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Price Movements

September 1973

The Consumer Price Index rose 0.3 percent in September to 135.5 (1967=100). Higher mortgage interest rates and price increases for apparel and some foods—notably cereal and bakery products and restaurant meals—contributed significantly to the rise. The effects of these increases were moderated by declines in prices of some other foods, particularly fresh vegetables and poultry. The September index was 7.4 percent higher than it was a year ago.

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the August-to-September increase in the CPI was also 0.3 percent. The food index declined 0.1 percent, and the nonfood commodities index increased 0.1 percent after seasonal adjustment. The services index rose 0.9 percent.

Price development in the third quarter

In the June-to-September quarter, the CPI rose at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 10.3 percent, com-

pared with 7.4 percent in the quarter ended in June and 8.6 percent in the quarter ended in March. The rise in the CPI in the third quarter continued to reflect price increases originating in the agricultural sector. The food index advanced at an annual rate of 28.5 percent (seasonally adjusted), and accounted for about 60 percent of the rise in the CPI in the third quarter. This was faster than the rise in the second quarter, primarily because of the sharp food price increase in August, and about the same as the increase in the first quarter. (See table 2.) The index for nonfood commodities increased at a 2.6 percent rate, half as fast as it increased in the second quarter. A decline in gasoline prices in the third quarter, following a large increase in the second quarter, was an important factor in the slowdown. The rate of advance in the services index accelerated to an annual rate of 7.4 percent, from 4.5 percent in the second quarter and 3.6 percent in the first quarter. Increases in mort-

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

Month	Changes from preceding month							Changes in all items at seasonally adjusted compound annual rates		
	All items		Food		Commodities less food		Services	From 3 months ago	From 6 months ago	From 12 months ago
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted			
1972:										
September	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.7	0.7	0.3	0.2	4.4	3.4	3.3
October .....	.3	.3	.1	.6	.4	0	.4	4.2	3.8	3.4
November .....	.2	.3	.4	.7	.2	.2	.2	4.3	3.7	3.5
December .....	.3	.2	.5	-.1	.1	.2	.4	3.4	3.9	3.4
1973:										
January .....	.3	.5	2.1	2.1	-.5	.2	.2	4.0	4.1	3.7
February .....	.7	.7	1.9	1.9	.3	.3	.4	5.7	5.0	3.9
March .....	.9	.9	2.6	2.4	.5	.5	.3	8.6	5.9	4.7
April .....	.7	.6	1.5	1.4	.7	.4	R.4	9.2	6.6	5.1
May .....	.6	.6	1.0	1.1	.6	.4	.4	8.7	7.2	5.5
June .....	.7	.6	1.4	.9	.6	.5	.4	7.4	8.0	5.9
July .....	.2	.2	.8	.5	-.2	.1	.2	5.7	7.4	5.7
August	1.8	1.9	6.0	6.1	.2	.5	.7	11.4	10.0	7.5
September .....	.3	.3	-.7	-.1	.4	.1	.9	10.3	8.8	7.4

R=revised; see table 1.

gage interest rates contributed significantly to the acceleration in the services index.

Price movements of commodities at the retail level were influenced by movements at the wholesale level. Wholesale prices for consumer foods advanced at an annual rate of 36.2 percent in the third quarter, compared with 14.2 percent in the second quarter and 44.2 percent in the first quarter. All of the increase in the third quarter occurred in August. Price increases for other wholesale products slowed at all stages of processing. The rate of advance decelerated only slightly for industrial materials at the crude stage but moderated noticeably for materials and products at the intermediate stage of processing and for investment-type and consumer-type finished goods. Wholesale prices of finished consumer goods other than food rose at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 0.7 percent in the third quarter, perceptibly slower than the 6.5 percent rate in the second quarter and 10.6 percent in the first quarter. (See table B.)

The freeze and Phase 4

The behavior of the CPI and the WPI in the third quarter was affected by the transition from Phase 3 to Phase 4 in the Economic Stabilization Program. Phase 3 was in effect during the first two quarters of this year. It ended on June 13 with an announcement of a freeze on prices, at levels prevailing in the first 8 days of June. On meat prices, ceilings which were imposed in late March remained in effect. Only a few items were exempt from the price freeze—notably raw agricultural products at the farm level, rents, interests, and imported products.

For most economic sectors, the freeze continued until August 12, when Phase 4 regulations went into effect. However, the freeze on all food prices except beef was terminated on July 18. After that date, food processors, wholesalers, and retailers were permitted to raise prices to reflect increased costs that had occurred

Table B. Changes in Consumer and Wholesale Price Indexes, selected periods 1971-73

(Seasonally adjusted, except services, compound annual rate.)

	Percent change						
	1971 before Phase I	3 months Phase I	14 months Phase 2	5 months Phase 3	1973		
	December 1970 to August 1971	August 1971 to November 1971	November 1971 to January 1973	January 1973 to June 1973	3 months ending:		
					March	June	September
Consumer Price Index							
All items	3.8	2.0	3.6	8.3	8.6	7.4	10.3
Food	4.8	1.7	6.5	20.3	28.6	14.7	28.8
Commodities less food	2.9	.3	2.4	5.2	4.0	5.4	2.6
Services	4.5	3.1	3.5	4.3	3.6	4.5	7.4
Wholesale Price Index							
All commodities	5.0	0.3	6.9	24.4	21.1	23.4	13.2
Farm products and processed foods and feeds	6.5	1.1	16.1	49.8	51.9	43.2	35.9
Industrial commodities	4.5	-1	3.5	14.4	10.2	14.9	4.5
Selected stage of processing indexes:							
Crude materials except food ...	2.4	2.6	10.5	25.9	11.8	36.0	25.1
Intermediate materials except food	6.4	.3	4.0	15.5	12.4	14.2	4.7
Producers' finished goods	3.4	-1.7	2.3	6.7	4.7	6.7	3.1
Consumer goods except food	2.2	0	2.3	14.6	7.2	17.5	0.7
Consumer foods	6.7	2.1	10.6	25.4	44.2	14.2	36.2

since June 8, but only for raw agricultural products. The freeze on beef prices continued until September 10. Thereafter, the food industry was covered by essentially the same Phase 4 regulations as those applying to the nonfood sector.

Phase 4 regulations require companies with annual sales of more than \$100 million to give the Cost of Living Council 30 days prenotification before price increases may go into effect; to establish a new base period for price increases and cost justification procedures; to permit costs to be passed through only on a dollar-for-dollar basis; and to continue the profit margin limitations established in Phase 3.

Under Phase 4, the petroleum industry is covered by mandatory regulations with price ceilings for gasoline, heating oil and diesel fuel. Through September 7, retail gasoline prices were covered by price ceilings based on the highest posted pump prices for the base period from June 1 to 8. Beginning September 8, retail price ceilings were based on cost of gasoline (dealer tank-wagon prices) on August 1 plus the mark-up (dealer profit margin) in effect on January 10, 1973. On September 28, the regulations were changed so that the price ceiling for a retailer was based on the actual selling price on May 15, 1973 plus any increased wholesale costs between May 15 and September 28. The regulations were modified again in mid-October. From October 15 to November 1, retail gasoline prices were frozen. Starting November 1, retailers were allowed to pass on increases in dealer tank-wagon prices.

Phase 4 regulations require large writers of insurance (those with \$150 million of covered earned premiums in all lines in a year) to prenotify both the Cost of Living Council and the relevant State insurance regulatory

agency of price changes. If the state regulatory agency decides that the rate changes are in compliance with Phase 4 guidelines, the request is sent to the Cost of Living Council for final review.

Mandatory controls similar to those in effect during Phase 3 were reimposed on the health services and construction industries. Lumber prices, however, are exempt from Phase 4 controls, as are public utility rates. Almost all public utility rates are already controlled by Federal, State or local regulatory bodies. Rents, raw agricultural products, and small businesses remain exempt as they were in previous phases of the Economic Stabilization Program.

Consumer goods and services

Food. In the third quarter, prices rose substantially for all categories of food, except fresh fruits and vegetables, as is shown in table C.

Although prices of most types of food rose sharply after the freeze ended, increases were particularly steep for poultry, pork, and eggs. By the end of the quarter, however, prices for these items were moving down from their high August levels primarily because of consumer resistance to high prices coupled with increased supplies. Prices for fresh fruits and vegetables also declined late in the quarter as supplies from the summer crops, which had been delayed, and supplies from fall crops became available at the same time. On the other hand, price rises for cereal and bakery products and dairy products continued to accelerate as the quarter ended, reflecting increases at the wholesale level.

The rise in wholesale prices for cereal and bakery products is attributable primarily to sharp advances in

Table C. Seasonally adjusted annual rates of price change for selected foods, December 1972-September 1973

Selected foods	December 1972— March 1973	March 1973— June 1973	June 1973— September 1973
Food	28.6	14.7	28.8
Food at home	35.4	15.4	31.6
Cereal and bakery products	10.4	14.9	34.7
Meats, poultry, and fish	71.4	9.8	71.0
Meats	64.6	9.2	44.0
Poultry	198.1	-.3	123.8
Fish	11.8	32.1	10.4
Dairy products (not seasonally adjusted)	11.3	8.8	21.5
Fruits and vegetables	20.8	31.2	-18.3
Fresh fruits and vegetables	25.5	43.2	-30.7
Processed fruit and vegetable	8.1	9.6	11.1
Other foods at home	14.2	26.4	17.7
Food away from home	7.1	12.0	15.4

prices for wheat, flour, rice, and corn caused by continued heavy export demand combined with sustained domestic demand. The rise in the prices of dairy products stems from the decline in milk production, as producers cut back on feed rations in response to increased feed costs. In addition, because of favorable slaughter prices, a large number of milk cows were killed.

Over the past year, sharp advances in feed prices have been a major factor in the price rises for meats, poultry, and eggs, as well as for dairy products. In the third quarter, wholesale prices of manufactured animal feeds fell because of export restrictions, buyer resistance, and prospects for record crops in the fall.

Nonfood Commodities. The rate of increase in the index for nonfood commodities slowed markedly at retail and wholesale in the third quarter. A significant factor in the slowdown was gasoline prices which declined at retail and increased moderately at wholesale. They had advanced substantially in the second quarter. The decline at retail apparently resulted primarily from retailer compliance with Cost of Living Council's petroleum regulations. Fuel oil prices, on the other hand, rose in the third quarter, reflecting the higher prices for imported oil used in the build-up of inventories for the winter season.

Among other nonfood commodities, the rise in retail prices moderated for furniture and apparel other than footwear. Used car prices, which had advanced sharply in the second quarter as they usually do, declined seasonally in the third quarter. Price rises accelerated slightly for footwear and new cars. Concessions on new car prices were smaller than usual for the third quarter due to the high level of consumer demand for smaller cars. The increase in house prices was the largest since the third quarter of 1972.

Services. The services index rose at an annual rate of 7.4 percent. Almost 30 percent of the rise resulted from an increase in mortgage interest rates at the fastest pace since early 1970. After declining in 1971 and the first half of 1972, mortgage interest rates moved up moderately in the second half of last year and early in 1973. This spring, however, interest rates on conventional

mortgage loans started to rise at a faster pace, and in the third quarter, interest rates were raised on both the FHA and the VA mortgage loans.

Excluding mortgage interest costs,¹ the increase in the services index was 4.8 percent, about the same as it was in the second quarter. Rent charges and charges for household services such as gas and electricity, domestic services, baby sitters, and day care services increased at a somewhat faster pace than they had in the second quarter. Prices charged for dry cleaning, shoe repairs, men's haircuts, and beauty shop services continued to move up rapidly. The increases in charges for medical care services and transportation services were moderate and slightly smaller than they were in the second quarter.

Diffusion of individual price change

Approximately 117,000 individual prices were collected directly by the Bureau of Labor Statistics in September for use in the index. Approximately 80 percent of these quotations (accounting for about 40 percent of the weight of the CPI market basket) represent monthly comparisons. Fifty-nine percent of these monthly comparisons showed no change, 23 percent showed an increase, and 18 percent a decrease, as can be seen from table D. The proportion of food prices increasing in September was considerably smaller and the proportion decreasing was much larger than in August.

The September index also includes approximately 23,000 price comparisons from periods before August, 18,000 of which cover the quarterly span from June to September. About 25 percent of these quarterly price comparisons increased, compared with 20 percent in the May-to-August period. In addition, about 4,800 rental units were surveyed in September, and 27 percent of these reported rent increases from March 1973, about the same as for the 6-month period ended in August.

¹ The mortgage interest cost component of the CPI reflects not only changes in mortgage interest rates but also changes in the size of mortgage, resulting from changes in house prices.

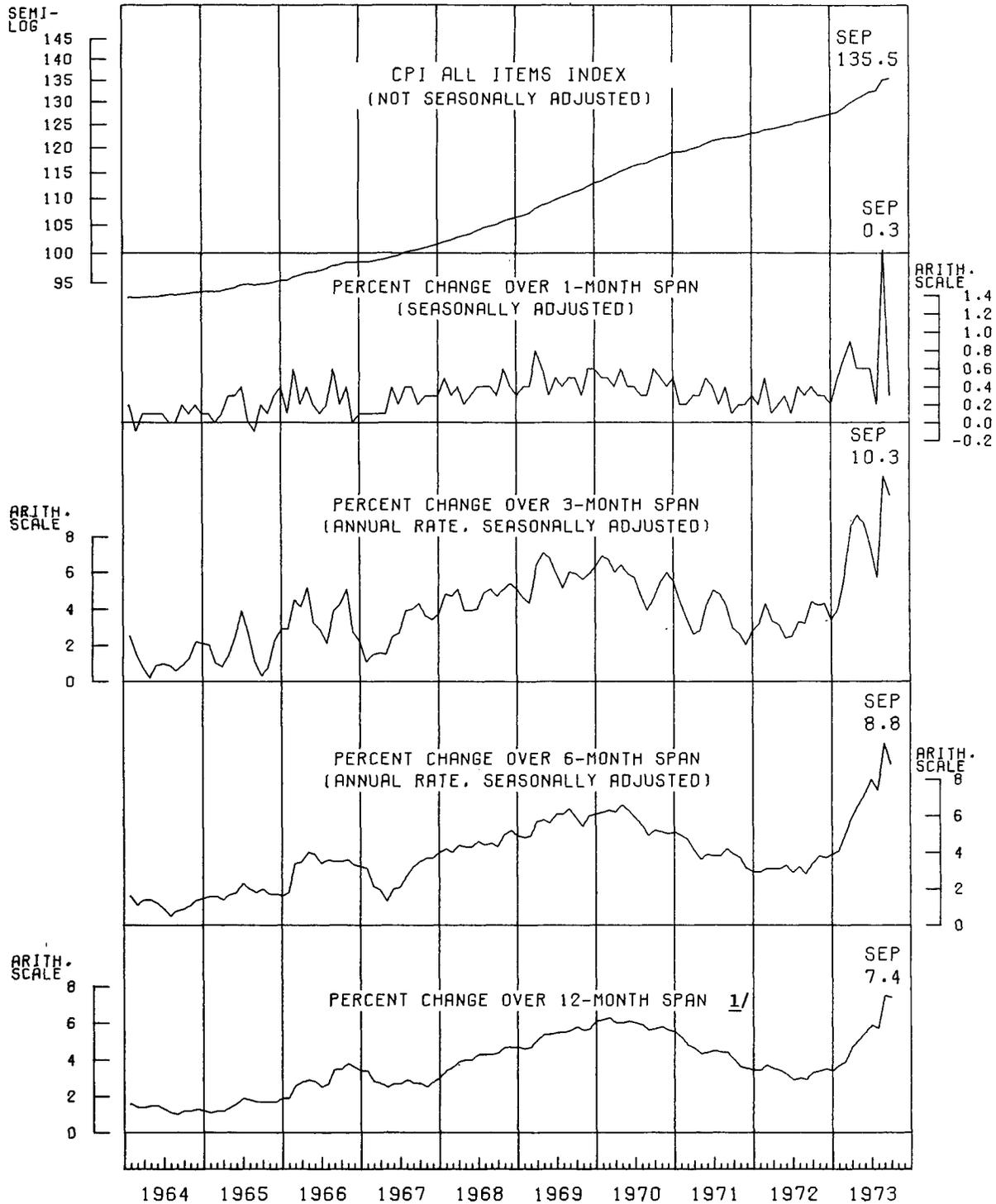
Table D. Percent distribution of monthly price comparisons ¹

Item	1972					
	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
Increases	14	13	15	18	16	15
Decreases	12	12	11	10	11	10
No change	74	75	74	72	73	75
Food at home	100	100	100	100	100	100
Increases	15	14	17	20	18	16
Decreases	13	13	12	11	13	12
No change	72	73	71	69	69	72
Commodities less food	100	100	100	100	100	100
Increases	7	8	6	8	8	11
Decreases	7	6	7	7	6	5
No change	86	86	87	85	86	84
Services	100	100	100	100	100	100
Increases	6	7	5	4	3	4
Decreases	4	5	3	3	3	2
No change	90	88	92	93	94	94
	1972—Continued			December 1972 to January 1973	1973	
	September to October	October to November	November to December		January to February	February to March
All items ²	100	100	100	100	100	100
Increases	15	14	14	21	27	26
Decreases	11	11	9	10	9	8
No change	74	75	77	69	64	66
Food at home	100	100	100	100	100	100
Increases	17	16	17	23	31	30
Decreases	12	12	10	8	10	9
No change	71	72	73	69	59	61
Commodities less food	100	100	100	100	100	100
Increases	6	6	6	7	12	11
Decreases	6	5	4	8	4	5
No change	88	89	90	85	84	84
Services	100	100	100	100	100	100
Increases	4	4	3	9	5	4
Decreases	5	2	3	27	4	2
No change	91	94	94	64	91	94
	1973—Continued					
	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
Increases	24	20	20	16	29	23
Decreases	10	11	11	9	9	18
No change	66	69	69	75	62	59
Food at home	100	100	100	100	100	100
Increases	27	23	23	18	34	26
Decreases	12	13	12	10	10	21
No change	61	64	65	72	56	53
Commodities less food	100	100	100	100	100	100
Increases	11	9	13	8	7	10
Decreases	4	5	5	6	5	11
No change	85	86	82	86	88	79
Services	100	100	100	100	100	100
Increases	4	6	3	2	5	5
Decreases	3	3	2	2	2	4
No change	93	91	95	96	93	91

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.

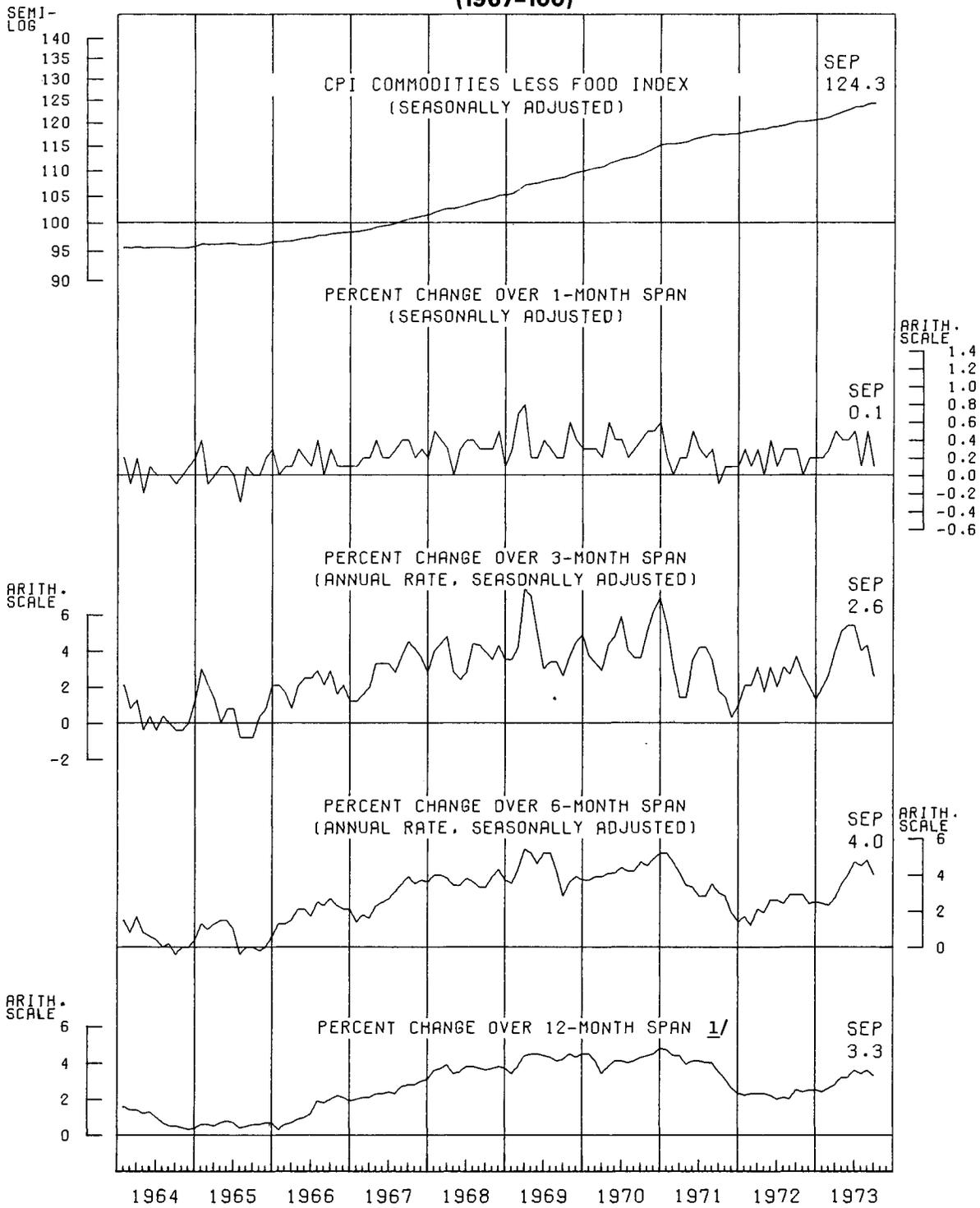
² Based on approximately 98,000 individual quotations.

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



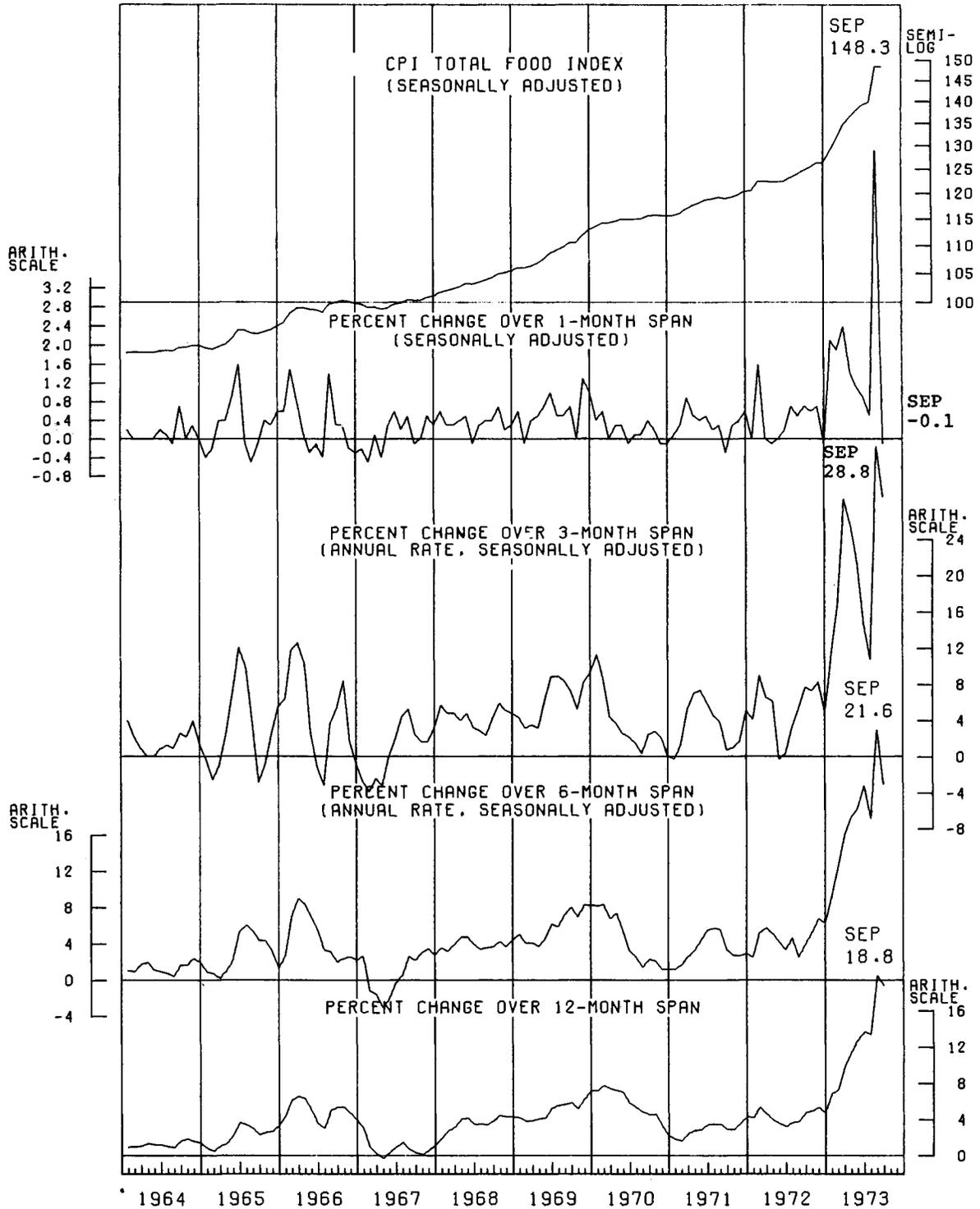
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Chart 2. Commodities less food index and its rates of change, 1964-73
(1967=100)

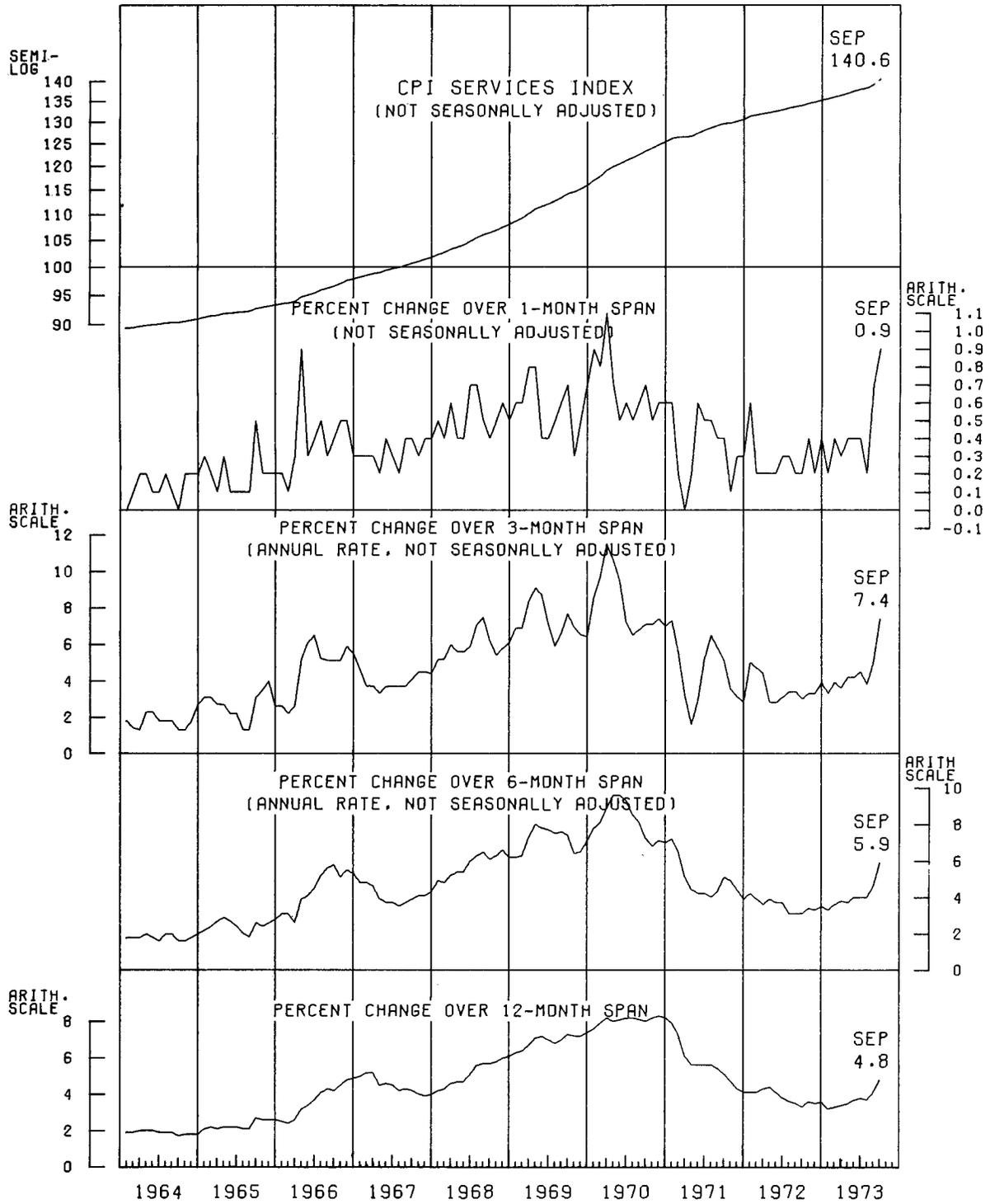


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**Chart 3. Total food index and its rates of change, 1964-73
(1967=100)**



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



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

Group	Relative importance December 1972	Unadjusted indexes 1967=100 unless otherwise noted		Unadjusted percent change to September 1973 from		Seasonally adjusted percent change from		
		August 1973	September 1973	September 1972	August 1973	June to July	July to August	August to September
Commodity and service groups								
All items	100.000	135.1	135.5	7.4	0.3	0.2	1.9	.3
All items (1959=100)	-	157.1	157.6	-	-	-	-	-
Commodities	62.552	132.8	132.8	8.9	0	.2	2.6	.1
Food	22.492	149.4	148.3	18.8	- .7	.5	6.1	- .1
Food at home	17.494	151.3	149.2	21.5	- 1.4	.2	7.7	- .7
Cereals and bakery products	2.243	124.7	132.4	15.5	6.2	.3	1.1	6.3
Meats, poultry, and fish	6.016	184.0	180.2	37.7	- 2.1	- .1	16.4	- 1.6
Dairy products	2.685	126.6	130.3	11.5	2.9	0*	2.0*	2.9*
Fruits and vegetables	2.999	152.6	137.3	9.2	- 10.0	1.3	1.1	- 7.2
Other foods at home	3.552	135.6	135.9	15.6	.2	- .2	4.5	- .1
Food away from home	4.998	142.4	145.1	9.5	1.9	.7	1.0	1.9
Commodities less food	40.059	123.8	124.3	3.3	.4	.1	.5	.1
Nondurables less food	23.415	124.7	125.5	3.9	.6	.2	.2	- .1
Apparel commodities ¹	8.960	126.6	128.7	4.2	1.7	- .1	1.0	.1
Men's and boys'	2.799	126.3	127.3	3.9	.8	- .2	.8	- .1
Women's and girls'	3.982	126.0	129.5	4.5	2.8	- .5	1.3	.5
Footwear	1.572	130.6	131.3	4.5	.5	.4	.4	.3
Nondurables less food and apparel	14.455	123.6	123.8	3.8	.2	.1	0	.1
Gasoline and motor oil	2.902	119.4	118.6	6.4	- .7	- .1	.5	- .9
Tobacco products	2.103	137.8	138.0	2.8	.1	.4*	0*	.1*
Alcoholic beverages	2.459	122.4	123.2	2.5	.7	.4*	- .3*	.7*
Fuel oil and coal	.655	132.8	133.6	13.2	.6	.1	.9	.6
Other nondurables	6.335	120.9	121.3	2.5	.3	.2	.2	.3
Durable commodities	16.644	122.6	122.6	2.3	0	.2	.5	.4
Household durables	4.772	119.6	120.1	3.9	.4	.3	.3	.4
New cars	2.060	110.6	109.1	- .5	- 1.4	.5	.4	.6
Used cars	2.056	121.3	120.3	5.9	- .8	.3*	- 1.1*	- .8*
Other durables	7.756	128.7	129.2	1.3	.4	- .1	.6	.4
Services ²	37.448	139.3	140.6	4.8	.9	.2*	.7*	.9*
Rent ³	5.059	125.0	125.4	4.6	.3	.3*	.6*	.3*
Services less rent	32.389	141.9	143.4	4.9	1.1	.2*	.6*	1.1*
Household services less rent	15.486	146.8	149.3	6.4	1.7	.1	.9	1.7
Transportation services	5.473	137.1	137.2	.7	.1	.1	.5	.1
Medical care services	5.575	144.3	145.1	4.5	.6	.1	.2	.6
Other services	5.855	132.1	133.3	5.2	.9	.3*	.3*	.9*
Special indexes:								
All items less food ⁴	77.508	130.9	131.8	- 4.0	.7	.2	.5	.6
Nondurable commodities	45.907	136.6	136.5	11.2	- .1	.3	3.3	- .1
Apparel commodities less footwear	7.388	125.9	128.1	4.1	1.7	- .2	1.2	- .1
Services less medical care services ⁵	31.873	138.5	140.0	4.9	1.1	.2*	.7*	1.1*
Insurance and finance	9.829	148.9	151.9	5.0	2.0	.1	1.2	2.1
Utilities and public transportation	5.522	129.9	130.4	3.2	.4	.1	.4	.6
Housekeeping and home maintenance service	4.502	154.0	155.5	6.8	1.0	.5	.4	.8
Appliances (including radio and T. V.)	1.621	105.3	105.5	- .2	.2	0*	- .1*	.2*
Expenditure classes								
All items	100.000	135.1	135.5	7.4	0.3	0.2	1.9	.3
Food	22.492	149.4	148.3	18.8	- .7	.5	6.1	- .1
Housing ⁶	33.859	135.2	136.6	4.9	1.0	.2*	.7*	1.0*
Shelter ^{7,8}	21.830	141.1	142.9	5.3	1.3	.1	.9	1.3
Rent ⁹	5.059	125.0	125.4	4.6	.3	.3*	.6*	.3*
Homeownership ⁹	16.355	147.0	149.2	5.4	1.5	.1	1.1	1.4
Fuel and utilities ¹⁰	4.708	126.3	126.8	5.3	.4	- .1	.6	.6
Gas and electricity	2.434	125.8	126.5	4.8	.6	.4	.2	.7
Household furnishings and operation	7.321	125.3	126.1	3.7	.6	.5	.3	.6
Apparel and upkeep	10.370	126.5	128.3	4.2	1.4	0	.9	.1
Transportation	13.134	124.5	123.9	2.4	- .5	.4	- .1	.3
Private	11.665	122.3	121.6	2.6	- .6	.2	.1	.2
Public	1.469	144.9	145.5	1.0	.4	.1	.5	.3
Health and recreation	19.768	130.5	131.1	3.4	.5	.2*	.2*	.5*
Medical care	6.447	137.6	138.3	3.9	.5	.1	.2	.5
Personal care	2.573	125.7	126.3	4.8	.5	.3*	.3*	.5*
Reading and recreation	5.656	126.1	126.8	2.5	.6	.3	0	.4
Other goods and services	5.093	129.4	129.9	2.9	.4	.2	.2	.2
Special indexes:								
All items less shelter	78.170	133.5	133.6	7.9	.1	.3	2.1	.1
All items less medical care	93.553	135.0	135.4	7.5	.3	.2	2.0	.3
All items less mortgage interest costs ¹¹	96.298	134.2	134.4	7.2	.1	.4	1.7	.1
CPI - domestically produced farm foods ¹²	15.519	153.0	150.7	22.9	- 1.5	.8*	8.1*	- 1.5*
CPI - selected beef cuts ¹³	2.060	174.8	176.4	29.2	- .9	.5*	7.2*	.9*
Purchasing power of consumer dollar:								
1967=\$1.00	-	\$0.740	\$0.738	- 6.8	- .3	-	-	-
1957-59=\$1.00	-	.637	.635	-	-	-	-	-

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

² Revised indexes: April 1973, 137.1; May 1973, 137.6.

³ Revised indexes: January 1973, 121.8; February 1973, 122.3; March 1973, 122.8; April 1973, 123.2; May 1973, 123.7; June 1973, 124.0; July 1973, 124.4.

⁴ Revised indexes: January 1973, 127.5.

⁵ Revised indexes: February 1973, 135.4.

⁶ Revised indexes: January 1973, 131.5; March 1973, 132.4.

⁷ Also includes hotel and motel rates not shown separately.

⁸ Revised indexes: January 1973, 137.0; February 1973, 137.4.

⁹ Includes home purchase, mortgage interest, taxes, insurance, and maintenance and repairs.

¹⁰ Also includes residential telephone, fuel oil, coal, water, and sewerage service not shown separately.

¹¹ Revised indexes: January 1973, 126.9.

¹² Calculated from the CPI food at home component by excluding fish, nonalcoholic beverages, bananas, chocolate candy bars, chocolate syrup and about half of the index weight for sugar.

¹³ Calculated from the CPI beef and veal component by excluding veal cutlets and beef liver.

* Not seasonally adjusted.

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

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

Group	Seasonally adjusted indexes (1967=100)				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
	June 1973	July 1973	August 1973	September 1973	3 months ending in				6 months ending in	
					December 1972	March 1973	June 1973	September 1973	March 1973	September 1973
Commodity and service groups										
All items	-	-	-	-	3.4	8.6	7.4	10.3	5.9	8.8
Commodities	129.1	129.4	132.7	132.8	2.6	11.5	9.5	12.0	7.0	10.7
Food	139.2	139.9	148.5	148.3	4.9	28.6	14.7	28.8	16.1	21.6
Food at home	139.2	139.5	150.2	149.1	6.0	35.4	15.4	31.6	19.8	23.3
Cereals and bakery products	123.0	123.4	124.7	132.5	4.3	10.4	14.9	34.7	7.3	24.4
Meats, poultry, and fish	156.0	155.8	181.3	178.4	11.6	71.4	9.8	71.0	38.3	37.0
Dairy products (not seasonally adjusted)	124.1	124.1	126.6	130.3	4.9	11.3	8.8	21.5	8.0	15.0
Fruits and vegetables	146.3	148.2	149.9	139.1	9.8	20.8	31.2	-18.3	15.1	3.5
Other foods at home	130.2	129.9	135.7	135.6	4.9	14.2	26.4	17.7	9.4	21.9
Food away from home	139.9	140.9	142.3	145.0	4.0	7.1	12.0	15.4	5.5	13.7
Commodities less food	123.5	123.6	124.2	124.3	1.3	4.0	5.4	2.6	2.7	4.0
Nondurables less food	124.7	124.9	125.2	125.1	2.7	4.7	7.0	1.3	3.7	4.1
Apparel commodities ¹	127.1	127.0	128.3	128.4	3.6	3.9	4.9	4.2	3.8	4.5
Men's and boys'	126.6	126.4	127.4	127.3	4.7	3.6	5.2	2.2	4.1	3.7
Women's and girls'	127.4	126.8	128.4	129.0	3.3	3.9	5.9	5.1	3.6	5.5
Footwear	129.9	130.4	130.9	131.3	4.2	5.8	3.5	4.4	5.0	3.9
Nondurables less food and apparel	123.4	123.5	123.5	123.6	1.4	4.8	8.5	.6	3.0	4.5
Gasoline and motor oil	119.6	119.5	118.9	117.8	1.1	7.4	25.5	-5.9	4.2	8.7
Tobacco products (not seasonally adjusted)	137.3	137.8	137.8	138.0	0	3.9	5.4	2.1	1.9	3.7
Alcoholic beverages (not seasonally adjusted)	122.3	122.8	122.4	123.2	1.0	2.7	3.3	3.0	1.8	3.2
Fuel oil and coal	132.0	132.1	133.3	134.1	3.4	28.4	16.0	6.5	15.2	11.1
Other nondurables	120.4	120.6	120.9	121.3	1.7	2.0	3.4	3.0	1.9	3.2
Durable commodities	121.8	122.0	122.6	123.1	- .7	2.4	3.4	4.3	.8	3.8
Household durables	119.0	119.3	119.6	120.1	2.4	2.1	7.4	3.7	2.3	5.5
New cars	111.4	112.0	112.5	113.2	-14.9	3.0	5.2	6.6	-6.4	5.9
Used cars (not seasonally adjusted)	122.3	122.7	121.3	120.3	5.0	-4.4	33.9	-6.4	.2	11.9
Other durables	127.9	127.8	128.6	129.1	- .3	1.3	.6	3.8	.5	2.2
Services (not seasonally adjusted)	138.1	138.4	139.3	140.6	3.9	3.6	4.5	7.4	3.8	5.9
Rent (not seasonally adjusted)	124.0	124.4	125.0	125.4	3.7	6.1	4.0	4.6	4.9	4.3
Services less rent (not seasonally adjusted)	140.7	141.0	141.9	143.4	3.9	3.5	4.4	7.9	3.7	6.1
Household services less rent	145.2	145.4	146.7	149.2	4.6	3.7	6.0	11.5	4.2	8.7
Transportation services	136.9	137.0	137.7	137.9	- .3	-3.7	3.9	3.0	-2.0	3.4
Medical care services	143.5	143.6	143.9	144.8	6.8	2.9	4.6	3.7	4.8	4.1
Other services (not seasonally adjusted)	131.3	131.7	132.1	133.3	3.2	4.8	6.7	6.2	4.0	6.4
Special indexes:										
All items less food	130.2	130.4	131.0	131.8	2.5	3.2	5.4	5.0	2.9	5.2
Nondurable commodities	131.7	132.1	136.5	136.4	3.6	15.7	10.7	15.1	9.5	12.8
Apparel commodities less footwear	126.6	126.3	127.8	127.7	4.0	3.6	5.6	3.5	3.8	4.5
Services less medical care services (not seasonally adjusted)	137.3	137.6	138.5	140.0	3.6	3.6	4.5	8.1	3.6	6.3
Insurance and finance	147.1	147.2	149.0	152.1	1.9	- .3	4.8	14.3	.8	9.4
Utilities and public transportation	129.4	129.5	130.0	130.8	3.8	1.6	3.2	4.4	2.7	3.8
Housekeeping and home maintenance service	152.3	153.1	153.7	155.0	5.9	6.1	7.7	7.3	6.0	7.5
Appliances (including radio and T. V.) (not seasonally adjusted)	105.4	105.4	105.3	105.5	.4	-1.5	0	.4	-.6	.2
Expenditure classes										
All items	-	-	-	-	3.4	8.6	7.4	10.3	5.9	8.8
Food	139.2	139.9	148.5	148.3	4.9	28.6	14.7	28.8	16.1	21.6
Housing (not seasonally adjusted)	133.9	134.2	135.2	136.6	3.1	3.7	4.6	8.3	3.4	6.4
Shelter ²	139.5	139.7	141.0	142.8	3.3	3.0	5.3	9.8	3.1	7.5
Rent (not seasonally adjusted)	124.0	124.4	125.0	125.4	3.7	6.1	4.0	4.6	4.9	4.3
Homeownership ³	145.1	145.3	146.9	148.9	3.2	2.3	5.7	10.9	2.7	8.3
Fuel and utilities ⁴	125.9	125.8	126.6	127.3	3.3	7.8	5.6	4.5	5.5	5.1
Gas and electricity	125.5	126.0	126.2	127.1	3.3	7.7	2.9	5.2	5.5	4.1
Household furnishings and operation	124.3	124.9	125.3	126.0	3.0	2.0	4.3	5.6	2.5	4.9
Apparel and upkeep	126.7	126.7	127.9	128.0	3.6	3.6	5.2	4.2	3.6	4.7
Transportation	124.1	124.6	124.5	124.9	-2.6	2.7	7.1	2.6	0	4.8
Private	121.9	122.2	122.3	122.6	-2.7	3.1	7.9	2.3	.2	5.1
Public	144.5	144.6	145.3	145.8	2.5	-4.6	2.8	3.6	-1.1	3.2
Health and recreation (not seasonally adjusted)	130.0	130.3	130.5	131.1	2.2	3.5	4.4	3.4	2.9	3.9
Medical care	136.9	137.0	137.3	138.0	6.2	2.7	3.6	3.3	4.4	3.4
Personal care (not seasonally adjusted)	124.9	125.3	125.7	126.3	3.4	5.4	6.0	4.6	4.4	5.3
Reading and recreation	125.8	126.2	126.2	126.7	1.6	2.6	2.9	2.9	2.1	2.9
Other goods and services	129.3	129.5	129.3	129.5	1.9	4.8	4.5	.6	3.4	2.5
Special indexes:										
All items less shelter	130.3	130.7	133.5	133.6	3.3	10.0	8.1	10.5	6.6	9.3
All items less medical care	132.1	132.4	135.0	135.4	2.9	9.1	7.9	10.4	6.0	9.2
All items less mortgage interest costs	131.4	131.9	134.2	134.4	3.2	8.5	7.7	9.4	5.8	8.5
CPI - domestically produced farm foods (not seasonally adjusted)	140.4	141.5	153.0	150.7	4.0	41.0	17.3	32.7	21.1	24.8
CPI - selected beef cuts (not seasonally adjusted)	162.2	163.0	174.8	176.4	-4.6	93.5	8.0	39.9	35.9	22.9

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

² Also includes hotel and motel rates not shown separately.

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

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

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

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

Area ¹	Pricing schedule ²	Indexes			Percent change from:		
		1967= 100	1957-59= 100	Other bases	September 1972	June 1973	August 1973
		September 1973			September 1972	June 1973	August 1973
U. S. city average -----	M	135.5	157.6		7.4	2.3	0.3
Chicago -----	M	134.6	152.9		7.4	2.2	.1
Detroit -----	M	137.3	157.8		7.9	2.7	.4
Los Angeles—Long Beach -----	M	131.2	154.2		6.0	2.1	.2
N. Y.—Northeastern N. J. -----	M	142.3	169.3		7.1	2.4	.4
Philadelphia -----	M	138.1	161.3		7.6	2.5	.7
		July 1973			July 1972	April 1973	
Boston -----	1	134.1	160.6		5.6	1.3	
Houston -----	1	131.5	150.5		5.0	.8	
Minneapolis—St. Paul -----	1	133.1	154.2		6.1	1.8	
Pittsburgh -----	1	132.6	152.5		5.7	1.1	
		August 1973			August 1972	May 1973	
Buffalo -----	2	136.6		³ 150.1	7.7	2.6	
Cleveland -----	2	135.9	153.5		7.7	2.4	
Dallas -----	2	133.7		³ 144.5	6.5	2.4	
Milwaukee -----	2	133.2	150.4		6.9	2.5	
San Diego -----	2	134.4		⁴ 141.3	7.4	2.8	
Seattle -----	2	128.8	151.4		7.4	2.0	
Washington -----	2	136.4	158.9		6.8	2.3	
		September 1973			September 1972	June 1973	
Atlanta -----	3	137.0	157.6		8.0	3.3	
Baltimore -----	3	137.5	159.6		7.7	2.9	
Cincinnati -----	3	134.4	152.6		6.4	2.7	
Honolulu -----	3	129.6		⁵ 139.7	5.3	1.6	
Kansas City -----	3	132.5	157.3		5.6	2.1	
St. Louis -----	3	132.3	154.5		7.0	3.3	
San Francisco—Oakland -----	3	134.5	160.0		7.1	2.9	

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

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

M - Every month.

1 - January, April, July, and October.

2 - February, May, August, and November.

3 - March, June, September, and December.

³ November 1963= 100.

⁴ February 1965= 100.

⁵ December 1963= 100.

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

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

Group	U. S. city average	Chicago	Detroit	Los Angeles—Long Beach	New York—Northeastern New Jersey	Philadelphia
All items -----	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.7
Food -----	-.7	-1.9	-1.1	.4	-.4	-.8
Housing -----	1.0	1.0	1.3	-.2	.3	2.1
Apparel and upkeep -----	1.4	2.6	2.0	1.9	2.6	3.2
Transportation -----	-.5	-.3	-.7	-.6	-.4	-.5
Health and recreation -----	.5	.3	.7	.4	.8	.4
Medical care -----	.5	.9	1.0	.3	.6	.4
Personal care -----	.5	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
Reading and recreation -----	.6	0	1.3	.3	.7	.7
Other goods and services -----	.4	.2	0	.7	1.1	.1

¹ See footnote 1, table 3.

² Not available.

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

Group	U. S. city average	Chicago	Detroit	Los Angeles—Long Beach	New York—Northeastern New Jersey	Philadelphia
Indexes (1967= 100)						
All items -----	135.5	134.6	137.3	131.2	² 142.3	138.1
Food -----	148.3	149.9	152.9	142.5	152.1	149.3
Food at home -----	149.2	151.6	155.6	144.8	152.8	148.6
Cereals and bakery products -----	132.4	136.8	140.9	124.6	134.0	133.6
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	180.2	179.4	190.3	180.4	177.9	178.7
Dairy products -----	130.3	132.4	133.7	126.2	131.4	128.3
Fruits and vegetables -----	137.3	137.8	131.5	127.2	148.2	134.0
Other food at home -----	135.9	137.5	138.9	134.2	138.6	136.0
Food away from home -----	145.1	143.1	141.9	135.9	150.3	152.5
Housing -----	³ 136.6	130.2	138.8	132.3	⁴ 145.6	140.1
Shelter -----	⁵ 142.9	134.6	149.6	135.2	⁶ 153.6	151.0
Rent, residential -----	⁷ 125.4	123.2	(⁸)	122.9	(⁹)	130.9
Homeownership -----	149.2	139.7	154.5	138.9	165.8	156.2
Fuel and utilities -----	126.8	120.6	120.7	¹⁰ 130.5	134.3	128.9
Fuel oil and coal -----	133.6	130.2	128.9	-	139.7	129.5
Gas and electricity -----	126.5	121.8	122.2	¹¹ 138.4	135.9	136.1
Household furnishings and operation -----	126.1	122.9	117.7	123.3	131.8	127.1
Apparel and upkeep -----	128.3	128.0	124.2	125.7	129.3	125.9
Men's and boys' -----	127.3	122.9	123.1	119.5	126.6	125.8
Women's and girls' -----	129.5	134.3	120.7	130.7	131.1	123.1
Footwear -----	131.3	124.9	134.1	130.6	128.5	132.1
Transportation -----	123.9	127.9	123.8	123.6	135.5	127.0
Private -----	121.6	122.7	121.2	123.9	128.1	124.2
Public -----	145.5	160.6	154.5	117.7	163.9	143.5
Health and recreation -----	131.1	131.8	134.6	125.8	136.5	135.6
Medical care -----	138.3	137.9	150.2	136.1	145.5	150.5
Personal care -----	126.3	126.3	(⁸)	119.0	(⁸)	(⁸)
Reading and recreation -----	126.8	127.8	127.9	118.2	130.3	130.3
Other goods and services -----	129.9	132.3	124.8	123.5	138.5	130.7
Percent changes June 1973 to September 1973						
All items -----	2.3	2.2	2.7	2.1	2.3	2.5
Food -----	6.1	6.0	8.2	5.2	5.8	6.1
Food at home -----	6.6	6.6	9.3	5.8	6.9	6.4
Cereals and bakery products -----	7.6	7.7	10.9	3.4	8.1	6.9
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	15.1	12.7	18.2	15.4	14.4	14.2
Dairy products -----	5.0	6.0	8.1	4.8	3.0	3.5
Fruits and vegetables -----	-9.5	-9.9	-9.3	-12.3	-5.7	-8.7
Other food at home -----	6.4	7.8	6.9	6.7	5.5	7.1
Food away from home -----	3.8	3.4	3.5	3.3	2.7	5.0
Housing -----	2.0	1.6	1.7	1.5	1.3	2.6
Shelter -----	2.5	1.8	2.2	1.5	1.3	3.3
Rent, residential -----	1.1	12.6	(¹)	12.8	(¹)	12.8
Homeownership -----	2.9	2.0	2.4	1.5	1.5	3.6
Fuel and utilities -----	1.0	1.3	.6	.3	1.4	3.0
Fuel oil and coal -----	1.5	3.7	3.6	-	3.6	.9
Gas and electricity -----	.9	1.7	.4	.5	1.3	5.1
Household furnishings and operation -----	1.1	.7	.7	1.9	1.1	.8
Apparel and upkeep -----	1.2	1.7	1.8	2.2	2.6	.6
Men's and boys' -----	.2	.7	1.6	-.3	-2.6	.2
Women's and girls' -----	1.9	2.9	2.1	4.0	6.7	1.1
Footwear -----	1.0	.3	3.5	1.6	2.0	.4
Transportation -----	-.6	-.6	-.8	-.2	-.4	-1.0
Private -----	-.7	-.8	-1.3	-.2	-.7	-1.2
Public -----	.4	0	3.4	-1.4	.2	-.1
Health and recreation -----	.8	.6	1.1	1.2	.8	1.3
Medical care -----	.9	1.4	1.6	1.5	.8	2.0
Personal care -----	1.1	.8	(¹)	-.2	(¹)	(¹)
Reading and recreation -----	.7	.3	1.5	1.0	.5	1.2
Other goods and services -----	.7	.1	.2	1.6	1.2	.7

See footnotes at end of table.

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

Group	Atlanta	Baltimore	Cincinnati	Honolulu	Kansas City	San Francisco-Oakland	St. Louis
Indexes (1967= 100)							
All items -----	137.0	137.5	134.4	129.6	132.5	134.5	132.3
Food -----	151.2	151.6	150.2	138.9	148.9	144.9	148.1
Food at home -----	152.0	152.5	152.6	137.4	150.3	147.7	148.4
Cereals and bakery products -----	133.8	129.1	137.4	115.8	136.8	124.3	139.3
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	180.7	181.3	182.7	154.6	181.2	180.0	174.7
Dairy products -----	133.3	130.4	137.3	129.1	140.7	128.1	133.3
Fruits and vegetables -----	150.3	149.1	140.5	135.6	131.6	129.2	141.3
Other food at home -----	137.3	137.6	137.6	130.8	136.4	139.3	131.3
Food away from home -----	148.3	147.8	141.4	142.8	144.6	135.2	146.7
Housing -----	141.7	138.5	130.1	129.8	130.1	139.3	126.9
Shelter -----	146.8	147.7	135.3	136.3	134.8	145.3	127.7
Rent, residential -----	121.4	117.0	112.4	134.7	113.0	134.2	110.6
Homeownership -----	154.4	160.6	145.8	137.3	143.2	150.8	132.4
Fuel and utilities -----	134.6	123.0	125.9	112.8	121.8	126.9	127.0
Fuel oil and coal -----	-	¹³ 128.4	-	-	-	-	157.3
Gas and electricity -----	133.6	121.0	118.3	107.6	120.6	129.3	124.2
Household furnishings and operation -----	134.2	127.6	118.8	117.9	123.1	126.3	125.2
Apparel and upkeep -----	125.9	133.6	130.1	125.9	132.2	128.8	127.0
Men's and boys' -----	132.6	139.7	128.8	118.2	126.8	128.3	120.8
Women's and girls' -----	121.8	127.7	130.3	128.6	137.5	130.9	130.0
Footwear -----	123.0	142.2	138.6	119.9	138.3	126.5	138.9
Transportation -----	116.7	120.9	121.6	¹⁴ 123.1	122.9	123.7	124.4
Private -----	119.4	120.7	122.3	¹⁵ 124.2	121.8	122.9	122.4
Public -----	81.9	121.6	116.3	117.4	142.1	136.5	145.6
Health and recreation -----	135.3	133.2	132.7	124.8	128.9	126.6	128.5
Medical care -----	148.9	149.7	144.3	134.6	135.2	132.6	130.6
Personal care -----	131.5	128.6	132.8	123.6	124.9	123.3	126.4
Reading and recreation -----	129.6	127.0	122.5	123.1	121.4	122.4	124.1
Other goods and services -----	123.6	126.5	130.8	116.5	132.4	124.7	131.2
Percent changes June 1973 to September 1973							
All items -----	3.3	2.9	2.7	1.6	2.1	2.9	3.3
Food -----	6.2	7.0	5.4	4.1	6.5	5.4	6.8
Food at home -----	6.6	7.2	6.0	4.2	7.5	6.0	7.4
Cereals and bakery products -----	6.0	5.8	9.1	.7	8.8	5.2	7.8
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	13.9	14.5	16.2	7.1	16.0	17.2	16.2
Dairy products -----	3.2	3.0	6.4	2.2	4.6	5.3	7.0
Fruits and vegetables -----	-7.2	-3.7	-11.8	1.9	-6.9	-16.4	-8.2
Other food at home -----	7.1	6.3	5.4	4.6	6.2	7.6	6.4
Food away from home -----	4.8	6.1	3.4	3.6	3.4	3.0	4.2
Housing -----	3.7	1.6	2.6	1.0	1.9	3.8	2.5
Shelter -----	3.8	1.9	3.2	1.1	2.5	4.8	2.8
Rent, residential -----	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.6	.5	1.0	.6
Homeownership -----	4.5	2.2	4.1	.8	3.2	6.6	3.4
Fuel and utilities -----	1.2	.5	2.0	.6	.1	.9	2.3
Fuel oil and coal -----	-	.6	-	-	-	-	11.6
Gas and electricity -----	2.0	.7	-1.7	1.4	.2	1.7	.8
Household furnishings and operation -----	4.6	1.4	1.0	.9	1.1	1.9	2.0
Apparel and upkeep -----	3.8	3.3	3.0	2.8	1.5	2.3	5.1
Men's and boys' -----	2.9	.6	2.5	3.0	-3	3.3	6.3
Women's and girls' -----	5.5	7.7	5.6	3.9	2.5	2.6	5.9
Footwear -----	2.4	1.4	1.3	-1.2	2.6	.4	6.0
Transportation -----	-.3	-.2	-.5	-.5	-.7	-.2	-.9
Private -----	-.3	-.3	-.6	-1.0	-.7	-.3	-1.0
Public -----	-.1	-.1	.1	3.6	.1	.2	.1
Health and recreation -----	1.4	1.8	1.3	.8	.3	1.1	1.2
Medical care -----	1.7	1.8	.6	1.4	.5	.8	1.2
Personal care -----	1.7	4.5	.8	.8	-.3	1.8	.2
Reading and recreation -----	1.6	.6	.9	.6	.2	.8	2.1
Other goods and services -----	.5	1.7	2.3	0	.5	1.5	.8

¹ See footnote 1, table 3.

² Revised indexes: January 1973, 133.8; February 1973, 135.0; April 1973, 137.5; May 1973, 138.1; June 1973, 139.1; July 1973, 139.2.

³ Revised indexes: January 1973, 131.5; March 1973, 132.4.

⁴ Revised indexes: January 1973, 140.1; February 1973, 140.8; March 1973, 141.3; April 1973, 142.5; May 1973, 142.3; June 1973, 143.8; July 1973, 143.7.

⁵ Revised indexes: January 1973, 137.0; February 1973, 137.4.

⁶ Revised indexes: January 1973, 147.7; February 1973, 148.1; March 1973, 148.6; April 1973, 150.4; May 1973, 150.4; June 1973, 151.6.

⁷ Revised indexes: January 1973, 121.8; February 1973, 122.3; March 1973, 122.8; April 1973, 123.2; May 1973, 123.7; June 1973, 124.0; July 1973, 124.4.

⁸ Not available.

⁹ Revised indexes: February 1973, 134.6; April 1973, 135.5; June 1973, 136.1.

¹⁰ Revised indexes: January 1973, 128.5; February 1973, 128.9; March 1973, 129.0; April 1973, 129.2; May 1973, 130.1; June 1973, 130.1; July 1973, 130.0; August 1973, 130.3.

¹¹ Revised indexes: January 1973, 135.4; February 1973, 136.1; March 1973, 136.2; April 1973, 136.6; May 1973, 137.7; June 1973, 137.7; July 1973, 137.7; August 1973, 138.0.

¹² Change from July 1973.

¹³ Revised indexes: June 1973, 127.5.

¹⁴ Revised indexes: June 1973, 123.7.

¹⁵ Revised indexes: June 1973, 125.5.

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

Area ¹	Total food	Food at home					Food away from home	
		Total	Cereals and bakery products	Meats, poultry, and fish	Dairy products	Fruits and vegetables		Other foods at home
Indexes (1967=100)								
U. S. city average -----	148.3	149.2	132.4	180.2	130.3	137.3	135.9	145.1
Atlanta -----	151.2	152.0	133.8	180.7	133.3	150.3	137.3	148.3
Baltimore -----	151.6	152.5	129.1	181.3	130.4	149.1	137.6	147.8
Boston -----	145.4	146.3	132.9	172.2	126.7	140.1	132.7	141.7
Buffalo -----	147.1	147.1	135.4	178.3	130.3	130.7	132.0	147.4
Chicago -----	149.9	151.6	136.8	179.4	132.4	137.8	137.5	143.1
Cincinnati -----	150.2	152.6	137.4	182.7	137.3	140.5	137.6	141.4
Cleveland -----	150.1	151.8	133.1	181.8	138.9	137.9	135.4	141.2
Dallas -----	148.2	148.1	129.2	179.9	126.3	137.6	134.7	148.7
Detroit -----	152.9	155.6	140.9	190.3	133.7	131.5	138.9	141.9
Honolulu -----	138.9	137.4	115.8	154.6	129.1	135.6	130.8	142.8
Houston -----	151.3	150.5	129.5	183.4	137.6	138.2	133.7	154.0
Kansas City -----	148.9	150.3	136.8	181.2	140.7	131.6	136.4	144.6
Los Angeles—Long Beach -----	142.5	144.8	124.6	180.4	126.2	127.2	134.2	135.9
Milwaukee -----	144.8	145.8	135.8	175.8	131.7	126.4	131.7	(²)
Minneapolis—St. Paul -----	148.7	148.7	145.3	181.7	133.4	130.6	137.1	148.7
N. Y.—Northeastern N. J. -----	152.1	152.8	134.0	177.9	131.4	148.2	138.6	150.3
Philadelphia -----	149.3	148.6	133.6	178.7	128.3	134.0	136.0	152.5
Pittsburgh -----	149.6	149.5	133.3	180.7	130.6	135.5	136.7	149.9
St. Louis -----	148.1	148.4	139.3	174.7	133.3	141.3	131.3	146.7
San Diego -----	146.4	146.9	125.1	183.8	126.1	125.0	135.7	(²)
San Francisco—Oakland -----	144.9	147.7	124.3	180.0	128.1	129.2	139.3	135.2
Seattle -----	140.0	140.9	123.5	172.1	126.9	122.8	133.6	136.9
Washington -----	151.6	150.5	133.0	176.6	124.6	149.3	138.5	154.2
Percent change August 1973 to September 1973								
U. S. city average -----	-0.7	-1.4	6.2	-2.1	2.9	-10.0	0.2	1.9
Atlanta -----	-1.1	-1.9	4.4	-3.4	.6	-7.0	-.4	1.5
Baltimore -----	.2	-.7	5.0	-.4	1.5	-7.3	0	3.9
Boston -----	-.7	-1.2	5.6	-2.6	3.1	-7.7	.3	1.4
Buffalo -----	-1.3	-1.7	7.9	-2.6	4.1	-13.4	.3	1.2
Chicago -----	-1.9	-2.6	5.9	-4.5	3.9	-12.3	0	1.1
Cincinnati -----	-1.2	-2.1	7.7	-2.6	3.9	-11.8	.2	2.3
Cleveland -----	-1.3	-1.7	8.6	-3.2	3.4	-10.5	-.6	1.4
Dallas -----	-.7	-1.2	6.0	-1.6	3.5	-8.7	-.5	1.4
Detroit -----	-1.1	-1.8	7.6	-3.4	4.4	-10.1	-.1	2.3
Honolulu -----	2.1	1.9	-.1	3.8	.9	-.5	2.2	2.4
Houston -----	-.3	-1.0	7.9	-3.8	4.6	-5.1	-.6	1.9
Kansas City -----	-.4	-1.1	8.8	-3.0	2.6	-7.3	-.4	1.9
Los Angeles—Long Beach -----	-.4	.2	3.9	-.6	3.1	-3.9	.6	1.0
Milwaukee -----	-.7	-.9	5.9	-1.2	5.0	-10.8	-1.1	(²)
Minneapolis—St. Paul -----	-.3	-.5	7.6	-1.9	3.8	-8.4	0	1.2
N. Y.—Northeastern N. J. -----	-.4	-1.2	6.5	-1.9	1.9	-7.5	.1	2.0
Philadelphia -----	-.8	-1.8	6.0	-2.0	1.6	-10.9	-.4	3.7
Pittsburgh -----	-.9	-1.3	8.5	-2.7	6.2	-11.3	-.4	1.8
St. Louis -----	-1.1	-1.9	6.2	-3.2	1.9	-9.4	-.2	2.7
San Diego -----	.1	.2	4.5	-.3	4.0	-5.4	-.1	(²)
San Francisco—Oakland -----	.3	.1	4.4	-.1	3.1	-4.8	.4	1.0
Seattle -----	-1.8	-2.5	3.3	-2.9	1.4	-11.0	-.9	.8
Washington -----	-.7	-1.6	4.8	-2.5	1.2	-7.3	-.1	2.1

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

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

(1967=100)

Item and group	Index		Percent change to September 1973 from—		
	September 1973		September 1972	August 1973	
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted
Food	148.3	148.3	18.8	-0.7	-0.1
Food away from home	145.1	145.0	9.5	1.9	1.9
Restaurant meals	146.2	145.9	10.3	2.1	2.1
Snacks	139.7	139.8	6.0	1.1	1.1
Food at home	149.2	149.1	21.5	-1.4	-1.7
Cereals and bakery products	132.4	132.5	15.5	6.2	6.3
Flour	134.2	134.5	35.0	12.7	12.7
Cracker meal	146.6	146.5	7.6	1.9	2.1
Corn flakes	106.4	106.8	6.6	.6	.8
Rice	137.1	137.4	25.4	6.9	7.1
Bread, white	135.5	135.0	19.9	8.6	8.5
Bread, whole wheat	138.9	138.8	15.2	6.8	6.8
Cookies	117.4	116.9	6.1	3.9	4.2
Layer cakes	134.4	134.4	12.0	5.9	5.8
Cinnamon rolls	135.2	135.9	11.9	5.3	5.8
Meats, poultry, and fish	180.2	178.4	37.7	-2.1	-1.6
Meats	180.8	178.8	36.7	.4	1.0
Beef and veal	177.0	175.6	28.0	.9	1.7
Steak, round	171.5	170.8	28.3	.4	1.6
Steak, sirloin	159.5	156.4	18.0	-.3	.1
Steak, porterhouse	160.9	157.9	16.9	-.2	.7
Rump roast	165.6	164.8	24.0	.4	1.3
Rib roast	172.1	170.4	23.9	.9	1.6
Chuck roast	191.8	191.0	40.5	.7	2.2
Hamburger	193.2	192.2	38.8	2.3	2.8
Beef liver	165.8	164.5	23.5	1.7	1.9
Veal cutlets	195.6	194.8	18.2	.1	.8
Pork	191.3	187.2	50.5	-2.9	-2.5
Chops	168.4	162.7	28.0	-13.6	-12.8
Loin roast	183.5	178.2	40.9	-13.3	-12.6
Pork sausage	223.3	218.3	65.2	6.5	6.1
Ham, whole	182.2	183.9	57.7	4.5	4.2
Picnics	203.5	202.5	58.7	2.8	4.2
Bacon	202.3	194.7	66.9	3.4	1.8
Other meats	174.4	173.5	37.6	4.9	5.1
Lamb chops	154.5	153.7	18.1	-.1	.3
Frankfurters	191.7	189.2	49.1	6.4	6.5
Ham, canned	165.8	167.3	42.7	5.2	5.2
Bologna sausage	187.8	186.1	40.9	7.0	7.0
Salami sausage	172.5	171.8	33.7	4.5	4.9
Liverwurst	175.4	174.4	43.5	5.8	5.5
Poultry	185.9	182.6	65.1	-17.5	-17.7
Frying chicken	193.0	189.2	71.3	-21.1	-21.1
Chicken, breasts	168.0	166.2	47.0	-17.1	-16.4
Turkey	170.8	171.1	54.6	7.6	7.9
Fish	167.1	167.6	15.7	1.2	1.3
Shrimp, frozen	162.7	163.4	18.2	2.2	2.8
Fish, fresh or frozen	195.2	195.2	25.0	.5	.8
Tuna fish, canned	146.0	146.7	9.6	.8	.8
Sardines, canned	164.9	165.1	9.7	1.1	.5
Dairy products	130.3	-	11.5	2.9	0-
Milk, fresh, grocery	129.0	129.1	11.5	2.5	2.3
Milk, fresh, delivered	132.0	-	9.5	2.2	0-
Milk, fresh, skim	138.0	137.7	13.0	2.5	2.0
Milk, evaporated	136.0	135.9	14.7	.4	.6
Ice cream	115.1	114.8	7.8	3.2	3.1
Cheese, American process	139.1	139.5	10.8	1.2	1.5
Butter	120.7	120.9	15.3	12.7	12.7

See footnote at end of table.

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

(1967=100)

Item and group	Index		Percent change to September 1973 from—		
	September 1973		September 1972	August 1973	
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted
Food—Continued					
Food at home—Continued					
Fruits and vegetables	137.3	139.1	9.2	-10.0	-7.2
Fresh fruits and vegetables	141.3	144.5	9.6	-16.1	-11.7
Fresh fruits	141.3	135.3	7.1	-5.4	-1.0
Apples	154.7	142.7	14.5	-8.0	1.8
Bananas	110.7	109.2	8.1	-5.9	-6.1
Oranges	147.5	138.2	10.2	0	-.7
Orange juice, fresh	133.4	132.9	2.5	.5	1.0
Grapefruit	178.6	142.7	-2.4	-2.8	-2.3
Grapes	140.5	157.0	-4.7	-11.0	-4.4
Strawberries	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Watermelon	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Fresh vegetables	141.5	153.8	11.8	-23.0	-18.1
Potatoes	177.3	180.4	32.7	-29.8	-20.3
Onions	140.9	139.5	-10.5	-17.6	-9.3
Asparagus	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Cabbage	159.8	185.2	28.6	-9.2	-4.2
Carrots	129.8	138.1	8.3	-17.3	-6.6
Celery	141.8	153.8	7.8	-26.5	-23.4
Cucumbers	101.1	137.7	1.2	-2.5	6.7
Lettuce	131.6	141.1	10.5	-28.8	-25.2
Peppers, green	116.7	155.2	2.0	-11.5	-6.0
Spinach	163.7	165.9	14.8	-4.0	-3.0
Tomatoes	103.1	140.8	-6.4	-27.4	-14.0
Processed fruits and vegetables	131.2	130.9	8.4	1.6	1.3
Fruit cocktail, canned	130.1	130.0	7.3	.5	.2
Pears, canned	125.5	125.1	5.2	-.2	-.4
Pineapple-grapefruit juice drink	120.4	120.4	4.5	.4	.3
Orange juice, concentrate, frozen					
Lemonade concentrate, frozen	119.8	121.3	2.7	.5	.4
Beets, canned	145.8	145.8	18.2	1.3	1.4
Peas, green, canned	111.2	110.8	2.9	.7	.4
Tomatoes, canned	126.2	125.8	6.9	.5	.6
Dried beans	172.0	171.5	23.0	9.0	8.5
Broccoli, frozen	123.1	123.1	3.9	-.1	-.1
Other food at home	135.9	135.6	15.6	.2	-.1
Eggs	188.4	184.0	65.3	-5.0	-8.2
Fats and oils:					
Margarine	147.1	147.8	25.0	11.9	11.9
Salad dressing, Italian	111.4	111.5	1.5	.5	.5
Salad or cooking oil	136.1	136.1	13.7	5.2	5.2
Sugar and sweets:					
Sugar	129.6	129.6	7.4	.6	.6
Grape jelly	127.0	126.9	10.6	1.9	2.0
Chocolate bar	135.0	135.1	7.3	-.1	-.2
Syrup, chocolate flavored	138.6	138.2	6.3	.7	.7
Nonalcoholic beverages	117.1	117.6	6.0	.2	.4
Coffee, can and bag	132.1	132.4	8.5	.2	.5
Coffee, instant	139.0	139.3	15.3	.3	.8
Tea	133.3	133.7	8.4	.1	0
Carbonated drink, cola flavored	111.1	111.0	1.6	0	.2
Carbonated drink, fruit flavored	131.2	131.6	2.5	-.1	.2
Prepared and partially prepared foods	132.1	132.1	3.4	.4	.5
Bean soup, canned	119.6	119.6	4.0	1.0	1.1
Chicken soup, canned	121.0	121.2	4.2	2.4	2.4
Spaghetti, canned	107.8	107.9	3.0	1.9	1.8
Mashed potatoes, instant	124.4	124.5	3.0	.3	.1
Potatoes, french fried, frozen	218.7	118.7	5.7	.4	.6
Baby foods	116.5	116.2	4.1	1.5	1.8
Sweet pickle relish	115.4	114.8	4.7	.4	.1
Pretzels	131.3	131.8	3.9	.1	-.2
	119.4	119.2	3.6	1.5	1.5

¹ Priced only in season.

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

(1967=100)

Item and group	Other index base	Indexes		Percent change to September 1973 from:	
		August 1973	September 1973	September 1972	August 1973
Housing		135.2	136.6	4.9	1.0
Shelter ²		141.1	142.9	5.3	1.3
Rent, residential		125.0	125.4	4.6	.3
Homeownership ⁵		147.0	149.2	5.4	1.5
Mortgage interest rates		121.8	127.6	8.9	4.8
Property taxes		152.6	152.7	3.7	.1
Property insurance premiums		124.2	123.9	.2	-.2
Maintenance and repairs		153.0	153.9	8.2	.6
Maintenance and repair commodities ⁶		139.8	139.9	11.1	.1
Exterior house paint		120.3	120.5	2.2	.2
Interior house paint		120.0	121.3	3.5	1.1
Maintenance and repair services		158.7	159.9	7.2	.8
Repainting living and dining rooms		172.2	173.4	6.7	.7
Reshingling house roof		165.6	166.4	6.2	.5
Residing house		146.6	146.9	7.1	.2
Replacing sink		156.1	158.0	7.0	1.2
Repairing furnace		163.5	166.5	8.9	1.8
Fuel and utilities		126.3	126.8	5.3	.4
Fuel oil and coal		132.8	133.6	13.2	.6
Fuel oil, No. 2		132.0	132.4	13.6	.3
Gas and electricity		125.8	126.5	4.8	.6
Gas		126.7	127.3	4.6	.5
Electricity		125.0	125.8	5.0	.6
Other utilities:					
Residential telephone services		117.1	117.1	2.2	0
Residential water and sewerage services		144.9	144.9	4.4	0
Household furnishings and operation ⁷		125.3	126.1	3.7	.6
Housefurnishings		119.2	119.8	2.7	.5
Textiles		114.8	116.3	1.6	1.3
Sheets		114.9	119.4	2.9	3.9
Curtains, tailored		115.4	114.7	2.2	-.6
Bedspreads		109.3	109.8	-1.4	.5
Drapery fabric		129.0	129.8	4.3	.6
Pillows, bed		103.1	105.9	-2.0	2.7
Slipcovers and throws, ready-made		116.5	117.6	2.5	.9
Furniture and bedding		126.2	127.0	4.6	.6
Bedroom furniture, chest and dresser	Mar. 70	110.7	111.6	5.9	.8
Sofas, upholstered		124.6	125.3	4.0	.6
Cocktail tables	Dec. 71	105.2	105.6	4.3	.4
Dining room chairs	Mar. 70	109.4	110.4	6.2	.9
Recliners, upholstered	Dec. 71	99.6	99.6	1.1	0
Sofas, dual purpose		120.4	121.7	3.6	1.1
Bedding, mattress and box springs	June 70	108.9	109.4	4.0	.5
Aluminum folding chairs		127.6	(⁸)	(⁸)	(⁸)
Cribs		126.3	127.2	7.8	.7
Floor coverings		108.4	109.1	2.3	.6
Broadloom carpeting, manmade fibers		103.1	103.9	2.6	.8
Vinyl sheet goods		121.6	122.1	2.5	.4
Vinyl asbestos tile		120.1	120.1	1.4	0
Appliances (excluding radio and T. V.)		109.6	109.8	.2	.2
Washing machines, electric, automatic		111.0	111.1	.5	.1
Vacuum cleaners, canister type		104.0	104.3	.7	.3
Refrigerators or refrigerator-freezers, electric		107.9	108.2	.1	.3
Ranges, free standing, gas or electric		110.3	110.3	-.5	0
Clothes dryers, electric		114.1	114.5	-.2	.4
Air conditioners, demountable		109.9	(⁸)	(⁸)	(⁸)
Room heaters, electric, portable		(⁸)	(⁸)	(⁸)	(⁸)
Garbage disposal units		112.0	112.4	1.4	.4
Other housefurnishings:					
Dinnerware, fine china		132.2	133.2	5.5	.8
Flatware, stainless steel		132.4	133.3	3.7	.7
Table lamps, with shade		129.6	128.4	3.0	-.9
Lawn mowers, power, rotary type		121.1	(⁸)	(⁸)	(⁸)
Electric drills, hand-held		107.0	107.1	-.1	.1
Housekeeping supplies:					
Laundry soaps and detergents		113.4	113.9	2.3	.4
Paper napkins		139.3	139.6	6.4	.2
Toilet tissue		130.0	130.7	4.6	.5
Housekeeping services:					
Domestic services, general housework		146.7	151.4	7.8	3.2
Baby sitter services		143.2	144.8	5.0	1.1
Postal charges		146.6	146.6	0	0
Laundry, flatwork, finished service		149.7	152.0	8.7	1.5
Licensed day care services, preschool child		131.0	133.0	7.3	1.5
Washing machine repairs		150.1	150.5	6.2	.3

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1967= 100)

Item and group	Other index base	Indexes		Percent change to September 1973 from:	
		August 1973	September 1973	September 1972	August 1973
Apparel and upkeep ⁹		126.5	128.3	4.2	1.4
Apparel commodities		126.6	128.7	4.2	1.7
Apparel commodities less footwear		125.9	128.1	4.1	1.7
Men's and boys'		126.3	127.3	3.9	.8
Men's:					
Topcoats, wool or all-weather coats, polyester blends	(⁸)		132.5	4.0	(⁸)
Suits, year round weight	132.4		133.9	2.2	1.1
Suits, tropical weight	(⁸)		(⁸)	(⁸)	(⁸)
Jackets, lightweight	118.4		119.8	5.5	1.2
Slacks, wool or wool blends	114.4		116.9	.9	2.2
Slacks, cotton or manmade blends	137.4		137.1	-.4	-.2
Trousers, work, cotton or polyester/cotton	121.6		122.5	6.6	.7
Shirts, work, cotton or polyester/cotton	122.3		123.1	6.8	.7
Shirts, business, polyester/cotton	114.0		116.2	4.0	1.9
T-shirts, chiefly cotton	123.3		124.1	4.8	.6
Socks, cotton or manmade fibers	117.8		118.0	2.0	.2
Handkerchiefs, cotton or polyester/cotton	121.1		122.1	4.4	.8
Boys':					
Coats, all purpose, cotton or cotton blends	(⁸)		(⁸)	(⁸)	(⁸)
Sport coats, wool or wool blends	(⁸)		(⁸)	(⁸)	(⁸)
Dungarees, cotton or cotton blends	140.0		141.2	10.6	.9
Undershorts, cotton	124.4		125.0	3.9	.5
Women's and girls'	126.0		129.5	4.5	2.8
Women's:					
Coats, heavyweight, wool or wool blends	(⁸)		138.4	6.9	(⁸)
Carcoats, heavyweight, cotton	(⁸)		139.2	(⁸)	(⁸)
Sweaters, wool or acrylic	(⁸)		(⁸)	(⁸)	(⁸)
Skirts, wool, wool blend or manmade fibers	(⁸)		(⁸)	(⁸)	(⁸)
Skirts, cotton or polyester/cotton	117.4		(⁸)	(⁸)	(⁸)
Blouses, cotton or manmade fibers	126.0		127.7	2.7	1.3
Dresses, street, chiefly manmade fibers	136.3		138.4	6.3	1.5
Slips, nylon	111.3		111.6	.2	.3
Panties, acetate or nylon tricot	120.0		120.3	1.3	.3
Girdles, manmade blend	119.4		119.8	1.6	.3
Brassieres, nylon lace	125.8		124.4	1.2	-1.1
Hose or panty hose, nylon seamless	93.9		94.3	-1.6	.4
Anklets or knee-length socks, various fibers	113.4		114.3	.5	.8
Gloves, fabric, nylon or cotton	112.0		113.1	1.9	1.0
Handbags, rayon faille or plastic	153.7		155.3	7.7	1.0
Girls':					
Raincoats, vinyl, cotton or polyester blends	(⁸)		(⁸)	(⁸)	(⁸)
Skirts, wool, wool blends or acrylic	(⁸)		121.0	8.2	(⁸)
Dresses, cotton, manmade fibers or blends	122.2		117.2	-3.3	-4.1
Slacks, cotton or chiefly cotton	(⁸)		140.4	3.8	(⁸)
Slips, polyester blends	110.0		110.2	-.1	.2
Handbags, plastic	130.2		133.4	7.8	2.5
Miscellaneous apparel:					
Diapers, cotton gauze or disposable	119.1		119.2	2.0	.1
Yard goods, polyester blend	124.7		126.5	5.9	1.4
Wrist watches, men's and women's	120.6		121.1	3.8	.4
Footwear	130.6		131.3	4.5	.5
Men's:					
Shoes, street	133.8		133.5	6.7	-.2
Shoes, work, high	138.8		139.7	12.9	.6
Women's:					
Shoes, street, pump	129.2		130.3	2.2	.9
Shoes, evening, pump	124.8		125.5	1.9	.6
Shoes, casual	129.6		131.2	5.6	1.2
Housseslippers, scuff	128.7		129.8	3.2	.9
Children's:					
Shoes, oxford	132.9		134.2	4.7	1.0
Sneakers, boys', oxford type	125.8		125.5	1.0	-.2
Dress shoes, girls', strap or pump	133.2		134.0	2.7	.6
Apparel services:					
Drycleaning, men's suits and women's dresses	122.2		123.4	4.8	1.0
Automatic laundry service	118.1		118.3	2.8	.2
Laundry, men's shirts	129.7		130.3	6.4	.5
Tailoring charges, hem adjustment	139.5		140.5	4.9	.7
Shoe repairs, women's heel lift	122.5		123.8	5.7	1.1

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1967=100)

Item and group	Other index base	Indexes		Percent change to September 1973 from:	
		August 1973	September 1973	September 1972	August 1973
Transportation -----		124.5	123.9	2.4	-0.5
Private ¹⁰ -----		122.3	121.6	2.6	-0.6
Automobiles, new -----		110.6	109.1	-1.5	-1.4
Automobiles, used -----		121.3	120.3	5.9	-0.8
Gasoline, regular and premium -----		118.7	117.8	6.5	-0.8
Motor oil, premium -----		128.4	128.7	3.4	.2
Tires, new, tubeless -----		109.1	108.8	-5.6	-0.3
Auto repairs and maintenance ¹¹ -----		142.9	143.8	5.5	.6
Auto insurance rates -----		138.2	138.0	-1.7	-0.1
Auto registration -----		123.7	123.7	-3.0	0
Parking fees, private and municipal -----		153.6	153.8	4.5	.1
Public -----		144.9	145.5	1.0	.4
Local transit fares -----		150.3	150.6	0	.2
Taxicab fares -----		138.3	138.3	3.4	0
Railroad fares, coach -----		122.6	122.8	.7	.2
Airplane fares, chiefly coach -----		134.5	137.1	3.9	1.9
Bus fares, intercity -----		145.9	145.9	2.7	0
Health and recreation -----		130.5	131.1	3.4	.5
Medical care -----		137.6	138.3	3.9	.5
Drugs and prescriptions -----		105.9	106.1	.4	.2
Over-the-counter items -----		112.4	112.6	.9	.2
Multiple vitamin concentrates -----		94.8	95.3	0	.5
Aspirin compounds -----		117.3	117.4	.3	.1
Liquid tonics -----		101.6	101.8	.6	.2
Adhesive bandages, packages -----		126.3	126.6	1.6	.2
Cold tablets or capsules -----		115.0	114.9	.7	-0.1
Cough syrup -----		115.6	115.6	1.9	0
Prescriptions -----		100.5	100.7	0	.2
Anti-infectives -----		70.9	70.7	-3.7	-0.3
Sedatives and hypnotics -----		129.5	130.3	1.9	.6
Ataractics -----		103.8	103.9	.6	.1
Antispasmodics -----		107.9	108.0	-1.1	.1
Cough preparations -----		137.8	138.4	5.0	.4
Cardiovasculars and antihypertensives -----		112.9	113.6	1.6	.6
Analgesics, internal -----		111.2	111.3	1.6	.1
Anti-obesity -----		117.4	117.9	-1.1	.4
Hormones -----		91.4	91.4	-1.6	0
Professional services: -----					
Physicians' fees -----		138.6	139.6	3.9	.7
General physician, office visits -----		139.8	141.2	4.2	1.0
General physician, house visits -----		141.9	143.4	4.1	1.1
Obstetrical cases -----		138.7	139.1	3.5	.3
Pediatric care, office visits -----		141.5	141.8	4.0	.2
Psychiatrist, office visits -----		133.9	134.2	3.9	.2
Herniorrhaphy, adult -----		131.8	132.0	2.5	.2
Tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy -----		133.3	133.5	2.3	.2
Dentists' fees -----		136.7	137.0	2.9	.2
Fillings, adult, amalgam, one surface -----		139.1	139.5	3.6	.3
Extractions, adult -----		135.9	136.1	2.3	.1
Dentures, full upper -----		132.8	132.9	2.4	.1
Other professional services: -----					
Examination, prescription, and dispensing of eyeglasses -----		130.6	130.9	4.3	.2
Routine laboratory tests, urinalysis -----		123.8	124.0	2.4	.2
Hospital service charges -----	Jan. 72	160.0	160.3	3.4	.3
Semiprivate room rates -----		182.5	183.6	4.6	.6
Operating room charges -----		179.7	180.2	5.5	.3
X-ray, diagnostic series, upper G.I. -----		132.1	132.1	1.9	0
Laboratory tests, urinalysis -----	Jan. 72	105.2	105.6	3.1	.4
Anti-infective, tetracycline, HCL -----	Jan. 72	97.4	97.1	-2.9	-0.3
Tranquilizer, chlordiazepoxide, HCL and meprobamate -----	Jan. 72	105.3	105.3	3.0	0
Electrocardiogram -----	Jan. 72	104.7	104.9	2.0	.2
Intravenous solution, saline -----	Jan. 72	103.8	103.8	1.4	0
Physical therapy, whirlpool bath -----	Jan. 72	107.9	108.0	5.6	.1
Oxygen, inhalation therapy -----	Jan. 72	103.8	103.8	1.9	0
Personal care -----		125.7	126.3	4.8	.5
Toilet goods -----		120.1	120.4	2.4	.2
Toothpaste, standard dentifrice -----		109.3	110.2	-1.4	.8
Toilet soap, hard milled -----		128.4	129.9	6.2	1.2
Hand lotions, liquid -----		127.0	126.7	-1.1	-0.2
Shaving cream, aerosol -----		108.7	108.8	1.4	.1
Face powder, pressed -----		148.2	148.4	10.5	.1
Deodorants, aerosol -----		105.2	104.7	.1	-0.5
Cleansing tissues -----		124.7	124.5	-0.3	-0.2
Home permanent wave kits -----		109.3	109.3	-0.4	0
Personal care services -----		131.6	132.6	7.3	.8
Men's haircuts -----		133.9	135.3	7.6	1.0
Beauty shop services -----		130.0	130.8	7.1	.6
Women's haircuts -----		135.2	136.3	10.6	.8
Shampoo and wave sets, plain -----		133.5	134.4	6.7	.7
Permanent waves, cold -----		117.1	117.4	4.2	.3

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

(1967= 100)

Item and group	Other index base	Indexes		Percent change to September 1973 from:	
		August 1973	September 1973	September 1972	August 1973
Health and recreation—Continued					
Reading and recreation ¹²					
Recreational goods		126.1	126.8	2.5	0.6
TV sets, portable and console		109.5	109.7	1.4	.2
TV replacement tubes		97.4	97.8	-1.2	.4
Radio, portable and table model		134.8	135.6	1.9	.6
Tape recorders, portable		99.4	99.6	.4	.2
Phonograph records, stereophonic		93.8	93.9	-1.1	.1
Movie cameras, super 8, zoom lens		108.3	108.5	.8	.2
Film, 35mm, color		90.2	90.5	2.4	.3
Golf balls, liquid center or solid core		107.5	107.8	-.3	.3
Basketballs, rubber or vinyl cover		103.8	103.7	-1.7	-.1
Fishing rods, fresh-water spincasting		126.4	127.2	1.0	.6
Bowling balls		110.1	110.3	2.3	.2
Bicycles, boys'		115.9	115.8	1.6	-.1
Tricycles		124.2	124.1	5.8	-.1
Dog food, canned or boxed		116.1	116.5	1.2	.3
Recreational services		125.3	126.0	14.0	.6
Indoor movie admissions		132.9	133.2	3.4	.2
Adult		148.8	149.3	4.3	.3
Children's		146.7	146.9	3.2	.1
Drive-in movie admissions, adult		154.7	156.2	7.6	1.0
Bowling fees, evening		151.3	150.5	2.7	-.5
Golf green fees		122.4	123.3	3.9	.7
TV repair, color picture tube replacement		138.0	138.4	5.2	.3
Film developing, color		100.4	100.8	2.8	.4
Reading and education:		116.1	116.2	.1	.1
Newspapers, street sale and delivery		136.4	136.4	2.5	0
Magazines, single copy and subscription		136.1	136.2	2.1	.1
Piano lessons, beginner		126.4	128.4	3.6	1.6
Other goods and services					
Tobacco products		129.4	129.9	2.9	.4
Cigarettes, nonfilter tip, regular size		137.8	138.0	2.8	.1
Cigarettes, filter tip, king size		139.5	139.7	2.8	.1
Cigars, domestic, regular size		140.1	140.2	2.9	.1
Alcoholic beverages		113.2	113.2	1.7	0
Beer		122.4	123.2	2.5	.7
Whiskey, spirit blended and straight bourbon		115.1	116.2	1.8	1.0
Wine, dessert and table		109.0	109.5	.6	.5
Beer away from home		136.9	137.3	7.4	.3
Financial and miscellaneous personal expenses:		135.1	135.6	2.6	.4
Funeral services, adult		127.6	128.5	5.6	.7
Bank service charges, checking accounts		107.0	107.0	-.1	0
Legal services, short form will		163.4	164.6	9.4	.7

¹ Revised indexes: January 1973, 131.5; March 1973, 132.4.

² Also includes hotel and motel rates not shown separately.

³ Revised indexes: January 1973, 137.0; February 1973, 137.4.

⁴ Revised indexes: January 1973, 121.8; February 1973, 122.3; March 1973, 122.8; April 1973, 123.2; May 1973, 123.7; June 1973, 124.0; July 1973, 124.4.

⁵ Also includes home purchase costs not shown separately.

⁶ Also includes pine shelving, furnace filters, packaged dry cement mix, and shrubbery not shown separately.

⁷ Also includes window shades, nails, carpet sweepers, air deodorizers, steel wool scouring pads, envelopes, reupholstering, and moving expenses.

⁸ Priced only in season.

⁹ 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.

¹⁰ Also includes storage batteries 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.

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

Area and group	Relative importance	Indexes (1967= 100)			Percent change to September 1973 from:	
		December 1972	September 1973	June 1973	September 1972	June 1973	September 1972
United States:						
All items -----	100.000	135.5	132.4	126.2	2.3	7.4
Food -----	22.492	148.3	139.8	124.8	6.1	18.8
Housing -----	33.859	136.6	133.9	130.2	2.0	4.9
Apparel and upkeep -----	10.370	128.3	126.8	123.1	1.2	4.2
Transportation -----	13.134	123.9	124.6	121.0	- .6	2.4
Health and recreation -----	19.768	131.1	130.0	126.8	.8	3.4
Class A-1 (3.5 million or more):						
All items -----	32.754	138.0	² 134.9	128.9	2.3	7.1
Food -----	7.606	150.1	141.5	126.9	6.1	18.3
Housing -----	10.914	138.9	² 136.9	132.8	1.5	4.6
Apparel and upkeep -----	3.470	127.8	125.2	123.8	2.1	3.2
Transportation -----	4.272	129.5	130.2	126.7	- .5	2.2
Health and recreation -----	6.492	133.5	132.3	129.1	.9	3.4
Class A-2 (1.4 million to 3.5 million):						
All items -----	11.815	135.4	132.1	126.4	2.6	7.1
Food -----	2.684	148.0	139.5	124.7	6.1	18.7
Housing -----	4.030	135.7	132.6	129.8	2.3	4.5
Apparel and upkeep -----	1.228	129.1	127.4	123.5	1.3	4.5
Transportation -----	1.534	124.4	124.9	122.2	- .4	1.8
Health and recreation -----	2.339	131.2	130.2	127.2	.1	3.1
Class B (250,000 to 1.4 million):						
All items -----	25.705	134.8	131.7	125.5	2.4	7.4
Food -----	5.513	147.0	139.0	123.9	5.8	18.6
Housing -----	8.909	136.6	133.2	129.7	2.6	5.3
Apparel and upkeep -----	2.647	129.6	128.2	122.8	1.1	5.5
Transportation -----	3.490	121.6	122.4	118.6	- .7	2.5
Health and recreation -----	5.146	130.8	130.0	126.5	.6	3.4
Class C (50,000 to 250,000):						
All items -----	12.442	134.1	131.3	124.6	2.1	7.6
Food -----	2.796	147.7	138.9	123.6	6.3	19.5
Housing -----	4.219	135.4	133.3	128.6	1.6	5.3
Apparel and upkeep -----	1.314	128.3	128.2	123.1	.1	4.2
Transportation -----	1.644	119.9	120.8	117.0	- .7	2.5
Health and recreation -----	2.469	129.9	128.6	125.7	1.0	3.3
Class D (2,500 to 50,000):						
All items -----	16.907	133.1	130.0	123.5	2.4	7.8
Food -----	3.892	147.2	138.5	122.9	6.3	19.8
Housing -----	5.788	133.6	130.9	127.2	2.1	5.0
Apparel and upkeep -----	1.711	126.6	126.3	121.3	.2	4.4
Transportation -----	2.194	120.5	120.9	117.0	- .3	3.0
Health and recreation -----	3.322	128.1	126.8	123.8	1.0	3.5

¹ Based upon 1960 Census of Population.

² Revised index due to retroactive New York City rent increases.

Table 10. Consumer Price Index—United States average and areas grouped by region for urban wage earners and clerical workers, all items and major groups, September 1973, and percent changes from selected dates

Area and group	Relative importance ¹	Indexes (1967= 100) ¹			Percent change to September 1973 from:	
		December 1972	September 1973	June 1973	September 1972	June 1973	September 1972
United States:						
All items -----	100.000	135.5	132.4	126.2	2.3	7.4
Food -----	22.492	148.3	139.8	124.8	6.1	18.8
Housing -----	33.859	136.6	133.9	130.2	2.0	4.9
Apparel and upkeep -----	10.370	128.3	126.8	123.1	1.2	4.2
Transportation -----	13.134	123.9	124.6	121.0	-.6	2.4
Health and recreation -----	19.768	131.1	130.0	126.8	.8	3.4
Northeast:						
All items -----	32.988	138.9	² 136.1	129.7	2.1	7.1
Food -----	7.974	149.3	141.3	129.1	5.7	15.6
Housing -----	10.747	141.5	139.5	134.5	1.4	5.2
Apparel and upkeep -----	3.647	129.1	127.3	124.4	1.4	3.8
Transportation -----	4.051	128.4	129.3	126.5	-.7	1.5
Health and recreation -----	6.568	134.4	133.5	130.4	.7	3.1
North Central:						
All items -----	28.059	134.0	130.9	124.8	2.4	7.4
Food -----	6.229	148.7	139.5	123.5	6.6	20.4
Housing -----	9.605	131.8	129.5	126.7	1.8	4.0
Apparel and upkeep -----	2.783	128.3	126.6	122.7	1.3	4.6
Transportation -----	3.845	124.0	124.7	120.5	-.6	2.9
Health and recreation -----	5.595	131.5	130.4	127.1	.8	3.5
South:						
All items -----	21.679	135.8	132.1	125.6	2.8	8.1
Food -----	4.749	151.1	141.0	125.3	7.2	20.6
Housing -----	7.451	137.7	134.0	130.3	2.8	5.7
Apparel and upkeep -----	2.334	128.6	127.9	122.5	.5	5.0
Transportation -----	2.907	120.2	120.9	116.8	-.6	2.9
Health and recreation -----	4.238	130.8	129.5	126.3	1.0	3.6
West:						
All items -----	16.433	131.4	128.7	123.0	2.1	6.8
Food -----	3.426	142.3	136.0	121.6	4.6	17.0
Housing -----	5.904	134.6	131.6	128.0	2.3	5.2
Apparel and upkeep -----	1.569	125.8	124.5	121.1	1.0	3.9
Transportation -----	2.266	120.8	121.3	117.7	-.4	2.6
Health and recreation -----	3.268	125.1	123.7	120.7	1.1	3.6

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

² Revised index due to retroactive New York City rent increases.

Table 11. 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–July 1973

(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 apartment
<u>1973</u>								
January								
Revised -----	133.8	159.2	133.2	146.3	145.7	140.1	147.7	
Previously published -----	133.7	159.1	133.1	146.0	145.3	139.7	147.1	
February								
Revised -----	135.0	160.6	134.4	146.9	146.4	140.8	148.1	134.6
Previously published -----	134.9	160.5	134.3	146.6	146.1	140.5	147.6	133.5
March								
Revised -----	136.5	162.4	136.1	147.2	146.7	141.3	148.6	
Previously published -----	136.5	162.4	136.0	147.0	146.4	141.0	148.1	
April								
Revised -----	137.5	163.6	137.1	147.9	147.5	142.5	150.4	135.5
Previously published -----	137.4	163.6	137.1	147.7	147.2	142.3	150.0	134.6
May								
Revised -----	138.1	164.3	137.6	148.3	147.8	142.3	150.4	
Previously published -----	138.0	164.2	137.6	148.1	147.6	142.1	150.0	
June								
Revised -----	139.1	165.5	138.7	149.1	148.7	143.8	151.6	136.1
Previously published -----	139.0	165.5	138.7	149.0	148.6	143.7	151.4	135.5
July								
Revised -----	139.2	165.6	138.8	149.2	148.7	143.7	151.5	
Previously published -----	139.1	165.6	138.8	149.0	148.6	143.6	151.2	-

Brief Explanation of the CPI

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

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

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

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

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

A Note About Calculating Index Changes

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

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

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

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

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

A Note on Seasonally Adjusted and Unadjusted Data

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

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

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

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

Reliability of Percent Changes in the CPI

A system of "replicated" samples introduced into the index structure in the 1964 revision permits an estimate of sampling error for the CPI.¹ The table below shows standard errors for monthly, quarterly, and annual *percent changes* in the CPI for all items and for nine commodity groupings based on 1972 averages.

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

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

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

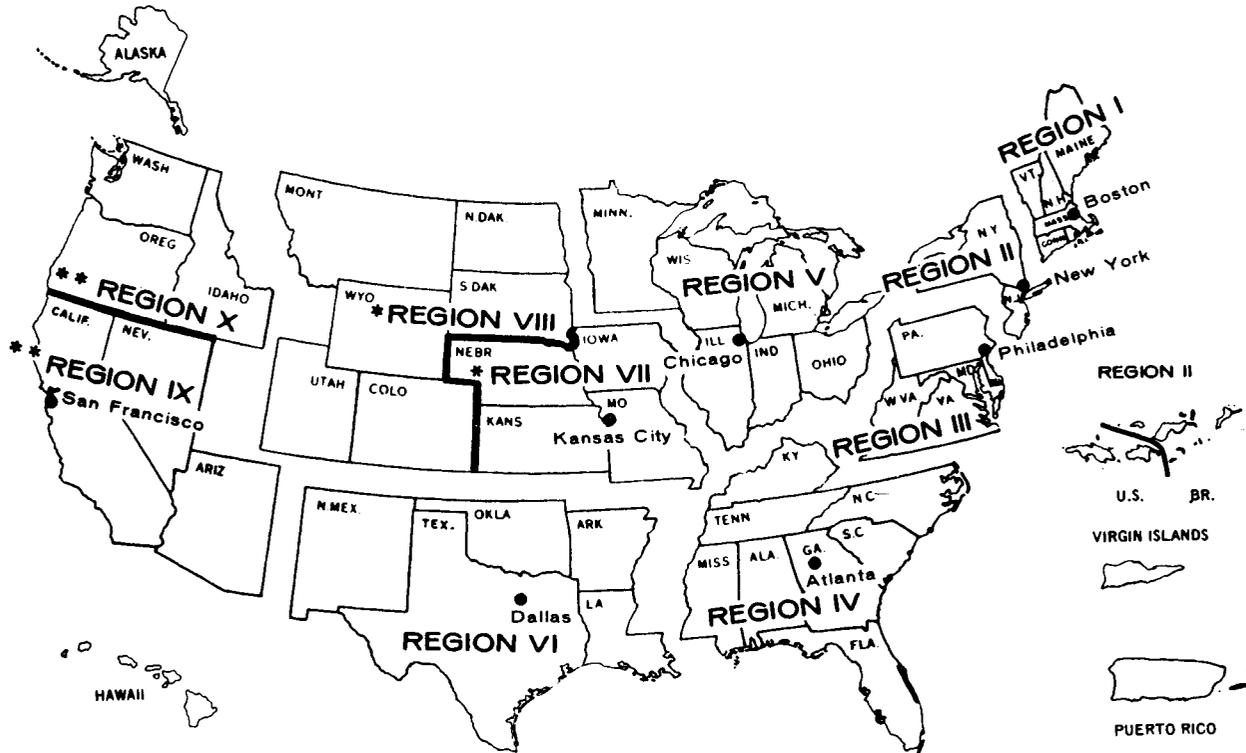
Because the CPI is rounded to one decimal place, some ambiguity may arise in interpreting small index changes. As the table indicates, for example, a month-to-month change of 0.1 percent in the all-items CPI is significant. Because of rounding, however, a change of this size in the published index might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

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

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

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