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the consumer price index

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Price Movements

June 1974

The Consumer Price Index rose 1.0 percent in June to 147.1 of its 1967 base. The rise was due to higher prices for a wide range of consumer goods and services, notably new and used cars, medical care services, mortgage interest costs, household durables, and fresh fruits. Lower prices for some food items, particularly meats, partially offset these increases. The June CPI was 11.1 percent higher than a year ago.

On a seasonally-adjusted basis, the rise in the June CPI was also 1.0 percent. This compares with a 1.1 percent rise in May and 0.6 percent in April. The food index increased 0.3 percent after seasonal adjustment in June, following a 0.9 percent rise in May and a 0.4 percent decline in April. The index for nonfood commodities rose 1.3 percent in June, the sixth consecutive month of rapid rise. The services index rose 1.0 percent

in June, the same as in the preceding month and more than the average monthly increase in the first 4 months of this year.

Prices in the second quarter

For the calendar quarter ending in June, the CPI increased at a seasonally-adjusted annual rate of 10.9 percent, compared with 14.2 percent for the preceding calendar quarter. The rise in the food index—which slowed from a 19.4 percent annual rate in the first quarter to 3.1 percent in the second quarter—was the smallest calendar quarter increase in 2 years. Prices of energy items—gasoline and motor oil, fuel oil and coal, gas, and electricity—also rose less rapidly than in the first quarter. However, prices of other nonfood com-

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

Month	Changes from preceding month							Changes in all items	
	All items		Food		Commodities less food		Services	Compound annual rate	From 12 months ago
								From 3 months ago	
	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	Unad-justed
1973:									
June	0.7	0.6	1.4	1.2	0.6	0.4	0.4	7.5	5.9
July .....	.2	.2	.8	.3	-.2	.2	.2	5.5	5.7
August	1.8	1.9	6.0	6.1	.2	.3	.7	11.1	7.5
September .....	.3	.4	-.7	-.3	.4	.3	.9	10.2	7.4
October .....	.8	.8	.1	.7	.9	.5	1.1	13.1	7.9
November .....	.7	.8	1.1	1.4	.7	.7	.6	8.3	8.4
December .....	.7	.6	.9	.5	.6	.6	.6	9.2	8.8
1974:									
January .....	.9	1.1	1.6	1.7	.6	1.3	.7	10.2	9.4
February	1.3	1.2	2.5	2.2	1.0	1.1	.7	12.2	10.0
March	1.1	1.1	1.0	.6	1.5	1.4	.8	14.2	10.2
April .....	.6	.6	-.3	-.4	1.3	1.1	.6	12.1	10.2
May	1.1	1.1	.7	.9	1.6	1.3	1.0	11.4	10.7
June	1.0	1.0	.4	.3	1.4	1.3	1.0	10.9	11.1

modities and services rose at a faster rate in the 3 months ending in June than in the first 3 months of this year due to price increases for a wide range of items. The CPI, excluding food and energy items, rose at a 12.8 percent rate in the second quarter, up from 8.6 percent in the first quarter, and 5.5 percent in the fourth quarter of 1973.

The rise in prices of nonfood items began to accelerate in late 1973 as several sectors of the economy were decontrolled during Phase 4 of the Economic Stabilization Program. Price increases in the second quarter reflected the termination of remaining controls on wages, prices, and profit margins on April 30 and the passing on of previous and current cost increases through the various stages of production to the final purchase price. (See table B.)

Food. The slowdown in retail food prices followed earlier declines in wholesale prices for farm products and foods. Wholesale prices in the agricultural sector started falling last fall. After rising sharply at the start of this year due to transportation difficulties and uncertainties about supplies caused by the oil crisis, the downtrend resumed. Lower prices for livestock, poultry, eggs, and grains constituted much of the decline last fall and winter. Price declines spread to a wide range of agricultural commodities this spring as supplies increased and both domestic and foreign demand slowed. Consequently, prices for consumer foods at the wholesale level declined at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 16.7 percent in the second quarter—the first calendar quarter decline in almost 3 years. Prices declined for meats,

Table B. Percent change in selected components of the Consumer and Wholesale Price Indexes during the Economic Stabilization Program and 1973-74

(Seasonally adjusted, except services, compound annual rate)

Item	Phase I Aug. 1971 to Nov. 1971	Phase II Nov. 1971 to Jan. 1973	Phase III Jan. 1973 to June 1973	Freeze and Phase IV June 1973 to Apr. 1974	June 1973 to Sept. 1973	Sept. 1973 to Dec. 1973	Dec. 1973 to Mar. 1974	Mar. 1974 to June 1974
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX								
All items	2.2	3.6	8.3	10.8	10.2	9.2	14.2	10.9
Food	2.7	6.5	20.2	16.2	26.7	11.0	19.4	3.1
Commodities less food	1.0	2.4	4.8	9.4	3.6	7.6	16.0	15.8
Services	3.1	3.5	4.3	8.6	7.4	9.4	9.2	11.0
WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX								
All commodities	1.4	6.9	22.2	15.2	13.2	8.7	24.5	12.2
Farm products and processed foods and feeds	3.9	15.6	48.9	6.3	33.5	-8.7	10.8	-29.3
Industrial com- modities .....	.3	3.4	12.3	19.6	6.0	16.0	32.3	35.7
Selected stage of processing indexes:								
Crude material except food	1.0	10.8	24.9	56.7	27.7	54.4	88.7	10.4
Intermediate ma- terials except food .....	.7	3.8	14.4	20.8	6.1	17.7	32.6	43.7
Producers' finished goods	-1.7	2.5	6.1	8.7	4.3	6.2	13.2	27.2
Consumer goods except food ....	.4	2.3	7.7	15.5	4.1	12.2	28.3	25.3
Consumer foods ..	3.1	10.4	26.1	16.0	30.0	8.0	17.3	-16.7

poultry, eggs, cereal and bakery products, and dairy products. Not all of the declines in wholesale food prices were reflected at the retail level because changes in wholesale prices appear in retail prices over a period of time. Also, just as retail price increases typically are smaller than wholesale when wholesale prices are increasing rapidly, retail prices either continue to rise or decline more slowly than wholesale when wholesale prices are declining.

At the retail level, the rise in prices of food purchased in grocery stores slowed from a seasonally adjusted 21.5 percent annual rate in the first quarter to 1.0 percent in the second quarter—the slowest rise since the second quarter of 1972. Prices declined sharply in the second quarter for meats, poultry, and eggs. And, price rises slowed for cereal and bakery products, dairy products, and processed fruits and vegetables. On the other hand, fresh fruit and vegetable prices rose more than in the first quarter due to smaller supplies. Higher prices for bananas reflecting the imposition of export tax by some Central American countries also contributed to the rise. Food products that contain large amounts of sugar continued to rise rapidly in response to sharp increases in sugar prices during the past year. Sugar supplies have been extremely tight relative to rising world demand particularly from newly developing countries. Higher coffee prices also contributed to the rise in food prices at the retail level. Although price increases for green coffee beans at the wholesale level have slowed considerably, there is a lag of 6 to 9 months before changes at the primary market level are reflected at the retail level.

The index for food away-from-home—restaurant meals and snacks—increased at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 12.5 percent, about the same as in the first quarter, and somewhat slower than in the last two quarters of 1973.

Nonfood commodities. In the second quarter, prices of nonfood commodities in the CPI rose at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 15.8 percent—about the same as in the first quarter. Price rises for petroleum products—gasoline and fuel oil—became progressively smaller during the quarter, although the increase for the 3 months ending in June was still substantial. Price rises accelerated, however, for most other nonfood commodities.

The price rise for durable commodities in the CPI accelerated sharply to a 19.2 percent annual rate from 6.0 percent rate in the first quarter. Appliance prices, including radio and television sets, rose at a 6.5 percent annual rate, following a rise of 3.8 percent in the first quarter. In 1973, these prices declined slightly. Historically, appliance prices over long periods either have

declined or increased only moderately. Furniture prices rose at a 13.4 percent annual rate, exceeding any previous 3-month increase since the CPI series began in 1956. Price rises also accelerated for floor coverings, automobiles, and tires. New car prices rose at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 18.3 percent, reflecting higher manufacturers' prices and transportation charges. Used car prices, which had declined steadily from mid-1973 through the first quarter of this year, advanced substantially in the second quarter. As a result of the temporary abatement of a fuel shortage and the prospect of higher new car prices in the coming model year, the demand for used cars has increased.

Among nondurable commodities, retail prices for apparel and footwear continued to show large increases, but the rate of advance remained about the same as in the first quarter. Apparel prices are highly sensitive to changes in consumer demand, which has eased since spring. Price rises accelerated, however, for other nondurable commodities such as housekeeping supplies, toilet goods, tobacco products, drugs and prescriptions, and reading materials.

The rapid rate of advance in prices for nonfood commodities at the retail level reflected the effects of the decontrol and pass-through of earlier and current price increases at the wholesale level. Throughout 1973 and in the first two quarters of this year, prices of nonfood commodities at the wholesale level increased at a faster rate than at the retail level. The WPI for consumer finished goods other than foods rose at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 25.3 percent in the second quarter. This increase was slightly less than the 28.3 percent rate in the first quarter because of a slower rise in gasoline and fuel oil prices. Price rises at the manufacturers' level for most other commodities such as apparel, footwear, automobiles, furniture, and appliances, rose at an even faster pace in the second quarter than in the first quarter.

Sharp increases in costs of materials were an important factor in the price rises during the past year for consumer goods at the wholesale level. In addition, the rise in other costs—particularly labor costs—have accelerated since the termination of controls. In the second quarter, the WPI for semifinished industrial materials, products, and components at the intermediate stage of processing—which are used to produce finished goods—increased at a 43.7 percent annual rate, up from 32.6 percent in the first quarter. Prices continued to rise sharply for fabricated metal products such as metal containers, plumbing fixtures, heating equipment, electronic components, and structural metal products. These increases in fabricated metal products do not fully reflect the large second quarter increase in prices of basic steel

and aluminum mill products, especially those used in appliances and automobiles. Prices for paper and paper products continued to rise rapidly due to shortages of woodpulp and newsprint, strong demand, and capacity limitation. Prices of petroleum-related products such as plastic materials, industrial chemicals, manmade textile fibers, and nonmetallic mineral products, particularly asphalt roofing, also continued to increase in the second quarter.

Services

The services component of the CPI rose at an annual rate of 11.0 percent in the quarter ending in June, compared to 9.2 percent in the first quarter. Higher charges for household services (less rent), medical care, transportation, and other services contributed to the acceleration during the second quarter. In addition to the effects of the decontrol, a unique factor in the second quarter advance was the impact of the amendment to the Fair Labor Standards Act, which resulted in increased minimum wages to be paid effective May 1, 1974. The amendment also extended the coverage of those persons eligible to receive minimum wages and provided overtime to some service industries. About half of the services represented in the CPI fall within the Standard Industrial Classification category of "service industries." With some exceptions, labor costs constitute a high proportion of the final price of the output of these industries. Over 65 percent of the rise for consumer service charges during the second quarter resulted from higher charges for "labor intensive" services. The services component, less charges for rent, insurance and finance, and utilities and public transportation, accelerated from a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 10.8 percent in the first quarter, to 15.2 percent in the June quarter.

Included among these labor-intensive services are many series in the household services category. Housekeeping services, which includes charges for general housework, laundry flatwork, baby sitting, and day care services, rose 28.9 percent in the second quarter primarily in response to the minimum wage increase. In addition, home maintenance and repair services increased sharply as labor costs rose in all the repair and maintenance services included in the index. Prices for repair materials, particularly aluminum siding, asphalt shingles, and oil-based paints, also contributed to the increase in home repair costs.

Medical services—which are also labor-intensive—rose significantly more than in the first quarter when price controls were lifted from the health care industry on April 30. The industry had been under mandatory controls since the Economic Stabilization Program

started in August 1971. Controls were relaxed slightly in the first quarter of this year. To some extent, increases during the second quarter reflected higher overhead costs such as rent and utilities, which the industry had absorbed previously when controls were in effect. Hospital service charges increased at an annual rate of 12.9 percent in the 3 months ending in June compared to 10.0 percent in the first quarter, as larger increases were noted in operating room charges and semiprivate room rates. The rise in physicians' fees continued to accelerate, to an annual rate of 15.4 percent in the June quarter, compared with 12.5 percent in the first quarter.

A faster rate of price increase in other service industries, such as drycleaning, laundry, beauty shop, and barber shop services, reflected higher costs for labor and materials. Auto repair and maintenance charges advanced in response to the higher costs for materials used in replacement and repair. Charges for water pump replacement and transmission work increased at the fastest rate among the various auto repairs priced.

Charges for utilities and public transportation, which make up about 15 percent of the services priced in the CPI, decelerated slightly during the second quarter. Electricity rate increases slowed—from a 42.7 percent annual rate to 19.1 percent—partly from smaller price increases for oil after the Arab oil embargo was lifted. Previously, many companies had raised prices based on the fuel adjustment factor that is built into the companies' rates, allowing the power companies to pass higher fuel costs through to the consumer. The increases were still large because of higher costs for natural gas, coal, and nuclear fuels, supplemented by higher plant costs and payrolls. Charges for residential gas rose at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 13.1 percent, about the same rate as in the first quarter.

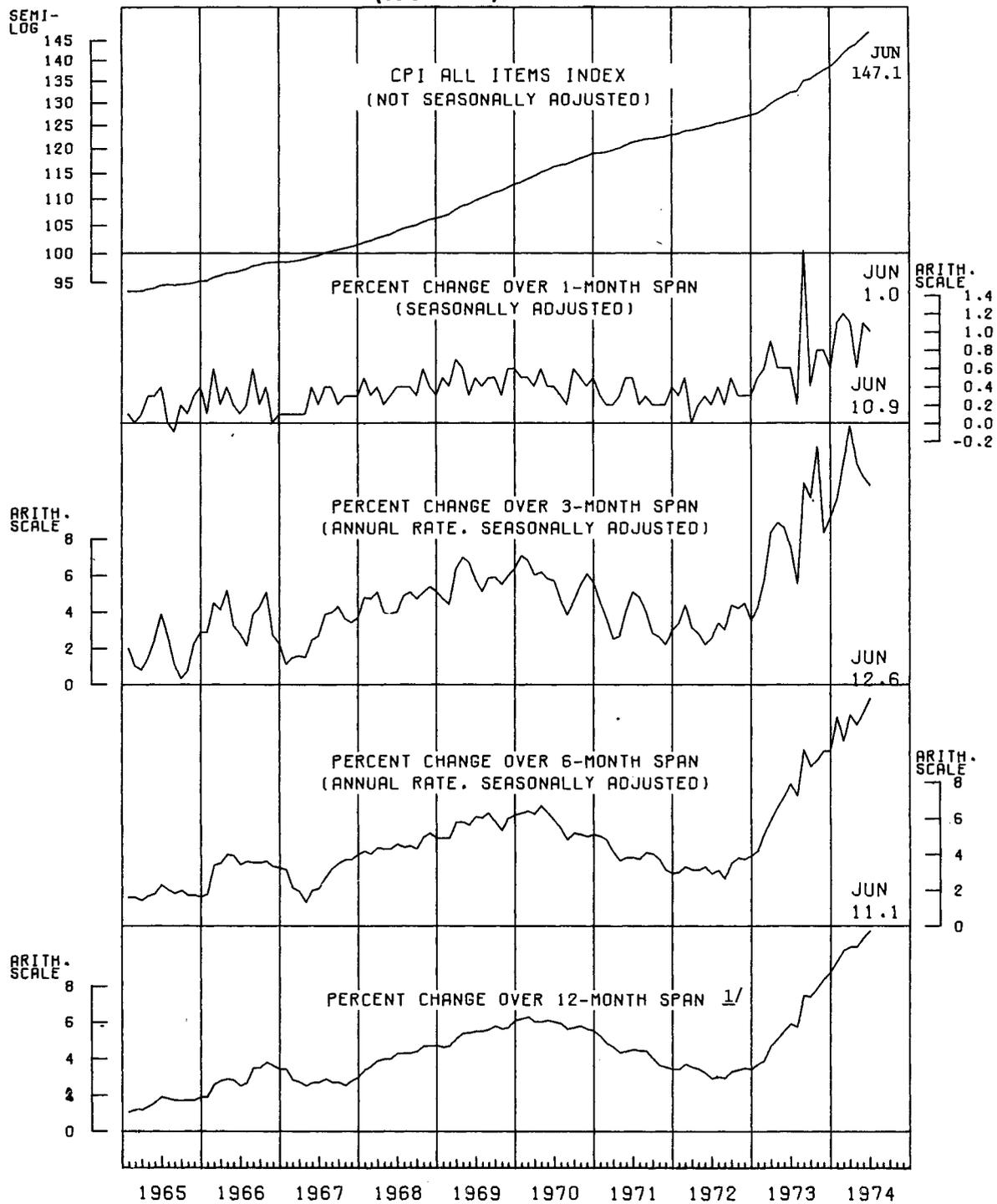
Public transportation charges were up 6.5 percent partly because of airplane fare increases effective April 15 and sharp railroad fare increases. In contrast, local transit fare continued to decrease as increased subsidies resulted in lower fares, and more passengers and revenue.

Increases in insurance and finance costs which constitute about 27 percent of the services priced in the CPI, accelerated to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 8.6 percent in second quarter compared to 7.1 percent in the first quarter. A substantial share of the second quarter rise in this group of services was due to the increase in mortgage interest rates. Despite Federal support, building starts declined and inventories of unsold homes were relatively higher, with mortgages hard to get. Interest rates in competing segments of the money

market, corporate bond offerings, and high prime rates outstripped the return levels which some mortgage lenders offered, and prompted many savers to withdraw funds from savings institutions. Consequently, mortgage interest rates for conventional and VA and FHA insured loans rose. However, property taxes continued the decline that began in mid-1973. The decrease was

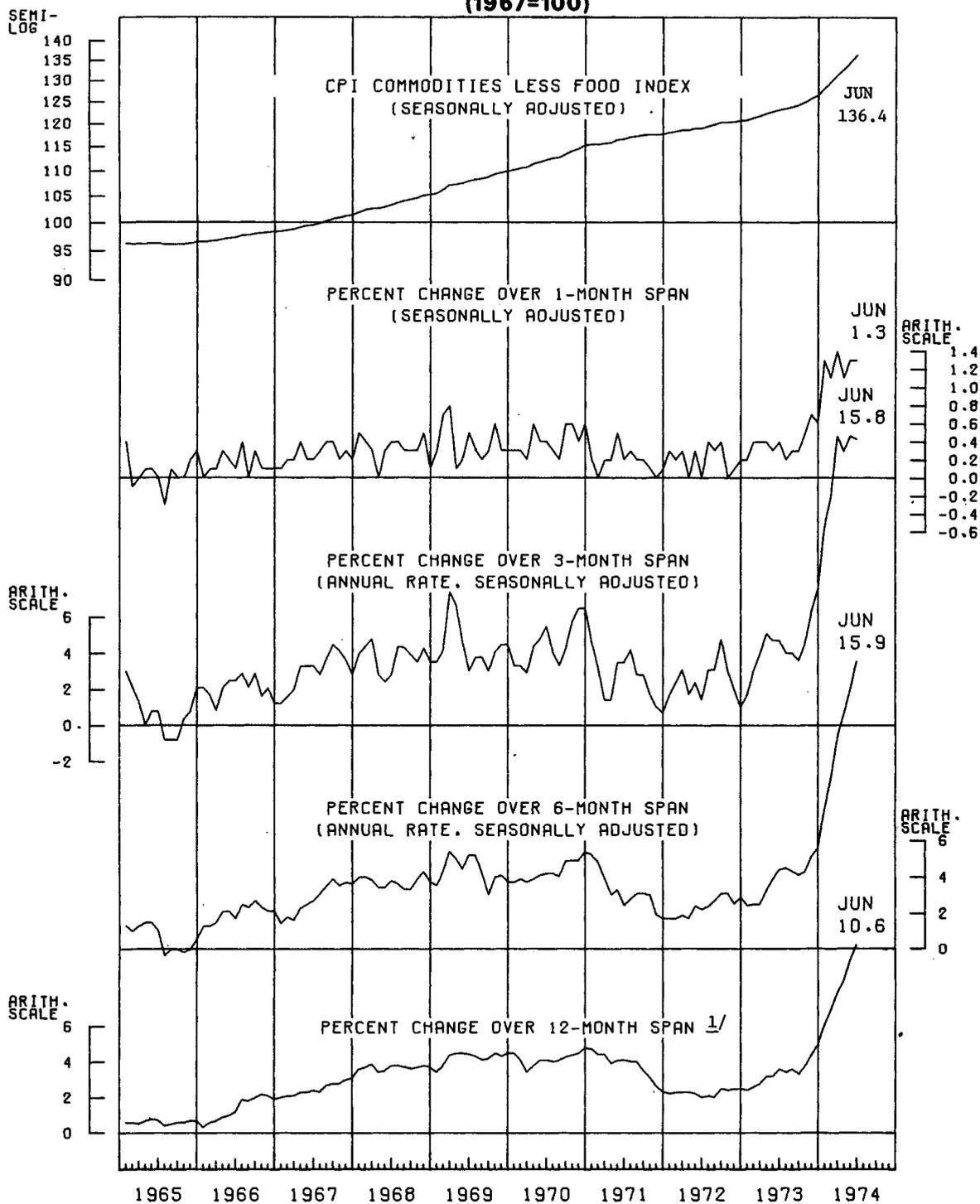
due in part to the increase in revenue sharing funds and additional revenue generated from other tax sources. Auto insurance rates which had declined in 1972 and 1973 rose slightly in the first quarter and again in the second quarter. Residential rent charges increased at an annual rate of 4.4 percent—about the same rate of increase as in the first quarter of 1974.

**Chart 1. All items index and its rate of change, 1965-74
(1967=100)**



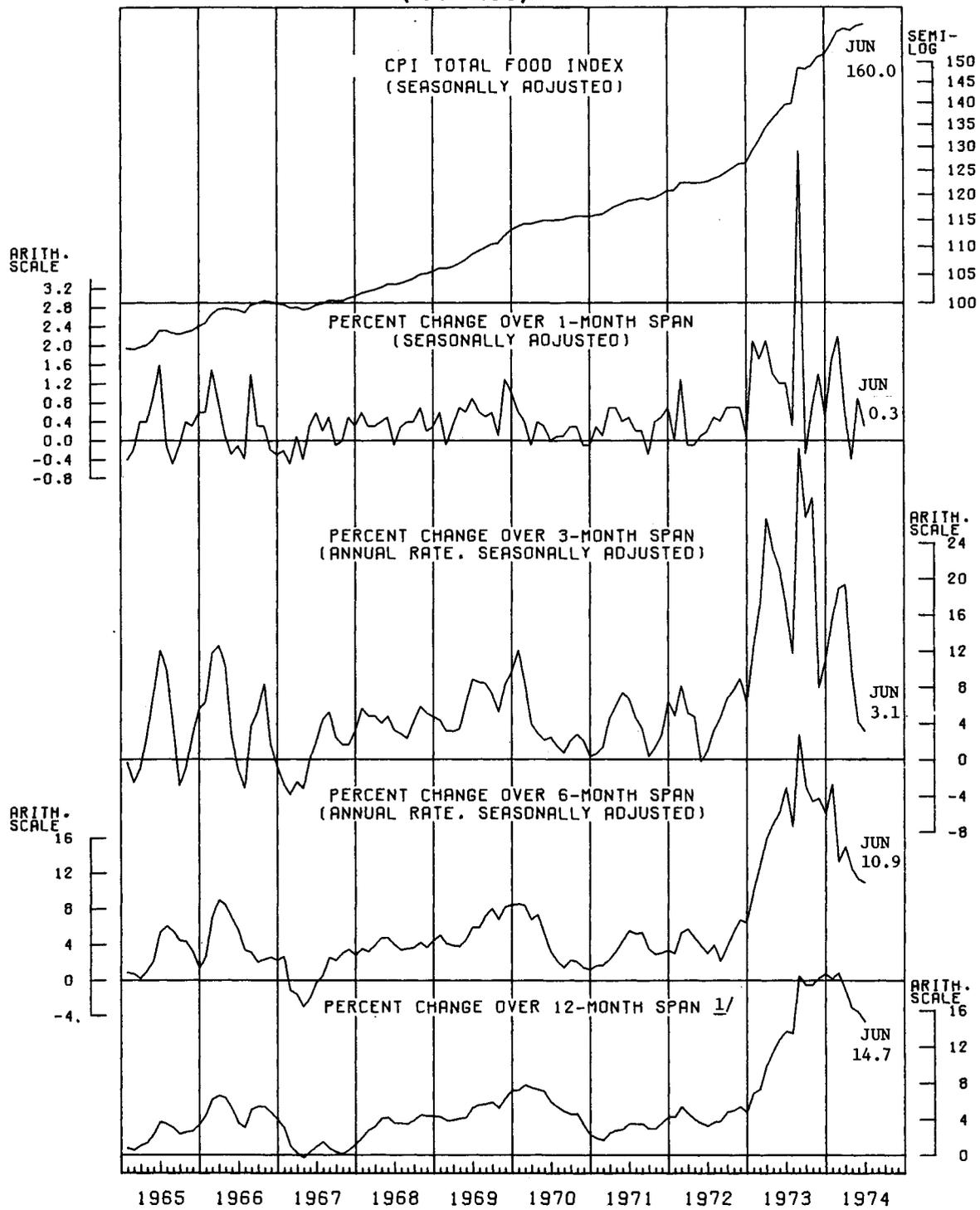
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**Chart 2. Commodities less food index and its rates of change, 1965-74
(1967=100)**



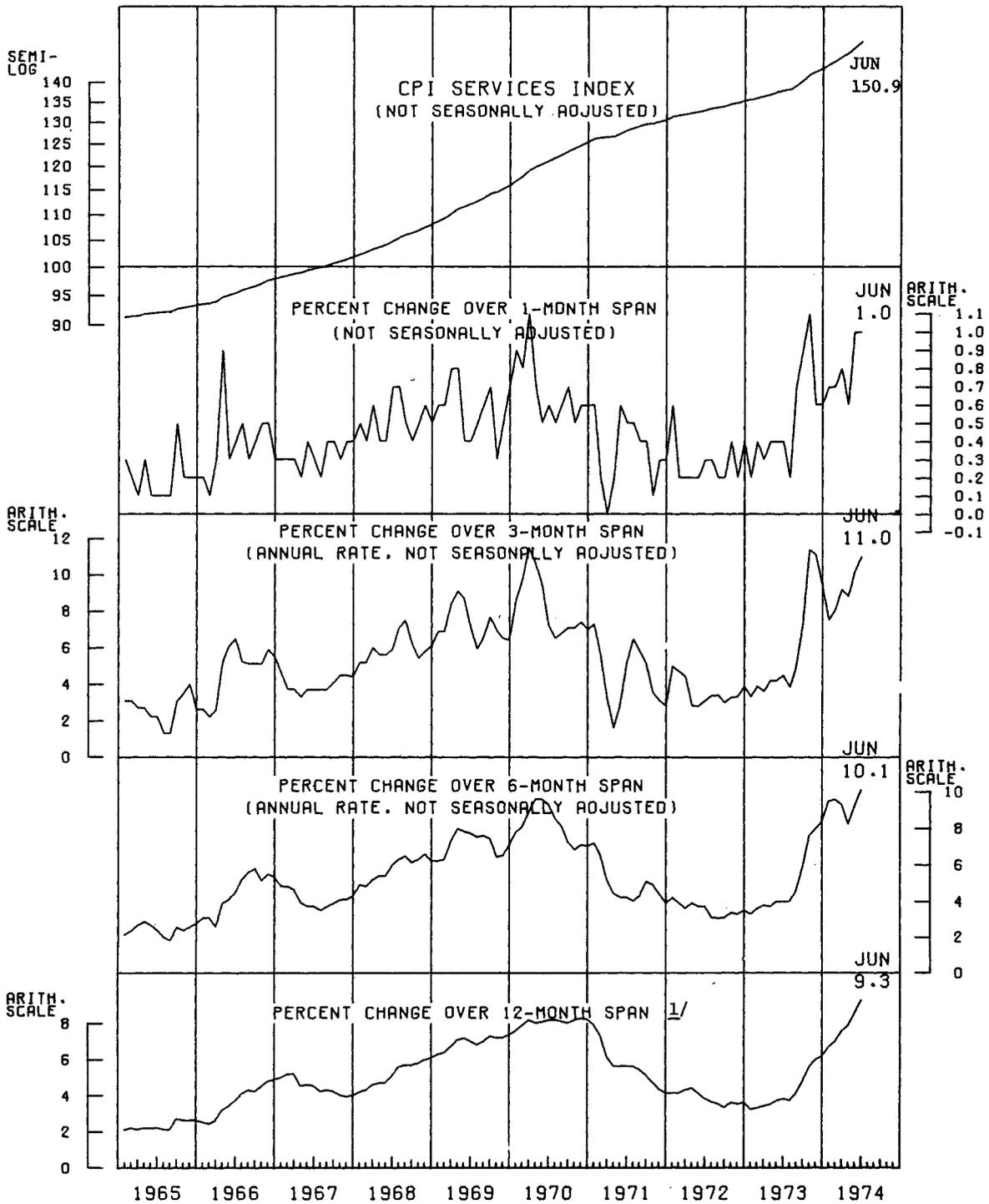
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**Chart 3. Total food index and its rates of change, 1965-74
(1967=100)**



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**Chart 4. Services index and its rates of change, 1965-74
(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 1974 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		December 1973	May 1974	June 1974	June 1973	May 1974	March to April	April to May	May to June
Commodity and service groups									
All items -----	100.000	145.6	147.1	11.1	1.0	0.6	1.1	1.0	
All items (1957-59= 100) -----	-	169.4	171.1	-	-	-	-	-	
Commodities -----	63.454	143.7	145.2	12.2	1.0	.6	1.2	.9	
Food -----	24.810	159.7	160.3	14.7	.4	-.4	.9	.3	
Food at home -----	19.633	160.4	160.9	15.0	.3	-.7	.8	.1	
Cereals and bakery products -----	2.644	164.3	165.3	34.4	.6	1.7	1.9	.9	
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	6.988	158.6	155.1	-.9	-2.2	-3.9	-2.6	-2.6	
Dairy products -----	3.023	154.6	153.8	23.9	-.5	1.7	.6	-.4	
Fruits and vegetables -----	3.146	177.7	183.1	20.7	3.0	-1.2	8.1	.7	
Other foods at home -----	3.832	151.2	154.4	20.9	2.1	1.6	.2	2.8	
Food away from home -----	5.177	157.1	158.6	13.4	1.0	1.0	.8	1.1	
Commodities less food -----	38.644	134.9	136.8	10.6	1.4	1.1	1.3	1.3	
Nondurables less food -----	22.978	139.5	141.0	13.1	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.2	
Apparel commodities ¹ -----	8.569	135.0	135.6	6.6	.4	.8	.5	.9	
Men's and boys' -----	2.661	135.7	137.0	7.8	1.0	1.1	.8	1.0	
Women's and girls' -----	3.815	133.7	133.6	5.1	-.1	.8	.2	.5	
Footwear -----	1.504	137.4	137.4	5.7	0	.7	.7	.3	
Nondurables less food and apparel -----	14.409	142.2	144.3	17.0	1.5	1.1	1.5	1.5	
Gasoline and motor oil -----	3.162	163.9	165.4	38.9	.9	2.2	1.9	1.2	
Tobacco products -----	1.993	140.6	142.8	4.0	1.6	*1	*7	*1.6	
Alcoholic beverages -----	2.349	129.1	130.0	6.3	.7	*9	*6	*7	
Fuel oil and coal -----	.872	211.0	214.2	62.8	1.5	3.0	2.7	1.9	
Other nondurables -----	6.033	130.0	132.5	9.9	1.9	.8	1.5	1.9	
Durable commodities -----	15.666	128.5	131.2	7.3	2.1	1.3	1.5	1.6	
Household durables -----	4.566	126.5	128.2	7.6	1.3	1.0	1.0	1.3	
New cars -----	1.917	114.6	116.4	4.9	1.6	.7	1.4	2.1	
Used cars -----	1.849	121.9	133.6	9.2	9.6	*8.3	*10.1	*9.6	
Other durables -----	7.334	136.1	137.1	7.3	.7	.5	.5	.6	
Services -----	36.546	149.4	150.9	9.3	1.0	*6	*1.0	*1.0	
Rent -----	4.873	129.3	129.8	4.7	.4	*3	*4	*4	
Services less rent -----	31.673	153.1	154.7	10.0	1.0	*7	*1.1	*1.0	
Household services less rent -----	15.463	162.1	164.0	13.2	1.2	.9	1.4	1.2	
Transportation services -----	5.090	140.5	141.5	3.3	.7	.4	.5	.7	
Medical care services -----	5.423	155.4	158.0	10.0	1.7	.6	1.2	1.7	
Other services -----	5.698	140.2	141.1	7.5	.6	.5	1.3	.6	
Special indexes:									
All items less food -----	75.190	141.5	143.3	10.0	1.3	.9	1.2	1.3	
Nondurable commodities -----	47.788	149.3	150.4	13.9	.7	.4	1.0	.7	
Apparel commodities less footwear -----	7.064	134.6	135.2	6.7	.4	.8	.6	.9	
Services less medical care services -----	31.123	148.5	149.8	9.1	.9	*6	*1.0	*.9	
Insurance and finance -----	9.707	160.1	161.5	10.0	.9	.5	.7	.9	
Utilities and public transportation -----	5.318	140.2	141.0	9.0	.6	.8	1.0	.6	
Housekeeping and home maintenance service -----	4.457	171.8	175.1	14.8	1.9	1.2	2.6	1.6	
Appliances (including radio and TV) -----	1.489	107.5	108.3	2.8	.7	*.4	*.6	*.7	
Expenditure classes									
All items -----	100.000	145.6	147.1	11.1	1.0	.6	1.1	1.0	
Food -----	24.810	159.7	160.3	14.7	.4	-.4	.9	.3	
Housing -----	33.321	147.6	149.2	11.4	1.1	.8	1.1	1.1	
Shelter ² -----	21.459	151.3	152.8	9.6	1.0	.7	.9	.9	
Rent -----	4.873	129.3	129.8	4.7	.4	*3	*4	*4	
Homeownership ³ -----	16.184	159.4	161.2	11.2	1.1	.8	.8	.9	
Fuel and utilities ⁴ -----	4.820	148.6	149.4	18.9	.5	1.5	1.4	.9	
Gas and electricity -----	2.390	143.9	144.5	15.2	.4	1.3	1.5	1.0	
Household furnishings and operation -----	7.042	137.0	139.2	11.6	1.6	.9	2.1	1.5	
Apparel and upkeep -----	9.945	135.0	135.7	7.0	.5	.8	.7	.8	
Transportation -----	12.602	137.6	140.7	12.9	2.3	1.5	2.0	2.0	
Private -----	11.233	136.6	139.8	14.2	2.3	1.6	2.3	2.1	
Public -----	1.369	146.3	148.6	2.6	1.6	.1	.3	1.2	
Health and recreation -----	18.946	137.7	139.4	7.2	1.2	*7	*1.0	*1.2	
Medical care -----	6.229	147.2	149.4	9.1	1.5	.4	1.2	1.5	
Personal care -----	2.513	134.9	136.5	9.3	1.2	.9	1.2	1.3	
Reading and recreation -----	5.346	132.0	133.5	6.0	1.1	.4	1.2	1.0	
Other goods and services -----	4.859	134.4	135.8	5.3	1.0	.6	.6	1.0	
Special indexes:									
All items less shelter -----	78.541	144.2	145.7	11.6	1.0	.6	1.1	1.0	
All items less medical care -----	93.771	145.6	147.1	11.3	1.0	.6	1.0	1.0	
All items less mortgage interest costs -----	95.951	144.2	145.7	10.6	1.0	.6	1.1	.9	
CPI - domestically produced farm foods ⁵ -----	17.583	160.4	160.2	14.1	-.1	*-1.1	*.3	*-.1	
CPI - selected beef cuts ⁶ -----	2.290	163.3	161.9	-.2	-.9	*-5.3	*-2.5	*-.9	
Purchasing power of consumer dollar:									
1967= \$1.00 -----	-	\$0.687	\$0.680	-9.9	-1.0	-	-	-	
1957-59= \$1.00 -----	-	.590	.584	-	-	-	-	-	

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 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 change for					
	March 1974	April 1974	May 1974	June 1974	3 months ending in				6 months ending in	
					September 1973	December 1973	March 1974	June 1974	December 1973	June 1974
Commodity and service groups										
All items -----	-	-	-	-	10.2	9.2	14.2	10.9	9.7	12.6
Commodities -----	141.1	141.9	143.6	144.9	11.6	9.4	16.9	11.2	10.5	14.0
Food -----	158.8	158.1	159.5	160.0	26.7	11.0	19.4	3.1	18.6	10.9
Food at home -----	160.0	158.9	160.2	160.4	29.5	10.0	21.5	1.0	19.3	10.8
Cereals and bakery products -----	158.4	161.1	164.1	165.6	33.0	60.0	28.4	19.5	45.9	23.9
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	169.7	163.1	158.9	154.8	70.9	-17.7	-9	-30.8	18.6	-17.2
Dairy products -----	151.2	153.7	154.6	154.0	22.3	51.9	18.2	7.6	36.3	12.8
Fruits and vegetables -----	162.7	160.7	173.7	175.0	-13.8	31.5	39.9	33.8	6.4	36.8
Other foods at home -----	149.9	152.3	152.6	156.9	17.4	15.6	31.1	20.0	16.5	25.4
Food away from home -----	154.2	155.8	157.1	158.8	14.8	16.7	10.2	12.5	15.7	11.3
Commodities less food -----	131.5	132.9	134.6	136.4	3.6	7.6	16.0	15.8	5.6	15.9
Nondurables less food -----	136.4	137.7	139.2	140.9	1.6	14.8	23.1	13.9	8.0	18.4
Apparel commodities ¹ -----	132.5	133.6	134.3	135.5	3.8	3.8	9.6	9.4	3.8	9.5
Men's and boys' -----	132.2	133.7	134.8	136.2	3.2	2.9	13.1	12.7	3.0	12.9
Women's and girls' -----	132.1	133.1	133.3	133.9	4.8	3.1	6.9	5.6	4.0	6.3
Footwear -----	134.9	135.9	136.9	137.3	4.4	3.7	7.4	7.3	4.0	7.4
Nondurables less food and apparel -----	138.6	140.1	142.2	144.3	.3	21.7	30.8	17.5	10.5	24.0
Gasoline and motor oil -----	157.7	161.2	162.2	166.2	-7.5	57.4	106.8	23.4	20.7	59.7
Tobacco products (not seasonally adjusted) -----	139.4	139.6	140.6	142.8	2.1	1.5	2.6	10.1	1.8	6.3
Alcoholic beverages (not seasonally adjusted) -----	127.1	128.3	129.1	130.0	3.0	7.0	5.9	9.4	5.0	7.6
Fuel oil and coal -----	199.3	205.3	210.8	214.8	6.5	178.9	74.9	34.9	72.4	53.6
Other nondurables -----	126.8	127.8	129.7	132.2	3.4	5.7	12.6	18.2	4.5	15.3
Durable commodities -----	124.9	126.5	128.4	130.5	3.7	1.0	6.0	19.2	2.3	12.4
Household durables -----	123.8	125.0	126.2	127.8	4.4	3.4	9.2	13.6	3.9	11.4
New cars -----	112.0	112.8	114.4	116.8	4.8	-5.6	3.7	18.3	-5	10.7
Used cars (not seasonally adjusted) -----	102.2	110.7	121.9	133.6	-6.4	-23.2	-32.1	192.0	-15.2	40.8
Other durables -----	135.0	135.7	136.4	137.2	3.8	5.4	13.5	6.7	4.6	10.0
Services (not seasonally adjusted) -----	147.0	147.9	149.4	150.9	7.4	9.4	9.2	11.0	8.4	10.1
Rent (not seasonally adjusted) -----	128.4	128.8	129.3	129.8	4.6	4.9	4.8	4.4	4.7	4.6
Services less rent (not seasonally adjusted) -----	150.4	151.4	153.1	154.7	7.9	10.1	9.9	11.9	9.0	10.9
Household services less rent -----	158.8	160.3	162.6	164.5	11.5	12.6	13.7	15.1	12.0	14.4
Transportation services -----	139.2	139.7	140.4	141.4	2.7	2.6	1.4	6.5	2.6	3.9
Medical care services -----	152.4	153.3	155.2	157.8	4.2	11.5	9.4	14.9	7.8	12.2
Other services -----	137.7	138.4	140.2	141.0	6.2	6.5	7.3	9.9	6.3	8.6
Special indexes:										
All items less food -----	138.5	139.7	141.4	143.2	5.3	8.1	12.4	14.3	6.7	13.4
Nondurable commodities -----	147.1	147.7	149.2	150.2	14.4	11.9	20.8	8.7	13.1	14.6
Apparel commodities less footwear (not seasonally adjusted) -----	132.0	133.1	133.9	135.1	3.5	3.8	10.0	9.7	3.7	9.9
Services less medical care services (not seasonally adjusted) -----	146.2	147.1	148.5	149.8	8.1	9.2	9.0	10.2	8.6	9.6
Insurance and finance -----	158.8	159.6	160.7	162.1	13.4	10.9	7.1	8.6	12.2	7.8
Utilities and public transportation -----	137.6	138.7	140.1	141.0	4.7	9.2	11.9	10.3	6.9	11.1
Housekeeping and home maintenance service Appliances (including radio and TV) (not seasonally adjusted) -----	165.6	167.6	172.0	174.8	8.1	9.1	18.9	24.1	8.6	21.5
106.5	106.9	107.5	108.3	.4	.8	3.1	6.9	.6	5.0	
Expenditure classes										
All items -----	-	-	-	-	10.2	9.2	14.2	10.9	9.7	12.6
Food -----	158.8	158.1	159.5	160.0	26.7	11.0	19.4	3.1	18.6	10.9
Housing -----	144.9	146.1	147.7	149.3	8.0	10.6	14.4	12.7	9.3	13.6
Shelter ² -----	149.5	150.5	151.8	153.1	9.2	9.3	9.9	10.0	9.2	10.0
Rent (not seasonally adjusted) -----	128.4	128.8	129.3	129.8	4.6	4.9	4.8	4.4	4.7	4.6
Homeownership ³ -----	157.5	158.7	160.0	161.5	10.3	11.5	12.3	10.6	10.9	11.4
Fuel and utilities -----	144.2	146.3	148.3	149.7	4.5	30.3	26.4	16.2	16.7	21.2
Gas and electricity -----	139.3	141.1	143.2	144.6	6.5	11.1	28.2	16.1	8.8	22.0
Household furnishings and operation -----	132.7	133.9	136.7	138.8	5.9	6.5	15.2	19.7	6.2	17.4
Apparel and upkeep -----	132.5	133.6	134.5	135.6	4.2	4.8	9.6	9.7	4.5	9.6
Transportation -----	132.5	134.5	137.2	140.0	2.9	5.6	20.0	24.6	4.2	22.3
Private -----	131.1	133.2	136.2	139.0	3.0	6.3	23.0	26.4	4.7	24.6
Public -----	146.0	146.2	146.6	148.3	2.8	2.2	-1.1	6.5	2.5	2.6
Health and recreation (not seasonally adjusted) -----	135.4	136.3	137.7	139.4	3.4	5.9	7.4	12.4	4.7	9.9
Medical care -----	144.7	145.3	147.1	149.3	4.2	10.2	8.7	13.3	7.1	11.0
Personal care -----	131.8	133.0	134.6	136.4	5.2	9.2	8.3	14.7	7.2	11.5
Reading and recreation -----	129.9	130.4	131.9	133.2	3.5	3.2	7.1	10.6	3.4	8.8
Other goods and services -----	132.9	133.7	134.5	135.9	1.6	5.4	5.0	9.3	3.4	7.1
Special indexes:										
All items less shelter -----	141.5	142.3	143.9	145.4	10.5	9.3	15.1	11.5	9.9	13.3
All items less medical care -----	143.2	144.0	145.5	147.0	10.4	9.2	14.6	11.0	9.8	12.8
All items less mortgage interest costs CPI - domestically produced farm foods (not seasonally adjusted) -----	141.7	142.5	144.1	145.4	9.4	8.6	13.8	10.9	9.0	12.3
161.7	159.9	160.4	160.2	32.7	5.4	25.7	-3.7	18.3	10.1	
CPI - selected beef cuts (not seasonally adjusted) -----	176.8	167.5	163.3	161.9	39.9	-26.9	38.1	-29.7	1.1	-1.5

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 1973	March 1974	May 1974
June 1974							
U. S. city average -----	M	147.1	171.1		11.1	2.8	1.0
Chicago -----	M	145.9	165.7		10.8	2.7	1.2
Detroit -----	M	148.7	170.9		11.2	2.6	1.4
Los Angeles-Long Beach -----	M	141.8	166.7		10.4	3.1	.9
N. Y.-Northeastern N. J. -----	M	153.8	183.0		10.6	2.0	.9
Philadelphia -----	M	151.1	176.5		12.2	2.8	1.1
April 1974							
April 1973							
January 1974							
Boston -----	1	145.3	174.0		9.7	2.3	
Houston -----	1	143.1	163.7		9.7	2.9	
Minneapolis-St. Paul -----	1	145.2	168.3		11.0	3.5	
Pittsburgh -----	1	144.2	165.8		9.9	3.5	
May 1974							
May 1973							
February 1974							
Buffalo -----	2	147.7		³ 162.3	10.9	2.4	
Cleveland -----	2	146.2	165.1		10.2	2.9	
Dallas -----	2	143.3		³ 155.0	9.7	2.7	
Milwaukee -----	2	142.1	160.5		9.3	2.2	
San Diego -----	2	145.3		⁴ 152.8	11.2	3.6	
Seattle -----	2	139.5	163.9		10.5	2.7	
Washington -----	2	147.7	172.1		10.8	2.6	
June 1974							
June 1973							
March 1974							
Atlanta -----	3	147.5	169.6		11.2	2.4	
Baltimore -----	3	151.7	176.1		13.5	3.0	
Cincinnati -----	3	146.1	165.8		11.6	3.4	
Honolulu -----	3	141.4		⁵ 152.4	10.9	2.7	
Kansas City -----	3	143.6	170.5		10.6	3.6	
St. Louis -----	3	141.4	165.2		10.4	2.3	
San Francisco-Oakland -----	3	144.1	171.4		10.3	3.5	

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 areas ¹ for urban wage earners and clerical workers, major groups, percent from May 1974 to June 1974

Group	U. S. city average	Chicago	Detroit	Los Angeles-Long Beach	New York-Northeastern New Jersey	Philadelphia
All items -----	1.0	1.2	1.4	0.9	0.9	1.1
Food -----	.4	.8	.2	.7	.9	.1
Housing -----	1.1	1.3	2.1	.5	.6	.8
Apparel and upkeep -----	.5	.7	1.2	.2	-.1	1.2
Transportation -----	2.3	2.1	2.1	2.3	2.1	2.3
Health and recreation -----	1.2	1.6	1.3	1.0	1.0	2.2
Medical care -----	1.5	2.9	.9	1.0	1.6	2.6
Personal care -----	1.2	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
Reading and recreation -----	1.1	1.0	-.5	.6	.9	2.0
Other goods and services -----	1.0	1.1	4.0	.9	.7	2.6

¹ See footnote 1, table 3.

² Not available.

Table 5. Consumer Price Index—United States and selected areas¹ for urban wage earners and clerical workers, commodity groups, June 1974, and percent changes from March 1974

Group	U.S. city average	Chicago	Detroit	Los Angeles—Long Beach	New York—Northeastern New Jersey	Philadelphia
Indexes (1967=100)						
All items -----	147.1	145.9	148.7	141.8	153.8	151.1
Food -----	160.3	160.1	162.8	155.3	164.3	163.2
Food at home -----	160.9	161.3	163.7	157.6	164.9	162.5
Cereals and bakery products -----	165.3	172.4	185.0	161.9	164.9	165.9
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	155.1	154.0	157.4	155.5	158.8	159.5
Dairy products -----	153.8	150.9	157.9	149.1	156.7	153.2
Fruits and vegetables -----	183.1	185.7	174.8	174.4	196.6	184.1
Other food at home -----	154.4	155.7	156.5	151.5	155.3	154.0
Food away from home -----	158.6	155.4	159.3	148.8	163.0	166.5
Housing -----	149.2	143.3	150.3	141.2	159.3	155.8
Shelter -----	152.8	146.8	158.7	142.5	162.5	163.9
Rent, residential -----	129.8	(²)	129.5	(²)	143.1	(²)
Homeownership -----	161.2	156.0	164.5	147.2	177.1	171.4
Fuel and utilities -----	149.4	138.9	141.9	142.0	170.0	156.8
Fuel oil and coal -----	214.2	³ 211.3	210.2	-	216.7	205.6
Gas and electricity -----	144.5	130.9	143.9	159.7	173.0	160.7
Household furnishings and operation -----	139.2	135.2	130.2	136.4	144.8	140.2
Apparel and upkeep -----	135.7	132.3	131.3	132.7	134.5	131.9
Men's and boys' -----	137.0	130.9	135.1	126.6	137.0	140.9
Women's and girls' -----	133.6	133.4	120.7	134.1	128.2	120.7
Footwear -----	137.4	131.7	145.6	135.5	132.5	138.7
Transportation -----	140.7	143.6	142.0	141.3	148.2	143.3
Private -----	139.8	140.5	140.9	142.7	144.1	142.7
Public -----	148.6	162.9	155.6	115.9	164.1	147.2
Health and recreation -----	139.4	142.1	144.1	133.6	146.8	145.3
Medical care -----	149.4	150.7	160.8	146.9	159.9	163.1
Personal care -----	136.5	137.6	(²)	128.4	(²)	(²)
Reading and recreation -----	133.5	135.9	132.4	124.4	140.6	138.4
Other goods and services -----	135.8	141.6	139.0	128.4	144.2	140.0
Percent changes March 1974 to June 1974						
All items -----	2.8	2.7	2.6	3.1	2.0	2.8
Food -----	.8	.4	-.2	2.3	.7	.1
Food at home -----	.2	0	-1.0	2.0	-.1	-.7
Cereals and bakery products -----	4.2	5.5	5.0	7.1	4.6	5.1
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	-9.6	-9.4	-10.7	-10.0	-8.5	-9.3
Dairy products -----	1.5	.7	1.0	7.7	.7	.7
Fruits and vegetables -----	12.7	14.3	11.3	15.7	13.7	9.9
Other food at home -----	2.8	2.2	2.2	4.2	1.6	1.1
Food away from home -----	3.2	2.6	3.6	3.1	3.0	3.7
Housing -----	3.0	2.8	3.3	1.8	1.3	3.9
Shelter -----	2.3	1.9	2.9	1.0	.6	3.1
Rent, residential -----	1.1	(²)	4.8	(²)	4.7	(²)
Homeownership -----	2.5	2.4	3.1	1.0	.1	3.6
Fuel and utilities -----	3.1	4.3	4.0	1.5	.8	7.0
Fuel oil and coal -----	6.3	12.1	4.7	-	2.8	2.7
Gas and electricity -----	3.2	2.3	5.3	2.3	.5	13.1
Household furnishings and operation -----	5.0	4.8	4.6	4.8	3.7	3.3
Apparel and upkeep -----	2.6	2.2	2.7	2.8	.4	1.4
Men's and boys' -----	3.9	2.9	6.5	3.0	1.3	3.5
Women's and girls' -----	1.5	1.4	-.4	1.2	-1.8	-.8
Footwear -----	1.9	1.8	1.2	1.9	-.5	1.5
Transportation -----	6.6	6.3	5.3	7.0	5.2	5.5
Private -----	7.2	7.6	5.9	7.5	6.5	6.3
Public -----	1.4	-.6	-.1	-3.0	1.0	1.5
Health and recreation -----	3.0	3.3	2.9	3.6	3.8	4.1
Medical care -----	3.2	4.2	2.6	3.2	3.7	4.6
Personal care -----	3.6	3.2	(²)	5.6	(²)	(²)
Reading and recreation -----	3.1	4.3	.8	4.0	5.0	3.8
Other goods and services -----	2.3	1.1	5.1	2.4	2.5	4.3

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 1974, and percent changes from March 1974—Continued

Group	Atlanta	Baltimore	Cincinnati	Honolulu	Kansas City	San Francisco-Oakland	St. Louis
Indexes (1967= 100)							
All items -----	147.5	151.7	146.1	141.4	143.6	144.1	141.4
Food -----	162.5	161.9	162.1	156.6	160.4	154.9	157.7
Food at home -----	163.5	161.3	164.1	157.6	161.3	158.6	157.9
Cereals and bakery products -----	171.5	163.6	175.4	176.3	165.4	156.4	172.9
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	157.4	158.4	153.5	155.7	152.3	157.5	143.9
Dairy products -----	159.9	151.3	165.2	152.6	174.8	149.2	159.3
Fruits and vegetables -----	186.1	180.5	177.6	153.4	167.2	175.2	180.4
Other food at home -----	155.5	156.3	161.0	153.0	157.3	155.0	150.3
Food away from home -----	158.9	164.1	154.6	153.0	157.7	142.2	156.9
Housing -----	149.3	160.5	142.9	138.1	140.8	147.4	137.0
Shelter -----	154.7	170.4	145.6	141.7	146.0	151.9	135.4
Rent, residential -----	124.7	120.9	115.3	142.5	115.1	138.4	112.5
Homeownership -----	163.6	191.3	159.5	141.3	158.0	158.9	141.7
Fuel and utilities -----	140.8	153.7	146.1	127.9	129.3	132.8	138.1
Fuel oil and coal -----	-	217.6	-	-	-	-	223.2
Gas and electricity -----	143.3	151.1	135.1	135.4	133.3	140.1	128.2
Household furnishings and operation -----	141.7	142.6	134.0	131.7	134.5	139.8	139.6
Apparel and upkeep -----	133.8	140.5	135.3	132.5	137.1	136.1	128.8
Men's and boys' -----	141.6	149.1	135.0	126.8	132.7	138.8	133.0
Women's and girls' -----	129.0	126.3	129.1	130.5	139.3	135.9	124.3
Footwear -----	125.2	⁵ 149.4	146.1	133.4	145.2	133.2	137.6
Transportation -----	135.1	136.9	137.8	136.9	139.4	139.1	137.8
Private -----	138.5	138.8	142.3	139.8	138.9	138.9	141.0
Public -----	91.3	123.7	103.0	120.9	146.4	141.9	99.0
Health and recreation -----	145.3	142.4	142.3	134.9	138.0	135.0	136.7
Medical care -----	163.4	166.2	157.3	147.7	147.0	142.5	138.7
Personal care -----	144.6	135.6	144.7	139.0	138.7	135.4	137.2
Reading and recreation -----	134.0	131.6	127.6	135.3	127.2	128.4	132.5
Other goods and services -----	131.4	134.9	140.4	117.9	139.6	131.7	137.9
Percent changes March 1974 to June 1974							
All items -----	2.4	3.0	3.4	2.7	3.6	3.5	2.3
Food -----	-.2	.3	1.3	.8	.5	2.2	-.5
Food at home -----	-1.0	-1.0	1.1	.4	-.3	2.0	-1.1
Cereals and bakery products -----	3.9	4.5	2.0	3.8	3.8	3.4	4.2
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	-9.9	-9.4	-9.2	-4.5	-10.3	-6.3	-12.8
Dairy products -----	.5	-.3	1.8	6.3	1.2	5.7	.8
Fruits and vegetables -----	10.3	8.7	14.3	-.1	10.0	13.1	11.4
Other food at home -----	1.0	2.5	5.4	3.5	3.5	4.4	2.6
Food away from home -----	2.5	6.0	2.0	2.1	3.1	2.9	2.3
Housing -----	1.1	4.2	4.0	1.7	5.4	2.8	3.2
Shelter -----	.4	3.3	2.9	1.0	6.4	2.2	2.3
Rent, residential -----	-.9	1.2	-.9	2.3	.7	.8	-.6
Homeownership -----	.1	3.9	3.5	.3	8.2	2.8	2.6
Fuel and utilities -----	1.1	6.3	7.7	3.0	2.9	1.8	2.1
Fuel oil and coal -----	-	3.3	-	-	-	-	7.1
Gas and electricity -----	1.7	12.3	6.1	5.3	4.8	2.3	.8
Household furnishings and operation -----	2.7	5.4	4.9	3.4	4.0	5.4	5.9
Apparel and upkeep -----	2.7	1.7	1.8	1.8	2.0	3.0	2.1
Men's and boys' -----	3.1	1.0	1.4	1.3	1.8	4.4	7.7
Women's and girls' -----	2.6	.2	.5	.3	1.5	2.1	-1.3
Footwear -----	1.7	1.5	1.2	3.7	2.3	2.9	.9
Transportation -----	7.6	6.0	9.5	4.3	6.5	7.2	6.7
Private -----	7.7	6.7	10.1	4.5	6.8	7.5	7.0
Public -----	8.4	.7	2.5	3.0	2.2	2.4	3.0
Health and recreation -----	4.1	3.2	2.5	5.7	2.8	3.8	2.4
Medical care -----	5.7	5.7	1.4	5.9	2.1	2.8	1.2
Personal care -----	4.2	3.0	6.1	9.5	4.4	7.2	2.9
Reading and recreation -----	2.4	1.3	2.3	6.9	3.5	3.3	5.3
Other goods and services -----	3.1	2.7	2.4	1.7	2.0	4.6	.9

¹ See footnote 1, table 3.

² Not available.

³ Revised index: May 1974, 207.4.

⁴ Change from April 1974.

⁵ Revised index: March 1974, 147.2.

Table 6. Consumer Price Index—United States and selected areas for urban wage earners and clerical workers, food and its subgroups, June 1974, and percent changes from May 1974

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 -----	160.3	160.9	165.3	155.1	153.8	183.1	154.4	158.6
Atlanta -----	162.5	163.5	171.5	157.4	159.9	186.1	155.5	158.9
Baltimore -----	161.9	161.3	163.6	158.4	151.3	180.5	156.3	164.1
Boston -----	159.8	160.8	161.8	160.5	149.1	179.4	153.4	155.8
Buffalo -----	159.8	159.2	169.0	156.3	151.4	179.5	146.6	163.6
Chicago -----	160.1	161.3	172.4	154.0	150.9	185.7	155.7	155.4
Cincinnati -----	162.1	164.1	175.4	153.5	165.2	177.6	161.0	154.6
Cleveland -----	158.8	159.2	164.1	149.8	165.4	180.1	150.7	156.9
Dallas -----	155.4	153.3	159.1	146.3	148.6	169.4	151.2	163.0
Detroit -----	162.8	163.7	185.0	157.4	157.9	174.8	156.5	159.3
Honolulu -----	156.6	157.6	176.3	155.7	152.6	153.4	153.0	153.0
Houston -----	161.4	159.1	163.1	153.9	162.9	168.9	154.9	169.5
Kansas City -----	160.4	161.3	165.4	152.3	174.8	167.2	157.3	157.7
Los Angeles-Long Beach -----	155.3	157.6	161.9	155.5	149.1	174.4	151.5	148.8
Milwaukee -----	156.2	156.9	166.3	150.0	154.3	174.9	151.2	(²)
Minneapolis-St. Paul -----	162.1	161.6	177.5	157.6	159.0	165.4	156.8	164.3
N. Y.-Northeastern N. J. -----	164.3	164.9	164.9	158.8	156.7	196.6	155.3	163.0
Philadelphia -----	163.2	162.5	165.9	159.5	153.2	184.1	154.0	166.5
Pittsburgh -----	162.8	162.1	168.8	153.3	150.4	192.6	156.0	167.3
St. Louis -----	157.7	157.9	172.9	143.9	159.3	180.4	150.3	156.9
San Diego -----	158.3	156.1	157.3	158.0	148.3	168.5	148.8	(²)
San Francisco-Oakland -----	154.9	158.6	156.4	157.5	149.2	175.2	155.0	142.2
Seattle -----	155.4	157.9	160.1	157.5	151.3	166.5	155.9	147.3
Washington -----	163.9	162.5	169.2	153.1	145.0	194.8	161.7	167.1
Percent changes May 1974 to June 1974								
U. S. city average -----	0.4	0.3	0.6	-2.2	-0.5	3.0	2.1	1.0
Atlanta -----	-.1	-.6	.7	-2.8	-.6	-.1	1.4	1.5
Baltimore -----	-.2	-1.0	.9	-2.6	-3.8	1.1	.6	2.9
Boston -----	.6	.6	-.6	-.5	-.5	2.3	2.5	.6
Buffalo -----	.1	-.1	.1	-1.8	-.5	1.8	1.3	1.0
Chicago -----	.8	.7	1.8	-.1	-.9	2.0	1.4	1.2
Cincinnati -----	.2	.2	.4	-3.6	1.0	2.5	3.1	.8
Cleveland -----	-.7	-1.0	-.1	-2.3	-1.3	-1.6	1.5	.7
Dallas -----	-.3	-.7	.2	-4.4	-.9	3.2	1.0	1.0
Detroit -----	.2	.1	3.8	-4.4	.3	2.3	4.0	.8
Honolulu -----	.2	.3	-.1	-.6	.8	.3	1.6	0
Houston -----	-.1	-.4	.6	-5.0	-.2	4.5	1.9	1.3
Kansas City -----	-.1	-.2	.5	-4.4	1.0	1.9	2.3	.3
Los Angeles-Long Beach -----	.7	.8	.4	-2.4	-.1	7.0	1.6	.4
Milwaukee -----	0	0	1.8	-3.7	-.4	4.2	1.9	(²)
Minneapolis-St. Paul -----	.4	.2	.5	-2.8	-.1	2.6	2.3	1.0
N. Y.-Northeastern N. J. -----	.9	1.0	1.4	-1.7	-.9	5.1	3.1	.8
Philadelphia -----	.1	-.1	-.2	-1.4	-.6	1.1	1.8	1.1
Pittsburgh -----	.1	0	.2	-2.1	-2.0	2.4	2.4	.7
St. Louis -----	-.1	-.4	.3	-3.9	.8	1.9	1.5	1.0
San Diego -----	.6	.8	1.3	-1.3	-.4	4.4	1.7	(²)
San Francisco -----	.8	1.0	.7	-.7	-.2	4.4	1.6	.6
Seattle -----	.2	.3	1.1	-2.3	-.8	1.9	2.8	0
Washington -----	-.2	-.4	1.3	-1.2	-2.0	-.7	.9	.5

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 1974 indexes, and percent changes from selected dates

(1967=100)

Item and group	Index		Percent change to June 1974 from—		
	June 1974		June 1973	May 1974	
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted
Food	160.3	160.0	14.7	0.4	0.3
Food away from home	158.6	158.8	13.4	1.0	1.1
Restaurant meals	159.1	159.1	13.2	.9	.9
Snacks	155.9	156.2	14.1	1.1	1.2
Food at home	160.9	160.4	15.0	.3	.1
Cereals and bakery products	165.3	165.6	34.4	.6	.9
Flour	172.9	173.8	47.7	-4.9	-4.2
Cracker meal	188.7	187.9	32.3	2.3	2.2
Corn flakes	131.5	131.4	25.2	6.1	6.6
Rice	245.3	245.8	93.5	.3	.7
Bread, white	159.5	160.3	31.5	1.1	1.5
Bread, whole wheat	161.8	163.1	26.8	-.5	0
Cookies	140.8	141.9	26.1	-.1	1.4
Layer cakes	154.3	154.6	22.0	1.2	1.4
Cinnamon rolls	160.2	160.0	24.1	1.2	1.2
Meats, poultry, and fish	155.1	154.8	-.9	-2.2	-2.6
Meats	154.8	154.6	-1.2	-2.5	-3.1
Beef and veal	163.9	163.4	.2	-1.1	-1.0
Steak, round	159.6	159.0	.9	-.4	-.1
Steak, sirloin	152.7	151.8	.9	1.1	.7
Steak, porterhouse	154.7	153.6	.8	1.2	.4
Rump roast	156.7	155.6	1.2	-.6	-.3
Rib roast	162.1	162.3	-.9	-.8	-.2
Chuck roast	160.1	160.6	-7.2	-2.3	-.9
Hamburger	171.8	171.1	-.2	-2.0	-1.9
Beef liver	156.0	155.4	-.1	-7.2	-6.6
Veal cutlets	197.9	197.1	5.0	-.2	.2
Pork	141.2	142.8	-6.7	-5.1	-5.9
Chops	138.8	140.5	-6.7	-2.7	-4.5
Loin roast	144.0	145.7	-6.4	-4.3	-5.8
Pork sausage	161.9	162.2	-3.1	-5.8	-6.4
Ham, whole	135.8	138.1	-2.7	-5.2	-5.1
Picnics	142.1	144.4	-10.1	-6.3	-4.9
Bacon	133.4	134.5	-9.4	-7.1	-7.9
Other meats	154.1	153.9	3.3	-1.9	-2.0
Lamb chops	157.4	156.8	9.5	4.2	3.4
Frankfurters	151.5	151.8	-3.3	-3.6	-3.6
Ham, canned	148.9	149.9	5.8	-4.9	-4.2
Bologna sausage	158.1	157.8	1.0	-2.6	-3.0
Salami sausage	155.7	155.1	4.0	-2.2	-2.7
Liverwurst	153.0	152.8	3.3	-2.2	-2.2
Poultry	135.8	133.8	-9.9	-2.1	-3.0
Frying chicken	135.7	133.2	-11.7	-1.9	-2.8
Chicken breasts	138.3	137.9	-4.9	-1.7	-1.5
Turkey	134.2	134.2	-6.0	-3.3	-4.1
Fish	187.1	186.7	14.3	0	.1
Shrimp, frozen	169.3	167.8	7.9	-1.5	-2.0
Fish, fresh or frozen	215.3	215.1	13.6	-.8	-.6
Tuna fish, canned	169.6	168.9	17.2	.7	.8
Sardines, canned	194.7	195.3	18.8	1.8	2.4
Dairy products	153.8	154.0	23.9	-.5	-.4
Milk, fresh, grocery	155.5	156.0	26.6	-.6	-.3
Milk, fresh, skim	167.8	167.8	28.1	-.1	.2
Milk, evaporated	172.3	171.6	29.1	.7	.6
Ice cream	133.1	133.8	20.3	2.1	2.2
Cheese, American process	171.7	171.0	26.3	-1.5	-1.7
Butter	109.9	110.3	7.1	-3.3	-3.5

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 1974 indexes, and percent changes from selected dates—Continued

(1967=100)

Item and group	Index		Percent change to June 1974 from—		
	June 1974		June 1973	May 1974	
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted
Food—Continued					
Food at home—Continued					
Fruits and vegetables					
Fresh fruits and vegetables	183.1	175.0	20.7	3.0	0.7
Fresh fruits	190.3	176.7	13.1	4.7	.9
Apples	168.0	156.0	11.9	12.8	4.5
Bananas	175.9	157.9	6.4	7.4	-1.3
Oranges	149.1	144.1	35.4	24.0	20.4
Orange juice, fresh	149.5	153.0	10.4	2.0	-.1
Grapefruit	139.0	139.1	4.7	.7	.3
Grapes	147.0	141.5	2.4	6.4	-6.2
Strawberries	(¹)	-	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Watermelon	132.3	135.8	3.6	8.4	4.2
Fresh vegetables	215.7	181.3	29.4	(¹)	(¹)
Potatoes	208.4	192.4	14.0	0	-.9
Onions	323.1	292.4	42.8	-2.0	-11.0
Asparagus	150.7	140.1	-25.8	5.3	.1
Cabbage	168.7	180.4	7.7	11.3	14.2
Carrots	164.8	156.7	1.5	10.2	15.2
Celery	151.4	148.6	10.7	13.2	8.2
Cucumbers	155.8	153.2	7.7	7.6	9.0
Lettuce	139.5	138.7	1.2	-18.7	-13.9
Peppers, green	188.6	187.3	-15.4	4.5	5.5
Spinach	171.7	156.2	11.6	-12.4	15.5
Tomatoes	177.2	179.0	10.6	2.9	3.5
Processed fruits and vegetables	180.8	167.9	32.4	.9	-1.7
Fruit cocktail, canned	172.3	172.8	35.5	.4	.5
Pears, canned	148.9	149.3	15.1	1.2	1.6
Pineapple-grapefruit juice drink	136.7	136.8	9.4	.7	.6
Orange juice concentrate, frozen	129.7	130.0	8.4	1.7	2.0
Lemonade concentrate, frozen	141.2	141.5	4.1	.4	.4
Beets, canned	132.9	133.4	11.5	.8	1.8
Peas, green, canned	158.6	158.3	14.6	1.0	.7
Tomatoes, canned	124.6	125.0	13.1	1.9	1.8
Dried beans	145.6	145.3	16.7	.6	.5
Broccoli, frozen	433.9	439.6	191.2	-1.3	-1.1
Other food at home	134.5	134.1	10.0	.4	.1
Eggs	154.4	156.9	20.9	2.1	2.8
Fats and oils:	128.4	144.9	-12.4	-3.6	1.3
Margarine	195.2	194.4	55.8	1.7	1.1
Salad dressing, Italian	128.2	128.6	16.0	1.5	2.2
Salad or cooking oil	192.6	192.8	50.8	-.3	0
Sugar and sweets	184.1	183.9	44.3	4.7	5.0
Sugar	234.7	234.7	91.3	14.0	14.0
Grape jelly	162.7	162.2	21.1	3.0	3.1
Chocolate bar	191.0	190.6	40.5	.5	.4
Syrup, chocolate flavored	155.2	155.4	33.6	.8	1.5
Nonalcoholic beverages	153.8	153.6	17.0	3.0	3.1
Coffee, can	160.4	160.9	16.8	2.4	2.9
Coffee, instant	158.4	157.5	19.3	3.3	3.3
Tea	119.0	118.4	7.0	1.4	1.1
Carbonated drink, cola flavored	158.6	158.0	20.2	4.0	3.8
Carbonated drink, fruit flavored	158.1	157.5	20.3	4.4	4.4
Prepared and partially prepared foods	142.3	142.3	20.3	3.0	3.1
Bean soup, canned	166.8	166.6	41.1	6.9	6.9
Chicken soup, canned	129.1	129.4	22.3	1.6	1.9
Spaghetti, canned	139.1	139.4	12.2	3.7	3.9
Mashed potatoes, instant	137.2	136.2	15.6	3.9	3.7
Potatoes, french fried, frozen	146.3	146.3	28.2	1.8	1.8
Baby foods	136.8	137.2	19.3	2.9	3.2
Sweet pickle relish	140.7	141.4	7.2	-.4	.3
Pretzels	142.0	141.4	20.9	3.3	3.2

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 1974, and percent changes from selected dates

(1967=100)

Item and group	Other index base	Indexes		Percent change to June 1974 from:	
		May 1974	June 1974	June 1973	May 1974
Housing		147.6	149.2	11.4	1.1
Shelter ¹		151.3	152.8	9.6	1.0
Rent, residential		129.3	129.8	4.7	.4
Homeownership ²		159.4	161.2	11.2	1.1
Mortgage interest rates		134.9	136.8	15.2	1.4
Property taxes		149.9	149.9	-1.7	0
Property insurance premiums		124.7	124.6	- .2	-.1
Maintenance and repairs		167.6	171.2	13.0	2.1
Maintenance and repair commodities ³		150.5	153.1	10.9	1.7
Exterior house paint		132.3	135.5	14.0	2.4
Interior house paint		128.1	131.1	8.8	2.3
Maintenance and repair services		175.0	179.0	13.9	2.3
Repainting living and dining rooms		184.4	188.4	10.3	2.2
Reshingling house roof		190.3	196.1	19.5	3.0
Residing house		165.1	169.6	16.8	2.7
Replacing sink		171.5	174.0	12.5	1.5
Repairing furnace		172.7	175.1	8.2	1.4
Fuel and utilities		148.6	149.4	18.9	.5
Fuel oil and coal		211.0	214.2	62.8	1.5
Fuel oil, No. 2		210.2	213.8	63.7	1.7
Gas and electricity		143.9	144.5	15.2	.4
Gas		141.3	141.1	11.7	-.1
Electricity		146.3	147.7	18.5	1.0
Other utilities:					
Residential telephone services		121.1	121.1	4.5	0
Residential water and sewerage services		153.9	154.4	5.2	.3
Household furnishings and operation ⁴		137.0	139.2	11.6	1.6
Housefurnishings		127.6	129.6	8.8	1.6
Textiles		129.1	131.1	12.6	1.5
Sheets		133.2	137.5	13.9	3.2
Curtains, tailored		125.3	125.3	10.5	0
Bedspreads		134.1	135.9	20.7	1.3
Drapery fabric		148.6	151.8	19.2	2.2
Pillows, bed		109.7	110.4	2.2	.6
Slipcovers and throws, ready-made		123.0	125.2	8.0	1.8
Furniture and bedding		134.7	136.3	8.4	1.2
Bedroom furniture, chest and dresser	Mar. 70	119.0	120.7	9.8	1.4
Sofas, upholstered		128.9	130.8	5.2	1.5
Cocktail tables	Dec. 71	113.3	115.7	10.7	2.1
Dining room chairs	Mar. 70	119.4	120.7	10.5	1.1
Recliners, upholstered	Dec. 71	105.1	105.1	5.2	0
Sofas, dual purpose		127.9	128.0	6.6	.1
Bedding, mattress and box springs	June 70	115.6	118.1	10.4	2.2
Aluminum folding chairs		143.4	142.2	7.6	-.8
Cribs		135.1	137.0	10.2	1.4
Floor coverings		115.1	117.0	8.4	1.7
Broadloom, carpeting, manmade fibers		109.0	111.0	8.2	1.8
Vinyl sheet goods		127.3	127.9	6.1	.5
Vinyl asbestos tile		131.2	134.3	12.1	2.4
Appliances (excluding radio and T. V.)		112.4	113.7	3.6	1.2
Washing machines, electric, automatic		113.5	114.7	3.4	1.1
Vacuum cleaners		105.6	107.3	3.0	1.6
Refrigerators-freezers, electric		110.2	111.4	3.0	1.1
Ranges, free standing, gas or electric		112.4	113.9	3.8	1.3
Clothes dryers, electric		117.5	119.2	4.2	1.4
Air conditioners, demountable		112.6	113.9	3.0	1.2
Room heaters, electric, portable		(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)
Garbage disposal units		114.9	115.9	3.8	.9
Other housefurnishings:					
Dinnerware, fine china		141.6	144.5	11.0	2.0
Flatware, stainless steel		144.2	145.3	10.3	.8
Table lamps, with shade		132.4	134.5	4.2	1.6
Lawn mowers, power, rotary type		130.7	132.7	9.0	1.5
Electric drills, hand-held		112.4	112.1	5.1	-.3
Housekeeping supplies:					
Laundry soaps and detergents		125.1	128.3	13.7	2.6
Paper napkins		158.7	163.2	17.3	2.8
Toilet tissue		151.8	154.3	20.7	1.6
Housekeeping services:					
Domestic services, general housework		173.8	176.4	20.8	1.5
Baby sitter services		163.8	167.8	18.0	2.4
Postal charges		175.3	175.3	19.6	0
Laundry, flatwork, finished service		168.0	170.8	14.9	1.7
Licensed day care services, preschool child		139.3	140.7	8.6	1.0
Washing machine repairs		162.2	164.1	10.3	1.2

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 1974, and percent changes from selected dates—Continued

(1967=100)

Item and group	Other index base	Indexes		Percent change to June 1974 from:	
		May 1974	June 1974	June 1973	May 1974
Apparel and upkeep ⁶		135.0	135.7	7.0	0.5
Apparel commodities		135.0	135.6	6.6	.4
Apparel commodities less footwear		134.6	135.2	6.7	.4
Men's and boys'		135.7	137.0	7.8	1.0
Men's:					
Topcoats, wool or all-weather coats, polyester blends		(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)
Suits, year round weight		135.5	137.2	2.2	1.3
Sport jackets	June 74	-	100.0	-	-
Jackets, lightweight		124.5	125.2	5.7	.6
Slacks, wool or wool blends		115.9	115.8	0	-.1
Slacks, cotton or manmade blends		141.7	143.2	.1	1.1
Trousers, work, cotton or polyester/cotton		139.1	138.8	15.9	-.2
Shirts, work, cotton or polyester/cotton		139.0	141.6	17.4	1.9
Shirts, business, polyester/cotton		122.1	122.4	7.1	.2
T-shirts, chiefly cotton		140.1	142.7	16.4	1.9
Socks, cotton or manmade fibers		120.7	121.3	3.4	.5
Handkerchiefs, cotton or polyester/cotton		139.6	142.9	19.2	2.4
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		157.5	161.3	18.7	2.4
Undershorts, cotton		139.1	141.6	14.9	1.8
Women's and girls'		133.7	133.6	5.1	-.1
Women's:					
Coats, heavyweight, wool or wool blends		(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)
Carcoats, heavyweight, cotton		(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)
Sweaters, wool or acrylic		(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)
Skirts, wool, wool or manmade fibers		(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)
Skirts, cotton or polyester/cotton		142.2	139.1	7.7	-2.2
Blouses, cotton or manmade fibers		134.0	133.5	6.8	-.4
Dresses, street, chiefly manmade fibers		139.4	138.7	3.0	-.5
Slips, nylon		114.8	114.7	3.4	-.1
Panties, acetate or nylon tricot		126.0	127.8	6.7	1.4
Girdles, manmade blend		123.3	122.3	3.9	-.8
Brassieres, nylon lace		131.3	131.8	5.2	.4
Hose or panty hose, nylon seamless		92.1	92.1	-2.3	0
Anklets or knee-length socks, various fibers		120.6	121.7	7.0	.9
Gloves, fabric, nylon or cotton		121.2	121.7	8.1	.4
Handbags, rayon faille or plastic		163.2	162.2	8.2	-.6
Girls':					
Raincoats, vinyl, cotton or polyester blends		(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)
Skirts, wool, blends or acrylic		(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)
Dresses, cotton, manmade fibers or blends		127.5	132.7	7.3	4.1
Slacks, cotton or chiefly cotton		(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)
Slips, polyester blends		114.9	116.0	6.1	1.0
Handbags, plastic		147.5	145.6	13.2	-1.3
Footwear		137.4	137.4	5.7	0
Men's:					
Shoes, street		141.2	141.9	6.2	.5
Shoes, work, high		147.2	148.2	7.7	.7
Women's:					
Shoes, street, pump		135.8	134.9	4.7	-.7
Shoes, evening, pump		128.2	127.9	3.6	-.2
Shoes, casual		138.1	138.5	6.3	.3
House slippers, scuff		133.5	133.8	4.0	.2
Children's:					
Shoes, oxford		138.0	138.3	4.1	.2
Sneakers, boys', oxford type		137.5	138.0	10.0	.4
Dress shoes, girls', strap or pump		141.6	141.0	7.7	-.4
Miscellaneous apparel:					
Diapers, cotton gauze or disposable		145.7	150.8	26.5	3.5
Yard goods, polyester blend		151.5	157.3	27.7	3.8
Wrist watches, men's and women's		125.3	126.0	5.4	.6
Apparel services:					
Drycleaning, men's suits and women's dresses		133.7	135.1	11.3	1.0
Automatic laundry service		124.1	124.2	5.0	.1
Laundry, men's shirts		140.1	143.1	11.5	2.1
Tailoring charges, hem adjustment		146.7	147.5	6.8	.5
Shoe repairs, women's heel lift		130.3	131.3	8.3	.8

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 1974, and percent changes from selected dates—Continued

(1967=100)

Item and group	Other index base	Indexes		Percent change to June 1974 from:	
		May 1974	June 1974	June 1973	May 1974
Transportation -----		137.6	140.7	12.9	2.3
Private ⁷ -----		136.6	139.8	14.2	2.3
Automobiles, new -----		114.6	116.4	4.9	1.6
Automobiles, used -----		121.9	133.6	9.2	9.6
Gasoline, regular and premium -----		165.4	166.9	41.0	.9
Motor oil, premium -----		143.7	145.2	13.7	1.0
Tires, new, tubeless -----		116.3	118.9	7.6	2.2
Auto repairs and maintenance ⁸ -----		153.1	154.3	8.6	.8
Auto insurance rates -----		138.6	138.2	0	-.3
Auto registration -----		128.9	128.9	4.2	0
Parking fees, private and municipal -----		157.1	157.5	3.3	.3
Public -----		146.3	148.6	2.6	1.6
Local transit fares -----		148.3	147.5	-1.9	-.5
Taxicab fares -----		145.4	154.1	11.4	6.0
Railroad fares, coach -----		127.1	140.5	14.6	10.5
Airplane fares, chiefly coach -----		141.4	148.2	10.2	4.8
Bus fares, intercity -----		159.0	159.5	9.3	.3
Health and recreation -----		137.7	139.4	7.2	1.2
Medical care -----		147.2	149.4	9.1	1.5
Drugs and prescriptions -----		108.0	108.7	2.6	.6
Over-the-counter items -----		115.6	116.6	3.6	.9
Multiple vitamin concentrates -----		96.3	96.7	2.7	.4
Aspirin compounds -----		119.5	120.4	2.6	.8
Liquid tonics -----		104.9	105.7	3.9	.8
Adhesive bandages, packages -----		133.1	135.2	5.9	1.6
Cold tablets or capsules -----		115.7	115.8	1.1	.1
Cough syrup -----		119.5	121.0	4.9	1.3
Prescriptions -----		101.6	102.0	1.6	.4
Anti-infectives -----		67.7	67.8	-4.4	.1
Sedatives and hypnotics -----		137.3	138.0	6.8	.5
Ataractics -----		104.7	104.6	.8	-.1
Antispasmodics -----		109.0	109.3	1.5	.3
Cough preparations -----		144.1	145.5	6.0	1.0
Cardiovasculars and antihypertensives -----		114.2	115.0	2.0	.7
Analgesics, internal -----		111.9	112.4	.6	.4
Anti-obesity -----		121.3	121.1	3.6	-.2
Hormones -----		94.1	95.0	3.9	1.0
Professional services: -----					
Physicians' fees -----		147.7	150.3	8.9	1.8
General physician, office visits -----		150.7	154.1	10.8	2.3
General physician, house visits -----		147.9	151.2	6.9	2.2
Obstetrical cases -----		145.7	147.8	6.9	1.4
Pediatric care, office visits -----		150.9	152.4	8.9	1.0
Psychiatrist, office visits -----		139.6	140.1	4.9	.4
Herniorrhaphy, adult -----		136.3	137.6	4.9	1.0
Tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy -----		141.0	142.5	7.1	1.1
Dentists' fees -----		143.8	145.7	7.1	1.3
Fillings, adult, amalgam, one surface -----		147.0	149.0	7.7	1.4
Extractions, adult -----		143.3	145.3	7.4	1.4
Dentures, full upper -----		137.8	139.4	5.4	1.2
Other professional services: -----					
Examination, prescription, and dispensing of eyeglasses -----		138.0	139.0	7.3	.7
Routine laboratory tests, urinalysis -----		131.2	133.0	8.8	1.4
Hospital service charges -----	Jan. 72	112.0	113.6	7.9	1.4
Semiprivate room rates -----		194.5	198.4	9.4	2.0
Operating room charges -----		192.2	196.9	10.0	2.4
X-ray, diagnostic series, upper G. I. -----		137.9	138.3	5.3	.3
Laboratory tests, urinalysis -----	Jan. 72	108.9	110.3	6.8	1.3
Anti-infectives, tetracycline, HCL -----	Jan. 72	105.4	104.1	6.8	-1.2
Tranquilizers, chlordiazepoxide, HCL and meprobamate -----	Jan. 72	107.9	108.5	3.4	.6
Electrocardiogram -----	Jan. 72	109.7	111.6	6.8	1.7
Intravenous solution, saline -----	Jan. 72	107.7	108.0	4.0	.3
Physical therapy, whirlpool bath -----	Jan. 72	113.4	114.1	7.1	.6
Oxygen, inhalation therapy -----	Jan. 72	108.8	110.2	6.9	1.3
Personal care -----		134.9	136.5	9.3	1.2
Toilet goods -----		130.2	132.4	10.8	1.7
Toothpaste, standard dentifrice -----		112.6	113.8	4.0	1.1
Toilet soap, hard-milled -----		163.1	172.3	34.8	5.6
Hand lotions, liquid -----		131.4	133.3	6.1	1.4
Shaving cream, aerosol -----		109.0	109.9	1.0	.8
Face powder, pressed -----		153.0	154.0	5.3	.7
Deodorants, aerosol -----		104.9	103.4	-1.2	-1.4
Cleansing tissues -----		151.9	154.6	24.6	1.8
Home permanent wave kits -----		110.9	111.9	2.3	.9
Personal care services -----		139.9	140.8	7.8	.6
Men's haircuts -----		142.1	143.5	7.8	1.0
Beauty shop services -----		138.3	138.8	7.7	.4
Women's haircuts -----		146.6	146.9	9.9	.2
Shampoo and wave sets, plain -----		141.6	142.0	7.3	.3
Permanent waves, cold -----		122.8	123.6	6.1	.7

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 8. Consumer Price Index—United States city average for urban wage earners and clerical workers, indexes for selected items and groups, June 1974, and percent changes from selected dates—Continued

(1967= 100)

Item and group	Other index base	Indexes		Percent change to June 1974 from:	
		May 1974	June 1974	June 1973	May 1974
Health and recreation—Continued					
Reading and recreation ⁹		132.0	133.5	6.0	1.1
Recreational goods		113.7	114.3	4.8	.5
TV sets, portable and console		98.3	98.5	.7	.2
TV replacement tubes		139.1	139.6	3.7	.4
Radios, portable and table model		101.4	101.5	2.2	.1
Tape recorders, portable		95.2	95.1	2.0	-.1
Phonograph records, stereophonic		110.7	111.3	2.6	.5
Movie cameras, super 8, zoom lens		91.6	91.6	3.3	0
Film, 35mm, color		111.3	112.7	5.0	1.3
Golf balls, liquid center or solid core		104.2	104.3	1.2	.1
Basketballs, rubber or vinyl cover		131.9	132.7	4.4	.6
Fishing rods, fresh-water spincasting		114.0	114.8	4.8	.7
Bowling balls		118.0	119.4	3.4	1.2
Bicycles, boys'		132.3	133.0	8.7	.5
Tricycles		121.9	123.6	7.1	1.4
Dog food, canned or boxed		144.0	145.2	18.2	.8
Recreational services		139.7	140.3	5.7	.4
Indoor movie admissions		160.4	157.8	6.3	-1.6
Adult		160.6	155.5	6.4	-3.2
Children's		159.6	164.2	5.9	2.9
Drive-in movie admissions, adult		157.8	164.1	8.7	4.0
Bowling fees, evening		129.4	129.2	5.0	-.2
Golf green fees		145.8	147.3	7.0	1.0
TV repair, picture tube replacement		101.1	101.5	1.5	.4
Film developing, color		117.2	117.7	1.8	.4
Reading and education:					
Newspapers, street sale and delivery		150.2	157.4	15.4	4.8
Magazines, single copy and subscription		133.7	140.7	3.4	5.2
Piano lessons, beginner		132.2	132.7	5.7	.4
Other goods and services		134.4	135.8	5.3	1.0
Tobacco products		140.6	142.8	4.0	1.6
Cigarettes, nonfilter tip, regular size		142.3	144.8	4.2	1.8
Cigarettes, filter tip, king size		142.4	144.5	3.5	1.5
Cigars, domestic, regular size		118.7	119.4	5.7	.6
Alcoholic beverages		129.1	130.0	6.3	.7
Beer		123.6	124.6	8.2	.8
Whiskey, spirit blended and straight bourbon		109.7	109.7	.7	0
Wine, dessert and table		146.1	146.6	7.4	.3
Beer away from home		142.1	143.6	6.5	1.1
Financial and miscellaneous personal expenses:					
Funeral services, adult		134.0	134.9	7.0	.7
Bank service charges, checking accounts		103.3	103.2	-3.9	-.1
Legal services, short form will		173.5	175.5	10.1	1.2

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 window shades, 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, bathing suits, girls' shorts, earrings, and zippers not shown separately.

⁷ Also includes storage batteries and drivers' license fees not shown separately.

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

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

Table 9. Consumer Price Index—United States average and areas grouped by size of population¹ for urban wage earners and clerical workers, all items and major groups, June 1974, and percent changes from selected dates

Area and group	Relative importance December 1973	Indexes (1967=100)			Percent change to June 74 from:	
		June 1973	March 1974	June 1974	June 1973	March 1974
United States:						
All items	100.000	132.4	143.1	147.1	11.1	2.8
Food	24.810	139.8	159.1	160.3	14.7	.8
Housing	33.321	133.9	144.9	149.2	11.4	3.0
Apparel and upkeep	9.945	126.8	132.2	135.7	7.0	2.6
Transportation	12.602	124.6	132.0	140.7	12.9	6.6
Health and recreation	18.946	130.0	135.4	139.4	7.2	3.0
Class A-1 (3.5 million or more):						
All items	32.751	134.9	145.9	149.4	10.7	2.4
Food	8.356	141.5	160.7	161.9	14.4	.7
Housing	10.766	136.9	148.4	151.5	10.7	2.1
Apparel and upkeep	3.311	125.2	131.5	133.3	6.5	1.4
Transportation	4.081	130.2	136.8	144.8	11.2	5.8
Health and recreation	6.237	132.3	138.3	143.2	8.2	3.5
Class A-2 (1.4 million to 3.5 million):						
All items	11.740	132.1	142.3	146.3	10.7	2.8
Food	2.958	139.5	158.2	159.4	14.2	.8
Housing	3.911	132.6	142.8	147.3	11.1	3.2
Apparel and upkeep	1.188	127.4	133.3	137.2	7.7	2.9
Transportation	1.454	124.9	131.5	140.0	12.1	6.5
Health and recreation	2.229	130.2	135.1	138.6	6.5	2.6
Class B (250,000 to 1.4 million):						
All items	25.649	131.7	141.9	146.0	10.9	2.9
Food	6.070	139.0	158.1	159.2	14.5	.7
Housing	8.745	133.2	143.2	147.4	10.7	2.9
Apparel and upkeep	2.541	128.2	133.5	137.0	6.9	2.6
Transportation	3.360	122.4	130.0	139.3	13.8	7.2
Health and recreation	4.933	130.0	135.3	138.7	6.7	2.5
Class C (50,000 to 250,000):						
All items	12.462	131.3	141.8	146.1	11.3	3.0
Food	3.094	138.9	158.1	158.5	14.1	.3
Housing	4.168	133.3	144.1	149.4	12.1	3.7
Apparel and upkeep	1.260	128.2	132.4	138.0	7.6	4.2
Transportation	1.585	120.8	128.8	137.6	13.9	6.8
Health and recreation	2.355	128.6	133.6	136.7	6.3	2.3
Class D (2,500 to 50,000)						
All items	17.022	130.0	141.2	146.1	12.4	3.5
Food	4.332	138.5	158.8	160.8	16.1	1.3
Housing	5.732	130.9	142.6	148.3	13.3	4.0
Apparel and upkeep	1.644	126.3	130.1	135.2	7.0	3.9
Transportation	2.121	120.9	129.3	138.7	14.7	7.3
Health and recreation	3.193	126.8	132.0	136.1	7.3	3.1

¹ Based upon 1960 Census of Population.

Table 10. Consumer Price Index—United States average and areas grouped by region for urban wage earners and clerical workers, all items and major groups, June 1974, and percent changes from selected dates

Area and group	Relative ¹ importance December 1973	Indexes (1967=100) ¹			Percent change to June 74 from:	
		June 1973	March 1974	June 1974	June 1973	March 1974
United States:						
All items -----	100.000	132.4	143.1	147.1	11.1	2.8
Food -----	24.810	139.8	159.1	160.3	14.7	.8
Housing -----	33.321	133.9	144.9	149.2	11.4	3.0
Apparel and upkeep -----	9.945	126.8	132.2	135.7	7.0	2.6
Transportation -----	12.602	124.6	132.0	140.7	12.9	6.6
Health and recreation -----	18.946	130.0	135.4	139.4	7.2	3.0
Northeast:						
All items -----	33.041	136.1	147.4	150.8	10.8	2.3
Food -----	8.742	141.3	161.1	162.4	14.9	.8
Housing -----	10.672	139.5	152.1	155.5	11.5	2.2
Apparel and upkeep -----	3.493	127.3	133.7	135.7	6.6	1.5
Transportation -----	3.861	129.3	135.4	142.9	10.5	5.5
Health and recreation -----	6.273	133.5	138.7	143.0	7.1	3.1
North Central:						
All items -----	38.001	130.9	141.2	145.3	11.0	2.9
Food -----	6.926	139.5	159.7	160.5	15.1	.5
Housing -----	9.313	129.5	138.6	142.9	10.3	3.1
Apparel and upkeep -----	2.666	126.6	131.2	135.2	6.8	3.0
Transportation -----	3.722	124.7	132.4	141.6	13.6	6.9
Health and recreation -----	5.374	130.4	136.3	139.9	7.3	2.6
South:						
All items -----	21.836	132.1	143.5	148.0	12.0	3.1
Food -----	5.293	141.0	160.8	160.9	14.1	.1
Housing -----	7.397	134.0	146.4	151.9	13.4	3.8
Apparel and upkeep -----	2.254	127.9	132.6	137.4	7.4	3.6
Transportation -----	2.816	120.9	129.7	139.2	15.1	7.3
Health and recreation -----	4.076	129.5	135.3	139.6	7.8	3.2
West:						
All items -----	16.291	128.7	137.7	142.4	10.6	3.4
Food -----	3.727	136.0	152.0	155.2	14.1	2.1
Housing -----	5.797	131.6	140.7	145.2	10.3	3.2
Apparel and upkeep -----	1.496	124.5	129.4	133.7	7.4	3.3
Transportation -----	2.142	121.3	128.3	137.3	13.2	7.0
Health and recreation -----	3.129	123.7	128.5	132.2	6.9	2.9

¹ Regional index and relative importance data exclude Anchorage, Alaska, and Honolulu, Hawaii which are included in the U.S. level data. Consequently, regional relative importances will not add to U.S. totals.

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.

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 1973 averages.

Average standard errors of percent changes in the CPI based on 1973 data

Component	Standard error		
	Monthly change	Quarterly change	Annual change
All items . . . . .	.04	.06	.08
Food at home . . . . .	.10	.15	.17
Food away from home . . . . .	.14	.26	.29
Housing . . . . .	.06	.10	.17
Apparel and upkeep . . . . .	.19	.26	.29
Transportation . . . . .	.06	.10	.17
Medical care . . . . .	.08	.14	.18
Personal care . . . . .	.14	.20	.39
Reading and recreation . . . . .	.09	.14	.17
Other goods and services . . . . .	.09	.11	.27

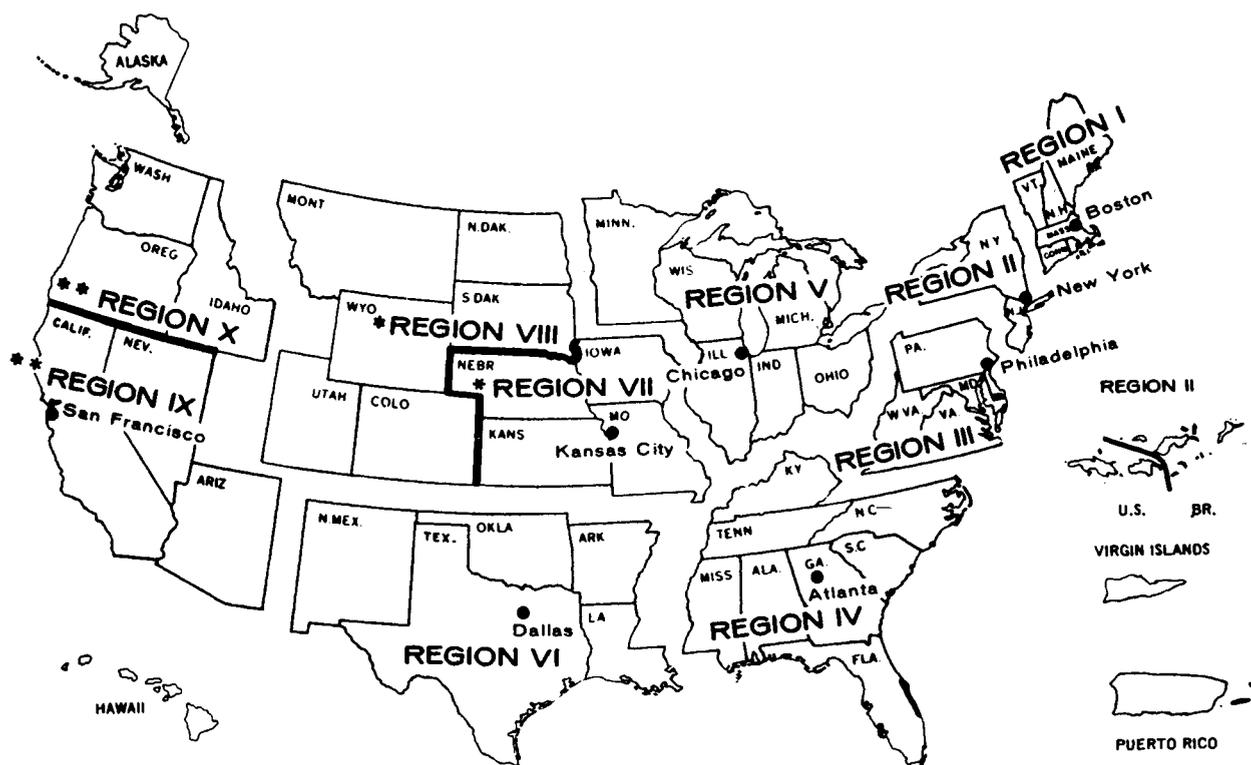
The figures may be interpreted as follows: The chances are about 95 out of 100 that the percent change in the CPI as computed differs from the corresponding "complete coverage" change by less than twice the standard error.

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

This replaces the table of average errors based on 1971 data which was included in the CPI report through January 1974.

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.

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