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Price Movements

April 1975

The Consumer Price Index rose 0.5 percent in April to 158.6 percent of its 1967 base. Prices rose for many items including used cars, furniture, houses, gasoline, magazines, auto insurance, natural gas, and some food items, notably fresh fruits, eggs, and beef. Prices declined, however, for many other food items, particularly fresh vegetables and sugar. Mortgage interest rates were lower.

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI rose 0.6 percent in April, compared with 0.3 percent in March. The rise in the CPI had become progressively smaller

since last fall—from 1.2 percent in September, to 0.6 percent in January, 0.5 percent in February, and 0.3 percent in March. The larger rise in April reflected an upturn in food prices after 2 months of decline and a larger increase in nonfood commodities and services.

The food index increased 0.4 percent on a seasonally adjusted basis in April, after declining 0.6 percent in March and 0.3 percent in February. The April rise, however, was moderate compared with increases early this year and in late 1974.

Table A. Percent changes in CPI and components, selected periods¹

| Month | Changes from preceding month | | | | | | | Changes in all items | |
|-----------------|------------------------------|---------------------|-------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| | All items | | Food | | Commodities less food | | Services | 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 | |
| | Unad-justed | Seasonally adjusted | Unad-justed | Seasonally adjusted | Unad-justed | Seasonally adjusted | Unad-justed | Seasonally adjusted | Unad-justed |
| 1974: | | | | | | | | | |
| Apr | 0.6 | 0.7 | -0.3 | 0.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 0.6 | 11.8 | 10.1 |
| May | 1.1 | 1.0 | .7 | .9 | 1.4 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 11.3 | 10.6 |
| June | 1.0 | .9 | .4 | .4 | 1.3 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 10.9 | 11.0 |
| July | .7 | .8 | .1 | -6 | 1.0 | 1.3 | 1.1 | 11.7 | 11.5 |
| August | 1.3 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.8 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.1 | 12.3 | 11.0 |
| September | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.4 | 1.6 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 13.4 | 12.0 |
| October | .9 | .9 | .7 | 1.3 | .9 | .7 | .9 | 13.6 | 12.0 |
| November | .8 | .9 | 1.0 | 1.1 | .8 | .8 | .8 | 12.7 | 12.1 |
| December | .7 | .8 | 1.1 | .9 | .4 | .6 | .9 | 11.0 | 12.2 |
| 1975: | | | | | | | | | |
| January | .5 | .6 | .7 | .9 | 0 | .5 | .8 | 9.8 | 11.7 |
| February | .7 | .5 | .4 | -3 | .7 | .8 | .8 | 8.2 | 11.1 |
| March | .4 | .3 | -2 | -6 | .8 | .5 | .4 | 6.0 | 10.3 |
| April | .5 | .6 | -1 | .4 | .8 | .8 | .6 | 5.8 | 10.2 |

¹ In accordance with longstanding policy, seasonal adjustment factors have been recalculated to reflect developments during the past 12 months. For this reason, some of the

seasonally adjusted figures shown above and elsewhere in this release differ from those previously reported. The new factors, to be used through December 1975, are published in table 3.

The index for nonfood commodities increased 0.8 percent in April, compared with 0.5 percent in March. Monthly increases in this index have fluctuated within this range—0.5 and 0.8 percent—since last summer when the index was rising over 1.0 percent per month.

The services index increased 0.6 percent in April, compared with 0.4 percent in March. In the preceding 5 months, the services index rose about 0.8 percent per month, down from 1.1 percent last summer.

In April 1975, the CPI was 10.2 percent higher than in April 1974. The food index was 7.9 percent higher, while the nonfood commodities index and the services index were both 11.0 percent higher than their April 1974 levels.

Monthly changes in detail

Food. The index for food purchased in grocery stores—the major portion of the food index—declined 0.2 percent, smaller than is usual for April. Prices of many food items continued to decline in April, including sugar, dairy products, fats and oil products, and poultry. Prices turned down for fresh vegetables, processed fruits and vegetables, and cereal and bakery products. These declines were partly offset by higher prices for fresh fruits, eggs, and beef.

Sugar prices fell a substantial 15.6 percent in April. Wholesale prices continued to decline as a result of slack demand combined with aggressive selling by beet sugar refiners to reduce inventories before this year's crop is harvested. In the first 4 months of this year, retail sugar prices have fallen over 33 percent, but they were still more than 80 percent above their April 1974 level.

Prices of cereal and bakery products decreased slightly in April after rising rapidly for about 2 years. Prices also declined for other processed items such as ice cream and carbonated fruit drinks. Smaller price increases in recent months for cola drinks, grape jelly, pickle relish, and candy bars have reflected declines in these products at the wholesale level. Contributing to declines in wholesale prices were lower costs for sugar and other ingredients such as flour, milk, cocoa beans, and refined vegetable oils. Declines in refined vegetable oils, which have resulted from reduced domestic and foreign demand, also have contributed to the recent downtrend in prices of margarine and salad oils.

In the fruits and vegetables category, prices of processed fruits and vegetables declined in April as a result of promotional sales for some items. Prices of fresh vegetables such as tomatoes, lettuce, green peppers, and potatoes declined because of ample supplies relative to demand. Prices of most fresh fruits including grapefruit,

apples, and bananas, however, increased because of seasonal declines in supplies.

Poultry prices continued to decline in April instead of moving up seasonally. Pork prices also decreased, but much less than is usual for April. Beef prices, however, increased after declining steadily in the preceding 6 months. Poultry and pork prices have declined despite smaller broiler flocks and hogs on farm—an indication of consumer preference for beef when supplies are ample and prices are relatively favorable. Retail beef prices rose in April, as wholesale cattle and beef prices started to strengthen in March when packers, anticipating tightening supplies of marketable cattle, began to build up inventories. Hog prices also have been moving up since late March because of smaller supplies.

The index for food away from home—restaurant meals and snacks—increased 0.5 percent in April, the same as in March.

Nonfood commodities. The index for nonfood commodities increased 0.8 percent; it usually shows no change in April. There were large increases in prices of furniture, gasoline, coal, houses, home maintenance and repair commodities, housekeeping supplies, reading materials, and used cars. New car prices, which usually decline in April, rose slightly. Prices also increased for most other nonfood commodities such as toilet goods, drugs and prescriptions, appliances, television sets, tires, and apparel.

Gasoline prices, which showed a downward trend during the second half of 1974, have risen steadily this year. The April increase of 1.1 percent, the sharpest since May 1974, reflected pass-throughs of higher crude oil cost to refiners. The cost of crude oil has risen because of the \$1 per barrel excise tax on imported crude oil along with the rising price of “new” (uncontrolled) domestic oil. “New” crude oil is production above 1972 levels and prices generally approximate the landed cost of imported crude. Recently, the price has increased \$1 per barrel in response to the \$1 increase in imported oil. “Old” oil—produced in amounts up to 1972 levels—has its price controlled at \$5.25 per barrel, substantially less than the price for new oil. The Federal Energy Administration's “entitlements” program (designed to equalize “new” and “old” crude costs among refiners) has caused certain refiners to raise prices more than others.

Prices of home repair and maintenance commodities increased 1.0 percent in April, considerably more than the monthly increase in the preceding 5 months. A rise in rail freight charges contributed to the April increase. In addition, lumber and plywood prices have been strengthening in recent months because of inventory

restocking and hedge buying by wholesalers who fear short-term supply problems, should construction demand strengthen as anticipated.

Among household durables, furniture prices rose sharply in April, after increases had slowed somewhat during the first 3 months when many items were on sale because of weak consumer demand. Appliance prices continued to increase in April at about the same rate as in recent months but much slower than last fall. Consumer demand for appliances has remained slack despite cash rebate programs offered by some manufacturers; on the other hand, manufacturers have raised prices as cost pressures and declining sales have eroded profit margins.

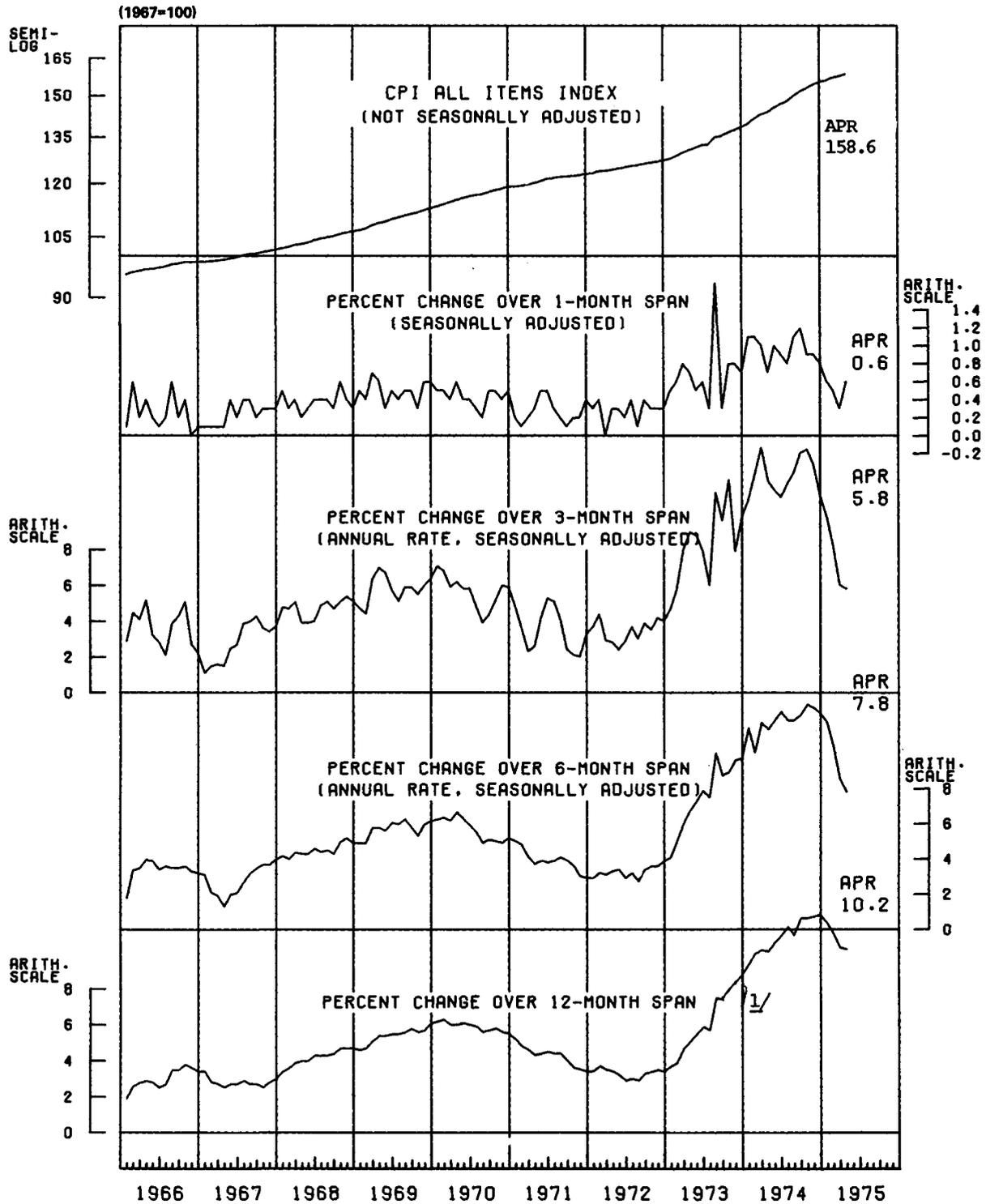
The slight rise in the new car index in April primarily reflected higher prices on imports. Domestic car prices generally decreased slightly as dealer discounts to consumers rose a little. Used car prices rose in April. Purchases of used cars usually begin to pick up in the spring. In April, sales were at their heaviest since September and the supply at major auctions was the highest since October.

Among nondurables other than food and gasoline, there were large increases for newspapers and magazines. The increased cost of newsprint, higher labor, production, and distribution costs and lower advertising revenues were contributing factors. Prices of housekeeping supplies and toilet goods continued to increase due

in part to higher prices for raw materials such as petroleum by-products used in detergents, lanolin used in hand lotion, and paper pulp and wood chips (a by-product of the lumber mills) used in paper products. With housing construction stalled, more costly lumber was used to alleviate the short supply of wood chips. The increase in apparel prices in April was primarily due to the end of sales. On a seasonally adjusted basis, apparel prices averaged unchanged, continuing the stability evident since November.

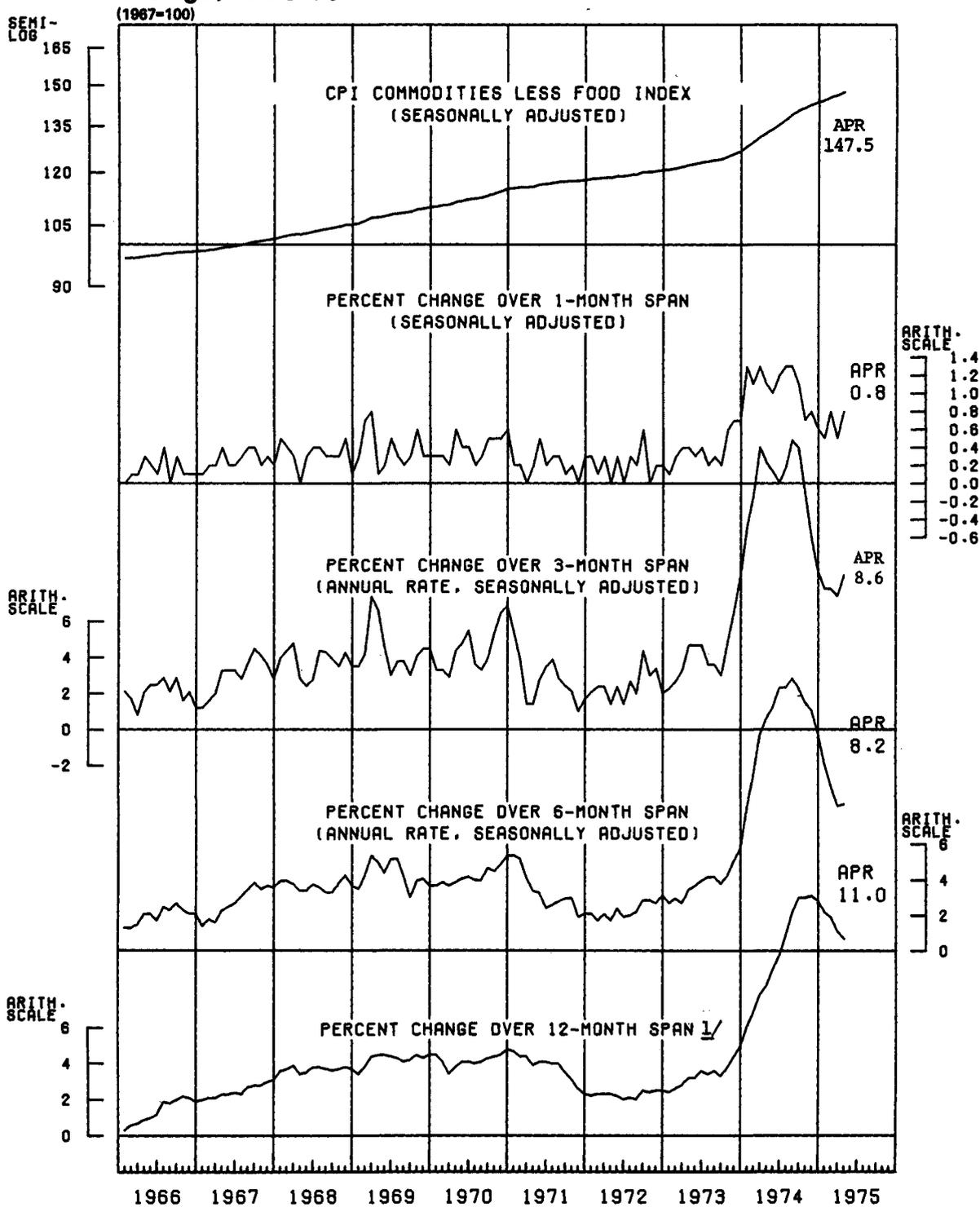
Services. The services index rose 0.6 percent in April. Among major categories of services in the CPI, the index for transportation services rose the most—0.8 percent—primarily because of increases for auto insurance. Parking fees, auto repair charges, and taxicab fares also increased. The index for medical care services increased 0.7 percent in April, when physicians' fees and hospital service charges rose by this amount. Among household services other than rent—which rose 0.5 percent—large increases in charges for natural gas, water and sewerage rates, and babysitters were moderated by declines in mortgage interest rates. The rent index rose 0.3 percent. Charges for other services such as drycleaning, laundry, barber shop and beauty shop services also rose moderately.

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



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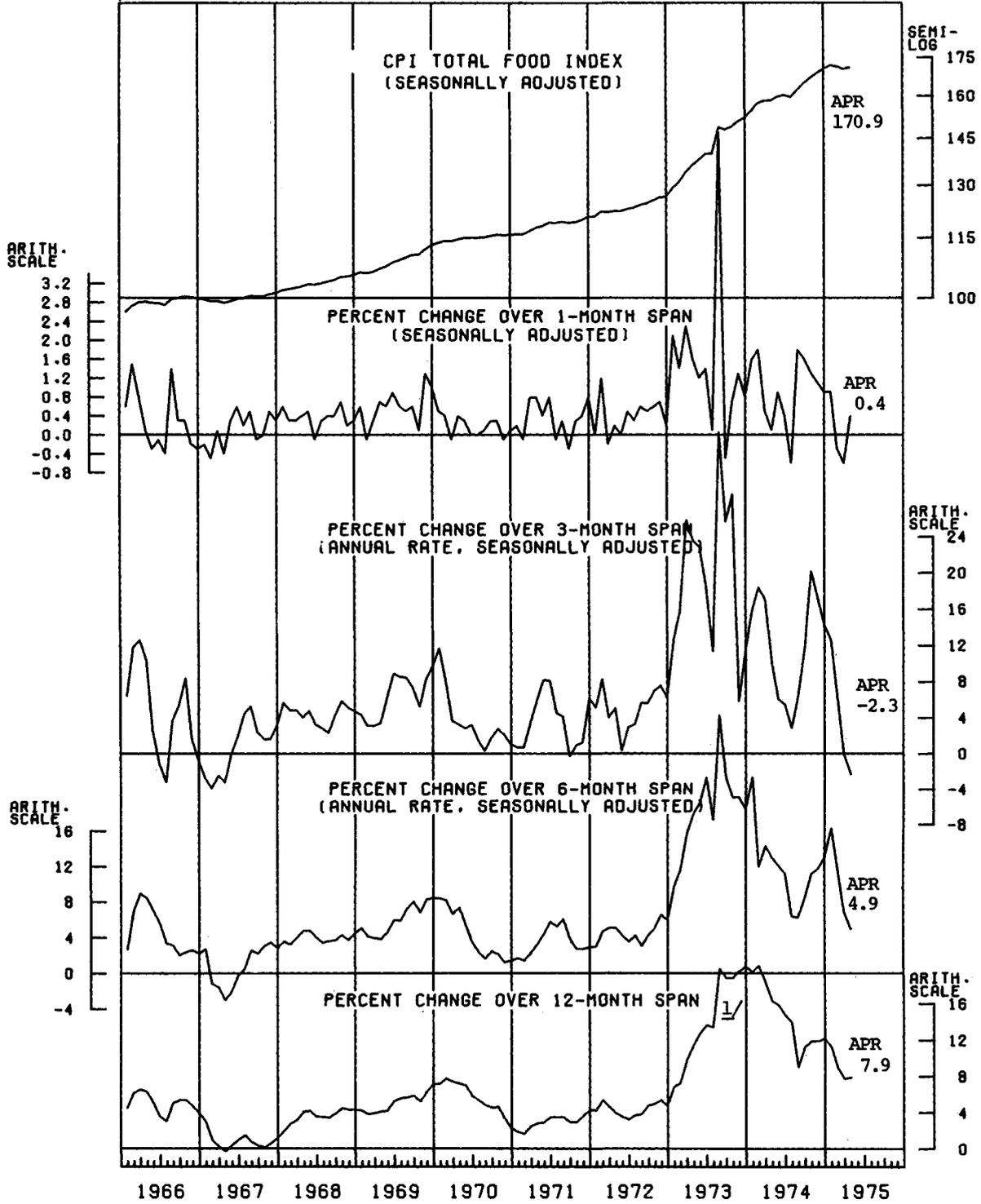
Chart 2. Commodities less food index and its rates of change, 1966-75



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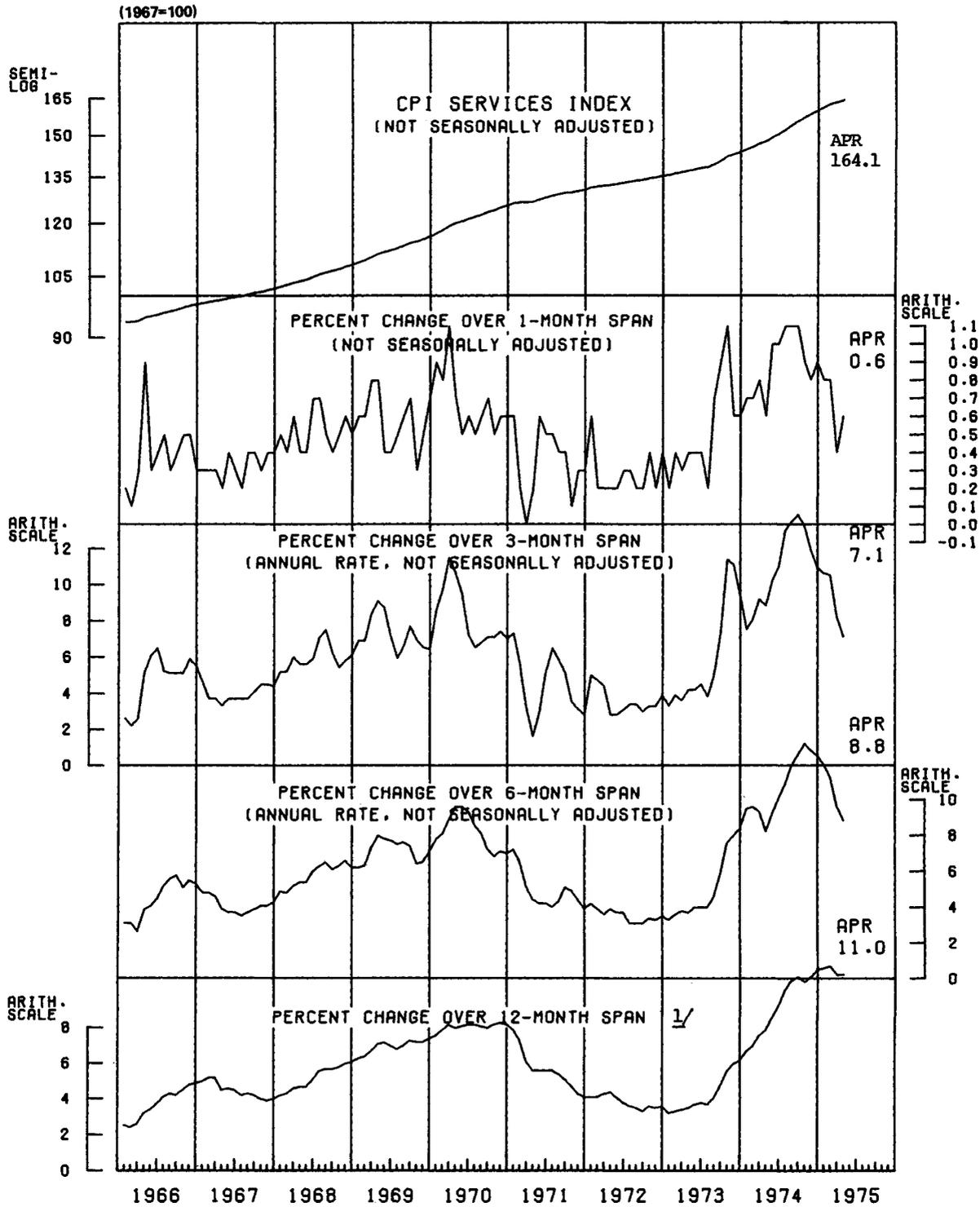
Chart 3. Total food index and its rates of change, 1966-75

(1967=100)



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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 | | Seasonally adjusted percent change from— | | |
|---|---------------------|--|------------|------------|------------------------------|------------|--|-------------------|----------------|
| | | December 1974 | March 1975 | April 1975 | April 1974 | March 1975 | January to February | February to March | March to April |
| Commodity and service groups | | | | | | | | | |
| All items | 100.000 | 157.8 | 158.6 | 10.2 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.6 | |
| All items (1967-69=100) | - | 183.6 | 184.4 | - | - | - | - | - | |
| Commodities | 63.762 | 155.0 | 155.7 | 9.8 | .5 | .5 | .1 | .6 | |
| Food | 24.785 | 171.3 | 171.2 | 7.9 | -.1 | -.3 | -.6 | .4 | |
| Food at home | 19.657 | 171.4 | 171.0 | 7.3 | -.2 | -.6 | -.9 | .4 | |
| Cereals and bakery products | 2.882 | 189.1 | 188.9 | 17.0 | -.1 | .6 | .6 | -.1 | |
| Meats, poultry, and fish | 6.140 | 161.8 | 161.8 | -1.6 | 0 | -1.8 | -2.7 | 1.6 | |
| Dairy products | 2.887 | 155.4 | 154.8 | .7 | -.4 | -.1 | -.1 | -.3 | |
| Fruits and vegetables | 3.111 | 167.4 | 167.8 | 2.9 | .2 | .3 | -.8 | -.5 | |
| Other foods at home | 4.637 | 190.1 | 188.3 | 24.0 | -.9 | .3 | -1.2 | -.3 | |
| Food away from home | 5.128 | 171.3 | 172.2 | 10.7 | .5 | 1.1 | .5 | .4 | |
| Commodities less food | 38.977 | 146.0 | 147.2 | 11.0 | .8 | .8 | .5 | .8 | |
| Nondurables less food | 23.255 | 148.8 | 149.8 | 8.8 | .7 | .5 | .2 | .6 | |
| Apparel commodities ¹ | 8.273 | 139.9 | 140.3 | 5.0 | .3 | .1 | 0 | 0 | |
| Men's and boys' | 2.617 | 141.3 | 142.2 | 6.0 | .6 | .9 | -.3 | -.2 | |
| Women's and girls' | 3.611 | 136.1 | 136.0 | 2.7 | -.1 | -.7 | .1 | -.1 | |
| Footwear | 1.438 | 144.0 | 144.4 | 5.9 | .3 | .8 | .3 | -.1 | |
| Nondurables less food and apparel | 14.982 | 154.2 | 155.4 | 10.9 | .8 | .7 | .5 | .6 | |
| Gasoline and motor oil | 3.388 | 160.5 | 162.2 | 1.3 | 1.1 | .4 | .1 | 1.0 | |
| Tobacco products | 1.936 | 153.1 | 153.2 | 9.7 | .1 | *.5 | *.2 | *.1 | |
| Alcoholic beverages | 2.315 | 141.4 | 141.7 | 10.4 | .2 | *1.0 | *.5 | *.2 | |
| Fuel oil and coal | 1.028 | 228.3 | 229.0 | 10.9 | .3 | -.1 | -1.3 | 1.0 | |
| Other nondurables | 6.316 | 148.5 | 150.3 | 17.3 | 1.2 | 1.2 | .5 | .9 | |
| Durable commodities | 15.722 | 142.1 | 143.6 | 14.3 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.3 | .8 | |
| Household durables | 4.575 | 138.3 | 139.4 | 11.4 | .8 | .6 | .5 | .6 | |
| New automobiles | 1.905 | 127.3 | 127.5 | 12.5 | .2 | 1.3 | 2.8 | .5 | |
| Used automobiles | 2.026 | 135.3 | 138.1 | 29.1 | 2.1 | *-1.0 | *1.3 | *2.1 | |
| Other durables | 7.217 | 151.3 | 153.1 | 13.2 | 1.2 | 1.5 | 1.3 | 1.4 | |
| Services | 36.238 | 163.2 | 164.1 | 11.0 | .6 | *.8 | *.4 | *.6 | |
| Rent | 4.568 | 135.5 | 135.9 | 5.5 | .3 | *.8 | *.3 | *.3 | |
| Services less rent | 31.670 | 168.3 | 169.2 | 11.8 | .5 | .8 | .7 | .6 | |
| Household services less rent | 15.856 | 180.8 | 181.7 | 13.5 | .5 | 1.0 | .3 | .7 | |
| Transportation services | 4.796 | 148.3 | 149.5 | 6.7 | .8 | .4 | .8 | .8 | |
| Medical care services | 5.473 | 174.7 | 175.9 | 14.5 | .7 | 1.2 | .8 | .7 | |
| Other services | 5.545 | 150.1 | 150.6 | 8.8 | .3 | .7 | .3 | .3 | |
| Special indexes: | | | | | | | | | |
| All items less food | 75.215 | 153.9 | 154.9 | 11.0 | .6 | .9 | .6 | .6 | |
| Nondurable commodities | 48.040 | 159.7 | 160.1 | 8.3 | .3 | .3 | -.4 | .4 | |
| Apparel commodities less footwear | 6.835 | 139.1 | 139.5 | 4.9 | .3 | .1 | -.1 | -.1 | |
| Services less medical care services | 30.765 | 161.4 | 162.2 | 10.3 | .5 | .7 | *.3 | *.5 | |
| Insurance and finance | 9.634 | 176.5 | 177.4 | 11.4 | .5 | 1.0 | .5 | .9 | |
| Utilities and public transportation | 5.246 | 152.3 | 153.6 | 10.3 | .9 | .8 | .5 | 1.0 | |
| Housekeeping and home maintenance service | 4.691 | 190.1 | 190.8 | 14.0 | .4 | .6 | .2 | .4 | |
| Appliances (including radio and TV) | 1.445 | 116.9 | 117.2 | 9.6 | .3 | *.3 | *.4 | *.3 | |
| Expenditure classes | | | | | | | | | |
| All items | 100.000 | 157.8 | 158.6 | 10.2 | .5 | .5 | .3 | .6 | |
| Food | 24.785 | 171.3 | 171.2 | 7.9 | -.1 | -.3 | -.6 | .4 | |
| Housing | 33.766 | 163.6 | 164.7 | 12.8 | .7 | 1.0 | .8 | .7 | |
| Shelter ² | 21.293 | 166.6 | 167.6 | 11.6 | .6 | 1.2 | .5 | .7 | |
| Rent | 4.568 | 135.5 | 135.9 | 5.5 | .3 | *.8 | *.3 | *.3 | |
| Homeownership ³ | 16.335 | 178.2 | 179.4 | 13.4 | .7 | 1.4 | .5 | 1.0 | |
| Fuel and utilities ⁴ | 5.008 | 163.0 | 164.6 | 12.0 | 1.0 | .6 | .5 | 1.1 | |
| Gas and electricity | 2.548 | 164.0 | 166.3 | 17.2 | 1.4 | 1.3 | .7 | 1.4 | |
| Household furnishings and operation | 7.465 | 155.6 | 156.8 | 17.0 | .8 | 1.1 | .3 | .8 | |
| Apparel and upkeep | 9.633 | 140.9 | 141.3 | 5.8 | .3 | .3 | .1 | 0 | |
| Transportation | 12.715 | 144.8 | 146.2 | 9.3 | 1.0 | .6 | .7 | .8 | |
| Private | 11.450 | 144.0 | 145.5 | 9.9 | 1.0 | .7 | .8 | .8 | |
| Public | 1.266 | 152.3 | 152.4 | 4.2 | .1 | -.1 | -.1 | .4 | |
| Health and recreation | 18.723 | 151.1 | 152.1 | 11.6 | .7 | 1.0 | .6 | .6 | |
| Medical care | 6.241 | 164.6 | 165.8 | 13.9 | .7 | 1.2 | .7 | .9 | |
| Personal care | 2.519 | 148.9 | 149.5 | 12.3 | .4 | 1.0 | .6 | .3 | |
| Reading and recreation | 5.222 | 142.0 | 143.5 | 10.0 | 1.1 | .8 | .2 | .8 | |
| Other goods and services | 4.742 | 146.5 | 146.8 | 9.9 | .2 | .8 | .5 | .1 | |
| Special indexes: | | | | | | | | | |
| All items less shelter | 78.707 | 155.6 | 156.3 | 9.8 | .4 | .4 | .1 | .6 | |
| All items less medical care | 93.759 | 157.5 | 158.2 | 9.9 | .4 | .6 | .3 | .6 | |
| All items less mortgage interest costs | 95.615 | 155.7 | 156.5 | 9.8 | .5 | .5 | .3 | .5 | |
| CPI - domestically produced farm foods ⁵ | 17.214 | 168.5 | 168.3 | 5.2 | -.2 | *.4 | *-.5 | *-.2 | |
| CPI - selected beef cuts ⁶ | 1.976 | 151.6 | 153.2 | -8.5 | 1.1 | *-1.1 | *-2.1 | *-1.1 | |
| Purchasing power of consumer dollar: | | | | | | | | | |
| 1967= \$1.00 | - | \$ 0.634 | \$ 0.631 | -9.2 | -.5 | - | - | - | |
| 1967-69= \$1.00 | - | .545 | .542 | - | - | - | - | - | |

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

² Also includes hotel and motel rates not shown separately.

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

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

⁵ Calculated from the food at home component by excluding fish, nonalcoholic beverages, bananas,

chocolate candy bars, chocolate syrup, and about half of the index weight for sugar.

⁶ 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 | | | | | |
|--|--|---------------|------------|------------|--|--------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|------------|
| | January 1975 | February 1975 | March 1975 | April 1975 | 3 months ending in | | | 6 months ending in | | |
| | | | | | July 1974 | October 1974 | January 1975 | April 1975 | October 1974 | April 1975 |
| Commodity and service groups | | | | | | | | | | |
| All items | - | - | - | - | 11.7 | 13.6 | 9.8 | 5.8 | 12.7 | 7.8 |
| Commodities | 154.0 | 154.7 | 154.8 | 155.7 | 10.9 | 14.5 | 9.6 | 4.5 | 12.6 | 7.0 |
| Food | 171.9 | 171.4 | 170.3 | 170.9 | 2.8 | 20.2 | 12.5 | -2.3 | 11.2 | 4.9 |
| Food at home | 172.6 | 171.5 | 169.9 | 170.5 | .8 | 23.1 | 12.2 | -4.8 | 11.4 | 3.4 |
| Cereals and bakery products | 185.9 | 187.1 | 188.3 | 188.1 | 16.3 | 19.2 | 28.8 | 4.8 | 17.8 | 16.2 |
| Meats, poultry, and fish | 165.3 | 162.4 | 158.0 | 160.5 | -22.8 | 30.4 | 4.7 | -11.1 | -.4 | -3.5 |
| Dairy products | 155.0 | 154.8 | 154.6 | 154.2 | -2.3 | .8 | 6.7 | -2.0 | -.8 | 2.2 |
| Fruits and vegetables | 167.5 | 168.0 | 166.7 | 165.8 | 21.4 | .9 | -4.6 | -4.0 | 10.7 | -4.3 |
| Other foods at home | 191.1 | 191.6 | 189.3 | 188.7 | 25.5 | 50.4 | 32.0 | -4.9 | 37.4 | 12.0 |
| Food away from home | 169.2 | 171.0 | 171.8 | 172.5 | 12.1 | 9.8 | 12.7 | 8.0 | 10.9 | 10.4 |
| Commodities less food | 144.5 | 145.6 | 146.4 | 147.5 | 14.6 | 13.1 | 7.8 | 8.6 | 13.8 | 8.2 |
| Nondurables less food | 147.9 | 148.6 | 148.9 | 149.8 | 13.7 | 10.2 | 6.2 | 5.2 | 12.0 | 5.7 |
| Apparel commodities ¹ | 140.1 | 140.3 | 140.3 | 140.3 | 8.7 | 9.4 | 1.7 | .6 | 9.0 | 1.2 |
| Men's and boys' | 141.1 | 142.3 | 141.9 | 141.6 | 10.9 | 9.7 | 2.0 | 1.4 | 10.3 | 1.7 |
| Women's and girls' | 137.4 | 136.4 | 136.6 | 136.5 | 6.2 | 8.6 | -.9 | -2.6 | 7.4 | -1.7 |
| Footwear | 142.6 | 143.7 | 144.1 | 144.0 | 4.5 | 12.2 | 3.4 | 4.0 | 8.3 | 3.7 |
| Nondurables less food and apparel | 152.5 | 153.6 | 154.4 | 155.4 | 17.3 | 9.4 | 9.4 | 7.8 | 13.3 | 8.6 |
| Gasoline and motor oil | 159.9 | 160.6 | 160.8 | 162.4 | 11.4 | -9.4 | -2.0 | 6.4 | .5 | 2.1 |
| Tobacco products (not seasonally adjusted) | 152.1 | 152.8 | 153.1 | 153.2 | 16.1 | 7.1 | 13.4 | 2.9 | 11.5 | 8.0 |
| Alcoholic beverages (not seasonally adjusted) | 139.3 | 140.7 | 141.4 | 141.7 | 11.4 | 16.7 | 6.9 | 7.1 | 14.0 | 7.0 |
| Fuel oil and coal | 228.2 | 227.9 | 224.9 | 227.2 | 34.6 | 11.1 | 2.9 | -1.7 | 22.3 | .5 |
| Other nondurables | 146.2 | 148.0 | 148.8 | 150.1 | 20.5 | 21.9 | 15.9 | 11.1 | 21.2 | 13.5 |
| Durable commodities | 139.7 | 141.3 | 143.1 | 144.3 | 16.1 | 17.2 | 10.4 | 13.8 | 16.6 | 12.1 |
| Household durables | 137.2 | 138.0 | 138.7 | 139.5 | 13.4 | 15.0 | 10.6 | 6.9 | 14.2 | 8.7 |
| New automobiles | 121.8 | 123.4 | 126.9 | 127.5 | 19.7 | 16.8 | -4.5 | 20.1 | 18.2 | 7.1 |
| Used automobiles (not seasonally adjusted) | 134.9 | 133.5 | 135.3 | 138.1 | 104.1 | 41.1 | -12.3 | 9.8 | 69.7 | -1.9 |
| Other durables | 147.1 | 149.3 | 151.3 | 153.4 | 7.3 | 11.8 | 15.5 | 18.3 | 9.5 | 16.9 |
| Services (not seasonally adjusted) | 161.3 | 162.6 | 163.2 | 164.1 | 13.0 | 13.2 | 10.6 | 7.1 | 13.1 | 8.8 |
| Rent (not seasonally adjusted) | 134.0 | 135.1 | 135.5 | 135.9 | 4.7 | 6.0 | 5.6 | 5.8 | 5.3 | 5.7 |
| Services less rent | 166.0 | 167.3 | 168.5 | 169.5 | 14.1 | 13.1 | 11.1 | 8.7 | 13.6 | 9.9 |
| Household services less rent | 178.6 | 180.4 | 181.0 | 182.2 | 16.4 | 16.5 | 12.8 | 8.3 | 16.4 | 10.5 |
| Transportation services | 146.2 | 146.8 | 148.0 | 149.2 | 7.0 | 6.3 | 5.1 | 8.5 | 6.7 | 6.8 |
| Medical care services | 171.0 | 173.1 | 174.5 | 175.7 | 18.4 | 15.6 | 12.9 | 11.5 | 17.0 | 12.2 |
| Other services | 148.8 | 149.8 | 150.3 | 150.8 | 10.8 | 9.6 | 9.7 | 5.5 | 10.2 | 7.6 |
| Special indexes: | | | | | | | | | | |
| All items less food | 152.0 | 153.3 | 154.2 | 155.2 | 13.5 | 12.8 | 8.9 | 8.7 | 13.1 | 8.8 |
| Nondurable commodities | 159.5 | 159.9 | 159.2 | 159.9 | 8.4 | 14.2 | 9.8 | 1.0 | 11.3 | 5.3 |
| Apparel commodities less footwear | 139.6 | 139.8 | 139.7 | 139.6 | 9.3 | 9.1 | 1.4 | 0 | 9.2 | .7 |
| Services less medical care services (not seasonally adjusted) | 159.8 | 160.9 | 161.4 | 162.2 | 11.9 | 13.0 | 10.1 | 6.1 | 12.5 | 8.1 |
| Insurance and finance | 174.2 | 175.9 | 176.7 | 178.3 | 10.1 | 15.2 | 10.5 | 9.8 | 12.6 | 10.1 |
| Utilities and public transportation | 149.6 | 150.8 | 151.5 | 153.0 | 9.9 | 10.8 | 11.1 | 9.4 | 10.3 | 10.3 |
| Housekeeping and home maintenance service | 189.4 | 190.5 | 190.9 | 191.6 | 26.0 | 16.9 | 9.6 | 4.7 | 21.4 | 7.1 |
| Appliances (including radio and TV) (not seasonally adjusted) | 116.0 | 116.4 | 116.9 | 117.2 | 9.3 | 14.6 | 10.7 | 4.2 | 11.9 | 7.4 |
| Expenditure classes | | | | | | | | | | |
| All items | - | - | - | - | 11.7 | 13.6 | 9.8 | 5.8 | 12.7 | 7.8 |
| Food | 171.9 | 171.4 | 170.3 | 170.9 | 2.8 | 20.2 | 12.5 | -2.3 | 11.2 | 4.9 |
| Housing | 160.9 | 162.5 | 163.8 | 165.0 | 14.1 | 14.8 | 11.7 | 10.6 | 14.4 | 11.2 |
| Shelter ² | 164.0 | 166.0 | 166.9 | 168.1 | 10.8 | 13.0 | 12.1 | 10.4 | 11.9 | 11.2 |
| Rent (not seasonally adjusted) | 134.0 | 135.1 | 135.5 | 135.9 | 4.7 | 6.0 | 5.6 | 5.8 | 5.3 | 5.7 |
| Homeownership ³ | 175.1 | 177.5 | 178.4 | 180.1 | 12.4 | 15.8 | 13.6 | 11.9 | 14.1 | 12.8 |
| Fuel and utilities ⁴ | 160.2 | 161.2 | 162.0 | 163.8 | 14.7 | 13.0 | 10.9 | 9.3 | 13.8 | 10.1 |
| Gas and electricity | 159.6 | 161.7 | 162.9 | 165.1 | 17.8 | 18.0 | 18.4 | 14.5 | 17.9 | 16.4 |
| Household furnishings and operation | 153.8 | 155.5 | 155.9 | 157.1 | 22.5 | 22.7 | 14.4 | 8.9 | 22.6 | 11.6 |
| Apparel and upkeep | 140.8 | 141.2 | 141.3 | 141.3 | 9.0 | 10.0 | 2.9 | 1.4 | 9.5 | 2.2 |
| Transportation | 143.5 | 144.4 | 145.4 | 146.5 | 17.8 | 9.5 | 2.0 | 8.6 | 13.6 | 5.2 |
| Private | 142.5 | 143.5 | 144.7 | 145.8 | 19.0 | 10.8 | .8 | 9.6 | 14.8 | 5.1 |
| Public | 152.2 | 152.1 | 152.0 | 152.6 | 5.3 | 2.4 | 8.3 | 1.1 | 3.9 | 4.6 |
| Health and recreation | 149.0 | 150.5 | 151.4 | 152.3 | 13.9 | 12.5 | 11.2 | 9.2 | 13.2 | 10.2 |
| Medical care | 161.3 | 163.2 | 164.4 | 165.8 | 16.3 | 14.8 | 12.8 | 11.6 | 15.5 | 12.2 |
| Personal care | 146.6 | 148.1 | 149.0 | 149.5 | 14.9 | 15.6 | 10.8 | 8.2 | 15.3 | 9.5 |
| Reading and recreation | 141.0 | 142.1 | 142.4 | 143.6 | 12.8 | 9.9 | 9.9 | 7.6 | 11.3 | 8.8 |
| Other goods and services | 144.9 | 146.0 | 146.8 | 146.9 | 12.2 | 11.2 | 10.6 | 5.6 | 11.7 | 8.1 |
| Special indexes: | | | | | | | | | | |
| All items less shelter | 154.6 | 155.2 | 155.4 | 156.3 | 12.0 | 13.8 | 9.3 | 4.5 | 12.9 | 6.9 |
| All items less medical care | 156.2 | 157.1 | 157.5 | 158.4 | 11.3 | 13.3 | 9.8 | 5.8 | 12.3 | 7.7 |
| All items less mortgage interest costs | 154.5 | 155.3 | 155.7 | 156.5 | 11.4 | 12.9 | 9.9 | 5.3 | 12.1 | 7.6 |
| CPI—domestically produced farm foods (not seasonally adjusted) | 168.7 | 169.3 | 168.5 | 168.2 | -.5 | 12.8 | 10.3 | -1.2 | 6.0 | 4.4 |
| CPI—selected beef cuts (not seasonally adjusted) | 156.6 | 154.8 | 151.6 | 153.2 | -18.6 | 16.0 | -19.1 | -8.4 | -2.8 | -13.9 |

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

² Also includes hotel and motel rates not shown separately.

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

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

⁵ 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.

⁶ Calculated from the CPI beef and veal component by excluding veal cutlets and beef liver.

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

Table 3. Consumer Price Index—United States city average for urban wage earners and clerical workers, food items, April 1975 indexes, and percent changes from selected dates

(1967=100)

| Item and group | Index | | Percent change to April 1975 from— | | | Item and group | Index | | Percent change to April 1975 from— | | |
|-----------------------------|------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|------------|---------------------|
| | April 1975 | | March 1975 | | | | April 1975 | | March 1975 | | |
| | Unadjusted | Seasonally adjusted | Unadjusted | Unadjusted | Seasonally adjusted | | Unadjusted | Seasonally adjusted | Unadjusted | Unadjusted | Seasonally adjusted |
| Food | 171.2 | 170.9 | 7.9 | -0.1 | 0.4 | Food—Continued | | | | | |
| Food away from home | 172.2 | 172.5 | 10.7 | .5 | .4 | Food at home—Continued | | | | | |
| Restaurant meals | 171.0 | 171.3 | 9.4 | .4 | .2 | Fruits and vegetables—Continued | | | | | |
| Snacks | 177.7 | 177.7 | 16.6 | 1.1 | .9 | Fresh fruits and vegetables—Continued | | | | | |
| Food at home | 171.0 | 170.5 | 7.3 | -2.2 | .4 | Fresh fruits—Continued | | | | | |
| Cereals and bakery products | 188.9 | 188.1 | 17.0 | -1.1 | -1.1 | Oranges | 145.5 | 155.8 | 6.6 | -.6 | 2.0 |
| Flour | 170.9 | 168.0 | -6.7 | .2 | .3 | Orange juice, fresh | 145.5 | 146.1 | 6.3 | 0.1 | .4 |
| Cracker meal | 238.8 | 238.6 | 35.2 | 3.2 | 3.7 | Grapefruit | 151.4 | 170.9 | 14.6 | 6.3 | 6.1 |
| Corn flakes | 167.5 | 167.8 | 36.8 | .4 | .2 | Grapes | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) |
| Rice | 218.8 | 217.7 | -10.0 | -4.2 | .2 | Strawberries | 169.1 | 152.3 | 8.6 | (1) | (1) |
| Bread, white | 169.7 | 169.4 | 7.8 | -1.3 | -1.1 | Watermelon | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) |
| Bread, whole wheat | 176.3 | 175.6 | 10.3 | -1.1 | -2.2 | Fresh vegetables | 159.6 | 153.6 | -8.9 | -3.4 | -2.5 |
| Cookies | 197.5 | 197.1 | 50.0 | -8.8 | -8.8 | Potatoes | 137.6 | 137.3 | -49.4 | -3.7 | -4.6 |
| Layer cake | 194.6 | 194.0 | 30.5 | -1.1 | .0 | Onions | 152.4 | 151.8 | -3.2 | 20.8 | 25.7 |
| Cinnamon rolls | 201.9 | 201.9 | 30.3 | -.4 | -.6 | Asparagus | 177.8 | 191.4 | 19.1 | -18.4 | 6.1 |
| Meats, poultry, and fish | 161.8 | 160.5 | -1.6 | .0 | 1.6 | Cabbage | 158.7 | 152.6 | 9.5 | .0 | 3.7 |
| Meats | 160.2 | 159.2 | -2.8 | .3 | 2.0 | Carrots | 179.1 | 190.9 | 37.9 | -.4 | 7.1 |
| Beef and veal | 154.6 | 152.5 | -9.1 | .8 | 1.2 | Celery | 143.9 | 156.1 | 12.2 | 1.6 | 11.5 |
| Steak, round | 155.7 | 153.2 | -4.5 | 1.9 | 3.8 | Cucumbers | 230.5 | 172.7 | 58.0 | -2.3 | -13.9 |
| Steak, sirloin | 148.1 | 148.0 | -2.5 | 3.1 | 4.2 | Lettuce | 139.0 | 145.1 | 8.5 | -5.9 | -7.2 |
| Steak, porterhouse | 152.5 | 152.8 | -1.1 | 2.4 | 3.3 | Pappars, green | 172.3 | 146.8 | 18.0 | -4.0 | -11.0 |
| Rump roast | 154.6 | 152.8 | -3.4 | 1.6 | 3.3 | Spinach | 183.3 | 181.8 | 4.5 | 1.2 | 1.1 |
| Rib roast | 164.6 | 163.9 | -.2 | .7 | 2.1 | Tomatoes | 161.0 | 153.0 | 19.1 | -8.3 | -9.6 |
| Chuck roast | 155.8 | 151.4 | -9.6 | .3 | 1.0 | Processed fruits and vegetables | 178.2 | 177.5 | 6.1 | -.3 | -.4 |
| Hamburger | 149.5 | 147.4 | -18.3 | -.5 | -1.0 | Fruit cocktail, canned | 177.5 | 177.1 | 22.2 | -.7 | -.9 |
| Beef liver | 142.5 | 140.0 | -18.5 | -1.3 | -3.0 | Pears, canned | 166.8 | 167.5 | 23.4 | .2 | .4 |
| Veal cutlets | 185.6 | 185.0 | -7.0 | .2 | .2 | Pineapple-grapefruit drink, canned | 172.0 | 171.5 | 37.5 | 1.1 | .5 |
| Pork | 170.0 | 171.4 | 7.5 | -.3 | 2.9 | Orange juice concentrate, frozen | 152.8 | 152.5 | 9.4 | .2 | -.3 |
| Chops | 159.6 | 163.5 | 7.3 | .2 | 5.5 | Lemonade concentrate, frozen | 194.3 | 192.9 | 49.0 | 3.3 | 2.8 |
| Loin roast | 166.1 | 169.5 | 6.3 | -1.1 | 5.1 | Beets, canned | 189.3 | 189.3 | 22.2 | -.2 | -.2 |
| Sausage | 191.6 | 190.5 | 6.3 | .9 | 2.1 | Pees, green, canned | 162.5 | 161.9 | 35.8 | .2 | -.2 |
| Ham, whole | 164.1 | 161.7 | 2.7 | -.8 | .3 | Tomatoes, canned | 175.7 | 175.3 | 24.0 | .9 | .3 |
| Picnics | 157.7 | 154.2 | -6.3 | -1.4 | .1 | Dried beans | 225.3 | 224.2 | -46.5 | -5.0 | -4.4 |
| Bacon | 181.5 | 183.9 | 19.6 | -.9 | 1.7 | Broccoli, frozen | 153.1 | 152.2 | 15.5 | -.4 | -.8 |
| Other meats | 158.6 | 158.6 | -2.6 | -.1 | .9 | Other food at home | 188.3 | 188.7 | 24.0 | -.9 | -.3 |
| Lamb chops | 162.2 | 162.9 | 6.9 | .1 | 1.6 | Eggs | 158.2 | 161.6 | -1.4 | 3.1 | 7.9 |
| Frankfurters | 152.9 | 151.8 | -8.7 | .1 | 1.1 | Fats and oils | 209.7 | 209.5 | 23.5 | -1.6 | -1.6 |
| Ham, canned | 166.7 | 165.7 | 2.1 | .1 | 1.0 | Margarine | 240.8 | 240.6 | 26.7 | -3.3 | -3.3 |
| Bologna sausage | 160.3 | 160.3 | -4.9 | -.7 | -.2 | Salad dressing, Italian | 158.9 | 158.6 | 28.2 | .8 | .7 |
| Salami sausage | 153.4 | 153.2 | -5.9 | -.6 | -.5 | Salad or cooking oil | 230.4 | 229.9 | 19.0 | -1.7 | -1.5 |
| Liverwurst | 155.8 | 155.2 | -4.5 | .3 | .4 | Sugar and sweets | 255.7 | 253.7 | 50.8 | -5.1 | -5.6 |
| Poultry | 148.9 | 146.1 | 1.3 | -1.9 | -1.9 | Sugar | 346.6 | 346.9 | 82.2 | -15.6 | -15.8 |
| Frying chicken | 152.0 | 148.1 | 3.3 | -2.0 | -2.3 | Grape jelly | 232.7 | 232.2 | 53.1 | .4 | .8 |
| Chicken breasts | 147.9 | 146.0 | 2.8 | -1.7 | -2.5 | Chocolate bar | 239.2 | 239.0 | 27.3 | .2 | -.2 |
| Turkey | 135.5 | 136.2 | -9.3 | -2.0 | -.9 | Syrup, chocolate flavored | 216.6 | 213.4 | 43.3 | .0 | .0 |
| Fish | 197.3 | 196.1 | 5.6 | .1 | -.1 | Nonalcoholic beverages | 178.0 | 178.4 | 22.2 | .1 | .1 |
| Shrimp, frozen | 165.5 | 163.9 | -6.5 | 1.4 | 1.2 | Coffee | 166.9 | 167.2 | 8.5 | -.1 | -.4 |
| Fish, fresh or frozen | 217.4 | 217.2 | .2 | .3 | .0 | Coffee, instant | 173.7 | 173.9 | 16.7 | .2 | -.2 |
| Tuna fish, canned | 176.5 | 174.8 | 5.8 | -1.2 | -1.9 | Tea | 143.6 | 143.6 | 23.8 | .9 | .9 |
| Sardines, canned | 228.8 | 228.8 | 22.2 | .1 | .0 | Carbonated drink, cola flavored | 210.1 | 209.7 | 43.4 | -.3 | -.4 |
| Dairy products | 154.8 | 154.2 | .7 | -.4 | -.3 | Carbonated drink, fruit flavored | 209.7 | 209.9 | 42.9 | -.2 | -.5 |
| Milk, fresh, grocery | 152.5 | 151.4 | -2.1 | -.6 | -.5 | Prepared and partially prepared foods | 165.1 | 164.8 | 23.1 | .2 | .2 |
| Milk, fresh, skim | 166.8 | 165.8 | .1 | -.3 | -.4 | Bean soup, canned | 188.6 | 188.0 | 28.9 | .0 | -.2 |
| Milk, evaporated | 182.1 | 181.6 | 8.6 | -.3 | -.6 | Chicken soup, canned | 135.9 | 135.5 | 9.8 | .4 | .4 |
| Ice cream | 151.2 | 151.7 | 18.6 | -.7 | -.3 | Spaghetti, canned | 162.5 | 163.0 | 22.9 | .1 | .4 |
| Cheese, American process | 168.9 | 167.7 | -2.8 | .1 | -.2 | Mashed potatoes, instant | 157.4 | 158.2 | 22.3 | .8 | 1.2 |
| Butter | 115.6 | 115.8 | -.1 | .3 | .4 | Potatoes, french fried, frozen | 168.7 | 169.0 | 24.5 | -.5 | -.3 |
| Fruits and vegetables | 167.8 | 165.8 | 2.9 | .2 | -.5 | Baby foods | 162.1 | 161.3 | 22.8 | .4 | .1 |
| Fresh fruits and vegetables | 160.9 | 157.9 | .8 | .6 | -.9 | Sweet pickle relish | 175.4 | 173.5 | 23.3 | .9 | 1.0 |
| Fresh fruits | 162.7 | 163.2 | 15.6 | 6.1 | 1.4 | Pretzels | 168.9 | 168.6 | 29.1 | .2 | .0 |
| Apples | 155.0 | 159.0 | -2.4 | 3.6 | 1.0 | | | | | | |
| Bananas | 158.3 | 151.5 | 69.8 | 7.5 | .1 | | | | | | |

¹ Priced only in season.

Table 4. Consumers Price Index—United States city average for urban wage earners and clerical workers, indexes for selected items and groups, April 1975, and percent changes from selected dates

(1967=100)

| Item and group | Other index base | Indexes | | Percent change to April 1975 from: | |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------|------------------------------------|------------------|
| | | March 1975 | April 1975 | April 1974 | March 1975 |
| Housing | | 163.6 | 164.7 | 12.8 | 0.7 |
| Shelter ¹ | | 166.6 | 167.6 | 11.6 | .6 |
| Rent, residential | | 135.5 | 135.9 | 5.5 | .3 |
| Homeownership ² | | 178.2 | 179.4 | 13.4 | .7 |
| Mortgage interest rates | | 142.7 | 140.6 | 4.8 | -1.5 |
| Property taxes | | 156.3 | 157.0 | 4.0 | .4 |
| Property insurance premiums | | 128.4 | 128.6 | 3.7 | .2 |
| Maintenance and repairs | | 184.1 | 185.0 | 12.1 | .5 |
| Maintenance and repair commodities ³ | | 158.4 | 160.0 | 8.0 | 1.0 |
| Exterior house paint | | 155.2 | 155.9 | 19.8 | .5 |
| Interior house paint | | 145.5 | 146.6 | 15.3 | .8 |
| Maintenance and repair services | | 195.2 | 195.7 | 13.6 | .3 |
| Repainting living and dining rooms | | 204.7 | 204.8 | 13.0 | 0 |
| Reshingling house roof | | 213.4 | 214.8 | 16.5 | .7 |
| Residing house | | 185.0 | 185.6 | 14.0 | .3 |
| Replacing sink | | 192.6 | 192.9 | 14.1 | .2 |
| Repairing furnace | | 188.9 | 189.4 | 10.3 | .3 |
| Fuel and utilities | | 163.0 | 164.6 | 12.0 | 1.0 |
| Fuel oil and coal | | 228.3 | 229.0 | 10.9 | .3 |
| Fuel oil, No. 2 | | 223.1 | 223.3 | 8.5 | .1 |
| Gas and electricity | | 164.0 | 166.3 | 17.2 | 1.4 |
| Gas | | 163.9 | 168.4 | 20.6 | 2.7 |
| Electricity | | 164.0 | 164.4 | 14.1 | .2 |
| Other utilities: | | | | | |
| Residential telephone services | | 123.4 | 123.8 | 2.2 | .3 |
| Residential water and sewerage services | | 166.0 | 168.0 | 8.9 | 1.2 |
| Household furnishings and operation ⁴ | | 155.6 | 156.8 | 17.0 | .8 |
| Housefurnishings | | 142.4 | 143.6 | 13.9 | .8 |
| Textiles | | 141.3 | 141.3 | 10.8 | 0 |
| Sheets, full, flat | | 145.6 | 146.9 | 9.8 | .9 |
| Curtains, tailored | | 132.9 | 132.3 | 7.6 | -.5 |
| Bedspreads | | 146.9 | 147.3 | 12.8 | .3 |
| Drapery fabrics | | 168.6 | 167.9 | 14.9 | -.4 |
| Pillows, bed | | 121.6 | 119.1 | 8.0 | -2.1 |
| Slipcovers and throws, ready-made | | 131.5 | 133.4 | 10.3 | 1.4 |
| Furniture and bedding | | 144.0 | 146.5 | 10.2 | 1.7 |
| Bedroom furniture, chest and dresser | Mar. 70 | 126.9 | 127.3 | 8.4 | .3 |
| Sofas, upholstered | | 137.3 | 139.1 | 8.8 | 1.3 |
| Cocktail tables | Dec. 71 | 122.7 | 124.2 | 11.9 | 1.2 |
| Dining room chairs | Mar. 70 | 129.5 | 129.3 | 10.0 | -.2 |
| Recliners, upholstered | Dec. 71 | 110.5 | 110.8 | 6.2 | .3 |
| Sofas, dual purpose | | 134.9 | 135.0 | 6.6 | .1 |
| Bedding, mattress and box springs | June 70 | 128.2 | 129.9 | 13.8 | 1.3 |
| Aluminum folding chairs | | (⁵) | 164.8 | 17.5 | (⁵) |
| Cribs | | 148.0 | 146.5 | 10.2 | -1.0 |
| Floor coverings | | 128.5 | 128.9 | 13.1 | .3 |
| Broadloom carpeting | | 118.3 | 118.5 | 9.6 | .2 |
| Vinyl sheet goods | | 148.7 | 149.7 | 18.8 | .7 |
| Vinyl floor tile | | 155.7 | 156.5 | 20.8 | .5 |
| Appliances (excluding radio and TV) | | 126.1 | 126.4 | 13.3 | .2 |
| Washing machines, electric | | 129.2 | 129.8 | 15.1 | .5 |
| Vacuum cleaners | | 114.9 | 115.5 | 10.5 | .5 |
| Refrigerators, refrigerator-freezers, electric | | 126.5 | 126.9 | 16.0 | .3 |
| Ranges, free standing, gas or electric | | 127.5 | 128.4 | 15.3 | .7 |
| Clothes dryers, electric | | 134.0 | 134.3 | 15.4 | .2 |
| Air conditioners, demountable | | (⁵) | 123.1 | 9.5 | (⁵) |
| Room heaters, electric, portable | | 121.2 | 121.6 | (⁵) | .3 |
| Garbage disposal units | | 126.7 | 127.8 | 11.5 | .9 |
| Other housefurnishings: | | | | | |
| Dinnerware, fine china | | 170.8 | 173.6 | 23.4 | 1.6 |
| Flatware, stainless steel | | 171.5 | 173.1 | 20.5 | .9 |
| Table lamps, with shade | | 143.9 | 145.0 | 10.3 | .8 |
| Lawn mowers, power, rotary type | | 149.0 | 151.1 | 15.7 | 1.4 |
| Electric drills, hand-held | | 120.4 | 122.7 | 10.4 | 1.9 |
| Housekeeping supplies: | | | | | |
| Laundry soaps and detergents | | 160.1 | 161.3 | 32.1 | .7 |
| Paper napkins | | 201.5 | 205.3 | 34.7 | 1.9 |
| Toilet tissue | | 199.5 | 202.3 | 39.3 | 1.4 |
| Housekeeping services: | | | | | |
| Domestic services, general housework | | 193.3 | 193.6 | 22.1 | .2 |
| Baby sitter services | | 185.6 | 188.4 | 25.8 | 1.5 |
| Postal charges | | 175.3 | 175.3 | .0 | 0 |
| Laundry, flatwork, finished service | | 183.9 | 184.8 | 11.9 | .5 |
| Licensed day care services, preschool child | | 151.7 | 152.1 | 10.1 | .3 |
| Washing machine repairs | | 184.4 | 184.0 | 14.6 | -.2 |

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 4. Consumer Price Index—United States city average for urban wage earners and clerical workers, indexes for selected items and groups, April 1975, and percent changes from selected dates—Continued

(1967=100)

| Item and group | Other index base | Indexes | | Percent change to April 1975 from: | |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|
| | | March 1975 | April 1975 | April 1974 | March 1975 |
| Apparel and upkeep ⁷ | | 140.9 | 141.3 | 5.8 | 0.3 |
| Apparel commodities..... | | 139.9 | 140.3 | 5.0 | .3 |
| Apparel commodities less footwear..... | | 139.1 | 139.5 | 4.9 | .3 |
| Men's and boys'..... | | 141.3 | 142.2 | 6.0 | .6 |
| Men's: | | | | | |
| Topcoats and all-weather coats..... | | 140.3 | 142.4 | (^h) | 1.5 |
| Suits, year round weight..... | | 137.4 | 140.6 | 3.8 | 2.3 |
| Sport jackets..... | June 74 | 101.0 | 102.5 | (^h) | 1.5 |
| Jackets, lightweight..... | | 133.4 | 133.6 | 8.4 | -.1 |
| Slacks, heavyweight..... | | 118.1 | 119.0 | 2.2 | .8 |
| Slacks, lightweight..... | | 142.6 | 143.4 | 2.0 | .6 |
| Trousers, work..... | | 151.3 | 151.0 | 12.2 | -.2 |
| Shirts, work..... | | 151.4 | 151.0 | 11.9 | -.3 |
| Shirts, business or dress..... | | 126.6 | 127.6 | 5.0 | .8 |
| T-shirts..... | | 154.1 | 153.6 | 10.5 | -.3 |
| Socks..... | | 127.9 | 128.3 | 6.7 | .3 |
| Handkerchiefs..... | | 153.3 | 153.5 | 12.0 | .1 |
| Boys': | | | | | |
| Coats, heavyweight..... | | 108.8 | 109.3 | (^h) | .5 |
| Sport coats, wool or wool blends..... | | 118.7 | 120.0 | (^h) | 1.1 |
| Dungarees..... | | 172.8 | 172.3 | 12.3 | -.3 |
| Undershorts..... | | 152.1 | 151.4 | 9.9 | -.5 |
| Handkerchiefs..... | | 136.1 | 136.0 | 2.7 | -.1 |
| Women's and girls': | | | | | |
| Women's: | | | | | |
| Coats, heavyweight..... | | 121.2 | (^h) | (^h) | (^h) |
| Carcoats, heavyweight..... | | (^h) | (^h) | (^h) | (^h) |
| Sweaters..... | | 137.7 | 135.4 | (^h) | -1.7 |
| Skirts, winter weight..... | | 148.0 | 150.7 | (^h) | 1.8 |
| Skirts, summer weight..... | | 150.3 | 148.4 | 6.3 | -1.3 |
| Blouses..... | | 143.9 | 144.0 | 8.4 | .1 |
| Dresses, street, year round weight..... | | 144.4 | 144.5 | 4.1 | .1 |
| Slips..... | | 117.4 | 113.3 | -1.3 | -3.5 |
| Panties..... | | 137.4 | 139.8 | 11.7 | 1.7 |
| Girdles..... | | 126.0 | 127.5 | 3.8 | 1.2 |
| Brasieres..... | | 139.8 | 141.1 | 8.0 | .9 |
| Hose or panty hose, nylon..... | | 91.9 | 91.1 | -1.0 | -.9 |
| Anklets or knee-length socks..... | | 130.9 | 131.9 | 11.3 | .8 |
| Gloves, fabric..... | | 128.0 | 128.0 | 5.4 | .0 |
| Handbags..... | | 171.4 | 170.9 | 6.0 | -.3 |
| Girls': | | | | | |
| Raincoats..... | | 129.4 | 128.5 | (^h) | -.7 |
| Skirts, fall and winter..... | | 132.2 | (^h) | (^h) | (^h) |
| Dresses..... | | 134.7 | 129.6 | 2.0 | -3.8 |
| Slacks, fall and winter..... | | 168.0 | 167.5 | (^h) | -.3 |
| Slips..... | | 125.3 | 126.7 | 11.4 | 1.1 |
| Handbags..... | | 139.5 | 143.3 | -.7 | 2.7 |
| Miscellaneous apparel: | | | | | |
| Diapers..... | | 180.1 | 182.6 | 36.1 | 1.4 |
| Yard goods..... | | 162.0 | 161.3 | 10.3 | -.4 |
| Wrist watches, men's and women's..... | | 133.3 | 133.9 | 7.3 | .5 |
| Footwear..... | | 144.0 | 144.4 | 5.9 | .3 |
| Men's: | | | | | |
| Shoes, street..... | | 148.0 | 147.4 | 6.1 | -.4 |
| Shoes, work, high..... | | 158.5 | 159.1 | 9.0 | .4 |
| Women's: | | | | | |
| Shoes, street, pump..... | | 139.1 | 140.3 | 3.9 | .9 |
| Shoes, evening, pump..... | | 132.1 | 132.0 | 3.3 | -.1 |
| Shoes, casual..... | | 145.8 | 146.7 | 6.9 | .6 |
| House slippers, scuff..... | | 138.3 | 139.7 | 5.8 | 1.0 |
| Children's: | | | | | |
| Shoes, oxford..... | | 143.9 | 144.6 | 5.2 | .5 |
| Sneakers, boys', oxford type..... | | 148.7 | 148.9 | 9.6 | .1 |
| Dress shoes, girls'..... | | 152.1 | 152.1 | 7.5 | .0 |
| Apparel services: | | | | | |
| Drycleaning..... | | 148.5 | 148.9 | 13.0 | .3 |
| Automatic laundry service..... | | 132.1 | 132.2 | 8.3 | .1 |
| Laundry, men's shirts..... | | 151.2 | 151.2 | 9.0 | .0 |
| Tailoring charges..... | | 152.2 | 152.3 | 4.5 | .1 |
| Shoe repairs..... | | 138.9 | 139.3 | 8.1 | .3 |
| Transportation..... | | 144.8 | 146.2 | 9.3 | 1.0 |
| Private: ⁸ | | 144.0 | 145.5 | 9.9 | 1.0 |
| Automobiles, new..... | | 127.3 | 127.5 | 12.5 | .2 |
| Automobiles, used..... | | 135.3 | 138.1 | 29.1 | 2.1 |
| Gasoline, regular and premium..... | | 161.0 | 162.8 | .9 | 1.1 |
| Motor oil..... | | 153.6 | 153.8 | 7.7 | .1 |
| Tires..... | | 125.7 | 126.3 | 10.7 | .5 |
| Auto repairs (mechanical) and maintenance..... | | 173.9 | 174.7 | 15.1 | .5 |
| Auto insurance premiums..... | | 139.2 | 141.9 | 2.4 | 1.9 |
| Auto registration fees..... | | 130.4 | 130.8 | 1.5 | .3 |
| Parking fees, private and municipal..... | | 168.3 | 171.7 | 10.6 | 2.0 |

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 4. Consumer Price Index—United States city average for urban wage earners and clerical workers, indexes for selected items and groups, April 1975, and percent changes from selected dates—Continued

| Item and group | Other Index base | Indexes | | Percent change to April 1975 from: | |
|---|------------------|------------|------------|------------------------------------|------------|
| | | March 1975 | April 1975 | April 1974 | March 1975 |
| Transportation—Continued | | | | | |
| Public | | 152.3 | 152.4 | 4.2 | 0.1 |
| Local transit fares | | 147.8 | 147.8 | -.4 | .0 |
| Taxicab fares | | 165.9 | 166.8 | 14.7 | .5 |
| Railroad fares, coach | | 150.1 | 150.1 | 18.1 | 0 |
| Airplane fares, chiefly coach | | 154.3 | 154.3 | 9.1 | 0 |
| Bus fares, intercity | | 175.5 | 175.5 | 10.4 | 0 |
| Health and recreation¹⁰ | | | | | |
| Medical care | | 151.1 | 152.1 | 11.6 | .7 |
| Drugs and prescriptions | | 164.6 | 165.8 | 13.9 | .7 |
| Over-the-counter items | | 116.8 | 117.5 | 9.2 | .6 |
| Multiple vitamin concentrates | | 127.6 | 128.8 | 12.4 | .9 |
| Aspirin compounds | | 101.6 | 101.2 | 5.0 | -.4 |
| Liquid tonics | | 129.4 | 130.7 | 10.3 | 1.0 |
| Adhesive bandages, packages | | 113.9 | 114.7 | 10.3 | .7 |
| Cold tablets or capsules | | 159.0 | 162.7 | 24.4 | 2.3 |
| Cough syrup | | 124.5 | 124.3 | 7.4 | -.2 |
| Prescriptions | | 131.0 | 132.6 | 11.9 | 1.2 |
| Anti-infectives | | 107.7 | 108.1 | 6.4 | .4 |
| Sedatives and hypnotics | | 70.5 | 70.7 | 3.8 | .3 |
| Ataractics | | 152.8 | 153.1 | 11.3 | .2 |
| Antispasmodics | | 105.4 | 105.5 | .8 | .1 |
| Cough preparations | | 118.7 | 119.9 | 10.2 | 1.0 |
| Cardiovasculars and antihypertensives | | 162.4 | 163.1 | 13.9 | .4 |
| Analgesics, internal | | 118.6 | 118.7 | 4.1 | .1 |
| Anti-obesities | | 117.2 | 117.6 | 5.1 | .3 |
| Hormones | | 101.1 | 101.4 | 8.1 | .3 |
| Professional services: | | | | | |
| Physicians' fees | | 165.0 | 166.2 | 14.0 | .7 |
| General physician, office visits | | 169.7 | 170.6 | 14.4 | .5 |
| General physician, house visits | | 166.4 | 167.2 | 14.6 | .5 |
| Obstetrical cases | | 160.2 | 163.6 | 13.5 | 2.1 |
| Podiatric care, office visits | | 167.4 | 169.1 | 13.9 | 1.0 |
| Psychiatrist, office visits | | 148.8 | 149.6 | 9.3 | .5 |
| Hemiorrhaphy, adult | | 148.4 | 150.2 | 11.0 | 1.2 |
| Tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy | | 158.5 | 160.2 | 16.1 | 1.1 |
| Dentists' fees | | 158.7 | 159.7 | 11.8 | .6 |
| Fillings, adult, amalgam, one surface | | 163.1 | 164.4 | 12.8 | .8 |
| Extractions, adult | | 157.8 | 158.7 | 11.3 | .6 |
| Dentures, full upper | | 150.5 | 150.9 | 10.0 | .3 |
| Other professional services: | | | | | |
| Examination, prescription, and dispensing of eyeglasses | | 146.9 | 148.1 | 9.5 | .8 |
| Routine laboratory tests | | 148.1 | 150.5 | 16.7 | 1.6 |
| Hospital service charges | | | | | |
| Semiprivate rooms | Jan. 72 | 128.4 | 129.3 | 16.8 | .7 |
| Operating room charges | | 227.8 | 228.8 | 19.2 | .4 |
| X-ray, diagnostic series, upper GI | | 232.7 | 234.6 | 22.6 | .8 |
| Laboratory tests | | 151.4 | 153.0 | 11.5 | 1.1 |
| Anti-infectives | Jan. 72 | 126.0 | 126.5 | 17.1 | .4 |
| Tranquilizers | Jan. 72 | 108.6 | 110.5 | 10.5 | 1.7 |
| Electrocardiogram | Jan. 72 | 116.1 | 116.5 | 8.2 | .3 |
| Intravenous solution | Jan. 72 | 124.2 | 124.5 | 13.9 | .2 |
| Physical therapy | Jan. 72 | 126.8 | 127.4 | 18.7 | .5 |
| Oxygen, inhalation therapy | Jan. 72 | 132.3 | 133.1 | 18.1 | .6 |
| Personal care | | | | | |
| Toilet goods | | 124.2 | 124.5 | 15.0 | .2 |
| Toothpaste, standard dentifrice | | 148.9 | 149.5 | 12.3 | .4 |
| Toilet soap, hard-milled | | 148.3 | 149.2 | 16.4 | .6 |
| Hand lotions | | 128.7 | 130.3 | 16.7 | 1.2 |
| Shaving cream | | 197.1 | 196.2 | 26.1 | -.5 |
| Face powder | | 147.5 | 150.8 | 15.7 | 2.2 |
| Deodorants | | 123.6 | 124.3 | 13.4 | .6 |
| Cleansing tissues | | 150.8 | 150.4 | -1.4 | -.3 |
| Home permanent wave kits | | 118.4 | 118.8 | 11.5 | .3 |
| Personal care services | | 194.9 | 196.3 | 33.9 | .7 |
| Men's haircuts | | 116.6 | 118.2 | 7.9 | 1.4 |
| Beauty shop services | | 149.4 | 149.7 | 8.2 | .2 |
| Women's haircuts | | 152.4 | 152.6 | 8.4 | .1 |
| Shampoo and wave sets, plain | | 147.3 | 147.6 | 8.1 | .2 |
| Permanent w ^o ms, cold | | 159.9 | 160.7 | 10.9 | .5 |
| Reading and recreation ¹² | | 150.8 | 151.1 | 7.9 | .2 |
| Recreational goods | | 126.8 | 126.9 | 5.1 | .1 |
| TV sets, portable and console | | 142.0 | 143.5 | 10.0 | 1.1 |
| TV replacement tubes | | 121.9 | 122.4 | 8.4 | .4 |
| Radios, portable and table models | | 100.8 | 101.2 | 3.2 | .4 |
| Tape recorders, portable | | 155.1 | 155.9 | 12.9 | .5 |
| Phonograph records, stereophonic | | 103.7 | 104.0 | 2.7 | .3 |
| Movie cameras, 8mm | | 95.4 | 95.6 | .7 | .2 |
| Film, 35mm, color | | 121.5 | 121.3 | 9.6 | -.2 |
| Golf balls | | 94.1 | 93.7 | 2.5 | -.4 |
| | | 119.2 | 118.2 | 7.9 | -.8 |
| | | 103.6 | 104.4 | .3 | .8 |

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 4. Consumer Price Index—United States city average for urban wage earners and clerical workers, indexes for selected items and groups, April 1975, and percent changes from selected dates—Continued

(1967=100)

| Item and group | Other index base | Indexes | | Percent change to April 1975 from: | |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------|------------------------------------|------------------|
| | | March 1975 | April 1975 | April 1974 | March 1975 |
| Health and recreation—Continued | | | | | |
| Reading and recreation—Continued | | | | | |
| Recreational goods—Continued | | | | | |
| Basketballs, rubber or vinyl cover | | 142.4 | 143.6 | 9.9 | 0.8 |
| Fishing rods, fresh-water spincasting | | 118.3 | 119.9 | 6.8 | 1.4 |
| Bowling balls | | 124.7 | 124.6 | 6.1 | -0.1 |
| Bicycles, boys' | | 141.8 | 142.7 | 9.9 | 0.6 |
| Tricycles | | 133.6 | 134.1 | 10.7 | 0.4 |
| Dog food, canned or boxed | | 167.5 | 168.6 | 17.5 | 0.7 |
| Recreational services | | 148.0 | 148.6 | 8.8 | 0.4 |
| Indoor movie admissions | | 169.0 | 169.1 | 11.1 | 0.1 |
| Adult | | 165.5 | 165.4 | 10.2 | -0.1 |
| Children's | | 178.8 | 179.4 | 13.5 | 0.3 |
| Drive-in movie admissions | | 172.8 | 175.3 | 12.7 | 1.4 |
| Bowling fees, evening | | 137.8 | 138.2 | 6.4 | 0.3 |
| Golf green fees | | (⁹) | 151.6 | (⁹) | (⁹) |
| TV repair | | 105.2 | 105.1 | 4.5 | -0.1 |
| Film developing | | 123.3 | 122.7 | 5.8 | -0.5 |
| Reading and education: | | | | | |
| Newspapers, street sale and delivery | | 172.2 | 173.3 | 17.9 | 0.6 |
| Magazines, single copy and subscription | | 143.1 | 170.4 | 27.4 | 19.1 |
| Piano lessons, beginner | | 138.5 | 138.6 | 4.8 | 0.1 |
| Other goods and services | | 146.5 | 146.8 | 9.9 | 0.2 |
| Tobacco products | | 153.1 | 153.2 | 9.7 | 0.1 |
| Cigarettes, nonfilter tip, regular size | | 155.1 | 155.3 | 10.1 | 0.1 |
| Cigarettes, filter tip, king size | | 155.9 | 155.9 | 10.2 | 0 |
| Cigars, domestic, regular size | | 122.9 | 123.6 | 4.7 | 0.6 |
| Alcoholic beverages | | 141.4 | 141.7 | 10.4 | 0.2 |
| Beer, at home | | 140.8 | 140.9 | 15.9 | 0.1 |
| Whiskey, spirit blended and straight bourbon | | 113.6 | 113.8 | 3.6 | 0.2 |
| Wine, dessert and table | | 152.8 | 153.2 | 5.1 | 0.3 |
| Beer, away from home | | 155.1 | 155.8 | 9.6 | 0.5 |
| Financial and miscellaneous personal expenses: | | | | | |
| Funeral services, adult | | 141.8 | 142.3 | 6.6 | 0.4 |
| Bank service charges, checking account | | 116.8 | 117.1 | 13.4 | 0.3 |
| Legal services, short form will | | 183.4 | 185.5 | 7.2 | 1.1 |

¹ Also includes hotel and motel rates not shown separately.
² Also includes home purchase cost not shown separately.
³ Also includes pine shelving, furnace filters, packaged dry cement mix, and shrubbery not shown separately.
⁴ Also includes window shades, nails, carpet sweepers, air deodorizers, steel wool scouring pads, envelopes, reupholstering, and moving expenses.
⁵ Priced only in season.
⁶ Not available.
⁷ 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.
⁸ Also includes storage batteries and drivers' license fees not shown separately.
⁹ Includes prices for water pump replacement, motor tune-up, automatic transmission 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.
¹⁰ Also includes health insurance not shown separately.
¹¹ Revised indexes: January 1975, 122.7; February 1975, 123.6; March 1975, 124.2.
¹² Also includes outboard motors, nondurable toys, college tuition fees, paperback books, and college text-books not shown separately.

Table 5. 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 | Pricing schedule ² | Indexes | | | Percent change from: | | |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|-------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------|------------|
| | | 1967=100 | 1967-69=100 | Other bases | | | |
| | | April 1975 | | | April 1974 | January 1975 | March 1975 |
| U.S. city average | M | 158.6 | 184.4 | | 10.2 | 1.6 | 0.5 |
| Chicago | M | 156.0 | 177.2 | | 9.2 | 1.8 | .3 |
| Detroit | M | 157.9 | 181.4 | | 8.6 | 1.5 | .4 |
| Los Angeles—Long Beach | M | 155.6 | 183.0 | | 11.9 | 3.2 | .9 |
| N.Y.—Northeastern N.J. | M | 163.6 | 194.7 | | 8.5 | 1.2 | .1 |
| Philadelphia | M | 161.3 | 188.5 | | 8.9 | 1.1 | .1 |
| April 1975 | | | | | | | |
| Boston | 1 | 159.0 | 190.5 | | 9.5 | 1.7 | |
| Houston | 1 | 161.4 | 184.6 | | 12.9 | 1.3 | |
| Minneapolis—St. Paul | 1 | 156.8 | 181.8 | | 8.1 | .4 | |
| Pittsburgh | 1 | 157.7 | 181.3 | | 9.4 | 2.1 | |
| February 1975 | | | | | | | |
| Buffalo | 2 | 157.6 | | ³ 173.3 | 9.3 | 1.6 | |
| Cleveland | 2 | 157.7 | 178.0 | | 11.0 | 3.1 | |
| Dallas | 2 | 154.0 | | ³ 166.5 | 10.3 | 1.8 | |
| Milwaukee | 2 | 152.2 | 171.8 | | 9.5 | 1.5 | |
| San Diego | 2 | 157.2 | | ⁴ 165.2 | 12.1 | 2.4 | |
| Seattle | 2 | 151.8 | 178.4 | | 11.8 | 2.6 | |
| Washington | 2 | 157.9 | 183.9 | | 9.7 | 1.2 | |
| March 1975 | | | | | | | |
| Atlanta | 3 | 158.5 | 182.3 | | 10.0 | 1.7 | |
| Baltimore | 3 | 162.9 | 189.1 | | 10.6 | 1.8 | |
| Cincinnati | 3 | 156.0 | 177.0 | | 10.4 | 1.4 | |
| Honolulu | 3 | 151.4 | | ⁵ 163.2 | 9.9 | 2.2 | |
| Kansas City | 3 | 154.8 | 183.7 | | 11.7 | 1.4 | |
| St. Louis | 3 | 152.4 | 178.1 | | 10.3 | 2.6 | |
| San Francisco—Oakland | 3 | 156.0 | 185.7 | | 12.1 | 2.6 | |

¹ 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.

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

- M — Every month.
- 1 — January, April, July, and October.
- 2 — February, May, August, and November.

3 — March, June, September, and December.

⁴ November 1963=100.

⁵ February 1965=100.

⁶ 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. Consumer Price Index—United States and selected areas¹ for urban wage earners and clerical workers, major groups, percent change from March 1975 to April 1975

| Expenditure class | U.S. city average | Chicago | Detroit | Los Angeles—Long Beach | New York—Northeastern New Jersey | Philadelphia |
|--------------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|
| All items | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.9 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Food | -.1 | -.1 | .8 | .2 | -.5 | .2 |
| Housing | -.7 | -.1 | .1 | 1.1 | .9 | -.4 |
| Apparel and upkeep | .3 | .2 | -.2 | .6 | -1.1 | .1 |
| Transportation | 1.0 | .8 | .6 | 1.7 | .6 | .7 |
| Health and recreation | .7 | .5 | .8 | .8 | .4 | .4 |
| Medical care | .7 | .2 | 1.2 | 1.2 | .5 | .6 |
| Personal care | -.4 | (²) | (²) | (²) | (²) | (²) |
| Reading and recreation | 1.1 | 1.2 | .5 | .4 | .9 | .2 |
| Other goods and services | -.2 | 0 | .8 | .7 | -.1 | .3 |

¹ See footnote 1, table 5.

² Not available.

Table 7. Consumer Price Index—United States and selected areas¹ for urban wage earners and clerical workers, commodity groups, April 1976 Index, and percent changes from January 1975

| Group | U.S. city average | Boston | Chicago | Detroit | Houston | Los Angeles—Long Beach | Minneapolis | New York—Northwestern New Jersey | Philadelphia | Pittsburgh |
|--|-------------------|--------|------------------|---------|---------|------------------------|-------------|----------------------------------|------------------|------------|
| Indexes (1967=100) | | | | | | | | | | |
| All Items | 158.6 | 159.0 | 156.0 | 157.9 | 161.4 | 155.6 | 156.8 | 163.6 | 161.3 | 157.7 |
| Food | 171.2 | 171.0 | 172.2 | 167.7 | 176.5 | 166.4 | 173.7 | 175.4 | 174.3 | 174.1 |
| Food at home | 171.0 | 170.5 | 172.9 | 166.8 | 173.9 | 168.4 | 172.0 | 175.5 | 172.8 | 172.4 |
| Cereals and bakery products | 188.9 | 189.7 | 195.4 | 197.1 | 186.6 | 188.9 | 195.4 | 189.4 | 188.3 | 196.3 |
| Meats, poultry, and fish | 161.8 | 162.5 | 163.0 | 158.1 | 162.9 | 161.7 | 164.5 | 164.6 | 166.8 | 163.5 |
| Dairy products | 154.8 | 151.4 | 151.7 | 156.5 | 167.0 | 152.2 | 155.7 | 158.2 | 153.8 | 150.4 |
| Fruits and vegetables | 167.8 | 166.7 | 175.9 | 155.8 | 173.4 | 161.5 | 167.2 | 181.4 | 169.9 | 169.4 |
| Other food at home | 188.3 | 188.2 | 190.6 | 180.3 | 186.3 | 181.8 | 184.5 | 194.1 | 191.1 | 189.5 |
| Food away from home | 172.2 | 172.5 | 169.6 | 171.7 | 185.8 | 160.8 | 181.2 | 175.4 | 181.1 | 184.0 |
| Housing | 164.7 | 164.9 | 156.4 | 162.3 | 168.6 | 163.3 | 163.3 | 170.4 | 169.3 | 161.7 |
| Shelter | 167.6 | 164.2 | 159.5 | 169.7 | 175.6 | 167.8 | 167.6 | 170.7 | 178.9 | 166.2 |
| Rent, residential | 135.9 | 148.3 | (^h) | 134.8 | 122.9 | (^h) | 131.1 | 151.7 | (^h) | 127.0 |
| Homeownership | 179.4 | 171.2 | 172.7 | 176.7 | 194.1 | 178.9 | 173.9 | 184.9 | 188.1 | 177.4 |
| Fuel and utilities | 164.6 | 177.0 | 149.5 | 154.4 | 150.8 | 156.8 | 162.0 | 184.5 | 162.1 | 159.1 |
| Fuel oil and coal | 299.0 | 222.0 | 209.0 | 216.9 | - | - | 219.8 | 236.7 | 219.8 | - |
| Gas and electricity | 166.3 | 169.0 | 151.1 | 161.9 | 157.5 | 181.2 | 166.9 | 195.5 | 163.1 | 179.1 |
| Household furnishings and operation | 156.8 | 159.1 | 151.2 | 144.8 | 165.0 | 150.6 | 151.6 | 161.4 | 156.2 | 153.7 |
| Apparel and upkeep | 141.3 | 145.2 | 136.9 | 136.8 | 149.8 | 135.1 | 139.4 | 139.8 | 135.6 | 141.6 |
| Men's and boys' | 142.2 | 138.6 | 134.9 | 145.5 | 144.2 | 129.0 | 143.0 | 139.4 | 145.1 | 136.1 |
| Women's and girls' | 136.0 | 149.2 | 135.2 | 122.4 | 152.7 | 133.0 | 133.8 | 132.6 | 119.2 | 140.8 |
| Footwear | 144.4 | 143.8 | 139.2 | 147.8 | 151.0 | 141.2 | 147.0 | 140.5 | 143.6 | 148.3 |
| Transportation | 146.2 | 147.3 | 147.2 | 145.2 | 139.9 | 148.3 | 138.3 | 154.4 | 148.9 | 145.2 |
| Private | 145.5 | 147.5 | 144.4 | 144.0 | 138.3 | 149.9 | 138.6 | 150.9 | 148.4 | 145.4 |
| Public | 152.4 | 145.6 | 164.9 | 158.9 | 165.6 | 117.5 | 134.4 | 168.0 | 151.3 | 144.3 |
| Health and recreation | 152.1 | 149.1 | 152.4 | 159.2 | 157.1 | 145.9 | 150.5 | 157.9 | 156.4 | 150.8 |
| Medical care | 165.8 | 163.4 | 164.2 | 182.9 | 169.0 | 162.6 | 156.3 | 178.2 | 179.3 | 158.2 |
| Personal care | 149.5 | 146.2 | (^h) | 148.6 | 161.6 | (^h) | 150.6 | (^h) | 144.1 | 141.3 |
| Reading and recreation | 143.5 | 147.7 | 145.2 | 144.9 | 142.8 | 132.0 | 148.6 | 147.8 | 144.8 | 144.6 |
| Other goods and services | 146.8 | 138.9 | 149.7 | 149.6 | 151.2 | 141.4 | 145.6 | 153.8 | 150.0 | 154.2 |
| Percent changes January 1975 to April 1976 | | | | | | | | | | |
| All Items | 1.6 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 1.5 | 1.3 | 3.2 | 0.4 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 2.1 |
| Food | .2 | -.4 | .4 | -.4 | -.7 | .4 | -.2 | .2 | -.4 | .7 |
| Food at home | -.2 | -.6 | 0 | 0 | -1.2 | 0 | -1.0 | -.4 | .1 | .3 |
| Cereals and bakery products | 1.9 | 1.2 | 3.9 | 4.2 | .9 | 3.1 | 2.7 | .4 | .1 | 4.4 |
| Meats, poultry, and fish | -1.0 | -1.5 | -1.8 | -1.6 | -3.0 | .2 | -1.7 | -1.0 | -.4 | -.7 |
| Dairy products | -.3 | .1 | .5 | .3 | -.7 | .5 | -.5 | -1.5 | .5 | -.7 |
| Fruits and vegetables | 2.6 | 2.0 | 3.9 | 4.1 | 2.9 | -.6 | .7 | 2.2 | 4.0 | 4.3 |
| Other food at home | -2.6 | -2.9 | -3.1 | -3.2 | -3.2 | -2.3 | -3.8 | -1.3 | -2.4 | -3.0 |
| Food away from home | 1.9 | .3 | 2.4 | 1.7 | 1.0 | 1.8 | 3.5 | 2.1 | 2.0 | 2.5 |
| Housing | 2.2 | 1.5 | 3.0 | 1.5 | 1.3 | 5.7 | 1.0 | 1.7 | .8 | 3.3 |
| Shelter | 2.0 | 1.7 | 2.8 | .6 | .9 | 7.0 | .2 | 1.0 | 1.4 | 2.2 |
| Rent, residential | 1.4 | 1.0 | (^h) | .6 | 1.7 | (^h) | 1.2 | 3.6 | (^h) | .5 |
| Homeownership | 2.2 | 2.0 | 3.7 | .5 | .7 | 8.8 | .1 | -.1 | 1.3 | 2.6 |
| Fuel and utilities | 2.6 | .4 | 4.2 | 4.0 | .9 | 3.3 | 3.9 | 2.5 | -3.8 | 7.4 |
| Fuel oil and coal | .0 | -3.2 | .5 | -1.0 | - | - | -.4 | .4 | -1.3 | - |
| Gas and electricity | 3.8 | 4.2 | 7.9 | 5.5 | 1.4 | 4.3 | 6.4 | 4.9 | -7.6 | 8.3 |
| Household furnishings and operation | 2.3 | 2.1 | 2.5 | 3.3 | 2.3 | 1.8 | 1.6 | 2.8 | 3.0 | 2.9 |
| Apparel and upkeep | 1.4 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 1.0 | 2.3 | 1.0 | -2.4 | 1.4 | 1.1 | 3.7 |
| Men's and boys' | 1.6 | 2.1 | 4.2 | 2.4 | 3.1 | -.5 | -1.9 | 1.7 | 8.3 | 2.9 |
| Women's and girls' | .7 | 4.0 | 2.1 | -1.1 | 1.1 | 1.5 | -5.6 | .2 | -4.1 | 6.2 |
| Footwear | 1.5 | -.5 | 1.4 | 2.5 | 2.6 | 1.4 | 1.8 | 1.6 | .4 | 2.6 |
| Transportation | 2.1 | 5.4 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 2.6 | 2.8 | 1.2 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 2.1 |
| Private | 2.3 | 6.3 | 2.0 | 1.9 | 2.8 | 2.9 | 1.5 | 2.2 | 2.0 | 2.5 |
| Public | .1 | -.1 | -.1 | .1 | -.1 | 0 | -3.2 | -.1 | -.1 | -.1 |
| Health and recreation | 2.1 | 2.7 | 1.7 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 2.8 | .9 | 1.5 | 1.8 | 1.3 |
| Medical care | 3.0 | 2.8 | 2.1 | 3.9 | 3.6 | 3.9 | .4 | 3.5 | 3.1 | 2.0 |
| Personal care | 2.0 | 2.2 | (^h) | 2.5 | .8 | (^h) | 1.0 | (^h) | 1.0 | .9 |
| Reading and recreation | 1.8 | 3.6 | 1.9 | 1.0 | 2.4 | 1.5 | 1.6 | .5 | 1.5 | .7 |
| Other goods and services | 1.4 | 1.7 | 1.4 | 1.6 | 1.1 | 2.1 | .3 | .9 | 1.0 | 1.6 |

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

² Also includes hotel and motel rates not shown separately.

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

Table 8. Consumer Price Index—United States and selected areas for urban wage earners and clerical workers, food and its subgroups, April 1975, and percent changes from March 1975

| Area ¹ | Total food | Food at home | | | | | | Food away from home |
|--|------------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | | Total | Cereals and bakery products | Meats, poultry, and fish | Dairy products | Fruits and vegetables | Other foods at home | |
| Indexes (1967=100) | | | | | | | | |
| U.S. city average | 171.2 | 171.0 | 188.9 | 161.8 | 154.8 | 167.8 | 188.3 | 172.2 |
| Atlanta | 177.5 | 179.7 | 191.9 | 169.2 | 163.5 | 176.5 | 197.5 | 170.2 |
| Baltimore | 173.8 | 173.2 | 181.5 | 165.8 | 151.2 | 173.2 | 194.5 | 175.9 |
| Boston | 171.0 | 170.5 | 189.7 | 162.5 | 151.4 | 166.7 | 188.2 | 172.5 |
| Buffalo | 170.4 | 169.9 | 197.5 | 160.5 | 150.4 | 164.7 | 186.2 | 173.7 |
| Chicago | 172.2 | 172.9 | 195.4 | 163.0 | 151.7 | 175.9 | 190.6 | 169.6 |
| Cincinnati | 172.5 | 175.0 | 195.7 | 162.0 | 165.3 | 172.4 | 193.8 | 163.0 |
| Cleveland | 170.4 | 170.8 | 193.6 | 160.4 | 155.7 | 166.4 | 186.9 | 168.6 |
| Dallas | 168.6 | 166.4 | 183.1 | 152.8 | 149.7 | 168.4 | 183.9 | 176.6 |
| Detroit | 167.7 | 166.8 | 197.1 | 158.1 | 156.5 | 155.8 | 180.3 | 171.7 |
| Honolulu | 172.7 | 172.3 | 192.8 | 161.6 | 164.1 | 168.8 | 184.2 | 173.4 |
| Houston | 176.5 | 173.9 | 186.6 | 162.9 | 167.0 | 173.4 | 186.3 | 185.8 |
| Kansas City | 173.9 | 174.7 | 187.2 | 161.2 | 171.0 | 168.0 | 193.1 | 171.5 |
| Los Angeles—Long Beach | 166.4 | 168.4 | 188.9 | 161.7 | 152.2 | 161.5 | 181.8 | 160.8 |
| Milwaukee | 167.3 | 167.8 | 194.5 | 155.1 | 151.2 | 169.9 | 182.6 | (^a) |
| Minneapolis—St. Paul | 173.7 | 172.0 | 195.4 | 164.5 | 155.7 | 167.2 | 184.5 | 181.2 |
| N.Y.—Northeastern N.J. | 175.4 | 175.5 | 189.4 | 164.6 | 158.2 | 181.4 | 194.1 | 175.4 |
| Philadelphia | 174.3 | 172.8 | 188.3 | 166.8 | 153.8 | 169.9 | 191.1 | 181.1 |
| Pittsburgh | 174.1 | 172.4 | 196.3 | 163.5 | 150.4 | 169.4 | 189.5 | 184.0 |
| St. Louis | 169.6 | 169.6 | 198.4 | 155.7 | 156.8 | 168.9 | 183.3 | 169.4 |
| San Diego | 169.7 | 167.9 | 184.5 | 165.6 | 152.4 | 159.3 | 178.0 | (^a) |
| San Francisco—Oakland | 167.0 | 170.9 | 186.3 | 164.8 | 153.0 | 168.9 | 186.4 | 153.2 |
| Seattle | 166.0 | 168.9 | 188.6 | 165.0 | 156.7 | 158.0 | 181.8 | 156.7 |
| Washington | 175.7 | 174.5 | 192.8 | 161.6 | 144.8 | 175.1 | 203.3 | 178.5 |
| Percent changes March 1975 to April 1975 | | | | | | | | |
| U.S. city average | -0.1 | -0.2 | -0.1 | 0 | -0.4 | 0.2 | -0.9 | 0.5 |
| Atlanta | .2 | .1 | 1.7 | -.6 | -.8 | -.3 | .5 | .7 |
| Baltimore | -.7 | -1.0 | -3.1 | -.5 | .1 | -.4 | -1.3 | .4 |
| Boston | -.2 | -.2 | -.5 | .4 | -.2 | .1 | -1.1 | -.4 |
| Buffalo | .2 | .3 | -.4 | 0 | -.1 | 2.6 | -.5 | .2 |
| Chicago | -.1 | -.3 | -1.1 | -.7 | -.5 | 1.3 | -.1 | .8 |
| Cincinnati | -1.0 | -1.3 | -2.7 | -2.2 | -1.3 | 2.6 | -2.4 | -1.1 |
| Cleveland | .6 | .7 | .8 | 1.6 | .5 | -.2 | .1 | .1 |
| Dallas | .5 | .4 | 1.2 | .1 | -.3 | 2.6 | -.6 | .7 |
| Detroit | .8 | .7 | 1.4 | 1.7 | -.4 | 1.0 | -.9 | 1.2 |
| Honolulu | -.5 | -.7 | -1.2 | -.6 | -.2 | .4 | -2.0 | .3 |
| Houston | .0 | -.1 | .3 | -.4 | .3 | 1.0 | -.9 | .5 |
| Kansas City | .1 | -.1 | -1.1 | -.6 | -.6 | 1.4 | -.8 | .5 |
| Los Angeles—Long Beach | .2 | -.1 | .5 | 1.1 | .0 | 0 | -2.3 | 1.4 |
| Milwaukee | -1.1 | -1.4 | .2 | -1.8 | -1.6 | -1.0 | -1.9 | (^a) |
| Minneapolis—St. Paul | -.1 | -.3 | .7 | .9 | -.8 | -.3 | -1.8 | .9 |
| N.Y.—Northeastern N.J. | -.5 | -.8 | -.7 | -.4 | -2.3 | -.7 | -.6 | .2 |
| Philadelphia | .2 | .0 | -1.4 | 1.0 | .1 | -.2 | -.5 | 1.2 |
| Pittsburgh | .3 | .2 | 2.3 | .1 | -.3 | -.6 | -.5 | .9 |
| St. Louis | .2 | .2 | .1 | .6 | -.4 | .5 | .1 | .1 |
| San Diego | -.4 | -.4 | -.2 | 1.7 | .2 | -2.6 | -2.7 | (^a) |
| San Francisco—Oakland | .4 | .3 | 1.3 | 1.5 | .3 | .8 | -2.3 | .6 |
| Seattle | .4 | .4 | .2 | .7 | .6 | 2.4 | -1.2 | .3 |
| Washington | -.9 | -1.4 | -1.3 | -.4 | .3 | -3.0 | -2.3 | .5 |

¹ See footnote 1, table 3.

Not available.

Table 9. Consumer Price Index—Regular and premium gasoline indexes, selected areas and U.S. city average for urban wage earners and clerical workers

(October 1973=100)

| Area ¹ | Regular gasoline | | | Premium gasoline | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------|------------|------------------------------------|------------------|------------|------------------------------------|
| | Index | | Percent change to April 1975 from— | Index | | Percent change to April 1975 from— |
| | March 1975 | April 1975 | | March 1975 | April 1975 | |
| U.S. city average ² | 162.6 | 164.5 | 1.2 | 157.2 | 158.8 | 1.0 |
| Atlanta | 134.5 | 136.8 | 1.7 | 134.4 | 136.4 | 1.5 |
| Baltimore | 134.6 | 136.8 | 1.6 | 133.5 | 135.5 | 1.5 |
| Boston | 133.3 | 134.6 | 1.0 | 131.4 | 132.1 | .5 |
| Buffalo | 132.6 | 134.4 | 1.4 | 130.7 | 132.4 | 1.3 |
| Chicago | 130.4 | 131.7 | 1.0 | 127.2 | 128.7 | 1.2 |
| Cincinnati | 131.7 | 132.8 | .8 | 129.7 | 130.4 | .5 |
| Cleveland | 132.3 | 134.6 | 1.7 | 130.7 | 132.2 | 1.1 |
| Dallas | 139.7 | 141.0 | .9 | 137.0 | 137.7 | .5 |
| Detroit | 128.6 | 129.6 | .8 | 127.2 | 127.7 | .4 |
| Honolulu | 134.4 | 137.8 | 2.5 | 131.0 | 134.3 | 2.5 |
| Houston | 138.0 | 138.8 | .6 | 135.9 | 136.8 | .7 |
| Kansas City | 129.8 | 132.4 | 2.0 | 128.3 | 130.4 | 1.6 |
| Los Angeles—Long Beach | 132.6 | 134.9 | 1.7 | 130.7 | 132.5 | 1.4 |
| Milwaukee | 130.1 | 130.9 | .6 | 129.2 | 130.4 | .9 |
| Minneapolis—St. Paul | 127.2 | 130.5 | 2.6 | 127.5 | 129.8 | 1.8 |
| N.Y.—Northeastern N.J. | 130.4 | 131.5 | .8 | 131.3 | 131.8 | .4 |
| Philadelphia | 132.3 | 133.5 | .9 | 132.0 | 133.0 | .8 |
| Pittsburgh | 135.4 | 135.8 | 1.8 | 130.1 | 132.5 | 1.8 |
| St. Louis | 128.7 | 130.9 | 1.7 | 127.8 | 129.7 | 1.5 |
| San Diego | 135.6 | 135.4 | 1.3 | 132.0 | 133.4 | 1.1 |
| San Francisco—Oakland | 135.1 | 135.6 | 1.9 | 131.2 | 133.2 | 1.5 |
| Seattle | 131.0 | 133.7 | 2.1 | 128.5 | 131.0 | 1.9 |
| Washington | 135.4 | 135.0 | 1.2 | 131.2 | 132.2 | .8 |

¹ Area coverage includes the urban portion of the corresponding Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area (SMSA) except for New York and Chicago where the more extensive Standard Consolidated Areas

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

² 1967=100.

Table 10. Consumer Price Index—Regular and premium gasoline prices, selected areas and U.S. city average for urban wage earners and clerical workers

| Area ¹ | Regular gasoline | | | Premium gasoline | | |
|------------------------|--------------------------|------------|------------|------------------|------------|------------|
| | Average price per gallon | | | | | |
| | February 1975 | March 1975 | April 1975 | February 1975 | March 1975 | April 1975 |
| U.S. city average | \$0.533 | \$0.534 | \$0.540 | \$0.574 | \$0.576 | \$0.581 |
| Atlanta | .540 | .534 | .544 | .581 | .582 | .591 |
| Baltimore | .554 | .551 | .560 | .596 | .598 | .607 |
| Boston | .531 | .539 | .545 | .573 | .583 | .586 |
| Buffalo | .536 | .534 | .541 | .575 | .572 | .580 |
| Chicago | .546 | .548 | .554 | .582 | .584 | .591 |
| Cincinnati | .528 | .533 | .538 | .572 | .576 | .579 |
| Cleveland | .534 | .539 | .548 | .573 | .582 | .588 |
| Dallas | .490 | .491 | .496 | .531 | .533 | .536 |
| Detroit | .533 | .537 | .541 | .574 | .582 | .584 |
| Honolulu | .605 | .607 | .623 | .636 | .638 | .654 |
| Houston | .475 | .479 | .482 | .520 | .524 | .528 |
| Kansas City | .495 | .496 | .506 | .541 | .540 | .549 |
| Los Angeles—Long Beach | .537 | .535 | .545 | .574 | .575 | .583 |
| Milwaukee | .500 | .501 | .504 | .547 | .546 | .551 |
| Minneapolis—St. Paul | .507 | .503 | .516 | .559 | .554 | .564 |
| N.Y.—Northeastern N.J. | .552 | .552 | .557 | .601 | .602 | .604 |
| Philadelphia | .529 | .529 | .533 | .583 | .585 | .590 |
| Pittsburgh | .535 | .534 | .543 | .576 | .575 | .586 |
| St. Louis | .522 | .523 | .532 | .566 | .566 | .575 |
| San Diego | .552 | .553 | .560 | .591 | .592 | .599 |
| San Francisco—Oakland | .564 | .568 | .579 | .603 | .609 | .618 |
| Seattle | .527 | .527 | .538 | .568 | .568 | .579 |
| Washington | .549 | .552 | .558 | .590 | .598 | .602 |

¹ Area coverage includes the urban portion of the corresponding Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area (SMSA) except for New York and Chicago where the more extensive Standard Consolidated Areas

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

**Table 11. Consumer Price Index—Seasonal adjustment factors for use with 1975 indexes
(calculated from data through March 1975)**

| Group | January | February | March | April | May | June | July | August | September | October | November | December |
|---|---------|----------|--------|-------|--------|--------|-------|--------|-----------|---------|----------|----------|
| Commodity and service groups | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All items | 99.76 | 99.91 | 100.02 | 99.93 | 100.02 | 100.06 | 99.97 | 100.11 | 100.14 | 100.10 | 100.02 | 99.95 |
| Commodities | 99.6 | 99.8 | 100.1 | 100.0 | 100.1 | 100.2 | 100.1 | 100.1 | 100.2 | 100.1 | 100.0 | 99.9 |
| Food | 99.4 | 100.1 | 100.6 | 100.2 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.7 | 100.4 | 100.1 | 99.5 | 99.4 | 99.6 |
| Food at home | 99.3 | 100.3 | 100.9 | 100.3 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.9 | 100.4 | 100.1 | 99.3 | 99.2 | 99.2 |
| Cereals and bakery products | 99.7 | 100.1 | 100.4 | 100.4 | 100.3 | 99.8 | 99.8 | 99.7 | 99.7 | 100.1 | 99.9 | 99.8 |
| Meats, poultry, and fish | 98.9 | 100.2 | 102.4 | 100.8 | 99.1 | 98.7 | 101.1 | 100.7 | 101.1 | 100.2 | 99.0 | 97.9 |
| Dairy products | 100.1 | 100.5 | 100.5 | 100.4 | 100.3 | 100.0 | 99.6 | 99.4 | 99.5 | 99.5 | 99.9 | 100.4 |
| Fruits and vegetables | 97.6 | 99.2 | 100.4 | 101.2 | 102.3 | 104.9 | 105.7 | 102.6 | 97.3 | 95.8 | 97.0 | 95.9 |
| Other foods at home | 101.2 | 100.8 | 100.4 | 99.8 | 98.8 | 98.2 | 98.4 | 99.5 | 100.8 | 100.9 | 100.4 | 100.8 |
| Food away from home | 99.9 | 99.7 | 99.7 | 99.8 | 99.9 | 99.9 | 100.0 | 100.2 | 100.1 | 100.3 | 100.3 | 100.2 |
| Commodities less food | 99.6 | 99.5 | 99.7 | 99.8 | 100.2 | 100.3 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.1 | 100.3 | 100.3 | 100.1 |
| Nondurables less food | 99.5 | 99.7 | 99.9 | 100.0 | 100.2 | 100.1 | 99.7 | 99.7 | 100.3 | 100.3 | 100.3 | 100.2 |
| Apparel commodities | 98.9 | 99.2 | 99.7 | 100.0 | 100.5 | 100.1 | 99.0 | 98.9 | 100.5 | 101.1 | 101.4 | 100.8 |
| Men's and boys' | 99.2 | 98.8 | 99.6 | 100.4 | 100.7 | 100.6 | 99.1 | 99.4 | 100.1 | 100.7 | 100.9 | 100.5 |
| Women's and girls' | 98.3 | 99.3 | 99.6 | 99.6 | 100.3 | 99.7 | 98.5 | 98.3 | 100.8 | 101.8 | 102.2 | 101.5 |
| Footwear | 99.7 | 99.5 | 99.9 | 100.3 | 100.4 | 100.0 | 99.6 | 99.9 | 100.1 | 100.2 | 100.4 | 100.0 |
| Nondurables less food and apparel | 99.9 | 100.0 | 99.9 | 100.0 | 100.1 | 100.1 | 100.1 | 100.0 | 100.3 | 100.1 | 99.8 | 99.8 |
| Gasoline and motor oil | 99.9 | 99.7 | 99.8 | 99.9 | 100.5 | 100.3 | 101.0 | 100.5 | 101.1 | 99.7 | 98.7 | 98.9 |
| Tobacco products | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) |
| Alcoholic beverages | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) |
| Fuel oil and coal | 100.3 | 100.7 | 101.5 | 100.8 | 100.2 | 99.6 | 99.0 | 99.4 | 99.4 | 99.5 | 100.2 | 99.6 |
| Other nondurables | 99.7 | 99.8 | 99.8 | 100.1 | 100.1 | 100.3 | 100.0 | 99.9 | 100.1 | 100.1 | 100.1 | 100.0 |
| Durable commodities | 99.7 | 99.3 | 99.3 | 99.5 | 100.0 | 100.4 | 100.4 | 100.3 | 100.1 | 100.4 | 100.4 | 100.1 |
| Household durables | 99.7 | 99.5 | 99.7 | 99.9 | 100.1 | 100.3 | 100.2 | 100.2 | 100.3 | 100.2 | 100.1 | 99.9 |
| New cars | 101.3 | 100.9 | 100.3 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 99.8 | 99.6 | 99.0 | 97.7 | 100.4 | 100.6 | 100.5 |
| Used cars | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) |
| Other durables | 100.1 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 99.8 | 99.8 | 100.0 | 99.9 | 100.1 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.1 | 100.2 |
| Services | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) |
| Rent | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) |
| Services less rent | 100.1 | 100.1 | 99.9 | 99.8 | 99.8 | 99.9 | 99.9 | 99.9 | 100.1 | 100.1 | 100.2 | 100.2 |
| Household services less rent | 100.2 | 100.0 | 99.9 | 99.7 | 99.6 | 99.6 | 99.8 | 100.0 | 100.1 | 100.3 | 100.4 | 100.4 |
| Transportation services | 100.2 | 100.3 | 100.2 | 100.2 | 100.0 | 100.2 | 100.1 | 99.9 | 99.7 | 99.7 | 99.7 | 99.9 |
| Medical care services | 99.8 | 99.9 | 100.1 | 100.1 | 100.0 | 100.1 | 100.1 | 100.3 | 100.2 | 99.8 | 99.8 | 99.9 |
| Other services | 100.0 | 99.9 | 99.9 | 99.9 | 100.1 | 100.1 | 100.0 | 99.8 | 100.2 | 100.1 | 100.2 | 100.1 |
| Special indexes: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All items less food | 99.9 | 99.8 | 99.8 | 99.8 | 100.0 | 100.1 | 100.0 | 99.9 | 100.1 | 100.2 | 100.2 | 100.1 |
| Nondurable commodities | 99.5 | 99.8 | 100.3 | 100.1 | 100.1 | 100.1 | 100.1 | 100.0 | 100.2 | 100.0 | 99.9 | 99.9 |
| Apparel commodities less footwear | 98.8 | 99.1 | 99.6 | 99.9 | 100.5 | 100.1 | 98.9 | 98.8 | 100.5 | 101.3 | 101.6 | 101.0 |
| Services less medical care services | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) |
| Insurance and finance | 100.5 | 100.2 | 99.9 | 99.5 | 99.3 | 99.4 | 99.7 | 99.8 | 100.0 | 100.4 | 100.7 | 100.7 |
| Utilities and public transportation | 100.2 | 100.4 | 100.5 | 100.4 | 100.2 | 100.0 | 99.9 | 99.8 | 99.6 | 99.4 | 99.6 | 100.0 |
| Housekeeping and home maintenance service | 99.7 | 99.6 | 99.6 | 99.6 | 99.9 | 100.2 | 100.3 | 100.3 | 100.5 | 100.3 | 100.0 | 99.9 |
| Appliances (including radio and T.V.) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) |
| Expenditure classes | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All items | 99.76 | 99.91 | 100.02 | 99.93 | 100.02 | 100.06 | 99.97 | 100.11 | 100.14 | 100.10 | 100.02 | 99.95 |
| Food | 99.4 | 100.1 | 100.6 | 100.2 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.7 | 100.4 | 100.1 | 99.5 | 99.4 | 99.6 |
| Housing | 100.2 | 100.1 | 99.9 | 99.8 | 99.8 | 99.9 | 99.8 | 99.9 | 100.1 | 100.1 | 100.2 | 100.2 |
| Shelter | 100.2 | 99.9 | 99.8 | 99.7 | 99.6 | 99.8 | 99.9 | 100.0 | 100.2 | 100.3 | 100.3 | 100.3 |
| Rent | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) |
| Homeownership | 100.3 | 99.9 | 99.9 | 99.6 | 99.4 | 99.6 | 99.8 | 100.0 | 100.2 | 100.3 | 100.4 | 100.5 |
| Fuel and utilities | 100.2 | 100.6 | 100.6 | 100.5 | 100.3 | 99.8 | 99.7 | 99.6 | 99.6 | 99.4 | 99.7 | 100.0 |
| Gas and electricity | 100.4 | 100.6 | 100.7 | 100.7 | 100.6 | 99.9 | 99.6 | 99.5 | 99.3 | 99.0 | 99.6 | 100.2 |
| Household furnishings and operation | 99.6 | 99.5 | 99.8 | 99.8 | 100.1 | 100.2 | 100.1 | 100.1 | 100.2 | 100.2 | 100.2 | 100.0 |
| Apparel and upkeep | 99.0 | 99.3 | 99.7 | 100.0 | 100.4 | 100.1 | 99.1 | 99.0 | 100.4 | 100.9 | 101.2 | 100.8 |
| Transportation | 99.8 | 99.4 | 99.6 | 99.8 | 100.3 | 100.7 | 100.7 | 100.4 | 99.6 | 100.1 | 99.9 | 99.7 |
| Private | 99.8 | 99.3 | 99.5 | 99.8 | 100.4 | 100.7 | 100.8 | 100.4 | 99.5 | 100.1 | 100.0 | 99.6 |
| Public | 100.0 | 100.1 | 100.2 | 99.9 | 99.7 | 100.4 | 100.2 | 99.9 | 99.9 | 99.7 | 99.5 | 100.4 |
| Health and recreation | 99.9 | 99.8 | 99.8 | 99.9 | 100.0 | 100.1 | 100.1 | 100.1 | 100.1 | 100.1 | 100.1 | 100.0 |
| Medical care | 99.8 | 99.9 | 100.1 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.1 | 100.1 | 100.2 | 100.1 | 99.9 | 99.9 | 99.9 |
| Personal care | 99.9 | 99.8 | 99.9 | 100.0 | 100.1 | 100.1 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.1 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Reading and recreation | 100.0 | 99.8 | 99.7 | 99.9 | 100.0 | 100.2 | 100.1 | 99.8 | 100.2 | 100.1 | 100.1 | 100.0 |
| Other goods and services | 99.9 | 99.9 | 99.8 | 99.9 | 99.8 | 99.9 | 100.1 | 100.2 | 100.2 | 100.1 | 100.1 | 100.1 |
| Special indexes: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All items less shelter | 99.7 | 99.9 | 100.1 | 100.0 | 100.2 | 100.2 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.1 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 99.8 |
| All items less medical care | 99.8 | 99.9 | 100.0 | 99.9 | 100.0 | 100.1 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.1 | 100.1 | 100.1 | 100.0 |
| All items less mortgage interest costs | 99.7 | 99.9 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.1 | 100.2 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.1 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 99.9 |
| CPI — domestically produced farm foods | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) |
| CPI — selected beef cuts | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) |

¹ Series is not seasonally adjusted.

Table 12. Consumer Price Index—Food items, seasonal adjustment factors for use with 1975 indexes (calculated from data through March 1975)

| Item and group | January | February | March | April | May | June | July | August | September | October | November | December |
|-----------------------------|---------|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-----------|---------|----------|----------|
| Food | 99.4 | 100.1 | 100.6 | 100.2 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.7 | 100.4 | 100.1 | 99.5 | 99.4 | 99.6 |
| Food away from home | 99.9 | 99.7 | 99.7 | 99.8 | 99.9 | 99.9 | 100.0 | 100.2 | 100.1 | 100.3 | 100.3 | 100.2 |
| Restaurant meals | 99.9 | 99.7 | 99.7 | 99.8 | 99.9 | 100.0 | 99.9 | 100.2 | 100.2 | 100.3 | 100.4 | 100.2 |
| Snacks | 100.1 | 99.9 | 99.8 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 99.8 | 99.9 | 99.9 | 100.0 | 100.4 | 100.2 | 100.1 |
| Food at home | 99.3 | 100.3 | 100.9 | 100.3 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.9 | 100.4 | 100.1 | 99.3 | 99.2 | 99.2 |
| Cereals and bakery products | 99.7 | 100.1 | 100.4 | 100.4 | 100.3 | 99.8 | 99.8 | 99.7 | 99.7 | 100.1 | 99.9 | 99.8 |
| Flour | 100.0 | 100.9 | 101.8 | 101.7 | 101.4 | 99.1 | 99.0 | 98.8 | 98.7 | 98.9 | 99.3 | 100.5 |
| Cracker meal | 99.3 | 100.2 | 100.5 | 100.1 | 100.5 | 100.6 | 99.9 | 99.7 | 99.8 | 100.1 | 99.9 | 99.3 |
| Corn flakes | 100.1 | 100.1 | 99.7 | 99.8 | 100.6 | 100.8 | 100.5 | 99.3 | 99.4 | 99.6 | 100.2 | 99.8 |
| Rice | 101.3 | 101.7 | 101.1 | 100.5 | 99.8 | 99.1 | 98.9 | 99.9 | 100.3 | 99.7 | 98.6 | 98.8 |
| Bread, white | 99.4 | 99.9 | 100.4 | 100.2 | 99.9 | 99.7 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.2 | 100.0 | 99.9 | 100.1 |
| Bread, whole wheat | 99.9 | 100.0 | 100.2 | 100.4 | 100.1 | 99.2 | 99.7 | 99.9 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.4 | 100.2 |
| Cookies | 99.3 | 100.2 | 100.2 | 100.2 | 100.9 | 99.4 | 99.7 | 99.8 | 100.5 | 100.3 | 99.9 | 99.6 |
| Layer cake | 99.5 | 99.6 | 100.4 | 100.3 | 100.3 | 99.8 | 99.4 | 99.8 | 100.5 | 99.9 | 100.4 | 100.1 |
| Cinnamon rolls | 99.9 | 100.0 | 99.8 | 100.0 | 100.4 | 100.2 | 99.6 | 98.5 | 99.8 | 100.5 | 101.0 | 100.4 |
| Meats, poultry, and fish | 98.9 | 100.2 | 102.4 | 100.8 | 99.1 | 98.7 | 101.1 | 100.7 | 101.1 | 100.2 | 99.0 | 97.9 |
| Meats | 98.6 | 100.4 | 102.3 | 100.6 | 98.8 | 98.9 | 101.2 | 100.8 | 101.2 | 100.3 | 99.1 | 97.8 |
| Beef and veal | 98.0 | 100.3 | 101.7 | 101.4 | 99.8 | 99.3 | 101.9 | 101.8 | 101.8 | 99.4 | 98.1 | 96.6 |
| Steak, round | 98.6 | 101.9 | 103.5 | 101.6 | 99.9 | 99.6 | 98.9 | 102.4 | 101.7 | 98.6 | 97.8 | 95.5 |
| Steak, sirloin | 97.7 | 99.5 | 101.1 | 100.1 | 99.3 | 100.0 | 103.6 | 103.2 | 103.1 | 99.2 | 97.6 | 95.6 |
| Steak, porterhouse | 98.0 | 99.8 | 100.7 | 99.8 | 99.0 | 100.0 | 103.3 | 103.2 | 102.8 | 99.5 | 97.8 | 86.3 |
| Rump roast | 98.4 | 101.8 | 102.9 | 101.2 | 100.2 | 99.9 | 98.9 | 102.3 | 101.6 | 98.9 | 97.9 | 96.0 |
| Rib roast | 99.3 | 100.1 | 101.8 | 100.4 | 99.8 | 99.0 | 101.3 | 101.7 | 101.6 | 99.7 | 97.8 | 97.4 |
| Chuck roast | 96.7 | 102.3 | 103.6 | 102.9 | 100.3 | 98.3 | 98.9 | 102.9 | 101.5 | 99.3 | 97.0 | 96.3 |
| Hamburger | 98.2 | 100.3 | 100.9 | 101.4 | 99.9 | 99.4 | 101.2 | 101.4 | 101.7 | 100.3 | 98.3 | 97.2 |
| Beef liver | 97.9 | 99.0 | 100.0 | 101.8 | 101.2 | 100.9 | 100.9 | 100.2 | 100.2 | 100.3 | 99.5 | 98.1 |
| Veal cutlets | 98.4 | 99.9 | 100.4 | 100.3 | 100.2 | 100.0 | 101.4 | 101.1 | 100.6 | 100.1 | 99.2 | 98.4 |
| Pork | 99.3 | 101.5 | 102.4 | 99.2 | 96.4 | 98.0 | 101.2 | 100.8 | 101.5 | 101.1 | 99.9 | 98.6 |
| Chops | 98.7 | 102.6 | 102.8 | 97.6 | 95.5 | 97.7 | 101.5 | 102.9 | 104.2 | 100.4 | 99.2 | 96.9 |
| Loin roast | 98.9 | 102.3 | 103.1 | 98.0 | 95.7 | 97.8 | 100.1 | 102.9 | 104.4 | 100.8 | 99.2 | 96.8 |
| Sausage | 97.8 | 99.8 | 101.7 | 100.6 | 98.7 | 97.7 | 100.0 | 100.7 | 101.7 | 102.2 | 101.0 | 98.1 |
| Ham, whole | 104.5 | 101.9 | 102.6 | 101.5 | 97.0 | 97.4 | 98.4 | 97.5 | 98.1 | 98.2 | 99.7 | 103.2 |
| Picnics | 99.1 | 101.6 | 103.8 | 102.3 | 98.5 | 97.4 | 97.5 | 100.3 | 101.3 | 100.8 | 98.7 | 98.8 |
| Bacon | 98.2 | 102.4 | 101.2 | 98.7 | 96.2 | 98.2 | 100.5 | 100.5 | 101.9 | 103.2 | 100.4 | 98.7 |
| Other meats | 99.0 | 100.0 | 101.0 | 100.0 | 99.2 | 99.3 | 100.1 | 100.6 | 100.7 | 100.6 | 100.0 | 99.5 |
| Lamb chops | 99.0 | 100.4 | 101.0 | 99.6 | 99.0 | 100.8 | 101.5 | 101.2 | 100.5 | 99.2 | 99.1 | 98.7 |
| Frankfurters | 98.3 | 99.9 | 101.7 | 100.7 | 98.8 | 98.2 | 99.9 | 101.2 | 101.2 | 101.4 | 100.2 | 98.7 |
| Ham, canned | 101.1 | 101.2 | 101.6 | 100.6 | 99.8 | 98.0 | 98.1 | 98.3 | 99.5 | 100.4 | 101.0 | 100.4 |
| Bologna sausage | 98.5 | 99.7 | 100.9 | 100.0 | 99.1 | 98.8 | 100.0 | 100.8 | 101.3 | 101.4 | 100.1 | 99.5 |
| Salami sausage | 98.7 | 99.5 | 100.3 | 100.1 | 99.5 | 99.3 | 100.5 | 100.6 | 100.6 | 100.9 | 100.4 | 99.6 |
| Liverwurst | 99.3 | 100.7 | 100.5 | 100.4 | 99.4 | 99.1 | 99.8 | 100.0 | 100.7 | 100.3 | 99.8 | 99.8 |
| Poultry | 99.4 | 99.9 | 101.9 | 101.9 | 99.4 | 99.2 | 100.3 | 100.3 | 102.1 | 100.3 | 98.2 | 97.0 |
| Frying chicken | 99.5 | 99.9 | 102.3 | 102.6 | 99.6 | 99.3 | 100.7 | 100.4 | 102.5 | 99.7 | 97.4 | 96.2 |
| Chicken breasts | 98.4 | 99.4 | 100.5 | 101.3 | 100.1 | 99.4 | 100.2 | 101.6 | 102.6 | 100.2 | 98.6 | 97.7 |
| Turkey | 99.8 | 98.5 | 100.5 | 99.5 | 97.9 | 98.2 | 99.6 | 99.5 | 101.5 | 102.1 | 102.8 | 100.2 |
| Fish | 99.8 | 100.2 | 100.4 | 100.6 | 100.2 | 100.0 | 99.9 | 99.3 | 99.4 | 99.5 | 100.4 | 100.3 |
| Shrimp, frozen | 99.2 | 100.9 | 100.8 | 101.0 | 100.1 | 100.4 | 100.3 | 99.1 | 99.0 | 98.9 | 100.0 | 100.4 |
| Fish, fresh or frozen | 100.3 | 100.6 | 99.8 | 100.1 | 100.3 | 99.8 | 99.9 | 100.0 | 99.7 | 99.4 | 100.2 | 99.9 |
| Tuna fish, canned | 99.7 | 100.1 | 100.3 | 101.0 | 100.9 | 100.7 | 100.2 | 99.6 | 99.2 | 99.5 | 99.4 | 99.5 |
| Sardines, canned | 100.2 | 100.4 | 99.9 | 100.0 | 100.1 | 99.6 | 99.2 | 99.4 | 99.4 | 100.3 | 100.8 | 100.8 |
| Dairy products | 100.1 | 100.5 | 100.5 | 100.4 | 100.3 | 100.0 | 99.6 | 99.4 | 99.5 | 99.5 | 99.9 | 100.4 |
| Milk, fresh, grocery | 100.2 | 100.4 | 100.8 | 100.7 | 100.6 | 100.1 | 99.5 | 99.2 | 99.4 | 99.1 | 99.7 | 100.3 |
| Milk, fresh, skim | 99.9 | 100.3 | 100.5 | 100.6 | 100.7 | 100.3 | 99.7 | 99.1 | 99.7 | 99.5 | 99.7 | 100.1 |
| Milk, evaporated | 99.6 | 99.8 | 100.0 | 100.3 | 100.6 | 100.1 | 99.8 | 100.0 | 100.2 | 100.0 | 99.8 | 99.7 |
| Ice cream | 100.4 | 99.9 | 100.1 | 99.7 | 99.9 | 99.8 | 100.3 | 99.4 | 99.9 | 99.8 | 100.2 | 100.7 |
| Cheese, American process | 100.1 | 100.7 | 100.5 | 100.7 | 100.7 | 100.0 | 99.7 | 99.7 | 99.6 | 98.6 | 99.6 | 100.1 |
| Butter | 101.4 | 100.6 | 100.0 | 99.8 | 99.2 | 98.2 | 98.4 | 98.8 | 100.0 | 100.7 | 101.5 | 101.6 |
| Fruits and vegetables | 97.6 | 99.2 | 100.4 | 101.2 | 102.3 | 104.9 | 105.7 | 102.6 | 97.3 | 95.8 | 97.0 | 95.9 |
| Fresh fruits and vegetables | 96.2 | 98.3 | 100.4 | 101.9 | 104.2 | 108.4 | 109.9 | 103.7 | 94.7 | 93.5 | 95.3 | 93.3 |
| Fresh fruits | 93.5 | 94.7 | 95.3 | 99.7 | 99.7 | 107.5 | 109.8 | 107.8 | 104.4 | 99.5 | 95.4 | 92.7 |
| Apples | 91.4 | 93.1 | 95.0 | 97.5 | 102.1 | 109.9 | 118.0 | 118.3 | 108.1 | 89.0 | 87.7 | 89.8 |
| Bananas | 94.7 | 98.5 | 97.3 | 104.5 | 100.5 | 104.0 | 104.0 | 102.0 | 103.0 | 101.9 | 96.3 | 93.2 |
| Oranges | 96.0 | 95.5 | 95.8 | 93.4 | 97.4 | 98.6 | 100.0 | 105.4 | 105.6 | 107.6 | 105.6 | 99.1 |
| Orange juice, fresh | 99.8 | 99.1 | 99.9 | 99.6 | 99.8 | 100.1 | 99.9 | 100.7 | 100.4 | 100.1 | 100.3 | 100.2 |
| Grapefruit | 87.4 | 88.1 | 88.4 | 88.6 | 92.5 | 102.3 | 108.2 | 123.2 | 122.9 | 118.4 | 91.9 | 88.1 |
| Grapes | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | 116.1 | 108.2 | 85.7 | 92.3 | 97.7 | (1) |
| Strawberries | (1) | (1) | (1) | 111.0 | 91.0 | 98.0 | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) |
| Watermelon | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | 118.9 | 95.2 | 85.9 | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) |
| Fresh vegetables | 97.9 | 100.7 | 104.8 | 103.9 | 107.4 | 110.4 | 109.6 | 98.6 | 88.2 | 89.3 | 95.1 | 94.1 |
| Potatoes | 92.9 | 94.8 | 99.3 | 100.2 | 100.2 | 117.1 | 119.5 | 110.9 | 95.4 | 88.5 | 90.8 | 90.4 |
| Onions | 93.6 | 98.7 | 103.7 | 99.6 | 98.3 | 105.7 | 106.5 | 109.0 | 103.4 | 95.8 | 93.1 | 92.7 |
| Asparagus | (1) | (1) | 120.9 | 92.9 | 91.7 | 95.8 | 98.9 | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) | (1) |
| Cabbage | 99.5 | 103.3 | 107.8 | 104.0 | 107.6 | 109.4 | 101.9 | 95.8 | 90.3 | 91.8 | 93.6 | 95.0 |
| Carrots | 100.5 | 101.5 | 100.9 | 93.8 | 96.9 | 103.7 | 105.6 | 107.8 | 92.8 | 99.2 | 95.3 | 101.9 |
| Celery | 104.4 | 103.5 | 101.2 | 93.2 | 101.4 | 102.7 | 108.8 | 98.8 | 94.2 | 96.8 | 97.9 | 98.3 |
| Cucumbers | 103.2 | 119.1 | 117.7 | 133.5 | 115.0 | 103.5 | 96.0 | 82.3 | 74.5 | 82.8 | 82.6 | 89.8 |
| Lettuce | 97.0 | 91.4 | 94.5 | 95.8 | 103.7 | 111.4 | 107.2 | 100.8 | 92.7 | 95.9 | 107.3 | 102.3 |
| Peppers, green | 100.0 | 103.2 | 108.8 | 117.4 | 142.9 | 112.7 | 98.1 | 83.4 | 75.4 | 73.7 | 91.6 | 92.9 |
| Spinach | 100.3 | 101.7 | 100.8 | 100.8 | 99.3 | 99.9 | 101.5 | 100.1 | 98.7 | 99.5 | 98.1 | 99.2 |
| Tomatoes | 109.5 | 109.1 | 103.7 | 105.2 | 107.0 | 109.8 | 107.3 | 87.3 | 76.5 | 80.7 | 97.4 | 106.4 |

See footnote at end of table.

Table 12. Consumer Price Index—food items, seasonal adjustment factors for use with 1975 indexes (calculated from data through March 1975)—Continued

| Item and group | January | February | March | April | May | June | July | August | September | October | November | December |
|--|---------|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-----------|---------|----------|----------|
| Food—Continued | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Food at home—Continued | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Processed fruits and vegetables | 99.9 | 100.1 | 100.2 | 100.4 | 100.0 | 99.8 | 99.5 | 100.0 | 100.5 | 100.1 | 99.8 | 99.8 |
| Fruit cocktail, canned | 100.3 | 100.1 | 100.0 | 100.2 | 99.7 | 99.5 | 99.7 | 99.4 | 100.4 | 100.0 | 100.5 | 100.1 |
| Pears, canned | 100.0 | 99.9 | 99.7 | 99.6 | 99.7 | 100.0 | 99.7 | 99.5 | 100.5 | 100.4 | 100.8 | 100.3 |
| Pineapple-grapefruit drink, canned | 100.1 | 99.9 | 99.7 | 100.3 | 99.5 | 99.8 | 100.1 | 99.9 | 100.0 | 100.6 | 100.4 | 99.8 |
| Orange juice concentrate, frozen | 99.7 | 99.6 | 99.7 | 100.2 | 99.8 | 99.8 | 100.2 | 100.2 | 100.4 | 100.2 | 100.4 | 99.8 |
| Lemonade concentrate, frozen | 100.4 | 100.3 | 100.2 | 100.7 | 100.1 | 99.7 | 99.0 | 99.0 | 99.5 | 100.1 | 100.0 | 100.8 |
| Beets, canned | 99.8 | 99.5 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.1 | 99.8 | 99.7 | 100.6 | 100.6 | 100.3 | 100.0 | 99.5 |
| Peas, green, canned | 100.0 | 100.1 | 100.0 | 100.4 | 99.5 | 99.4 | 100.0 | 99.8 | 100.4 | 99.9 | 100.4 | 100.1 |
| Tomatoes, canned | 99.6 | 99.9 | 99.7 | 100.2 | 100.3 | 99.9 | 99.9 | 100.2 | 100.2 | 99.8 | 100.3 | 99.9 |
| Dried beans | 99.6 | 101.5 | 101.1 | 100.5 | 99.9 | 99.7 | 99.1 | 100.5 | 101.1 | 100.2 | 97.6 | 99.2 |
| Broccoli, frozen | 99.8 | 99.9 | 100.2 | 100.6 | 100.2 | 100.3 | 100.2 | 99.8 | 99.9 | 99.7 | 99.8 | 99.8 |
| Other food at home | 101.2 | 100.8 | 100.4 | 99.8 | 98.8 | 98.2 | 98.4 | 99.5 | 100.8 | 100.9 | 100.4 | 100.8 |
| Eggs | 109.9 | 106.4 | 102.5 | 97.9 | 91.7 | 87.7 | 90.8 | 97.0 | 104.8 | 104.2 | 100.2 | 106.8 |
| Fats and oils: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Margarine | 99.6 | 99.5 | 100.0 | 100.1 | 99.1 | 98.9 | 99.3 | 99.3 | 101.1 | 101.0 | 101.6 | 100.4 |
| Saled dressing, Italian | 100.2 | 99.8 | 100.1 | 100.2 | 100.4 | 99.8 | 99.7 | 99.4 | 99.8 | 99.8 | 100.4 | 100.5 |
| Salad or cooking oil | 99.6 | 99.4 | 100.4 | 100.2 | 100.3 | 99.0 | 98.5 | 98.5 | 99.8 | 101.5 | 101.9 | 100.9 |
| Sugar and sweets | 99.7 | 99.7 | 100.3 | 100.8 | 100.5 | 100.3 | 100.1 | 99.7 | 99.7 | 99.3 | 100.2 | 99.5 |
| Sugar | 99.8 | 100.1 | 99.7 | 99.9 | 99.5 | 100.3 | 100.4 | 99.7 | 99.8 | 100.7 | 101.0 | 99.1 |
| Grape jelly | 99.3 | 99.5 | 100.6 | 100.2 | 100.4 | 100.3 | 100.4 | 100.3 | 100.3 | 99.9 | 99.4 | 99.4 |
| Chocolate bar | 99.7 | 100.2 | 99.7 | 100.1 | 101.0 | 100.8 | 100.0 | 100.3 | 99.6 | 99.0 | 99.6 | 100.2 |
| Syrup, chocolate flavored | 100.3 | 100.5 | 101.4 | 101.5 | 101.0 | 100.0 | 98.9 | 99.2 | 98.6 | 99.3 | 99.2 | 100.2 |
| Nonalcoholic beverages | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Coffee | 99.6 | 99.7 | 99.7 | 99.8 | 100.1 | 100.3 | 100.5 | 100.3 | 100.1 | 100.3 | 99.9 | 99.7 |
| Coffee, instant | 99.4 | 100.1 | 99.5 | 99.9 | 100.5 | 100.9 | 100.4 | 100.1 | 100.2 | 99.8 | 99.7 | 99.4 |
| Tea | 99.4 | 99.9 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.1 | 100.3 | 100.2 | 100.3 | 100.0 | 99.9 | 99.8 | 100.2 |
| Carbonated drink, cola flavored | 99.9 | 100.0 | 100.3 | 100.2 | 100.1 | 100.2 | 100.2 | 99.8 | 99.8 | 99.9 | 100.0 | 99.8 |
| Carbonated drink, fruit flavored | 99.6 | 99.6 | 99.6 | 99.9 | 100.1 | 100.4 | 100.3 | 100.4 | 100.1 | 100.2 | 100.2 | 99.7 |
| Prepared and partially prepared foods | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bean soup, canned | 99.5 | 100.1 | 100.1 | 100.3 | 100.4 | 100.5 | 100.1 | 99.5 | 99.8 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 99.5 |
| Chicken soup, canned | 99.7 | 100.1 | 100.2 | 100.3 | 99.8 | 99.6 | 99.7 | 100.1 | 100.3 | 100.1 | 100.2 | 99.9 |
| Spaghetti, canned | 100.1 | 100.2 | 100.0 | 99.7 | 99.9 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.2 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.2 | 99.8 |
| Mashed potatoes, instant | 99.5 | 100.1 | 99.8 | 99.5 | 100.3 | 100.5 | 100.5 | 100.3 | 99.9 | 99.9 | 99.9 | 99.8 |
| Potatoes, french fried, frozen | 99.5 | 99.8 | 100.0 | 99.8 | 100.2 | 99.9 | 100.2 | 100.1 | 100.3 | 100.2 | 100.1 | 99.8 |
| Baby foods | 99.7 | 100.1 | 100.2 | 100.5 | 100.1 | 100.4 | 100.1 | 100.1 | 99.7 | 99.8 | 99.6 | 99.7 |
| Sweet pickle relish | 100.6 | 100.6 | 101.3 | 101.1 | 100.0 | 99.2 | 99.0 | 99.3 | 99.2 | 99.3 | 100.0 | 100.6 |
| Pretzels | 99.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.2 | 100.3 | 100.7 | 100.3 | 99.9 | 100.2 | 99.9 | 99.8 | 99.6 |
| Miscellaneous indexes: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Housefurnishings | 99.6 | 99.6 | 99.8 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.2 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.2 | 100.2 | 100.3 | 100.1 |
| Fuel oil, No. 2 | 100.0 | 100.5 | 101.4 | 100.7 | 100.2 | 100.0 | 99.4 | 99.3 | 99.5 | 99.6 | 99.9 | 99.5 |
| Gas | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Natural gas, residential heating | 100.8 | 101.1 | 100.9 | 100.8 | 100.7 | 99.5 | 99.2 | 99.2 | 98.7 | 98.5 | 100.3 | 100.5 |
| Natural gas, other than residential heating | 100.8 | 101.0 | 100.8 | 100.7 | 100.6 | 99.5 | 99.1 | 99.2 | 98.8 | 98.7 | 100.2 | 100.5 |
| Natural gas, 10 therms | 101.0 | 101.1 | 101.0 | 100.8 | 100.7 | 99.4 | 98.9 | 98.9 | 98.7 | 98.7 | 100.6 | 100.1 |
| Natural gas, 25 therms | 100.6 | 100.8 | 100.7 | 100.5 | 100.5 | 99.7 | 99.4 | 99.4 | 99.1 | 99.1 | 100.1 | 100.2 |
| Natural gas, 40 therms | 101.0 | 101.1 | 101.0 | 100.9 | 100.7 | 99.3 | 99.1 | 99.0 | 98.7 | 98.5 | 100.3 | 100.6 |
| Electricity | 100.0 | 100.3 | 100.3 | 100.4 | 100.4 | 100.4 | 100.0 | 99.8 | 99.8 | 99.4 | 99.1 | 100.0 |
| Electricity, 100 kwh | 100.0 | 100.4 | 100.2 | 100.3 | 100.3 | 100.4 | 100.0 | 99.9 | 99.8 | 99.3 | 99.0 | 100.3 |
| Electricity, 250 kwh | 100.2 | 100.3 | 100.4 | 100.4 | 100.3 | 100.4 | 100.1 | 99.7 | 99.7 | 99.4 | 99.1 | 100.2 |
| Electricity, 500 kwh | 99.9 | 100.1 | 100.3 | 100.6 | 100.4 | 100.4 | 100.0 | 99.8 | 99.9 | 99.5 | 99.2 | 99.7 |

¹ Not available.

Brief Explanation of the CPI

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

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

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

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

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

A Note About Calculating Index Changes

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

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

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

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

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

A Note on Seasonally Adjusted and Unadjusted Data

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

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

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

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

Reliability of Percent Changes in the CPI

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

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 |

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.

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.

¹ 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.