

Table 8-A. Consumer Price Index—United States city average for urban wage earners and clerical workers, 1972 annual average indexes for selected items and groups and percent changes from previous year

(1967= 100)

Item and group	Other index bases	Indexes		Percent change from 1971 to 1972
		1971	1972	
Housing		124.3	129.2	3.9
Shelter ¹		128.8	134.5	4.4
Rent, residential		115.2	119.2	3.5
Homeownership ²		133.7	140.1	4.8
Mortgage interest rates		120.4	117.5	-2.4
Property taxes		131.1	145.7	11.1
Property insurance premiums		119.9	123.2	2.8
Maintenance and repairs		133.7	140.7	5.2
Maintenance and repair commodities ³		119.0	124.1	4.3
Exterior house paint		115.9	117.7	1.6
Interior house paint		114.5	117.1	2.3
Maintenance and repair services		140.0	147.9	5.6
Repainting living and dining rooms		148.3	159.4	7.5
Reshingling house roof		144.8	155.5	7.4
Residing house		130.6	135.7	3.9
Replacing sink		140.6	146.4	4.1
Repairing furnace		144.3	153.3	6.2
Fuel and utilities:		115.0	120.1	4.4
Fuel oil and coal		117.5	118.5	.9
Fuel oil, No. 2		116.1	116.6	.4
Gas and electricity		114.7	120.5	5.1
Gas		116.2	122.3	5.2
Electricity		113.2	118.9	5.0
Other utilities:				
Residential telephone services		107.5	113.5	5.6
Residential water and sewerage services		133.4	138.5	3.8
Household furnishings and operation ⁴		118.1	121.0	2.5
Housefurnishings		114.3	116.2	1.7
Textiles		111.6	113.6	1.8
Sheets		113.9	115.1	1.1
Curtains, tailored		110.0	112.1	1.9
Bedsprings		107.8	110.5	2.5
Drapery fabric		118.4	122.6	3.5
Pillows, bed		107.6	107.2	-.4
Slipcovers and throws, ready made		111.8	114.0	2.0
Furniture and bedding		119.1	121.1	1.7
Bedroom furniture, chest and dresser	Mar. 70	103.6	105.1	1.4
Sofas, upholstered		117.5	120.4	2.5
Cocktail tables	Dec. 71	(⁵)	100.7	(⁵)
Dining room chairs	Mar. 70	103.0	104.3	1.3
Recliners, upholstered	Dec. 71	(⁵)	98.5	(⁵)
Sofas, dual purpose		116.4	117.1	.6
Bedding, mattress and box springs	June 70	103.4	104.7	1.3
Aluminum folding chairs		115.8	124.7	7.7
Cribs		117.9	118.6	.6
Floor coverings		106.3	106.5	.2
Broadloom carpeting, manmade fibers		102.3	101.5	-.8
Vinyl sheet goods		114.7	118.0	2.9
Vinyl asbestos tile		116.6	118.0	1.2
Appliances (excluding radio and T. V.)		109.1	109.7	.5
Washing machines, electric, automatic		109.4	110.5	1.0
Vacuum cleaners, canister type		103.8	103.8	0
Refrigerators or refrigerator-freezers, electric		108.1	108.1	0
Ranges, free standing, gas or electric		111.0	110.9	-.1
Clothes dryer, electric		112.4	114.2	1.6
Air conditioners, demountable		110.2	110.7	.5
Room heaters, electric, portable		108.1	108.7	.6
Garbage disposal units		110.1	111.0	.8
Other housefurnishings:				
Dinnerware, fine china		117.8	124.1	5.3
Flatware, stainless steel		120.4	124.8	3.7
Table lamps, with shade		121.0	123.8	2.3
Lawn mowers, power, rotary type		116.4	119.3	2.5
Electric drills, hand-held		106.7	106.5	-.2
Housekeeping supplies:				
Laundry soaps and detergents		109.8	111.2	1.3
Paper napkins		126.7	131.1	3.5
Toilet tissue		123.6	124.9	1.1
Housekeeping services:				
Domestic services, general housework		133.8	139.1	4.0
Baby sitter services		130.0	136.3	4.8
Postal charges		138.1	146.6	6.2
Laundry, flatwork, finished service		133.3	138.7	4.1
Licensed day care services, preschool child		118.2	122.5	3.6
Washing machine repairs		135.3	140.7	4.0

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Item and group	Other index bases	Indexes		Percent change from 1971 to 1972
		1971	1972	
Apparel and upkeep ⁶		119.8	122.3	2.1
Apparel commodities		120.1	122.7	2.2
Apparel commodities less footwear		119.9	122.3	2.0
Men's and boys'		120.3	121.9	1.3
Men's:				
Topcoats, wool or all-weather coats, polyester blends		122.3	125.8	2.9
Suits, year round weight		129.0	130.3	1.0
Suits, tropical weight		129.2	134.0	3.7
Jackets, lightweight		112.5	114.2	1.5
Slacks, wool or wool blends		116.8	115.7	- .9
Slacks, cotton or manmade blends		132.3	137.6	4.0
Trousers, work, cotton or polyester/cotton		113.0	114.8	1.6
Shirts, work, cotton or polyester/cotton		113.3	115.2	1.7
Shirts, business, polyester/cotton		112.7	112.6	- .1
T-shirts, chiefly cotton		119.0	117.9	- .9
Socks, cotton or manmade fibers		115.5	115.8	.3
Handkerchiefs, cotton or polyester/cotton		114.9	116.4	1.3
Boys':				
Coats, all purpose, cotton or cotton blends		118.3	118.3	1.4
Sport coats, wool or wool blends		122.0	121.1	- .7
Dungarees, cotton or cotton blends		122.5	127.5	4.1
Undershorts, cotton		119.5	120.4	.8
Women's and girls'		120.1	123.0	2.4
Women's:				
Coats, heavyweight, wool or wool blends		122.9	130.1	5.9
Carcoats, heavyweight, cotton		127.2	131.4	3.3
Sweaters, wool or acrylic		120.8	126.3	4.6
Skirts, wool, wool blend or manmade fibers		131.7	139.4	5.8
Skirts, cotton or polyester/cotton		114.0	117.1	2.7
Blouses, cotton or manmade fibers		121.9	123.1	1.0
Dresses, street, chiefly manmade fibers		127.6	130.1	2.0
Slips, nylon		110.7	110.9	.2
Panties, acetate or nylon tricot		115.2	117.7	2.2
Girdles, manmade blend		116.2	117.6	1.2
Brassieres, nylon lace		120.9	122.4	1.2
Hose or pany hose, nylon seamless		98.9	96.2	-2.7
Anklets or knee-length socks, various fibers		115.8	114.8	- .9
Gloves, fabric, nylon or cotton		109.6	110.6	.9
Handbags, rayon faille or plastic		132.4	143.7	8.5
Raincoats, vinyl, cotton or polyester blend		116.5	116.3	- .2
Skirts, wool, wool blends or acrylic		106.8	113.5	6.3
Dresses, cotton, manmade fibers or blends		107.4	119.9	11.6
Slacks, cotton or chiefly cotton		131.3	137.5	4.7
Slips, polyester blends		110.4	110.8	.4
Handbags, plastic		129.0	125.7	-2.6
Miscellaneous apparel:				
Diapers, cotton gauze or disposable		112.0	115.0	2.7
Yard goods, polyester blends		122.1	119.2	-2.4
Wrist watches, men's and women's		113.0	115.6	2.3
Footwear		121.5	124.9	2.8
Men's:				
Shoes, street, oxford		119.6	123.6	3.3
Shoes, work, high		118.7	122.9	3.5
Women's:				
Shoes, street		123.4	126.3	2.4
Shoes, evening, pump		120.2	122.2	1.7
Shoes, casual		124.1	125.6	1.2
Houseslipppers, scuff		121.9	125.2	2.7
Children's:				
Shoes, oxford		122.3	126.8	3.7
Sneakers, boys', oxford type		118.8	123.5	4.0
Dress shoes, girls', strap or pump		125.8	129.8	3.2
Apparel services:				
Drycleaning, men's suits and women's dresses		116.6	117.7	.9
Automatic laundry service		113.8	114.9	1.0
Laundry, men's shirts		119.1	122.0	2.4
Tailoring charges, hem adjustment		128.5	133.2	3.7
Shoe repairs, women's heel lift		112.0	116.0	3.6

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(1967= 100)

Item and group	Other index bases	Indexes		Percent change from 1971 to 1972
		1971	1972	
Transportation		118.6	119.9	1.1
Private ⁷		116.6	117.5	.8
Automobiles, new		112.0	111.0	-.9
Automobiles, used		110.2	110.5	.3
Gasoline, regular and premium		106.3	107.6	1.2
Motor oil, premium		120.0	123.6	3.0
Tires, new, tubeless		116.3	115.9	-.3
Auto repairs and maintenance ⁸		129.2	135.1	4.6
Auto insurance rates		141.1	140.5	-.4
Auto registration		123.2	127.4	3.4
Parking fees, private and municipal		135.3	144.5	6.8
Public		137.7	143.4	4.1
Local transit fares		143.4	150.1	4.7
Taxicab fares		126.5	133.5	5.5
Railroad fares, coach		126.8	124.5	-1.8
Airplane fares, chiefly coach		126.9	130.3	2.7
Bus fares, intercity		132.7	140.1	5.6
Health and recreation ⁹		122.2	126.1	3.2
Medical care		128.4	132.5	3.2
Drugs and prescriptions		105.4	105.6	.2
Over-the-counter items		110.2	111.3	1.0
Multiple vitamin concentrates		96.6	95.2	-1.4
Aspirin compounds		114.1	116.4	2.0
Liquid tonics		101.3	101.2	-.1
Cold tablets or capsules		111.3	113.8	2.2
Adhesive bandages, packages		122.6	124.2	1.3
Cough syrup		112.4	113.4	.9
Prescriptions		101.3	100.9	-.4
Anti-infectives		80.2	75.0	-6.5
Sedatives and hypnotics		122.9	126.6	3.0
Anesthetics		101.7	103.1	1.4
Anti-spasmodics		107.1	107.9	.7
Cough preparations		126.0	130.4	3.5
Cardiovasculars and antihypertensives		111.1	111.8	.6
Amalgams, internal		107.8	109.5	1.6
Anti-obesity		114.9	117.4	2.2
Hormones		94.9	93.2	-1.8
Professional services:				
Physicians' fees		129.8	133.8	3.1
General physician, office visits		131.4	134.8	2.6
General physician, house visits		131.0	136.7	4.4
Obstetrical cases		129.0	133.8	3.7
Pediatric care, office visits		132.0	136.2	3.2
Psychiatrist, office visits		124.8	129.2	3.5
Herniorrhaphy, adult		123.4	128.2	3.9
Tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy		125.2	129.9	3.8
Dentists' fees		127.0	132.3	4.2
Filling, adult, amalgam, one surface		128.0	133.8	4.5
Extraction, adult		126.9	132.3	4.2
Dentures, full upper		124.9	129.3	3.5
Other professional services:				
Examination, prescription, and dispensing of eyeglasses		120.3	124.9	3.8
Routine laboratory tests, urinalysis		116.1	120.4	3.7
Hospital service charges	Jan. 72	(⁵)	102.0	(⁵)
Semiprivate room rates		163.1	173.9	6.6
Operating room charges		156.1	168.6	8.0
X-ray, diagnostic series, upper G.I.		124.9	129.1	3.4
Laboratory tests, urinalysis	Jan. 72	(⁵)	101.9	(⁵)
Anti-infective, tetracycline, HCL	Jan. 72	(⁵)	99.9	(⁵)
Tranquilizer, chlordiazepoxide, HCL and meprobate	Jan. 72	(⁵)	101.2	(⁵)
Electrocardiogram	Jan. 72	(⁵)	102.7	(⁵)
Intravenous solution, saline	Jan. 72	(⁵)	101.9	(⁵)
Physical therapy, whirlpool bath	Jan. 72	(⁵)	101.7	(⁵)
Oxygen, inhalation therapy	Jan. 72	(⁵)	101.7	(⁵)
Personal care		116.8	119.8	2.6
Toilet goods		113.8	116.9	2.7
Toothpaste, standard dentifrice		107.7	109.8	1.9
Toilet soap, hard milled		114.1	121.9	6.8
Hand lotions, liquid		119.5	125.6	5.1
Shaving cream, aerosol		106.6	107.3	.7
Face powder, pressed		123.5	131.6	6.6
Deodorants, aerosol		105.6	105.0	-.6
Cleansing tissues		123.3	124.1	.6
Home permanent wave kits		110.9	110.0	-.8
Personal care services		120.0	122.9	2.4
Men's haircuts		122.6	125.3	2.2
Beauty shop services		118.2	121.3	2.6
Women's haircut		119.1	122.1	2.5
Shampoo and wave set, plain		121.4	125.0	3.0
Permanent waves, cold		110.2	112.5	2.1

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Item and group	Other index bases	Indexes		Percent change from 1971 to 1972
		1971	1972	
Reading and recreation		119.3	122.8	2.9
Recreational goods		106.6	107.9	1.2
TV sets, portable and console		100.1	99.5	-.6
TV replacement tubes		122.5	130.9	6.9
Radios, portable and table model		98.5	98.9	.4
Tape recorders, portable		94.2	94.3	.1
Phonograph records, stereophonic		103.5	107.3	3.7
Movie cameras, super 8, zoom lens		89.4	88.4	-1.1
Film, 35mm, color		108.3	108.2	-.1
Golf balls, liquid center or solid core		104.5	105.1	.6
Basketballs, rubber or vinyl cover		124.1	126.1	1.6
Fishing rods, fresh-water spincasting		110.1	108.0	-1.9
Bowling balls		111.4	113.8	2.2
Bicycles, boys'		112.6	116.2	3.2
Tricycles		111.2	113.9	2.4
Dog food, canned or boxed		109.0	110.5	1.4
Recreational services		125.2	128.3	2.5
Indoor movie admissions		137.6	141.5	2.8
Adult		137.4	140.4	2.2
Children's		138.0	144.5	4.7
Drive-in movie admissions, adult		140.1	145.9	4.1
Bowling fees, evening		116.3	119.3	2.6
Golf green fees		127.5	130.5	2.4
TV repair, color picture tube replacement		98.0	98.3	.3
Film developing, color		116.7	117.0	.3
Reading and education:				
Newspapers, street sale and delivery		129.6	132.3	2.1
Magazines, single copy and subscription		125.1	131.4	5.0
Piano lessons, beginner		121.0	123.0	1.7
Other goods and services		120.9	125.5	3.8
Tobacco products		126.4	133.3	5.5
Cigarettes, nonfilter tip, regular size		127.9	134.8	5.4
Cigarettes, filter tip, king size		128.1	135.4	5.7
Cigars, domestic, regular size		107.1	110.8	3.5
Alcoholic beverages		116.9	119.6	2.3
Beer		112.9	113.9	.9
Whiskey, spirit blended and straight				
bourbon		106.4	108.6	2.1
Wine, dessert and table		122.3	127.0	3.8
Beer away from home		126.4	130.9	3.6
Financial and miscellaneous personal expenses:				
Funeral services, adult		117.2	121.2	3.4
Bank service charges, checking accounts		110.6	107.5	-2.8
Legal services, short form will		135.5	148.6	9.7

¹ Also includes hotel and motel rates not shown separately.² Also includes home purchase costs not shown separately.³ Also includes pine shelving, furnace filters, packaged dry cement mix, and shrubbery not shown separately.⁴ Also includes venetian blinds, nails, carpet sweepers, air deodorizers, steel wool, scouring pads, envelopes, reupholstering, and moving expenses.⁵ Not available.⁶ 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.⁷ Also includes recapped tires and drivers' license fees not shown separately.⁸ Includes prices for water pump replacement, motor tune-up, automatic transmission repair exhaust system repair, front end alignment, and chassis lubrication.⁹ Also includes outboard motors, nondurable toys, college tuition fees, paperback books, and college textbooks not shown separately.

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Homeownership ²		140.1	146.7	4.7
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Property taxes		145.7	152.3	4.5
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Maintenance and repairs		140.7	151.0	7.3
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Exterior house paint		117.7	120.0	2.0
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Maintenance and repair services		147.9	157.3	6.4
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Reshingling house roof		155.5	164.4	5.7
Residing house		135.7	144.8	6.7
Replacing sink		146.4	155.2	6.0
Repairing furnace		153.3	162.7	6.1
Fuel and utilities		120.1	126.9	5.7
Fuel oil and coal		118.5	136.0	14.8
Fuel oil, No. 2		116.6	134.5	15.4
Gas and electricity		120.5	126.4	4.9
Gas		122.3	127.9	4.6
Electricity		118.9	124.9	5.0
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Residential telephone services		113.5	116.5	2.6
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Pillows, bed		107.2	106.5	-.7
Slipcovers and throws, ready-made		114.0	116.3	2.0
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Bedroom furniture, chest and dresser	Mar. 70	105.1	109.6	4.3
Sofas, upholstered		120.4	123.7	2.7
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Floor coverings		106.5	108.2	1.6
Broadloom carpeting, manmade fibers		101.5	102.8	1.3
Vinyl sheet goods		118.0	121.5	3.0
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Appliances(excluding radio and T. V.)		109.7	109.8	.1
Washing machines, electric, automatic		110.5	111.0	.5
Vacuum cleaners		103.8	104.1	.3
Refrigerators or refrigerator-freezers, electric		108.1	108.3	.2
Ranges, free standing, gas or electric		110.9	110.3	-.5
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Baby sitter services		136.3	142.8	4.8
Postal charges		146.6	146.6	0
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Apparel commodities less footwear -----		122.3	126.5	3.4
Men's and boys' -----		121.9	126.4	3.7
Men's: -----				
Topcoats, wool or all-weather coats, polyester blends -----	125.8	132.2	5.1	
Suits, year round weight -----	130.3	133.1	2.1	
Suits, tropical weight -----	134.0	143.8	7.3	
Jackets, lightweight -----	114.2	118.2	3.5	
Slacks, wool or wool blends -----	115.7	116.1	.3	
Slacks, cotton or manmade blends -----	137.6	140.3	2.0	
Trouser, work, cotton or polyester/cotton -----	114.8	120.2	4.7	
Shirts, work, cotton or polyester/cotton -----	115.2	120.9	4.9	
Shirts, business, polyester/cotton -----	112.6	113.9	1.2	
T-shirts, chiefly cotton -----	117.9	122.0	3.5	
Socks, cotton or manmade fibers -----	115.8	117.3	1.3	
Handkerchiefs, cotton or polyester/cotton -----	116.4	120.7	3.7	
Boys': -----				
Coats, all purpose, cotton or cotton blends -----	119.9	123.6	3.1	
Sport coats, wool or wool blends -----	121.1	121.7	.5	
Dungarees, cotton or cotton blends -----	127.5	137.0	7.5	
Undershorts, cotton -----	120.4	123.6	2.7	
Women's and girls' -----	123.0	127.3	3.5	
Women's: -----				
Coats, heavyweight, wool or wool blends -----	130.1	137.0	5.3	
Carcoats, heavyweight, cotton -----	131.4	139.8	6.4	
Sweater, wool or acrylic -----	126.3	130.1	3.0	
Skirts, wool, wool blend or manmade fibers -----	139.4	145.0	4.0	
Skirts, cotton or polyester/cotton -----	117.1	124.3	6.1	
Blouses, cotton or manmade fibers -----	123.1	126.2	2.5	
Dresses, street, chiefly manmade fiber -----	130.1	135.8	4.4	
Slips, nylon -----	110.9	111.2	.3	
Panties, acetate or nylon tricot -----	117.7	120.0	2.0	
Girdles, manmade blend -----	117.6	118.7	.9	
Brassieres, nylon lace -----	122.4	124.6	1.8	
Hose or panty hose, seamless -----	96.2	94.0	-2.3	
Anklets or knee-length socks, various fibers -----	114.8	114.1	-.6	
Gloves, fabric, nylon or cotton -----	110.6	112.3	1.5	
Handbags, rayon faille or plastic -----	143.7	151.6	5.5	
Girls': -----				
Raincoats, vinyl, cotton or polyester blends -----	116.3	117.0	.6	
Skirts, wool, wool blends or acrylic -----	113.5	121.0	6.6	
Dresses, cotton, manmade fibers or blends -----	119.9	122.9	2.5	
Slacks, cotton or chiefly cotton -----	137.5	141.9	3.2	
Slips, polyester blends -----	110.8	109.6	-1.1	
Handbags, plastic -----	125.7	129.6	3.1	
Footwear -----	124.9	130.2	4.2	
Men's: -----				
Shoes, street -----	123.6	132.6	7.3	
Shoes, work, high -----	122.9	135.9	10.6	
Women's: -----				
Shoes, street, pump -----	126.3	129.4	2.5	
Shoes, evening, pump -----	122.2	124.5	1.9	
Shoes, casual -----	125.6	130.2	3.7	
House slippers, scuff -----	125.2	128.7	2.8	
Children's: -----				
Shoes, oxford -----	126.8	132.7	4.7	
Sneakers, boys', oxford type -----	123.5	125.9	1.9	
Dress shoes, girls', strap or pump -----	129.8	133.6	2.9	
Miscellaneous apparel: -----				
Diapers, cotton gauze or disposable -----	115.0	118.9	3.4	
Yard goods, polyester blend -----	119.2	125.2	5.0	
Wrist watches, men's and women's -----	115.6	119.7	3.5	
Apparel services: -----				
Drycleaning, men's suits and women's dresses -----	117.7	122.0	3.7	
Automatic laundry service -----	114.9	117.7	2.4	
Laundry, men's shirts -----	122.0	129.0	5.7	
Tailoring charges, hem adjustment -----	133.2	138.9	4.3	
Shoe repairs, women's heel lift -----	116.0	122.1	5.3	

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

(1967=100)

Item and group	Other index bases	Indexes		Percent change from 1972 to 1973
		1972	1973	
Transportation		119.9	123.8	3.3
Private ⁶		117.5	121.5	3.4
Automobiles, new		111.0	111.1	.1
Automobiles, used		110.5	117.6	6.4
Gasoline, regular and premium		107.6	118.1	9.8
Motor oil, premium		123.6	127.9	3.5
Tires, new, tubeless		115.9	110.6	-4.6
Auto repairs and maintenance ⁷		135.1	142.2	5.3
Auto insurance rates		140.5	138.0	-1.8
Auto registration		127.4	123.6	-3.0
Parking fees, private and municipal		144.5	152.8	5.7
Public		143.4	144.8	1.0
Local transit fares		139.1	150.1	0
Taxicab fares		133.5	137.8	3.2
Railroad fares, coach		124.5	122.8	-1.4
Airplane fares, chiefly coach		130.3	134.7	3.4
Bus fares, intercity		140.1	145.7	4.0
Health and recreation ⁸		126.1	130.2	3.3
Medical care		132.5	137.7	3.9
Drugs and prescriptions		105.6	105.9	.3
Over-the-counter items		111.3	112.4	1.0
Multiple vitamin concentrates		95.2	94.9	-.3
Aspirin compounds		116.4	117.7	1.1
Liquid tonics		101.2	101.6	.4
Adhesive bandages, packages		124.2	126.6	1.9
Cold tablets or capsules		113.8	114.5	.6
Cough syrup		113.4	115.2	1.6
Prescriptions		100.9	100.5	-.4
Anti-infectives		75.0	71.1	-5.2
Sedatives and hypnotics		126.6	129.4	2.2
Ataractics		103.1	103.8	.7
Antispasmodics		107.9	107.8	-.1
Cough preparations		130.4	136.9	5.0
Cardiovasculars and antihypertensives		111.8	113.0	1.1
Analgesics, internal		109.5	111.2	1.6
Anti-obesity		117.4	117.5	.1
Hormones		93.2	91.6	-1.7
Professional services:				
Physicians' fees		133.8	138.2	3.3
General physician, office visits		134.8	139.5	3.5
General physician, house visits		136.7	141.7	3.7
Obstetrical cases		133.8	138.1	3.2
Pediatric care, office visits		136.2	140.5	3.2
Psychiatrist, office visits		129.2	133.6	3.4
Herniorrhaphy, adult		128.2	131.3	2.4
Tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy		129.9	132.8	2.2
Dentists' fees		132.3	136.4	3.1
Filling, adult, amalgam, one surface		133.8	138.7	3.7
Extractions, adult		132.2	135.4	2.4
Dentures, full upper		129.3	132.6	2.6
Other professional services:				
Examination, prescription, and dispensing of eyeglasses		124.9	129.5	3.7
Routine laboratory tests, urinalysis		120.4	122.8	2.0
Hospital service charges	Jan. 72	102.0	105.6	3.5
Semiprivate rooms		173.9	182.1	4.7
Operating room charges		168.6	179.1	6.2
X-ray, diagnostic series, upper G. I.		129.1	131.8	2.1
Laboratory tests, urinalysis	Jan. 72	101.9	104.3	2.4
Anti-infectives, tetracycline, HCL	Jan. 72	99.9	97.6	-2.3
Tranquilizer, chlordiazepoxide, HCL and meprobarbital	Jan. 72	101.2	104.3	3.1
Electrocardiogram	Jan. 72	102.7	104.7	1.9
Intravenous solution, saline	Jan. 72	101.9	103.9	2.0
Physical therapy, whirlpool bath	Jan. 72	101.7	106.2	4.4
Oxygen, inhalation therapy	Jan. 72	101.7	103.9	2.2
Personal care		119.8	125.2	4.5
Toilet goods		116.9	120.0	2.7
Toothpaste, standard dentifrice		109.8	109.8	0
Toilet soap, hard milled		121.9	128.8	5.7
Hand lotions, liquid		125.6	126.6	.8
Shaving cream, aerosol		107.3	108.7	1.3
Face powder, pressed		131.6	145.6	10.6
Deodorants, aerosol		105.0	104.8	-.2
Cleansing tissues		124.1	126.0	1.5
Home permanent wave kits		110.0	109.5	-.5
Personal care services		122.9	130.6	6.3
Men's haircuts		125.3	132.9	6.1
Beauty shop services		121.3	129.1	6.4
Women's haircuts		122.1	133.9	9.7
Shampoo and wave sets, plain		125.0	132.7	6.2
Permanent waves, cold		112.5	116.4	3.5

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

(1967= 100)

Item and group	Other index bases	Indexes		Percent change from 1972 to 1973
		1972	1973	
Health and recreation—Continued				
Reading and recreation		122.8	125.9	2.5
Recreational goods		107.9	109.2	1.2
TV sets, portable and console		99.5	98.0	-1.5
TV replacement tubes		130.9	134.7	2.9
Radios, portable and table model		98.9	99.4	.5
Tape recorders, portable		94.3	93.4	-1.0
Phonograph records, stereophonic		107.3	108.5	1.1
Movie cameras, super 8, zoom lens		88.4	89.5	1.2
Film, 35mm, color		108.2	108.2	-.4
Golf balls, liquid center or solid core		105.1	104.0	-1.0
Basketballs, rubber or vinyl cover		126.1	127.3	1.0
Fishing rods, fresh-water spincasting		108.0	109.4	1.3
Bowling balls		113.8	115.5	1.5
Bicycles, boys'		116.2	122.2	5.2
Tricycles		113.9	115.6	1.5
Dog food, canned or boxed		110.5	122.1	10.5
Recreational services		128.3	132.3	3.1
Indoor movie admissions		141.5	147.3	4.1
Adult		140.4	145.4	3.6
Children's		144.5	152.8	5.7
Drive-in movie admissions, adult		145.9	150.0	2.8
Bowling fees, evening		119.3	123.9	3.9
Golf green fees		130.5	136.6	4.7
TV repair, color picture tube replacement		98.3	99.9	1.6
Film developing, color		117.0	116.0	-.9
Newspapers, street sale and delivery		132.3	135.8	2.6
Magazines, single copy and subscription		131.4	135.2	2.9
Piano lessons, beginner		123.0	126.9	3.2
Other goods and services		125.5	129.0	2.8
Tobacco products		133.3	137.0	2.8
Cigarettes, nonfilter tip, regular size		134.8	138.7	2.9
Cigarettes, filter tip, king size		135.4	139.1	2.7
Cigars, domestic, regular size		110.8	112.9	1.9
Alcoholic beverages		119.6	122.5	2.4
Beer		113.9	115.6	1.5
Whiskey, spirit blended and straight bourbon		108.6	109.2	.6
Wine, dessert and table		127.0	135.2	6.5
Beer away from home		130.9	135.2	3.3
Financial and miscellaneous personal expenses:				
Funeral services, adult		121.2	126.4	4.3
Bank service charges, checking accounts		107.5	106.3	-1.1
Legal services, short form will		148.6	161.8	8.9

¹ Also includes hotel and motel rates not shown separately.² Also includes home purchase costs not shown separately.³ Also includes pine shelving, furnace filters, packaged dry cement mix, and shrubbery not shown separately.⁴ Also includes window shades, nails, carpet sweepers, air deodorizers, steel wool, scouring pads, envelopes, reupholstering, and moving expenses.⁵ 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.⁶ Also includes storage batteries and drivers' license fees not shown separately.⁷ Includes prices for water pump replacement, motor tune-up, automatic transmission repair, exhaust system repair, front end alignment, and chassis lubrication.⁸ Also includes outboard motors, nondurable toys, college tuition fees, paperback books, and college textbooks not shown separately.