



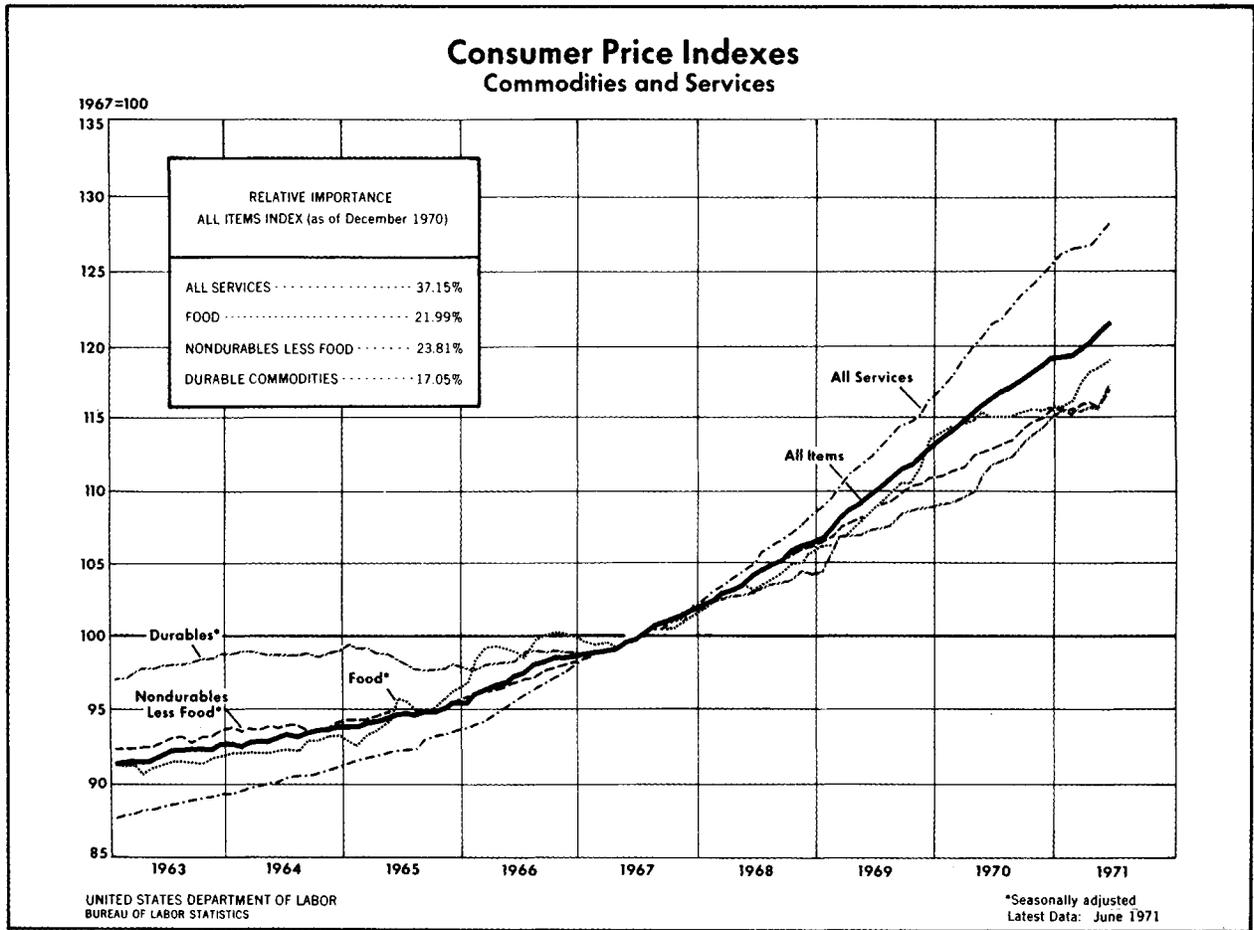
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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
FOR
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The Consumer Price Index rose 0.6 percent in June to 121.5 percent of its 1967 base, 4.5 percent above a year ago. On a seasonally adjusted basis, the increase in June was 0.5 percent. For the 3 months ending in June, the CPI rose at an annual rate of 5.3 percent, after seasonal adjustment, considerably faster than for the 3 months ending in March when the rate of advance had slowed to a 4-year low of 2.8 percent. The acceleration occurred in May and June as declines in mortgage interest rates became smaller and price advances for nonfood commodities became larger after a significant slowdown earlier this year. Food prices rose sharply in both first and second quarters. The rise of 5.3 percent in the second quarter was, nevertheless, still slower than rates recorded in 1969 and in the first two quarters of 1970.

Despite the second quarter acceleration for the 6 months ending in June, the CPI rose at an annual rate of 4.0 percent, less than the 4.9 percent for the 6 months ending in December 1970, and the 6.0 percent rate for the 6 months ending in June of last year. The services and commodities less food components of the CPI advanced at a slower pace than in either the first or the last 6 months of 1970, while the food component rose more rapidly.

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

Month	Changes from preceding month						Changes in all items at seasonally adjusted compound annual rate			
	All items		Food		Commodities less food		Serv-ices	From 3 mos. ago	From 6 mos. ago	From 12 mos. ago
	Unadj.	Seas. adj.	Unadj.	Seas. adj.	Unadj.	Seas. adj.	Unadj.			
June 1970 -----	0.5	0.4	0.3	-0.1	0.4	0.4	0.6	5.9	6.0	6.0
July -----	.3	.3	.5	.1	.0	.2	.5	4.8	5.5	5.9
August -----	.2	.3	.1	.0	.1	.3	.6	3.9	4.9	5.6
September -----	.5	.5	-.2	.3	.7	.5	.7	4.5	5.2	5.7
October -----	.5	.5	-.2	.0	1.0	.4	.5	5.2	5.0	5.8
November -----	.3	.3	-.5	.1	.5	.4	.6	5.6	4.7	5.6
December -----	.5	.5	.3	-.1	.3	.7	.6	5.3	4.9	5.5
January 1971 -	.1	.3	.2	.0	-.3	.2	.6	4.5	4.9	5.2
February -----	.2	.2	.3	.5	.0	-.1	.2	4.0	4.8	4.8
March -----	.3	.2	.9	.9	.3	.2	.0	2.8	4.1	4.6
April -----	.3	.3	.7	.9	.3	.2	.2	2.8	3.6	4.3
May -----	.5	.6	.3	.2	.7	.7	.6	4.2	4.1	4.4
June -----	.6	.5	.8	.5	.4	.3	.5	5.3	4.0	4.5

Food

Between March and June, the food index rose 1.9 percent,^{1/} instead of showing the usual seasonal increase of 0.4 percent. The seasonally adjusted increase of 1.5 percent was the same as in the first quarter. (See table B.) The increase of 3.0 percent for the 6 months ending in June was larger than the 0.4 percent rise in the last half of 1970 and 1.8 percent in the first half of last year. Sharply higher prices in the fruits and vegetables and meats, poultry, and fish categories were responsible for about three-fourths of the acceleration in the food index in the first half of 1971.

^{1/} This percent change, and all percent changes hereto, are based on simple changes instead of compound annual rates.

Fruit and vegetable prices, which declined in the last half of 1970 advanced 13.1 percent for the 6 months ending in June of this year--4.9 percent in the first quarter and 7.8 percent in the second. Adverse weather conditions this winter and spring and smaller planting of spring and early summer crops reduced the supplies of fresh fruits and vegetables. The winter freeze had a particularly strong effect on prices of citrus products. Prices of frozen orange juice which had been declining for several years rose over 20 percent at wholesale and 6.9 percent at retail in the first half of this year. Wholesale prices for frozen orange juice continued to rise in July, but prices for fresh fruits and vegetables dropped substantially.

The meats, poultry, and fish index advanced 3.3 percent in the first 6 months of this year. Beef and veal prices rose steadily in the first 6 months of this year for an increase of 6.5 percent. The sharp rise in beef prices occurred despite the fact that supplies were moderately ahead of year-earlier levels because of a faster rise in consumption and smaller imports. Pork prices decreased 1.4 percent in the 6 months ending in June of this year compared with 10.2 percent in the last half of 1970. After declining in January and February, pork prices rose in March because of a cutback in output when hog marketings were curtailed temporarily by adverse weather conditions earlier in the year. As production rose again and cold storage supplies became ample, pork prices declined in April and May and the increase in June was smaller than usual.

The June increase in retail pork prices followed a seasonal advance in wholesale pork prices in May. In June and July, wholesale pork prices advanced strongly; higher prices for hogs resulted. Pig crop was slightly smaller in the first half of 1971 and the number of sows expected to farrow during June to November 1971 is 9 percent below the comparable 1970 period. In contrast, wholesale beef prices declined in June and July. Beef production over the last half of 1971 is expected to run moderately higher than a year earlier.

Prices of dairy products rose about the same as in the last half of 1970. Prices did not decline as they generally do in the spring because of strong demand for cheese and skimmed milk and higher agricultural support prices for milk. The increase in the first half of this year was slightly smaller than in the same period of 1970 mainly because butter prices showed no increase this year. Egg prices dropped substantially in the last half of 1970--particularly in the fourth quarter, and continued to decline in the first half of this year. The decreases in the second quarter, however, were smaller than usual for this time of year.

Prices in the cereals and bakery products category increased 2.3 percent in the first 6 months of this year, less than in the first or second half of 1970. Prices of restaurant meals and snacks consumed away from home rose 2.5 percent in the first 6 months of this year, the same as in the last 6 months of 1970.

TABLE B. Seasonally adjusted percent change in CPI and components

	1-month change			3-month change ending				
	1971			1971		1970		
	June	May	April	June	March	Dec.	Sept.	June
All items -----	0.5	0.6	0.3	1.3	0.7	1.3	1.1	1.4
Food -----	.5	.2	.9	1.5	1.5	0	.4	.5
Food at home -----	.3	.2	1.0	1.5	1.4	-.2	.2	.1
Commodities less food -----	.3	.7	.2	1.2	.3	1.6	1.0	1.5
Nondurables less food -----	.3	.5	.2	.9	.3	1.2	1.0	1.2
Apparel commodities -----	0	.8	.3	1.1	.3	1.2	.9	.9
Men's & boys' -----	.3	.7	.4	1.5	.6	1.0	.3	1.3
Women's & girls' -----	-.1	.6	.4	.9	-.2	1.5	1.6	.8
Footwear -----	.2	.4	.4	1.0	.8	1.0	.6	.9
Gasoline motor oil -----	.7	.9	-2.3	-.8	-1.8	2.2	.6	1.8
Durables -----	.6	.7	.2	1.5	.3	1.9	1.2	1.8
New cars -----	.4	.4	0	.8	1.2	3.8	1.8	.5
Household durables -----	.5	.3	.2	1.0	.3	.8	.5	.8
Services -----	.5	.6	.2	1.3	.8	1.7	1.7	1.8
Rent -----	.4	.3	.4	1.1	1.2	1.5	1.0	.9
Household services less rent	.8	.8	-.4	1.2	-1.2	2.3	1.8	1.9
Transportation -----	.8	.4	1.0	2.2	2.7	1.9	2.5	2.3
Medical care -----	.5	.7	.6	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.9	2.1
Other services -----	.3	.4	.1	.8	1.5	1.2	1.4	1.8

Commodities less food

For the 6 months ending in June, prices of nonfood commodities rose 1.5 percent, less than in the last 6 months of 1970 and the smallest half-year rise in 4 years. The increase slowed to 0.3 percent in the first quarter when gasoline prices declined sharply and price advances slackened for most other nonfood commodities. The second quarter increase of 1.2 percent resulted from faster price rises, particularly in May and June for most nonfood commodities including apparel, footwear, furniture, appliances, homes, and used cars.

Apparel prices, which rose 0.3 percent in the first quarter, increased 1.1 percent in the second quarter. After declining in the first quarter, prices of women's apparel rose in April and May when spring and summer items were introduced at higher prices than in the previous season, but moved down sharply in June. Men's and boys' apparel prices also declined early this year, but rose substantially in March and again steadily through the second quarter. Prices were higher for almost all items in the men's apparel category, particularly year-round suits, and wool or wool blend slacks. For the 6 months ending in June, retail prices for men's apparel were up 2.1 percent on average, compared with 0.8 percent for women's apparel. In July, wholesale apparel prices recorded the largest monthly increase in almost 2 years. Higher prices for both men's and women's apparel contributed to the increase. Factors in higher apparel prices were rising wages following recent labor negotiations; large increases this year in material prices, particularly cotton and manmade fiber textile products; and strengthening demand.

Gasoline and motor oil prices, which rose 2.7 percent in the second half of 1970, fell 2.6 percent in the first 6 months of this year, the sharpest 6-month decline since early 1964. The decreases, which were widespread, occurred in the February-April period when prices generally move up. In May and June, with the advent of the heavy travel season, prices were fully restored in some cities to levels which prevailed before decreases caused by price wars, and partially restored in cities subject to continuing market pressures.

A seasonal rise in demand was the primary reason for the increase of 6.8 percent in used car prices in the second quarter. They had declined 2.5 percent in the first quarter. The increase in used car prices in the second quarter of this year was half as large as in the same quarter of 1970; the rise in new car sales provided a better demand-supply balance for used cars than a year ago. The index for new cars, which rose 1.2 percent after seasonal adjustment in the first quarter, increased 0.8 percent in the second quarter. The rise in new car prices moderated only slightly in the second quarter as dealers concessions remained relatively stable. Lower floor plan allowances, and slightly higher factory delivered wholesale prices have had an upward effect.

House prices, which leveled out in the first quarter of this year, started to advance again in the second quarter. Prices of household durables also rose faster in the second quarter--from a 4-year low of 0.3 percent in the quarter ending in March, to 1.0 percent for the quarter ending in June--the largest in 2 years. The rise in furniture prices which had moderated from early 1969 through 1970, declined more than seasonally in January of this year. Subsequently, however, furniture prices, spurred by the strong rise in housing starts and expectations of a pickup in retail sales moved up steadily and reflected higher prices at the wholesale level. Wholesale furniture prices advanced 2.2 percent in the 6 months ending in June, the largest half-year increase since early 1969.

Services

The services component of the CPI, which increased 0.8 percent in the first quarter, rose 1.3 percent in the second quarter. These increases were the smallest half-year rise since December 1967. The first half slowdown resulted from declines in mortgage interest rates which were particularly sharp in the February-April period. The mortgage interest rate index in the CPI fell over 12 percent during the 6 months ending in June to the lowest level in more than 2 years. Excluding mortgage interest rates, the services index probably would have advanced at about the same rate in the first 6 months of this year as in the last 6 months of 1970.

Charges for household services, which declined 1.2 percent in the first quarter of this year, rose 1.2 percent in the second quarter. In addition to smaller decreases in mortgage interest rates, higher postal rates contributed significantly to the rise for household services in the second quarter. The increases in postage, which averaged over 20 percent, covered all major categories of domestic mail except parcel post. In addition, home maintenance and repair charges rose 2.9 percent for the quarter ending in June, the sharpest 3-month rise in more than a year. Larger increases occurred in charges for repainting interiors and reshingling roofs, partly as a result of higher wholesale prices for materials, particularly asphalt strip shingles. The rise in property insurance rates of 2.7 percent was also the largest 3-month advance in more than a year. Besides rate increases in many cities, higher deductibles for fire and extended coverage insurance were put into effect in New York and New Jersey. Property taxes rose 2.9 percent for the quarter ending in June, mostly because of higher rates in Los Angeles. This increase was larger than in the first quarter; however, the rise in property taxes over the first 6 months of 1971 was slower than in 1970. Charges for domestic services rose 1.3 percent, more than the increase of 0.5 percent in the first quarter, but smaller than any quarterly increase in 1970.

Charges for transportation services rose 2.2 percent in the quarter ending in June, compared with 2.7 percent for the quarter ending in March. The moderation occurred in auto-related services and in local transit fares. Auto insurance rates rose 1.7 percent in the second quarter, considerably smaller than the increase of 6.1 percent in the first quarter, and slightly less than for any quarter in 1970. After rising at a rapid rate in 1970 and in the first quarter of this year, parking fees leveled out in the quarter ending in June. Lower fees in cities such as St. Louis, Baltimore, and Seattle offset higher fees in Philadelphia, Atlanta, Washington, D.C. and elsewhere. The increase of 1.9 percent for auto repairs was smaller than in the first quarter but larger than the increases in the second half of 1970. The rise in local transit fares tapered out to 0.5 percent in the second

quarter, compared with quarterly increases of about 2.4 percent over the past year. Fare increases accelerated for other modes of public transportation, especially taxicabs and airplanes.

Medical care services rose 1.8 percent in the second quarter, the same as in the first quarter and slightly less than quarterly increases in 1970. Physicians' fees and hospital charges have risen more slowly this year than in 1970.

A NOTE ABOUT CALCULATING INDEX CHANGES

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

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

Index Point Change		Percent change
June 1971 CPI (1967=100)	121.5	Index point difference divided by the index for the previous period: $\frac{121.5 - 120.8}{120.8} \times 100 = 0.6$
less May index	<u>120.8</u>	
index point difference =	0.7	

Effective with the July 1970 release, and continuing thereafter, seasonally adjusted percent changes in the U.S. All Items Index will be based on seasonal adjustment factors and seasonal adjusted indexes carried to two decimal places. This procedure will help to eliminate rounding error in the percent changes.

TABLE 1. Consumer Price Index--United States city average for urban wage earners and clerical workers, June 1971

(Unadjusted, unless otherwise indicated)

Group	Indexes (1967=100) (unless otherwise specified)				Percent change to June 1971 from:		
	June 1971	May 1971	March 1971	June 1970	1 Month Ago	3 Months Ago	1 Year Ago
All items -----	121.5	120.8	119.8	116.3	0.6	1.4	4.5
All items (1957-59=100) -----	141.3	140.5	139.3	135.2	-	-	-
Food -----	119.2	118.2	117.0	115.2	.8	1.9	3.5
Food at home -----	117.4	116.3	115.1	114.0	.9	2.0	3.0
Cereals and bakery products -----	114.2	114.1	113.0	108.2	.1	1.1	5.5
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	117.4	115.8	115.6	117.1	1.4	1.6	.3
Dairy products -----	115.7	115.1	114.2	111.6	.5	1.3	3.7
Fruits and vegetables -----	125.1	121.4	116.0	118.6	3.0	7.8	5.5
Other foods at home -----	114.7	115.5	115.6	111.2	-.7	-.8	3.1
Food away from home -----	125.9	125.3	124.3	119.8	.5	1.3	5.1
Housing -----	124.0	123.2	122.4	118.6	.6	1.3	4.6
Shelter ^{1/} -----	128.3	127.2	126.7	123.5	.9	1.3	3.9
Rent -----	115.2	114.7	113.9	109.8	.4	1.1	4.9
Homeownership ^{2/} -----	133.0	131.6	131.2	128.5	1.1	1.4	3.5
Fuel and utilities ^{3/} -----	114.6	114.4	113.8	106.6	.2	.7	7.5
Fuel oil and coal -----	117.4	117.2	117.4	108.6	.2	0	8.1
Gas and electricity -----	114.6	114.4	113.3	106.3	.2	1.1	7.8
Household furnishings and operation -----	118.7	118.1	116.4	113.5	.5	2.0	4.6
Apparel and upkeep ^{4/} -----	120.1	120.2	118.6	116.0	-.1	1.3	3.5
Men's and boys' -----	121.4	121.2	119.4	117.4	.2	1.7	3.4
Women's and girls' -----	119.9	120.4	118.3	115.4	-.4	1.4	3.9
Footwear -----	121.7	121.7	120.5	117.7	0	1.0	3.4
Transportation -----	119.6	118.8	117.8	112.7	.7	1.5	6.1
Private -----	117.6	117.0	115.9	111.2	.5	1.5	5.8
New cars -----	113.9	113.9	114.3	105.8	0	-.3	7.7
Used cars -----	114.1	112.8	106.8	108.6	1.2	6.8	5.1
Gasoline -----	104.9	104.0	105.8	105.3	.9	-.9	-.4
Public -----	139.0	136.4	136.0	127.0	1.9	2.2	9.4
Health and recreation -----	122.1	121.6	120.6	116.1	.4	1.2	5.2
Medical care -----	128.6	128.1	126.8	120.5	.4	1.4	6.7
Personal care -----	116.8	116.5	115.8	112.7	.3	.9	3.6
Reading and recreation -----	119.3	118.9	117.7	113.3	.3	1.4	5.3
Other goods and services -----	120.3	119.9	119.4	115.7	.3	.8	4.0
Seasonally Adjusted:							
Food -----	119.0	118.4	117.2	-	.5	1.5	-
Apparel and upkeep -----	120.0	120.0	118.8	-	0	1.0	-
Transportation -----	119.2	118.6	118.3	-	.5	.8	-
Special Groups:							
All items less food -----	122.2	121.6	120.6	116.5	.5	1.3	4.9
All items less medical care -----	121.1	120.4	119.4	116.0	.6	1.4	4.4
Commodities less food -----	117.1	116.6	115.5	112.5	.4	1.4	4.1
Commodities -----	117.9	117.2	116.1	113.5	.6	1.6	3.9
Nondurables -----	118.1	117.4	116.4	114.0	.6	1.5	3.6
Nondurables less food -----	116.9	116.6	115.7	112.9	.3	1.0	3.5
Apparel commodities -----	120.4	120.5	118.8	116.3	.1	1.3	3.5
Durables -----	117.4	116.6	115.2	111.9	.7	1.9	4.9
Household durables -----	113.1	112.7	112.1	110.2	.4	.9	2.6
Services -----	128.2	127.5	126.6	121.4	.5	1.3	5.6
Services less rent -----	130.6	129.8	128.9	123.5	.6	1.3	5.7
Services less medical care -----	127.4	126.7	125.9	121.0	.6	1.2	5.3
Insurance and finance -----	137.7	137.0	137.3	134.5	.5	.3	2.4
Utilities and public transportation -----	120.0	119.3	118.6	111.3	.6	1.2	7.8
Housekeeping and home maintenance services -----	137.6	136.0	133.0	125.8	1.2	3.5	9.4
Medical care services -----	133.5	132.9	131.4	124.0	.5	1.6	7.7
Purchasing Power of Consumer Dollar:							
1967=\$1.00 -----	\$0.823	\$0.828	\$0.835	\$0.860	-.6	-1.4	-4.3
1957-59=\$1.00 -----	.708	.712	.718	.740	-	-	-

^{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 <u>1/</u>	Pricing Schedule <u>2/</u>	Indexes			Percent change from:		
		1967=100	1957-59=100	Other bases	May 1971	March 1971	June 1970
		June 1971					
U.S. City Average -----	M	121.5	141.3		0.6	1.4	4.5
Chicago -----	M	120.9	137.4		.2	.8	4.4
Detroit -----	M	121.9	140.1		.8	1.5	3.6
Los Angeles-Long Beach ---	M	118.7	139.6		.5	1.5	4.2
N.Y.-Northeastern N.J. ---	M	126.1	150.1		.7	1.4	6.0
Philadelphia -----	M	124.1	145.0		.6	1.6	5.8
		April 1971				January 1971	April 1970
Boston -----	1	121.7	145.9			.8	5.7
Houston -----	1	119.5	136.7			.2	2.8
Minneapolis-St. Paul -----	1	120.3	139.5			.2	3.2
Pittsburgh -----	1	120.9	139.1			1.4	5.0
		May 1971				February 1971	May 1970
Buffalo -----	2	121.4		<u>3/</u> 133.4		1.5	5.0
Cleveland -----	2	122.0	137.7			.4	2.5
Dallas -----	2	120.4		<u>3/</u> 130.2		.5	2.4
Milwaukee -----	2	119.1	134.5			.1	3.5
San Diego -----	2	119.5		<u>4/</u> 125.6		1.1	3.9
Seattle -----	2	115.5	135.8			.8	1.3
Washington -----	2	122.2	142.4			1.1	4.2
		June 1971				March 1971	June 1970
Atlanta -----	3	122.3	140.7			1.6	5.0
Baltimore -----	3	123.5	143.4			1.1	6.0
Cincinnati -----	3	120.7	137.0			.8	4.4
Honolulu -----	3	118.5		<u>5/</u> 127.7		1.5	3.6
Kansas City -----	3	120.6	143.1			1.2	3.8
St. Louis -----	3	119.9	140.0			1.4	4.4
San Francisco-Oakland ----	3	119.9	142.7			.7	3.8

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

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

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

3/ November 1963=100.

4/ February 1965=100.

5/ December 1963=100.

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

TABLE 3. Consumer Price Index--The United States and selected areas ^{1/} for urban wage earners and clerical workers, major groups: percent change from May 1971 to June 1971

Group	U.S. City Average	Chicago	Detroit	Los Angeles-Long Beach	New York Northeastern New Jersey	Philadelphia
All items -----	0.6	0.2	0.8	0.5	0.7	0.6
Food -----	.8	1.8	.9	.5	.9	1.0
Housing -----	.6	.1	1.3	.5	1.1	.4
Apparel and upkeep -----	-.1	.3	-.2	.3	-.2	-.2
Transportation -----	.7	- 1.2	.3	.9	1.0	.7
Health and recreation -----	.4	.2	.9	.2	.5	.7
Medical care -----	.4	.2	1.0	.2	.2	1.3
Personal care -----	.3	(2/)	(2/)	(2/)	(2/)	(2/)
Reading and recreation -----	.3	.3	1.3	0	.3	1.1
Other goods and services -----	.3	0	0	.2	1.1	(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

(1967=100)

Group	Indexes			Percent changes to: June 1971 From:	
	June 1971	May 1971	March 1971	1 Month Ago	3 Months Ago
Food -----	119.0	118.4	117.2	0.5	1.5
Food at home -----	117.0	116.6	115.3	.3	1.5
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	117.4	116.5	116.1	.8	1.1
Dairy products -----	115.7	115.3	114.4	.3	1.1
Fruits and vegetables -----	121.2	118.7	115.8	2.1	4.7
Other foods at home -----	117.3	117.6	115.8	-.3	1.3
Fuel and utilities ^{1/} -----	114.8	114.3	113.7	.4	1.0
Fuel oil and coal -----	118.2	117.3	116.8	.8	1.2
Apparel and upkeep ^{2/} -----	120.0	120.0	118.8	0	1.0
Men's and boys' -----	121.4	121.0	119.6	.3	1.5
Women's and girls' -----	119.9	120.0	118.8	-.1	.9
Footwear -----	121.7	121.5	120.5	.2	1.0
Transportation -----	119.2	118.6	118.3	.5	.8
Private -----	117.2	116.9	116.1	.3	.9
New cars -----	114.7	114.2	113.8	.4	.8
Commodities -----	117.8	117.2	116.3	.5	1.3
Commodities less food -----	117.0	116.6	115.6	.3	1.2
Nondurables -----	118.0	117.5	116.6	.4	1.2
Nondurables less food -----	116.4	116.6	115.8	.3	.9
Apparel commodities -----	120.3	120.3	119.0	0	1.1
Durables -----	117.2	116.5	115.5	.6	1.5

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

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

TABLE 5. Consumer Price Index--United States and selected areas ^{1/} for urban wage earners and clerical workers, commodity groups, June 1971 index and percent changes from March 1971

Group	U.S. City Average	Chicago	Detroit	Los Angeles-Long Beach	New York-Northeastern New Jersey	Philadelphia
(Indexes 1967=100 unless otherwise specified)						
All items -----	121.5	120.9	121.9	118.7	126.1	124.1
Food -----	119.2	119.8	118.6	115.2	123.9	120.8
Food at home -----	117.4	118.4	117.5	114.3	121.3	118.8
Cereals and bakery products -----	114.2	117.1	116.3	111.0	115.4	118.7
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	117.4	119.3	120.1	115.8	122.6	117.8
Dairy products -----	115.7	115.3	113.8	114.3	118.1	118.0
Fruits and vegetables -----	125.1	123.3	121.7	117.1	131.2	124.8
Other foods at home -----	114.7	116.1	112.9	112.2	117.0	115.6
Food away from home -----	125.9	125.1	123.4	117.7	132.1	129.6
Housing -----	124.0	119.5	127.7	122.6	128.6	125.9
Shelter -----	128.3	122.5	136.0	125.7	133.9	132.1
Rent -----	115.2	(2/)	116.7	(2/)	119.3	(2/)
Homeownership -----	133.0	127.9	139.8	128.6	144.6	135.6
Fuel and utilities -----	114.6	111.1	111.2	116.1	114.6	115.4
Fuel oil and coal -----	117.4	112.9	113.1	-	119.2	117.8
Gas and electricity -----	114.6	109.0	^{3/} 112.1	120.0	111.6	^{4/} 118.3
Household furnishings and operation -----	118.7	115.5	113.0	115.3	123.3	121.2
Apparel and upkeep -----	120.1	117.7	115.5	118.7	120.3	121.0
Men's and boys' -----	121.4	117.7	117.2	117.0	126.5	121.6
Women's and girls' -----	119.9	120.1	111.5	122.8	114.4	119.8
Footwear -----	121.7	115.5	120.9	119.6	121.1	122.6
Transportation -----	119.6	125.3	115.7	114.9	130.3	124.2
Private -----	117.6	119.6	113.0	115.0	125.5	121.4
Public -----	139.0	161.1	148.8	113.4	148.8	140.7
Health and recreation -----	122.1	123.2	123.5	118.2	125.8	126.9
Medical care -----	128.6	128.7	133.9	126.9	135.6	137.1
Personal care -----	116.8	117.4	(2/)	113.9	(2/)	(2/)
Reading and recreation -----	119.3	119.3	120.7	111.2	123.7	123.6
Other goods and services -----	120.3	124.5	117.3	116.5	123.4	124.4
Percent changes from March 1971 to June 1971						
All items -----	1.4	0.8	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.6
Food -----	1.9	2.1	2.8	1.1	2.1	1.6
Food at home -----	2.0	2.5	3.0	1.1	2.0	1.7
Cereals and bakery products -----	1.1	1.1	2.8	.5	1.2	1.5
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	1.6	3.2	2.4	.9	2.0	1.7
Dairy products -----	1.3	2.2	2.7	1.8	.5	.5
Fruits and vegetables -----	7.8	5.5	9.7	3.8	8.4	5.2
Other foods at home -----	-.8	-.3	-1.1	-1.1	-1.3	-.7
Food away from home -----	1.3	.8	1.7	1.1	2.1	1.6
Housing -----	1.3	.1	.9	2.7	1.7	1.4
Shelter -----	1.3	-.6	.7	3.2	1.9	1.7
Rent -----	1.1	(2/)	2.0	(2/)	2.0	(2/)
Homeownership -----	1.4	-1.2	.6	4.0	2.0	1.9
Fuel and utilities -----	.7	.1	1.5	.8	1.1	1.1
Fuel oil and coal -----	0	-.5	-.7	-	.9	0
Gas and electricity -----	1.1	.4	2.5	1.4	1.9	2.2
Household furnishings and operation -----	2.0	2.4	1.2	1.9	1.7	1.0
Apparel and upkeep -----	1.3	.9	0	1.8	.1	2.4
Men's and boys' -----	1.7	-.8	.6	-.6	1.9	.3
Women's and girls' -----	1.4	2.5	-.8	4.3	-1.7	6.1
Footwear -----	1.0	.1	.9	2.2	.5	-1.0
Transportation -----	1.5	.7	2.6	-1.0	1.2	1.7
Private -----	1.5	.8	2.8	-1.1	.6	1.9
Public -----	2.2	.5	.7	1.0	3.1	.5
Health and recreation -----	1.2	.7	1.4	2.0	1.3	1.1
Medical care -----	1.4	.7	1.6	3.3	.8	1.8
Personal care -----	.9	.4	(2/)	2.1	(2/)	(2/)
Reading and recreation -----	1.4	1.5	1.9	.7	1.7	2.2
Other goods and services -----	.8	.2	.9	1.3	1.4	0

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 1971 index and percent changes from March 1971--Continued

Group	Atlanta	Baltimore	Cincinnati	Honolulu	Kansas City	San Francisco	St. Louis
(Indexes 1967=100 unless otherwise specified)							
All items -----	122.3	123.5	120.7	118.5	120.6	119.9	119.9
Food -----	118.8	121.5	119.3	116.6	118.8	116.7	118.3
Food at home -----	116.4	120.1	118.2	133.3	116.3	115.2	116.1
Cereals and bakery products -----	113.4	116.7	113.5	105.4	115.9	110.0	119.6
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	113.7	119.3	115.0	113.9	115.6	116.0	112.1
Dairy products -----	115.3	117.4	117.2	114.1	122.8	113.5	118.2
Fruits and vegetables -----	131.9	128.8	129.5	123.4	116.5	120.6	126.7
Other foods at home -----	113.5	118.7	116.1	109.4	113.0	114.4	109.6
Food away from home -----	126.3	126.7	123.5	126.0	126.6	121.8	128.9
Housing -----	127.8	127.5	120.5	119.7	121.4	124.1	119.6
Shelter -----	132.7	134.2	124.0	123.7	125.7	127.9	122.7
Rent -----	113.7	110.1	108.0	124.0	109.0	125.4	107.6
Homeownership -----	138.4	144.3	131.2	123.4	132.1	129.0	126.9
Fuel and utilities -----	120.3	114.0	118.3	108.9	113.0	113.8	111.2
Fuel oil and coal -----	-	114.9	156.8	-	-	-	112.9
Gas and electricity -----	116.7	116.1	114.9	104.5	113.4	114.4	111.4
Household furnishings and operation -----	120.9	121.0	112.8	112.5	115.7	117.0	118.5
Apparel and upkeep -----	114.8	121.8	121.6	116.5	123.2	118.6	118.1
Men's and boys' -----	118.3	127.1	124.6	110.9	125.7	120.0	116.3
Women's and girls' -----	111.7	116.1	116.8	119.4	123.1	119.1	119.5
Footwear -----	112.6	127.1	129.5	115.9	126.1	119.9	122.5
Transportation -----	116.9	118.7	120.8	122.1	120.3	118.4	121.1
Private -----	115.2	118.3	117.2	124.9	118.4	117.5	118.9
Public -----	140.3	121.5	148.7	106.5	151.6	133.9	144.9
Health and recreation -----	125.1	123.6	122.6	117.8	120.3	118.1	122.1
Medical care -----	136.7	135.1	132.5	124.5	123.9	123.3	123.8
Personal care -----	121.2	117.6	120.1	116.5	116.2	113.6	121.7
Reading and recreation -----	119.1	122.6	116.9	116.0	114.2	114.2	116.0
Other goods and services -----	117.1	116.5	119.4	113.5	125.8	117.9	126.2
Percent changes from March 1971 to June 1971							
All items -----	1.6	1.1	0.8	1.5	1.2	0.7	1.4
Food -----	1.9	1.4	2.0	.3	1.5	1.6	1.0
Food at home -----	1.7	1.7	2.2	.6	1.6	1.6	1.3
Cereals and bakery products -----	.7	1.7	1.6	1.2	1.6	1.2	.5
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	1.0	0	.5	.4	.9	.8	-.4
Dairy products -----	.6	.7	.5	-.3	2.4	3.0	1.5
Fruits and vegetables -----	9.7	9.4	11.4	2.6	6.5	4.7	7.6
Other foods at home -----	-.9	-.8	-2.7	-.5	-1.6	-.1	-1.2
Food away from home -----	2.0	.2	1.4	-.6	1.2	1.1	-.1
Housing -----	1.9	1.5	-.3	2.0	1.5	.6	1.7
Shelter -----	2.5	1.0	-1.5	1.5	1.8	0	2.4
Rent -----	1.0	.5	.3	1.1	.6	1.0	.4
Homeownership -----	2.9	1.1	-2.3	1.6	2.2	-.5	2.9
Fuel and utilities -----	.2	3.4	3.7	4.8	.3	.3	-1.5
Fuel oil and coal -----	-	-.5	-.4	-	-	-	-5.9
Gas and electricity -----	.3	7.5	6.4	.4	.5	.6	-1.2
Household furnishings and operation -----	1.4	1.6	1.0	2.8	1.7	2.7	2.3
Apparel and upkeep -----	-1.4	-1.3	-.9	-.8	-.5	.4	.2
Men's and boys' -----	-1.0	-1.2	.3	.5	-.3	.8	1.4
Women's and girls' -----	-3.7	-3.6	-3.8	-2.2	-2.0	0	-1.0
Footwear -----	-.8	1.0	1.3	.3	1.9	1.4	1.2
Transportation -----	2.2	2.1	2.3	5.6	1.7	.3	3.8
Private -----	2.4	1.8	2.5	5.0	1.7	.2	4.1
Public -----	.4	4.3	.8	8.7	.5	1.7	.3
Health and recreation -----	2.1	1.1	.7	.6	.7	.6	.8
Medical care -----	1.3	2.0	1.0	.6	1.5	1.1	1.1
Personal care -----	1.3	.4	.8	-.1	-.7	-.4	1.8
Reading and recreation -----	.8	1.2	.9	.9	.5	.6	.8
Other goods and services -----	6.2	.3	.3	.4	.3	.4	-.4

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

^{2/} Not available.

^{3/} Change from April 1971.

^{4/} Corrected index: May 1971 = 117.5.

^{5/} Corrected index: April 1971 = 110.2.

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

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 unless otherwise specified)								
U.S. City Average -----	119.2	117.4	114.2	117.4	115.7	125.1	114.7	125.9
Atlanta -----	118.8	116.4	113.4	113.7	115.3	131.9	113.5	126.3
Baltimore -----	121.5	120.1	116.7	119.3	117.4	128.8	118.7	126.7
Boston -----	118.6	117.1	113.7	120.8	114.6	121.5	111.4	124.1
Buffalo -----	121.0	119.8	116.8	118.0	116.6	129.9	118.3	127.6
Chicago -----	119.8	118.4	117.1	119.3	115.3	123.3	116.1	125.1
Cincinnati -----	119.3	118.2	113.5	115.0	117.2	129.5	116.1	123.5
Cleveland -----	119.4	118.4	113.8	117.9	120.6	125.6	114.9	124.8
Dallas -----	117.9	114.5	115.1	114.2	111.2	119.8	112.8	130.1
Detroit -----	118.6	117.5	116.3	120.1	113.8	121.7	112.9	123.4
Honolulu -----	116.6	113.3	105.4	113.9	114.1	123.4	109.4	126.0
Houston -----	118.7	115.3	112.0	115.7	114.8	120.3	113.7	130.6
Kansas City -----	118.8	116.3	115.9	115.6	122.8	116.5	113.0	126.6
Los Angeles-Long Beach -	115.2	114.3	111.0	115.8	114.3	117.1	112.2	117.7
Milwaukee -----	116.7	115.1	115.8	115.0	112.7	122.7	111.6	(2/)
Minneapolis-St. Paul ---	120.2	118.2	120.3	118.4	118.3	119.9	115.3	129.2
New York-Northeastern N.J	123.9	121.3	115.4	122.6	118.1	131.2	117.0	132.1
Philadelphia -----	120.8	118.8	118.7	117.8	118.0	124.8	115.6	129.6
Pittsburgh -----	119.9	118.3	114.3	115.0	119.4	132.6	114.2	129.6
St. Louis -----	118.3	116.1	119.6	112.1	118.2	126.7	109.6	128.9
San Diego -----	117.9	115.2	110.3	120.0	113.6	117.0	110.8	(2/)
San Francisco-Oakland --	116.7	115.2	110.0	116.0	113.5	120.6	114.4	121.8
Seattle -----	116.5	114.5	111.3	113.8	115.4	117.6	113.9	123.0
Washington -----	121.4	117.8	117.5	114.0	110.3	131.9	118.5	130.5
Percent changes May 1971 to June 1971								
U.S. City Average -----	0.8	0.9	0.1	1.4	0.5	3.0	- 0.7	0.5
Atlanta -----	.6	.5	- .1	1.3	0	3.5	- 1.7	.8
Baltimore -----	1.1	1.3	.3	.8	.9	5.9	- .8	.2
Boston -----	.7	.7	.4	1.7	-.3	1.2	- .6	.7
Buffalo -----	.7	.7	-.2	1.5	.8	.4	0	1.3
Chicago -----	1.8	2.2	1.2	3.5	1.4	4.1	- .1	0
Cincinnati -----	.7	.6	.8	.5	-.4	3.8	- 1.9	1.0
Cleveland -----	.1	.1	-.4	.2	.5	3.0	- 3.0	.6
Dallas -----	.5	.4	.1	1.0	0	1.7	- .8	.6
Detroit -----	.9	1.0	1.3	1.6	-.7	2.9	- .4	.4
Honolulu -----	.1	.1	.9	.7	-.8	.5	- 1.2	-.8
Houston -----	.3	.3	-.4	.6	-.6	1.1	- .4	.2
Kansas City -----	1.1	1.3	1.0	1.9	1.7	3.5	- 1.0	.4
Los Angeles-Long Beach -	.5	.7	.5	1.0	.5	.9	.2	.3
Milwaukee -----	.9	1.1	-.2	1.1	1.1	3.9	- .3	(2/)
Minneapolis-St. Paul ---	.8	.9	-.5	.6	4.2	1.8	- 1.2	0
New York-Northeastern N.J	.9	.7	.3	1.2	-.1	3.6	- 1.3	1.3
Philadelphia -----	1.0	1.1	.6	1.6	.1	3.7	- .9	.7
Pittsburgh -----	.8	.9	-.6	1.9	.1	4.2	- 1.7	.3
St. Louis -----	.3	.5	-.4	1.6	-.2	1.3	- 1.0	-.1
San Diego -----	.5	.8	-.1	1.0	.4	1.9	.5	(2/)
San Francisco-Oakland --	.7	.6	.1	.7	.8	1.1	.4	.7
Seattle -----	.4	.6	-.4	.9	.6	1.6	0	0
Washington -----	1.2	1.6	.2	1.2	.5	7.0	- .6	.1

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 1971 indexes and percent changes from selected dates

(1967=100 unless otherwise specified)

Item or Group	Index		Percent change to June 1971 from--		June 1970 Unadjusted
	June 1971		May 1971		
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	
Total food -----	119.2	119.0	0.8	0.5	3.5
Food away from home -----	125.9	-	.5	-	5.1
Restaurant meals -----	125.7	-	.6	-	5.1
Snacks -----	127.2	-	.4	-	5.5
Food at home -----	117.4	117.0	.9	.3	3.0
Cereals and bakery products -----	114.2	-	.1	-	5.5
Flour -----	101.7	-	.1	-	2.7
Cracker meal -----	130.6	-	.4	-	11.8
Corn flakes -----	110.1	-	-.1	-	8.8
Rice -----	109.4	-	.3	-	2.9
Bread, white -----	112.6	-	.4	-	4.5
Bread, whole wheat -----	117.2	-	.2	-	6.3
Cookies -----	108.4	-	- 1.3	-	4.4
Layer cake -----	120.0	-	.4	-	3.8
Cinnamon rolls -----	118.3	-	.3	-	7.0
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	117.4	117.4	1.4	.8	.3
Meats -----	117.0	117.0	1.2	.5	- 1.0
Beef and veal -----	126.1	126.0	1.2	1.1	5.4
Steak, round -----	125.1	124.7	1.1	.8	6.3
Steak, sirloin -----	125.1	-	2.1	-	7.3
Steak, porterhouse -----	125.7	-	2.1	-	6.9
Rump roast -----	124.1	-	.8	-	6.0
Rib roast -----	128.2	128.7	2.2	2.3	9.0
Chuck roast -----	125.5	126.9	.3	1.2	4.8
Hamburger -----	127.4	127.3	1.2	.9	3.5
Beef liver -----	113.3	-	-.2	-	-.5
Veal cutlets -----	140.8	139.8	.9	.2	8.4
Pork -----	103.6	103.6	1.4	- 1.1	- 11.5
Chops -----	105.3	102.2	2.7	- 3.9	- 9.8
Loin roast -----	104.9	-	2.3	-	- 9.3
Pork sausage -----	110.4	-	1.0	-	- 10.0
Ham, whole -----	103.6	105.1	1.2	0	- 9.2
Picnics -----	105.5	-	- 1.2	-	- 10.1
Bacon -----	96.1	95.0	.8	- 1.9	- 17.5
Other meats -----	115.9	116.0	.9	.4	-.6
Lamb chops -----	121.1	-	1.4	-	4.2
Frankfurters -----	115.8	115.7	1.2	.6	- 1.3
Ham, canned -----	107.5	-	.4	-	- 6.8
Bologna sausage -----	118.9	-	.4	-	-.2
Salami sausage -----	116.9	-	1.2	-	-.3
Liverwurst -----	114.8	-	.3	-	.3
Poultry -----	111.6	-	3.5	-	1.8
Frying chicken -----	112.1	111.4	4.5	3.4	3.3
Chicken breasts -----	109.9	-	1.5	-	1.9
Turkey -----	111.1	-	1.4	-	- 4.4
Fish -----	130.3	130.2	.7	.9	10.8
Shrimp, frozen -----	116.8	-	.5	-	-.3
Fish, fresh or frozen -----	141.3	141.6	.9	1.2	14.2
Tuna fish, canned -----	129.5	-	.5	-	13.5
Sardines, canned -----	133.7	-	.7	-	15.8
Dairy products -----	115.7	115.7	.5	.3	3.7
Milk, fresh, grocery -----	115.2	115.5	.3	.2	3.8
Milk, fresh, delivered -----	117.9	-	.3	-	3.5
Milk, fresh, skim -----	120.7	-	.4	-	4.7
Milk, evaporated -----	119.0	-	1.7	-	6.3
Ice cream -----	105.2	-	-.2	-	.4
Cheese, American process -----	121.7	121.6	.8	.9	5.4
Butter -----	105.8	106.0	.2	.3	1.2

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

(1967=100 unless otherwise specified)

Item or Group	Index		Percent change to June 1971 from---		
	June 1971		May 1971		June 1970
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted
Fruits and vegetables -----	125.1	121.2	3.0	2.1	5.5
Fresh fruits and vegetables -----	131.2	124.4	4.5	2.8	4.6
Apples -----	123.9	108.4	6.6	- 2.3	4.7
Bananas -----	92.6	91.4	- 1.6	- 1.0	- 14.9
Oranges -----	125.0	130.1	3.4	2.4	13.2
Orange juice, fresh -----	124.0	-	2.0	-	2.4
Grapefruit -----	149.3	144.7	20.1	8.7	7.3
Grapes 1/ -----	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)
Strawberries 1/ -----	104.2	106.4	- 4.8	- 6.2	- .1
Watermelon 1/ -----	170.9	142.3	(1/)	(1/)	13.0
Potatoes -----	135.9	123.8	17.5	9.8	.9
Onions -----	107.0	101.0	3.5	1.9	- 16.5
Asparagus 1/ -----	121.2	-	- 1.7	-	4.6
Cabbage -----	139.5	126.2	7.5	3.8	- 13.8
Carrots -----	153.0	153.3	14.4	8.8	40.5
Celery -----	121.4	111.9	12.8	7.2	- 23.1
Cucumbers -----	129.4	-	- 14.6	-	22.5
Lettuce -----	117.3	126.5	- 6.4	5.5	19.6
Peppers, green -----	207.3	-	- 2.3	-	30.4
Spinach -----	127.4	-	- 1.4	-	8.1
Tomatoes -----	127.9	120.0	- 16.0	- 10.4	- 3.7
Processed fruits and vegetables -----	115.9	-	.7	-	6.7
Fruit cocktail, canned -----	117.7	-	.4	-	10.5
Pears, canned -----	117.1	-	.4	-	9.1
Pineapple-grapefruit juice, drink -----	113.2	-	- .1	-	2.3
Orange juice concentrate, frozen -----	126.1	126.2	4.2	4.6	2.9
Lemonade concentrate, frozen -----	113.5	-	.3	-	5.9
Beets, canned -----	114.8	-	.3	-	4.9
Peas, green, canned -----	105.8	-	- .5	-	4.5
Tomatoes, canned -----	116.0	-	.6	-	6.2
Dried beans -----	122.4	-	2.8	-	16.6
Broccoli, frozen -----	117.5	-	- .3	-	3.2
Other food at home -----	114.7	117.3	- .7	- .3	3.1
Eggs -----	99.1	115.6	- 6.6	- 3.6	- 4.7
Fats and oils:					
Margarine -----	115.6	-	- .4	-	8.1
Salad dressing, Italian -----	109.6	-	- .1	-	7.5
Salad or cooking oil -----	119.0	-	- .1	-	9.2
Sugar and sweets -----	119.4	-	.3	-	3.6
Sugar -----	112.2	-	0	-	5.0
Grape jelly -----	119.4	-	.8	-	5.3
Chocolate bar -----	131.2	-	.4	-	2.3
Syrup, chocolate flavored -----	113.5	-	- .1	-	2.1
Nonalcoholic beverages -----	122.2	-	.3	-	3.9
Coffee, can and bag -----	122.4	-	- .2	-	2.7
Coffee, instant -----	125.0	-	.6	-	4.6
Tea -----	108.4	-	.6	-	2.8
Cola drink -----	126.3	-	.5	-	6.0
Carbonated fruit drink -----	126.8	-	.7	-	5.3
Prepared and partially prepared foods ---	112.8	-	.3	-	3.3
Bean soup, canned -----	114.0	-	.4	-	1.6
Chicken soup, canned -----	106.5	-	0	-	.6
Spaghetti, canned -----	117.1	-	.1	-	3.6
Mashed potatoes, instant -----	111.6	-	.7	-	2.7
Potatoes, french fried, frozen -----	110.1	-	0	-	- .3
Baby foods, canned -----	111.1	-	.5	-	5.3
Sweet pickle relish -----	116.7	-	.2	-	6.4
Pretzels -----	113.9	-	.4	-	5.9

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, June 1971 and percent changes from selected dates

(1967=100 unless otherwise specified)

Item and group	Other index bases	Indexes		Percent change to June 1971 from	
		June 1971	May 1971	May 1971	June 1970
Housing -----		124.0	123.2	0.6	4.6
Shelter <u>1/</u> -----		128.3	127.2	.9	3.9
Rent -----		115.2	114.7	.4	4.9
Homeownership costs <u>2/</u> -----		133.0	131.6	1.1	3.5
Mortgage interest rates -----		117.0	117.3	-.3	- 12.1
Property taxes -----		129.9	129.6	.2	7.2
Property insurance rates -----		120.2	119.3	.8	6.6
Maintenance and repairs -----		134.0	131.9	1.6	8.2
Commodities <u>3/</u> -----		119.8	118.1	1.4	5.0
Exterior house paint -----		116.0	116.0	0	3.7
Interior house paint -----		114.1	113.4	.6	2.3
Services -----		140.1	137.9	1.6	9.5
Repainting living and dining rooms -----		148.5	146.2	1.6	12.1
Reshingling house roof -----		145.8	141.9	2.7	13.9
Residing house -----		130.5	129.0	1.2	6.7
Sink replacement -----		141.1	138.9	1.6	10.0
Furnace repair -----		143.0	141.6	1.0	7.4
Fuel and utilities -----		114.6	114.4	.2	7.5
Fuel oil and coal -----		117.4	117.2	.2	8.1
Fuel oil, #2 -----		116.1	115.9	.2	7.2
Gas and electricity -----		114.6	114.4	.2	7.8
Gas -----		116.4	116.6	-.2	8.4
Electricity -----		113.0	112.4	.5	7.4
Other utilities:					
Residential telephone services -----		106.5	106.2	.3	3.8
Residential water and sewerage services -----		132.6	132.6	0	13.4
Household furnishings and operation <u>4/</u> -----		118.7	118.1	.5	4.6
Housefurnishings -----		114.7	114.1	.5	2.9
Textiles -----		112.2	110.8	1.3	2.8
Sheets, percale or muslin -----		114.7	111.7	2.7	1.0
Curtains, tailored, polyester -----		110.0	108.2	1.7	1.1
Bedspreads, chiefly cotton -----		107.7	107.6	.1	.7
Drapery fabric, cotton or rayon/acetate -----		118.6	117.7	.8	4.6
Pillows, bed, polyester, acrylic, or kapok -----		109.2	108.0	1.1	5.8
Slipcover, throws, ready made chiefly cotton -----		112.7	111.2	1.3	4.2
Furniture and bedding -----		119.6	119.1	.4	3.3
Bedroom furniture, chest and dresser -----	Mar. 70	104.1	103.3	.8	3.5
Living room suites, good and inexpensive quality --		115.8	115.3	.4	2.4
Lounge chairs, upholstered -----		124.7	123.6	.9	5.9
Dining room chairs -----	Mar. 70	103.4	102.8	.6	2.8
Sofas, upholstered -----		117.1	116.6	.4	2.2
Sofas, dual purpose -----		116.4	116.7	-.3	.6
Bedding, mattress and box springs -----	June 70	103.8	103.3	.5	3.8
Aluminum folding chair <u>5/</u> -----		116.6	118.0	- 1.2	5.0
Cribs -----		118.3	117.5	.7	4.2
Floor coverings -----		106.4	106.0	.4	1.3
Broadloom carpeting, manmade fibers -----		102.4	101.9	.5	-.5
Vinyl sheet goods -----		114.5	114.4	.1	5.7
Vinyl asbestos tile -----		116.7	116.3	.3	4.8
Appliances <u>6/</u> -----		105.6	105.3	.3	1.4
Washing machines, electric, automatic -----		109.4	109.3	.1	1.9
Vacuum cleaners, canister type -----		104.3	103.6	.7	2.0
Refrigerators or refrigerator-freezers electric ---		108.3	107.9	.4	2.4
Ranges, free standing, gas or electric -----		111.3	111.3	0	2.5
Clothes dryers, electric, automatic -----		112.8	112.2	.5	3.9
Air conditioners, demountable -----		111.0	110.0	.9	3.6
Room heaters, electric, portable <u>5/</u> -----		(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)
Garbage disposal units -----		109.6	109.6	0	.1
Other housefurnishings:					
Dinnerware, earthenware -----		118.3	117.9	.3	6.2
Flatware, stainless steel -----		119.6	119.3	.3	.5
Table lamps, with shade -----		121.4	121.0	.3	4.6
Lawn mowers, power, rotary type -----		117.1	116.8	.3	2.5
Electric drills, hand held -----		106.3	106.4	-.1	- 1.1
Housekeeping supplies:					
Laundry soaps and detergents -----		110.4	110.5	-.1	4.2
Paper napkins -----		126.1	127.5	- 1.1	4.8
Toilet tissue -----		124.8	124.5	.2	5.0
Housekeeping services:					
Domestic service, general housework -----		133.7	133.0	.5	5.9
Baby sitter service -----		130.3	128.4	1.5	6.2
Postal charges -----		146.6	146.6	0	25.3
Laundry, flatwork, finished service -----		133.6	132.8	.6	8.3
Licensed day care service, preschool child -----		117.9	117.5	.3	3.7
Washing machine repairs -----		136.8	134.9	1.4	12.2

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

(1967=100 unless otherwise specified)

Item and group	Other index bases	Indexes		Percent change to June 1971 from:	
		June 1971	May 1971	May 1971	June 1970
Apparel and upkeep 7/ -----		120.1	120.2	- 0.1	3.5
Apparel commodities -----		120.4	120.5	- .1	3.5
Apparel commodities less footwear -----		120.1	120.3	- .2	3.4
Men's and boys' -----		121.4	121.2	.2	3.4
Men's:					
Topcoats, wool or all-weather coats, polyester blends 5/ -----	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)
Suits, year round weight -----	130.0	129.7	.2	4.8	
Suits, tropical weight 5/ -----	131.4	131.6	- .2	4.1	
Jackets, lightweight -----	112.9	112.6	.3	- .2	
Slacks, wool or wool blends -----	117.9	117.3	.5	1.6	
Slacks, cotton or manmade blends -----	133.3	133.0	.2	6.5	
Trousers, work, cotton or polyester/cotton -----	113.2	112.8	.4	3.8	
Shirts, work, cotton or polyester/cotton -----	113.4	113.4	0	3.9	
Shirts, business, polyester/cotton -----	113.8	113.7	.1	3.0	
T-shirts, chiefly cotton -----	119.4	119.2	.2	.2	
Socks, cotton or manmade fibers -----	116.4	116.2	.2	.9	
Handkerchiefs, cotton or polyester/cotton -----	115.4	115.3	.1	2.2	
Boy's:					
Coats, all purpose, cotton or cotton blend 5/ -	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)
Sport coats, wool or wool blend 5/ -----	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)
Dungarees, cotton or cotton blend -----	122.6	122.0	.5	5.1	
Undershorts, cotton -----	119.4	120.0	- .5	1.4	
Women's and girls' -----	119.9	120.4	- .4	3.9	
Women's:					
Coats, heavyweight, wool or wool blend 5/ -----	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)
Carcoats, heavyweight, cotton or chiefly wool 5/ -----	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)
Sweaters, wool or acrylic / -----	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)
Skirts, wool, wool blend or manmade fibers 5/ -	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)
Skirts, cotton or polyester/cotton 5/ -----	118.7	119.4	- .6	0	
Blouses, cotton or manmade fibers -----	123.6	123.5	.1	4.1	
Dresses, street, chiefly manmade fiber -----	126.4	126.6	- .2	- .7	
Dresses, street, wool or wool blend 5/ -----	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)
Slips, nylon -----	109.8	110.5	- .6	- .4	
Panties, acetate or nylon tricot -----	115.2	115.0	.2	3.4	
Girdles, manmade blend -----	116.1	114.7	1.2	4.0	
Brassieres, nylon lace -----	120.0	120.6	- .5	3.4	
Hose or panty hose, nylon seamless -----	98.0	99.4	- 1.4	- 1.4	
Anklets or knee-length socks, various fibers -	115.8	116.7	- .8	1.4	
Gloves, fabric, nylon or cotton -----	110.0	109.8	.2	1.8	
Handbags, rayon faille or plastic -----	131.9	132.3	- .3	7.4	
Girls':					
Raincoats, vinyl, cotton, or polyester blends -	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)
Skirts, wool, wool blends, or acrylic 5/ -----	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)
Dresses, cotton, manmade fibers or blends -----	109.6	111.1	- 1.4	1.7	
Slacks, cotton or chiefly cotton 5/ -----	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)
Slips, polyester blends -----	110.5	110.2	.3	2.8	
Handbags, plastic -----	130.3	131.2	- .7	2.1	
Footwear -----	121.7	121.7	0	3.4	
Men's:					
Shoes, street -----	120.2	119.7	.4	4.3	
Shoes, work, high -----	118.5	118.1	.3	4.5	
Women's:					
Shoes, street, pump -----	123.7	123.9	- .2	2.1	
Shoes, evening, pump -----	119.3	120.5	- 1.0	1.7	
Shoes, casual -----	126.2	125.2	.8	2.9	
Houseslippers, scuff -----	121.0	121.0	0	2.4	
Children's:					
Shoes, oxford -----	122.9	122.4	.4	5.0	
Sneakers, boys', oxford type -----	118.9	118.8	.1	4.0	
Dress shoes, girls', strap or pump -----	126.2	125.6	.5	6.0	
Miscellaneous apparel:					
Diapers, cotton gauze or disposable -----	111.8	111.8	0	2.1	
Yard goods, polyester blend -----	123.0	122.5	.4	1.7	
Wrist watches, men's and women's -----	113.1	112.7	.4	2.3	
Apparel services:					
Drycleaning, men's suits and women's dresses -----	117.1	117.1	0	3.7	
Automatic laundry service -----	112.8	112.6	.2	2.0	
Laundry, men's shirts -----	119.3	119.0	.3	3.7	
Tailoring charge, hem adjustment -----	127.7	127.6	.1	5.8	
Shoe repair, women's heel lift -----	113.0	112.3	.6	5.2	

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

(1967=100 unless otherwise specified)

Item and group	Other index bases	Indexes		Percent change to June 1971 from:	
		June 1971	May 1971	May 1971	June 1970
Transportation -----		119.6	118.8	0.7	6.1
Private <u>g/</u> -----		117.6	117.0	.5	5.8
Automobiles, new -----		113.9	113.9	0	7.7
Automobiles, used -----		114.1	112.8	1.2	5.1
Gasoline, regular and premium -----		104.9	104.0	.9	-.4
Motor oil, premium -----		119.9	119.3	.5	5.4
Tires, new, tubeless -----		114.8	114.8	0	3.1
Auto repairs and maintenance <u>g/</u> -----		129.4	128.4	.8	7.5
Auto insurance rates -----		142.5	142.1	.3	12.6
Auto registration -----		123.8	123.8	0	5.0
Parking fees, private and municipal -----		134.9	134.9	0	8.9
Public -----		139.0	136.4	1.9	9.4
Local transit fares -----		143.8	143.7	.1	8.5
Taxicab fares -----		131.7	119.1	10.6	11.9
Railroad fares, coach -----		127.4	126.2	1.0	10.6
Airplane fares, chiefly coach -----		129.6	124.1	4.4	10.8
Bus fares, intercity -----		132.9	130.6	1.8	13.0
Health and recreation -----		122.1	121.6	.4	5.2
Medical care -----		128.6	128.1	.4	6.7
Drugs and prescriptions -----		105.7	105.5	.2	1.8
Over-the-counter items -----		111.0	110.7	.3	4.6
Multiple vitamin concentrates -----		97.2	97.6	-.4	-1.4
Aspirin compounds -----		114.5	114.0	.4	8.2
Liquid tonics -----		101.5	101.4	.1	.6
Adhesive bandages, package -----		124.1	123.1	.8	9.2
Cold tablets or capsules -----		111.8	111.6	.2	3.7
Cough syrup -----		113.8	113.4	.4	5.3
Prescriptions -----		101.2	101.1	.1	-.6
Anti-infectives -----		80.2	80.2	0	-13.2
Sedatives and hypnotics -----		122.4	122.4	0	5.8
Ataractics -----		100.7	100.8	-.1	-.1
Anti-spasmodics -----		107.7	107.4	.3	4.7
Cough preparations -----		125.8	125.8	0	5.8
Cardiovasculars and anti-hypertensives -----		111.6	111.2	.4	4.6
Analgesics, internal -----		107.9	107.8	.1	2.7
Anti-obesity -----		115.3	114.8	.4	7.7
Hormones -----		94.6	94.9	-.3	-.1
Professional services: -----					
Physicians' fees -----		129.9	129.2	.5	6.8
General physician, office visits -----		131.7	130.9	.6	7.0
General physician, house visits -----		131.4	130.0	1.1	6.7
Obstetrical cases -----		128.9	128.8	.1	5.4
Pediatric care, office visits -----		132.4	132.2	.2	8.1
Psychiatrist, office visits -----		124.7	124.1	.5	5.1
Herniorrhaphy, adult -----		123.3	122.7	.5	7.5
Tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy -----		124.3	124.1	.2	6.5
Dentists' fees -----		126.4	126.0	.3	6.1
Fillings, adult, amalgam, one surface -----		127.3	126.8	.4	5.8
Extractions, adult -----		126.5	126.4	.1	7.0
Dentures, full upper -----		124.4	123.8	.5	5.6
Other professional services: -----					
Examination, prescription, and dispensing of eyeglasses -----		120.0	119.6	.3	6.1
Routine laboratory tests -----		115.3	115.2	.1	3.5
Hospital service charges: -----					
Daily service charges -----		160.5	159.6	.6	12.9
Semiprivate rooms -----		162.6	161.7	.6	13.2
Private rooms -----		157.3	156.4	.6	12.4
Operating room charges -----		155.3	155.2	.1	9.8
X-ray, diagnostic series, upper G.I. -----		125.4	124.8	.5	7.2
Personal care -----		116.8	116.5	.3	3.6
Toilet goods -----		113.8	113.5	.3	3.4
Toothpaste, standard, dentifrice -----		107.6	107.3	.3	.7
Toilet soap, hard milled -----		112.4	112.2	.2	6.0
Hand lotions, liquid -----		118.9	118.1	.7	1.4
Shaving cream, aerosol -----		107.1	107.1	0	6.1
Face Powder, Pressed -----		124.1	123.9	.2	4.3
Deodorants, aerosol -----		105.5	105.1	.4	1.2
Cleansing tissues -----		124.7	124.4	.2	4.7
Home permanent wave kits -----		111.2	110.7	.5	2.5
Personal care services -----		119.9	119.6	.3	3.8
Men's haircuts -----		122.2	121.8	.3	3.3
Beauty shop services -----		118.4	118.0	.3	4.4
Women's haircuts -----		119.4	119.0	.3	5.1
Shampoo and wave sets, plain -----		121.6	121.2	.3	4.7
Permanent waves, cold -----		110.4	110.1	.3	2.6

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(1967=100 unless otherwise Specified)

Item and group	Other index bases	Indexes		Percent change to June 1971 from:	
		June 1971	May 1971	May 1971	June 1970
Reading and recreation ^{10/} -----		119.3	118.9	0.3	5.3
Recreational goods -----		106.7	106.4	.3	2.0
TV sets, portable and console -----		100.1	100.0	.1	.5
TV replacement tubes -----		122.2	121.9	.2	5.0
Radios, portable and table model -----		98.5	98.4	.1	-.6
Tape recorders, portable -----		94.3	94.7	-.4	-.3
Phonograph records, stereophonic -----		103.1	102.3	.8	2.9
Movie cameras, Super 8, zoom lens -----		89.2	89.3	-.1	-3.3
Film, 35mm, color -----		108.5	108.1	.4	1.5
Golf balls, liquid center or solid core -----		104.6	104.5	.1	1.8
Basketballs, rubber or vinyl cover -----		125.8	124.5	1.0	5.2
Fishing rods, fresh water spincasting -----		110.9	110.4	.5	-.3
Bowling balls -----		111.7	110.5	1.1	3.4
Bicycles, boys' -----		113.4	112.5	.8	4.9
Tricycles -----		111.2	111.3	-.1	1.6
Dog food, canned or boxed -----		108.7	108.4	.3	3.7
Recreational services -----		126.0	125.0	.8	6.1
Indoor movie admissions -----		138.4	138.3	.1	6.5
Adult -----		138.4	138.0	.3	6.1
Children's -----		138.5	139.1	.4	7.5
Drive-in movie admissions, adult -----		141.5	139.3	1.6	8.9
Bowling fees, evening -----		116.5	116.0	.4	4.6
Golf green fees -----		128.5	125.8	2.1	5.2
TV repair, color picture tube replacement -----		98.3	98.1	.2	2.1
Film developing, color -----		117.0	116.2	.7	6.9
Reading and education:					
Newspapers, street sale and delivery -----		130.0	129.8	.2	10.2
Magazines, single copy and subscription -----		126.3	126.3	0	7.3
Piano lessons, beginner -----		120.6	120.8	-.2	3.9
Other goods and services -----		120.3	119.9	.3	4.0
Tobacco products -----		125.3	124.7	.5	3.7
Cigarettes, nonfilter tip, regular size -----		126.9	126.3	.5	4.2
Cigarettes, filter tip, king size -----		126.9	126.1	.6	3.8
Cigars, domestic, regular size -----		106.0	105.9	.1	.8
Alcoholic beverages -----		116.7	116.4	.3	4.1
Beer -----		113.2	112.7	.4	4.2
Whiskey, spirit blended and straight bourbon -----		106.2	106.0	.2	1.0
Wine, dessert and table -----		121.8	121.2	.5	4.0
Away from home -----		125.7	125.6	.1	5.6
Financial and miscellaneous personal expenses:					
Funeral Services, Adult -----		116.8	116.3	.4	3.6
Bank service charges, checking accounts -----		110.7	111.5	-.7	4.3
Legal services, short form will -----		133.3	133.3	0	6.9
<u>Other special groups:</u>					
All items less shelter -----		119.8	119.2	.5	4.7
Commodities less food -----		117.1	116.6	.4	4.1
Nondurables less food and apparel -----		114.9	114.3	.5	3.5
Household services less rent -----		131.6	130.7	.7	4.0
Transportation services -----		134.1	133.1	.8	9.6
Other services -----		122.5	122.0	.4	5.0

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

^{2/} Also includes home purchase costs not shown separately.

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

^{4/} Also includes venetian blinds, window shades, nails, carpet sweepers, utility pails, air deodorizers, steel wool scouring pads, envelopes, reupholstering, and moving expenses.

^{5/} Priced only in seasons.

^{6/} Also includes radios and television sets, shown separately under reading and recreation.

^{7/} Also includes men's sweaters, sport shirts, women's and girls' lightweight coats, women's slacks, cocktail dresses, girls' robes, cotton and polyester blend skirts, shorts, earrings, and zippers not shown separately.

^{8/} Also includes storage batteries and drivers' license fees not shown separately.

^{9/} Includes prices for water pump replacement, motor tune-up, automatic transmission repair, exhaust system, repair, front end alignment, and chassis lubrication.

^{10/} Also includes outboard motors, nondurable toys, college tuition fees, paperback books, and college textbooks, not shown separately.

Table 9: Indexes of retail prices of gas and electricity
by area, May and June 1971 ^{1/}
(1967=100)

Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas	Gas		Electricity	
	June 1971	May 1971	June 1971	May 1971
Atlanta	122.6	122.6	106.8	106.0
Baltimore	114.9	113.0	117.1	110.3
Boston	121.6	119.7	109.2	109.0
Buffalo	137.9	135.4	119.8	117.1
Chicago	108.5	108.4	108.1	108.5
Cincinnati	120.0	120.0	111.5	109.3
Cleveland	124.2	123.2	111.5	109.3
Dallas	114.0	114.2	103.5	103.5
Detroit	113.1	107.7	110.5	114.5
Honolulu	98.5	98.5	106.1	106.1
Houston	115.2	114.7	115.1	115.1
Kansas City	120.1	120.2	106.2	106.2
Los Angeles-Long Beach	126.4	125.5	111.6	111.6
Milwaukee	120.1	120.1	114.0	114.0
Minneapolis-St. Paul	122.8	122.6	114.6	108.4
New York	107.2	106.1	114.3	112.0
Philadelphia	104.4	104.4	135.0	130.8
Pittsburgh	128.0	128.2	116.8	116.2
St. Louis	115.2	117.6	106.9	106.9
San Diego	112.4	112.2	106.0	106.0
San Francisco-Oakland	116.7	116.7	111.4	111.4
Seattle	105.8	105.8	100.0	100.0
Washington, D.C.	107.5	108.8	114.6	114.6

^{1/} Separate indexes for gas and electricity by area have been calculated starting in May 1971. Previously, only a combined gas and electricity index for each area was computed. Beginning July 1971, separate indexes for gas and for electricity will appear monthly in Retail Prices and Indexes of Fuels and Utilities, in table 4, together with the combined index for gas and electricity. The combined index for gas and electricity will continue to appear in table 5 of this report.

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 1970 averages. The figures may be interpreted as follows: the chances are about 95 out of 100 that the percent change in the CPI as computed differs from the corresponding "complete coverage" change by less than twice the standard error.

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

Average Standard Errors of Percent Changes in the
CPI Based on 1970 Data

Component	Standard Error		
	Monthly Change	Quarterly Change	Annual Change
All Items -----	.04	.06	.09
Food at home -----	.08	.13	.18
Food away from home -----	.11	.21	.36
Housing -----	.06	.10	.19
Apparel -----	.15	.26	.29
Transportation -----	.10	.16	.19
Medical care -----	.12	.15	.29
Personal care -----	.13	.23	.34
Reading and recreation -----	.11	.17	.23
Other goods and services -----	.10	.16	.41

This replaces the table of average errors based on 1969 data which was included in the CPI report through December 1970.

^{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 1967=100, and are also available on the base of 1957-59=100.

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

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

*Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area

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

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

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