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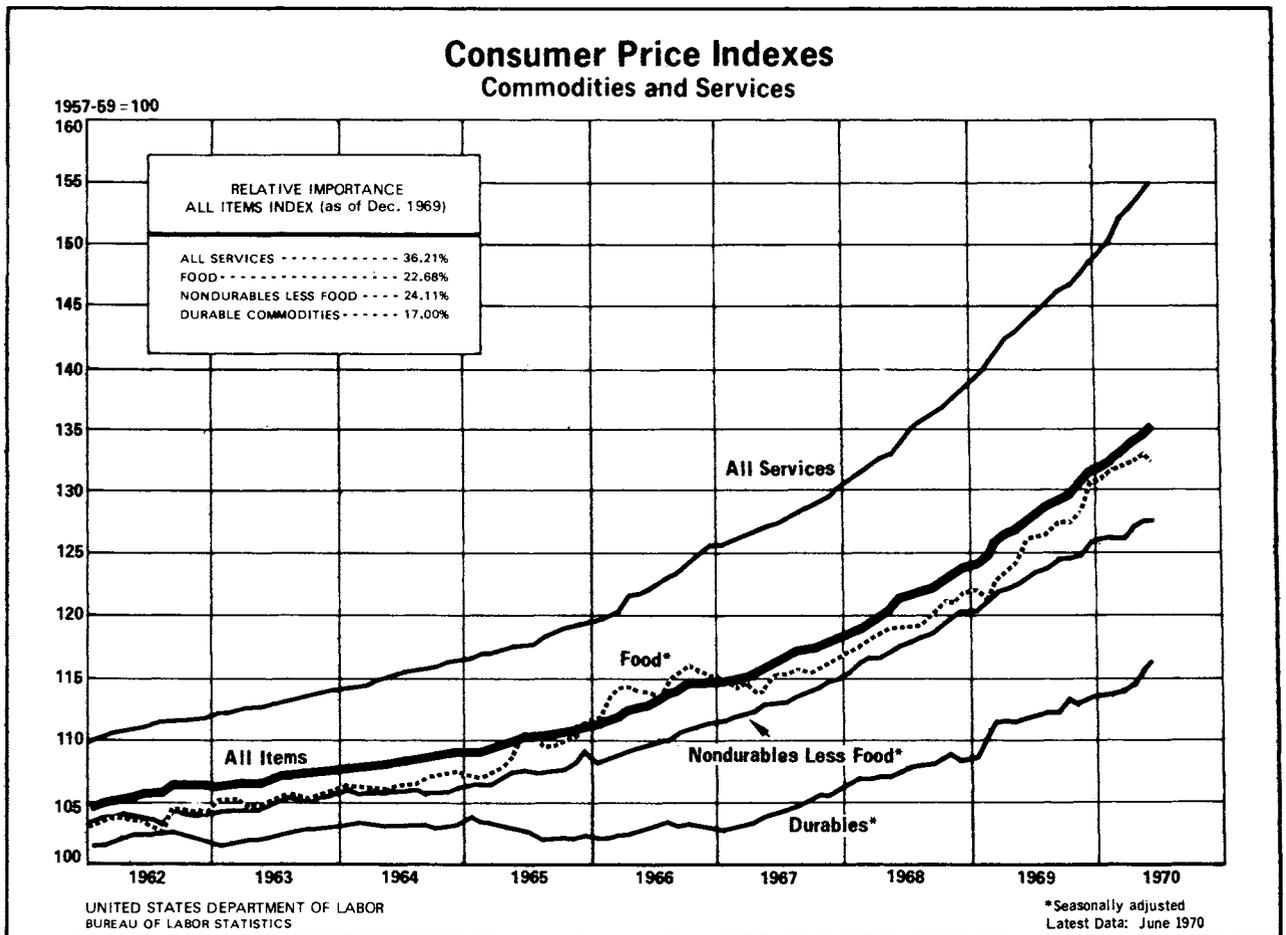




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The Consumer Price Index rose 0.4 percent in June to 135.2 (1957-59=100). The increase was the same as in May and resulted primarily from higher prices for used cars, homes, and most types of consumer services.

After seasonal adjustment, the CPI rose 0.3 percent--noticeably less than 0.5-percent rate of the previous 2 months. Commodity prices rose significantly less than in May after seasonal adjustment, as food prices declined and the rate of increase in prices of both durables and nondurables other than food both slowed noticeably.

In the 3-month period ending in June, the CPI rose at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.8 percent. This rate compares with one of 6.3 percent recorded for the 3-month periods ending in both March 1970 and December 1969. The slowdown, for the most part, reflected a substantially slower rate of increase in food prices and more moderate rates of advance in charges for some consumer services, particularly mortgage interest costs and transportation services. Prices of commodities other than food rose at a substantially faster pace.

Annual rates of change in the CPI and some of its major components over 3-month periods ending in the last month of each of the last four quarters are given below. All percentage rates, with the exception of those for services, are seasonally adjusted.

	Percent change at annual rate			
	March 1970	Dec. 1969	Sept. 1969	June 1969
	to	to	to	to
	<u>June 1970</u>	<u>March 1970</u>	<u>Dec. 1969</u>	<u>Sept. 1969</u>
	<u>2d Qtr.</u>	<u>1st Qtr.</u>	<u>4th Qtr.</u>	<u>3d Qtr.</u>
All items	5.8	6.3	6.3	5.5
Commodities	5.2	3.7	6.0	4.0
Food	1.3	5.4	10.4	6.1
Nondurables less food	4.7	2.5	4.3	3.8
Durables	8.1	3.0	4.8	2.1
Services	7.3	11.2	6.5	7.8

Note: The above values are subject to change when new seasonal factors are introduced.

Durables

Retail prices of consumer durable goods rose substantially more than seasonally in June, largely because of continued strength in prices of both used cars and houses. Prices of used cars averaged 3-1/2 percent higher following an even larger rise in May while prices of new cars dropped seasonally. Prices of most household appliances, with the exception of radio and television sets, were appreciably higher in June.

In the first half of this year price increases for consumer durables amounted to 2.7 percent; most of this rise--2.3 percent--resulted from large increases in used-car prices during the second quarter. Compared with June 1969, prices of durables were up 4.5

percent; the greatest part of this increase was due to significantly higher prices for houses.

Food

In June, retail food prices averaged 0.2 percent higher than in May as prices of food at home increased 0.2 percent and prices of food away from home advanced 0.4 percent. On a seasonally adjusted basis food prices fell, by 0.4 percent, the first decline in 2 years.

During June, prices of fruits and vegetables rose 1.9 percent, due mostly to large increases for prices of apples, watermelons, potatoes, celery, grapefruit, cabbage, and tomatoes. Sharp price dips for green peppers, lettuce, and cucumbers partially offset the rise in most other fruit and vegetable prices. Increased prices of canned milk were primarily responsible for the 2-percent increase in prices for dairy products. Rises in prices for cream sandwich cookies and cracker meal advanced cereals and bakery products prices the same amount.

Meat, poultry, and fish prices decreased contraseasonally in June as the price of almost all cuts of beef and pork dropped. Only frying chicken and porterhouse steak showed increases. The price of eggs fell almost 6 percent; fresh coffee prices rose 1.7 percent.

Over the 3-month period ending in June, food prices increased at an annual rate of 1.3 percent compared with 5.4 percent for the 3-month period ending in March and 10.4 percent for the 3-month period ending in December.

Services

Charges for consumer services rose 0.6 percent in June, and accounted for almost half of the total rise in the overall index. Automobile services, doctors and dentists fees, mortgage interest costs, and home maintenance and repair services were primarily responsible for the continued increase in prices of services.

For the 3-month period ending in June, the increase in service prices was at an annual rate of 7.3 percent, quite a bit less than the 11.2-percent increase in the first quarter. The increase from June 1969 to June 1970, however, was 8.2 percent, the largest yearly increase in over 10 years.

The yearly rise in the cost of services stems mainly from advances in household services, particularly mortgage interest charges, and transportation services. Continued high demand for living quarters, together with the shortage of loanable funds, has pushed mortgage interest costs up by about 20 percent since June 1969; another consequence of the strong demand for housing is the 4.1-percent rise in residential rents. Automobile service prices have shown a 9.7-percent rise due to increased costs for both labor and parts.

Nondurable Goods other than Food

Retail prices of nondurable goods other than food rose 0.2 percent in June; apparel prices, which accelerated from their pace in May, accounted for 40 percent of the rise. Tobacco products rose 0.9 percent, reflecting an increase in wholesale prices in June. Gasoline prices decreased 0.8 percent as a result of price cuts in Los Angeles and a resumption of price wars in Detroit, San Francisco, and other areas.

Despite acceleration in the second quarter, the 12-month rise in retail prices of nondurable commodities other than food in June, 3.8 percent, was the smallest such gain since May 1968 and compares with an increase of 4.6 percent in the similar period ending in June 1969.

A NOTE ABOUT CALCULATING INDEX CHANGES

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

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

<u>Index point change</u>		<u>Percentage change</u>
June 1970 CPI (1957-59=100)	135.2	Index point difference divided by the index for the previous period: $\frac{135.2 - 134.6}{134.6} \times 100 = 0.4$
less May 1970 index	<u>134.6</u>	
Index point difference =	0.6	

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

(Unadjusted, unless otherwise indicated)

Group	Indexes (1957-59=100 unless otherwise noted)				Percent change to June 1970 from:		
	June 1970	May 1970	March 1970	June 1969	1 Month Ago	3 Months Ago	1 Year Ago
	All items -----	135.2	134.6	133.2	127.6	0.4	1.5
All items (1947-49=100) -----	165.9	165.2	163.4	156.6	-	-	-
Food -----	132.7	132.4	131.6	125.5	.2	.8	5.7
Food at home -----	128.0	127.8	127.4	121.8	.2	.5	5.1
Cereals and bakery products -----	128.2	128.0	127.0	122.0	.2	.9	5.1
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	130.2	130.5	130.2	125.3	-.2	.0	3.9
Dairy products -----	130.2	129.9	129.4	124.0	.2	.6	5.0
Fruits and vegetables -----	139.4	136.8	133.1	130.8	1.9	4.7	6.6
Other foods at home -----	113.3	113.7	116.0	106.6	-.4	-2.3	6.3
Food away from home -----	155.3	154.7	152.4	143.7	.4	1.9	8.1
Housing -----	135.6	135.1	133.6	126.3	.4	1.5	7.4
Shelter 1/ -----	145.6	144.7	142.8	133.0	.6	2.0	9.5
Rent -----	123.4	123.0	122.3	118.5	.3	.9	4.1
Homeownership 2/ -----	154.4	153.3	150.9	138.7	.7	2.3	11.3
Fuel and utilities 3/ -----	116.2	116.4	115.6	112.7	-.2	.5	3.1
Fuel oil and coal -----	121.2	121.0	120.8	117.5	.2	.3	3.1
Gas and electricity -----	115.3	115.8	114.8	111.3	-.4	.4	3.6
Household furnishings and operation -----	122.8	122.5	121.6	117.9	.2	1.0	4.2
Apparel and upkeep 4/ -----	132.2	131.9	130.6	127.0	.2	1.2	4.1
Men's and boys' -----	134.2	133.9	132.3	128.5	.2	1.4	4.4
Women's and girls' -----	126.8	126.6	125.3	122.7	.2	1.2	3.3
Footwear -----	147.7	147.6	146.3	140.1	.1	1.0	5.4
Transportation -----	130.6	129.9	127.1	124.6	.5	2.8	4.8
Private -----	126.7	125.9	123.0	121.8	.6	3.0	4.0
New cars -----	103.8	104.1	104.4	101.8	-.3	-.6	2.0
Used cars -----	132.0	127.5	117.6	128.2	3.5	12.2	3.0
Gasoline -----	117.6	118.6	115.3	118.6	-.8	2.0	-.8
Public -----	167.8	166.6	165.8	149.1	.7	1.2	12.5
Health and recreation -----	143.7	142.9	141.4	136.3	.6	1.6	5.4
Medical care -----	164.7	163.6	161.6	155.2	.7	1.9	6.1
Personal care -----	130.2	130.3	129.6	126.2	-.1	.5	3.2
Reading and recreation -----	136.1	135.2	133.6	130.4	.7	1.9	4.4
Other goods and services -----	136.7	136.1	134.8	127.9	.4	1.4	6.9
Seasonally Adjusted:							
Food -----	132.4	132.9	132.0	-	-.4	.3	-
Apparel and upkeep -----	132.1	131.5	130.9	-	.5	.9	-
Transportation -----	130.3	129.9	127.2	-	.3	2.4	-
Special Groups:							
All items less food -----	136.1	135.5	133.8	128.4	.4	1.7	6.0
All items less medical care -----	133.4	132.9	131.5	126.0	.4	1.4	5.9
Commodities -----	126.2	125.8	124.5	120.5	.3	1.4	4.7
Nondurables -----	130.0	129.8	128.7	124.1	.2	1.0	4.8
Nondurables less food -----	127.7	127.5	126.1	123.0	.2	1.3	3.8
Apparel commodities -----	131.4	131.2	129.9	126.4	.2	1.2	4.0
Durables -----	116.7	115.9	114.1	111.7	.7	2.3	4.5
Household durables -----	108.2	108.0	107.4	105.8	.2	.7	2.3
Services -----	155.0	154.1	152.3	143.3	.6	1.8	8.2
Services less rent -----	161.9	161.0	158.9	148.8	.6	1.9	8.8
Services less medical care -----	150.9	150.1	148.3	139.2	.5	1.8	8.4
Insurance and finance (Dec.1965=100) -----	146.3	145.4	142.9	128.4	.6	2.4	13.9
Utilities and public transportation (Dec.1965=100) -----	113.7	113.7	112.8	107.8	.0	.8	5.5
Housekeeping and home maintenance services (Dec.1965=100) -----	138.1	137.2	135.8	127.4	.7	1.7	8.4
Medical care services -----	180.6	179.3	177.0	169.1	.7	2.0	6.8
Purchasing Power of Consumer Dollar:							
1957-59-\$1 -----	\$0.740	\$0.743	\$0.751	\$0.784	-.4	-1.5	-5.6
1939-\$1 -----	.358	.360	.364	.380	-	-	-

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

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

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

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

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

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

Area 1/	Pricing Schedule 2/	Indexes			Percent change from:		
		1957-59=100	1947-49=100	Other bases	May 1970	March 1970	June 1969
		June 1970			May 1970	March 1970	June 1969
U.S. City Average -----	M	135.2	165.9		0.4	1.5	6.0
Chicago -----	M	131.5	165.8		.3	1.2	5.5
Detroit -----	M	135.2	166.6		.2	1.6	6.2
Los Angeles-Long Beach ---	M	133.9	166.9		.1	1.3	4.7
New York -----	M	141.6	170.6		.6	1.8	7.6
Philadelphia -----	M	137.0	168.1		.4	1.2	6.9
		April 1970				January 1970	April 1969
Boston -----	1	137.9	170.8			1.3	6.2
Houston -----	1	132.9	163.7			1.5	5.9
Minneapolis-St. Paul ----	1	135.1	167.2			1.7	8.0
Pittsburgh -----	1	132.4	163.1			2.3	5.1
		May 1970				February 1970	May 1969
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100) ---	2			127.0		1.4	5.7
Cleveland -----	2	134.3	166.7			1.5	7.2
Dallas (Nov.1963=100) ----	2			127.1		1.2	6.4
Milwaukee -----	2	130.0	164.0			1.2	5.9
San Diego (Feb.1965=100) -	2			120.9		1.9	5.7
Seattle -----	2	133.9	168.3			1.3	4.9
Washington -----	2	136.7	164.6			1.6	6.1
		June 1970				March 1970	June 1969
Atlanta -----	3	133.6	165.5			1.3	5.9
Baltimore -----	3	135.2	167.8			1.3	5.7
Cincinnati -----	3	131.2	159.7			1.5	5.3
Honolulu (Dec.1963=100) --	3			123.3		1.1	5.7
Kansas City -----	3	137.9	170.6			2.5	5.8
St. Louis -----	3	134.1	166.5			1.3	5.6
San Francisco-Oakland ----	3	137.5	174.6			1.0	5.1

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

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

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

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

TABLE 3. Consumer Price Index--The United States and selected areas 1/for urban wage earners and clerical workers, major groups percent change from May 1970 to June 1970

Group	U.S. City Average	Chicago	Detroit	Los Angeles-Long Beach	New York	Philadelphia
All items -----	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.6	0.4
Food -----	.2	.4	.1	-.2	.6	.1
Housing -----	.4	.2	1.1	.4	.7	.4
Apparel and upkeep -----	.2	-.5	.4	-.2	.7	-.2
Transportation -----	.5	.5	- 2.3	-.7	.2	.5
Health and recreation -----	.6	.8	.6	.4	1.0	.7
Medical care -----	.7	.1	.3	.2	1.8	.5
Personal care -----	-.1	(2/)	(2/)	(2/)	(2/)	(2/)
Reading and recreation -----	.7	1.5	1.7	.3	.8	1.6
Other goods and services -----	.4	1.5	.2	.9	.4	(2/)

1/ See footnote 1, table 2.
2/ Not available.

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

(1957-59=100)

Group	Indexes			Percent changes to: June 1970	
	June 1970	May 1970	March 1970	From: 1 Month Ago	3 Months Ago
Food -----	132.4	132.9	132.0	- 0.4	0.3
Food at home -----	127.7	128.4	127.8	-.5	-.1
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	129.9	132.2	131.1	- 1.7	-.9
Dairy products -----	130.2	130.3	129.7	-.1	.4
Fruits and vegetables -----	135.5	134.0	132.7	1.1	2.1
Other foods at home -----	115.6	115.3	116.2	.3	-.5
Fuel and utilities <u>1/</u> -----	116.3	116.4	115.5	-.1	.7
Fuel oil and coal -----	122.7	121.1	120.0	1.3	2.3
Apparel and upkeep <u>2/</u> -----	132.1	131.5	130.9	.5	.9
Men's and boys' -----	134.2	133.6	132.7	.4	1.1
Women's and girls' -----	126.7	126.1	125.7	.5	.8
Footwear -----	147.6	147.3	146.4	.2	.8
Transportation -----	130.3	129.9	127.2	.3	2.4
Private -----	126.4	125.9	123.1	.4	2.7
New cars -----	104.4	104.4	104.1	.0	.3
Commodities -----	126.2	125.9	124.6	.2	1.3
Commodities less food -----	122.8	122.3	120.9	.4	1.6
Nondurables -----	130.0	130.1	128.8	-.1	.9
Nondurables less food -----	127.7	127.5	126.2	.2	1.2
Apparel commodities -----	131.3	130.8	130.2	.4	.8
Durables -----	116.6	115.9	114.3	.6	2.0

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

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

TABLE 5. Consumer Price Index--United States and selected areas if for urban wage earners and clerical workers, commodity groups, June 1970 index and percent changes from March 1970

Group	U.S. City Average	Chicago	Detroit	Los Angeles-Long Beach	New York	Philadelphia
(Indexes 1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)						
All items -----	135.2	131.5	135.2	133.9	141.6	137.0
Food -----	132.7	133.6	132.2	127.8	136.8	132.4
Food at home -----	128.0	131.5	129.7	121.9	129.0	126.3
Cereals and bakery products -----	128.2	133.5	122.4	125.6	125.1	129.2
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	130.2	134.5	139.1	119.1	131.5	124.6
Dairy products -----	130.2	138.8	138.5	128.3	123.3	137.8
Fruits and vegetables -----	139.4	137.9	129.5	136.6	148.6	137.0
Other foods at home -----	113.3	113.7	111.5	104.7	113.8	108.3
Food away from home -----	155.3	143.5	146.5	149.2	169.2	164.4
Housing -----	135.6	128.5	136.7	140.2	141.3	135.9
Shelter -----	145.6	135.5	149.8	151.6	149.7	145.4
Rent -----	123.4	(2/)	113.1	(2/)	134.2	(2/)
Homeownership -----	154.4	144.8	158.2	160.4	159.4	150.6
Fuel and utilities -----	116.2	110.8	107.6	112.9	115.9	114.8
Fuel oil and coal -----	121.2	114.4	114.0	-	127.3	126.4
Gas and electricity -----	115.3	111.1	108.1	122.0	112.7	109.6
Household furnishings and operation -----	122.8	119.8	115.1	119.1	134.6	127.1
Apparel and upkeep -----	132.2	124.0	126.8	130.7	138.7	138.0
Men's and boys' -----	134.2	124.0	128.9	133.3	145.7	136.7
Women's and girls' -----	126.8	117.8	117.9	132.8	129.3	125.3
Footwear -----	147.7	140.5	147.4	140.7	148.6	157.5
Transportation -----	130.6	131.2	124.1	130.1	143.1	142.3
Private -----	126.7	127.5	121.1	125.4	136.0	135.3
Public -----	167.8	155.7	145.7	160.7	176.0	179.2
Health and recreation -----	143.7	139.0	148.1	134.7	151.7	145.5
Medical care -----	164.7	171.9	179.3	161.8	173.4	175.7
Personal care -----	130.2	129.7	(2/)	121.7	(2/)	(2/)
Reading and recreation -----	136.1	119.7	136.4	117.1	149.6	129.8
Other goods and services -----	136.7	132.2	131.2	127.8	146.7	142.1
Percent changes from March 1970 to June 1970						
All items -----	1.5	1.2	1.6	1.3	1.8	1.2
Food -----	.8	.5	1.0	.9	1.3	.3
Food at home -----	.5	.4	.8	.8	.5	.0
Cereals and bakery products -----	.9	.2	- 1.2	1.9	.6	.4
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	.0	-.1	-.1	-.4	.5	.3
Dairy products -----	.6	.4	1.1	3.1	.8	1.0
Fruits and vegetables -----	4.7	6.3	7.9	3.5	4.8	2.5
Other foods at home -----	- 2.3	- 3.2	- 2.8	- 1.7	- 3.0	- 3.6
Food away from home -----	1.9	.8	2.0	1.1	3.4	1.2
Housing -----	1.5	1.3	1.6	.9	2.7	1.8
Shelter -----	2.0	1.7	2.2	1.0	4.2	2.1
Rent -----	.9	(2/)	3/ 1.3	(2/)	3/ 1.4	(2/)
Homeownership -----	2.3	2.1	2.3	1.0	6.1	2.5
Fuel and utilities -----	.5	.3	.2	.9	.3	2.0
Fuel oil and coal -----	.3	.3	.0	-	.4	.0
Gas and electricity -----	.4	.4	.4	1.7	.3	2.9
Household furnishings and operation -----	1.0	.6	.4	.1	.1	.9
Apparel and upkeep -----	1.2	.2	- 1.8	1.7	.9	.9
Men's and boys' -----	1.4	.9	- 1.6	2.1	1.3	.7
Women's and girls' -----	1.2	.2	- 2.9	2.8	.2	- 3.7
Footwear -----	1.0	-.4	- 2.3	1.0	.4	1.6
Transportation -----	2.8	2.7	2.8	2.4	1.5	2.6
Private -----	3.0	3.1	3.1	2.5	1.6	3.0
Public -----	1.2	.7	.3	.4	1.3	.1
Health and recreation -----	1.6	1.4	2.7	1.5	1.9	1.5
Medical care -----	1.9	.7	1.4	2.5	2.7	1.7
Personal care -----	.5	-.6	(2/)	.1	(2/)	(2/)
Reading and recreation -----	1.9	2.6	3.2	1.4	1.8	1.6
Other goods and services -----	1.4	1.8	5.0	1.0	1.4	1.6

See footnotes at end of table.

TABLE 5. Consumer Price Index--United States and selected areas 1/ for urban wage earners and clerical workers, commodity groups, June 1970 index and percent changes from March 1970--Continued

Group	Atlanta	Baltimore	Cincinnati	Honolulu (Dec. 63=100)	Kansas City	San Francisco	St. Louis
(Indexes 1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)							
All items -----	133.6	135.2	131.2	123.3	137.0	137.5	134.1
Food -----	131.1	136.7	129.7	123.8	136.9	129.1	136.7
Food at home -----	127.4	130.3	125.7	121.0	132.4	123.2	132.1
Cereals and bakery products -----	121.2	132.9	123.5	115.6	135.2	124.5	136.2
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	129.3	134.4	129.6	126.8	135.1	125.8	136.6
Dairy products -----	127.6	128.0	125.6	118.5	142.5	122.9	139.5
Fruits and vegetables -----	143.2	144.0	138.8	124.3	134.0	133.9	142.5
Other foods at home -----	118.6	113.3	111.4	113.8	117.5	107.7	110.8
Food away from home -----	144.7	164.4	150.4	132.4	153.0	155.0	155.6
Housing -----	139.5	132.3	126.2	129.0	134.3	149.9	127.9
Shelter -----	147.7	138.5	131.3	140.5	140.4	166.2	134.0
Rent -----	119.4	118.5	110.0	126.4	112.7	154.7	113.9
Homeownership -----	156.3	146.8	141.6	150.3	152.2	171.8	139.3
Fuel and utilities -----	115.3	114.6	112.4	100.5	128.6	109.5	117.9
Fuel oil and coal -----	-	124.0	137.3	-	-	-	120.6
Gas and electricity -----	112.1	105.5	113.4	99.8	132.4	116.3	121.7
Household furnishings and operation -----	131.1	131.2	117.6	112.0	119.7	122.0	122.0
Apparel and upkeep -----	131.4	138.1	135.6	121.3	141.0	132.6	131.5
Men's and boys' -----	133.3	141.9	142.2	114.2	137.9	128.4	129.6
Women's and girls' -----	123.9	128.3	123.8	127.3	142.0	128.0	133.1
Footwear -----	142.9	165.6	162.2	120.6	154.3	143.0	141.4
Transportation -----	122.2	130.4	130.5	112.6	132.4	128.8	132.3
Private -----	118.0	127.5	125.9	117.3	127.3	130.0	128.9
Public -----	161.6	142.7	169.6	90.3	195.6	122.0	158.9
Health and recreation -----	140.4	141.5	142.2	123.8	150.8	139.2	146.3
Medical care -----	167.1	182.8	172.2	135.6	167.7	160.8	157.8
Personal care -----	130.5	133.3	129.3	116.5	133.6	137.0	138.4
Reading and recreation -----	134.4	134.2	134.0	116.3	146.2	121.9	141.8
Other goods and services -----	122.2	121.8	129.1	125.7	145.7	135.0	142.5
Percent changes March 1970 to June 1970							
All items -----	1.3	1.3	1.5	1.1	2.5	1.0	1.3
Food -----	.5	.4	1.4	.3	.7	.7	.1
Food at home -----	.3	.2	1.3	-.2	.5	.5	.0
Cereals and bakery products -----	1.4	-.5	.7	-.5	1.7	1.3	1.9
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	-.1	.6	-.2	.2	-.1	.1	-.7
Dairy products -----	.3	.2	.7	2.1	.5	.7	.2
Fruits and vegetables -----	6.5	4.6	7.8	.2	5.5	3.1	1.6
Other foods at home -----	- 3.8	- 3.6	- 1.4	- 1.9	- 2.7	- 1.7	- 2.0
Food away from home -----	1.2	1.2	1.8	1.5	1.5	1.6	.7
Housing -----	1.9	1.4	1.0	.8	2.8	.9	.8
Shelter -----	2.3	1.5	.9	.9	4.2	1.0	1.4
Rent -----	1.1	.4	1.0	2.2	1.0	1.8	.8
Homeownership -----	2.5	1.9	.9	.2	5.3	.6	1.5
Fuel and utilities -----	.1	.0	1.4	.0	1.0	1.2	-.2
Fuel oil and coal -----	-	.0	2.8	-	-	-	.0
Gas and electricity -----	.2	.0	1.4	.0	1.7	2.4	-.2
Household furnishings and operation -----	1.9	2.1	1.0	.4	.3	.7	.0
Apparel and upkeep -----	.2	1.0	.4	2.3	1.1	-.3	1.3
Men's and boys' -----	.3	.7	.4	1.4	.4	- 1.9	.7
Women's and girls' -----	.2	.7	-.3	3.8	2.0	.1	3.5
Footwear -----	.1	1.1	2.5	1.5	.1	.4	- 2.3
Transportation -----	2.6	2.4	4.4	1.2	5.1	2.6	5.3
Private -----	2.8	2.9	4.7	1.1	5.6	2.7	5.9
Public -----	.5	.0	2.4	1.5	.0	.5	-.5
Health and recreation -----	.9	1.7	1.3	1.9	1.7	1.1	1.2
Medical care -----	2.1	1.7	.6	2.6	1.4	.9	1.5
Personal care -----	- 1.1	.1	.7	-.2	1.5	.3	2.1
Reading and recreation -----	.6	3.0	1.9	2.4	1.2	1.2	1.2
Other goods and services -----	.9	1.0	1.8	1.4	2.5	1.8	.6

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

TABLE 6. Consumer Price Index--United States and selected areas for urban wage earners and clerical workers, food and its subgroups, June 1970 indexes and percent changes from May 1970

Area 1/	Total food	Food at home						Food away from home
		Total	Cereals and bakery products	Meats, poultry, and fish	Dairy products	Fruits and vegetables	Other foods at home	
Indexes (1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)								
U.S. City Average -----	132.7	128.0	128.2	130.2	130.2	139.4	113.3	155.3
Atlanta -----	131.1	127.4	121.2	129.3	127.6	143.2	118.6	144.7
Baltimore -----	136.7	130.3	132.9	134.4	128.0	144.0	113.3	164.4
Boston -----	137.0	131.0	131.3	136.1	125.0	147.0	114.2	163.2
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100) -	128.6	126.7	115.2	128.1	127.1	140.5	121.0	139.7
Chicago -----	133.6	131.5	133.5	134.5	138.8	137.9	113.7	143.5
Cincinnati -----	129.7	125.7	123.5	129.6	125.6	138.8	111.4	150.4
Cleveland -----	131.2	128.2	121.5	134.1	134.9	134.9	114.2	148.8
Dallas (Nov.1963=100) --	125.8	121.6	117.2	129.7	123.9	123.9	111.2	141.9
Detroit -----	132.2	129.7	122.4	139.1	138.5	129.5	111.5	146.5
Honolulu (Dec.1963=100)	123.8	121.0	115.6	126.8	118.5	124.3	113.8	132.4
Houston -----	133.3	126.7	133.4	125.5	133.0	139.3	110.2	161.5
Kansas City -----	136.9	132.4	135.2	135.1	142.5	134.0	117.5	153.0
Los Angeles-Long Beach -	127.8	121.9	125.6	119.1	128.3	136.6	104.7	149.2
Milwaukee -----	129.4	126.1	118.9	130.4	130.2	137.2	112.6	(2/)
Minneapolis-St. Paul ---	131.4	126.8	123.6	129.3	139.2	129.1	115.5	152.5
New York -----	136.8	129.0	125.1	131.5	123.3	148.6	113.8	169.2
Philadelphia -----	132.4	126.3	129.2	124.6	137.8	137.0	108.3	164.4
Pittsburgh -----	128.7	125.6	125.9	131.6	120.8	137.6	112.0	149.0
St. Louis -----	136.7	132.1	136.2	136.6	139.5	142.5	110.8	155.6
San Diego (Feb.1965=100)	122.0	118.6	114.2	132.3	117.2	109.5	109.7	(2/)
San Francisco-Oakland --	129.1	123.2	124.5	125.8	122.9	133.9	107.7	155.0
Seattle -----	130.3	123.6	117.3	128.4	131.3	128.9	111.5	157.7
Washington -----	137.1	130.2	125.4	129.0	129.2	143.9	122.7	162.2
Percent changes May 1970 to June 1970								
U.S. City Average -----	0.2	0.2	0.2	- 0.2	0.2	1.9	- 0.4	0.4
Atlanta -----	.8	1.0	.4	-.3	.2	4.4	.9	.9
Baltimore -----	.1	.2	-.9	-.2	.3	2.5	-.8	.4
Boston -----	.3	.3	-.5	.1	.3	2.2	-.5	.5
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100) -	.4	.4	1.1	-.8	.7	2.2	.2	.3
Chicago -----	.4	.4	-.4	-.1	.2	3.5	-.5	.3
Cincinnati -----	.5	.3	-.2	-.8	.1	2.6	.3	1.1
Cleveland -----	.3	.3	.0	.1	1.1	.5	.4	.3
Dallas (Nov.1963=100) --	-.2	-.4	.3	-.4	.2	-.1	- 1.3	.9
Detroit -----	.1	.1	- 1.8	.4	.4	1.9	- 1.2	.1
Honolulu (Dec.1963=100)	.5	.4	-.9	.2	1.4	2.1	-.2	.5
Houston -----	-.1	-.2	-.1	-.3	.8	1.5	- 1.9	.6
Kansas City -----	.1	.1	.4	-.1	.1	1.8	- 1.4	.1
Los Angeles-Long Beach -	-.2	-.3	-.1	- 1.2	.3	1.1	-.6	.1
Milwaukee -----	.0	.0	.0	-.9	-.1	2.8	-.5	(2/)
Minneapolis-St. Paul ---	.1	.0	.4	-.7	.1	.8	.1	.1
New York -----	.6	.6	.6	-.1	.3	3.6	.1	.4
Philadelphia -----	.1	.0	-.5	.3	.7	.7	- 1.4	.1
Pittsburgh -----	-.1	-.1	.3	-.8	.0	.4	.0	.5
St. Louis -----	.3	.3	1.6	-.3	-.1	1.9	-.7	.5
San Diego (Feb.1965=100)	-.2	-.3	-.3	- 1.0	.3	.8	-.5	(2/)
San Francisco-Oakland --	.1	-.1	.3	.2	-.2	-.5	-.6	.6
Seattle -----	-.2	-.4	.4	-.7	.5	- 1.6	.1	.1
Washington -----	.7	.6	.1	.2	-.1	2.8	.2	.6

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, June 1970 indexes and percent changes from selected dates

(1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)

Item or Group	Index		Percent change to June 1970 from:		
	June 1970		May 1970		June 1969
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted
Total food -----	132.7	132.4	0.2	- 0.4	5.7
Food away from home -----	155.3	-	.4	-	8.1
Restaurant meals -----	155.4	-	.4	-	7.9
Snacks 1/ -----	135.2	-	.4	-	8.7
Food at home -----	128.0	127.7	.2	-.5	5.1
Cereals and bakery products -----	128.2	-	.2	-	5.1
Flour -----	113.3	-	.1	-	1.1
Cracker meal 1/ -----	136.4	-	.5	-	11.7
Corn flakes -----	130.4	-	-.1	-	1.1
Rice -----	115.1	-	.1	-	2.7
Bread, white -----	133.4	-	-.5	-	4.9
Bread, whole wheat 1/ -----	125.7	-	.3	-	5.1
Cookies -----	105.7	-	1.0	-	5.6
Layer cake 1/ -----	121.8	-	.2	-	6.7
Cinnamon rolls 1/ -----	118.8	-	.3	-	4.9
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	130.2	129.9	-.2	- 1.7	3.9
Meats -----	134.5	134.0	-.4	- 2.4	3.9
Beef and veal -----	135.3	135.2	-.4	-.9	.5
Steak, round -----	127.6	126.3	- 1.1	- 2.8	- 2.6
Steak, sirloin 2/ -----	124.3	-	.0	-	- 4.1
Steak, porterhouse 1/ -----	130.1	-	-.7	-	- 2.2
Rump roast 1/ -----	123.1	-	-.9	-	.1
Rib roast -----	140.6	141.0	- 1.5	- 1.8	- 4.4
Chuck roast -----	125.8	127.7	- 1.7	-.7	- 1.6
Hamburger -----	142.7	142.0	-.1	- 1.5	3.5
Beef liver 1/ -----	121.2	-	-.5	-	8.1
Veal cutlets -----	173.1	172.1	.8	.1	8.3
Pork -----	134.4	134.4	-.3	- 3.9	6.6
Chops -----	135.5	131.0	.3	- 7.7	.5
Loin roast 2/ -----	142.6	-	-.7	-	2.1
Pork sausage 1/ -----	150.5	-	.1	-	9.7
Ham, whole -----	126.5	128.3	- 1.9	- 3.2	10.8
Picnics 1/ -----	137.5	-	-.7	-	10.2
Bacon -----	137.4	136.2	.2	- 3.4	10.7
Other meats -----	137.4	137.5	-.4	-.9	8.0
Lamb chops 1/ -----	141.0	-	-.1	-	1.4
Frankfurters -----	137.1	136.7	-.8	- 2.0	7.4
Ham, canned 1/ -----	134.4	-	- 1.7	-	14.3
Bologna sausage 1/ -----	139.7	-	.1	-	8.5
Salami sausage 1/ -----	131.9	-	-.1	-	8.6
Liverwurst 1/ -----	133.2	-	.2	-	9.0
Poultry -----	97.4	-	.3	-	.1
Frying chicken -----	95.9	96.0	.6	-.6	- 3.3
Chicken breasts 1/ -----	108.2	-	-.9	-	.6
Turkey 1/ -----	119.2	-	.3	-	17.9
Fish -----	143.2	143.3	.6	.8	10.3
Shrimp, frozen 1/ -----	128.2	-	.3	-	8.4
Fish, fresh or frozen -----	154.4	155.0	.9	1.4	16.0
Tuna fish, canned -----	126.6	-	.5	-	11.2
Sardines, canned 1/ -----	131.9	-	.8	-	6.4
Dairy products -----	130.2	130.2	.2	-.1	5.0
Milk, fresh, grocery -----	126.3	126.7	-.2	-.5	4.1
Milk, fresh, delivered -----	134.2	-	.1	-	5.2
Milk, fresh, skim 1/ -----	129.4	-	.2	-	5.8
Milk, evaporated -----	131.5	-	1.4	-	6.0
Ice cream -----	103.8	-	.4	-	4.0
Cheese, American process -----	157.4	157.6	.1	.4	7.4
Butter -----	121.1	121.7	.1	.2	2.8

See footnotes at end of table.

TABLE 7. Consumer Price Index--United States city average for urban wage earners and clerical workers, food items, June 1970 indexes and percent changes from selected dates--Continued

(1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)

Item or Group	Index		Percent change to June 1970 from--			
	June 1970		May 1970		June 1969	
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	
Fruits and vegetables -----	139.4	135.5	1.9	1.1	6.6	
Fresh fruits and vegetables -----	155.9	148.5	2.9	1.4	9.5	
Apples -----	166.0	145.2	10.9	1.5	- 10.4	
Bananas -----	102.4	102.0	.8	2.6	8.4	
Oranges -----	129.1	133.9	4.4	3.6	3.0	
Orange juice, fresh <u>1/</u> -----	89.5	-	-.7	-	- 2.5	
Grapefruit -----	189.7	186.3	18.5	9.6	32.2	
Grapes <u>3/</u> -----	(3/)	-	(3/)	-	(3/)	
Strawberries <u>3/</u> -----	133.2	137.2	4.0	1.9	5.0	
Watermelon <u>3/</u> -----	180.7	150.2	(3/)	(3/)	13.0	
Potatoes -----	177.2	154.9	6.2	- 3.7	14.7	
Onions -----	173.0	160.6	- 3.9	- 8.0	28.1	
Asparagus <u>1/</u> <u>3/</u> -----	132.1	-	- 4.9	-	9.1	
Cabbage -----	219.6	205.2	13.0	13.6	41.1	
Carrots -----	121.0	117.0	3.2	- 4.6	1.0	
Celery -----	175.6	163.2	9.4	.6	26.1	
Cucumbers <u>1/</u> -----	139.4	-	- 9.8	-	11.9	
Lettuce -----	126.1	139.2	- 9.2	1.4	4.9	
Peppers, green <u>1/</u> -----	244.1	-	- 29.1	-	35.1	
Spinach <u>1/</u> -----	117.3	-	-.2	-	5.6	
Tomatoes -----	154.5	153.4	6.4	23.8	- 2.2	
Processed fruits and vegetables -----	118.6	-	.3	-	2.0	
Fruit cocktail, canned -----	106.3	-	.0	-	.0	
Pears, canned <u>1/</u> -----	105.9	-	.3	-	- 2.8	
Grapefruit-pineapple juice, canned <u>1/</u> -----	105.4	-	-.1	-	5.5	
Orange juice concentrate, frozen -----	92.4	92.7	.0	.9	- 8.5	
Lemonade concentrate, frozen <u>2/</u> -----	95.4	-	- 1.6	-	3.4	
Beets, canned <u>1/</u> -----	117.2	-	1.1	-	4.0	
Peas, green, canned -----	123.0	-	.8	-	1.7	
Tomatoes, canned -----	135.1	-	1.4	-	8.9	
Dried beans -----	120.9	-	-.3	-	- 3.2	
Broccoli, frozen <u>1/</u> -----	113.4	-	.4	-	8.1	
Other food at home -----	113.3	115.6	-.4	.3	6.3	
Eggs -----	91.9	105.8	- 5.9	- 2.1	-.6	
Fats and oils:						
Margarine -----	112.0	-	.5	-	8.2	
Salad dressing, Italian <u>1/</u> -----	103.6	-	.4	-	-.2	
Salad or cooking oil <u>1/</u> -----	135.4	-	.5	-	9.8	
Sugar and sweets -----	132.2	-	.3	-	5.6	
Sugar -----	120.3	-	.6	-	4.1	
Grape jelly -----	132.5	-	.2	-	6.8	
Chocolate bar -----	133.7	-	.4	-	7.1	
Syrup, chocolate flavored <u>1/</u> -----	110.5	-	-.1	-	3.8	
Nonalcoholic beverages -----	116.5	-	1.1	-	12.7	
Coffee, can and bag -----	105.4	-	1.7	-	21.4	
Coffee, instant <u>4/</u> -----	115.7	-	.9	-	11.6	
Tea -----	105.9	-	1.0	-	3.8	
Cola drink -----	164.2	-	.7	-	5.9	
Carbonated fruit drink <u>1/</u> -----	130.5	-	.4	-	7.1	
Prepared and partially prepared foods <u>1/</u> -----	110.1	-	.0	-	4.0	
Bean soup, canned <u>1/</u> -----	111.3	-	.2	-	5.9	
Chicken soup, canned <u>1/</u> -----	102.3	-	.0	-	4.6	
Spaghetti, canned <u>1/</u> -----	123.4	-	.2	-	6.0	
Mashed potatoes, instant <u>1/</u> -----	110.8	-	.1	-	2.9	
Potatoes, french fried, frozen <u>2/</u> -----	93.4	-	-.1	-	2.9	
Baby foods, canned -----	112.6	-	.1	-	1.7	
Sweet pickle relish <u>1/</u> -----	117.0	-	-.5	-	4.7	
Pretzels <u>1/</u> -----	110.3	-	.2	-	3.1	

1/ December 1963=100.

2/ April 1960=100.

3/ Priced only in season.

4/ July 1961=100.

TABLE 8. Consumer Price Index--United States city average for urban wage earners and clerical workers, indexes for selected items and groups, June 1970 and percent changes from selected dates

(1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)

Item or Group	Other Index Bases	Indexes		Percent change to June 1970 from:	
		June 1970	May 1970	May 1970	June 1969
Housing -----		135.6	135.1	0.4	7.4
Shelter 1/ -----		145.6	144.7	.6	9.5
Rent -----		123.4	123.0	.3	4.1
Homeownership costs 2/ -----		154.4	153.3	.7	11.3
Mortgage interest rates -----		149.1	149.2	.1	10.5
Property taxes -----	Dec.63	139.8	139.4	.3	9.0
Property insurance rates -----		153.5	153.2	.2	4.1
Maintenance and repairs -----		151.4	149.9	1.0	7.5
Commodities 3/ -----	Dec.63	119.6	118.4	1.0	1.5
Exterior house paint -----		120.7	119.9	.7	4.4
Interior house paint -----	Dec.63	115.6	115.0	.5	3.0
Services -----	Dec.63	149.3	147.9	.9	10.0
Repainting living and dining rooms -----		196.3	191.7	2.4	12.8
Reshingling roofs -----		168.0	167.1	.5	8.9
Residing houses -----	Dec.63	138.3	137.4	.7	7.5
Replacing sinks -----	Dec.63	151.6	150.4	.8	10.5
Repairing furnaces -----	Dec.63	154.3	153.7	.4	12.1
Fuel and utilities -----		116.2	116.4	-.2	3.1
Fuel oil and coal -----		121.2	121.0	.2	3.1
Fuel oil, #2 -----		118.3	118.0	.3	2.9
Gas and electricity -----		115.3	115.8	-.4	3.6
Gas -----		122.0	123.2	- 1.0	4.8
Electricity -----		108.3	108.2	.1	2.5
Other utilities:					
Residential telephone services -----		104.9	104.9	.0	1.3
Residential water and sewerage services -----		151.0	151.0	.0	5.3
Household furnishings and operation 4/ -----		122.8	122.5	.2	4.2
Housefurnishings -----		112.4	112.2	.2	3.1
Textiles -----		116.7	116.2	.4	1.7
Sheets, percale or muslin -----		122.0	121.8	.2	1.5
Curtains, tailored, polyester marquisette -----		113.1	113.2	-.1	1.4
Bedspreads, chiefly cotton, tufted -----		117.5	116.8	.6	.5
Drapery fabric, cotton or rayon/acetate -----		126.6	127.3	-.5	3.6
Pillows, bed, polyester or acrylic filling -----	Dec.63	107.4	106.3	1.0	1.7
Slipcovers, ready made, chiefly cotton -----	Dec.63	114.3	112.7	1.4	4.3
Furniture and bedding -----		126.7	126.6	.1	4.0
Bedroom suites, good or inexpensive quality -----		100.6	100.5	.1	(5/)
Living room suites, good and inexpensive quality -----		128.3	128.1	.2	4.0
Lounge chairs, upholstered -----	Dec.63	122.1	122.5	-.3	5.1
Dining room suites -----	Dec.63	100.6	100.2	.4	(5/)
Sofas, upholstered -----	Dec.63	120.0	119.1	.8	5.4
Sofas, dual purpose -----		123.9	123.3	.5	5.8
Aluminum folding chairs 6/ -----	June 64	114.9	114.7	.2	1.4
Cribs -----	Dec.63	121.4	121.4	.0	3.3
Floor coverings -----		107.2	107.4	-.2	.9
Rugs, soft surface -----		103.9	104.2	-.3	-.2
Rugs, hard surface -----		114.0	113.7	.3	2.5
Tile, vinyl -----	Dec.63	113.1	113.1	.0	4.7
Appliances 7/ -----		87.2	87.1	.1	1.6
Washing machines, electric, automatic -----		93.0	92.9	.1	2.8
Vacuum cleaners, canister type -----		81.2	81.5	-.4	-.7
Refrigerators or refrigerator-freezers electric -----		87.5	87.3	.2	2.7
Ranges, free standing, gas or electric -----		100.7	100.2	.5	3.4
Clothes dryers, electric, automatic -----	Dec.63	102.6	101.9	.7	3.1
Air conditioners, demountable 6/ -----	June 64	101.5	101.3	.2	2.0
Room heaters, electric, portable 6/ -----	Dec.63	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)
Garbage disposal units -----	Dec.63	108.2	107.4	.7	4.1
Other housefurnishings:					
Dinnerware, earthenware -----		139.3	138.3	.7	5.0
Flatware, stainless steel -----	Dec.63	121.0	120.8	.2	1.8
Table lamps, with shade -----	Dec.63	121.6	121.4	.2	6.7
Lawn mowers, power, rotary type 6/ -----	June 64	120.4	120.1	.2	3.1
Electric drills, hand held -----	Dec.63	102.2	103.3	- 1.1	-.4
Housekeeping supplies:					
Laundry soaps and detergents -----		110.0	110.0	.0	3.3
Paper napkins -----		139.5	138.5	.7	8.9
Toilet tissue -----		129.7	129.4	.2	8.3
Housekeeping services:					
Domestic service, general housework -----		186.6	185.5	.6	8.4
Baby sitter service -----	Dec.63	141.8	141.5	.2	6.1
Postal charges -----		165.5	165.5	.0	.0
Laundry, flatwork, finished service -----	Dec.63	150.2	150.0	.1	7.1
Licensed day care service, preschool child -----	Dec.63	132.7	132.5	.2	3.6
Washing machine repairs -----	Dec.63	140.2	140.4	-.1	6.5

TABLE 8. Consumer Price Index--United States city average for urban wage earners and clerical workers, indexes for selected items and groups, June 1970 and percent changes from selected dates--Continued

(1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)

Item and Group	Other Index Bases	Indexes		Percent change to June 1970 from:	
		June 1970	May 1970	May 1970	June 1969
Apparel and upkeep 8/ -----		132.2	131.9	0.2	4.1
Apparel commodities -----		131.4	131.2	.2	4.0
Apparel commodities less footwear -----		128.3	128.0	.2	3.7
Men's and boys' -----		134.2	133.9	.2	4.4
Men's:					
Topcoats, wool 6/ -----		(6/)	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)
Suits, year round weight -----		160.5	160.2	.2	7.0
Suits, tropical weight 6/ -----	June 64	140.5	138.4	1.5	7.4
Jackets, lightweight -----	Dec.63	125.2	125.1	.1	-.3
Slacks, wool or wool blend -----		132.8	132.7	.1	4.9
Slacks, cotton or manmade blend -----		123.7	123.4	.2	8.2
Trousers, work, cotton -----		117.8	117.1	.6	.9
Shirts, work, cotton -----		126.8	126.5	.2	2.8
Shirts, business, cotton -----		124.6	124.2	.3	2.4
T-shirts, chiefly cotton -----		134.7	134.6	.1	4.1
Socks, cotton -----		123.1	122.6	.4	2.2
Handkerchiefs, cotton -----	Dec.63	115.3	115.1	.2	2.7
Boy's:					
Coats, all purpose, cotton or cotton blend 6/ -----	Dec.63	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)
Sport coats, wool or wool blend 6/ -----	Dec.63	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)
Dungarees, cotton or cotton blend -----		130.1	130.1	.0	2.4
Undershorts, cotton -----		131.5	131.6	.1	3.9
Women's and girls' -----		126.8	126.6	.2	3.3
Women's:					
Coats, heavyweight, wool or wool blend 6/ -----		(6/)	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)
Carcoats, heavyweight, cotton 6/ -----	Dec.63	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)
Sweaters, wool or acrylic 6/ -----	Dec.63	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)
Skirts, wool or wool blend 6/ -----	Sept.61	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)
Skirts, cotton or cotton blend 6/ -----	Mar.62	136.3	136.3	.0	1.0
Blouses, cotton -----		130.6	129.7	.7	6.4
Dresses, street, chiefly manmade fiber -----		155.8	156.5	.4	5.8
Dresses, street, wool or wool blend 6/ -----		(6/)	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)
Dresses, street, cotton 6/ -----		(6/)	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)
Housedresses, cotton -----		(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)
Slips, nylon -----		115.8	115.6	.2	4.8
Panties, acetate -----		113.5	113.3	.2	4.7
Girdles, manmade blend -----		121.4	121.4	.0	2.3
Brassieres, cotton -----	Dec.63	128.9	129.2	-.2	5.7
Hose, nylon seamless -----		98.8	99.1	-.3	-.2
Anklets, cotton -----	Dec.63	118.9	120.1	- 1.0	1.1
Gloves, fabric, nylon or cotton -----	Dec.63	111.4	111.2	.2	2.3
Handbags, rayon faille or plastic -----	Dec.63	120.3	119.3	.8	5.8
Girl's:					
Raincoats, vinyl plastic or chiefly cotton 6/ -----	Dec.63	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)
Skirts, wool or wool blend 6/ -----		(6/)	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)
Dresses, cotton -----		133.2	129.4	2.9	.5
Slacks, cotton 6/ -----	Dec.63	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)
Slips, cotton blend -----	Dec.63	108.0	107.3	.7	.7
Robes, duster style, quilted tricot or percale 6/ -----	Dec.63	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)
Handbags -----	Dec.63	118.3	117.4	.8	11.1
Footwear -----		147.7	147.6	.1	5.4
Men's:					
Shoes, street, oxford -----		145.6	145.3	.2	5.1
Shoes, work, high -----		143.4	142.9	.3	4.8
Women's:					
Shoes, street, pump -----		156.8	157.3	-.3	6.0
Shoes, evening, pump -----	Dec.63	126.6	126.7	-.1	5.5
Shoes, casual, pump -----	Dec.63	138.3	138.7	-.3	7.9
Houseslippers, scuff -----	Dec.63	128.1	127.7	.3	3.3
Children's:					
Shoes, oxford -----		147.2	146.6	.4	5.3
Sneakers, boys', oxford type -----	Dec.63	123.2	122.6	.5	6.0
Dress shoes, girls', strap -----	Dec.63	138.3	138.3	.0	4.9
Miscellaneous apparel:					
Diapers, cotton gauze -----		105.0	104.9	.1	1.7
Yard goods, cotton -----		127.1	127.6	-.4	3.2
Wrist watches, men's and women's -----	Dec.63	103.7	103.8	-.1	1.3
Apparel services:					
Drycleaning, men's suits and women's dresses -----		136.3	136.0	.2	4.7
Automatic laundry service -----	Dec.63	114.0	113.2	.7	3.3
Laundry, men's shirts -----	Dec.63	130.0	129.0	.8	6.1
Tailoring charges, hem adjustment -----	Dec.63	133.3	128.8	3.5	6.6
Shoe repairs, women's heel lift -----		126.8	126.5	.2	5.3

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(1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)

Item and Group	Other Index Bases	Indexes		Percent change to June 1970 from:	
		June 1970	May 1970	May 1970	June 1969
Transportation -----		130.6	129.9	0.5	4.8
Private 9/ -----		126.7	125.9	.6	4.0
Automobiles, new -----		103.8	104.1	-.3	2.0
Automobiles, used -----		132.0	127.5	3.5	3.0
Gasoline, regular and premium -----		117.6	118.6	-.8	-.8
Motor oil, premium -----		143.0	142.8	.1	4.1
Tires, new, tubeless -----		118.0	118.6	-.5	2.2
Auto repairs and maintenance 10/ -----		143.5	142.9	.4	7.7
Auto insurance rates -----		181.9	179.5	1.3	14.6
Auto registration -----		140.9	140.9	.0	5.0
Parking fees, private and municipal -----	Dec.63	132.4	132.3	.1	12.7
Public -----		167.8	166.6	.7	12.5
Local transit fares -----		185.8	185.2	.3	16.2
Taxicab fares -----	Dec.63	135.9	131.5	3.3	6.6
Railroad fares, coach -----		121.5	121.1	.3	5.7
Airplane fares, chiefly coach -----	Dec.63	117.9	117.8	.1	5.2
Bus fares, intercity -----	Dec.63	130.1	128.6	1.2	5.9
Health and recreation -----		143.7	142.9	.6	5.4
Medical care -----		164.7	163.6	.7	6.1
Drugs and prescriptions -----		101.6	101.4	.2	2.3
Over-the-counter items -----	Dec.63	109.7	109.2	.5	2.4
Multiple vitamin concentrates -----	Dec.63	92.6	92.7	-.1	.4
Aspirin compounds -----	Dec.63	109.8	109.2	.5	3.0
Liquid tonics -----	Dec.63	101.8	101.9	-.1	.9
Adhesive bandages, package -----	Dec.63	122.7	121.4	1.1	4.9
Cold tablets or capsules -----	Dec.63	112.7	112.7	.0	2.9
Cough syrup -----	Dec.63	117.2	116.4	.7	1.7
Prescriptions -----		90.6	90.5	.1	2.3
Anti-infectives -----	Mar.60	63.2	63.1	.2	.2
Sedatives and hypnotics -----	Mar.60	114.0	114.2	-.2	6.6
Ataractics -----	Mar.60	90.8	90.7	.1	.9
Anti-spasmodics -----	Mar.60	102.6	102.4	.2	1.4
Cough preparations -----	Mar.60	118.1	118.0	.1	7.7
Cardiovasculars and anti-hypertensives -----	Mar.60	100.4	100.4	.0	3.5
Analgesics, internal -----	Mar.67	105.4	105.2	.2	2.5
Anti-obesity -----	Mar.67	107.2	107.2	.0	4.5
Hormones -----	Mar.67	94.2	94.2	.0	.3
Professional services:					
Physicians' fees -----		167.3	165.6	1.0	7.6
General physician, office visit -----		170.8	168.3	1.5	8.4
General physician, house visit -----		175.6	173.6	1.2	7.5
Obstetrical cases -----		161.8	161.1	.4	8.3
Pediatric care, office visits -----	Dec.63	151.4	151.3	.1	7.9
Psychiatrist, office visits -----	Dec.63	135.0	135.0	.0	4.2
Herniorrhaphy, adult -----	Dec.63	130.6	129.6	.8	5.2
Tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy -----		156.7	156.1	.4	6.0
Dentists' fees -----		151.9	151.2	.5	5.3
Fillings, adult, amalgam, one surface -----		154.1	153.3	.5	6.2
Extractions, adult -----		149.7	148.9	.5	4.4
Dentures, full upper -----	Dec.63	133.6	133.2	.3	4.6
Other professional services:					
Examination, prescription, and dispensing of eyeglasses -----		137.8	136.9	.7	5.0
Routine laboratory tests -----	Dec.63	121.7	121.3	.3	3.2
Hospital service charges:					
Daily service charges -----		284.4	283.1	.5	12.1
Semiprivate rooms -----		281.1	279.8	.5	12.4
Private rooms -----		273.5	272.3	.4	11.4
Operating room charges -----	Dec.63	181.7	180.9	.4	9.7
X-ray, diagnostic series, upper G.I. -----	Dec.63	131.4	129.4	1.5	7.4
Personal care -----		130.2	130.3	-.1	3.2
Toilet goods -----		113.3	113.3	.0	2.2
Toothpaste, standard dentifrice -----		114.4	114.4	.0	.7
Toilet soap, hard milled -----		127.0	126.2	.6	2.8
Hand lotions, liquid -----	Dec.63	111.2	111.5	-.3	2.0
Shaving cream, aerosol -----		101.3	102.1	-.8	1.0
Face powder, pressed -----		131.4	131.6	-.2	5.1
Deodorants, cream or roll-on -----	Dec.63	95.9	95.8	.1	1.1
Cleansing tissues -----		116.4	116.4	.0	7.1
Home permanent refills -----		98.3	98.4	-.1	1.0
Personal care services -----		151.2	151.3	-.1	4.3
Men's haircuts -----		161.0	161.0	.0	4.7
Beauty shop services -----		141.0	141.2	-.1	4.0
Women's haircuts -----	Dec.63	125.4	126.4	-.8	3.7
Shampoo and wave sets, plain -----		159.0	159.0	.0	4.4
Permanent waves, cold -----		110.0	109.6	.4	3.3

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(1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)

Item and Group	Other Index Bases	Indexes		Percent change to June 1970 from:	
		June 1970	May 1970	May 1970	June 1969
Reading and recreation ^{11/} -----		136.1	135.2	0.7	4.4
Recreational goods -----	Dec. 63	100.0	99.9	.1	1.4
TV sets, portable and console -----		80.1	80.1	.0	.1
TV replacement tubes -----	Dec. 63	119.3	118.3	.8	3.0
Radios, portable and table model -----		76.6	76.6	.0	.0
Tape recorders, portable -----	Dec. 63	89.9	90.4	-.6	- 2.2
Phonograph records, stereophonic -----	Dec. 63	98.2	98.3	-.1	.7
Movie cameras, Super 8, zoom lens -----	Dec. 63	82.3	82.0	.4	- 2.1
Film, 35mm, color -----	Dec. 63	100.1	100.0	.1	1.1
Golf balls, liquid center -----	Dec. 63	103.8	104.2	-.4	.3
Basketballs, rubber or vinyl cover -----	Dec. 63	119.5	117.9	1.4	4.9
Fishing rods, fresh water spincast -----	Dec. 63	119.0	119.0	.0	.8
Bowling balls -----	Dec. 63	102.5	101.7	.8	3.5
Bicycle, boys' -----	Dec. 63	110.4	110.5	-.1	1.2
Tricycles -----	Dec. 63	113.7	113.1	.5	4.1
Dog food, canned or boxed -----	Dec. 63	110.7	110.8	-.1	2.0
Recreational services -----	Dec. 63	136.9	135.9	.7	5.6
Indoor movie admissions -----		220.0	217.9	1.0	10.9
Adult -----		215.6	212.8	1.3	11.8
Children's -----		235.0	234.8	.1	8.4
Drive-in movie admissions, adult -----	Dec. 63	171.6	168.9	1.6	7.2
Bowling fees, evening -----	Dec. 63	115.7	115.2	.4	4.6
Golf greens fees -----	Dec. 63	145.1	141.5	2.5	7.8
TV repairs, picture tube replacement -----		97.6	98.6	- 1.0	- 4.5
Film developing, black and white -----	Dec. 63	116.4	117.7	- 1.1	- 2.3
Reading and education:					
Newspapers, street sale and delivery -----		162.0	161.5	.3	5.0
Magazines, single copy and subscription -----	Dec. 63	130.5	130.5	.0	3.3
Piano lessons, beginner -----	Dec. 63	128.4	128.2	.2	5.0
Other goods and services -----		136.7	136.1	.4	6.9
Tobacco products -----		158.1	156.7	.9	9.8
Cigarettes, nonfilter tip, regular size -----		166.0	164.4	1.0	10.1
Cigarettes, filter tip, king size -----	Mar. 59	158.5	157.2	.8	10.5
Cigars, domestic, regular size -----		108.6	108.6	.0	2.0
Alcoholic beverages -----		123.2	123.1	.1	4.9
Beer -----		118.3	118.5	-.2	3.3
Whiskey, spirit blended and straight bourbon -----		112.7	112.5	.2	3.0
Wine, dessert and table -----	Dec. 63	119.6	119.4	.2	9.2
Away from home -----	Dec. 63	129.6	129.3	.2	6.7
Financial and miscellaneous personal expenses:					
Funeral services, adult -----	Dec. 63	119.6	119.3	.3	3.8
Bank service charges, checking accounts -----	Dec. 63	110.3	110.0	.3	1.9
Legal services, short form will -----	Dec. 63	149.0	146.1	2.0	10.8
Other special groups:					
All items less shelter -----		132.6	132.1	.4	5.0
Commodities less food -----		122.8	122.3	.4	4.1
Nondurables less food and apparel -----		125.5	125.3	.2	3.7
Household services less rent -----		160.6	160.0	.4	10.2
Transportation services -----		157.1	156.1	.6	10.4
Other services -----		153.4	152.3	.7	5.6

^{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, bathing suits, girls' shorts, earrings, and zippers not shown separately.

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

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

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

Reliability of Percent Changes in the CPI

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

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

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

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

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

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

Brief Explanation of the CPI

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

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

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

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

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

*Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area

Comparisons of indexes for individual SMSA's show only that prices in one location changed more or less than in another. The SMSA indexes cannot be used to measure differences in price levels or in living costs between areas.

A description of the index and historical tables of index numbers for the United States city average and for 23 large SMSA's are available on request to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Washington, D. C. 20212 or any of its regional offices (addresses below).

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