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# Price Movements

## January 1976

The Consumer Price Index rose 0.2 percent in January before seasonal adjustment to 166.7 percent of its 1967 base. The CPI in January was 6.8 percent higher than in January 1975.

### Seasonally adjusted changes

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI rose 0.4 percent in January. This compares with an average monthly increase of 0.6 percent in the last 3 months of 1975. Higher charges for a wide variety of consumer services were responsible for most of the rise in the January CPI. Prices of some foods and fuels declined.

The food index declined 0.2 percent in January after seasonal adjustment. This was the first decline in 5 months and followed increases of 0.6 percent in each of the 2

preceding months. Prices of grocery store foods—which account for the major portion of the food index—declined 0.4 percent after seasonal adjustment. Pork and poultry fell sharply in January. Prices for beef and fresh vegetables declined in January following increases in December. The cereal and bakery products index increased for the first time since mid-1975, and the prices of dairy products continued to rise. Prices of restaurant meals and snacks away from home rose 0.8 percent after seasonal adjustment, the largest increase since early 1975.

The index for commodities other than food increased 0.2 percent in January after seasonal adjustment. This increase compares with a 0.4 percent rise in December and increases of 0.3 percent in each of the prior 3 months. The slower rise in January reflected declines, after seasonal adjustment, in the indexes for gasoline and motor oil and

**Table A. Percent changes in CPI and components, selected periods <sup>1</sup>**

Month	Changes from preceding month								Changes in all items	
	All items		Food		Commodities less food		Services		Compound annual rate	From 12 months ago
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	From 3 months ago	Unadjusted
<b>1975:</b>										
January .....	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.5	0	0.6	0.7	0.9	10.0	11.7
February .....	.7	.5	.4	-.1	.7	.7	.8	.8	8.3	11.1
March .....	.4	.4	-.2	-.3	.8	.6	.4	.6	6.6	10.3
April .....	.5	.5	-.1	.2	.8	.5	.6	.6	5.7	10.2
May .....	.4	.5	.4	.9	.6	.3	.2	.4	5.7	9.5
June .....	.8	.7	1.5	1.2	.5	.4	.7	.7	7.0	9.3
July .....	1.1	1.0	2.4	1.8	.7	.9	.5	.5	9.1	9.7
August .....	.3	.4	-.3	-.2	.5	.6	.5	.4	8.5	8.6
September .....	.5	.4	-.2	.3	.5	.3	1.0	.8	7.4	7.8
October .....	.6	.6	.7	.9	.5	.3	.6	.6	5.8	7.6
November .....	.6	.6	.4	.6	.3	.3	1.1	1.0	6.8	7.3
December .....	.4	.5	.5	.6	.1	.4	.6	.6	7.3	7.0
<b>1976:</b>										
January .....	.2	.4	.1	-.2	-.3	.2	1.0	1.1	6.5	6.8

<sup>1</sup> Seasonal adjustment factors have been recalculated to reflect developments during 1975. For this reason, some of the seasonally adjusted figures shown above and elsewhere in this

release differ from those previously reported. In addition, changes have been made in the procedures used to seasonally adjust the CPI and its major components. See page 27 for details.

fuel oil and coal. The new car index declined slightly in January, following large increases in recent months. The used car index, however, increased slightly in January, following 4 months of small declines. The index for apparel commodities rose more than in December. Among nonfood commodities, tobacco products continued to rise rapidly, and increases for appliances, floor coverings, and toilet goods were larger than in recent months.

The services index increased 1.1 percent in January after seasonal adjustment. Charges for consumer services increased 0.6 percent in December and 1.0 percent in November. All major service categories, except rent, increased more in January than in December. Household services other than rent increased 1.0 percent in January, reflecting in part the postal rate increase which went into effect on December 31. A large part of the 2.2-percent rise in the transportation services index resulted from a sharp increase in automobile insurance rates. The medical care index increased 1.2 percent compared with 1.0 percent in December.

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

*Food.* The index for food purchased in grocery stores declined 0.1 percent in January, before seasonal adjustment. The decline was due primarily to lower prices for pork and poultry. Sugar prices continued to decline along with other foods such as salad oil, margarine, and cola drinks. These declines were partially offset by price increases for fresh vegetables, dairy products, eggs, and coffee.

Pork prices—which usually show a large rise in January—declined 4.3 percent before seasonal adjustment. This was the third consecutive monthly decline. Consumer demand for pork slackened in late 1975 because of high prices and increased supplies of beef and poultry. With sluggish movement of pork products at the retail level, cold storage holdings rose from September 1 to December 1, 1975, and produced downward pressure on prices in the wholesale market. Poultry prices declined a contraseasonal 2.4 percent in January as supplies were ample for the demand.

Beef prices increased 0.1 percent, much less than usual for January. Although beef prices have been fluctuating since mid-1975, the overall trend has been downward as a result of record beef production. Commercial cattle slaughter during the final quarter of 1975 was a record 11.1 million head, 5 percent higher than the previous record of the third quarter and 10 percent above a year earlier. The increased level was due to heavy slaughter of nonfed steers, heifers, and cows. Fed steers and heifers made up only about 46 percent of October-December slaughter, compared with almost 50 percent last summer and almost 80 percent in 1972 and 1973. Although placements of cattle on feed generally have been up since the spring of 1975, all the increase has gone into inventories and fed cattle marketings have remained low.

Fresh fruits and vegetable prices also usually show large increases in January. This January, fresh vegetable prices rose 1.8 percent, less than they usually do. Prices rose sharply for onions, cabbage, and celery, but large supplies of cucumbers, peppers, tomatoes, and lettuce resulted in lower prices for these fresh vegetables. Fresh fruit prices showed no change as a 3.5-percent decline in prices of fresh oranges largely offset increases in prices for apples and other fruits.

The index for cereal and bakery products decreased 0.1 percent in January before seasonal adjustment. The decrease reflected lower prices for rice resulting from record U.S. and world rice crops for the 1975-76 season. Lower costs of ingredients, particularly sugar, contributed to declines in prices of some bakery products such as layer cake and cinnamon rolls, but bread prices increased in January.

The rapid rise in prices of dairy products, which began after mid-1975, continued into January of this year. The major reason for the increase has been the residual effect of past increases in the cost of fluid milk. The rise in fluid milk prices reflected reduced output resulting from cutbacks of high nutrient feeds. Prices of dairy products at the producers' level began to move up in the spring of 1975 and continued to rise rapidly through the rest of 1975, for an increase of 16.8 percent for the 12 months ending in December 1975. At the retail level, prices of dairy products rose 6.6 percent from December 1974 to December 1975. In January 1976, producers' prices for dairy products declined as prices of fluid milk at the farm level moved down for the first time since mid-1975. Butter prices, particularly, fell sharply as a result of increasing competitive pressure from margarine. Margarine prices have been declining due to abundant supplies of domestic and foreign oils.

*Commodities other than food.* The index for nonfood commodities declined 0.3 percent in January, before seasonal adjustment. Prices declined for clothing, used cars, and gasoline. Prices were higher for tobacco products, houses, and some other commodities such as toilet goods, housekeeping supplies, household durables, and home maintenance and repair commodities.

Apparel prices declined 1.7 percent, somewhat less than usual for January. Prices declined for seasonal items such as men's and boys' coats, slacks, sport jackets and suits, and for women's and girls' coats and wool skirts. Clearance sales of women's and girls' dresses, however, were less widespread than in January 1975. Also, prices increased for some basic items such as men's undershirts, handkerchiefs, and boys' dungarees made of cotton or cotton blend fabrics. Clearance sales accounted for declines in prices of textile housefurnishings, particularly sheets and pillows.

The used car index declined in January for the fourth consecutive month. The January decline of 3.3 percent was somewhat smaller than is usual for this month. The new car index increased 0.1 percent before seasonal adjustment,

compared with increases of 2.1, 1.1, and 2.7 percent in the 3 preceding months. After seasonal adjustment the new car index declined for the first time since July 1975. Increases in concessions for 1976 model cars just about offset higher prices for a few 1976 model cars that were priced for the first time in January.

Instead of the usual sharp rise, the index for gasoline and motor oil declined 0.2 percent in January—the fourth consecutive monthly decline—due to continued excess of refinery supplies over demand. Efforts by both non-major brand and major brand refiners to gain a larger percentage of the consumer market have contributed to lower prices. Nonmajor brand stations can sell gasoline at lower prices because they deal with supplies directly and have lower operating overheads. To meet this competition, the major brand refiners are cutting prices and boosting retail sales incentives. A number of oil companies, especially on the East Coast, are providing cost incentives such as rent cuts (a leased gasoline station's rent is based on gallons pumped per month) to help dealers maintain profit margins while lowering prices to meet competition. The recent trend to self-service pumps at many service stations also has resulted in lower prices to consumers and lower costs to dealers. Most service stations that have switched to "split island" service have maintained their sales volume and improved their margins. After moving up rapidly in the second half of 1975, the index for fuel oil and coal increased just 0.1 percent in January, a much smaller increase than is usual for January.

Among household durables, furniture and bedding prices declined in January. Bargain prices were available as retailers attempted to clear out inventories to make room for new stock ordered at the winter markets. Prices of floor coverings advanced sharply in January reflecting increases in manufacturers' prices due to higher costs for materials and energy. Appliance prices also increased in January. Manufacturers have raised prices to maintain profit margins in the face of continued slack in housing starts and weak demand in the appliance replacement market. Prices of tobacco products rose 0.8 percent in January, following a larger increase in December. The major cause of these advances was the passing through of wholesale price increases of 2 to 3 cents per pack throughout the industry last November. Price rises of 1 to 4 cents at wholesale often trigger increases of as much as 5 cents in retail

prices, particularly in the vending machine segment of the industry.

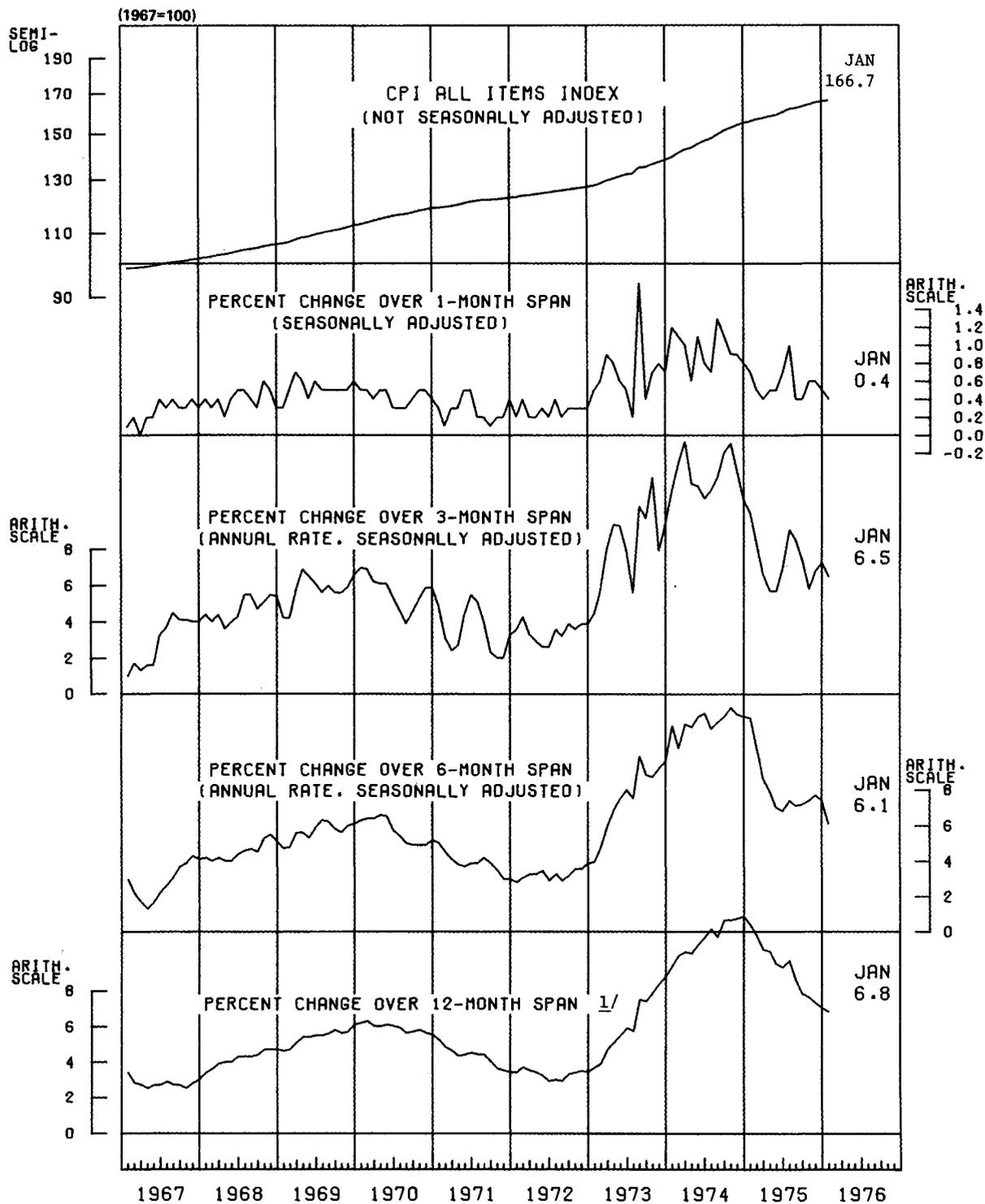
**Services.** The services index rise of 1.0 percent in January reflected higher charges for a wide range of services. Charges for transportation services rose 2.3 percent—the third substantial rise within the past 6 months. Auto insurance rates rose 5.7 percent in January, reflecting higher rates in Massachusetts, Texas, and other states. Auto registration fees rose 1.5 percent. Automobile repair charges rose 1.4 percent, a larger increase than in recent months.

Charges for household services other than rent increased 0.9 percent in January. A large part of this increase was due to a 24.6-percent rise in postage rates which was effective December 31, 1975. First-class postage for letters rose from 10 cents to 13 cents, while first-class postcards increased from 7 cents to 9 cents. In addition, the third-class single-piece rate went up 30 percent and parcel post increased nearly 10 percent. Other housekeeping services such as domestic services and laundry flatwork also increased sharply in January. Among utility charges, water and sewerage charges rose 1.5 percent; natural gas charges rose 0.7 percent—considerably less than in recent months; electricity declined 0.3 percent; and telephone charges declined 0.7 percent as the Federal excise tax was reduced from 7 to 6 percent. Other household services such as property taxes, property insurance, and home maintenance services continued to increase. Mortgage interest rates edged up 0.1 percent, much less than in each of the 3 preceding months. Charges for rent rose 0.4 percent, about the same as in recent months.

The index for medical care services rose 1.2 percent in January, the sharpest 1-month advance since early 1975. Physicians' fees rose 0.7 percent, easing somewhat from increases of over 1 percent in December and November. Charges for hospital services, however, rose 2.2 percent, as greater overhead costs, including higher malpractice insurance premiums, boosted semiprivate and operating room charges 2.3 and 2.6 percent respectively. Charges for ancillary services such as intravenous solutions, X-rays, laboratory tests, electrocardiograms, and physical therapy all rose substantially.

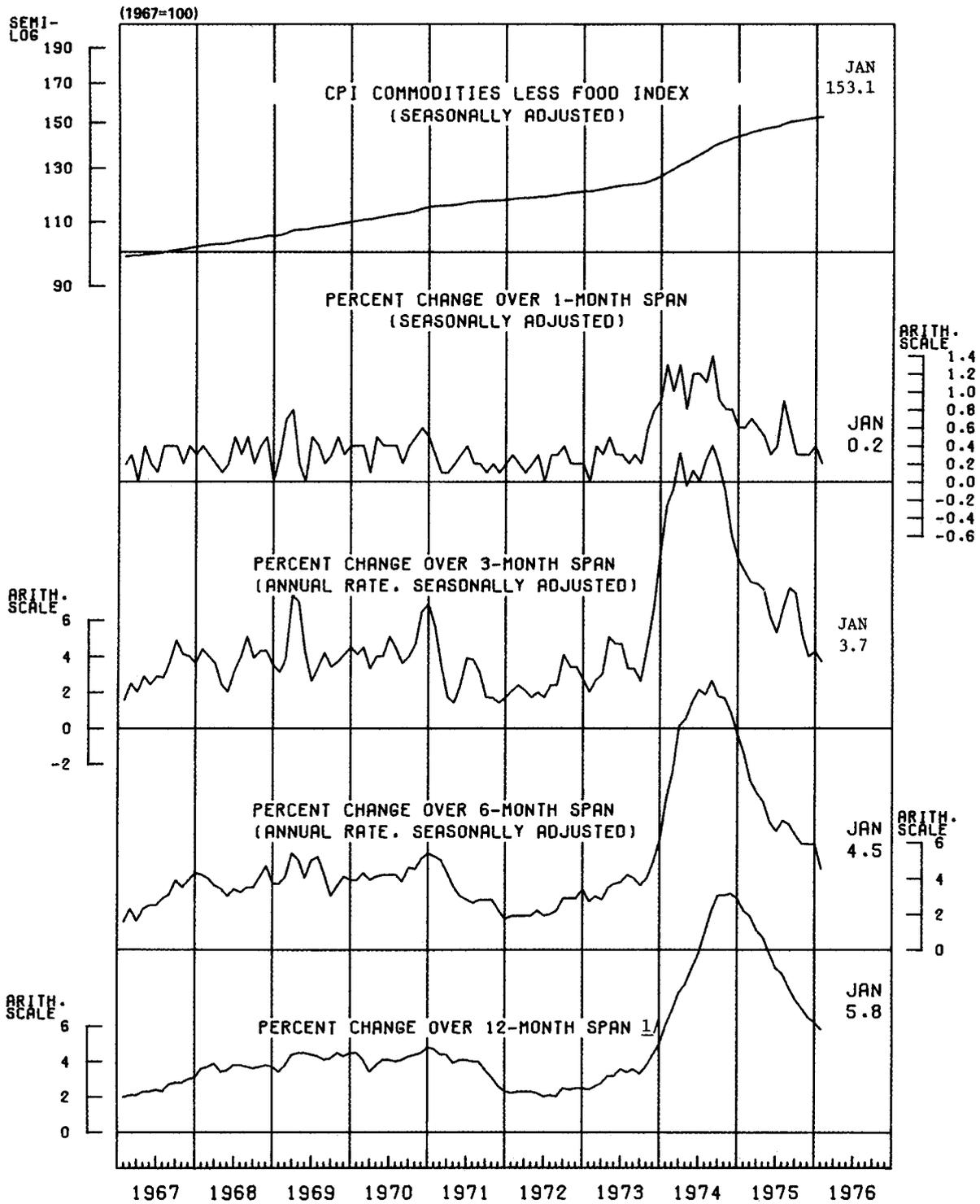
Charges for other services such as drycleaning, laundering men's shirts, and men's haircuts also rose more in January than in recent months. Part of the increase for these and other services such as housekeeping services may be due to the January increase in the minimum wage.

Chart 1. All items index and its rate of change, 1967-76



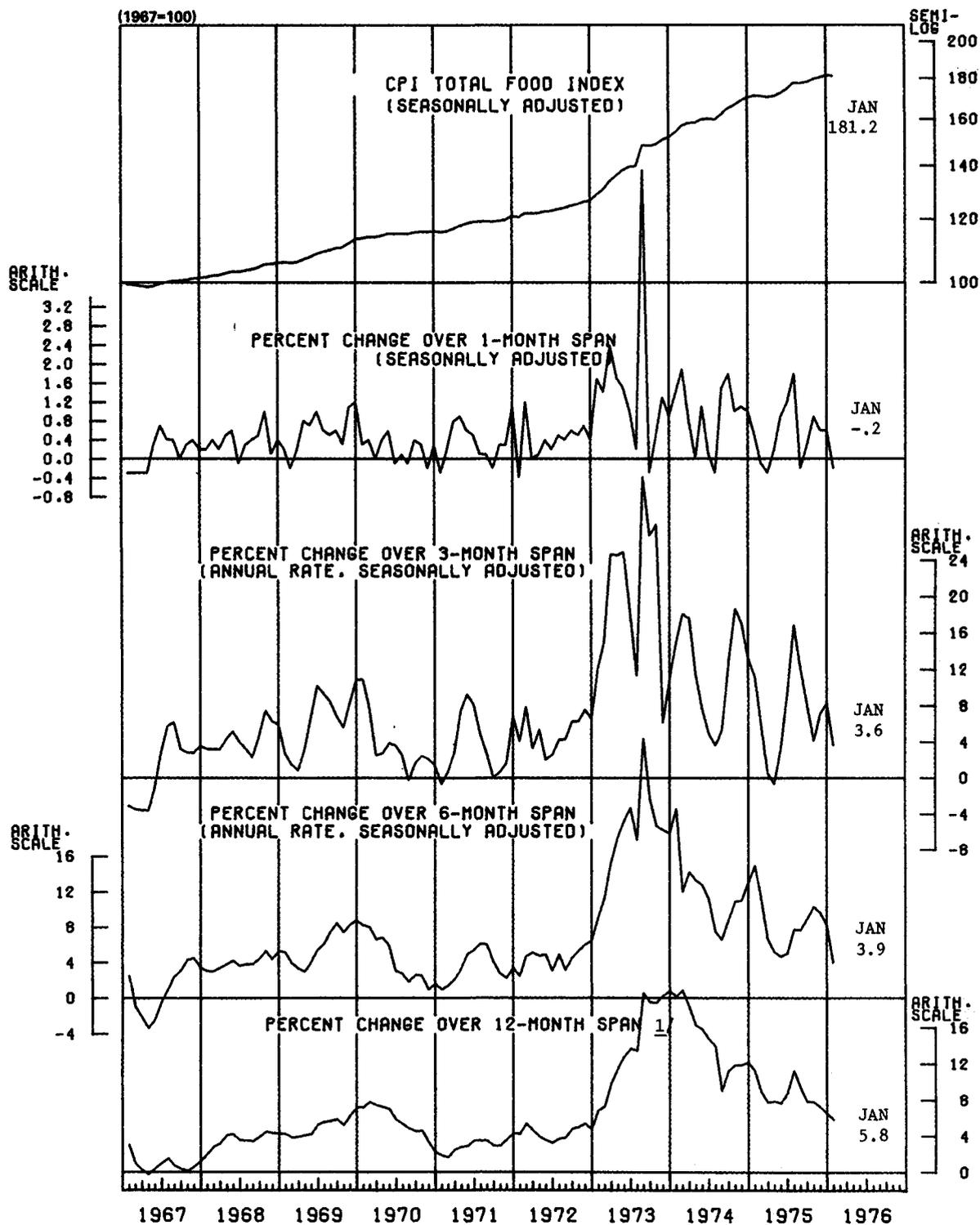
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**Chart 2. Commodities less food index and its rates of change, 1967-76**



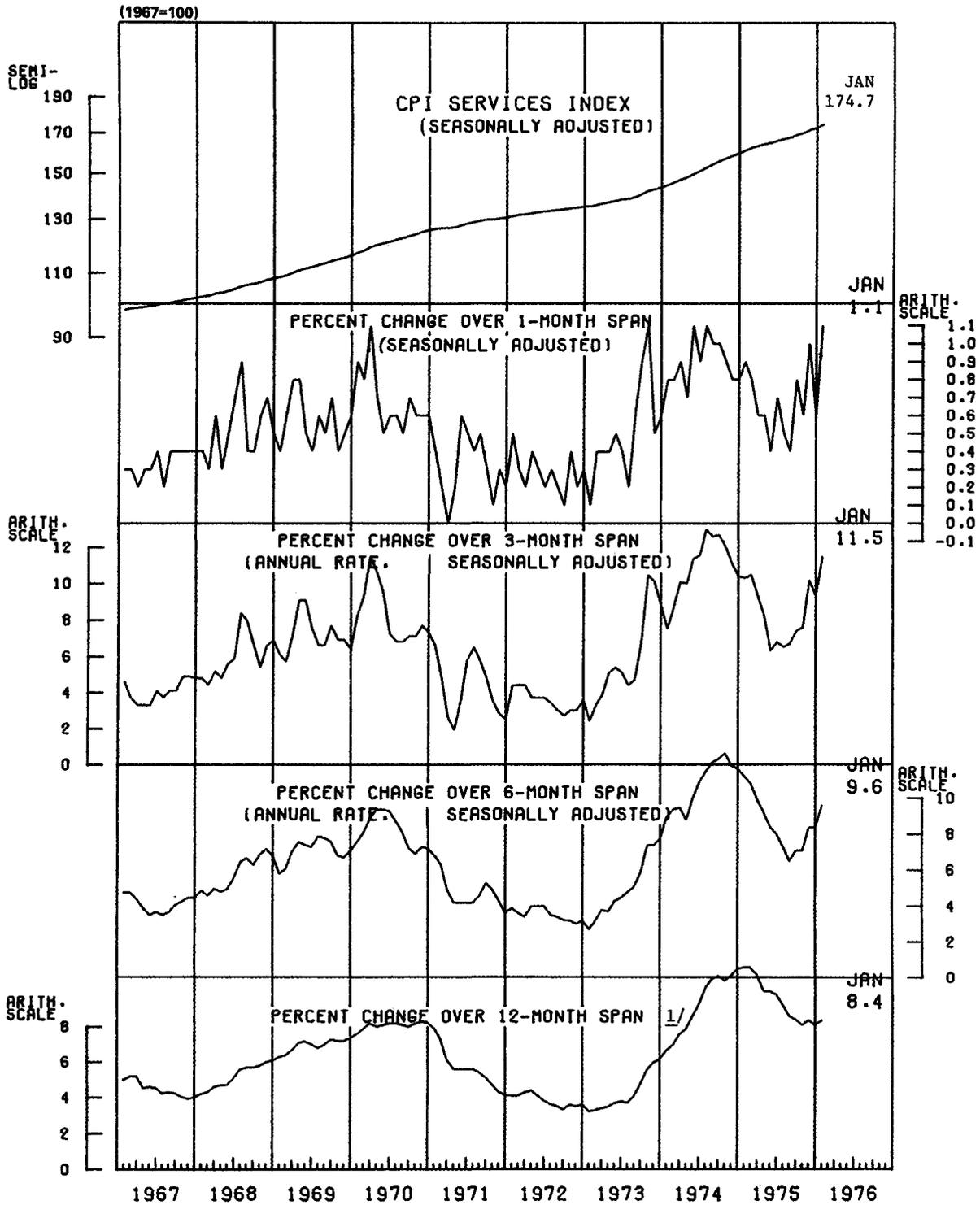
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**Chart 3. Total food index and its rates of change, 1967-76**



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**Chart 4. Services index and its rates of change, 1967-76**



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**Table 1. CPI—U.S. city average, by commodity and service group and expenditure class**

(Consumer price index for urban wage earners and clerical workers, 1967=100)

Group	Relative importance	Unadjusted indexes 1967=100 unless otherwise noted		Unadjusted percent change to Jan. 1976 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		December 1975	December 1975	January 1976	January 1975	December 1975	October to November	November to December
<b>Commodity and service groups</b>								
All items	100.000	166.3	166.7	6.8	0.2	0.6	0.5	0.4
All items (1957-59=100)	-	193.4	193.9	-	-	-	-	-
Commodities	63.355	162.7	162.4	5.9	-0.2	.4	.4	.1
Food	24.675	180.7	180.8	5.8	.1	.6	.6	-0.2
Food at home	19.524	180.9	180.8	5.5	-0.1	.6	.5	-0.4
Cereals and bakery products	2.702	182.2	182.0	-1.8	-0.1	-0.3	-0.6	-0.8
Meats, poultry, and fish	6.641	189.2	186.5	14.1	-1.4	.5	.1	-2.2
Dairy products	2.876	165.5	168.2	8.4	1.6	1.4	1.1	2.2
Fruits and vegetables	3.103	172.1	173.3	6.0	.7	.7	2.0	-0.3
Other foods at home	4.202	185.9	186.7	-3.5	.4	.5	.4	0
Food away from home	5.150	180.0	180.9	7.0	.5	.6	.5	.8
Commodities less food	38.681	152.8	152.3	5.8	-0.3	.3	.4	.2
Nondurables less food	22.872	155.4	154.7	5.1	-0.5	.3	.3	.2
Apparel commodities	7.861	143.9	141.5	2.1	-1.7	.4	.2	.4
Men's and boys'	2.475	144.2	142.6	1.9	-1.1	.5	.1	.5
Women's and girls'	3.426	142.1	138.1	2.2	-2.8	.3	.4	.8
Footwear	1.377	145.7	144.7	1.8	-0.7	.4	.2	-0.4
Other apparel commodities	.584	150.1	150.0	2.7	-0.1	0	.4	.4
Nondurables less food and apparel	15.011	162.2	162.6	6.8	.2	.2	.4	.1
Gasoline and motor oil	3.498	175.2	174.8	9.5	-0.2	0	-0.2	-1.6
Tobacco products	1.880	156.8	158.1	3.9	.8	.4	1.2	1.1
Alcoholic beverages	2.244	143.7	144.0	3.4	.2	.1	.1	.4
Fuel oil and coal	1.045	248.7	248.9	8.7	.1	-0.4	-0.2	-1.4
Other nondurables	6.343	155.4	156.0	7.0	.4	.5	.6	.8
Durable commodities	15.809	149.3	149.0	7.0	-0.2	.3	.5	.3
Household durables	4.495	143.0	143.3	4.8	.2	.4	.4	.3
New automobiles	1.910	134.0	134.2	8.8	.1	.8	2.2	-0.2
Used automobiles	2.046	149.6	144.6	7.2	-3.3	-0.4	-0.5	.4
Other durables	7.358	158.1	158.8	7.9	.4	*.4	*.3	*.4
Services	36.645	173.1	174.9	8.4	1.0	1.0	.6	1.1
Rent	4.497	140.6	141.2	5.0	.4	.5	.4	.3
Services less rent	32.147	179.0	181.0	8.9	1.1	1.1	.7	1.2
Household services less rent	16.030	192.0	193.7	8.2	.9	1.1	.7	1.0
Transportation services	5.012	163.2	167.0	14.0	2.3	3.1	.7	2.2
Medical care services	5.642	185.8	188.0	10.1	1.2	-0.2	1.0	1.2
Other services	5.463	155.7	156.6	5.2	.6	.5	.4	.8
Special indexes:								
All items less food	75.325	162.1	162.6	7.0	.3	*.7	*.4	*.3
Nondurable commodities	47.547	167.6	167.3	5.4	-0.2	*.4	*.3	*.2
Apparel commodities less footwear	6.485	143.6	140.9	2.2	-1.9	.3	.3	.6
Services less medical care services	31.002	171.1	172.8	8.1	1.0	*1.3	*.6	*1.0
Insurance and finance	9.808	190.1	192.9	10.2	1.5	2.5	.9	1.8
Utilities and public transportation	5.484	165.5	165.8	10.6	.2	1.0	.4	-0.2
Housekeeping and home maintenance service	4.649	199.0	202.8	7.4	1.9	*.4	*.3	*1.9
Appliances (including radio and TV)	1.417	120.8	121.3	4.6	.4	.4	.2	.5
<b>Expenditure classes</b>								
All items	100.000	166.3	166.7	6.8	0.2	0.6	0.5	0.4
Food	24.675	180.7	180.8	5.8	.1	.6	.6	-0.2
Housing	33.998	172.2	173.2	7.4	.6	*.9	*.5	*.6
Shelter <sup>1</sup>	21.370	175.0	175.9	7.0	.5	*.9	*.5	*.5
Rent	4.497	140.6	141.2	5.0	.4	.5	.4	.3
Homeownership <sup>2</sup>	16.484	187.8	188.8	7.5	.5	*1.1	*.5	*.5
Fuel and utilities <sup>3</sup>	5.205	176.1	176.3	9.8	.1	.7	.7	-0.4
Gas and electricity	2.722	179.0	179.5	12.0	.3	.8	1.1	-0.6
Household furnishings and operation	7.422	162.0	163.7	6.9	1.0	.4	.5	1.5
Apparel and upkeep	9.217	145.2	143.3	2.8	-1.3	.3	.3	.6
Transportation	13.053	157.6	158.1	10.4	.3	1.0	.6	.3
Private	11.729	156.2	156.8	10.3	.4	1.0	.6	.3
Public	1.324	170.1	170.2	11.8	.1	.4	-0.3	.4
Health and recreation	18.681	157.5	158.6	6.5	.7	*.1	*.6	*.7
Medical care	6.413	174.7	176.6	9.7	1.1	*.1	*.8	*1.1
Personal care	2.505	154.6	155.7	6.3	.7	*.5	*.7	*.7
Reading and recreation	5.148	147.5	148.2	5.1	.5	.3	.5	.5
Other goods and services	4.616	149.8	150.5	3.9	.5	.3	.5	.7
Special indexes:								
All items less shelter	78.630	164.1	164.4	6.7	.2	*.5	*.4	*.2
All items less medical care	93.587	165.8	166.2	6.5	.2	*.7	*.4	*.2
All items less mortgage interest costs	95.610	164.0	164.4	6.8	.2	*.5	*.4	*.2
CPI — domestically produced farm foods <sup>4</sup>	17.148	178.8	178.5	5.8	-0.2	*.3	*.6	*.2
CPI — selected beef cuts <sup>5</sup>	2.056	175.9	176.6	12.8	.4	*-1.9	*.5	*.4
Purchasing power of consumer dollar:								
1967 = \$1.00	-	\$0.601	\$0.600	-6.4	-0.2	-	-	-
1957-59 = \$1.00	-	.517	.516	-	-	-	-	-

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

<sup>2</sup> Includes home purchase, mortgage interest, taxes, insurance, and maintenance and repairs.

<sup>3</sup> Also includes residential telephone, fuel oil, coal, water, and sewerage services not shown separately.

<sup>4</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>5</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. CPI—seasonally adjusted U.S. city average, by commodity and service group and expenditure class**

(Consumer price index for urban wage earners and clerical workers, 1967=100)

Group	Seasonally adjusted indexes (1967=100)				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
	October 1975	November 1975	December 1975	January 1976	3 months ending in			6 months ending in		
					April 1975	July 1975	October 1975	January 1976	July 1975	January 1976
<b>Commodity and service groups</b>										
All items	-	-	-	-	5.7	9.1	5.8	6.5	7.4	6.1
Commodities	161.5	162.2	162.9	163.1	4.2	10.7	4.8	4.0	7.4	4.4
Food	179.6	180.6	181.6	181.2	-.7	16.9	4.1	3.6	7.7	3.9
Food at home	180.2	181.2	182.1	181.4	-3.0	20.1	3.6	2.7	7.9	3.2
Cereals and bakery products	182.3	181.7	180.6	182.0	4.2	-1.9	-8.3	-.7	1.1	-4.6
Meats, poultry, and fish	191.7	192.7	192.9	188.6	-7.1	67.7	15.8	-6.3	24.8	4.2
Dairy products	160.1	162.3	164.1	167.7	-3.1	5.0	12.4	20.4	.9	16.3
Fruits and vegetables	173.1	174.3	177.8	177.2	-1.9	34.2	-12.7	9.8	14.7	-2.1
Other foods at home	181.8	182.7	183.4	183.4	-3.3	-14.8	1.6	3.6	-9.2	2.6
Food away from home	177.5	178.6	179.5	180.9	8.3	5.0	7.1	7.9	6.6	7.5
Commodities less food	151.7	152.2	152.8	153.1	7.7	6.7	5.2	3.7	7.2	4.5
Nondurables less food	154.4	154.8	155.3	155.6	3.8	8.0	5.4	3.1	5.9	4.2
Apparel commodities	141.9	142.4	142.7	143.3	-.3	2.3	2.0	4.0	1.0	3.0
Men's and boys'	142.7	143.4	143.5	144.2	.3	.3	2.6	4.3	.3	3.4
Women's and girls'	138.8	139.2	139.7	140.8	-2.9	5.1	1.2	5.9	1.0	3.5
Footwear	145.0	145.6	145.9	145.3	3.1	-.3	3.4	.8	1.4	2.1
Other apparel commodities	149.4	149.4	150.0	150.6	6.4	-.5	1.3	3.3	2.9	2.3
Nondurables less food and apparel	161.8	162.2	162.8	162.9	6.2	11.0	7.2	2.7	8.6	5.0
Gasoline and motor oil	179.4	179.4	179.1	176.2	-.2	36.5	13.3	-6.9	16.7	2.7
Tobacco products	154.3	154.9	156.7	158.4	3.5	-1.0	2.4	11.1	1.2	6.6
Alcoholic beverages	143.1	143.3	143.5	144.1	6.8	2.6	1.4	2.8	4.6	2.1
Fuel oil and coal	249.1	248.1	247.5	244.0	2.0	21.8	22.0	-7.9	11.4	6.0
Other nondurables	152.6	154.4	155.3	156.5	1.4	4.1	5.1	7.8	7.7	6.4
Durable commodities	148.1	148.5	149.2	149.7	13.2	5.1	5.3	4.4	9.1	4.8
Household durables	142.1	142.7	143.2	143.7	6.9	2.0	5.2	4.6	4.4	4.9
New automobiles	129.5	130.5	133.4	133.1	17.4	-1.6	8.5	11.6	7.5	10.0
Used automobiles	150.7	150.1	149.4	150.0	10.1	13.8	7.5	-1.8	11.9	2.7
Other durables (not seasonally adjusted)	157.0	157.6	158.1	158.8	17.0	6.7	3.6	4.7	11.7	4.2
Services	170.0	171.7	172.8	174.7	8.2	6.5	7.6	11.5	7.3	9.6
Rent	139.4	140.1	140.7	141.1	4.2	5.1	5.6	5.0	4.7	5.3
Services less rent	175.4	177.3	178.5	180.7	8.7	6.5	7.9	12.6	7.6	10.2
Household services less rent	187.8	189.8	191.1	193.1	8.8	7.0	5.3	11.8	7.9	8.5
Transportation services	157.2	162.0	163.1	166.7	8.7	4.6	17.2	26.5	6.7	21.7
Medical care services	184.6	184.3	186.1	188.4	12.2	10.1	9.9	8.5	11.2	9.2
Other services	154.3	155.0	155.6	156.8	4.9	3.8	5.9	6.6	4.3	6.3
<b>Special indexes:</b>										
All items less food (not seasonally adjusted)	160.4	161.5	162.1	162.6	8.1	7.2	7.3	5.6	7.6	6.4
Nondurable commodities (not seasonally adjusted)	166.4	167.1	167.6	167.3	3.6	12.8	3.4	2.2	8.1	2.8
Apparel commodities less footwear	141.3	141.7	142.1	143.0	-.9	2.6	2.0	4.9	.9	3.4
Services less medical care services	167.8	170.0	171.1	172.8	5.9	5.5	8.5	12.5	5.7	10.5
Insurance and finance	182.2	186.7	188.3	191.7	9.8	6.0	3.1	22.5	7.8	12.4
Utilities and public transportation	163.2	164.9	165.6	165.3	9.4	11.2	16.8	5.2	10.3	10.9
Housekeeping and home maintenance service (not seasonally adjusted)	197.7	198.5	199.0	202.8	4.3	6.7	8.1	10.7	5.5	9.4
Appliances (including radio and TV)	119.9	120.4	120.6	121.2	5.6	3.4	4.8	4.4	4.5	4.6
<b>Expenditure classes</b>										
All items	-	-	-	-	5.7	9.1	5.8	6.5	7.4	6.1
Food	179.6	180.6	181.6	181.2	-.7	16.9	4.1	3.6	7.7	3.9
Housing (not seasonally adjusted)	169.8	171.3	172.2	173.2	8.7	6.0	6.6	8.3	7.3	7.4
Shelter <sup>1</sup> (not seasonally adjusted)	172.5	174.1	175.0	175.9	8.0	6.4	5.5	8.1	7.2	6.8
Rent	139.4	140.1	140.7	141.1	4.2	5.1	5.6	5.0	4.7	5.3
Homeownership <sup>2</sup> (not seasonally adjusted)	184.8	186.8	187.8	188.8	8.9	6.6	5.6	8.9	7.8	7.3
Fuel and utilities <sup>3</sup>	173.8	175.1	176.3	175.6	9.1	14.2	12.4	4.2	11.6	8.2
Gas and electricity	176.3	177.7	179.6	178.6	14.0	15.9	13.0	5.3	14.9	9.1
Household furnishings and operation	160.5	161.2	162.0	164.4	8.0	3.4	5.9	10.1	5.7	8.0
Apparel and upkeep	143.2	143.6	144.1	145.0	1.1	2.6	2.6	5.1	1.9	3.8
Transportation	155.9	157.4	158.3	158.7	8.3	13.2	13.0	7.4	10.7	10.2
Private	154.6	156.1	157.0	157.4	9.0	14.1	10.5	7.4	11.5	8.9
Public	168.8	169.5	169.0	169.7	3.7	5.6	39.9	2.1	4.7	19.6
Health and recreation (not seasonally adjusted)	156.3	156.5	157.5	158.6	8.9	5.1	6.1	6.0	7.0	6.1
Medical care (not seasonally adjusted)	173.5	173.3	174.7	176.6	12.5	10.0	9.0	7.3	11.2	8.2
Personal care (not seasonally adjusted)	152.9	153.6	154.6	155.7	8.4	4.6	4.6	7.5	6.5	6.0
Reading and recreation	146.4	146.9	147.6	148.3	7.0	2.0	6.2	5.3	4.4	5.8
Other goods and services	148.4	148.9	149.7	150.7	5.3	1.6	2.5	6.3	3.5	4.4
<b>Special indexes:</b>										
All items less shelter (not seasonally adjusted)	162.6	163.4	164.1	164.4	5.8	10.6	5.9	4.5	8.2	5.2
All items less medical care (not seasonally adjusted)	164.1	165.2	165.8	166.2	5.8	10.0	5.3	5.2	7.8	5.3
All items less mortgage interest costs (not seasonally adjusted)	162.5	163.3	164.0	164.4	6.7	10.1	5.6	4.8	8.3	5.2
CPI - domestically produced farm foods (not seasonally adjusted)	177.2	177.8	178.8	178.5	-1.2	27.7	-3.5	3.0	12.3	-.3
CPI - selected beef cuts (not seasonally adjusted)	180.2	176.8	175.9	176.6	-8.4	128.2	-16.1	-7.8	44.6	-12.0

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

<sup>2</sup> Includes home purchase, mortgage interest, taxes, insurance, and maintenance and repairs.

<sup>3</sup> 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. CPI—food items, U.S. city average**

(Consumer price index for urban wage earners and clerical workers, 1967=100)

Item and group	Index		Percent change to January 1976 from—			Item and group	Index		Percent change to January 1976 from—		
	January 1976		Jan. 1975	December 1975			January 1976		Jan. 1975	December 1975	
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted		Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted
Food	180.8	181.2	5.8	0.1	-0.2	Food—Continued					
Food away from home	180.9	180.9	7.0	.5	.8	Food at home—Continued					
Restaurant meals	179.8	-	7.0	.6	-	Fruits and vegetables—Continued					
Snacks	186.3	186.1	7.5	.3	.1	Fresh fruits and vegetables—Continued					
Food at home	180.8	181.4	5.5	-1	-4	Fresh fruits—Continued					
Cereals and bakery products	182.0	182.0	-1.8	-1	.8	Oranges	149.9	156.6	4.9	-3.5	-0.5
Flour	161.1	159.7	-7.8	0	0	Orange juice, fresh	150.5	-	3.8	1.3	-
Cracker meal	225.6	228.3	5.8	.4	.6	Grapefruit	139.7	157.5	-.9	1.2	1.9
Corn flakes	166.3	164.8	-.3	.2	.1	Grapes	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Rice	207.8	202.5	-4.8	-1.8	-2.3	Strawberries	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Bread, white	163.4	-	-4.6	1.1	-	Watermelon	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Bread, whole wheat	178.9	179.4	1.2	-.2	.8	Fresh vegetables	179.3	184.5	12.3	1.8	-1.8
Cookies	185.0	-	.9	.9	-	Potatoes	191.2	209.2	23.8	.3	-3.1
Loyer cake	186.1	186.5	-4.1	-1.7	-1.0	Onions	185.3	208.4	55.8	10.8	13.4
Cinnamon rolls	196.1	195.1	-.3	-1.2	-.5	Asparagus	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Meats, poultry, and fish	186.5	188.6	14.1	-1.4	-2.2	Cabbage	173.8	174.8	11.6	17.5	11.9
Meats	186.8	189.3	15.4	-1.6	-2.3	Carrots	152.8	155.0	-5.5	-1.0	2.8
Beef and veal	174.9	179.4	10.3	.1	-.8	Celery	239.2	234.1	63.6	22.7	17.5
Steak, round	180.0	183.7	14.3	1.6	-1.1	Cucumbers	172.3	167.9	-18.0	-11.4	-20.2
Steak, sirloin	175.5	181.5	17.5	0	-1.3	Lettuce	158.4	-	9.4	-1.2	-
Steak, porterhouse	189.1	194.7	23.6	.1	-.5	Peppers, green	156.9	146.0	-11.4	-1.8	-11.8
Rump roast	174.2	178.1	13.0	1.7	-.2	Spinach	191.5	191.5	7.9	0	-2.0
Rib roast	204.2	206.5	20.4	.7	-.3	Tomatoes	170.9	152.9	.5	-1.4	-7.6
Chuck roast	176.3	184.6	12.4	-4.4	-4.0	Tomatoes	187.3	187.1	5.0	.2	.2
Hamburger	164.9	169.5	4.8	.4	0	Processed fruits and vegetables	175.9	175.4	-.9	-.1	.5
Beef liver	136.0	138.4	-9.2	-3.5	-2.7	Fruit cocktail, canned	160.9	160.4	-2.6	-.5	.1
Veal cutlets	189.7	193.8	-1.3	-1.0	.1	Pears, canned					
Pork	210.1	209.5	23.6	-4.3	-5.8	Pineapple-grapefruit drink, canned	173.9	173.2	5.8	-.2	.2
Chops	187.6	188.0	18.1	-5.1	-7.9	Orange juice concentrate, frozen	159.4	-	7.0	.9	-
Loin roast	207.3	207.9	23.5	-4.7	-7.8	Lemonade concentrate, frozen	191.6	191.0	10.0	.6	.6
Sausage	237.1	241.0	29.1	-4.5	-4.1	Beets, canned	186.4	-	.5	.3	-
Ham, whole	221.2	209.1	29.3	-.2	-1.3	Peas, green, canned	158.2	157.3	-1.1	-1.1	-.9
Picnics	209.1	208.7	30.4	-.7	-1.4	Tomatoes, canned	179.3	-	4.7	-.2	-
Bacon	217.2	218.3	20.3	-7.0	-7.5	Dried beans	311.2	-	17.9	1.1	-
Other meats	180.3	181.8	14.0	-.5	.4	Broccoli, frozen	156.4	-	2.8	.6	-
Lamb chops	179.4	181.8	11.9	-.4	-.7	Eggs	186.7	183.4	-3.5	.4	0
Frankfurters	171.7	176.1	10.5	-1.6	.5	Fats and oils	182.8	167.2	5.9	3.6	2.3
Ham, canned	213.2	209.0	32.2	1.6	1.6	Margarine	182.4	181.5	-15.0	-1.9	-.8
Bologna sausage	177.7	180.8	9.4	-1.6	.6	Salad dressing, Italian	202.3	201.1	-20.6	-1.6	-.2
Salami sausage	166.8	169.0	8.0	-1.4	.4	Saled or cooking oil	152.6	151.8	1.1	.2	0
Liverwurst	172.4	173.6	11.2	-.2	.6	Sugar and sweets	193.5	193.3	-19.3	-3.4	-1.6
Poultry	164.5	168.0	7.7	-2.4	-4.2	Sugar	224.5	-	-20.1	-.5	-
Frying chicken	168.0	171.8	7.4	-2.8	-6.3	Grape jelly	213.6	-	-56.9	-2.2	-
Chicken breasts	165.0	169.4	10.3	-2.1	-2.8	Chocolate bar	224.8	-	2.9	-.6	-
Turkey	148.1	147.2	6.2	-.4	.5	Syrup, chocolate flavored	242.2	-	6.4	.2	-
Fish	216.1	-	10.4	.9	-	Nonalcoholic beverages	215.6	212.2	1.6	.2	.4
Shrimp, frozen	206.5	-	27.8	.7	-	Coffee	191.1	-	9.0	.5	-
Fish, fresh or frozen	231.5	-	5.9	1.4	-	Coffee, instant	198.0	-	18.1	1.0	-
Tuna fish, canned	180.4	180.6	1.8	1.6	1.4	Tea	200.0	201.8	16.1	1.9	2.2
Sardines, canned	244.5	244.5	9.0	.4	1.5	Carbonated drink, cola flavored	148.7	149.4	10.2	-.5	.1
Dairy products	168.2	167.7	8.4	1.6	2.2	Carbonated drink, fruit flavored	193.2	-	-4.9	-.5	-
Milk, fresh, grocery	159.7	159.1	3.5	1.2	1.5	Prepared and partially prepared foods	200.1	-	-2.9	0	-
Milk, fresh, skim	175.4	175.4	4.6	1.4	2.0	Bean soup, canned	166.3	-	2.8	.7	-
Milk, evaporated	199.9	-	9.6	3.5	-	Chicken soup, canned	199.9	-	7.1	3.0	-
Ice cream	155.7	154.8	3.3	-.3	.6	Spaghetti, canned	133.0	133.5	-.5	-.2	.8
Cheese, American process	197.2	196.4	17.9	1.2	1.3	Mashed potatoes, instant	164.6	163.9	-.7	-.2	.6
Butter	157.4	154.9	41.0	4.2	6.1	Potatoes, french fried, frozen	155.0	155.6	-.9	.1	.7
Fruits and vegetables	173.3	177.2	6.0	-.7	-.3	Baby foods	176.8	177.9	4.2	1.3	2.5
Fresh fruits and vegetables	163.8	171.5	6.6	1.0	-1.3	Sweet pickle relish	161.6	-	1.8	.3	-
Fresh fruits	144.9	155.0	-1.0	0	-.8	Pretzels	179.9	177.9	7.6	1.0	1.0
Apples	132.4	143.9	-11.7	2.1	1.8		158.6	160.7	.8	-.9	-.5
Bananas	145.8	156.9	17.4	.1	.6						

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

**Table 4. CPI—nonfood commodities and services, U.S. city average**

(Consumer price index for urban wage earners and clerical workers, 1967=100)

Item and group	Other index base	Indexes		Percent change to January 1976 from—	
		December 1975	January 1976	January 1975	December 1975
Housing .....		172.2	173.2	7.4	0.6
Shelter <sup>1</sup> .....		175.0	175.9	7.0	.5
Rent, residential .....		140.6	141.2	5.0	.4
Homeownership <sup>2</sup> .....		187.8	188.8	7.5	.5
Mortgage interest rates .....		144.4	144.5	-1.8	.1
Property taxes .....		165.2	166.5	7.4	.8
Property insurance premiums .....		135.2	137.4	7.6	1.6
Maintenance and repairs .....		192.3	193.2	5.3	.5
Maintenance and repair commodities <sup>3</sup> .....		163.5	164.1	4.3	.4
Exterior house paint .....		159.6	160.7	4.8	.7
Interior house paint .....		149.2	150.7	4.1	1.0
Maintenance and repair services .....		204.7	205.9	5.8	.6
Repainting living and dining rooms .....		217.9	218.3	6.5	.2
Reshingling house roof .....		225.3	226.3	5.7	.4
Residing house .....		191.1	192.4	3.6	.7
Replacing sink .....		203.0	204.4	7.1	.7
Repairing furnace .....		198.0	199.6	7.8	.8
Fuel and utilities .....		176.1	176.3	9.8	.1
Fuel oil and coal .....		248.7	248.9	8.7	.1
Fuel oil, No. 2 .....		245.0	245.2	9.6	.1
Gas and electricity .....		179.0	179.5	12.0	.3
Gas .....		187.2	188.6	18.1	.7
Electricity .....		171.4	171.0	6.4	-2.2
Other utilities:					
Residential telephone services .....		128.9	128.0	5.1	-2.7
Residential water and sewerage services .....		177.2	179.9	10.4	1.5
Household furnishings and operation <sup>4</sup> .....		162.0	163.7	6.9	1.0
Housefurnishings .....		147.5	147.4	5.1	-1.1
Textiles .....		144.3	141.3	2.5	-2.1
Sheets, full, flat .....		156.1	142.9	4.6	-8.5
Curtains, tailored .....		136.5	139.1	3.7	1.9
Bedspreads .....		146.2	142.1	-1.0	-2.8
Drapery fabrics .....		169.9	170.6	2.8	.4
Pillows, bed .....		123.8	117.4	1.9	-5.2
Slipcovers and throws, ready-made .....		132.9	134.7	2.7	1.4
Furniture and bedding .....		150.0	149.7	5.3	-2.2
Bedroom furniture, chest and dresser .....	Mar. 70	130.2	130.3	2.8	.1
Sofas, upholstered .....		140.4	139.4	2.0	-2.7
Cocktail tables .....	Dec. 71	129.5	128.0	6.0	-1.2
Dining room chairs .....	Mar. 70	133.9	134.3	5.1	.3
Recliners, upholstered .....	Dec. 71	110.5	110.6	1.6	.1
Sofas, dual purpose .....		137.4	137.9	3.5	.4
Bedding, mattress and box springs .....	June 70	131.5	131.0	2.6	-2.4
Aluminum folding chairs .....	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )
Cribs .....		151.5	150.7	3.4	-2.5
Floor coverings .....		132.4	133.4	4.3	.8
Broadloom carpeting .....		121.2	122.0	3.4	.7
Vinyl sheet goods .....		157.1	157.8	7.6	.4
Vinyl floor tile .....		159.5	162.1	4.2	1.6
Appliances (excluding radio and TV) .....		131.6	132.1	5.9	.4
Washing machines, electric .....		136.0	136.8	7.2	.6
Vacuum cleaners .....		118.6	118.5	3.7	-1.1
Refrigerators, refrigerator-freezers, electric .....		132.1	132.4	5.5	.2
Ranges, free standing, gas or electric .....		134.9	136.1	8.5	.9
Clothes dryers, electric .....		142.3	143.0	8.1	.5
Air conditioners, demountable .....	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )
Room heaters, electric, portable .....		127.4	127.9	5.0	.4
Garbage disposal units .....		130.5	131.3	4.4	.6
Other housefurnishings:					
Dinnerware, fine china .....		178.1	181.8	10.4	2.1
Flatware, stainless steel .....		180.9	179.6	9.4	-2.7
Table lamps, with shade .....		147.3	148.2	4.0	.6
Lawn mowers, power, rotary type .....	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )
Electric drills, hand-held .....		126.9	128.0	6.0	.9
Housekeeping supplies:					
Laundry soaps and detergents .....		166.1	168.4	7.7	1.4
Paper napkins .....		213.3	215.5	8.6	1.0
Toilet tissue .....		215.8	218.0	11.6	1.0
Housekeeping services:					
Domestic services, general housework .....		200.7	204.4	7.0	1.8
Baby sitter services .....		199.2	201.0	11.0	.9
Postal charges .....		175.1	218.1	24.4	24.6
Laundry, flatwork, finished service .....		193.9	195.8	8.1	1.0
Licensed day care services, preschool child .....		159.0	159.2	6.6	.1
Washing machine repairs .....		192.1	193.1	6.2	.5

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 4. CPI—nonfood commodities and services, U.S. city average—Continued**

(Consumer price index for urban wage earners and clerical workers, 1967=100)

Item and group	Other index base	Indexes		Percent change to January 1976 from—	
		December 1975	January 1976	January 1975	December 1975
Apparel and upkeep <sup>6</sup>		145.2	143.3	2.8	-1.3
Apparel commodities		143.9	141.5	2.1	-1.7
Apparel commodities less footwear		143.6	140.9	2.2	-1.9
Men's and boys'		144.2	142.6	1.9	-1.1
Men's:					
Topcoats and all-weather coats		145.4	145.3	4.5	-.1
Suits, year round weight		140.0	136.6	1.3	-2.4
Sport jackets	June 74	103.9	100.6	1.8	-3.2
Jackets, lightweight		136.1	135.8	3.3	-.2
Slacks, heavyweight		120.2	118.1	3.0	-1.7
Slacks, lightweight		143.9	141.8	-.7	-1.5
Trousers, work		152.1	153.4	1.9	.9
Shirts, work		151.9	153.2	1.9	.9
Shirts, business or dress		129.5	126.4	.6	-2.4
T-shirts		153.7	155.4	2.8	1.1
Socks		132.1	132.7	4.7	.5
Handkerchiefs		155.7	157.3	6.3	1.0
Boys':					
Coats, heavyweight		121.0	110.1	-3.7	-9.0
Sport coats, wool or wool blends		125.3	123.3	2.8	-1.6
Dungarees		177.3	179.5	4.8	1.2
Undershorts		150.9	151.2	-.4	.2
Women's and girls'		142.1	138.1	2.2	-2.8
Women's:					
Coats, heavyweight		150.6	134.7	2.7	-10.6
Carcoats, heavyweight		156.4	139.5	4.7	-10.8
Sweaters		145.1	139.7	.1	-3.7
Skirts, winter weight		169.9	156.8	4.8	-7.7
Skirts, summer weight	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )
Blouses		138.8	139.6	2.6	.6
Dresses, street, year round weight		147.5	145.6	1.7	-1.3
Slips		119.5	120.0	2.7	.4
Panties		142.9	143.7	4.3	.6
Girdles		129.8	130.3	4.1	.4
Brassieres		144.9	144.2	3.6	-.5
Hose or panty hose, nylon		92.5	90.8	.4	-1.8
Anklets or knee-length socks		133.4	133.5	2.1	.1
Gloves, fabric		127.2	127.8	4.0	.5
Handbags		171.6	168.2	-.9	-2.0
Girls':					
Raincoats		132.4	119.7	-4.5	-9.6
Skirts, fall and winter		162.6	150.2	30.3	-7.6
Dresses		132.3	129.8	-2.2	-1.9
Slacks, fall and winter		170.4	163.6	-1.4	-4.0
Slips		129.9	130.1	4.8	.2
Handbags		142.6	141.9	-1.7	-.5
Other apparel commodities		150.1	150.0	2.7	-.1
Diapers		181.6	182.2	5.2	.3
Yard goods		158.5	157.4	-4.3	-.7
Wrist watches, men's and women's		138.5	138.7	5.3	.1
Footwear		145.7	144.7	1.8	-.7
Men's:					
Shoes, street		148.2	147.3	.5	-.6
Shoes, work, high		161.8	163.5	3.9	1.1
Women's:					
Shoes, street, pump		140.7	138.2	1.5	-1.8
Shoes, evening, pump		134.1	130.9	-.2	-2.4
Shoes, casual		147.8	145.6	2.2	-1.5
House slippers, scuff		141.3	141.3	3.0	0
Children's:					
Shoes, oxford		145.2	145.5	1.9	.2
Sneakers, boys', oxford type		149.9	149.8	1.8	-.1
Dress shoes, girls'		154.6	155.6	3.8	.6
Apparel services:					
Drycleaning		155.0	156.2	7.7	.8
Automatic laundry service		138.9	140.0	7.9	.8
Laundry, men's shirts		157.9	159.4	6.3	.9
Tailoring charges		154.2	155.4	3.1	.8
Shoe repairs		144.7	145.6	6.4	.6
Transportation		157.6	158.1	10.4	.3
Private:		156.2	156.8	10.3	.4
Automobiles, new		134.0	134.2	8.8	.1
Automobiles, used		149.6	144.6	7.2	-3.3
Gasoline, regular and premium		176.6	176.1	9.9	-.3
Motor oil		157.5	157.5	3.1	0
Tires		128.8	129.9	4.0	.9
Auto repairs (mechanical) and maintenance <sup>8</sup>		182.5	184.9	8.7	1.3
Auto insurance premiums		163.2	172.5	25.1	5.7
Auto registration fees		130.8	132.8	1.8	1.5
Parking fees, private and municipal		177.4	178.2	7.2	.5

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 4. CPI—nonfood commodities and services, U.S. city average—Continued**

(Consumer price index for urban wage earners and clerical workers, 1967=100)

Item and group	Other index base	Indexes		Percent change to	
		December 1975	January 1976	January 1976 from—	December 1975
<b>Transportation—Continued</b>					
Public .....		170.1	170.2	11.8	0.1
Local transit fares .....		170.3	170.4	15.2	.1
Taxicab fares .....		171.3	172.2	4.9	.5
Railroad fares, coach .....		157.9	158.0	6.1	.1
Airplane fares, chiefly coach .....		165.6	165.6	7.4	0
Bus fares, intercity .....		192.6	192.6	7.9	0
<b>Health and recreation<sup>1</sup></b>					
Medical care <sup>2</sup> .....		157.5	158.6	6.5	.7
Drugs and prescriptions .....		174.7	176.6	9.7	1.1
Over-the-counter items .....		122.0	122.6	6.9	.5
Multiple vitamin concentrates .....		134.0	134.7	8.4	.5
Aspirin compounds .....		104.1	104.6	4.7	.5
Liquid tonics .....		136.0	136.8	7.0	.6
Adhesive bandages, packages .....		119.0	119.3	6.3	.3
Cold tablets or capsules .....		171.1	170.8	12.7	-.2
Cough syrup .....		126.8	128.3	5.6	1.2
Prescriptions .....		139.8	141.2	11.0	1.0
Anti-infectives .....		111.9	112.4	5.3	.4
Sedatives and hypnotics .....		71.8	71.8	2.6	0
Ataractics .....		157.9	159.3	6.1	.9
Antispasmodics .....		108.6	109.6	3.8	.9
Cough preparations .....		130.3	130.8	11.2	.4
Cardiovasculars and antihypertensives .....		170.5	171.7	8.2	.7
Analgescics, internal .....		119.1	119.6	1.2	.4
Anti-obesities .....		120.8	120.3	4.6	-.4
Hormones .....		( <sup>10</sup> )	( <sup>10</sup> )	( <sup>10</sup> )	( <sup>10</sup> )
Hormones .....		106.7	107.5	7.7	.7
Professional services:					
Physicians' fees .....		178.3	179.5	11.6	.7
General physician, office visits .....		183.4	184.2	11.4	.4
General physician, house visits .....		180.9	181.8	12.4	.5
Obstetrical cases .....		178.9	180.6	14.5	1.0
Pediatric care, office visits .....		180.7	184.6	12.3	2.2
Psychiatrist, office visits .....		158.8	159.7	8.0	.6
Herniorrhaphy, adult .....		158.9	159.6	9.2	.4
Tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy .....		169.6	170.6	11.9	.6
Dentists' fees .....		166.5	167.2	7.2	.4
Fillings, adult, amalgam, one surface .....		171.3	172.2	7.2	.5
Extractions, adult .....		165.8	166.2	7.4	.2
Dentures, full upper .....		157.4	157.9	6.8	.3
Other professional services:					
Examination, prescription, and dispensing of eyeglasses .....		153.5	154.8	7.1	.8
Routine laboratory tests .....		153.8	154.3	6.4	.3
Hospital service charges .....	Jan. 72	138.9	142.0	13.3	2.2
Semiprivate rooms .....		249.1	254.8	14.4	2.3
Operating room charges .....		251.8	258.3	14.5	2.6
X-ray, diagnostic series, upper GI .....		163.5	167.0	11.3	2.1
Laboratory tests .....	Jan. 72	132.7	135.1	10.6	1.8
Anti-infectives .....	Jan. 72	115.7	120.6	13.5	4.2
Tranquilizers .....	Jan. 72	125.2	126.7	13.2	1.2
Electrocardiogram .....	Jan. 72	129.6	131.8	9.8	1.7
Intravenous solution .....	Jan. 72	133.9	137.2	14.1	2.5
Physical therapy .....	Jan. 72	140.4	142.5	9.9	1.5
Oxygen, inhalation therapy .....	Jan. 72	126.1	126.7	8.3	.5
Personal care .....		154.6	155.7	6.3	.7
Toilet goods .....		154.0	155.5	7.6	1.0
Toothpaste, standard dentifrice .....		135.3	136.2	9.0	.7
Toilet soap, hard-milled .....		196.4	195.6	-.5	-.4
Hand lotions .....		159.2	159.4	14.8	.1
Shaving cream .....		129.7	132.0	11.0	1.8
Face powder .....		156.5	158.3	2.7	1.2
Deodorants .....		117.7	118.4	3.6	.6
Cleansing tissues .....		206.1	210.9	12.2	2.3
Home permanent wave kits .....		123.6	125.4	12.2	1.5
Personal care services .....		155.1	155.8	5.0	.5
Men's haircuts .....		156.8	157.8	4.0	.6
Beauty shop services .....		154.0	154.4	5.8	.3
Women's haircuts .....		170.9	171.6	8.5	.4
Shampoo and wave sets, plain .....		155.9	156.3	4.6	.3
Permanent waves, cold .....		132.6	132.9	5.1	.2
Reading and recreation <sup>1,1</sup> .....		147.5	148.2	5.1	.5
Recreational goods .....		124.8	125.3	4.0	.4
TV sets, portable and console .....		102.8	103.0	2.3	.2
TV replacement tubes .....		161.7	163.3	6.8	1.0
Radios, portable and table models .....		104.0	104.2	.6	.2
Tape recorders, portable .....		94.9	94.5	-1.3	-.4
Phonograph records, stereophonic .....		123.5	124.0	3.1	.4
Movie cameras, 8mm .....		94.1	94.7	1.4	.6
Film, 35mm, color .....		119.2	119.6	2.7	.3
Golf balls .....		104.2	104.2	-1.3	0

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 4. CPI—nonfood commodities and services, U.S. city average—Continued**

(Consumer price index for urban wage earners and clerical workers, 1967=100)

Item and group	Other index base	Indexes		Percent change to January 1976 from—	
		December 1975	January 1976	January 1975	December 1975
Health and recreation—Continued					
Reading and recreation—Continued					
Recreational goods—Continued					
Basketballs, rubber or vinyl cover .....		146.5	146.9	4.6	0.3
Fishing rods, fresh-water spin-casting .....		122.5	122.8	4.9	.2
Bowling balls .....		127.6	127.9	2.7	.2
Bicycles, boys' .....		141.9	142.4	.9	.4
Tricycles .....		144.6	145.4	11.7	.6
Dog food, canned or boxed .....		168.3	168.7	3.2	.2
Recreational services .....		150.9	152.0	3.0	.7
Indoor movie admissions .....		171.9	174.1	3.7	1.3
Adult .....		167.2	169.6	2.9	1.4
Children's .....		185.1	186.6	5.5	.8
Drive-in movie admissions .....		174.3	174.6	1.6	.2
Bowling fees, evening .....		143.5	144.6	5.4	.8
Golf green fees .....		( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )
TV repair .....		106.0	106.4	2.0	.4
Film developing .....		123.9	123.9	2.0	0
Reading and education:					
Newspapers, street sale and delivery .....		178.1	179.1	5.5	.6
Magazines, single copy and subscription .....		177.8	177.8	24.2	0
Piano lessons, beginner .....		142.0	142.6	3.5	.4
Other goods and services .....		149.8	150.5	3.9	.5
Tobacco products .....		156.8	158.1	3.9	.8
Cigarettes, nonfilter tip, regular size .....		159.3	160.5	4.1	.8
Cigarettes, filter tip, king size .....		159.1	160.6	3.7	.9
Cigars, domestic, regular size .....		126.5	127.1	4.1	.5
Alcoholic beverages .....		143.7	144.0	3.4	.2
Beer, at home .....		141.2	141.1	2.5	-.1
Whiskey, spirit blended and straight bourbon .....		114.9	115.6	2.2	.6
Wine, dessert and table .....		155.3	155.9	3.0	.4
Beer, away from home .....		160.4	160.6	4.8	.1
Financial and miscellaneous personal expenses:					
Funeral services, adult .....		146.6	147.2	5.1	.4
Bank service charges, checking account .....		122.6	122.5	9.9	-.1
Legal services, short form will .....		194.0	194.1	6.4	.1

<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 filter, 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> 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.

<sup>7</sup> Also includes storage batteries and drivers' license fees not shown separately.

<sup>8</sup> Includes prices for water pump replacement, motor tune-up, automatic transmission repair, exhaust system repair, front end alignment, and chassis lubrication; does not include prices for auto body repairs. In the CPI, this component represents consumers' direct, out-of-pocket expenses for automobile repairs and maintenance.

<sup>9</sup> Also includes health insurance not shown separately.

<sup>10</sup> Discontinued.

<sup>11</sup> Also includes outboard motors, nondurable toys, college tuition fees, paperback books, and college textbooks, not shown separately.

**Table 5. CPI—selected areas, all items index**

(Consumer price index for urban wage earners and clerical workers)

Area <sup>1</sup>	Pricing schedule <sup>2</sup>	Indexes			Percent change from:		
		1967=100	1967-69=100	Other bases	January 1975	October 1975	December 1975
		January 1976			January 1975	October 1975	December 1975
U.S. city average .....	M	166.7	193.9		6.8	1.3	0.2
Chicago .....	M	160.5	182.4		4.8	0	-.5
Detroit .....	M	165.9	190.6		6.6	1.6	.7
Los Angeles—Long Beach .....	M	164.7	193.7		9.2	2.0	.6
N.Y.—Northeastern N.J. ....	M	172.7	205.5		6.7	1.6	.2
Philadelphia .....	M	169.1	197.5		6.0	.6	.4
January 1976							
Boston .....	1	172.4	206.6		10.2	4.6	
Houston .....	1	172.3	197.1		8.1	2.1	
Minneapolis—St. Paul .....	1	167.1	193.7		7.0	1.3	
Pittsburgh .....	1	164.1	188.7		6.3	.8	
November 1975							
Buffalo .....	2	165.8		<sup>3</sup> 182.3	6.9	1.4	
Cleveland .....	2	164.5	185.7		7.5	1.3	
Dallas .....	2	162.4		<sup>3</sup> 175.5	7.3	1.1	
Milwaukee .....	2	161.5	182.3		7.7	1.4	
San Diego .....	2	164.9		<sup>4</sup> 173.4	7.4	1.5	
Seattle .....	2	159.7	187.7		8.0	1.5	
Washington .....	2	165.3	192.5		5.9	1.2	
December 1975							
Atlanta .....	3	166.2	191.1		6.6	0.9	
Baltimore .....	3	168.3	195.4		5.2	.4	
Cincinnati .....	3	164.7	186.9		7.1	.5	
Honolulu .....	3	159.2		<sup>5</sup> 171.7	7.4	1.4	
Kansas City .....	3	163.0	193.5		6.7	1.7	
St. Louis .....	3	160.3	187.2		7.9	.9	
San Francisco—Oakland .....	3	164.2	195.4		8.0	1.7	

<sup>1</sup> Area coverage includes the urban portion of the corresponding Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area (SMSA) except for New York and Chicago which have more extensive Standard Consolidated Areas. Area definitions were established for the 1960 Census and exclude 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.

<sup>3</sup> — March, June, September, and December.

<sup>4</sup> November 1963=100.

<sup>5</sup> February 1965=100.

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

NOTE: Price changes within areas are found in the Consumer Price Index; differences in living costs among areas are found in family budgets.

**Table 6. CPI—areas priced monthly, by expenditure class, percent change from December 1975 to January 1976**

(Consumer price index for urban wage earners and clerical workers, 1967=100)

Expenditure class	U.S. city average	Chicago	Detroit	Los Angeles—Long Beach	New York—Northeastern New Jersey	Philadelphia
All items .....	0.2	-0.5	0.7	0.6	0.2	0.4
Food .....	.1	-1.3	-.3	-.3	.1	.9
Housing .....	.6	.3	.8	1.7	.5	.5
Apparel and upkeep .....	-1.3	-3.0	-.4	-1.4	-1.8	-2.4
Transportation .....	.3	-.4	.5	.2	0	-.1
Health and recreation .....	.7	.6	2.0	.7	1.0	.9
Medical care .....	1.1	.7	2.7	.7	2.0	.8
Personal care .....	.7	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
Reading and recreation .....	.5	.7	2.1	.9	.5	2.0
Other goods and services .....	.5	.5	1.3	.6	.1	.7

<sup>1</sup> See footnote 1, table 5.

<sup>2</sup> Not available.

**Table 7. CPI—selected areas, by expenditure class**

(Consumer price index for urban wage earners and clerical workers, 1967=100)

Group	U.S. city average	Boston	Chicago	Detroit	Houston	Los Angeles—Long Beach	Minneapolis	New York—North-eastern New Jersey	Philadelphia	Pittsburgh
Indexes (1967=100)										
All items	166.7	172.4	160.5	165.9	172.3	164.7	167.1	172.7	169.1	164.1
Food	180.8	183.5	178.5	176.3	186.4	174.8	187.1	185.2	186.7	180.9
Food at home	180.8	183.3	178.3	175.4	183.7	176.5	183.7	186.8	185.3	179.3
Cereals and bakery products	182.0	183.8	182.3	182.8	183.2	180.7	194.7	186.5	181.0	186.1
Meats, poultry, and fish	186.5	188.7	187.6	178.6	192.0	184.0	189.3	187.6	192.7	188.5
Dairy products	168.2	163.8	159.8	171.5	178.9	157.5	182.6	172.3	167.4	152.1
Fruits and vegetables	173.3	182.8	165.6	158.5	174.6	167.5	169.8	186.8	182.5	174.8
Other food at home	186.7	189.8	184.1	182.0	181.9	183.7	182.4	196.3	193.2	184.2
Food away from home	180.9	183.9	179.3	180.8	195.9	170.0	202.2	180.3	192.6	190.8
Housing	173.2	171.6	158.8	169.8	184.0	175.2	176.1	179.0	175.5	168.9
Shelter	175.9	168.2	160.1	175.8	190.3	182.2	184.6	179.2	185.5	176.3
Rent, residential	141.2	153.4	135.4	( <sup>2</sup> )	131.6	139.2	137.5	( <sup>2</sup> )	151.7	132.4
Homeownership	188.8	174.6	171.4	183.2	211.0	195.8	192.7	195.1	194.3	188.9
Fuel and utilities	176.3	191.2	156.1	173.3	183.1	161.0	164.6	196.3	172.1	161.9
Fuel oil and coal	248.9	244.7	242.5	245.6	-	-	245.5	256.2	240.4	-
Gas and electricity	179.5	177.9	156.0	185.8	206.3	186.5	167.9	208.6	175.6	183.0
Household furnishings and operation	163.7	166.7	156.6	149.1	172.7	157.7	158.9	168.4	159.2	157.4
Apparel and upkeep	143.3	151.9	133.6	139.6	155.7	136.0	139.0	139.9	135.2	143.5
Men's and boys'	142.6	136.5	129.6	145.7	146.1	129.4	142.4	137.8	136.6	133.1
Women's and girls'	138.1	162.1	128.9	128.2	156.2	130.7	131.8	133.1	120.8	148.3
Footwear	144.7	144.8	135.9	147.8	151.7	141.9	143.9	137.8	146.4	144.1
Transportation	158.1	192.6	156.8	154.4	150.9	158.8	148.8	177.4	158.4	153.3
Private	156.8	197.9	155.3	153.6	149.9	161.0	149.5	164.9	159.6	153.8
Public	170.2	160.0	166.1	163.8	166.8	119.0	138.8	224.9	151.5	150.7
Health and recreation	158.6	157.8	159.0	168.8	163.8	153.7	157.4	164.4	164.0	157.3
Medical care	176.6	171.5	177.6	201.2	182.7	175.9	165.9	191.8	193.5	170.7
Personal care	155.7	153.2	( <sup>2</sup> )	157.9	164.1	( <sup>2</sup> )	161.4	( <sup>2</sup> )	148.6	147.4
Reading and recreation	148.2	153.0	149.1	149.6	146.0	137.8	152.9	151.3	150.8	149.3
Other goods and services	150.5	152.5	153.3	153.4	154.7	145.9	150.8	156.1	154.1	156.6
Percent changes October 1975 to January 1976										
All items	1.3	4.6	0	1.6	2.1	2.0	1.3	1.6	0.6	0.8
Food	1.0	3.0	-0.6	-0.5	.1	-.9	1.7	1.6	1.1	.7
Food at home	.8	2.7	-1.2	-.2	-.3	-.7	1.2	1.8	1.0	.4
Cereals and bakery products	.2	-.4	-.7	-1.8	3.0	-.3	-.5	.8	.1	-1.1
Meats, poultry, and fish	-3.3	.4	-5.2	-4.1	-4.6	-4.1	-3.2	-1.4	-2.5	-2.7
Dairy products	5.5	7.2	5.8	6.5	2.5	2.8	6.1	6.2	6.6	4.1
Fruits and vegetables	4.7	8.8	-1.5	3.4	2.3	7.6	3.7	5.2	4.2	3.1
Other food at home	2.1	1.6	2.1	3.0	1.1	2.3	1.6	2.9	1.7	2.4
Food away from home	1.6	3.7	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.4	3.9	1.0	1.2	2.4
Housing	2.0	2.3	1.0	2.7	5.1	4.3	1.1	2.2	.7	1.6
Shelter	2.0	-.7	.9	3.7	4.7	5.1	-.7	2.2	.8	1.6
Rent, residential	1.4	1.3	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	2.6	( <sup>2</sup> )	1.9	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	.8
Homeownership	2.2	-.5	.8	4.2	5.2	5.8	-.5	3.1	.5	1.7
Fuel and utilities	2.5	5.6	.8	-.5	12.0	2.2	.8	3.5	2.0	1.9
Fuel oil and coal	2.3	3.0	3.1	2.2	-	-	2.1	2.2	3.3	-
Gas and electricity	3.0	7.1	1.0	0	18.7	2.6	1.0	4.7	2.5	2.2
Household furnishings and operation	1.7	3.6	1.3	-.9	2.1	2.5	2.7	1.4	-.4	1.4
Apparel and upkeep	-.9	.4	-3.7	-.6	-.8	-2.2	-.1	-2.7	-1.7	-1.4
Men's and boys'	-.8	-3.2	-3.6	-.3	.4	-2.1	.3	-.9	-4.3	-1.0
Women's and girls'	-2.5	1.8	-6.9	-2.1	-5.5	-4.9	-1.1	-6.0	-2.1	-2.6
Footwear	-.5	.1	-3.3	-.8	-.6	-.3	-1.2	-2.0	-.7	-2.2
Transportation	1.3	24.0	-.1	.5	1.8	-.1	.9	3.1	.8	.3
Private	1.3	27.8	-.2	.4	1.9	-.1	.9	4.2	.8	.4
Public	.8	1.3	.4	1.0	-.5	-2.3	.5	.4	.4	.6
Health and recreation	1.5	1.2	1.3	2.4	1.0	2.1	1.9	1.9	.8	1.2
Medical care	1.8	-.5	1.0	3.1	1.0	3.5	2.3	3.2	.4	1.2
Personal care	1.8	2.4	( <sup>2</sup> )	1.7	.1	( <sup>2</sup> )	2.6	( <sup>2</sup> )	-.1	1.7
Reading and recreation	1.1	-.5	1.7	2.0	.8	1.0	.7	.3	1.4	1.2
Other goods and services	1.3	3.3	1.3	2.0	2.1	1.5	2.4	1.3	1.3	1.2

<sup>1</sup> See footnote 1, table 5.  
<sup>2</sup> Not available.

<sup>3</sup> Change from November 1975.

**Table 7-A. CPI—selected areas, by expenditure class, 1975 Annual Average Indexes and percent changes, 1974-75**

(Consumer price index for urban wage earners and clerical workers, 1967=100)

Group	Boston	Houston	Minneapolis— St. Paul	Pittsburgh
All items .....	162.1 194.2	164.9 188.6	160.9 186.5	160.0 183.9
Food .....	175.2	181.2	178.9	177.4
Food at home .....	175.1	179.1	176.9	176.2
Cereals and bakery products .....	187.1	181.5	193.3	190.6
Meats, poultry, and fish .....	176.3	182.4	180.0	179.3
Dairy products .....	150.8	169.5	162.3	148.8
Fruits and vegetables .....	172.0	174.2	169.0	174.2
Other food at home .....	185.8	182.4	181.8	184.1
Food away from home .....	175.2	188.5	187.6	184.5
Housing .....	166.2	172.3	168.4	163.4
Shelter .....	165.3	179.0	175.2	169.6
Rent, residential .....	149.6	125.3	132.8	129.0
Homeownership .....	172.1	197.8	182.6	181.3
Fuel and utilities .....	180.1	159.7	162.2	158.2
Fuel oil and coal .....	230.7	-	228.8	-
Gas and electricity .....	168.2	167.6	166.1	178.6
Household furnishings and operation .....	159.9	166.6	153.0	153.5
Apparel and upkeep .....	146.8	152.1	139.5	141.6
Men's and boys' .....	137.8	144.6	142.9	133.4
Women's and girls' .....	152.0	156.5	134.2	143.2
Footwear .....	143.8	150.9	145.0	146.4
Transportation .....	153.3	144.1	142.9	148.7
Private .....	153.7	142.7	143.3	149.0
Public .....	150.8	166.7	137.4	146.8
Health and recreation .....	151.9	158.9	152.5	152.7
Medical care .....	166.4	173.7	159.6	162.9
Personal care .....	147.8	162.3	153.7	142.7
Reading and recreation .....	148.9	143.3	149.6	145.3
Other goods and services .....	143.7	151.3	146.7	154.3
Percent changes October 1975 to January 1976				
All items .....	9.0	11.6	8.5	8.6
Food .....	8.6	9.9	9.4	8.0
Food at home .....	7.9	9.9	8.5	7.8
Cereals and bakery products .....	13.1	10.7	10.3	12.5
Meats, poultry, and fish .....	6.8	10.2	8.0	9.9
Dairy products .....	1.1	5.2	4.4	1.2
Fruits and vegetables .....	3.6	8.7	8.1	1.3
Other food at home .....	14.9	12.5	11.2	11.5
Food away from home .....	11.2	10.0	13.1	9.2
Housing .....	7.1	14.9	9.9	10.9
Shelter .....	5.5	15.5	9.6	9.5
Rent, residential .....	4.7	7.9	4.6	4.4
Homeownership .....	5.8	17.4	10.4	10.7
Fuel and utilities .....	9.0	18.6	10.5	16.0
Fuel oil and coal .....	11.0	-	3.6	-
Gas and electricity .....	10.2	25.3	15.5	20.8
Household furnishings and operation .....	10.1	12.6	10.8	10.8
Apparel and upkeep .....	6.5	6.6	1.9	2.8
Men's and boys' .....	4.0	7.9	3.6	1.8
Women's and girls' .....	9.4	2.1	-2.0	.8
Footwear .....	3.6	8.2	4.4	3.7
Transportation .....	14.5	9.7	6.4	8.3
Private .....	16.0	10.4	6.5	9.0
Public .....	6.0	2.8	4.1	3.5
Health and recreation .....	10.4	11.3	8.4	8.3
Medical care .....	11.8	13.9	10.7	10.8
Personal care .....	10.4	11.9	10.8	8.2
Reading and recreation .....	9.9	9.3	7.1	7.4
Other goods and services .....	9.5	8.5	6.0	6.3

**Table 8. CPI—food groups, selected areas**

(Consumer price index for urban wage earners and clerical workers, 1967=100)

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 .....	180.8	180.8	182.0	186.5	168.2	173.3	186.7	180.9
Atlanta .....	186.9	188.0	184.5	191.9	178.5	185.4	192.4	183.2
Baltimore .....	183.1	182.6	176.5	186.7	165.8	178.2	194.4	184.6
Boston .....	183.5	183.3	183.8	188.7	163.8	182.8	189.6	183.9
Buffalo .....	179.2	178.9	188.9	183.4	163.5	170.8	183.7	181.4
Chicago .....	178.5	178.3	182.3	187.6	159.8	165.6	184.1	179.3
Cincinnati .....	181.3	184.6	190.1	190.5	172.3	177.0	189.3	168.8
Cleveland .....	184.6	185.4	191.8	189.0	169.6	180.8	190.1	180.9
Dallas .....	176.6	174.9	178.7	180.5	159.1	165.5	180.4	183.2
Detroit .....	176.3	175.4	182.8	178.6	171.5	158.5	182.0	180.8
Honolulu .....	183.0	180.6	181.0	186.5	174.4	175.3	179.0	189.4
Houston .....	186.4	183.7	183.2	192.0	178.9	174.6	181.9	195.9
Kansas City .....	183.5	184.7	180.8	185.8	184.9	172.3	194.6	179.8
Los Angeles—Long Beach .....	174.8	176.5	180.7	184.0	157.5	167.5	183.7	170.0
Milwaukee .....	178.4	179.2	183.6	184.3	171.8	172.6	179.7	( <sup>2</sup> )
Minneapolis—St. Paul .....	187.1	183.7	194.7	189.3	182.6	169.8	182.4	202.2
N.Y.—Northeastern N.J. ....	185.2	186.8	186.5	187.6	172.3	186.8	196.3	180.3
Philadelphia .....	186.7	185.3	181.0	192.7	167.4	182.5	193.2	192.6
Pittsburgh .....	180.9	179.3	186.1	188.5	152.1	174.8	184.2	190.8
St. Louis .....	180.0	180.5	192.9	184.2	170.8	172.6	181.1	177.5
San Diego .....	178.8	176.6	179.4	186.2	160.8	167.4	178.4	( <sup>2</sup> )
San Francisco—Oakland .....	176.2	180.3	176.7	192.9	161.3	168.7	185.3	162.2
Seattle .....	174.3	177.0	179.8	192.0	168.4	156.4	178.0	165.7
Washington .....	185.3	184.5	183.9	182.9	158.6	189.0	201.3	186.8
Percent changes December 1975 to January 1976								
U.S. city average .....	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-1.4	1.6	0.7	0.4	0.5
Atlanta .....	-.5	-.7	-.5	-3.9	4.1	.1	.7	.3
Baltimore .....	.2	.2	-.2	-2.8	3.8	2.1	1.8	.2
Boston .....	1.7	1.8	-.9	1.2	2.2	6.4	1.1	1.0
Buffalo .....	.1	.1	1.1	-2.1	2.0	2.1	-.3	.8
Chicago .....	-1.3	-1.7	-.2	-2.8	.6	-4.7	.1	-.3
Cincinnati .....	.2	.1	-.7	-1.1	1.2	.6	.7	.5
Cleveland .....	.2	.2	-.9	-1.1	1.0	3.1	.2	.1
Dallas .....	-.3	-.5	-.3	-1.8	2.6	-2.3	.4	-.7
Detroit .....	-.3	-.5	-1.0	-2.2	2.4	1.1	-.1	-.5
Honolulu .....	.4	.4	-.7	.3	1.2	1.0	.9	-.1
Houston .....	0	-.3	-.4	-1.5	.9	.9	.3	-.9
Kansas City .....	-.2	-.5	-.9	-2.7	1.9	.5	.7	-.7
Los Angeles—Long Beach .....	-.3	-.5	-.7	-1.7	.4	.7	-.3	.5
Milwaukee .....	.1	.1	-1.4	-.6	2.7	.3	.2	( <sup>2</sup> )
Minneapolis—St. Paul .....	.3	-.3	-.5	-1.6	.5	.4	.4	2.4
N.Y.—Northeastern N.J. ....	.1	0	-1.0	-.8	1.1	1.1	.5	.1
Philadelphia .....	.9	1.0	.2	.1	2.9	2.4	1.0	.3
Pittsburgh .....	-.1	-.2	-.1	-1.1	.8	.3	-.3	1.2
St. Louis .....	.4	.4	-.1	-.9	3.0	1.5	.3	.3
San Diego .....	-.4	-.6	-.3	-1.9	1.0	-.9	.1	( <sup>2</sup> )
San Francisco—Oakland .....	.2	.1	-.1	-.4	.7	1.4	-.4	.7
Seattle .....	.5	.5	-.9	.3	1.6	1.0	-.4	.5
Washington .....	.5	.5	-.1	-.3	3.5	-.8	1.4	.6

<sup>1</sup> See footnote 1, table 5.

<sup>2</sup> Not available.

**Table 9. CPI—regular and premium gasoline indexes, U.S. city average and selected areas**

(Consumer price index for urban wage earners and clerical workers, October 1973=100)

Area <sup>1</sup>	Regular gasoline			Premium gasoline		
	Index		Percent change to January 1976 from—	Index		Percent change to January 1976 from—
	December 1975	January 1976		December 1975	January 1976	
U.S. city average <sup>2</sup>	178.3	177.9	-0.2	172.1	171.8	-0.2
Atlanta	145.2	145.2	0	144.7	144.7	0
Baltimore	146.2	146.1	-.1	143.7	143.9	.1
Boston	145.4	144.7	-.5	142.9	141.8	-.8
Buffalo	147.8	147.4	-.3	147.0	146.4	-.4
Chicago	142.0	142.5	.4	139.7	139.8	.1
Cincinnati	143.5	142.0	-1.0	141.1	140.1	-.7
Cleveland	144.3	143.8	-.3	140.7	141.1	.3
Dallas	154.3	152.9	-.9	150.1	148.8	-.9
Detroit	138.8	138.8	0	137.9	138.2	.2
Honolulu	152.9	151.6	-.9	150.5	149.2	-.9
Houston	152.6	151.8	-.5	150.0	149.4	-.4
Kansas City	144.2	144.9	.5	141.3	142.2	.6
Los Angeles—Long Beach	144.5	144.5	0	143.2	142.5	-.5
Milwaukee	141.9	141.3	-.4	140.7	140.3	-.3
Minneapolis—St. Paul	144.8	145.5	.5	145.4	145.8	.3
N.Y.—Northeastern N.J.	141.3	141.1	-.1	141.8	141.6	-.1
Philadelphia	145.9	145.9	0	144.8	144.6	-.1
Pittsburgh	145.5	145.2	-.2	141.9	141.4	-.4
St. Louis	139.7	139.5	-.1	138.6	138.6	0
San Diego	146.6	145.7	-.6	145.2	144.8	-.3
San Francisco—Oakland	144.5	143.8	-.5	142.3	142.1	-.1
Seattle	143.3	142.5	-.6	140.3	139.8	-.4
Washington	145.9	145.4	-.3	144.1	143.9	-.1

<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. CPI—regular and premium gasoline average prices, U.S. city average and selected areas**

(Consumer price index for urban wage earners and clerical workers, October 1973=100)

Area <sup>1</sup>	Regular gasoline			Premium gasoline		
	Average price per gallon					
	November 1975	December 1975	January 1976	November 1975	December 1975	January 1976
U.S. city average	\$0.589	\$0.586	\$0.584	\$0.633	\$0.630	\$0.629
Atlanta	.582	.577	.577	.631	.627	.627
Baltimore	.604	.598	.598	.649	.643	.644
Boston	.592	.588	.585	.637	.634	.629
Buffalo	.599	.595	.594	.645	.644	.641
Chicago	.600	.597	.599	.643	.642	.642
Cincinnati	.580	.581	.575	.626	.627	.622
Cleveland	.590	.587	.585	.634	.626	.628
Dallas	.547	.543	.538	.587	.584	.579
Detroit	.581	.579	.579	.630	.630	.632
Honolulu	.697	.691	.685	.739	.733	.727
Houston	.534	.530	.527	.580	.578	.576
Kansas City	.554	.551	.554	.600	.595	.599
Los Angeles—Long Beach	.587	.583	.583	.633	.630	.627
Milwaukee	.549	.546	.544	.599	.595	.593
Minneapolis—St. Paul	.582	.572	.575	.625	.631	.633
N.Y.—Northeastern N.J.	.600	.599	.598	.625	.650	.649
Philadelphia	.587	.583	.583	.644	.642	.641
Pittsburgh	.585	.582	.581	.629	.627	.625
St. Louis	.576	.568	.567	.621	.614	.614
San Diego	.608	.607	.603	.652	.652	.650
San Francisco—Oakland	.621	.617	.614	.662	.660	.659
Seattle	.582	.577	.574	.625	.620	.618
Washington	.604	.604	.602	.657	.657	.656

<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.

Table 11. CPI—seasonal adjustment factors for use with 1976 indexes (calculated from data through December 1975)

Group	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Commodity and service groups												
All items	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Commodities	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Food	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Food at home	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Cereals and bakery products	100.0	100.8	101.1	100.9	100.5	99.5	99.1	98.5	98.8	99.6	100.1	100.9
Meats, poultry, and fish	98.9	100.1	100.7	99.6	98.4	99.3	101.6	101.7	101.7	100.6	99.3	98.1
Dairy products	100.3	101.1	101.0	100.8	100.4	99.7	98.7	98.4	98.8	99.5	100.3	100.9
Fruits and vegetables	97.8	99.4	100.1	100.9	102.0	105.2	105.4	102.9	97.2	95.6	96.8	96.8
Other foods at home	101.5	101.5	100.6	99.9	98.5	97.7	98.1	99.4	100.5	100.5	100.2	101.4
Food away from home	100.0	99.7	99.7	99.9	99.9	99.8	99.9	100.0	100.1	100.3	100.4	100.3
Commodities less food	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Nondurables less food	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Apparel commodities <sup>1</sup>	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Men's and boys'	98.9	98.8	99.6	100.4	100.7	100.5	99.1	99.5	100.3	100.7	101.0	100.5
Women's and girls'	98.1	98.9	99.5	99.5	100.0	99.6	98.6	98.5	101.0	102.0	102.5	101.7
Footwear	99.6	99.6	100.0	100.3	100.4	99.9	99.5	99.8	100.1	100.3	100.5	99.9
Other apparel commodities	99.6	99.6	99.8	99.8	100.1	100.1	100.2	100.1	100.2	100.1	100.2	100.0
Nondurables less food and apparel	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Gasoline and motor oil	99.2	99.7	100.2	100.8	101.3	101.8	101.4	100.6	100.1	98.8	98.0	97.8
Tobacco products	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.6	99.7	100.1	100.4	100.1	100.0	100.0	99.9	100.1
Alcoholic beverages	99.9	100.1	99.9	100.0	99.8	99.8	99.7	100.1	100.1	100.2	100.1	100.1
Fuel oil and coal	102.0	102.8	102.2	101.5	100.8	99.8	98.8	97.5	97.0	97.7	99.4	100.5
Other nondurables	99.7	99.8	99.8	100.1	100.0	100.2	100.0	99.9	100.0	100.1	100.1	100.1
Durable commodities	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Household durables	99.7	99.5	99.7	99.9	100.1	100.2	100.2	100.2	100.3	100.2	100.1	99.9
New automobiles	100.8	100.4	100.2	100.1	99.8	99.9	99.8	99.3	98.1	100.3	100.6	100.5
Used automobiles	96.4	94.0	94.4	96.4	99.6	102.2	103.5	103.3	103.8	103.8	102.4	100.1
Other durables	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Services	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Rent	100.1	100.1	100.1	100.1	100.0	100.0	99.9	100.0	99.9	99.9	99.9	99.9
Services less rent	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Household services less rent	100.3	100.1	99.9	99.7	99.6	99.5	99.7	99.8	100.1	100.2	100.5	100.5
Transportation services	100.2	100.0	100.0	100.1	99.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.9	99.9	99.8	100.1
Medical care services	99.8	100.0	100.1	99.9	99.9	100.0	100.0	100.2	100.2	100.0	99.9	99.9
Other services	99.9	99.9	99.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.9	99.8	100.2	100.1	100.1	100.1
Special indexes:												
All items less food	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Nondurable commodities	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Apparel commodities less footwear	98.5	99.0	99.5	99.8	100.3	100.0	98.9	99.0	100.6	101.3	101.7	101.1
Services less medical care services	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Insurance and finance	100.6	100.3	99.9	99.5	99.1	99.2	99.4	99.6	99.9	100.5	100.9	101.0
Utilities and public transportation	100.3	100.5	100.5	100.4	100.2	100.0	99.8	99.7	99.6	99.4	99.5	99.9
Housekeeping and home maintenance service	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Appliances (including radio and TV)	100.1	100.0	99.9	99.8	99.7	99.8	99.8	99.9	100.1	100.3	100.4	100.2
Expenditure classes												
All items	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Food	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Housing	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Shelter <sup>2</sup>	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Rent	100.1	100.1	100.1	100.1	100.0	100.0	99.9	100.0	99.9	99.9	99.9	99.9
Homeownership <sup>3</sup>	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Fuel and utilities <sup>4</sup>	100.4	101.0	100.8	100.8	100.5	100.0	99.5	99.3	99.1	98.9	99.6	99.9
Gas and electricity	100.5	100.8	100.7	100.9	100.7	100.1	99.6	99.4	99.2	98.8	99.5	99.6
Household furnishings and operation	99.6	99.5	99.7	100.0	100.1	100.2	100.0	100.0	100.3	100.3	100.3	100.0
Apparel and upkeep	98.8	99.3	99.7	99.9	100.2	100.0	99.1	99.3	100.5	101.0	101.3	100.8
Transportation	99.6	99.0	99.4	99.7	100.2	100.8	100.9	100.6	99.9	100.1	100.0	99.5
Private	99.6	98.9	99.4	99.7	100.3	100.8	101.0	100.6	100.0	100.1	100.0	99.5
Public	100.3	100.3	100.1	99.6	99.3	100.0	99.8	100.0	100.2	100.0	99.7	100.6
Health and recreation	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Medical care	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Personal care	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Reading and recreation	99.9	99.8	99.7	100.0	100.1	100.1	100.1	99.8	100.2	100.1	100.0	99.9
Other goods and services	99.9	99.9	99.9	99.9	99.8	99.9	100.1	100.2	100.1	100.1	100.0	100.0
Special indexes:												
All items less shelter	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
All items less medical care	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
All items less mortgage interest costs	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
CPI - domestically produced farm foods	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
CPI - selected beef cuts	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)

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**Table 11. CPI—seasonal adjustment factors for use with 1976 indexes (calculated from data through December 1975)—Continued**

Item and group	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Food	( <sup>1</sup> )											
Food away from home	100.0	99.7	99.7	99.9	99.9	99.8	99.9	100.0	100.1	100.3	100.4	100.3
Restaurant meals	( <sup>2</sup> )											
Snacks	100.1	99.9	99.7	100.0	99.9	99.8	100.0	100.1	99.9	100.3	100.2	99.9
Food at home	( <sup>1</sup> )											
Cereals and bakery products	100.0	100.8	101.1	100.9	100.5	99.5	99.1	98.5	98.8	99.6	100.1	100.9
Flour	100.9	101.6	102.4	102.3	101.6	99.2	97.2	96.9	97.5	99.0	100.2	100.9
Cracker meal	98.8	100.0	101.1	100.5	101.3	101.4	100.0	99.2	99.1	99.8	99.6	99.0
Corn flakes	100.9	100.4	100.0	100.0	100.2	100.3	99.7	99.0	99.2	99.2	100.3	100.7
Rice	102.6	102.9	102.4	101.7	100.5	98.9	96.8	95.8	97.0	98.5	100.5	102.1
Bread, white	( <sup>2</sup> )											
Bread, whole wheat	99.7	100.4	100.5	100.5	100.4	99.3	98.9	99.1	99.7	100.1	100.7	100.6
Cookies	( <sup>2</sup> )											
Layer cake	99.8	100.1	100.9	100.5	100.3	99.5	99.3	98.8	100.1	99.5	100.6	100.5
Cinnamon rolls	100.5	100.8	100.3	100.5	100.4	99.7	98.8	98.0	99.1	100.0	100.7	101.2
Meats, poultry, and fish	98.9	100.1	100.7	99.6	98.4	99.3	101.6	101.7	101.7	100.6	99.3	98.1
Meats	98.7	100.2	101.9	99.9	97.5	97.6	101.5	101.9	102.0	101.1	99.5	98.0
Beef and veal	97.5	99.7	102.4	100.6	99.3	99.1	101.4	102.9	102.6	99.8	98.1	96.6
Steak, round	98.0	101.4	103.3	100.7	99.7	99.3	99.2	103.4	103.1	98.8	97.7	95.4
Steak, sirloin	96.7	99.0	101.2	99.6	98.6	99.9	103.3	105.1	103.8	100.1	97.3	95.4
Steak, porterhouse	97.1	99.3	100.2	99.1	98.4	100.2	103.5	104.5	102.8	100.5	98.1	96.5
Rump roast	97.8	101.2	102.9	100.6	100.1	99.6	99.5	102.9	102.6	99.0	97.7	96.0
Rib roast	98.9	99.7	101.1	99.8	98.7	99.7	100.8	102.9	101.8	100.4	98.2	97.9
Chuck roast	95.5	101.9	104.8	101.4	99.2	99.2	99.0	104.6	103.0	99.5	97.1	96.0
Hamburger	97.3	99.3	102.9	100.5	99.1	99.4	100.9	102.2	102.4	103.6	98.4	96.9
Beef liver	98.3	99.1	100.7	103.1	100.8	99.5	99.1	99.6	99.7	100.6	100.3	99.1
Veal cutlets	97.9	99.4	100.9	100.3	100.1	100.0	101.5	101.1	100.2	100.0	99.5	99.0
Pork	100.3	101.5	101.0	97.6	94.6	96.7	99.7	102.5	103.6	102.9	101.0	98.7
Chops	99.8	101.4	101.0	95.5	94.1	96.9	103.8	103.7	104.4	102.7	99.8	96.8
Loin roast	99.7	100.8	102.2	96.0	93.9	96.6	102.6	104.1	105.0	102.6	99.6	96.6
Sausage	98.4	99.9	100.6	99.1	97.8	95.4	98.1	102.9	103.8	103.6	101.7	98.8
Ham, whole	105.8	102.0	101.9	101.1	94.8	93.6	96.4	98.9	99.6	99.4	102.2	104.6
Picnics	100.2	101.0	102.5	101.8	96.1	93.1	97.6	102.5	102.4	102.6	100.9	99.5
Bacon	99.5	101.7	100.0	97.6	93.6	92.9	98.2	102.9	107.2	106.0	101.9	99.0
Other meats	99.2	100.2	100.6	99.4	98.7	98.6	99.2	101.1	101.2	101.2	100.5	100.1
Lamb chops	98.7	100.2	101.0	98.8	99.1	101.5	102.2	101.6	100.6	98.9	98.8	98.4
Frankfurters	97.5	99.4	101.0	100.2	97.8	97.9	99.3	102.4	102.1	102.2	100.7	99.5
Ham, canned	102.0	101.6	101.7	100.7	99.3	96.3	96.1	98.0	99.5	101.1	101.7	102.1
Bologna sausage	98.3	99.7	100.4	99.2	98.6	97.5	99.3	101.3	102.2	102.1	100.9	100.5
Salami sausage	98.7	99.3	99.9	99.3	99.3	98.2	99.5	101.1	101.3	101.7	101.2	100.4
Liverwurst	99.3	100.2	100.0	99.8	98.4	98.1	99.2	101.4	101.9	101.1	100.3	100.2
Poultry	97.9	98.5	99.9	99.6	96.9	98.9	102.8	103.4	103.4	101.9	101.1	99.1
Frying chicken	97.8	97.7	100.0	100.0	96.9	99.4	104.2	104.4	107.2	100.6	97.8	94.2
Chicken breasts	97.4	98.3	99.7	99.8	98.5	99.8	103.0	103.8	104.0	101.0	98.0	96.7
Turkey	100.6	97.8	99.7	99.0	96.5	97.0	97.0	99.9	102.6	103.9	104.5	101.6
Fish	( <sup>2</sup> )											
Shrimp, frozen	( <sup>2</sup> )											
Fish, fresh or frozen	( <sup>2</sup> )											
Tuna fish, canned	99.9	100.4	100.5	100.9	100.9	100.5	100.3	99.4	99.1	99.1	99.3	99.7
Sardines, canned	100.0	100.1	99.9	99.8	100.1	99.7	99.2	99.2	99.6	100.3	101.0	101.1
Dairy products	100.3	101.1	101.0	100.8	100.4	99.7	98.7	98.4	98.8	99.5	100.3	100.9
Milk, fresh, grocery	100.4	101.2	101.4	101.1	100.7	99.8	98.5	98.0	98.6	99.2	100.3	100.7
Milk, fresh, skim	100.0	101.0	101.2	100.9	100.7	100.1	99.0	98.4	98.9	99.2	100.0	100.6
Milk, evaporated	( <sup>2</sup> )											
Ice cream	100.6	100.5	100.5	100.0	99.8	99.8	99.1	98.8	98.9	100.1	100.4	101.5
Cheese, American process	100.4	101.4	101.1	101.4	101.2	100.5	99.0	98.2	97.7	98.3	100.2	100.5
Butter	101.6	100.7	100.0	99.0	97.8	96.2	97.1	98.3	100.7	102.8	102.6	103.4
Fruits and vegetables	97.8	99.4	100.1	100.9	102.0	105.2	105.4	102.9	97.2	95.6	96.8	96.8
Fresh fruits and vegetables	95.5	98.1	99.7	101.3	103.3	109.5	110.9	106.0	95.0	92.8	94.2	93.3
Fresh fruits	93.5	94.5	94.1	99.3	100.6	108.0	110.0	108.3	103.5	99.7	95.4	92.8
Apples	92.0	93.2	93.7	96.6	101.9	110.1	118.9	116.7	107.9	90.2	87.0	91.7
Bananas	92.9	96.6	96.0	103.7	103.2	107.0	105.9	101.8	101.4	101.5	96.2	93.4
Oranges	95.7	96.0	96.2	94.0	98.3	98.6	100.7	105.2	104.9	107.2	104.3	98.7
Orange juice, fresh	( <sup>2</sup> )											
Grapefruit	88.7	89.0	88.7	89.3	94.2	101.3	108.5	122.6	121.5	114.7	92.1	89.3
Grapes	-	-	-	-	-	120.3	98.9	-	87.6	94.3	98.9	-
Strawberries	-	-	-	-	95.2	94.9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Watermelon	-	-	-	-	-	119.7	96.0	84.3	-	-	-	-
Fresh vegetables	97.2	101.0	103.8	101.7	106.7	110.2	111.8	102.7	88.5	88.7	93.4	93.7
Potatoes	91.4	94.6	98.9	99.4	102.9	116.1	124.1	118.3	88.9	87.3	88.9	88.3
Onions	88.9	93.3	100.5	104.8	113.8	107.3	110.8	108.3	97.7	92.6	90.8	91.0
Asparagus	-	-	119.6	94.1	91.3	94.3	100.7	-	-	-	-	-
Cabbage	99.4	102.1	105.9	102.0	104.2	112.3	103.1	96.3	93.0	92.5	94.7	94.7
Carrots	98.6	101.5	102.1	96.0	98.6	102.8	104.8	104.4	93.0	99.4	96.6	102.3
Celery	102.2	100.7	98.5	91.7	100.5	102.2	110.7	101.4	95.4	97.1	101.8	97.8
Cucumbers	102.6	119.7	130.3	126.0	103.6	103.2	99.6	81.4	76.3	84.0	80.3	92.4
Lettuce	( <sup>2</sup> )											
Peppers, green	107.5	103.8	103.2	109.9	134.2	106.0	110.7	83.7	77.7	75.4	92.2	96.5

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**Table 11. CPI—seasonal adjustment factors for use with 1976 indexes (calculated from data through December 1976)—Continued**

Item and group	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
<b>Food—Continued</b>												
<b>Food at home—Continued</b>												
<b>Fruits and vegetables—Continued</b>												
<b>Fresh fruits and vegetables—Continued</b>												
<b>Fresh vegetables—Continued</b>												
Spinach	100.0	101.6	100.9	100.9	98.5	99.8	102.7	101.3	98.4	99.6	98.1	98.0
Tomatoes	111.8	111.1	106.7	99.5	99.8	112.9	112.1	85.1	79.2	81.2	95.2	104.8
Processed fruits and vegetables	100.1	100.4	100.7	101.2	100.3	99.9	99.4	99.0	99.4	99.2	99.9	100.2
Fruit cocktail, canned	100.3	100.3	100.3	100.0	99.1	99.0	99.2	99.5	100.3	100.2	101.0	100.9
Pears, canned	100.3	100.2	100.1	99.8	98.9	99.0	99.0	99.5	100.3	100.5	101.2	100.9
Pineapple-grapefruit drink, canned	100.4	100.2	100.0	99.8	99.2	98.7	99.1	99.9	99.5	100.9	101.0	100.8
Orange juice concentrate, frozen	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Lemonade concentrate, frozen	100.3	100.6	100.8	101.7	100.7	98.8	98.2	98.6	99.4	99.9	100.6	100.3
Beets, canned	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Peas, green, canned	100.6	100.7	100.4	100.0	99.2	98.6	99.5	99.3	99.8	100.3	100.8	100.8
Tomatoes, canned	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Dried beans	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Broccoli, frozen	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Other food at home	101.8	101.5	100.6	99.9	98.5	97.7	98.1	99.4	100.5	100.5	100.2	101.4
Eggs	109.3	108.5	101.1	98.3	91.7	87.4	90.2	97.2	105.7	102.2	100.5	107.9
Fats and oils	100.5	100.3	101.0	100.6	99.7	98.2	97.4	98.3	99.5	101.1	101.7	101.7
Margarine	100.6	100.7	101.1	100.4	99.0	97.8	96.8	97.2	100.9	101.8	102.8	102.0
Saled dressing, Italian	100.5	100.1	100.7	100.8	100.7	100.0	99.0	98.7	99.1	99.6	100.3	100.4
Saled or cooking oil	100.1	99.8	100.8	100.6	100.1	97.8	97.2	98.1	100.1	101.5	102.0	102.0
Sugar and sweets	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Sugar	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Grape jelly	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Chocolate bar	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Syrup, chocolate flavored	101.6	101.7	102.5	102.1	100.9	99.5	97.7	96.9	96.8	98.5	99.9	101.8
Nonalcoholic beverages	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Coffee	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Coffee, instant	99.1	99.7	99.6	100.0	100.4	100.8	100.5	100.0	100.3	100.2	99.8	99.4
Tea	99.5	100.1	100.3	100.3	100.3	100.3	100.0	100.2	99.8	99.7	99.4	100.1
Carbonated drink, cola flavored	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Carbonated drink, fruit flavored	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Prepared and partially prepared foods	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Bean soup, canned	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Chicken soup, canned	99.6	100.2	100.4	100.4	99.9	99.6	99.8	99.6	99.6	99.8	100.2	100.7
Spaghetti, canned	100.4	100.4	99.7	99.0	99.2	99.3	99.9	100.1	100.4	100.3	100.4	100.8
Mashed potatoes, instant	99.6	99.9	99.6	99.3	100.0	100.4	100.2	100.3	100.0	100.1	100.2	100.2
Potatoes, french fried, frozen	99.4	98.8	99.1	99.2	99.3	99.7	100.0	100.7	101.3	100.9	101.0	100.6
Baby foods	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Sweet pickle relish	101.1	101.0	101.9	101.5	100.0	98.8	98.3	98.5	98.3	99.2	100.2	101.1
Pretzels	98.7	99.8	100.1	100.3	100.7	101.0	100.0	100.2	100.5	99.8	99.6	99.1
Housing	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Shelter	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Rent, residential	100.1	100.1	100.1	100.1	100.0	100.0	99.9	100.0	99.9	99.9	99.9	99.9
Homeownership	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Mortgage interest rates	101.3	100.5	99.1	98.2	98.0	98.0	98.6	99.5	100.5	101.5	102.6	102.1
Property taxes	100.3	100.4	100.3	100.2	99.9	99.7	99.5	99.5	99.6	99.7	100.0	100.6
Property insurance premiums	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Maintenance and repairs	99.6	99.4	99.4	99.7	99.9	100.3	100.5	100.4	100.5	100.3	99.9	99.8
Maintenance and repair commodities	99.0	98.9	99.2	100.0	100.5	101.1	101.0	101.0	100.6	99.9	99.5	99.1
Exterior house paint	100.1	100.0	100.1	100.2	99.8	99.4	99.6	100.0	100.1	100.0	100.4	100.1
Interior house paint	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Maintenance and repair services	99.8	99.6	99.6	99.5	99.6	100.1	100.3	100.2	100.4	100.5	100.1	100.2
Repainting living and dining rooms	99.6	99.3	99.1	99.1	99.5	100.2	100.5	100.5	100.8	100.8	100.4	100.1
Reshingling house roof	99.6	99.5	99.4	99.4	99.9	100.5	100.6	100.5	100.6	100.3	99.8	99.8
Residing house	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Replacing sink	99.9	99.4	99.9	99.8	99.7	99.9	99.9	100.0	100.6	100.5	100.2	100.1
Repairing furnace	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Fuel and utilities	100.4	101.0	100.8	100.8	100.5	100.0	99.5	99.3	99.1	98.9	99.6	99.9
Fuel oil and coal	102.0	102.8	102.2	101.5	100.8	99.8	98.8	97.5	97.0	97.7	99.4	100.5
Fuel oil, No. 2	101.8	102.7	102.2	101.4	100.7	100.2	99.2	97.8	97.0	97.7	99.0	100.1
Gas and electricity	100.5	100.8	100.7	100.9	100.7	100.1	99.6	99.4	99.2	98.8	99.5	99.6
Gas	100.8	101.0	101.0	101.0	100.9	99.5	99.2	99.0	98.7	98.4	100.0	100.3
Electricity	100.1	100.5	100.9	101.0	100.5	100.5	100.1	99.7	99.7	99.2	98.7	98.9
Other utilities	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Residential telephone services	99.7	99.6	100.1	100.6	100.6	100.2	100.1	100.0	99.6	99.5	99.9	99.9
Residential water and sewerage services	99.6	99.5	99.7	100.0	100.1	100.2	100.0	100.0	100.3	100.3	100.3	100.0
Household furnishings and operation	99.5	99.6	99.8	100.0	100.0	100.2	100.0	99.9	100.2	100.3	100.3	100.1
Household furnishings	98.4	99.9	100.2	100.5	100.2	100.4	99.3	98.9	100.1	100.4	100.9	100.6
Textiles	96.5	99.8	100.7	101.4	99.4	101.8	98.6	96.3	101.0	101.7	102.0	100.7
Sheets, full, flat	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Curtains, tailored	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Bedspreads	97.4	99.4	100.9	101.0	101.2	101.2	99.7	98.5	99.7	99.8	100.5	100.4
Drapery fabrics	99.4	99.5	100.5	99.9	99.8	100.0	100.0	100.4	100.3	100.3	100.1	99.7

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**Table 11. CPI—seasonal adjustment factors for use with 1976 indexes (calculated from data through December 1976)—Continued**

Item and group	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Household furnishings and operation—Continued												
Housefurnishings—Continued												
Textiles—Continued												
Pillows, bed	98.8	100.2	100.7	101.2	100.2	100.5	97.0	96.6	99.3	101.4	102.0	102.2
Slipcovers and throws, ready-made	99.0	100.1	100.1	99.9	99.8	100.0	99.8	100.0	100.5	100.5	100.1	100.3
Furniture and bedding	99.4	99.0	99.7	100.0	100.5	100.5	100.1	100.0	100.2	100.2	100.2	100.0
Bedroom furniture, chest and dresser	99.6	99.0	99.4	99.7	100.1	100.4	100.2	100.2	100.4	100.4	100.3	100.1
Sofas, upholstered	99.5	99.2	99.5	100.0	100.0	100.3	99.8	100.0	100.3	100.5	100.5	100.3
Cocktail tables	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Dining room chairs	99.5	98.9	100.1	100.2	100.4	100.6	100.3	99.5	99.9	100.3	100.3	99.9
Recliners, upholstered	99.8	99.5	100.0	100.2	100.2	99.5	99.8	100.0	100.0	100.1	100.9	99.8
Sofas, dual purpose	99.8	99.2	99.7	99.7	100.3	100.4	100.2	99.7	100.4	100.1	100.2	99.9
Bedding, mattress and box springs	99.7	99.6	99.7	99.8	99.7	99.8	100.1	100.5	100.5	100.6	100.1	99.8
Aluminum folding chairs	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Cribs	99.6	99.6	100.2	99.2	99.8	100.4	100.6	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.1	100.4
Floor coverings	99.8	99.7	99.7	99.8	99.5	99.6	100.1	100.3	100.5	100.4	100.4	100.3
Broadloom carpeting	99.5	99.5	99.6	99.8	99.5	99.9	100.2	100.5	100.6	100.5	100.3	100.0
Vinyl sheet goods	100.2	100.0	99.7	99.5	99.4	99.3	99.5	99.9	100.3	100.5	101.0	100.8
Vinyl floor tile	100.2	100.0	100.0	99.9	99.3	99.8	100.2	100.3	100.4	100.1	100.1	99.6
Appliances (excluding radio and TV)												
Washing machines, electric	100.2	100.0	99.9	99.7	99.6	99.7	99.8	99.8	100.1	100.2	100.5	100.3
Vacuum cleaners	99.9	100.0	99.7	99.8	99.8	100.2	100.3	100.0	100.1	100.2	100.0	99.9
Refrigerators, refrigerator-freezers, electric	100.2	100.2	99.9	99.8	99.6	99.6	99.6	99.9	100.1	100.1	100.4	100.4
Ranges, free standing, gas or electric	100.0	99.8	99.8	99.6	99.5	99.5	99.6	99.6	100.1	100.2	100.7	100.5
Clothes dryers, electric	100.1	99.6	99.7	99.6	99.4	99.9	99.9	100.0	100.1	100.2	100.7	100.6
Air conditioners, demountable	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Room heaters, electric, portable	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Garbage disposal units	100.3	100.1	99.8	99.9	99.7	99.7	99.8	99.9	100.1	100.2	100.2	100.0
Other housefurnishings:												
Dinnerware, fine china	99.8	100.1	100.0	99.8	99.8	99.8	100.2	100.6	100.7	99.9	99.9	99.2
Flatware, stainless steel	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Table lamps, with shade	99.7	99.7	99.6	99.9	99.8	100.1	100.3	100.6	100.1	100.2	100.2	99.7
Lawn mowers, power, rotary type	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Electric drills, hand-held	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Housekeeping supplies:												
Laundry soaps and detergents	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Paper napkins	99.5	100.0	99.5	100.0	100.7	100.3	100.2	99.8	100.1	100.0	100.0	99.7
Toilet tissue	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Housekeeping services:												
Domestic services, general housework	99.1	98.7	98.8	99.1	99.8	100.3	100.6	101.0	101.2	101.0	100.5	99.6
Baby sitter services	99.2	98.7	99.0	99.3	99.7	100.8	100.8	100.7	101.0	100.8	100.2	99.6
Postal charges	98.7	99.2	100.0	100.9	101.7	101.5	101.1	100.5	100.2	99.3	98.7	98.1
Laundry, flatwork, finished service	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Licensed day care services, preschool child	99.9	99.7	99.8	99.6	99.7	99.7	99.7	100.1	100.4	100.5	100.6	100.3
Washing machine repairs	99.8	100.0	100.2	99.9	100.2	100.0	99.8	99.9	99.8	99.8	100.2	100.2
Apparel and upkeep												
Apparel commodities	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Apparel commodities less footwear	98.5	99.0	99.5	99.8	100.3	100.0	98.9	99.0	100.6	101.3	101.7	101.1
Men's and boys'	98.9	98.8	99.6	100.4	100.7	100.5	99.1	99.5	100.3	100.7	101.0	100.5
Men's:												
Topcoats and all-weather coats	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Suits, year round weight	98.0	97.5	99.1	100.9	101.4	101.0	97.6	98.7	100.2	101.7	102.1	101.5
Sport jackets	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Jackets, lightweight	99.6	99.6	100.2	100.2	100.5	100.3	99.6	99.7	100.2	100.2	100.0	99.8
Slacks, heavyweight	99.4	99.7	99.7	100.1	100.4	99.7	98.9	99.2	100.4	100.8	101.1	100.6
Slacks, lightweight	100.0	100.4	100.3	100.9	100.4	100.8	98.5	98.3	98.9	100.4	100.9	100.1
Trousers, work	99.3	99.6	99.7	100.2	100.4	100.3	100.3	100.4	100.1	100.1	99.8	99.5
Shirts, work	99.2	99.5	99.8	100.1	100.3	100.5	100.4	100.4	100.2	99.8	99.8	99.6
Shirts, business or dress	98.7	98.6	99.0	99.7	100.1	100.6	99.7	99.8	100.6	100.9	101.1	101.1
T-shirts	99.4	99.8	99.9	100.2	100.6	100.8	100.4	100.1	100.2	99.8	99.3	99.3
Socks	99.8	100.0	100.1	100.1	100.2	100.0	99.9	100.0	100.0	99.8	100.0	100.0
Handkerchiefs	99.3	99.8	100.3	100.2	100.4	100.6	100.2	100.4	100.4	99.9	99.5	98.6
Boys':												
Coats, heavyweight	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Sport coats, wool or wool blends	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Dungarees	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Undershorts	99.7	99.9	100.2	100.3	100.1	100.2	99.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.6
Women's and girls'	98.1	98.9	99.5	99.5	100.0	99.6	98.6	98.5	101.0	102.0	102.5	101.7
Women's:												
Coats, heavyweight	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Carcoats, heavyweight	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Sweaters	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Skirts, winter weight	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Skirts, summer weight	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Blouses	98.8	100.8	100.4	100.6	100.6	99.9	98.7	99.2	99.7	100.5	100.5	100.1
Dresses, street, year round weight	99.7	100.3	100.0	99.9	99.9	98.9	97.6	99.1	100.3	101.1	101.6	101.5
Slips	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)

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**Table 11. CPI—seasonal adjustment factors for use with 1976 indexes (calculated from data through December 1975)—Continued**

Item and group	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
<b>Apparel and upkeep—Continued</b>												
Apparel commodities—Continued												
Apparel commodities less footwear—Continued												
Women's and girls'—Continued												
Women's—Continued												
Panties .....	99.8	99.7	99.7	99.7	99.7	99.9	99.7	100.0	100.2	100.4	100.7	100.4
Girdles .....	99.0	99.9	99.8	100.5	100.5	99.4	99.2	100.4	100.4	100.2	100.3	100.3
Brassies .....	99.7	99.4	99.7	100.1	100.3	100.1	99.6	100.4	99.5	99.8	100.5	100.7
Hose or party hose, nylon .....	99.6	99.7	100.1	99.4	100.2	100.2	100.4	100.5	100.7	99.3	100.0	99.8
Anklets or knee-length socks .....	100.1	99.8	100.4	99.9	100.0	99.6	100.2	99.4	99.7	99.9	100.3	100.4
Gloves, fabric .....	99.0	100.2	100.3	100.4	100.7	100.6	99.5	99.8	99.9	99.9	100.0	99.4
Handbags .....	99.2	99.7	99.7	99.8	99.8	99.4	99.1	100.3	100.3	100.7	101.2	100.4
Girls':												
Raincoats .....	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Skirts, fall and winter .....	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Dresses .....	96.7	98.8	99.7	99.9	100.1	100.7	99.3	100.9	100.3	101.2	101.6	100.9
Stocks, fall and winter .....	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Slips .....	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Handbags .....	98.0	98.4	100.4	99.9	100.6	99.6	99.2	98.9	100.7	100.7	101.9	101.8
Miscellaneous apparel:												
Diapers .....	98.4	98.8	99.1	99.5	100.3	100.5	101.0	101.2	101.1	100.4	100.1	99.4
Yard goods .....	99.6	99.4	99.3	99.5	99.8	100.4	100.6	100.0	100.4	100.2	100.6	100.2
Wrist watches, men's and women's .....	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Footwear .....	99.6	99.6	100.0	100.3	100.4	99.9	99.5	99.8	100.1	100.3	100.5	99.9
Men's:												
Shoes, street .....	99.4	99.4	99.9	99.9	100.6	100.4	100.1	100.1	100.0	99.9	100.2	99.8
Shoes, work, high .....	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Women's:												
Shoes, street, pump .....	98.9	98.9	99.9	100.8	100.8	99.9	98.7	99.6	100.3	100.8	101.1	100.1
Shoes, evening, pump .....	99.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.9	99.6	99.4	99.7	100.3	100.2	100.7	100.4
Shoes, casual .....	100.1	99.2	100.3	100.8	100.6	100.1	98.6	99.1	99.5	100.4	100.7	100.5
Housetippers, scuff .....	99.8	99.5	99.6	99.6	100.0	99.6	100.0	100.3	100.4	100.4	100.3	100.1
Children's:												
Shoes, oxford .....	99.3	99.3	99.9	100.3	100.3	99.9	99.8	100.3	100.1	100.5	100.2	99.9
Sneakers, boys', oxford type .....	99.5	99.7	100.2	100.4	100.6	100.1	100.1	99.9	99.7	99.9	100.2	99.6
Dress shoes, girls' .....	100.4	100.4	100.6	100.8	100.1	99.3	98.9	99.8	100.1	100.0	100.1	99.2
Apparel services:												
Drycleaning .....	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Automatic laundry service .....	100.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.4	100.0	100.1	99.9	100.0	99.7	99.9	99.7
Laundry, men's shirts .....	100.2	100.2	100.0	99.7	99.8	99.9	99.9	100.1	99.8	100.0	99.9	100.3
Tailoring charges .....	100.0	100.0	99.8	99.9	99.9	99.8	99.8	99.9	100.0	100.1	100.3	100.3
Shoe repairs .....	99.9	99.9	99.7	99.7	99.8	99.7	99.7	99.8	100.3	100.3	100.4	100.4
Transportation												
Private .....	99.6	99.0	99.4	99.7	100.2	100.8	100.9	100.6	99.9	100.1	100.0	99.5
Automobiles, new .....	98.9	99.4	99.7	100.3	100.8	100.8	101.0	100.6	100.0	100.1	100.0	99.5
Automobiles, used .....	100.8	100.4	100.2	100.1	99.8	99.9	99.8	99.3	98.1	100.3	100.6	100.5
Gasoline, regular and premium .....	96.4	94.0	94.4	96.4	99.6	102.2	103.5	103.3	103.8	103.8	102.4	100.1
Motor oil .....	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Tires .....	99.8	100.0	100.1	100.1	100.2	100.2	100.3	100.1	100.1	99.7	99.6	99.6
Auto repairs (mechanical) and maintenance .....	99.7	99.8	99.7	99.4	99.7	100.1	100.5	100.1	100.1	100.0	100.3	100.4
Auto insurance premiums .....	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Auto registration fees .....	100.7	100.6	100.3	100.4	100.3	100.1	100.0	99.8	99.7	99.6	99.3	99.2
Parking fees, private and municipal .....	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Public .....	100.3	100.3	100.1	99.6	99.3	100.0	99.8	100.0	100.2	100.0	99.7	100.6
Local transit fares .....	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Taxicab fares .....	100.6	100.2	99.8	99.5	98.9	101.0	100.5	99.9	99.4	99.3	99.7	101.2
Railroad fares, coach .....	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Airplane fares, chiefly coach .....	100.5	100.0	99.5	99.1	98.5	101.2	100.4	99.8	100.3	99.9	99.4	101.4
Bus fares, intercity .....	100.3	99.9	100.1	100.1	99.8	100.5	100.3	99.4	99.8	99.2	99.4	101.0
Health and recreation												
Medical care .....	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Drugs and prescriptions .....	99.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.1	100.1	100.0	99.9	99.9
Over-the-counter items .....	99.8	99.9	100.1	100.0	100.2	100.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.9	99.9	99.7
Multiple vitamin concentrates .....	99.9	99.6	100.0	100.0	100.3	99.5	100.0	99.7	100.2	100.2	100.3	100.0
Aspirin compounds .....	99.9	99.9	99.8	99.6	100.0	99.9	100.3	100.1	100.3	100.4	100.0	99.7
Liquid tonics .....	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Adhesive bandages, packages .....	99.7	99.8	100.1	100.2	100.5	100.4	99.7	99.8	99.8	100.0	99.9	99.8
Cold tablets or capsules .....	100.0	100.1	100.4	100.3	100.2	100.1	100.1	100.0	99.7	99.4	99.6	99.8
Cough syrup .....	99.6	100.1	100.1	100.2	100.2	100.3	100.0	100.1	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8
Prescriptions .....	100.1	100.2	100.0	99.9	99.8	99.9	100.0	100.1	100.1	100.0	99.9	100.0
Anti-infectives .....	100.1	99.7	99.6	99.5	99.6	99.9	100.3	100.5	100.4	100.1	100.1	100.0
Sedatives and hypnotics .....	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Ataractics .....	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Antispasmodics .....	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Cough preparations .....	99.8	100.4	100.3	99.9	100.0	100.1	100.1	100.2	100.0	99.8	99.7	99.5
Cardiovasculars and antihypertensives .....	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 11. CPI—seasonal adjustment factors for use with 1976 indexes (calculated from data through December 1975)—Continued**

Item and group	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Health and recreation—Continued												
Medical care—Continued												
Over-the-counter items—Continued												
Prescriptions—Continued												
Analgesics, internal	99.8	100.2	100.2	100.2	100.3	100.2	100.2	99.9	99.8	99.5	99.7	99.7
Hormones	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Professional services:												
Physicians' fees	99.5	99.7	100.0	99.9	99.9	100.3	100.2	100.2	100.3	100.1	99.9	99.9
General physician, office visits	99.5	99.5	100.1	100.0	99.9	100.3	100.2	100.2	100.3	100.1	99.8	99.9
General physician, house visits	99.6	99.4	100.0	99.8	99.9	100.4	100.2	100.1	100.5	100.2	99.8	100.0
Obstetrical cases	99.3	99.7	99.8	99.7	100.1	100.3	100.3	100.4	100.4	100.1	100.0	99.8
Pediatric care, office visits	99.6	100.0	100.1	100.1	100.1	100.1	100.0	100.1	100.1	100.0	99.9	99.7
Psychiatrist, office visits	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Hemorrhoid, adult	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy	99.5	99.6	99.5	99.2	100.1	100.2	100.4	100.6	100.4	100.3	100.1	99.7
Dentists' fees	100.0	99.8	99.8	100.0	99.9	100.0	100.2	100.0	100.0	100.2	100.0	99.9
Fillings, adult, amalgam, one surface	100.0	99.8	99.8	100.0	99.9	100.1	100.2	100.0	100.0	100.2	100.0	99.9
Extractions, adult	99.9	100.0	99.9	100.0	99.9	100.2	100.4	100.1	99.8	100.0	99.9	99.7
Dentures, full upper	100.0	99.8	99.7	99.9	99.9	99.8	100.1	100.1	100.2	100.2	100.1	100.0
Other professional services:												
Examination, prescription, and dispensing of eyeglasses	99.6	99.8	99.7	99.9	100.2	100.3	100.2	100.3	100.1	100.1	100.0	99.8
Routine laboratory tests	99.5	99.9	99.5	99.5	100.0	99.9	100.1	100.5	100.7	100.4	100.2	99.8
Hospital service charges:												
Semiprivate rooms	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Operating room charges	99.7	100.4	100.4	100.2	99.9	99.6	99.7	99.9	99.8	100.1	100.1	100.2
X-ray, diagnostic series, upper GI	99.8	100.0	99.8	100.1	99.9	99.9	100.1	100.1	100.0	100.2	100.1	100.0
Laboratory tests	100.0	100.1	100.2	99.6	99.5	99.5	99.7	100.3	100.3	100.4	100.1	100.1
Anti-infectives	99.3	99.2	100.2	100.5	101.0	101.1	100.9	100.5	99.6	99.8	98.7	99.1
Tranquilizers	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Electrocardiogram	99.5	101.0	100.7	100.2	100.0	100.1	99.9	99.9	99.8	99.7	99.3	99.6
Intravenous solution	99.9	100.6	100.9	100.6	100.4	99.9	99.6	99.3	99.5	99.6	99.7	100.0
Physical therapy	99.5	99.9	99.9	100.8	100.6	100.1	99.9	100.4	100.2	99.8	99.5	99.3
Oxygen, inhalation therapy	100.2	100.8	100.8	100.4	99.7	99.6	99.6	99.7	99.5	99.5	99.9	100.0
Personal care:												
Toilet goods:												
Toothpaste, standard dentifrice	99.4	99.3	100.0	100.6	100.4	100.0	99.7	99.6	100.2	100.2	100.4	100.1
Toilet soap, hard-milled	99.7	99.6	99.2	99.1	99.6	100.4	100.3	100.1	100.0	100.5	100.6	100.6
Hand lotions	99.3	100.2	100.3	100.5	100.0	100.4	100.1	100.6	100.0	100.0	99.1	99.2
Shaving cream	99.8	100.4	100.1	100.5	100.1	99.9	99.8	99.5	99.6	99.9	100.1	100.1
Face powder	99.5	99.1	99.3	99.6	99.8	100.4	100.3	100.5	100.8	100.6	100.0	100.0
Deodorants	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Cleansing tissues	100.1	100.0	100.8	100.9	101.0	100.2	100.0	99.2	99.5	98.9	98.9	100.4
Home permanent wave kits	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Personal care services:												
Men's haircuts	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Beauty shop services:												
Women's haircuts	100.1	99.9	100.1	100.0	100.3	99.8	99.5	99.5	99.8	100.0	100.2	100.6
Shampoo and wave sets, plain	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Permanent waves, cold	99.8	99.7	99.8	99.7	100.2	100.4	100.4	100.2	99.9	100.0	99.9	99.8
Reading and recreation:												
Recreational goods:												
TV sets, portable and console	100.0	99.9	99.9	99.9	99.9	99.8	99.7	99.8	100.1	100.2	100.3	100.2
TV replacement tubes	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Radios, portable and table models	99.9	99.7	99.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.1	100.2	100.2	100.1	99.9
Tape recorders, portable	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Phonograph records, stereophonic	100.3	100.0	100.0	99.5	99.8	100.0	100.1	99.9	100.0	100.2	100.1	100.0
Movie cameras, 8mm	99.8	99.9	100.0	99.7	99.7	99.9	100.0	100.1	100.2	100.3	100.2	100.0
Film, 35mm, color	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Golf balls	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Basketballs, rubber or vinyl cover	99.5	99.9	99.5	99.9	100.0	100.1	100.2	100.1	100.2	100.5	100.3	99.7
Fishing rods, fresh-water spincasting	99.6	99.2	99.9	100.0	100.4	100.4	100.2	100.3	100.0	100.1	99.9	99.8
Bowling balls	99.9	99.7	99.5	99.6	99.6	99.9	100.1	100.4	100.4	100.6	100.2	100.0
Bicycles, boys'	99.0	99.2	99.6	99.9	100.4	100.5	100.6	100.6	100.7	100.2	100.1	99.2
Tricycles	99.4	99.7	100.0	99.6	99.8	100.2	100.3	100.2	100.6	100.4	100.1	99.7
Dog food, canned or boxed	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Recreational services:												
Indoor movie admissions	99.5	99.3	99.6	100.2	100.6	100.9	101.0	100.6	100.2	99.4	99.3	99.2
Adult	99.3	99.1	99.6	100.2	100.8	100.8	101.3	100.7	100.3	99.3	99.2	99.1
Children's	99.8	99.6	99.4	99.7	99.9	100.7	100.6	100.7	100.2	99.8	99.9	99.6
Drive-in movie admissions	99.4	99.4	99.0	99.1	100.0	101.1	101.1	100.8	100.4	100.0	100.0	99.5
Bowling fees, evening	100.7	100.8	100.6	100.5	99.9	99.3	99.1	98.3	98.9	99.8	101.1	100.9
Golf green fees	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
TV repair	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Film developing	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Reading and education:												
Newspapers, street sale and delivery	99.7	99.6	99.4	99.9	100.1	100.7	100.8	100.5	100.2	99.8	99.5	99.6
Magazines, single copy and subscription	98.3	98.4	98.5	100.3	101.5	102.2	101.6	101.0	100.5	99.9	98.7	99.0
Piano lessons, beginner	100.2	100.2	100.1	99.9	99.6	99.4	99.4	99.3	100.4	100.4	100.5	100.3

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 11. CPI—seasonal adjustment factors for use with 1976 indexes (calculated from data through December 1975)—Continued**

Item and group	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Health and recreation—Continued												
Other goods and services .....	99.9	99.9	99.9	99.9	99.8	99.9	100.1	100.2	100.1	100.1	100.0	100.0
Tobacco products .....	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.6	99.7	100.1	100.4	100.4	100.1	100.0	99.9	100.1
Cigarettes, nonfilter tip, regular size .....	99.7	99.8	99.8	99.7	99.7	100.1	100.3	100.4	100.2	100.1	100.0	100.1
Cigarettes, filter tip, king size .....	99.7	99.9	99.9	99.7	99.7	100.0	100.3	100.4	100.2	99.9	99.9	100.1
Cigars, domestic, regular size .....	( <sup>2</sup> )											
Alcoholic beverages .....	99.9	100.1	99.9	100.0	99.8	99.8	99.7	100.1	100.1	100.2	100.1	100.1
Beer, at home .....	( <sup>2</sup> )											
Whiskey, spirit blended and straight bourbon .....	100.0	100.1	100.1	100.0	99.7	99.7	99.8	100.1	100.2	100.2	100.1	100.1
Wine, dessert and table .....	99.7	99.8	99.8	100.1	100.2	100.1	100.3	100.0	100.0	99.9	100.0	99.9
Beer, away from home .....	100.2	100.1	99.7	99.8	99.8	99.7	99.9	100.0	100.1	100.1	100.4	100.2
Financial and miscellaneous personal expenses:												
Funeral services, adult .....	( <sup>2</sup> )											
Bank service charges, checking account .....	( <sup>2</sup> )											
Legal services, short form will .....	( <sup>2</sup> )											

<sup>1</sup> Seasonally adjusted indexes are dependently derived and, therefore, seasonal factors are not available in advance. See note on page 27 for further information.

<sup>2</sup> Series is not seasonally adjusted.

## Note on New Seasonal Adjustment Procedures

As announced earlier, effective with release of the index for January 1976, the procedures used for seasonally adjusting the CPI have been changed.

1. Seasonally adjusted values for the 11 indexes listed below are now derived by adding together their seasonally adjusted components. This procedure replaces the former practice of seasonally adjusting the all items CPI and its major components independently of each other. The new procedure, for example, will eliminate those situations in which seasonally adjusted changes in major components of the index are inconsistent with seasonally adjusted changes in the all items index.

- All Items
  - Commodities
    - Food
      - Food at home
    - Commodities less food
    - Nondurables less food
    - Apparel Commodities
      - Nondurables less food and apparel
  - Durables
  - Services
    - Services less rent

The 11 series will be derived by adding together seasonally adjusted values for the following index components:

Cereals and bakery products	Alcoholic beverages
Meats, poultry, and fish	Fuel oil and coal
Dairy products	Other nondurables
Fruits and vegetables	Household durables
Other food at home	New cars
Food away from home	Used cars

Men's and boys' clothing	Other durables
Women's and girls' apparel	Rent
Footwear	Household services less rent
Other apparel commodities	Transportation services
Gasoline and motor oil	Medical care services
Tobacco products	Other services

For example, the seasonally adjusted index for the food at home component will be derived by aggregating the seasonally adjusted values of its five major components: cereal and bakery products; dairy products; meats, poultry and fish; fruits and vegetables; and other food at home. The seasonally adjusted index for all items will be derived by aggregating the seasonally adjusted values for all 24 components. As a result of the new procedure, seasonal adjustment factors for the 11 series named will not be available in advance as they were under the former procedure. Implicit seasonal adjustment factors can be derived by dividing the unadjusted index by the seasonally adjusted index and multiplying the result by 100.

2. Except for these 11 series, estimates of seasonal adjustment factors will continue to be produced independently of each other. However, the method used to produce estimates of seasonal adjustment factors has been replaced by the X-11 Seasonal Adjustment Method developed at the Bureau of the Census.

3. Annual revisions of seasonal factors and seasonally adjusted indexes will be released with the January index instead of with the April index as in the past.

4. All seasonally adjusted series have been revised back to January 1967. No revisions have been made to seasonally adjusted indexes before 1967.

## Brief Explanation of the CPI

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) measures average changes in prices of goods and services usually bought by urban wage earners and clerical workers. 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 food, 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*

**Average standard errors of percent changes in the CPI based on 1975 data**

Component	Standard error		
	Monthly change	Quarterly change	Annual change
All items . . . . .	.04	.06	.13
Food at home . . . . .	.10	.17	.38
Food away from home . .	.11	.22	.36
Housing . . . . .	.08	.12	.26
Apparel and upkeep . . . .	.16	.22	.28
Transportation . . . . .	.07	.11	.13
Medical care . . . . .	.13	.17	.36
Personal care . . . . .	.14	.22	.46
Reading and recreation . .	.11	.16	.37
Other goods and services . . . . .	.08	.11	.22

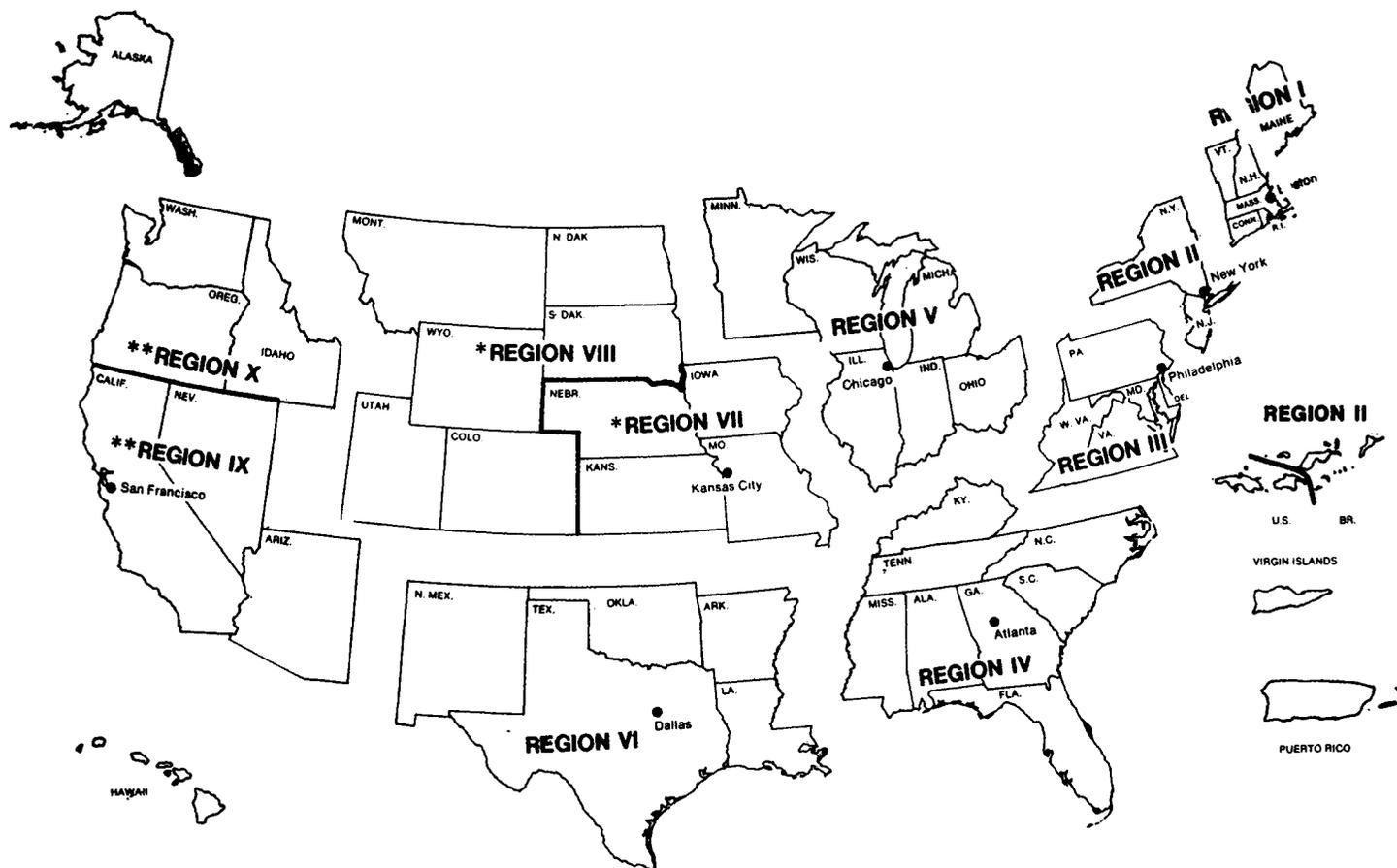
*changes* in the CPI for all items and for nine commodity groupings based on 1974 averages. The figures may be interpreted as follows: The changes are about 95 out of 100 that the percent change in the CPI as computed differs from the corresponding "complete coverage" change by less than twice the standard 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 for a 1-month period is almost always significant.

This replaces the table of average errors based on 1974 data which was included in the CPI report through December 1975.

<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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