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Price Movements

June 1973

The Consumer Price Index rose 0.7 percent in June, the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Higher prices for food, gasoline and fuel oil, and household services were responsible for about three-fourths of the rise in the CPI. The June index was 132.4 (1967=100), 5.9 percent higher than it was a year ago.

After seasonal adjustment, the June increase was 0.6 percent. The index for food rose 0.9 percent and non-food commodities increased 0.5 percent after seasonal adjustment. The services index increased 0.4 percent.

The June index was based largely on prices collected before June 13, when the President announced a 60 day freeze on prices, at levels prevailing in the first 8 days of June. This announcement terminated Phase III which had been in effect since January 11, 1973, and during which prices rose at the sharpest pace in 22 years.

Price changes during Phase III

From January to June, the period covered by Phase III of the Economic Stabilization Program, the Consumer Price Index rose at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 8.3 percent. This was considerably faster than the 3.6 percent rate from November 1971 to January 1973, under Phase II. The Wholesale Price Index rose at a 24.4 percent annual rate during Phase III compared with 6.9 percent in Phase II. In Phase I—from August 1971 to November 1971—virtually all prices and wages were frozen. (See table B.)

Prices in the food component in the CPI and in the WPI and the industrial crude materials component in the WPI, which rose at a sharp rate during Phase II, advanced at a considerably faster rate during Phase III. In addition, price increases accelerated in other components—non-food commodities and services in the CPI and industrial

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

Month	Changes from preceding month							Changes in all items at seasonally adjusted compound annual rates		
	All items		Food		Commodities less food		Services	From 3 months ago	From 6 months ago	From 12 months ago
	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	Unad-justed			
1972:										
June	0.2	0.1	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3	2.5	2.9	2.9
July .....	.4	.4	1.0	.7	0	.3	.3	3.3	3.2	3.0
August .....	.2	.3	.3	.5	.1	.3	.2	3.2	2.8	2.9
September .....	.4	.4	.2	.7	.7	.3	.2	4.4	3.4	3.3
October .....	.3	.3	.1	.6	.4	0	.4	4.2	3.8	3.4
November .....	.2	.3	.4	.7	.2	.2	.2	4.3	3.7	3.5
December .....	.3	.2	.5	-.1	.1	.2	.4	3.4	3.9	3.4
1973:										
January .....	.3	.5	2.1	2.1	-.5	.2	.2	4.0	4.1	3.7
February .....	.7	.7	1.9	1.9	.3	.3	.4	5.7	5.0	3.9
March .....	.9	.9	2.6	2.4	.5	.5	.3	8.6	5.9	4.7
April .....	.7	.6	1.5	1.4	.7	.4	.3	9.2	6.6	5.1
May .....	.6	.6	1.0	1.1	.6	.4	.4	8.7	7.2	5.5
June .....	.7	.6	1.4	.9	.6	.5	.4	7.4	8.0	5.9

**Table B. Changes in Consumer and Wholesale Price Indexes, selected periods 1971-73
(Seasonally adjusted, except services, compound annual rate)**

Item	Percent change					
	1971 before Phase I	3 months Phase I	14 months Phase II	5 months Phase III	3 months ending:	
	Dec. 1970 to Aug. 1971	Aug. 1971 to Nov. 1971	Nov. 1971 to Jan. 1973	Jan. 1973 to June 1973	March 1973	June 1973
<i>Consumer Price Index</i>						
All items	3.8	2.0	3.6	8.3	8.6	7.4
Food	4.8	1.7	6.5	20.3	28.6	14.7
Commodities less food ..	2.9	.3	2.4	5.2	4.0	5.4
Services	4.5	3.1	3.5	4.3	3.6	4.5
<i>Wholesale Price Index</i>						
All commodities	5.0	0.3	6.9	24.4	21.1	23.4
Farm products and pro- cessed foods and feeds ..	6.5	1.1	16.1	49.8	51.9	43.2
Industrial commodities ..	4.5	-.1	3.5	14.4	10.2	14.9
<i>Selected stage of processing indexes</i>						
Crude materials except food	2.4	2.6	10.5	25.9	11.8	36.0
Intermediate materials, except food	6.4	.3	4.0	15.5	12.4	14.2
Producers' finished goods ..	3.4	-1.7	2.3	6.7	4.7	6.7
Consumer goods, except food	2.2	0	2.3	14.6	7.2	17.5
Consumer foods	6.7	2.1	10.6	25.4	44.2	14.2

commodities at intermediate and final stages of processing in the WPI. Under Phase III, controls were largely self-administered, in contrast to Phase II when prior approval of price increases were required from larger economic units. Although Phase III controls were tightened somewhat early in May, most prices continued to rise rapidly.

Sharp price advances during Phase III were basically due to the growing imbalance between supply and demand for agricultural and industrial commodities which had been developing since 1972. Rapid economic growth—especially in the last half of 1972 and in the first quarter of 1973—in the United States and in other industrial nations, accompanied by rising consumer income, stimulated the demand for goods and services. The demand from foreign sources was exceptionally large because of the worldwide crop failures in 1972 and the decline in the value of the dollar on world markets this year. Furthermore, agricultural supplies in this country—particularly grains, animal feeds, and fruits and vegetables—were affected adversely by almost continuous weather-related problems from late fall of 1972 through spring 1973.

Prices in the second quarter

In the 3 months ending in June, the Consumer Price Index rose at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 7.2 percent, compared with a 8.6 percent rate in the 3 months ending in March. The rate of advance in the food component, at a 14.7 percent rate, was half as fast as it was in the first quarter, reflecting the effects of the price ceilings on meats imposed in late March. The rate of advance in the nonfood commodities index was 5.4 percent, up from 4.0 percent in the first quarter. The index for services rose at a 4.5 percent rate in the second quarter, compared with 3.6 percent rate in the first quarter.

Food. The increase in food prices, at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 14.7 percent, accounted for about half the rise in the CPI in the second quarter. Except for a marked slowdown for meats and a small decline for poultry, price rises remained substantial in other categories of food purchased in grocery stores and away from home (restaurant meals and snacks), as shown in the seasonally adjusted annual rate of change for the two 3 month's periods as shown on following page.

	December 1972— March 1973	March 1973— June 1973
Food	28.6	14.7
Food at home	35.4	15.4
Cereal and bakery products	10.4	14.9
Meats, poultry, and fish	71.4	9.8
Meats	64.6	9.2
Poultry	198.1	-0.3
Dairy products (not seasonally adjusted)	11.3	8.8
Fruits and vegetables	20.8	31.2
Other foods at home	14.2	26.4
Food away from home	7.1	12.0

The rise in retail meat prices slowed, and wholesale prices for livestock and meats declined in the second quarter primarily as a result of the effects of the ceilings imposed on meat prices in late March and consumer boycotts in early April. Poultry production rose during the quarter, but because of the sharp consumer demand for red meat alternatives such as poultry, prices declined only slightly. Fruits and vegetable prices were higher because supplies were reduced by adverse weather conditions.

Higher prices in most other food categories were related to the sharp advances in wholesale prices of grains and animal feeds since mid-1972. Advances in grain prices in the second quarter of this year were exceptionally large, due not only to rising demand in the face of dwindling supplies but also to recurring speculation that restrictions might be imposed on grain exports. In late June, export controls were imposed on soybeans and cottonseed and related products, the major ingredients for animal feeds and a major source of edible food oils.

Nonfood commodities. Sharp advances in gasoline and fuel oil prices contributed significantly to the rise in the nonfood component of the CPI and the WPI during the second quarter. Higher gasoline prices reflected the effects of shortages at the retail level and strong demand during the peak travel season. During the second quarter, most major integrated oil companies began allocating gasoline to dealers; in some instances, dealers voluntarily rationed gasoline to motorists. By early July, however, the supply situation appeared to be improving. This improvement was attributed primarily to the lifting of petroleum-product import restrictions on May 1, which permitted refiners to import enough crude oil to bring

production up to capacity levels. In addition, mandatory price controls, which were imposed on oil companies in March following sharp increases earlier this year, were eased in mid-May. (See page 4 for further discussion of gasoline and fuel oil prices.)

Among other nonfood commodities, the rise in furniture prices and prices of home maintenance and repair commodities accelerated in the second quarter, reflecting strong demand and a steep price increase for lumber and other materials over the past year. In the second quarter, wholesale prices of materials used in furniture manufacturing, particularly hardwood lumber, continued to advance sharply. However, price increases for softwood lumber—used in building materials—moderated in May and declined in June. The turnaround was due to several factors: The slowdown in homebuilding from the record 1972 pace, increased plywood production, increased timber sale by the U.S. Forest Service, and an agreement with Japan to cut back on log purchases in the United States.

Large price increases over the past year for textile materials and strong consumer demand contributed to a faster rise in wholesale and retail apparel prices in the second quarter. On the other hand, prices of hides and skins and leather, which advanced sharply in 1972, increased at a slower pace in the first quarter of this year, and declined significantly in the second quarter. The decline in leather prices was reflected in declines in wholesale prices for footwear, and a slightly slower rise in retail prices.

Services. Increases in the second quarter were larger than in the first quarter for all components of the consumer services index, except rent. Among household services other than rent, charges for home maintenance and repair services rose at a faster rate partly because of higher prices for aluminum siding and other materials. Higher charges for day care services reflected, in part, the rise in food prices. The rise in mortgage interest rates also accelerated.

In the medical care services component, one of the areas in which price increases were still under restrictions imposed under Phase II, fees for dentists and for other professional services such as eye examinations increased at a somewhat faster rate, but the rise in hospital charges moderated.

Charges for transportation services rose in the second quarter, following declines in the 2 preceding quarters. The upturn was due mostly to an increase in fares for public transportation—local transit, taxi, airplanes, and intercity bus fares. In addition, auto insurance charges declined less than in the first quarter. Auto repair charges and parking fees continued to rise.

Price rises accelerated for other services such as drycleaning, automatic laundry, men's haircuts, beauty shop services, funeral services, and movie admission charges.

Gasoline and fuel oil

In the first 6 months of 1973 gasoline prices, including taxes in the CPI, rose at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 16.1 percent. The average retail price of gasoline (excluding tax) in 55 cities increased at an annual rate of 11.3 percent¹. The WPI for gasoline increased at an annual rate exceeding 70 percent.

Since 1950, gasoline prices at the wholesale level have risen sharply in two periods—in 1953, after the Korean War and again in 1956 during the Suez Crisis. The Suez Crisis was of short duration, and as an aftermath, the petroleum industry suffered from the effects of an oversupply, and wholesale prices declined almost steadily from mid-1957 through 1964.

Starting in 1965, however, the strong growth in economic activity and military needs as well as the continued limitations on domestic oil production and imports, caused gasoline prices at wholesale and retail to rise in 1965, 1966, and in 1967. There was another Mid-East crisis in mid-1967, but it was also of short duration, and by late 1967, gasoline supplies were ample and prices at wholesale generally trended down through 1970. Retail gasoline prices, continued to move up, partly because of rising taxes, but the increases were moderate.

In 1971, both wholesale and retail prices rose before Phase I of the Economic Stabilization Program was announced in August. Prices edged down slightly in late 1971 and in the first half of 1972, but began to rise at a faster rate in the second half of 1972 and accelerated sharply in the first 6 months of 1973.

Despite the price increase, a large reduction in the overall retail demand for gasoline is unlikely, since most studies conclude that the price elasticity of demand for gasoline is quite low, about $\frac{1}{4}$. The effect of increases in income and auto stocks are much larger and would more than offset any decrease in consumption due to price increases alone. In the past several years, not only have auto sales boomed, but air conditioners and air pollution controls on cars have resulted in the use of more gasoline.

At the same time that the demand for gasoline has been rising, demand for other petroleum products such as jet fuels, industrial fuels, and home heating fuels has been increasing. Unlike gasoline, supplies of these products were becoming tighter and prices were rising quite rapidly for several years before the Economic Stabilization Program began. Distillate fuels have been in greater demand as industries, which formerly used re-

sidual fuel oil for industrial heating because it was cheaper, now are using middle distillate fuel to mix with residual fuel to meet pollution emission standards. The demand for distillate fuels has grown also, because natural gas has been in short supply.

Refineries usually make adjustments to obtain a higher yield of fuel oil and less gasoline in the winter months and vice versa in the summer months. It has not been unusual for supplies to be tight during peak use months for gasoline and fuel oil. However, supplies of fuel oil were particularly tight this past winter. This may be partly attributed to the fact that refiners found it more profitable—under Phase II limitations on price and profit margin increases—to continue producing gasoline instead of shifting to heating oil as they usually do before the start of winter. After fuel oil prices were raised following the shift to Phase III early in January of this year, production was increased to meet seasonal needs. Consequently, conversion to gasoline production was delayed this spring, and this contributed to the gasoline shortages.

These disruptions in refinery production also reflected inadequate supply of crude petroleum to meet the upsurge in demand for all types of refined petroleum products. To meet the immediate problem of a shortage of oil and gasoline, on May 1, the Administration removed all volume restrictions on imports of crude oil and petroleum supplies. Increased imports of crude oil permitted refiners to produce up to capacity and the gasoline supply situation appeared to be improving by early July. Over the long run, however, several factors may inhibit imports of foreign oil. Because of rapid economic growth in most other industrial nations, worldwide demand for petroleum products has risen, and prices of imported oils have been advancing even more rapidly in recent years than they have in this country. Furthermore, most U.S. refineries were built to refine sweet crude oil, while much of the imported oil is sour crude or of high sulfur content.

Diffusion of individual price changes

Approximately 121,000 individual prices were collected directly by the Bureau of Labor Statistics in June for use in the index. Approximately 80 percent of these quotations represent monthly comparisons. As can be seen from Table C, 69 percent of these monthly comparisons were unchanged, 11 percent decreased, and 20 percent increased from May to June. Compared with May, the proportion of prices increasing in June was the same for food and smaller for services. The proportion of prices increasing for nonfood commodities was con-

siderably larger in June than in May. The June index also includes 24,000 price comparisons to June from periods prior to May, 19,000 of which cover the quarterly span from March to June. About 21 percent of these quarterly price comparisons increased, compared

with 25 percent in the February to May period. In addition, about 4,900 rental units were surveyed in June and 21 percent of these reported rent increases from December 1972, less than the proportion reporting increases for the 6-month period ended in May.

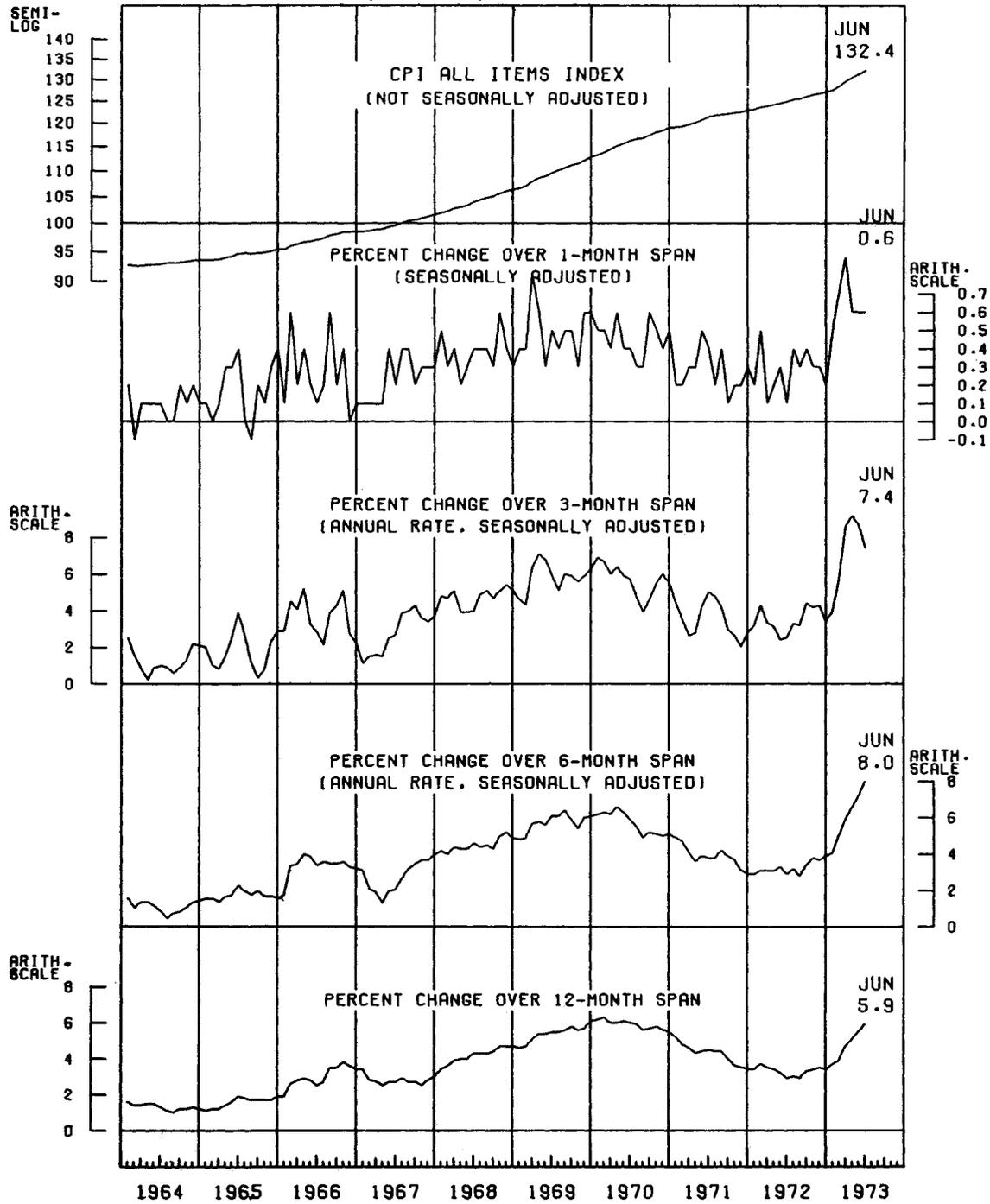
Table C. Percent distribution of monthly price comparisons ¹

Item	December 1971 to January 1972	1972					
		January to February	February to March	March to April	April to May	May to June	June to July
All items ²	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Increases	14	22	15	14	13	15	18
Decreases	11	8	10	12	12	11	10
No change	75	70	75	74	75	74	72
Food at home	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Increases	15	24	16	15	14	17	20
Decreases	11	9	12	13	13	12	11
No change	74	67	72	72	73	71	69
Commodities less food	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Increases	7	8	10	7	8	6	8
Decreases	10	7	5	7	6	7	7
No change	83	85	85	86	86	87	85
Services	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Increases	12	8	3	6	7	5	4
Decreases	5	3	1	4	5	3	3
No change	83	89	96	90	88	92	93
		1972—Continued					December 1972 to January 1973
		July to August	August to September	September to October	October to November	November to December	
All items ²		100	100	100	100	100	100
Increases		16	15	15	14	14	21
Decreases		11	10	11	11	9	10
No change		73	75	74	75	77	69
Food at home		100	100	100	100	100	100
Increases		18	16	17	16	17	23
Decreases		13	12	12	12	10	8
No change		69	72	71	72	73	69
Commodities less food		100	100	100	100	100	100
Increases		8	11	6	6	6	7
Decreases		6	5	6	5	4	8
No change		86	84	88	89	90	85
Services		100	100	100	100	100	100
Increases		3	4	4	4	3	9
Decreases		3	2	5	2	3	27
No change		94	94	91	94	94	64
		1973					
		January to February	February to March	March to April	April to May	May to June	
All items ²		100	100	100	100	100	
Increases		27	26	24	20	20	
Decreases		9	8	10	11	11	
No change		64	66	66	69	69	
Food at home		100	100	100	100	100	
Increases		31	30	27	23	23	
Decreases		10	9	12	13	12	
No change		59	61	61	64	65	
Commodities less food		100	100	100	100	100	
Increases		12	11	11	9	13	
Decreases		4	5	4	5	5	
No change		84	84	85	86	82	
Services		100	100	100	100	100	
Increases		5	4	4	6	3	
Decreases		4	2	3	3	2	
No change		91	94	93	91	95	

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

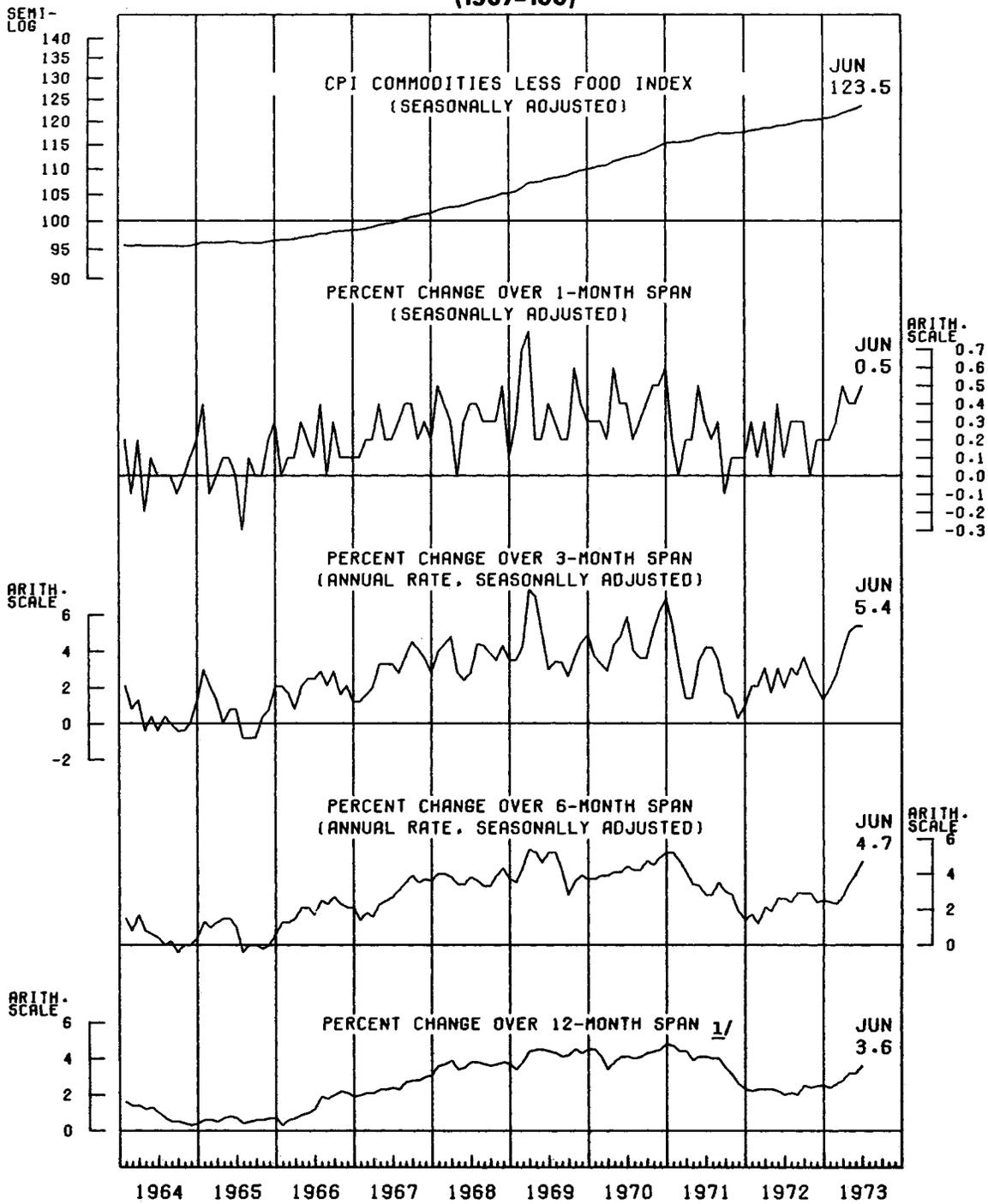
² Based on approximately 98,000 individual monthly quotations.

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



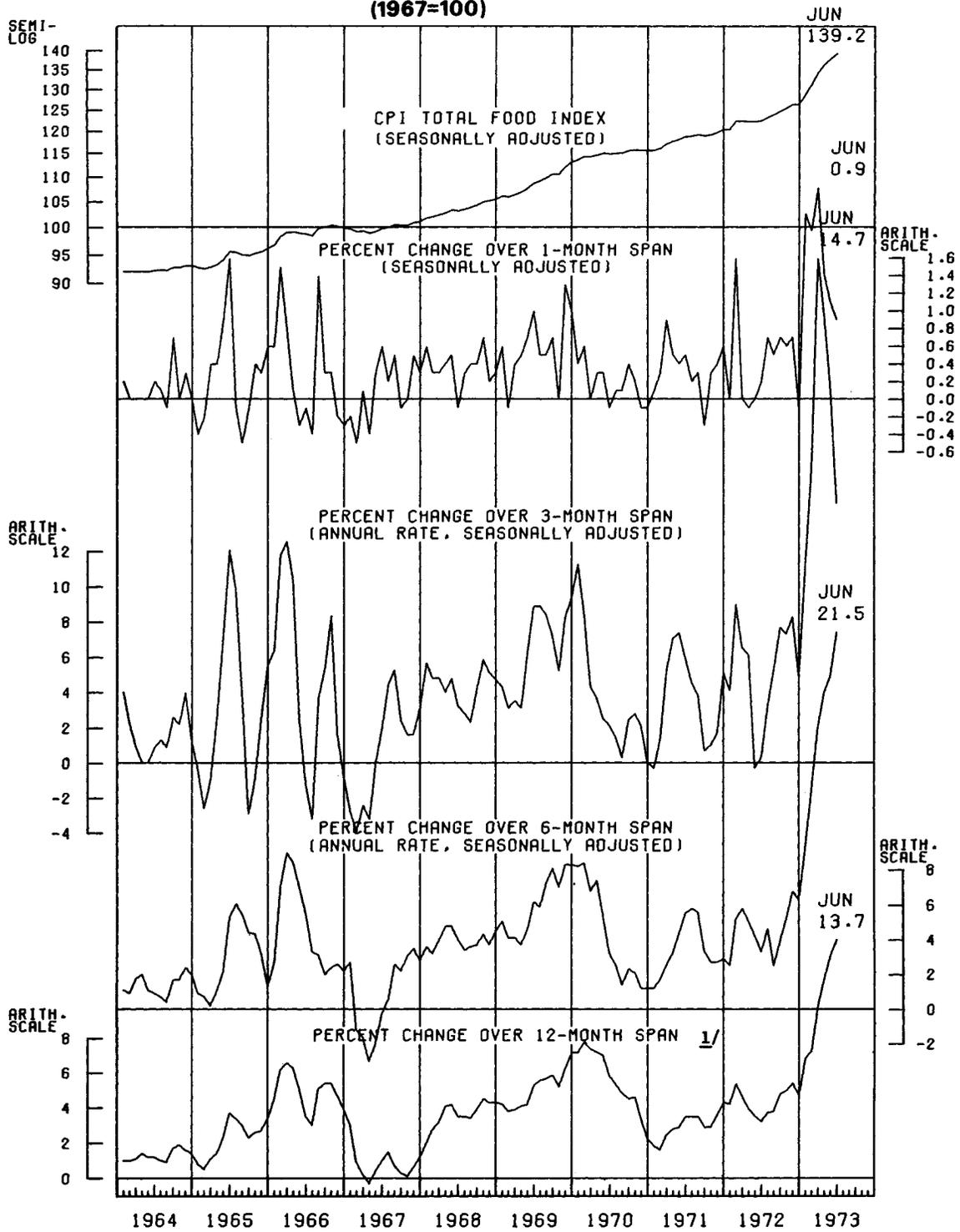
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**Chart 2. Commodities less food index and its rates of change, 1964-73
(1967=100)**



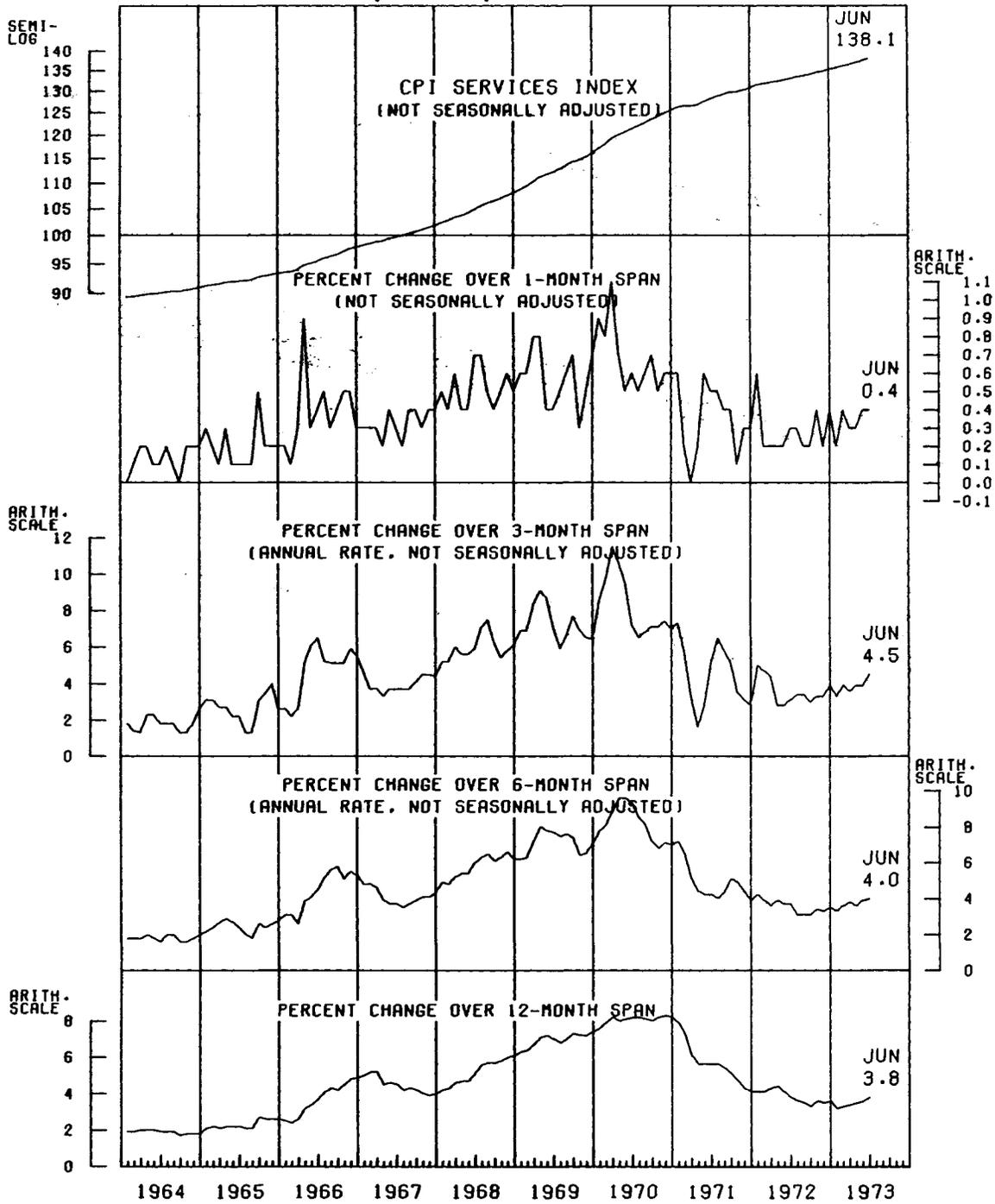
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Chart 3. Total food index and its rates of change, 1964-73
(1967=100)



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**Chart 4. Services index and its rates of change, 1964-73
(1967=100)**



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

Group	Relative importance	Unadjusted indexes 1967=100 unless otherwise noted		Unadjusted percent change to June 1973 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		May 1973	June 1973	June 1972	May 1973	March to April	April to May	May to June
		December 1972	1973	1973	1972	1973	April	May	June
Commodity and service groups								
All items	100.000	131.5	132.4	5.9	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6
All items (1957-59=100)	-	153.0	154.0	-	-	-	-	-
Commodities	62.552	128.3	129.4	7.2	.9	1.0	.7	.6
Food	22.492	137.9	139.8	13.7	1.4	1.4	1.1	.9
Food at home	17.494	137.6	139.9	15.7	1.7	1.3	1.1	1.2
Cereals and bakery products	2.243	122.1	123.0	7.4	.7	.8	1.8	.8
Meats, poultry, and fish	6.016	155.6	156.5	23.8	.6	1.6	.7	.1
Dairy products	2.685	123.2	124.1	6.1	.7	*.2	*1.1	*.7
Fruits and vegetables	2.999	144.6	151.7	19.3	4.9	2.7	.9	3.3
Other foods at home	3.552	125.4	127.7	11.5	1.8	1.1	2.0	2.8
Food away from home	4.998	138.9	139.8	6.8	.6	.7	1.5	.6
Commodities less food	40.059	123.0	123.7	3.6	.6	.4	.4	.5
Nondurables less food	23.415	124.0	124.7	4.4	.6	.7	.4	.6
Apparel commodities ¹	8.960	127.2	127.2	3.9	0	.6	.3	.3
Men's and boys'	2.799	126.7	127.1	4.3	.3	.4	.5	.4
Women's and girls'	3.982	127.2	127.1	3.7	-.1	1.0	0	.5
Footwear	1.572	130.3	130.0	4.3	-.2	.5	.4	0
Nondurables less food and apparel	14.455	122.2	123.3	4.6	.9	.7	.4	.9
Gasoline and motor oil	2.902	116.1	119.1	11.5	2.6	2.1	1.0	2.6
Tobacco products	2.103	137.0	137.3	2.5	.2	*.7	*.4	*.2
Alcoholic beverages	2.459	121.7	122.3	2.7	.5	*.2	*.1	*.5
Fuel oil and coal	.655	129.3	131.6	11.7	1.8	.6	1.1	2.1
Other nondurables	6.335	120.1	120.6	2.2	.4	.4	0	.4
Durable commodities	16.644	121.8	122.3	2.6	.4	.5	.2	.1
Household durables	4.772	118.5	119.2	3.6	.6	.6	.6	.6
New cars	2.060	111.1	111.0	-.3	-.1	.8	.2	.3
Used cars	2.056	120.6	122.3	9.2	1.4	*3.2	*2.8	*1.4
Other durables	7.756	127.6	127.8	1.3	.2	.2	.1	-.1
Services	37.448	137.5	138.1	3.8	.4	*.3	*.4	*.4
Rent	5.059	123.5	123.9	4.1	.3	*.3	*.4	*.3
Services less rent	32.389	140.1	140.7	3.7	.4	*.3	*.4	*.4
Household services less rent	15.486	144.2	144.9	4.4	.5	.1	.7	.6
Transportation services	5.473	136.6	137.0	.7	.3	.3	.4	.3
Medical care services	5.575	143.1	143.6	4.1	.3	.4	.3	.5
Other services	5.855	130.6	131.3	4.5	.5	*.5	*.5	*.5
Special indexes:								
All items less food	77.508	129.7	130.3	3.7	.5	.5	.5	.4
Nondurable commodities	45.907	130.7	132.0	8.9	1.0	1.0	.7	.8
Apparel commodities less footwear	7.388	126.5	126.7	3.9	.2	.7	.2	.5
Services less medical care services	31.873	136.7	137.3	3.7	.4	*.3	*.4	*.4
Insurance and finance	9.829	146.3	146.8	2.3	.3	.3	.5	.3
Utilities and public transportation	5.522	129.3	129.4	3.0	.1	.2	.4	.2
Housekeeping and home maintenance service	4.502	151.1	152.5	5.8	.9	.5	.6	.8
Appliances (including radio and T. V.)	1.621	105.4	105.4	-.4	0	*0	*0	*0
Expenditure classes								
All items	100.000	131.5	132.4	5.9	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6
Food	22.492	137.9	139.8	13.7	1.4	1.4	1.1	.9
Housing	33.859	133.3	133.9	3.8	.5	*.4	*.4	*.5
Shelter ²	21.830	138.7	139.4	4.0	.5	.3	.7	.4
Rent	5.059	123.5	123.9	4.1	.3	*.3	*.4	*.3
Homeownership ³	16.355	144.2	145.0	3.9	.6	.3	.7	.3
Fuel and utilities ⁴	4.708	125.4	125.6	4.8	.2	.4	.5	.5
Gas and electricity	2.434	125.7	125.4	4.2	-.2	.2	.2	.2
Household furnishings and operation	7.321	123.9	124.7	3.1	.6	.4	.2	.5
Apparel and upkeep	10.370	126.7	126.8	3.8	.1	.6	.2	.4
Transportation	13.134	123.5	124.6	4.0	.9	.7	.4	.6
Private	11.665	121.3	122.4	4.3	.9	.9	.3	.7
Public	1.469	143.9	144.9	1.3	.7	-.1	.5	.3
Health and recreation	19.768	129.6	130.0	3.1	.3	*.5	*.3	*.3
Medical care	6.447	136.6	137.0	3.5	.3	.1	.3	.4
Personal care	2.573	124.4	124.9	4.1	.4	*.6	*.5	*.4
Reading and recreation	5.656	125.6	125.9	2.4	.2	.2	.2	.2
Other goods and services	5.093	128.5	129.0	2.7	.4	.5	.3	.3
Special indexes:								
All items less shelter	78.170	129.7	130.6	6.4	.7	.8	.6	.5
All items less medical care	93.553	131.3	132.2	6.1	.7	.7	.6	.6
All items less mortgage interest costs	96.298	130.8	131.7	6.0	.7	.8	.6	.5
CPI - domestically produced farm foods ⁵	15.519	138.2	140.4	16.4	1.6	*1.6	*.9	*1.6
CPI - selected beef cuts ⁶	2.060	161.3	162.2	21.0	.6	*1.5	*.1	*.6
Purchasing power of consumer dollar:								
1967=\$1.00	-	\$0.760	\$0.755	-5.6	-.7	-	-	-
1957-59=\$1.00	-	.654	.649	-	-	-	-	-

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

² Also includes hotel and motel rates not shown separately.

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

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

⁵ Calculated from the CPI food at home component by excluding fish, nonalcoholic beverages, bananas, chocolate candy bars, chocolate syrup and about half of the index weight for sugar.

⁶ Calculated from the CPI beef and veal component by excluding veal cutlets and beef liver.

* Not seasonally adjusted.

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

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

Group	Seasonally adjusted indexes (1967=100)				Seasonally adjusted annual rate					
					Percent changes for—					
	March 1973	April 1973	May 1973	June 1973	3 months ending in September 1972	3 months ending in December 1972	3 months ending in March 1973	3 months ending in June 1973	6 months ending in December 1972	6 months ending in June 1973
Commodity and service groups										
All items -----	-	-	-	-	4.4	3.4	8.6	7.4	3.9	8.0
Commodities -----	126.2	127.4	128.3	129.1	5.1	2.6	11.5	9.5	3.9	10.5
Food -----	134.5	136.4	137.9	139.2	7.7	4.9	28.6	14.7	6.3	21.5
Food at home -----	134.3	136.1	137.6	139.2	8.2	6.0	35.4	15.4	7.1	25.0
Cereals and bakery products -----	118.8	119.8	122.0	123.0	.7	4.3	10.4	14.9	2.5	12.6
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	152.4	154.8	155.9	156.0	11.9	11.6	71.4	9.8	11.8	37.2
Dairy products (not seasonally adjusted) -----	121.5	121.8	123.2	124.1	-.3	4.9	11.3	8.8	2.2	10.0
Fruits and vegetables -----	136.7	140.4	141.6	146.3	16.2	9.8	20.8	31.2	12.9	25.9
Other foods at home -----	122.8	124.2	126.7	130.2	2.4	4.9	14.2	26.4	3.6	20.1
Food away from home -----	136.0	137.0	139.0	139.9	4.3	4.0	7.1	12.0	4.2	9.5
Commodities less food -----	121.9	122.4	122.9	123.5	3.7	1.3	4.0	5.4	2.5	4.7
Nondurables less food -----	122.6	123.4	123.9	124.7	3.0	2.7	4.7	7.0	2.9	5.9
Apparel commodities ¹ -----	125.6	126.3	126.7	127.1	3.3	3.6	3.9	4.9	3.5	4.4
Men's and boys' -----	125.0	125.5	126.1	126.6	3.7	4.7	3.6	5.2	4.2	4.4
Women's and girls' -----	125.6	126.8	126.8	127.4	2.0	3.3	3.9	5.9	2.6	4.9
Footwear -----	128.8	129.4	129.9	129.9	3.6	4.2	5.8	3.5	3.9	4.6
Nondurables less food and apparel -----	120.9	121.8	122.3	123.4	3.8	1.4	4.8	8.5	2.6	6.6
Gasoline and motor oil -----	113.0	115.4	116.6	119.6	13.7	1.1	7.4	25.5	7.2	16.1
Tobacco products (not seasonally adjusted) -----	135.5	136.5	137.0	137.3	.6	0	3.9	5.4	.3	4.7
Alcoholic beverages (not seasonally adjusted) -----	121.3	121.6	121.7	122.3	3.7	1.0	2.7	3.3	2.4	3.0
Fuel oil and coal -----	127.2	127.9	129.3	132.0	1.0	3.4	28.4	16.0	2.2	22.0
Other nondurables -----	119.4	119.9	119.9	120.4	1.7	1.7	2.0	3.4	1.7	2.7
Durable commodities -----	120.8	121.4	121.7	121.8	5.5	-.7	2.4	3.4	2.4	2.9
Household durables -----	116.9	117.6	118.3	119.0	2.5	2.4	2.1	7.4	2.5	4.7
New cars -----	110.0	110.9	111.1	111.4	7.4	-14.9	3.0	5.2	-4.4	4.1
Used cars (not seasonally adjusted) -----	113.7	117.3	120.6	122.3	5.8	5.0	-4.4	33.9	5.4	13.1
Other durables -----	127.7	127.9	128.0	127.9	3.5	-.3	1.3	.6	1.6	.9
Services (not seasonally adjusted) -----	136.6	137.0	137.5	138.1	3.0	3.9	3.6	4.5	3.5	4.0
Rent (not seasonally adjusted) -----	122.6	123.0	123.5	123.9	3.1	3.7	5.4	4.3	3.4	4.9
Services less rent (not seasonally adjusted) -----	139.2	139.6	140.1	140.7	3.0	3.9	3.5	4.4	3.4	4.0
Household services less rent -----	143.1	143.3	144.3	145.2	3.2	4.6	3.7	6.0	3.9	4.9
Transportation services -----	135.6	136.0	136.5	136.9	3.3	-.3	-3.7	3.9	1.5	0
Medical care services -----	141.9	142.4	142.8	143.5	2.0	6.8	2.9	4.6	4.4	3.7
Other services (not seasonally adjusted) -----	129.2	129.9	130.6	131.3	3.5	3.2	4.8	6.7	3.4	5.7
Special indexes:										
All items less food -----	128.5	129.1	129.7	130.2	3.5	2.5	3.2	5.4	3.0	4.3
Nondurable commodities -----	128.4	129.7	130.6	131.7	5.7	3.6	15.7	10.7	4.7	13.2
Apparel commodities less footwear -----	124.9	125.8	126.0	126.6	2.3	4.0	3.6	5.6	3.1	4.6
Services less medical care services (not seasonally adjusted) -----	135.8	136.2	136.7	137.3	3.1	3.6	3.6	4.5	3.4	4.1
Insurance and finance -----	145.4	145.8	146.6	147.1	2.8	1.9	-.3	4.8	2.4	2.2
Utilities and public transportation -----	128.4	128.7	129.2	129.4	3.5	3.8	1.6	3.2	3.7	2.4
Housekeeping and home maintenance service -----	149.5	150.2	151.1	152.3	3.1	5.9	6.1	7.7	4.5	6.9
Appliances (including radio and T. V.) (not seasonally adjusted) -----	105.4	105.4	105.4	105.4	-.4	.4	-1.5	0	0	-.8
Expenditure classes										
All items -----	-	-	-	-	4.4	3.4	8.6	7.4	3.9	8.0
Food -----	134.5	136.4	137.9	139.2	7.7	4.9	28.6	14.7	6.3	21.5
Housing (not seasonally adjusted) -----	132.3	132.8	133.3	133.9	3.8	3.1	3.4	4.9	3.4	4.2
Shelter ² -----	137.7	138.1	139.0	139.5	4.2	3.3	3.0	5.3	3.8	4.1
Rent (not seasonally adjusted) -----	122.6	123.0	123.5	123.9	3.1	3.7	5.4	4.3	3.4	4.9
Homeownership ³ -----	143.1	143.6	144.6	145.1	4.4	3.2	2.3	5.7	3.8	4.0
Fuel and utilities ⁴ -----	124.2	124.7	125.3	125.9	3.0	3.3	7.8	5.6	3.2	6.7
Gas and electricity -----	124.6	124.9	125.2	125.5	3.0	3.3	7.7	2.9	3.2	5.3
Household furnishings and operation -----	123.0	123.5	123.7	124.3	3.0	3.0	2.0	4.3	3.0	3.1
Apparel and upkeep -----	125.1	125.9	126.2	126.7	3.0	3.6	3.6	5.2	3.3	4.4
Transportation -----	122.0	122.8	123.3	124.1	9.4	-2.6	2.7	7.1	3.2	4.8
Private -----	119.6	120.7	121.1	121.9	9.6	-2.7	3.1	7.9	3.3	5.5
Public -----	143.5	143.3	144.0	144.5	4.9	2.5	-4.6	2.8	3.7	-1.0
Health and recreation (not seasonally adjusted) -----	128.6	129.2	129.6	130.0	2.2	2.2	3.5	4.4	2.2	4.0
Medical care -----	135.7	135.9	136.3	136.9	1.5	6.2	2.7	3.6	3.8	3.1
Personal care (not seasonally adjusted) -----	123.1	123.8	124.4	124.9	1.7	3.4	5.4	6.0	2.5	5.7
Reading and recreation -----	124.9	125.2	125.5	125.8	2.6	1.6	2.6	2.9	2.1	2.8
Other goods and services -----	127.9	128.5	128.9	129.3	-.3	1.9	4.8	4.5	.8	4.6
Special indexes:										
All items less shelter -----	127.8	128.8	129.6	130.3	4.3	3.3	10.0	8.1	3.8	9.0
All items less medical care -----	129.6	130.5	131.3	132.1	4.6	2.9	9.1	7.9	3.7	8.5
All items less mortgage interest costs -----	129.0	130.0	130.8	131.4	4.6	3.2	8.5	7.7	3.9	8.1
CPI - domestically produced farm foods (not seasonally adjusted) -----	134.9	137.0	138.2	140.4	6.8	4.0	41.0	17.3	5.4	28.6
CPI - selected beef cuts (not seasonally adjusted) -----	159.1	161.5	161.3	162.2	7.4	-4.6	93.5	8.0	1.2	44.6

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

² Also includes hotel and motel rates not shown separately.

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

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

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

Table 3. Consumer Price Index—United States and selected areas for urban wage earners and clerical workers, all items most recent index and percent changes from selected dates

Area ¹	Pricing schedule ²	Indexes			Percent change from:		
		1967= 100	1957-59= 100	Other bases	June 1972	March 1973	May 1973
June 1973							
U. S. city average -----	M	132.4	154.0		5.9	2.0	0.7
Chicago -----	M	131.7	149.6		6.0	2.1	.7
Detroit -----	M	133.7	153.7		6.1	2.0	.2
Los Angeles-Long Beach -----	M	128.5	151.1		5.7	1.7	.9
N. Y.-Northeastern N. J -----	M	139.0	165.5		6.1	1.8	.7
Philadelphia -----	M	134.7	157.3		6.5	1.7	.4
April 1973							
April 1972							
Boston -----	1	132.4	158.6		4.9	2.1	
Houston -----	1	130.5	149.3		4.6	2.6	
Minneapolis-St. Paul -----	1	130.8	151.6		5.3	2.3	
Pittsburgh -----	1	131.2	150.9		5.2	3.1	
May 1973							
May 1972							
Buffalo -----	2	133.2		³ 146.4	5.6	2.2	
Cleveland -----	2	132.7	149.9		5.2	2.2	
Dallas -----	2	130.6		³ 141.1	4.8	2.3	
Milwaukee -----	2	130.0	146.8		5.9	2.4	
San Diego -----	2	130.7		⁴ 137.3	5.7	2.0	
Seattle -----	2	126.3	148.4		6.3	2.6	
Washington -----	2	133.3	155.3		6.1	2.0	
June 1973							
June 1972							
Atlanta -----	3	132.6	152.5		6.3	1.9	
Baltimore -----	3	133.6	155.1		6.5	1.3	
Cincinnati -----	3	130.9	148.5		5.1	.8	
Honolulu -----	3	127.5		⁵ 137.5	4.3	1.2	
Kansas City -----	3	129.8	154.0		4.8	1.9	
St. Louis -----	3	128.1	149.7		5.1	1.5	
San Francisco-Oakland -----	3	130.7	155.5		5.3	1.6	

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

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

M - Every month.

1 - January, April, July, and October.

2 - February, May, August, and November.

3 - March, June, September, and December.

³ November 1963= 100.

⁴ February 1965= 100.

⁵ December 1963= 100.

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

Table 4. Consumer Price Index—United States and selected areas¹ for urban wage earners and clerical workers, major groups, percent change from May 1973 to June 1973

Group	U. S. city average	Chicago	Detroit	Los Angeles-Long Beach	New York-Northeastern New Jersey	Philadelphia
All items -----	0.7	0.7	0.2	0.9	0.7	0.4
Food -----	1.4	1.9	1.9	1.4	1.3	.9
Housing -----	.5	.4	-.7	1.1	1.1	.3
Apparel and upkeep -----	.1	-.4	-.4	.2	-.6	-.2
Transportation -----	.9	.7	.9	.9	.7	.5
Health and recreation -----	.3	.2	-.1	.2	.3	.2
Medical care -----	.3	.1	.3	.3	.2	.1
Personal care -----	.4	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
Reading and recreation -----	.2	0	-.7	-.1	.1	.6
Other goods and services -----	.4	.5	-.1	.3	.9	0

¹ See footnote 1, table 3.

² Not available.

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

Group	U. S. city average	Chicago	Detroit	Los Angeles—Long Beach	New York—Northeastern New Jersey	Philadelphia
Indexes (1967= 100)						
All items -----	132.4	131.7	133.7	128.5	139.0	134.7
Food -----	139.8	141.4	141.3	135.5	143.7	140.7
Food at home -----	139.9	142.2	142.4	136.9	142.9	139.6
Cereals and bakery products -----	123.0	127.0	127.0	120.5	124.0	125.0
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	156.5	159.2	161.0	156.3	155.5	156.5
Dairy products -----	124.1	124.9	123.7	120.4	127.6	124.0
Fruits and vegetables -----	151.7	153.0	145.0	145.0	157.2	146.7
Other food at home -----	127.7	127.5	129.9	125.8	131.4	127.0
Food away from home -----	139.8	138.4	137.1	131.5	146.3	145.3
Housing -----	133.9	128.2	136.5	130.3	143.7	136.6
Shelter -----	139.4	132.2	146.4	133.2	151.4	146.2
Rent, residential -----	123.9	(²)	124.0	(²)	135.5	(²)
Homeownership -----	145.0	136.9	150.9	136.9	163.3	150.8
Fuel and utilities -----	125.6	119.0	120.0	129.2	132.5	125.1
Fuel oil and coal -----	131.6	125.5	124.4	-	134.8	127.2
Gas and electricity -----	125.4	119.8	121.7	136.1	134.1	129.5
Household furnishings and operation -----	124.7	122.0	116.9	121.0	130.4	126.1
Apparel and upkeep -----	126.8	125.8	122.0	123.0	126.0	125.2
Men's and boys' -----	127.1	122.0	121.2	119.9	130.0	125.5
Women's and girls' -----	127.1	130.5	118.2	125.7	122.9	121.8
Footwear -----	130.0	124.5	129.6	128.6	126.0	131.6
Transportation -----	124.6	128.7	124.8	123.9	136.1	128.3
Private -----	122.4	123.7	122.8	124.2	129.0	125.7
Public -----	144.9	160.6	149.4	119.4	163.6	143.6
Health and recreation -----	130.0	131.0	133.2	124.3	135.4	133.8
Medical care -----	137.0	136.0	147.9	134.1	144.3	147.5
Personal care -----	124.9	125.3	(²)	119.2	(²)	(²)
Reading and recreation -----	125.9	127.4	126.0	117.0	129.6	128.8
Other goods and services -----	129.0	132.2	124.6	121.6	136.9	129.8
Percent changes March 1973 to June 1973						
All items -----	2.0	2.1	2.0	1.7	1.8	1.7
Food -----	3.9	4.6	4.6	4.4	3.4	3.1
Food at home -----	4.2	4.8	4.9	4.4	3.9	3.0
Cereals and bakery products -----	3.4	2.5	2.6	4.4	3.4	3.7
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	2.5	4.0	2.4	2.3	2.2	2.7
Dairy products -----	2.1	2.5	3.7	.8	2.4	1.1
Fruits and vegetables -----	10.9	13.7	13.8	13.7	8.9	3.8
Other food at home -----	3.7	2.7	4.8	3.2	4.1	4.0
Food away from home -----	3.0	4.0	3.5	4.4	1.7	3.4
Housing -----	1.2	.9	1.1	.5	1.9	1.3
Shelter -----	1.2	.7	1.4	.5	2.2	1.2
Rent, residential -----	1.1	(²)	3.6	(²)	2.7	(²)
Homeownership -----	1.3	.4	1.4	.4	2.6	1.2
Fuel and utilities -----	.8	.4	.2	.9	1.8	2.0
Fuel oil and coal -----	3.0	1.7	-.6	-	5.0	5.1
Gas and electricity -----	.3	.4	.3	1.2	2.9	.8
Household furnishings and operation -----	1.4	2.3	.7	.6	1.1	1.3
Apparel and upkeep -----	1.6	.2	.1	.3	.3	.1
Men's and boys' -----	2.0	1.4	.7	.3	2.0	1.7
Women's and girls' -----	1.6	-1.7	-.6	-.6	-.6	-1.3
Footwear -----	1.0	1.3	-1.5	.7	-.9	.2
Transportation -----	2.6	2.8	3.5	2.7	1.5	1.9
Private -----	2.8	3.4	3.9	2.7	2.0	2.2
Public -----	.3	.1	.6	1.8	.2	.1
Health and recreation -----	1.1	1.2	.5	1.1	1.1	.8
Medical care -----	.9	.6	1.0	1.1	.9	.6
Personal care -----	1.5	1.4	(²)	.3	(²)	(²)
Reading and recreation -----	1.1	1.6	-.6	1.7	.8	1.0
Other goods and services -----	1.1	1.5	.2	.7	1.3	.7

See footnotes at end of table.

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

Group	Atlanta	Baltimore	Cincinnati	Honolulu	Kansas City	San Francisco-Oakland	St. Louis
Indexes (1967=100)							
All items	132.6	133.6	130.9	127.5	129.8	130.7	128.1
Food	142.4	141.7	142.5	133.4	139.8	137.5	138.7
Food at home	142.6	142.2	144.0	131.8	139.8	139.3	138.2
Cereals and bakery products	126.2	122.0	125.9	115.0	125.7	118.2	129.2
Meats, poultry, and fish	158.6	158.4	157.2	144.3	156.2	153.6	150.3
Dairy products	129.2	126.6	129.1	126.3	134.5	121.7	124.6
Fruits and vegetables	161.9	154.8	159.3	133.1	141.4	154.6	154.0
Other food at home	128.2	129.5	130.6	125.1	128.4	129.5	123.4
Food away from home	141.5	139.3	136.7	137.9	139.8	131.2	140.8
Housing	136.7	136.3	126.8	128.5	127.7	134.2	123.8
Shelter	141.4	144.9	131.1	134.8	131.5	138.6	124.2
Rent, residential	119.9	115.6	111.2	132.6	112.4	132.9	109.9
Homeownership	147.8	157.1	140.1	136.2	138.8	141.5	128.0
Fuel and utilities	⁴ 133.0	122.4	123.4	112.1	121.7	125.8	124.2
Fuel oil and coal		127.0	-	-	-	-	140.9
Gas and electricity	⁵ 131.0	120.2	120.4	106.1	120.3	127.1	123.2
Household furnishings and operation	128.3	125.8	117.6	116.9	121.8	123.9	122.7
Apparel and upkeep	121.3	129.3	126.3	122.5	130.2	125.9	120.8
Men's and boys'	128.9	138.9	125.6	114.8	127.2	124.2	113.6
Women's and girls'	115.4	118.6	123.4	123.8	134.1	127.6	122.8
Footwear	120.1	140.3	136.8	121.3	134.8	126.0	131.0
Transportation	117.1	121.2	122.2	124.4	123.8	124.0	125.5
Private	119.8	121.1	123.0	126.4	122.6	123.3	123.6
Public	82.0	121.7	116.2	113.3	142.0	136.2	145.5
Health and recreation	133.4	130.9	131.0	123.8	128.5	125.2	127.0
Medical care	146.4	147.1	143.4	132.7	134.5	131.5	129.1
Personal care	129.3	123.1	131.7	122.6	125.3	121.1	126.1
Reading and recreation	127.6	126.2	121.4	122.4	121.1	121.4	121.6
Other goods and services	123.0	124.4	127.9	116.5	131.8	122.8	130.2
Percent changes March 1973 to June 1973							
All items	1.9	1.3	0.8	1.2	1.9	1.6	1.5
Food	4.4	3.4	4.8	2.9	4.9	4.5	4.4
Food at home	4.7	3.4	5.1	2.9	5.0	5.1	4.5
Cereals and bakery products	3.9	2.9	3.0	6.7	3.8	5.8	3.9
Meats, poultry, and fish	1.9	2.3	2.1	2.9	3.4	2.1	3.0
Dairy products	3.0	2.5	2.5	1.0	2.4	1.5	2.3
Fruits and vegetables	14.5	8.0	15.4	.8	12.1	16.9	10.7
Other food at home	4.1	2.8	3.2	3.1	4.7	2.9	4.0
Food away from home	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.1	4.8	2.2	3.7
Housing	1.0	.4	-.1	.9	-.4	.1	-.2
Shelter	1.1	.2	-.5	1.0	-.3	-.5	-1.0
Rent, residential	-.9	-.8	-.4	1.4	-.4	1.0	.2
Homeownership	1.1	-.1	-.9	.8	-.6	-1.2	-1.3
Fuel and utilities	-.8	.6	-.2	-.1	1.1	1.5	-.3
Fuel oil and coal	-	3.4	-	-	-	-	2.8
Gas and electricity	1.2	-.2	.4	-.3	.7	1.9	-1.4
Household furnishings and operation	1.3	.8	1.6	.7	2.0	1.5	1.4
Apparel and upkeep	-.6	1.4	.1	-.2	.8	1.0	.2
Men's and boys'	-.2	1.5	-.3	0	.8	1.0	.4
Women's and girls'	-2.6	.6	-.8	-1.1	1.1	1.0	-.2
Footwear	-.9	2.2	.4	.6	.1	.1	.6
Transportation	2.3	1.9	-3.8	.5	2.0	2.4	1.8
Private	2.2	2.3	2.5	.5	2.0	2.5	2.0
Public	3.5	.1	-35.9	.3	.5	1.9	.1
Health and recreation	1.9	-.2	.4	.7	1.0	.6	1.0
Medical care	3.0	.3	.8	1.1	.3	.4	.4
Personal care	1.0	-1.0	-.2	1.2	2.8	.9	-.4
Reading and recreation	1.2	-.1	-.7	.4	1.6	.7	1.6
Other goods and services	1.7	-.3	-.9	.4	.2	1.2	1.3

¹ See footnote 1, table 3.

² Not available.

³ Change from April 1973.

⁴ Revised indexes: March 1973, 132.0.

⁵ Revised indexes: March 1973, 129.5.

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

Area ¹	Total food	Food at home						Food away from home
		Total	Cereals and bakery products	Meats, poultry, and fish	Dairy products	Fruits and vegetables	Other foods at home	
Indexes (1967=100)								
U.S. city average -----	139.8	139.9	123.0	156.5	124.1	151.7	127.7	139.8
Atlanta -----	142.4	142.6	126.2	158.6	129.2	161.9	128.2	141.5
Baltimore -----	141.7	142.2	122.0	158.4	126.6	154.8	129.5	139.3
Boston -----	138.5	139.0	123.4	155.2	121.9	149.3	127.6	136.7
Buffalo -----	140.2	139.8	123.1	154.2	124.0	157.1	126.2	142.6
Chicago -----	141.4	142.2	127.0	159.2	124.9	153.0	127.5	138.4
Cincinnati -----	142.5	144.0	125.9	157.2	129.1	159.3	130.6	136.7
Cleveland -----	140.4	141.1	121.7	160.3	127.1	148.2	127.2	137.2
Dallas -----	139.1	137.5	120.7	155.6	117.1	147.1	126.9	144.9
Detroit -----	141.3	142.4	127.0	161.0	123.7	145.0	129.9	137.1
Honolulu -----	133.4	131.8	115.0	144.3	126.3	133.1	125.1	137.9
Houston -----	140.3	137.8	118.8	158.2	125.4	142.5	125.2	149.1
Kansas City -----	139.8	139.8	125.7	156.2	134.5	141.4	128.4	139.8
Los Angeles-Long Beach -----	135.5	136.9	120.5	156.3	120.4	145.0	125.8	131.5
Milwaukee -----	136.1	136.0	124.6	151.4	121.1	147.4	123.7	(²)
Minneapolis-St. Paul -----	139.9	139.4	133.7	159.7	125.6	141.5	127.9	141.9
N. Y.-Northeastern N. J. -----	143.7	142.9	124.0	155.5	127.6	157.2	131.4	146.3
Philadelphia -----	140.7	139.6	125.0	156.5	124.0	146.7	127.0	145.3
Pittsburgh -----	139.7	138.9	121.6	152.9	122.4	153.5	129.2	144.7
St. Louis -----	138.7	138.2	129.2	150.3	124.6	154.0	123.4	140.8
San Diego -----	138.2	137.2	118.8	159.7	120.6	141.5	124.2	(²)
San Francisco-Oakland -----	137.5	139.3	118.2	153.6	121.7	154.6	129.5	131.2
Seattle -----	135.3	135.6	119.1	153.8	123.7	139.3	126.8	134.4
Washington -----	143.7	142.5	126.8	156.1	121.2	161.1	131.2	146.7
Percent changes May 1973 to June 1973								
U.S. city average -----	1.4	1.7	0.7	0.6	0.7	4.9	1.8	0.6
Atlanta -----	1.3	1.4	1.0	.3	1.2	4.5	1.5	.9
Baltimore -----	1.4	1.5	1.9	.9	.6	2.9	1.7	.5
Boston -----	1.5	1.9	.9	1.2	0	4.3	3.1	.6
Buffalo -----	1.4	1.5	1.7	0	1.5	2.7	3.4	1.2
Chicago -----	1.9	2.2	.2	2.1	.4	6.3	1.5	.8
Cincinnati -----	1.8	2.0	1.2	.1	1.7	7.5	.3	.7
Cleveland -----	.6	.6	.4	.6	-.4	2.2	.3	.7
Dallas -----	1.6	1.6	.5	1.2	.6	3.1	1.9	1.5
Detroit -----	1.9	2.3	-.9	.8	.6	9.5	2.4	.6
Honolulu -----	.5	0	3.0	-.1	1.4	-3.8	.8	2.1
Houston -----	.9	1.1	.3	-.2	1.1	4.6	1.2	0
Kansas City -----	1.2	1.2	.2	-.4	.8	4.1	2.3	1.4
Los Angeles-Long Beach -----	1.4	1.6	1.3	.1	0	7.1	.8	.9
Milwaukee -----	1.2	1.5	.6	.5	1.0	5.7	1.1	(²)
Minneapolis-St. Paul -----	.9	.8	1.1	-.4	.4	3.3	1.0	1.4
N. Y.-Northeastern N. J. -----	1.3	1.6	.2	.5	1.4	4.2	2.1	.5
Philadelphia -----	.9	.9	1.3	.6	.4	1.4	1.0	.6
Pittsburgh -----	1.7	1.8	1.3	.8	.2	3.7	3.0	1.2
St. Louis -----	2.0	2.0	1.4	1.8	.9	4.6	1.4	1.5
San Diego -----	.7	1.0	.8	.1	.2	5.4	.2	(²)
San Francisco-Oakland -----	1.7	2.0	.8	.3	.5	8.6	.9	.5
Seattle -----	1.0	1.1	1.8	.7	0	1.7	1.8	.9
Washington -----	1.6	1.9	.6	1.4	2.3	3.1	1.8	.8

¹ See footnote 1, table 3.
² Not available.

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

(1967=100)

Item and group	Index		Percent change to June 1973 from—		
	June 1973		June 1972	May 1973	
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted
Food	139.8	139.2	13.7	1.4	0.9
Food away from home	139.8	139.9	6.8	.6	.6
Restaurant meals	140.5	140.5	7.3	.7	.6
Snacks	136.6	136.7	4.3	.4	.4
Food at home	139.9	139.2	15.7	1.7	1.2
Cereals and bakery products	123.0	123.0	7.4	.7	.8
Flour	117.1	116.9	17.8	.7	.9
Cracker meal	142.6	142.2	4.9	1.4	1.6
Corn flakes	105.0	105.2	4.7	1.5	1.7
Rice	126.8	126.7	16.0	2.1	2.2
Bread, white	121.3	121.7	7.3	.6	.7
Bread, whole wheat	127.6	128.2	7.0	-1.5	.7
Cookies	111.7	112.0	2.0	-1.5	-4
Layer cakes	126.5	126.4	5.5	0	-2
Cinnamon rolls	129.1	129.0	6.4	1.7	1.6
Meats, poultry, and fish	156.5	156.0	23.8	.6	.1
Meats	156.7	156.2	22.9	.5	.1
Beef and veal	163.5	162.5	20.4	.5	.4
Steak, round	158.2	157.3	19.3	0	.1
Steak, sirloin	151.4	150.0	14.8	.7	.3
Steak, porterhouse	153.5	152.1	14.6	1.1	.1
Rump roast	154.9	152.7	17.3	.5	.9
Rib roast	163.5	164.0	19.6	.7	1.4
Chuck roast	172.6	173.5	30.4	-2	1.2
Hamburger	172.2	171.2	26.1	.9	.8
Beef liver	156.1	155.8	17.4	.5	.8
Veal cutlets	188.5	187.4	16.4	-2	-6
Pork	151.4	152.2	28.3	.9	-1
Chops	148.8	149.4	24.2	2.1	-4
Loin roast	153.8	154.7	29.2	1.4	-5
Pork sausage	167.0	166.5	32.4	.5	-5
Ham, whole	139.6	141.3	24.6	-6	-1.3
Picnics	158.0	159.8	31.8	-8	-2
Bacon	147.3	146.6	30.2	1.4	.1
Other meats	149.2	149.1	21.5	-1	.3
Lamb chops	143.8	142.8	11.0	-8	-2.0
Frankfurters	156.6	156.1	27.9	.1	.4
Ham, canned	140.8	141.5	24.8	0	.9
Bologna sausage	156.5	156.5	22.2	-1	-1
Salami sausage	149.7	149.4	19.4	-4	-7
Liverwurst	148.1	148.0	25.1	.2	-1
Poultry	150.8	149.3	38.5	.3	-1.3
Frying chicken	153.7	151.4	42.8	.7	-2.8
Chicken, breasts	145.4	145.4	29.4	.6	.4
Turkey	142.8	142.9	28.2	5.0	4.0
Fish	163.7	163.5	15.9	2.2	2.3
Shrimp, frozen	156.9	156.3	15.1	1.8	1.8
Fish, fresh or frozen	189.6	189.6	27.2	2.4	2.5
Tuna fish, canned	144.7	144.3	8.0	2.7	3.0
Sardines, canned	163.9	164.2	12.6	1.8	2.0
Dairy products	124.1	-	6.1	.7	0
Milk, fresh, grocery	122.8	122.8	5.6	.7	.8
Milk, fresh, delivered	127.1	-	5.7	.5	0
Milk, fresh, skim	131.0	130.7	7.5	.6	.6
Milk, evaporated	133.5	133.2	12.4	1.6	1.4
Ice cream	110.6	110.7	3.7	.5	.4
Cheese, American process	135.9	135.5	9.2	.9	.8
Butter	102.6	102.8	-2.1	-4	-2

See footnote at end of table.

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

(1967= 100)

Item and group	Index		Percent change to June 1973 from—		
	June 1973		June 1972	May 1973	
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted
Food—Continued					
Food at home—Continued					
Fruits and vegetables					
Fresh fruits and vegetables	151.7	146.3	19.3	4.9	3.3
Fresh fruits	168.2	158.4	27.2	7.2	4.6
Apples	150.1	139.6	14.8	9.0	.9
Bananas	165.3	148.5	25.8	13.6	4.6
Oranges	110.1	107.6	1.6	9.4	8.8
Orange juice, fresh	135.4	137.7	9.8	-1.6	-4.4
Grapefruit	132.8	132.9	1.7	.6	.4
Grapes	143.5	136.5	-1.1	9.9	-3.2
Strawberries	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Watermelon	127.7	130.4	11.0	5.9	2.0
Fresh vegetables	166.7	137.9	15.1	(¹)	(¹)
Potatoes	182.8	173.6	37.0	6.0	7.4
Onions	226.2	212.2	82.7	22.7	15.3
Asparagus	203.0	194.8	65.2	-33.1	-33.8
Cabbage	156.7	170.5	13.5	16.6	21.9
Carrots	162.4	145.0	30.0	-16.8	-20.9
Celery	136.8	132.2	1.0	4.1	-1.0
Cucumbers	144.7	138.6	6.9	-1.4	-5
Lettuce	127.8	139.9	7.0	-4.8	4.7
Peppers, green	223.0	235.5	84.4	35.0	43.2
Spinach	153.9	136.1	-3.9	-18.4	5.8
Tomatoes	160.2	163.0	18.5	4.8	6.1
Processed fruits and vegetables	136.6	121.1	-11.9	7.6	4.6
Fruit cocktail, canned	127.2	127.5	6.1	.7	.9
Pears, canned	129.4	129.9	6.9	.5	.8
Pineapple-grapefruit juice, drink	125.0	125.3	6.2	.9	.8
Orange juice concentrate, frozen	119.7	120.2	4.7	.6	1.1
Lemonade concentrate, frozen	135.6	135.5	.2	-1.2	-1.2
Beets, canned	119.2	119.4	1.6	-1.1	-1.3
Peas, green, canned	138.4	138.4	14.0	.3	.2
Tomatoes, canned	110.2	110.9	2.8	.9	1.2
Dried beans	124.8	124.6	8.1	.2	-1
Broccoli, frozen	149.0	149.3	8.8	3.3	3.4
Eggs	122.3	122.1	2.9	1.3	1.1
Other food at home	127.7	130.2	11.5	1.8	2.8
Fats and oils:	146.6	168.7	55.6	5.7	12.8
Margarine	125.3	124.7	6.0	3.5	3.3
Salad dressing, Italian	110.5	110.3	1.3	-7	-5
Salad or cooking oil	127.7	127.6	5.1	1.6	1.6
Sugar and sweets	127.6	127.5	5.8	1.0	1.2
Sugar	122.7	122.7	6.9	1.8	1.9
Grape jelly	134.4	134.1	7.6	1.1	1.2
Chocolate bar	135.9	135.8	4.1	.8	.5
Syrup, chocolate flavored	116.2	116.2	4.6	.3	.7
Nonalcoholic beverages	131.4	131.1	9.0	1.5	1.2
Coffee, can and bag	137.3	137.4	17.2	2.9	2.9
Coffee, instant	132.8	132.3	6.8	.8	.8
Tea	111.2	110.6	2.0	.3	-3
Carbonated drink, cola flavored	132.0	131.7	3.3	.5	.3
Carbonated drink, fruit flavored	131.4	130.9	2.4	.2	.1
Prepared and partially prepared foods	118.3	118.4	3.4	.4	.7
Bean soup, canned	118.2	118.0	1.6	.4	.7
Chicken soup, canned	105.6	105.5	1.3	.3	.4
Spaghetti, canned	124.0	124.4	4.3	.8	1.0
Mashed potatoes, instant	118.7	118.2	5.7	.7	.6
Potatoes, french fried, frozen	114.1	114.2	2.8	.5	.5
Baby foods	114.7	115.2	3.9	.9	.8
Sweet pickle relish	131.3	132.1	5.6	0	.9
Pretzels	117.5	117.3	1.2	.4	.5

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 1973, and percent changes from selected dates

(1967=100)

Item and group	Other index bases	Indexes		Percent change to June 1973 from:	
		May 1973	June 1973	June 1972	May 1973
Housing		133.3	133.9	3.8	0.5
Shelter ¹		138.7	139.4	4.0	.5
Rent, residential		123.5	123.9	4.1	.3
Homeownership ²		144.2	145.0	3.9	.6
Mortgage interest rates		118.2	118.7	1.4	.4
Property taxes		152.4	152.5	5.3	.1
Property insurance premiums		125.0	124.9	1.9	-.1
Maintenance and repairs		149.6	151.5	7.8	1.3
Maintenance and repair commodities ³		136.5	138.1	11.5	1.2
Exterior house paint		119.2	118.9	1.3	-.3
Interior house paint		119.9	120.5	2.6	.5
Maintenance and repair, services		155.2	157.2	6.4	1.3
Repainting living and dining rooms		168.9	170.8	7.1	1.1
Reshingling house roof		162.9	164.1	5.1	.7
Residing house		142.1	145.2	7.4	2.2
Replacing sink		153.3	154.7	6.1	.9
Repairing furnace		160.4	161.8	5.3	.9
Fuel and utilities		125.4	125.6	4.8	.2
Fuel oil and coal		129.3	131.6	11.7	1.8
Fuel oil, No. 2		127.3	130.6	12.1	2.6
Gas and electricity		125.7	125.4	4.2	-.2
Gas		127.4	126.3	4.2	-.9
Electricity		124.0	124.6	4.3	.5
Other utilities:					
Residential telephone services		115.8	115.9	1.9	.1
Residential water and sewerage services		144.3	144.6	5.0	.2
Household furnishings and operation ⁴		123.9	124.7	3.1	.6
Housefurnishings		118.5	119.1	2.3	.5
Textiles		115.7	116.4	1.9	.6
Sheets		117.0	120.7	3.4	3.2
Curtains, tailored		114.7	113.4	1.2	-1.1
Bedspreads		112.1	112.6	.9	.4
Drapery fabric		126.8	127.4	3.8	.5
Pillows, bed		108.1	108.0	-.1	-.1
Slipcovers and throws, ready-made		115.1	115.9	1.8	.7
Furniture and bedding		124.8	125.7	3.5	.7
Bedroom furniture, chest and dresser	Mar. 70	109.0	109.9	4.6	.8
Sofas, upholstered		123.4	124.3	2.9	.7
Cocktail tables	Dec. 71	103.3	104.5	4.1	1.2
Dining room chairs	Mar. 70	108.2	109.2	3.9	.9
Recliners, upholstered	Dec. 71	100.1	99.9	1.9	-.2
Sofas, dual purpose		119.0	120.1	2.7	.9
Bedding, mattress and box springs	June 70	106.2	107.0	2.4	.8
Aluminum folding chairs		132.0	132.2	4.8	.2
Cribs		122.3	124.3	4.5	1.6
Floor coverings		107.4	107.9	1.4	.5
Broadloom carpeting, manmade fibers		102.0	102.6	1.2	.6
Vinyl sheet goods		120.4	120.6	2.3	.2
Vinyl asbestos tile		119.4	119.8	1.4	.3
Appliances (excluding radio and T.V.)		109.5	109.7	0	.2
Washing machines, electric, automatic		110.8	110.9	.4	.1
Vacuum cleaners, canister type		103.5	104.2	.2	.7
Refrigerator-freezers, electric		108.4	108.2	.3	-.2
Ranges, free standing, gas or electric		110.0	109.7	-1.2	-.3
Clothes dryers, electric		114.1	114.4	0	.3
Air conditioners, demountable		109.7	110.6	-.4	.8
Room heaters, electric, portable		(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)
Garbage disposal units		111.5	111.7	.6	.2
Other housefurnishings:					
Dinnerware, fine china		129.6	130.2	5.3	.5
Flatware, stainless steel		131.4	131.7	7.2	.2
Table lamps, with shade		128.5	129.1	5.0	.5
Lawn mowers, power, rotary type		121.7	121.7	.7	0
Electric drills, hand-held		106.8	106.7	.7	-.1
Housekeeping supplies:					
Laundry soaps and detergents		112.0	112.8	1.6	.7
Paper napkins		138.5	139.1	6.5	.4
Toilet tissue		121.0	127.8	2.1	5.6
Housekeeping services:					
Domestic services, general housework		145.7	146.0	4.9	.2
Babysitter services		141.1	142.2	4.9	.8
Postal charges		146.6	146.6	0	0
Laundry, flatwork, finished service		147.5	148.6	7.3	.7
Licensed day care services, preschool child		129.1	129.5	6.0	.3
Washing machine repairs		148.2	148.8	5.7	.4

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1967=100)

Item and group	Other index bases	Indexes		Percent change to June 1973 from:	
		May 1973	June 1973	June 1972	May 1973
Apparel and upkeep ⁶		126.7	126.8	3.8	0.1
Apparel commodities		127.2	127.2	3.9	0
Apparel commodities less footwear		126.5	126.7	3.9	-.2
Men's and boys'		126.7	127.1	4.3	-.3
Men's:					
Topcoats, wool or all-weather coats, polyester blends	(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)
Suits, year round weight	134.6	134.2	1.8	-.3	
Suits, tropical weight	145.9	146.0	6.7	-.1	
Jackets, lightweight	118.0	118.4	3.1	-.3	
Slacks, wool or wool blends	116.0	115.8	-.8	-.2	
Slacks, cotton or manmade blends	142.8	143.1	6.9	-.2	
Trousers, work, cotton or polyester/cotton	119.2	119.8	4.4	-.5	
Shirts, work, cotton or polyester/cotton	119.6	120.6	4.4	-.8	
Shirts, business, polyester/cotton	112.4	114.3	-.5	1.7	
T-shirts, chiefly cotton	121.7	122.6	4.4	-.7	
Socks, cotton or manmade fibers	117.3	117.3	-.5	0	
Handkerchiefs, cotton or polyester/cotton	120.1	119.9	3.2	-.2	
Boys':					
Coats, all purpose, cotton or cotton blends	(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)	
Sport coats, wool or wool blends	(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)	
Dungarees, cotton or cotton blends	134.0	135.9	6.8	1.4	
Undershorts, cotton	122.5	123.2	2.2	-.6	
Women's and girls'	127.2	127.1	3.7	-.1	
Women's:					
Coats, heavyweight, wool or wool blends	(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)	
Carcots, heavyweight, cotton	(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)	
Sweaters, wool or acrylic	(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)	
Skirts, wool, wool blend or manmade fibers	(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)	
Skirts, cotton or polyester/cotton	130.5	129.1	6.3	-1.1	
Blouses, cotton or manmade fibers	125.9	125.0	1.8	-.7	
Dresses, street, chiefly manmade fibers	135.0	134.7	4.6	-.2	
Slips, nylon	110.9	110.9	-.1	0	
Panties, acetate or nylon tricot	119.4	119.8	1.4	-.3	
Girdles, manmade blend	119.0	117.7	-.7	-1.1	
Brassieres, nylon lace	125.0	125.3	2.8	-.2	
Hose or panty, nylon seamless	94.5	94.3	-1.8	-.2	
Anklets or knee-length socks, various fibers	113.9	113.7	-.6	-.2	
Gloves, fabric, nylon or cotton	112.0	112.6	-.8	-.5	
Handbags, rayon faille or plastic	148.5	149.9	3.7	-.9	
Girls':					
Raincoats, vinyl, cotton or polyester blends	(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)	
Skirts, wool, wool blends or acrylic	(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)	
Dresses, cotton, manmade fibers or blends	123.2	123.7	3.8	-.4	
Slacks, cotton or chiefly cotton	(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)	
Slips, polyester blends	109.4	109.3	-.8	-.1	
Handbags, plastic	126.1	128.6	3.1	2.0	
Footwear	130.3	130.0	4.3	-.2	
Men's:					
Shoes, street	133.0	133.6	7.9	-.5	
Shoes, work, high	134.8	137.6	13.8	2.1	
Women's:					
Shoes, street, pump	130.0	128.9	2.4	-.8	
Shoes, evening, pump	123.7	123.4	-.9	-.2	
Shoes, casual	130.5	130.3	3.3	-.2	
Householders, scuff	128.6	128.7	3.1	-.1	
Children's:					
Shoes, oxford	133.0	132.8	4.6	-.2	
Sneakers, boys', oxford type	125.6	125.5	1.6	-.1	
Dress shoes, girls', strap or pump	135.3	130.9	-.8	-3.3	
Miscellaneous apparel:					
Diapers, cotton gauze or disposable	118.6	119.2	4.1	-.5	
Yard goods, polyester blend	122.4	123.2	3.5	-.7	
Wrist watches, men's and women's	119.1	119.5	3.7	-.3	
Apparel services:					
Drycleaning, men's suits and women's dresses	120.8	121.4	3.3	-.5	
Automatic laundry service	117.9	118.3	3.0	-.3	
Laundry, men's shirts	127.6	128.3	6.0	-.5	
Tailoring charges, hem adjustment	137.6	138.1	4.2	-.4	
Shoe repairs, women's heel lift	120.8	121.2	5.0	-.3	

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1967=100)

Item and group	Other index bases	Indexes		Percent change to June 1973 from:	
		May 1973	June 1973	June 1972	May 1973
Transportation		123.5	124.6	4.0	0.9
Private ⁷		121.3	122.4	4.3	.9
Automobiles, new		111.1	111.0	-.3	-.1
Automobiles, used		120.6	122.3	9.2	1.4
Gasoline, regular and premium		115.3	118.4	12.1	2.7
Motor oil, premium		127.2	127.7	3.5	.4
Tires, new, tubeless		110.7	110.5	-4.6	-.2
Auto repairs and maintenance ⁸		141.4	142.1	5.3	.5
Auto insurance rates		138.4	138.2	-1.8	-.1
Auto registration		123.7	123.7	-3.0	0
Parking fees, private and municipal		152.0	152.5	3.7	.3
Public		143.9	144.9	1.3	.7
Local transit fares		149.9	150.3	.3	.3
Taxicab fares		135.7	138.3	3.5	1.9
Railroad fares, coach		122.4	122.6	-.1	.2
Airplane fares, chiefly coach		132.1	134.5	4.1	1.8
Bus fares, intercity		144.6	145.9	2.7	.9
Health and recreation		129.6	130.0	3.1	.3
Medical care		136.6	137.0	3.5	.3
Drugs and prescriptions		105.9	105.9	.1	0
Over-the-counter items		112.5	112.5	.8	0
Multiple vitamin concentrates		95.5	94.2	-.8	-1.4
Aspirin compounds		117.7	117.3	-.7	-.3
Liquid tonics		101.7	101.7	.4	0
Adhesive bandages, packages		126.7	127.7	3.3	.8
Cold tablets or capsules		114.1	114.5	.5	.4
Cough syrup		115.3	115.4	1.3	1.1
Prescriptions		100.4	100.4	-.5	0
Anti-infectives		71.3	70.9	-6.0	-.6
Sedatives and hypnotics		129.0	129.2	2.1	.2
Ataractics		103.8	103.8	.9	0
Antispasmodics		107.6	107.7	-.3	.1
Cough preparations		136.0	137.3	5.0	1.0
Cardiovasculars and antihypertensives		112.8	112.8	1.3	0
Analgesics, internal		111.7	111.7	2.0	0
Anti-obesity		116.6	116.9	-.3	.3
Hormones		91.3	91.4	-1.5	.1
Professional services:					
Physicians' fees		137.5	138.0	3.1	.4
General physician, office visits		138.5	139.1	3.0	.1
General physician, house visits		141.3	141.4	3.2	.1
Obstetrical cases		137.9	138.3	3.2	.3
Pediatric care, office visits		140.0	140.0	3.1	0
Psychiatrists, office visits		133.6	133.6	3.6	0
Herniorrhaphy, adult		130.8	131.2	2.3	.3
Tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy		132.7	133.1	2.4	.3
Dentists' fees		135.7	136.1	2.8	.3
Fillings, adult, amalgam, one surface		137.9	138.4	3.4	.4
Extractions, adult		134.7	135.3	2.0	.4
Dentures, full upper		132.1	132.3	2.5	.2
Other professional services:					
Examination, prescription, and dispensing of eyeglasses		129.4	129.6	3.7	.2
Routine laboratory tests, urinalysis		121.9	122.2	1.2	.2
Hospital service charges	Jan. 72	105.1	105.3	3.2	.2
Semiprivate rooms		181.0	181.4	4.4	.2
Operating room charges		178.5	179.0	7.1	.3
X-ray, diagnostic series, upper G. I.		131.2	131.4	2.0	.2
Laboratory tests, urinalysis	Jan. 72	103.3	103.3	1.3	0
Anti-infectives, tetracycline, HCL	Jan. 72	97.8	97.5	-2.6	-.3
Tranquilizer, chlordiazepoxide, HCL and meprobamate	Jan. 72	104.4	104.9	2.9	.5
Electrocardiogram	Jan. 72	104.5	104.5	1.7	0
Intravenous solution, saline	Jan. 72	103.8	103.8	1.6	0
Physical therapy, whirlpool bath	Jan. 72	106.4	106.5	4.4	.1
Oxygen, inhalation therapy	Jan. 72	103.1	103.1	1.2	0
Personal care		124.4	124.9	4.1	.4
Toilet goods		119.5	119.5	1.8	0
Toothpaste, standard dentifrice		110.1	109.4	0	-.6
Toilet soap, hard milled		126.9	127.8	4.2	.7
Hand lotions, liquid		125.3	125.6	-.3	-.2
Shaving cream, aerosol		108.9	108.8	.6	-.1
Face powder, pressed		144.3	146.2	9.7	1.3
Deodorants, aerosol		104.8	104.7	-.8	-.1
Cleansing tissues		126.1	124.1	-.8	-1.6
Home permanent wave kits		109.4	109.4	.3	0
Personal care services		129.5	130.6	6.4	.8
Men's haircuts		131.4	133.1	6.4	1.3
Beauty shop services		128.3	128.9	6.5	.5
Women's haircuts		133.2	133.7	10.4	.4
Shampoo and wave sets, plain		131.7	132.3	6.1	.5
Permanent waves, cold		115.8	116.5	3.5	.6

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1967= 100)

Item and group	Other index bases	Indexes		Percent change to June 1973 from:	
		May 1973	June 1973	June 1972	May 1973
Health and recreation—Continued					
Reading and recreation ¹		125.6	125.9	2.4	0.2
Recreational goods		109.0	109.1	1.0	.1
TV sets, portable and console		98.1	97.8	-1.7	-.3
TV replacement tubes		134.5	134.6	2.7	.1
Radio, portable and table model		99.3	99.3	.2	0
Tape recorders, portable		92.9	93.2	-1.6	.3
Phonograph records, stereophonic		108.8	108.5	1.2	-.3
Movie cameras, super 8, zoom lens		88.5	88.7	-.6	-.2
Film, 35mm, color		107.8	107.3	-.7	-.5
Golf balls, liquid center or solid core		104.0	103.1	-2.0	-.9
Basketballs, rubber or vinyl cover		127.3	127.1	.6	-.2
Fishing rods, fresh-water spincasting		109.3	109.5	1.8	.2
Bowling balls		115.5	115.5	1.3	0
Bicycles, boys'		121.8	122.4	4.6	.5
Tricycles		115.1	115.4	1.2	.3
Dog food, canned or boxed		120.7	122.8	11.0	1.7
Recreational services		132.1	132.7	3.1	.5
Indoor movie admissions		147.7	148.5	4.2	.5
Adult		146.2	146.1	3.3	.1
Children's		151.9	155.1	6.8	2.1
Drive-in movie admissions, adult		149.2	150.9	2.1	1.1
Bowling fees, evening		122.9	123.0	3.7	.1
Golf green fees		136.0	137.7	5.4	1.3
TV repair, color picture tube replacement		99.4	100.0	1.8	.6
Film developing, color		116.3	115.6	-9	-.6
Reading and education:					
Newspapers, street sale and delivery		136.2	136.4	2.7	.1
Magazines, single copy and subscription		136.1	136.1	2.0	0
Piano lessons, beginner		125.8	125.6	2.8	-.2
Other goods and services		128.5	129.0	2.7	.4
Tobacco products		137.0	137.3	2.5	.2
Cigarettes, nonfilter tip, regular size		138.8	138.9	2.4	.1
Cigarettes, filter tip, king size		139.2	139.6	2.6	.3
Cigars, domestic, regular size		112.7	113.0	1.9	.3
Alcoholic beverages		121.7	122.3	2.7	.5
Beer		114.3	115.2	1.9	.8
Whiskey, spirit blended and straight bourbon		108.9	108.9	-.4	0
Wine, dessert and table		135.0	136.5	7.7	1.1
Beer away from home		134.6	134.8	3.1	.1
Financial and miscellaneous personal expenses:					
Funeral services, adult		125.4	126.1	4.1	.6
Bank service charges, checking accounts		107.4	107.4	0	0
Legal services, short form will		158.5	159.4	5.8	.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 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 Priced only in season.

⁶ Also includes men's sport shirts, women's and girls' lightweight coats, women's slacks, cocktail dresses, bathing suits, girls' shorts, earrings, and zippers not shown separately.

⁷ Also includes recapped tires and drivers' license fees not shown separately.

⁸ Includes price for water pump replacement, motor tune-up, automatic transmission repair, exhaust system repair, front-end alignment, and chassis lubrication.

⁹ Also includes outboard motors, nondurable toys, college tuition fees, paperback books, and college textbook, not shown separately.

Table 9. Consumer Price Index—United States average and areas grouped by size of population¹ for urban wage earners and clerical workers, all items and major groups, June 1973 and percent changes from selected dates

Area and group	Relative ² importance December 1972	Indexes (1967= 100)			Percent change to June 1973 from:	
		June 1973	March 1973	June 1972	March 1973	June 1972
United States:						
All items -----	100.000	132.4	129.8	125.0	2.0	5.9
Food -----	22.492	139.8	134.5	123.0	3.9	13.7
Housing -----	33.859	133.9	132.3	129.0	1.2	3.8
Apparel and upkeep -----	10.370	126.8	124.8	122.1	1.6	3.8
Transportation -----	13.134	124.6	121.5	119.8	2.6	4.0
Health and recreation -----	19.768	130.0	128.6	126.1	1.1	3.1
Class A-1 (3.5 million or more):						
All items -----	32.754	134.8	132.4	127.1	1.8	6.1
Food -----	7.606	141.5	136.3	125.1	3.8	13.1
Housing -----	10.914	136.8	135.0	131.2	1.3	4.3
Apparel and upkeep -----	3.470	125.2	124.8	120.4	.3	4.0
Transportation -----	4.272	130.2	127.3	124.9	2.3	4.2
Health and recreation -----	6.492	132.3	131.0	128.2	1.0	3.2
Class A-2 (1.4 million to 3.5 million):						
All items -----	11.815	132.1	130.0	125.1	1.6	5.6
Food -----	2.684	139.5	134.3	122.4	3.9	14.0
Housing -----	4.030	132.6	132.2	128.7	.3	3.0
Apparel and upkeep -----	1.228	127.4	125.0	122.7	1.9	3.8
Transportation -----	1.534	124.9	122.5	120.8	2.0	3.4
Health and recreation -----	2.339	130.2	129.0	126.3	.9	3.1
Class B (250,000 to 1.4 million):						
All items -----	25.705	131.7	129.2	124.5	1.9	5.8
Food -----	5.513	139.0	133.8	122.1	3.9	13.8
Housing -----	8.909	133.2	131.9	128.5	1.0	3.7
Apparel and upkeep -----	2.647	128.2	126.2	123.0	1.6	4.2
Transportation -----	3.490	122.4	119.0	117.6	2.9	4.1
Health and recreation -----	5.146	130.0	128.4	125.9	1.2	3.3
Class C (50,000 to 250,000):						
All items -----	12.442	131.3	128.2	123.8	2.4	6.1
Food -----	2.796	138.9	133.5	121.4	4.0	14.4
Housing -----	4.219	133.3	130.8	127.9	1.9	4.2
Apparel and upkeep -----	1.314	128.2	124.5	123.6	3.0	3.7
Transportation -----	1.644	120.8	117.4	116.5	2.9	3.7
Health and recreation -----	2.469	128.6	127.2	125.1	1.1	2.8
Class D (2,500 to 50,000):						
All items -----	16.907	130.0	127.0	122.8	2.4	5.9
Food -----	3.892	138.5	132.8	121.7	4.3	13.8
Housing -----	5.788	130.9	129.2	126.3	1.3	3.6
Apparel and upkeep -----	1.711	126.3	122.4	122.2	3.2	3.4
Transportation -----	2.194	120.9	117.5	116.0	2.9	4.2
Health and recreation -----	3.322	126.8	125.4	123.3	1.1	2.8

¹ Based upon 1960 Census of Population.

² These relative importance data include the 0.38 percent weight for personal financing charges, other than mortgage interest and auto financing charges, which is imputed from priced items.

Brief Explanation of the CPI

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) measures average changes in prices of goods and services usually bought by urban wage earners and clerical workers. It is based on prices of about 400 items which were selected to represent the movement of prices of all goods and services purchased by wage earners and clerical workers. Prices for these items are obtained in urban portions of 39 major statistical areas and 17 smaller cities, which were chosen to represent all urban places in the United States. They are collected from about 18,000 establishments—grocery and department stores, hospitals, filling stations, and other types of stores and service establishments.

Prices of foods, fuels, and a few other items are obtained every month in all 56 locations. Prices of most other commodities and services are collected every month in the five largest areas and every 3 months in other areas. Prices of most goods and services are obtained by

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

In calculating the index, price changes for the various items in each location are averaged together with weights which represent their importance in the spending of all wage earners and clerical workers. Local data are then combined to obtain a U.S. city average. Separate indexes are also published for 23 areas.

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

A Note About Calculating Index Changes

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

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

Percent changes for 3-month and 6-month periods are expressed as annual rates and are computed according to the standard formula for compound growth rates. These data indicate what the percent change would be if the current rate were maintained for a 12-month

period. BLS does not publish annual rates based on data for 1 month.

<i>Index Point Change</i>	
CPI	123.8
Less previous index	<u>123.2</u>
Equals index point change:	0.6
<i>Percent Change</i>	
Index point difference,	<u>0.6</u>
Divided by the previous index,	123.2
Equals,	0.005
Results multiplied by one hundred	0.005×100
Equals percent change:	0.5

A Note on Seasonally Adjusted and Unadjusted Data

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

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

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

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

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