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and technical notes.*

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# Price Movements

## July 1973

The Consumer Price Index rose 0.2 percent in July, to 132.7 percent of its 1967 base. The rise was due primarily to increases in food prices, rent, and charges for other household services. The effects of these increases were moderated by declines in prices of apparel. On a seasonally adjusted basis, the July increase was also 0.2 percent. The July index was 5.7 percent above a year ago.

A price freeze was put into effect on June 13. The June-to-July change in the index may include some price changes that took place before the freeze, since some quotations in the June index were collected in earlier month. (See p. 2, Diffusion of individual price changes.) In addition, some prices collected in June may have been below the permissible ceiling.

Over the 6-month period ending in July, the CPI rose at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 7.4 percent; prices in the last 3 months of the period rose less than in the

first 3 months. The July increase of 0.2 percent in the CPI compares with an average monthly rise of 0.6 percent during the 6 months from December 1972 to June 1973. The food index rose 0.5 percent after seasonal adjustment in July, well below the average monthly increase of 1.6 percent in the December-to-June period. The nonfood commodities index increased 0.1 percent after seasonal adjustment in July, compared with an average monthly increase of 0.4 percent in the period from December to June. The services index, which is not adjusted for seasonal change, rose 0.2 percent in July compared with an average monthly increase of 0.3 percent in the December-to-June period.

### Monthly changes in detail

*Food.* The index for food purchased in grocery stores—the major part of the total food index—rose 0.7 percent,

**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			
<b>1972:</b>										
July .....	0.4	0.4	1.0	0.7	0	0.3	0.3	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
<b>1973:</b>										
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
July .....	.2	.2	.8	.5	-.2	.1	.2	5.7	7.4	5.7

slightly more than usual for July. Prices of most types of grocery store food rose in July. Fresh vegetable prices rose contraseasonally as a result of tight supplies for potatoes, tomatoes, celery, cabbage, carrots, and spinach. Prices for fresh fruits, cereal and bakery products, and poultry increased more than seasonally. Poultry prices rose as a result of strong demand, inadequate supplies, and rising production cost. Price increases for beef and veal, pork, and eggs were smaller than usual for July. Prices of dairy products were unchanged on average. The change in the food-at-home index is based on a comparison of prices collected on June 5th, 6th, and 7th with those collected on July 3d, 5th, and 11th. The index for food away from home—restaurant meals and snacks—increased 0.8 percent in July.

*Nonfood commodities.* The index for nonfood commodities declined 0.2 percent, about the usual decline for July.

Summer clearance sales on apparel items accounted for much of the decline in the nonfood commodities index. Prices were lower on women's yearround dresses and summer sportswear, men's yearround and tropical weight suits, jackets, slacks, business and short-sleeved sport shirts, and children's shoes. Prices of textile housefurnishings declined because of traditional white sales.

New car prices also decreased, but not as much as they usually do in July. Dealers did not increase concessions on smaller models for which the demand has been greater than for larger cars. The downtrend in tire prices, which began in late 1971, continued in July.

Prices rose for most other nonfood commodities. Increases in home maintenance and repair commodities, used cars, and gasoline were considerably smaller than in previous months.

*Services.* The services index increased 0.2 percent in July. Indexes for rent and for other household services each increased 0.3 percent. The mortgage interest rate index rose 0.3 percent in July; increases this spring and summer have been slightly larger than in the second

half of 1972. Charges for all types of home maintenance services rose due to increased cost of labor and materials. Among housekeeping services, charges for moving household goods and fees for licensed day-care services rose sharply, but the increase in charges for laundry flatwork was the smallest since the first of the year.

The medical care services index increased 0.2 percent; this was the smallest monthly rise this year, as most charges rose very moderately or were unchanged.

The index for transportation services was unchanged. Increases in municipal parking fees were offset by a decline in auto insurance rates. The public transportation index was unchanged.

Among other services, charges rose for shoe repair and dry-cleaning services, drive-in movie admissions, and for some personal expenses. Charges for men's haircuts and for beauty shop services continued to move up, but the increases were smaller than in previous months.

#### Diffusion of individual price changes

Approximately 120,000 individual prices were collected directly by the Bureau of Labor Statistics in July for use in the index. Approximately 80 percent of these quotations (accounting for about 40 percent of the weight of the CPI market basket) represent monthly comparisons. As can be seen from Table B, 75 percent of these monthly comparisons showed no change, 16 percent showed an increase, and 9 percent a decrease. The proportion of food and nonfood commodity prices showing an increase from June to July was noticeably smaller and the proportion showing no change was larger than in June. Approximately 20 percent of the quotations in the July index (23,000 prices) represent comparisons from periods prior to June, 18,000 of which cover the quarterly span from April to July. About 17 percent of these quarterly price comparisons increased, compared with 21 percent in the March-to-June period. In addition, about 5,000 rental units were surveyed in July and 26 percent of these reported rent increases from January 1973, more than the proportion reporting increases for the 6-month period ending in June.

Table B. Percent distribution of monthly price comparisons <sup>1</sup>

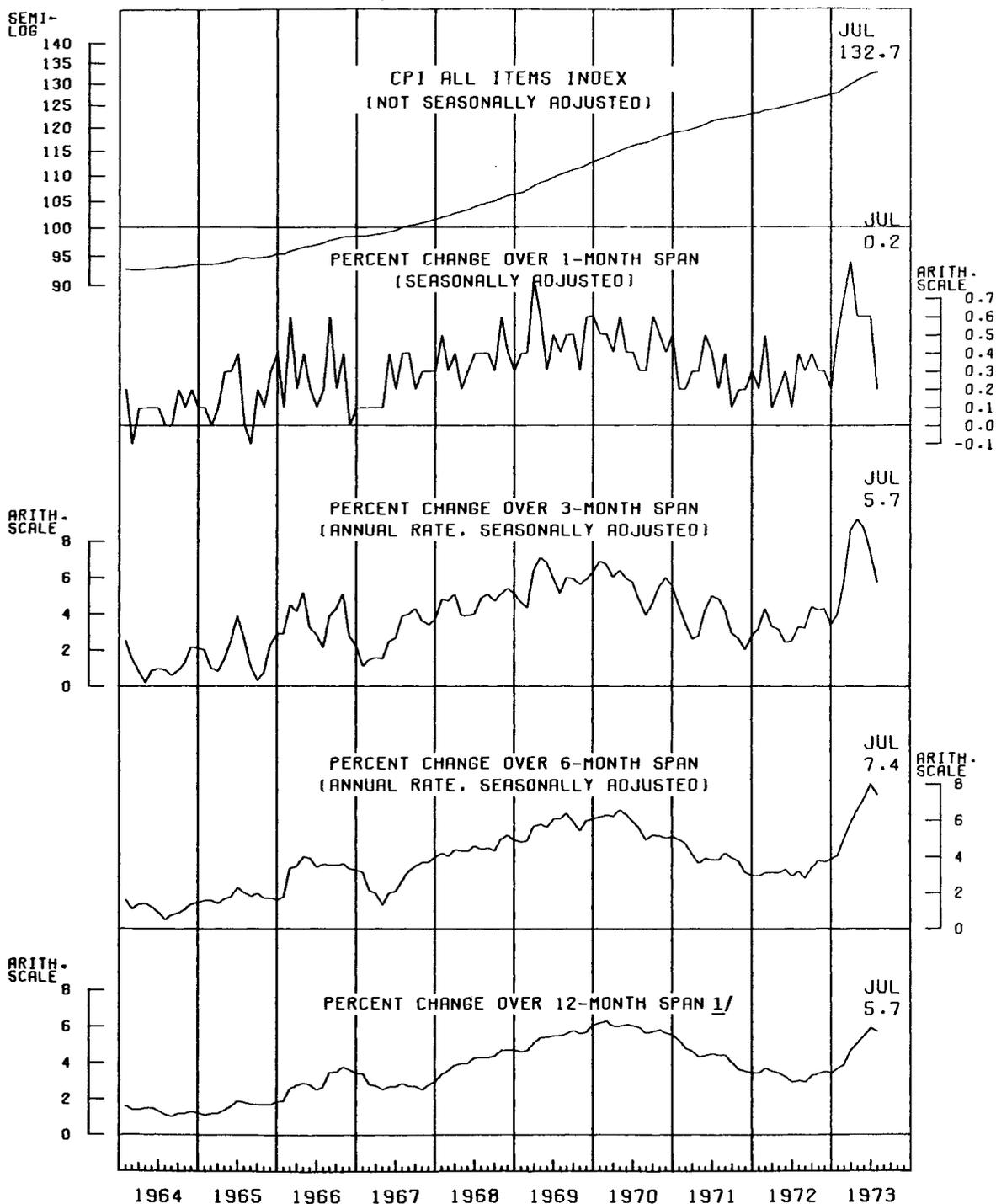
Item	1972					
	January to February	February to March	March to April	April to May	May to June	June to July
All items <sup>2</sup> .....	100	100	100	100	100	100
Increases .....	22	15	14	13	15	18
Decreases .....	8	10	12	12	11	10
No change .....	70	75	74	75	74	72
Food at home .....	100	100	100	100	100	100
Increases .....	24	16	15	14	17	20
Decreases .....	9	12	13	13	12	11
No change .....	67	72	72	73	71	69
Commodities less food .....	100	100	100	100	100	100
Increases .....	8	10	7	8	6	8
Decreases .....	7	5	7	6	7	7
No change .....	85	85	86	86	87	85
Services .....	100	100	100	100	100	100
Increases .....	8	3	6	7	5	4
Decreases .....	3	1	4	5	3	3
No change .....	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 <sup>2</sup> .....	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	June to July
All items <sup>2</sup> .....	100	100	100	100	100	100
Increases .....	27	26	24	20	20	16
Decreases .....	9	8	10	11	11	9
No change .....	64	66	66	69	69	75
Food at home .....	100	100	100	100	100	100
Increases .....	31	30	27	23	23	18
Decreases .....	10	9	12	13	12	10
No change .....	59	61	61	64	65	72
Commodities less food .....	100	100	100	100	100	100
Increases .....	12	11	11	9	13	8
Decreases .....	4	5	4	5	5	6
No change .....	84	84	85	86	82	86
Services .....	100	100	100	100	100	100
Increases .....	5	4	4	6	3	2
Decreases .....	4	2	3	3	2	2
No change .....	91	94	93	91	95	96

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Based on approximately 98,000 individual quotations.

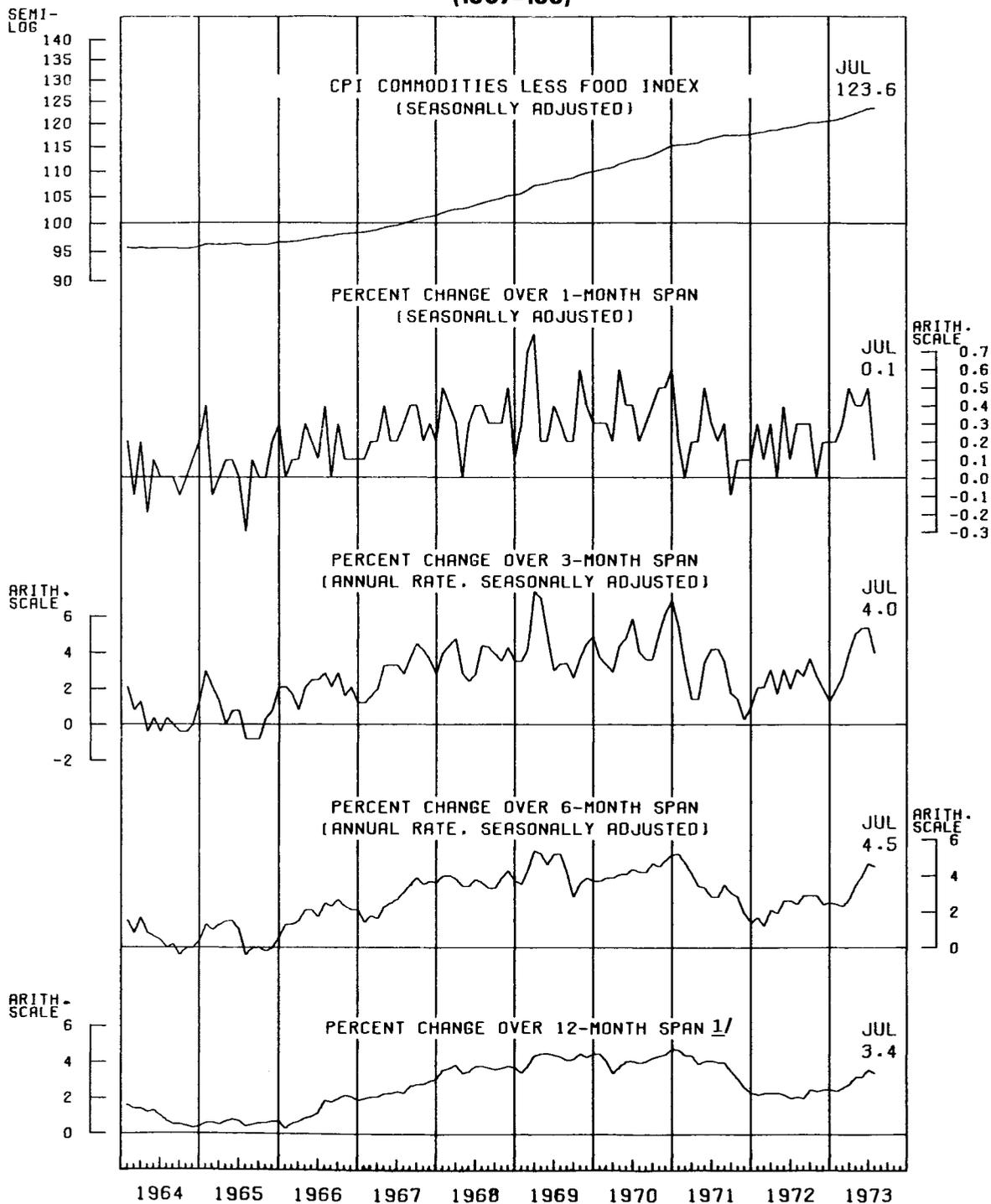
**Chart 1. All item index and its rate of change, 1964-73**

(1967=100)



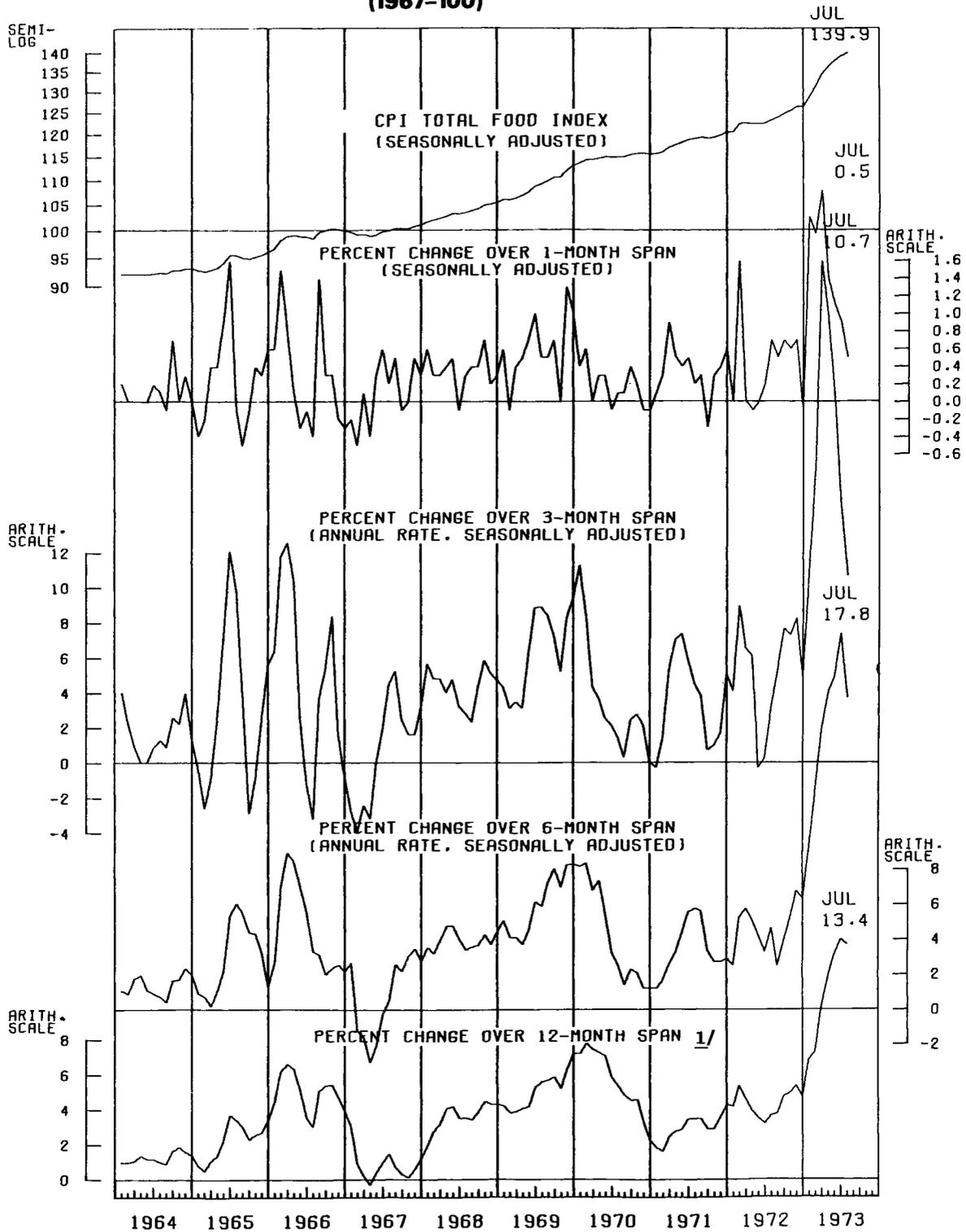
<sup>1/</sup> Computed from the unadjusted series.  
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**Chart 2 Commodities less food index and its rate of change, 1964-73**  
(1967=100)



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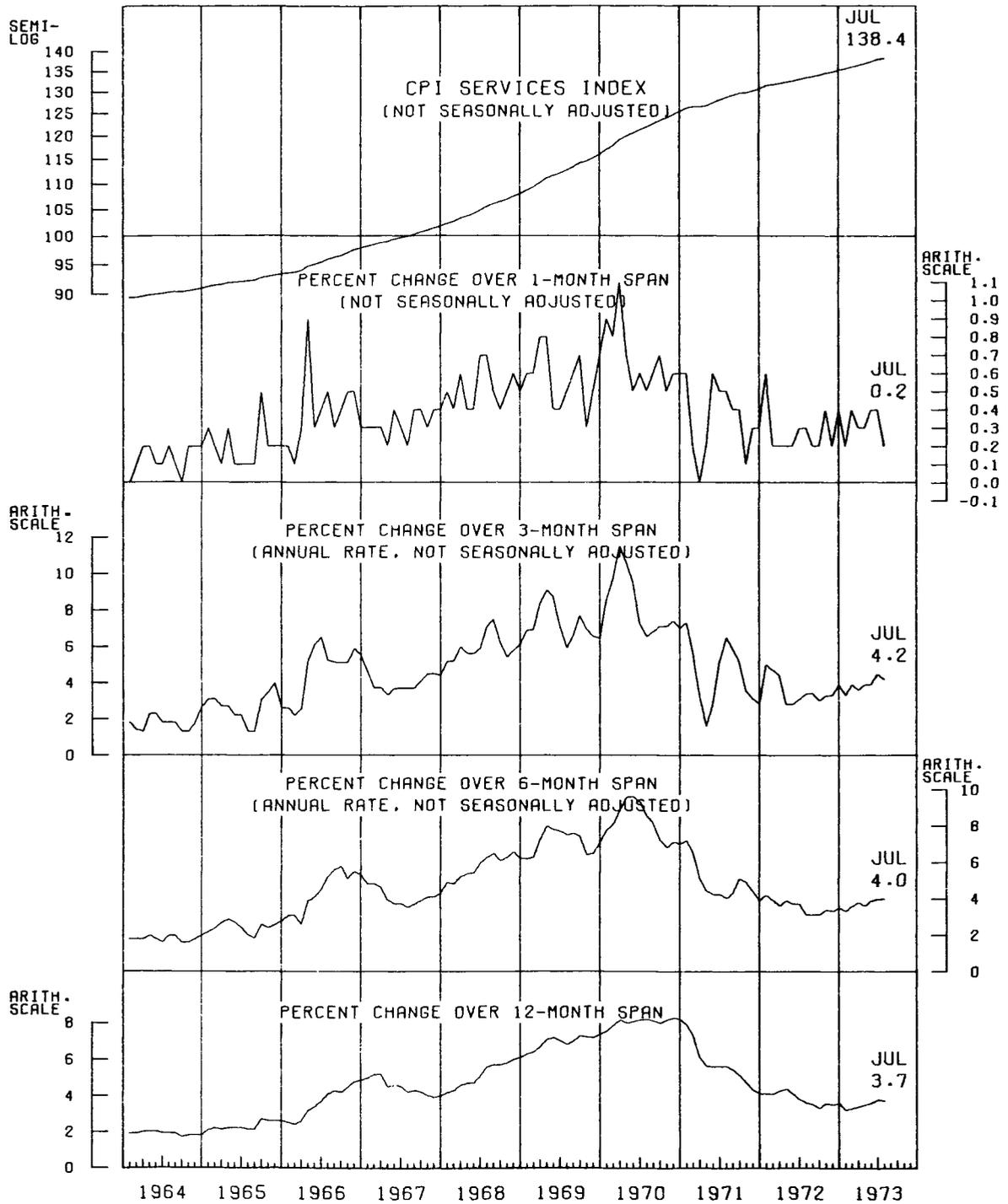
**Chart 3. Total for index and its rates of change, 1964-  
(1967=100)**



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**Chart 4. Services index and its rates of changes 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 July 1973 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from		
		December 1972	June 1973	July 1973	July 1972	June 1973	April to May	May to June
Commodity and service groups								
All items	100.000	132.4	132.7	5.7	0.2	0.6	0.6	0.2
All items (1957-59=100)	-	154.0	154.4	-	-	-	-	-
Commodities	62.552	129.4	129.7	7.0	.2	.7	.6	.2
Food	22.492	139.8	140.9	13.4	.8	1.1	.9	.5
Food at home	17.494	139.9	140.9	15.1	.7	1.1	1.2	.2
Cereals and bakery products	2.243	123.0	123.5	8.0	.4	1.8	.8	.3
Meats, poultry, and fish	6.016	156.5	157.8	21.5	.8	.7	.1	-.1
Dairy products	2.685	124.1	124.1	6.3	0	*1.1	*.7	*0
Fruits and vegetables	2.999	151.7	153.7	19.7	1.3	.9	3.3	1.3
Other foods at home	3.552	127.7	128.5	11.4	.6	2.0	2.8	-.2
Food away from home	4.998	139.8	140.9	7.3	.8	1.5	.6	.7
Commodities less food	40.059	123.7	123.5	3.4	-.2	.4	.5	.1
Nondurables less food	23.415	124.7	124.4	4.3	-.2	.4	.6	.2
Apparel commodities <sup>1</sup>	8.960	127.2	126.0	3.9	-.9	.3	.3	-.1
Men's and boys'	2.799	127.1	125.4	4.2	-1.3	.5	.4	-.2
Women's and girls'	3.982	127.1	125.5	3.5	-1.3	0	.5	-.5
Footwear	1.572	130.0	129.9	4.3	-.1	.4	0	.4
Nondurables less food and apparel	14.455	123.3	123.5	4.5	-.2	.4	.9	.1
Gasoline and motor oil	2.902	119.1	119.5	10.5	.3	1.0	2.6	-.1
Tobacco products	2.103	137.3	137.8	2.8	.4	*.4	*.2	*.4
Alcoholic beverages	2.459	122.3	122.8	2.7	.4	*.1	*.5	*.4
Fuel oil and coal	.655	131.6	131.7	11.9	-.1	1.1	2.1	.1
Other nondurables	6.335	120.6	120.7	2.4	.1	0	.4	.2
Durable commodities	16.644	122.3	122.4	2.3	.1	.2	.1	.2
Household durables	4.772	119.2	119.4	3.6	.2	.6	.6	.3
New cars	2.060	111.0	110.9	-.1	-.1	.2	.3	.5
Used cars	2.056	122.3	122.7	8.9	.3	*2.8	*1.4	*.3
Other durables	7.756	127.8	127.8	.5	0	.1	-.1	-.1
Services	37.448	138.1	138.4	3.7	.2	*.4	*.4	*.2
Rent	5.059	123.9	124.3	4.3	.3	*.4	*.3	*.3
Services less rent	32.389	140.7	141.0	3.6	.2	*.4	*.4	*.2
Household services less rent	15.486	144.9	145.3	4.2	.3	.7	.6	.1
Transportation services	5.473	137.0	137.0	.5	0	.4	.3	.1
Medical care services	5.575	143.6	143.9	4.0	.2	.3	.5	.1
Other services	5.855	131.3	131.7	4.7	.3	*.5	*.5	*.3
Special indexes:								
All items less food	77.508	130.3	130.4	3.6	.1	.5	.4	.2
Nondurable commodities	45.907	132.0	132.4	8.8	.3	.7	.8	.3
Apparel commodities less footwear	7.388	126.7	125.2	3.7	-1.2	.2	.5	-.2
Services less medical care services	31.873	137.3	137.6	3.6	.2	*.4	*.4	*.2
Insurance and finance	9.829	146.8	146.9	1.8	.1	.5	.3	.1
Utilities and public transportation	5.522	129.4	129.5	2.9	.1	.4	.2	.1
Housekeeping and home maintenance service	4.502	152.5	153.3	5.9	.5	.6	.8	.5
Appliances (including radio and T. V.)	1.621	105.4	105.4	-.4	*0	*0	*0	*0
Expenditure classes								
All items	100.000	132.4	132.7	5.7	0.2	0.6	0.6	0.2
Food	22.492	139.8	140.9	13.4	.8	1.1	.9	.5
Housing	33.859	133.9	134.2	3.6	.2	*.4	*.5	*.2
Shelter <sup>2</sup>	21.830	139.4	139.7	3.5	.2	.7	.4	.1
Rent	5.059	123.9	124.3	4.3	.3	*.4	*.3	*.3
Homeownership <sup>3</sup>	16.355	145.0	145.2	3.2	.1	.7	.3	.1
Fuel and utilities <sup>4</sup>	4.708	125.6	125.7	4.8	.1	.5	.5	-.1
Gas and electricity	2.434	125.4	125.5	4.3	.1	.2	.2	.4
Household furnishings and operation	7.321	124.7	125.0	3.2	.2	.2	.5	.5
Apparel and upkeep	10.370	126.8	125.8	3.9	-.8	.2	.4	0
Transportation	13.134	124.6	124.8	3.8	.2	.4	.6	.4
Private	11.665	122.4	122.6	4.1	.2	.3	.7	.2
Public	1.469	144.9	144.9	1.1	0	.5	.3	.1
Health and recreation	19.768	130.0	130.3	3.2	.2	*.3	*.3	*.2
Medical care	6.447	137.0	137.3	3.5	.2	.3	.4	.1
Personal care	2.573	124.9	125.3	4.4	.3	*.5	*.4	*.3
Reading and recreation	5.656	125.9	126.2	2.6	.2	.2	.2	.3
Other goods and services	5.093	129.0	129.5	2.9	.4	.3	.3	.2
Special indexes:								
All items less shelter	78.170	130.6	131.0	6.4	.3	.6	.5	.3
All items less medical care	93.553	132.2	132.5	5.9	.2	.6	.6	.2
All items less mortgage interest costs	96.298	131.7	132.0	5.9	.2	.6	.5	.4
CPI - domestically produced farm foods <sup>5</sup>	15.519	140.4	141.5	15.8	.8	*.9	*1.6	*.8
CPI - selected beef cuts <sup>6</sup>	2.060	162.2	163.0	18.1	.5	*.1	*.6	*.5
Purchasing power of consumer dollar:								
1967=\$1.00	-	\$0.755	\$0.754	-5.4	-.1	-	-	-
1957-59=\$1.00	-	.649	.648	-	-	-	-	-

<sup>1</sup> Also includes infants' wear, sewing materials, and jewelry not shown separately.

<sup>2</sup> Also includes hotel and motel rates not shown separately.

<sup>3</sup> Includes home purchase, mortgage interest, taxes, insurance, and maintenance and repairs.

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

<sup>5</sup> 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.

<sup>6</sup> 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					
	April 1973	May 1973	June 1973	July 1973	3 months ending in				6 months ending in	
					October 1972	January 1973	April 1973	July 1973	January 1973	July 1973
Commodity and service groups										
All items	-	-	-	-	4.2	4.0	9.2	5.7	4.1	7.4
Commodities	127.4	128.3	129.1	129.4	4.4	5.0	12.1	6.4	4.7	9.3
Food	136.4	137.9	139.2	139.9	7.3	11.3	25.4	10.7	9.3	17.8
Food at home	136.1	137.6	139.2	139.5	7.8	14.0	29.4	10.4	10.8	19.5
Cereals and bakery products	119.8	122.0	123.0	123.4	1.4	6.1	12.2	12.6	3.7	12.4
Meats, poultry, and fish	154.8	155.9	156.0	155.8	10.4	19.2	61.6	2.6	14.7	28.8
Dairy products (not seasonally adjusted)	121.8	123.2	124.1	124.1	1.0	7.0	9.4	7.8	4.0	8.6
Fruits and vegetables	140.4	141.6	146.3	148.2	19.0	7.6	29.2	24.1	13.2	26.6
Other foods at home	124.2	126.7	130.2	129.9	3.5	15.8	7.4	19.7	9.5	13.4
Food away from home	137.0	139.0	139.9	140.9	4.3	4.9	8.3	11.9	4.6	10.1
Commodities less food	122.4	122.9	123.5	123.6	2.7	2.0	5.1	4.0	2.4	4.5
Nondurables less food	123.4	123.9	124.7	124.9	3.0	2.0	7.1	5.0	2.5	6.0
Apparel commodities <sup>1</sup>	126.3	126.7	127.1	127.0	5.0	1.0	7.3	2.2	3.0	4.7
Men's and boys'	125.5	126.1	126.6	126.4	5.0	5.0	3.6	2.9	5.0	3.2
Women's and girls'	126.8	126.8	127.4	126.8	5.3	-1.0	10.4	0	2.1	5.1
Footwear	129.4	129.9	129.9	130.4	3.6	2.2	8.1	3.1	2.9	5.6
Nondurables less food and apparel	121.8	122.3	123.4	123.5	3.1	2.4	6.8	5.7	2.7	6.3
Gasoline and motor oil	115.4	116.6	119.6	119.5	8.4	5.2	13.9	15.0	6.8	14.5
Tobacco products (not seasonally adjusted)	136.5	137.0	137.3	137.8	.9	-.3	7.0	3.9	.3	5.4
Alcoholic beverages (not seasonally adjusted)	121.6	121.7	122.3	122.8	2.4	1.3	3.0	4.0	1.8	3.5
Fuel oil and coal	127.9	129.3	132.0	132.1	1.7	4.8	29.0	13.8	3.2	21.2
Other nondurables	119.9	119.9	120.4	120.6	2.4	1.4	3.4	2.4	1.9	2.9
Durable commodities	121.4	121.7	121.8	122.0	2.4	0	5.1	2.0	1.2	3.5
Household durables	117.6	118.3	119.0	119.3	2.1	1.7	4.5	5.9	1.9	5.2
New cars	110.9	111.1	111.4	112.0	-10.0	1.1	5.2	4.0	-4.6	4.6
Used cars (not seasonally adjusted)	117.3	120.6	122.3	122.7	9.2	-8.1	16.9	19.7	.2	18.3
Other durables	127.9	128.0	127.9	127.8	.3	-1.6	3.5	-3	-.6	1.6
Services (not seasonally adjusted)	137.0	137.5	138.1	138.4	3.3	3.3	3.9	4.2	3.3	4.0
Rent (not seasonally adjusted)	123.0	123.5	123.9	124.3	3.7	4.1	5.0	4.3	3.9	4.7
Services less rent (not seasonally adjusted)	139.6	140.1	140.7	141.0	3.3	3.2	3.8	4.1	3.3	3.9
Household services less rent	143.3	144.3	145.2	145.4	3.2	4.6	2.8	6.0	3.9	4.4
Transportation services	136.0	136.5	136.9	137.0	1.8	-4.6	2.1	3.0	-1.5	2.5
Medical care services	142.4	142.8	143.5	143.6	6.5	2.9	3.2	3.4	4.7	3.3
Other services (not seasonally adjusted)	129.9	130.6	131.3	131.7	3.9	3.5	5.7	5.7	3.7	5.7
Special indexes:										
All items less food	129.1	129.7	130.2	130.4	2.9	2.2	5.1	4.1	2.6	4.6
Nondurable commodities	129.7	130.6	131.7	132.1	5.4	6.7	15.5	7.6	6.0	11.5
Apparel commodities less footwear	125.8	126.0	126.6	126.3	4.7	1.3	7.3	1.6	3.0	4.4
Services less medical care services (not seasonally adjusted)	136.2	136.7	137.3	137.6	3.0	3.3	3.9	4.2	3.2	4.0
Insurance and finance	145.8	146.6	147.1	147.2	1.4	0	1.9	3.9	.7	2.9
Utilities and public transportation	128.7	129.2	129.4	129.5	4.2	2.5	2.5	2.5	3.4	2.5
Housekeeping and home maintenance service	150.2	151.1	152.3	153.1	3.4	6.7	5.5	7.9	5.0	6.7
Appliances (including radio and T. V.) (not seasonally adjusted)	105.4	105.4	105.4	105.4	.4	-.8	-1.1	0	-.2	-.6
Expenditure classes										
All items	-	-	-	-	4.2	4.0	9.2	5.7	4.1	7.4
Food	136.4	137.9	139.2	139.9	7.3	11.3	25.4	10.7	9.3	17.8
Housing (not seasonally adjusted)	132.8	133.3	133.9	134.2	2.8	3.1	4.3	4.3	3.0	4.3
Shelter <sup>2</sup>	138.1	139.0	139.5	139.7	2.7	3.0	3.6	4.7	2.8	4.1
Rent (not seasonally adjusted)	123.0	123.5	123.9	124.3	3.7	4.1	5.0	4.3	3.9	4.7
Homeownership <sup>3</sup>	143.6	144.6	145.1	145.3	2.6	2.6	2.8	4.8	2.6	3.8
Fuel and utilities	124.7	125.3	125.9	125.8	3.7	5.0	6.7	3.6	4.4	5.1
Gas and electricity	124.9	125.2	125.5	126.0	2.7	7.8	3.3	3.6	5.2	3.4
Household furnishings and operation	123.5	123.7	124.3	124.9	2.7	2.7	3.0	4.6	2.7	3.8
Apparel and upkeep	125.9	126.2	126.7	126.7	4.3	2.0	6.6	2.6	3.1	4.6
Transportation	122.8	123.3	124.1	124.6	2.7	-.7	7.5	6.0	1.0	6.7
Private	120.7	121.1	121.9	122.2	3.1	0	8.4	5.1	1.5	6.7
Public	143.3	144.0	144.5	144.6	5.7	-3.8	-.8	3.7	.8	1.4
Health and recreation (not seasonally adjusted)	129.2	129.6	130.0	130.3	2.9	1.9	4.5	3.4	2.4	4.0
Medical care	135.9	136.3	136.9	137.0	5.5	3.0	2.1	3.3	4.3	2.7
Personal care (not seasonally adjusted)	123.8	124.4	124.9	125.3	2.7	3.4	6.7	4.9	3.0	5.8
Reading and recreation	125.2	125.5	125.8	126.2	3.0	.3	3.9	3.2	1.6	3.6
Other goods and services	128.5	128.9	129.3	129.5	.6	2.2	5.8	3.1	1.4	4.5
Special indexes:										
All items less shelter	128.8	129.6	130.3	130.7	4.3	4.6	10.6	6.0	4.4	8.3
All items less medical care	130.5	131.3	132.1	132.4	3.9	4.5	9.4	6.0	4.2	7.7
All items less mortgage interest costs	130.0	130.8	131.4	131.9	3.9	3.9	10.1	6.0	3.9	8.0
CPI - domestically produced farm foods (not seasonally adjusted)	137.0	138.2	140.4	141.5	1.0	16.3	34.6	13.8	8.4	23.7
CPI - selected beef cuts (not seasonally adjusted)	161.5	161.3	162.2	163.0	-7.9	20.3	69.2	3.8	5.3	32.5

<sup>1</sup> Also includes infants' wear, sewing materials, and jewelry not shown separately.

<sup>2</sup> Also includes hotel and motel rates not shown separately.

<sup>3</sup> Includes home purchase, mortgage interest, taxes, insurance, and maintenance and repairs.

<sup>4</sup> Also includes residential telephone, fuel oil, coal, 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, items most recent index and percent changes from selected dates

Area <sup>1</sup>	Pricing Schedule <sup>2</sup>	Indexes			Percent change from:		
		1967=100	1957-59=100	Other bases	July 1972	April 1973	June 1973
July 1973							
U. S. city average	M	132.7	154.4		5.7	1.5	0.2
Chicago	M	131.4	149.3		5.6	1.2	-.2
Detroit	M	133.8	153.8		5.6	1.1	.1
Los Angeles-Long Beach	M	129.1	151.8		5.2	1.7	.5
N. Y.-Northeastern N. J.	M	139.1	165.6		5.9	1.2	.1
Philadelphia	M	134.8	157.5		6.1	1.0	.1
July 1973							
Boston	1	134.1	160.6		5.6	1.3	
Houston	1	131.5	150.5		5.0	.8	
Minneapolis-St. Paul	1	133.1	154.2		6.1	1.8	
Pittsburgh	1	132.6	152.5		5.7	1.1	
May 1973							
Buffalo	2	133.2		<sup>3</sup> 146.4	5.6	2.2	
Cleveland	2	132.7	149.9		5.2	2.2	
Dallas	2	130.6		<sup>3</sup> 141.1	4.8	2.3	
Milwaukee	2	130.0	146.8		5.9	2.4	
San Diego	2	130.7		<sup>4</sup> 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							
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		<sup>5</sup> 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	

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> November 1963=100.

<sup>4</sup> February 1965=100.

<sup>5</sup> 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<sup>1</sup> for urban wage earners and clerical workers, major groups, percent change from June 1973 to July 1973

Group	U. S. city average	Chicago	Detroit	Los Angeles-Long Beach	New York-Northeastern New Jersey	Philadelphia
All items	0.2	-0.2	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.1
Food	.8	.4	1.0	.4	.9	.8
Housing	.2	-.5	0	.5	-.1	.4
Apparel and upkeep	-.8	-2.0	-2.4	-.6	-1.7	-2.4
Transportation	.2	.1	.2	.8	0	.1
Health and recreation	.2	.2	.2	.6	.1	.3
Medical care	.2	.4	.3	.5	.1	.5
Personal care	.3	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
Reading and recreation	.2	.3	.4	.8	-.4	-.6
Other goods and services	.4	-.1	0	.6	.9	.5

<sup>1</sup> See footnote 1, table 3.

<sup>2</sup> Not available.

Table 5. Consumer Price Index—United States and selected areas<sup>1</sup> for urban wage earners and clerical workers, commodity groups, July 1973, Index and percent changes<sup>2</sup> April 1973

Group	U. S. city average	Boston	Chicago	Detroit	Houston	Los Angeles—Long Beach	Minneapolis	New York	Philadelphia	Pittsburgh
Indexes (1967=100)										
All items	132.7	134.1	131.4	133.8	131.5	129.1	133.1	139.1	134.8	132.6
Food	140.9	139.4	142.0	142.7	141.7	136.1	141.7	145.0	141.8	141.4
Food at home	140.9	139.8	142.5	143.8	139.2	136.9	140.9	144.4	140.9	140.6
Cereals and bakery products	123.5	124.7	128.7	128.2	119.0	120.5	135.1	124.8	125.8	121.7
Meats, poultry and fish	157.8	156.4	158.1	164.0	160.1	157.1	162.0	158.1	157.8	154.8
Dairy products	124.1	122.8	124.9	123.6	125.7	120.4	125.8	127.9	124.3	122.1
Fruits and vegetables	153.7	149.8	152.3	147.2	145.6	143.6	142.9	159.2	149.4	158.8
Other food at home	128.5	127.7	130.6	129.5	126.3	125.7	129.3	132.0	128.4	130.5
Food away from home	140.9	137.5	140.1	138.0	150.2	133.8	145.2	146.9	145.7	146.3
Housing	134.2	138.4	127.6	136.5	133.3	131.0	136.0	143.6	137.1	133.7
Shelter	139.7	145.8	131.3	146.7	139.7	133.8	141.7	151.2	146.6	142.5
Rent, residential	124.3	136.0	122.5	( <sup>1</sup> )	112.5	121.9	122.7	( <sup>1</sup> )	129.8	119.8
Homeownership	145.2	150.0	135.1	151.2	149.0	137.4	144.9	163.0	150.9	148.8
Fuel and utilities	125.7	126.6	119.1	120.0	118.2	129.2	131.3	132.4	126.6	121.0
Fuel oil and coal	131.7	136.7	125.5	125.0	-	-	130.6	134.3	<sup>2</sup> 129.3	-
Gas and electricity	125.5	126.1	120.0	121.7	120.1	136.1	130.6	134.1	132.1	125.6
Household furnishings and operation	125.0	130.5	121.5	116.0	129.3	121.9	122.4	130.4	126.2	123.3
Apparel and upkeep	125.8	127.2	123.3	119.1	126.6	122.3	124.7	123.9	122.2	125.5
Men's and boys'	125.4	123.3	119.3	120.0	119.0	117.5	124.5	125.3	121.0	123.1
Women's and girls'	125.5	127.9	126.1	110.8	133.0	125.4	124.5	120.2	119.4	127.6
Footwear	129.9	128.8	124.2	130.8	128.8	128.4	130.4	126.7	126.5	128.2
Transportation	124.8	123.3	128.8	125.0	117.3	124.9	121.6	136.1	128.4	125.0
Private	122.6	120.6	123.8	123.0	114.7	125.2	121.0	128.9	125.9	122.8
Public	144.9	140.2	160.6	149.4	159.9	119.4	130.9	163.6	143.6	139.3
Health and recreation	130.3	130.8	131.3	133.5	132.4	125.0	131.9	135.6	134.2	130.5
Medical care	137.3	138.2	136.5	148.3	139.9	134.8	131.5	144.4	148.2	133.8
Personal care	125.3	124.6	( <sup>1</sup> )	128.7	129.6	( <sup>1</sup> )	127.7	( <sup>1</sup> )	124.4	120.8
Reading and recreation	126.2	131.7	127.8	126.5	125.4	117.9	133.9	129.1	128.0	127.6
Other goods and services	129.5	125.7	132.1	124.6	130.9	122.3	131.8	138.1	130.5	134.4
Percent changes April 1973 to July 1973										
All items	1.5	1.3	1.2	1.1	0.8	1.7	1.8	1.2	1.0	1.1
Food	3.2	2.8	3.4	3.3	3.2	2.8	3.7	3.3	2.7	3.5
Food at home	3.3	3.0	3.4	3.3	3.4	2.2	3.7	3.7	2.8	3.6
Cereals and bakery products	2.7	4.8	2.1	2.7	2.8	2.7	3.8	3.1	2.7	3.3
Meats, poultry, and fish	1.5	1.6	2.5	1.3	2.0	1.0	2.7	2.3	1.7	.3
Dairy products	1.9	1.1	1.7	2.1	2.8	.5	2.3	2.9	1.4	3.8
Fruits and vegetables	8.4	5.9	8.9	10.5	7.9	7.1	7.0	7.3	5.0	9.4
Other food at home	3.4	3.5	3.2	3.0	3.4	.8	3.4	4.4	4.3	5.2
Food away from home	2.8	1.9	3.3	2.7	2.3	4.7	4.2	1.9	2.1	2.7
Housing	1.1	1.0	.2	.9	.3	1.6	1.5	.9	1.1	.4
Shelter	1.2	.4	.2	1.5	.3	1.7	1.9	.8	.9	.1
Rent, residential	1.1	.7	<sup>3</sup> .9	( <sup>1</sup> )	.4	<sup>3</sup> .9	.4	( <sup>1</sup> )	<sup>3</sup> .9	1.2
Homeownership	1.1	.2	-1.2	1.6	.1	1.8	2.1	.8	.7	-.3
Fuel and utilities	.5	3.3	.6	-1.1	-2.4	.6	.6	1.5	2.3	.2
Fuel oil and coal	2.7	7.7	1.2	-2.2	-	-	5.3	3.9	5.6	-
Gas and electricity	0.0	1.8	.8	0.0	-3.8	.8	.2	2.3	2.7	.1
Household furnishings and operation	1.1	.8	1.4	-.9	1.5	1.2	.8	.9	.9	1.3
Apparel and upkeep	0.0	-.7	-1.9	-2.9	-2.9	.1	1.1	-1.5	-2.6	-.8
Men's and boys'	-.4	-1.0	-1.7	-.9	-1.6	-.8	-1.3	-2.5	-2.7	.3
Women's and girls'	-.4	.4	-4.3	-7.7	-7.0	0.0	3.8	-2.3	-3.3	-1.9
Footwear	.2	-4.9	.2	.5	-.2	0.0	-.1	-1.6	-3.9	-2.1
Transportation	1.8	1.7	1.9	1.9	.9	2.5	1.1	1.0	1.2	1.2
Private	1.9	1.9	2.3	2.1	1.1	2.5	1.0	1.3	1.5	1.2
Public	.7	1.4	.1	.6	.1	1.8	1.7	.2	.1	.9
Health and recreation	.9	.5	1.0	.4	.7	1.1	.8	.7	.8	.1
Medical care	.8	.5	1.0	1.0	.4	1.0	.5	.9	.7	.9
Personal care	1.2	-.2	( <sup>1</sup> )	.8	.4	( <sup>1</sup> )	2.1	( <sup>1</sup> )	1.4	.8
Reading and recreation	.8	.5	.9	-.2	1.8	1.9	.5	-.3	.5	-1.1
Other goods and services	1.0	.6	1.0	-.1	.5	.8	.8	1.5	.6	.1

<sup>1</sup> Not available.

<sup>2</sup> Revised index June 1973=128.3.

<sup>3</sup> Change from May 1973.

Table 6. Consumer Price Index—United States selected areas for urban wage earners and clerical workers, and its subgroups, July 1973, and percent changes from June 197<sup>2</sup>

Area <sup>1</sup>	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 -----	140.9	140.9	123.5	157.8	124.1	153.7	128.5	140.9
Atlanta -----	143.9	143.7	127.9	160.6	129.3	160.8	129.3	144.4
Baltimore -----	143.1	143.9	122.1	159.4	126.9	161.3	130.6	140.1
Boston -----	139.4	139.8	124.7	156.4	122.8	149.8	127.7	137.5
Buffalo -----	140.3	139.7	123.9	155.8	123.9	153.2	126.0	143.8
Chicago -----	142.0	142.5	128.7	158.1	124.9	152.3	130.6	140.1
Cincinnati -----	143.2	144.8	125.6	158.3	129.0	160.5	131.9	137.3
Cleveland -----	142.0	142.9	122.0	162.1	129.9	153.4	126.8	137.8
Dallas -----	140.0	138.5	120.9	158.1	116.8	147.6	127.5	145.3
Detroit -----	142.7	143.8	128.2	164.0	123.6	147.2	129.5	138.0
Honolulu -----	134.0	132.4	115.6	144.7	127.4	134.4	125.2	138.7
Houston -----	141.7	139.2	119.0	160.1	125.7	145.6	126.3	150.2
Kansas City -----	141.2	141.4	125.9	159.3	135.1	143.2	129.5	140.5
Los Angeles-Long Beach -----	136.1	136.9	120.5	157.1	120.4	143.6	125.7	133.8
Milwaukee -----	137.5	137.8	125.4	155.1	121.7	148.0	125.0	( <sup>2</sup> )
Minneapolis-St. Paul -----	141.7	140.9	135.1	162.0	125.8	142.9	129.3	145.2
N. Y.-Northeastern N. J. -----	145.0	144.4	124.8	158.1	127.9	159.2	132.0	146.9
Philadelphia -----	141.8	140.9	125.8	157.8	124.3	149.4	128.4	145.7
Pittsburgh -----	141.4	140.6	121.7	154.8	122.1	158.8	130.5	146.3
St. Louis -----	140.4	140.2	130.1	152.1	124.9	159.2	124.9	141.6
San Diego -----	138.9	137.6	119.1	160.6	120.2	142.3	124.2	( <sup>2</sup> )
San Francisco-Oakland -----	138.3	139.9	118.6	155.0	121.7	153.8	130.2	132.7
Seattle -----	136.2	136.3	119.6	155.0	123.9	140.7	126.8	135.8
Washington -----	145.6	144.0	127.0	158.6	120.7	163.6	132.3	149.5
Percent changes June 1973 to July 1973								
U. S. city average -----	0.8	0.7	0.4	0.8	0.0	1.3	0.6	0.8
Atlanta -----	1.1	.8	1.3	1.3	.1	-.7	.9	2.0
Baltimore -----	1.0	1.2	.1	.6	-.2	4.2	.8	.6
Boston -----	.6	-.6	1.1	.8	-.7	-.3	-.1	.6
Buffalo -----	.1	-.1	-.6	1.0	-.1	-2.5	-.2	.8
Chicago -----	.4	-.2	1.3	-.7	0	-.5	2.4	1.2
Cincinnati -----	.5	-.6	-.2	-.7	-.1	-.8	1.0	.4
Cleveland -----	1.1	1.3	.2	1.1	2.2	3.5	-.3	.4
Dallas -----	.6	-.7	-.2	1.6	-.3	-.3	-.5	.3
Detroit -----	1.0	1.0	-.9	1.9	-.1	1.5	-.3	-.7
Honolulu -----	.4	.5	.5	.3	-.9	1.0	-.1	.7
Houston -----	1.0	1.0	-.2	1.2	-.2	2.2	-.9	-.6
Kansas City -----	1.0	1.1	.2	2.0	.4	1.3	-.9	.5
Los Angeles-Long Beach -----	.4	0	0	.5	0	-1.0	-.1	1.7
Milwaukee -----	1.0	1.3	.6	2.4	-.5	-.4	1.1	( <sup>2</sup> )
Minneapolis-St. Paul -----	1.3	1.1	1.0	1.4	-.2	1.0	1.1	2.3
N. Y.-Northeastern N. J. -----	.9	1.0	.6	1.7	-.2	1.3	.5	.4
Philadelphia -----	.8	-.9	-.6	.8	-.2	1.8	1.1	.3
Pittsburgh -----	1.2	1.2	.1	1.2	-.2	3.5	1.0	1.1
St. Louis -----	1.2	1.4	-.7	1.2	-.2	3.4	1.2	.6
San Diego -----	.5	-.3	-.3	.6	-.3	-.6	0	( <sup>2</sup> )
San Francisco-Oakland -----	.6	.4	.3	.9	0	-.5	.5	1.1
Seattle -----	.7	.5	-.4	.8	-.2	1.0	0	1.0
Washington -----	1.3	1.1	-.2	1.6	-.4	1.6	-.8	1.9

<sup>1</sup> See footnote 1, table 3.

<sup>2</sup> Not available.

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

(1967=100)

Item and group	Index		Percent change to July 1973 from—		
	July 1973		July 1972	June 1973	
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted
Food	140.9	139.9	13.4	0.8	0.5
Food away from home	140.9	140.9	7.3	.8	.7
Restaurant meals	141.7	141.7	7.9	.9	.9
Snacks	137.4	137.4	4.8	.6	.5
Food at home	140.9	139.5	15.1	.7	.2
Cereals and bakery products	123.5	123.4	8.0	.4	.3
Flour	117.7	117.8	18.6	.5	.8
Cracker meal	142.9	142.6	5.2	.2	.3
Corn flakes	105.4	105.7	5.4	.4	.5
Rice	127.5	127.5	16.3	.6	.6
Bread, white	121.6	122.0	7.9	.2	.2
Bread, whole wheat	128.2	128.3	7.1	.5	.1
Cookies	113.5	112.8	3.3	1.6	.7
Layer cakes	127.1	127.1	5.7	.5	.6
Cinnamon rolls	129.0	129.0	6.9	-.1	0
Meats, poultry, and fish	157.8	155.8	21.5	.8	-.1
Meats	157.8	155.6	20.2	.7	-.4
Beef and veal	164.3	161.7	17.9	.5	-.5
Steak, round	160.4	158.5	16.8	1.4	.8
Steak, sirloin	151.8	146.8	10.9	.3	-2.1
Steak, porterhouse	154.4	149.6	10.9	.6	-1.6
Rump roast	156.1	155.6	15.1	.8	1.2
Rib roast	164.4	161.8	16.6	.6	-1.3
Chuck roast	173.6	171.7	25.4	.6	-1.0
Hamburger	171.6	169.7	23.7	-.3	-.9
Beef liver	156.8	154.6	17.9	.4	-.8
Veal cutlets	189.8	187.0	15.4	.7	-.2
Pork	153.4	150.5	23.7	1.3	-1.1
Chops	150.9	146.6	15.5	1.4	-1.9
Loin roast	155.9	153.0	19.8	1.4	-1.1
Pork sausage	169.1	167.8	31.0	1.3	.8
Ham, whole	140.9	142.9	23.7	.9	1.1
Picnics	159.1	158.9	29.7	.7	-.6
Bacon	149.6	147.7	28.6	1.6	.8
Other meats	149.9	149.6	20.9	.5	.3
Lamb chops	146.5	144.1	11.3	1.9	.9
Frankfurters	156.5	156.2	25.8	-.1	.1
Ham, canned	140.9	142.8	24.7	.1	.9
Bologna sausage	157.0	156.4	21.8	.3	-.1
Salami sausage	149.6	149.0	18.0	-.1	-.3
Liverwurst	149.0	148.6	24.9	.6	.4
Poultry	154.6	150.8	38.3	2.5	1.0
Frying chicken	158.2	152.9	41.9	2.9	1.0
Chicken breasts	147.3	146.4	29.6	1.3	.7
Turkey	145.4	145.7	30.3	1.8	2.0
Fish	163.8	164.1	15.4	.1	.4
Shrimp, frozen	158.1	157.5	15.8	.8	.8
Fish, fresh or frozen	190.1	189.9	25.5	.3	.2
Tuna fish, canned	145.8	146.4	9.4	.8	1.5
Sardines, canned	161.7	163.0	10.3	-1.3	-.7
Dairy products	124.1	-	6.3	0	-
Milk, fresh, grocery	122.9	123.0	5.9	.1	.2
Milk, fresh, delivered	127.2	-	5.7	.1	-
Milk, fresh, skim	130.9	130.9	7.4	-.1	.2
Milk, evaporated	134.1	133.4	13.5	.4	.2
Ice cream	110.3	110.3	3.6	-.3	-.4
Cheese, American process	136.3	136.0	9.5	.3	.4
Butter	102.6	102.8	-2.0	0	0

See footnote at end of table.

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

(1967=100)

Item and group	Index		Percent change to July 1973 from—		
	July 1973		July 1972	June 1973	
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted
Food—Continued					
Food at home—Continued					
Fruits and vegetables	153.7	148.2	19.7	1.3	1.3
Fresh fruits and vegetables	171.3	161.3	27.7	1.8	1.8
Fresh fruits	154.6	140.4	15.2	3.0	.6
Apples	177.4	149.8	26.4	7.3	.9
Bananas	113.2	110.9	7.8	2.8	3.1
Oranges	135.4	133.5	6.7	0	-3.1
Orange juice, fresh	132.6	132.3	1.4	-.2	-.5
Grapefruit	160.1	148.8	5.1	11.6	9.0
Grapes	199.6	162.0	(1)	(1)	0
Strawberries	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Watermelon	164.8	174.4	36.2	-1.1	26.5
Fresh vegetables	184.9	179.0	37.8	1.1	3.1
Potatoes	248.6	213.9	73.8	9.9	.8
Onions	175.4	161.2	18.5	-13.6	-17.2
Asparagus	156.5	163.9	7.4	-.1	-3.9
Cabbage	167.1	167.4	36.4	2.9	15.4
Carrots	143.2	136.5	11.1	4.7	3.3
Celery	159.0	149.2	13.6	9.9	7.6
Cucumbers	127.9	143.5	7.2	-7.2	2.6
Lettuce	188.5	198.8	70.1	-15.5	-15.6
Peppers, green	144.9	150.6	-.3	-5.8	10.7
Spinach	165.2	166.2	20.5	3.7	2.0
Tomatoes	161.3	161.3	23.7	18.1	33.2
Processed fruits and vegetables	127.6	127.7	6.3	-.3	-.2
Fruit cocktail, canned	129.2	128.9	6.5	-.2	-.8
Pears, canned	125.0	125.1	6.2	0	-.2
Pineapple-grapefruit juice drink	119.6	119.7	3.5	-.1	-.4
Orange juice concentrate, frozen	136.0	135.5	0	-.3	0
Lemonade concentrate, frozen	119.0	120.8	3.0	-.2	1.2
Beets, canned	139.4	139.4	14.8	.7	.7
Peas, green, canned	110.2	110.3	2.4	0	-.5
Tomatoes, canned	125.1	124.7	8.0	.2	-.1
Dried beans	151.0	151.5	10.1	1.3	1.5
Broccoli, frozen	122.6	122.5	3.3	.2	-.3
Other food at home	128.5	129.9	11.4	.6	-.2
Eggs	151.3	162.9	48.5	3.2	-3.4
Fats and oils:					
Margarine	125.7	126.0	7.1	.3	1.0
Salad dressing, Italian	109.5	109.4	0	-.9	-.8
Salad or cooking oil	128.2	128.7	6.7	.4	.9
Sugar and sweets	127.9	127.9	6.2	.2	.3
Sugar	123.5	123.4	7.9	.7	.6
Grape jelly	134.6	134.5	7.7	.1	.3
Chocolate bar	136.6	136.5	4.7	.5	.5
Syrup, chocolate flavored	116.0	116.3	5.1	-.2	.1
Nonalcoholic beverages	131.7	131.6	9.5	.2	.4
Coffee, can and bag	138.2	138.2	17.9	.7	.6
Coffee, instant	133.2	133.3	7.9	.3	.8
Tea	111.3	110.9	2.3	.1	.3
Carbonated drink, cola flavored	131.7	131.7	2.7	-.2	0
Carbonated drink, fruit flavored	131.3	130.9	2.7	-.1	0
Prepared and partially prepared foods	118.3	118.5	3.5	0	.1
Bean soup, canned	118.3	118.4	1.8	.1	.3
Chicken soup, canned	105.9	106.1	1.4	.3	.6
Spaghetti, canned	123.6	123.8	3.4	-.3	-.5
Mashed potatoes, instant	118.4	118.4	6.2	-.3	-.2
Potatoes, french fried, frozen	114.3	114.2	3.2	-.2	0
Baby foods	114.6	114.8	4.1	-.1	-.3
Sweet pickle relish	131.2	132.9	5.7	-.1	-.6
Pretzels	117.8	117.6	2.3	.3	.3

<sup>1</sup> 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 group July 1973 and percent changes from selected dates

(1967=100)

Item and group	Other index base	Indexes		Percent change to July 1973 from:	
		June 1973	July 1973	July 1972	June 1973
Housing		133.9	134.2	3.6	0.2
Shelter <sup>1</sup>		139.4	139.7	3.5	.2
Rent, residential		123.9	124.3	4.3	.3
Homeownership <sup>2</sup>		145.0	145.2	3.2	.1
Mortgage interest rates		118.7	119.1	1.6	.3
Property taxes		152.5	152.6	5.3	.1
Property insurance premiums		124.9	124.8	1.1	-.1
Maintenance and repairs		151.5	152.2	7.9	.5
Maintenance and repair commodities <sup>3</sup>		138.1	138.7	11.7	.4
Exterior house paint		118.9	119.2	1.7	.3
Interior house paint		120.5	119.4	1.7	-.9
Maintenance and repair services		157.2	158.0	6.4	.5
Repainting living and dining rooms		170.8	171.5	6.9	.4
Reshingling house roof		164.1	165.1	5.7	.6
Residing house		145.2	145.9	7.4	.5
Replacing sink		154.7	155.2	6.2	.3
Repairing furnace		161.8	163.0	5.4	.7
Fuel and utilities		125.6	125.7	4.8	.1
Fuel oil and coal		131.6	131.7	11.9	.1
Fuel oil, No. 2		130.6	130.8	12.3	.2
Gas and electricity		125.4	125.5	4.3	.1
Gas		126.3	126.5	4.4	.2
Electricity		124.6	124.6	4.4	0
Other utilities:					
Residential telephone services		115.9	115.9	1.8	0
Residential water and sewerage services		144.6	144.7	4.3	.1
Household furnishings and operation <sup>4</sup>		124.7	125.0	3.2	.2
Housefurnishings		119.1	119.1	2.3	0
Textiles		116.4	115.1	1.5	-1.1
Sheets		120.7	116.7	2.9	-3.3
Curtains, tailored		113.4	115.2	2.4	1.6
Bedspreads		112.6	110.6	.3	-1.8
Drapery fabric		127.4	127.6	3.0	.2
Pillows, bed		108.0	103.9	-.8	-3.8
Slipcovers and throws, ready made		115.9	116.1	1.0	.2
Furniture and bedding		125.7	125.9	3.8	.2
Bedroom furniture, chest and dresser	Mar. 70	109.9	110.4	5.3	.5
Sofas, upholstered		124.3	124.0	2.8	-.2
Cocktail tables	Dec. 71	104.5	104.2	4.2	-.3
Dining room chairs	Mar. 70	109.2	110.1	5.8	.8
Recliners, upholstered	Dec. 71	99.9	99.9	1.9	0
Sofas, dual purpose		120.1	120.4	3.0	.2
Bedding, mattress and box springs	June 70	107.0	107.8	2.8	.7
Aluminum folding chairs		132.2	129.4	2.9	-2.1
Cribs		124.3	125.5	5.2	1.0
Floor coverings		107.9	108.6	1.7	.6
Broadloom carpeting, manmade fibers		102.6	103.4	1.7	.8
Vinyl sheet goods		120.6	121.2	2.2	.5
Vinyl asbestos tile		119.8	120.0	1.5	.2
Appliances (excluding radio and T. V.)		109.7	109.7	0	0
Washing machines, electric, automatic		110.9	110.8	.2	-.1
Vacuum cleaners, canister type		104.2	104.8	1.0	.6
Refrigerators or refrigerator-freezers, electric		108.2	108.0	.1	-.2
Ranges, free standing, gas or electric		109.7	109.5	-1.6	-.2
Clothes dryers, electric		114.4	114.4	-.1	0
Air conditioners, demountable		110.6	110.5	-.4	-.1
Room heaters, electric, portable		( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )
Garbage disposal units		111.7	111.9	.8	.2
Other housefurnishings:					
Dinnerware, fine china		130.2	131.3	4.7	.8
Flatware, stainless steel		131.7	132.1	6.8	.3
Table lamps, with shade		129.1	129.3	3.9	.2
Lawn mowers, power, rotary type		121.7	122.2	2.3	.4
Electric drills, hand-held		106.7	106.9	.2	.2
Housekeeping supplies:					
Laundry soaps and detergents		112.8	112.7	1.4	-.1
Paper napkins		139.1	139.1	5.6	0
Toilet tissue		127.8	129.5	4.1	1.3
Housekeeping services:					
Domestic services, general housework		146.0	146.2	4.9	.1
Babysitter services		142.2	142.7	4.5	.4
Postal charges		146.6	146.6	0	0
Laundry, flatwork, finished service		148.6	149.0	7.2	.3
Licensed day care services, preschool child		129.5	131.0	7.0	1.2
Washing machine repairs		148.8	149.1	5.7	.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, July 1973 and percent changes from selected dates—Continued

(1967=100)

Item and group	Other index base	Indexes		Percent change to July 1973 from:	
		June 1973	July 1973	July 1972	June 1973
Apparel and upkeep <sup>4</sup>		126.8	125.8	3.9	-0.8
Apparel commodities		127.2	126.0	3.9	-9
Apparel commodities less footwear		126.7	125.2	3.7	-1.2
Men's and boys'		127.1	125.4	4.2	-1.3
Men's:					
Topcoats, wool or all weather coats, polyester blends	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)
Suits, year round weight	134.2	129.8	1.3	-3.3	
Suit, tropical weight	146.0	137.0	4.3	-6.2	
Jackets, lightweight	118.4	117.7	3.2	-6	
Slacks, wool or wool blends	115.8	114.6	1.0	-1.0	
Slacks, cotton or manmade blends	143.1	138.3	3.9	-3.4	
Trousers, work, cotton or polyester/cotton	119.8	120.2	4.5	.3	
Shirts, work, cotton or polyester/cotton	120.6	121.0	4.9	.3	
Shirts, business, polyester/cotton	114.3	113.3	1.1	-9	
T-shirts, chiefly cotton	122.6	122.8	4.6	.2	
Socks, cotton or manmade fibers	117.3	117.7	1.6	.3	
Handkerchiefs, cotton or polyester/cotton	119.9	120.0	3.2	.1	
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	135.9	138.2	8.4	1.7	
Undershorts, cotton	123.2	123.4	2.2	.2	
Women's and girls'	127.1	125.5	3.5	-1.3	
Women's:					
Coats, heavyweight, wool or wool blends	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	
Carcoats, heavyweight, cotton	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	
Sweaters, wool or acrylic	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	
Skirts, wool, wool blend or manmade fibers	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	
Skirts, cotton or polyester/cotton	129.1	121.4	4.0	-6.0	
Blouses, cotton or manmade fibers	125.0	124.6	1.0	-.3	
Dresses, street, chiefly manmade fiber	134.7	132.9	4.3	-1.3	
Slips, nylon	110.9	111.3	.5	.4	
Panties, acetate or nylon tricot	119.8	119.9	1.5	.1	
Girdles, manmade blend	117.7	117.7	.7	0	
Brassieres, nylon lace	125.3	124.1	1.6	-1.0	
Hose or panty hose, nylon seamless	94.3	94.2	-2.3	-.1	
Anklets or knee-length socks, various fibers	113.7	114.3	-.1	.5	
Gloves, fabric, nylon or cotton	112.6	111.4	1.4	-1.1	
Handbags, rayon faille or plastic	149.9	151.5	6.1	1.1	
Girl's:					
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	123.7	122.7	2.3	-.8	
Slacks, cotton or chiefly cotton	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	
Slacks, polyester blends	109.3	109.7	-.7	.4	
Handbags, plastic	128.6	130.2	6.2	1.2	
Miscellaneous apparel:					
Diapers, cotton gauze or disposable	119.2	119.1	3.3	-.1	
Yard goods, polyester blend	123.2	124.9	4.9	1.4	
Wrist watches, men's and women's	119.5	120.0	3.7	.4	
Footwear	130.0	129.9	4.3	-.1	
Men's:					
Shoes, street	133.6	133.5	7.5	-.1	
Shoes, work, high	137.6	138.0	12.0	.3	
Women's:					
Shoes, street, pump	128.9	128.1	2.4	-.6	
Shoes, evening, pump	123.4	124.7	2.4	1.1	
Shoes, casual	130.3	129.3	5.3	-.8	
Houseslippers, scuff	128.7	128.6	2.6	-.1	
Childrens:					
Shoes, oxford	132.8	132.6	4.2	-.2	
Sneakers, boys, oxford type	125.5	125.6	1.1	-.1	
Dress shoes, girls' strap or pump	130.9	129.7	-.3	-.9	
Apparel services:					
Drycleaning, men's suits and women's dresses	121.4	121.6	3.4	.2	
Automatic laundry service	118.3	118.0	2.7	-.3	
Laundry, men's shirts	128.3	128.7	5.8	.3	
Tailoring charges, hem adjustment	138.1	138.3	4.1	.1	
Shoe repairs, women's heel lift	121.2	121.7	5.3	.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 group, July 1973 and percent changes from selected dates—Continued

(1967=100)

Item and group	Other index base	Indexes		Percent change to July 1973 from:	
		June 1973	July 1973	July 1972	June 1973
Transportation					
Private <sup>7</sup>		124.6	124.8	3.8	0.2
Automobiles, new		122.4	122.6	4.1	-.2
Automobiles, used		111.0	110.9	-1.1	-.1
Gasoline, regular and premium		122.3	122.7	8.9	.3
Motor oil, premium		118.4	118.8	11.1	.3
Tires, new, tubeless		127.7	128.1	3.4	.3
Auto repairs and maintenance <sup>8</sup>		110.5	110.3	-4.9	-.2
Auto insurance rates		142.1	142.5	5.4	.3
Auto registration		138.2	138.1	-2.1	-.1
Parking fees, private and municipal		123.7	123.7	-3.0	0
Public		152.5	154.1	4.8	1.0
Local transit fares		144.9	144.9	1.1	0
Taxicab fares		150.3	150.3	0	0
Railroad fares, coach		138.3	138.3	3.5	0
Airplane fares, chiefly coach		122.6	122.6	-2	0
Bus fares, intercity		134.5	134.5	4.1	0
		145.9	145.9	2.7	0
Health and recreation		130.0	130.3	3.2	.2
Medical care		137.0	137.3	3.5	.2
Drugs and prescriptions		105.9	105.9	.3	0
Over-the-counter items		112.5	112.4	1.1	-.1
Multiple vitamin concentrates		94.2	94.6	-.5	.4
Aspirin compounds		117.3	117.6	-.9	.3
Liquid tonics		101.7	101.8	-.6	.1
Cold tablets or capsules		114.5	114.8	-.5	.3
Adhesive bandages, packages		127.7	126.3	2.4	-1.1
Cough syrup		115.4	115.4	1.7	0
Prescriptions		100.4	100.4	-.5	0
Anti-infectives		70.9	71.0	-5.0	.1
Sedatives and hypnotics		129.2	129.0	1.3	-.2
Atractics		103.8	103.8	-.5	0
Anti-spasmodics		107.7	107.9	-.1	.2
Cough preparations		137.3	137.6	4.3	.2
Cardiovasculars and antihypertensives		112.8	112.8	1.2	0
Analgesics, internal		111.7	111.2	1.5	-.4
Anti-obesity		116.9	117.1	-.8	.2
Hormones		91.4	91.3	-1.3	-.1
Professional services:					
Physicians' fees		138.0	138.2	3.1	.1
General physician, office visits		139.1	139.5	3.3	.3
General physician, house visits		141.4	141.5	3.1	.1
Obstetrical cases		138.3	138.4	3.1	.1
Pediatric care, office visits		140.0	140.4	3.3	.3
Psychiatrist, office visits		133.6	133.8	3.6	.1
Herniorrhaphy, adult		131.2	131.3	2.4	.1
Tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy		133.1	133.3	2.7	.2
Dentists' fees		136.1	136.7	3.0	.4
Fillings, adult, amalgam, one surface		138.4	139.0	3.6	.4
Extractions, adult		135.3	136.0	2.4	.5
Dentures, full upper		132.3	132.7	2.5	.3
Other professional services:					
Examination, prescription, and dispensing of eyeglasses		129.6	129.8	3.8	.2
Routine laboratory tests, urinalysis		122.2	122.5	1.5	.2
Hospital service charges	Jan. 72	105.3	105.6	3.1	.3
Semiprivate rooms		181.4	181.8	3.9	.2
Operating room charges		179.0	179.2	6.3	.1
X-ray diagnostic series, upper G. I.		131.4	131.9	2.0	.4
Laboratory tests, urinalysis	Jan. 72	103.3	104.3	2.0	1.0
Anti-infectives, tetracycline, HCL	Jan. 72	97.5	97.6	-2.2	.1
Tranquilizer, chlordiazepoxide, HCL and meprobamate	Jan. 72	104.9	104.9	3.1	0
Electrocardiogram	Jan. 72	104.5	104.5	1.7	0
Intravenous solution, saline	Jan. 72	103.8	103.8	1.5	0
Physical therapy, whirlpool bath	Jan. 72	106.5	106.7	4.5	.2
Oxygen, inhalation therapy	Jan. 72	103.1	103.5	1.5	.4
Personal care		124.9	125.3	4.4	.3
Toilet goods		119.5	119.7	2.0	.2
Toothpaste, standard dentifrice		109.4	109.1	-.8	-.3
Toilet soap, hard milled		127.8	128.0	4.5	.2
Hand lotions, liquid		125.6	125.5	-.5	-.1
Shaving cream, aerosol		108.8	108.8	1.7	0
Face powder, pressed		146.2	146.6	8.6	.3
Deodorants, aerosol		104.7	104.9	-.7	-.2
Cleansing tissues		124.1	125.0	-.4	.7
Home permanent wave kits		109.4	109.5	-.3	.1
Personal care services		130.6	131.1	6.7	.4
Men's haircuts		133.1	133.8	6.8	.5
Beauty shop services		128.9	129.3	6.7	.3
Women's haircuts		133.7	134.2	10.7	.4
Shampoo and wave sets, plain		132.3	132.8	6.2	.4
Permanent waves, cold		116.5	116.8	3.7	.3

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1967=100)

Item and group	Other index base	Indexes		Percent change to July 1973 from:	
		June 1973	July 1973	July 1972	June 1973
Health and recreation—Continued					
Reading and recreation <sup>9</sup>		125.9	126.2	2.6	0.2
Recreational goods		109.1	109.4	1.2	.3
TV sets, portable and console		97.8	97.6	-1.8	-2
TV replacement tubes		134.6	134.8	2.3	.1
Radios, portable and table model		99.3	99.5	.4	.2
Tape recorders, portable		93.2	93.4	-1.6	-.2
Phonograph records, stereophonic		108.5	108.0	-.5	-.5
Movie cameras, super 8, zoom lens		88.7	89.9	1.8	1.4
Film, 35mm, color		107.3	107.6	.4	.3
Golf balls, liquid center or solid core		103.1	103.2	-1.5	-.1
Basketballs, rubber or vinyl cover		127.1	127.0	-.6	-.1
Fishing rods, fresh-water spincasting		109.5	109.7	2.4	.2
Bowling balls		115.5	115.6	1.5	.1
Bicycles, boys'		122.4	122.8	4.6	.3
Tricycles		115.4	116.2	1.7	.7
Dog food, canned or boxed		122.8	123.9	11.6	.9
Recreational services		132.7	133.2	3.3	.4
Indoor movie admissions		148.5	148.5	3.1	0
Adult		146.1	146.6	2.2	.3
Children's		155.1	153.9	5.8	-.8
Drive-in movie admissions, adult		150.9	152.9	4.2	1.3
Bowling fees, evening		123.0	123.2	4.1	.2
Golf green fees		137.7	137.9	5.4	.1
TV repair, color picture tube replacement		100.0	100.2	2.2	.2
Film developing, color		115.6	116.2	-.3	.5
Reading and education:					
Newspapers, street sale and delivery		136.4	136.4	2.5	0
Magazines, single copy and subscription		136.1	136.1	2.0	0
Piano lessons, beginner		125.6	126.2	3.2	.5
Other goods and services					
Tobacco products		129.0	129.5	2.9	.4
Cigarettes, nonfilter tip, regular size		137.3	137.8	2.8	.4
Cigarettes, filter tip, king size		138.9	139.3	2.7	.3
Cigars, domestic, regular size		139.6	140.0	2.9	.3
Alcoholic beverages		113.0	113.5	2.3	.4
Beer		122.3	122.8	2.7	.4
Whiskey, spirit blended and straight bourbon		115.2	116.0	2.3	.7
Wine, dessert and table		108.9	109.0	0	-.1
Beer away from home		136.5	136.8	7.3	.2
Financial and miscellaneous personal expenses:		134.8	135.2	3.0	.3
Funeral services, adult		126.1	126.4	4.2	.2
Bank service charges, checking accounts		107.4	107.0	0	-.4
Legal services, short form will		159.4	163.3	8.7	2.4

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

<sup>2</sup> Also includes home purchase costs not shown separately.

<sup>3</sup> Also includes pine shelving, furnace filters, packaged dry cement mix, and shrubbery not shown separately.

<sup>4</sup> Also includes venetian blinds, nails, carpet sweepers, air deodorizers, steel wool scouring pads, envelopes, reupholstering, and moving expenses.

<sup>5</sup> Priced only in season.

<sup>6</sup> 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.

<sup>7</sup> Also includes storage batteries and drivers' license fees not shown separately.

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

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

# 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	0.005x100
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.<sup>1</sup> The table below shows standard errors for monthly, quarterly, and annual *percent changes* in the CPI for all items and for nine commodity groupings based on 1972 averages.

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

Component	Standard error		
	Monthly change	Quarterly change	Annual change
All items . . . . .	.04	.06	.09
Food at home . . . . .	.07	.10	.15
Food away from home . . . . .	.08	.14	.33
Housing . . . . .	.06	.10	.19
Apparel and upkeep . . . . .	.17	.27	.33
Transportation . . . . .	.11	.17	.20
Medical care . . . . .	.09	.14	.28
Personal care . . . . .	.14	.19	.34
Reading and recreation . . . . .	.09	.12	.20
Other goods and services . . . . .	.11	.17	.23

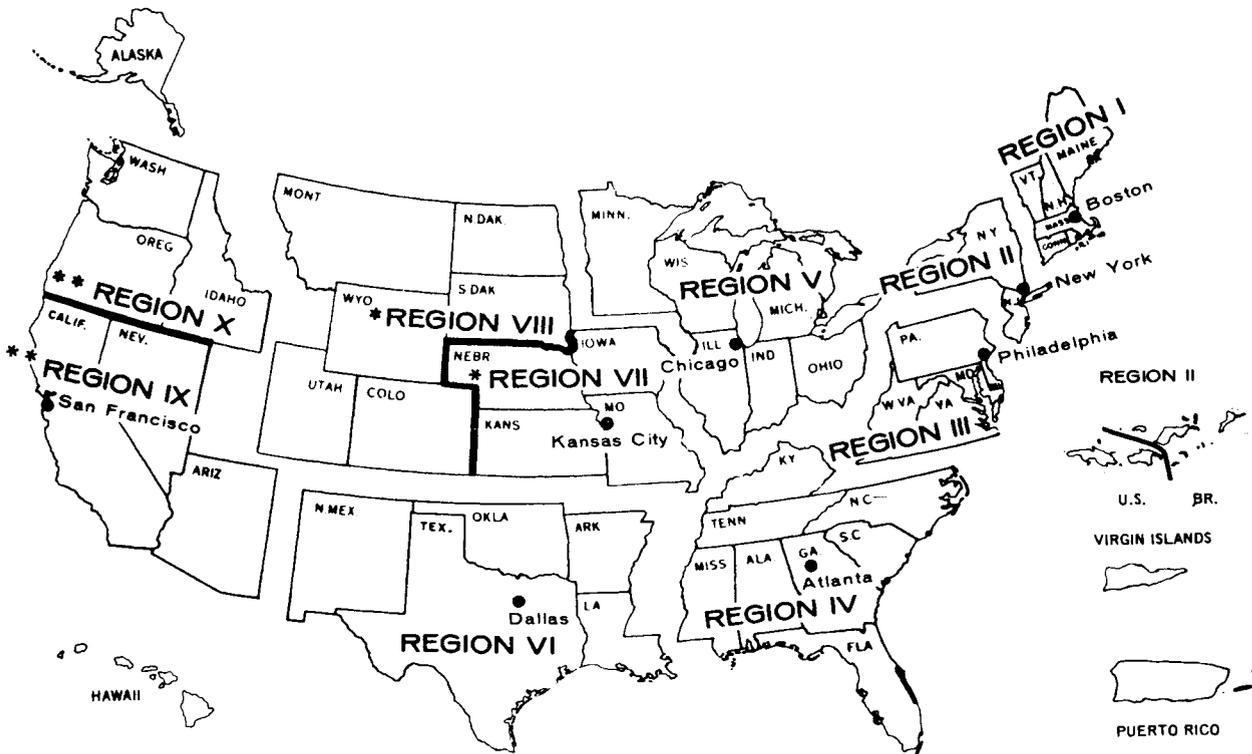
The figures may be interpreted as follows: The chances are about 95 out of 100 that the percent change in the CPI as computed differs from the corresponding "complete coverage" change by less than twice the standard error.

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

This replaces the table of average errors based on 1971 data which was included in the CPI report through March 1973.

<sup>1</sup> The method of deriving these estimates is described in a paper by Marvin Wikerson, "Measurement of Sampling Error in the Consumer Price Index," *Journal of the American Statistical Association*, September 1967.

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