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the consumer price index

for September 1972

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Price Movements

September 1972

The Consumer Price Index rose 0.4 percent in September to 126.2 percent of its 1967 base. Almost half the rise was due to higher prices for apparel. Higher prices for several other items such as gasoline and eggs also contributed to the increase. The effects of these increases were moderated somewhat by lower prices for beef, fresh fruits, vegetables, and new cars. The September index was 3.3 percent higher than it was a year ago.

After seasonal adjustment, the September increase was 0.5 percent. In the calendar quarter ending in September, the CPI rose at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 4.6 percent compared with a rate of 2.2 percent for the 3 months ending in June and 3.6 percent in the first quarter. Prices of commodities, particularly food, accounted for the acceleration from the second quarter. The services index increased at an annual rate of 3.0 percent in the third quarter, about the same as in the second quarter. In September, the food index, which includes both food purchased in grocery stores and restaurant meals, rose 0.6 percent on a seasonally adjusted basis, about the same as in the 2 preceding months. The seasonally adjusted increase of 0.4 percent for September in the nonfood commodities index compares with 0.3 percent in July and in August. The services index increased 0.2 percent, the same as in August and slightly less than in September.

Comparative seasonally adjusted annual rates of change in the CPI before and during the Economic Stabilization Program that began in August 1971 are as shown in the tabulation.

Food

Food prices advanced at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 7.0 percent in the third quarter. The increase compares with no change in the second quarter and a 7.2-percent rise in the first quarter. The rise in retail food prices followed sharp advances in wholesale food prices. These increases reflected a steep climb in the prices of raw farm products which are exempt from stabilization controls. The third quarter acceleration in retail food prices occurred primarily because of meats, poultry, and fresh fruits and vegetables.

	1971 before Phase I (December 1970 to August 1971)	3 months Phase I (August 1971 to November 1971)
All items	3.8	1.9
Food	5.0	1.7
Commodities less food	2.9	0
Services	4.5	3.1
	10 months Phase II (November 1971 to September 1972)	13 months Phases I and II (August 1971 to September 1972)
All items	3.5	3.2
Food	4.9	4.2
Commodities less food	3.0	2.3
Services	3.5	3.4

Both beef and pork prices, which declined in the second quarter, advanced considerably more than they usually do in the June-September period. For beef, the increase occurred in July and August. Prices turned down in September, as wholesale prices for cattle and beef declined sharply in August and continued to move down in September in response to increased cattle slaughter and beef production. Pork and hog prices, however, advanced strongly throughout the quarter as production and cold storage holdings continued to decline.

Poultry prices also increased more than they usually do from June to September. They had declined sharply in the second quarter. Although production increased significantly from May to August, strong consumer demand for poultry—as a substitute for higher priced red meats—resulted in a sharp reduction in cold storage holdings. Poultry prices this September were at about the same level as they were a year earlier, in contrast to sharply higher prices for pork and beef this September than last September.

The sharp advance in the food index in the third quarter also was due to fresh fruit and vegetable prices

which did not fall as much as they usually do because of frost damage to grapes and smaller supplies of apples and many late summer and early fall vegetables, such as potatoes, onions, cabbage, green peppers, cucumbers, and spinach.

Retail prices of dairy products, cereal, and bakery products continued to decline in the third quarter, but the decreases were somewhat smaller than in the second quarter. At wholesale, prices in both of these categories increased in the third quarter. Declining milk production and strong demand, especially for cheese, accounted for the rise in wholesale prices of dairy products. Wholesale flour prices rose in response to sharp advances in wheat prices, following large purchases by the U.S.S.R.

Among other food purchased in grocery stores, coffee prices, which were stable in the first two quarters of 1972, rose in the third quarter as a result of increases in wholesale price. These increases stemmed from an early July freeze damage to the Brazilian coffee crop. Egg prices rose sharply, but the increase was about usual for the June to September period, when production declines seasonally. Prices of salad and cooking oil continued to move down in the third quarter, because of large supplies of crude and refined vegetable oils.

The index of food away from home—restaurant meals and snacks—increased at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 4.3 percent in the third quarter, about the same as it had in the two preceding quarters. This rate was somewhat slower than the first 8 months of 1971 before the Stabilization Program began. Smaller increases in average hourly earnings of restaurant workers for the year ending in September 1972 compared with last September, apparently helped to moderate the effect of large increases in wholesale food prices, particularly meats, during the past year.

Commodities less food

The rise in retail prices of nonfood commodities accelerated in the third quarter to a seasonally adjusted 4.1 percent rate, the sharpest rate since the second quarter of 1971. The rise in wholesale prices of consumer nonfood commodities also accelerated in the third quarter to a 3.9-percent rate. In the first two calendar quarters of the post-freeze phase of the Economic Stabilization Program, prices of nonfood commodities rose moderately at retail and wholesale. The acceleration in the third quarter was caused primarily by higher prices for gasoline and the lack of usual seasonal declines in auto prices.

Retail prices for gasoline rose considerably more than they usually do in the third quarter, after declining in the three preceding quarters. The increase resulted from tightening in supplies, as well as the application

of sales tax in California to gasoline for the first time, and higher taxes in a number of other states. Gasoline prices at the refinery level—included in the WPI—advanced sharply in the third quarter after large increases in the first and second quarters. The demand for gasoline has been strong, and stocks are below year-earlier levels. Although quotas for import of gasoline supplies from European sources have been raised, the cost of making such supplies available to American markets is high.

Wholesale and retail automobile prices usually decline between June and September as the model year draws to an end. However, in the third quarter of this year, wholesale prices for autos held steady; this stability resulted in smaller than usual declines in retail prices. In the third quarter, sales remained strong and, furthermore, inventories held by new car dealers were low. The used car market also remained strong and prices for used cars increased contraseasonally in the third quarter.

During the third quarter, retail apparel prices declined a little more than seasonally in July and August, but these declines were more than offset by a sharper-than-usual rise in September when fall and winter clothing were introduced. The increases were caused in part by rising labor and materials costs which pushed up wholesale prices. Wool prices have been forced up sharply this year by declines in world supplies and increased demand for domestic wool products for export. Although wholesale and retail apparel prices rose at a faster rate in the third quarter than in the second, the increases were moderate. This moderation may be due to the fact that, in addition to the effects of the stabilization program, retail sales, particularly in women's apparel, remained weak in the first 8-months of this year. In September, however, retail apparel sales improved generally. The rise in retail footwear prices accelerated in the second quarter and continued to move up at the same pace in the third quarter as earlier increases in wholesale prices were reflected. The rise in wholesale footwear prices, however, slowed substantially in the third quarter, although prices of hides and skins were still rising at rapid rates.

Among household durables, furniture prices declined in the third quarter after moving up moderately in three preceding quarters. This was the first quarterly decline since the mid-1960's. A decline in prices despite very brisk demand indicates strong competitive pressures within the industry. Retail appliance prices declined slightly in the third quarter after holding stable in the three preceding quarters. The demand for appliances has been very strong also this year. Prices of home repair commodities continued to climb in the third quarters

primarily as a result of the rise in lumber prices. Retail prices of some housefurnishings such as dinnerware and flatware also rose significantly in the third quarter.

Higher taxes were partly responsible for a more rapid rise in the prices of alcoholic beverages than had occurred in the preceding 4 quarters. The rise in the prices of tobacco products slowed after a sharp rise in the first 2 quarters of 1972.

Services

The services index increased at a 3.0-percent annual rate in the third quarter, the same as in the second quarter, and down from 4.4 percent in the first. Among major categories of services in the CPI, charges for household and medical care services increased at a substantially lower rate than in the first two quarters of this year, but the rise in charges for transportation and other services, notably apparel services, accelerated.

The rise in the charges for household services, at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 2.6 percent, was the slowest since early 1967, except for the decline in the first quarter of 1971, which was attributable to sharp declines in mortgage interest rates. The slowdown in the third quarter of 1972 was the result of smaller increases for a broad range of household services including home repairs, utilities, and domestic services. Mortgage interest rates, which are exempt from controls, increased slightly after declining in the second quarter. Property taxes, also exempt from controls, rose faster than they had in the second quarter, but not as rapidly as in the first.

The index for medical care services increased at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.8 percent. Except for the 1.5-percent rate in the fourth quarter of 1971, this was the smallest rise for a 3-month period since early 1964. Charges for hospital services, particularly for semiprivate rooms, decelerated significantly. In addition, physicians' fees which have been rising moderately since the start of the stabilization program, slowed further in the third quarter. The rise in dentists' fees also was smaller than in earlier quarters of this year.

Although the rise in transportation services, at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 4.2 percent, was faster than in the preceding 4 quarters, it was considerably slower than the first 2 quarters of 1971. The acceleration in the third quarter was attributable to rises in airplane and intercity bus fares, and to a slightly faster rise in auto repair charges than in the second quarter. Increases in local transit fares remained moderate, and charges for auto insurance declined as they had been doing almost steadily since mid-1971. The decline in auto insurance reflected the effects of improved underwriting experience, the Economic Stabilization Program, and actions of State legislatures and insurance departments. Several States have passed no-fault laws which have resulted in greatly reduced liability premiums. Some form of an open rating law has been enacted in 22 States to promote competitive rates.

The rise in charges for apparel services such as shoe repairs, dry cleaning, shirt laundering, and tailoring

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 mos. ago	From 6 mos. ago	From 12 mos. ago
	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	Unad-justed			
September 1971	0.1	0.1	-0.8	-0.3	0.3	0	0.4R	3.0	3.9	4.0
October .....	.2	.2	-.2	-.1	.5	0	.1R	2.6	3.7	3.6
November .....	.2	.2	.1	.8	.1	0	.3	1.9	3.0	3.5
December .....	.4	.3	1.1	.6	0	.2	.3	2.6	2.8	3.4
January 1972 .....	.1	.3	0	-.1	-.3	.2	.6R	3.2	2.9	3.4
February .....	.5	.6	1.6	1.8	.1	.3	.2	4.8	3.4	3.7
March .....	.2	0	.2	0	.3	.2	.2	3.6	3.1	3.5
April .....	.2	.2	0	-.1	.3	.2	.2R	3.1	3.2	3.4
May .....	.3	.3	-.1	-.1	.6	.5	.2	2.1	3.5	3.2
June2	.1	.6	.2	.2	0	.3	2.2	2.9	2.9
July4	.4	1.0	.6	0	.3	.3	3.3	3.2	3.0
August2	.2	.3	.5	.1	.3	.2	2.9	2.5	2.9
September4	.5	.2	.6	.7	.4	.2	4.6	3.4	3.3

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charges, and for beauty shop services accelerated slightly because of higher costs of labor and materials. College tuitions (priced each year in September) also increased significantly, but not as much as they did in 1971.

Diffusion of individual price changes

Approximately 120,000 individual prices were collected directly by the Bureau of Labor Statistics in September for use in the index. Approximately 80 percent of these quotations represent monthly comparisons. As can be seen from the following table, 75 percent of these monthly comparisons remained unchanged, 10

percent decreased, and 15 percent increased between August and September. The proportion of nonfood commodity prices that increased rose sharply between August and September.

The September index also includes 24,000 price comparisons to September from periods before August, of which 19,000 cover the quarterly span from June to September. About 16 percent of these increased compared with about 14 percent in the August index. In addition, about 5,000 rental units were surveyed in September and about 21 percent of these reported increases from March.

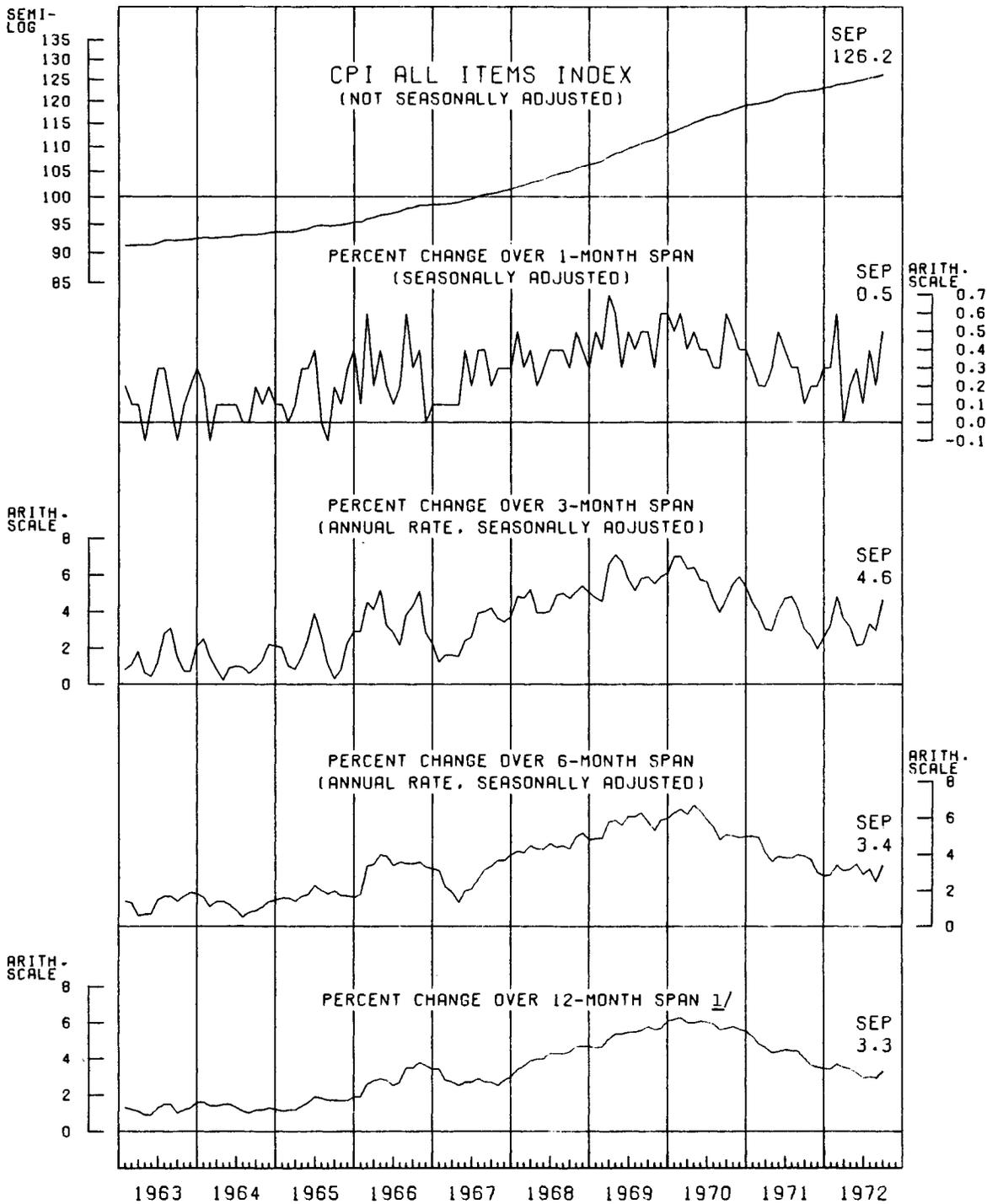
Table B. Percent distribution of monthly price comparisons¹

Item	January to February	February to March	March to April	April to May	May to June	June to July	July to August	August to September
All items ²	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Increases	22	15	14	13	15	18	16	15
Decreases	8	10	12	12	11	10	11	10
No change	70	75	74	75	74	72	73	75
Food at home	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Increases	24	16	15	14	17	20	18	16
Decreases	9	12	13	13	12	11	13	12
No change	67	72	72	73	71	69	69	72
Commodities less food	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Increases	8	10	7	8	6	8	8	11
Decreases	7	5	7	6	7	7	6	5
No change	85	85	86	86	87	85	86	84
Services	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Increases	8	3	6	7	5	4	3	4
Decreases	3	1	4	5	3	3	3	2
No change	89	96	90	88	92	93	94	94

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

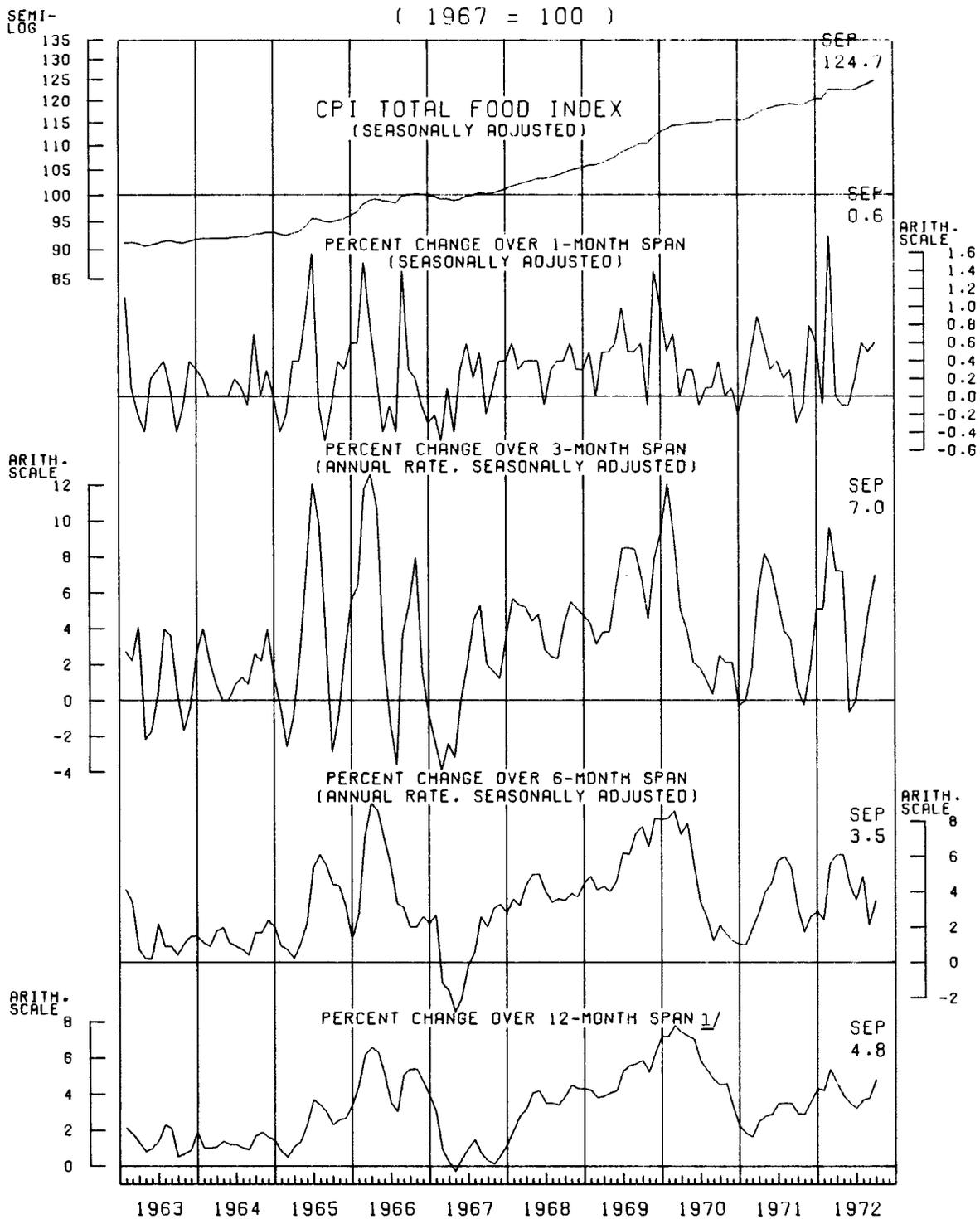
² Based on approximately 98,000 individual quotations.

Chart 1. All items index and its rate of change, 1963-72
 (1967 = 100)



^{1/} Computed from the unadjusted series.
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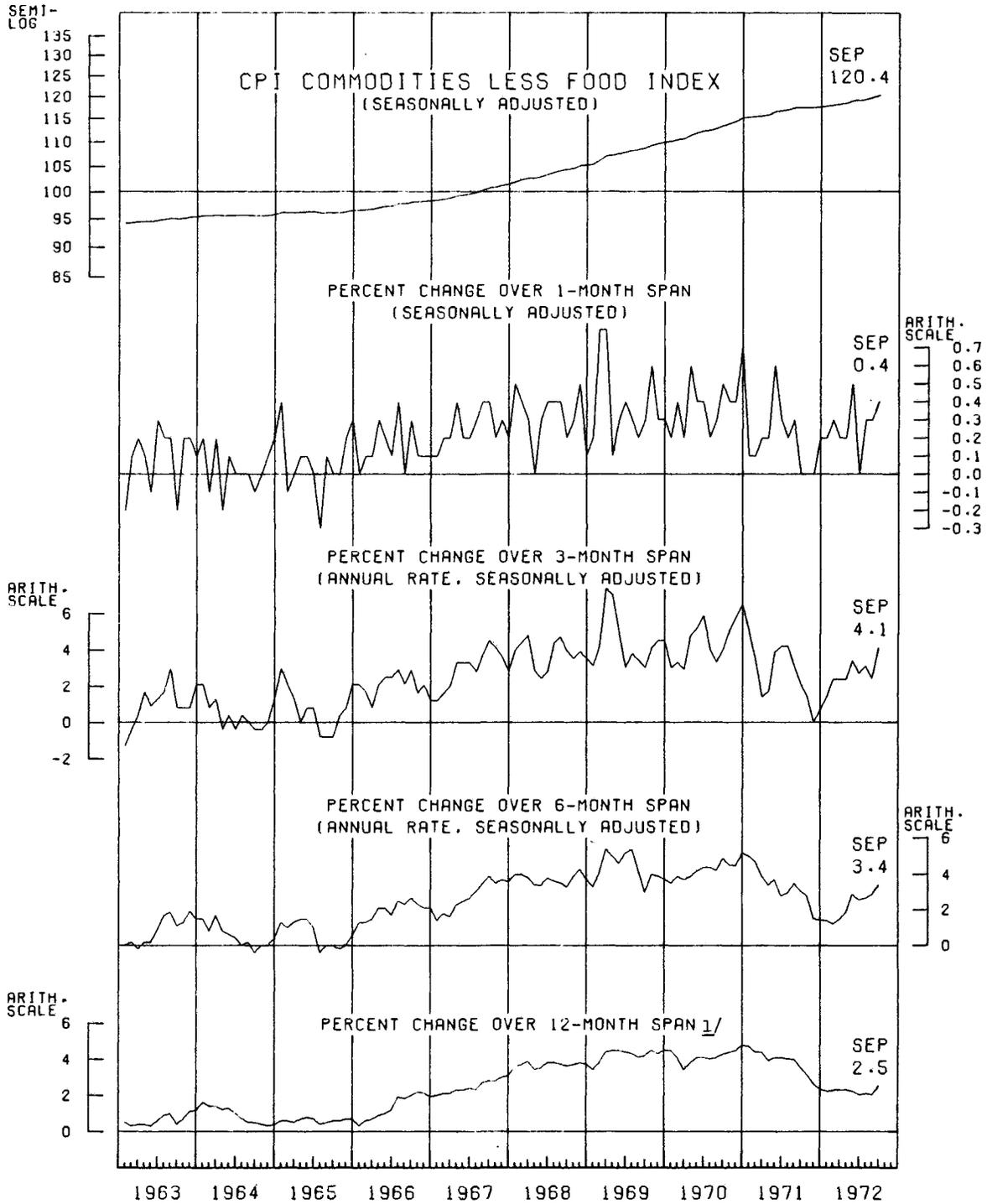
Chart 2. Total food index and its rate of change, 1963-72



^{1/} Computed from the unadjusted series.
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Chart 3. Commodities less food index and its rate of change, 1963-72

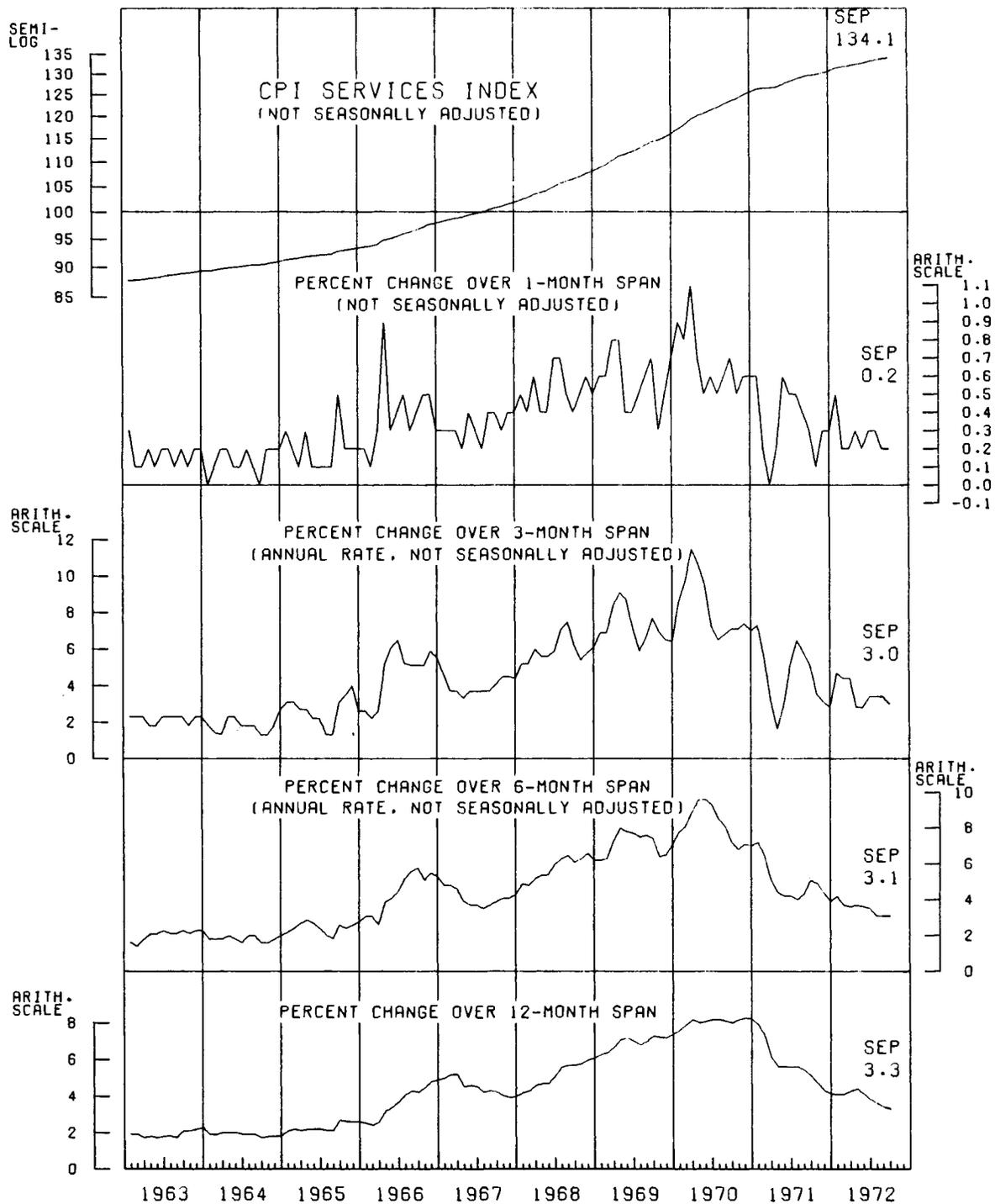
(1967 = 100)



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Chart 4. Services index and its rate of change, 1963-72

(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

Groups	Relative importance	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to		Seasonally adjusted percent change from		
	December	1967=100 unless otherwise noted		September 1972 from--		September		
	1971	September 1972	August 1972	August 1972	September 1971	August to September	July to August	June to July
Commodity and service groups								
All items -----	100.00	126.2	125.7	0.4	3.3	0.5	0.2	0.4
All items (1957-59=100)-----		146.8	146.2	.4	3.3	-	-	-
Commodities-----	62.59	122.0	121.4	.5	3.3	.7	.2	.4
Food-----	22.19	124.8	124.6	.2	4.8	.6	.5	.6
Food at home-----	17.23	122.8	122.7	.1	5.0	.7	.3	.8
Cereals and bakery products-----	2.28	114.6	114.4	.2	0	.2	0	-.3
Meats, poultry, and fish-----	5.64	130.9	130.8	.1	9.9	.2	.2	2.1
Dairy products-----	2.72	116.9	116.6	.3	.7	.3	-.2	-.2
Fruits and vegetables-----	3.03	125.7	128.1	-1.9	7.8	2.1	2.3	.5
Other foods at home-----	3.56	117.6	116.0	1.4	1.8	.9	-.7	-.1
Food away from home-----	4.96	132.5	131.9	.5	3.8	.5	.4	.2
Commodities less food-----	40.40	120.3	119.5	.7	2.5	.4	.3	.3
Nondurables less food-----	23.63	120.8	119.4	1.2	2.2	.6	.2	.2
Apparel commodities 1/-----	9.03	123.5	120.9	2.2	2.2	.8	-.1	-.1
Men's and boys'-----	2.82	122.5	120.4	1.7	1.4	1.0	0	-.2
Women's and girls'-----	4.02	123.9	119.8	3.4	2.1	1.1	-.2	-.3
Footwear-----	1.57	125.7	125.1	.5	2.9	.2	.2	.5
Nondurables less food and apparel-----	14.60	119.3	118.6	.6	2.3	.6	.3	.3
Gasoline and motor oil-----	2.92	111.5	109.5	1.8	1.7	1.9	1.0	1.1
Tobacco products-----	2.09	134.2	134.1	.1	4.1	.1*	.1*	0*
Alcoholic beverages-----	2.50	120.2	119.9	.3	2.2	.3*	.3*	.4*
Fuel oil and coal-----	.67	118.0	117.9	.1	.2	0	.2	-.1
Other nondurables-----	6.42	118.3	118.0	.3	2.1	.3	.1	0
Durables commodities-----	16.77	119.8	119.7	.1	2.9	.5	.3	.6
Household durables-----	4.83	115.6	115.4	.2	1.9	.3	.2	.3
New cars-----	2.12	109.6	110.6	-.9	3.8	.3	.5	.2
Used cars-----	1.98	113.6	112.4	1.1	1.8	1.1*	-.3*	.6*
Other durables-----	7.84	127.5	127.6	-.1	3.5	-.1	.3	.8
Services-----	37.41	134.1	133.8	.2	3.3	.2*	.2*	.3*
Rent-----	5.05	119.9	119.6	.3	3.3	.3*	.3*	.2*
Services less rent-----	32.36	136.7	136.4	.2	3.3	.2*	.1*	.1*
Household services less rent-----	15.36	140.3	140.0	.2	4.6	.2	.1	.3
Transportation services-----	5.57	136.3	136.3	0	1.9	.2	.4	.4
Medical care services-----	5.55	138.9	138.6	.2	2.4	.1	.1	.1
Other services-----	5.88	126.7	125.9	.6	2.4	.5	.2	.4
Special indexes:								
All items less food-----	77.81	126.7	126.1	.5	2.9	.4	.2	.2
Nondurable commodities-----	45.82	122.8	122.0	.7	3.5	.7	.2	.4
Apparel commodities less footwear-----	7.46	123.0	120.0	2.5	1.9	.8	0	-.2
Services less medical care services-----	31.86	133.4	133.1	.2	3.5	.2*	.2*	.3*
Insurance and finance-----	9.85	144.7	144.7	0	4.0	.1	.1	.6
Utilities and public transportation-----	5.51	126.2	125.9	.2	4.0	.5	.1	.2
Housekeeping and home maintenance service-----	4.46	145.6	145.3	.2	3.7	.0	.3	.4
Expenditure classes								
All items-----	100.00	126.2	125.7	0.4	3.3	0.5	0.2	0.4
Food-----	22.19	124.8	124.6	.2	4.8	.6	.5	.6
Housing-----	33.84	130.1	129.9	.2	3.7	.2*	.3*	.4*
Shelter 2/-----	21.72	135.7	135.5	.1	4.3	.1	.3	.6
Rent-----	5.05	119.9	119.6	.3	3.3	.3*	.3*	.2*
Homeownership 3/-----	16.25	141.5	141.3	.1	4.7	.1	.3	.8
Fuel and utilities 4/-----	4.71	120.3	120.1	.2	3.7	.5	0	.1
Gas and electricity-----	2.43	120.5	120.5	0	4.1	.3	-.2	.3
Household furnishings and operation-----	7.41	121.6	121.2	.3	1.8	.3	.2	.2
Apparel and upkeep-----	10.45	123.1	120.8	1.9	2.1	.8	.1	-.1
Transportation-----	13.27	121.0	120.5	.4	2.0	1.1	.5	.7
Private-----	11.80	118.6	118.1	.4	1.9	1.3	.8	.7
Public-----	1.47	144.0	143.3	.5	3.4	.5	.6	.4
Health and recreation-----	19.87	126.8	126.5	.2	2.6	.2*	.2*	.2*
Medical care-----	6.46	133.1	132.9	.2	2.1	.2	.2	.1
Personal care-----	2.58	120.5	120.2	.2	2.5	.3	.1	0
Reading and recreation-----	5.71	123.7	123.0	.6	2.7	.5	.1	.2
Other goods and services-----	5.12	126.2	126.0	.2	3.1	-.1	.1	-.2
Special indexes:								
All items less shelter-----	78.28	123.8	123.2	.5	3.0	.6	.2	.3
All items less medical care-----	93.54	125.9	125.3	.5	3.5	.5	.2	.4
All items less mortgage interest costs-----	96.25	125.4	124.8	.5	3.4	.5	.2	.4
Purchasing power of consumer dollar:								
1967=\$1.00-----	-	\$0.792	\$0.796	-.5	-3.1	-	-	-
1957-59=\$1.00-----	-	.681	.684	-	-	-	-	-

1/ Also includes infants' wear, sewing materials, and jewelry not shown separately.
 2/ Also includes hotel and motel rates not shown separately.
 3/ Includes home purchase, mortgage interest, taxes, insurance, and maintenance and repairs.
 4/ Also includes residential telephone, fuel oil, coal, water and sewerage service not shown separately.
 * - Not seasonally adjusted.
 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:		
		1967=100	1957-59=100	Other bases	August 1972	June 1972	September 1971
		September 1972			August 1972	June 1972	September 1971
U.S. City Average -----	M	126.2	146.8		0.4	1.0	3.3
Chicago -----	M	125.3	142.4		.2	.9	3.0
Detroit -----	M	127.3	146.3		.3	1.0	3.7
Los Angeles-Long Beach ---	M	123.8	145.6		.8	1.8	3.3
N.Y.-Northeastern N.J. ---	M	132.9	158.1		.9	1.5	4.4
Philadelphia -----	M	128.4	149.9		.8	1.5	3.0
		July 1972				April 1972	July 1971
Boston -----	1	127.1	152.2			0.7	3.4
Houston -----	1	125.2	143.2			.3	3.2
Minneapolis-St. Paul -----	1	125.5	145.5			1.0	3.0
Pittsburgh -----	1	125.5	144.3			.6	3.0
		August 1972				May 1972	August 1971
Buffalo -----	2	126.8		^{3/} 139.3		0.6	3.3
Cleveland -----	2	126.2	142.5			.1	2.4
Dallas -----	2	125.5		^{3/} 135.7		.7	2.3
Milwaukee -----	2	124.6	140.7			1.5	2.6
San Diego -----	2	125.1		^{4/} 131.5		1.2	3.8
Seattle -----	2	119.9	140.9			.9	2.0
Washington -----	2	127.7	148.8			1.7	3.4
		September 1972				June 1972	September 1971
Atlanta -----	3	126.9	146.0			1.7	4.1
Baltimore -----	3	127.7	148.3			1.8	2.7
Cincinnati -----	3	126.3	143.3			1.4	4.0
Honolulu -----	3	123.1		^{5/} 132.7		.7	1.6
Kansas City -----	3	125.5	149.0			1.3	3.3
St. Louis -----	3	123.6	144.4			1.4	2.6
San Francisco-Oakland ----	3	125.6	149.5			1.2	4.1

^{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.

^{3/} November 1963=100

^{4/} February 1965=100

^{5/} December 1963=100

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

Table 3. Consumer Price Index--United States and selected areas¹ for urban wage earners and clerical workers, major groups, percent changes from August 1972 to September 1972

Group	U. S. city average	Chicago	Detroit	Los Angeles-Long Beach	New York-Northeastern New Jersey	Philadelphia
All items	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.8	0.9	0.8
Food .....	.2	-.9	-.4	.4	.5	.5
Housing .....	.2	-.5	.6	.6	.4	.5
Apparel and upkeep	1.9	5.5	2.1	1.9	4.8	4.3
Transportation .....	.4	-.2	-.4	1.8	.3	.0
Health and recreation .....	.2	.5	.3	.3	.2	.1
Medical care .....	.2	.2	.1	.2	.0	.1
Personal care .....	.2	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
Reading and recreation .....	.6	.3	1.5	.2	.9	.2
Other goods and services .....	.2	.3	-.1	.4	.0	.1

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

Table 4. Consumer Price Index--United States city average for urban wage earners and clerical workers for selected groups, seasonally adjusted

(1967=100)

Group	Indexes			Percent change to September 1972 from--	
	September 1972	August 1972	June 1972	1 month ago	3 months ago
Food	124.7	123.9	122.6	0.6	1.7
Food at home	122.7	121.8	120.4	.7	1.9
Cereal and bakery products	114.5	114.3	114.6	.2	-.1
Meat, poultry, and fish	129.3	129.0	126.0	.2	2.6
Dairy products	116.8	116.5	116.9	.3	-.1
Fruits and vegetables	128.8	126.1	122.7	2.1	5.0
Other foods at home	117.0	115.9	116.8	.9	.2
Fuel and utilities ¹	120.7	120.1	³ 120.0	.5	.6
Fuel oil and coal	118.4	118.4	118.3	0	.1
Apparel and upkeep ²	122.9	121.9	121.9	.8	.8
Men's and boys'	122.4	121.2	121.5	1.0	.7
Women's and girls'	123.3	121.9	122.6	1.1	.6
Footwear	125.7	125.4	124.6	.2	.9
Transportation	122.0	120.7	119.3	1.1	2.3
Private	119.8	118.3	116.6	1.3	2.7
New cars	113.2	112.9	112.1	.3	1.0
Commodities	122.1	121.3	120.5	.7	1.3
Commodities less food	120.4	119.9	119.2	.4	1.0
Nondurables	122.7	121.8	121.0	.7	1.4
Nondurables less food	120.6	119.9	119.5	.6	.9
Apparel commodities	121.3	122.1	122.3	.8	.7
Durables	120.4	119.8	118.7	.5	1.4

¹ Also includes telephone, water, and sewerage service not shown separately.
² Also includes infants' wear, sewing materials, jewelry, and apparel upkeep services not shown separately.
³ Revised.

Table 5. Consumer Price Index—United States and selected areas¹ for urban wage earners and clerical workers, commodity groups, September 1972, and percent changes from June 1972

Group	U. S. city average ²	Chicago	Detroit	Los Angeles-Long Beach ³	New York ⁴	Philadelphia
Monthly indexes (1967=100)						
All items	126.2	125.3	127.3	123.8	132.9	128.4
Food	124.8	124.8	123.6	121.7	130.4	124.9
Food at home	122.8	123.5	122.3	121.0	127.1	122.0
Cereals and bakery products	114.6	114.9	117.1	112.1	117.1	114.4
Meats, poultry, and fish	130.9	132.4	133.2	130.8	134.0	130.1
Dairy products	116.9	116.6	112.4	115.4	119.8	118.3
Fruits and vegetables	125.7	123.9	116.9	121.6	135.0	124.9
Other foods at home	117.6	118.4	117.8	116.4	119.7	113.2
Food away from home	132.5	130.0	129.7	123.5	140.7	137.4
Housing	130.1	124.8	135.3	128.7	137.6	132.9
Shelter	135.7	129.3	145.5	131.8	144.4	143.4
Rent	119.9	114.1	(⁵)	119.0	(⁵)	125.4
Homeownership costs	141.5	136.0	150.5	135.7	156.6	148.1
Fuel and utilities	120.3	115.7	116.7	124.9	124.9	117.8
Fuel oil and coal	118.0	114.0	113.9	-	120.4	111.9
Gas and electricity	120.5	115.9	118.2	131.1	123.7	122.6
Household furnishings and operation	121.6	117.1	116.2	119.6	127.6	122.8
Apparel and upkeep	123.1	122.6	120.1	121.1	125.8	122.5
Men's and boys'	122.5	119.0	118.6	118.4	124.8	124.8
Women's and girls'	123.9	127.6	118.8	124.1	127.4	118.9
Footwear	125.7	119.5	126.2	124.3	126.2	128.6
Transportation	121.0	125.4	116.4	120.4	133.7	125.6
Private	118.6	119.9	113.7	120.6	126.0	122.7
Public	144.0	160.4	148.5	117.0	163.1	142.8
Health and recreation	126.8	128.1	129.3	121.1	132.1	130.9
Medical care	133.1	132.1	141.9	129.7	140.4	143.4
Personal care	120.5	122.7	(⁵)	115.2	(⁵)	(⁵)
Reading and recreation	123.7	124.2	125.5	114.4	128.8	126.3
Other goods and services	126.2	130.8	121.4	119.9	132.7	127.8
Quarterly percent changes June 1972 to September 1972						
All items	1.0	0.9	1.0	1.8	1.5	1.5
Food	1.5	.7	1.0	1.4	1.8	1.5
Food at home	1.6	.7	1.1	1.7	2.0	1.8
Cereals and bakery products	.1	.7	2.3	.5	.2	-.4
Meats, poultry, and fish	3.6	2.6	2.8	2.7	3.2	3.7
Dairy products	-.1	.4	-.8	.5	-.3	-.3
Fruits and vegetables	-1.2	-5.0	-6.0	-1.1	1.4	1.3
Other foods at home	2.7	2.2	5.0	3.1	3.4	2.0
Food away from home	1.2	1.0	.8	.7	1.3	.8
Housing	.9	.4	1.5	1.8	1.1	2.1
Shelter	1.2	.6	1.8	1.9	1.5	2.9
Rent	.8	6.7	(⁵)	6.4	(⁵)	6.6
Homeownership costs	1.4	.3	2.0	1.0	1.8	3.3
Fuel and utilities	.4	.3	.5	-1.7	.1	.6
Fuel oil and coal	.2	.5	.0	-	.0	.0
Gas and electricity	.2	.2	.8	.8	.1	.2
Household furnishings and operation	.5	-.1	1.0	1.8	.6	.9
Apparel and upkeep	.8	2.9	2.3	.9	3.5	2.1
Men's and boys'	.5	1.6	1.5	1.4	2.5	2.2
Women's and girls'	1.1	5.2	4.2	.2	6.3	3.4
Footwear	.8	1.5	.9	1.3	1.9	1.2
Transportation	1.0	1.4	-.3	4.3	.6	.1
Private	1.1	1.7	-.5	4.6	.7	.1
Public	.7	.0	.7	.3	.2	.4
Health and recreation	.6	.5	.9	.8	.6	.9
Medical care	.5	.8	.6	1.1	.1	1.8
Personal care	.4	1.7	(⁵)	.7	(⁵)	(⁵)
Reading and recreation	.7	.1	1.2	.7	1.0	.2
Other goods and services	.5	-.1	.2	.6	.9	1.3

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 5. Consumer Price Index—United States and selected areas¹ for urban wage earners and clerical workers, commodity groups, September 1972, index and percent changes from June 1972—Continued

Group	Atlanta	Baltimore	Cincinnati	Honolulu	Kansas City	San Francisco ⁷	St. Louis
Quarterly indexes (1967=100)							
All items	126.9	127.7	126.3	123.1	125.5	125.6	123.6
Food	126.2	126.4	125.8	123.8	125.0	122.7	123.8
Food at home	124.3	124.8	125.0	121.1	123.3	121.5	121.8
Cereals and bakery products	117.7	113.7	117.4	106.0	117.3	112.3	120.0
Meats, poultry, and fish	129.8	130.3	130.9	127.6	129.7	129.2	126.6
Dairy products	118.2	119.2	118.5	119.2	126.2	116.1	120.4
Fruits and vegetables	134.8	133.7	139.8	127.3	120.3	120.2	126.3
Other foods at home	118.3	119.7	120.8	117.6	118.3	120.0	112.8
Food away from home	132.3	132.6	128.7	131.6	130.6	126.9	133.1
Housing	133.5	132.9	126.2	124.4	127.8	131.7	124.3
Shelter	139.2	141.7	131.8	129.8	134.3	136.7	127.7
Rent	117.6	113.4	110.0	128.5	111.0	130.1	109.0
Homeownership costs	145.8	153.6	141.9	130.7	143.3	140.1	133.0
Fuel and utilities	124.5	117.3	121.5	110.8	116.5	123.4	118.7
Fuel oil and coal	-	114.9	-	-	-	-	121.5
Gas and electricity	122.6	117.7	117.8	106.1	114.6	118.3	119.7
Household furnishings and operation	125.5	123.1	114.4	114.1	118.2	119.8	120.6
Apparel and upkeep	121.2	124.4	124.4	121.0	129.9	124.1	120.9
Men's and boys'	125.9	128.3	124.2	114.1	124.2	124.0	116.1
Women's and girls'	119.4	118.2	123.2	124.8	137.8	127.2	123.3
Footwear	117.4	134.7	132.4	116.0	132.4	123.3	127.9
Transportation	114.6	117.5	127.2	123.1	120.8	122.1	122.3
Private	117.3	116.9	120.4	125.0	119.6	121.4	120.2
Public	79.2	121.5	178.9	113.0	141.3	133.4	145.3
Health and recreation	128.9	129.9	127.4	121.5	125.1	121.8	124.3
Medical care	140.4	144.4	136.9	128.0	129.6	128.1	126.2
Personal care	124.5	122.2	126.6	120.1	121.6	116.1	123.6
Reading and recreation	123.9	127.0	119.4	122.6	118.1	118.7	119.9
Other goods and services	120.0	122.9	126.0	113.6	130.2	119.3	126.8
Quarterly percent changes June 1972 to September 1972							
All items	1.7	1.8	1.4	.7	1.3	1.2	1.4
Food	2.1	2.6	1.1	2.1	1.5	1.2	1.5
Food at home	2.6	3.2	1.3	2.5	1.8	1.3	1.6
Cereals and bakery products	-4	1.6	.3	.1	.3	-4	.0
Meats, poultry, and fish	4.9	4.5	4.8	3.6	3.3	2.2	4.5
Dairy products	-7	.5	-1.3	1.1	-2	.6	.8
Fruits and vegetables	2.1	4.7	-3.1	4.3	-2	-2.4	-2.6
Other foods at home	3.4	2.3	2.8	1.6	3.3	5.1	2.5
Food away from home	.7	.2	.4	.8	.8	.6	.8
Housing	1.8	1.7	1.5	.3	1.4	.6	2.1
Shelter	2.4	2.6	2.3	.5	1.8	.6	3.0
Rent	.5	.9	.5	.8	.5	.7	.6
Homeownership costs	3.0	3.2	3.1	.4	2.2	.6	3.6
Fuel and utilities	-7	.3	.3	.9	1.0	1.2	1.6
Fuel oil and coal	-	.0	-	-	-	-	1.8
Gas and electricity	-1.2	.4	.3	1.7	-1.5	.2	-3
Household furnishings and operation	1.2	.2	.0	-.8	.9	.5	.3
Apparel and upkeep	3.8	1.6	2.2	.6	2.7	3.7	1.2
Men's and boys'	4.0	.7	1.6	.2	-1.4	4.3	.5
Women's and girls'	7.1	2.3	4.2	.8	7.7	5.7	2.1
Footwear	.7	3.5	1.4	.3	1.5	1.6	.3
Transportation	1.3	1.2	2.4	-.2	1.0	1.7	1.4
Private	1.3	1.4	1.6	-.2	1.0	1.8	1.6
Public	.5	.3	9.4	.2	.9	-.1	.3
Health and recreation	.4	1.6	.2	.3	.3	.8	.5
Medical care	1.1	1.6	.1	.9	.5	1.0	.2
Personal care	.6	.6	1.0	-.6	-.1	.4	.2
Reading and recreation	.4	1.4	.2	.6	.5	1.1	1.3
Other goods and services	.5	2.2	.2	-.3	.1	.5	.4

¹ See footnote 1, table 2.

² Revised indexes for the U.S. city average, table 9.

³ Revised indexes for Los Angeles-Long Beach, table 11.

⁴ Revised indexes for New York-Northeastern New Jersey, table 10.

⁵ Not available.

⁶ Change from July 1972.

⁷ Revised indexes for San Francisco, table 12.

Table 6. Consumer Price Index—United States and selected areas for urban wage earners and clerical workers, food and its subgroups, September 1972, and percent changes from August 1972

Area 1/	Total food	Food at home						Food away from home
		Total	Cereals and bakery products	Meats, poultry, and fish	Dairy products	Fruits and vegetables	Other foods at home	
Indexes (1967=100)								
U.S. City Average -----	124.8	122.8	114.6	130.9	116.9	125.7	117.6	132.5
Atlanta -----	126.2	125.3	117.7	129.8	118.2	134.8	118.3	132.3
Baltimore -----	126.4	124.8	113.7	130.3	119.2	133.7	119.7	132.6
Boston -----	125.4	124.0	115.0	133.5	117.7	128.8	115.5	130.1
Buffalo -----	124.1	122.6	114.6	130.3	116.6	124.6	118.4	132.5
Chicago -----	124.8	123.5	114.9	132.4	116.6	123.9	118.4	130.0
Cincinnati -----	125.8	125.0	117.4	130.9	118.5	129.8	120.8	128.7
Cleveland -----	125.4	124.7	113.0	133.1	121.3	125.7	120.1	129.2
Dallas -----	124.1	121.1	113.3	129.6	110.9	124.7	116.8	135.3
Detroit -----	123.6	122.3	117.1	133.2	112.4	116.9	117.8	129.7
Honolulu -----	123.8	121.1	106.0	127.6	119.2	127.3	117.6	131.6
Houston -----	126.1	122.4	110.3	130.1	119.0	127.0	118.0	118.0
Kansas City -----	125.0	123.3	117.3	129.7	126.2	120.3	118.3	130.6
Los Angeles-Long Beach -	121.7	121.0	112.1	130.8	115.4	121.6	116.4	123.5
Milwaukee -----	121.8	119.9	115.2	130.4	113.0	118.9	113.4	(2)
Minneapolis-St. Paul ---	125.6	123.6	121.7	133.8	117.9	119.5	120.0	134.6
N.Y.-Northeastern-N.J. --	130.4	127.1	117.1	134.0	119.8	135.0	119.7	140.7
Philadelphia -----	124.9	122.0	114.4	130.1	118.3	124.9	113.2	137.4
Pittsburgh -----	123.4	121.5	111.5	129.3	114.8	126.9	116.7	135.1
St. Louis -----	123.8	121.8	120.0	126.6	120.4	126.3	112.8	133.1
San Diego -----	124.4	121.6	113.3	133.7	114.9	120.2	114.4	(2)
San Francisco-Oakland --	122.7	121.5	112.3	129.2	116.1	120.2	120.0	126.9
Seattle -----	121.8	119.9	111.0	129.2	116.3	115.4	118.6	128.0
Washington -----	128.9	125.5	118.8	126.8	112.9	142.0	123.5	137.8
Percent changes August 1972 to September 1972								
U.S. City Average -----	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.3	-1.9	1.4	0.5
Atlanta -----	.2	.0	-.5	-.5	-.3	-.7	1.7	.5
Baltimore -----	.3	.5	.0	1.1	.7	-1.3	.8	-.5
Boston -----	.2	.0	.2	.0	1.0	-1.2	.2	.7
Buffalo -----	-.4	-.6	.4	-.5	.4	-5.2	1.8	.8
Chicago -----	-.9	-1.2	-1.1	-1.4	.1	-4.9	1.1	.6
Cincinnati -----	.4	.5	-.8	1.6	.6	-1.8	1.9	.1
Cleveland -----	.6	.6	1.8	1.4	-.2	-3.4	2.6	.0
Dallas -----	.3	.4	.2	.4	1.6	-1.5	1.2	.4
Detroit -----	-.4	-.6	.9	-1.3	-.4	-3.3	2.3	.4
Honolulu -----	.7	1.1	.2	1.6	1.2	.6	1.0	-.1
Houston -----	.6	.6	.2	.5	.6	-.0	1.5	.4
Kansas City -----	.6	.7	.3	.2	.2	1.4	1.6	.5
Los Angeles-Long Beach -	.4	.3	.5	.2	.3	-.2	1.1	.4
Milwaukee -----	-.3	-.4	1.0	.6	-.6	-5.0	.6	(2)
Minneapolis-St. Paul ---	-.2	-.4	-.9	.1	.8	-4.6	1.4	.4
N.Y.-Northeastern-N.J. --	.5	.6	.4	.7	.3	-1.0	2.3	.3
Philadelphia -----	.5	.6	1.6	.2	-.3	.8	.9	.1
Pittsburgh -----	.3	.2	.2	1.2	-.8	-1.7	1.3	.6
St. Louis -----	.0	-.1	.5	.6	.8	-3.7	.7	.4
San Diego -----	.2	.2	.4	-1.2	.3	.8	1.8	(2)
San Francisco-Oakland --	.6	.7	.0	-.2	.8	.6	3.1	.2
Seattle -----	.1	.0	.9	-.8	.0	-2.0	2.5	.2
Washington -----	1.1	1.5	1.1	.9	.0	4.8	.7	.3

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

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

Item or group	Index		Percent change to September 1972 from—		
	September 1972		August 1972		September 1971 unadjusted
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	
Food	124.8	124.7	0.2	0.6	4.8
Food away from home	132.5	132.4	.5	.5	3.8
Restaurant meals	132.6	132.5	.5	.5	4.2
Snacks	131.8	132.1	.2	.3	2.5
Food at home	122.8	122.7	.1	.7	5.0
Cereals and bakery products	114.6	114.5	.2	.2	0
Flour	99.4	99.3	.2	0	-2.1
Cracker meal	136.2	136.1	.2	.4	3.6
Corn flakes	99.8	100.3	-.1	.3	-4.2
Rice	109.3	109.3	.1	.1	-.7
Bread, white	113.0	112.4	-.8	-1.1	-.4
Bread, whole wheat	120.6	120.4	.6	.4	1.3
Cookies	110.6	110.0	1.4	1.6	.6
Layer cakes	120.0	119.9	.1	0	-1.2
Cinnamon rolls	120.8	121.0	1.5	1.7	1.9
Meats, poultry, and fish	130.9	129.3	.1	.2	9.9
Meats	132.3	130.6	-.2	.2	11.4
Beef and veal	138.3	136.8	-1.4	-1.2	8.3
Steak, round	133.7	132.4	-2.4	-2.2	6.0
Steak, sirloin	135.2	131.9	-1.0	-1.3	5.8
Steak, porterhouse	137.6	134.5	-1.2	-1.0	6.3
Rump roast	133.6	132.5	-2.1	-1.9	7.7
Rib roast	138.9	137.3	-1.5	-1.4	6.2
Chuck roast	136.5	135.6	-2.6	-2.0	8.4
Hamburger	139.2	138.2	-1.2	-1.0	8.5
Beef liver	134.3	133.6	.8	1.1	17.8
Veal cutlets	165.5	164.7	-.1	.4	13.4
Pork	127.1	123.9	1.4	1.8	19.5
Chops	131.6	127.1	2.8	4.2	19.7
Loin roast	130.2	126.4	1.2	2.0	18.4
Pork sausage	135.2	131.8	2.0	1.5	19.6
Ham, whole	115.5	115.3	.9	.2	11.3
Picnics	128.2	127.7	-.1	1.2	20.1
Bacon	121.2	116.9	-.4	-.4	24.1
Other meats	126.7	126.1	.6	.9	8.3
Lamb chops	130.8	130.0	-.5	-.2	4.9
Frankfurters	128.6	126.9	.8	.6	10.9
Ham, canned	116.2	116.7	1.3	1.1	7.6
Bologna sausage	133.3	132.5	1.1	1.2	10.7
Salami sausage	129.0	128.1	.5	.7	9.6
Liverwurst	122.2	121.5	.7	.5	6.4
Poultry	112.6	110.4	1.8	1.7	.4
Frying chicken	112.7	110.4	2.7	2.8	.7
Chicken breasts	114.3	112.4	0	.2	1.4
Turkey	110.5	110.2	-.8	-1.0	-2.5
Fish	144.4	144.7	1.1	1.3	9.0
Shrimp, frozen	137.6	138.0	.6	1.0	15.0
Fish, fresh or frozen	156.1	156.3	1.2	1.6	9.5
Tuna fish, canned	133.2	133.6	.7	.8	3.1
Sardines, canned	150.3	151.2	1.7	1.5	8.5
Dairy products	116.9	116.8	.3	.3	.7
Milk, fresh, grocery	115.7	115.6	.1	-.1	.3
Milk, fresh, delivered	120.6	120.6	.2	.2	2.1
Milk, fresh, skim	122.1	121.6	.3	-.2	1.1
Milk, evaporated	118.6	118.1	.6	.8	-2.1
Ice cream	106.8	106.5	.7	.7	-.1
Cheese, American process	125.5	125.9	.6	1.0	3.0
Butter	104.7	104.9	.1	.2	-1.0
Fruits and vegetables	125.7	128.8	-1.9	2.1	7.8
Fresh fruits and vegetables	128.9	134.3	-3.4	3.3	11.8
Fresh fruits	131.9	127.1	-2.2	3.8	6.4
Apples	135.1	123.4	-6.5	3.3	7.8
Bananas	102.4	100.3	2.2	2.2	4.0
Oranges	133.9	125.0	-.7	-2.8	-3.2
Orange juice, fresh	130.1	129.1	-1.4	-1.2	.5
Grapefruit	182.9	151.0	1.4	3.5	6.6
Grapes	147.4	168.3	-1.8	13.8	22.5
Strawberries	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Watermelon	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Fresh vegetables	126.6	141.8	-4.4	3.6	16.6
Potatoes	133.6	138.0	-9.8	2.0	16.2
Onions	157.5	157.7	1.3	9.7	41.5
Asparagus	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Cabbage	124.3	144.7	3.9	9.4	20.2
Carrots	119.9	123.6	-4.3	7.7	-4.5
Celery, pascal	131.5	145.1	5.5	19.7	18.3
Cucumbers	99.9	141.7	-13.8	-5.7	17.8
Lettuce	119.1	129.6	3.8	10.8	6.9
Peppers, green	114.4	156.3	-6.5	1.1	26.0
Spinach	142.6	145.2	-.1	.8	11.3
Tomatoes	110.2	154.6	-8.9	8.9	15.5

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

Item or group	Index		Percent change to September 1972 from—		
	September 1972		August 1972		September 1971 unadjusted
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	
Processed fruits and vegetables	121.0	120.8	.7	.4	2.0
Fruit cocktail, canned	121.3	120.8	.2	-.2	.9
Pears, canned	119.3	118.8	1.0	.9	1.4
Pineapple-grapefruit juice, drink	115.2	115.0	.1	-.2	1.1
Orange juice concentrate, frozen	136.0	134.7	.3	0	-.2
Lemonade concentrate, frozen	116.6	118.9	1.2	2.0	1.0
Beets, canned	123.4	123.2	.3	.2	5.0
Peas, green, canned	108.1	107.7	1.0	.9	.1
Tomatoes, canned	118.0	118.1	.6	1.0	1.2
Dried beans	139.8	139.5	1.2	.8	8.0
Broccoli, frozen	118.5	118.3	.3	.3	.1
Other food at home	117.6	117.0	1.4	.9	1.8
Eggs	114.0	109.7	8.6	4.5	11.3
Fats and oils:					
Margarine	117.7	119.0	.3	.8	.1
Salad dressing, Italian	109.7	109.8	.5	.5	-.5
Salad or cooking oil	119.7	119.7	-.3	-.1	-2.9
Sugar and sweets	120.7	120.5	.2	.1	.4
Sugar	114.8	114.5	.3	.4	1.1
Grape jelly	125.8	125.9	.6	.6	3.5
Chocolate bar	130.4	129.6	-.2	-.5	-.8
Syrup, chocolate flavored	110.5	110.7	-.2	-.1	-2.4
Nonalcoholic beverages	121.7	121.9	.9	1.2	.6
Coffee, can and bag	120.6	120.8	1.9	2.1	1.3
Coffee, instant	123.0	123.2	.6	.7	-1.9
Tea	109.3	109.2	-.1	.1	1.2
Carbonated drink cola flavored	128.0	128.3	0	.3	.8
Carbonated drink, fruit flavored	127.8	127.7	.2	.3	-.2
Prepared and partially prepared foods	115.0	114.9	.2	.2	1.4
Bean soup, canned	116.1	116.2	.2	.3	1.2
Chicken soup, canned	104.7	104.7	.2	.1	-1.8
Spaghetti, canned	120.8	120.9	-.5	-.8	2.6
Mashed potatoes, instant	112.3	112.4	.4	.7	1.7
Potatoes, french fried, frozen	111.9	111.6	.5	.9	1.5
Baby foods	110.2	109.4	.1	0	-1.4
Sweet pickle relish	126.4	126.7	.7	.3	5.8
Pretzels	115.3	115.1	0	0	.7

¹ Priced only in season.

Table 8. Consumer Price Index—United States city average for urban wage earners and clerical workers, for selected items and groups, September 1972, and percent changes from selected dates

(1967=100)

Item and group	Other index bases	Indexes		Percent change to September 1972 from	
		Sept. 1972	Aug. 1972	Aug. 1972	Sept. 1971
Housing		130.1	129.9	0.2	3.7
Shelter ^{1,2}		135.7	135.5	.1	4.3
Rent ²		119.9	119.6	.3	3.3
Homeownership ³		141.5	141.3	.1	4.7
Mortgage interest rates		117.2	117.3	-.1	-1.3
Property taxes		147.2	145.7	1.0	10.6
Property insurance premiums		123.6	123.4	.2	1.7
Maintenance and repairs		142.2	141.9	.2	3.9
Maintenance and repair commodities ⁴		125.9	125.2	.6	4.1
Exterior house paint		117.9	117.6	.3	1.2
Interior house paint		117.2	117.5	-.3	1.5
Maintenance and repair services		149.2	149.1	.1	3.8
Repainting living and dining rooms		162.5	161.3	.7	6.2
Reshingling house roof		156.7	157.1	-.3	4.4
Residing house		137.1	136.4	.5	3.2
Replacing sink		147.7	146.7	.7	3.0
Repairing furnace		152.9	155.0	-1.4	2.7
Fuel and utilities ²		120.3	120.1	.2	3.7
Fuel oil and coal		118.0	117.9	.1	.2
Fuel oil, #2		116.6	116.6	.0	.2
Gas and electricity		120.5	120.5	.0	4.1
Gas		121.3	121.4	-.1	3.9
Electricity		119.8	119.6	.2	4.5
Other utilities:					
Residential telephone services		114.6	114.1	.4	5.0
Residential water and sewerage services		138.8	138.8	.0	2.8
Household furnishings and operation ⁵		121.6	121.2	.3	1.8
Housefurnishings		116.7	116.3	.3	1.6
Textiles		114.5	113.0	1.3	2.3
Sheets		116.0	111.7	3.8	1.8
Curtains, tailored		112.2	112.8	-.5	.8
Bedsprings		111.4	109.9	1.4	3.7
Drapery fabric		124.5	124.2	.2	4.8
Pillows, bed		108.1	104.2	3.7	.1
Slipcovers and throws, ready made		114.7	114.6	.1	2.8
Furniture and bedding		121.4	121.1	.2	1.4
Bedroom furniture, chest and dresser	Mar. 70	105.4	105.0	.4	.8
Sofas, upholstered		120.5	120.4	.1	2.6
Cocktail tables		101.2	101.8	.6	(⁶)
Dining room chairs	Mar. 70	104.0	103.2	.8	.6
Recliners, upholstered	Dec. 71	98.5	98.1	.4	(⁶)
Sofas, dual purpose		117.5	116.7	.7	1.0
Bedding, mattress and box springs	June 70	105.2	104.9	.3	1.4
Aluminum folding chairs		(⁷)	123.5	(⁷)	(⁷)
Cribs		118.0	118.4	-.3	-.3
Floor coverings		106.6	106.5	.1	.1
Broadloom, carpeting, manmade fibers		101.3	101.4	-.1	-.9
Vinyl sheet goods		119.1	118.7	.3	2.6
Vinyl asbestos tile		118.4	118.4	.0	1.5
Appliances		105.7	105.7	.0	-.1
Washing machines, electric, automatic		110.6	110.4	.2	.5
Vacuum cleaners, canister type		103.6	103.5	.1	-.7
Refrigerators or freezers, electric refrigerator		108.1	107.8	.3	-.2
Ranges, free standing, gas or electric		110.8	111.3	-.4	-.4
Clothes dryers, electric		114.7	114.0	.6	1.1
Air conditioners, demountable		(⁷)	110.4	(⁷)	(⁷)
Room heaters, electric, portable		(⁷)	(⁷)	(⁷)	(⁷)
Garbage disposal units		110.9	111.0	.1	.5
Other housefurnishings:					
Dinnerware, fine china		126.2	125.7	.4	5.9
Flatware, stainless steel		128.6	124.7	3.1	5.7
Table lamps, with shade		124.7	124.8	-.1	2.0
Lawn mowers, power, rotary type		(⁷)	119.0	(⁷)	(⁷)
Electric drills, hand held		107.2	107.0	.2	.0
Housekeeping supplies:					
Laundry soaps and detergents		111.3	111.1	.2	.2
Paper napkins		131.2	131.9	-.5	2.3
Toilet tissue		124.9	123.9	.8	1.0
Housekeeping services:					
Domestic service, general housework		140.5	139.6	.6	4.0
Baby sitter services		137.9	136.9	.7	4.4
Postal charges		146.6	146.6	.0	.0
Laundry, flatwork, finished service		139.8	139.5	.2	3.6
Licensed day care services, preschool child		124.0	123.0	.8	4.1
Washing machine repairs		141.7	141.4	.2	3.1

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Table 8. Consumer Price Index—United States city average for urban wage earners and clerical workers, for selected items and groups, September 1972, and percent changes from selected dates—Continued

(1967=100)

Item and group	Other index bases	Indexes		Percent change to September 1972 from:	
		Sept. 1972	Aug. 1972	Aug. 1972	Sept. 1971
Apparel and upkeep ⁹		123.1	120.8	1.9	2.1
Apparel commodities		123.5	120.9	2.2	2.2
Apparel commodities less footwear ¹		123.0	120.0	2.5	1.9
Men's and boys ¹		122.5	120.4	1.7	1.4
Men's:					
Topcoats, wool or all-weather coats, polyester blends		127.4	(?)	(?)	4.5
Suits, year round weight		131.0	128.6	1.9	.4
Suits, tropical weight		(?)	130.8	(?)	(?)
Jackets, lightweight		113.6	113.7	-1.1	1.2
Slacks, wool or wool blends		115.8	114.4	1.2	-2.0
Slacks, cotton or manmade blends		137.7	135.3	1.8	3.9
Trousers, work, cotton or polyester/cotton		114.9	115.1	-2.2	1.1
Shirts, work, cotton or polyester/cotton		115.3	115.4	-1.1	1.0
Shirts, business, polyester/cotton		111.7	111.5	.2	-1.2
T-shirts, chiefly cotton		118.4	117.6	.7	-3.3
Socks, cotton or manmade fibers		115.7	116.0	-3.3	.4
Handkerchiefs, cotton or polyester/cotton		117.0	116.5	.4	1.4
Boys:					
Coats, all purpose, cotton or cotton blends		(?)	(?)	(?)	(?)
Sport coats, wool or wool blends		(?)	(?)	(?)	(?)
Dungarees, cotton or cotton blends		127.7	127.4	.2	3.7
Undershorts, cotton		120.3	120.2	.1	.6
Women's and girls ¹		123.9	119.8	3.4	2.1
Women's:					
Coats, heavyweight, wool or wool blends		129.5	(?)	(?)	6.4
Carcoats, heavyweight, cotton		(?)	(?)	(?)	(?)
Sweaters, wool or acrylic		(?)	(?)	(?)	(?)
Skirts, wool, wool blend or manmade fibers		141.3	(?)	(?)	7.8
Skirts, cotton or polyester/cotton		(?)	110.4	(?)	(?)
Blouses, cotton or manmade fibers		124.3	120.8	2.9	1.8
Dresses, street, chiefly manmade		130.2	126.5	2.9	2.1
Slips, nylon		111.4	110.8	.5	.3
Panties, acetate or nylon tricot		118.8	118.3	.4	2.6
Girdles, manmade blend		117.9	117.9	.0	.7
Brassiers, nylon lace		122.9	122.5	.3	.6
Hose or panty hose nylon seamless		95.8	96.0	-2.2	-2.1
Anklets, or knee-length socks, various fibers		113.7	113.8	-1.1	-1.0
Gloves, fabric, nylon or cotton		111.0	110.6	.4	1.0
Handbags, rayon faille or plastic		114.2	144.5	.2	6.3
Girls:					
Raincoats, vinyl, cotton, or polyester blends		(?)	(?)	(?)	(?)
Skirts, wool, wool blends, or acrylic		111.8	109.1	2.5	6.3
Dresses, cotton, manmade fibers or blends		121.2	122.6	-1.1	10.9
Slacks, cotton or chiefly cotton		135.3	(?)	(?)	(?)
Slips, polyester blends		110.3	110.3	.0	-.6
Handbags, plastic		123.7	120.6	2.6	-3.6
Footwear		125.7	125.1	.5	2.9
Men's:					
Shoes, street		125.1	124.5	.5	3.5
Shoes, work, high		123.7	122.8	.7	3.1
Women's:					
Shoes, street, pump		127.5	126.5	.8	3.5
Shoes, evening, pump		123.1	122.1	.8	2.3
Shoes, casual		124.2	123.3	.7	-1.1
Houseslippers, scuff		125.8	125.6	.2	1.9
Children's:					
Shoes, oxford		128.2	128.3	-1.1	4.4
Sneakers, boys', oxford type		124.3	124.2	.1	4.0
Dress shoes, girls', or pump		130.5	130.4	.1	2.5
Miscellaneous apparel:					
Diapers, cotton gauze or disposable		116.9	116.0	.8	3.7
Yard goods, polyester blend		119.4	119.3	.1	-2.2
Wrist watches, men's and women's		116.7	116.6	.1	2.9
Apparel services:					
Drycleaning, men's suits and women's dresses		117.8	117.7	.1	.6
Automatic laundry services		115.1	114.9	.2	1.6
Laundry, men's shirts		122.5	122.2	.2	2.9
Tailoring charge, hem adjustment		133.9	133.7	.1	3.3
Shoe repairs, women's heel lift		117.1	116.7	.3	3.2

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Table 8. Consumer Price Index—United States city average for urban wage earners and clerical workers, for selected items and groups, September 1972, and percent changes from selected dates—Continued

(1967=100)

Item and group	Other index bases	Indexes		Percent change to September 1972 from:	
		Sept. 1972	Aug. 1972	Aug. 1972	Sept. 1971
Transportation -----		121.0	120.5	.4	2.0
Private ¹⁰ -----		118.6	118.1	.4	1.9
Automobiles, new -----		109.6	110.6	-.9	3.8
Automobiles, used -----		113.6	112.4	1.1	1.8
Gasoline, regular and premium -----		110.6	108.4	2.0	1.7
Motor oil, premium -----		124.5	124.2	.2	2.5
Tires, new, tubelass -----		115.3	115.5	-.2	-1.9
Auto repairs and maintenance ¹¹ -----		136.3	135.7	.4	3.9
Auto insurance rates -----		140.4	141.1	-.5	-1.7
Auto registration -----		127.5	127.5	.0	3.1
Parking fees, private and municipal -----		147.2	147.2	.0	7.8
Public -----		144.0	143.3	.5	3.4
Local transit fares -----		150.6	150.3	.2	4.6
Taxicab fares -----		133.7	133.6	.1	1.5
Railroad fares, coach -----		122.0	122.9	-.7	-4.5
Airplane fares, chiefly coach -----		131.9	129.2	2.1	1.8
Bus fares, intercity -----		142.1	138.1	2.9	4.6
Health and recreation -----		126.8	126.5	.2	2.6
Medical care -----		133.1	132.9	.2	2.1
Drugs and prescriptions -----		105.7	105.8	-.1	.0
Over-the-counter items -----		111.6	111.5	.1	1.2
Multiple vitamin concentrates -----		95.3	95.3	.0	.2
Aspirin compounds -----		117.1	116.8	.3	1.7
Liquid tonics -----		101.2	101.4	-.2	.5
Adhesive bandages, package -----		124.6	124.1	.4	.4
Cold tablets or capsules -----		114.1	114.5	-.3	1.9
Cough syrup -----		113.5	113.7	-.2	1.9
Prescriptions -----		100.7	100.9	-.2	-1.1
Anti-infectives -----		73.4	74.3	-1.2	-8.1
Sedatives and hypnotics -----		127.9	127.6	.2	3.0
Ataractics -----		103.3	103.3	.0	.7
Antispasmodics -----		108.1	108.0	.1	.0
Cough preparations -----		131.8	132.2	-.3	3.0
Cardiovasculars and Antihypertensives -----		111.8	111.7	.1	-.2
Analgesics -----		109.6	109.8	-.2	1.2
Anti-obesity -----		118.0	118.0	.0	.8
Hormones -----		92.9	92.9	.0	-2.1
Professional services:					
Physicians' fees -----		134.4	134.2	.1	2.2
General physician, office visits -----		135.5	135.2	.2	1.9
General physician, house visits -----		137.8	137.3	.4	3.1
Obstetrical cases -----		134.4	134.3	.1	2.4
Pediatric care, office visits -----		136.3	136.1	.1	2.1
Psychiatrist, office visits -----		129.2	129.3	-.1	2.8
Herniorrhaphy, adult -----		128.8	128.6	.2	3.5
Tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy -----		130.5	130.4	.1	2.0
Dentists' fees -----		133.1	132.8	.2	3.8
Fillings, adult, amalgam, one surface -----		134.6	134.3	.2	3.9
Extractions, adult -----		133.1	132.9	.2	4.2
Dentures, full upper -----		129.8	129.5	.2	3.0
Other professional services:					
Examination, prescription, and dispensing of eyeglasses -----		125.5	125.3	.2	2.8
Routine laboratory test -----		121.1	120.8	.2	3.0
Hospital service charges -----	Jan. 72	102.8	102.7	.1	(⁶)
Semiprivate room charges -----		175.6	175.3	.2	5.3
Operating room charges -----		170.8	170.0	.5	8.1
X-Ray, diagnostic series, upper G.I. -----		129.6	129.6	.0	2.5
Laboratory test, urinalysis -----	Jan. 72	102.4	102.4	.0	(⁶)
Anti-infectives, tetracycline, HCL -----	Jan. 72	100.0	100.0	.0	(⁶)
Tranquilizer, chloridiazepoxide, HCL -----	Jan. 72	102.2	101.9	.3	(⁶)
Electrocardiogram -----	Jan. 72	102.8	102.8	.0	(⁶)
Intravenous solution, saline -----	Jan. 72	102.4	102.4	.0	(⁶)
Physical therapy, whirlpool bath -----	Jan. 72	102.3	102.2	.1	(⁶)
Oxygen, inhalation therapy -----	Jan. 72	101.9	102.0	.1	(⁶)
Personal care -----		120.5	120.2	.2	2.5
Toilet goods -----		117.6	117.4	.2	2.6
Toothpaste, standard dentifrice -----		110.6	109.9	.6	1.8
Toilet soap, hard milled -----		122.3	121.9	.3	6.2
Hand lotion, liquid -----		126.8	127.1	.2	5.9
Shaving cream, aerosol -----		107.3	107.1	.2	.1
Face powder, pressed -----		134.3	134.2	.1	8.2
Deodorants, aerosol -----		104.6	105.1	.5	1.7
Cleansing tissues -----		124.9	124.7	.2	.6
Home permanent wave kits -----		109.7	109.6	.1	1.8
Personal care services -----		123.6	123.2	.3	2.3
Men's haircuts -----		125.8	125.4	.3	1.9
Beauty shop services -----		122.1	121.6	.4	2.7
Women's haircuts -----		123.2	121.9	1.1	3.2
Shampoo and wave sets, plain -----		126.0	125.6	.3	2.9
Permanent waves, cold -----		112.7	112.6	.1	1.7

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Table 8. Consumer Price Index—United States city average for urban wage earners and clerical workers, for selected items and groups, September 1972, and percent changes from selected dates—Continued

(1967=100)

Item and group	Other index bases	Indexes		Percent change to September 1972 from:	
		Sept. 1972	Aug. 1972	Aug. 1972	Sept. 1971
Reading and recreation ¹² -----		123.7	123.0	.6	2.7
Recreational goods -----		108.2	108.1	.1	1.0
TV sets, portable and console -----		99.0	99.4	-.4	-1.0
TV replacement tubes -----		133.1	132.6	.4	7.9
Radios, portable and table model -----		99.2	99.2	.0	.7
Tape recorders, portable -----		94.9	95.1	-.2	2.0
Phonograph records, stereophonic -----		107.6	107.6	.0	1.0
Movie cameras, Super 8, zoom lens -----		88.4	88.3	.1	-.8
Film, 35mm, color -----		108.1	108.2	-.1	-.3
Golf balls, liquid center or solid core -----		105.5	105.1	.4	.7
Basketballs, rubber or vinyl cover -----		126.0	126.4	-.3	.5
Fishing rods, fresh water spincasting -----		107.8	107.6	.2	-2.7
Bowling balls -----		114.0	114.1	-.1	1.2
Bicycles, boys' -----		117.3	117.1	.2	3.2
Tricycles -----		115.1	114.5	.5	2.8
Dog food, canned or boxed -----		110.5	110.2	.3	-.2
Recreational services -----		128.8	128.6	.2	2.0
Indoor movie admissions -----		143.2	143.3	-.1	3.1
Adult -----		142.4	142.7	-.2	2.4
Children's -----		145.2	145.0	.1	4.8
Drive-in movie admissions, adult -----		146.6	147.1	-.3	2.9
Bowling fees, evening -----		118.7	117.8	.8	2.2
Golf green fees -----		131.5	130.9	.5	2.4
TV repair, color picture tube replacement -----		98.1	98.1	.0	-.4
Film developing, color -----		116.1	116.4	-.3	-1.9
Reading and education:					
Newspapers, street sale and delivery -----		133.1	133.1	.0	1.9
Magazines, single copy and subscription -----		133.4	133.4	.0	5.6
Piano lessons, beginner -----		123.9	122.5	1.1	2.1
Other goods and services -----		126.2	126.0	.2	3.1
Tobacco products -----		134.2	134.1	.1	4.1
Cigarettes, nonfilter tip, regular size -----		135.9	135.9	.0	4.4
Cigarettes, filter tip, king size -----		136.2	136.1	.1	4.1
Cigars, domestic, regular size -----		111.3	111.0	.3	2.6
Alcoholic beverages -----		120.2	119.9	.3	2.2
Beer -----		114.2	113.9	.3	.7
Whiskey, spirit blended and straight bourbon -----		108.8	108.9	-.1	1.7
Wine, dessert and table -----		127.8	127.6	.2	2.7
Beer away from home -----		132.2	131.5	.5	4.0
Financial and miscellaneous personal expenses:					
Funeral services, adult -----		121.7	121.4	.2	2.8
Bank service charges, checking accounts -----		107.1	107.0	.1	-3.4
Legal services, short form will -----		150.4	150.3	.1	9.5
Other special groups:					
All items less shelter ² -----		123.8	123.2	.5	3.0
Commodities less food -----		120.3	119.5	.7	2.5
Nondurables less food and apparel -----		119.3	118.6	.6	2.3
Household services less rent ² -----		140.3	140.0	.2	4.6
Transportation services -----		136.3	136.3	.0	1.9
Other services -----		126.7	125.9	.6	2.4

¹ Also includes hotel and motel rates not shown separately.

² Revised indexes appear on table 9.

³ Also includes home purchase costs not shown separately.

⁴ Also includes pine shelving, furnace air filters, packaged dry cement mix, and shrubbery not shown separately.

⁵ Also includes venetian blinds, nails, carpet sweepers, air deodorizers, steel wool scouring pads, envelopes, re-upholstering, moving expenses.

⁶ Not available.

⁷ Prices only in season.

⁸ Also includes radios and television sets, shown separately under reading and recreation.

⁹ Also includes men's sport shirts, women's and girls' lightweight coats, women's slacks, cocktail dresses, bathing suits, girls' shorts, earrings, and zippers not shown separately.

¹⁰ Also includes recapped tires and drivers' license fees not shown separately.

¹¹ Includes prices for water pump replacement, motor tune-up, automatic transmission repair, exhaust system repair, front end alignment, and chassis lubrication.

¹² Also includes outboard motors, nondurable toys, college tuition fees, paperback books, and college textbooks, not shown separately.

Revisions in the CPI

Effective with release of the Consumer Price Index for September, The Bureau of Labor Statistics has revised several values for a number of index series. The revisions, made in accordance with established BLS Policy, reflect (1) the refund to consumers in the State of California of some of the charges made for residential telephone services from August 1971 to July 1972 and (2) rent

increases paid by tenants, of rent controlled apartments in New York City, retroactive to January 1972. Revised indexes for all affected series appear on tables 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13. Revised indexes and percent changes for all affected series appearing in the regular CPI tables for September have been incorporated. No U.S. all items indexes changed because of the revisions.

CPI for urban areas grouped by size of population

September data for a new set of consumer price indexes which measure price change in urban areas grouped by size of population are shown in table 14. The new indexes are calculated from price data collected in 56 metropolitan and nonmetropolitan urban areas of the United States for the national Consumer Price Index. For the new price indexes, the 56 areas are grouped by their 1960 population into five groups:

3.5 million or more	(A-1)
1.4 to 3.5 million	(A-2)
250,000 to 1.4 million	(B)
50,000 to 250,000	(C)
2,500 to 50,000	(D)

For each of the urban population classes, indexes for all items and for the subgroups of food, housing, apparel and upkeep, transportation, and health and recreation are also shown. These indexes will be published four times a year in the detailed report of the Consumer Price Index for the months of March, June, September, and December. For a description of the new indexes and for historical indexes from March 1967 through June 1972, see *The Consumer Price Index, June 1972*.

Table 15 shows revised indexes for the urban areas by size of population.

Table 9. Consumer Price Index, United States city average indexes affected by refunds of residential telephone service charges in California and retroactive rent increases in New York City, revised and as previously published, annual averages 1971 and for August 1971–August 1972

(1967=100)

Year and month	All items less shelter	All items less medical care	Services	Services less rent	Household services less rent	Services less medical care	Utilities and public transportation	Shelter	Rent	Fuel and utilities	Residential telephone services
1971											
August											
Revised	120.2	121.6	129.3	131.8	133.5	128.5	121.3	-	-	116.1	109.1
Previously published	120.2	121.6	129.4	131.9	133.6	128.5	121.6	-	-	116.3	110.3
September											
Revised	120.2	121.7	129.8	132.3	134.1	128.9	121.3	-	-	116.0	109.1
Previously published	120.2	121.7	129.8	132.3	134.2	128.9	121.6	-	-	116.3	110.2
October											
Revised	120.3	122.0	129.9	132.4	134.6	129.2	121.3	-	-	116.0	109.1
Previously published	120.4	122.1	130.0	132.5	134.7	129.3	121.6	-	-	116.3	110.2
November											
Revised	120.4	122.2	130.3	132.8	135.3	129.7	121.7	-	-	116.5	109.1
Previously published	120.4	122.3	130.4	132.9	135.4	129.7	121.9	-	-	116.8	110.2
December											
Revised	120.9	122.7	130.7	133.3	136.0	130.1	122.8	-	-	117.6	109.5
Previously published	120.9	122.7	130.8	133.3	136.1	130.1	123.1	-	-	117.9	110.7
1972											
January											
Revised	120.9	122.8	131.5	134.1	136.9	130.9	124.3	132.4	117.5	118.4	110.6
Previously published	120.9	122.8	131.5	134.1	137.0	130.8	124.6	132.3	117.1	118.7	111.8
February											
Revised	121.5	123.4	131.8	134.4	137.3	131.1	124.9	132.6	117.8	119.0	112.4
Previously published	121.5	123.4	131.8	134.4	137.4	131.1	125.1	132.5	117.5	119.3	113.5
March											
Revised	121.8	123.6	132.1	134.6	137.6	131.3	124.8	132.8	118.0	119.3	112.4
Previously published	121.8	123.6	132.0	134.7	137.7	131.3	125.1	132.7	117.7	119.6	113.5
April											
Revised	122.0	123.9	132.4	135.0	138.0	131.7	125.2	133.1	118.4	119.6	112.6
Previously published	122.1	123.9	132.4	135.0	138.1	131.7	125.4	133.0	118.1	119.9	113.7
May											
Revised	122.4	124.3	132.7	135.3	138.4	132.0	125.4	133.5	118.6	119.9	112.9
Previously published	122.4	124.3	132.7	135.3	138.5	132.0	125.7	133.4	118.3	120.1	114.0
June											
Revised	122.7	124.6	133.1	135.7	138.8	132.4	125.6	134.1	119.0	119.8	113.7
Previously published	122.7	124.6	133.1	135.7	138.9	132.4	125.8	134.1	118.8	120.1	114.9
July											
Revised	123.1	125.1	133.5	136.1	139.5	132.8	125.8	135.0	119.2	120.0	113.9
Previously published	123.1	125.1	133.5	136.2	139.6	132.8	126.0	134.9	119.0	120.2	115.0
August											
Revised	123.2	125.3	133.8	136.4	-	133.1	-	135.5	119.6	-	-
Previously published	123.2	125.3	133.8	136.4	-	133.1	-	135.5	119.4	-	-
Annual average 1971											
Revised	119.3	120.9	128.4	130.8	132.6	127.7	120.0	-	-	115.0	107.5
Previously published	119.3	120.9	128.4	130.9	132.6	127.7	120.2	-	-	115.1	108.0

Table 10. Consumer Price Index, New York-Northeastern New Jersey Standard Consolidated Area Indexes affected by retroactive rent increases in New York City, revised and as previously published, January-August 1972

(1967=100 unless otherwise indicated)

Year and month	All items	All items (1957-59=100)	All items less medical care	Services	Services less medical care	Housing	Shelter	Rent of house or apt.
<u>1972</u>								
January								
Revised -----	128.6	153.0	127.9	139.8	139.1	133.6	139.9	
Previously Published -----	128.4	152.8	127.8	139.4	138.6	133.1	139.1	
February								
Revised -----	129.6	154.3	129.0	140.1	139.4	134.1	140.3	124.6
Previously Published -----	129.5	154.1	128.9	139.7	139.0	133.7	139.6	123.0
March								
Revised -----	130.1	154.9	129.6	140.3	139.7	134.5	140.3	-
Previously Published -----	130.0	154.7	129.4	140.0	139.3	134.1	139.6	-
April								
Revised -----	130.4	155.2	129.8	140.9	140.3	134.9	140.8	125.6
Previously Published -----	130.3	155.0	129.7	140.6	140.0	134.6	140.3	124.3
May								
Revised -----	130.7	155.5	130.1	141.5	140.9	135.3	141.2	
Previously Published -----	130.5	155.3	130.0	141.2	140.6	135.0	140.7	
June								
Revised -----	131.0	155.9	130.4	142.4	141.7	136.1	142.2	126.8
Previously Published -----	130.9	155.8	130.3	142.1	141.4	135.8	141.7	125.6
July								
Revised -----	131.4	156.4	130.9	142.6	142.0	136.4	142.8	-
Previously Published -----	131.4	156.3	130.8	142.4	141.7	136.1	142.3	-
August								
Revised -----	131.7	156.8	131.2	143.0	142.5	137.1	143.8	128.1
Previously Published -----	131.7	156.7	131.1	142.8	142.2	136.9	143.5	127.2

Table 11. Consumer Price Index, Los Angeles-Long Beach California Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area Indexes affected by refunds of residential telephone service charges, revised and as previously published, annual averages 1971 and for August 1971-July 1972

(1967=100 unless otherwise indicated)

Year and month	All items	All items (1957-59= 100)	All items less shelter	All items less med- ical care	Services	Services less rent	Services less med- ical care	Housing	Fuel and utilities
<u>1971</u>									
August									
Revised	119.4	140.4	116.7	118.8	127.3	129.3	126.7	123.8	118.4
Previously published	119.6	140.5	117.0	119.0	127.7	129.8	127.2	124.1	121.9
September									
Revised	119.9	141.0	117.0	119.3	128.0	130.0	127.5	124.8	118.4
Previously published	120.0	141.1	117.2	119.5	128.4	130.4	127.9	125.1	121.9
October									
Revised	120.2	141.3	117.2	119.7	128.2	130.2	127.9	125.2	118.4
Previously published	120.3	141.5	117.4	119.8	128.5	120.6	128.3	125.5	121.9
November									
Revised	119.9	141.0	117.0	119.5	128.1	130.1	127.8	125.0	118.4
Previously published	120.1	141.2	117.2	119.6	128.4	130.4	128.2	125.3	121.9
December									
Revised	120.0	141.1	117.1	119.5	128.1	130.1	127.8	125.0	120.3
Previously published	120.1	141.2	117.3	119.6	128.4	130.4	128.2	125.3	123.8
<u>1972</u>									
January									
Revised	120.0	141.2	117.3	119.6	128.2	130.2	127.9	124.8	120.8
Previously published	120.2	141.3	117.4	119.7	128.5	130.5	128.3	125.2	124.3
February									
Revised	120.3	141.4	117.3	119.8	128.5	130.4	128.2	125.5	121.4
Previously published	120.4	141.6	117.5	119.9	128.8	130.8	128.5	125.8	124.7
March									
Revised	121.1	142.5	118.4	120.7	129.0	131.1	128.8	125.9	121.6
Previously published	121.2	142.6	118.5	120.8	129.3	131.4	129.2	126.2	124.9
April									
Revised	121.2	142.5	118.6	120.7	128.9	131.0	128.6	125.7	121.6
Previously published	121.3	142.6	118.7	120.9	129.2	131.4	129.0	126.0	124.9
May									
Revised	121.3	142.7	118.8	120.9	129.0	131.0	128.7	125.7	121.9
Previously published	121.4	142.8	119.0	121.0	129.3	131.4	129.1	126.0	125.2
June									
Revised	121.6	143.0	118.9	121.2	129.9	132.1	129.7	126.4	123.7
Previously published	121.7	143.2	119.1	121.3	130.2	132.5	130.0	126.8	127.0
July									
Revised	122.7	144.3	119.8	122.2	130.7	132.9	130.4	127.7	123.8
Previously published	122.8	144.4	119.9	122.4	131.0	133.3	130.7	128.0	127.1
Annual averages 1971									
Revised	118.5	139.3	116.1	118.0	126.0	127.9	125.6	122.7	117.1
Previously published	118.5	139.4	116.2	118.0	126.2	128.0	125.8	122.8	118.6

Table 12. Consumer Price Index, San Francisco-Oakland, California Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area Indexes affected by refunds of residential telephone service charges, revised and as previously published, annual averages 1971 and for August 1971-July 1972

(1967=100 unless otherwise indicated)

Year and month	All items	All items (1957- 59=100)	All items less shelter	All items less medical care	Services	Services less rent	Services less medical care	Housing	Fuel and utilities
<u>1971</u>									
August									
Revised -----									114.8
Previously published -----									120.2
September									
Revised -----	120.7	143.6	117.7	120.4	128.8	129.4	129.0	126.3	114.8
Previously published -----	120.9	143.9	117.9	120.6	129.3	130.0	129.6	126.8	120.2
October									
Revised -----									114.8
Previously published -----									120.0
November									
Revised -----									114.8
Previously published -----									120.2
December									
Revised -----	121.6	144.7	118.3	121.5	129.6	130.2	130.1	127.6	115.5
Previously published -----	121.8	145.0	118.5	121.7	130.1	130.8	130.6	128.2	121.0
<u>1972</u>									
January									
Revised -----									115.5
Previously published -----									121.0
February									
Revised -----									116.1
Previously published -----									121.6
March									
Revised -----	122.7	146.0	119.5	122.5	130.8	131.5	131.1	128.6	121.0
Previously published -----	122.9	146.2	119.8	122.7	131.3	132.1	131.7	129.2	126.4
April									
Revised -----									121.0
Previously published -----									126.5
May									
Revised -----									121.1
Previously published -----									126.5
June									
Revised -----	124.1	147.7	120.5	124.0	132.6	133.5	133.1	130.9	121.9
Previously published -----	124.3	147.9	120.8	124.2	133.1	134.1	133.7	131.5	127.5
July									
Revised -----									122.0
Previously published -----									127.5
Annual average 1971									
Revised -----	120.1	142.9	117.3	119.9	127.7	128.3	128.1	125.1	113.7
Previously published -----	120.2	143.0	117.3	120.0	127.9	128.5	128.3	125.3	116.0

Table 13. Consumer Price Index, San Diego, California Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area Indexes affected by refunds of residential telephone service charges, revised and as previously published, annual averages and for August 1971-July 1972

(1967=100 unless otherwise indicated)

Year and month	All items	All items (February 1965=100)	All items less medical care	All services	Services less rents	Services less medical care	Housing	Fuel and utilities
<u>1971</u>								
August								
Revised -----	120.5	126.7	120.4	128.0	127.5	128.3	127.6	109.2
Previously published -----	120.7	126.8	120.6	128.4	127.9	128.8	128.0	112.9
September								
Revised -----								109.2
Previously published -----								112.9
October								
Revised -----								109.2
Previously published -----								112.9
November								
Revised -----	120.8	127.0	120.7	128.5	127.8	129.0	128.3	109.8
Previously published -----	120.9	127.1	120.9	128.9	128.3	129.4	128.7	113.5
December								
Revised -----								109.8
Previously published -----								113.5
<u>1972</u>								
January								
Revised -----								111.1
Previously published -----								114.8
February								
Revised -----	122.1	128.4	122.1	131.0	130.7	131.8	130.5	112.3
Previously published -----	122.3	128.5	122.3	131.4	131.1	132.3	130.9	115.6
March								
Revised -----								112.3
Previously published -----								115.7
April								
Revised -----								112.3
Previously published -----								115.7
May								
Revised -----	123.6	129.9	123.7	131.4	131.0	132.2	131.9	112.3
Previously published -----	123.8	130.1	123.9	131.7	131.4	132.7	132.3	115.7
June								
Revised -----								113.3
Previously published -----								116.6
July								
Revised -----								113.4
Previously published -----								116.7
Annual average 1971								
Revised -----	119.8	125.9	119.7	127.4	126.8	127.9	127.3	107.5
Previously published -----	119.9	126.0	119.8	127.6	127.1	128.2	127.5	109.0

Table 14. Consumer Price Index—United States average and areas grouped by size of population¹ for urban wage earners and clerical workers, all items and major groups, and percent changes from selected dates (1967-100) September 1972

Area and group	Relative importance ²	Indexes (1967=100)				Percent change to September 1972 from—	
		December 1971	September 1972	June 1972	September 1971	June 1972	September 1971
United States							
All items	100.00	126.2	125.0	122.2	1.0	3.3	
Food	22.28	124.8	123.0	119.1	1.5	4.8	
Housing	33.97	130.1	129.0	125.5	0.9	3.7	
Apparel and upkeep	10.49	123.1	122.1	120.6	0.8	2.1	
Transportation	13.32	121.0	119.8	118.6	1.0	2.0	
Health and recreation	19.94	126.8	126.1	123.6	0.6	2.6	
Class A-1 (3.5 million or more)							
All items	32.74	128.9	127.1	124.2	1.4	3.8	
Food	7.53	126.9	125.1	121.1	1.4	4.8	
Housing	10.87	132.8	131.2	127.2	1.2	4.4	
Apparel and upkeep	3.52	123.8	120.4	121.3	2.8	2.1	
Transportation	4.30	126.7	124.9	123.4	1.4	2.7	
Health and recreation	6.52	129.1	128.2	125.1	0.7	3.2	
Class A-2 (1.4 million to 3.5 million)							
All items	11.88	126.4	125.1	122.6	1.0	3.1	
Food	2.66	124.7	122.4	118.6	1.9	5.1	
Housing	4.05	129.8	128.7	125.7	0.9	3.3	
Apparel and upkeep	1.25	123.5	122.7	121.3	0.7	1.8	
Transportation	1.56	122.2	120.8	120.1	1.2	1.7	
Health and recreation	2.36	127.2	126.3	124.1	0.7	2.5	
Class B (250,000 to 1.4 million)							
All items	25.85	125.5	124.5	121.6	0.8	3.2	
Food	5.46	123.9	122.1	118.0	1.5	5.0	
Housing	9.00	129.7	128.5	125.5	0.9	3.3	
Apparel and upkeep	2.65	122.8	123.0	120.4	-0.2	2.0	
Transportation	3.55	118.6	117.6	116.1	0.9	2.2	
Health and recreation	5.19	126.5	125.9	123.4	0.5	2.5	
Class C (50,000 to 250,000)							
All items	12.50	124.6	123.8	120.8	0.6	3.1	
Food	2.77	123.6	121.4	117.8	1.8	4.9	
Housing	4.23	128.5	127.9	123.9	0.5	3.7	
Apparel and upkeep	1.32	123.1	123.6	120.1	-0.4	2.5	
Transportation	1.68	117.0	116.5	115.8	0.4	1.0	
Health and recreation	2.50	125.7	125.1	123.3	0.5	1.9	
Class D (2,500 to 50,000)							
All items	17.03	123.5	122.8	120.1	0.6	2.8	
Food	3.86	122.9	121.7	117.8	1.0	4.3	
Housing	5.82	127.2	126.3	123.1	0.7	3.3	
Apparel and upkeep	1.75	121.3	122.2	119.1	-0.7	1.8	
Transportation	2.23	117.0	116.0	115.4	0.9	1.4	
Health and recreation	3.37	123.8	123.3	121.4	0.4	2.0	

¹ Based upon 1960 Census of Population.

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

R-Revised (see table 15).

Table 15. Consumer Price Indexes for urban wage earners and clerical workers in areas grouped by size of population¹ affected by refunds of residential telephone service charges in California, retroactive rent increases in New York City, and a correction in indexes for used cars, revised and as previously published

(1967=100)

Class and index	September 1971		December 1971		March 1972		June 1972		Annual Averages 1971	
	Revised	Previously published	Revised	Previously published	Revised	Previously published	Revised	Previously published	Revised	Previously published
Class A-1 3.5 million or more										
All items -----	124.2	124.2	124.8	124.8	126.3	126.3	127.1	127.1	122.9	123.0
Housing -----	127.2	127.3	128.3	128.4	129.9	129.8	131.2	131.1	125.6	125.6
Transportation -----	123.4	123.4	123.3	123.3	124.1	124.1	124.9	125.1	123.3	123.3
Class A-2 1.4 million to 3.5 million										
All items -----	122.6	122.6	123.5	123.6	124.2	124.2	125.1	125.1	121.7	121.7
Housing -----	125.7	125.9	126.8	126.9	127.5	127.7	128.7	128.8	124.1	124.2
Transportation -----	120.1	120.1	120.3	120.3	119.6	119.6	120.8	121.1	119.8	119.8
Class B 250,000 to 1.4 million										
All items -----	121.6	121.6	122.7	122.7	123.4	123.4	124.5	124.5	120.8	120.8
Housing -----	125.5	125.5	127.2	127.2	127.9	127.9	128.5	128.6	124.5	124.5
Transportation -----	116.1	116.1	116.3	116.3	115.5	115.5	117.6	117.9	116.0	116.0
Class C 50,000 to 250,000										
All items -----	120.8	120.8	121.8	121.8	122.6	122.6	123.8	123.8	120.1	120.1
Housing -----	123.9	123.9	125.2	125.3	126.1	126.1	127.9	127.9	122.9	123.0
Transportation -----	115.8	115.8	115.6	115.6	115.3	115.3	116.5	116.7	116.0	116.0
Class D 2,500 to 50,000										
Transportation -----	115.4	115.4	115.0	115.0	114.7	114.7	116.0	116.2	115.2	115.2

¹ Based on 1960 Census of Population.

Brief Explanation of the CPI

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

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

In calculating the index, price changes for the various items in each location are averaged together with weights which represent their importance in the spending of all wage earners and clerical workers. SMSA and city data are then combined in the total index with weights based on the 1960 populations of SMSA's and cities they represent. Index numbers are computed on the base 1967=100, and are also available on the base of 1957-59=100.

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

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

*Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area

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

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

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 chang-

ing 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 pensions plans, for example, tie compensation changes to the Consumer Price Index unadjusted for seasonal variation.

Reliability of Percent Changes in the CPI

A system of "replicated" samples introduced into the index structure in the 1964 revision permits an estimate of sampling error for the CPI.¹ The table below shows standard errors for monthly, quarterly, and

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.

Average standard errors of percent changes in the CPI based on 1971 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

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 1970 data which was included in the CPI report through December 1971.

annual *percent changes* in the CPI for all items and for nine commodity groupings based on 1971 averages. The figures may be interpreted as follows: The chances

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

A Note About Calculating Index Changes

Percent changes expressed as annual rates 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.

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 following example illustrates the computation of index point and percent changes:

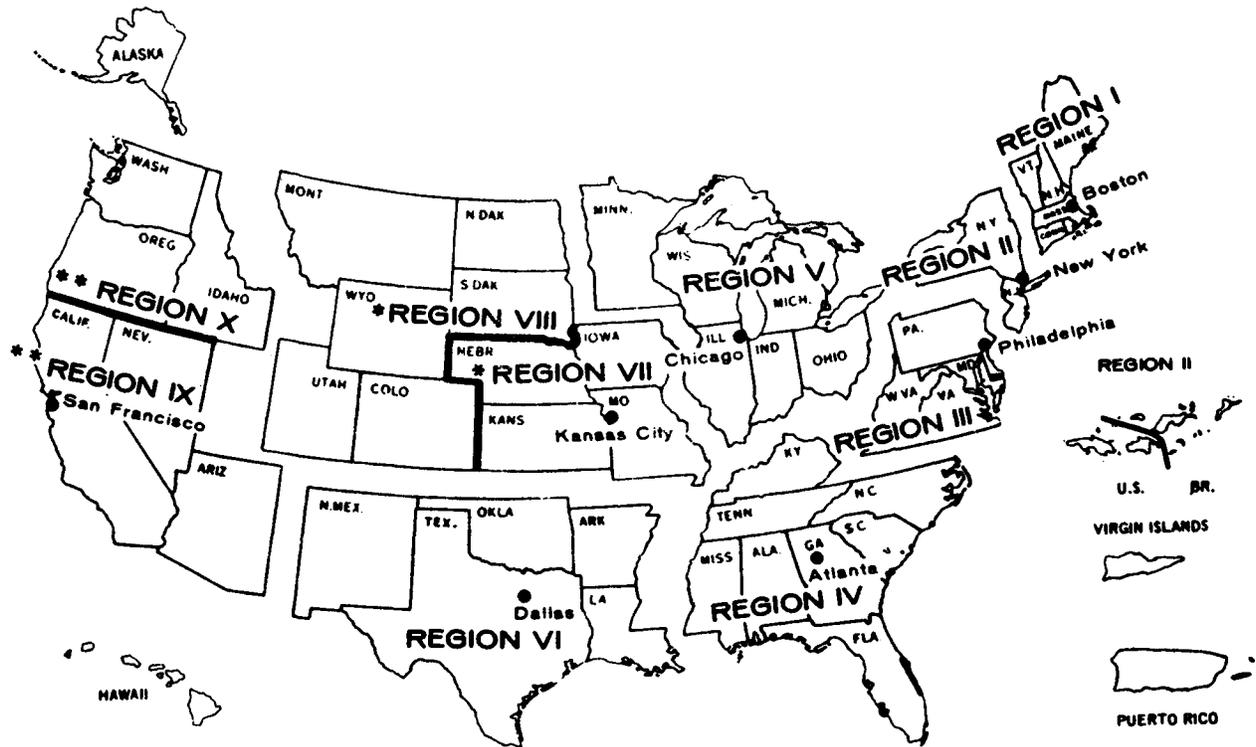
CPI	123.8
less previous index	<u>123.2</u>
index point differences =	0.6

Index point difference divided by the index for the previous period:

$$\frac{123.8 - 123.2}{123.2} \times 100 = 0.5$$

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.

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