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# Price Movements

## January 1975

The Consumer Price Index rose 0.5 percent in January to 156.1 percent of its 1967 base. Higher prices for medical care services, utilities, houses, cereal and bakery products, and fresh fruits and vegetables were responsible for a large part of the January rise. The effect of these increases was partially offset by price declines for clothing, autos, beef, and sugar and by lower mortgage interest rates.

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the rise in the January CPI was 0.6 percent; this compares with increases of 0.7 percent in December and 0.9 percent in both November and October. The food index rose 0.8 percent in January, after seasonal adjustment, about the same as in December and considerably less than in the August-November period. The January nonfood commodities index rose 0.6 percent after seasonal adjustment, continuing the slower rate of increase evident since last fall. The in-

crease of 0.8 percent in the services index in January was about the same as in the final 3 months of 1974.

In January 1975, the CPI was 11.7 percent higher than in January 1974. The food index was 11.2 percent, the nonfood commodities index 12.5 percent, and the services index 11.4 percent above their levels of January 1974.

### Monthly changes in detail (not seasonally adjusted)

The index for food purchased in grocery stores, which usually shows no change in January, rose 0.6 percent. Prices for cereal, bread, other bakery products, and sugar-based products—such as nonalcoholic beverages and candy bars—continued to rise rapidly. Prices also rose in January for pork, fats and oil products, and fresh fruits and vegetables. However, beef prices declined

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

Month	Changes from preceding month							Changes in all items	
								Compound annual rate	From 12 months ago
	All items		Food		Commodities less food		Serv-ices	From 3 months ago	
	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	Unad-justed
<b>1974:</b>									
January .....	0.9	1.1	1.6	1.7	0.6	1.3	0.7	10.2	9.4
February .....	1.3	1.2	2.5	2.2	1.0	1.1	.7	12.2	10.0
March .....	1.1	1.1	1.0	.6	1.5	1.4	.8	14.2	10.2
April .....	.6	.5	-.3	-.4	1.1	.9	.6	11.7	10.1
May .....	1.1	1.1	.7	.9	1.4	1.1	1.0	11.0	10.6
June .....	1.0	.9	.4	.3	1.3	1.2	1.0	10.3	11.0
July .....	.7	.7	.1	-.4	1.0	1.3	1.1	11.1	11.5
August .....	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.5	1.1	12.4	11.0
September .....	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.9	1.1	1.0	1.1	14.2	12.0
October .....	.9	.9	.7	1.3	.9	.6	.9	15.0	12.0
November .....	.8	.9	1.0	1.4	.8	.8	.8	13.0	12.1
December .....	.7	.7	1.1	.7	.4	.4	.9	10.1	12.2
<b>1975:</b>									
January .....	.5	.6	.7	.8	0	.6	.8	9.2	11.7

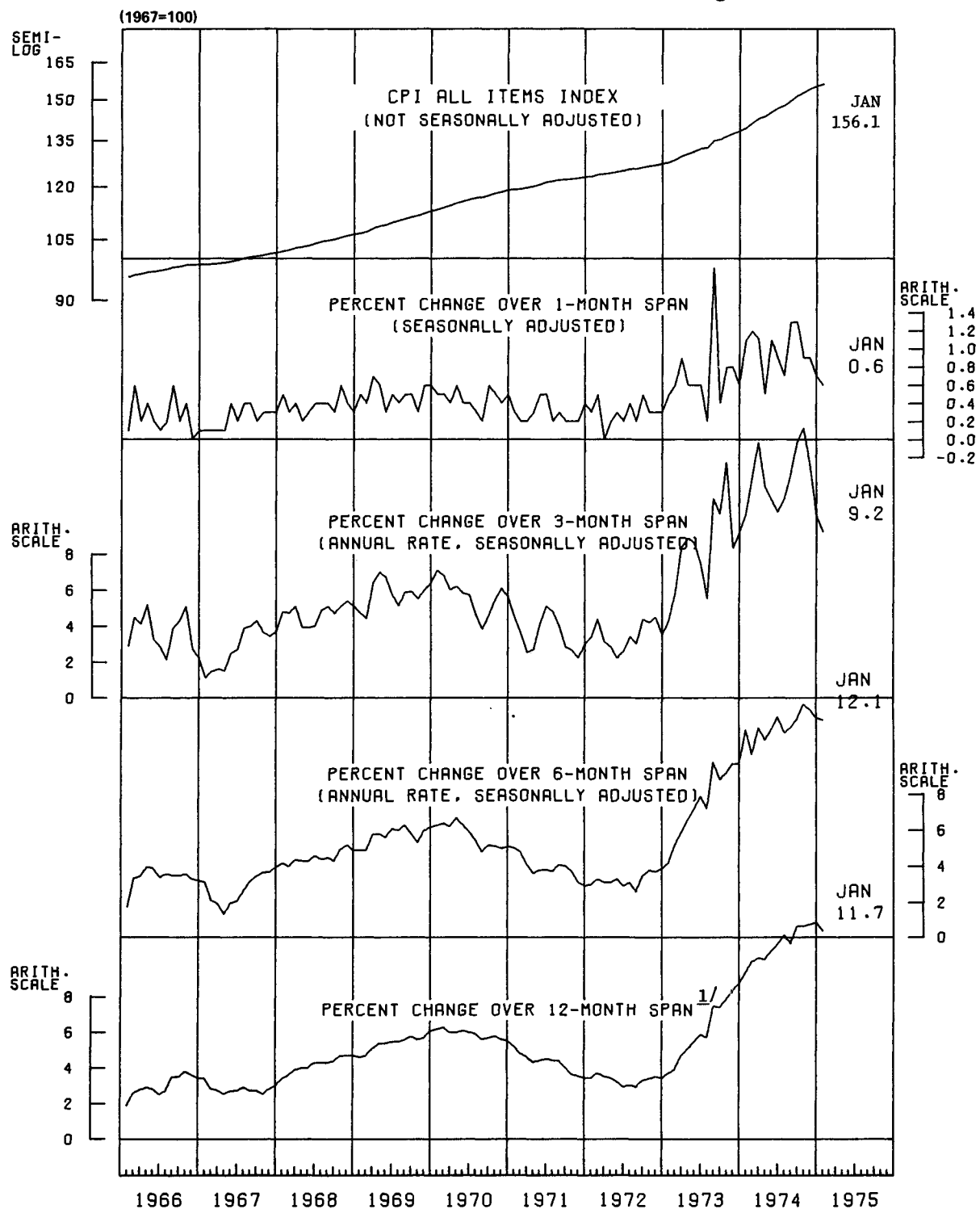
for the fourth consecutive month, and prices for poultry, dairy products, and processed fruits and vegetables turned down. In addition, sugar prices declined, reflecting lower prices at the wholesale level. The index for food away from home—restaurant meals and snacks—rose 0.8 percent, the same as in recent months.

The index for nonfood commodities averaged unchanged in January. Prices for apparel and textile housefurnishings declined sharply due to widespread winter clearance sales. The new car index declined, reflecting the effect of manufacturers' rebates to consumers. The used car index continued to move down. In addition, prices decreased slightly for tires and furniture. These declines offset price increases for other nonfood com-

modities such as gasoline, appliances, houses, housekeeping supplies, toilet goods, drugs, and tobacco products.

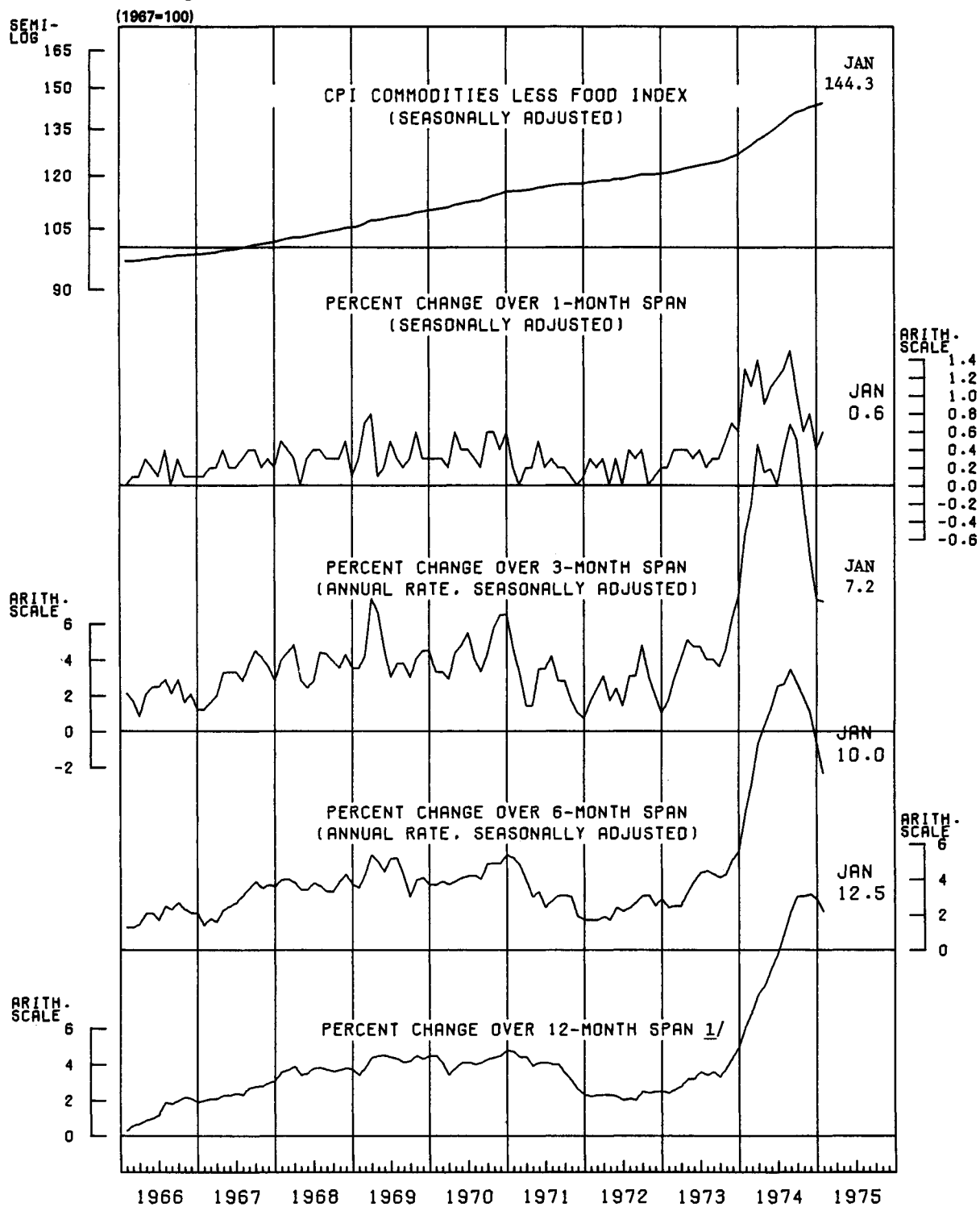
The services index increased 0.8 percent in January. Higher charges for medical care services, particularly hospital services, and for utilities—gas, electricity, and water and sewerage—accounted for about half the rise in the services index in January. Charges for other types of services, such as housekeeping and home maintenance, barber and beauty shop, dry cleaning and automatic laundry services, and movie admissions continued to rise. Mortgage interest rates, however, declined sharply, and auto insurance charges moved down. Telephone rates also decreased due to a reduction in the Federal excise tax effective January 1, 1975.

**Chart 1. All items index and its rate of change, 1966-75**



<sup>1/</sup> Computed from the unadjusted series.  
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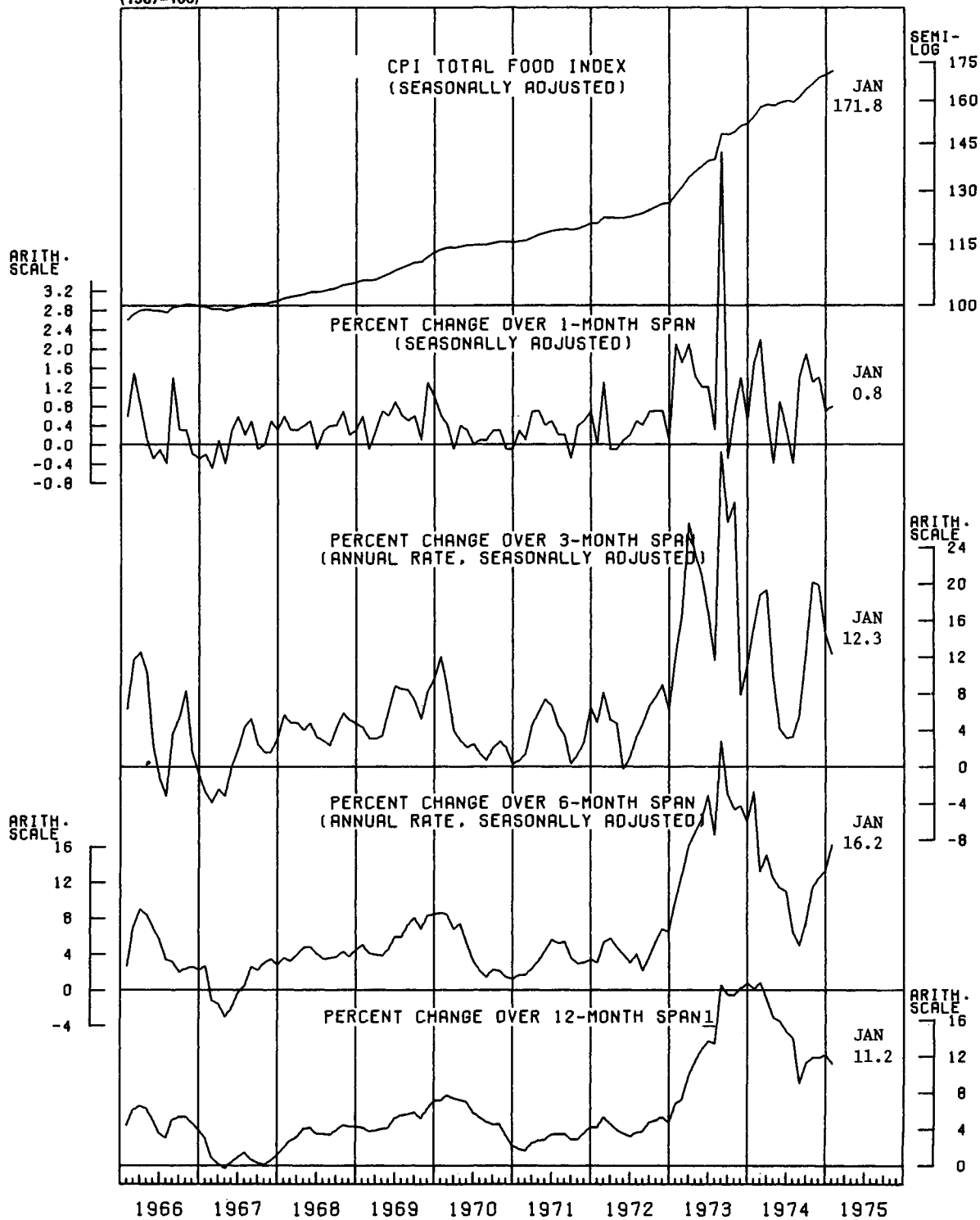
**Chart 2. Commodities less food index and its rates of change, 1966-75**



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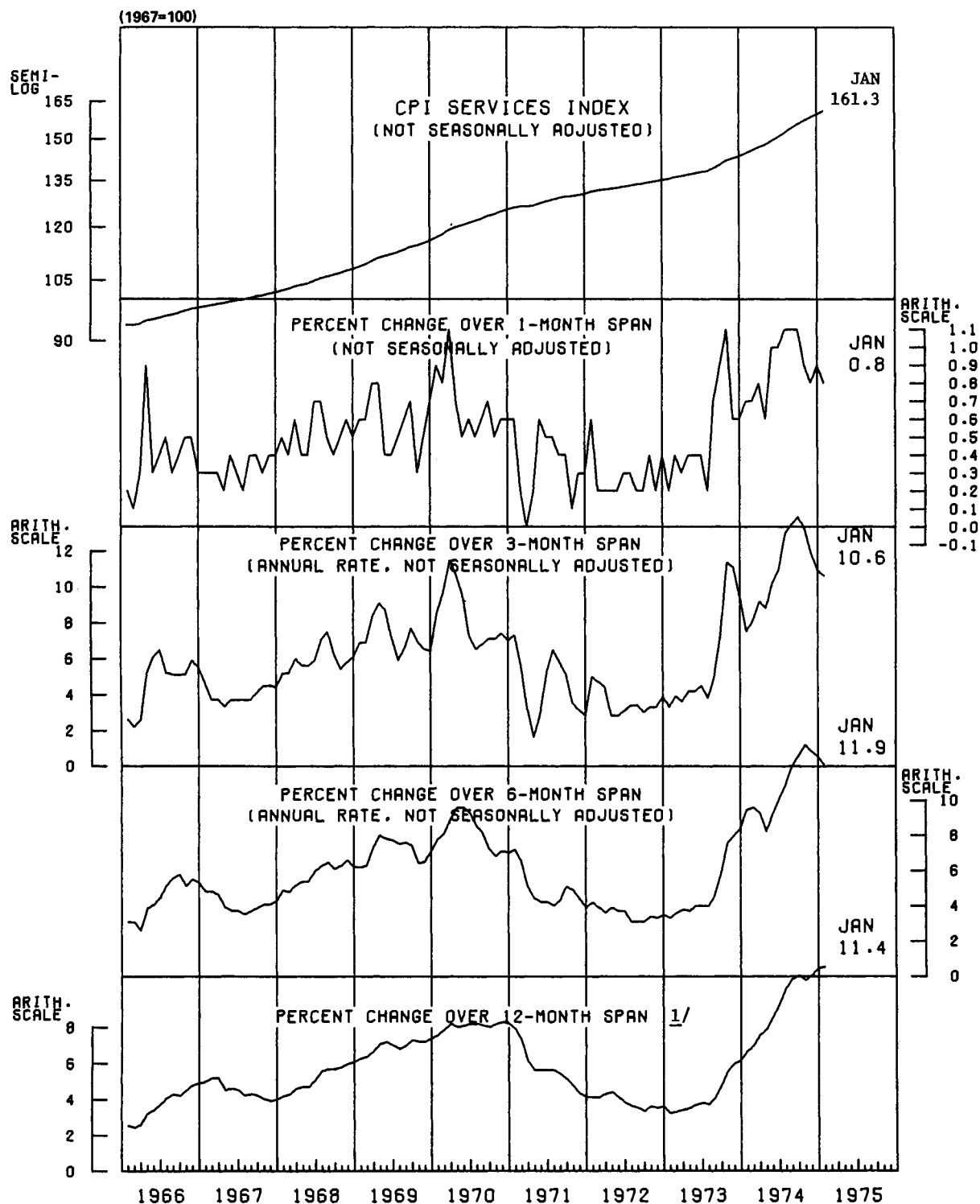
**Chart 3. Total food index and its rates of change, 1966-75**

(1967=100)



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**Chart 4. Services index and its rates of change, 1966-75**



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

Group	Relative importance	Unadjusted indexes 1967= 100 unless otherwise noted			Unadjusted percent change to January 1975 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		December 1974	December 1974	January 1975	January 1974	December 1974	October to November 1974	November to December 1974	December to January
		Commodity and service groups							
All items -----	100.000	155.4	156.1	11.7	0.5	0.9	0.7	0.6	
All items (1957-59= 100) -----	-	180.8	181.6	-	-	-	-	-	
Commodities -----	63.762	153.0	153.4	12.0	.3	.9	.7	.7	
Food -----	24.785	169.7	170.9	11.2	.7	1.4	.7	.8	
Food at home -----	19.657	170.3	171.4	11.1	.6	1.4	.8	.6	
Cereals and bakery products -----	2.882	181.7	185.3	23.8	2.0	1.9	2.3	2.0	
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	6.140	163.5	163.5	-3.4	0	1.9	.8	-.9	
Dairy products -----	2.887	155.3	155.2	6.1	-.1	.7	1.7	-.3	
Fruits and vegetables -----	3.111	161.3	163.5	9.2	1.4	.1	-2.1	.1	
Other foods at home -----	4.637	191.8	193.4	34.4	.8	2.8	3.3	-.2	
Food away from home -----	5.128	167.6	169.0	11.5	.8	.9	1.0	1.1	
Commodities less food -----	38.977	143.9	143.9	12.5	0	.8	.4	.6	
Nondurables less food -----	23.255	147.7	147.2	12.1	-.3	.7	.4	.5	
Apparel commodities <sup>1</sup> -----	8.273	141.6	138.6	7.8	-2.1	.6	-.1	-.3	
Men's and boys' -----	2.617	142.5	140.0	9.6	-1.8	.6	.1	-.3	
Women's and girls' -----	3.611	140.0	135.1	5.7	-3.5	.5	-.6	-.7	
Footwear -----	1.438	142.2	142.2	6.9	0	.7	-.2	.4	
Nondurables less food and apparel -----	14.982	151.3	152.3	14.6	.7	.9	.7	.8	
Gasoline and motor oil -----	3.388	158.6	159.7	14.3	.7	-.1	-.4	.9	
Tobacco products -----	1.936	150.9	152.1	9.7	.8	*1.1	*1.3	*.8	
Alcoholic beverages -----	2.315	138.5	139.3	10.6	.6	*.7	*.4	*.6	
Fuel oil and coal -----	1.028	228.8	228.9	17.6	0	1.5	-.3	-.7	
Other nondurables -----	6.316	144.6	145.8	17.5	.8	1.3	1.1	1.1	
Durable commodities -----	15.722	138.8	139.3	13.0	.4	.8	.8	.6	
Household durables -----	4.575	136.0	136.8	12.3	.6	1.0	.5	.8	
New cars -----	1.905	124.9	123.4	9.3	-1.2	.2	-.1	-1.8	
Used cars -----	2.026	138.4	134.9	26.1	-2.5	*1.6	*-2.3	*-2.5	
Other durables -----	7.217	145.0	147.2	11.3	1.5	.6	1.4	1.6	
Services -----	36.238	160.0	161.3	11.4	.8	*.8	*.9	*.8	
Rent -----	4.568	133.5	134.0	5.3	.4	*.5	*.5	*.4	
Services less rent -----	31.670	164.8	166.2	12.3	.8	*.9	*.9	*.8	
Household services less rent -----	15.856	177.5	179.0	14.9	.8	.9	1.0	.9	
Transportation services -----	4.796	146.0	146.5	5.5	.3	.7	.7	-.5	
Medical care services -----	5.473	168.5	170.7	14.0	1.3	.7	.9	1.3	
Other services -----	5.545	147.7	148.8	9.5	.7	.8	.8	.7	
Special indexes:									
All items less food -----	75.215	151.3	151.8	11.9	.3	.9	.6	.7	
Nondurable commodities -----	48.040	158.3	158.7	11.7	.3	.9	.6	.6	
Apparel commodities less footwear -----	6.835	141.5	137.9	8.0	-2.5	.6	-.1	-.4	
Services less medical care services -----	30.765	158.7	159.8	10.9	.7	*.8	*.9	*.7	
Insurance and finance -----	9.634	174.5	175.1	10.9	.3	.8	1.2	.5	
Utilities and public transportation -----	5.246	148.0	149.9	10.8	1.3	.5	1.0	1.2	
Housekeeping and home maintenance service -----	4.691	187.7	188.8	17.9	.6	.9	.2	.9	
Appliances (including radio and T. V. ) -----	1.445	115.2	116.0	9.4	.7	*1.2	*.6	*.7	
Expenditure classes									
All items -----	100.000	155.4	156.1	11.7	0.5	0.9	0.7	0.6	
Food -----	24.785	169.7	170.9	11.2	.7	1.4	.7	.8	
Housing -----	33.766	159.9	161.2	13.4	.8	.8	.9	1.0	
Shelter <sup>2</sup> -----	21.293	163.0	164.3	11.5	.8	.7	1.1	1.0	
Rent -----	4.568	133.5	134.0	5.3	.4	*.5	*.5	*.4	
Homeownership <sup>3</sup> -----	16.335	174.0	175.6	13.4	.9	.8	1.3	1.2	
Fuel and utilities <sup>4</sup> -----	5.008	158.4	160.5	14.0	1.3	.8	.8	1.1	
Gas and electricity -----	2.548	156.7	160.2	19.3	2.2	.7	1.6	1.9	
Household furnishings and operation -----	7.465	152.3	153.2	18.8	.6	1.3	1.0	.8	
Apparel and upkeep -----	9.633	141.9	139.4	8.2	-1.8	.6	-.1	-.2	
Transportation -----	12.715	143.5	143.2	11.8	-.2	.3	0	-.3	
Private -----	11.450	142.5	142.2	12.7	-.2	.3	-.1	-.1	
Public -----	1.266	152.0	152.2	4.2	.1	.7	.9	.1	
Health and recreation -----	18.723	147.5	148.9	11.4	.9	*.8	*.8	*.9	
Medical care -----	6.241	159.0	161.0	13.2	1.3	.8	1.0	1.3	
Personal care -----	2.519	145.3	146.5	12.9	.8	.9	.7	.9	
Reading and recreation -----	5.222	139.8	141.0	9.9	.9	.7	.9	.8	
Other goods and services -----	4.742	143.9	144.8	9.9	.6	1.1	.9	.7	
Special indexes:									
All items less shelter -----	78.707	153.5	154.1	11.8	.4	1.0	.7	.6	
All items less medical care -----	93.759	155.3	155.9	11.6	.4	.9	.7	.6	
All items less mortgage interest costs -----	95.615	153.3	154.0	11.4	.5	.9	.7	.5	
CPI - domestically produced farm foods <sup>5</sup> -----	17.214	167.8	168.7	8.5	.5	*1.1	*.8	*.5	
CPI - selected beef cuts <sup>6</sup> -----	1.976	158.0	156.6	-5.8	-.9	*-1.9	*-2.4	*-.9	
Purchasing power of consumer dollar:									
1967= \$ 1.00 -----	-	\$0.644	\$0.641	-10.5	-.3	-	-	-	
1957-59= \$ 1.00 -----	-	.553	.551	-	-	-	-	-	

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

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

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

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

<sup>5</sup> Calculated from the CPI food at home component by excluding

fish, nonalcoholic beverages, bananas, chocolate candy bars, chocolate syrup, and about half of the index weight for sugar.

<sup>6</sup> Calculated from the CPI beef and veal component by excluding veal cutlets and beef liver.

\* Not seasonally adjusted.

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



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

Group	Seasonally adjusted indexes (1967=100)				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
	October 1974	November 1974	December 1974	January 1975	3 months ending in			6 months ending in		
	April 1974	July 1974	October 1974	January 1975	April 1974	July 1974	October 1974	January 1975	July 1974	January 1975
Commodity and service groups										
All items	-	-	-	-	11.7	11.1	15.0	9.2	11.4	12.1
Commodities	150.7	152.0	153.0	154.0	12.8	9.9	16.0	9.1	11.4	12.5
Food	166.9	169.2	170.4	171.8	9.7	3.3	20.2	12.3	6.4	16.2
Food at home	167.7	170.0	171.3	172.4	9.9	.3	23.7	11.7	5.0	17.6
Cereals and bakery products	174.7	178.0	182.1	185.7	33.1	14.6	20.6	27.7	23.5	24.1
Meats, poultry, and fish	163.2	166.3	167.7	166.2	-19.1	-23.4	30.8	7.6	-21.3	18.6
Dairy products	151.9	152.9	155.5	155.0	22.2	-5.4	.8	8.4	7.5	4.5
Fruits and vegetables	169.5	169.6	166.1	166.2	24.6	28.8	-3.9	-7.6	26.7	-5.8
Other foods at home	179.2	184.3	190.3	190.0	34.6	21.8	57.4	26.4	28.0	41.0
Food away from home	164.2	165.7	167.4	169.2	11.0	12.9	9.3	12.7	11.9	11.0
Commodities less food	141.8	142.9	143.5	144.3	14.4	15.6	12.8	7.2	15.0	10.0
Nondurables less food	145.5	146.5	147.1	147.8	19.1	14.4	9.0	6.5	16.7	7.7
Apparel commodities <sup>1</sup>	139.6	140.5	140.3	139.9	12.2	8.0	10.4	.9	10.1	5.5
Men's and boys'	140.0	141.3	141.5	141.1	16.5	10.9	9.7	2.0	13.6	5.8
Women's and girls'	138.0	138.7	137.9	137.0	11.2	4.3	10.8	-2.9	7.7	3.8
Footwear	141.4	142.4	142.1	142.6	7.7	4.5	12.2	3.4	6.1	7.7
Nondurables less food and apparel	148.9	150.2	151.3	152.5	23.1	17.6	8.5	10.0	20.3	9.3
Gasoline and motor oil	158.9	158.7	158.1	159.5	77.8	12.7	-16.2	1.5	41.6	-7.8
Tobacco products (not seasonally adjusted)	147.4	149.0	150.9	152.1	2.6	16.1	7.1	13.4	9.1	10.2
Alcoholic beverages (not seasonally adjusted)	137.0	138.0	138.5	139.3	7.8	11.4	16.7	6.9	9.6	11.7
Fuel oil and coal	226.6	230.1	229.5	227.8	26.5	33.1	11.5	2.1	29.7	6.7
Other nondurables	141.1	143.0	144.6	146.2	11.0	20.9	22.9	15.3	15.8	19.0
Durable commodities	136.5	137.6	138.7	139.6	8.3	16.8	17.9	9.4	12.5	13.6
Household durables	134.1	135.4	136.1	137.2	9.5	14.1	16.1	9.6	11.8	12.8
New cars	123.6	123.9	123.8	121.6	5.9	23.9	16.4	-6.3	14.5	4.4
Used cars (not seasonally adjusted)	139.4	141.6	138.4	134.9	0	104.1	41.1	-12.3	42.9	11.2
Other durables	141.8	142.6	142.5	146.9	12.0	7.0	11.5	15.2	9.5	13.3
Services (not seasonally adjusted)	157.3	158.6	160.0	161.3	8.8	13.0	13.2	10.6	10.9	11.9
Rent (not seasonally adjusted)	132.2	132.8	133.5	134.0	4.8	4.7	6.0	5.6	4.8	5.8
Services less rent (not seasonally adjusted)	161.9	163.3	164.8	166.2	9.5	14.5	14.2	11.1	12.0	12.6
Household services less rent	173.6	175.2	177.0	178.6	12.9	17.2	17.3	12.0	15.1	14.6
Transportation services	144.6	145.6	146.6	145.8	4.7	7.7	6.6	3.4	6.2	5.0
Medical care services	166.1	167.3	168.8	171.0	9.1	18.7	16.1	12.3	13.8	14.2
Other services	145.4	146.6	147.7	148.8	7.6	11.1	9.6	9.7	9.3	9.7
Special indexes:										
All items less food	148.8	150.1	151.0	152.0	12.0	14.8	12.4	8.9	13.4	10.7
Nondurable commodities	156.0	157.4	158.3	159.3	14.8	8.1	15.1	8.7	11.4	11.9
Apparel commodities less footwear	139.4	140.2	140.0	139.4	13.0	9.0	10.4	0	11.0	5.1
Services less medical care services (not seasonally adjusted)	156.0	157.3	158.7	159.8	8.6	11.9	13.0	10.1	10.2	11.6
Insurance and finance	170.3	171.7	173.8	174.6	5.7	10.7	17.1	10.5	8.2	13.8
Utilities and public transportation	145.7	146.5	148.0	149.8	10.8	9.9	10.8	11.7	10.3	11.3
Housekeeping and home maintenance service	185.5	187.2	187.5	189.2	19.2	27.5	17.7	8.2	23.3	12.9
Appliances (including radio and T. V.) (not seasonally adjusted)	113.1	114.5	115.2	116.0	3.4	9.3	14.6	10.7	6.3	12.6
Expenditure classes										
All items	-	-	-	-	11.7	11.1	15.0	9.2	11.4	12.1
Food	166.9	169.2	170.4	171.8	9.7	3.3	20.2	12.3	6.4	16.2
Housing	156.7	158.0	159.4	161.0	11.7	14.4	15.7	11.4	13.1	13.5
Shelter <sup>2</sup>	159.6	160.7	162.5	164.1	9.0	11.4	13.6	11.8	10.2	12.7
Rent (not seasonally adjusted)	132.2	132.8	133.5	134.0	4.8	4.7	6.0	5.6	4.8	5.8
Homeownership <sup>3</sup>	169.6	171.0	173.3	175.4	11.0	12.4	16.1	14.4	11.7	15.2
Fuel and utilities <sup>4</sup>	156.0	157.3	158.6	160.3	16.9	14.1	13.3	11.5	15.5	12.4
Gas and electricity	152.9	154.0	156.5	159.4	24.4	17.2	17.7	18.1	20.7	17.9
Household furnishings and operation	149.0	151.0	152.5	153.7	14.7	23.3	24.3	13.2	18.9	18.7
Apparel and upkeep	140.0	140.9	140.8	140.5	12.2	9.0	10.7	1.4	10.6	5.9
Transportation	142.9	143.4	143.4	142.9	20.1	19.9	8.5	0	20.0	4.2
Private	142.2	142.6	142.4	142.2	21.5	21.1	9.5	0	21.3	4.7
Public	149.4	150.4	151.8	151.9	1.4	6.4	2.4	6.9	3.9	4.6
Health and recreation (not seasonally adjusted)	145.2	146.3	147.5	148.9	8.0	14.5	12.5	10.6	11.2	11.5
Medical care	156.6	157.8	159.3	161.3	8.1	17.3	15.1	12.6	12.6	13.8
Personal care	143.0	144.3	145.3	146.6	9.9	15.2	16.0	10.5	12.5	13.2
Reading and recreation	137.7	138.7	139.9	141.0	6.7	13.2	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9
Other goods and services	141.1	142.6	143.9	144.9	5.6	12.2	10.6	11.2	8.8	10.9
Special indexes:										
All items less shelter	151.2	152.7	153.7	154.6	12.1	12.0	14.1	9.3	12.1	11.7
All items less medical care	152.8	154.2	155.3	156.2	11.6	10.7	14.9	9.2	11.2	12.0
All items less mortgage interest costs	151.1	152.4	153.5	154.3	11.4	11.4	13.8	8.7	11.4	11.2
CPI - domestically produced farm foods (not seasonally adjusted)	164.6	166.4	167.8	168.7	11.8	-.5	12.8	10.3	5.5	11.6
CPI - selected beef cuts (not seasonally adjusted)	165.1	161.9	158.0	156.6	3.2	-18.6	16.0	-19.1	-8.4	-3.1

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

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

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

<sup>4</sup> Also includes residential telephone, fuel oil, coal, water, and

sewerage service not shown separately.

r-Revised from previously published figure to correct for an error in the used car component.

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 <sup>1</sup>	Pricing schedule <sup>2</sup>	Indexes			Percent change from:		
		1967=100	1957-59=100	Other bases	January	October	December
		January 1975			1974	1974	1974
U.S. city average -----	M	156.1	181.6		11.7	2.0	0.5
Chicago -----	M	153.2	174.0		10.5	1.5	0
Detroit -----	M	155.6	178.8		10.0	1.1	-.4
Los Angeles-Long Beach -----	M	150.8	177.3		11.5	2.5	.5
N. Y.-Northeastern N. J. -----	M	161.7	192.4		10.1	1.1	0
Philadelphia -----	M	159.6	186.5		11.8	1.5	.3
January 1975					January 1974	October 1974	
Boston -----	1	156.4	187.3		10.1	2.2	
Houston -----	1	159.4	182.3		14.6	3.4	
Minneapolis-St. Paul -----	1	156.2	181.0		11.3	1.5	
Pittsburgh -----	1	154.4	177.6		10.8	1.4	
November 1974					November 1973	August 1974	
Buffalo -----	2	155.1		<sup>3</sup> 170.5	11.9	2.4	
Cleveland -----	2	153.0	172.7		11.3	2.0	
Dallas -----	2	151.3		<sup>3</sup> 163.6	11.6	2.6	
Milwaukee -----	2	150.0	169.3		10.5	3.0	
San Diego -----	2	153.5		<sup>4</sup> 161.3	12.5	2.4	
Seattle -----	2	147.9	173.8		12.6	3.4	
Washington -----	2	156.1	181.9		12.0	2.2	
December 1974					December 1973	September 1974	
Atlanta -----	3	155.9	179.2		12.2	2.2	
Baltimore -----	3	160.0	185.8		13.7	1.7	
Cincinnati -----	3	153.8	174.5		12.6	2.3	
Honolulu -----	3	148.2		<sup>5</sup> 159.8	11.6	2.0	
Kansas City -----	3	152.7	181.3		13.6	3.1	
St. Louis -----	3	148.6	173.6		11.1	1.9	
San Francisco-Oakland -----	3	152.1	181.1		12.5	2.7	

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

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

M - Every month.

1 - January, April, July, and October.

2 - February, May, August, and November.

3 - March, June, September, and December.

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

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

<sup>5</sup> December 1963=100.

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

Table 4. Consumer Price Index—United States and selected areas <sup>1</sup> for urban wage earners and clerical workers, major groups, percent change from December 1974 to January 1975

Group	U.S. city average	Chicago	Detroit	Los Angeles-Long Beach	New York-Northeastern New Jersey	Philadelphia
All items -----	0.5	0	-0.4	0.5	0	0.3
Food -----	.7	.8	-2.8	.9	.6	.5
Housing -----	.8	.3	.4	.7	-.2	.8
Apparel and upkeep -----	-1.8	-3.2	-1.2	-1.3	-2.3	-2.4
Transportation -----	-.2	-.9	-.1	.2	-.3	-.3
Health and recreation -----	.9	.7	1.6	.6	.8	.9
Medical care -----	1.3	1.4	2.7	.5	1.5	1.8
Personal care -----	.8	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
Reading and recreation -----	.9	1.4	.5	.9	1.3	.4
Other goods and services -----	.6	-.4	1.6	1.2	-.3	.3

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

<sup>2</sup> Not available.

Table 5. Consumer Price Index—United States and selected areas<sup>1</sup> for urban wage earners and clerical workers, commodity groups, January 1975, and percent changes from October 1974

Group	U.S. city average	Chicago	Detroit	Los Angeles- Long Beach	New York- Northeastern New Jersey	Philadelphia
Indexes (1967= 100)						
All items -----	156.1	153.2	155.6	150.8	161.7	159.6
Food -----	170.9	171.5	167.1	165.7	175.1	173.6
Food at home -----	171.4	172.9	166.8	168.4	176.2	172.6
Cereals and bakery products -----	185.3	188.0	189.1	183.3	188.7	188.2
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	163.5	166.0	160.7	161.4	166.2	167.5
Dairy products -----	155.2	150.9	156.1	151.4	160.6	153.0
Fruits and vegetables -----	163.5	169.3	149.6	162.4	177.5	163.3
Other food at home -----	193.4	196.6	186.2	186.0	196.7	195.8
Food away from home -----	169.0	165.6	168.9	158.0	171.8	177.6
Housing -----	161.2	151.9	159.9	154.5	167.6	167.9
Shelter -----	164.3	155.2	168.7	156.8	169.0	176.5
Rent, residential -----	134.0	130.7	( <sup>2</sup> )	131.8	( <sup>2</sup> )	142.0
Homeownership -----	175.6	166.5	175.9	164.5	185.0	185.6
Fuel and utilities -----	160.5	143.5	148.5	151.8	180.0	168.5
Fuel oil and coal -----	228.9	207.9	219.2	-	235.7	222.7
Gas and electricity -----	160.2	140.1	153.5	173.7	186.3	176.6
Household furnishings and operation -----	153.2	147.5	140.2	148.0	157.0	151.7
Apparel and upkeep -----	139.4	133.8	135.4	133.7	137.9	134.1
Men's and boys' -----	140.0	129.5	142.1	129.6	137.1	134.0
Women's and girls' -----	135.1	132.4	123.7	131.0	132.4	124.3
Footwear -----	142.2	137.3	144.2	139.2	138.3	143.0
Transportation -----	143.2	144.7	142.7	144.2	151.8	146.3
Private -----	142.2	141.6	141.3	145.7	147.6	145.5
Public -----	152.2	165.0	158.8	117.5	168.1	151.4
Health and recreation -----	148.9	149.8	155.4	141.9	155.5	153.6
Medical care -----	161.0	160.9	176.0	156.5	172.2	173.9
Personal care -----	146.5	( <sup>2</sup> )	145.0	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	142.7
Reading and recreation -----	141.0	142.5	143.4	130.0	147.1	142.7
Other goods and services -----	144.8	147.7	147.2	138.5	152.5	148.5
Percent changes October 1974 to January 1975						
All items -----	2.0	1.7	1.1	2.5	1.1	1.5
Food -----	2.9	3.7	.5	3.4	2.2	2.3
Food at home -----	2.9	3.8	-.1	3.4	2.2	2.3
Cereals and bakery products -----	6.1	3.8	.9	7.4	6.1	7.0
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	-.1	1.8	-2.1	-.3	-1.5	-.5
Dairy products -----	2.3	3.2	-.7	.7	4.5	2.1
Fruits and vegetables -----	.7	2.5	-.8	3.4	-1.1	-3.8
Other food at home -----	7.5	8.8	3.3	7.4	7.4	9.0
Food away from home -----	2.6	2.9	2.7	3.7	1.7	2.2
Housing -----	2.9	1.9	1.7	3.0	1.3	2.3
Shelter -----	2.8	1.9	2.1	3.4	1.0	1.3
Rent, residential -----	1.4	3.5	( <sup>2</sup> )	3.9	( <sup>2</sup> )	3.2
Homeownership -----	3.2	2.1	2.3	3.7	.9	1.0
Fuel and utilities -----	3.4	1.4	-.2	1.6	2.0	6.0
Fuel oil and coal -----	1.5	-2.9	2.8	-	.3	2.1
Gas and electricity -----	5.7	4.2	.3	3.0	4.3	11.4
Household furnishings and operation -----	2.8	2.4	1.7	2.3	1.6	2.2
Apparel and upkeep -----	-1.2	-2.2	-1.6	-1.2	-3.6	-2.2
Men's and boys' -----	-1.0	-2.3	-.8	.5	-2.4	-5.6
Women's and girls' -----	-3.6	-5.4	-3.7	-3.8	-8.4	-3.0
Footwear -----	.4	1.0	-1.4	.5	.1	.4
Transportation -----	.2	-.5	-.1	1.5	.7	.6
Private -----	-1.1	-.8	-.2	1.5	.1	.3
Public -----	2.3	1.1	1.5	2.2	2.4	2.9
Health and recreation -----	2.5	2.4	2.8	3.2	2.0	1.8
Medical care -----	3.0	3.3	3.8	2.5	2.9	3.0
Personal care -----	2.4	( <sup>2</sup> )	.7	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	1.8
Reading and recreation -----	2.3	3.0	2.3	2.8	1.8	.3
Other goods and services -----	2.4	.8	3.0	4.9	1.1	1.9

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 5. Consumer Price Index—United States and selected areas<sup>1</sup> for urban wage earners and clerical workers, commodity groups, January 1975, and percent changes from October 1974—Continued

Group	Boston	Houston	Minneapolis	Pittsburgh
Indexes (1967= 100)				
All items -----	156.4	159.4	156.2	154.4
Food -----	171.7	177.8	174.0	172.9
Food at home -----	171.5	176.1	173.7	171.8
Cereals and bakery products -----	187.5	184.9	190.2	188.0
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	165.0	167.9	167.3	164.7
Dairy products -----	151.3	168.2	156.5	151.4
Fruits and vegetables -----	163.5	168.5	166.1	162.4
Other food at home -----	193.8	192.4	191.8	195.3
Food away from home -----	172.0	184.0	175.1	179.5
Housing -----	162.5	166.4	161.7	156.6
Shelter -----	161.4	174.0	167.3	162.6
Rent, residential -----	146.9	120.9	129.6	126.4
Homeownership -----	167.8	192.7	173.7	172.9
Fuel and utilities -----	176.3	149.4	155.9	148.1
Fuel oil and coal -----	229.3	-	220.7	-
Gas and electricity -----	162.2	155.3	156.9	165.3
Household furnishings and operation -----	155.9	161.3	149.2	149.4
Apparel and upkeep -----	142.0	146.4	142.9	136.5
Men's and boys' -----	135.8	139.9	145.8	132.3
Women's and girls' -----	143.5	151.1	141.7	132.6
Footwear -----	144.5	147.2	144.4	144.5
Transportation -----	139.7	136.3	136.7	142.2
Private -----	138.7	134.5	136.6	141.9
Public -----	145.7	165.7	138.9	144.4
Health and recreation -----	145.2	153.6	149.2	148.8
Medical care -----	159.0	163.1	155.6	155.1
Personal care -----	143.0	160.3	149.1	140.0
Reading and recreation -----	142.5	139.5	146.2	143.6
Other goods and services -----	136.6	149.5	145.1	151.8
Percent changes October 1974 to January 1975				
All items -----	2.2	3.4	1.5	1.4
Food -----	3.9	4.2	3.3	2.7
Food at home -----	3.6	4.6	3.7	2.7
Cereals and bakery products -----	10.0	7.3	4.9	5.3
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	-1	3.1	-4	-5
Dairy products -----	-7	3.8	1.8	5.3
Fruits and vegetables -----	-8	1.0	5.3	-1.2
Other food at home -----	8.8	7.5	7.1	6.7
Food away from home -----	5.2	3.2	1.5	2.6
Housing -----	1.8	5.4	1.2	2.4
Shelter -----	1.4	6.7	.5	1.9
Rent, residential -----	1.4	2.3	1.0	.6
Homeownership -----	1.5	7.8	.5	2.2
Fuel and utilities -----	2.4	7.2	5.0	3.6
Fuel oil and coal -----	3.7	-	1.8	-
Gas and electricity -----	2.8	12.3	6.7	4.8
Household furnishings and operation -----	2.1	2.2	1.1	2.4
Apparel and upkeep -----	-9	-6	-2.2	-3.3
Men's and boys' -----	-1.3	1.4	-1.2	-1.0
Women's and girls' -----	-1.2	-5.3	-4.8	-9.2
Footwear -----	1.8	3.0	-1.1	2.0
Transportation -----	1.2	-1.0	-.4	-.4
Private -----	1.0	-1.2	-.7	-.7
Public -----	2.0	2.0	4.4	1.0
Health and recreation -----	2.8	4.1	2.9	2.2
Medical care -----	2.6	3.5	4.5	1.8
Personal care -----	3.4	5.9	3.1	1.6
Reading and recreation -----	3.8	2.8	1.8	3.6
Other goods and services -----	1.8	4.7	2.0	1.4

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

<sup>2</sup> Not available.

<sup>3</sup> Change from November 1974.

Table 5-A. Consumer Price Index—United States and selected areas<sup>1</sup> for urban wage earners and clerical workers, commodity groups, 1974 annual average indexes and percent changes, 1973-74

Group	Boston	Houston	Minneapolis	Pittsburgh
	Indexes (1967=100)			
All items	148.7	147.8	148.3	147.3
Food	161.3	164.9	163.6	164.2
Food at home	162.3	163.0	163.1	163.4
Cereals and bakery products	165.5	163.9	175.3	169.4
Meats, poultry, and fish	165.1	165.5	166.6	163.2
Dairy products	149.2	161.1	155.4	147.1
Fruits and vegetables	166.1	160.2	156.4	172.0
Other food at home	161.7	162.1	163.5	165.1
Food away from home	157.5	171.4	165.8	169.0
Housing	155.2	149.9	153.2	147.3
Shelter	156.7	155.0	159.8	154.9
Rent, residential <sup>2</sup>	142.9	116.1	126.9	123.6
Homeownership	162.7	168.5	165.4	163.8
Fuel and utilities	165.2	134.0	146.8	136.4
Fuel oil and coal	207.9	-	220.9	-
Gas and electricity	152.7	133.8	143.8	147.9
Household furnishings and operation	145.2	147.9	138.1	138.6
Apparel and upkeep	137.8	142.7	136.9	137.7
Men's and boys'	132.5	134.0	137.9	131.0
Women's and girls'	138.9	153.3	136.9	142.1
Footwear	138.8	139.5	138.9	141.2
Transportation	133.9	131.3	134.3	137.3
Private	132.5	129.3	134.6	136.7
Public	142.3	162.2	132.0	141.8
Health and recreation	137.6	142.8	140.7	141.0
Medical care	148.8	152.5	144.2	147.0
Personal care <sup>3</sup>	133.9	145.0	138.7	131.9
Reading and recreation	135.5	131.1	139.7	135.3
Other goods and services	131.2	139.4	138.4	145.1
Percent changes 1973-74				
All items	10.4	11.7	11.5	10.8
Food	15.1	15.1	15.2	15.9
Food at home	15.5	15.6	15.3	15.9
Cereals and bakery products	28.3	31.3	26.9	34.3
Meats, poultry, and fish	4.7	1.7	1.8	3.0
Dairy products	17.8	22.7	19.7	17.2
Fruits and vegetables	16.5	15.8	16.1	18.1
Other food at home	25.7	26.1	24.8	25.6
Food away from home	13.6	13.4	14.6	15.5
Housing	10.9	11.8	12.4	9.8
Shelter	5.9	10.3	12.5	8.3
Rent, residential	4.9	3.4	3.3	3.3
Homeownership	6.3	12.2	13.8	9.5
Fuel and utilities	28.4	11.4	12.2	11.5
Fuel oil and coal	50.8	-	63.0	-
Gas and electricity	20.7	8.2	10.4	15.8
Household furnishings and operation	11.3	14.1	12.7	12.4
Apparel and upkeep	7.2	9.3	9.4	7.8
Men's and boys'	6.5	11.0	10.8	6.3
Women's and girls'	7.8	8.2	8.9	7.7
Footwear	4.4	7.5	7.2	7.7
Transportation	9.2	12.2	10.9	10.4
Private	10.5	13.1	11.6	11.8
Public	2.1	1.4	1.8	2.1
Health and recreation	5.0	7.7	6.9	7.8
Medical care	7.1	8.3	9.0	9.5
Personal care	6.9	11.5	9.2	8.3
Reading and recreation	2.9	5.3	5.5	5.8
Other goods and services	4.6	6.3	5.2	8.2

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

<sup>2</sup> 1974 Annual average indexes for Chicago, Los Angeles-Long Beach, and Philadelphia are 127.6, 128.0, and 136.7 respectively.

<sup>3</sup> 1974 Annual average indexes for Detroit and Philadelphia are 138.7 and 134.8 respectively.

Table 6. Consumer Price Index—United States and selected areas for urban wage earners and clerical workers, food and its subgroups, January 1975, and percent changes from December 1974

Area <sup>1</sup>	Total food	Food at home						Food away from home
		Total	Cereals and bakery products	Meats, poultry, and fish	Dairy products	Fruits and vegetables	Other foods at home	
Indexes (1967= 100)								
U.S. city average -----	170.9	171.4	185.3	163.5	155.2	163.5	193.4	169.0
Atlanta -----	177.3	180.1	190.1	170.8	166.0	172.1	199.6	167.7
Baltimore -----	173.5	173.9	180.2	168.2	151.2	167.4	198.9	171.9
Boston -----	171.7	171.5	187.5	165.0	151.3	163.5	193.8	172.0
Buffalo -----	168.6	168.3	192.1	162.4	149.8	156.0	186.9	170.2
Chicago -----	171.5	172.9	188.0	166.0	150.9	169.3	196.6	165.6
Cincinnati -----	173.6	176.7	189.8	166.0	171.0	165.6	201.5	161.7
Cleveland -----	170.2	171.6	192.0	158.1	160.4	168.8	190.3	163.5
Dallas -----	167.5	166.4	177.3	154.6	149.5	159.6	190.7	171.6
Detroit -----	167.1	166.8	189.1	160.7	156.1	149.6	186.2	168.9
Honolulu -----	170.6	171.0	191.1	160.9	164.5	162.3	185.8	169.0
Houston -----	177.8	176.1	184.9	167.9	168.2	168.5	192.4	184.0
Kansas City -----	173.9	175.8	186.6	161.7	172.3	164.2	199.4	168.0
Los Angeles-Long Beach -----	165.7	168.4	183.3	161.4	151.4	162.4	186.0	158.0
Milwaukee -----	168.2	169.5	186.8	158.4	153.5	163.8	192.2	( <sup>2</sup> )
Minneapolis-St. Paul -----	174.0	173.7	190.2	167.3	156.5	166.1	191.8	175.1
N. Y.-Northeastern N. J. -----	175.1	176.2	188.7	166.2	160.6	177.5	196.7	171.8
Philadelphia -----	173.6	172.6	188.2	167.5	153.0	163.3	195.8	177.6
Pittsburgh -----	172.9	171.8	188.0	164.7	151.4	162.4	195.3	179.5
St. Louis -----	169.4	169.7	197.0	157.3	156.3	165.5	185.1	167.8
San Diego -----	169.0	168.4	180.7	164.8	151.4	161.4	183.6	( <sup>2</sup> )
San Francisco-Oakland -----	165.2	169.5	181.2	162.9	151.7	164.1	191.0	149.9
Seattle -----	164.3	167.3	184.1	161.9	156.3	152.3	186.1	154.7
Washington -----	175.6	175.8	188.8	161.9	144.9	171.4	213.6	174.6
Percent changes December 1974 to January 1975								
U.S. city average -----	0.7	0.6	2.0	0	-0.1	1.4	0.8	0.8
Atlanta -----	.7	.8	2.6	0	.4	0	1.4	.2
Baltimore -----	1.2	1.3	1.6	.5	-1.1	3.6	1.3	1.1
Boston -----	1.1	.7	3.0	-.4	-.3	.9	.9	2.6
Buffalo -----	1.3	1.5	4.5	-.1	.3	3.3	1.4	.4
Chicago -----	.8	.6	.4	.5	.5	1.4	.6	1.4
Cincinnati -----	.5	.5	.7	.3	.2	.4	.9	.2
Cleveland -----	1.0	1.2	4.3	-.1	.6	1.9	1.0	.2
Dallas -----	1.1	1.5	.5	-.1	1.3	4.2	2.1	.1
Detroit -----	-2.8	-3.8	-5.0	-3.8	-5.0	-3.4	-2.6	1.6
Honolulu -----	.9	1.1	1.4	.8	2.2	1.4	.4	.3
Houston -----	1.2	1.1	2.7	1.3	1.1	1.5	-.2	1.4
Kansas City -----	1.1	1.2	3.7	.4	-.6	.6	1.3	1.0
Los Angeles-Long Beach -----	.9	.8	1.7	.2	-.6	1.7	1.6	1.0
Milwaukee -----	.8	1.0	1.5	.3	-1.4	3.3	1.6	( <sup>2</sup> )
Minneapolis-St. Paul -----	1.3	1.3	1.0	1.1	.2	4.1	.7	1.0
N. Y.-Northeastern N. J. -----	.6	.5	2.2	-.4	.2	.9	.6	.6
Philadelphia -----	.5	.3	2.4	-1.2	-.3	.4	1.9	1.1
Pittsburgh -----	.2	.1	.1	-.2	-.1	-.1	.7	1.0
St. Louis -----	1.1	1.2	3.9	1.0	-.4	1.6	.5	.4
San Diego -----	.4	.6	3.1	0	-.4	-1.2	1.4	( <sup>2</sup> )
San Francisco-Oakland -----	.6	.6	2.0	.5	-.1	.2	.7	.5
Seattle -----	.7	1.0	1.0	.4	2.1	.5	1.1	.1
Washington -----	.7	.9	.5	.2	.1	3.2	.9	.4

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

<sup>2</sup> Not available.

Table 7. Consumer Price Index—United States city average for urban wage earners and clerical workers, food items, January 1975 indexes, and percent changes from selected dates

(1967= 100)

Item and group	Index		Percent change to January 1974 from—		
	January 1975		January 1974	December 1974	
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted
Food .....	170.9	171.8	11.2	0.7	0.8
Food away from home .....	169.0	169.2	11.5	.8	1.1
Restaurant meals .....	168.1	168.4	10.1	.7	.8
Snacks .....	173.3	172.8	18.6	1.7	1.5
Food at home .....	171.4	172.4	11.1	.6	.6
Cereals and bakery products .....	185.3	185.7	23.8	2.0	2.0
Flour .....	174.7	174.4	6.9	2.1	2.3
Cracker meal .....	213.3	214.8	34.3	.5	.6
Corn flakes .....	166.8	166.8	44.2	1.7	1.7
Rice .....	218.3	217.4	-5.3	-1.4	-1.9
Bread, white .....	171.2	171.4	16.9	2.6	2.7
Bread, whole wheat .....	176.8	176.8	18.8	2.0	2.1
Cookies .....	183.4	184.1	49.7	1.4	1.6
Layer cakes .....	194.0	194.8	38.9	5.4	6.0
Cinnamon rolls .....	196.7	196.5	36.5	2.4	2.6
Meats, poultry, and fish .....	163.5	166.2	-3.4	0	-9
Meats .....	161.9	164.7	-4.7	.1	-7
Beef and veal .....	158.5	161.4	-6.0	-1.0	-2.4
Steak, round .....	157.5	159.6	-2.3	1.0	-1.9
Steak, sirloin .....	149.3	152.0	.3	-.5	-3.0
Steak, porterhouse .....	153.0	155.6	1.5	-1.7	-3.9
Rump roast .....	154.1	156.4	-2.1	-.5	-3.0
Rib roast .....	169.6	171.0	2.7	.5	-.8
Chuck roast .....	156.9	162.8	-7.7	-4.9	-5.2
Hamburger .....	157.4	160.3	-14.5	-1.7	-2.4
Beef liver .....	149.7	152.9	-12.5	-1.4	-.7
Veal cutlets .....	192.2	195.3	-2.9	-1.6	-1.7
Pork .....	170.0	172.9	-2.0	1.7	.6
Chops .....	158.9	163.0	-1.7	.7	-.9
Loin roast .....	167.8	171.6	-2.4	2.3	.6
Pork sausage .....	183.6	190.1	-5.6	1.0	1.8
Ham, whole .....	171.1	165.5	-3.9	2.3	.2
Picnics .....	160.4	163.7	-12.1	.7	0
Bacon .....	180.6	184.9	6.7	3.1	2.3
Other meats .....	158.2	160.3	-5.9	.1	.4
Lamb chops .....	160.3	161.4	7.6	.1	-.2
Frankfurters .....	155.4	158.7	-11.0	-.1	-.1
Ham, canned .....	161.3	161.0	-7.4	1.7	1.2
Bologna sausage .....	162.5	165.6	-7.8	-.2	.3
Salami sausage .....	154.4	156.9	-7.5	-1.4	-.8
Liverwurst .....	155.0	156.9	-8.0	.4	.5
Poultry .....	152.8	155.6	-2.7	-1.4	-3.9
Frying chicken .....	156.4	159.6	-.3	-2.3	-5.6
Chicken breasts .....	149.6	152.8	1.8	-.5	-1.2
Turkey .....	139.4	140.7	-17.7	2.7	2.3
Fish .....	195.7	196.3	8.5	.5	.8
Shrimp, frozen .....	161.6	163.2	-8.3	-.6	.6
Fish, fresh or frozen .....	218.6	218.6	2.7	.8	.7
Tuna fish, canned .....	177.2	177.4	13.1	1.1	1.1
Sardines, canned .....	224.4	223.7	27.3	.3	.6
Dairy products .....	155.2	155.0	6.1	-.1	-.3
Milk, fresh, grocery .....	154.3	154.1	4.4	.1	-.1
Milk, fresh, skim .....	167.7	167.9	6.7	.1	.1
Milk, evaporated .....	182.4	182.8	17.9	.3	.3
Ice cream .....	150.7	150.4	21.1	2.0	2.4
Cheese, American process .....	167.2	167.5	3.0	-.4	-.4
Butter .....	111.6	111.0	-7.8	-4.1	-4.1

See footnote at end of table.

Table 7. Consumer Price Index—United States city average for urban wage earners and clerical workers, food items, January 1975 indexes, and percent changes from selected dates—Continued

(1967= 100)

Item and group	Index		Percent change to January 1975 from—		
	January 1975		January 1974	December 1974	
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted
Food—Continued					
Food at home—Continued					
Fruits and vegetables	163.5	166.2	9.2	1.4	0.1
Fresh fruits and vegetables	153.6	157.2	3.4	2.7	-.7
Fresh fruits	146.3	157.1	5.6	2.2	2.1
Apples	150.0	165.4	-.4	2.0	-.2
Bananas	124.2	131.7	16.0	13.1	12.0
Oranges	142.9	149.3	2.1	-4.2	-.6
Orange juice, fresh	145.0	145.4	8.1	.6	.9
Grapefruit	140.9	163.5	3.1	1.2	2.2
Grapes	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Strawberries	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Watermelon	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Fresh vegetables	159.7	158.7	1.9	3.1	-1.4
Potatoes	154.5	165.2	-18.3	-5.0	-5.4
Onions	118.9	127.3	-18.8	-4.7	-3.8
Asparagus	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Cabbage	155.8	153.5	3.9	6.7	-3.1
Carrots	161.7	157.8	23.1	-7.5	10.0
Celery	146.2	137.7	11.0	-.5	-6.5
Cucumbers	210.0	200.8	47.8	74.1	64.9
Lettuce	144.8	146.0	20.7	-10.0	-.5
Peppers, green	177.1	187.6	-2.9	33.6	36.8
Spinach	177.4	175.8	7.4	2.9	2.9
Tomatoes	170.1	152.7	6.2	-1.2	-2.1
Processed fruits and vegetables	178.3	178.1	17.7	-.2	-.2
Fruit cocktail, canned	177.5	177.0	28.0	-.1	-.2
Pears, canned	165.2	165.2	26.1	.6	.6
Pineapple-grapefruit juice drink	164.4	164.2	34.0	1.1	.8
Orange juice concentrate, frozen	149.0	149.6	7.0	2.0	2.3
Lemonade concentrate, frozen	174.2	173.0	40.8	3.1	3.0
Beets, canned	185.5	185.7	24.8	.8	.5
Peas, green, canned	159.9	159.7	38.3	2.6	2.8
Tomatoes, canned	171.3	172.0	28.2	1.0	1.3
Dried beans	263.9	261.8	-16.2	-7.0	-7.0
Broccoli, frozen	152.1	152.1	19.6	1.3	1.1
Other food at home	193.4	190.0	34.4	.8	-.2
Eggs	172.6	154.9	-9.6	0	-5.0
Fats and oils	214.7	(1)	45.2	1.0	(1)
Margarine	254.9	254.9	55.7	1.0	1.4
Salad dressing, Italian	150.9	150.7	26.4	2.9	2.9
Salad or cooking oil	239.7	239.7	49.3	0	.1
Sugar and sweets	281.0	281.8	100.3	.7	.8
Sugar	496.0	497.5	253.0	-4.6	-4.3
Grape jelly	218.4	219.5	52.8	7.5	7.7
Chocolate bar	227.7	228.4	61.5	3.9	4.4
Syrup, chocolate flavored	212.2	212.2	55.0	1.9	1.7
Nonalcoholic beverages	175.3	175.8	27.7	1.5	1.5
Coffee, can	167.7	168.2	15.4	-.5	-.5
Coffee, instant	172.3	172.6	25.0	.1	-.1
Tea	134.9	135.7	18.1	1.7	2.0
Carbonated drink, cola flavored	203.1	203.3	48.9	5.2	5.1
Carbonated drink, fruit flavored	206.1	206.7	50.9	3.6	3.6
Prepared and partially prepared foods	161.8	162.0	27.6	.6	.6
Bean soup, canned	186.6	186.4	39.7	.2	-.1
Chicken soup, canned	133.7	133.7	13.9	-1.3	-1.2
Spaghetti, canned	163.5	163.2	26.7	1.1	1.1
Mashed potatoes, instant	156.4	157.0	26.8	.1	.1
Potatoes, french fried, frozen	169.6	169.8	36.7	-.4	-.5
Baby foods	158.8	159.0	30.6	2.1	2.1
Sweet pickle relish	167.2	166.7	20.1	1.6	1.5
Pretzels	157.3	158.4	26.9	1.1	1.6

<sup>1</sup> Priced only in season.



Table 8. Consumer Price Index—United States city average for urban wage earners and clerical workers, indexes for selected items and groups, January 1975, and percent changes from selected dates

(1967=100)

Item and group	Other index base	Indexes		Percent change to January 1975 from:	
		December 1974	January 1975	January 1974	December 1974
Housing -----		159.9	161.2	13.4	0.8
Shelter <sup>1</sup> -----		163.0	164.3	11.5	.8
Rent, residential -----		133.5	134.0	5.3	.4
Homeownership <sup>2</sup> -----		174.0	175.6	13.4	.9
Mortgage interest rates -----		149.0	147.1	8.9	-1.3
Property taxes -----		154.8	155.0	2.0	.1
Property insurance premiums -----		125.0	127.7	3.3	2.2
Maintenance and repairs -----		182.3	183.4	15.9	.6
Maintenance and repair commodities <sup>3</sup> -----		156.8	157.4	10.8	.4
Exterior house paint -----		152.2	153.4	24.0	.8
Interior house paint -----		143.0	144.7	17.6	1.2
Maintenance and repair services -----		193.3	194.6	17.7	.7
Repainting living and dining rooms -----		202.9	204.9	15.9	1.0
Reshingling house roof -----		213.4	214.0	23.1	.3
Residing houses -----		185.2	185.8	19.7	.3
Replacing sink -----		189.4	190.9	18.1	.8
Repairing furnace -----		182.9	185.1	10.2	1.2
Fuel and utilities -----		158.4	160.5	14.0	1.3
Fuel oil and coal -----		228.8	228.9	17.6	0
Fuel oil, No. 2 -----		223.9	223.8	15.1	0
Gas and electricity -----		156.7	160.2	19.3	2.2
Gas -----		155.8	159.7	18.2	2.5
Electricity -----		157.5	160.7	20.4	2.0
Other utilities:					
Residential telephone services -----		122.1	121.8	.7	-.2
Residential water and sewerage services -----		158.9	163.0	9.2	2.6
Household furnishings and operation <sup>4</sup> -----		152.3	153.2	18.8	.6
Housefurnishings -----		140.0	140.3	15.0	.2
Textiles -----		140.8	137.9	15.4	-2.1
Sheets -----		145.6	136.6	15.5	-6.2
Curtains, tailored -----		133.1	134.2	10.7	.8
Bedsprings -----		147.1	143.6	24.9	-2.4
Drapery fabric -----		165.2	166.0	21.5	.5
Pillows, bed -----		120.6	115.2	7.6	-4.5
Slipcovers and throws, ready-made -----		132.6	131.2	11.1	-1.1
Furniture and bedding -----		142.2	142.1	9.9	-.1
Bedroom furniture, chest and dresser -----	Mar. 70	127.1	126.8	11.0	-.2
Sofas, upholstered -----		136.9	136.6	8.2	-.2
Cocktail tables -----	Dec. 71	122.2	120.7	10.0	-1.2
Dining room chairs -----	Mar. 70	127.5	127.8	12.6	-.2
Recliners, upholstered -----	Dec. 71	109.5	108.9	6.6	-.5
Sofas, dual purpose -----		132.7	133.3	7.5	.5
Bedding, mattress and box springs -----	June 70	126.2	127.7	15.3	1.2
Aluminum folding chairs -----		( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )
Cribs -----		146.2	145.7	13.7	-.3
Floor coverings -----		127.7	127.9	15.9	.2
Broadloom carpeting, manmade fibers -----		117.9	118.0	13.0	.1
Vinyl sheet goods -----		146.2	146.6	17.5	.3
Vinyl asbestos tile -----		154.6	155.6	25.3	.6
Appliances (excluding radio and T.V.) -----		123.6	124.7	12.7	.9
Washing machines, electric, automatic -----		126.3	127.6	14.2	1.0
Vacuum cleaners -----		112.7	114.3	9.8	1.4
Refrigerators-freezers, electric -----		124.4	125.5	15.5	.9
Ranges, free standing, gas or electric -----		124.4	125.4	13.8	.8
Clothes dryers, electric -----		131.4	132.3	15.1	.7
Air conditioners, demountable -----		( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )
Room heaters, electric, portable -----		121.4	121.8	9.5	.3
Garbage disposal units -----		124.6	125.6	11.0	1.0
Other housefurnishings:					
Dinnerware, fine china -----		160.6	164.7	19.8	2.6
Flatware, stainless steel -----		159.0	164.2	22.5	3.3
Table lamps, with shade -----		143.5	142.5	10.6	-.7
Lawn mowers, power, rotary type -----		142.6	145.2	( <sup>6</sup> )	1.8
Electric drills, hand-held -----		119.6	120.7	11.8	.9
Housekeeping supplies:					
Laundry soaps and detergents -----		154.0	156.3	31.5	1.5
Paper napkins -----		195.4	198.4	38.5	1.5
Toilet tissue -----		191.4	195.4	44.0	2.1
Housekeeping services:					
Domestic services, general, housework -----		190.4	191.1	24.0	.4
Baby sitter services -----		178.7	181.0	22.8	1.3
Postal charges -----		175.3	175.3	19.6	0
Laundry, flatwork, finished service -----		179.8	181.1	14.7	.7
Licensed day care services, preschool child -----		148.8	149.3	9.5	.3
Washing machine repairs -----		180.4	181.9	17.6	.8

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, January 1975, and percent changes from selected dates—Continued

(1967=100)

Item and group	Other index base	Indexes		Percent change to January 1975 from:	
		December 1974	January 1975	January 1974	December 1974
Apparel and upkeep <sup>7</sup> .....		141.9	139.4	8.2	-1.8
Apparel commodities .....		141.6	138.6	7.8	-2.1
Apparel commodities less footwear .....		141.5	137.9	8.0	-2.5
Men's and boys' .....		142.5	140.0	9.6	-1.8
Men's: .....					
Topcoats, wool or all-weather coats, polyester blends .....		146.2	139.0	2.9	-4.9
Suits, year round weight .....		138.1	134.9	2.4	-2.3
Sport jacket .....	June 74	102.9	98.8	.0	-4.0
Jackets, lightweight .....		130.6	131.5	9.3	.7
Slacks, wool or wool blends .....		118.5	114.7	-1.1	-3.2
Slacks, cotton or manmade blends .....		145.1	142.8	2.5	-1.6
Trousers, work, cotton or polyester/cotton .....		149.7	150.6	21.5	.6
Shirts, work, cotton or polyester/cotton .....		150.3	150.3	18.0	0
Shirts, business, polyester/cotton .....		129.1	125.7	8.5	-2.6
T-shirts, chiefly cotton .....		150.1	151.2	19.0	.7
Socks, cotton or manmade fibers .....		126.4	126.7	6.8	.2
Handkerchiefs, cotton or polyester/cotton .....		148.2	148.0	17.6	-.1
Boys': .....					
Coats, all purpose, cotton or cotton blends .....		125.0	114.3	1.5	-8.6
Sport coats, wool or wool blends .....		123.7	120.0	-.7	-3.0
Dungarees, cotton or cotton blends .....		171.2	171.3	19.1	.1
Undershorts, cotton .....		151.8	151.8	18.3	0
Women's and girls' .....		140.0	135.1	5.7	-3.5
Women's!:					
Coats, heavyweight, wool or wool blends .....		148.5	131.2	4.5	-11.6
Carcoats, heavyweight, cotton .....		152.8	133.2	1.1	-12.8
Sweaters, wool or acrylic .....		144.5	139.5	4.8	-3.5
Skirts, wool, wool blend or manmade fibers .....		166.6	149.6	3.8	-10.2
Skirts, cotton or polyester/cotton .....		( <sup>5</sup> )	130.9	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )
Blouses, cotton or manmade fibers .....		137.3	136.1	6.8	-.9
Dresses, street, chiefly manmade fibers .....		145.5	143.2	3.0	-1.6
Slips, nylon .....		117.9	116.9	4.4	-.8
Panties, acetate or nylon tricot .....		137.4	137.8	12.5	.3
Girdles, manmade blend .....		126.0	125.2	5.1	-.6
Brassieres, nylon lace .....		139.3	139.2	9.1	-.1
Hose or panty hose, nylon seamless .....		91.4	90.4	-1.7	-1.1
Anklets, or knee-length socks, various fibers .....		130.6	130.8	13.1	.2
Gloves, fabric, nylon or cotton .....		124.9	122.9	7.5	-1.6
Handbags, rayon faille or plastic .....		169.5	169.7	9.6	.1
Girls': .....					
Raincoats, vinyl, cotton or polyester blends .....		130.4	125.4	5.6	-3.8
Skirts, wool, wool blends or acrylic .....		133.0	115.3	.1	-13.3
Dresses, cotton, manmade fibers or blends .....		137.3	132.7	11.5	-3.4
Slacks, cotton or chiefly cotton .....		179.3	166.0	13.2	-7.4
Slips, polyester blends .....		124.1	124.2	12.5	.1
Handbags, plastic .....		150.4	144.4	7.8	-4.0
Footwear .....		142.2	142.2	6.9	0
Men's: .....					
Shoes, street .....		146.6	146.6	7.8	0
Shoes, work, high .....		156.6	157.4	11.2	.5
Women's: .....					
Shoes, street, pump .....		137.0	136.1	4.2	-.7
Shoes, evening, pump .....		132.0	131.2	3.7	-.6
Shoes, casual .....		144.7	142.4	6.3	-1.6
Houseslippers, scuff .....		137.8	137.2	4.7	-.4
Children's: .....					
Shoes, oxford .....		141.4	142.8	6.1	1.0
Sneakers, boys', oxford type .....		146.1	147.1	14.9	.7
Dress shoes, girls', strap or pump .....		146.9	149.9	8.0	2.0
Miscellaneous apparel: .....					
Diapers, cotton gauze or disposable .....		174.8	173.2	41.3	-.9
Yard goods, polyester blend .....		165.0	164.4	19.7	-.4
Wrist watches, men's and women's .....		131.5	131.7	7.4	.2
Apparel services: .....					
Drycleaning, men's suits and women's dresses .....		144.1	145.0	13.5	.6
Automatic laundry service .....		127.6	129.7	7.5	1.6
Laundry, men's shirts .....		149.7	150.0	10.3	.2
Tailoring charges, hem adjustment .....		150.2	150.7	4.9	.3
Shoe repairs, women's heel lift .....		136.9	136.9	7.6	0

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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, January 1975, and percent changes from selected dates—Continued

(1967=100)

Item and group	Other index base	Indexes		Percent change to January 1975 from:	
		December 1974	January 1975	January 1974	December 1974
Transportation -----		143.5	143.2	11.8	-0.2
Private <sup>8</sup> -----		142.5	142.2	12.7	-.2
Automobiles, new -----		124.9	123.4	9.3	-1.2
Automobiles, used -----		138.4	134.9	26.1	-2.5
Gasoline, regular and premium -----		159.1	160.2	14.3	.7
Motor oil, premium -----		152.3	152.8	13.3	.3
Tires, new, tubeless -----		125.3	124.9	13.2	-.3
Auto repairs and maintenance <sup>9</sup> -----		167.0	170.1	15.5	1.9
Auto insurance rates -----		138.4	137.9	.1	-.4
Auto registration -----		128.9	130.4	1.2	1.2
Parking fees, private and municipal -----		165.3	166.3	6.7	.6
Public -----		152.0	152.2	4.2	.1
Local transit fares -----		147.7	147.9	-.3	.1
Taxicab fares -----		164.1	164.1	12.9	0
Railroad fares, coach -----		148.8	148.9	17.4	.1
Airplane fares, chiefly coach -----		154.2	154.2	9.1	0
Bus fares, intercity -----		178.5	178.5	18.3	0
Health and recreation -----		147.5	148.9	11.4	.9
Medical care -----		159.0	161.0	13.2	1.3
Drugs and prescriptions -----		113.6	114.7	7.5	1.0
Over-the-counter items -----		122.8	124.3	9.5	1.2
Multiple vitamin concentrates -----		98.9	99.9	3.8	1.0
Aspirin compounds -----		126.3	127.9	8.2	1.3
Liquid tonics -----		111.5	112.2	9.5	.6
Adhesive bandages, packages -----		147.3	151.5	17.5	2.9
Cold tablets or capsules -----		119.8	121.5	5.5	1.4
Cough syrup -----		127.5	127.2	9.7	-.2
Prescriptions -----		105.9	106.7	5.5	.8
Anti-infectives -----		69.6	70.0	1.4	.6
Sedatives and hypnotics -----		148.4	150.2	12.6	1.2
Ataractics -----		105.5	105.6	1.3	.1
Antispasmodics -----		116.3	117.6	8.3	1.1
Cough preparations -----		155.9	158.7	12.9	1.8
Cardiovasculars and antihypertensives -----		117.7	118.2	3.6	.4
Analgesics, internal -----		114.6	115.0	3.1	.3
Hormones -----		99.0	99.8	7.5	.8
Professional services: -----					
Physicians' fees -----		159.5	160.9	13.9	.9
General physician, office visits -----		163.7	165.3	15.3	1.0
General physician, house visits -----		160.5	161.7	13.0	.7
Obstetrical cases -----		157.1	157.7	12.3	.4
Pediatric care, office visits -----		162.4	164.4	14.6	1.2
Psychiatrist, office visits -----		146.7	147.9	9.5	.8
Herniorrhaphy, adult -----		144.6	146.2	10.0	1.1
Tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy -----		151.8	152.4	12.1	.4
Dentists' fees -----		154.4	156.0	11.2	1.0
Filling, adult, amalgam, one surface -----		159.2	160.6	12.5	.9
Extractions, adult -----		152.6	154.8	10.3	1.4
Dentures, full upper -----		146.6	147.9	9.2	.9
Other professional services: -----					
Examination, prescription, and dispensing of eyeglasses -----		143.8	144.6	9.1	.6
Routine laboratory tests, urinalysis -----		144.9	145.0	15.8	.1
Hospital service charges -----	Jan. 72	122.9	125.3	15.7	2.0
Semiprivate rooms -----		217.1	222.8	18.3	2.6
Operating room charges -----		221.2	225.6	22.3	2.0
X-ray, diagnostic series, upper G. I -----		148.4	150.1	12.4	1.1
Laboratory tests, urinalysis -----	Jan. 72	120.8	122.2	14.3	1.2
Anti-infectives, tetracycline, HCL -----	Jan. 72	104.9	106.3	10.3	1.3
Tranquilizers, chlorthalidoxepoxide, HCL and meprobamate -----	Jan. 72	111.0	111.9	5.4	.8
Electrocardiogram -----	Jan. 72	118.1	120.0	13.2	1.6
Intravenous solution, saline -----	Jan. 72	118.0	120.2	14.2	1.9
Physical therapy, whirlpool bath -----	Jan. 72	126.1	129.7	20.1	2.9
Oxygen, inhalation therapy -----	Jan. 72	115.8	117.0	8.9	1.0
Personal care -----		145.3	146.5	12.9	.8
Toilet goods -----		143.0	144.5	16.4	1.0
Toothpaste, standard dentifrice -----		124.0	124.9	15.3	.7
Toilet soap, hard-milled -----		196.8	196.6	35.2	-.1
Hand lotions, liquid -----		136.5	138.9	9.3	1.8
Shaving cream, aerosol -----		117.5	118.9	9.6	1.2
Face powder, pressed -----		153.8	154.1	2.7	.2
Deodorants, aerosol -----		109.3	114.3	8.7	4.6
Cleansing tissues -----		184.5	187.9	37.8	1.8
Home permanent wave kits -----		111.9	111.8	2.1	-.1
Personal care services -----		147.7	148.4	9.3	.5
Men's haircuts -----		151.2	151.8	9.4	.4
Beauty shop services -----		145.3	146.0	9.1	.5
Women's haircuts -----		156.9	158.1	11.9	.8
Shampoo and wave sets, plain -----		148.7	149.4	8.9	.5
Permanent waves, cold -----		126.1	126.5	6.6	.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, January 1975, and percent changes from selected dates—Continued

(1967=100)

Item and group	Other index base	Indexes		Percent change to January 1975 from:	
		December 1974	January 1975	January 1974	December 1974
Health and recreation—Continued					
Reading and recreation <sup>10</sup>		139.8	141.0	9.9	0.9
Recreational goods		119.4	120.5	8.7	.9
TV sets, portable and console		100.6	100.7	3.0	.1
TV replacement tubes		149.6	152.9	12.8	2.2
Radios, portable and table model		103.1	103.6	4.0	.5
Tape recorders, portable		95.3	95.7	1.6	.4
Phonograph records, stereophonic		119.0	120.3	9.6	1.1
Movie cameras, super 8, zoom lens		93.6	93.4	2.6	-.2
Film, 35mm, color		116.0	116.4	7.4	.3
Golf balls, liquid center or solid core		105.1	105.6	1.9	.5
Basketballs, rubber or vinyl cover		139.7	140.4	9.7	.5
Fishing rods, fresh-water spincasting		115.4	117.1	6.4	1.5
Bowling balls		123.6	124.5	7.1	.7
Bicycles, boys'		137.8	141.1	12.7	2.4
Tricycles		130.0	130.2	10.3	.2
Dog food, canned or boxed		161.7	163.5	17.7	1.1
Recreational services		145.8	147.6	9.7	1.2
Indoor movie admissions		164.2	167.9	12.1	2.3
Adult		160.7	164.8	11.7	2.6
Children's		173.8	176.8	13.4	1.7
Drive-in movie admissions, adult		171.0	171.8	13.2	.5
Bowling fees, evening		136.4	137.2	6.9	.6
Golf green fees		( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )
TV repair, color picture tube replacement		104.0	104.3	3.8	.3
Film developing, color		120.7	121.5	4.9	.7
Reading and education:					
Newspapers, street sale and delivery		168.1	169.8	20.6	1.0
Magazines, single copy and subscription		143.1	143.1	7.0	0
Piano lessons, beginner		137.6	137.8	5.3	.1
Other goods and services		143.9	144.8	9.9	.6
Tobacco products		150.9	152.1	9.7	.8
Cigarettes, nonfilter tip, regular size		152.8	154.2	9.9	.9
Cigarettes, filter tip, king size		153.7	154.9	10.0	.8
Cigars, domestic, regular size		121.9	122.1	5.2	.2
Alcoholic beverages		138.5	139.3	10.6	.6
Beer		136.0	137.6	16.4	1.2
Whiskey, spirit blended and straight bourbon		113.0	113.1	3.2	.1
Wine, dessert and table		150.8	151.3	5.5	.3
Beer away from home		153.0	153.2	9.6	.1
Financial and miscellaneous personal expenses:					
Funeral services, adult		139.3	140.1	7.5	.6
Bank service charges, checking accounts		109.3	111.5	6.0	2.0
Legal services, short form will		181.3	182.4	8.3	.6

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

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

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

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

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

<sup>6</sup> Not available.

<sup>7</sup> Also includes men's sport shirts, women's and girls' light-

weight coats, women's slacks, bathing suits, girls' shorts, earrings, and zippers not shown separately.

<sup>8</sup> Also includes storage batteries and drivers' license fees not shown separately.

<sup>9</sup> Includes prices for water pump replacement, motor tune-up, automatic transmission repair, exhaust system repair, front-end alignment, and chassis lubrication.

<sup>10</sup> Also includes outboard motors, nondurable toys, college tuition fees, paperback books, and college textbooks not shown separately.

Table 9. Consumer Price Index—United States city average and selected areas for urban wage earners and clerical workers, indexes for regular and premium gasoline

(October 1973=100)

Area <sup>1</sup>	Regular gasoline			Premium gasoline		
	Index		Percent change to January 1975 from— December 1974	Index		Percent change to January 1975 from— December 1974
	December 1974	January 1975		December 1974	January 1975	
U. S. city average <sup>2</sup> -----	160.7	161.8	0.7	155.2	156.2	0.6
Atlanta -----	131.7	135.6	3.0	131.3	134.2	2.2
Baltimore -----	132.1	134.3	1.7	131.9	132.8	.7
Boston -----	131.6	131.7	.1	129.2	129.5	.2
Buffalo -----	133.4	132.9	-.4	131.0	131.3	.2
Chicago -----	128.7	129.4	.5	126.2	126.6	.3
Cincinnati -----	130.1	129.8	-.2	128.8	128.5	-.2
Cleveland -----	130.1	130.3	.2	128.0	128.3	.2
Dallas -----	137.7	137.7	0	134.6	135.6	.7
Detroit -----	127.5	128.4	.7	125.7	126.0	.2
Honolulu -----	132.5	134.4	1.4	129.2	131.2	1.5
Houston -----	135.0	135.7	.5	133.5	133.8	.2
Kansas City -----	130.2	131.1	.7	128.0	128.9	.7
Los Angeles—Long Beach -----	129.7	133.4	2.9	128.0	130.8	2.2
Milwaukee -----	128.8	129.8	.8	128.3	129.7	1.1
Minneapolis—St. Paul -----	127.6	128.4	.6	126.4	127.4	.8
New York—Northeastern N. J. -----	130.8	130.5	-.2	130.6	130.5	-.1
Philadelphia -----	132.4	132.6	.2	130.8	131.2	.3
Pittsburgh -----	132.0	134.2	1.7	129.3	130.6	1.0
St. Louis -----	127.2	128.3	.9	126.5	127.6	.9
San Diego -----	130.7	133.3	2.0	129.6	131.5	1.5
San Francisco—Oakland -----	131.9	132.5	.5	129.0	130.3	1.0
Seattle -----	127.8	130.8	2.3	125.7	128.2	2.0
Washington -----	132.2	132.8	.5	129.3	129.9	.5

<sup>1</sup> Area coverage includes the urban portion of the corresponding Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area (SMSA) except for New York and Chicago where the more extensive Standard Consolidated Areas are used.

Area definitions are those established for the 1960 Census and do not include revisions made since 1960.

<sup>2</sup> 1967=100.

Table 10. Consumer Price Index—United States city average and selected areas for urban wage earners and clerical workers, average prices for regular and premium gasoline

Area <sup>1</sup>	Regular gasoline			Premium gasoline		
	Average price per gallon					
	November 1974	December 1974	January 1975	November 1974	December 1974	January 1975
U. S. city average -----	\$0.528	\$0.528	\$0.532	\$0.567	\$0.568	\$0.572
Atlanta -----	.522	.523	.539	.567	.569	.581
Baltimore -----	.544	.541	.550	.588	.591	.595
Boston -----	.531	.532	.533	.574	.573	.574
Buffalo -----	.536	.537	.535	.575	.574	.575
Chicago -----	.540	.541	.544	.579	.580	.581
Cincinnati -----	.529	.527	.526	.574	.572	.571
Cleveland -----	.529	.530	.530	.570	.570	.571
Dallas -----	.484	.484	.484	.523	.524	.527
Detroit -----	.531	.532	.536	.572	.575	.576
Honolulu -----	.595	.599	.607	.626	.629	.639
Houston -----	.471	.469	.471	.516	.515	.516
Kansas City -----	.502	.497	.501	.546	.539	.543
Los Angeles—Long Beach -----	.519	.524	.539	.560	.563	.576
Milwaukee -----	.498	.496	.500	.544	.542	.548
Minneapolis—St. Paul -----	.504	.504	.507	.547	.549	.553
New York—Northeastern N. J. -----	.559	.554	.553	.601	.598	.598
Philadelphia -----	.530	.529	.530	.571	.580	.582
Pittsburgh -----	.523	.528	.537	.566	.571	.577
St. Louis -----	.519	.517	.522	.562	.561	.566
San Diego -----	.534	.541	.552	.575	.582	.590
San Francisco—Oakland -----	.563	.563	.566	.597	.598	.604
Seattle -----	.516	.515	.527	.556	.556	.576
Washington -----	.547	.547	.549	.587	.589	.592

<sup>1</sup> Area coverage includes the urban portion of the corresponding Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area (SMSA) except for New York and Chicago where the more extensive Standard Consolidated Areas are used.

Area definitions are those established for the 1960 Census and do not include revisions made since 1960.

## Brief Explanation of the CPI

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

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

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

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

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

## A Note About Calculating Index Changes

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

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

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

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

<i>Index Point Change</i>	
CPI	123.8
Less previous index	<u>123.2</u>
Equals index point change:	0.6
<i>Percent Change</i>	
Index point difference,	<u>0.6</u>
Divided by the previous index,	123.2
Equals,	0.005
Results multiplied by one hundred	0.005x100
Equals percent change:	0.5

## A Note on Seasonally Adjusted and Unadjusted Data

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

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

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

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

## Reliability of Percent Changes in the CPI

A system of "replicated" samples introduced into the index structure in the 1964 revision permits an estimate of sampling error for the CPI.<sup>1</sup> The table below shows standard errors for monthly, quarterly, and annual *percent changes* in the CPI for all items and for nine commodity groupings based on 1973 averages.

Average standard errors of percent changes in the CPI based on 1973 data

Component	Standard error		
	Monthly change	Quarterly change	Annual change
All items . . . . .	.04	.06	.08
Food at home . . . .	.10	.15	.17
Food away from home . . . . .	.14	.26	.29
Housing . . . . .	.06	.10	.17
Apparel and upkeep . . . . .	.19	.26	.29
Transportation . . . .	.06	.10	.17
Medical care . . . . .	.08	.14	.18
Personal care . . . . .	.14	.20	.39
Reading and recreation . . . . .	.09	.14	.17
Other goods and services . . . . .	.09	.11	.27

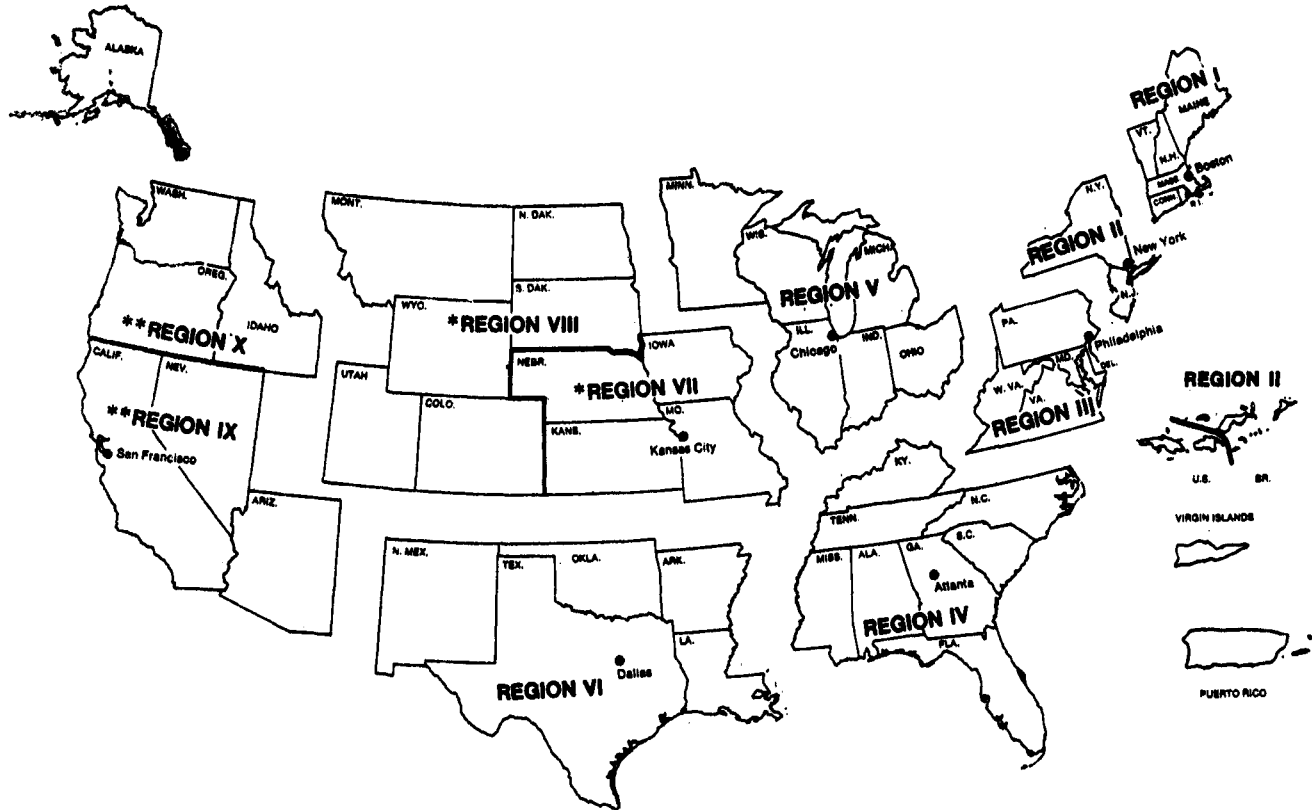
The figures may be interpreted as follows: The chances are about 95 out of 100 that the percent change in the CPI as computed differs from the corresponding "complete coverage" change by less than twice the standard error.

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 1972 data which was included in the CPI report through January 1974.

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

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