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# Price Movements

## February 1975

The Consumer Price Index rose 0.7 percent in February to 157.2 percent of its 1967 base. Increases in a wide range of goods and services, including medical care services, utilities, rent, houses, clothing, fresh fruits and vegetables, and products containing sugar accounted for the rise in the February CPI. The effect of these increases was partially offset by lower prices for meats, sugar, and used cars.

In February 1975, the CPI was 11.1 percent higher than in February 1974. The food index was 8.9 percent, the nonfood commodities index 12.2 percent, and the services index 11.5 percent above their levels of February 1974.

### Seasonally adjusted changes

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the rise in the February CPI was 0.6 percent, the same as in January. The rise in food prices was much smaller than in January, but the increase in nonfood commodities was larger. The CPI rose 0.7 percent in December, and 0.9 percent in both November and October.

The food index rose 0.1 percent in February after seasonal adjustment, much less than in January and the smallest increase in 7 months. The slowdown in February was primarily due to declines in beef, pork, poultry, and sugar prices. Prices of sugar-based products,

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

Month	Changes from preceding month							Changes in all items	
	All items		Food		Commodities less food		Serv-ices	Compound annual rate	From 12 months ago
	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	Unad-justed	From 3 months ago	
								Seasonally adjusted	Unad-justed
<b>1974:</b>									
February .....	1.3	1.2	2.5	2.2	1.0	1.1	0.7	12.2	10.0
March .....	1.1	1.1	1.0	.6	1.5	1.4	.8	14.2	10.2
April .....	.6	.5	-.3	.4	1.1	.9	.6	11.7	10.1
May .....	1.1	1.1	.7	.9	1.4	1.1	1.0	11.0	10.6
June .....	1.0	.9	.4	.3	1.3	1.2	1.0	10.3	11.0
July .....	.7	.7	.1	-.4	1.0	1.3	1.1	11.1	11.5
August .....	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.5	1.1	12.4	11.0
September .....	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.9	1.1	1.0	1.1	14.2	12.0
October .....	.9	.9	.7	1.3	.9	.6	.9	15.0	12.0
November .....	.8	.9	1.0	1.4	.8	.8	.8	13.0	12.1
December .....	.7	.7	1.1	.7	.4	.4	.9	10.1	12.2
<b>1975:</b>									
January .....	.5	.6	.7	.8	0	.6	.8	9.2	11.7
February .....	.7	.6	.4	.1	.7	.8	.8	8.1	11.1

however, continued to rise rapidly. Prices of most other grocery store foods—notably fresh fruits and vegetables and eggs—and prices of restaurant meals also rose in February.

The nonfood commodities index rose 0.8 percent after seasonal adjustment. Although larger than in either of the 2 preceding months, the February increase was less than increases in the first 9 months of 1974. The new car index, which declined in December and January, rose in February, to reflect higher prices for imported cars. The index for apparel commodities also increased following 2 months of decline. Prices of many other commodities, particularly nondurable goods, continued to rise rapidly. Increases in prices of household durables, however, were smaller than in recent months.

The index for services increased 0.8 percent in February, about the same as in each of the preceding 4 months. Charges for medical care services and utilities continued to rise rapidly in February, while increases in charges for home repair and personal care services were smaller than in recent months, and mortgage interest rates continued to decline.

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

*Food.* The index for food purchased in grocery stores—the major portion of the food index—rose 0.4 percent, slightly less than the usual seasonal increase for February. A large part of the increase was due to higher prices for fresh fruits and vegetables and products which contain sugar. Prices of dairy products rose slightly. The effect of these increases was partially offset by declines in sugar, beef, pork, and poultry prices.

Fresh fruit and vegetable prices rose more than they usually do in February. Banana prices rose sharply because of reduced imports caused by storm damage in Central America. Higher prices for oranges reflected the earlier effects of uncertainty in wholesale markets due to freeze damage to the California and Texas crops. Reduced planting in winter producing areas as well as gaps in production caused by a shift in harvesting to different areas resulted in higher prices for fresh vegetables such as lettuce, tomatoes, carrots, and cabbage. Prices of most processed fruits and vegetables continued to rise because of smaller pack last fall, increases in sugar prices last year, and higher processing and distribution costs. However, the effect of these increases was more than offset by sharp declines in dried bean prices from the record levels of 1974.

The rise in prices of dairy products was partly due to the January increase in the U.S. support prices of milk used in butter, cheese, and nonfat dry milk. USDA raised

the support level for manufacturing milk to \$7.24 per 100 pounds effective January 4, 1975, up 10 percent from the previous \$6.57 level. The new support price will remain in effect through the marketing year which ends March 1976. (See *Dairy Situation*, Economic Research Service, Department of Agriculture, March 1975.) Rising demand also contributed to the rise in butter prices and higher ingredient costs—particularly sugar—to the rise in ice cream prices.

Prices of other products which contain sugar—such as bakery products, candy bars, and nonalcoholic beverages—continued to rise rapidly as manufacturers used their inventories of high-priced sugar. Sugar prices, however, continued to decline in response to lower prices at the wholesale level. In the first 2 months of 1975, sugar prices at the retail level declined a total of 14.5 percent, but were still more than 200 percent higher than a year earlier. At wholesale, prices of 5 pound-bags of granulated sugar declined about 20 percent from December 1974 to February, but they were still 178 percent higher than in February 1974. Raw sugar prices in February were down about 30 percent from the November 1974 peak but they were about 150 percent higher than in February 1974.

Beef, pork, and poultry prices declined in February instead of moving up seasonally. Heavy marketings of cattle and hogs and increased poultry slaughter in January contributed to the February declines in prices for meats and poultry. In addition, declines in pork and poultry prices would appear to reflect competitive pressures from the steady and large declines in beef prices since September. Egg prices also declined in February but not as much as they usually do.

The index for food away from home—restaurant meals and snacks—increased 0.9 percent in February, about the same as in recent months.

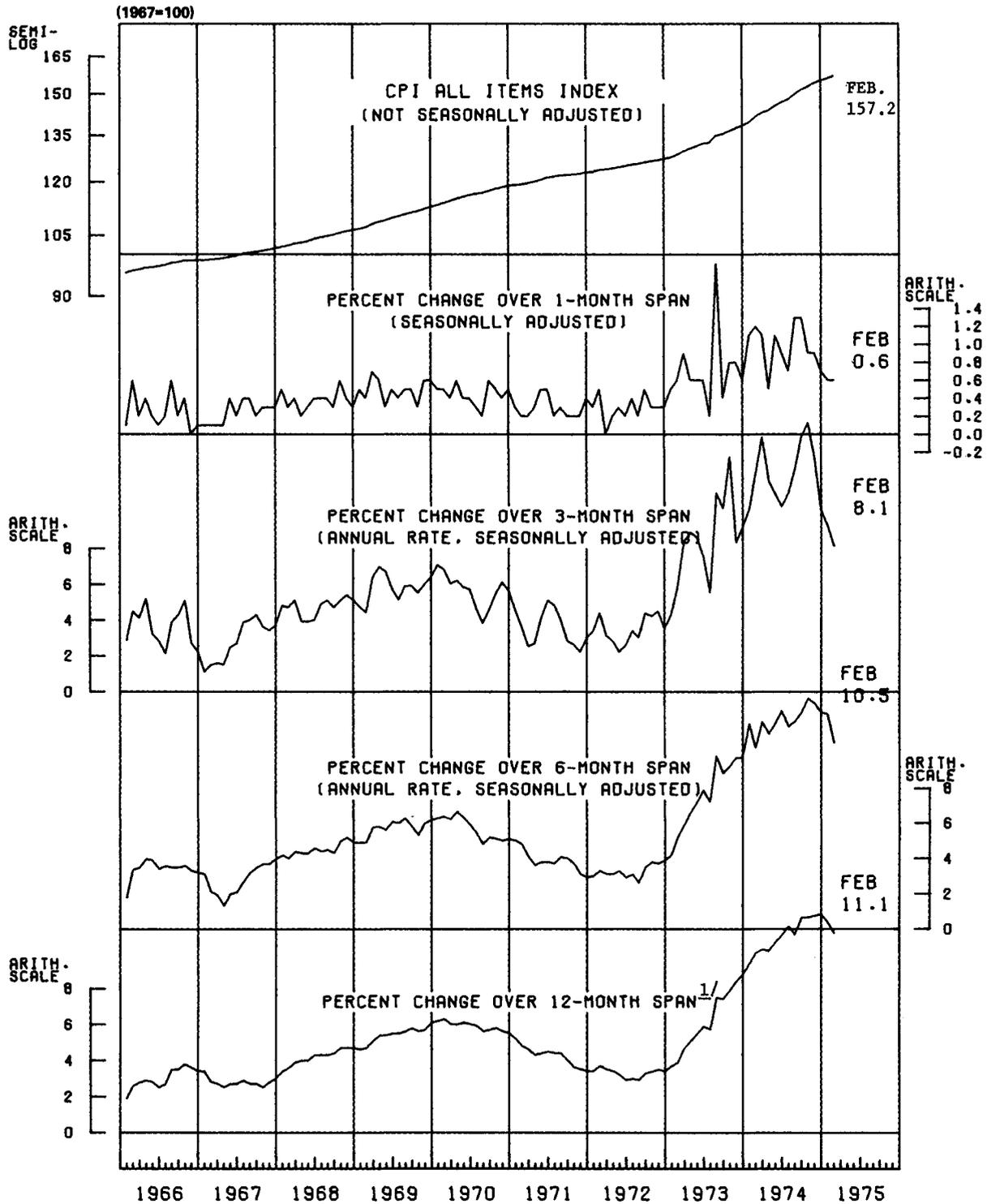
*Nonfood commodities.* The index for nonfood commodities increased 0.7 percent instead of decreasing slightly as it usually does in February. Increases were widespread, particularly for nondurable goods. The apparel index rose somewhat more than is usual in February, as a result of higher introductory prices for spring items and end of clearance sales on some other items. Largest increases occurred among men's and boys' clothing and in prices of women's footwear. Prices of textile housefurnishings rose sharply following the end of traditional January white sales. Continued large increases in prices of housekeeping supplies, alcoholic beverages, toilet goods, drugs and prescriptions, and tobacco products reflect higher materials and packaging costs as well as relatively strong demand. Fuel oil and

gasoline prices also increased. (See table 10 for gasoline prices and indexes in 23 urban areas.)

Among durable goods, the index for new cars rose instead of moving down as it usually does in February. The increase was primarily due to higher prices for new model imported cars. Prices of most domestic models decreased because of larger dealer concessions and continuation of rebate programs begun in January. The used car index continued to decline, but less than in December or January. There were also increases in prices of houses, appliances, recreational goods, dinnerware, and flatware.

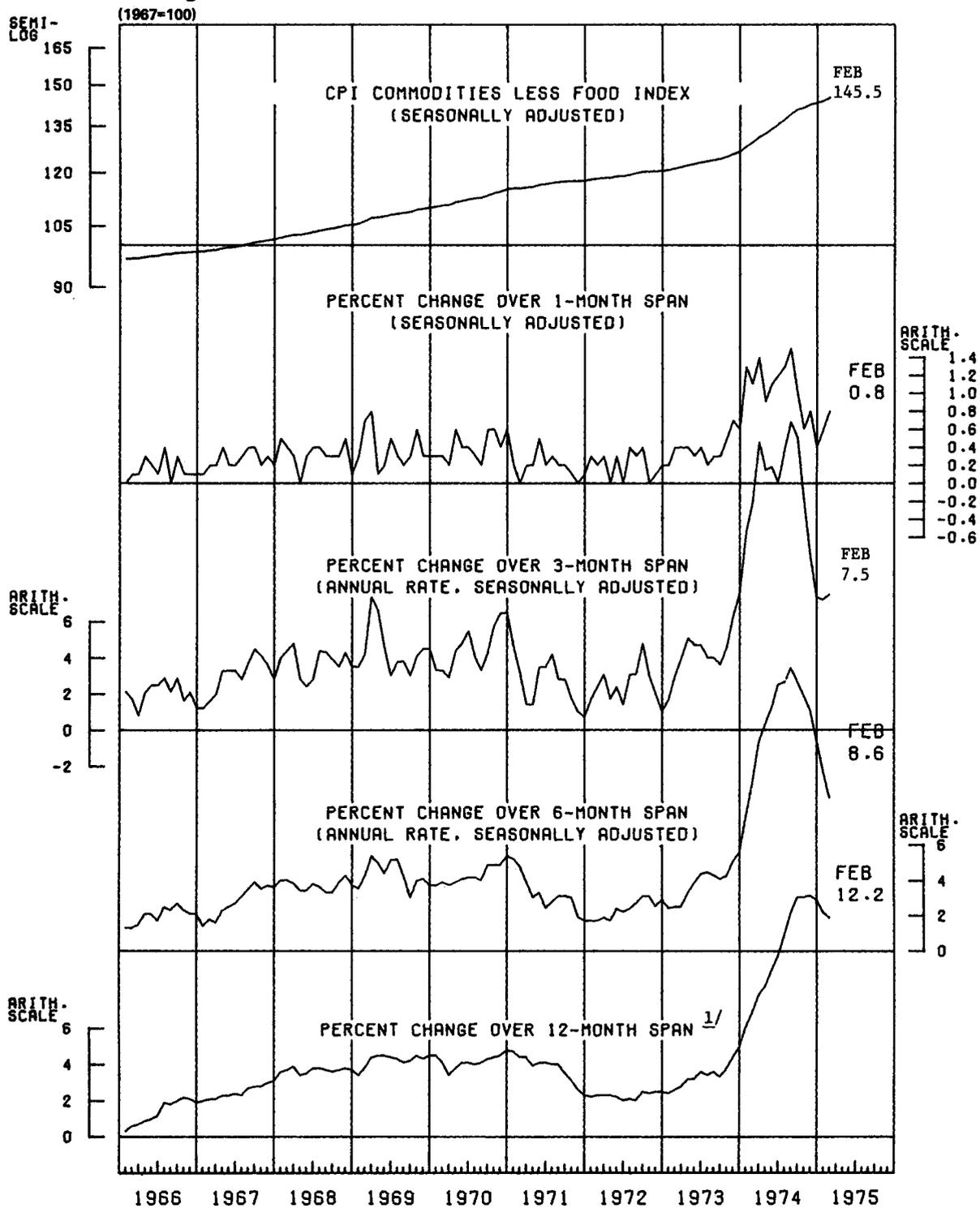
*Services.* The services index rose 0.8 percent in February. Almost a fourth of the rise resulted from higher charges for medical care services—both physicians' fees and hospital services. Charges for all types of household services, except mortgage interest rates, increased. Higher fuel costs continued to be a primary source in the rise of gas and electricity bills. The January increase in minimum wages accounted in part for the increase in house-keeping charges. Increases in home maintenance and repair services, however, reflecting lower prices for materials and decreased demands.

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



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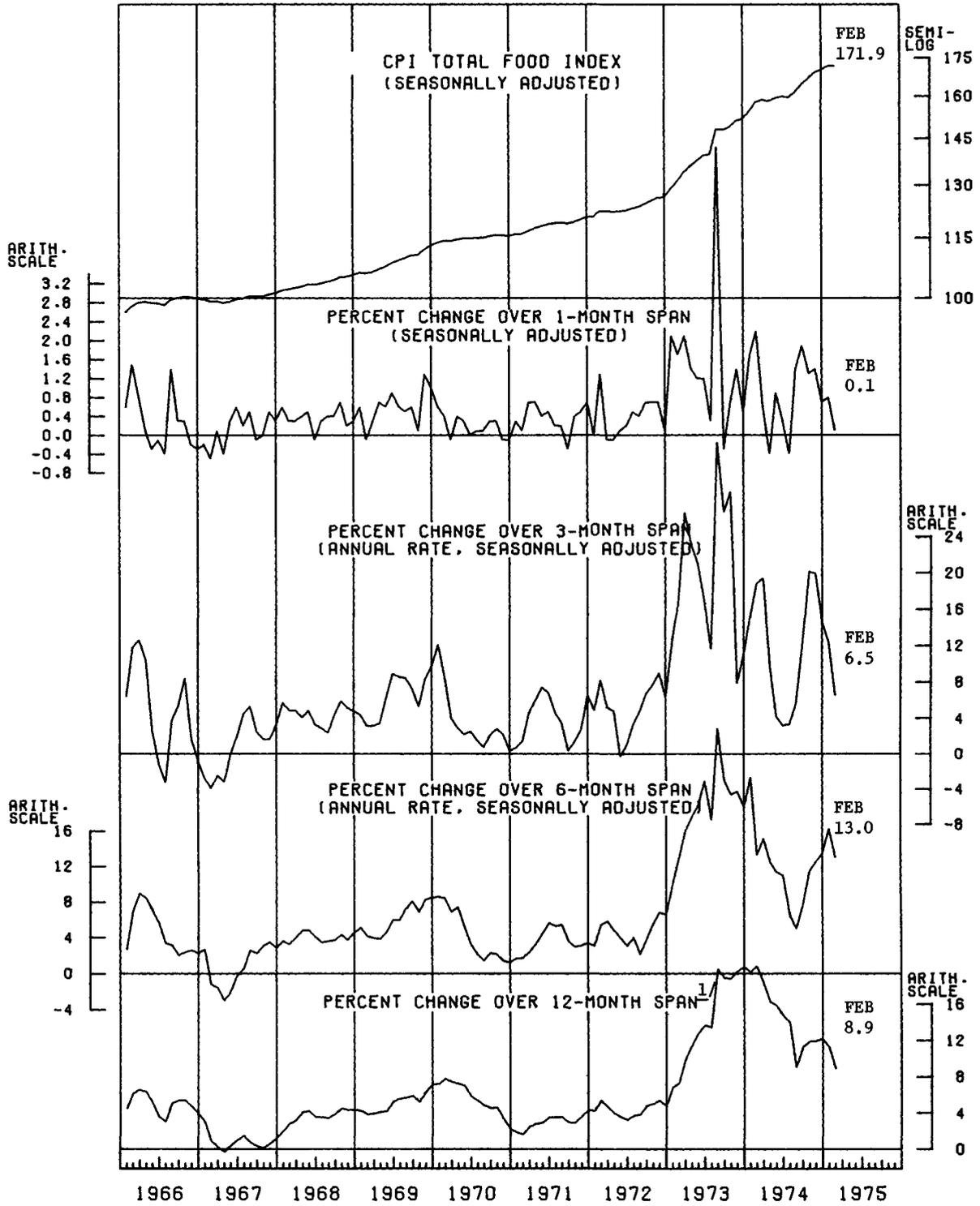
**Chart 2. Commodities less food index and its rates of change, 1966-75**



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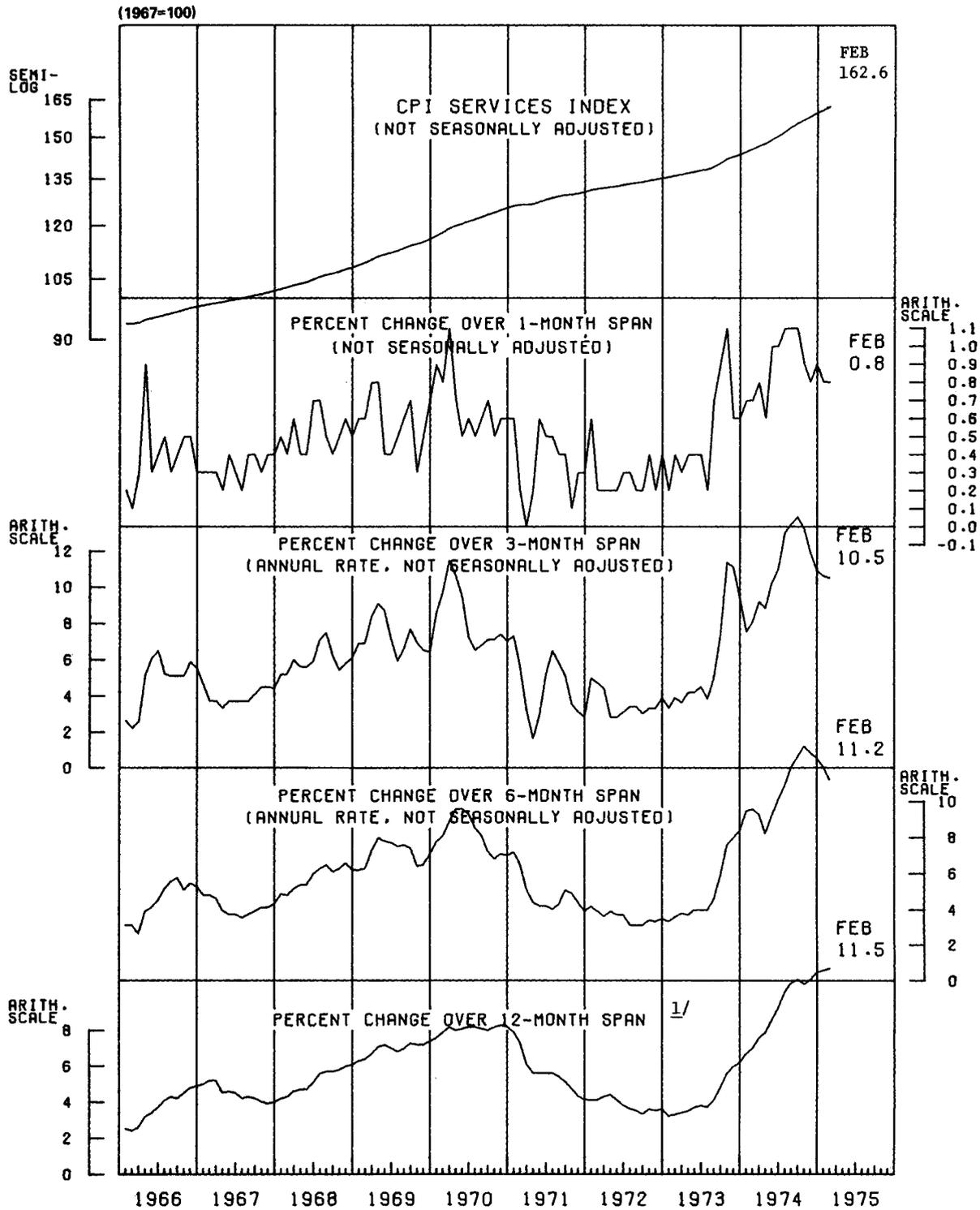
**Chart 3. Total food index and its rates of change, 1966-75**

(1967=100)



<sup>1/</sup> Computed from the unadjusted series.  
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**Chart 4. Services index and its rates of change, 1966-75**



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

Group	Relative importance	Unadjusted indexes 1967=100 unless otherwise noted		Unadjusted percent change to February 1975 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		December 1974	January 1975	February 1975	February 1974	January 1975	November to December	December to January
<b>Commodity and service groups</b>								
All items	100.000	156.1	157.2	11.1	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6
All items (1957-59=100)		181.6	182.8	-	-	-	-	-
Commodities	63.762	153.4	154.4	10.8	.7	.7	.7	.6
Food	24.785	170.9	171.6	8.9	.4	.7	.8	.1
Food at home	19.657	171.4	172.0	8.2	.4	.8	.6	-.1
Cereals and bakery products	2.882	185.3	187.3	21.3	1.1	2.3	2.0	.8
Meats, poultry, and fish	6.140	163.5	162.7	-6.6	-.5	.8	-.9	-1.7
Dairy products	2.887	155.2	155.6	4.2	.3	1.7	-.3	.1
Fruits and vegetables	3.111	163.5	166.7	6.9	2.0	-2.1	.1	1.5
Other foods at home	4.637	193.4	193.1	30.5	-.2	3.3	-.2	1.0
Food away from home	5.128	169.0	170.5	11.7	.9	1.0	1.1	.9
Commodities less food	38.977	143.9	144.9	12.2	.7	.4	.6	.8
Nondurables less food	23.255	147.2	148.2	11.0	.7	.4	.5	.5
Apparel commodities <sup>1</sup>	8.273	138.6	139.2	6.8	.4	-.1	-.3	.2
Men's and boys'	2.617	140.0	140.6	8.8	.4	.1	-.3	.6
Women's and girls'	3.611	135.1	135.4	4.1	.2	-.6	-.7	-.8
Footwear	1.438	142.2	143.0	7.1	.6	-.2	.4	.7
Nondurables less food and apparel	14.982	152.3	153.6	13.4	.9	.7	.8	.9
Gasoline and motor oil	3.388	159.7	160.1	8.8	.3	-.4	.9	.8
Tobacco products	1.936	152.1	152.8	9.9	.5	*1.3	*.8	*.5
Alcoholic beverages	2.315	139.3	140.7	11.1	1.0	*.4	*.6	*1.0
Fuel oil and coal	1.028	228.9	229.5	13.6	.3	-.3	-.7	0
Other nondurables	6.316	145.8	147.7	17.9	1.3	1.1	1.1	1.1
Durable commodities	15.722	139.3	140.3	13.7	.7	.8	.6	1.0
Household durables	4.575	136.8	137.3	12.1	.4	.5	.8	.4
New cars	1.905	123.4	124.5	10.5	.9	-.1	-1.8	1.2
Used cars	2.026	134.9	133.5	29.6	-1.0	*-2.3	*-2.5	*-1.0
Other durables	7.217	147.2	149.3	12.1	1.4	1.4	1.6	1.6
Services	36.238	161.3	162.6	11.5	.8	*.9	*.8	*.8
Rent	4.568	134.0	135.1	5.5	.8	*.5	*.4	*.8
Services less rent	31.670	166.2	167.5	12.3	.8	*.9	*.8	*.8
Household services less rent	15.856	179.0	180.4	14.8	.8	1.0	.9	1.1
Transportation services	4.796	146.5	147.2	5.8	.5	.7	-.5	.3
Medical care services	5.473	170.7	172.9	14.4	1.3	.9	1.3	1.2
Other services	5.545	148.8	149.7	9.4	.6	.8	.7	.7
<b>Special indexes:</b>								
All items less food	75.215	151.8	153.0	11.8	.8	.6	.7	.9
Nondurable commodities	48.040	158.7	159.6	9.9	.6	.6	.6	.4
Apparel commodities less footwear	6.835	137.9	138.5	6.9	.4	-.1	-.4	.1
Services less medical care services	30.765	159.8	160.9	11.0	.7	*.9	*.7	*.7
Insurance and finance	9.634	175.1	176.3	11.4	.7	1.2	.5	.9
Utilities and public transportation	5.246	149.9	151.4	10.7	1.0	1.0	1.2	.7
Housekeeping and home maintenance service	4.691	188.8	189.7	17.5	.5	.2	.9	.6
Appliances (including radio and T. V.)	1.445	116.0	116.4	9.6	.3	*.6	*.7	*.3
<b>Expenditure classes</b>								
All items	100.000	156.1	157.2	11.1	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6
Food	24.785	170.9	171.6	8.9	.4	.7	.8	.1
Housing	33.766	161.2	162.7	13.5	.9	.9	1.0	1.1
Shelter <sup>2</sup>	21.293	164.3	165.8	11.8	.9	1.1	1.0	1.2
Rent	4.568	134.0	135.1	5.5	.8	*.5	*.4	*.8
Homeownership <sup>3</sup>	16.335	175.6	177.3	13.8	1.0	1.3	1.2	1.2
Fuel and utilities <sup>4</sup>	5.008	160.5	162.2	13.0	1.1	.8	1.1	.8
Gas and electricity	2.548	160.2	162.7	18.5	1.6	1.6	1.9	1.4
Household furnishings and operation	7.465	153.2	154.7	18.9	1.0	1.0	.8	1.0
Apparel and upkeep	9.633	139.4	140.2	7.5	.6	-.1	-.2	.4
Transportation	2.715	143.2	143.5	11.0	.2	0	-.3	.7
Private	11.450	142.2	142.5	11.8	.2	-.1	-.1	.6
Public	1.266	152.2	152.3	4.2	.1	.9	.1	-.1
Health and recreation	18.723	148.9	150.2	11.7	.9	*.8	*.9	*.9
Medical care	6.241	161.0	163.0	13.7	1.2	1.0	1.3	1.2
Personal care	2.519	146.5	147.8	13.0	.9	.7	.9	.9
Reading and recreation	5.222	141.0	141.8	10.0	.6	.9	.8	.8
Other goods and services	4.742	144.8	145.9	10.3	.8	.9	.7	.8
<b>Special indexes:</b>								
All items less shelter	78.707	154.1	155.0	10.9	.6	.7	.6	.4
All items less medical care	93.759	155.9	156.9	10.9	.6	.7	.6	.6
All items less mortgage interest costs	95.615	154.0	155.1	10.7	.7	.7	.5	.6
CPI - domestically produced farm foods <sup>5</sup>	17.214	168.7	169.3	5.6	.4	*.8	*.5	*.4
CPI - selected beef cuts <sup>6</sup>	1.976	156.6	154.8	-14.1	-1.1	*-2.4	*-1.9	*-1.1
<b>Purchasing power of consumer dollar:</b>								
1967=\$1.00	-	\$0.641	\$0.636	-10.0	-.8	-	-	-
1957-59=\$1.00	-	.551	.547	-	-	-	-	-

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

\* Not seasonally adjusted.

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

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

Group	Seasonally adjusted indexes (1967=100)				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
	November 1974	December 1974	January 1975	February 1975	3 months ending in				6 months ending in	
					May 1974	August 1974	November 1974	February 1975	August 1974	February 1975
Commodity and service groups										
All items -----	-	-	-	-	11.0	12.4	13.0	8.1	11.7	10.5
Commodities -----	152.0	153.0	154.0	154.9	10.7	12.2	12.8	7.9	11.5	10.3
Food -----	169.2	170.4	171.8	171.9	4.1	5.6	19.9	6.5	4.9	13.0
Food at home -----	170.0	171.3	172.4	172.3	2.3	3.8	22.2	5.5	3.0	13.5
Cereals and bakery products -----	178.0	182.1	185.7	187.1	28.3	9.9	26.0	22.1	18.7	24.0
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	166.3	167.7	166.2	163.4	-31.9	2.0	17.6	-6.8	-16.6	4.7
Dairy products -----	152.9	155.5	155.0	155.1	16.2	-9.2	5.4	5.9	2.7	5.6
Fruits and vegetables -----	169.6	166.1	166.2	168.7	46.8	-18.8	11.9	-2.1	9.2	4.7
Other foods at home -----	184.3	190.3	190.0	191.9	15.8	43.1	48.7	17.5	28.7	32.2
Food away from home -----	165.7	167.4	169.2	170.8	11.4	12.2	10.3	12.9	11.8	11.6
Commodities less food -----	142.9	143.5	144.3	145.5	14.6	17.1	9.8	7.5	15.8	8.6
Nondurables less food -----	146.5	147.1	147.8	148.6	16.8	15.8	5.9	5.9	16.3	5.9
Apparel commodities <sup>1</sup> -----	140.5	140.3	139.9	140.2	9.8	17.1	2.3	-9.9	13.4	.7
Men's and boys' -----	141.3	141.5	141.1	142.0	13.8	14.7	5.3	2.0	14.3	3.6
Women's and girls' -----	138.7	137.9	137.0	135.9	8.5	18.9	-1.4	-7.8	13.6	-4.7
Footwear -----	142.4	142.1	142.6	143.6	8.9	10.3	6.1	3.4	9.6	4.8
Nondurables less food and apparel -----	150.2	151.3	152.5	153.8	20.9	14.8	8.4	9.9	17.8	9.2
Gasoline and motor oil -----	158.7	158.1	159.5	160.7	52.7	2.5	-14.8	5.1	25.1	-5.4
Tobacco products (not seasonally adjusted) -----	149.0	150.9	152.1	152.8	4.7	16.9	7.9	10.6	10.6	9.2
Alcoholic beverages (not seasonally adjusted) -----	138.0	138.5	139.3	140.7	8.1	16.8	11.8	8.1	12.4	9.9
Fuel oil and coal -----	230.1	229.5	227.8	227.7	22.4	22.6	15.8	-4.1	22.5	5.4
Other nondurables -----	143.0	144.6	146.2	147.8	14.4	20.5	22.6	14.1	17.4	18.3
Durable commodities -----	137.6	138.7	139.6	141.0	11.4	19.1	14.2	10.3	15.2	12.2
Household durables -----	135.4	136.1	137.2	137.7	11.2	17.5	12.7	7.0	14.3	9.8
New cars -----	123.9	123.8	121.6	123.0	11.2	19.9	14.8	-2.9	15.5	5.6
Used cars (not seasonally adjusted) -----	141.6	138.4	134.9	133.5	52.2	77.3	32.4	-21.0	64.2	2.3
Other durables -----	142.6	144.6	146.9	149.3	10.0	8.5	10.1	20.2	9.2	15.0
Services (not seasonally adjusted) -----	158.6	160.0	161.3	162.6	10.2	13.5	11.9	10.5	11.9	11.2
Rent (not seasonally adjusted) -----	132.8	133.5	134.0	135.1	4.1	5.0	5.9	7.1	4.6	6.5
Services less rent (not seasonally adjusted) -----	163.3	164.8	166.2	167.5	11.2	14.6	13.0	10.7	12.9	11.8
Household services less rent -----	175.2	177.0	178.6	180.6	14.2	16.7	15.5	12.9	15.4	14.2
Transportation services -----	145.6	146.6	145.8	146.2	6.8	7.6	7.5	1.7	7.2	4.5
Medical care services -----	167.3	168.8	171.0	173.1	10.7	20.5	12.1	14.6	15.5	13.3
Other services -----	146.6	147.7	148.8	149.8	10.0	9.1	9.5	9.0	9.6	9.3
<b>Special indexes:</b>										
All items less food -----	150.1	151.0	152.0	153.3	12.5	15.6	10.5	8.8	14.0	9.6
Nondurable commodities -----	157.4	158.3	159.3	159.9	10.6	10.0	12.6	6.5	10.3	9.5
Apparel commodities less footwear -----	140.2	140.0	139.4	139.5	10.8	17.5	2.3	-2.0	14.1	.1
Services less medical care services (not seasonally adjusted) -----	157.3	158.7	159.8	160.9	10.0	12.1	12.3	9.5	11.0	10.9
Insurance and finance -----	171.7	173.8	174.6	176.1	6.7	13.6	14.7	10.7	10.1	12.7
Utilities and public transportation -----	146.5	148.0	149.8	150.8	11.6	9.5	9.2	12.3	10.5	10.7
Housekeeping and home maintenance service -----	187.2	187.5	189.2	190.3	27.1	21.6	15.4	6.8	24.3	11.0
Appliances (including radio and T. V.) (not seasonally adjusted) -----	114.5	115.2	116.0	116.4	5.0	12.9	14.0	6.8	8.9	10.4
Expenditure classes										
All items -----	-	-	-	-	11.0	12.4	13.0	8.1	11.7	10.5
Food -----	169.2	170.4	171.8	171.9	4.1	5.6	19.9	6.5	4.9	13.0
Housing -----	158.0	159.4	161.0	162.7	12.5	15.1	13.7	12.4	13.8	13.1
Shelter <sup>2</sup> -----	160.7	162.5	164.1	166.0	9.5	11.8	12.3	13.9	10.6	13.1
Rent (not seasonally adjusted) -----	132.8	133.5	134.0	135.1	4.1	5.0	5.9	7.1	4.6	6.5
Homeownership <sup>3</sup> -----	171.0	173.3	175.4	177.5	10.7	14.2	14.2	16.1	12.4	15.2
Fuel and utilities <sup>4</sup> -----	157.3	158.6	160.3	161.6	16.0	13.0	12.0	11.4	14.5	11.7
Gas and electricity -----	154.0	156.5	159.4	161.7	21.1	17.8	13.5	21.6	19.5	17.5
Household furnishings and operation -----	151.0	152.5	153.7	155.2	20.4	22.8	21.2	11.6	21.6	16.3
Apparel and upkeep -----	140.9	140.8	140.5	141.0	10.4	16.1	3.8	.3	13.2	2.0
Transportation -----	143.4	143.4	142.9	143.9	20.5	16.5	6.4	1.4	18.5	3.9
Private -----	142.6	142.4	142.2	143.1	23.4	17.3	6.4	1.4	20.3	3.9
Public -----	150.4	151.8	151.9	151.8	2.2	7.0	3.5	3.8	4.6	3.7
Health and recreation (not seasonally adjusted) -----	146.3	147.5	148.9	150.2	9.9	15.0	10.8	11.1	12.4	10.9
Medical care -----	157.8	159.3	161.3	163.2	10.4	18.6	11.7	14.4	14.4	13.0
Personal care -----	144.3	145.3	146.6	147.9	11.8	14.7	15.1	10.4	13.2	12.7
Reading and recreation -----	138.7	139.9	141.0	142.1	8.6	10.7	10.4	10.2	9.7	10.3
Other goods and services -----	142.6	143.9	144.9	146.0	6.5	15.1	9.8	9.9	10.7	9.9
<b>Special indexes:</b>										
All items less shelter -----	152.7	153.7	154.6	155.2	11.3	13.4	12.4	6.7	12.4	9.5
All items less medical care -----	154.2	155.3	156.2	157.1	10.9	12.4	12.9	7.7	11.6	10.3
All items less mortgage interest costs -----	152.4	153.5	154.3	155.3	11.0	12.5	11.8	7.8	11.7	9.8
CPI - domestically produced farm foods (not seasonally adjusted) -----	166.4	167.8	168.7	169.3	.2	4.1	11.3	7.2	2.1	9.2
CPI - selected beef cuts (not seasonally adjusted) -----	161.9	158.0	156.6	154.8	-32.7	11.0	-12.9	-16.4	-13.6	-14.7

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

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

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

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

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

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

Area <sup>1</sup>	Pricing schedule <sup>2</sup>	Indexes			Percent change from:		
		1967=100	1957-59=100	Other bases	February 1974	November 1974	January 1975
February 1975							
U. S. city average -----	M	157.2	182.8		11.1	1.9	0.7
Chicago -----	M	154.4	175.4		9.8	1.6	.8
Detroit -----	M	156.7	180.0		9.0	.9	.7
Los Angeles-Long Beach -----	M	152.2	179.0		11.7	2.4	.9
N. Y.—Northeastern N. J. -----	M	163.2	194.2		9.5	1.4	.9
Philadelphia -----	M	160.4	187.4		10.7	1.2	.5
January 1975							
Boston -----	1	156.4	187.3		10.1	2.2	
Houston -----	1	159.4	182.3		14.6	3.4	
Minneapolis-St. Paul -----	1	156.2	181.0		11.3	1.5	
Pittsburgh -----	1	154.4	177.6		10.8	1.4	
February 1975							
Buffalo -----	2	157.6		<sup>3</sup> 173.3	9.3	1.6	
Cleveland -----	2	157.7	178.0		11.0	3.1	
Dallas -----	2	154.0		<sup>3</sup> 166.5	10.3	1.8	
Milwaukee -----	2	152.2	171.8		9.5	1.5	
San Diego -----	2	157.2		<sup>4</sup> 165.2	12.1	2.4	
Seattle -----	2	151.8	178.4		11.8	2.6	
Washington -----	2	157.9	183.9		9.7	1.2	
December 1974							
Atlanta -----	3	155.9	179.2		12.2	2.2	
Baltimore -----	3	160.0	185.8		13.7	1.7	
Cincinnati -----	3	153.8	174.5		12.6	2.3	
Honolulu -----	3	148.2		<sup>5</sup> 159.8	11.6	2.0	
Kansas City -----	3	152.7	181.3		13.6	3.1	
St. Louis -----	3	148.6	173.6		11.1	1.9	
San Francisco-Oakland -----	3	152.1	181.1		12.5	2.7	

<sup>1</sup> Area coverage includes the urban portion 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> Foods, fuels, and several other items priced every month in all cities; most other goods and services priced as indicated:

M - Every month.

1 - January, April, July, and October.

2 - February, May, August, and November.

3 - March, June, September, and December.

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

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

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

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

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

Group	U. S. city average	Chicago	Detroit	Los Angeles-Long Beach	New York—Northeastern New Jersey	Philadelphia
All items -----	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.9	0.9	0.5
Food -----	.4	.9	.4	.4	.8	.2
Housing -----	.9	1.3	.9	1.5	1.0	.4
Apparel and upkeep -----	.6	.5	-.7	.4	2.5	.4
Transportation -----	.2	0	0	.3	.1	.3
Health and recreation -----	.9	.5	1.5	1.3	.6	1.0
Medical care -----	1.2	.7	2.4	1.9	1.5	1.5
Personal care -----	.9	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
Reading and recreation -----	.6	.2	.3	.9	.1	1.5
Other goods and services -----	.8	1.1	1.4	.9	.7	.5

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

<sup>2</sup> Not available.

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

Group	U.S. city average	Chicago	Detroit	Los Angeles—Long Beach	New York—Northeastern New Jersey	Philadelphia
Indexes (1967=100)						
All items -----	157.2	154.4	156.7	152.2	163.2	160.4
Food -----	171.6	173.0	167.8	166.3	176.5	174.0
Food at home -----	172.0	174.3	167.6	169.2	177.5	173.1
Cereals and bakery products -----	187.3	193.4	192.8	185.8	188.4	189.3
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	162.7	165.3	158.9	161.3	167.0	166.4
Dairy products -----	155.6	153.0	157.2	152.2	161.4	153.3
Fruits and vegetables -----	166.7	172.5	154.4	163.3	181.3	168.5
Other food at home -----	193.1	197.0	186.1	186.6	198.2	194.4
Food away from home -----	170.5	167.8	169.2	158.2	173.7	178.1
Housing -----	162.7	153.9	161.4	156.8	169.3	168.6
Shelter -----	165.8	157.6	170.0	159.7	170.2	177.4
Rent, residential -----	135.1	( <sup>2</sup> )	134.0	( <sup>2</sup> )	150.8	( <sup>2</sup> )
Homeownership -----	177.3	170.1	177.2	168.4	184.7	186.6
Fuel and utilities -----	162.2	144.6	152.1	152.7	182.4	168.3
Fuel oil and coal -----	229.5	209.6	216.4	-	237.4	221.3
Gas and electricity -----	162.7	141.8	159.7	174.5	190.8	176.8
Household furnishings and operation -----	154.7	148.6	140.8	149.1	159.3	152.8
Apparel and upkeep -----	140.2	134.5	134.5	134.3	141.3	134.7
Men's and boys' -----	140.6	130.1	142.2	129.5	138.1	141.1
Women's and girls' -----	135.4	133.7	121.2	132.1	137.5	120.6
Footwear -----	143.0	137.3	144.2	140.1	139.7	142.7
Transportation -----	143.5	144.7	142.7	144.7	151.9	146.8
Private -----	142.5	141.5	141.4	146.1	147.7	146.0
Public -----	152.3	165.0	158.8	117.6	168.1	151.4
Health and recreation -----	150.2	150.6	157.7	143.7	156.5	155.2
Medical care -----	163.0	162.0	180.3	159.5	174.8	176.5
Personal care -----	147.8	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	144.9	( <sup>2</sup> )
Reading and recreation -----	141.8	142.8	143.9	131.2	147.2	144.8
Other goods and services -----	145.9	149.3	149.2	139.8	153.5	149.2
Percent changes November 1974 to February 1975						
All items -----	1.9	1.6	0.9	2.4	1.4	1.2
Food -----	2.3	3.0	-.2	2.1	2.6	1.5
Food at home -----	2.2	3.0	-.7	2.4	2.8	1.4
Cereals and bakery products -----	5.5	5.1	-.4	5.9	4.7	5.3
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	-.8	-.7	-3.6	.1	-.1	-2.1
Dairy products -----	1.9	3.9	1.2	.5	3.9	.8
Fruits and vegetables -----	1.5	1.3	-.6	-.6	1.2	2.2
Other food at home -----	5.0	5.7	2.0	5.4	7.0	4.2
Food away from home -----	2.6	3.5	2.2	1.7	2.2	2.1
Housing -----	2.8	2.6	1.4	3.6	1.5	1.8
Shelter -----	2.9	2.9	1.4	4.4	1.1	.7
Rent, residential -----	1.7	( <sup>2</sup> )	3.8	( <sup>2</sup> )	32.3	( <sup>2</sup> )
Homeownership -----	3.3	3.9	1.4	5.3	-.3	.6
Fuel and utilities -----	3.2	1.8	.9	1.8	1.9	5.1
Fuel oil and coal -----	.1	-.7	1.6	-	-.9	.0
Gas and electricity -----	5.6	4.3	2.4	2.8	5.3	10.7
Household furnishings and operation -----	2.5	1.9	1.2	1.5	2.2	1.8
Apparel and upkeep -----	-1.5	-2.7	-2.7	-1.5	-1.6	-2.7
Men's and boys' -----	-1.4	-2.5	-2.5	.1	-1.1	-3.1
Women's and girls' -----	-4.3	-5.9	-5.8	-3.9	-5.2	-6.2
Footwear -----	.1	-.2	-.1	-.3	.8	-.6
Transportation -----	.1	-1.0	.0	1.0	.5	.1
Private -----	-.1	-1.3	-.1	.9	.3	-.3
Public -----	1.9	1.1	1.5	2.3	.8	2.9
Health and recreation -----	2.7	2.3	3.4	3.2	1.9	2.6
Medical care -----	3.5	3.3	5.4	3.0	3.8	4.3
Personal care -----	2.5	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	.3	( <sup>2</sup> )
Reading and recreation -----	2.2	2.7	1.2	3.5	1.4	2.1
Other goods and services -----	2.2	1.2	3.4	3.9	1.3	1.6

See footnotes at end of table.

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

Group	Buffalo	Cleveland	Dallas	Milwaukee	San Diego	Seattle	Washington
Indexes (1967=100)							
All items -----	157.6	157.7	154.0	152.2	157.2	151.8	157.9
Food -----	168.9	169.8	168.1	169.0	170.8	165.4	176.6
Food at home -----	168.5	170.2	166.4	169.9	169.3	168.3	176.4
Cereals and bakery products -----	192.0	195.4	179.8	188.2	183.6	186.2	191.7
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	160.4	157.7	153.7	158.3	163.9	161.7	160.0
Dairy products -----	150.1	154.5	148.8	155.0	152.3	157.1	144.6
Fruits and vegetables -----	160.5	164.8	161.9	167.8	163.8	156.4	176.5
Other food at home -----	186.9	189.4	189.3	189.5	185.0	186.1	213.7
Food away from home -----	171.6	168.4	174.7	164.8	174.0	155.7	176.7
Housing -----	164.5	155.6	153.9	147.4	168.8	159.5	157.2
Shelter -----	158.5	157.2	159.5	143.7	183.5	165.2	157.5
Rent, residential -----	137.5	121.4	119.8	133.8	145.5	127.1	136.9
Homeownership -----	162.5	163.7	177.5	146.7	199.4	176.5	169.7
Fuel and utilities -----	192.2	156.9	132.2	155.0	142.8	155.4	157.9
Fuel oil and coal -----	230.8	-	-	234.0	-	214.2	227.1
Gas and electricity -----	198.9	165.1	130.4	152.0	155.3	124.7	173.0
Household furnishings and operation -----	160.9	148.4	153.6	152.0	143.8	148.6	155.9
Apparel and upkeep -----	151.2	144.2	140.2	147.7	138.7	137.5	144.0
Men's and boys' -----	171.0	141.4	146.6	152.5	141.9	142.4	144.1
Women's and girls' -----	147.6	146.4	131.7	140.9	133.4	126.1	134.7
Footwear -----	138.6	140.9	140.8	154.3	138.1	140.3	148.9
Transportation -----	141.8	149.4	149.0	146.9	146.3	130.7	146.3
Private -----	140.6	145.2	148.4	140.9	147.8	133.6	145.5
Public -----	155.0	177.1	157.6	220.4	119.3	113.7	151.2
Health and recreation -----	147.7	160.4	150.2	147.0	142.9	143.1	153.6
Medical care -----	151.5	180.0	157.8	157.3	156.8	153.8	175.2
Personal care -----	150.6	157.2	154.5	149.9	142.1	143.7	144.5
Reading and recreation -----	144.3	146.9	142.2	143.1	133.2	139.4	138.0
Other goods and services -----	145.8	154.0	144.9	140.7	137.7	136.8	154.8
Percent changes November 1974 to February 1975							
All items -----	1.6	3.1	1.8	1.5	2.4	2.6	1.2
Food -----	2.0	2.7	2.4	2.6	2.1	2.4	1.8
Food at home -----	2.1	2.5	2.3	2.9	1.9	2.5	1.4
Cereals and bakery products -----	5.8	9.6	4.9	5.6	7.2	5.4	6.4
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	-2.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.1	-7	.0	-3.1
Dairy products -----	-1	2.5	.9	2.2	.6	2.3	.6
Fruits and vegetables -----	3.1	2.0	2.6	5.2	-7	2.6	2.4
Other food at home -----	6.1	3.5	5.6	4.2	5.1	4.1	4.3
Food away from home -----	1.7	3.4	2.6	1.5	2.4	2.0	2.7
Housing -----	2.1	5.0	2.3	1.2	3.4	3.2	.4
Shelter -----	1.0	6.5	2.5	.9	3.6	2.9	-1
Rent, residential -----	1.7	.9	1.1	2.1	1.0	2.9	1.6
Homeownership -----	.9	7.4	3.0	.5	4.3	2.9	-8
Fuel and utilities -----	4.3	1.8	1.2	1.4	2.6	6.7	1.0
Fuel oil and coal -----	-2.6	-	-	.2	-	2.2	-2.0
Gas and electricity -----	6.7	2.9	2.8	2.7	5.1	7.0	2.6
Household furnishings and operation -----	3.2	1.3	2.3	1.9	3.5	2.3	1.5
Apparel and upkeep -----	-.6	-2.1	-.1	-.7	-.8	1.0	-.6
Men's and boys' -----	-2.9	-1.3	-.5	.0	1.3	1.6	-1.2
Women's and girls' -----	.6	-4.2	-.8	-2.8	-4.9	-.4	-3.1
Footwear -----	-1	-1.7	.4	.5	-4	1.7	.8
Transportation -----	.7	-.1	-.1	1.1	1.4	.8	1.0
Private -----	.6	-.5	-.4	.2	1.3	.2	1.0
Public -----	1.7	1.9	3.6	8.7	3.3	4.8	.9
Health and recreation -----	2.3	4.5	2.7	1.9	3.3	3.4	2.5
Medical care -----	3.2	6.7	2.7	3.0	4.6	4.6	3.9
Personal care -----	4.4	2.8	4.7	1.9	1.9	2.4	2.6
Reading and recreation -----	2.0	4.6	1.5	2.2	2.2	3.6	.9
Other goods and services -----	.5	2.4	2.7	.5	3.8	2.4	3.0

<sup>1</sup> See footnote 1, table 3.  
<sup>2</sup> Not available.

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

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

Group	Buffalo	Cleveland	Dallas	Milwaukee	San Diego	Seattle	Washington
Indexes (1967=100)							
All items -----	149.5	147.8	145.3	144.1	147.2	141.5	150.0
All items (1957-59=100)-----	<sup>2</sup> 164.3	166.9	<sup>2</sup> 157.1	162.7	<sup>3</sup> 154.7	166.3	174.8
Food -----	160.1	161.1	157.9	158.1	159.6	155.8	166.9
Food at home -----	159.9	162.1	156.4	158.8	158.7	158.2	166.9
Cereals and bakery products -----	168.9	166.9	160.5	166.4	158.4	162.6	169.7
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	163.8	158.6	156.5	159.3	167.1	164.4	163.5
Dairy products -----	149.0	160.0	147.3	150.6	147.0	149.9	144.2
Fruits and vegetables -----	161.4	168.7	155.3	159.4	156.8	149.8	180.9
Other food at home -----	154.9	160.8	159.8	159.7	156.0	160.6	175.6
Food away from home -----	162.0	156.4	163.7	155.7	163.0	148.1	166.7
Housing -----	154.9	142.2	143.6	140.2	155.2	146.2	149.6
Shelter -----	153.6	143.1	148.4	138.7	169.7	151.8	152.0
Rent, residential -----	132.3	118.6	116.9	128.8	141.8	118.1	131.6
Homeownership -----	157.6	147.4	162.6	141.8	181.5	161.7	163.9
Fuel and utilities -----	176.6	144.8	127.8	147.3	132.7	143.4	147.7
Fuel oil and coal -----	224.3	-	-	219.4	-	201.9	219.8
Gas and electricity -----	177.9	148.1	122.6	141.8	142.1	115.6	153.7
Household furnishings and operation -----	143.7	136.7	141.5	139.4	129.0	135.0	143.6
Apparel and upkeep -----	145.7	141.5	136.9	141.6	137.3	130.7	140.7
Men's and boys' -----	166.9	138.3	143.2	146.3	137.0	133.1	141.3
Women's and girls' -----	141.3	146.8	132.6	136.0	141.0	124.4	138.6
Footwear -----	133.3	138.1	136.9	145.9	134.9	132.8	142.8
Transportation -----	136.3	145.8	142.4	140.0	138.4	124.6	139.4
Private -----	134.5	141.6	141.8	135.5	139.8	127.7	137.9
Public -----	156.5	172.7	151.3	195.2	112.9	106.7	148.6
Health and recreation -----	138.7	148.1	140.7	138.5	133.1	132.8	144.0
Medical care -----	142.1	164.3	147.7	147.4	143.9	141.6	161.1
Personal care <sup>4</sup> -----	136.7	144.7	144.7	141.0	131.5	133.9	133.9
Reading and recreation -----	137.0	135.7	132.4	136.2	126.5	129.4	133.3
Other goods and services -----							
Percent changes 1973-74							
All items -----	10.9	10.2	10.1	9.6	11.1	11.0	11.1
Food -----	13.5	13.4	12.7	14.2	14.3	14.3	14.7
Food at home -----	13.6	13.4	12.7	14.6	14.2	15.6	15.8
Cereals and bakery products -----	31.6	31.9	28.9	28.4	29.3	32.8	30.3
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	3.4	-2.0	-1.3	1.2	2.0	4.3	2.3
Dairy products -----	17.0	19.5	20.7	19.3	18.8	18.7	17.0
Fruits and vegetables -----	11.1	18.6	11.5	16.6	19.1	14.9	17.5
Other food at home -----	21.5	23.4	24.0	25.6	21.3	23.7	30.5
Food away from home -----	13.8	13.5	12.8	12.3	14.8	9.8	12.1
Housing -----	12.1	9.4	9.5	7.7	10.5	12.5	11.3
Shelter -----	9.1	8.2	8.8	4.9	10.0	11.6	10.2
Rent, residential -----	4.8	3.1	3.1	5.0	3.6	8.8	5.9
Homeownership -----	9.7	8.9	10.9	4.9	12.2	12.3	12.4
Fuel and utilities -----	23.0	14.6	5.7	12.4	11.7	19.3	15.9
Fuel oil and coal -----	64.3	-	-	57.7	-	56.9	60.9
Gas and electricity -----	23.4	18.7	4.7	4.9	17.3	5.7	19.2
Household furnishings and operation -----	13.5	11.0	12.8	12.7	12.0	11.5	12.4
Apparel and upkeep -----	8.2	9.2	6.4	6.5	8.3	6.3	7.5
Men's and boys' -----	12.0	12.0	10.5	9.4	10.1	5.2	8.4
Women's and girls' -----	5.8	9.6	1.8	3.0	4.7	3.3	3.6
Footwear -----	5.7	4.5	4.3	9.2	6.7	6.5	6.4
Transportation -----	10.9	12.2	15.4	11.1	13.3	11.2	10.5
Private -----	11.8	13.9	16.6	11.9	13.7	11.8	12.5
Public -----	2.9	3.5	3.2	5.1	5.2	6.1	1.7
Health and recreation -----	7.1	7.9	7.4	8.1	7.9	7.4	9.0
Medical care -----	9.1	8.9	7.9	10.0	10.6	9.0	11.6
Personal care -----	9.4	11.1	10.5	11.1	8.1	11.1	9.8
Reading and recreation -----	4.7	6.0	6.3	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.3
Other goods and services -----	6.2	7.0	5.3	6.8	5.5	5.6	6.8

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

<sup>2</sup> November 1963=100.

<sup>3</sup> February 1965=100.

<sup>4</sup> 1974 annual average for New York is 138.2.

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

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	171.6	172.0	187.3	162.7	155.6	166.7	193.1	170.5
Atlanta	177.1	179.8	189.4	169.5	165.0	172.1	201.1	167.8
Baltimore	174.7	175.1	185.2	168.0	150.9	169.9	199.7	173.2
Boston	171.8	171.5	188.8	164.6	151.1	165.2	192.0	172.5
Buffalo	168.9	168.5	192.0	160.4	150.1	160.5	186.9	171.6
Chicago	173.0	174.3	193.4	165.3	153.0	172.5	197.0	167.8
Cincinnati	174.7	177.8	195.7	165.0	171.8	170.1	200.1	162.9
Cleveland	169.8	170.2	195.4	157.7	154.5	164.8	189.4	168.4
Dallas	168.1	166.4	179.8	153.7	148.8	161.9	189.3	174.7
Detroit	167.8	167.6	192.8	158.9	157.2	154.4	186.1	169.2
Honolulu	172.9	173.0	194.5	163.0	164.5	165.7	186.8	171.8
Houston	177.1	175.0	184.9	165.7	166.4	169.6	191.0	184.7
Kansas City	174.3	175.7	187.6	161.2	171.9	165.6	198.3	169.8
Los Angeles-Long Beach	166.3	169.2	185.8	161.3	152.2	163.3	186.6	158.2
Milwaukee	169.0	169.9	188.2	158.3	155.0	167.8	189.5	164.8
Minneapolis-St. Paul	174.2	173.3	190.9	164.7	157.2	168.1	190.4	177.9
N. Y.-Northeastern N. J.	176.5	177.5	188.4	167.0	161.4	181.3	198.2	173.7
Philadelphia	174.0	173.1	189.3	166.4	153.3	168.5	194.4	178.1
Pittsburgh	174.1	172.9	192.6	164.4	151.1	166.3	194.7	181.7
St. Louis	169.5	169.7	197.7	155.4	157.7	167.7	184.6	168.5
San Diego	170.8	169.3	183.6	163.9	152.3	163.8	185.0	174.0
San Francisco-Oakland	166.3	170.9	183.6	163.1	152.0	168.2	192.1	150.2
Seattle	165.4	168.3	186.2	161.7	157.1	156.4	186.1	155.7
Washington	176.6	176.4	191.7	160.0	144.6	176.5	213.7	176.7
Percent changes January 1975 to February 1975								
U. S. city average	0.4	0.4	1.1	-0.5	0.3	2.0	-0.2	0.9
Atlanta	-.1	-.2	-.4	-.8	-.6	0	.8	.1
Baltimore	.7	.7	2.8	-.1	-.2	1.5	.4	.8
Boston	.1	0	.7	-.2	-.1	1.0	-.9	.3
Buffalo	.2	.1	-.1	-1.2	.2	2.9	0	.8
Chicago	.9	.8	2.9	-.4	1.4	1.9	.2	1.3
Cincinnati	.6	.6	3.1	-.6	.5	2.7	-.7	.7
Cleveland	-.2	-.8	1.8	-.3	-3.7	-2.4	-.5	3.0
Dallas	.4	0	1.4	-.6	-.5	1.4	-.7	1.8
Detroit	.4	.5	2.0	-1.1	-.7	3.2	-.1	.2
Honolulu	1.3	1.2	1.8	1.3	0	2.1	.5	1.7
Houston	-.4	-.6	0	-1.3	-1.1	.7	-.7	.4
Kansas City	.2	-.1	.5	-.3	-.2	.9	-.6	1.1
Los Angeles-Long Beach	.4	.5	1.4	-.1	.5	.6	.3	.1
Milwaukee	.5	.2	.7	-.1	1.0	2.4	-1.4	( <sup>2</sup> )
Minneapolis-St. Paul	.1	-.2	.4	-1.6	.4	1.2	-.7	1.6
N. Y.-Northeastern N. J.	.8	.7	-.2	.5	.5	2.1	-.8	1.1
Philadelphia	.2	.3	.6	-.7	.2	3.2	-.7	.3
Pittsburgh	.7	.6	2.4	-.2	-.2	2.4	-.3	1.2
St. Louis	.1	0	.4	-1.2	.9	1.3	-.3	.4
San Diego	1.1	.5	1.6	-.5	.6	1.5	-.8	( <sup>2</sup> )
San Francisco-Oakland	.7	.8	1.3	-.1	.2	2.5	-.6	.2
Seattle	.7	.6	1.1	-.1	.5	2.7	0	.6
Washington	.6	.3	1.5	-1.2	-.2	3.0	0	1.2

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

<sup>2</sup> Not available.

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

(1967=100)

Item and group	Index		Percent change to February 1975 from—		
	February 1975		February 1974	January 1975	
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted
Food	171.6	171.9	8.9	0.4	0.1
Food away from home	170.5	170.8	11.7	.9	.9
Restaurant meals	169.6	170.1	10.3	.9	1.0
Snacks	174.9	174.9	18.7	.9	1.2
Food at home	172.0	172.3	8.2	.4	-.1
Cereals and bakery products	187.3	187.1	21.3	1.1	.8
Flour	174.5	174.0	1.6	-.1	-.2
Cracker meal	219.5	219.3	28.6	2.9	2.1
Corn flakes	166.3	166.3	40.2	-.3	-.3
Rice	219.2	217.2	-7.6	.4	-.1
Bread, white	172.3	172.5	15.4	.6	.6
Bread, whole wheat	176.7	176.3	16.1	-.1	-.3
Cookies	190.5	191.5	50.0	3.9	4.0
Layer cakes	194.2	194.6	36.1	.1	-.1
Cinnamon rolls	201.2	201.2	36.4	2.3	2.4
Meats, poultry, and fish	162.7	163.4	-6.6	-.5	-1.7
Meats	160.9	161.7	-8.7	-.6	-1.8
Beef and veal	156.6	156.1	-13.6	-1.2	-3.3
Steak, round	156.1	153.8	-11.6	-.9	-3.6
Steak, sirloin	147.6	148.6	-8.3	-1.1	-2.2
Steak, porterhouse	152.3	152.9	-5.2	-.5	-1.7
Rump roast	154.5	152.7	-10.0	.3	-2.4
Rib roast	166.0	166.2	-4.8	-2.1	-2.8
Chuck roast	158.0	155.4	-18.0	.7	-4.5
Hamburger	153.9	153.4	-22.4	-2.2	-4.3
Beef liver	148.8	150.6	-14.0	-.6	-1.5
Veal cutlets	188.2	189.9	-7.1	-2.1	-2.8
Pork	169.6	170.5	-2.5	-.2	-1.4
Chops	159.6	159.3	-2.0	.4	-2.3
Loin roast	166.9	166.7	-3.7	-.5	-2.9
Pork sausage	188.5	191.8	-2.8	2.7	.9
Ham, whole	163.9	162.6	-3.7	-4.2	-1.8
Picnics	157.0	157.0	-13.1	-2.1	-4.1
Bacon	181.4	183.2	4.0	.4	-.9
Other meats	158.3	159.3	-6.2	.1	-.6
Lamb chops	161.7	161.9	5.1	.9	.3
Frankfurters	153.0	155.3	-13.0	-1.5	-2.1
Ham, canned	165.2	164.2	-3.6	2.4	2.0
Bologna sausage	160.6	162.1	-9.2	-1.2	-2.1
Salami sausage	154.0	155.4	-7.6	-.3	-1.0
Liverwurst	154.6	154.4	-8.4	-.3	-1.6
Poultry	152.0	154.2	-1.7	-.5	-.9
Frying chicken	154.7	157.4	-.6	-1.1	-1.4
Chicken breasts	150.9	152.6	2.4	.9	-.1
Turkey	140.5	140.9	-11.4	.8	.1
Fish	197.2	197.0	8.0	.8	.4
Shrimp, frozen	164.5	164.3	-8.2	1.8	.7
Fish, fresh or frozen	217.9	216.8	1.4	-.3	-.8
Tuna fish, canned	178.5	178.3	11.2	.7	.5
Sardines, canned	227.0	226.1	28.5	1.2	1.1
Dairy products	155.6	155.1	4.2	.3	.1
Milk, fresh, grocery	154.0	153.8	2.0	-.2	-.2
Milk, fresh, skim	167.7	167.7	3.9	.0	-.1
Milk, evaporated	182.7	183.2	14.0	.2	.2
Ice cream	151.5	151.8	21.2	.5	.9
Cheese, American process	168.4	168.1	.1	.7	.4
Butter	115.0	114.7	-1.9	3.0	3.3

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1967=100)

Item and group	Index		Percent change to February from—		
	February 1975		February 1974	January 1975	
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted
Food—Continued					
Food at home—Continued					
Fruits and vegetables					
Fresh fruits and vegetables	166.7	168.7	6.9	2.0	1.5
Fresh fruits	159.2	162.4	3.0	3.6	3.3
Apples	150.5	158.6	8.4	2.9	1.0
Bananas	151.0	162.7	- .9	.7	-1.6
Oranges	134.5	135.7	26.2	8.3	3.0
Orange juice, fresh	145.6	152.1	4.3	1.9	1.9
Grapefruit	144.7	144.8	8.5	- .2	- .4
Grapes	142.2	162.3	4.9	.9	- .7
Strawberries	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Watermelon	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Fresh vegetables	166.3	166.0	- .5	4.1	4.6
Potatoes	152.4	159.7	-32.4	-1.4	-3.3
Onions	113.0	112.9	-39.5	-5.0	-11.3
Asparagus	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Cabbage	159.1	143.2	9.8	2.1	-6.7
Carrots	169.9	166.6	21.7	5.1	5.6
Celery	144.5	136.8	10.0	-1.2	- .7
Cucumbers	214.2	174.1	53.7	2.0	-13.3
Lettuce	177.7	193.2	49.3	22.7	32.3
Peppers, green	184.3	170.6	33.3	4.1	-9.1
Spinach	182.0	178.8	6.3	2.6	1.7
Tomatoes	175.4	168.0	1.0	3.1	10.0
Processed fruits and vegetables	177.9	177.9	12.6	- .2	- .1
Fruit cocktail, canned	177.8	177.8	25.8	.2	.5
Pears, canned	166.1	166.1	25.3	.5	.5
Pineapple-grapefruit juice drink	167.3	167.6	35.0	1.8	2.1
Orange juice concentrate, frozen	151.8	152.7	8.9	1.9	2.1
Lemonade concentrate, frozen	185.0	183.9	47.9	6.2	6.3
Beets, canned	185.3	186.0	23.9	- .1	.2
Peas, green, canned	161.9	161.9	37.8	1.3	1.4
Tomatoes, canned	172.8	173.0	27.0	.9	.6
Dried beans	243.3	241.6	-32.5	-7.8	-7.7
Broccoli, frozen	152.3	152.6	18.0	.1	.3
Other food at home	193.1	191.9	30.5	- .2	1.0
Eggs	172.1	165.3	-11.3	- .3	6.7
Fats and oils	214.9	-	40.9	.1	-
Margarine	253.0	253.5	47.1	- .7	- .5
Salad dressing, Italian	155.5	155.7	29.9	3.0	3.3
Salad or cooking oil	237.8	238.0	43.1	- .8	- .7
Sugar and sweets	273.9	274.4	83.2	-2.5	-2.6
Sugar	444.5	444.5	202.2	-10.4	-10.7
Grape jelly	227.1	227.1	57.1	4.0	3.5
Chocolate bar	233.4	234.8	41.7	2.5	2.8
Syrup, chocolate flavored	214.2	213.8	51.8	.9	.8
Nonalcoholic beverages	177.0	177.0	27.2	1.0	.7
Coffee, can	167.2	167.0	13.4	- .3	- .7
Coffee, instant	173.3	172.8	23.7	.6	.1
Tea	139.7	140.0	21.9	3.6	3.2
Carbonated drink, cola flavored	207.4	207.6	50.7	2.1	2.1
Carbonated drink, fruit flavored	209.3	209.9	50.5	1.6	1.5
Prepared and partially prepared foods	163.5	163.5	25.4	1.1	.9
Bean soup, canned	187.3	186.7	31.6	.4	.2
Chicken soup, canned	134.7	134.4	11.4	.7	.5
Spaghetti, canned	163.4	163.1	24.2	- .1	- .1
Mashed potatoes, instant	156.5	156.0	24.5	.1	- .6
Potatoes, french fried, frozen	170.4	170.7	36.0	.5	.5
Baby foods	160.6	160.8	26.4	1.1	1.1
Sweet pickle relish	170.3	170.0	20.9	1.9	2.0
Pretzels	163.2	163.4	27.7	3.8	3.2

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

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

(1967= 100)

Item and group	Other index base	Indexes		Percent change to February 1975 from:	
		January 1975	February 1975	February 1974	January 1975
Housing		161.2	162.7	13.5	0.9
Shelter <sup>1</sup>		164.3	165.8	11.8	.9
Rent, residential		134.0	135.1	5.5	.8
Homeownership <sup>2</sup>		175.6	177.3	13.8	1.0
Mortgage interest rates		147.1	145.6	8.0	-1.0
Property taxes		155.0	155.9	2.9	.6
Property insurance premiums		127.7	128.0	3.4	.2
Maintenance and repairs		183.4	183.9	15.0	.3
Maintenance and repair commodities <sup>3</sup>		157.4	157.9	10.3	.3
Exterior house paint		153.4	154.9	24.3	1.0
Interior house paint		144.7	146.4	17.8	1.2
Maintenance and repair services		194.6	195.2	16.8	.3
Repainting living and dining rooms		204.9	205.0	15.7	.0
Reshingling house roof		214.0	214.6	21.3	.3
Residing house		185.8	186.4	18.3	.3
Replacing sink		190.9	191.4	17.6	.3
Repairing furnace		185.1	185.9	9.5	.4
Fuel and utilities		160.5	162.2	13.0	1.1
Fuel oil and coal		228.9	229.5	13.6	.3
Fuel oil, No. 2		223.8	224.4	11.0	.3
Gas and electricity		160.2	162.7	18.5	1.6
Gas		159.7	162.4	18.6	1.7
Electricity		160.7	163.0	18.4	1.4
Other utilities:					
Residential telephone services		121.8	122.4	1.2	.5
Residential water and sewerage services		163.0	165.0	9.6	1.2
Household furnishings and operation <sup>4</sup>		153.2	154.7	18.9	1.0
Housefurnishings		140.3	141.4	15.0	.8
Textiles		137.9	141.8	15.8	2.8
Sheets		136.6	149.4	20.0	9.4
Curtains, tailored		134.2	134.0	10.4	-.1
Bedspreads		143.6	146.9	24.9	2.3
Drapery fabric		166.0	164.9	18.0	-.7
Pillows, bed		115.2	122.6	12.1	6.4
Silpcovers and throws, ready-made		131.2	132.5	9.3	1.0
Furniture and bedding		142.1	142.3	9.7	.1
Bedroom furniture, chest and dresser	Mar. 70	126.8	126.3	10.0	-.4
Sofas, upholstered		136.6	137.0	9.2	.3
Cocktail tables	Dec. 71	120.7	121.6	10.8	.7
Dining room chairs	Mar. 70	127.8	127.0	11.4	-.6
Recliners, upholstered	Dec. 71	108.9	109.8	7.8	.8
Sofas, dual purpose		133.3	133.5	6.9	.2
Bedding, and mattress and box spring	June 70	127.7	128.2	14.7	.4
Aluminum folding chairs		( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )
Cribs		145.7	145.4	11.8	-.2
Floor coverings		127.9	128.0	15.1	.1
Broadloom carpeting, manmade fibers		118.0	118.0	12.2	.0
Vinyl sheet goods		146.6	147.6	17.6	.7
Vinyl asbestos tile		155.6	155.3	24.3	-.2
Appliances excluding radio and T. V.		124.7	125.3	13.2	.5
Washing machines, electric, automatic		127.6	128.7	15.0	.9
Vacuum cleaners		114.3	114.7	10.0	.3
Refrigerators-freezers, electric		125.5	126.4	16.0	.7
Ranges, free standing, gas or electric		125.4	126.3	14.3	.7
Clothes dryers, electric		132.3	132.6	15.4	.2
Air conditioners, demountable		( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )
Room heaters, electric, portable		121.8	120.6	8.6	-1.0
Garbage disposal units		125.8	126.3	11.0	.4
Other housefurnishings:					
Dinnerware, fine china		164.7	168.5	21.6	2.3
Flatware, stainless steel		164.2	167.9	23.1	2.3
Table lamps, with shade		142.5	143.6	10.7	.8
Lawn mowers, power, rotary type		145.2	146.2	( <sup>6</sup> )	.7
Electric drills, hand-held		120.7	121.6	12.1	.7
Housekeeping supplies:					
Laundry soaps and detergents		156.3	158.2	31.4	1.2
Paper napkins		198.4	202.2	38.7	1.9
Toilet tissue		195.4	199.7	44.8	2.2
Housekeeping services:					
Domestic services, general housework		191.1	192.4	23.7	.7
Babysitter services		181.0	183.8	24.7	1.5
Postal charges		175.3	175.3	19.6	.0
Laundry, flatwork, finished service		181.1	182.5	14.8	.8
Licensed day care services, preschool child		149.3	151.3	10.8	1.3
Washing machine repairs		181.9	183.2	16.7	.7

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1967=100)

Item and group	Other index base	Indexes		Percent change to February 1975 from:	
		January 1975	February 1975	February 1974	January 1975
Apparel and upkeep <sup>7</sup>		139.4	140.2	7.5	0.6
Apparel commodities		138.6	139.2	6.8	.4
Apparel commodities less footwear		137.9	138.5	6.9	.4
Men's and boys'		140.0	140.6	8.8	.4
Men's:					
Topcoats, wool or all-weather coats, polyester blends		139.0	141.6	5.4	1.9
Suits, year round weight		134.9	137.0	4.8	1.6
Sport jacket	June 74	98.8	98.8	( <sup>b</sup> )	.0
Jackets, lightweight		131.5	131.5	8.4	.0
Slacks, wool or wool blends		114.7	114.8	-2.6	.1
Slacks, cotton or manmade blends		142.8	141.3	.4	-1.1
Trousers, work, cotton or polyester/cotton		150.6	151.1	18.0	.3
Shirts, work, cotton or polyester/cotton		150.3	151.5	16.4	.8
Shirts, business, polyester/cotton		125.7	125.6	7.8	-1.1
T-shirts, chiefly cotton		151.2	152.6	16.2	.9
Socks, cotton or manmade fibers		126.7	127.9	7.2	.9
Handkerchiefs, cotton or polyester/cotton		148.0	151.6	15.6	2.4
Boys':					
Coats, all purpose, cotton or cotton blends		114.3	110.2	-2.6	-3.6
Sport coats, wool or wool blends		120.0	118.9	( <sup>b</sup> )	-1.9
Dungarees, cotton or cotton blends		171.3	172.0	16.0	.4
Undershorts, cotton		151.8	152.0	15.3	.1
Women's and girls'		135.1	135.4	4.1	.2
Women's:					
Coats, heavyweight, wool or wool blends		131.2	123.4	( <sup>b</sup> )	-5.9
Carcoats, heavyweight, cotton		133.2	131.9	( <sup>b</sup> )	-1.0
Sweaters, wool or acrylic		139.5	128.7	-4.3	-7.7
Skirts, wool, wool blend or manmade fibers		149.6	142.5	1.6	-4.7
Skirts, cotton or polyester/cotton		130.9	149.6	( <sup>b</sup> )	14.3
Blouses, cotton or manmade fibers		136.1	144.2	11.8	6.0
Dresses, street, chiefly manmade fibers		143.2	144.1	3.1	.6
Slips, nylon		116.9	117.1	3.5	.2
Panties, acetate or nylon tricot		137.8	136.1	10.6	-1.2
Girdles, manmade blend		125.2	125.8	3.8	.5
Brassieres, nylon lace		139.2	139.6	8.7	.3
Hose or panty hose, nylon, seamless		90.4	91.8	.2	1.5
Anklets or knee-length socks, various fibers		130.8	130.7	11.4	-1.1
Gloves, fabric, nylon or cotton		122.9	127.1	9.7	3.4
Handbags, rayon faille or plastic		169.7	171.9	10.3	1.3
Girls':					
Raincoats, vinyl, cotton or polyester blends		125.4	128.2	9.1	2.2
Skirts, wool, wool blends or acrylic		115.3	132.2	( <sup>b</sup> )	14.7
Dresses, cotton, manmade fibers or blends		132.7	134.0	9.1	1.0
Slacks, cotton or chiefly cotton		166.0	165.7	11.0	-.2
Slips, polyester blends		124.2	125.3	12.6	.9
Handbags, plastic		144.4	142.0	3.1	-1.7
Footwear		142.2	143.0	7.1	.6
Men's:					
Shoes, street, oxford		146.6	147.0	7.8	.3
Shoes, work, high		157.4	158.0	10.8	.4
Women's:					
Shoes, street, pump		136.1	137.8	5.5	1.2
Shoes, evening, pump		131.2	132.1	4.3	.7
Shoes, casual, pump		142.4	145.2	8.8	2.0
Houseslippers, scuff		137.2	137.3	4.5	.1
Children's:					
Shoes, oxford		142.8	142.0	4.9	-.6
Sneakers, boys', oxford type		147.1	148.0	14.0	.6
Dress shoes, girls', strap or pump		149.9	150.3	7.7	.3
Miscellaneous apparel:					
Diapers, cotton gauze or disposable		173.2	176.3	39.4	1.8
Yard goods, polyester blend		164.4	163.8	17.0	-.4
Wrist watches, men's and women's		131.7	132.8	8.0	.8
Apparel services:					
Drycleaning, men's and women's dresses		145.0	147.2	13.9	1.5
Automatic laundry service		129.7	130.4	7.8	.5
Laundry, men's shirts		150.0	150.3	9.9	.2
Tailoring charges, hem adjustment		150.7	151.8	5.1	.7
Shoe repairs, women's heel lift		136.9	137.9	7.7	.7

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1967=100)

Item and group	Other index base	Indexes		Percent change to February 1975 from:	
		January 1975	February 1975	February 1974	January 1975
Transportation		143.2	143.5	11.0	0.2
Private <sup>1</sup>		142.2	142.5	11.8	.2
Automobiles, new		123.4	124.5	10.5	.9
Automobiles, used		134.9	133.5	29.6	-1.0
Gasoline, regular and premium		160.2	160.6	8.7	.2
Motor oil, premium		152.8	153.4	11.5	.4
Tires, new, tubeless		124.9	125.6	13.5	.6
Auto repairs and maintenance <sup>2</sup>		170.1	171.9	15.4	1.1
Auto insurance rates		137.9	138.3	.4	.3
Auto registration		130.4	130.4	1.2	.0
Parking fees, private and municipal		166.3	167.4	8.6	.7
Public		152.2	152.3	4.2	.1
Local transit fares		147.9	147.8	-.6	-.1
Taxicab fares		164.1	165.4	13.8	.8
Railroad fares, coach		148.9	149.2	17.5	.2
Airplane fares, chiefly coach		154.2	154.2	9.1	.0
Bus fares, intercity		178.5	178.5	18.3	.0
Health and recreation		148.9	150.2	11.7	.9
Medical care		161.0	163.0	13.7	1.2
Drugs and prescriptions		114.7	116.0	8.4	1.1
Over-the-counter items		124.3	126.3	11.0	1.6
Multiple vitamin concentrates		99.9	100.3	5.1	.4
Aspirin compounds		127.9	128.6	8.6	.5
Liquid tonics		112.2	113.1	9.4	.8
Adhesive bandages, packages		151.5	156.4	20.6	3.2
Cold tablets or capsules		121.5	123.2	6.8	1.4
Cough syrup		127.2	130.4	11.8	2.5
Prescriptions		106.7	107.4	6.0	.7
Anti-infectives		70.0	70.3	2.9	.4
Sedatives and hypnotics		150.2	151.4	12.1	.8
Ataractics		105.6	105.6	.6	.0
Antispasmodics		117.6	118.3	8.7	.6
Cough preparations		158.7	161.7	13.4	1.9
Cardiovasculars and antihypertensives		118.2	118.2	3.8	.0
Analgesics internal		115.0	116.8	4.3	1.6
Hormones		99.8	100.8	8.5	.9
Professional services:					
Physicians' fees		160.9	162.9	14.2	1.2
General physician, office visits		165.3	167.4	15.7	1.3
General physician, house visits		161.7	163.4	14.0	1.1
Obstetrical cases		157.7	158.7	11.8	.6
Pediatric care, office visits		164.4	166.1	13.6	1.0
Psychiatrist, office visits		147.9	147.8	8.8	-.1
Herniorrhaphy, adult		146.2	147.5	10.0	.9
Tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy		152.4	155.8	13.7	2.2
Dentists' fees		156.0	157.2	11.7	.8
Fillings, adult, amalgam, one surface		160.6	161.6	12.9	.6
Extractions, adult		154.8	156.6	11.3	1.2
Dentures, full upper		147.9	148.7	9.6	.5
Other professional services:					
Examination, prescription, and dispensing of eyeglasses		144.6	145.8	9.1	.8
Routine laboratory tests, urinalysis		145.0	145.3	13.7	.2
Hospital service charges	Jan. 72	125.3	127.3	16.4	1.6
Semiprivate rooms		222.8	226.1	18.8	1.5
Operating room charges		225.6	230.6	22.4	2.2
X-ray, diagnostic series, upper G.I.		150.1	151.0	11.9	.6
Laboratory tests, urinalysis	Jan. 72	122.2	124.1	14.7	1.6
Anti-infectives, tetracycline, HCL	Jan. 72	106.3	107.1	10.8	.8
Tranquilizers, chlordiazepoxide, HCL and meprobamate	Jan. 72	111.9	115.6	8.5	3.3
Electrocardiogram	Jan. 72	120.0	123.8	13.8	3.2
Intravenous solution, saline	Jan. 72	120.2	123.8	16.4	3.0
Physical therapy, whirlpool bath	Jan. 72	129.7	131.6	20.5	1.5
Oxygen, inhalation therapy	Jan. 72	117.0	117.8	9.3	.7
Personal care		146.5	147.8	13.0	.9
Toilet goods		144.5	146.6	16.9	1.5
Toothpaste, standard dentifrice		124.9	126.2	16.1	1.0
Toilet soap, hard-milled		196.6	198.6	34.0	1.0
Hand lotions, liquid		138.9	145.0	13.5	4.4
Shaving cream, aerosol		118.9	121.4	11.0	2.1
Face powder, pressed		154.1	151.2	.5	-1.9
Deodorants, aerosol		114.3	116.1	10.2	1.6
Cleansing tissues		187.9	190.8	35.6	1.5
Home permanent wave kits		111.8	114.2	4.0	2.1
Personal care services		148.4	148.9	9.0	.3
Men's haircuts		151.8	152.1	9.1	.2
Beauty shop services		146.0	146.7	9.0	.5
Women's haircuts		158.1	159.0	11.8	.6
Shampoo and wave sets, plain		149.4	150.2	8.8	.5
Permanent waves, cold		126.5	126.6	6.2	.1

See footnotes at end of table.

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

Item and group	Other index base	Indexes		Percent change to February 1975 from:	
		January 1975	February 1975	February 1974	January 1975
Health and recreation—continued					
Reading and recreation <sup>10</sup>		141.0	141.8	10.0	0.6
Recreational goods		120.5	121.3	8.9	.7
TV sets, portable and console		100.7	100.9	3.1	.2
TV replacement tubes		152.9	153.8	13.1	.6
Radio, portable and table model		103.6	103.5	3.3	-.1
Tape recorders, portable		95.7	95.6	1.1	-.1
Phonograph records, stereophonic		120.3	121.4	10.4	.9
Movie cameras, super 8, zoom lens		93.4	94.1	3.2	.7
Film, 35mm, color		116.4	118.9	9.4	2.1
Golf balls, liquid center or solid core		105.6	104.6	.1	-.9
Basketballs, rubber or vinyl cover		140.4	142.1	10.1	1.2
Fishing rods, fresh-water spin-casting		117.1	116.9	6.2	-.2
Bowling balls		124.5	124.6	7.0	.1
Bicycles, boys'		141.1	141.2	12.3	.1
Tricycles		130.2	131.4	9.9	.9
Dog food, canned or boxed		163.5	166.0	18.4	1.5
Recreational services		147.6	148.5	9.8	.6
Indoor movie admissions		167.9	169.5	12.8	1.0
Adult		164.8	166.4	12.3	1.0
Children's		176.8	178.4	14.2	.9
Drive-in movie admissions, adult		171.8	172.5	12.0	.4
Bowling fees, evening		137.2	137.7	6.7	.4
Golf green fees		( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )
TV repair, color picture tube replacement		104.3	104.6	4.2	.3
Film developing, color		121.5	122.1	5.5	.5
Reading and education:					
Newspapers, street sale and delivery		169.8	171.2	20.1	.8
Magazines, single copy and subscriptions		143.1	143.1	7.0	.0
Piano lessons, beginner		137.8	138.1	5.1	.2
Other goods and services		144.8	145.9	10.3	.8
Tobacco products		152.1	152.8	9.9	.5
Cigarettes, nonfilter tip, regular size		154.2	154.7	10.1	.3
Cigarettes, filter tip, king size		154.9	155.7	10.4	.5
Cigars, domestic, regular size		122.1	122.6	5.1	.4
Alcoholic beverages		139.3	140.7	11.1	1.0
Beer		137.6	139.4	16.8	1.3
Whiskey, split blended and straight bourbon		113.1	113.5	3.5	.4
Wine, dessert and table		151.3	151.9	5.2	.4
Beer away from home		153.2	154.9	10.6	1.1
Financial and miscellaneous personal expenses:					
Funeral services, adult		140.1	140.7	6.7	.4
Bank service charges, checking accounts		111.5	115.9	10.2	3.9
Legal services, short form will		182.4	182.6	8.2	.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 filters, packaged dry cement mix, and shrubbery not shown separately.  
<sup>4</sup> Also includes window shades, nails, carpet sweepers, air deodorizers, steel wool scouring pads, envelopes, reupholstering, and moving expenses.  
<sup>5</sup> Priced only in season.  
<sup>6</sup> Not available.  
<sup>7</sup> Also includes men's sport shirts, women's and girl's light-

weight coats, women's slacks, bathing suits, girls' shorts, earrings, and zippers not shown separately.  
<sup>8</sup> Also includes storage batteries and drivers' license fees not shown separately.  
<sup>9</sup> Includes prices for water pump replacement, motor tune-up, automatic transmission repair, exhaust system repair, front end alignment, and chassis lubrication.  
<sup>10</sup> Also includes outboard motors, nondurable toys, college tuition fees, paperback books, and college textbooks, not shown separately.

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

(October 1973=100)

Area <sup>1</sup>	Regular gasoline			Premium gasoline		
	Index		Percent change to February 1975 from—	Index		Percent change to February 1975 from—
	January 1975	February 1975		January 1975	February 1975	
U. S. city average <sup>2</sup>	161.8	162.2	0.2	156.2	156.7	0.3
Atlanta	135.6	135.8	.1	134.2	134.1	-.1
Baltimore	134.3	135.3	.7	132.8	133.2	.3
Boston	131.7	131.2	-.4	129.5	129.2	-.2
Buffalo	132.9	133.0	.1	131.3	131.3	0
Chicago	129.4	129.9	.4	126.6	126.7	.1
Cincinnati	129.8	130.3	.4	128.5	128.7	.2
Cleveland	130.3	131.1	.6	128.3	128.8	.4
Dallas	137.7	139.2	1.1	135.6	136.6	.7
Detroit	128.4	127.6	-.6	126.0	125.6	-.3
Honolulu	134.4	133.8	-.4	131.2	130.5	-.5
Houston	135.7	136.7	.7	133.8	134.9	.8
Kansas City	131.1	129.5	-1.2	128.9	128.5	-.3
Los Angeles—Long Beach	133.4	133.0	-.3	130.8	130.4	-.3
Milwaukee	129.8	129.8	0	129.7	129.5	-.2
Minneapolis—St. Paul	128.4	128.3	-.1	127.4	128.8	1.1
New York—Northeastern N. J.	130.5	130.4	-.1	130.5	131.1	.5
Philadelphia	132.6	132.4	-.2	131.2	131.6	.3
Pittsburgh	134.2	133.8	-.3	130.6	130.4	-.2
St. Louis	128.3	128.3	0	127.6	127.6	0
San Diego	133.3	133.3	0	131.5	131.7	.2
San Francisco—Oakland	132.5	132.1	-.3	130.3	129.9	-.3
Seattle	130.8	130.8	0	128.2	128.4	.2
Washington	132.8	132.6	-.2	129.9	129.6	-.2

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

Area definitions are those established for the 1960 Census and do not include revisions made since 1960.  
<sup>2</sup> 1967=100.

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

Area <sup>1</sup>	Regular gasoline			Premium gasoline		
	Average price per gallon					
	December 1974	January 1975	February 1975	December 1974	January 1975	February 1975
U. S. city average	\$0.528	\$0.532	\$0.533	\$0.568	\$0.572	\$0.574
Atlanta	.523	.539	.540	.569	.581	.581
Baltimore	.541	.550	.554	.591	.595	.596
Boston	.532	.533	.531	.573	.574	.573
Buffalo	.537	.535	.536	.574	.575	.575
Chicago	.541	.544	.546	.580	.581	.582
Cincinnati	.527	.526	.528	.572	.571	.572
Cleveland	.530	.530	.534	.570	.571	.573
Dallas	.484	.484	.490	.524	.527	.531
Detroit	.532	.536	.533	.575	.576	.574
Honolulu	.599	.607	.605	.629	.639	.636
Houston	.469	.471	.475	.515	.516	.520
Kansas City	.497	.501	.495	.539	.543	.541
Los Angeles—Long Beach	.524	.539	.537	.563	.576	.574
Milwaukee	.496	.500	.500	.542	.548	.547
Minneapolis—St. Paul	.504	.507	.507	.549	.553	.559
New York—Northeastern N. J.	.554	.553	.552	.598	.598	.601
Philadelphia	.529	.530	.529	.580	.582	.583
Pittsburgh	.528	.537	.535	.571	.577	.576
St. Louis	.517	.522	.522	.561	.566	.566
San Diego	.541	.552	.552	.582	.590	.591
San Francisco—Oakland	.563	.566	.564	.598	.604	.603
Seattle	.515	.527	.527	.556	.576	.568
Washington	.547	.549	.549	.589	.592	.590

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

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

## Brief Explanation of the CPI

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

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

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

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

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

## A Note About Calculating Index Changes

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

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

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

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

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

## A Note on Seasonally Adjusted and Unadjusted Data

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

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

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

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

## Reliability of Percent Changes in the CPI

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

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

**Average standard errors of percent changes in the CPI based on 1974 data**

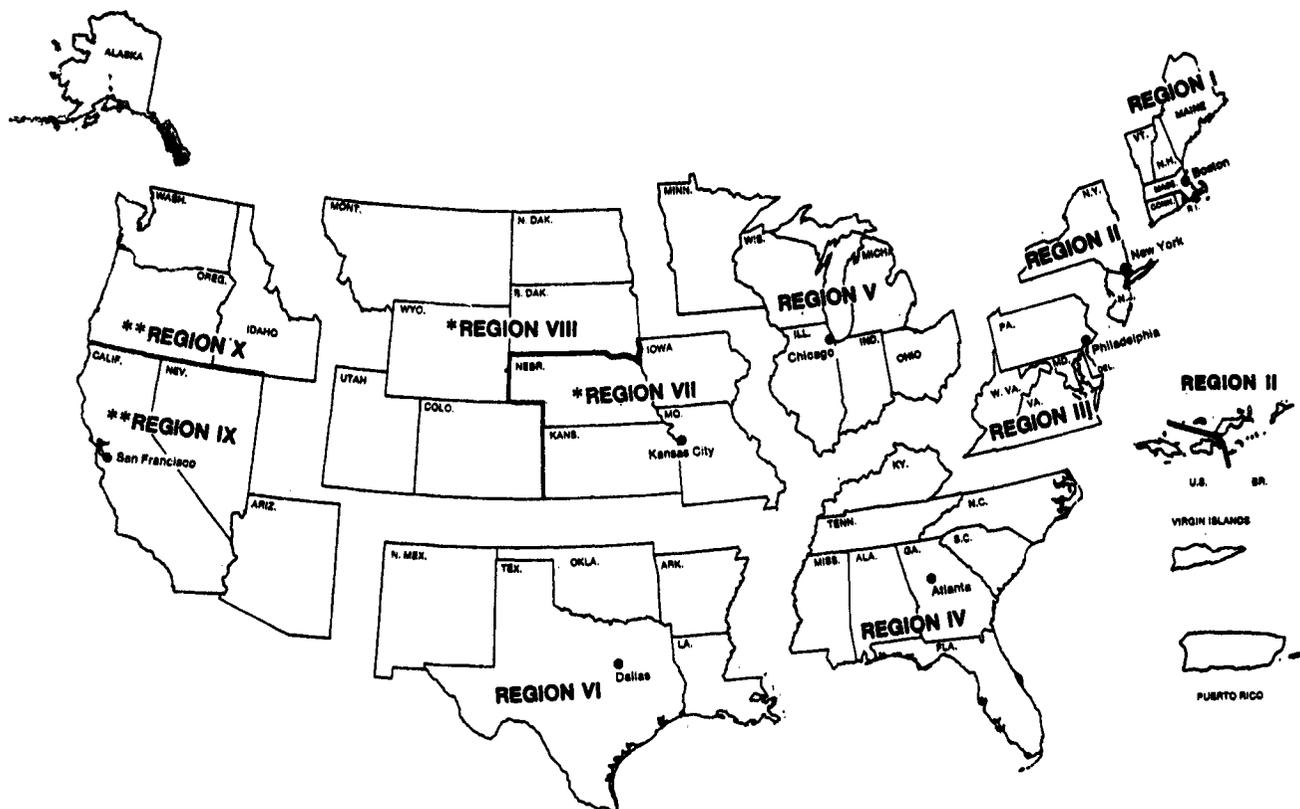
Component	Standard error		
	Monthly change	Quarterly change	Annual change
All items .....	.05	.07	.12
Food at home .....	.10	.19	.40
Food away from home .....	.13	.23	.42
Housing .....	.09	.15	.23
Apparel and upkeep ..	.21	.28	.33
Transportation .....	.07	.10	.20
Medical care .....	.16	.21	.28
Personal care .....	.19	.24	.34
Reading and recreation .....	.16	.21	.27
Other goods and services .....	.13	.18	.28

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 one-month period is almost always significant.

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