4.5	-.1	-.1	.1
Utilities and public transportation-----	5.51	125.4	125.1	.2	5.4	.2	-.2	.3
Housekeeping and home maintenance services-----	4.46	143.0	142.4	.4	7.0	.5	.1	.3
Expenditure classes								
All items-----	100.00	124.3	124.0	-.2	3.4	.2	0	.6
Food-----	22.19	122.4	122.4	0	3.9	-.1	0	1.8
Housing-----	33.84	128.2	127.9	.2	4.7	.2*	.2*	.2*
Shelter 2/-----	21.72	133.0	132.7	.2	5.1	.3	-.2	.4
Rent-----	5.05	118.1	117.7	.3	3.2	.3*	.2*	.3*
Homeownership 3/-----	16.25	138.5	138.2	.2	5.8	.3	-.4	.4
Fuel and utilities 4/-----	4.71	119.9	119.6	.3	5.1	.3	.2	.5
Gas and electricity-----	2.43	120.2	119.7	.4	5.5	.2	.4	.1
Household furnishings and operation-----	7.41	120.5	120.1	.3	3.0	.3	.3	-.2
Apparel and upkeep-----	10.45	121.8	121.3	.4	2.3	.3	.2	.2
Transportation-----	13.27	118.6	118.4	.2	.4	.1	.2	-.2
Private-----	11.80	116.1	115.9	.2	-.1	0	.2	-.3
Public-----	1.47	142.7	142.3	.3	4.6	.6	-1.6	.1
Health and recreation-----	19.87	125.5	125.0	.4	3.5	.4*	.2*	.3*
Medical care-----	6.46	131.7	131.4	.2	3.3	.2	0	.2
Personal care-----	2.58	119.1	118.7	.3	2.4	.3	.1	.3
Reading and recreation-----	5.71	122.3	121.7	.5	3.3	.3	.2	.3
Other goods and services-----	5.12	125.1	124.6	.4	4.5	.6	.3	.8
Special indexes:								
All items less shelter-----	78.28	122.1	121.8	.2	3.0	.1	.2	.5
All items less medical care-----	93.54	123.9	123.6	.2	3.4	.2	.1	.6
All items less mortgage interest costs-----	96.25	123.5	123.2	.2	3.4	.2*	.2*	.6*
Purchasing power of consumer dollar:								
1967=\$1.00-----	-	\$0.805	\$0.806	-.1	-3.3	-	-	-
1957-59=\$1.00-----	-	.692	.693	-	-	-	-	-

1/ Also includes infants' wear, sewing materials, and jewelry not shown separately.

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

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

4/ Also includes residential telephone, fuel oil, coal, water, and sewerage service not shown separately.

* Not seasonally adjusted.

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

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

Area 1/	Pricing Schedule 2/	Indexes			Percent change from:		
		1967=100	1957-59=100	Other bases	March 1972	January 1972	April 1971
		April 1972			March 1972	January 1972	April 1971
U.S. City Average -----	M	124.3	144.6		0.2	0.9	3.4
Chicago -----	M	123.3	140.0		.1	1.0	2.6
Detroit -----	M	125.0	143.6		0	.6	4.1
Los Angeles-Long Beach ---	M	121.3	142.6		.1	.9	3.9
N.Y.-Northeastern N.J. ---	M	130.3	155.0		.2	1.5	4.6
Philadelphia -----	M	126.0	147.1		.2	1.0	2.8
		April 1972				January 1972	April 1971
Boston -----	1	126.2	151.2			1.0	3.7
Houston -----	1	124.8	142.8			1.3	4.4
Minneapolis-St. Paul -----	1	124.2	144.0			.3	3.2
Pittsburgh -----	1	124.7	143.4			1.2	3.1
		February 1972				November 1971	February 1971
Buffalo -----	2	124.9		3/ 137.2		1.5	4.4
Cleveland -----	2	125.9	142.1			1.2	3.6
Dallas -----	2	123.7		3/ 133.7		1.1	3.3
Milwaukee -----	2	122.2	138.0			1.1	2.7
San Diego -----	2	122.3		4/ 128.5		1.2	3.5
Seattle -----	2	119.0	139.8			1.2	3.8
Washington -----	2	124.7	145.3			.4	3.1
		March 1972				December 1971	March 1971
Atlanta -----	3	123.8	142.3			.2	2.8
Baltimore -----	3	124.9	145.0			-.2	2.3
Cincinnati -----	3	123.0	139.6			.9	2.7
Honolulu -----	3	122.4		5/ 132.0		1.1	4.9
Kansas City -----	3	122.4	145.3			.8	2.7
St. Louis -----	3	120.8	141.1			-.1	2.2
San Francisco-Oakland ---	3	122.9	146.2			.9	3.2

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

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

M - Every month.

1 - January, April, July, and October.

2 - February, May, August, and November.

3 - March, June, September, and December.

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--United States city average for urban wage earners and clerical workers for selected groups, seasonally adjusted

(1967=100)

Group	Indexes			Percent change to April 1972 from:	
	April 1972	March 1972	January 1972	1 month ago	3 months ago
Food -----	122.5	122.6	120.4	-0.1	1.7
Food at home -----	120.5	120.8	118.4	-.2	1.8
Cereal and bakery products -----	114.9	114.8	113.7	.1	1.1
Meat, poultry, and fish -----	126.0	126.8	121.7	-.6	3.5
Dairy products -----	117.9	117.5	116.3	.3	1.4
Fruits and vegetables -----	120.5	121.4	122.0	-.7	-1.2
Other foods at home -----	116.2	116.8	114.4	-.5	1.6
Fuel and utilities ^{1/} -----	119.7	119.4	118.6	.3	.9
Fuel oil and coal -----	118.5	118.2	117.9	.3	.5
Apparel and upkeep ^{2/} -----	121.9	121.5	121.0	.3	.7
Men's and boys' -----	121.7	120.7	120.7	-.8	.8
Women's and girls' -----	123.0	123.1	121.7	-.1	1.1
Footwear -----	124.0	123.5	122.9	.4	.9
Transportation -----	118.7	118.6	118.6	.1	.1
Private -----	116.0	116.0	116.2	0	-.2
New cars -----	111.6	111.1	111.1	.5	.5
Commodities -----	119.9	119.9	118.9	0	.8
Commodities less food -----	118.6	118.4	117.9	.2	.6
Nondurables -----	120.8	120.8	119.4	0	1.2
Nondurables less food -----	119.2	119.1	118.5	.1	.6
Apparel commodities -----	122.3	122.0	121.3	.2	.8
Durables -----	117.9	117.8	117.3	.1	.5

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

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

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

(1967=100)

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Fruits and vegetables-----	120.5	121.4	122.0	-.7	-1.2
Other food at home-----	116.2	116.8	114.4	-.5	1.6
Fuel and utilities-----	119.7	119.4	118.6	.3	.9
Fuel oil and coal-----	118.5	118.2	117.9	.3	.5
Apparel and upkeep-----	121.9	121.5	121.0	.3	.7
Men's and boys'-----	121.7	120.7	120.7	-.8	.8
Women's and girls'-----	123.0	123.1	121.7	-.1	1.1
Footwear-----	124.0	123.5	122.9	.4	.9
Transportation-----	118.7	118.6	118.6	.1	.1
Private-----	116.0	116.0	116.2	0	-.2
New cars-----	111.6	111.1	111.1	.5	.5
Commodities-----	119.9	119.9	118.9	0	.8
Commodities less food-----	118.6	118.4	117.9	.2	.6
Nondurables-----	120.8	120.8	119.4	0	1.2
Nondurables less food-----	119.2	119.1	118.5	.1	.6
Apparel commodities-----	122.3	122.0	121.3	.2	.8
Durables-----	117.9	117.8	117.3	.1	.5

Table 5. Consumer Price Index--United States and selected areas 1/ for urban wage earners and clerical workers, commodity groups

Group	U.S. City Average	Boston	Chicago	Detroit	Houston	Los Angeles-Long Beach	Minneapolis-St. Paul	N.Y.-North-eastern N.J.	Phila-delphia	Pitts-burgh
(Indexes 1967=100)										
All items -----	124.3	126.2	123.3	125.0	124.8	121.3	124.2	130.3	126.0	124.7
Food -----	122.4	122.5	122.3	121.3	123.6	119.2	122.9	127.4	124.2	122.4
Food at home -----	120.4	121.0	120.8	120.1	119.8	118.0	120.6	124.4	121.5	120.6
Cereals and bakery products -----	115.0	114.7	116.9	115.3	112.2	111.8	122.6	117.2	117.3	117.0
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	125.9	128.3	125.6	128.5	125.1	125.5	127.0	130.4	125.3	122.4
Dairy products -----	117.4	116.8	116.5	116.7	118.5	114.7	114.8	120.7	120.3	119.6
Fruits and vegetables -----	122.1	122.6	123.5	115.2	122.8	118.8	118.3	127.3	123.0	124.9
Other foods at home -----	116.2	115.4	115.7	114.4	115.6	113.3	118.4	118.2	117.4	117.7
Food away from home -----	130.0	127.5	128.2	127.0	137.2	122.4	132.7	136.9	135.5	133.4
Housing -----	128.2	132.3	123.5	132.0	128.2	126.0	129.7	134.6	128.2	128.7
Shelter -----	133.0	140.4	127.3	141.8	133.9	128.6	135.4	140.3	135.7	136.4
Rent -----	118.1	128.0	(2/)	119.5	110.6	(2/)	120.8	124.3	(2/)	116.3
Homeownership -----	138.5	146.0	134.1	146.2	142.0	131.8	137.8	152.2	139.0	142.1
Fuel and utilities -----	119.9	116.7	115.8	3/ 113.8	116.1	124.9	122.0	123.6	4/ 116.7	118.4
Fuel oil and coal -----	118.6	117.1	113.4	113.9	-	-	115.1	120.4	111.9	-
Gas and electricity -----	120.2	120.0	116.7	5/ 115.8	123.0	127.7	122.5	120.8	6/ 121.5	122.1
Household furnishings and operation -----	120.5	125.8	116.8	114.2	124.0	117.8	117.9	126.5	121.5	119.3
Apparel and upkeep -----	121.8	123.1	119.0	117.2	126.1	120.2	118.8	123.5	120.5	124.0
Men's and boys' -----	121.9	121.0	117.3	117.1	116.9	116.1	121.6	123.9	122.4	119.8
Women's and girls' -----	122.3	124.3	121.4	114.1	137.6	124.9	115.8	123.3	116.7	129.2
Footwear -----	124.1	126.7	116.0	123.3	125.1	122.6	124.2	123.7	125.8	124.5
Transportation -----	118.6	7/ 118.7	122.7	115.3	115.6	115.7	114.2	131.8	123.9	120.6
Private -----	116.1	8/ 115.6	116.6	112.5	113.1	115.7	113.6	123.9	120.7	117.9
Public -----	142.7	137.8	161.3	149.0	156.4	115.3	125.5	162.4	142.4	138.3
Health and recreation -----	125.5	127.5	126.8	127.9	127.9	119.7	126.0	130.0	129.1	125.3
Medical care -----	131.7	134.2	130.6	140.4	134.9	127.6	124.8	139.0	140.8	127.3
Personal care -----	119.1	121.2	(2/)	119.4	122.7	(2/)	119.5	(2/)	120.5	115.2
Reading and recreation -----	122.3	127.9	123.6	123.4	121.7	113.1	128.4	126.2	125.8	123.4
Other goods and services -----	125.1	123.7	130.5	121.3	127.9	118.5	127.5	130.5	124.5	129.9
Percent changes January 1972 to April 1972										
All items -----	.9	1.0	1.0	.6	1.3	.9	.3	1.5	1.0	1.2
Food -----	1.7	2.5	2.1	1.3	1.4	1.4	2.0	1.8	1.6	1.2
Food at home -----	1.9	3.0	2.2	1.6	1.5	1.5	2.0	2.0	1.7	1.3
Cereals and bakery products -----	1.1	2.3	1.7	.2	.7	1.0	1.2	1.7	1.6	.8
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	4.3	3.8	3.3	4.0	3.3	4.5	5.4	4.1	3.6	3.0
Dairy products -----	.9	1.7	.7	.4	3.0	.3	0	.2	.2	-.1
Fruits and vegetables -----	1.0	4.1	4.3	.6	.1	-.3	.8	1.3	2.0	2.3
Other foods at home -----	0	2.1	-.1	-.5	-.6	-.4	1.2	0	-.8	-1.0
Food away from home -----	1.1	.8	1.5	.4	1.1	1.3	1.5	1.3	1.5	1.2
Housing -----	.7	.9	.5	.5	1.1	.6	-.1	1.1	.3	1.2
Shelter -----	.5	.4	.4	.6	.9	.4	-.1	.9	-.1	1.7
Rent -----	.9	1.7	(2/)	9/ .5	.2	(2/)	-.3	9/ 1.1	(2/)	.3
Homeownership -----	.5	-.1	.4	.5	1.1	.5	-.4	.1	-.4	2.1
Fuel and utilities -----	1.0	2.0	.5	.7	.5	.5	3.5	1.6	.2	.4
Fuel oil and coal -----	-.1	0	0	-	-	-	0	0	0	-
Gas and electricity -----	1.0	-.1	.9	.9	.8	.5	.8	2.3	0	.7
Household furnishings and operation -----	.8	1.6	.8	.8	1.6	1.9	1.0	1.8	1.1	.6
Apparel and upkeep -----	1.3	.9	2.3	2.4	1.9	1.7	1.0	3.5	3.1	1.7
Men's and boys' -----	1.7	1.7	3.0	3.4	.7	-.3	2.3	4.1	.8	1.5
Women's and girls' -----	1.7	.9	3.4	2.7	4.5	3.9	.7	5.2	5.4	.8
Footwear -----	1.1	1.3	-.6	1.7	-.8	.7	0	2.8	4.7	5.2
Transportation -----	-.3	-.6	-.8	-1.1	1.3	1.0	-2.5	-.4	-.2	.9
Private -----	-.3	-.6	-.9	-1.2	1.4	1.0	-2.7	-.5	-.2	1.1
Public -----	-.5	0	0	0	0	0	.4	0	.1	0
Health and recreation -----	1.0	.8	1.0	.6	1.5	.4	1.3	1.4	.7	1.0
Medical care -----	.9	1.0	.8	.9	2.2	.5	.2	.3	.9	1.8
Personal care -----	.8	.4	(2/)	.7	1.0	(2/)	.7	(2/)	1.8	0
Reading and recreation -----	.7	.4	1.9	1.4	.5	.4	1.7	.6	.2	1.7
Other goods and services -----	1.3	1.4	.3	-.3	1.7	.1	2.2	3.7	.4	0

1/ See footnote 1, table 2.

2/ Not available.

3/ Corrected indexes: November 1971=112.7; December 1971=112.7; January 1972=113.0; 1971 annual average=110.8

4/ Corrected indexes: January 1971=111.6; February 1971=112.3; March 1971=114.7; April 1971=115.1; May 1971=115.6; June 1971=116.0; July 1971=111.0; August 1971=111.5; September 1971=111.5; October 1971=111.2; November 1971=111.2; December 1971=116.4; 1971 annual average=113.2.

5/ Corrected indexes: November 1971=114.4; December 1971=114.3; January 1972=114.8; 1971 annual average=111.5.

6/ Corrected indexes: January 1971=111.4; February 1971=112.1; March 1971=117.1; April 1971=117.6; May 1971=118.7; June 1971=119.5; July 1971=112.9; August 1971=114.1; September 1971=114.1; October 1971=113.4; November 1971=113.3; December 1971=121.4; 1971 annual average=115.5. January 1972=121.5; February 1972=121.1; March 1972=121.3.

7/ Corrected indexes: January 1972=119.4; 1971 annual average=120.6.

8/ Corrected indexes: January 1972=116.3; 1971 annual average=117.8.

9/ Change from February 1972.

Table 6. Consumer Price Index--United States and selected areas for urban wage earners and clerical workers, food and its subgroups

Area 1/	Total food	Food at home						Food away from home
		Total	Cereals and bakery products	Meats, poultry, and fish	Dairy products	Fruits and vegetables	Other foods at home	
(Indexes 1967=100)								
U.S. City Average -----	122.4	120.4	115.0	125.9	117.4	122.1	116.2	130.0
Atlanta -----	123.7	121.3	118.3	124.1	118.5	128.1	117.5	131.1
Baltimore -----	122.7	120.5	115.8	124.0	119.6	122.9	116.4	131.6
Boston -----	122.5	121.0	114.7	128.3	116.8	122.6	115.4	127.5
Buffalo -----	122.5	121.2	115.5	126.1	116.2	125.9	116.7	130.3
Chicago -----	122.3	120.8	116.9	125.6	116.5	123.5	115.7	128.2
Cincinnati -----	123.2	122.0	116.7	123.7	120.2	127.4	118.8	127.7
Cleveland -----	121.7	120.9	111.0	124.3	123.1	123.9	117.5	126.4
Dallas -----	121.4	118.1	112.9	123.7	113.3	120.0	114.6	133.5
Detroit -----	121.3	120.1	115.3	128.5	116.7	115.2	114.4	127.0
Honolulu -----	122.8	120.4	106.0	123.7	117.8	131.0	118.5	129.5
Houston -----	123.6	119.8	112.2	125.1	118.5	122.8	115.6	137.2
Kansas City -----	122.5	120.6	117.3	125.1	126.7	116.1	115.5	128.7
Los Angeles-Long Beach -	119.2	118.0	111.8	125.5	114.7	118.8	113.3	122.4
Milwaukee -----	119.1	117.8	115.8	125.1	114.5	116.2	111.9	(2/)
Minneapolis-St. Paul ---	122.9	120.6	122.6	127.0	114.8	118.3	118.4	132.7
N.Y.-Northeastern N.J.---	127.4	124.4	117.2	130.4	120.7	127.3	118.2	136.9
Philadelphia -----	124.2	121.5	117.3	125.3	120.3	123.0	117.4	135.5
Pittsburgh -----	122.4	120.6	117.0	122.4	119.6	124.9	117.7	133.4
St. Louis -----	121.0	118.7	120.7	120.5	119.9	121.6	111.2	132.0
San Diego -----	122.0	119.3	112.4	130.5	114.5	116.9	111.6	(2/)
San Francisco-Oakland --	119.7	118.4	112.2	124.3	115.0	118.1	115.3	124.2
Seattle -----	119.1	117.2	111.0	123.5	116.1	115.3	114.6	125.0
Washington -----	123.8	120.2	118.0	120.6	112.8	127.6	120.3	133.3
Percent changes March 1972 to April 1972								
U.S. City Average -----	0	-0.2	0.2	-0.7	0.1	0.6	-0.4	0.5
Atlanta -----	.9	.7	1.9	.7	.7	.2	.7	1.0
Baltimore -----	-1.0	-1.4	-1.4	-1.8	-.3	-1.0	-1.9	1.2
Boston -----	-.2	-.1	1.1	-1.4	.2	.7	1.0	.6
Buffalo -----	-.2	-.2	-1.4	-.5	-.2	1.7	-1.3	.2
Chicago -----	-.3	-.6	-.1	-2.0	-.4	1.5	-.2	.7
Cincinnati -----	-.3	-.6	.5	-1.8	-.7	1.0	-.6	.5
Cleveland -----	-.3	-.5	.2	-2.7	.2	2.4	-.3	.4
Dallas -----	-.6	-.8	-.3	-1.5	-.1	-.5	-.7	.2
Detroit -----	-.6	-.7	-.3	-1.2	-.4	1.1	-2.1	.2
Honolulu -----	-.3	-.5	.4	-.4	.3	-2.3	-.2	.1
Houston -----	-.3	-.4	.2	-1.4	.1	.4	-.4	.3
Kansas City -----	-.2	-.3	.7	-1.7	.1	1.8	-.7	.1
Los Angeles-Long Beach -	-.3	-.3	.4	-.3	.2	2.5	-.4	.5
Milwaukee -----	-.3	-.3	-.6	-.8	.2	.5	-.2	(2/)
Minneapolis-St. Paul ---	.1	-.2	.5	-1.5	-.1	1.7	-.2	1.0
N.Y.-Northeastern N.J.---	0	-.2	.5	-.1	.1	-.3	-.7	.5
Philadelphia -----	-.1	-.3	1.1	-.6	-.2	-.6	-.3	.4
Pittsburgh -----	-.6	-.8	-.3	-2.2	-.1	1.6	-1.2	1.0
St. Louis -----	-.2	.3	1.3	-1.2	1.1	1.8	-.2	.1
San Diego -----	-.2	-.3	-.3	-.7	1.2	2.5	-.7	(2/)
San Francisco-Oakland --	-.1	-.3	-.3	-1.0	.3	1.9	-.9	.3
Seattle -----	-.1	0	.4	.2	.1	.3	-.5	0
Washington -----	-.2	-.2	1.4	-1.8	1.3	.6	-.6	.5

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 indexes and percent changes from selected dates

(1967=100)

Item or group	Index		Percent change to April 1972 from--		April 1971 Unadjusted
	April 1972		March 1972		
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	
Total food -----	122.4	122.5	.0	-0.1	3.9
Food away from home -----	130.0	130.1	.5	.3	4.2
Restaurant meals -----	129.9	130.0	.5	.3	4.3
Snacks -----	130.6		.3		3.5
Food at home -----	120.4	120.5	-.2	-.2	3.7
Cereals and bakery products -----	115.0	114.9	.2	.1	1.0
Flour -----	100.4	100.4	-.4	-.2	-.9
Cracker meal -----	135.4		.4		4.6
Corn flakes -----	101.4	101.4	-.6	-.4	-7.9
Rice -----	110.0	110.0	.0	.1	1.0
Bread, white -----	113.3	113.5	.1	.2	1.1
Bread, whole wheat -----	120.5		1.1		3.3
Cookies -----	111.2	110.9	.5	.0	1.4
Layer cake -----	120.1		-.2		.4
Cinnamon rolls -----	120.8		.7		3.0
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	125.9	126.0	-.7	-.6	8.8
Meats -----	126.9	127.2	-.8	-.9	9.7
Beef and veal -----	135.9	136.0	-.9	-1.1	9.4
Steak, round -----	134.0	133.9	-2.5	-2.8	7.8
Steak, sirloin -----	130.9	132.2	-1.1	-1.0	8.3
Steak, porterhouse -----	132.2		-1.9		8.6
Rump roast -----	132.7		-2.0		8.1
Rib roast -----	138.2	138.9	-1.4	-1.3	12.8
Chuck roast -----	137.6	135.3	-2.5	-3.7	9.6
Hamburger -----	136.6	136.5	-.5	-.7	8.7
Beef liver -----	128.5		5.9		12.7
Veal cutlets -----	159.1	158.2	1.1	.2	14.7
Fork -----	116.7	118.0	-1.3	-.8	12.6
Chops -----	115.9	117.9	-2.6	-1.4	9.4
Loin roast -----	115.8	117.8	-3.1	-1.8	11.8
Pork sausage -----	124.6		.9		11.5
Ham, whole -----	112.7	115.1	-1.4	2.3	13.4
Picnics -----	122.8		-.8		12.5
Bacon -----	112.3	113.5	-.3	-.6	17.5
Other meats -----	122.0	122.1	.3	.2	6.7
Lamb chops -----	126.7		-.5		6.8
Frankfurters -----	123.1	122.6	-.2	-1.3	6.9
Ham, canned -----	112.6		-1.1		7.6
Bologna sausage -----	127.8		1.2		8.4
Salami sausage -----	123.8		1.1		7.3
Liverwurst -----	118.3		.7		3.8
Poultry -----	109.4	109.2	-2.0	-2.1	2.0
Frying chicken -----	108.3	107.2	-2.4	-3.3	.7
Chicken breasts -----	111.6		-.8		2.7
Turkey -----	112.9		-.7		7.0
Fish -----	139.8	139.7	1.1	1.1	8.7
Shrimp, frozen -----	133.9		1.5		16.1
Fish, fresh or frozen -----	146.2	146.2	.9	1.3	5.6
Tuna fish, canned -----	133.3	133.0	1.0	.8	3.3
Sardines, canned -----	145.4		.9		10.6
Dairy products -----	117.4	117.9	.1	.3	2.4
Milk, fresh, grocery -----	116.9	117.1	.0	.1	2.4
Milk, fresh, delivered -----	120.0	120.4	.0	.2	2.4
Milk, fresh, skim -----	121.9		.1		2.1
Milk, evaporated -----	120.8	121.9	.0	.4	4.3
Ice cream -----	106.8	107.1	-.3	-.1	1.7
Cheese, American process -----	124.2	124.0	.6	.5	3.2
Butter -----	105.7	105.9	-.1	-.1	-.2

Table 7. Consumer Price Index--United States city average for urban wage earners and clerical workers, food items
 April 1972 indexes and percent changes from selected dates--Continued
 (1967=100)

Item or group	Index		Percent change to April 1972 from--		April 1971 unadjusted
	April 1972		March 1972		
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	
Fruits and vegetables-----	122.1	120.5	0.6	-0.7	1.8
Fresh Fruits and vegetables-----	123.2	120.5	.7	-1.4	-3
Fresh fruits-----	120.1	121.9	4.0	1.7	4.2
Apples-----	114.1	115.5	1.7	-1.2	.6
Bananas-----	109.4	108.6	11.3	11.3	14.2
Oranges-----	117.3	125.3	-3.3	-1.2	1.2
Orange juice, fresh-----	131.3		.5		10.2
Grapefruit-----	122.4	136.6	-1.8	-4.6	2.9
Grapes, Thompson seedless 1/-----	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)
Strawberries 1/-----	119.2	110.6	(1/)	(1/)	7.3
Watermelon 1/-----	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)
Fresh vegetables-----	125.9	119.7	-1.6	-3.5	-3.5
Potatoes-----	113.6	115.9	-1.6	-3.8	.2
Onions, yellow-----	107.3	106.6	2.1	1.0	10.3
Asparagus, green-----	120.9	129.4	-26.1	-1.3	-1.9
Cabbage-----	125.7	118.4	-5.8	-5.8	-9
Carrots-----	128.6	132.4	-10.6	-12.9	6.1
Celery, pascal-----	125.2	133.8	-23.8	-22.0	16.7
Cucumbers-----	162.4		11.6		-6.2
Lettuce-----	115.2	114.1	8.3	5.0	5.0
Green peppers-----	150.4		1.8		-30.2
Spinach-----	135.5		-2		4.6
Tomatoes-----	130.7	115.2	15.8	6.9	-11.1
Processed fruits and vegetables-----	120.3	120.3	.3	.2	4.9
Fruit cocktail-----	122.2	122.3	.7	.3	4.6
Pears, bartlett, canned-----	117.3		.1		.5
Pineapple-grapefruit juice dri.-----	115.6		.3		1.9
Orange juice, frozen-----	136.6	136.6	0	-.7	13.5
Lemonade, frozen-----	118.0	116.5	.2	0	4.4
Beets, sliced can or jar-----	120.2		.3		5.4
Peas, canned-----	108.7	108.6	.7	.3	2.1
Tomatoes, canned-----	115.4	115.5	-1	-1	-2
Dried beans-----	137.1	137.4	.4	.4	18.2
Broccoli spears, frozen-----	119.2		.2		1.2
Other food at home-----	116.2	116.2	-.4	-.5	.3
Eggs-----	102.9	103.2	-4.3	-4.1	-6.2
Margarine, colored-----	118.4	118.0	.2	-1	2.7
Salad dressing, Italian style-----	111.4		.5		2.2
Salad or cooking oil-----	123.0		-.6		3.4
Sugar and sweets-----	121.4	121.5	.2	.1	2.3
Sugar-----	115.3		.3		2.9
Grape jelly-----	125.1	125.4	.5	1.0	6.6
Chocolate bar, plain milk-----	130.8	131.3	.2	-.2	.1
Chocolate flavored syrup-----	113.4		-.1		-.3
Nonalcoholic Beverages-----	120.9	120.8	0	-.2	-.9
Coffee, can and bag-----	118.2	118.2	-.1	-.1	4.0
Coffee, instant-----	125.0	125.0	-.1	-.8	.7
Tea bags-----	108.2	108.4	.1	0	-.3
Cola drink-----	128.2	127.9	.1	.1	2.4
Carbonated bev. fruit flavored-----	128.2		0		2.1
Prep. and partially prep. foods-----	114.5		.1		2.0
Bean soup-----	116.3		.1		2.3
Chicken soup-----	106.6		.2		0
Spaghetti, in tomato sauce-----	117.4		.5		.2
Mashed potatoes, instant-----	111.3		-.9		1.0
Potatoes, french fried, frozen-----	111.0	111.0	.5	.5	.5
Baby food, strained-----	111.4	112.0	0	.3	.6
Sweet pickle relish-----	125.2		.6		8.7
Pretzels-----	115.0		-.2		2.0

1/ Priced only in season.

Table 8. Consumer Price Index--United States city average for urban wage earners and clerical workers, indexes for selected items and groups, April 1972 and percent changes from selected dates

(1967=100 unless otherwise specified)

Item and group	Other index bases	Indexes		Percent change to April 1972 from:	
		April 1972	March 1972	March 1972	April 1971
Housing -----		128.2	127.9	0.2	4.7
Shelter 1/ -----		133.0	132.7	.2	5.1
Rent -----		118.1	117.1	.3	3.2
Homeownership costs 2/ -----		138.5	138.2	.2	5.8
Mortgage interest rates -----		117.1	117.7	-.5	-1.2
Property taxes -----		144.7	143.6	.8	13.2
Property insurance rates -----		122.6	122.4	.2	3.2
Maintenance and repairs -----		139.2	138.6	.4	6.2
Commodities 3/ -----		122.4	122.0	.3	4.3
Exterior house paint -----		118.5	118.2	.3	2.6
Interior house paint -----		116.4	116.3	.1	2.2
Services -----		146.5	145.9	.4	6.9
Repainting living and dining rooms -----		156.5	155.6	.6	8.2
Reshingling house roof -----		154.3	153.0	.8	9.9
Residing house -----		134.5	133.9	.4	4.4
Sink replacement -----		145.5	145.1	.3	5.5
Furnace repair -----		152.4	152.2	.1	8.0
Fuel and utilities -----		119.9	119.6	.3	5.1
Fuel oil and coal -----		118.6	118.7	-.1	1.1
Fuel oil, #2 -----		116.5	116.5	0	.4
Gas and electricity -----		120.2	119.7	.4	5.5
Gas -----		122.3	122.2	.1	5.6
Electricity -----		118.2	117.2	.9	5.4
Other utilities:					
Residential telephone services -----		113.7	113.5	.2	7.1
Residential water and sewerage services -----		137.7	137.7	0	3.8
Household furnishings and operation 4/ -----		120.5	120.1	.3	3.0
Housefurnishings -----		115.9	115.6	.3	1.7
Textiles -----		113.7	113.2	.4	1.8
Sheets, percale or muslin -----		116.0	114.4	1.4	.4
Curtains, tailored, polyester -----		111.3	110.9	.4	1.8
Bedspreads, chiefly cotton -----		111.0	109.8	1.1	2.7
Drapery fabric, cotton or rayon/acetate -----		121.1	121.2	-.1	3.4
Pillows, bed, polyester, acrylic, or kapok -----		108.6	108.2	.4	-.3
Silpcover, throws, ready made chiefly cotton -----		113.7	114.6	-.8	2.2
Furniture and bedding -----		121.0	120.7	.2	1.9
Bedroom furniture, chest and dresser -----	Mar. 70	104.9	104.6	.3	2.0
Sofas upholstered -----	Dec. 71	120.2	119.7	.4	0
Cocktail table -----		100.6	99.5	1.1	(5/)
Dining room chairs -----	Mar. 70	104.9	104.2	.7	1.4
Recliner upholstered -----	Dec. 71	98.7	98.6	.1	(5/)
Sofas, dual purpose -----		116.8	116.9	-.1	.8
Bedding-mattress and box springs -----	June 70	104.5	104.4	.1	1.2
Aluminum folding chair 5/ -----		122.3	121.9	.3	5.5
Cribs -----		117.6	119.0	-.2	.4
Floor coverings -----		106.5	106.3	.2	.3
Broadloom, carpeting, manmade fibers -----		101.6	101.5	.1	-.6
Vinyl sheet goods -----		117.7	116.7	.9	2.8
Vinyl asbestos tile -----		117.9	117.8	.1	1.6
Appliances 7/ -----		105.7	105.8	-.1	.5
Washing machines, electric, automatic -----		110.4	110.6	-.2	1.4
Vacuum cleaners, canister type -----		103.7	103.7	0	.3
Refrigerators or refrigerator-freezers electric -----		108.0	108.3	-.3	.1
Ranges, free standing, gas or electric -----		110.4	110.5	-.1	-.2
Clothes dryers, electric, automatic -----		113.6	113.6	0	1.3
Air conditioners, demountable -----		110.4	110.4	0	1.4
Room heaters, electric, portable 6/ -----		(6/)	108.5	(6/)	(6/)
Garbage disposal units -----		111.2	111.0	.2	1.6
Other housefurnishings:					
Dinnerware, earthenware -----		122.6	122.2	.3	4.8
Flatware, stainless steel -----		121.8	121.4	.3	2.0
Table lamps, with shade -----		122.2	121.7	.4	1.6
Lawn mowers, power, rotary type -----		118.9	117.1	1.5	2.2
Electric drills, hand held -----		105.8	105.3	.5	-.5
Housekeeping supplies:					
Laundry soaps and detergents -----		111.1	111.2	-.1	1.2
Paper napkins -----		129.5	128.9	.5	2.3
Toilet tissue -----		125.6	125.1	.4	1.6
Housekeeping services:					
Domestic service, general housework -----		138.4	136.9	1.1	4.6
Baby sitter service -----		135.0	134.8	.1	5.2
Postal charges -----		146.6	146.6	0	21.2
Laundry, flatwork, finished service -----		137.6	137.0	.4	4.2
Licensed day care service, preschool child -----		120.8	120.3	.4	2.9
Washing machine repairs -----		138.9	138.9	0	4.5

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Table 8. Consumer Price Index—United States city average for urban wage earners and clerical workers, indexes for selected items and groups, April 1972 and percent changes from selected dates—Continued

(1967=100 unless otherwise specified)

Item and group	Other index bases	Indexes		Percent change to April 1972 from:	
		April 1972	March 1972	March 1972	April 1971
Apparel and upkeep B/		121.8	121.3	0.4	2.3
Apparel commodities		122.1	121.6	.4	2.3
Apparel commodities less footwear		121.8	121.3	.4	2.4
Men's and boys'		121.9	120.3	1.3	1.3
Men's:					
Topcoats, wool or all-weather coats, polyester blends G/	(6/)	119.3	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)
Suits, year round weight		137.1	127.6	2.7	1.5
Suits, tropical weight G/		136.3	130.9	4.1	4.8
Jackets, lightweight		115.1	115.0	.1	2.9
Slacks, wool or wool blends		117.2	115.7	1.3	.3
Slacks, cotton or manmade blends		137.0	137.4	-.3	3.4
Trousers, work, cotton or polyester/cotton		114.6	114.4	.2	1.7
Shirts, work, cotton or polyester/cotton		114.9	114.5	.3	1.9
Shirts, business, polyester/cotton		113.1	112.4	.6	.6
T-shirts, chiefly cotton		117.4	117.8	-.3	-1.2
Socks, cotton or manmade fibers		116.6	116.2	.3	1.6
Handkerchiefs, cotton or polyester/cotton		115.4	116.2	-.7	2.1
Boy's:					
Coats, all purpose, cotton or cotton blend G/	(6/)	112.3	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)
Sport coats, wool or wool blend G/	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)
Dungarees, cotton or cotton blend		127.1	126.8	.2	4.9
Undershorts, cotton		120.5	120.5	0	.5
Women's and girls'		122.3	122.5	-.2	3.0
Women's:					
Coats, heavyweight, wool or wool blend G/	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)
Carcots, heavyweight, cotton G/	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)
Sweaters, wool or acrylic G/	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)
Skirts, wool, wool blend or manmade fibers G/	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)
Skirts, cotton or polyester/cotton G/		115.5	(6/)	(6/)	.4
Blouses, cotton or manmade fibers		123.7	122.2	1.2	.1
Dresses, street, chiefly manmade fiber		130.1	130.4	-.2	2.7
Dresses, street, wool or wool blend G/	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)
Slips, nylon		110.9	110.5	.4	0
Panties, acetate or nylon tricot		116.6	116.5	.1	1.7
Girdles, manmade blend		118.2	117.4	.7	2.9
Brassiers, nylon lace		121.9	121.6	.2	1.1
Hose, or panty hose, nylon seamless		96.1	97.5	-1.4	-2.8
Anklets, or knee-length socks, various fibers		115.9	116.1	-.2	-.5
Gloves, fabric, nylon or cotton		110.7	110.3	.4	1.2
Handbags, rayon faille or plastic		142.5	141.5	.7	9.4
Girls':					
Raincoats, vinyl cotton, or polyester blends	(6/)	116.8	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)
Skirts, wool, wool blends, or acrylic G/	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)
Dresses, cotton, manmade fibers or blends G/		121.4	119.2	1.8	12.5
Slacks, cotton or chiefly cotton G/	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)
Slips, polyester blends		111.1	112.1	-.9	.5
Handbags, plastic		130.6	128.8	1.4	.8
Footwear		124.1	123.5	.5	2.5
Men's:					
Shoes, street		121.4	121.6	-.2	1.9
Shoes, work, high		121.3	121.3	0	2.9
Women's:					
Shoes, street, pump		125.8	124.6	1.0	1.9
Shoes, evening, pump		122.0	121.4	.5	1.8
Shoes, casual		126.5	125.5	.8	2.5
House slippers, scuff		124.5	124.2	.2	3.4
Children's:					
Shoes, oxford		125.9	124.6	1.0	2.8
Sneakers, boys', oxford type		122.6	122.3	.2	3.5
Dress shoes, girls', strap or pump		129.5	128.7	.6	3.2
Miscellaneous apparel:					
Diapers, cotton gauze or disposable		113.5	113.2	.3	2.3
Yard goods, polyester blend		118.1	118.9	-.7	-3.2
Wrist watches, men's and women's		114.6	114.3	.3	2.0
Apparel services:					
Drycleaning, men's suits and women's dresses		117.4	117.4	0	.9
Automatic laundry service		114.9	114.2	.6	-.2
Laundry, men's shirts		120.6	120.9	-.2	1.5
Tailoring charge, hem adjustment		132.1	132.1	0	3.9
Shoe repair, women's heel lift		114.6	114.0	.5	4.3

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Table 8. Consumer Price Index--United States city average for urban wage earners and clerical workers, indexes for selected items and groups, April 1972 and percent changes from selected dates--Continued

(1967=100 unless otherwise specified)

Item and group	Other index bases	Indexes		Percent change to April 1972 from:	
		April 1972	March 1972	March 1972	April 1971
Transportation-----		118.6	118.4	0.2	0.4
Private 9/-----		116.1	115.9	.2	-.1
Automobiles, new-----		111.7	111.7	.0	- 1.8
Automobiles, used-----		106.4	103.9	2.4	- 3.1
Gasoline, regular and premium-----		105.0	106.1	- 1.0	1.3
Motor oil, premium-----		122.9	122.7	.2	3.3
Tires, new, tubeless-----		116.0	116.6	-.5	1.2
Auto repairs and maintenance 10/-----		134.3	134.0	.2	5.0
Auto insurance rates-----		140.7	140.9	-.1	-.8
Auto registration-----		127.5	127.1	.3	3.0
Parking fees, private and municipal-----		138.9	138.3	.4	2.6
Public-----		142.7	142.3	.3	4.6
Local transit fares-----		149.1	148.4	.5	3.8
Taxicab fares-----		132.9	132.9	.0	11.6
Railroad fares, coach-----		127.0	126.9	.1	.6
Airplane fares, chiefly coach-----		129.6	129.6	.0	4.4
Bus fares, intercity-----		137.6	137.6	.0	5.4
Health and recreation-----		125.5	125.0	.4	3.5
Medical care-----		131.7	131.4	.2	3.3
Drugs and prescriptions-----		105.5	105.5	.0	.4
Over-the-counter items-----		110.9	110.8	.1	.5
Multiple vitamin concentrates-----		95.2	95.1	.1	- 3.0
Aspirin compounds-----		115.4	115.0	.3	1.5
Liquid tonics-----		101.2	101.2	.0	-.5
Adhesive bandages, packages-----		124.1	123.9	.2	1.2
Cold tablets or capsules-----		113.2	113.5	-.3	2.5
Cough syrup-----		112.8	112.9	-.1	-.1
Prescriptions-----		100.9	101.1	-.2	-.2
Anti-infectives-----		76.0	76.7	-.9	- 5.0
Sedatives and hypnotics-----		125.2	125.1	.1	2.7
Ataractics-----		102.8	102.8	.0	1.6
Anti-spasmodics-----		107.8	107.8	.0	1.7
Cough preparations-----		128.9	128.5	.3	3.3
Cardiovasculars and anti-hypertensives-----		111.8	111.8	.0	1.5
Analgesics, internal-----		109.4	109.2	.2	1.7
Anti-obesity-----		116.7	117.5	-.7	3.4
Hormones-----		94.0	93.8	.2	- 1.1
Professional services:					
Physicians' fees-----		133.2	132.9	.2	3.7
General physician, office visits-----		134.2	134.0	.1	2.8
General physician, house visits-----		135.6	135.5	.1	5.0
Obstetrical cases-----		133.9	132.8	.8	5.5
Pediatric care, office visits-----		135.6	135.5	.1	4.1
Psychiatrist, office visits-----		128.5	128.5	.0	4.0
Herniorrhaphy, adult-----		127.8	127.4	.3	4.9
Tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy-----		129.6	129.2	.3	5.5
Dentists' fees-----		131.6	131.0	.5	4.8
Fillings, adult, amalgam, one surface-----		133.0	132.3	.5	5.2
Extractions, adult-----		131.5	131.0	.4	4.3
Dentures, full upper-----		128.8	128.3	.4	4.4
Other professional services:					
Examination, prescription, and dispensing of eyeglasses-----		124.5	124.0	.4	5.0
Routine laboratory tests-----		119.7	119.4	.3	4.2
Hospital service charges-----	Jan. 72	101.5	101.2	.3	(5/)
Semiprivate rooms-----		172.7	172.2	.3	7.3
Operating room charges-----		166.6	166.0	.4	7.8
X-ray, diagnostic series, upper G.I.-----		129.0	128.6	.3	3.7
Laboratory test, urinalysis-----	Jan. 72	101.5	101.4	.1	(5/)
Anti-infective, tetracycline, HCL-----	Jan. 72	100.9	100.0	.9	(5/)
Tranquilizer, Chlordiazepoxide, HCL-----	Jan. 72	100.6	99.9	.7	(5/)
Electrocardiogram-----	Jan. 72	102.8	102.5	.3	(5/)
Intravenous solution, saline-----	Jan. 72	101.5	101.4	.1	(5/)
Physical therapy, whirlpool bath-----	Jan. 72	100.8	100.7	.1	(5/)
Oxygen, inhalation therapy-----	Jan. 72	101.6	101.5	.1	(5/)
Personal care-----		119.1	118.7	.3	2.4
Toilet goods-----		116.3	115.8	.4	2.5
Toothpaste, standard dentifrice-----		108.8	109.5	-.6	1.2
Toilet soap, hard milled-----		121.0	121.1	-.1	8.2
Hand lotions, liquid-----		125.1	123.8	1.1	4.0
Shaving cream, aerosol-----		107.5	107.2	.3	.8
Face powder, pressed-----		126.2	125.1	.9	1.9
Deodorants, aerosol-----		105.6	105.6	.0	.7
Cleansing tissues-----		125.4	123.4	1.6	1.8
Home permanent wave kits-----		110.9	110.5	.4	.5
Personal care services-----		122.0	121.7	.2	2.3
Men's haircuts-----		124.4	124.2	.2	2.2
Beauty shop services-----		120.4	119.9	.4	2.4
Women's haircuts-----		120.7	120.5	.2	1.6
Shampoo and wave sets, plain-----		123.9	123.5	.3	2.7
Permanent waves, cold-----		112.5	111.8	.6	2.7

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(1967=100 unless otherwise specified)

Item and group	Other index bases	Indexes		Percent change to April 1972 from:	
		April 1972	March 1972	March 1972	April 1971
Reading and recreation 11/ -----		122.3	121.7	0.5	3.3
Recreational goods -----		107.7	107.6	.1	1.4
TV sets, portable and console -----		99.8	100.0	-.2	.3
TV replacement tubes -----		129.8	128.8	.8	6.7
Radios, portable and table model -----		98.8	98.5	.3	.5
Tape recorders, portable -----		93.8	93.3	.5	1.4
Phonograph records, stereophonic -----		106.4	106.6	-.2	5.9
Movie cameras, Super 8, zoom lens -----		88.8	88.8	.0	.0
Film, 35mm, color -----		108.3	108.3	.0	.2
Golf balls, liquid center or solid core -----		104.8	105.0	-.2	.4
Basketballs, rubber or vinyl cover -----		126.0	125.7	.2	2.1
Fishing rods, fresh water spincasting -----		107.4	107.3	.1	2.5
Bowling balls -----		113.4	113.2	.2	3.6
Bicycles, boys' -----		114.8	114.9	-.1	2.6
Tricycles -----		112.7	113.4	-.6	1.4
Dog food, canned or boxed -----		110.8	110.4	.4	2.6
Recreational services -----		127.8	127.3	.4	3.1
Indoor movie admissions -----		140.7	139.2	1.1	3.0
Adult -----		139.2	138.2	.7	2.3
Children's -----		145.0	141.8	2.3	5.2
Drive-in movie admissions, adult -----		143.8	143.7	.1	4.2
Bowling fees, evening -----		119.3	119.1	.2	2.5
Golf green fees 6/ -----		129.6	(6/)	(6/)	4.5
TV repair, color picture tube replacement -----		98.1	98.3	-.2	.3
Film developing, color -----		118.1	118.2	-.1	3.0
Reading and education:					
Newspapers, street sale and delivery -----		131.6	130.8	.6	1.8
Magazines, single copy and subscription -----		133.4	124.9	6.8	5.6
Piano lessons, beginner -----		122.1	122.1	.0	1.1
Other goods and services -----		125.1	124.6	.4	4.5
Tobacco products -----		132.7	132.5	.2	6.8
Cigarettes, nonfilter tip, regular size -----		133.9	133.7	.1	6.4
Cigarettes, filter tip, king size -----		135.0	134.8	.1	7.4
Cigars, domestic, regular size -----		110.7	110.6	.1	4.5
Alcoholic beverages -----		119.3	118.9	.3	2.7
Beer -----		114.1	113.9	.2	1.2
Whiskey, spirit blended and straight bourbon -----		108.6	108.5	.1	2.5
Wine, dessert and table -----		126.4	125.9	.4	4.8
Away from home -----		130.1	129.1	.8	4.0
Financial and miscellaneous personal expenses:					
Funeral services, adult -----		120.6	120.6	.0	3.8
Bank service charges, checking accounts -----		107.4	108.2	-.7	3.6
Legal services, short form will -----		149.3	141.9	5.2	12.0
Other special groups:					
All items less shelter -----		122.1	121.8	.2	3.0
Commodities less food -----		118.5	118.2	.3	2.3
Nondurables less food and apparel -----		117.4	117.3	.1	3.0
Household services less rent -----		138.1	137.7	.3	6.5
Transportation services -----		135.6	135.5	.1	2.0
Other services -----		125.1	124.7	.3	3.0

- 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 time-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.

Table 9. Consumer Price Index--seasonal adjustment factors for use with 1972 indexes (calculated from data through March 1972)

Groups	Jan-uary	Feb-ruary	March	April	May	June	July	August	Septem-ber	Octo-ber	Novem-ber	Decem-ber
Commodity and service groups												
All items-----	99.87	99.79	99.92	99.99	99.98	100.17	100.15	100.06	100.00	100.01	99.98	100.08
Commodities-----	99.8	99.7	99.8	100.0	100.0	100.2	100.2	100.1	99.9	100.1	100.0	100.1
Food-----	99.9	99.7	99.8	99.9	99.9	100.3	100.7	100.6	100.1	100.0	99.3	99.8
Food at home-----	99.8	99.7	99.8	99.9	100.0	100.4	100.8	100.7	100.1	100.0	99.0	99.6
Cereals and bakery products-----	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.1	99.9	99.9	100.1	100.1	100.1	100.1	99.9	99.8
Meats, poultry, and fish-----	99.2	99.2	100.0	99.9	99.8	100.3	100.9	101.4	101.2	100.2	99.1	98.8
Dairy products-----	100.1	99.9	99.8	99.6	99.9	100.1	100.1	100.1	100.1	100.1	100.1	100.1
Fruits and vegetables-----	99.1	98.9	100.0	101.3	102.6	103.7	104.1	101.6	97.6	96.0	96.8	98.3
Other foods at home-----	101.6	100.9	99.9	100.0	98.5	98.0	98.8	100.1	100.5	100.8	99.9	101.2
Food away from home-----	100.0	99.9	99.8	99.9	99.9	99.9	100.0	100.1	100.1	100.2	100.2	100.0
Commodities less food-----	99.8	99.7	99.8	99.9	100.0	100.2	99.9	99.7	99.9	100.4	100.5	100.3
Nondurables less food-----	99.7	99.7	99.8	99.9	100.0	100.0	99.7	99.6	100.2	100.5	100.5	100.3
Apparel commodities-----	99.2	99.4	99.7	99.8	100.3	100.1	99.3	99.0	100.3	100.9	101.2	100.8
Men's and boys'-----	99.3	99.2	99.7	100.2	100.4	100.3	99.3	99.3	100.1	100.7	100.9	100.5
Women's and girls'-----	98.8	99.3	99.5	99.4	100.3	100.0	99.2	98.3	100.5	101.4	101.8	101.4
Footwear-----	99.8	99.7	100.0	100.1	100.3	100.1	99.5	99.8	100.0	100.2	100.3	100.2
Nondurables less food and apparel-----	100.0	99.9	99.9	99.9	99.8	100.0	100.0	100.1	100.1	100.2	100.0	100.1
Gasoline and motor oil-----	100.0	99.5	100.3	100.1	99.6	99.9	100.0	100.3	100.2	100.6	99.7	99.8
Tobacco products-----	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)
Alcoholic beverages-----	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)
Fuel oil and coal-----	100.7	100.6	100.4	100.1	99.8	99.6	99.6	99.6	99.7	99.8	100.0	100.0
Other nondurables-----	99.8	99.9	100.0	100.1	100.1	100.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.9	100.0	100.0
Durable commodities-----	100.0	99.7	99.6	99.8	100.1	100.4	100.2	99.9	99.5	100.2	100.4	100.2
Household durables-----	99.8	99.8	100.0	100.1	100.2	100.2	100.1	100.0	99.9	100.0	100.0	99.9
New cars-----	101.0	101.0	100.5	100.1	99.9	99.3	98.8	98.0	96.8	101.2	101.9	101.6
Used cars-----	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)
Other durables-----	100.2	100.1	100.0	99.8	99.8	99.9	99.9	99.9	99.9	100.0	100.2	100.3
Services-----	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)
Rent-----	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)
Services less rent-----	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)
Household services less rent-----	99.8	99.6	100.0	100.2	99.9	99.8	100.0	100.2	100.2	100.1	100.2	100.1
Transportation services-----	100.4	100.6	100.6	100.5	100.2	100.2	100.0	99.6	99.4	99.4	99.4	99.6
Medical care services-----	99.8	99.9	100.2	100.2	100.2	100.1	100.2	100.2	100.3	99.7	99.6	99.7
Other services-----	100.0	99.8	99.9	100.0	100.1	100.2	100.0	99.9	100.1	100.1	100.0	99.9
Special indexes:												
All items less food-----	99.9	99.8	99.9	100.0	100.0	100.1	100.0	99.9	100.0	100.2	100.2	100.1
Nondurable commodities-----	99.8	99.7	99.8	99.9	100.0	100.2	100.2	100.2	100.1	100.1	99.9	100.1
Apparel commodities less footwear-----	99.1	99.3	99.6	99.8	100.4	100.1	99.3	98.7	100.3	101.0	101.3	101.0
Services less medical care services-----	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)
Insurance and finance-----	100.0	99.9	100.2	100.4	100.0	99.8	99.8	100.0	99.9	100.0	100.0	100.1
Utilities and public transportation-----	100.1	100.2	100.3	100.3	100.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.8	99.5	99.7	100.0
Housekeeping and home maintenance services-----	99.8	99.7	100.0	99.9	99.9	100.1	100.0	100.1	100.3	100.1	100.0	100.0
Expenditure classes												
All items-----	99.87	99.79	99.92	99.99	99.98	100.17	100.15	100.06	100.00	100.01	99.98	100.08
Food-----	99.9	99.7	99.8	99.9	99.9	100.3	100.7	100.6	100.1	100.0	99.3	99.8
Housing-----	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)
Shelter-----	99.9	99.7	100.1	100.0	99.8	99.9	100.0	100.1	100.1	100.1	100.2	100.1
Rent-----	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)
Homeownership-----	99.8	99.6	100.1	100.0	99.9	99.9	99.9	100.1	100.1	100.1	100.2	100.1
Fuel and utilities-----	100.1	100.1	100.2	100.2	100.1	99.8	99.9	100.0	99.7	99.6	100.2	100.2
Gas and electricity-----	100.1	100.3	100.2	100.4	100.3	99.9	99.6	99.9	99.6	99.5	100.1	100.1
Household furnishings and operation-----	99.7	99.9	100.0	100.0	100.2	100.2	100.1	100.0	100.0	99.9	100.0	99.9
Apparel and upkeep-----	99.3	99.5	99.8	99.9	100.3	100.2	99.4	99.1	100.2	100.8	101.0	100.7
Transportation-----	100.3	99.9	99.8	99.9	100.2	100.4	100.2	99.8	99.2	100.2	100.0	100.1
Private-----	100.2	99.9	99.9	100.1	100.3	100.6	100.3	99.8	99.0	100.1	99.9	100.0
Public-----	100.1	100.0	100.8	100.4	100.0	100.6	100.4	99.8	99.8	99.3	99.2	99.5
Health and recreation-----	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)
Medical care-----	99.8	99.9	100.2	100.2	100.2	100.1	100.2	100.2	100.2	99.7	99.6	99.7
Personal care-----	99.9	99.8	100.0	100.1	100.1	100.0	100.0	100.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Reading and recreation-----	100.1	99.8	99.8	100.0	100.1	100.1	100.0	99.9	100.0	100.0	100.1	100.0
Other goods and services-----	100.1	99.9	99.8	99.7	99.5	99.7	100.0	100.1	100.3	100.4	100.4	100.2
Special indexes:												
All items less shelter-----	99.8	99.8	99.9	100.1	100.1	100.2	100.2	100.1	100.0	100.0	99.9	100.0
All items less medical care-----	99.9	99.8	99.9	99.9	100.0	100.1	100.1	100.0	100.0	100.1	100.0	100.1
All items less mortgage interest costs-----	99.9	99.8	99.9	100.0	100.0	100.2	100.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

1/ Series is not seasonally adjusted.

Table 10. Consumer Price Index--food items, seasonal adjustment factors for use with 1972 indexes (calculated from data through March 1972)

Item or group	Jan- uary	Feb- ruary	March	April	May	June	July	August	Septem- ber	Octo- ber	Novem- ber	Decem- ber
Total food-----	99.9	99.7	99.8	99.9	99.9	100.3	100.7	100.6	100.1	100.0	99.3	99.8
Food away from home-----	100.0	99.9	99.8	99.9	99.9	99.9	100.0	100.1	100.1	100.2	100.2	100.0
Restaurant meals-----	99.9	99.8	99.8	99.9	99.9	99.9	100.0	100.1	100.1	100.2	100.2	100.1
Snacks-----	100.2	100.0	99.8	100.0	100.0	99.8	100.0	99.9	99.8	100.4	100.1	100.0
Food at home-----	99.8	99.7	99.8	99.9	100.0	100.4	100.8	100.7	100.1	100.0	99.0	99.6
Cereals and bakery products-----	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.1	99.9	99.9	100.1	100.1	100.1	100.1	99.9	99.8
Flour-----	99.9	100.0	100.2	100.0	100.3	100.3	100.1	99.9	100.1	100.0	99.9	99.4
Cracker meal-----	99.8	99.7	100.0	100.4	100.4	100.2	100.0	100.2	100.1	100.0	99.7	99.6
Corn flakes-----	100.2	100.2	100.2	100.0	99.8	99.8	100.2	99.9	99.5	99.7	100.1	100.2
Rice-----	100.0	100.1	100.1	100.0	100.1	100.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.9	99.8	99.9
Bread, white-----	100.3	100.1	99.9	99.8	99.7	99.6	99.9	100.3	100.5	100.0	100.1	99.8
Bread, whole wheat-----	100.1	99.9	100.0	100.0	99.6	99.4	99.9	100.0	100.2	100.3	100.3	100.2
Cookies-----	99.7	99.1	99.8	100.3	100.5	99.7	100.7	100.7	100.5	100.1	99.3	99.7
Layer cake-----	100.0	100.3	100.0	100.1	100.0	100.0	99.9	100.0	100.1	99.7	99.8	100.2
Cinnamon rolls-----	100.4	100.3	100.0	99.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.8	100.2	99.9	99.5
Meats, poultry, and fish-----	99.2	99.2	100.0	99.9	99.8	100.3	100.9	101.4	101.2	100.2	99.1	98.8
Meats-----	99.1	99.2	99.7	99.8	99.9	100.2	100.9	101.6	101.3	100.4	99.3	98.7
Beef and veal-----	99.3	99.1	99.7	99.9	100.5	100.6	101.0	101.3	101.3	100.1	99.1	98.4
Steak, round-----	99.5	99.5	99.8	100.1	101.0	100.6	100.6	101.2	101.0	99.9	99.1	97.7
Steak, sirloin-----	98.7	98.0	99.1	99.0	100.4	101.5	102.5	102.2	102.5	100.2	98.4	97.5
Steak, porterhouse-----	98.8	98.3	98.8	98.9	100.2	101.1	102.6	102.6	102.3	100.5	98.4	97.6
Rump roast-----	100.0	99.4	99.5	100.2	101.0	100.7	100.2	101.1	100.8	100.2	99.1	98.0
Rib roast-----	100.0	98.9	99.5	99.5	100.2	100.4	100.9	101.3	101.2	99.7	99.0	99.3
Chuck roast-----	98.5	99.5	100.5	101.7	100.9	99.8	100.2	101.4	100.7	99.8	98.7	98.4
Hamburger-----	99.1	99.3	99.9	100.1	100.3	100.5	100.7	100.9	100.7	100.0	99.4	99.2
Beef liver-----	99.0	99.1	99.5	100.3	100.3	99.9	101.2	100.8	100.5	100.3	99.7	99.4
Veal cutlets-----	99.1	99.1	99.7	100.6	100.3	100.6	101.1	101.0	100.5	100.0	99.3	98.8
Pork-----	98.5	99.0	99.4	98.9	98.5	99.8	101.7	103.0	102.6	101.2	99.1	98.4
Chops-----	97.7	99.1	99.5	98.3	97.5	99.6	103.1	104.9	103.5	100.9	98.5	97.6
Loin roast-----	98.1	99.0	99.6	98.3	98.0	99.3	102.1	103.9	103.0	101.3	99.0	98.2
Pork sausage-----	98.0	98.4	98.9	99.0	98.9	100.4	100.8	102.1	102.6	101.6	100.5	98.8
Ham, whole-----	103.4	101.2	101.6	97.9	98.4	99.1	98.5	99.5	100.2	99.4	99.4	101.4
Picnics-----	99.1	99.8	100.9	100.3	99.0	98.9	100.5	101.7	100.4	100.5	99.3	99.6
Bacon-----	97.4	97.8	98.6	98.9	99.4	101.3	101.9	102.8	103.7	102.1	98.8	97.4
Other meats-----	99.7	99.5	99.8	99.9	99.8	100.1	100.1	100.7	100.5	100.3	99.9	99.7
Lamb chops-----	99.2	99.3	99.5	99.4	99.7	100.7	101.5	100.9	100.6	100.1	99.6	99.4
Frankfurters-----	99.1	98.6	99.3	100.4	99.6	100.4	100.1	101.7	101.3	100.5	100.1	99.5
Ham, canned-----	100.8	100.9	101.4	100.3	100.3	99.2	98.6	99.4	99.6	99.9	100.0	99.7
Bologna sausage-----	99.5	99.4	99.6	100.0	100.0	99.9	100.5	100.8	100.6	100.2	99.8	99.7
Salami sausage-----	99.8	99.5	99.3	100.0	99.5	100.0	100.3	100.9	100.7	100.2	99.9	99.9
Liverwurst-----	99.6	100.1	99.6	99.7	99.9	100.1	100.3	100.3	100.6	100.5	99.6	99.6
Poultry-----	98.8	99.1	100.1	100.2	99.4	101.1	102.1	101.8	102.0	99.5	98.2	97.6
Frying chicken-----	98.5	98.7	100.1	101.0	99.4	101.6	103.1	102.1	102.1	98.9	97.4	97.0
Chicken breasts-----	98.8	99.2	99.6	100.3	99.8	99.9	100.3	101.9	101.7	100.6	98.8	99.1
Turkey-----	100.2	100.1	99.8	100.5	98.9	99.9	99.6	100.1	100.3	100.9	100.9	98.8
Fish-----	100.2	100.4	100.1	100.1	100.2	100.1	99.9	99.9	99.8	99.8	99.7	99.9
Shrimp, frozen-----	100.2	100.4	100.3	99.9	100.2	100.0	100.5	100.1	99.7	99.6	99.4	99.6
Fish, fresh or frozen-----	100.0	100.2	100.4	100.0	100.1	100.1	100.1	100.2	99.9	99.8	99.4	99.7
Tuna fish, canned-----	100.3	100.4	100.0	100.2	100.4	100.2	99.7	99.8	99.7	100.0	99.5	99.7
Sardines, canned-----	100.6	100.6	100.0	100.2	100.0	99.9	99.4	99.2	99.4	100.0	100.2	100.5
Dairy products-----	100.1	99.9	99.8	99.6	99.9	100.1	100.1	100.1	100.1	100.1	100.1	100.1
Milk, fresh, grocery-----	100.2	99.9	99.9	99.8	99.9	99.9	99.8	99.9	100.1	100.3	100.3	100.1
Milk, fresh, delivered-----	100.2	100.0	99.9	99.7	99.9	99.9	99.9	100.0	100.0	100.2	100.1	100.2
Milk, fresh, skim-----	100.0	98.8	99.7	99.8	100.1	100.1	100.0	99.9	100.4	100.2	100.0	100.1
Milk, evaporated-----	99.9	99.6	99.5	99.1	99.8	100.5	100.7	100.6	100.4	100.2	100.1	99.7
Ice cream-----	100.4	100.0	99.9	99.7	99.6	99.8	99.8	100.3	100.3	99.9	100.1	100.3
Cheese, American process-----	99.9	100.1	100.0	100.2	100.2	100.3	100.3	100.1	99.7	99.8	99.8	99.8
Butter-----	100.4	100.1	99.8	99.8	99.9	99.9	99.9	99.9	99.8	100.2	100.2	100.1

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 10. Consumer Price Index—food items, seasonal adjustment factors for use with 1972 indexes (calculated from data through March 1972)—Continued

Item or group	Jan- uary	Feb- ruary	March	April	May	June	July	August	Septem- ber	Octo- ber	Novem- ber	Decem- ber
Fruits and vegetables-----	99.1	98.9	100.0	101.3	102.6	103.7	104.1	101.6	97.6	96.0	96.8	98.3
Fresh fruits and vegetables-----	98.7	98.1	100.1	102.2	104.4	106.2	106.8	102.6	96.0	93.5	94.8	96.8
Fresh fruits-----	92.5	94.8	96.3	98.5	100.2	107.6	110.5	110.1	103.8	98.5	94.6	92.5
Apples-----	90.6	92.9	96.0	98.8	102.8	111.7	119.4	120.9	109.5	86.3	84.0	87.0
Bannanas-----	96.3	99.1	100.7	100.7	101.5	100.0	102.1	102.1	102.1	105.1	96.6	93.7
Oranges-----	93.9	95.4	95.7	93.6	95.3	97.1	99.9	104.8	107.1	110.7	106.4	100.1
Orange juice, fresh-----	99.2	99.0	99.8	99.0	99.8	99.9	100.1	100.9	100.8	100.7	100.5	100.2
Grapefruit-----	86.9	88.4	87.0	89.6	92.7	105.9	112.3	123.6	121.1	114.4	90.3	87.8
Grapes-----	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	125.3	101.5	87.6	86.6	99.0	(1/)
Strawberries-----	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	107.8	94.6	97.6	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)
Watermelon-----												
Fresh vegetables-----	102.4	100.8	103.1	105.2	107.7	105.4	104.0	96.7	89.3	90.0	94.5	101.0
Potatoes-----	93.7	94.9	95.8	98.0	101.9	113.1	116.9	109.5	96.8	92.5	93.0	93.9
Onions-----	93.1	98.4	99.6	100.7	104.5	106.1	107.2	108.2	99.9	95.8	93.1	93.3
Asparagus-----	(1/)	(1/)	124.7	93.4	96.0	91.4	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)
Cabbage-----	102.3	110.4	106.1	106.2	108.1	111.2	110.9	90.4	85.9	89.3	90.7	98.6
Carrots-----	101.4	100.8	94.6	97.1	96.6	103.0	106.7	109.1	97.0	96.0	95.0	102.7
Calery-----	102.3	100.0	95.8	93.6	102.9	108.8	115.5	102.9	90.6	90.5	98.5	98.7
Cucumbers-----	110.8	124.5	122.5	139.2	112.2	92.7	84.3	77.1	70.5	77.6	85.1	103.5
Lettuce-----	98.6	90.8	97.9	101.0	102.4	92.4	98.2	98.0	91.9	103.1	110.1	115.6
Peppers, green-----	100.1	111.6	115.9	118.0	136.4	115.2	92.3	79.1	73.2	74.3	85.6	98.3
Spinach-----	99.7	101.6	100.2	101.5	99.3	99.0	101.2	99.2	98.2	100.9	97.9	101.3
Tomatoes-----	104.9	101.2	104.7	113.5	98.1	101.8	102.3	85.2	71.3	81.6	95.8	122.4
Processed fruits and vegetables-----	110.2	110.0	99.8	100.0	99.9	99.8	99.9	99.9	100.2	100.0	100.0	100.2
Fruit cocktail, canned-----	100.3	99.8	99.6	99.7	99.5	100.1	100.0	100.4	100.0	100.0	100.1	100.6
Pears canned-----	100.2	100.2	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.6	99.9	100.3	100.4	100.0	100.0	99.9
Pineapple-grapefruit juice, canned-----	100.0	99.6	99.7	100.0	100.1	99.8	99.8	99.9	100.2	100.4	100.5	100.1
Orange juice concentrate, frozen-----	99.5	99.5	99.3	100.0	99.8	100.2	100.3	100.7	101.0	100.3	99.8	99.5
Lemonade concentrate, frozen-----	100.7	101.1	101.1	101.3	100.9	99.8	98.1	98.8	98.1	99.7	99.8	100.7
Beets, canned-----	100.0	99.7	99.9	100.1	100.0	100.0	100.2	100.1	100.2	99.9	100.0	99.8
Peas, green, canned-----	100.0	99.7	99.6	100.1	99.7	99.4	99.9	100.3	100.4	99.8	100.5	100.6
Tomatoes, canned-----	99.8	99.7	99.9	99.9	100.1	100.3	100.4	100.3	99.9	99.9	99.8	100.1
Dried beans-----	100.4	100.6	99.7	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	100.2	99.9	99.9	100.2
Broccoli, frozen-----	100.0	100.0	99.9	100.0	100.1	100.1	100.0	100.2	100.2	99.9	99.7	99.9
Other foods at home-----	101.6	100.9	99.9	100.0	98.5	98.0	98.8	100.1	100.5	100.8	99.9	101.2
Eggs-----	110.6	106.6	99.9	99.7	89.9	86.3	90.8	100.0	103.9	104.3	99.5	108.4
Fats and oils:												
Margarine-----	100.4	99.9	100.4	100.3	100.5	100.6	100.0	99.4	98.9	99.7	99.7	100.3
Salad dressing, Italian-----	99.9	99.9	99.9	100.1	100.3	100.1	100.2	99.9	99.9	100.0	99.9	99.9
Salad or cooking oil-----	100.1	100.1	99.9	100.3	100.1	100.1	100.0	100.2	100.0	99.7	99.7	99.6
Sugar and sweets-----	99.9	99.7	99.8	99.9	100.0	100.1	100.0	100.1	100.2	100.1	99.9	100.0
Sugar-----	99.8	99.7	99.8	100.0	99.9	100.0	100.2	100.3	100.3	100.1	100.1	99.9
Grape jelly-----	100.1	100.0	100.3	99.8	100.1	100.2	100.1	99.9	99.9	99.8	99.8	100.1
Chocolate bar-----	99.8	99.2	99.3	99.6	99.5	100.1	100.2	100.3	100.6	100.6	100.3	100.5
Syrup, chocolate flavored-----	100.1	100.3	100.3	100.4	100.3	100.1	99.9	99.9	99.8	99.8	99.5	99.6
Nonalcoholic beverages-----	99.9	99.9	99.9	100.1	100.0	100.3	100.1	100.2	99.8	100.0	100.0	99.8
Coffee, can and bag-----	99.9	100.1	100.0	100.0	99.9	100.2	100.0	100.1	99.8	100.1	100.0	99.8
Coffee, instant-----	100.0	100.0	99.3	100.0	100.2	100.5	100.0	100.0	99.8	100.0	100.0	100.2
Tea-----	99.9	99.8	99.7	99.8	99.9	100.4	100.4	100.3	100.1	100.0	99.9	99.8
Cola drink-----	99.9	99.9	100.2	100.2	100.1	100.3	100.1	100.1	99.8	100.0	99.9	99.7
Carbonated fruit drink-----	99.7	99.7	99.6	99.9	100.1	100.3	100.5	100.2	100.1	100.2	99.9	99.7
Prepared and partially prepared foods-----	99.9	99.9	100.1	100.2	100.1	99.9	99.9	100.1	100.1	100.1	99.9	99.9
Bean soup, canned-----	100.1	99.9	100.1	100.2	100.3	100.1	99.8	100.0	99.9	99.9	99.7	99.9
Chicken soup, canned-----	100.0	99.9	100.2	100.2	100.1	100.1	100.0	99.9	100.0	100.0	99.8	99.9
Spaghetti, canned-----	100.1	100.1	100.2	100.2	100.0	99.8	99.7	99.6	99.9	100.1	100.1	100.2
Mashed potatoes, instant-----	99.7	100.1	100.0	100.0	100.2	100.4	100.1	100.3	99.9	99.9	99.9	99.7
Potatoes, french fried, frozen-----	99.9	99.8	100.0	100.0	99.9	99.8	100.2	100.5	100.3	100.2	99.7	99.6
Baby foods, canned-----	100.2	100.0	99.7	99.5	99.3	99.3	99.3	100.6	100.7	100.3	100.2	100.2
Sweet pickle relish-----	100.3	100.3	100.6	100.9	100.2	99.4	98.7	99.4	99.8	99.9	100.3	100.2
Pretzels-----	99.6	99.8	99.8	100.2	100.1	100.2	100.2	100.2	100.2	100.1	99.8	99.8
Miscellaneous indexes:												
Housefurnishings-----	99.7	99.9	100.1	100.2	100.1	100.2	100.0	99.8	99.9	100.0	100.1	100.0
Fuel oil #2-----	100.6	100.6	100.4	100.1	100.0	99.8	99.7	99.7	99.7	99.7	99.8	99.9
Gas-----	100.3	100.4	100.4	100.7	100.6	100.1	99.5	99.8	99.3	98.9	99.9	100.1
Natural gas, residential heating-----	100.1	100.4	100.4	100.5	100.5	99.9	99.8	99.9	99.6	99.1	99.8	100.1
Natural gas, other than residential heating-----	100.3	100.7	100.5	100.8	100.8	100.1	99.7	99.6	99.1	98.8	100.0	100.1
Natural gas, 10 therms-----	100.6	100.8	100.7	100.9	100.7	99.7	99.2	99.5	99.0	98.7	100.1	100.1
Natural gas, 25 therms-----	100.3	100.5	100.5	100.7	100.6	99.9	99.5	99.7	99.3	99.0	99.8	100.3
Electricity-----	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.1	100.0	99.8	99.8	100.0	100.1	100.0	100.1	100.1
Electricity 100 kWhrs-----	100.1	100.1	100.0	100.1	99.9	100.0	99.9	99.8	100.0	99.9	100.0	100.2

1/ Priced only in season.

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	New Jersey – Millville
Alaska – Anchorage	New York – Kingston
California – Bakersfield*	North Carolina – Durham*
Colorado – Denver*	North Dakota – Devils Lake
Connecticut – Hartford*	Ohio – Dayton*
Florida – Orlando*	Ohio – Findlay
Indiana – Indianapolis*	Oklahoma – Mangum
Indiana – Logansport	Oregon – Klamath Falls
Illinois – Champaign-Urbana*	Pennsylvania – Lancaster*
Iowa – Cedar Rapids*	South Carolina – Union
Kansas – Wichita*	Tennessee – Nashville*
Louisiana – Baton Rouge*	Texas – Austin*
Maine – Portland*	Texas – McAllen
Massachusetts – Southbridge	Utah – Orem
Michigan – Niles	Virginia – Martinsville
Minnesota – Crookston	Wisconsin – Green Bay*
Mississippi – Vicksburg	

*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.

A Note on Seasonally Adjusted and Unadjusted Data

Because price data are used for different purposes by different groups, the Bureau of Labor Statistics publishes seasonally adjusted as well as unadjusted changes each month.

For analyzing general price trends in the economy, seasonally adjusted changes are usually preferred since they eliminate the effect of changes that normally occur at the same time and in about the same magnitude every year—such as price movements resulting from chang-

ing climatic conditions, production cycles, model changeovers, holidays, and sales.

The unadjusted data are of primary interest to consumers concerned about the prices they actually pay. Unadjusted data are also used extensively for escalation purposes. Many collective bargaining contract agreements and pensions plans, for example, tie compensation changes to the Consumer Price Index unadjusted for seasonal variation.

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

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.

Average standard errors of percent changes in the CPI based on 1971 data

Component	Standard error		
	Monthly change	Quarterly change	Annual change
All items . . . . .	.04	.06	.09
Food at home . . . . .	.07	.10	.15
Food away from home . . . . .	.08	.14	.33
Housing . . . . .	.06	.10	.19
Apparel and upkeep . . . . .	.17	.27	.33
Transportation . . . . .	.11	.17	.20
Medical care . . . . .	.09	.14	.28
Personal care . . . . .	.14	.19	.34
Reading and recreation . . . . .	.09	.12	.20
Other goods and services . . . . .	.11	.17	.23

Because the CPI is rounded to one decimal place, some ambiguity may arise in interpreting small index changes. As the table indicates, for example, 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.

This replaces the table of average errors based on 1970 data which was included in the CPI report through December 1971.

annual *percent changes* in the CPI for all items and for nine commodity groupings based on 1971 averages. The figures may be interpreted as follows: The chances

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.

A Note About Calculating Index Changes

Percent changes expressed as annual rates are 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 month to another are usually expressed as percent changes rather than changes in 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:

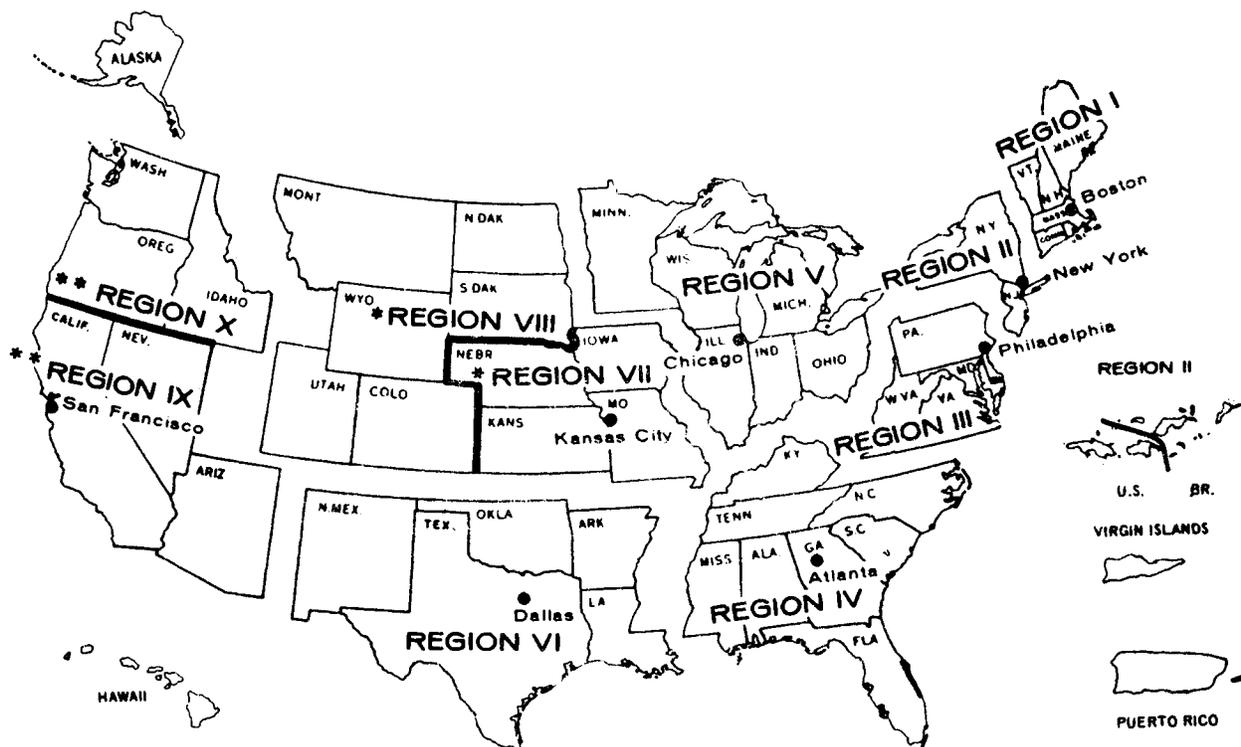
$$\begin{array}{r}
 \text{CPI} \qquad \qquad \qquad 123.8 \\
 \text{less previous index} \qquad \underline{123.2} \\
 \text{index point differences} = \qquad \qquad 0.6
 \end{array}$$

Index point difference divided by the index for the previous period:

$$\frac{123.8 - 123.2}{123.2} \times 100 = 0.5$$

Seasonally adjusted percent changes in the U.S. All Items Index are based on seasonal adjustment factors and seasonally adjusted indexes carried to two decimal places. This procedure helps to eliminate rounding error in the percent changes.

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