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U.S. CITY AVERAGE  
AND  
SELECTED AREAS



*for August 1970*

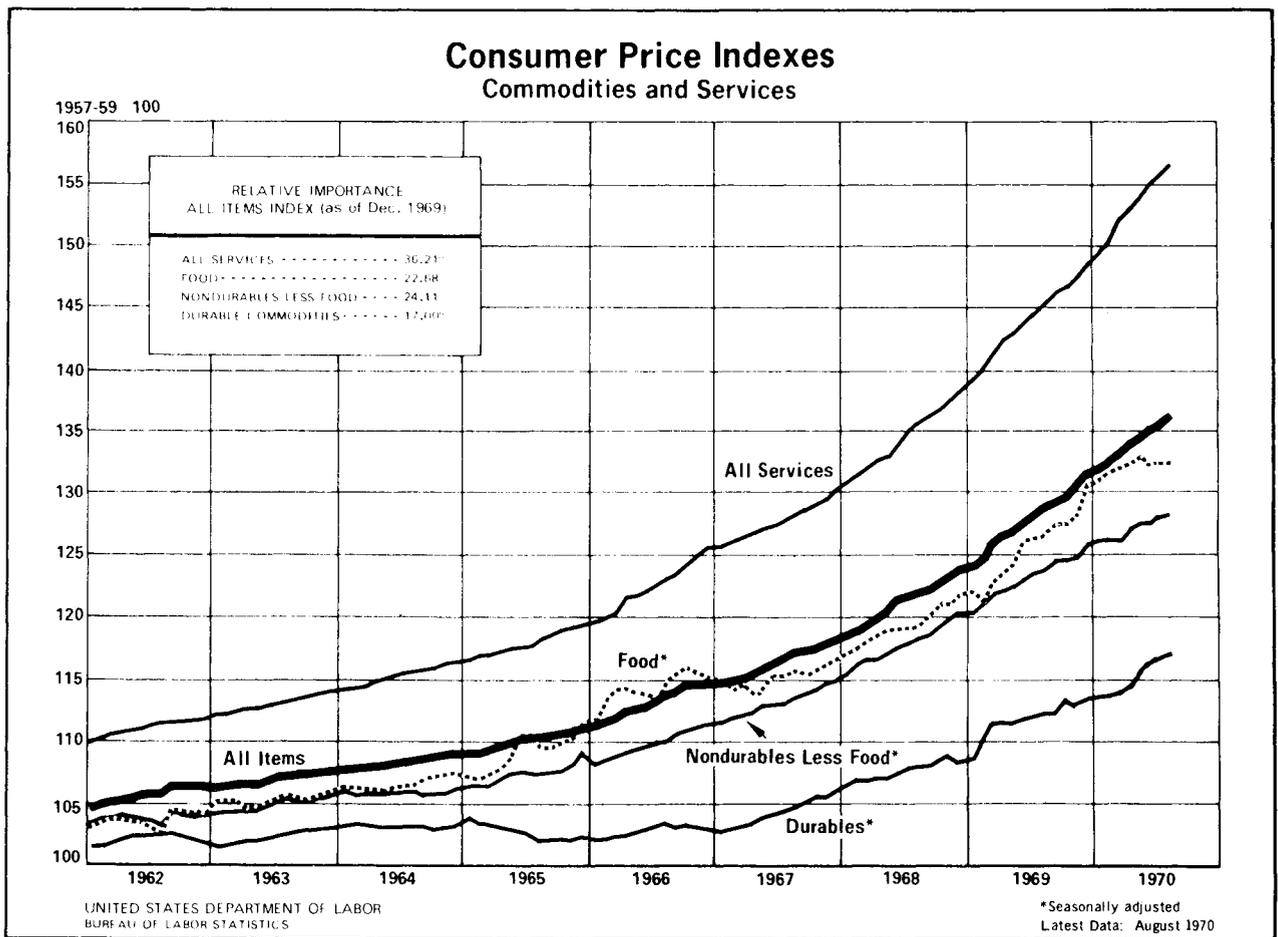
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a monthly report  
 on consumer price movements  
 including statistical tables  
 and technical notes.



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The Consumer Price Index rose 0.2 percent in August to 136.0 percent of its 1957-59 base. Prices for consumer services continued to advance, despite a slowdown for transportation services, and accounted for almost all of the increase. Commodity prices rose slightly although gasoline, used cars, and grocery store food prices declined.

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the August increase in the CPI also amounted to 0.2 percent. This compares with advances of 0.3 percent in the 2 previous months and the 0.5-percent average monthly rate that prevailed earlier in 1970. The increase for the 3 months ending in August was at an annual rate of 3.5 percent and was the smallest since November 1967.

For perspective, seasonally adjusted and unadjusted monthly percent changes in the index and some of its major components in recent months are given below.

Month	All items		Food		Commodities less food		Services <sup>1/</sup>
	Unadj.	Seas. adj.	Unadj.	Seas. adj.	Unadj.	Seas. adj.	Unadj.
November 1969	.5	.5	.7	1.1	.3	.2	.5
December	.6	.6	1.4	1.3	.1	.4	.7
January 1970	.4	.6	.6	.4	-.2	.3	.9
February	.5	.5	.6	.8	.2	.1	.7
March	.5	.4	.1	.2	.3	.2	1.1
April	.6	.5	.3	.3	.7	.6	.7
May	.4	.5	.3	.4	.6	.6	.5
June	.4	.3	.2	-.4	.4	.4	.6
July	.4	.3	.5	.1	.1	.2	.5
August	.2	.2	.1	-.1	.1	.2	.6

<sup>1/</sup> Percent changes for services are based on unadjusted indexes since these prices have little seasonal movement.

Food

The food price index, which usually increases slightly between July and August, edged down on a seasonally adjusted basis in August. Over the last 3 months food prices have declined about 1/2 percent after increasing during the first 5 months of the year. In August prices of food purchased in grocery stores declined 0.2 percent on a seasonally adjusted basis as three of the five major categories declined. Prices of restaurant meals and snacks rose but less than in July.

Contrary to their usual strong advance, egg prices declined 2.0 percent in August; in July they rose much more than normal. Prices of beef, pork and dairy products were up but by less than is usual for August and poultry prices declined both before and after seasonal adjustment. The meat, poultry, and fish category has been an important factor in the decline in seasonally adjusted retail food prices during the past 3 months.

Fruit and vegetable prices rose on a seasonally adjusted basis in August because prices did not decline as much as they normally do. Prices of most fresh vegetables were down, except for a substantial rise for lettuce. Fresh fruit prices, particularly those for grapes, were generally higher on a seasonally adjusted basis. Cereal and bakery products also rose in August primarily due to an increase in bread prices.

Seasonally adjusted monthly percent changes in the index and some of its major components for the past 6 months are given below.

	<u>August</u> <u>1970</u>	<u>July</u> <u>1970</u>	<u>June</u> <u>1970</u>	<u>May</u> <u>1970</u>	<u>April</u> <u>1970</u>	<u>March</u> <u>1970</u>
Consumer Price Index:						
All items -----	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.4
Commodities -----	-.1	.2	.2	.5	.6	.2
Food -----	-.1	.1	-.4	.4	.3	.2
Apparel commodities -----	.5	-.1	.4	.2	.2	.1
Nondurables less food and apparel -----	.0	.6	.1	.3	.9	.1
Durables -----	.3	.2	.6	1.0	.3	.4
Services <sup>1/</sup> -----	.6	.5	.6	.5	.7	1.1
Rent -----	.3	.3	.3	.3	.2	.4
Household services less rent ---	.7	.6	.4	.6	.9	1.7
Transportation services -----	.2	1.0	.6	.4	.6	.3
Medical care services -----	.7	.7	.7	.5	.8	1.0
Other services -----	.5	.3	.7	.6	.7	.3

<sup>1/</sup> Percent changes for services are based on unadjusted indexes since these prices have little seasonal movement.

#### Nondurables less food

On a seasonally adjusted basis, retail prices of nondurable goods other than food increased 0.1 percent. In July the increase was 0.3 percent after seasonal adjustment. The primary factor in the August rise was a small contraseasonal increase in apparel prices; they usually decline 0.4 percent in August as a result of end of season clearance sales. Due to uncertainty about changing fashions retailers apparently planned to keep inventories low for summer items and began sales earlier than usual. Apparel prices decreased about as much as is usual in July.

Gasoline prices, which rose in July, fell significantly in August and helped to offset the increase in apparel prices. Most other types of nondurable goods such as newspapers, cigarettes, and alcoholic beverages showed price increases smaller than last month.

#### Durables

Durable commodity prices rose 0.3 percent after seasonal adjustment in August--0.1 percent more than in July but considerably less than in May and June when used car prices rose sharply. The August increase was due primarily to an increase in prices of homes and new cars which more than offset a decline in used car prices. Prices of new cars usually decline about 0.8 percent in August because discounts offered by auto dealers increase. This August they declined only 0.2 percent resulting in a seasonally adjusted increase of 0.6 percent--3 times the July rise and the largest increase since January. Several factors help to explain the seasonally adjusted August price rise. Inventories, which were at record levels earlier in the year, declined to their normal close-out levels in August. With automobile manufacturers scheduling introduction of new models later than last year and labor contracts expiring in September, dealers were aware that current stocks of 1970 models might have to suffice for a longer than normal period. Consequently, dealers were reluctant to grant large concessions on 1970 models even though sales were not growing rapidly.

Used car prices were down 2.0 percent--the first significant decline since February 1970. In April, May, and June prices rose sharply in response to strong consumer demand; they declined only slightly in July.

Household durables prices rose 0.1 percent; household appliances were unchanged from July, but other household durable goods averaged 0.3 percent higher.

### Services

Charges for consumer services rose 0.6 percent; this was about as much as in the preceding 3 months and noticeably less than in the first 4 months of this year. Higher prices for household services other than rent were a major factor in the August rise. Mortgage interest costs rose significantly because of the increase in house prices; mortgage interest rates were up only 0.1 percent from July but were almost 9 percent above the August 1969 level. Prices for recreational services such as movie admissions and film developing rose more than in July. Prices of medical care services increased 0.7 percent for the third month in a row. Local transit fares increased 0.1 percent in August compared with a 2.7 percent rise in July and were completely responsible for the slower rise in transportation services overall.

### Cost of Living Adjustments

Approximately 146,000 workers will receive cost of living pay increases based on the August Consumer Price Index. Based on changes in the index since August 1969, about 96,800 employees, mostly in the aerospace industry, will receive 8-cent hourly increases and another 18,400, including 3,600 in the air conditioning industry, will be given 4 cents per hour more. Quarterly changes of 3 cents per hour resulting from the increase in the index since May 1970 will be given to about 18,000 employees, largely in the chemical and farm and road machinery industries. The remaining 12,800 employees, from various industries, will receive increases ranging from 1 to 9 cents based on monthly, quarterly, and semi-annual changes in the national index.

About 31,000 other workers whose escalator reviews are tied to the August index will not receive an adjustment because they have already received the maximums stipulated in their contracts.

### A NOTE ABOUT CALCULATING INDEX CHANGES

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

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

Index Point Change		Percent Change
August 1970 CPI (1957-59=100)	136.0	Index point difference divided by
less July 1970 index	<u>135.7</u>	the index for the previous period:
Index point difference =	0.3	$(136.0-135.7)/135.7 \times 100 = 0.2$

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

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

(Unadjusted, unless otherwise indicated)

Group	Indexes (1957-59=100 unless otherwise noted)				Percent change to August 1970 from:		
	August 1970	July 1970	May 1970	August 1969	1 Month ago	3 Months ago	1 Year ago
All items -----	136.0	135.7	134.6	128.7	0.2	1.0	5.7
All items (1947-49=100) -----	166.8	166.5	165.2	157.9	-	-	-
<b>Food</b> -----	133.5	133.4	132.4	127.4	.1	.8	4.8
Food at home -----	128.6	128.7	127.8	123.6	-.1	.6	4.0
Cereals and bakery products -----	130.1	128.8	128.0	122.6	1.0	1.6	6.1
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	131.0	130.8	130.5	127.9	.2	.4	2.4
Dairy products -----	130.8	130.6	129.9	125.0	.2	.7	4.6
Fruits and vegetables -----	135.0	137.5	136.8	130.2	- 1.8	1.3	3.7
Other foods at home -----	116.1	116.0	113.7	110.5	.1	2.1	5.1
Food away from home -----	156.8	156.2	154.7	145.8	.4	1.4	7.5
<b>Housing</b> -----	137.0	136.2	135.1	127.8	.6	1.4	7.2
Shelter 1/ -----	147.2	146.2	144.7	135.1	.7	1.7	9.0
Rent -----	124.2	123.8	123.0	119.3	.3	1.0	4.1
Homeownership 2/ -----	156.2	155.0	153.3	141.3	.8	1.9	10.5
Fuel and utilities 3/ -----	117.7	117.2	116.4	113.0	.4	1.1	4.2
Fuel oil and coal -----	122.9	122.3	121.0	117.7	.5	1.6	4.4
Gas and electricity -----	116.4	115.7	115.8	111.5	.6	.5	4.4
Household furnishings and operation -----	123.2	123.0	122.5	118.5	.2	.6	4.0
<b>Apparel and upkeep 4/</b> -----	131.5	131.4	131.9	126.6	.1	-.3	3.9
Men's and boys' -----	133.2	132.8	133.9	128.7	.3	-.5	3.5
Women's and girls' -----	125.6	125.8	126.6	120.8	-.2	-.8	4.0
Footwear -----	147.9	147.5	147.6	141.5	.3	.2	4.5
<b>Transportation</b> -----	130.6	131.4	129.9	124.2	-.6	.5	5.2
Private -----	126.4	127.2	125.9	121.3	-.6	.4	4.2
New cars -----	103.5	103.7	104.1	101.0	-.2	-.6	2.5
Used cars -----	129.2	131.8	127.5	125.4	- 2.0	1.3	3.0
Gasoline -----	116.9	118.7	118.6	118.0	- 1.5	- 1.4	-.9
Public -----	171.0	170.8	166.6	149.7	.1	2.6	14.2
<b>Health and recreation</b> -----	145.1	144.3	142.9	137.7	.6	1.5	5.4
Medical care -----	166.8	165.8	163.6	156.8	.6	2.0	6.4
Personal care -----	131.3	130.6	130.3	126.8	.5	.8	3.5
Reading and recreation -----	137.1	136.6	135.2	131.2	.4	1.4	4.5
Other goods and services -----	138.1	137.3	136.1	130.1	.6	1.5	6.1
<b>Seasonally Adjusted:</b>							
Food -----	132.4	132.5	132.9	-	-.1	-.4	-
Apparel and upkeep -----	132.6	132.1	131.5	-	.4	.8	-
Transportation -----	130.6	131.1	129.9	-	-.4	.5	-
<b>Special Groups:</b>							
All items less food -----	136.9	136.6	135.5	129.3	.2	1.0	5.9
All items less medical care -----	134.2	133.9	132.9	127.0	.2	1.0	5.7
Commodities less food -----	123.0	122.9	122.3	118.2	.1	.6	4.1
Commodities -----	126.6	126.5	125.8	121.4	.1	.6	4.3
Nondurables -----	130.5	130.4	129.8	125.2	.1	.5	4.2
Nondurables less food -----	127.8	127.8	127.5	123.3	.0	.2	3.6
Apparel commodities -----	130.6	130.5	131.2	125.9	.1	-.5	3.7
Durables -----	117.0	116.9	115.9	111.9	.1	.9	4.6
Household durables -----	108.4	108.3	108.0	106.0	.1	.4	2.3
<b>Services</b> -----	156.7	155.8	154.1	145.0	.6	1.7	8.1
Services less rent -----	163.8	162.8	161.0	150.7	.6	1.7	8.7
Services less medical care -----	152.5	151.7	150.1	140.9	.5	1.6	8.2
Insurance and finance (Dec.1965=100) -----	147.9	147.0	145.4	130.9	.6	1.7	13.0
Utilities and public transportation (Dec.1965=100) -----	115.3	114.9	113.7	108.1	.3	1.4	6.7
Housekeeping and home maintenance services (Dec.1965=100) -----	139.9	138.9	137.2	129.4	.7	2.0	8.1
Medical care services -----	183.1	181.8	179.3	171.1	.7	2.1	7.0
<b>Purchasing Power of Consumer Dollar:</b>							
1957-59=\$1 -----	\$0.735	\$0.737	\$0.743	\$0.777	-.3	- 1.1	- 5.4
1939=\$1 -----	.356	.357	.360	.376	-	-	-

1/ Also includes hotel and motel rates not shown separately.  
 2/ Includes home purchase, mortgage interest, taxes, insurance, and maintenance and repairs.  
 3/ Also includes telephone, water, and sewerage service not shown separately.  
 4/ Also includes infants' wear, sewing materials, jewelry, and apparel upkeep services not shown separately.

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

TABLE 2. Consumer Price Index--The United States and Selected Areas  
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, All Items  
Most recent index and percent changes from selected dates

Area 1/	Pricing Schedule 2/	Indexes			Percent change from:		
		1957-59=100	1947-49=100	Other bases			
		August 1970			July 1970	May 1970	August 1969
U.S. City Average -----	M	136.0	166.8		0.2	1.0	5.7
Chicago -----	M	133.1	167.9		.6	1.5	5.6
Detroit -----	M	135.3	166.8		-.1	.3	5.3
Los Angeles-Long Beach ---	M	134.3	167.4		-.6	.4	4.2
New York -----	M	142.6	171.8		.4	1.4	7.6
Philadelphia -----	M	137.9	169.3		.4	1.0	5.9
		July 1970				April 1970	July 1969
Boston -----	1	139.5	172.8			1.2	5.6
Houston -----	1	133.7	164.7			.6	5.3
Minneapolis-St. Paul ----	1	136.7	169.1			1.2	6.8
Pittsburgh -----	1	134.6	165.8			1.7	5.4
		August 1970				May 1970	August 1969
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100) ---	2			127.9		0.7	5.5
Cleveland -----	2	135.6	168.3			1.0	6.5
Dallas (Nov.1963=100) ----	2			128.3		.9	5.9
Milwaukee -----	2	131.2	165.6			.9	5.9
San Diego (Feb.1965=100) -	2			121.8		.7	5.0
Seattle -----	2	134.6	169.1			.5	3.9
Washington -----	2	137.8	165.9			.8	5.4
		June 1970				March 1970	June 1969
Atlanta -----	3	133.6	165.5			1.3	5.9
Baltimore -----	3	135.2	167.8			1.3	5.7
Cincinnati -----	3	131.2	159.7			1.5	5.3
Honolulu (Dec.1963=100) --	3			123.3		1.1	5.7
Kansas City -----	3	137.9	170.6			2.5	5.8
St. Louis -----	3	134.1	166.5			1.3	5.6
San Francisco-Oakland ----	3	137.5	174.6			1.0	5.1

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

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

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

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

TABLE 3: Consumer Price Index--The United States and Selected Areas <sup>1/</sup>  
 For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Major Groups  
 Percent change from July 1970 to August 1970

Group	U.S. City Average	Chicago	Detroit	Los Angeles-Long Beach	New York	Philadelphia
All items -----	0.2	0.6	-0.1	-0.6	0.4	0.4
Food -----	.1	.9	.0	-.5	-.3	-.1
Housing -----	.8	.6	-.1	.1	.8	.3
Apparel and upkeep -----	.1	1.1	-.4	-.2	.9	.9
Transportation -----	-.6	.0	-1.8	-3.4	-.3	-.3
Health and recreation -----	.6	.7	.8	.1	.7	1.0
Medical care -----	.6	1.3	1.2	.3	.7	1.0
Personal care -----	.5	(2/)	(2/)	(2/)	(2/)	(2/)
Reading and recreation -----	.4	-.1	.0	.1	.5	2.4
Other goods and services -----	.6	.8	1.0	.0	.2	(2/)

<sup>1/</sup> See footnote 1, table 2.

<sup>2/</sup> Not available.

TABLE 4: Consumer Price Index -- United States City Average for  
 Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers for Selected Groups  
 Seasonally Adjusted  
 (1957-59=100)

Group	Indexes			Percent changes to: August 1970	
	August 1970	July 1970	May 1970	From: 1 Month Ago	3 Months Ago
Food -----	132.4	132.5	132.9	-0.1	-0.4
Food at home -----	127.3	127.6	128.4	-.2	-.9
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	129.1	129.5	132.2	-.3	-2.3
Dairy products -----	130.8	130.9	130.3	-.1	.4
Fruits and vegetables -----	132.5	131.3	134.0	.9	-1.1
Other foods at home -----	115.5	118.0	115.3	-2.1	.2
Fuel and utilities <sup>1/</sup> -----	117.8	117.4	116.4	.3	1.2
Fuel oil and coal -----	123.8	123.2	121.1	.5	2.2
Apparel and upkeep <sup>2/</sup> -----	132.6	132.1	131.5	.4	.8
Men's and boys' -----	133.9	133.6	133.6	.2	.2
Women's and girls' -----	127.4	126.6	126.1	.6	1.0
Footwear -----	148.0	148.1	147.3	-.1	.5
Transportation -----	130.6	131.1	129.9	-.4	.5
Private -----	126.5	127.1	125.9	-.5	.5
New cars -----	105.2	104.6	104.4	.6	.8
Commodities -----	126.3	126.4	125.9	-.1	.3
Commodities less food -----	123.2	123.0	122.3	.2	.7
Nondurables -----	130.2	130.1	130.1	.1	.1
Nondurables less food -----	128.2	128.1	127.5	.1	.5
Apparel commodities -----	131.8	131.2	130.8	.5	.8
Durables -----	117.1	116.8	115.9	.3	1.0

<sup>1/</sup> Also includes telephone, water, and sewerage service now shown separately.

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

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

Group	U.S. City Average	Chicago	Detroit	Los Angeles-Long Beach	New York	Philadelphia
Indexes (1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)						
All items -----	136.0	133.1	135.3	134.3	142.6	137.9
Food -----	133.5	135.0	133.3	128.3	137.5	133.0
Food at home -----	128.6	132.5	130.4	122.3	129.6	127.0
Cereals and bakery products -----	130.1	135.3	124.2	128.8	127.4	129.3
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	131.0	135.2	141.0	120.4	131.9	125.6
Dairy products -----	130.8	140.1	137.6	128.5	123.8	138.7
Fruits and vegetables -----	135.0	137.0	124.9	130.4	143.6	133.8
Other foods at home -----	116.1	115.7	115.0	106.4	117.6	111.5
Food away from home -----	156.8	146.4	149.3	150.1	170.2	165.0
Housing -----	137.0	130.2	136.9	141.1	142.8	136.9
Shelter -----	147.2	137.7	150.0	152.8	151.8	147.8
Rent -----	124.2	(2/)	113.8	(2/)	134.8	(2/)
Homeownership -----	156.2	147.7	158.4	161.7	162.3	153.1
Fuel and utilities -----	117.7	112.8	107.6	114.1	116.0	116.9
Fuel oil and coal -----	122.9	114.4	114.0	-	127.9	126.8
Gas and electricity -----	116.4	113.0	108.1	124.5	112.7	110.3
Household furnishings and operation -----	123.2	119.9	115.3	119.0	135.5	125.1
Apparel and upkeep -----	131.5	123.2	125.1	129.4	138.0	136.5
Men's and boys' -----	133.2	122.5	129.2	132.0	143.1	129.8
Women's and girls' -----	125.6	116.4	112.7	130.0	129.3	126.0
Footwear -----	147.9	140.5	147.9	141.5	147.9	159.3
Transportation -----	130.6	135.2	122.2	130.1	143.1	142.1
Private -----	126.4	128.7	119.1	125.3	135.9	135.1
Public -----	171.0	177.2	145.7	160.7	176.2	179.2
Health and recreation -----	145.1	140.5	149.6	135.3	153.7	148.9
Medical care -----	166.8	174.6	182.7	162.8	176.2	183.6
Personal care -----	131.3	(2/)	(2/)	(2/)	127.1	(2/)
Reading and recreation -----	137.1	119.6	136.0	117.3	152.6	133.2
Other goods and services -----	138.1	134.4	132.7	128.7	147.3	(2/)
Percent changes from May 1970 to August 1970						
All items -----	1.0	1.5	0.3	0.4	1.4	1.0
Food -----	.8	1.4	.9	.2	1.1	.5
Food at home -----	.6	1.1	.6	.0	1.1	.6
Cereals and bakery products -----	1.6	.9	-.3	2.5	2.4	-.4
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	.4	.4	1.7	-.2	.2	1.1
Dairy products -----	.7	1.2	-.2	.5	.7	1.4
Fruits and vegetables -----	- 1.3	2.8	- 1.7	- 3.5	.1	- 1.6
Other foods at home -----	2.1	1.2	1.9	1.0	3.4	1.5
Food away from home -----	1.4	2.4	2.0	.7	1.0	.5
Housing -----	1.4	1.5	1.3	1.0	1.8	1.1
Shelter -----	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.2	2.6	1.9
Rent -----	1.0	(2/)	3/ .6	(2/)	3/ .4	(2/)
Homeownership -----	1.9	2.1	1.9	1.4	3.4	2.1
Fuel and utilities -----	1.1	1.9	.1	1.2	.3	1.8
Fuel oil and coal -----	1.6	.0	.0	-	.7	.3
Gas and electricity -----	.5	1.9	.2	2.3	.4	.7
Household furnishings and operation -----	.6	.3	-.2	.1	.5	- 1.0
Apparel and upkeep -----	-.3	- 1.1	- 1.0	-.8	.1	-.9
Men's and boys' -----	-.5	-.8	1.7	.0	- 1.4	- 4.2
Women's and girls' -----	-.8	- 2.2	- 4.7	- 2.7	.3	.1
Footwear -----	.2	- 1.0	.5	1.0	-.5	1.4
Transportation -----	.5	3.6	- 3.8	-.7	.2	.4
Private -----	.4	1.4	- 4.1	-.8	.2	.4
Public -----	2.6	14.6	.3	.4	.3	.1
Health and recreation -----	1.5	1.9	1.6	.8	2.3	3.0
Medical care -----	2.0	1.6	2.2	.9	3.5	5.0
Personal care -----	.8	(2/)	(2/)	(2/)	2.2	(2/)
Reading and recreation -----	1.4	1.4	1.4	.5	2.8	4.2
Other goods and services -----	1.5	3.2	1.4	1.7	.8	(2/)

See footnotes at end of table.

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

Group	Buffalo (Nov.63=100)	Cleveland	Dallas (Nov.63=100)	Milwaukee	San Diego (Feb.65=100)	Seattle	Washington
Indexes (1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)							
All items -----	127.9	135.6	128.3	131.2	121.8	134.6	137.8
Food -----	128.4	131.9	127.4	130.0	122.8	131.3	136.1
Food at home -----	126.1	128.8	123.0	126.5	119.2	124.7	128.5
Cereals and bakery products ----	115.6	124.6	117.5	120.2	116.0	118.3	126.6
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	129.8	134.3	130.8	132.0	133.7	129.5	127.1
Dairy products -----	127.4	134.5	126.8	130.6	117.1	133.6	128.8
Fruits and vegetables -----	129.0	134.2	120.4	131.5	106.3	127.3	136.1
Other foods at home -----	123.7	115.3	115.8	114.9	111.7	113.3	122.9
Food away from home -----	142.7	150.3	144.2	148.5	132.5	158.5	163.7
Housing -----	128.5	131.8	130.3	129.7	129.4	139.2	133.3
Shelter -----	131.4	134.3	140.7	132.8	143.2	157.2	139.5
Rent -----	114.3	110.9	111.9	115.4	127.5	127.4	129.1
Homeownership -----	134.4	138.5	154.9	138.0	150.0	165.8	143.8
Fuel and utilities -----	125.9	127.9	110.4	125.1	99.1	116.3	110.3
Fuel oil and coal -----	116.1	-	-	132.9	-	116.2	123.5
Gas and electricity -----	132.4	130.3	106.2	118.8	100.0	98.5	110.8
Household furnishings and operation	122.4	122.3	119.8	124.8	110.0	115.9	128.0
Apparel and upkeep -----	131.2	131.5	126.6	136.9	117.2	128.6	140.1
Men's and boys' -----	141.9	134.5	135.0	132.1	123.7	133.7	137.0
Women's and girls' -----	125.0	122.4	124.0	137.5	115.0	125.7	139.4
Footwear -----	139.2	152.3	127.1	152.3	126.7	145.8	155.0
Transportation -----	121.1	134.3	118.3	124.5	111.7	126.0	135.5
Private -----	129.8	129.0	117.2	129.5	111.1	125.4	129.7
Public -----	124.1	159.7	133.9	178.8	122.7	132.8	177.5
Health and recreation -----	129.5	150.9	134.0	138.3	119.6	137.0	150.0
Medical care -----	135.5	190.8	145.3	157.5	132.4	156.8	192.8
Personal care -----	123.7	130.6	125.4	138.8	107.8	130.8	129.2
Reading and recreation -----	123.2	132.2	128.5	131.4	112.7	125.6	139.5
Other goods and services -----	133.7	144.2	129.2	129.9	120.8	134.3	134.7
Percent changes from May 1970 to August 1970							
All items -----	0.7	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.5	0.8
Food -----	.2	.8	1.1	.5	.4	.5	-.1
Food at home -----	-.1	.8	.7	.3	.2	.5	-.7
Cereals and bakery products ----	1.4	2.6	.5	1.1	1.3	1.3	1.0
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	.5	.2	.5	.3	.1	.2	-1.3
Dairy products -----	1.0	.8	2.6	.2	.2	2.3	-.4
Fruits and vegetables -----	-6.2	.0	-2.9	1.4	-2.1	-2.8	-2.8
Other foods at home -----	2.4	1.3	2.8	1.5	1.3	1.7	.4
Food away from home -----	2.4	1.3	2.5	.6	1.0	.6	1.6
Housing -----	1.3	1.0	.9	2.1	1.5	.3	.7
Shelter -----	.2	.1	1.4	2.5	2.1	1.0	.7
Rent -----	1.1	1.5	.7	1.0	2.2	-.6	1.2
Homeownership -----	-.1	-.1	1.6	2.8	2.2	1.3	.5
Fuel and utilities -----	6.2	6.9	.1	1.1	.0	.1	2.0
Fuel oil and coal -----	.0	-	-	.0	-	.0	2.1
Gas and electricity -----	9.3	10.5	.1	.2	.0	.4	3.6
Household furnishings and operation	1.3	1.2	.1	1.6	.0	-1.3	-.1
Apparel and upkeep -----	-1.3	-.2	.7	1.3	-.6	-.2	-.9
Men's and boys' -----	-.6	.7	1.0	.4	-.6	2.2	-1.4
Women's and girls' -----	-3.9	-1.4	2.0	2.6	-1.3	-2.1	-2.0
Footwear -----	.8	.6	.1	.9	1.8	-.7	.8
Transportation -----	.1	1.2	1.2	-1.3	.3	1.0	2.7
Private -----	.1	1.0	.9	-1.4	-.4	1.1	.5
Public -----	.0	2.3	4.4	.0	14.5	.0	14.0
Health and recreation -----	1.5	1.5	1.0	.9	1.1	.7	1.6
Medical care -----	.9	2.0	.7	1.2	1.8	1.3	1.7
Personal care -----	.2	-.2	.7	3.0	.9	.8	.6
Reading and recreation -----	-.5	1.6	.7	.0	.2	.1	1.0
Other goods and services -----	5.0	1.3	1.8	.7	1.2	1.1	2.7

<sup>1/</sup> See footnote 1, table 2.  
<sup>2/</sup> Not available.  
<sup>3/</sup> Change from June 1970.

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

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 (1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)								
U.S. City Average -----	133.5	128.6	130.1	131.0	130.8	135.0	116.1	156.8
Atlanta -----	131.7	127.7	122.0	129.1	127.5	140.9	121.1	145.9
Baltimore -----	137.8	131.4	135.4	135.1	129.6	140.6	117.0	165.4
Boston -----	139.1	133.1	134.4	138.9	126.6	146.2	115.9	165.0
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100) -	128.4	126.1	115.6	129.8	127.4	129.0	123.7	142.7
Chicago -----	135.0	132.5	135.3	135.2	140.1	137.0	115.7	145.4
Cincinnati -----	130.1	126.0	126.0	131.5	124.8	132.8	114.0	151.4
Cleveland -----	131.9	128.8	124.6	134.3	134.5	134.2	115.3	150.3
Dallas (Nov.1963=100) --	127.4	123.0	117.5	130.8	126.8	120.4	115.8	144.2
Detroit -----	133.3	130.4	124.2	141.0	137.6	124.9	115.0	149.3
Honolulu (Dec.1963=100)	124.3	121.1	116.1	126.9	119.3	121.7	115.8	133.9
Houston -----	134.7	127.6	134.6	126.4	133.0	134.8	114.2	164.7
Kansas City -----	138.4	134.0	137.8	135.8	146.0	133.2	120.4	154.1
Los Angeles-Long Beach -	128.3	122.3	128.8	120.4	128.5	130.4	106.4	150.1
Milwaukee -----	130.0	126.5	120.2	132.0	130.6	131.5	114.9	148.5
Minneapolis-St. Paul ---	132.4	127.7	126.4	129.1	139.4	129.0	117.8	154.4
New York -----	137.5	129.6	127.4	131.9	123.8	143.6	117.6	170.2
Philadelphia -----	133.0	127.0	129.3	125.6	138.7	133.8	111.5	165.0
Pittsburgh -----	128.7	125.3	128.7	131.8	120.8	130.5	113.9	150.9
St. Louis -----	137.9	133.2	139.7	138.2	140.3	140.4	112.6	156.9
San Diego (Feb.1965=100)	122.8	119.2	116.0	133.7	117.1	106.3	111.7	132.5
San Francisco-Oakland --	129.7	123.7	126.2	126.6	126.5	127.1	110.1	155.8
Seattle -----	131.3	124.7	118.3	129.5	133.6	127.3	113.3	158.5
Washington -----	136.1	128.5	126.6	127.1	128.8	136.1	122.9	163.7
Percent changes July 1970 to August 1970								
U.S. City Average -----	0.1	- 0.1	1.0	0.2	0.2	- 1.8	0.1	0.4
Atlanta -----	.2	.2	.2	.5	.5	- .1	- .4	.4
Baltimore -----	.1	.2	1.5	.4	1.2	- 2.5	.3	.1
Boston -----	.7	.8	1.1	1.3	.4	.2	.8	.0
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100) -	- .8	- 1.3	- .1	.2	.2	- 8.3	.7	1.4
Chicago -----	.9	.9	1.8	.3	1.0	1.8	.3	1.0
Cincinnati -----	- .3	- .6	2.1	.7	- .6	- 4.4	- .3	.7
Cleveland -----	- 2	- 2	2.2	- .7	- .1	- .4	- .9	.5
Dallas (Nov.1963=100) --	1.2	1.2	.5	1.2	- .1	2.1	1.5	1.1
Detroit -----	.0	- .2	.8	1.3	- .9	- 3.5	.1	.3
Honolulu (Dec.1963=100)	.6	.5	- .1	.4	.3	.8	1.2	1.1
Houston -----	.3	.2	.4	.1	.0	.1	.4	.4
Kansas City -----	.1	.0	1.6	- .2	.2	- .1	- .7	.5
Los Angeles-Long Beach -	- .5	- .7	.3	.1	- .1	- 3.9	- .6	.1
Milwaukee -----	.0	- .2	.3	.0	.1	- 1.6	.3	(2/)
Minneapolis-St. Paul ---	.1	- .2	.1	- .3	.1	- .2	- .2	1.0
New York -----	- .3	- .5	.7	- .1	.2	- 2.2	- .7	.0
Philadelphia -----	- .1	- .2	.1	.3	.2	- 1.7	.0	.2
Pittsburgh -----	- .7	- .9	1.2	- .2	- .6	- 3.7	- .8	.3
St. Louis -----	.1	.1	1.1	.7	- .3	- 1.5	.3	.4
St. Louis -----	- .2	- .7	.0	.4	- .2	- 3.3	- 1.2	(2/)
San Diego (Feb.1965=100)	- .6	- 1.0	1.1	- .2	.2	- 5.8	- .5	.5
San Francisco-Oakland --	.5	.6	.7	- .3	.0	2.0	1.1	.4
Seattle -----	- 1.1	- 1.5	.2	- 1.1	- 1.2	- 3.8	- 1.8	.2

<sup>1/</sup> See footnote 1, table 2.  
<sup>2/</sup> Not available.

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

(1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)

Item or Group	Index		Percent change to August 1970 from--		
	August 1970		July 1970		August 1969
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted
Total food -----	133.5	132.4	0.1	- 0.1	4.8
Food away from home -----	156.8	-	.4	-	7.5
Restaurant meals -----	156.9	-	.4	-	7.3
Snacks 1/ -----	137.0	-	.4	-	9.1
Food at home -----	128.6	127.3	-.1	-.2	4.0
Cereals and bakery products -----	130.1	-	1.0	-	6.1
Flour -----	113.6	-	.4	-	2.0
Cracker meal 1/ -----	139.6	-	2.1	-	11.9
Corn flakes -----	131.8	-	1.1	-	1.9
Rice -----	115.0	-	.1	-	2.1
Bread, white -----	136.9	-	1.4	-	6.9
Bread, whole wheat 1/ -----	127.8	-	1.3	-	6.2
Cookies -----	107.6	-	.4	-	6.6
Layer cake 1/ -----	121.9	-	.1	-	7.1
Cinnamon rolls 1/ -----	120.5	-	.8	-	6.8
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	131.0	129.1	.2	-.3	2.4
Meats -----	135.8	133.7	.4	.0	3.0
Beef and veal -----	137.2	135.7	.4	-.4	1.3
Steak, round -----	129.0	127.5	.2	- 1.1	-.7
Steak, sirloin 2/ -----	127.8	-	-.2	-	.3
Steak, porterhouse 1/ -----	133.1	-	.2	-	.3
Rump roast 1/ -----	124.0	-	.5	-	.5
Rib roast -----	144.0	143.6	1.1	.8	- 1.7
Chuck roast -----	129.1	127.9	2.3	1.1	.3
Hamburger -----	144.0	142.6	.3	.1	2.5
Beef liver 1/ -----	121.0	-	-.3	-	3.6
Veal cutlets -----	175.2	174.2	.6	1.0	8.1
Pork -----	135.9	131.7	.7	-.2	4.4
Chops -----	139.9	134.1	1.7	1.1	3.1
Loin roast 2/ -----	146.4	-	1.5	-	3.6
Pork sausage 1/ -----	149.8	-	.2	-	2.6
Ham, whole -----	126.0	126.9	.1	- 1.2	7.7
Picnics 1/ -----	135.1	-	- 1.5	-	.4
Bacon -----	138.7	132.7	.9	-.9	7.8
Other meats -----	137.2	136.4	.0	-.7	4.6
Lamb chops 1/ -----	142.5	-	.4	-	2.3
Frankfurters -----	136.9	135.0	-.1	- 2.0	2.4
Ham, canned 1/ -----	131.9	-	-.7	-	9.4
Bologna sausage 1/ -----	139.8	-	-.5	-	3.9
Salami sausage 1/ -----	131.9	-	.3	-	4.7
Liverwurst 1/ -----	133.0	-	.4	-	5.3
Poultry -----	95.6	-	- 1.9	-	- 5.7
Frying chicken -----	93.8	91.5	- 2.9	- 3.0	- 9.2
Chicken breasts 1/ -----	108.5	-	.5	-	- 4.0
Turkey 1/ -----	116.8	-	-.4	-	11.6
Fish -----	144.5	144.6	.8	.8	9.9
Shrimp, frozen 1/ -----	126.8	-	-.5	-	5.0
Fish, fresh or frozen -----	157.5	157.3	.8	.6	14.8
Tuna fish, canned -----	129.0	-	1.7	-	12.8
Sardines, canned 1/ -----	133.0	-	1.0	-	7.7
Dairy products -----	130.8	130.8	.2	-.1	4.6
Milk, fresh, grocery -----	126.6	126.6	.0	-.3	3.5
Milk, fresh, delivered -----	134.9	-	.3	-	4.8
Milk, fresh, skim 1/ -----	129.5	-	.1	-	4.2
Milk, evaporated -----	133.3	-	.2	-	7.4
Ice cream -----	105.0	-	.5	-	5.5
Cheese, American process -----	158.3	158.3	.3	.4	6.6
Butter -----	121.6	122.1	.2	.2	3.1

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)

Item or Group	Index		Percent change to August 1970 from--		
	August 1970		July 1970		August 1969
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted
Fruits and vegetables -----	135.0	132.5	- 1.8	0.9	3.7
Fresh fruits and vegetables -----	147.5	142.8	- 3.1	1.4	4.6
Apples -----	182.1	148.5	2.3	.7	- 4.4
Bananas -----	94.5	92.1	2.3	1.2	- 3.0
Oranges -----	139.7	133.9	3.0	- 3.0	5.3
Orange juice, fresh 1/ -----	90.6	-	.6	-	- 1.5
Grapefruit -----	213.2	176.1	- 1.0	- 12.1	9.6
Grapes 3/ -----	183.4	180.5	- 7.0	21.1	24.4
Strawberries 3/ -----	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)
Watermelon 3/ -----	123.0	139.9	- 12.8	- 8.9	5.9
Potatoes -----	181.8	170.2	- 6.4	.0	14.3
Onions -----	154.4	146.3	- 4.9	- 9.5	8.0
Asparagus 3/ 1/ -----	(3/)	-	(3/)	-	(3/)
Cabbage -----	160.6	174.4	- 12.0	- 6.1	15.1
Carrots -----	124.8	117.4	1.1	- 1.2	- 10.6
Celery -----	117.8	115.9	- 11.5	2.1	- 9.5
Cucumbers 1/ -----	106.9	-	- 15.1	-	- 12.7
Lettuce -----	149.5	155.4	17.6	22.2	20.4
Peppers, green 1/ -----	145.3	-	- 16.7	-	- .8
Spinach 1/ -----	116.4	-	- .7	-	- .7
Tomatoes -----	119.7	144.2	- 14.6	3.7	2.9
Processed fruits and vegetables -----	119.3	-	.2	-	2.2
Fruit cocktail, canned -----	108.2	-	.3	-	1.8
Pears, canned 1/ -----	108.2	-	.7	-	- .6
Grapefruit-pineapple juice, canned 1/ -----	105.2	-	- .4	-	4.2
Orange juice concentrate, frozen -----	92.2	92.8	.7	.0	- 7.8
Lemonade concentrate, frozen 2/ -----	95.0	-	.4	-	2.7
Beets, canned 1/ -----	117.9	-	.2	-	4.5
Peas, green, canned -----	122.9	-	- .1	-	.2
Tomatoes, canned -----	137.9	-	.9	-	10.7
Dried beans -----	121.6	-	.4	-	- 2.7
Broccoli, frozen 1/ -----	113.0	-	- .4	-	5.9
Other food at home -----	116.1	115.5	.1	- 2.1	5.1
Eggs -----	103.2	100.7	- 2.0	- 14.5	- 9.8
Fats and oils:					
Margarine -----	112.1	-	.2	-	9.5
Salad dressing, Italian 1/ -----	104.7	-	.4	-	2.3
Salad or cooking oil 1/ -----	138.0	-	.3	-	11.7
Sugar and sweets -----	133.2	-	.4	-	6.2
Sugar -----	122.2	-	.5	-	4.9
Grape jelly -----	132.9	-	.2	-	7.3
Chocolate bar -----	135.2	-	.7	-	8.1
Syrup, chocolate flavored 1/ -----	110.8	-	- .2	-	4.0
Nonalcoholic beverages -----	118.4	-	.6	-	14.1
Coffee, can and bag -----	108.7	-	1.3	-	25.4
Coffee, instant 4/ -----	116.3	-	.5	-	11.9
Tea -----	106.6	-	.2	-	4.3
Cola drink -----	165.0	-	.1	-	5.4
Carbonated fruit drink 1/ -----	131.4	-	.0	-	6.7
Prepared and partially prepared foods 1/ -----	110.6	-	.5	-	3.7
Bean soup, canned 1/ -----	111.5	-	.0	-	5.8
Chicken soup, canned 1/ -----	102.1	-	.0	-	3.9
Spaghetti, canned 1/ -----	124.2	-	.2	-	5.9
Mashed potatoes, instant 1/ -----	111.1	-	.1	-	2.4
Potatoes, french fried, frozen 2/ -----	93.9	-	.6	-	1.5
Baby foods, canned -----	114.0	-	1.2	-	1.7
Sweet pickle relish 1/ -----	117.6	-	1.0	-	5.0
Pretzels 1/ -----	111.1	-	.6	-	3.3

1/ December 1963=100.  
 2/ April 1960=100.  
 3/ Priced only in season.  
 4/ July 1961=100.

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

(1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)

Item or Group	Other Index Bases	Indexes		Percent change to August 1970 from:	
		August 1970	July 1970	July 1970	August 1969
Housing -----		137.0	136.2	0.6	7.2
Shelter 1/ -----		147.2	146.2	.7	9.0
Rent -----		124.2	123.8	.3	4.1
Homeownership costs 2/ -----		156.2	155.0	.8	10.5
Mortgage interest rates -----		149.2	149.1	.1	8.8
Property taxes -----	Dec.63	141.4	140.5	.6	8.9
Property insurance rates -----		155.6	154.6	.6	3.5
Maintenance and repairs -----		153.2	152.4	.5	7.6
Commodities 3/ -----	Dec.63	120.7	120.3	.3	3.0
Exterior house paint -----		122.1	122.3	-.2	4.8
Interior house paint -----	Dec.63	115.5	115.7	-.2	2.1
Services -----	Dec.63	151.2	150.4	.5	9.4
Repainting living and dining rooms -----		200.1	198.0	1.1	12.2
Reshingling roofs -----		170.9	169.8	.6	8.4
Residing houses -----	Dec.63	140.0	139.2	.6	7.7
Replacing sinks -----	Dec.63	153.1	152.7	.3	10.1
Repairing furnaces -----	Dec.63	155.5	155.2	.2	10.1
Fuel and utilities -----		117.7	117.2	.4	4.2
Fuel oil and coal -----		122.9	122.3	.5	4.4
Fuel oil, #2 -----		119.2	119.1	.1	3.5
Gas and electricity -----		116.4	115.7	.6	4.4
Gas -----		123.6	122.3	1.1	6.5
Electricity -----		109.0	108.7	.3	2.4
Other utilities:					
Residential telephone services -----		105.3	105.2	.1	1.6
Residential water and sewerage services -----		158.7	158.7	.0	9.2
Household furnishings and operation 4/ -----		123.2	123.0	.2	4.0
Housefurnishings -----		112.4	112.5	-.1	2.7
Textiles -----		116.1	116.7	-.5	2.0
Sheets, percale or muslin -----		119.2	120.8	- 1.3	2.6
Curtains, tailored, polyester marquisette -----		113.7	113.9	-.2	1.5
Bedspreads, chiefly cotton, tufted -----		117.2	117.9	-.6	1.3
Drapery fabric, cotton or rayon/acetate -----		127.8	127.4	.3	2.2
Pillows, bed, polyester or acrylic filling -----	Dec.63	104.5	105.7	- 1.1	-.2
Slipcovers, ready made, chiefly cotton -----	Dec.63	115.4	115.2	.2	4.6
Furniture and bedding -----		126.5	126.7	-.2	3.3
Bedroom suites, good or inexpensive quality -----		100.9	100.9	.0	(5/)
Living room suites, good and inexpensive quality -----		129.0	128.8	.2	3.4
Lounge chairs, upholstered -----	Dec.63	122.8	122.2	.5	4.2
Dining room suites -----	Dec.63	100.2	100.6	-.4	(5/)
Sofas, upholstered -----	Dec.63	119.3	121.1	- 1.5	3.6
Sofas, dual purpose -----		123.7	122.2	1.2	4.3
Bedding-Mattress and Box Springs -----	June 70	99.6	99.5	.1	(5/)
Aluminum folding chairs 5/ -----	June 64	111.3	112.9	- 1.4	2.7
Cribs -----	Dec.63	121.5	122.1	-.5	3.0
Floor coverings -----		107.3	107.2	.1	.9
Rugs, soft surface -----		103.9	103.7	.2	-.2
Rugs, hard surface -----		114.0	114.6	-.5	2.2
Tile, vinyl -----	Dec.63	113.8	113.5	.3	4.9
Appliances 7/ -----		87.3	87.3	.0	1.5
Washing machines, electric, automatic -----		93.1	93.1	.0	2.5
Vacuum cleaners, canister type -----		81.4	81.4	.0	-.9
Refrigerators or refrigerator-freezers electric -----		87.5	87.6	-.1	2.1
Ranges, free standing, gas or electric -----		101.1	101.0	.1	3.0
Clothes dryers, electric, automatic -----	Dec.63	102.7	102.7	.0	3.0
Air conditioners, demountable -----	June 64	101.6	101.6	.0	1.8
Room heaters, electric, portable 6/ -----	Dec.63	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)
Garbage disposal units -----	Dec.63	108.7	108.5	.2	4.6
Other housefurnishings:					
Dinnerware, earthenware -----		140.5	139.6	.6	5.2
Flatware, stainless steel -----	Dec.63	121.9	121.6	.2	1.9
Table lamps, with shade -----	Dec.63	121.4	120.9	.4	5.2
Lawn mowers, power, rotary type 5/ -----	June 64	119.8	120.4	-.5	3.4
Electric drills, hand held -----	Dec.63	101.5	101.7	-.2	-2.1
Housekeeping supplies:					
Laundry soaps and detergents -----		111.0	110.3	.6	3.4
Paper napkins -----		140.4	140.5	-.1	9.7
Toilet tissue -----		130.0	129.9	.1	9.2
Housekeeping services:					
Domestic service, general housework -----		189.5	186.8	1.4	9.0
Baby sitter service -----	Dec.63	142.7	142.4	.2	5.8
Postal charges -----		165.5	165.5	.0	.0
Laundry, flatwork, finished service -----	Dec.63	152.3	150.6	1.1	7.7
Licensed day care service, preschool child -----	Dec.63	134.3	133.1	.9	3.5
Washing machine repairs -----	Dec.63	144.5	140.8	2.6	8.2

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

(1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)

Item and Group	Other Index Bases	Indexes		Percent change to August 1970 from:	
		August 1970	July 1970	July 1970	August 1969
Apparel and upkeep 8/ -----		131.5	131.4	0.1	3.9
Apparel commodities -----		130.6	130.5	.1	3.7
Apparel commodities less footwear -----		127.2	127.2	.0	3.6
Men's and boys' -----		133.2	132.8	.3	3.5
Men's:					
Topcoats, wool 6/ -----		(6/)	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)
Suits, year round weight -----		159.6	158.6	.6	5.9
Suits, tropical weight 6/ -----	June 64	(6/)	131.8	(6/)	(6/)
Jackets, lightweight -----	Dec.63	124.9	124.8	.1	- .1
Slacks, wool or wool blend -----		130.8	130.8	.0	2.9
Slacks, cotton or manmade blend -----		123.5	123.4	.1	7.9
Trousers, work, cotton -----		118.7	118.4	.3	1.6
Shirts, work, cotton -----		127.4	127.0	.3	3.3
Shirts, business, cotton -----		125.8	125.1	.6	3.5
T-shirts, chiefly cotton -----		134.7	135.0	- .2	3.1
Socks, cotton -----		122.7	123.3	- .5	.9
Handkerchiefs, cotton -----	Dec.63	115.2	115.5	- .3	2.5
Boy's:					
Coats, all purpose, cotton or cotton blend 6/ -----	Dec.63	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)
Sport coats, wool or wool blend 6/ -----	Dec.63	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)
Dungarees, cotton or cotton blend -----		130.9	128.0	2.3	2.7
Undershirts, cotton -----		131.5	131.3	.2	2.4
Women's and girls' -----		125.6	125.8	- .2	4.0
Women's:					
Coats, heavyweight, wool or wool blend 6/ -----		(6/)	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)
Carcoats, heavyweight, cotton 6/ -----	Dec.63	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)
Sweaters, wool or acrylic 6/ -----	Dec.63	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)
Skirts, wool or wool blend 6/ -----	Sept.61	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)
Skirts, cotton or cotton blend 6/ -----	Mar.62	125.8	130.0	- 3.2	3.3
Blouses, cotton -----		130.2	126.2	3.2	6.5
Dresses, street, chiefly manmade fiber -----		158.6	156.1	1.6	7.7
Dresses, street, wool or wool blend 6/ -----		(6/)	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)
Dresses, street, cotton 6/ -----		(6/)	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)
Housedresses, cotton -----		(5/)	(5/)	(5/)	(5/)
Slips, nylon -----		114.7	115.2	- .4	2.8
Panties, acetate -----		114.4	114.5	- .1	4.9
Girdles, manmade blend -----		121.9	120.4	1.2	2.1
Brassieres, cotton -----	Dec.63	129.0	128.2	.6	5.3
Hose, nylon seamless -----		99.3	99.4	- .1	.5
Anklets, cotton -----	Dec.63	119.3	119.7	- .3	.9
Gloves, fabric, nylon or cotton -----	Dec.63	111.8	111.6	.2	2.3
Handbags, rayon faille or plastic -----	Dec.63	120.3	118.7	1.3	5.4
Girl's:					
Raincoats, vinyl plastic or chiefly cotton 6/ -----	Dec.63	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)
Skirts, wool or wool blend 6/ -----		(6/)	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)
Dresses, cotton -----		130.7	131.5	- .6	- 3.5
Slacks, cotton 6/ -----	Dec.63	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)
Slips, cotton blend -----	Dec.63	107.8	107.9	- .1	- .2
Robes, duster style, quilted tricot or percale 6/ -----	Dec.63	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)	(6/)
Handbags -----	Dec.63	117.2	117.1	.1	8.2
Footwear -----		147.9	147.5	.3	4.5
Men's:					
Shoes, street, oxford -----		144.7	145.2	- .3	4.3
Shoes, work, high -----		144.7	143.4	.9	4.8
Women's:					
Shoes, street, pump -----		156.2	155.5	.5	4.2
Shoes, evening, pump -----	Dec.63	127.7	127.5	.2	4.8
Shoes, casual, pump -----	Dec.63	137.7	137.2	.4	6.8
Houseslipppers, scuff -----	Dec.63	129.5	128.2	1.0	3.3
Children's:					
Shoes, oxford -----		147.9	147.1	.5	5.1
Sneakers, boys', oxford type -----	Dec.63	123.1	122.9	.2	4.2
Dress shoes, girls', strap -----	Dec.63	138.5	138.6	- .1	4.1
Miscellaneous apparel:					
Diapers, cotton gauze -----		105.4	105.4	.0	1.3
Yard goods, cotton -----		125.3	125.4	- .1	1.7
Wrist watches, men's and women's -----	Dec.63	103.9	103.9	.0	1.4
Apparel services:					
Drycleaning, men's suits and women's dresses ---		136.7	136.4	.2	3.8
Automatic laundry service -----	Dec.63	114.4	114.3	.1	3.1
Laundry, men's shirts -----	Dec.63	130.6	130.3	.2	6.0
Tailoring charges, hem adjustment -----	Dec.63	134.3	133.7	.4	7.1
Shoe repairs, women's heel lift -----		127.8	126.9	.7	5.4

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

(1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)

Item and Group	Other Index Bases	Indexes		Percent change to August 1970 from:	
		August 1970	July 1970	July 1970	August 1969
Transportation -----		130.6	131.4	- 0.6	5.2
Private 9/ -----		126.4	127.2	- .6	4.2
Automobiles, new -----		103.5	103.7	- .2	2.5
Automobiles, used -----		129.2	131.8	- 2.0	3.0
Gasoline, regular and premium -----		116.9	118.7	- 1.5	- .9
Motor oil, premium -----		144.3	143.7	.4	4.0
Tires, new, tubeless -----		119.7	119.0	.6	3.2
Auto repairs and maintenance 10/ -----		144.8	144.3	.3	7.7
Auto insurance rates -----		184.0	183.7	.2	14.8
Auto registration -----		140.9	140.9	.0	5.0
Parking fees, private and municipal -----	Dec.63	134.7	133.5	.9	12.4
Public -----		171.0	170.8	.1	14.2
Local transit fares -----		191.1	190.9	.1	18.8
Taxicab fares -----	Dec.63	135.9	135.9	.0	6.6
Railroad fares, coach -----		121.5	121.5	.0	5.7
Airplane fares, chiefly coach -----	Dec.63	117.9	117.9	.0	5.2
Bus fares, intercity -----	Dec.63	130.1	130.1	.0	5.9
Health and recreation -----		145.1	144.3	.6	5.4
Medical care -----		166.8	165.8	.6	6.4
Drugs and prescriptions -----		102.2	102.0	.2	2.9
Over-the-counter items -----	Dec.63	110.5	110.5	.0	3.3
Multiple vitamin concentrates -----	Dec.63	92.3	92.7	- .4	- .1
Aspirin compounds -----	Dec.63	112.3	112.0	.3	5.1
Liquid tonics -----	Dec.63	101.8	101.7	.1	.9
Adhesive bandages, package -----	Dec.63	124.4	125.0	- .5	6.8
Cold tablets or capsules -----	Dec.63	113.1	112.7	.4	3.6
Cough syrup -----	Dec.63	117.7	117.5	.2	2.5
Prescriptions -----		91.0	90.7	.3	2.6
Anti-infectives -----	Mar.60	63.5	63.3	.3	1.0
Sedatives and hypnotics -----	Mar.60	115.1	114.5	.5	7.0
Ataractics -----	Mar.60	90.6	90.7	- .1	1.0
Anti-spasmodics -----	Mar.60	103.2	102.8	.4	2.2
Cough preparations -----	Mar.60	119.1	118.2	.8	7.5
Cardiovasculars and anti-hypertensives -----	Mar.60	100.7	100.4	.3	3.2
Analgesics, internal -----	Mar.67	105.9	105.4	.5	2.7
Anti-obesity -----	Mar.67	108.9	108.1	.7	5.4
Hormones -----	Mar.67	94.9	94.7	.2	1.1
Professional services:					
Physicians' fees -----		168.7	167.8	.5	7.6
General physician, office visits -----		171.7	171.3	.2	8.2
General physician, house visits -----		176.6	176.0	.3	7.7
Obstetrical cases -----		162.9	162.2	.4	6.6
Pediatric care, office visits -----	Dec.63	153.8	151.3	1.7	7.7
Psychiatrist, office visits -----	Dec.63	136.8	135.3	1.1	4.5
Herniorrhaphy, adult -----	Dec.63	132.4	130.7	1.3	6.5
Tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy -----		159.3	157.5	1.1	6.9
Dentists' fees -----		153.4	152.8	.4	5.4
Fillings, adult, amalgam, one surface -----		155.5	154.9	.4	6.2
Extractions, adult -----		151.4	150.1	.9	4.6
Dentures, full upper -----	Dec.63	135.0	134.8	.1	4.8
Other professional services:					
Examination, prescription, and dispensing of eyeglasses -----		139.2	138.2	.7	5.3
Routine laboratory tests -----	Dec.63	121.7	121.9	- .2	2.6
Hospital service charges:					
Daily service charges -----		292.5	289.1	1.2	12.5
Semiprivate rooms -----		289.3	285.9	1.2	12.9
Private rooms -----		281.0	277.9	1.1	12.0
Operating room charges -----	Dec.63	185.9	183.6	1.3	10.9
X-ray, diagnostic series, upper G.I. -----	Dec.63	132.8	131.4	1.1	7.8
Personal care -----		131.3	130.6	.5	3.5
Toilet goods -----		114.0	113.5	.4	2.3
Toothpaste, standard dentifrice -----		114.4	113.9	.4	.9
Toilet soap, hard milled -----		129.1	128.3	.6	4.7
Hand lotions, liquid -----	Dec.63	109.3	109.5	- .2	- 1.7
Shaving cream, aerosol -----		102.2	102.0	.2	.1
Face powder, pressed -----		133.8	131.9	1.4	5.7
Deodorants, cream or roll-on -----	Dec.63	97.0	96.4	.6	1.6
Cleansing tissues -----		117.4	117.0	.3	7.4
Home permanent refills -----		98.7	98.8	- .1	- .4
Personal care services -----		152.7	151.9	.5	4.7
Men's haircuts -----		163.6	162.5	.7	5.9
Beauty shop services -----		141.8	141.2	.4	3.8
Women's haircuts -----	Dec.63	126.7	125.8	.7	3.9
Shampoo and wave sets, plain -----		160.0	159.2	.5	4.2
Permanent waves, cold -----		109.8	109.8	.0	2.7

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

(1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)

Item and Group	Other Index Bases	Indexes		Percent change to August 1970 from:	
		August 1970	July 1970	July 1970	August 1969
Reading and recreation 11/ -----		137.1	136.6	0.4	4.5
Recreational goods -----	Dec.63	100.2	100.1	.1	1.4
TV sets, portable and console -----		80.0	79.9	.1	.4
TV replacement tubes -----	Dec.63	122.0	120.6	1.2	5.7
Radios, portable and table model -----		76.6	76.6	.0	.1
Tape recorders, portable -----	Dec.63	89.2	89.8	-.7	- 2.4
Phonograph records, stereophonic -----	Dec.63	97.6	98.1	-.5	-.1
Movie cameras, Super 8, zoom lens -----	Dec.63	82.0	82.2	-.2	- 1.7
Film, 35mm, color -----	Dec.63	100.1	100.1	.0	.9
Golf balls, liquid center -----	Dec.63	104.1	104.0	.1	.9
Basketballs, rubber or vinyl cover -----	Dec.63	119.4	120.0	-.5	3.8
Fishing rods, fresh water spincast -----	Dec.63	118.5	118.6	-.1	.3
Bowling balls -----	Dec.63	102.8	102.6	.2	4.2
Bicycle, boys' -----	Dec.63	111.1	110.7	.4	1.5
Tricycles -----	Dec.63	113.3	113.6	-.3	1.9
Dog food, canned or boxed -----	Dec.63	111.2	110.9	.3	2.4
Recreational services -----	Dec.63	138.0	137.1	.7	5.3
Indoor movie admissions -----		223.6	221.4	1.0	9.5
Adult -----		218.5	216.8	.8	9.9
Children's -----		240.7	237.0	1.6	8.4
Drive-in movie admissions, adult -----	Dec.63	176.2	172.3	2.3	7.8
Bowling fees, evening -----	Dec.63	114.3	114.6	-.3	3.6
Golf greens fees -----	Dec.63	144.8	145.5	-.5	6.6
TV repairs, picture tube replacement -----		97.6	97.7	-.1	- 3.4
Film developing, black and white -----	Dec.63	118.4	116.7	1.5	.0
Reading and education:					
Newspapers, street sale and delivery -----		167.6	166.8	.5	7.6
Magazines, single copy and subscription -----	Dec.63	130.5	130.5	.0	3.3
Piano lessons, beginner -----	Dec.63	129.3	129.0	.2	4.4
Other goods and services -----		138.1	137.3	.6	6.1
Tobacco products -----		160.9	159.7	.8	8.2
Cigarettes, nonfilter tip, regular size -----		169.2	167.9	.8	8.6
Cigarettes, filter tip, king size -----	Mar.59	161.3	160.2	.7	8.9
Cigars, domestic, regular size -----		109.0	108.6	.4	.3
Alcoholic beverages -----		123.9	123.2	.6	4.8
Beer -----		119.1	118.2	.8	3.3
Whiskey, spirit blended and straight bourbon -----		113.3	113.1	.2	2.9
Wine, dessert and table -----	Dec.63	120.0	119.8	.2	8.5
Away from home -----	Dec.63	130.3	129.5	.6	6.5
Financial and miscellaneous personal expenses:					
Funeral services, adult -----	Dec.63	120.3	119.9	.3	3.8
Bank service charges, checking accounts -----	Dec.63	110.2	110.2	.0	1.7
Legal services, short form will -----	Dec.63	149.9	149.2	.5	8.8
Other special groups:					
All items less shelter -----		133.2	133.0	.2	4.8
Commodities less food -----		123.0	122.9	.1	4.1
Nondurables less food and apparel -----		126.2	126.2	.0	3.7
Household services less rent -----		162.7	161.6	.7	9.8
Transportation services -----		158.9	158.6	.2	11.0
Other services -----		154.5	153.8	.5	5.5

1/ Also includes hotel and motel rates not shown separately.  
 2/ Also includes home purchase costs not shown separately.  
 3/ Also includes pine shelving, furnace air filters, packaged dry cement mix, and shrubbery not shown separately.  
 4/ Also includes venetian blinds, nails, carpet sweepers, air deodorizers, steel wool scouring pads, envelopes, reupholstering, and moving expenses.  
 5/ Not available.  
 6/ Priced only in season.  
 7/ Also includes radios and television sets, shown separately under reading and recreation.  
 8/ Also includes men's sport shirts, women's and girls' lightweight coats, women's slacks, bathing suits, girls' shorts, earrings, and zippers not shown separately.  
 9/ Also includes recapped tires and drivers' license fees not shown separately.  
 10/ Includes prices for water pump replacement, motor tune-up, automatic transmission repair, exhaust system repair, front end alignment, and chassis lubrication.  
 11/ Also includes outboard motors, nondurable toys, college tuition fees, paperback books, and college textbooks, not shown separately.

Reliability of Percent Changes in the CPI

A system of "replicated" samples introduced into the index structure in the 1964 revision permits an estimate of sampling error for the CPI. <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 1969 averages. The figures may be interpreted as follows: the chances are about 95 out of 100 that the percent change in the CPI as computed differs from the corresponding "complete coverage" change by less than twice the standard error. Data also are shown in terms of the relative error of the standard error of percent changes. The relative errors tend to decrease markedly for successively longer time periods, as expected.

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

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

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

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

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

### Brief Explanation of the CPI

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

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

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

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

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

\*Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area

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

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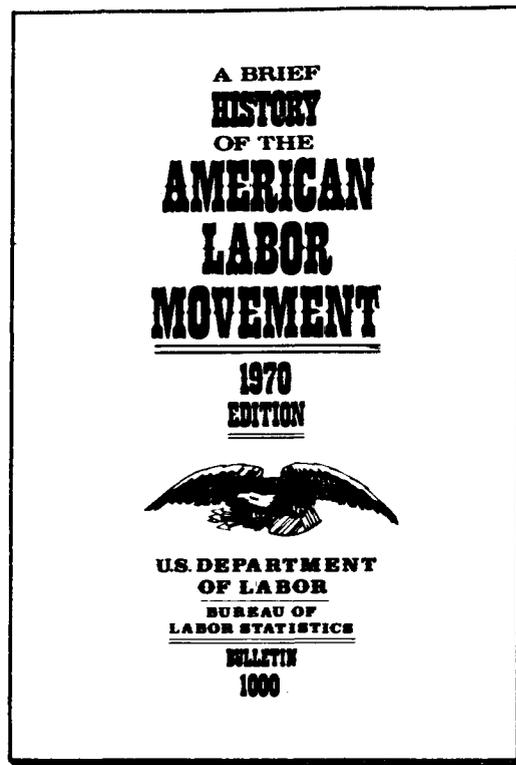
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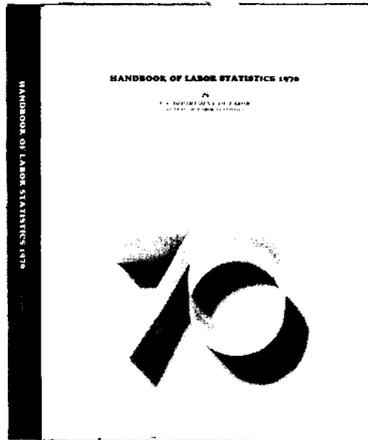
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