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Price Movements

April 1973

The Consumer Price Index rose 0.7 percent in April, to 130.7 percent of its 1967 base. Price increases for fruits and vegetables, meats, restaurant meals, apparel, used cars, and gasoline accounted for about three-fifths of the rise in the CPI. The April index was 5.1 percent higher than it was a year ago.

After seasonal adjustment, the April increase was 0.6 percent. In the 6-month period ending in April, the CPI increased at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 6.6 percent compared with 3.8 percent in the preceding 6 months which ended in October 1972. Prices in the last 3 months of the period rose at a faster rate than in the 3 months ending in January because of the acceleration in prices of commodities, particularly food. The April food index rose 1.4 percent on a seasonally adjusted basis, following increases of 2.4 percent for March and 1.9 percent for February. The nonfood commodities index increased 0.4

percent in April after seasonal adjustment, compared with 0.5 percent and 0.3 percent in March and February respectively. (See table A.) The services index rose 0.3 percent, the same as in March. (For changes before and during the Economic Stabilization Program, see table B.)

Monthly changes in detail

Food. The index for food purchased in grocery stores rose 1.6 percent, less than increases in each of the preceding 3 months, but considerably more than is usual for April. About three-fourths of the April increase in the food-at-home index resulted from higher prices for meats, fruits, and vegetables. The food-at-home index is based on prices collected in the first week of the month. The April index thus reflects any price changes which occurred before March 30, when ceilings on meat prices were announced.

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

Year and month	Changes from preceding month							Changes in all items at seasonally adjusted compound annual rates		
	All items		Food		Commodities less food		Services	From 3 months ago	From 6 months ago	From 12 months ago
	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	Unad-justed			
1972:										
April	0.2	0.2	0	-0.1	0.3	0	0.2	3.1	3.1	3.4
May .....	.3	.3	-.1	0	.6	.4	.2	2.4	3.3	3.2
June .....	.2	.1	.6	.2	.2	.1	.3	2.5	2.9	2.9
July .....	.4	.4	1.0	.7	0	.3	.3	3.3	3.2	3.0
August .....	.2	.3	.3	.5	.1	.3	.2	3.2	2.8	2.9
September .....	.4	.4	.2	.7	.7	.3	.2	4.4	3.4	3.3
October .....	.3	.3	.1	.6	.4	0	.4	4.2	3.8	3.4
November .....	.2	.3	.4	.7	.2	.2	.2	4.3	3.7	3.5
December .....	.3	.2	.5	-.1	.1	.2	.4	3.4	3.9	3.4
1973:										
January .....	.3	.5	2.1	2.1	-.5	.2	.2	4.0	4.1	3.7
February .....	.7	.7	1.9	1.9	.3	.3	.4	5.7	5.0	3.9
March .....	.9	.9	2.6	2.4	.5	.5	.3	8.6	5.9	4.7
April .....	.7	.6	1.5	1.4	.7	.4	.3	9.2	6.6	5.1

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 annual in April. Those to be used through March 1974 can be found in table 9 of this report.

Table B. Seasonally adjusted ¹ annual rates of change in the CPI and major components before and during the Economic Stabilization Program that began in August 1971

Component	1971 before Phase I, December 1970 to August 1971	3 months Phase I, August 1971 to November 1971	14 months Phase II, November 1971 to January 1973	3 months Phase III, January 1973 to April 1973	20 months Phases I, II, III, August 1971 to April 1973
All items	3.8	2.0	3.6	9.2	4.2
Food	4.8	1.7	6.5	25.4	8.4
Commodities less food	2.9	0.3	2.4	5.1	2.5
Services ²	4.5	3.1	3.5	3.9	3.5

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² Not seasonally adjusted.

In the meat group, prices for processed meats including ham, bacon, frankfurters, bologna, and liver sausage advanced substantially. Beef prices continued to rise, but the increases were much smaller than they had been in recent months. And, prices for pork chops and roasts declined for the first time this year. Poultry prices also showed mixed movements. Chicken prices moved down after a record increase in March, but turkey prices rose sharply.

Prices of fruits and vegetables—both fresh and processed—rose sharply in April. The increases can be attributed primarily to almost continuous adverse weather conditions from fall of 1972 through spring of 1973. Poor weather last fall resulted in smaller supplies of onions, potatoes, and apples placed in storage for winter use and in smaller stocks of most processed fruits and vegetables. Because plantings were reduced in winter 1972 and harvesting was hampered this spring by poor weather conditions, onion and potato supplies in storage have been dwindling. Poor weather conditions in spring growing areas also resulted in smaller supplies of other items such as lettuce, green peppers, and oranges.

Prices were also higher in April for most other types of food purchased in grocery stores. Prices for cereal and bakery products increased more than seasonally, reflecting higher wholesale prices for wheat and flour caused by extraordinary export demand and sustained domestic demand. Egg prices rose contraseasonally because of decreased production and strong demand spurred by higher meat prices. Increased prices for sugar and chocolate-based items, coffee, and salad and cooking oils reflected rising wholesale prices for sugar, cocoa beans, green coffee, vegetable oils, and animal fats and oils.

Among dairy products, cheese prices rose because of continued strong demand, and prices of evaporated milk were higher reflecting tight supplies of milk for use in processed dairy products. Butter prices, however, declined. The Agriculture Department announced new dairy support prices effective from March 15, 1973, to March 31, 1974. The support rate was reduced for butter, and butter prices immediately reflected this move. The support rate was raised for cheese and nonfat dry milk.

The index for food-away from home—restaurant meals and snacks—increased 1.0 percent, following an increase of 0.7 percent in March.

Nonfood commodities. The index for nonfood commodities rose 0.7 percent, a larger increase than is usual for April. Higher prices for apparel, used cars, gasoline, and home maintenance and repair commodities accounted for nearly three-fourths of the rise in the nonfood commodities index. Prices also increased for a broad range of commodities such as furniture, new cars, housekeeping supplies, bicycles, pet food, tobacco products, newspapers, and magazines.

Prices of apparel commodities rose 0.8 percent, more than is usual for April. Advances for year-round apparel items such as men's suits, slacks, dress shirts, boys' dungarees, and women's man-made fiber street dresses were mainly responsible for the April increase. Rising wages, higher prices for fabrics, and considerable strengthening in demand this year contributed to the increase in apparel prices. Prices for cotton, wool, and polyester fabrics have increased due to strong demand—domestic and foreign—for raw cotton, raw wool, and manmade fibers.

Used car prices usually move up from spring into

summer. The large increase in April reflected tight supplies of low-mileage used cars. Gasoline prices rose because wholesale prices have increased and discounts or allowances given to retailers by major oil companies were reduced or discontinued completely. The new car index increased instead of declining as it usually does in April, as a result of higher prices on imports following the mid-February dollar devaluation and strong demand for domestic cars.

Services. The service index increased 0.3 percent in April. Higher charges for rent, household services, recreational services, and personal care services accounted for most of the rise in the index.

The rent index rose 0.3 percent, the smallest rise since November 1972. The index for household services less rent also increased 0.3 percent. Charges were higher for all utilities, home maintenance, and repair and housekeeping services, particularly laundry flatwork and licensed day care services. Higher food prices were partly responsible for the increase in day care charges. Prices of most other household services rose moderately.

Recreational services rose 0.8 percent due chiefly to increases in movie admission prices and golf green fees. Personal care services increased 0.6 percent because of higher charges for men's haircuts and for beauty shop services. The index for apparel services increased 0.5 percent, mostly due to increases in drycleaning charges. All other apparel service charges increased slightly.

Medical care services rose 0.4 percent. Dentists' fees and hospital service charges were higher reflecting increased costs for supplies and labor. Physicians' fees increased slightly. The index for transportation services increased 0.1 percent.

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 C, 66 percent of these monthly comparisons were unchanged, 10 percent decreased, and 24 percent increased from March to April. Compared with March, the proportion of prices increasing in April was slightly smaller for food; the proportion of prices increasing for nonfood commodities and services was the same as in March. The proportion of food prices decreasing was the largest in 5 months. The April index also includes 23,000 price comparisons to April with periods before March, 18,000 of which cover the quarterly span from January to April. About 24 percent of these increased—considerably more than in the December-March period. In addition, about 4,500 rental units were surveyed in April, and 21 percent of these reported rent increases from October 1972, about the same proportion reporting increases for the 6-month period ending in March.

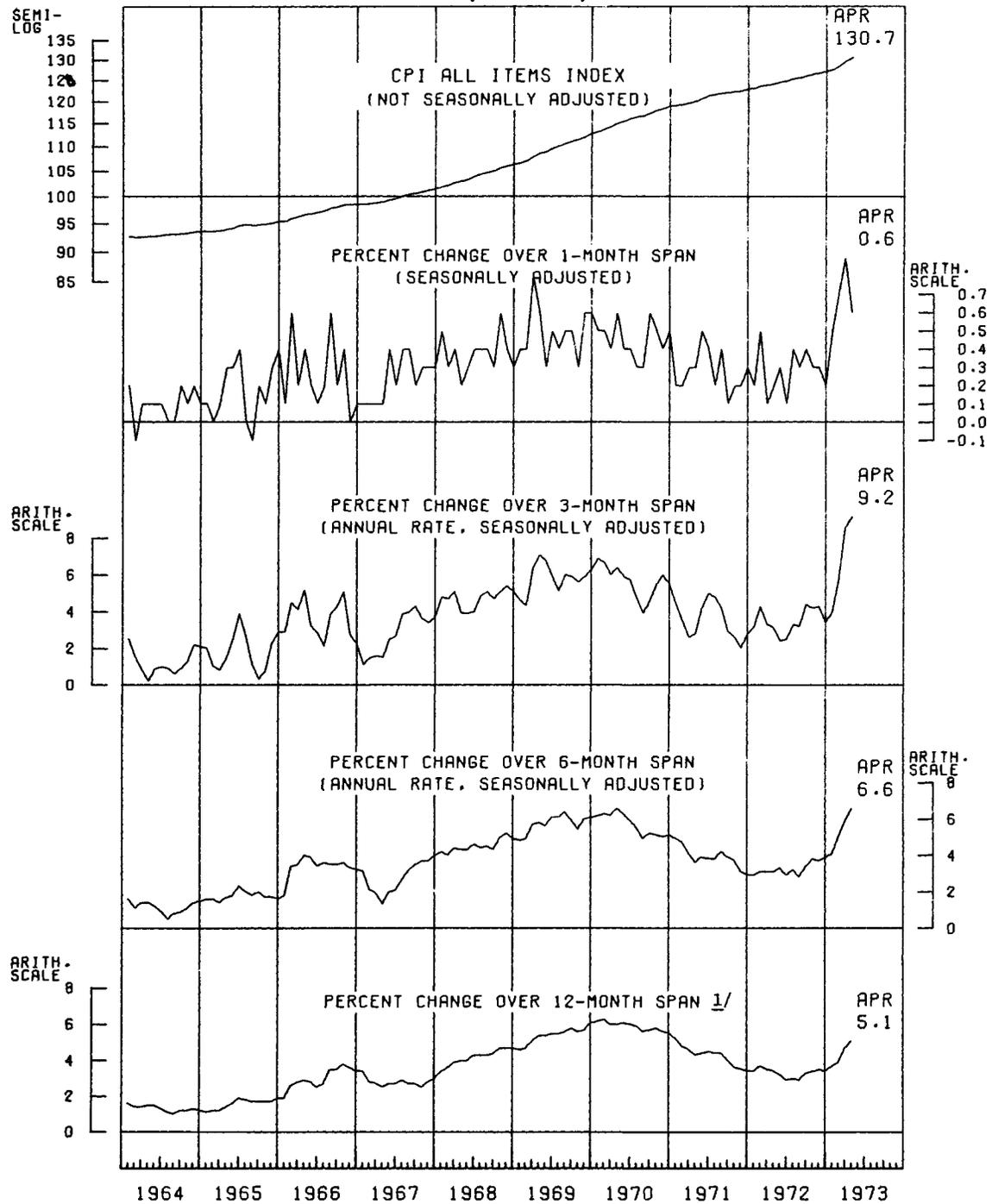
Table C. Percent distribution of monthly comparisons ¹

Item	1971	December 1971 to January 1972	1972				
	November to December		January to February	February to March	March to April	April to May	May to June
All items ²	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Increases	16	14	22	15	14	13	15
Decreases	7	11	8	10	12	12	11
No change	77	75	70	75	74	75	74
Food at home	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Increases	17	15	24	16	15	14	17
Decreases	8	11	9	12	13	13	12
No change	75	74	67	72	72	73	71
Commodities less food	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Increases	6	7	8	10	7	8	6
Decreases	5	10	7	5	7	6	7
No change	89	83	85	85	86	86	87
Services	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Increases	6	12	8	3	6	7	5
Decreases	1	5	3	1	4	5	3
No change	93	83	89	96	90	88	92
1972—Continued							
			June to July	July to August	August to September	September to October	October to November
All items ²			100	100	100	100	100
Increases			18	16	15	15	14
Decreases			10	11	10	11	11
No change			72	37	75	74	75
Food at home			100	100	100	100	100
Increases			20	18	16	17	16
Decreases			11	13	12	12	12
No change			69	69	72	71	72
Commodities less food			100	100	100	100	100
Increases			8	8	11	6	6
Decreases			7	6	5	6	5
No change			85	86	84	88	89
Services			100	100	100	100	100
Increases			4	3	4	4	4
Decreases			3	3	2	5	2
No change			93	94	94	91	94
1972—Continued							
		December 1972 to January 1973	1973				
		November to December	January to February	February to March	March to April		
All items ²		100	100	100	100	100	100
Increases		14	21	27	26	24	24
Decreases		9	10	9	8	10	10
No change		77	69	64	66	66	66
Food at home		100	100	100	100	100	100
Increases		17	23	31	30	27	27
Decreases		10	8	10	9	12	12
No change		73	69	59	61	61	61
Commodities less food		100	100	100	100	100	100
Increases		6	7	12	11	11	11
Decreases		4	8	4	5	4	4
No change		90	85	84	84	85	85
Services		100	100	100	100	100	100
Increases		3	9	5	4	4	4
Decreases		3	27	4	2	3	3
No change		94	64	91	94	93	93

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 table.

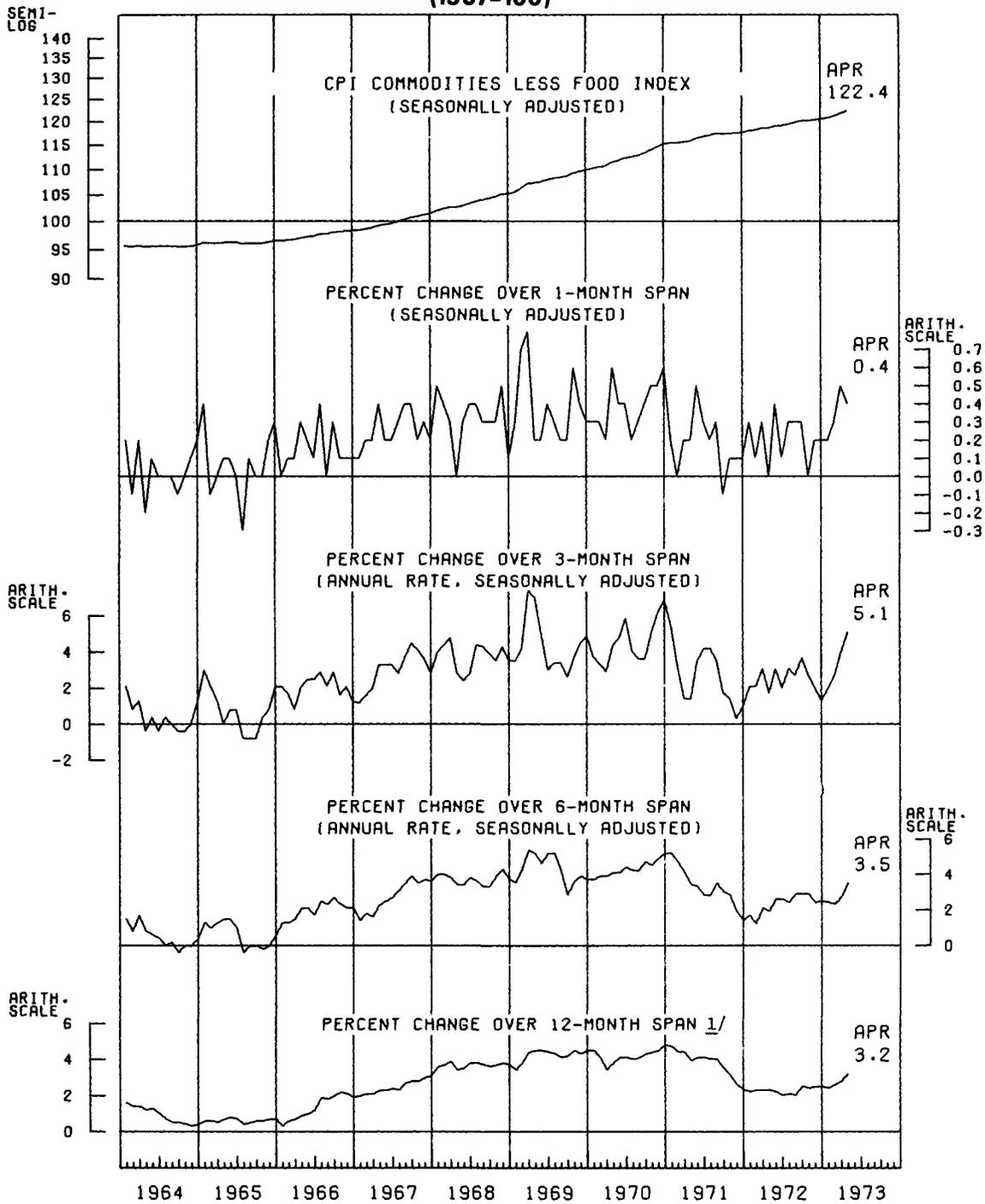
² Based on approximately 98,000 individual quotations.

Chart 1. All items index and its rate of change, 1964-73
(1967=100)



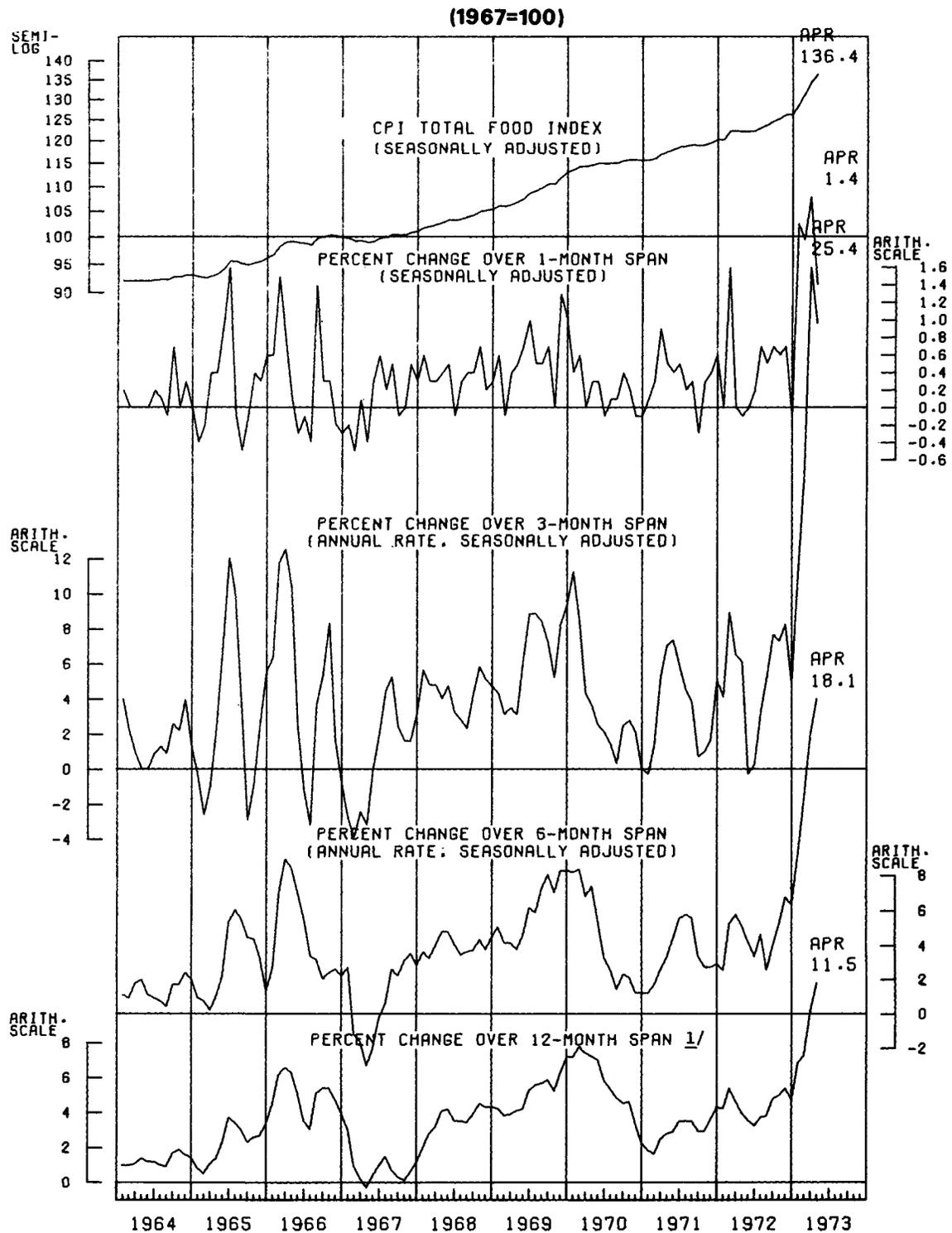
^{1/} Computed from the unadjusted series.
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**Chart 2. Commodities less food index and its rates of change, 1964-73
(1967=100)**



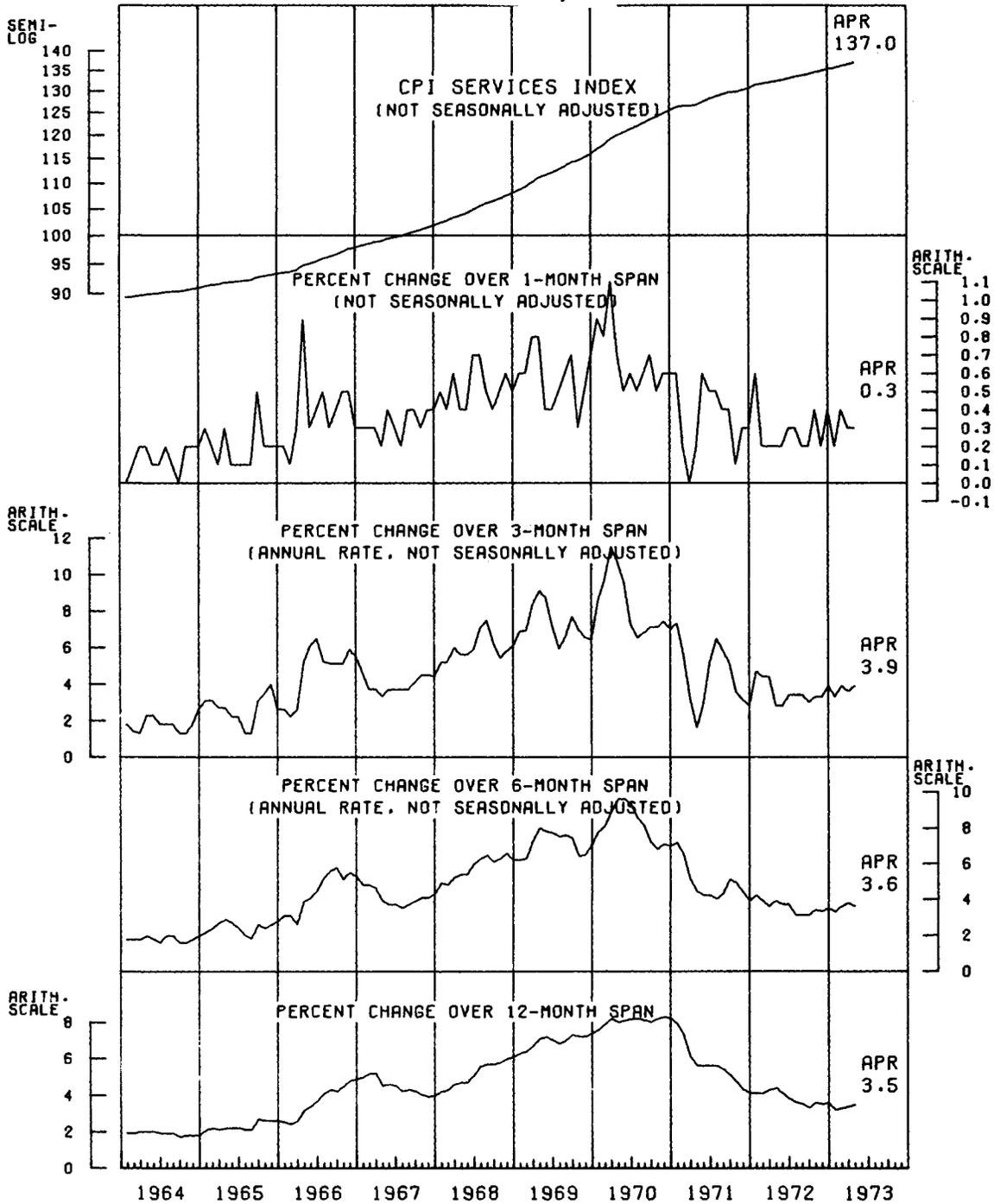
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Chart 3. Total food index and its rates of change, 1964-73



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Chart 4. Services index and its rates of change, 1964-73
(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

Group	Relative importance	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted		Seasonally adjusted		
	December	1967=100 unless otherwise noted	1967=100 unless otherwise noted	Percent change to April 1973 from—		percent change from		
	1972	March 1973	April 1973	April 1972	March 1973	January to February	February to March	March to April
Commodity and service groups								
All items -----	100.000	129.8	130.7	5.1	0.7	0.7	0.9	0.6
All items (1957-59=100) -----	-	150.9	152.0	-	-	-	-	-
Commodities -----	62.552	126.1	127.4	6.3	1.0	.7	1.2	1.0
Food -----	22.492	134.5	136.5	11.5	1.5	1.9	2.4	1.4
Food at home -----	17.494	134.2	136.4	13.3	1.6	2.2	3.0	1.3
Cereals and bakery products -----	2.243	119.0	120.2	4.5	1.0	1.2	.8	.8
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	6.016	152.7	155.4	23.4	1.8	4.9	5.8	1.6
Dairy products -----	2.685	121.5	121.8	3.7	.2	*1.6	*.4	*.2
Fruits and vegetables -----	2.999	136.8	141.8	16.1	3.7	2.4	1.3	2.7
Other foods at home -----	3.552	123.2	124.3	7.0	.9	.2	.5	1.1
Food away from home -----	4.998	135.7	137.0	5.4	1.0	.4	.9	.7
Commodities less food -----	40.059	121.5	122.3	3.2	.7	.3	.5	.4
Nondurables less food -----	23.415	122.4	123.3	3.5	.7	.6	.5	.7
Apparel commodities ¹ -----	8.960	125.2	126.2	3.4	.8	.3	.9	.6
Men's and boys' -----	2.799	124.6	125.9	3.3	1.0	0	.5	.4
Women's and girls' -----	3.982	125.1	126.0	3.0	.7	.2	1.4	1.0
Footwear -----	1.572	128.7	129.7	4.5	.8	.9	.5	.5
Nondurables less food and apparel -----	14.455	120.8	121.7	3.7	.7	.6	.3	.7
Gasoline and motor oil -----	2.902	113.0	114.7	7.9	1.5	1.3	-1.1	2.1
Tobacco products -----	2.103	135.5	136.5	2.9	.7	*.2	*.7	*.7
Alcoholic beverages -----	2.459	121.3	121.6	1.9	.2	*.4	*.1	*.2
Fuel oil and coal -----	.655	127.8	128.3	8.2	.4	5.3	.6	.6
Other nondurables -----	6.335	119.3	120.0	2.2	.6	.3	.2	.4
Durables commodities -----	16.644	120.2	121.0	2.8	.7	.4	.3	.5
Household durables -----	4.772	116.9	117.7	2.9	.7	.3	.3	.6
New cars -----	2.060	110.8	111.1	-5	.3	.2	.3	.8
Used cars -----	2.056	113.7	117.3	10.2	3.2	-4	1.2	3.2
Other durables -----	7.756	127.4	127.4	1.8	0	.4	.3	.2
Services -----	37.448	136.6	137.0	3.5	.3	*.4	*.3	*.3
Rent -----	5.059	122.6	123.0	3.9	.3	*.5	*.4	*.3
Services less rent -----	32.389	139.3	139.6	3.4	.3	*.3	*.4	*.3
Household services less rent -----	15.486	143.2	143.6	4.1	.3	.6	-1.1	.1
Transportation services -----	5.473	136.3	136.5	.7	.1	0	.2	.3
Medical care services -----	5.575	142.2	142.7	3.9	.4	.2	.2	.4
Other services -----	5.855	129.2	129.9	3.8	.5	*.4	*.5	*.5
Special indexes:								
All items less food -----	77.508	128.4	129.1	3.4	.5	.5	.2	.5
Nondurable commodities -----	45.907	128.3	129.7	7.5	1.1	1.1	1.5	1.0
Apparel commodities less footwear -----	7.388	124.5	125.5	3.0	.8	.2	.9	.7
Services less medical care services -----	31.873	135.8	136.2	3.4	.3	*.3	*.4	*.3
Insurance and finance -----	9.829	145.7	145.9	2.2	-1	.4	-2.2	.3
Utilities and public transportation -----	5.522	128.9	129.1	3.1	.2	.2	.2	.2
Housekeeping and home maintenance service -----	4.502	149.4	150.0	4.9	.4	.4	.5	.5
Appliances (including radio and T. V.) -----	-	105.4	105.4	-3	0	-	-	-
Expenditure classes								
All items -----	100.000	129.8	130.7	5.1	0.7	0.7	0.9	0.6
Food -----	22.492	134.5	136.5	11.5	1.5	1.9	2.4	1.4
Housing -----	33.859	132.3	132.8	3.6	.4	*.5	*.2	*.4
Shelter ² -----	21.830	137.7	138.1	3.8	.3	.5	.1	.3
Rent -----								
Homeownership ³ -----	16.355	143.2	143.6	3.7	.3	.5	-1.1	.3
Fuel and utilities ⁴ -----	4.708	124.6	125.1	4.6	.4	1.0	.2	.4
Gas and electricity -----	2.434	125.0	125.5	4.5	.4	.2	.4	.2
Household furnishings and operation -----	7.321	123.0	123.6	2.6	.5	.2	.2	.4
Apparel and upkeep -----	10.370	124.8	125.8	3.3	.8	.2	.7	.6
Transportation -----	13.134	121.5	122.6	3.4	.9	.6	.6	.7
Private -----	11.665	119.1	120.3	3.6	1.0	.8	.3	.9
Public -----	1.469	144.5	143.9	.8	-4	.2	-3	-1
Health and recreation -----	19.768	128.6	129.2	2.9	.5	*.2	*.4	*.5
Medical care -----	6.447	135.8	136.2	3.4	.3	.1	.2	.1
Personal care -----	.2573	123.1	123.8	3.9	.6	*.5	*.6	*.6
Reading and recreation -----	5.656	124.5	125.2	2.4	.6	.4	.3	.2
Other goods and services -----	5.093	127.6	128.2	2.5	.5	.4	.6	.5
Special indexes:								
All items less shelter -----	78.170	127.8	128.9	5.7	.9	.7	1.0	.8
All items less medical care -----	93.553	129.5	130.5	5.3	.8	.5	1.0	.7
All items less mortgage interest costs -----	96.298	129.0	130.0	5.3	.8	.8	.9	.8
CPI - domestically produced farm foods ⁵ -----	15.519	134.9	137.0	14.3	1.6	*2.5	*3.5	*1.6
CPI - selected beef cuts ⁶ -----	2.060	159.1	161.5	19.9	1.5	*7.0	*5.0	*1.5
Purchasing power of consumer dollar:								
1967=\$1.00 -----	-	\$0.770	\$0.765	-5.0	-6	-	-	-
1957-59=\$1.00 -----	-	.663	.658	-	-	-	-	-

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 services not shown separately.
⁵ Calculated from the CPI food at home component by excluding fish, nonalcoholic beverages, bananas, chocolate candy bars, chocolate syrup and about half of the index weight for sugar.
⁶ Calculated from the CPI beef and veal component by excluding veal cutlets and beef liver.
* Not seasonally adjusted.

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

Table 2. Consumer Price Index—United States city average for urban wage earners and clerical workers, by commodity and service groups, and expenditure classes

Group	Seasonally adjusted indexes (1967=100)				Seasonally adjusted annual rate Percent changes for					
					3 months ending in				6 months ending in	
	January 1973	February 1973	March 1973	April 1973	July 1972	October 1972	January 1973	April 1973	October 1972	April 1973
Commodity and service groups										
All items -----	-	-	-	-	3.3	4.2	4.0	9.2	3.8	6.6
Commodities -----	123.8	124.7	126.2	127.4	3.7	4.4	5.0	12.1	4.0	8.5
Food -----	128.9	131.4	134.5	136.4	3.3	7.3	11.3	25.4	5.3	18.1
Food at home -----	127.6	130.4	134.3	136.1	3.4	7.8	14.0	29.4	5.6	21.4
Cereals and bakery products -----	116.4	117.8	118.8	119.8	-1.4	1.4	6.1	12.2	0	9.1
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	137.3	144.0	152.4	154.8	9.2	10.4	19.2	61.6	9.8	38.8
Dairy products (not seasonally adjusted) -----	119.1	121.0	121.5	121.8	-2.0	1.0	7.0	9.4	-0.5	8.2
Fruits and vegetables -----	131.7	134.9	136.7	140.4	9.9	19.0	7.6	29.2	14.4	17.9
Other foods at home -----	122.0	122.2	122.8	124.2	1.7	3.5	15.8	7.4	2.6	11.5
Food away from home -----	134.3	134.8	136.0	137.0	4.1	4.3	4.9	8.3	4.2	6.6
Commodities less food -----	120.9	121.3	121.9	122.4	3.1	2.7	2.0	5.1	2.9	3.5
Nondurables less food -----	121.3	122.0	122.6	123.4	2.0	3.0	2.0	7.1	2.5	4.5
Apparel commodities ¹ -----	124.1	124.5	125.6	126.3	0.3	5.0	1.0	7.3	2.6	4.1
Men's and boys' -----	124.4	124.4	125.0	125.5	-.3	5.0	5.0	3.6	2.3	4.3
Women's and girls' -----	123.7	123.9	125.6	126.8	-1.9	5.3	-1.0	10.4	1.6	4.6
Footwear -----	126.9	128.1	128.8	129.4	3.9	3.6	2.2	8.1	3.7	5.1
Nondurables less food and apparel -----	119.8	120.5	120.9	121.8	2.4	3.1	2.4	6.8	2.7	4.6
Gasoline and motor oil -----	111.7	113.1	113.0	115.4	4.6	8.4	5.2	13.9	6.5	9.5
Tobacco products (not seasonally adjusted) -----	134.2	134.5	135.5	136.5	4.0	0.9	-.3	7.0	2.4	3.3
Alcoholic beverages (not seasonally adjusted) -----	120.7	121.2	121.3	121.6	1.0	2.4	1.3	3.0	1.7	2.2
Fuel oil and coal -----	120.0	126.4	127.2	127.9	-.3	1.7	4.8	29.0	.7	16.3
Other nondurables -----	118.9	119.2	119.4	119.9	1.7	2.4	1.4	3.4	2.1	2.4
Durable commodities -----	119.9	120.4	120.8	121.4	3.8	2.4	0	5.1	3.1	2.5
Household durables -----	116.3	116.6	116.9	117.6	3.2	2.1	1.7	4.5	2.6	3.1
New cars -----	109.5	109.7	110.0	110.9	2.2	-10.0	1.1	5.2	-4.1	3.1
Used cars (not seasonally adjusted) -----	112.8	112.4	113.7	117.3	25.9	9.2	-8.1	16.9	17.2	3.7
Other durables -----	126.8	127.3	127.7	127.9	5.2	0.3	-1.6	3.5	2.7	0.9
Services (not seasonally adjusted) -----	135.7	136.2	136.6	137.0	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.9	3.4	3.6
Rent (not seasonally adjusted) -----	121.5	122.1	122.6	123.0	2.7	3.7	3.7	4.1	3.2	4.5
Services less rent (not seasonally adjusted) -----	138.3	138.7	139.2	139.6	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.8	3.3	3.5
Household services less rent -----	142.3	143.2	143.1	143.3	5.6	3.2	4.6	2.8	4.4	3.7
Transportation services -----	135.3	135.3	135.6	136.0	3.6	1.8	-4.6	2.1	2.7	-1.3
Medical care services -----	141.3	141.6	141.9	142.4	3.3	6.5	2.9	3.2	4.9	3.0
Other services (not seasonally adjusted) -----	128.1	128.6	129.2	129.9	2.3	3.9	3.5	5.7	3.1	4.6
Special indexes:										
All items less food -----	127.5	128.2	128.5	129.1	3.2	2.9	2.2	5.1	3.1	3.7
Nondurable commodities -----	125.1	126.5	128.4	129.7	2.7	5.4	6.7	15.5	4.0	11.0
Apparel commodities less footwear -----	123.6	123.8	124.9	125.8	-.7	4.7	1.3	7.3	2.0	4.3
Services less medical care services (not seasonally adjusted) -----	134.9	135.3	135.8	136.2	3.4	3.0	3.3	3.9	3.2	3.6
Insurance and finance -----	145.1	145.7	145.4	145.8	5.7	1.4	0	1.9	3.5	2.5
Utilities and public transportation -----	127.9	128.1	128.4	128.7	3.2	4.2	2.5	2.5	3.7	2.5
Housekeeping and home maintenance service -----	148.2	148.8	149.5	150.2	4.3	3.4	1.7	5.5	3.8	6.1
Expenditure classes										
All items -----	-	-	-	-	3.3	4.2	4.0	9.2	3.8	6.6
Food -----	128.9	131.4	134.5	136.4	3.3	7.3	11.3	25.4	5.3	18.1
Housing (not seasonally adjusted) -----	131.4	132.0	132.3	132.8	4.1	2.8	3.1	4.3	3.5	3.7
Shelter ² -----	136.9	137.6	137.7	138.1	5.8	2.7	3.0	3.6	4.3	3.3
Rent (not seasonally adjusted) -----	121.5	122.1	122.6	123.0	2.9	3.7	4.1	5.0	3.2	4.5
Homeownership ³ -----	142.6	143.3	143.1	143.6	6.8	2.6	2.6	2.8	4.7	2.7
Fuel and utilities ⁴ -----	122.7	123.9	124.2	124.7	3.1	3.7	5.0	6.7	3.4	5.9
Gas and electricity -----	123.9	124.1	124.6	124.9	4.4	2.7	7.8	3.3	3.5	5.5
Household furnishings and operation -----	122.6	122.8	123.0	123.5	2.0	2.7	2.7	3.0	2.3	2.8
Apparel and upkeep -----	123.9	124.2	125.1	125.9	.3	4.3	2.0	6.6	2.3	4.3
Transportation -----	120.6	121.3	122.0	122.8	4.1	2.7	-.7	7.5	3.4	3.3
Private -----	118.3	119.2	119.6	120.7	3.5	3.1	0	8.4	3.3	4.1
Public -----	143.6	143.9	143.5	143.3	2.6	5.7	-3.8	-.8	4.1	-2.3
Health and recreation (not seasonally adjusted) -----	127.8	128.1	128.6	129.2	2.6	2.9	1.9	4.5	2.7	3.2
Medical care -----	135.2	135.4	135.7	135.9	3.1	5.5	3.0	2.1	4.3	2.5
Personal care (not seasonally adjusted) -----	121.8	122.4	123.1	123.8	3.1	2.7	3.4	6.7	2.9	5.0
Reading and recreation -----	124.0	124.5	124.9	125.2	2.3	3.0	.3	3.0	2.6	2.1
Other goods and services -----	126.7	127.2	127.9	128.5	1.3	.6	2.2	5.8	1.0	4.0
Special indexes:										
All items less shelter -----	125.6	126.5	127.8	128.8	3.3	4.3	4.6	10.6	3.8	7.5
All items less medical care -----	127.6	128.3	129.6	130.5	3.6	3.9	4.5	9.4	3.7	6.9
All items less mortgage interest costs -----	126.9	127.9	129.0	130.0	3.3	3.0	3.0	10.1	3.6	7.0
CPI - domestically produced farm foods (not seasonally adjusted) -----	127.2	130.4	134.9	137.0	7.9	1.0	16.3	34.6	4.4	25.1
CPI - selected beef cuts (not seasonally adjusted) -----	141.6	151.5	159.1	161.5	10.2	-7.9	20.3	69.2	.7	42.7

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.

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

Table 3. Consumer Price Index—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	April 1972	January 1973	March 1973		
				April 1973					
U.S. city average -----	M	130.7	152.0		5.1	2.3	0.7		
Chicago -----	M	129.9	147.6		5.4	2.8	.7		
Detroit -----	M	132.4	152.1		5.9	3.0	1.0		
Los Angeles—Long Beach -----	M	126.9	149.3		4.7	1.7	.4		
N. Y.—Northeastern N. J. -----	M	137.4	163.6		5.4	2.8	.7		
Philadelphia -----	M	133.4	155.8		5.9	3.4	.7		
				April 1973					
Boston -----	1	132.4	158.6		4.9	2.1			
Houston -----	1	130.5	149.3		4.6	2.6			
Minneapolis—St. Paul -----	1	130.8	151.6		5.3	2.3			
Pittsburgh -----	1	131.2	150.9		5.2	3.1			
				February 1973					
Buffalo -----	2	130.3		³ 143.2	4.3	1.3			
Cleveland -----	2	129.9	146.6		3.2	1.6			
Dallas -----	2	127.7		³ 138.1	3.2	1.6			
Milwaukee -----	2	127.0	143.4		3.9	1.6			
San Diego -----	2	128.2		⁴ 134.7	5.0	1.1			
Seattle -----	2	123.1	144.7		3.4	1.6			
Washington -----	2	130.7	152.2		4.8	.8			
				March 1973					
Atlanta -----	3	130.1	149.7		5.1	1.9			
Baltimore -----	3	131.9	153.1		5.6	3.0			
Cincinnati -----	3	129.8	147.3		5.5	2.6			
Honolulu -----	3	126.0		⁵ 135.8	2.9	1.3			
Kansas City -----	3	127.4	151.3		4.1	1.5			
St. Louis -----	3	126.2	147.4		4.5	2.0			
San Francisco—Oakland -----	3	128.7	153.1		4.9	1.9			

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

² Food, 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 4. Consumer Price Index—United States and selected areas¹ for urban wage earners and clerical workers, major groups, percent change from March 1973 to April 1973

Group	U. S. city average	Chicago	Detroit	Los Angeles—Long Beach	New York—Northeastern New Jersey	Philadelphia
All items -----	0.7	0.7	1.0	0.4	0.7	0.7
Food -----	1.5	1.6	2.3	2.0	1.0	1.2
Housing -----	.4	.2	.2	-.5	.9	.6
Apparel and upkeep -----	.8	.1	.7	-.3	.2	.2
Transportation -----	.9	1.0	1.7	1.0	.4	.8
Health and recreation -----	.5	.5	.4	.5	.5	.3
Medical care -----	.3	0	.3	.5	.1	.4
Personal care -----	.6	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
Reading and recreation -----	.6	1.0	-.1	.5	.7	-.2
Other goods and services -----	.5	.4	.3	.4	.7	.6

¹ See footnote 1, table 3.

² Not available.

Table 5. Consumer Price Index—United States and selected areas¹ for urban wage earners and clerical workers, commodity groups, April 1973, index and percent changes from January 1973

Group	U.S. city average	Boston	Chicago	Detroit	Houston	Los Angeles—Long Beach	Minneapolis	New York	Philadelphia	Pittsburgh
Indexes (1967=100)										
All items -----	130.7	132.4	129.9	132.4	130.5	126.9	130.8	137.4	133.4	131.2
Food -----	136.5	135.6	137.3	138.2	137.3	132.4	136.6	140.4	138.1	136.6
Food at home -----	136.4	135.7	137.8	139.2	134.6	134.0	135.9	139.2	137.1	135.7
Cereals and bakery products -----	120.2	119.0	126.0	124.8	115.8	117.3	130.2	121.0	122.5	117.8
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	155.4	153.9	154.2	161.9	156.9	155.5	157.8	154.5	155.1	154.4
Dairy products -----	121.8	121.5	122.8	121.0	122.3	119.8	123.0	124.3	122.6	117.6
Fruits and vegetables -----	141.8	141.4	139.9	133.2	135.0	134.1	133.6	148.4	142.3	145.1
Other food at home -----	124.3	123.4	126.5	125.7	122.1	124.7	125.1	126.4	123.1	124.1
Food away from home -----	137.0	135.0	135.6	134.4	146.8	127.8	139.4	144.2	142.7	142.4
Housing -----	132.8	137.0	127.3	135.3	132.9	129.0	134.0	142.3	135.6	133.2
Shelter -----	138.1	145.2	131.6	144.5	139.3	131.6	139.1	150.0	145.3	142.4
Rent, residential -----	123.0	135.0	(²)	123.2	112.0	(²)	122.2	134.6	(²)	118.4
Homeownership -----	143.6	149.7	136.7	148.8	148.8	135.0	141.9	161.7	149.9	149.2
Fuel and utilities -----	125.1	122.5	118.4	120.1	121.1	128.4	130.5	130.5	123.7	120.8
Fuel oil and coal -----	128.3	126.9	124.0	125.2	-	-	124.0	129.2	122.4	-
Gas and electricity -----	125.5	123.9	119.1	121.7	124.9	135.0	130.3	131.1	128.6	125.5
Household furnishings and operation -----	123.6	129.5	119.8	117.1	127.4	120.5	121.4	129.2	125.1	121.7
Apparel and upkeep -----	125.8	128.1	125.7	122.7	130.4	122.2	123.4	125.8	125.4	126.5
Men's and boys' -----	125.9	124.6	121.4	121.1	120.9	118.5	126.1	128.5	124.4	122.7
Women's and girls' -----	126.0	127.4	131.7	120.0	143.0	125.4	119.9	123.0	123.5	130.1
Footwear -----	129.7	135.4	123.9	130.2	129.0	128.4	130.5	128.8	131.6	130.9
Transportation -----	122.6	121.2	126.4	122.7	116.2	121.9	120.3	134.7	126.9	123.5
Private -----	120.3	118.4	121.0	120.5	113.4	122.2	119.8	127.3	124.0	121.3
Public -----	143.9	138.2	160.5	148.5	159.7	117.3	128.7	163.3	143.5	138.1
Health and recreation -----	129.2	130.2	130.0	133.0	131.5	123.6	130.9	134.6	133.2	130.4
Medical care -----	136.2	137.5	135.2	146.9	139.4	133.4	130.8	143.1	147.2	132.6
Personal care -----	123.8	124.8	(²)	127.7	129.1	(²)	125.1	(²)	122.7	119.9
Reading and recreation -----	125.2	131.1	126.7	126.7	123.2	115.7	133.3	129.5	127.3	129.0
Other goods and services -----	128.2	124.9	130.8	124.7	130.3	121.3	130.8	136.1	129.7	134.2
Percent changes January 1973 to April 1973										
All items -----	2.3	2.1	2.8	3.0	2.6	1.7	2.3	2.8	3.4	3.1
Food -----	6.1	5.9	6.4	7.5	5.0	5.3	4.6	5.2	7.1	7.3
Food at home -----	7.2	7.0	7.3	9.0	6.2	6.3	5.2	6.6	8.3	8.0
Cereals and bakery products -----	3.4	1.4	6.2	3.7	3.2	3.7	2.2	3.2	3.3	3.2
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	14.2	14.1	12.4	16.0	14.3	12.0	12.9	12.1	15.9	17.0
Dairy products -----	2.3	1.7	2.7	5.0	.1	3.2	1.7	1.1	1.6	.8
Fruits and vegetables -----	8.7	8.5	7.8	9.0	6.5	5.1	5.3	7.7	9.5	9.1
Other food at home -----	.4	.4	.8	.6	-1.2	1.7	-5	.7	1.5	-4
Food away from home -----	2.1	2.2	3.1	1.8	1.7	2.6	2.0	1.3	2.2	4.0
Housing -----	1.1	.4	1.2	.2	1.9	0	2.1	1.9	2.7	1.6
Shelter -----	.9	-.8	.8	-.1	2.7	-.5	1.9	2.0	3.0	2.2
Rent, residential -----	1.2	1.4	(²)	3.7	.5	(²)	.2	3.8	(²)	.2
Homeownership -----	.7	-1.7	-.1	-.3	3.3	-.7	2.2	2.0	3.6	2.5
Fuel and utilities -----	1.9	3.6	1.6	1.2	.5	.6	4.0	1.8	3.6	.6
Fuel oil and coal -----	6.3	6.8	8.1	6.5	-	-	6.4	5.0	7.3	-
Gas and electricity -----	1.1	2.8	1.2	.4	-.2	.9	2.8	1.5	3.0	.5
Household furnishings and operation -----	1.1	1.5	2.0	.9	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.5	.9
Apparel and upkeep -----	2.3	2.6	4.2	4.6	3.7	2.3	1.4	5.3	5.0	2.8
Men's and boys' -----	1.9	1.7	3.2	1.4	2.7	1.0	5.3	5.8	3.6	1.5
Women's and girls' -----	3.1	2.8	7.2	8.7	5.3	4.8	-1.9	7.9	8.2	5.0
Footwear -----	2.4	1.7	2.6	4.7	4.3	1.5	2.7	4.5	5.2	2.0
Transportation -----	1.3	.4	1.4	3.8	1.8	1.4	1.3	.6	.8	1.3
Private -----	1.5	.4	1.6	4.1	1.9	1.5	1.4	.9	.9	1.5
Public -----	-.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Health and recreation -----	1.1	.5	1.0	1.7	1.0	1.1	1.8	1.3	1.1	2.0
Medical care -----	1.0	.4	.5	2.2	.7	1.8	1.2	-.2	1.7	.7
Personal care -----	1.6	1.2	(²)	1.8	3.1	(²)	.5	(²)	1.2	.3
Reading and recreation -----	.9	.5	1.8	.3	.1	.6	3.8	1.3	.1	2.2
Other goods and services -----	1.2	.7	.6	2.3	.9	.9	.9	1.7	1.3	3.7

¹ See footnote 1, table 3.

² Not available.

³ Change from February 1973.

Table 6. Consumer Price Index—United States and selected areas for urban wage earners and clerical workers, food and its subgroups, April 1973, and percent changes from March 1973

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)								
United States -----	136.5	136.4	120.2	155.4	121.8	141.8	124.3	137.0
Atlanta -----	138.6	138.4	124.1	157.1	125.7	147.9	124.6	139.1
Baltimore -----	138.8	139.4	119.2	157.8	124.0	146.6	127.0	136.5
Boston -----	135.6	135.7	119.0	153.9	121.5	141.4	123.4	135.0
Buffalo -----	137.1	137.3	119.5	154.1	120.5	152.3	123.0	136.4
Chicago -----	137.3	137.8	126.0	154.2	122.8	139.9	126.5	135.6
Cincinnati -----	138.2	139.3	119.4	156.0	126.3	146.2	128.2	134.0
Cleveland -----	137.9	139.1	120.7	159.8	126.6	141.1	124.9	132.4
Dallas -----	135.1	133.8	116.8	153.2	114.9	139.6	123.5	139.9
Detroit -----	138.2	139.2	124.8	161.9	121.0	133.2	125.7	134.4
Honolulu -----	131.4	130.3	110.2	144.0	124.3	133.8	122.6	134.3
Houston -----	137.3	134.6	115.8	156.9	122.3	135.0	122.1	146.8
Kansas City -----	136.3	136.6	122.3	157.6	131.8	131.1	123.8	135.5
Los Angeles—Long Beach -----	132.4	134.0	117.3	155.5	119.8	134.1	124.7	127.8
Milwaukee -----	133.4	133.8	121.8	153.4	119.1	135.5	122.3	132.8
Minneapolis—St. Paul -----	136.6	135.9	130.2	157.8	123.0	133.6	125.1	139.4
N. Y.—Northeastern N. J. -----	140.4	139.2	121.0	154.5	124.3	148.4	126.4	144.2
Philadelphia -----	138.1	137.1	122.5	155.1	122.6	142.3	123.1	142.7
Pittsburgh -----	136.6	135.7	117.8	154.4	117.6	145.1	124.1	142.4
St. Louis -----	134.5	134.1	125.1	148.0	122.4	144.2	119.5	136.2
San Diego -----	134.7	135.1	116.1	160.7	119.1	129.0	124.4	(²)
San Francisco—Oakland -----	134.2	135.5	114.3	152.9	120.2	139.8	128.2	129.3
Seattle -----	132.5	132.7	116.2	152.1	121.5	132.2	125.1	131.7
Washington -----	140.3	138.6	123.4	154.5	117.5	152.4	127.0	144.2
Percent changes March 1973 to April 1973								
United States -----	1.5	1.6	1.0	1.8	0.2	3.7	0.9	1.0
Atlanta -----	1.6	1.6	2.1	1.0	.2	4.6	1.1	1.5
Baltimore -----	1.3	1.4	.5	1.9	.4	2.3	.8	1.1
Boston -----	1.5	1.4	-1.7	2.8	-.2	3.2	.7	1.6
Buffalo -----	1.6	1.8	1.0	2.4	-.2	2.8	1.4	.7
Chicago -----	1.6	1.5	1.7	.7	.8	3.9	1.9	1.9
Cincinnati -----	1.6	1.7	-2.3	1.4	.2	5.9	1.3	1.1
Cleveland -----	1.8	2.1	1.9	2.8	1.3	3.3	.3	.9
Dallas -----	1.1	1.3	.1	.2	1.1	3.5	2.2	.5
Detroit -----	2.3	2.5	.8	2.9	1.4	4.6	1.4	1.4
Honolulu -----	1.4	1.7	2.2	2.6	-.6	1.4	1.1	.4
Houston -----	.5	.4	.5	.1	-.4	1.7	.5	.9
Kansas City -----	2.3	2.6	1.0	4.4	.3	4.0	1.0	1.6
Los Angeles—Long Beach -----	2.0	2.2	1.6	1.8	.3	5.2	2.3	1.5
Milwaukee -----	.8	1.0	1.2	.9	-.5	2.5	1.2	(²)
Minneapolis—St. Paul -----	1.1	1.0	.5	.7	0	3.3	.8	1.2
N. Y.—Northeastern N. J. -----	1.0	1.2	.9	1.5	-.2	2.8	.2	.3
Philadelphia -----	1.2	1.2	1.7	1.8	0	.7	.8	1.6
Pittsburgh -----	1.3	1.0	1.1	1.2	.2	1.6	.7	2.9
St. Louis -----	1.2	1.4	.6	1.4	.5	3.7	.7	.3
San Diego -----	.5	.7	.9	-.1	0	1.6	1.9	(²)
San Francisco—Oakland -----	2.0	2.3	2.3	1.6	.3	5.7	1.9	.7
Seattle -----	1.8	2.1	.3	2.7	.1	5.2	1.5	.9
Washington -----	1.4	1.0	1.0	.2	.9	4.0	.2	1.9

¹ See footnote 1, table 3.

² Not available.

Table 7. Consumer Price Index—United States city average for urban wage earners and clerical workers, food items, April 1973 indexes and percent changes from selected dates

(1967=100)

Item and group	Index		Percent change to April 1973 from		
	April 1973		April 1972	March 1973	
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted
Food	136.5	136.4	11.5	1.5	1.4
Food away from home	137.0	137.0	5.4	1.0	.7
Restaurant meals	137.4	137.5	5.8	1.1	1.0
Snacks	135.3	135.3	3.6	.7	.5
Food at home	136.4	136.1	13.3	1.6	1.3
Cereals and bakery products	120.2	119.8	4.5	1.0	.8
Flour	113.9	113.6	13.4	1.9	2.0
Cracker meal	138.8	138.0	2.5	-.2	-.5
Corn flakes	101.1	101.1	-.3	1.6	1.9
Rice	121.6	121.4	10.5	2.4	2.4
Bread, white	118.5	118.5	4.6	1.3	1.4
Bread, whole wheat	126.1	125.8	4.6	.6	.4
Cookies	112.6	112.0	1.3	0	-.6
Layer cakes	124.9	124.5	4.0	1.0	1.0
Cinnamon rolls	124.2	124.0	2.8	.8	.7
Meats, poultry, and fish	155.4	154.8	23.4	1.8	1.6
Meats	156.1	155.5	23.0	2.0	1.8
Beef and veal	162.9	161.3	19.9	1.7	.6
Steak, round	159.1	156.1	18.7	1.1	-.8
Steak, sirloin	151.6	151.9	15.8	1.5	1.4
Steak, porterhouse	152.1	153.0	15.1	1.5	1.5
Rump roast	154.4	152.1	16.4	.2	-1.6
Rib roast	161.0	160.8	16.5	1.8	2.2
Chuck roast	172.5	168.5	25.4	2.7	2.4
Hamburger	170.4	169.2	24.7	2.7	2.1
Beef liver	156.2	155.6	21.6	3.6	2.9
Veal cutlets	188.7	187.4	18.6	1.8	1.0
Pork	150.7	151.5	29.1	.6	1.5
Chops	143.9	146.2	24.2	-5.9	-3.8
Loin roast	152.9	155.2	32.0	-2.2	.2
Pork sausage	166.0	166.2	33.2	5.3	5.1
Ham, whole	142.0	140.2	26.0	5.2	6.2
Picnics	161.2	159.4	31.3	4.5	5.2
Bacon	147.8	147.8	31.6	3.0	1.8
Other meats	148.9	148.3	22.0	4.8	4.3
Lamb chops	145.5	146.4	14.8	.6	1.0
Frankfurters	156.0	154.8	26.7	5.5	4.0
Ham, canned	139.8	139.0	24.2	4.3	5.4
Bologna sausage	157.3	156.7	23.1	6.3	5.7
Salami sausage	148.6	148.2	20.0	4.6	3.8
Liverwurst	146.8	147.1	24.1	8.0	8.2
Poultry	150.1	150.0	37.2	-.4	.4
Frying chicken	155.7	154.9	43.8	-2.0	-1.4
Chicken breasts	145.2	145.1	30.1	-.2	-.2
Turkey	129.0	127.8	14.3	9.3	8.5
Fish	156.1	155.6	11.7	2.2	2.0
Shrimp, frozen	149.4	149.4	11.6	2.6	3.1
Fish, fresh or frozen	179.2	179.4	22.6	2.7	2.4
Tuna fish, canned	138.9	138.1	4.2	1.5	1.2
Sardines, canned	157.1	156.8	8.0	1.7	1.5
Dairy products	121.8	-	3.7	.2	-
Milk, fresh, grocery	120.4	120.3	3.0	-.1	-.2
Milk, fresh, delivered	125.5	-	4.6	.4	-
Milk, fresh, skim	128.0	127.9	5.0	.2	.1
Milk, evaporated	129.2	130.1	7.0	2.7	3.2
Ice cream	109.3	109.6	2.3	.2	.5
Cheese, American process	132.3	131.8	6.5	1.4	1.1
Butter	103.2	103.2	-2.4	-2.5	-2.5

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 1973 indexes and percent changes from selected dates—Continued

(1967=100)

Item and group	Index		Percent change to April 1973 from—		
	April 1973		April 1972	March 1973	
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted
Food—Continued					
Food at home—Continued					
Fruits and vegetables	141.8	140.4	16.1	3.7	2.7
Fresh fruits and vegetables	152.6	150.2	23.9	5.2	3.7
Fresh fruits	136.8	138.5	13.9	7.2	4.2
Apples	134.2	136.8	17.6	6.7	4.4
Bananas	106.9	105.5	-2.3	10.0	8.5
Oranges	135.7	144.1	15.7	1.8	3.7
Orange juice, fresh	131.7	132.5	.3	-1.2	.2
Grapefruit	127.2	143.2	3.9	-1.3	-2.8
Grapes	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Strawberries	146.7	136.1	23.1	(1)	(1)
Watermelon	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Fresh vegetables	165.4	159.2	31.4	3.9	3.3
Potatoes	171.4	174.9	50.9	4.6	3.3
Onions	251.7	254.5	134.6	19.5	17.3
Asparagus	145.5	154.5	20.3	-20.1	3.8
Cabbage	167.7	160.3	33.4	.7	3.5
Carrots	131.1	138.1	1.9	-9.7	-7.2
Celery	132.5	144.8	5.8	-9.0	-7.3
Cucumbers	170.4	124.6	4.9	-9.3	-19.5
Lettuce	160.5	164.6	39.3	20.0	18.9
Peppers, green	185.7	160.4	23.5	26.8	28.6
Spinach	154.4	152.6	13.9	1.2	-1.3
Tomatoes	133.6	121.9	2.2	-3.5	-10.8
Processed fruits and vegetables	125.7	125.6	4.5	1.0	.8
Fruit cocktail, canned	129.2	128.8	5.7	1.2	.6
Pears, canned	123.4	123.6	5.2	.5	.5
Pineapple-grapefruit juice drink	119.2	118.7	3.1	.8	.3
Orange juice concentrate, frozen	139.0	138.9	1.8	1.2	.7
Lemonade concentrate, frozen	120.8	119.6	2.4	.9	.7
Beets, canned	134.1	133.8	11.6	1.0	.8
Peas, green, canned	110.0	109.6	1.2	.5	-.1
Tomatoes, canned	123.4	123.8	6.9	1.4	1.6
Dried beans	142.1	142.4	3.6	.7	.8
Broccoli, frozen	120.7	120.1	1.3	1.4	1.0
Other food at home	124.3	124.2	7.0	.9	1.1
Eggs	138.8	139.4	34.9	1.9	4.0
Fats and oils:					
Margarine	119.6	119.2	1.0	1.8	1.8
Salad dressing, Italian	110.4	110.3	-.9	0	-.1
Salad or cooking oil	123.2	122.8	-.2	2.6	2.4
Sugar and sweets	125.3	125.2	3.2	1.0	1.0
Sugar	119.3	119.2	3.5	.6	.5
Grape jelly	132.5	132.8	5.9	.9	1.7
Chocolate bar	133.0	133.1	1.7	1.3	.8
Syrup, chocolate flavored	115.3	114.6	1.7	1.3	1.2
Nonalcoholic beverages	127.2	127.1	5.2	.6	.6
Coffee, can and bag	129.7	129.6	9.7	1.0	.9
Coffee, instant	128.9	128.5	3.1	.6	.2
Tea	110.5	110.7	2.1	.4	.5
Carbonated drink, cola flavored	130.5	130.4	1.8	.2	.4
Carbonated drink, fruit flavored	130.4	130.4	1.7	.4	.2
Prepared and partially prepared foods	117.5	117.3	2.6	.4	.3
Bean soup, canned	117.4	117.0	.9	.3	.2
Chicken soup, canned	105.3	105.0	-1.2	.1	0
Spaghetti, canned	122.4	122.3	4.3	-.3	-.3
Mashed potatoes, instant	117.0	117.1	5.1	1.7	1.9
Potatoes, french fried, frozen	113.0	112.8	1.8	.4	.4
Baby foods	112.8	113.0	1.3	1.0	1.1
Sweet pickle relish	132.2	130.9	5.6	-.2	-.2
Pretzels	117.0	116.8	1.7	0	-.3

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 1973 and percent changes from selected dates

(1967=100)

Item and group	Other index base	Indexes		Percent change to April 1973 from:	
		March 1973	April 1973	April 1972	March 1973
Housing		132.3	132.8	3.6	0.4
Shelter ¹		137.7	138.1	3.8	.3
Rent, residential		122.6	123.0	3.9	.3
Homeownership ²		143.2	143.6	3.7	.3
Mortgage interest rates		117.8	117.8	.6	0
Property taxes		151.9	152.1	5.1	.1
Property insurance premiums		124.7	124.8	1.8	.1
Maintenance and repairs		146.5	148.1	6.4	1.1
Maintenance and repair commodities ³		130.3	134.2	9.6	3.0
Exterior house paint		119.1	119.3	.7	.2
Interior house paint		119.2	119.6	2.7	.3
Maintenance and repair services		153.5	154.1	5.2	.4
Repainting living and dining rooms		166.0	167.1	6.8	.7
Reshingling house roof		161.0	161.4	4.6	.2
Residing house		140.7	141.1	4.9	.3
Replacing sink		152.1	152.7	4.9	.4
Repairing furnace		158.9	159.5	4.7	.4
Fuel and utilities		124.6	125.1	4.6	.4
Fuel oil and coal		127.8	128.3	8.2	.4
Fuel oil, No. 2		125.7	126.2	8.3	.4
Gas and electricity		125.0	125.5	4.5	.3
Gas		126.7	127.1	3.9	.3
Electricity		123.4	124.0	4.9	.5
Other utilities:					
Residential telephone services		115.4	115.6	2.7	.2
Residential water and sewerage services		143.2	144.3	4.8	.8
Household furnishings and operation ⁴		123.0	123.6	2.6	.5
Housefurnishings		117.6	118.0	1.8	.3
Textiles		115.1	115.8	1.8	.6
Sheets		117.7	118.2	1.9	.4
Curtains, tailored		111.3	113.4	1.9	1.9
Bedspreads		113.7	112.4	1.3	-1.1
Draperies fabric		126.0	126.7	4.6	.6
Pillows, bed		106.0	108.2	-4.4	2.1
Slipcovers and throws, ready-made		115.3	115.5	1.6	.2
Furniture and bedding		122.8	123.6	2.1	.7
Bedroom furniture, chest and dresser		106.9	107.7	2.7	.7
Sofas, upholstered	Mar. 70	121.8	122.3	1.7	.4
Cocktail tables	Dec. 71	102.4	102.8	2.2	.8
Dining room chairs	Mar. 70	106.5	107.3	2.3	.8
Recliners, upholstered	Dec. 71	98.6	99.7	1.0	1.1
Sofas, dual purpose		117.4	118.0	1.0	.5
Bedding, mattress and box springs	June 70	105.7	106.0	1.4	.3
Aluminum folding chairs		(⁵)	128.1	4.7	(⁵)
Cribs		120.8	120.4	2.4	-.3
Floor coverings		107.2	107.6	1.0	.4
Broadloom carpeting, manmade fibers		101.6	102.2	.6	.6
Vinyl sheet goods		120.3	120.1	2.0	-.2
Vinyl asbestos tile		119.7	119.7	1.5	0
Appliances (excluding radio and T. V.)		109.5	109.5	0	0
Washing machines, electric, automatic		110.8	110.8	.4	0
Vacuum cleaners, canister type		103.8	103.8	.1	0
Refrigerators or refrigerator-freezers, electric		108.2	108.2	-.2	0
Ranges, free standing, gas or electric		109.8	110.0	-.4	.2
Clothes dryers, electric		114.2	114.2	-.5	0
Air conditioners, demountable		110.0	109.9	-.5	-.1
Room heaters, electric, portable		108.0	(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)
Garbage disposal units		111.1	111.0	-.2	-.1
Other housefurnishings:					
Dinnerware, fine china		128.7	128.8	5.1	.1
Flatware, stainless steel		130.9	131.1	7.6	.2
Table lamps, with shade		127.8	127.7	4.5	-.1
Lawn mowers, power, rotary type		(⁵)	121.6	2.3	(⁵)
Electric drills, hand-held		106.6	106.4	.6	-.2
Housekeeping supplies:					
Laundry soaps and detergents		112.2	112.4	1.2	.2
Paper napkins		137.4	138.5	6.9	.8
Toilet tissue		126.6	127.1	1.2	.4
Housekeeping services:					
Domestic services, general housework		143.8	144.4	4.3	.4
Babysitter services		140.7	140.7	4.2	0
Postal charges		146.6	146.6	0	0
Laundry, flatwork, finished service		144.6	145.9	6.0	.9
Licensed day care services, preschool child		126.4	128.8	6.6	1.9
Washing machine repairs		146.2	147.2	6.0	.7

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 8. Consumer Price Index—United States city average for urban wage earners and clerical workers, indexes for selected items and groups, April 1973 and percent changes from selected dates—Continued

(1967=100)

Item and group	Other index base	Indexes		Percent change to April 1973 from:	
		March 1973	April 1973	April 1972	March 1973
Apparel and upkeep ⁶		124.8	125.8	3.3	0.8
Apparel commodities		125.2	126.2	3.4	.8
Apparel commodities less footwear		124.5	125.5	3.0	.8
Men's and boys'		124.6	125.9	3.3	1.0
Men's:					
Topcoats, wool or all weather coats, polyester blends		130.0	(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)
Suits, year round weight		131.7	133.6	1.9	1.4
Suits, tropical weight		(⁵)	146.1	7.2	(⁵)
Jackets, lightweight		116.8	117.5	2.1	.6
Slacks, wool or wool blends		115.1	115.7	-1.3	.5
Slacks, cotton or manmade blends		141.7	143.0	4.4	.9
Trousers, work, cotton or polyester/cotton		117.1	118.1	3.1	.9
Shirts, work, cotton or polyester/cotton		118.0	119.0	3.6	.8
Shirts, business, polyester/cotton		111.3	111.9	-1.1	.5
T-shirts, chiefly cotton		119.0	119.7	2.0	.6
Socks, cotton or manmade fibers		116.6	116.6	0	0
Handkerchiefs, cotton or polyester/cotton		119.4	119.2	3.3	-.2
Boy's:					
Coats, all purpose, cotton or cotton blends		122.0	(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)
Sport coats, wool or wool blends		(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)
Dungarees, cotton or cotton blends		131.6	133.0	4.6	1.1
Undershorts, cotton		121.2	122.1	1.3	.7
Women's and girls'		125.1	126.0	3.0	.7
Women's:					
Coats, heavyweight, wool or wool blends		(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)
Carcoats, heavyweight, cotton		(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)
Sweaters, wool or acrylic		(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)
Skirts, wool, wool blend or manmade fibers		(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)
Skirts, cotton or polyester/cotton		(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)
Blouses, cotton or manmade fibers		124.8	124.7	.8	-.1
Dresses, street, chiefly manmade fibers		133.6	134.6	3.5	.7
Slips, nylon		111.0	110.9	0	-.1
Panties, acetate or nylon tricot		118.9	119.0	2.1	.1
Girdles, manmade blend		117.9	118.7	.4	.7
Brassieres, nylon lace		123.2	124.2	1.9	.8
Hose or panty hose, nylon seamless		95.3	94.3	-1.9	-1.0
Anklets or knee-length socks, various fibers		114.7	114.3	-1.4	-.3
Gloves, fabric, nylon or cotton		111.0	111.5	.7	.5
Handbags, rayon faille or plastic		145.3	148.3	4.1	2.1
Girl's:					
Raincoats, vinyl, cotton or polyester blends		114.3	(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)
Skirts, wool, wool blends or acrylic		(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)
Dresses, cotton, manmade fibers or blends		124.9	122.6	1.0	-1.8
Slacks, cotton or chiefly cotton		(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)
Slips, polyester blends		109.0	109.2	-1.7	-.2
Handbags, plastic		126.2	124.9	-4.4	-1.0
Footwear		128.7	129.7	4.5	.8
Men's:					
Shoes, street		130.4	132.1	8.8	1.3
Shoes, work, high		130.3	132.4	9.2	1.6
Women's:					
Shoes, street, pump		128.9	130.1	3.4	.9
Shoes, evening, pump		123.8	123.7	1.4	-.1
Shoes, casual		128.3	130.1	2.8	1.4
House slippers, scuff		126.9	127.5	2.4	.5
Children's:					
Shoes, oxford		131.3	132.5	5.2	.9
Sneakers, boys', oxford type		125.3	125.6	2.4	.2
Dress shoes, girl's, strap or pump		134.3	135.2	4.4	.7
Miscellaneous apparel:					
Diapers, cotton gauze or disposable		117.9	118.3	4.2	.3
Yard goods, polyester blend		119.8	120.8	2.3	.8
Wrist watches, men's and women's		117.9	119.1	3.9	1.0
Apparel services:					
Drycleaning, men's suits and women's dresses		119.5	120.2	2.4	.6
Automatic laundry service		116.4	116.5	1.4	.1
Laundry, men's shirts		126.9	127.1	5.4	.2
Tailoring charges, hem adjustment		136.2	136.8	3.6	.4
Shoe repairs, women's heel lift		120.1	120.4	5.1	.2

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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 1973 and percent changes from selected dates—Continued

(1967=100)

Item and group	Other index base	Indexes		Percent change to April 1973 from:	
		March 1973	April 1973	April 1972	March 1973
Transportation		121.5	122.6	3.4	0.9
Private		119.1	120.3	3.6	1.0
Automobiles, new		110.8	111.1	-.5	.3
Automobiles, used		113.7	117.3	10.2	3.2
Gasoline, regular and premium		112.0	113.8	8.4	1.6
Motor oil, premium		125.8	126.5	2.9	.6
Tires, new, tubeless		112.1	111.2	-4.1	-.8
Auto repairs and maintenance ^a		140.1	140.7	4.8	.4
Auto insurance rates		138.1	138.4	-1.6	.2
Auto registration		123.6	123.7	-3.0	.1
Parking fees, private and municipal		150.9	152.0	9.4	.7
Public		144.5	143.9	.8	-.4
Local transit fares		150.7	149.8	.5	-.6
Taxicab fares		135.7	135.7	2.1	0
Railroad fares, coach		122.3	122.3	-3.7	0
Airplane fares, chiefly coach		132.1	132.1	1.9	0
Bus fares, intercity		144.6	144.6	5.1	0
Health and recreation		128.6	129.2	2.9	.5
Medical care		135.8	136.2	3.4	.3
Drugs and prescriptions		105.6	105.7	.2	.1
Over-the-counter items		112.1	112.2	1.2	.1
Multiple vitamin concentrates		94.5	94.7	-.5	.2
Aspirin compounds		118.4	117.5	1.8	-.8
Liquid tonics		101.1	101.2	0	.1
Cold tablets or capsules		114.4	114.4	1.1	0
Adhesive bandages, packages		125.4	126.1	1.6	.6
Cough syrup		115.1	115.1	2.0	0
Prescriptions		100.2	100.3	-.6	.1
Anti-infectives		71.3	71.1	-6.4	-.3
Sedatives and hypnotics		128.2	128.4	2.6	.2
Ataractics		103.7	103.6	.8	-.1
Antispasmodics		107.6	107.4	-.4	-.2
Cough preparations		135.1	135.3	5.0	.1
Cardiovasculars and antihypertensives		112.4	112.9	1.0	.4
Analgesics, internal		110.8	111.5	1.9	.6
Anti-obesity		116.3	116.4	-.3	.1
Hormones		91.5	91.5	-2.7	0
Professional services:					
Physicians' fees		136.7	136.9	2.8	.1
General physician, office visits		137.9	138.1	2.9	.1
General physician, house visits		140.7	141.0	4.0	.2
Obstetrical cases		136.8	137.0	2.3	.1
Pediatric care, office visits		139.2	139.6	2.9	.3
Psychiatrist, office visits		132.9	132.9	3.4	0
Herniorrhaphy, adult		130.6	130.5	2.1	-.1
Tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy		131.1	131.1	1.2	0
Dentists' fees		134.7	135.4	2.9	.5
Fillings, adult, amalgam, one surface		137.0	137.8	3.6	.6
Extractions, adult		133.7	134.3	2.1	.4
Dentures, full upper		131.1	131.9	2.4	.6
Other professional services:					
Examination, prescription, and dispensing of eyeglasses		127.2	127.6	2.5	.3
Routine laboratory tests, urinalysis		121.1	121.2	1.3	.1
Hospital service charges	Jan. 72	104.6	104.9	3.3	.3
Semiprivate room rates		180.1	180.8	4.7	.4
Operating room charges		177.3	178.4	7.1	.6
X-ray diagnostic series, upper G.I.		130.9	131.2	1.7	.2
Laboratory test, urinalysis	Jan. 72	130.0	130.0	1.5	0
Anti-infective, tetracycline, HCL	Jan. 72	98.2	97.7	-3.2	-.5
Tranquilizers, chlordiazepoxide, HCL and meprobamate	Jan. 72	102.4	102.4	1.8	0
Electrocardiogram	Jan. 72	104.4	104.5	1.7	.1
Intravenous solution, saline	Jan. 72	103.6	103.6	2.1	0
Physical therapy, whirlpool bath	Jan. 72	104.0	106.3	5.5	2.2
Oxygen, inhalation therapy	Jan. 72	103.1	103.1	1.5	0
Personal care		123.1	123.8	3.9	.6
Toilet goods		118.7	119.3	2.6	.5
Toothpaste, standard dentifrice		110.1	110.7	1.7	.5
Toilet soap, hard milled		124.7	126.0	4.1	1.0
Hand lotions, liquid		127.0	126.6	1.2	-.3
Shaving cream, aerosol		107.8	108.5	.9	.6
Face powder, pressed		140.4	142.9	13.2	1.8
Deodorants, aerosol		104.4	104.7	-.9	.3
Cleansing tissues		125.3	125.4	0	.1
Home permanent wave kits		110.1	109.3	-1.4	-.7
Personal care services		127.6	128.5	5.3	.7
Men's haircuts		129.1	130.2	4.7	.9
Beauty shop services		126.6	127.3	5.7	.6
Women's haircuts		130.3	131.4	8.9	.8
Shampoo and wave sets, plain		130.3	131.0	5.7	.5
Permanent waves, cold		115.0	115.1	2.3	.1

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 8. Consumer Price Index—United States city average for urban wage earners and clerical workers, indexes for selected items and groups, April 1973 and percent changes from selected dates—Continued

(1967=100)

Item and group	Other index base	Indexes		Percent change to April 1973 from:	
		March 1973	April 1973	April 1972	March 1973
Health and recreation—Continued					
Reading and recreation ⁹ -----		124.5	125.2	2.4	0.6
Recreational goods -----		108.2	108.6	.8	.4
TV sets, portable and console -----		98.5	98.2	-1.6	-.3
TV replacement tubes -----		134.2	134.3	3.5	.1
Radios, portable and table model -----		99.0	99.2	.4	.2
Tape recorders, portable -----		92.1	92.5	-1.4	-.4
Phonograph records, stereophonic -----		108.4	108.2	1.7	-.2
Movie cameras, super 8, zoom lens -----		88.5	88.7	-1.1	-.2
Film, 35mm, color -----		108.2	108.1	-2.2	-.1
Golf balls, liquid center or solid core -----		105.2	104.3	-5.1	-.9
Basketballs, rubber or vinyl cover -----		126.5	127.1	.9	.5
Fishing rods, fresh-water spincasting -----		108.6	109.1	1.6	.5
Bowling balls -----		115.0	115.4	1.8	.3
Bicycles, boys' -----		119.0	121.1	5.5	1.8
Tricycles -----		114.4	114.3	1.4	-.1
Dog food, canned or boxed -----		112.5	116.4	5.1	3.5
Recreational services -----		130.4	131.5	2.9	.8
Indoor movie admissions -----		144.7	146.7	4.3	1.4
Adult -----		143.1	145.2	4.3	1.5
Children's -----		149.0	150.8	4.0	1.2
Drive-in movie admissions, adult -----		147.9	148.5	3.3	.4
Bowling fees, evening -----		122.9	123.1	3.2	.2
Golf green fees -----		132.1	134.9	4.1	2.1
TV repair, color picture tube replacement -----		99.2	99.5	1.4	.3
Film developing, color -----		115.9	116.3	-1.5	-.3
Reading and education: -----					
Newspapers, street sale and delivery -----		133.6	134.8	2.4	.9
Magazines, single copy and subscription -----		134.1	136.1	2.0	1.5
Piano lessons, beginner -----		125.6	125.6	2.9	0
Other goods and services -----		127.6	128.2	2.5	.5
Tobacco products -----		135.5	136.5	2.9	.7
Cigarettes, nonfilter tip, regular size -----		137.3	138.2	3.2	.7
Cigarettes, filter tip, king size -----		137.6	138.7	2.7	.8
Cigars, domestic, regular size -----		111.6	112.3	1.4	.6
Alcoholic beverages -----		121.3	121.6	1.9	.2
Beer -----		114.9	114.9	.7	0
Whiskey, spirit blended and straight bourbon -----		109.2	109.1	.5	-.1
Wine, dessert and table -----		130.0	131.5	4.0	1.2
Beer away from home -----		133.8	134.3	3.2	.4
Financial and miscellaneous personal expenses: -----					
Funeral services, adult -----		124.1	124.6	3.3	.4
Bank service charges, checking accounts -----		106.5	106.5	-.8	0
Legal services, short form will -----		157.1	158.3	6.0	.8

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 filters, packaged dry cement mix, and shrubbery not shown separately.
⁴ Also includes venetian blinds, nail, carpet sweepers, air deodorizers, steel wool scouring pads, envelopes, reupholstering, and moving expenses.
⁵ Priced only in season.
⁶ Also includes men's sport shirts, women's and girls' lightweight coats, women's slacks, bathing suits, girls' shorts, earrings, and zippers not shown separately.
⁷ Also includes storage batteries and drivers' license fees not shown separately.
⁸ Includes prices for water pump replacement, motor tune-up, automatic transmission repair, exhaust system repair, front end alignment, and chassis lubrication.
⁹ 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 1973 indexes (calculated from data through March 1973)

Group	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Commodity and service groups												
All items -----	99.87	99.88	99.94	100.00	100.02	100.14	100.14	100.03	100.01	99.99	99.94	100.05
All items (1957-59=100) -----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Commodities -----	99.7	99.8	99.9	100.0	100.0	100.2	100.2	100.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.1
Food -----	99.8	99.8	100.0	100.1	100.0	100.4	100.7	100.6	100.0	99.5	99.2	99.8
Food at home -----	99.7	99.8	99.9	100.2	100.0	100.5	101.0	100.7	100.1	99.4	99.0	99.7
Cereals and bakery products -----	99.9	100.0	100.2	100.3	100.1	100.0	100.1	100.0	99.9	99.9	99.8	99.9
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	99.1	99.2	100.2	100.4	99.8	100.3	101.3	101.5	101.0	99.9	98.9	98.5
Dairy products -----	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Fruits and vegetables -----	99.1	98.8	100.1	101.0	102.1	103.7	103.7	101.8	98.7	96.3	97.2	97.6
Other foods at home -----	101.5	100.7	100.3	100.1	99.0	98.1	98.9	99.9	100.2	100.3	99.9	101.2
Food away from home -----	99.9	99.9	99.8	100.0	99.9	99.9	100.0	100.1	100.1	100.1	100.1	100.0
Commodities less food -----	99.7	99.7	99.7	99.9	100.1	100.2	99.9	99.7	100.0	100.4	100.4	100.3
Nondurables less food -----	99.7	99.7	99.8	99.9	100.1	100.0	99.6	99.6	100.3	100.5	100.5	100.4
Apparel commodities -----	99.2	99.4	99.7	99.9	100.4	100.1	99.2	98.7	100.2	100.9	101.3	100.9
Men's and boys' -----	99.3	99.1	99.7	100.3	100.5	100.4	99.2	99.1	100.0	100.7	101.0	100.7
Women's and girls' -----	98.8	99.5	99.6	99.4	100.3	99.8	99.0	98.1	100.4	101.5	101.9	101.6
Footwear -----	99.8	99.6	99.9	100.2	100.3	100.1	99.6	99.8	100.0	100.2	100.3	100.2
Nondurables less food and apparel -----	99.9	99.9	99.9	99.9	99.9	99.9	100.0	100.1	100.2	100.2	100.0	100.0
Gasoline and motor oil -----	100.0	99.4	100.0	99.4	99.6	99.6	100.0	100.4	100.7	100.8	99.9	100.2
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 -----	100.6	100.6	100.5	100.3	100.0	99.7	99.7	99.6	99.6	99.6	99.9	99.9
Other nondurables -----	99.8	99.9	99.9	100.1	100.2	100.2	100.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.9	100.0
Durables commodities -----	100.0	99.6	99.5	99.7	100.1	100.4	100.3	100.0	99.6	100.2	100.3	100.2
Household durables -----	99.8	99.7	100.0	100.1	100.2	100.2	100.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.9
New cars -----	101.5	101.2	100.7	100.2	100.0	99.6	99.0	98.3	96.4	100.8	101.1	101.3
Used cars -----	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Other durables -----	100.3	100.0	99.8	99.6	99.7	99.9	100.0	100.1	100.1	100.1	100.2	100.2
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 -----	100.0	99.7	100.1	100.2	99.9	99.8	99.9	100.1	100.1	100.0	100.1	100.1
Transportation services -----	100.5	100.6	100.5	100.4	100.1	100.1	100.0	99.6	99.5	99.5	99.5	99.6
Medical care services -----	99.8	99.9	100.2	100.2	100.2	100.1	100.2	100.3	100.2	99.7	99.6	99.7
Other services -----	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
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 -----	99.7	99.8	99.9	100.0	100.1	100.2	100.2	100.1	100.1	100.0	99.9	100.0
Apparel commodities less footwear -----	99.1	99.4	99.7	99.8	100.4	100.1	99.1	98.5	100.3	101.1	101.5	101.1
Services less medical care services -----	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Insurance and finance -----	100.2	100.0	100.2	100.1	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.9	99.9	100.0	100.0	100.2
Utilities and public transportation -----	100.2	100.3	100.4	100.3	100.1	100.0	100.0	99.9	99.7	99.5	99.8	99.8
Housekeeping and home maintenance service -----	99.8	99.7	99.9	99.9	100.0	100.1	100.1	100.2	100.3	100.1	100.0	100.1
Expenditure classes												
All items -----	99.87	99.88	99.94	100.00	100.02	100.14	100.14	100.03	100.01	99.99	99.94	100.05
Food -----	99.8	99.8	100.0	100.1	100.0	100.4	100.7	100.6	100.0	99.5	99.2	99.8
Housing -----	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Shelter -----	100.0	99.8	100.0	100.0	99.8	99.9	100.0	100.1	100.1	100.1	100.1	100.1
Rent -----	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Homeownership -----	100.0	99.7	100.1	100.0	99.7	99.9	99.9	100.1	100.2	100.1	100.1	100.2
Fuel and utilities -----	100.1	100.2	100.3	100.3	100.1	99.8	99.9	99.8	99.6	99.5	100.1	100.0
Gas and electricity -----	100.2	100.3	100.3	100.5	100.4	99.9	99.6	99.7	99.5	99.4	100.1	100.2
Household furnishings and operation -----	99.7	99.8	100.0	100.1	100.2	100.3	100.1	100.0	100.1	100.0	100.0	99.9
Apparel and upkeep -----	99.3	99.5	99.8	99.9	100.4	100.1	99.3	98.9	100.2	100.8	101.1	100.8
Transportation -----	100.3	99.8	99.6	99.8	100.2	100.4	100.2	100.0	99.2	100.3	100.1	100.1
Private -----	100.2	99.6	99.6	99.7	100.2	100.4	100.3	100.0	99.2	100.3	100.2	100.2
Public -----	100.5	100.3	100.7	100.4	99.9	100.3	100.2	99.7	99.8	99.4	99.3	99.5
Health and recreation -----	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Medical care -----	99.8	99.9	100.1	100.2	100.2	100.1	100.2	100.2	100.2	99.8	99.7	99.7
Personal care -----	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Reading and recreation -----	100.1	99.8	99.7	100.0	100.1	100.1	100.0	99.9	100.1	100.1	100.1	99.9
Other goods and services -----	100.0	99.9	99.8	99.8	99.7	99.8	100.0	100.1	100.3	100.3	100.2	100.1
Special indexes:												
All items less shelter -----	99.8	99.9	100.0	100.1	100.1	100.2	100.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.9	100.0
All items less medical care -----	99.8	99.9	99.9	100.0	100.0	100.1	100.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.1
All items less mortgage interest costs -----	99.9	99.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.2	100.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.9	100.0
CPI—domestically produced farm foods -----	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
CPI—selected beef cuts -----	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)

¹ Series in not seasonally adjusted.

Table 10. Consumer Price Index—food items, seasonal adjustment factors for use with 1973 indexes (calculated from data through March 1973)

Item and group	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Total food	99.8	99.8	100.0	100.1	100.0	100.4	100.7	100.6	100.0	99.5	99.2	99.8
Food away from home	99.9	99.9	99.8	100.0	99.9	99.9	100.0	100.1	100.1	100.1	100.1	100.0
Restaurant meals	99.9	99.8	99.8	99.9	99.9	100.0	100.0	100.2	100.2	100.1	100.1	100.0
Snacks	100.2	100.0	99.8	100.0	99.9	99.9	100.0	99.9	99.9	100.2	100.0	100.0
Food at home	99.7	99.8	99.9	100.2	100.0	100.5	101.0	100.7	100.1	99.4	99.0	99.7
Cereals and bakery products	99.9	100.0	100.2	100.3	100.1	100.0	100.1	100.0	99.9	99.9	99.8	99.9
Flour	100.0	100.2	100.4	100.3	100.4	100.2	99.9	99.8	99.8	99.7	99.8	99.6
Cracker meal	99.3	99.8	100.3	100.6	100.6	100.3	100.2	100.2	100.1	99.8	99.5	99.3
Corn flakes	100.3	100.3	100.3	100.0	100.0	99.8	99.7	99.8	99.6	99.9	100.1	100.1
Rice	100.1	100.3	100.2	100.2	100.2	100.1	100.0	99.9	99.8	99.7	99.5	99.9
Bread, white	100.3	100.1	100.1	100.0	99.8	99.7	99.7	100.3	100.4	99.9	99.8	99.8
Bread, whole wheat	100.0	100.0	100.1	100.2	99.7	99.5	99.9	100.0	100.1	100.1	100.1	100.2
Cookies	99.5	99.3	99.9	100.5	100.8	99.7	100.6	100.7	100.4	99.9	99.2	99.6
Layer cake	99.7	100.1	100.3	100.3	99.9	100.1	100.0	99.9	100.0	99.7	99.8	100.2
Cinnamon rolls	100.3	100.1	100.1	100.2	100.0	100.1	100.0	99.9	99.5	100.2	100.1	99.7
Meats, poultry, and fish	99.1	99.2	100.2	100.4	99.8	100.3	101.3	101.5	101.0	99.9	98.9	98.5
Meats	99.0	99.1	100.1	100.4	99.7	100.3	101.4	101.7	101.1	100.0	98.9	98.2
Beef and veal	99.0	99.0	99.9	101.0	100.5	100.6	101.6	101.6	100.8	99.5	98.5	97.9
Steak, round	99.4	99.4	100.0	101.9	100.7	100.6	101.2	101.6	100.4	99.1	98.4	97.2
Steak, sirloin	98.8	98.3	99.7	99.8	100.5	100.9	103.4	102.4	102.0	99.5	98.0	96.8
Steak, porterhouse	98.9	98.6	99.4	99.4	99.9	100.9	103.2	102.8	101.9	99.9	98.2	97.0
Rump roast	99.5	99.4	99.7	101.5	101.2	100.8	100.3	101.4	100.5	99.8	98.4	97.4
Rib roast	99.9	99.0	100.5	100.1	100.4	99.7	101.6	101.7	101.0	99.1	98.3	98.6
Chuck roast	98.0	99.6	120.0	102.4	100.9	99.5	101.1	102.0	100.4	98.9	97.6	97.6
Hamburger	99.0	99.2	100.1	100.7	100.4	100.6	101.1	101.0	100.5	99.6	98.8	99.0
Beef liver	98.6	99.1	99.7	100.4	100.5	100.2	101.4	101.0	100.8	100.1	99.3	98.8
Veal cutlets	98.8	99.0	99.9	100.7	100.2	100.6	101.5	101.2	100.4	100.0	99.2	98.5
Pork	98.6	99.0	100.4	99.5	98.4	99.5	101.9	102.6	102.2	100.9	99.1	98.0
Chops	97.5	99.2	100.7	98.4	97.2	99.6	102.9	104.5	103.5	100.6	98.8	97.1
Loin roast	98.1	99.1	100.9	98.5	97.6	99.4	101.9	103.9	103.0	100.9	99.0	97.6
Pork sausage	97.8	98.4	99.6	99.9	99.2	100.3	100.8	101.9	102.3	101.4	100.2	98.3
Ham, whole	103.4	101.2	102.3	101.3	98.2	98.8	98.6	98.8	99.1	98.4	98.7	101.1
Picnics	99.0	100.1	101.8	101.1	99.4	98.9	100.1	101.9	100.5	100.3	98.8	98.2
Bacon	97.9	97.9	98.8	100.0	99.2	100.5	101.3	102.3	103.9	102.5	98.6	97.1
Other meats	99.6	99.5	99.9	100.4	99.9	100.1	100.2	100.7	100.5	100.1	99.8	99.5
Lamb chops	99.3	99.6	99.8	99.4	99.5	100.7	101.7	101.0	100.5	99.9	99.6	99.0
Frankfurters	98.9	98.6	99.3	100.8	99.8	100.3	100.2	101.4	101.3	100.4	99.9	99.1
Ham, canned	100.6	101.1	101.6	100.6	100.4	99.5	98.7	99.1	99.8	100.0	99.5	99.5
Bologna sausage	99.5	99.5	99.8	100.4	100.0	100.0	100.4	100.9	100.9	100.1	99.4	99.3
Salami sausage	99.6	99.3	99.5	100.3	99.9	100.2	100.4	100.8	100.4	100.1	100.0	99.5
Liverwurst	99.5	100.2	100.0	99.8	99.8	100.1	100.3	100.3	100.6	100.4	99.7	99.4
Poultry	98.9	99.8	100.9	100.1	99.5	101.0	102.5	101.6	101.8	99.3	97.7	96.9
Frying chicken	98.7	99.7	101.1	100.5	99.4	101.5	103.5	101.9	102.0	98.9	96.9	96.0
Chicken breasts	99.0	99.7	100.1	100.1	99.8	100.0	100.6	101.9	101.1	100.3	98.5	98.9
Turkey	99.9	100.4	100.2	100.9	99.0	99.9	99.8	100.1	99.8	100.4	100.5	99.1
Fish	100.1	100.3	100.2	100.3	100.2	100.1	99.8	99.8	99.7	99.8	99.6	100.2
Shrimp, frozen	99.8	100.2	100.5	100.0	100.3	100.4	100.4	100.1	99.6	99.6	99.2	99.9
Fish, fresh or frozen	100.2	100.2	99.6	99.9	100.1	100.0	100.1	100.3	100.0	99.9	99.5	100.2
Tuna fish, canned	100.0	100.3	100.3	100.6	100.6	100.3	99.6	99.6	99.5	99.9	99.6	99.8
Sardines, canned	100.4	100.6	100.0	100.2	100.0	99.8	99.2	99.3	99.9	100.1	100.2	100.4
Dairy products	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Milk, fresh, grocery	100.1	100.1	100.3	100.1	100.1	100.0	99.9	99.8	99.9	99.8	99.9	99.9
Milk, fresh, delivered												
Milk, fresh, skim	99.9	99.9	100.0	100.1	100.2	100.2	100.0	99.7	100.2	99.9	99.8	99.9
Milk, evaporated	99.9	99.8	99.8	99.3	100.0	100.2	100.5	100.3	100.1	100.1	100.2	99.9
Ice cream	100.3	99.9	100.0	99.7	99.7	99.9	100.0	100.1	100.3	99.7	100.0	100.3
Cheese, American process	99.8	100.1	100.1	100.4	100.2	100.3	100.2	100.0	99.7	99.5	99.7	100.0
Butter	100.3	100.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	100.2	100.2	100.1

See footnote at end table.

Table 10. Consumer Price Index—food items, seasonal adjustment factors for use with 1973 indexes (calculated from data through March 1973)—Continued

Item and group	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Total food—Continued												
Food at home—Continued												
Fruits and vegetables												
Fresh fruits and vegetables	99.1	98.8	100.1	101.0	102.1	103.7	103.7	101.8	98.7	96.3	97.2	97.6
Fresh fruits	98.9	97.9	100.2	101.6	103.6	106.2	106.2	102.9	97.8	94.0	95.3	95.5
Apples	92.9	95.0	196.0	198.8	99.5	107.5	110.1	109.3	104.4	99.0	94.7	92.8
Bananas	91.2	93.4	96.0	98.1	102.5	111.3	118.4	119.9	108.4	87.8	85.2	87.8
Oranges	94.9	100.0	100.0	101.3	101.7	102.3	102.1	101.1	101.4	104.0	97.2	93.9
Orange juice, fresh	94.4	95.5	95.9	94.2	95.5	98.3	101.4	106.0	106.7	108.6	104.7	98.8
Grapefruit	99.3	99.2	99.8	99.4	99.7	99.9	100.2	100.9	100.4	100.5	100.4	100.3
Grapes	86.8	88.2	87.5	88.8	92.6	105.1	107.6	125.8	125.2	114.2	91.2	87.1
Strawberries	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Watermelon	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Fresh vegetables	102.6	100.3	103.3	103.9	106.7	105.3	103.3	97.8	92.0	90.4	95.6	98.8
Potatoes	94.7	96.0	96.8	98.0	100.1	106.6	116.2	111.5	98.3	93.4	94.0	94.5
Onions	94.6	97.8	97.1	98.9	103.2	104.2	108.8	111.1	101.0	96.3	93.7	93.3
Asparagus	(1)	(1)	122.3	94.2	96.1	91.9	95.5	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Cabbage	106.0	110.7	105.5	104.6	106.5	112.0	99.8	91.0	86.3	90.1	90.9	96.9
Carrots	103.0	101.7	97.6	94.9	98.4	103.5	104.9	106.2	94.0	97.7	94.8	101.1
Celery	106.0	104.4	100.2	91.5	105.3	104.4	106.6	96.1	92.2	93.8	97.9	101.7
Cucumbers	107.5	123.5	121.4	136.8	108.3	98.5	89.1	80.4	73.4	78.0	82.5	100.6
Lettuce	99.8	90.5	96.6	97.5	100.5	94.7	94.8	98.0	93.3	101.0	112.7	120.6
Peppers, green	93.6	110.2	117.4	115.8	146.7	113.1	96.2	79.9	75.2	74.0	86.5	91.5
Spinach	100.9	101.8	99.7	101.2	99.4	98.3	100.0	99.7	98.7	99.8	98.1	102.2
Tomatoes	105.9	102.3	101.3	109.6	109.6	112.8	100.0	86.7	73.2	82.2	97.1	119.3
Processed fruits and vegetables	100.1	99.9	99.9	100.1	99.9	99.8	99.9	99.9	100.2	100.0	100.1	100.4
Fruit cocktail, canned	100.3	99.8	99.8	100.3	99.9	99.6	100.2	99.8	100.1	99.7	100.1	100.4
Pears, canned	100.1	100.1	99.8	99.8	99.7	99.8	99.9	100.1	100.3	100.3	100.2	100.0
Pineapple-grapefruit juice, drink	99.9	99.7	99.9	100.4	100.1	99.6	99.9	99.9	100.0	100.2	100.4	100.0
Orange juice concentrate, frozen	99.2	98.9	99.6	100.1	100.0	100.1	100.4	100.9	101.1	100.0	99.9	99.8
Lemonade concentrate, frozen	100.7	100.8	100.8	101.0	100.6	99.8	98.5	98.7	98.8	99.7	99.9	100.6
Beets, canned	100.0	99.8	100.1	100.2	99.9	100.0	100.0	100.1	100.0	99.8	100.0	100.1
Peas, green, canned	100.1	99.9	99.7	100.4	99.6	99.4	99.9	100.0	100.4	99.8	100.5	100.3
Tomatoes, canned	99.7	99.7	99.9	99.7	99.9	100.2	100.3	100.4	100.3	100.0	99.9	100.1
Dried beans	100.2	100.5	99.9	99.8	99.9	99.8	99.7	99.9	100.3	99.9	99.9	100.2
Broccoli, frozen	99.9	100.0	100.1	100.5	99.9	100.2	100.1	100.0	100.0	99.7	99.7	99.8
Other food at home	101.5	100.7	100.3	100.1	99.0	98.1	98.9	99.9	100.2	100.3	99.9	101.2
Eggs	110.5	104.2	101.6	99.6	92.7	86.9	92.9	99.0	102.4	101.9	99.4	109.0
Fats and oils:												
Margarine	100.3	99.9	100.3	100.3	100.3	100.5	99.8	99.5	99.5	99.6	99.7	100.0
Salad dressing, Italian	99.8	99.9	100.0	100.1	100.4	100.2	100.1	99.8	99.9	99.9	100.0	100.0
Salad or cooking oil	100.1	100.3	100.2	100.3	100.1	100.1	99.6	100.0	100.0	99.9	99.7	99.7
Sugar and sweets	99.9	99.8	100.0	100.1	100.2	100.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.9	99.9	100.0
Sugar	99.7	99.8	100.0	100.1	100.1	100.0	100.1	100.2	100.1	100.0	100.0	99.9
Grape jelly	100.1	100.0	100.5	99.8	100.3	100.2	100.1	99.8	99.9	99.7	99.6	99.8
Chocolate bar	99.8	99.3	99.5	99.9	99.8	100.1	100.1	100.3	100.3	100.4	100.2	100.3
Syrup, chocolate flavored	100.1	100.4	100.5	100.6	100.4	100.0	99.7	99.8	99.6	99.6	99.6	99.6
Nonalcoholic beverages	99.8	100.0	100.0	100.1	100.0	100.2	100.1	100.1	99.8	100.1	100.0	99.8
Coffee, can and bag	99.9	100.1	100.0	100.1	99.9	99.9	100.0	100.3	99.8	100.2	100.1	99.8
Coffee, instant	99.9	100.2	99.9	100.3	100.4	100.4	99.9	99.6	99.7	99.8	99.8	100.1
Tea	99.3	99.8	99.9	99.8	100.0	100.5	100.4	100.3	100.1	100.1	100.0	99.8
Carbonated drink, cola flavored	99.9	100.0	100.2	100.1	100.1	100.2	100.0	99.9	99.7	100.0	100.0	99.7
Carbonated drink, fruit flavored	99.7	99.6	99.8	100.0	100.2	100.4	100.3	100.1	100.0	100.1	100.0	99.7
Prepared and partially prepared foods	99.9	100.0	100.1	100.2	100.2	99.9	99.8	100.1	100.0	100.0	99.9	99.9
Bean soup, canned	99.9	100.1	100.2	100.3	100.4	100.2	99.9	99.8	99.8	99.9	99.8	99.9
Chicken soup, canned	100.0	99.9	100.2	100.3	100.2	100.1	99.8	99.8	99.9	99.8	99.8	100.1
Spaghetti, canned	100.1	100.1	100.1	100.1	99.8	99.7	99.8	99.7	99.9	100.2	100.2	100.2
Mashed potatoes, instant	99.7	100.2	100.2	99.9	100.3	100.4	100.0	100.2	100.0	99.8	99.8	99.6
Potatoes, french fried, frozen	99.7	99.9	100.1	100.2	99.9	99.9	100.1	100.5	100.3	100.1	99.6	99.7
Baby foods, canned	100.2	100.0	99.9	99.8	99.5	99.6	99.8	100.2	100.5	100.3	100.0	100.1
Sweet pickle relish	100.3	100.2	100.7	101.0	100.3	99.4	98.7	99.4	99.6	100.0	100.2	100.2
Pretzels	99.5	99.8	99.9	100.2	100.3	100.2	100.2	100.2	100.2	100.1	99.8	99.7
Miscellaneous indexes:												
Housefurnishings	99.6	99.8	100.0	100.2	100.2	100.2	100.1	99.9	99.9	100.0	100.0	100.0
Fuel oil, No. 2	100.4	100.5	100.5	100.3	100.1	100.0	99.9	99.8	99.6	99.5	99.7	99.8
Gas	100.3	100.7	100.6	100.8	100.7	99.8	99.3	99.4	99.1	98.8	100.1	100.3
Natural gas, residential heating	100.2	100.6	100.6	100.7	100.5	99.8	99.5	99.6	99.3	98.9	100.0	100.4
Natural gas, other than residential heating	100.6	100.8	100.7	100.9	100.8	99.8	99.1	99.4	99.0	98.7	100.0	100.3
Natural gas, 10 therms	100.9	101.1	100.9	101.0	100.8	99.6	99.0	99.2	98.8	98.6	100.0	100.0
Natural gas, 25 therms	100.5	100.6	100.6	100.7	100.6	99.9	99.4	99.5	99.2	99.0	99.8	100.2
Electricity	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.2	100.1	100.0	99.9	99.9	100.1	99.9	100.0	100.0
Electricity 100 KWH	100.2	100.1	100.0	100.1	100.0	100.1	100.0	99.9	100.0	99.8	99.9	100.0

¹ Not available.

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. 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 major statistical areas and 17 smaller cities, which were chosen to represent all urban places in the United States. They are collected from about 18,000 establishments—grocery and department stores, hospitals, filling stations, and other types of stores and service establishments.

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 five largest areas and every 3 months in other areas. Prices of most goods and services are obtained by

personal visits of the Bureau's trained representatives. Mail questionnaires are used to obtain local transit fares, public utility rates, newspaper prices, fuel prices, and certain other items.

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. Local data are then combined to obtain a U.S. city average. Separate indexes are also published for 23 areas.

The index measures price changes from a designated reference date—1967—which equals 100.0. An increase of 22 percent, for example, is shown as 122.0. This change can also be expressed in dollars as follows: The price of a base period "market basket" of goods and services bought by urban wage earners and clerical workers has risen from \$10 in 1967 to \$12.20.

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 changing

climatic conditions, production cycles, model changes, holidays, and sales.

The unadjusted data are of primary interest to consumers concerned about the prices they actually pay. Unadjusted data also are used extensively for escalation purposes. Many collective bargaining contract agreements and pension 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 annual *percent changes* in the CPI for all items and for nine commodity groupings based on 1972 averages.

Average standard errors of percent changes in the CPI based on 1972 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

The figures may be interpreted as follows: The chances are about 95 out of 100 that the percent change in the CPI as computed differs from the corresponding "complete coverage" change by less than twice the standard error.

Because the CPI is rounded to one decimal place, some ambiguity may arise in interpreting small index changes. 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 1971 data which was included in the CPI report through March 1973.

¹ The method of deriving these estimates is described in a paper by Marvin Wikerson, "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 1 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:

CPI	123.8
less previous index	<u>123.2</u>
index point difference =	0.6

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

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

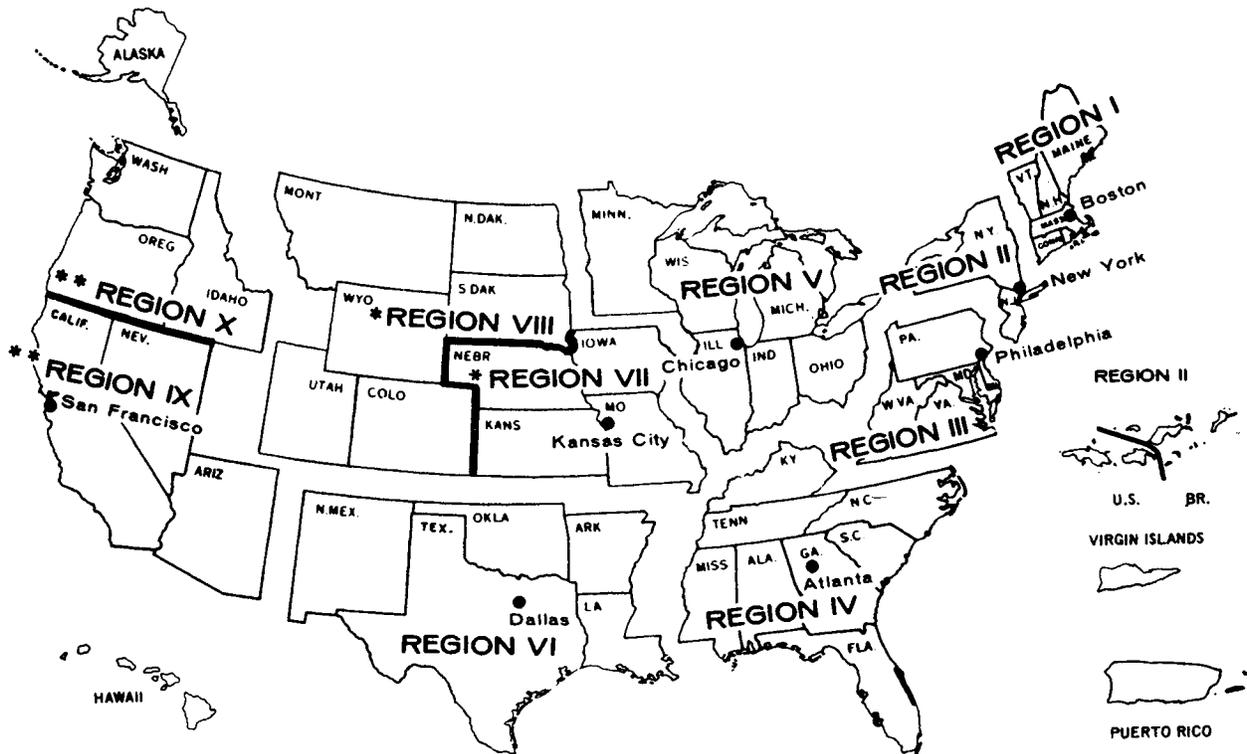
Seasonally adjusted percent changes in the U.S. All Items Index are based on seasonal adjustment factors and seasonally adjusted indexes carried to two decimal places. This procedure helps to eliminate rounding error in the percent changes.

ERRATA: In the December 1972 CPI Detailed Report the columns for New York—Northeastern New Jersey and for Los Angeles—Long Beach in table 5-A were inadvertently transposed. The correct figures are given below.

Table 5-A. Consumer Price Index—United States and selected areas for urban wage earners and clerical workers, commodity groups, 1972 annual average indexes and percent changes, 1971-72

Group	Los Angeles— Long Beach	New York— North-eastern New Jersey	Group	Los Angeles— Long Beach	New York— North-eastern New Jersey
	Indexes (1967=100)			Percent changes 1971-72	
All items	122.3	131.4	All items	3.2	4.4
All items (1957-59=100)	143.8	156.4			
Food	120.4	128.6	Food	4.8	4.5
Food at home	119.5	125.5	Food at home	5.1	4.3
Cereals and bakery products	111.7	116.9	Cereals and bakery products	1.0	1.7
Meats, poultry and fish	127.8	131.4	Meats, poultry and fish	10.8	7.8
Dairy products	115.0	120.4	Dairy products	1.4	1.9
Fruits and vegetables ..	121.1	131.6	Fruits and vegetables ..	5.3	5.6
Other food at home ...	114.8	118.5	Other food at home ...	1.8	-.3
Food away from home ...	122.7	138.6	Food away from home ...	4.0	5.0
Housing	127.1	136.4	Housing	3.6	6.0
Shelter	130.1	142.9	Shelter	3.5	7.0
Rent, residential	-	127.2	Rent, residential	-	6.6
Homeownership	133.7	154.8	Homeownership	4.0	7.4
Fuel and utilities	123.9	124.2	Fuel and utilities	5.8	6.4
Fuel oil and coal	-	120.4	Fuel oil and coal	-	1.1
Gas and electricity ...	130.1	122.2	Gas and electricity ...	6.2	9.0
Household furnishings and operation	118.0	126.7	Household furnishings and operation	2.9	3.1
Apparel and upkeep	120.0	123.0	Apparel and upkeep	1.7	2.1
Men's and boys'	117.0	121.9	Men's and boys' .....	.3	-.7
Women's and girls'	123.1	123.1	Women's and girls'	1.7	4.4
Footwear	123.4	124.3	Footwear	3.4	3.2
Transportation	117.6	133.0	Transportation	2.3	3.1
Private	117.6	125.2	Private	2.3	.6
Public	116.2	162.8	Public	2.7	10.9
Health and recreation	120.4	130.9	Health and recreation	2.4	3.9
Medical care	128.7	140.2	Medical care	2.4	3.2
Personal care	115.2	-	Personal care	2.3	-
Reading and recreation ...	113.7	127.2	Reading and recreation ...	2.2	3.0
Other goods and services ...	119.2	131.1	Other goods and services ...	2.6	5.8

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