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# Price Movements

## April 1977

The Consumer Price Index rose 0.8 percent in April before seasonal adjustment to 179.6 percent of its 1967 base. The April CPI was 6.8 percent higher than in April 1976.

### Seasonally adjusted changes

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI also rose 0.8 percent in April. This compares with increases of 0.6 percent in March, 1.0 percent in February, and 0.8 percent in January. In April, food prices rose 1.5 percent, more than twice as much as in March. The increases of 0.4 percent for commodities other than food and 0.8 percent for services were the same as in March. Excluding food and energy items, the CPI rose 0.6 percent in April, about the same as in February and March and less than in January.

Continuing to move up rapidly as they have since the start of this year, prices of food purchased in grocery stores rose 1.6 percent and prices of restaurant meals and snacks away from home increased 1.1 percent in April. Fresh vegetable prices rose in April, following a decline in March and a very sharp advance in February. Beef prices also turned up in April after declining for 2 months. The upsurge in coffee prices continued. In addition, prices for pork, cereal and bakery products, sugar and sweets, and fats and oil products increased more in April than in March. Prices for eggs and fresh fruits, however, declined after seasonal adjustment.

The index for commodities other than food rose 0.4 percent in April after seasonal adjustment, the same as in March; these increases compare with a rise of 0.7 percent in both February and January. In April, the new car index

declined 0.1 percent. The indexes for used cars and fuel oil and coal rose, after seasonal adjustment, 0.4 percent and 0.9 percent, respectively, considerably less than in recent months. Apparel prices were relatively stable—increasing 0.1 percent in April, following a decline of 0.1 percent in March. Gasoline and motor oil prices, however, rose 0.6 percent in April, somewhat more than in March, and price increases for houses, furniture, and floor coverings were larger than in recent months.

The services index rose 0.8 percent in April, about the same as the average monthly increase in the first 3 months of this year. Reflecting large increases in auto insurance charges, the index for transportation services rose 1.0 percent in April, somewhat more than in recent months. The index for medical care services rose 0.9 percent in April, compared with increases of 0.7 to 0.8 percent in the preceding 4 months. The increase of 0.7 percent for rent in April was more than in March or February, while the increase of 0.9 percent in the index for household services other than rent in April was about the same as in March.

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

The index for goods purchased in grocery stores increased 1.3 percent in April before seasonal adjustment. About three-fourths of this increase was the result of higher prices for nonalcoholic beverages; prices for ground coffee advanced 13.1 percent, instant coffee prices rose 6.1 percent, tea prices 4.4 percent, and cola drinks 0.7 percent. Fresh vegetable prices rose a contraseasonal 5.4 percent; increases were particularly sharp for cucumbers, green peppers, and tomatoes as supplies from Florida were limited due to the freeze early this year. Fresh fruit prices increased 2.7 percent, a smaller rise than usual for April. Prices of processed fruits

## Consumer Price Index Revision

The completion of the comprehensive program to revise the Consumer Price Index will be delayed beyond the previously announced date of April 1977. Although much of the work required for the revision has been completed, serious problems have been encountered, principally in the design and operation of the new computer system required to process and calculate the indexes and in data validation. The Bureau now estimates that the additional time required will delay completion

of the revision program and publication of a revised Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers as well as a new Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers until the fall of 1977.

Until these revised indexes are officially introduced, the Bureau will, of course continue to publish the present CPI. In accordance with previously announced plans, the Bureau also will continue the present CPI for a 6-month period after the introduction of the revised indexes.

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

| Month           | Changes from preceding month |                     |             |                     |                       |                     |             |                     | Changes in all items                   |                    |
|-----------------|------------------------------|---------------------|-------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------|---------------------|--|--------------------|
|                 | All items                    |                     | Food        |                     | Commodities less food |                     | Services    |                     | Compound annual rate from 3 months ago | From 12 months ago |
|                 | Unad-justed                  | Seasonally adjusted | Unad-justed | Seasonally adjusted | Unad-justed           | Seasonally adjusted | Unad-justed | Seasonally adjusted | Seasonally adjusted                    | Unad-justed        |
| 1976:           |                              |                     |             |                     |                       |                     |             |                     |  |                    |
| April .....     | 0.4                          | 0.4                 | 0.3         | 0.5                 | 0.6                   | 0.3                 | 0.3         | 0.5                 | 3.1                                    | 6.1                |
| May .....       | .6                           | .7                  | .4          | .8                  | .8                    | .6                  | .4          | .6                  | 5.4                                    | 6.2                |
| June .....      | .5                           | .4                  | .5          | .2                  | .6                    | .4                  | .6          | .6                  | 6.1                                    | 5.9                |
| July .....      | .6                           | .5                  | .7          | .1                  | .4                    | .4                  | .7          | .7                  | 6.3                                    | 5.4                |
| August .....    | .5                           | .5                  | .2          | .2                  | .6                    | .6                  | .6          | .6                  | 5.5                                    | 5.6                |
| September ..... | .4                           | .3                  | -.4         | .1                  | .6                    | .3                  | .8          | .5                  | 5.3                                    | 5.5                |
| October .....   | .4                           | .3                  | 0           | .2                  | .4                    | .4                  | .5          | .4                  | 4.8                                    | 5.3                |
| November .....  | .3                           | .3                  | -.3         | -.3                 | .4                    | .4                  | .5          | .4                  | 4.0                                    | 5.0                |
| December .....  | .3                           | .4                  | .3          | .1                  | .2                    | .6                  | .4          | .4                  | 4.2                                    | 4.8                |
| 1977:           |                              |                     |             |                     |                       |                     |             |                     |  |                    |
| January .....   | .6                           | .8                  | .9          | .9                  | 0                     | .7                  | .9          | .9                  | 6.1                                    | 5.2                |
| February .....  | 1.0                          | 1.0                 | 2.3         | 2.0                 | .6                    | .7                  | .6          | .6                  | 9.1                                    | 6.0                |
| March .....     | .6                           | .6                  | .5          | .6                  | .6                    | .4                  | .7          | .8                  | 10.0                                   | 6.4                |
| April .....     | .8                           | .8                  | 1.2         | 1.5                 | .6                    | .4                  | .7          | .8                  | 9.9                                    | 6.8                |

and vegetables increased 1.1 percent, about the same as in March and considerably more than in late 1976 and early 1977.

Prices rose in April for most cereal and bakery products except flour and rice. Among dairy products, prices for cheese and butter rose sharply as increased demand and higher price-support levels put upward pressure on prices at the processors' level. Prices for chocolate candy bars and salad and cooking oil continued to increase in April to reflect higher ingredient prices—particularly cocoa beans and soybeans. Retail sugar prices rose in April for the third consecutive month; both cane and beet sugar prices at the processors' level have been moving up since late 1976 because of various factors such as increased purchases in the world market by the Peoples Republic of China, damage to the Colombian sugar crop, and withdrawal by the Dominican Republic of its sugar from the market.

Beef prices turned up in April, reflecting increased demand. Pork prices declined as a result of expanded hog slaughter and pork production; the decline, however, was smaller than usual for April. Poultry prices moved down after 2 months of large increases, and egg prices, which fell sharply in March, continued to decline in April.

The index for food away from home—restaurant meals and snacks—increased, before seasonal adjustment, 1.2 percent in April, more than in recent months.

The index for commodities other than food rose 0.6 percent before adjustment in April, the same as in March and February. A slightly larger-than-seasonal increase of 2.8 percent in used car prices accounted for about one-

fourth of the April rise in the nonfood commodities index. Strong demand for full-size and intermediate-size cars continued to push prices upward. Gasoline prices rose 1.1 percent, following a rise of 0.8 percent in March and 1.2 percent in February; however, the increase of 0.2 percent in fuel oil prices in April was considerably smaller than in recent months.

Among household durables, furniture prices rose 1.4 percent in April following an increase of 0.8 percent in March and declines in the first 2 months of this year; about half the April rise was due to higher prices for aluminum folding chairs, a seasonal item. Prices of many other items such as sofas, cocktail tables, and dining room chairs also registered large increases as a result of the removal of sale prices, higher costs for materials, particularly wood, fabric and filling, and improving demand. Prices for floor coverings increased 0.6 percent, more than in recent months; manufacturers' prices have been moving up primarily because of higher prices for acrylic and nylon broadloom fibers. Fiber prices are rising partly because of higher prices for petrochemicals.

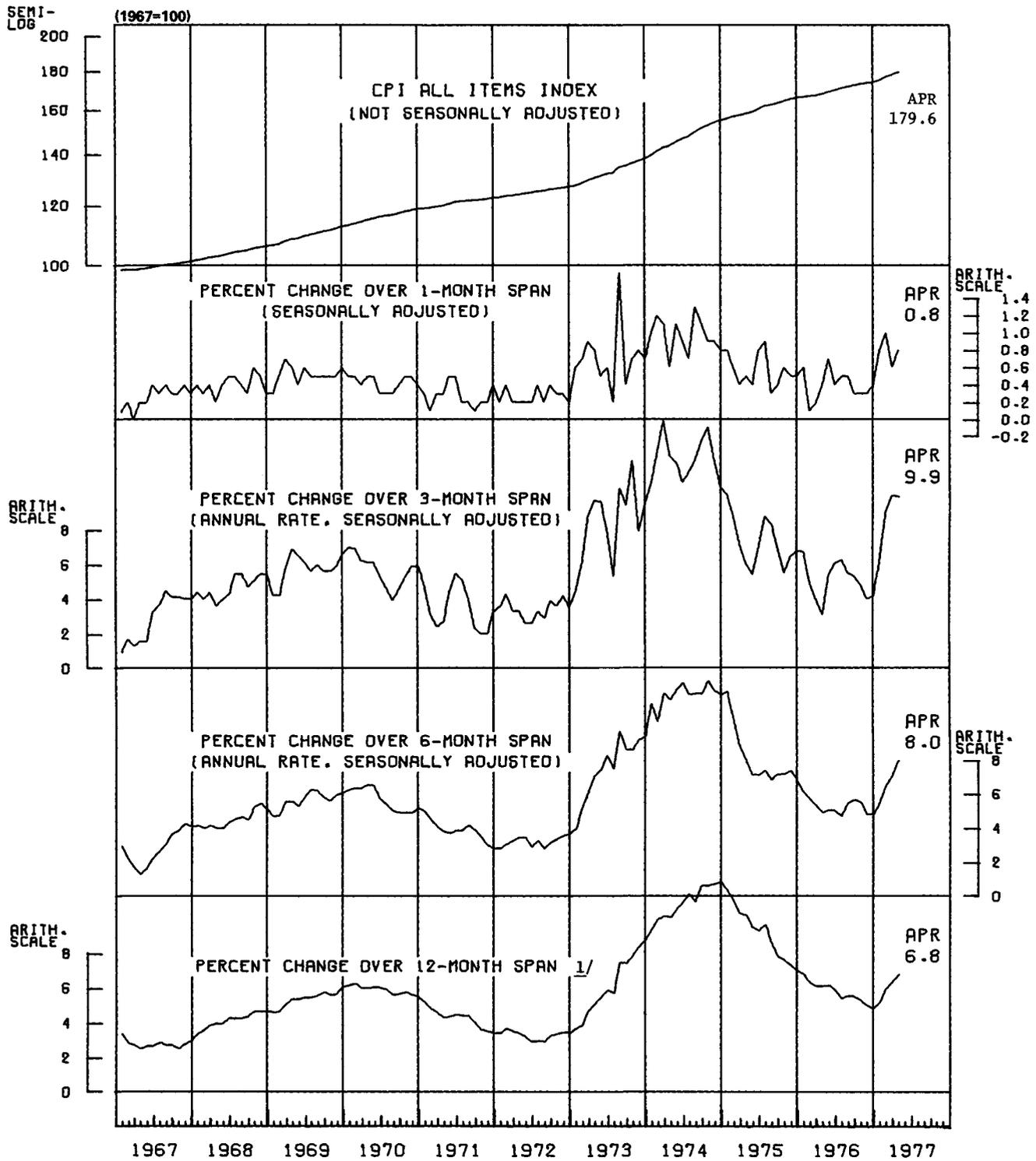
Prices for other commodities such as houses, home maintenance and repair commodities, housekeeping supplies, toilet goods, and drugs and prescriptions continued to rise in April. Apparel prices rose 0.3 percent, less than in March and February, and prices declined for textile housefurnishings, tires, and new cars.

The services index in April increased 0.7 percent before seasonal adjustment, the same as in March. Among major types of services, large increases occurred for transportation

services; auto insurance charges rose 2.0 percent, more than in recent months, and auto registration fees increased 3.4 percent. The increase of 0.5 percent in auto repair charges, however, was half as large as the monthly increases earlier this year. Among medical care services, physicians' fees rose 0.8 percent, and hospital service charges increased 0.9 percent. There were also large increases among household

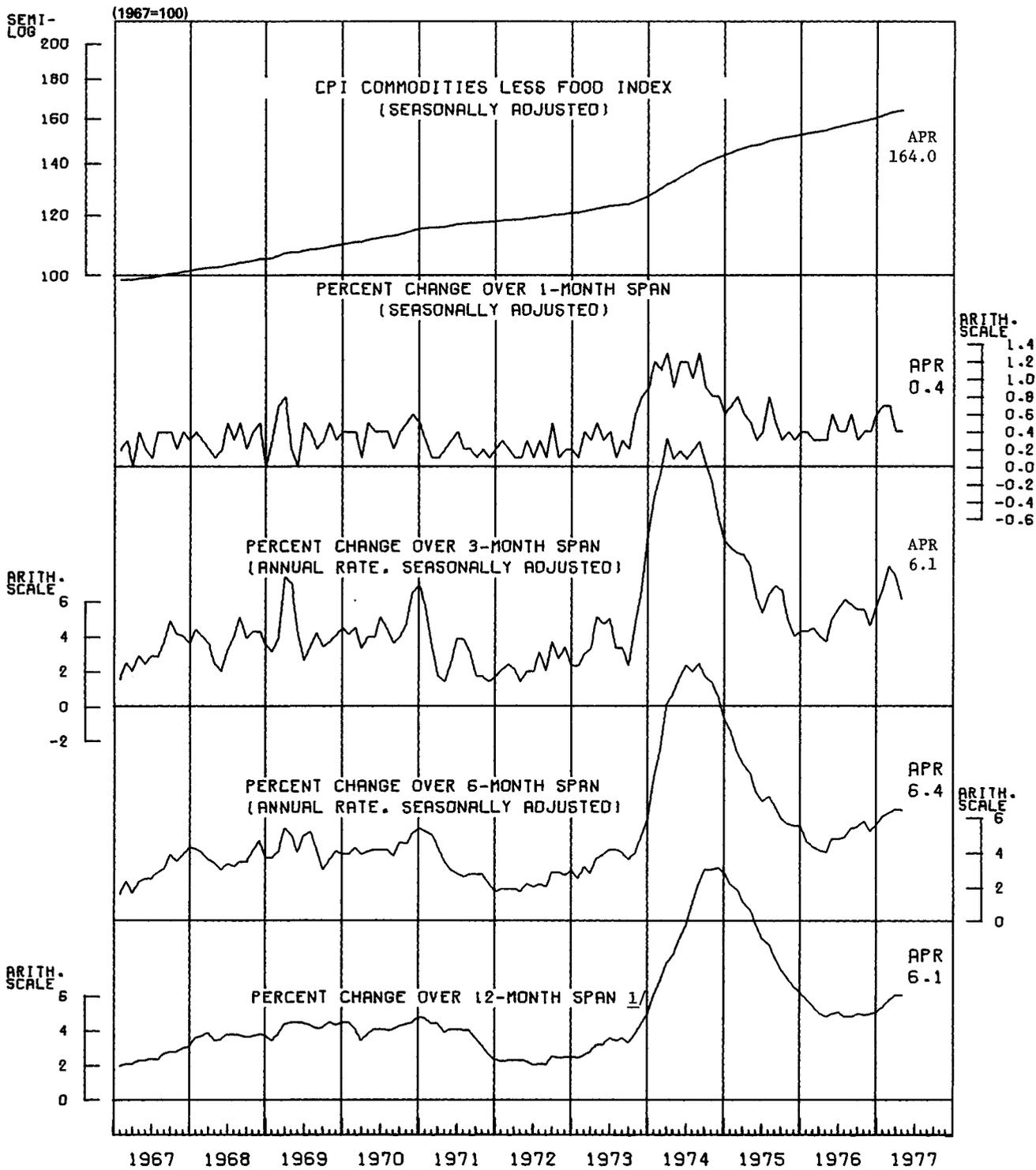
services such as property insurance, property taxes, and natural gas; however, the increase of 0.2 percent for house-keeping services was much smaller than in recent months, and increases in telephone and water sewerage rates were moderate—0.2 and 0.1 percent, respectively. Mortgage interest rates continued to decline, and charges for electricity, which rose sharply in March, declined in April.

**Chart 1. All items index and rates of change, 1967-77**



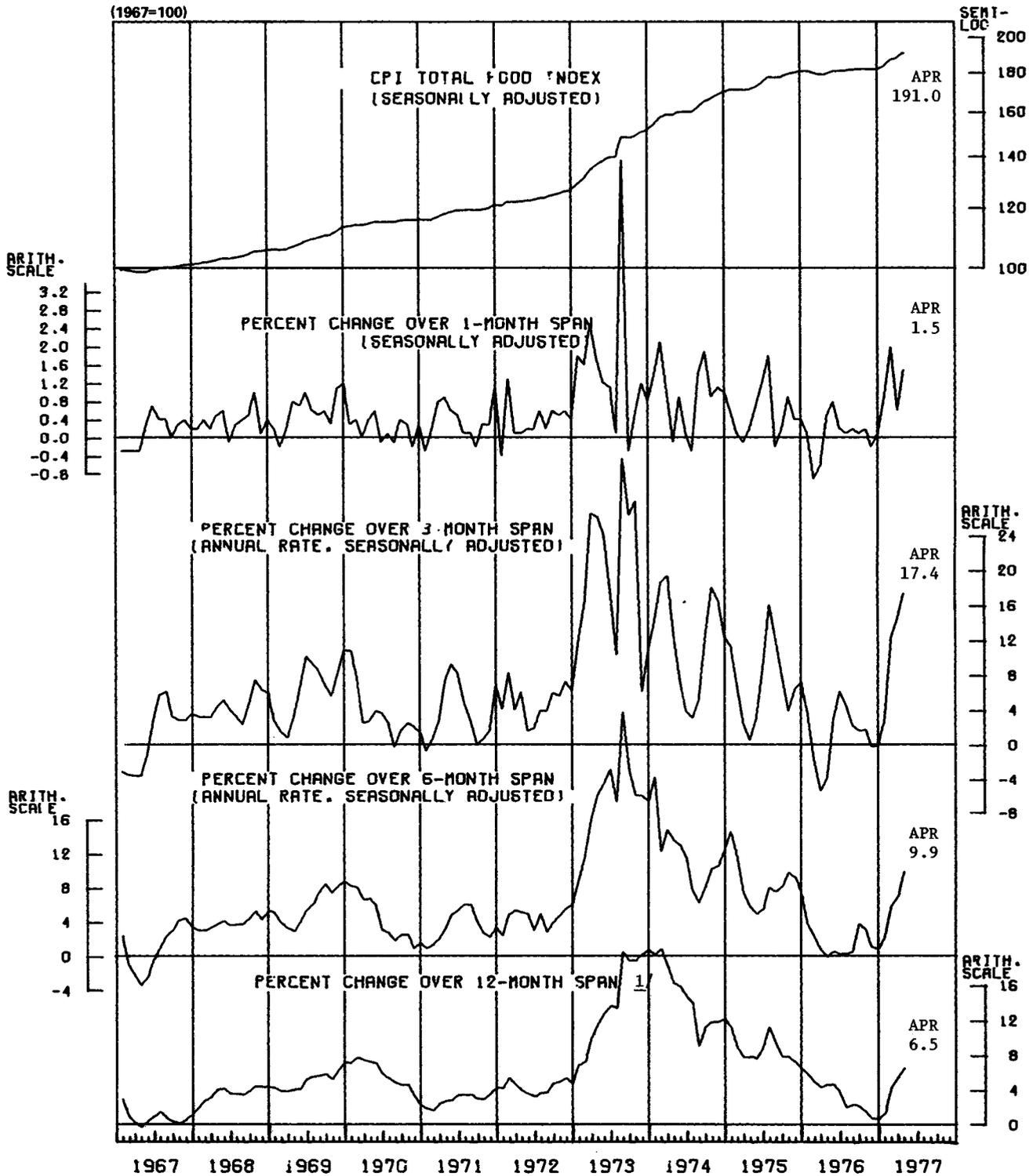
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**Chart 2. Commodities less food index and rates of change, 1967-77**



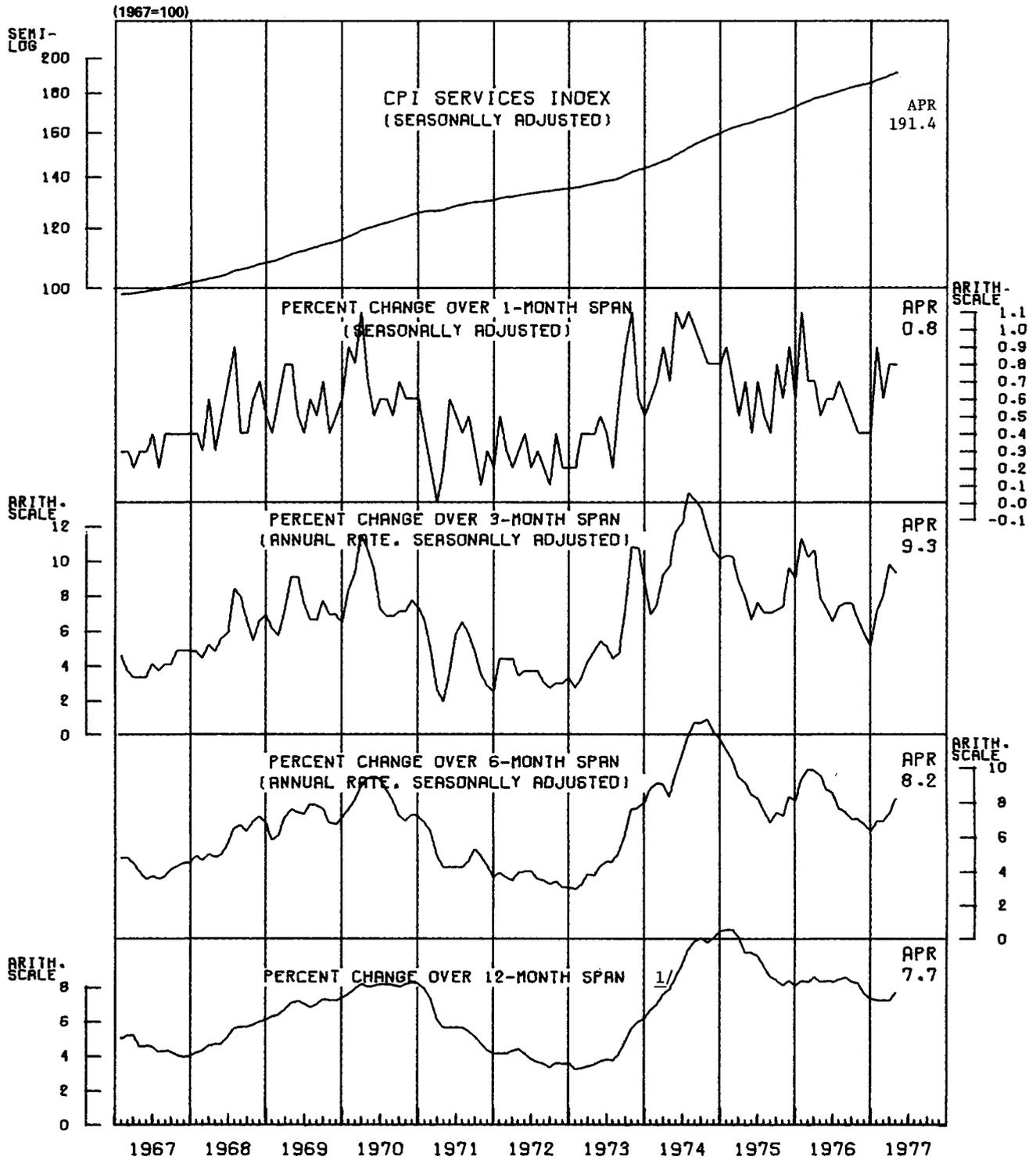
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**Chart 3. Total food index and rates of change, 1967-77**



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**Chart 4. Services index and rates of change, 1967-77**



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

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

| Group or class                                    | Relative importance | Unadjusted indexes |            | Unadjusted percent change to April 1977 from— |            | Seasonally adjusted percent change from— |                   |                |
|---|---------------------|--------------------|------------|---|------------|--|-------------------|----------------|
|   | December 1976       | March 1977         | April 1977 | April 1976                                    | March 1977 | January to February                      | February to March | March to April |
| <b>Commodity and service groups</b>               |                     |                    |            |   |            |  |                   |                |
| All items   | 100.000             | 178.2              | 179.6      | 6.8   | 0.8        | 1.0                                      | 0.6               | 0.8            |
| All items (1957-59=100)                           | -                   | 207.2              | 208.8      | -   | -          | -  | -                 | -              |
| Commodities                                       | 62.468              | 171.8              | 173.3      | 6.3   | .9         | 1.2                                      | .5                | .8             |
| Food  | 23.667              | 188.6              | 190.9      | 6.5   | 1.2        | 2.0                                      | .6                | 1.5            |
| Food at home                                      | 18.456              | 186.9              | 189.3      | 6.3   | 1.3        | 2.3                                      | .5                | 1.6            |
| Cereals and bakery products                       | 2.537               | 181.3              | 182.6      | 1.3   | .7         | -.6                                      | .5                | 1.1            |
| Meats, poultry, and fish                          | 5.700               | 175.0              | 174.6      | -1.9  | -.2        | -.8                                      | .2                | .9             |
| Dairy products                                    | 2.841               | 171.2              | 171.4      | 2.1   | .1         | -1.1                                     | .5                | .4             |
| Fruits and vegetables                             | 3.019               | 196.8              | 203.0      | 13.4  | 3.2        | 8.3                                      | .3                | 1.7            |
| Other foods at home                               | 4.360               | 213.2              | 219.1      | 19.1  | 2.8        | 3.6                                      | 1.4               | 3.2            |
| Food away from home                               | 5.210               | 195.2              | 197.5      | 7.5   | 1.2        | 1.0                                      | .7                | 1.1            |
| Commodities less food                             | 38.801              | 162.6              | 163.6      | 6.1   | .6         | .7                                       | .4                | .4             |
| Nondurables less food                             | 22.795              | 163.9              | 164.7      | 5.6   | .5         | .6                                       | .3                | .3             |
| Apparel commodities <sup>1</sup>                  | 7.811               | 149.3              | 149.8      | 4.1   | .3         | .4                                       | -.1               | .1             |
| Men's and boys'                                   | 2.467               | 152.6              | 153.1      | 4.9   | .3         | 1.1                                      | .5                | -.3            |
| Women's and girls'                                | 3.378               | 143.3              | 143.6      | 3.2   | .2         | -.2                                      | -.6               | .3             |
| Footwear  | 1.383               | 155.4              | 156.2      | 4.8   | .5         | .6                                       | .3                | .1             |
| Other apparel commodities                         | .582                | 157.8              | 158.7      | 4.8   | .6         | .2                                       | -.1               | .5             |
| Nondurables less food and apparel                 | 14.984              | 172.6              | 173.5      | 6.3   | .5         | .6                                       | .5                | .4             |
| Gasoline and motor oil                            | 3.426               | 183.4              | 185.4      | 8.8   | 1.1        | .9                                       | .4                | .6             |
| Tobacco products                                  | 1.873               | 166.0              | 166.1      | 3.9   | .1         | .1                                       | .1                | .3             |
| Alcoholic beverages                               | 2.217               | 149.3              | 149.8      | 2.6   | .3         | -.1                                      | .3                | .3             |
| Fuel oil and coal                                 | 1.060               | 281.4              | 282.0      | 14.4  | .2         | 2.0                                      | 2.2               | .9             |
| Other nondurables                                 | 6.408               | 166.8              | 167.6      | 5.8   | .5         | .6                                       | .4                | .2             |
| Durable commodities                               | 16.006              | 160.8              | 162.2      | 6.8   | .9         | .9                                       | .6                | .5             |
| Household durables                                | 4.444               | 149.7              | 150.7      | 3.6   | .7         | .5                                       | .5                | .3             |
| New automobiles                                   | 1.909               | 140.9              | 140.6      | 4.6   | -.2        | .1                                       | .4                | -.1            |
| Used automobiles                                  | 2.323               | 182.7              | 187.8      | 17.8  | 2.8        | 3.3                                      | 1.5               | .4             |
| Other durables                                    | 7.329               | 168.0              | 169.1      | 6.1   | .7         | *.7                                      | *.5               | *.7            |
| Services  | 37.532              | 190.0              | 191.3      | 7.7   | .7         | .6                                       | .8                | .8             |
| Rent  | 4.525               | 150.8              | 151.6      | 5.9   | .5         | .3                                       | .5                | .7             |
| Services less rent                                | 33.007              | 197.1              | 198.4      | 7.8   | .7         | .7                                       | .8                | .8             |
| Household services less rent                      | 16.208              | 208.4              | 209.7      | 7.3   | .6         | .6                                       | 1.0               | .9             |
| Transportation services                           | 5.295               | 185.1              | 186.9      | 8.9   | 1.0        | .3                                       | .8                | 1.0            |
| Medical care services                             | 5.958               | 211.5              | 213.1      | 10.1  | .8         | .7                                       | .8                | .9             |
| Other services                                    | 5.547               | 168.1              | 168.9      | 6.2   | .5         | .5                                       | .5                | .4             |
| Special indexes:                                  |                     |                    |            |   |            |  |                   |                |
| All items less food                               | 76.333              | 175.1              | 176.3      | 6.8   | .7         | *.6                                      | *.6               | *.7            |
| Nondurable commodities                            | 46.462              | 175.9              | 177.4      | 6.1   | .9         | *1.5                                     | *.5               | *.9            |
| Apparel commodities less footwear                 | 6.428               | 148.1              | 148.6      | 4.1   | .3         | .4                                       | 0                 | 0              |
| Services less medical care services               | 31.575              | 186.5              | 187.7      | 7.1   | .6         | *.5                                      | *.6               | *.6            |
| Insurance and finance                             | 9.864               | 205.6              | 207.9      | 7.2   | 1.1        | .9                                       | 1.0               | 1.5            |
| Utilities and public transportation               | 5.675               | 183.8              | 184.5      | 9.0   | .4         | .1                                       | 1.0               | .4             |
| Housekeeping and home maintenance service         | 4.830               | 220.5              | 221.3      | 6.9   | .4         | *.6                                      | *.8               | *.4            |
| Appliances (including radio and TV)               | 1.895               | 125.0              | 125.2      | 2.0   | .2         | .2                                       | .1                | .3             |
| <b>Expenditure classes</b>                        |                     |                    |            |   |            |  |                   |                |
| All items   | 100.000             | 178.2              | 179.6      | 6.8   | 0.8        | 1.0                                      | 0.6               | 0.8            |
| Food  | 23.667              | 188.6              | 190.9      | 6.5   | 1.2        | 2.0                                      | .6                | 1.5            |
| Housing   | 34.202              | 185.5              | 186.7      | 6.7   | .6         | *.7                                      | *.7               | *.6            |
| Shelter <sup>2</sup>                              | 21.256              | 186.3              | 187.7      | 6.3   | .8         | *.7                                      | *.5               | *.8            |
| Rent  | 4.525               | 150.8              | 151.6      | 5.9   | .5         | .3                                       | .5                | .7             |
| Homeownership <sup>3</sup>                        | 16.328              | 199.3              | 201.0      | 6.4   | .9         | *.7                                      | *.6               | *.9            |
| Fuel and utilities <sup>4</sup>                   | 5.414               | 198.5              | 199.4      | 11.2  | .5         | .3                                       | 1.4               | .6             |
| Gas and electricity                               | 2.913               | 208.5              | 209.8      | 13.8  | .6         | .3                                       | 1.4               | .7             |
| Household furnishings and operation               | 7.532               | 174.6              | 175.4      | 4.8   | .5         | .7                                       | .3                | .3             |
| Apparel and upkeep                                | 9.194               | 151.7              | 152.3      | 4.5   | .4         | .2                                       | .2                | .2             |
| Transportation                                    | 13.548              | 174.8              | 176.8      | 9.6   | 1.1        | .8                                       | .6                | 1.0            |
| Private   | 12.227              | 174.1              | 176.3      | 10.1  | 1.3        | .9                                       | .5                | 1.0            |
| Public  | 1.321               | 180.4              | 180.4      | 4.6   | 0          | .4                                       | .8                | .6             |
| Health and recreation                             | 19.013              | 170.7              | 171.4      | 6.2   | .4         | *.5                                      | *.5               | *.4            |
| Medical care                                      | 6.734               | 197.6              | 199.1      | 9.6   | .8         | *.9                                      | *.9               | *.8            |
| Personal care                                     | 2.554               | 167.3              | 168.4      | 6.4   | .7         | *.3                                      | *.4               | *.7            |
| Reading and recreation                            | 5.143               | 155.8              | 156.0      | 4.3   | .1         | .4                                       | .4                | -.2            |
| Other goods and services                          | 4.582               | 157.3              | 157.7      | 3.4   | .3         | .1                                       | .3                | .3             |
| Special indexes:                                  |                     |                    |            |   |            |  |                   |                |
| All items less shelter                            | 78.744              | 176.1              | 177.5      | 6.9   | .8         | *1.1                                     | *.6               | *.8            |
| All items less medical care                       | 93.266              | 177.0              | 178.4      | 6.6   | .8         | *1.0                                     | *.6               | *.8            |
| All items less mortgage interest costs            | 95.840              | 176.2              | 177.6      | 6.9   | .8         | *1.0                                     | *.6               | *.8            |
| CPI—domestically produced farm foods <sup>5</sup> | 15.827              | 178.3              | 179.1      | 2.4   | .4         | *2.5                                     | *.2               | *.4            |
| CPI—selected beef cuts <sup>6</sup>               | 1.806               | 161.5              | 161.6      | .2  | .1         | -.8                                      | -2.2              | 3.0            |
| All items less food and energy <sup>7</sup>       | 68.934              | 172.6              | 173.7      | 6.4   | .6         | .6                                       | .5                | .6             |
| Purchasing power of consumer dollar:              |                     |                    |            |   |            |  |                   |                |
| 1967=\$1.00                                       | -                   | \$.561             | \$.557     | -6.4  | -.7        | -  | -                 | -              |
| 1957-59=\$1.00                                    | -                   | .483               | .479       | -   | -          | -  | -                 | -              |

<sup>1</sup> Revised index: January 1977, 183.2.

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

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

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

<sup>5</sup> Revised index: January 1977, 171.2.

<sup>6</sup> Revised index: January 1977, 171.6.

<sup>7</sup> Calculated from the CPI food at home component by excluding fish, nonalcoholic

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

<sup>8</sup> Calculated from the CPI beef and veal component by excluding veal cutlets and beef liver.

<sup>9</sup> Energy includes gasoline, motor oil, fuel oil, coal, gas, and electricity.

\* Not seasonally adjusted.

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

**Table 2. CPI—seasonally adjusted U.S. city average, by commodity and service group and expenditure class**

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

| Group and class  | Seasonally adjusted indexes |               |            |            | Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for |              |              |            |                    |            |
|--|-----------------------------|---------------|------------|------------|--|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------------|------------|
|  | January 1977                | February 1977 | March 1977 | April 1977 | 3 months ending in                                 |              |              |            | 6 months ending in |            |
|  |                             |               |            |            | July 1976  | October 1976 | January 1977 | April 1977 | October 1976       | April 1977 |
| <b>Commodity and service groups</b>                    |                             |               |            |            |  |              |              |            |                    |            |
| All items  | -                           | -             | -          | -          | 6.3  | 4.8          | 6.1          | 9.9        | 5.5                | 8.0        |
| Commodities  | 169.4                       | 171.4         | 172.2      | 173.6      | 5.5  | 3.9          | 5.6          | 10.3       | 4.7                | 7.9        |
| Food   | 183.5                       | 187.1         | 188.2      | 191.0      | 4.5  | 1.8          | 2.9          | 17.4       | 3.1                | 9.9        |
| Food at home   | 181.3                       | 185.4         | 186.4      | 189.3      | 3.6  | .9           | 2.2          | 18.9       | 2.3                | 10.2       |
| Cereals and bakery products                            | 179.5                       | 178.4         | 179.3      | 181.2      | 8.1  | -2.4         | -3.5         | 3.8        | 2.7                | .1         |
| Meats, poultry, and fish                               | 174.0                       | 175.4         | 175.7      | 177.3      | 0  | -15.8        | 2.1          | 7.8        | -8.2               | 4.9        |
| Dairy products   | 170.3                       | 168.4         | 169.2      | 169.9      | 11.0   | 6.0          | -7.0         | -9         | 8.5                | -4.0       |
| Fruits and vegetables                                  | 181.2                       | 196.3         | 196.8      | 200.2      | -15.7  | 36.5         | -3.7         | 49.0       | 7.3                | 19.8       |
| Other foods at home                                    | 202.3                       | 209.6         | 212.6      | 219.5      | 18.8   | 3.8          | 17.8         | 38.6       | 11.0               | 27.8       |
| Food away from home                                    | 192.0                       | 194.0         | 195.4      | 197.5      | 7.4  | 3.9          | 6.5          | 12.0       | 5.6                | 9.2        |
| Commodities less food                                  | 161.6                       | 162.7         | 163.4      | 164.0      | 6.1  | 5.5          | 6.7          | 6.1        | 5.8                | 6.4        |
| Nondurables less food                                  | 162.8                       | 163.7         | 164.2      | 164.7      | 6.3  | 5.7          | 5.6          | 4.8        | 6.0                | 5.2        |
| Apparel commodities <sup>1</sup>                       | 149.4                       | 150.0         | 149.9      | 150.1      | 4.8  | 4.5          | 5.3          | 1.9        | 4.6                | 3.6        |
| Men's and boys'  | 150.6                       | 152.3         | 153.1      | 152.6      | 4.5  | 5.3          | 4.1          | 5.4        | 4.9                | 4.7        |
| Women's and girls'                                     | 145.5                       | 145.2         | 144.3      | 144.8      | 5.2  | 2.8          | 6.9          | -1.9       | 4.0                | 2.4        |
| Footwear   | 154.0                       | 155.0         | 155.4      | 155.6      | 5.8  | 5.1          | 4.3          | 4.2        | 5.5                | 4.2        |
| Other apparel commodities                              | 158.0                       | 158.3         | 158.1      | 158.9      | 2.7  | 7.8          | 6.9          | 2.3        | 5.2                | 4.6        |
| Nondurables less food and apparel                      | 170.8                       | 171.8         | 172.7      | 173.4      | 6.8  | 6.7          | 5.8          | 6.2        | 6.7                | 6.0        |
| Gasoline and motor oil                                 | 181.8                       | 183.5         | 184.3      | 185.4      | 13.3   | 14.1         | .2           | 8.2        | 13.7               | 4.1        |
| Tobacco products                                       | 165.4                       | 165.6         | 165.8      | 166.3      | 0  | 4.3          | 9.5          | 2.2        | 2.1                | 5.8        |
| Alcoholic beverages                                    | 148.9                       | 148.8         | 149.3      | 149.8      | 5.0  | .5           | 2.5          | 2.4        | 2.8                | 2.4        |
| Fuel oil and coal                                      | 266.6                       | 272.0         | 278.1      | 280.6      | 10.0   | 8.7          | 16.7         | 22.7       | 9.3                | 19.7       |
| Other nondurables                                      | 165.3                       | 166.3         | 167.0      | 167.4      | 5.9  | 5.3          | 6.5          | 5.2        | 5.6                | 5.9        |
| Durable commodities                                    | 159.9                       | 161.4         | 162.4      | 163.2      | 6.2  | 4.2          | 8.7          | 8.5        | 5.2                | 8.6        |
| Household durables                                     | 148.8                       | 149.5         | 150.2      | 150.7      | 2.2  | 1.7          | 5.3          | 5.2        | 1.9                | 5.2        |
| New automobiles  | 140.0                       | 140.1         | 140.6      | 140.5      | 2.7  | 9.5          | 5.3          | 1.4        | 6.1                | 3.4        |
| Used automobiles                                       | 185.5                       | 191.6         | 194.4      | 195.2      | 12.6   | 4.5          | 33.4         | 22.6       | 8.5                | 27.9       |
| Other durables <sup>2</sup>                            | 166.0                       | 167.2         | 168.0      | 169.1      | 7.5  | 4.8          | 4.5          | 7.7        | 6.1                | 6.1        |
| Services   | 187.2                       | 188.4         | 189.9      | 191.4      | 7.4  | 6.6          | 7.1          | 9.3        | 7.0                | 8.2        |
| Rent   | 149.5                       | 149.9         | 150.6      | 151.6      | 6.0  | 5.1          | 7.0          | 5.7        | 5.5                | 6.4        |
| Services less rent                                     | 194.0                       | 195.4         | 197.0      | 198.6      | 7.6  | 6.8          | 7.3          | 9.8        | 7.2                | 8.6        |
| Household services less rent                           | 205.1                       | 206.4         | 208.4      | 210.3      | 7.3  | 4.7          | 6.7          | 10.5       | 6.0                | 8.6        |
| Transportation services                                | 182.5                       | 183.1         | 184.5      | 186.3      | 9.7  | 9.4          | 7.6          | 8.6        | 9.6                | 8.1        |
| Medical care services                                  | 208.0                       | 209.4         | 211.1      | 213.1      | 8.7  | 9.0          | 12.6         | 10.2       | 8.9                | 11.4       |
| Other services   | 166.7                       | 167.5         | 168.3      | 168.9      | 5.9  | 7.1          | 6.2          | 5.4        | 6.5                | 5.8        |
| <b>Special indexes:</b>                                |                             |               |            |            |  |              |              |            |                    |            |
| All items less food <sup>1</sup>                       | 172.9                       | 174.0         | 175.1      | 176.3      | 7.2  | 7.1          | 5.0          | 8.1        | 7.2                | 6.5        |
| Nondurable commodities <sup>1</sup>                    | 172.4                       | 175.0         | 175.9      | 177.4      | 6.1  | 3.1          | 3.3          | 12.1       | 4.6                | 7.6        |
| Apparel commodities less footwear                      | 148.4                       | 149.0         | 149.0      | 149.0      | 5.1  | 4.2          | 5.3          | 1.6        | 4.7                | 3.4        |
| Services less medical care services <sup>1</sup>       | 184.3                       | 185.3         | 186.5      | 187.7      | 6.5  | 7.6          | 6.8          | 7.6        | 7.1                | 7.2        |
| Insurance and finance                                  | 201.5                       | 203.3         | 205.4      | 208.5      | 8.0  | 2.9          | 3.7          | 14.6       | 5.4                | 9.0        |
| Utilities and public transportation                    | 181.1                       | 181.3         | 183.1      | 183.9      | 10.1   | 8.8          | 10.6         | 6.3        | 9.5                | 8.4        |
| Housekeeping and home maintenance service <sup>1</sup> | 217.6                       | 218.8         | 220.5      | 221.3      | 8.2  | 8.0          | 4.5          | 7.0        | 8.1                | 5.7        |
| Appliances (including radio and TV)                    | 124.7                       | 125.0         | 125.1      | 125.5      | 2.6  | 1.3          | 1.6          | 2.6        | 2.0                | 2.1        |
| <b>Expenditure classes</b>                             |                             |               |            |            |  |              |              |            |                    |            |
| All items  | -                           | -             | -          | -          | 6.3  | 4.8          | 6.1          | 9.9        | 5.5                | 8.0        |
| Food   | 183.5                       | 187.1         | 188.2      | 191.0      | 4.5  | 1.8          | 2.9          | 17.4       | 3.1                | 9.9        |
| Housing <sup>1</sup>                                   | 183.1                       | 184.3         | 185.5      | 186.7      | 6.1  | 6.0          | 6.8          | 8.1        | 6.0                | 7.5        |
| Shelter <sup>1,2</sup>                                 | 184.1                       | 185.3         | 186.3      | 187.7      | 6.7  | 5.7          | 4.7          | 8.1        | 6.2                | 6.4        |
| Rent <sup>2</sup>                                      | 149.5                       | 149.9         | 150.6      | 151.6      | 6.0  | 5.1          | 7.0          | 5.7        | 5.5                | 6.4        |
| Homeownership <sup>1,3</sup>                           | 196.7                       | 198.1         | 199.3      | 201.0      | 7.2  | 5.5          | 4.0          | 9.0        | 6.3                | 6.5        |
| Fuel and utilities <sup>4</sup>                        | 194.0                       | 194.6         | 197.3      | 198.4      | 11.4   | 10.4         | 13.6         | 9.4        | 10.9               | 11.5       |
| Gas and electricity                                    | 203.4                       | 204.0         | 206.8      | 208.3      | 15.9   | 13.9         | 15.0         | 10.0       | 14.9               | 12.5       |
| Household furnishings and operation                    | 173.1                       | 174.3         | 174.8      | 175.4      | 4.1  | 3.8          | 6.0          | 5.4        | 4.0                | 5.7        |
| Apparel and upkeep                                     | 151.7                       | 152.0         | 152.3      | 152.6      | 5.0  | 4.4          | 6.3          | 2.4        | 4.7                | 4.3        |
| Transportation   | 173.7                       | 175.1         | 176.2      | 177.9      | 9.7  | 10.5         | 8.5          | 10.0       | 10.1               | 9.3        |
| Private  | 173.2                       | 174.8         | 175.7      | 177.4      | 10.3   | 11.4         | 9.0          | 10.1       | 10.8               | 9.5        |
| Public   | 178.0                       | 178.7         | 180.2      | 181.3      | 4.5  | 3.2          | 3.2          | 7.6        | 3.8                | 5.4        |
| Health and recreation <sup>1</sup>                     | 169.0                       | 169.8         | 170.7      | 171.4      | 5.8  | 6.0          | 7.2          | 5.8        | 5.9                | 6.5        |
| Medical care <sup>1</sup>                              | 194.1                       | 195.8         | 197.6      | 199.1      | 8.9  | 7.5          | 11.5         | 10.7       | 8.2                | 11.1       |
| Personal care <sup>1</sup>                             | 166.2                       | 166.7         | 167.3      | 168.4      | 5.7  | 8.7          | 5.7          | 5.4        | 7.2                | 5.6        |
| Reading and recreation                                 | 155.1                       | 155.7         | 156.3      | 156.0      | 4.1  | 6.0          | 4.8          | 2.3        | 5.0                | 3.6        |
| Other goods and services                               | 156.7                       | 156.9         | 157.3      | 157.7      | 2.6  | 2.6          | 5.8          | 2.6        | 2.6                | 4.2        |
| <b>Special indexes:</b>                                |                             |               |            |            |  |              |              |            |                    |            |
| All items less shelter <sup>1</sup>                    | 173.1                       | 175.0         | 176.1      | 177.5      | 7.2  | 4.8          | 5.0          | 10.6       | 6.0                | 7.7        |
| All items less medical care <sup>1</sup>               | 174.2                       | 176.0         | 177.0      | 178.4      | 7.1  | 5.0          | 4.2          | 10.0       | 6.1                | 7.1        |
| All items less mortgage interest costs <sup>1</sup>    | 173.3                       | 175.1         | 176.2      | 177.6      | 7.2  | 5.1          | 5.2          | 10.3       | 6.1                | 7.7        |
| All items less food and energy <sup>3</sup>            | 171.0                       | 172.0         | 172.9      | 173.9      | 6.5  | 5.4          | 6.6          | 7.0        | 6.0                | 6.8        |
| CPI—domestically produced farm foods <sup>1,4</sup>    | 174.3                       | 178.6         | 178.3      | 179.1      | 4.4  | -5.3         | -2           | 11.5       | -6                 | 5.5        |
| CPI—selected beef cuts <sup>7</sup>                    | 166.5                       | 165.2         | 161.5      | 166.4      | -2.9   | -15.3        | 22.7         | -2         | -9.3               | 10.6       |

<sup>1</sup> Not seasonally adjusted.  
<sup>2</sup> Also includes hotel and motel rates not shown separately.  
<sup>3</sup> Includes home purchase, mortgage interest, taxes, insurance, and maintenance and repairs.  
<sup>4</sup> Also includes residential telephone, fuel oil, coal, water, and sewerage service not shown separately.  
<sup>5</sup> Energy includes gasoline, motor oil, fuel oil, coal, gas and electricity.

<sup>6</sup> Calculated from the CPI food at home component by excluding fish, nonalcoholic beverages, bananas, chocolate candy bars, chocolate syrup and about half of the index weight for sugar.  
<sup>7</sup> Calculated from the CPI beef and veal component by excluding veal cutlets and beef liver.  
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NOTE: Index applies to month as a whole, not to any specific date.

**Table 3. CPI—food items, U.S. city average**

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

| Item and group                    | Index            |                        | Percent change to April 1977<br>from— |                  |                        |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|------------------------|
|                                   | April 1977       |                        | April 1976                            | March 1977       |                        |
|                                   | Unadjusted       | Seasonally<br>adjusted | Unadjusted                            | Unadjusted       | Seasonally<br>adjusted |
| Food .....                        | 190.9            | 191.0                  | 6.5                                   | 1.2              | 1.5                    |
| Food away from home .....         | 197.5            | 197.5                  | 7.5                                   | 1.2              | 1.1                    |
| Restaurant meals .....            | 195.3            | ( <sup>1</sup> )       | 6.8                                   | .9               | ( <sup>1</sup> )       |
| Snacks .....                      | 208.0            | 208.0                  | 10.3                                  | 2.3              | 2.1                    |
| Food at home .....                | 189.3            | 189.3                  | 6.3                                   | 1.3              | 1.6                    |
| Cereals and bakery products ..... | 182.6            | 181.2                  | 1.3                                   | .7               | 1.1                    |
| Flour .....                       | 144.0            | 141.7                  | -7.3                                  | -1.1             | -6.6                   |
| Cracker meal .....                | 232.7            | 230.4                  | 4.0                                   | 1.3              | 1.0                    |
| Corn flakes .....                 | 179.2            | 179.0                  | 7.6                                   | 3.9              | 4.0                    |
| Rice .....                        | 184.2            | 182.9                  | -8.9                                  | -2.2             | .3                     |
| Bread, white .....                | 163.6            | 162.1                  | 1.1                                   | 1.2              | 1.4                    |
| Bread, whole wheat .....          | 182.6            | 182.1                  | 3.5                                   | 1.2              | 1.2                    |
| Cookies .....                     | 197.2            | 196.0                  | 4.5                                   | -1.9             | -1.5                   |
| Layer cake .....                  | 189.6            | 188.7                  | 2.8                                   | .8               | 1.3                    |
| Cinnamon rolls .....              | 197.1            | 196.1                  | 2.0                                   | .6               | .8                     |
| Meats, poultry, and fish .....    | 174.6            | 177.3                  | -1.9                                  | -2.2             | .9                     |
| Meats .....                       | 170.1            | 174.5                  | -3.7                                  | -4.4             | 3.5                    |
| Beef and veal .....               | 161.2            | 164.8                  | .2                                    | .3               | 3.1                    |
| Steak, round .....                | 161.7            | 165.2                  | .5                                    | .6               | 4.3                    |
| Steak, sirloin .....              | 158.2            | 165.3                  | -.1                                   | 1.5              | 6.2                    |
| Steak, porterhouse .....          | 173.3            | 179.8                  | 2.0                                   | 1.7              | 3.6                    |
| Rump roast .....                  | 155.5            | 158.8                  | -1.7                                  | -1.3             | 1.3                    |
| Rib roast .....                   | 180.7            | 186.3                  | -.9                                   | -2.3             | .7                     |
| Chuck roast .....                 | 164.6            | 169.2                  | 4.4                                   | .8               | 5.0                    |
| Hamburger .....                   | 156.3            | 160.6                  | -.2                                   | -.1              | 4.0                    |
| Beef liver .....                  | 125.3            | 122.7                  | -1.7                                  | 2.4              | .6                     |
| Veal cutlets .....                | 190.2            | 192.1                  | 2.4                                   | 1.2              | 2.1                    |
| Pork .....                        | 181.7            | 189.9                  | -9.2                                  | -1.3             | 2.0                    |
| Chops .....                       | 173.6            | 183.9                  | -4.9                                  | -1.3             | 2.7                    |
| Loin roast .....                  | 182.1            | 193.5                  | -7.7                                  | -.4              | 5.6                    |
| Sausage .....                     | 210.1            | 216.4                  | -7.9                                  | 1.2              | 4.0                    |
| Ham, whole .....                  | 180.2            | 182.0                  | -10.9                                 | -4.8             | -3.0                   |
| Picnics .....                     | 167.9            | 169.1                  | -12.2                                 | .2               | 2.7                    |
| Bacon .....                       | 182.8            | 194.9                  | -12.7                                 | -2.4             | 2.4                    |
| Other meats .....                 | 173.7            | 175.8                  | -2.6                                  | -.5              | 1.0                    |
| Lamb chops .....                  | 187.9            | 191.7                  | 3.1                                   | -.5              | 1.3                    |
| Frankfurters .....                | 161.9            | 164.2                  | -3.4                                  | 1.4              | 2.3                    |
| Ham, canned .....                 | 187.1            | 185.4                  | -10.8                                 | -4.1             | -3.1                   |
| Bologna sausage .....             | 173.9            | 175.7                  | -.5                                   | .9               | 1.9                    |
| Salami sausage .....              | 166.0            | 168.0                  | -.2                                   | 1.0              | 1.6                    |
| Liverwurst .....                  | 164.3            | 165.3                  | -2.8                                  | -.4              | -.2                    |
| Poultry .....                     | 157.7            | 160.8                  | -.2                                   | -.4              | -.1                    |
| Frying chicken .....              | 161.4            | 164.7                  | .6                                    | -.2              | -.1                    |
| Chicken breasts .....             | 167.5            | 170.4                  | 4.1                                   | 2.3              | 2.5                    |
| Turkey .....                      | 130.9            | 132.4                  | -9.0                                  | -4.5             | -4.1                   |
| Fish .....                        | 244.0            | 243.8                  | 9.8                                   | 1.0              | 1.0                    |
| Shrimp, frozen .....              | 235.8            | ( <sup>1</sup> )       | 7.8                                   | 0                | ( <sup>1</sup> )       |
| Fish, fresh or frozen .....       | 279.1            | ( <sup>1</sup> )       | 16.4                                  | 1.4              | ( <sup>1</sup> )       |
| Tuna fish, canned .....           | 200.7            | 198.9                  | 9.1                                   | 1.7              | 1.6                    |
| Sardines, canned .....            | 259.7            | 261.0                  | 5.8                                   | 1.1              | 1.4                    |
| Dairy products .....              | 171.4            | 169.9                  | 2.1                                   | .1               | .4                     |
| Milk, fresh, grocery .....        | 161.4            | 159.5                  | .6                                    | -.1              | .3                     |
| Milk, fresh, skim .....           | 178.5            | 176.6                  | .8                                    | -.3              | -.1                    |
| Milk, evaporated .....            | 212.2            | ( <sup>1</sup> )       | 4.2                                   | .7               | ( <sup>1</sup> )       |
| Ice cream .....                   | 161.0            | 160.8                  | 2.5                                   | -.8              | -.2                    |
| Cheese, American process .....    | 201.9            | 199.5                  | 3.6                                   | .6               | .8                     |
| Butter .....                      | 157.0            | 158.7                  | 8.0                                   | 1.4              | 2.6                    |
| Fruits and vegetables .....       | 203.0            | 200.2                  | 13.4                                  | 3.2              | 1.7                    |
| Fresh fruits and vegetables ..... | 214.3            | 210.3                  | 22.7                                  | 4.3              | 1.8                    |
| Fresh fruits .....                | 185.8            | 186.2                  | 17.3                                  | 2.7              | -3.1                   |
| Apples .....                      | 186.3            | 192.9                  | 24.3                                  | 4.8              | 1.1                    |
| Bananas .....                     | 176.2            | 170.1                  | 14.2                                  | -.2              | -5.7                   |
| Oranges .....                     | 161.0            | 171.5                  | 12.7                                  | -.7              | .9                     |
| Orange juice, fresh .....         | 165.0            | ( <sup>1</sup> )       | 9.2                                   | 2.2              | ( <sup>1</sup> )       |
| Grapefruit .....                  | 158.2            | 174.8                  | 10.6                                  | -1.7             | -4.3                   |
| Grapes .....                      | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> )       | ( <sup>2</sup> )                      | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> )       |
| Strawberries .....                | 181.2            | 161.1                  | 0                                     | ( <sup>1</sup> ) | ( <sup>1</sup> )       |
| Watermelon .....                  | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> )       | ( <sup>2</sup> )                      | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> )       |
| Fresh vegetables .....            | 237.5            | 231.9                  | 26.3                                  | 5.4              | 6.1                    |
| Potatoes .....                    | 201.6            | 205.1                  | -8.0                                  | 2.2              | 1.2                    |
| Onions .....                      | 314.0            | 312.1                  | 76.9                                  | 27.4             | 19.4                   |
| Asparagus .....                   | 209.0            | 224.5                  | 24.6                                  | -22.4            | -.4                    |
| Cabbage .....                     | 329.7            | 321.0                  | 115.5                                 | -7.0             | -4.3                   |
| Carrots .....                     | 225.5            | 232.7                  | 57.4                                  | -4.3             | -.6                    |
| Celery .....                      | 212.8            | 231.1                  | 28.7                                  | -19.5            | -15.2                  |
| Cucumbers .....                   | 261.1            | 202.7                  | 37.0                                  | 11.7             | 15.0                   |
| Lettuce .....                     | 168.5            | ( <sup>1</sup> )       | 14.3                                  | 7.7              | ( <sup>1</sup> )       |
| Peppers, green .....              | 345.8            | 301.7                  | 38.4                                  | 33.8             | 21.0                   |
| Spinach .....                     | 212.9            | 211.0                  | 11.0                                  | -5.0             | -5.5                   |
| Tomatoes .....                    | 256.0            | 254.7                  | 36.8                                  | 27.0             | 35.6                   |

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 3. CPI—food items, U.S. city average—Continued**

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

| Item and group                        | Index      |                     | Percent change to April 1977 from— |            |                     |
|---------------------------------------|------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|------------|---------------------|
|                                       | April 1977 |                     | April 1976                         | March 1977 |                     |
|                                       | Unadjusted | Seasonally adjusted | Unadjusted                         | Unadjusted | Seasonally adjusted |
| Food—Continued                        |            |                     |                                    |            |                     |
| Food at home—Continued                |            |                     |                                    |            |                     |
| Fruits and vegetables—Continued       |            |                     |                                    |            |                     |
| Processed fruits and vegetables       | 186.1      | 184.1               | 0.4                                | 1.1        | 0.9                 |
| Fruit cocktail, canned                | 182.0      | 183.3               | 4.5                                | .6         | 1.3                 |
| Pears, canned                         | 156.8      | 157.3               | -.4                                | -.1        | .2                  |
| Pineapple-grapefruit drink, canned    | 182.6      | 182.8               | 5.0                                | 1.4        | 1.5                 |
| Orange juice concentrate, frozen      | 181.0      | (1)                 | 13.6                               | 3.1        | (1)                 |
| Lemonade concentrate, frozen          | 189.2      | 185.3               | .2                                 | 1.0        | -.1                 |
| Beets, canned                         | 194.4      | (1)                 | 5.8                                | 1.0        | (1)                 |
| Peas, green canned                    | 158.6      | 158.9               | .7                                 | -.7        | -.2                 |
| Tomatoes, canned                      | 192.7      | (1)                 | 8.9                                | 1.3        | (1)                 |
| Dried beans                           | 230.8      | 222.4               | -24.7                              | .5         | .3                  |
| Broccoli, frozen                      | 186.9      | (1)                 | 18.9                               | 4.3        | (1)                 |
| Other food at home                    | 219.1      | 219.5               | 19.1                               | 2.8        | 3.2                 |
| Eggs                                  | 166.0      | 169.9               | 4.1                                | -7.5       | -6.6                |
| Fats and oils                         | 183.5      | 183.1               | 6.9                                | 1.5        | 2.3                 |
| Margarine                             | 193.7      | 192.5               | 4.7                                | 1.3        | 2.1                 |
| Salad dressing, Italian               | 165.0      | 163.7               | 9.2                                | 1.7        | 2.0                 |
| Salad or cooking oil                  | 191.7      | 191.5               | 6.7                                | 1.6        | 1.9                 |
| Sugar and sweets                      | 226.4      | 224.8               | 2.4                                | 1.6        | 3.0                 |
| Sugar                                 | 183.9      | 185.8               | -12.7                              | .5         | 4.6                 |
| Grape jelly                           | 216.2      | (1)                 | -2.7                               | .1         | (1)                 |
| Chocolate bar                         | 265.2      | (1)                 | 12.6                               | 4.2        | (1)                 |
| Syrup, chocolate flavored             | 234.7      | 230.8               | 9.6                                | .9         | 1.5                 |
| Nonalcoholic beverages                | 311.4      | (1)                 | 57.3                               | 8.7        | (1)                 |
| Coffee                                | 440.8      | (1)                 | 107.9                              | 13.1       | (1)                 |
| Coffee, instant                       | 312.3      | 313.2               | 48.5                               | 6.1        | 5.8                 |
| Tea                                   | 166.7      | 166.5               | 11.8                               | 4.4        | 4.3                 |
| Carbonated drink, cola flavored       | 201.3      | -                   | 4.6                                | .7         | 0                   |
| Carbonated drink, fruit flavored      | 203.4      | -                   | 2.4                                | .6         | 0                   |
| Prepared and partially prepared foods | 174.4      | 173.9               | 3.2                                | .3         | .5                  |
| Bean soup, canned                     | 205.4      | 204.6               | -1.2                               | -.1        | .7                  |
| Chicken soup, canned                  | 147.6      | 147.2               | 9.1                                | .8         | .6                  |
| Spaghetti, canned                     | 166.9      | 168.4               | 2.5                                | .4         | .8                  |
| Mashed potatoes, instant              | 158.5      | 159.1               | 1.4                                | 0          | -.3                 |
| Potatoes, french fried, frozen        | 184.2      | 185.3               | 2.9                                | 1.6        | 1.1                 |
| Baby foods                            | 181.8      | -                   | 9.1                                | .2         | 0                   |
| Sweet pickle relish                   | 189.5      | 185.8               | 3.7                                | -.1        | .4                  |
| Pretzels                              | 161.9      | 160.8               | .6                                 | .2         | -.4                 |

<sup>1</sup> Not available.

<sup>2</sup> Priced only in season.

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

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

| Item and group   | Other index base | Indexes            |                  | Percent change to April 1977 from— |                  |
|--|------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|
|  |                  | March 1977         | April 1977       | April 1976                         | March 1977       |
| Housing .....  |                  | 185.5              | 186.7            | 6.7                                | 0.6              |
| Shelter <sup>1</sup> .....                             |                  | 186.3              | 187.7            | 6.3                                | .8               |
| Rent, residential .....                                |                  | 150.8              | 151.6            | 5.9                                | .5               |
| Homeownership <sup>2</sup> .....                       |                  | 199.3              | 201.0            | 6.4                                | .9               |
| Mortgage interest rates .....                          |                  | 136.6              | 136.4            | -3.7                               | -1.1             |
| Property taxes .....                                   |                  | 179.5              | 181.0            | 9.0                                | .8               |
| Property insurance premium .....                       |                  | 150.9              | 152.5            | 8.2                                | 1.1              |
| Maintenance and repairs .....                          |                  | 209.8              | 211.2            | 7.7                                | .7               |
| Maintenance and repair commodities <sup>3</sup> .....  |                  | 176.2              | 178.3            | 7.5                                | 1.2              |
| Exterior house paint .....                             |                  | 169.6              | 169.5            | 4.8                                | -1.1             |
| Interior house paint .....                             |                  | 156.1              | 156.7            | 5.9                                | .4               |
| Maintenance and repair services .....                  |                  | 224.4              | 225.4            | 7.8                                | .4               |
| Repainting living and dining rooms .....               |                  | 235.9              | 237.0            | 7.3                                | .5               |
| Reshingling house roof .....                           |                  | 245.4              | 246.9            | 7.3                                | .6               |
| Residing house .....                                   |                  | 211.8              | 212.6            | 8.2                                | .4               |
| Replacing sink .....                                   |                  | 220.1              | 220.7            | 6.4                                | .3               |
| Repairing furnace .....                                |                  | 220.1              | 221.1            | 9.2                                | .5               |
| Fuel and utilities .....                               |                  | 198.5              | 199.4            | 11.2                               | .5               |
| Fuel oil and coal .....                                |                  | 281.4              | 282.0            | 14.4                               | .2               |
| Fuel oil, No. 2 .....                                  |                  | 278.2              | 278.7            | 14.8                               | .2               |
| Gas and electricity .....                              |                  | 208.5              | 209.8            | 13.8                               | .6               |
| Gas .....  |                  | <sup>4</sup> 232.8 | 235.4            | 20.8                               | 1.1              |
| Electricity .....                                      |                  | 186.7              | 185.9            | 6.4                                | -.4              |
| Other utilities:                                       |                  |                    |                  |                                    |                  |
| Residential telephone services .....                   |                  | 130.6              | 130.9            | 1.6                                | .2               |
| Residential water and sewerage services .....          |                  | 201.6              | 201.8            | 8.7                                | .1               |
| Household furnishings and operation <sup>5</sup> ..... |                  | 174.6              | 175.4            | 4.8                                | .5               |
| Housefurnishings .....                                 |                  | 154.7              | 155.5            | 3.6                                | .5               |
| Textiles .....   |                  | 156.0              | 154.5            | 4.7                                | -1.0             |
| Sheets, full, flat .....                               |                  | 158.8              | 147.0            | -6.1                               | -7.4             |
| Curtains, tailored .....                               |                  | 149.7              | 149.1            | 2.8                                | -.4              |
| Bedspreads .....                                       |                  | 161.0              | 162.0            | 9.1                                | .6               |
| Drapery fabrics .....                                  |                  | 191.5              | 191.5            | 8.7                                | 0                |
| Pillows, bed .....                                     |                  | 134.3              | 135.8            | 11.0                               | 1.1              |
| Slipcovers and throws, ready-made .....                |                  | 139.6              | 140.6            | 3.3                                | .7               |
| Furniture and bedding .....                            |                  | 155.5              | 157.6            | 4.0                                | 1.4              |
| Bedroom furniture, chest and dresser .....             | Mar. 70          | 137.5              | 138.1            | 4.7                                | .4               |
| Sofas, upholstered .....                               |                  | 142.8              | 145.1            | 3.2                                | 1.6              |
| Cocktail tables .....                                  | Dec. 71          | 132.1              | 134.1            | 3.5                                | 1.5              |
| Dining room chairs .....                               | Mar. 70          | 141.8              | 143.2            | 6.3                                | 1.0              |
| Recliners, upholstered .....                           | Dec. 71          | 114.9              | 114.7            | 1.9                                | -.2              |
| Sofas, dual purpose .....                              |                  | 140.5              | 142.2            | 1.5                                | 1.2              |
| Bedding, mattress and box springs .....                | June 70          | 137.8              | 138.1            | 4.2                                | .2               |
| Aluminum folding chairs .....                          | ( <sup>6</sup> ) |                    | 188.1            | 3.1                                | ( <sup>6</sup> ) |
| Cribs .....  |                  | 160.2              | 161.5            | 6.0                                | .8               |
| Floor coverings .....                                  |                  | 139.1              | 140.0            | 2.9                                | .6               |
| Broadloom carpeting .....                              |                  | 125.7              | 126.8            | 2.2                                | .9               |
| Vinyl sheet goods .....                                |                  | 170.8              | 170.6            | 4.3                                | -.1              |
| Vinyl floor tile .....                                 |                  | 170.0              | 170.7            | 3.8                                | .4               |
| Appliances (excluding radio and TV) .....              |                  | 138.3              | 138.8            | 3.4                                | .4               |
| Washing machines, electric .....                       |                  | 144.5              | 144.1            | 2.8                                | -.3              |
| Vacuum cleaners .....                                  |                  | 124.1              | 124.9            | 4.0                                | .6               |
| Refrigerators, refrigerator-freezers, electric .....   |                  | 138.1              | 138.3            | 3.1                                | .1               |
| Ranges, free standing, gas or electric .....           |                  | 142.1              | 143.2            | 4.2                                | .8               |
| Clothes dryers, electric .....                         |                  | 152.7              | 153.0            | 3.8                                | .2               |
| Air conditioners, demountable .....                    | ( <sup>6</sup> ) |                    | 133.3            | 3.7                                | ( <sup>6</sup> ) |
| Room heaters, electric, portable .....                 | ( <sup>6</sup> ) | 130.1              | ( <sup>6</sup> ) | ( <sup>6</sup> )                   | ( <sup>6</sup> ) |
| Garbage disposal units .....                           |                  | 137.8              | 138.1            | 3.1                                | .2               |
| Other housefurnishings:                                |                  |                    |                  |                                    |                  |
| Dinnerware, fine china .....                           |                  | 200.9              | 202.6            | 6.1                                | .8               |
| Flatware, stainless steel .....                        |                  | 185.1              | 185.8            | 2.9                                | .4               |
| Table lamps, with shade .....                          |                  | 151.4              | 152.0            | 2.4                                | .4               |
| Lawn mowers, power, rotary type .....                  |                  | 166.7              | 165.8            | 2.2                                | -.5              |
| Electric drills, hand-held .....                       |                  | 131.5              | 131.5            | 2.1                                | 0                |
| Housekeeping supplies:                                 |                  |                    |                  |                                    |                  |
| Laundry soaps and detergents .....                     |                  | 183.2              | 184.2            | 6.0                                | .5               |
| Paper napkins .....                                    |                  | 231.0              | 232.5            | 6.7                                | .6               |
| Toilet tissue .....                                    |                  | 258.3              | 260.0            | 12.7                               | .7               |
| Housekeeping services:                                 |                  |                    |                  |                                    |                  |
| Domestic services, general housework .....             |                  | 219.3              | 219.4            | 3.9                                | 0                |
| Baby sitter services .....                             |                  | 225.6              | 225.2            | 6.2                                | -.2              |
| Postal charges .....                                   |                  | 225.6              | 225.6            | 2.7                                | 0                |
| Laundry, flatwork, finished service .....              |                  | 216.2              | 218.0            | 7.9                                | .8               |
| Licensed day care services, preschool child .....      |                  | 169.3              | 169.8            | 5.2                                | .3               |
| Washing machine repairs .....                          |                  | 208.7              | 209.2            | 5.0                                | .2               |

See footnotes at end of table.

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

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

| Item and group  | Other index base | Indexes             |                  | Percent change to April 1977 from— |                  |
|---|------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|
|   |                  | March 1977          | April 1977       | April 1976                         | March 1977       |
| Apparel and upkeep <sup>7</sup> .....                         |                  | 151.7               | 152.3            | 4.5                                | 0.4              |
| Apparel commodities.....                                      |                  | 149.3               | 149.8            | 4.1                                | .3               |
| Apparel commodities less footwear.....                        |                  | 148.1               | 148.6            | 4.1                                | .3               |
| Men's and boys'.....  |                  | 152.6               | 153.1            | 4.9                                | .3               |
| Men's:  |                  |                     |                  |                                    |                  |
| Topcoats and all-weather coats.....                           |                  | 153.4               | 153.4            | 4.9                                | 0                |
| Suits, year round weight.....                                 |                  | 144.0               | 143.1            | 1.5                                | -.6              |
| Sport jackets.....  | June 74          | 93.5                | 95.9             | -2.3                               | 2.6              |
| Jackets, lightweight.....                                     |                  | 144.5               | 148.6            | 8.0                                | 2.8              |
| Slacks, heavyweight.....                                      |                  | 119.0               | 117.6            | -2.2                               | -1.2             |
| Slacks, lightweight.....                                      |                  | 151.4               | 148.9            | 3.0                                | -1.7             |
| Trousers, work.....   |                  | 170.7               | 172.2            | 8.6                                | .9               |
| Shirts, work.....   |                  | 169.6               | 171.4            | 10.2                               | 1.1              |
| Shirts, business or dress.....                                |                  | 141.6               | 142.4            | 8.6                                | .6               |
| T-shirts.....   |                  | 173.5               | 174.4            | 9.9                                | .5               |
| Socks.....  |                  | 138.0               | 138.1            | 3.1                                | .1               |
| Handkerchiefs.....  |                  | 170.4               | 170.9            | 5.4                                | .3               |
| Boys':  |                  |                     |                  |                                    |                  |
| Coats, heavyweight.....                                       |                  | 118.1               | 119.1            | 5.7                                | .8               |
| Sport coats, wool or wool blends.....                         |                  | 126.8               | ( <sup>6</sup> ) | ( <sup>6</sup> )                   | ( <sup>6</sup> ) |
| Dungarees.....  |                  | 202.6               | 203.5            | 9.6                                | .4               |
| Undershorts.....  |                  | 166.2               | 166.6            | 6.8                                | .2               |
| Women's and girls'.....                                       |                  | 143.3               | 143.6            | 3.2                                | .2               |
| Women's:  |                  |                     |                  |                                    |                  |
| Coats, heavyweight.....                                       |                  | 137.6               | ( <sup>6</sup> ) | ( <sup>6</sup> )                   | ( <sup>6</sup> ) |
| Carcoats, heavyweight.....                                    |                  | 129.5               | ( <sup>6</sup> ) | ( <sup>6</sup> )                   | ( <sup>6</sup> ) |
| Sweaters.....   |                  | 135.6               | 138.3            | .8                                 | 2.0              |
| Skirts, winter weight.....                                    |                  | 154.4               | 153.3            | .9                                 | -.7              |
| Skirts, summer weight.....                                    |                  | 160.6               | 162.2            | 6.4                                | 1.0              |
| Blouses.....  |                  | 146.1               | 146.8            | 2.2                                | .5               |
| Dresses, street, year round weight.....                       |                  | 154.8               | 153.5            | 2.8                                | -.8              |
| Slips.....  |                  | 132.7               | 134.3            | 8.3                                | 1.2              |
| Panties.....  |                  | 155.1               | 155.0            | 3.8                                | -.1              |
| Girdles.....  |                  | 138.3               | 139.1            | 4.5                                | .6               |
| Brassieres.....   |                  | 155.2               | 155.2            | 4.2                                | 0                |
| Hose or panty hose, nylon.....                                |                  | 92.5                | 92.7             | .4                                 | .2               |
| Anklets or knee-length socks.....                             |                  | 140.2               | 138.8            | 3.2                                | -1.0             |
| Gloves, fabric.....   |                  | 131.5               | 133.1            | 1.8                                | 1.2              |
| Handbags.....   |                  | 174.4               | 175.0            | 3.7                                | .3               |
| Girls':   |                  |                     |                  |                                    |                  |
| Raincoats.....  |                  | 128.1               | 124.3            | -2.4                               | -3.0             |
| Skirts, fall and winter.....                                  |                  | 154.8               | 154.6            | 3.9                                | -.1              |
| Dresses.....  |                  | 136.6               | 136.0            | 4.9                                | -.4              |
| Slacks, fall and winter.....                                  |                  | 171.9               | ( <sup>6</sup> ) | ( <sup>6</sup> )                   | ( <sup>6</sup> ) |
| Slips.....  |                  | 142.3               | 142.6            | 8.9                                | .2               |
| Handbags.....   |                  | 149.4               | 149.9            | 8.5                                | .3               |
| Other apparel commodities.....                                |                  | 157.8               | 158.7            | 4.8                                | .6               |
| Diapers.....  |                  | 202.1               | 204.6            | 9.6                                | 1.2              |
| Yard goods.....   |                  | 169.6               | 171.2            | 7.5                                | .9               |
| Wrist watches, men's and women's.....                         |                  | 141.2               | 141.5            | 1.7                                | .2               |
| Footwear.....   |                  | 155.4               | 156.2            | 4.8                                | .5               |
| Men's:  |                  |                     |                  |                                    |                  |
| Shoes, street.....  |                  | 162.3               | 164.7            | 7.8                                | 1.5              |
| Shoes, work, high.....  |                  | 180.3               | 181.5            | 8.0                                | .7               |
| Women's:  |                  |                     |                  |                                    |                  |
| Shoes, street, pump.....                                      |                  | 148.1               | 147.3            | 3.0                                | -.5              |
| Shoes, evening, pump.....                                     |                  | 137.8               | 138.7            | 3.1                                | .7               |
| Shoes, casual.....  |                  | 157.1               | 158.0            | 4.4                                | .6               |
| Houseslippers, scuff.....                                     |                  | 150.4               | 150.4            | 3.3                                | 0                |
| Children's:   |                  |                     |                  |                                    |                  |
| Shoes, oxford.....  |                  | 158.5               | 159.3            | 6.0                                | .5               |
| Sneakers, boys', oxford type.....                             |                  | 151.4               | 152.8            | 2.3                                | .9               |
| Dress shoes, girls'.....                                      |                  | 166.1               | 166.4            | 4.1                                | .2               |
| Apparel services:   |                  |                     |                  |                                    |                  |
| Drycleaning.....  |                  | 168.1               | 168.9            | 6.1                                | .5               |
| Automatic laundry service.....                                |                  | 150.9               | 155.1            | 9.2                                | 2.8              |
| Laundry, men's shirts.....                                    |                  | 174.0               | 175.2            | 7.7                                | .7               |
| Tailoring charges.....  |                  | 167.9               | 167.6            | 4.9                                | -.2              |
| Shoe repairs.....   |                  | 158.2               | 159.5            | 8.4                                | .8               |
| Transportation.....   |                  | <sup>8</sup> 174.8  | 176.8            | 9.6                                | 1.1              |
| Private <sup>9</sup> .....                                    |                  | <sup>10</sup> 174.1 | 176.3            | 10.1                               | 1.3              |
| Automobiles, new.....   |                  | 140.9               | 140.6            | 4.6                                | -.2              |
| Automobiles, used.....  |                  | 182.7               | 187.8            | 17.8                               | 2.8              |
| Gasoline, regular, premium, and unleaded.....                 |                  | 184.9               | 187.0            | 9.2                                | 1.1              |
| Motor oil.....  |                  | 163.9               | 164.7            | 3.7                                | .5               |
| Tires.....  |                  | 138.3               | 137.2            | 5.5                                | -.8              |
| Auto repairs (mechanical) and maintenance <sup>11</sup> ..... |                  | 200.3               | 201.3            | 7.4                                | .5               |
| Auto insurance premiums.....                                  |                  | <sup>12</sup> 206.0 | 210.1            | 14.5                               | 2.0              |
| Auto registration fees.....                                   |                  | 137.5               | 142.2            | 7.1                                | 3.4              |
| Parking fees, private and municipal.....                      |                  | 191.3               | 191.6            | 5.5                                | .2               |

See footnotes at end of table.

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

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

| Item and group  | Other index base | Indexes    |            | Percent change to April 1977 from— |            |
|---|------------------|------------|------------|------------------------------------|------------|
|   |                  | March 1977 | April 1977 | April 1976                         | March 1977 |
| <b>Transportation—Continued</b>                               |                  |            |            |                                    |            |
| Public .....  |                  | 180.4      | 180.4      | 4.6                                | 0          |
| Local transit fares .....                                     |                  | 177.4      | 177.4      | 3.0                                | 0          |
| Taxicab fares .....   |                  | 187.7      | 187.7      | 7.1                                | 0          |
| Railroad fares, coach .....                                   |                  | 173.6      | 173.6      | 7.4                                | 0          |
| Airplane fares, chiefly coach .....                           |                  | 180.7      | 180.7      | 7.4                                | 0          |
| Bus fares, intercity .....                                    |                  | 211.2      | 211.2      | 9.7                                | 0          |
| <b>Health and recreation</b>                                  |                  |            |            |                                    |            |
| Medical care <sup>13</sup> .....                              |                  | 170.7      | 171.4      | 6.2                                | .4         |
| Drugs and prescriptions .....                                 |                  | 197.6      | 199.1      | 9.6                                | .8         |
| Over-the-counter items .....                                  |                  | 131.4      | 132.4      | 6.2                                | .8         |
| Multiple vitamin concentrates .....                           |                  | 145.0      | 146.3      | 6.6                                | .9         |
| Aspirin compounds .....                                       |                  | 108.0      | 108.1      | 3.0                                | .1         |
| Liquid tonics .....   |                  | 143.9      | 145.6      | 5.7                                | 1.2        |
| Adhesive bandages, packages .....                             |                  | 121.9      | 122.0      | 1.8                                | .1         |
| Cold tablets or capsules .....                                |                  | 199.8      | 204.0      | 13.3                               | 2.1        |
| Cough syrup .....   |                  | 134.1      | 134.2      | 3.5                                | .1         |
| Prescriptions .....   |                  | 152.3      | 153.7      | 7.7                                | .9         |
| Anti-infectives .....   |                  | 120.1      | 120.7      | 5.6                                | .5         |
| Sedative and hypnotics .....                                  |                  | 74.3       | 74.9       | 2.6                                | .8         |
| Ataractics .....  |                  | 171.1      | 171.1      | 5.6                                | 0          |
| Antispasmodics .....  |                  | 117.1      | 117.1      | 5.3                                | 0          |
| Cough preparations .....                                      |                  | 146.8      | 148.5      | 10.9                               | 1.2        |
| Cardiovasculars and antihypertensives .....                   |                  | 197.2      | 199.0      | 10.8                               | .9         |
| Analgesics, internal .....                                    |                  | 124.3      | 124.6      | 3.7                                | .2         |
| Hormones .....  |                  | 123.4      | 123.7      | 2.1                                | .2         |
| Professional services:  |                  | 116.6      | 117.7      | 7.5                                | .9         |
| Physicians' fees .....  |                  | 201.3      | 203.0      | 9.4                                | .8         |
| General physician, office visits .....                        |                  | 207.7      | 209.1      | 9.8                                | .7         |
| General physician, house visits .....                         |                  | 202.0      | 203.0      | 8.6                                | .5         |
| Obstetrical cases .....                                       |                  | 203.3      | 204.5      | 7.8                                | .6         |
| Pediatric care, office visits .....                           |                  | 208.7      | 209.5      | 10.7                               | .4         |
| Psychiatrist, office visits .....                             |                  | 169.0      | 171.9      | 5.4                                | 1.7        |
| Herniorrhaphy, adult .....                                    |                  | 179.6      | 181.7      | 9.0                                | 1.2        |
| Tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy .....                         |                  | 191.7      | 196.2      | 10.4                               | 2.3        |
| Dentists' fees .....  |                  | 180.9      | 181.9      | 7.1                                | .6         |
| Fillings, adult, amalgam, one surface .....                   |                  | 186.7      | 188.2      | 7.5                                | .8         |
| Extractions, adult .....                                      |                  | 181.9      | 182.8      | 8.4                                | .5         |
| Dentures, full upper .....                                    |                  | 168.1      | 168.2      | 4.8                                | .1         |
| Other professional services:                                  |                  |            |            |                                    |            |
| Examination, prescription, and dispensing of eyeglasses ..... |                  | 165.2      | 165.9      | 5.5                                | .4         |
| Routine laboratory tests .....                                |                  | 165.6      | 167.7      | 6.1                                | 1.3        |
| Hospital service charges .....                                | Jan. 72          | 159.7      | 161.1      | 10.2                               | .9         |
| Semiprivate rooms .....                                       |                  | 291.2      | 293.5      | 11.8                               | .8         |
| Operating room charges .....                                  |                  | 302.6      | 304.3      | 13.5                               | .6         |
| X-ray, diagnostic series, upper GI .....                      |                  | 184.6      | 186.8      | 8.9                                | 1.2        |
| Laboratory tests .....  | Jan. 72          | 147.1      | 148.3      | 5.0                                | .8         |
| Anti-infectives .....   | Jan. 72          | 130.0      | 131.3      | 8.0                                | 1.0        |
| Tranquilizers .....   | Jan. 72          | 136.5      | 138.0      | 7.1                                | 1.1        |
| Electrocardiogram .....                                       | Jan. 72          | 143.2      | 143.9      | 6.0                                | .5         |
| Intravenous solution .....                                    | Jan. 72          | 151.5      | 152.2      | 7.1                                | .5         |
| Physical therapy .....  | Jan. 72          | 159.2      | 161.5      | 11.1                               | 1.4        |
| Oxygen, inhalation therapy .....                              | Jan. 72          | 138.0      | 138.7      | 7.3                                | .5         |
| Personal care .....   |                  | 167.3      | 168.4      | 6.4                                | .7         |
| Toilet goods .....  |                  | 164.1      | 165.3      | 5.4                                | .7         |
| Toothpaste, standard dentifrice .....                         |                  | 142.9      | 143.2      | 5.1                                | .2         |
| Toilet soap, hard-milled .....                                |                  | 196.3      | 200.1      | 2.7                                | 1.9        |
| Hand lotions .....  |                  | 171.0      | 172.3      | 6.9                                | .8         |
| Shaving cream .....   |                  | 137.4      | 139.8      | 5.6                                | 1.7        |
| Face powder .....   |                  | 173.7      | 173.8      | 8.0                                | .1         |
| Deodorants .....  |                  | 124.6      | 125.1      | 5.2                                | .4         |
| Cleansing tissues .....                                       |                  | 228.8      | 227.5      | 5.5                                | -.6        |
| Home permanent wave kits .....                                |                  | 132.9      | 134.3      | 5.7                                | 1.1        |
| Personal care services .....                                  |                  | 170.6      | 171.6      | 7.3                                | .6         |
| Men's haircuts .....  |                  | 170.7      | 171.5      | 6.8                                | .5         |
| Beauty shop services .....                                    |                  | 170.6      | 171.9      | 7.8                                | .8         |
| Women's haircuts .....  |                  | 202.4      | 204.6      | 13.4                               | 1.1        |
| Shampoo and wave sets, plain .....                            |                  | 169.9      | 170.6      | 5.9                                | .4         |
| Permanent waves, cold .....                                   |                  | 140.0      | 141.2      | 5.1                                | .9         |
| Reading and recreation <sup>14</sup> .....                    |                  | 155.8      | 156.0      | 4.3                                | .1         |
| Recreational goods .....                                      |                  | 129.6      | 129.7      | 2.3                                | .1         |
| TV sets, portable and console .....                           |                  | 102.2      | 101.9      | -1.2                               | -.3        |
| TV replacement tubes .....                                    |                  | 171.1      | 172.8      | 4.1                                | 1.0        |
| Radios, portable and table models .....                       |                  | 105.3      | 105.3      | .2                                 | 0          |
| Tape recorders, portable .....                                |                  | 95.5       | 95.3       | -.4                                | -.2        |
| Phonograph records, stereophonic .....                        |                  | 123.7      | 124.1      | .2                                 | .3         |
| Movie cameras, 8mm .....                                      |                  | 95.8       | 95.8       | .3                                 | 0          |
| Film, 35mm, color .....                                       |                  | 131.3      | 131.4      | 6.1                                | .1         |
| Golf balls .....  |                  | 104.7      | 105.0      | .7                                 | .3         |

See footnotes at end of table.

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

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

| Item and group                                 | Other index base | Indexes          |            | Percent change to April 1977 from— |                  |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------|------------------------------------|------------------|
|  |                  | March 1977       | April 1977 | April 1976                         | March 1977       |
| Health and recreation—Continued                |                  |                  |            |                                    |                  |
| Reading and recreation—Continued               |                  |                  |            |                                    |                  |
| Recreational goods—Continued                   |                  |                  |            |                                    |                  |
| Basketballs, rubber or vinyl cover             |                  | 148.6            | 149.5      | 1.9                                | 0.6              |
| Fishing rods, fresh-water spincasting          |                  | 127.4            | 127.1      | 2.3                                | -.2              |
| Bowling balls                                  |                  | 134.0            | 134.0      | 3.6                                | 0                |
| Bicycles, boys'                                |                  | 146.7            | 146.2      | 1.4                                | -.3              |
| Tricycles                                      |                  | 153.3            | 153.1      | 3.2                                | -.1              |
| Dog food, canned or boxed                      |                  | 181.2            | 181.8      | 7.1                                | .3               |
| Recreational services                          |                  | 160.3            | 160.6      | 4.6                                | .2               |
| Indoor movie admissions                        |                  | 183.7            | 183.5      | 4.4                                | -.1              |
| Adult  |                  | 176.9            | 176.5      | 3.6                                | -.2              |
| Children's                                     |                  | 202.8            | 203.2      | 6.4                                | .2               |
| Drive-in movie admissions                      |                  | 186.5            | 186.9      | 5.4                                | .2               |
| Bowling fees, evening                          |                  | 153.5            | 154.2      | 5.8                                | .5               |
| Golf green fees                                |                  | ( <sup>6</sup> ) | 171.1      | 7.1                                | ( <sup>6</sup> ) |
| TV repair                                      |                  | 109.7            | 109.8      | 3.3                                | .1               |
| Film developing                                |                  | 123.0            | 122.3      | -1.4                               | -.6              |
| Reading and education:                         |                  |                  |            |                                    |                  |
| Newspapers, street sale and delivery           |                  | 188.5            | 189.1      | 4.5                                | .3               |
| Magazines, single copy and subscription        |                  | 194.0            | 194.0      | 9.1                                | 0                |
| Piano lessons, beginner                        |                  | 151.7            | 152.1      | 5.9                                | .3               |
| Other goods and services                       |                  | 157.3            | 157.7      | 3.4                                | .3               |
| Tobacco products                               |                  | 166.0            | 166.1      | 3.9                                | .1               |
| Cigarettes, nonfilter tip, regular size        |                  | 168.2            | 168.3      | 3.9                                | .1               |
| Cigarettes, filter tip, king size              |                  | 168.9            | 169.0      | 3.9                                | .1               |
| Cigars, domestic, regular size                 |                  | 134.1            | 134.3      | 4.2                                | .1               |
| Alcoholic beverages                            |                  | 149.3            | 149.8      | 2.6                                | .3               |
| Beer, at home                                  |                  | 145.0            | 145.3      | 1.5                                | .2               |
| Whiskey, spirit blended and straight bourbon   |                  | 116.7            | 116.6      | .6                                 | -.1              |
| Wine, dessert and table                        |                  | 159.4            | 159.6      | 2.2                                | .1               |
| Beer, away from home                           |                  | 170.7            | 172.0      | 4.8                                | .8               |
| Financial and miscellaneous personal expenses: |                  |                  |            |                                    |                  |
| Funeral services, adult                        |                  | 154.4            | 154.9      | 4.0                                | .3               |
| Bank service charges, checking account         |                  | 132.1            | 132.2      | 5.7                                | .1               |
| Legal services, short form will                |                  | 211.8            | 212.3      | 6.8                                | .2               |

<sup>1</sup> Also includes hotel and motel rates shown separately.

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

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

<sup>4</sup> Revised.

<sup>5</sup> Also includes window shades, nails, carpet sweepers, air deodorizers, steel wool scouring pads, envelopes, reupholstering, and moving expenses.

<sup>6</sup> Priced only in season.

<sup>7</sup> Also includes men's sport shirts, women's and girls' lightweight coats, women's slacks, bathing suits, girls' shorts, earrings, and zippers not shown separately.

<sup>8</sup> Revised index: January 1977, 172.3.

<sup>9</sup> Also includes storage batteries and drivers' license fees not shown separately.

<sup>10</sup> Revised index: January 1977, 171.6.

<sup>11</sup> 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.

<sup>12</sup> Revised index: January 1977, 202.1.

<sup>13</sup> Also includes health insurance not shown separately.

<sup>14</sup> Also includes outboard motors, nondurable toys, college tuition fees, paperback books, and college textbooks, not shown separately.

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

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

| Area <sup>1</sup>            | Pricing schedule <sup>2</sup> | Indexes            |                    |                    | Percent change from: |               |            |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------|------------|
|                              |                               | 1967=100           | 1957-59=100        | Other bases        | April 1977           | January 1977  | March 1977 |
|                              |                               | April 1977         |                    |                    | April 1976           | January 1977  | March 1977 |
| U.S. city average .....      | M                             | 179.6              | 208.8              |                    | 6.8                  | 2.5           | 0.8        |
| Chicago .....                | M                             | 173.8              | 197.5              |                    | 6.7                  | 2.5           | .8         |
| Detroit .....                | M                             | 179.0              | 205.6              |                    | 7.6                  | 3.0           | 1.2        |
| Los Angeles—Long Beach ..... | M                             | 177.9              | 209.2              |                    | 8.4                  | 1.8           | .7         |
| N.Y.—Northeastern N.J. ....  | M                             | 183.7              | 218.6              |                    | 5.4                  | 1.8           | .4         |
| Philadelphia .....           | M                             | 181.9              | 212.5              |                    | 6.8                  | 2.9           | .8         |
|                              |                               | April 1977         |                    |                    | April 1976           | January 1977  |            |
| Boston .....                 | 1                             | <sup>3</sup> 182.1 | <sup>4</sup> 218.2 |                    | 5.6                  | 1.5           |            |
| Houston .....                | 1                             | 188.8              | 215.9              |                    | 8.4                  | 2.8           |            |
| Minneapolis—St. Paul .....   | 1                             | 179.6              | 208.2              |                    | 6.4                  | 2.1           |            |
| Pittsburgh .....             | 1                             | 178.1              | 204.9              |                    | 6.9                  | 3.0           |            |
|                              |                               | February 1977      |                    |                    | February 1976        | November 1976 |            |
| Buffalo .....                | 2                             | 177.5              |                    | <sup>5</sup> 195.1 | 6.2                  | 2.1           |            |
| Cleveland .....              | 2                             | 177.3              | 200.1              |                    | 7.4                  | 2.5           |            |
| Dallas .....                 | 2                             | 175.2              |                    | <sup>5</sup> 189.3 | 7.0                  | 2.0           |            |
| Milwaukee .....              | 2                             | 173.6              | 196.0              |                    | 6.8                  | 1.8           |            |
| San Diego .....              | 2                             | 176.6              |                    | <sup>6</sup> 185.6 | 5.6                  | 1.6           |            |
| Seattle .....                | 2                             | 171.4              | 201.4              |                    | 6.0                  | 2.1           |            |
| Washington .....             | 2                             | 178.4              | 207.8              |                    | 6.8                  | 2.2           |            |
|                              |                               | March 1977         |                    |                    | March 1976           | December 1976 |            |
| Atlanta .....                | 3                             | 176.1              | 202.5              |                    | 5.7                  | 2.4           |            |
| Baltimore .....              | 3                             | 182.2              | 211.6              |                    | 6.9                  | 2.1           |            |
| Cincinnati .....             | 3                             | 178.8              | 202.9              |                    | 7.0                  | 2.5           |            |
| Honolulu .....               | 3                             | 168.3              |                    | <sup>7</sup> 181.5 | 4.5                  | 1.7           |            |
| Kansas City .....            | 3                             | 175.0              | 207.7              |                    | 7.1                  | 2.5           |            |
| St. Louis .....              | 3                             | 173.2              | 202.3              |                    | 6.5                  | 3.0           |            |
| San Francisco—Oakland .....  | 3                             | 176.2              | 209.6              |                    | 6.5                  | 2.1           |            |

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

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

- M — Every month.
- 1 — January, April, July, and October.
- 2 — February, May, August, and November.
- 3 — March, June, September, and December.

<sup>3</sup> Revised index: January 1977, 179.4; Annual average 1976, 174.6.

<sup>4</sup> Revised index: January 1977, 214.9; Annual average 1976, 209.1.

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

<sup>6</sup> February 1965=100.

<sup>7</sup> December 1963=100.

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

**Table 6. CPI—areas <sup>1</sup> priced monthly, by expenditure class, percent change from March 1977 to April 1977**

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

| Expenditure class              | U.S. city average | Chicago          | Detroit          | Los Angeles—Long Beach | New York—Northeastern New Jersey | Philadelphia     |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|
| All items .....                | 0.8               | 0.8              | 1.2              | 0.7                    | 0.4                              | 0.8              |
| Food .....                     | 1.2               | 1.3              | 1.7              | 1.2                    | .9                               | .9               |
| Housing .....                  | .6                | .8               | .9               | .6                     | .4                               | .6               |
| Apparel and upkeep .....       | .4                | -.1              | .3               | -.3                    | -.2                              | .2               |
| Transportation .....           | 1.1               | 1.6              | 1.8              | 1.0                    | .5                               | 2.2              |
| Health and recreation .....    | .4                | .2               | 1.3              | .5                     | .4                               | .5               |
| Medical care .....             | .8                | .7               | 1.9              | .8                     | .7                               | 0                |
| Personal care .....            | .7                | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> )       | ( <sup>2</sup> )                 | ( <sup>2</sup> ) |
| Reading and recreation .....   | .1                | -.6              | -.2              | .3                     | .1                               | .5               |
| Other goods and services ..... | .3                | -.1              | .8               | 0                      | .6                               | .3               |

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

<sup>2</sup> Not available.

**Table 7. CPI—selected areas<sup>1</sup>, by expenditure class**

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

| Expenditure class                           | U.S. city average  | Boston             | Chicago          | Detroit          | Houston | Los Angeles—Long Beach | Minneapolis | New York—North-eastern New Jersey | Philadelphia     | Pittsburgh |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|---------|------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|------------|
| Indexes, April 1977                         |                    |                    |                  |                  |         |                        |             |                                   |                  |            |
| All items .....                             | 179.6              | <sup>2</sup> 182.1 | 173.8            | 179.0            | 188.8   | 177.9                  | 179.6       | 183.7                             | 181.9            | 178.1      |
| Food .....                                  | 190.9              | 189.2              | 189.1            | 184.4            | 197.5   | 183.5                  | 194.6       | 194.0                             | 197.9            | 192.7      |
| Food at home .....                          | 189.3              | 186.7              | 187.3            | 182.0            | 191.5   | 181.7                  | 188.5       | 194.8                             | 193.8            | 189.7      |
| Cereals and bakery products .....           | 182.6              | 185.0              | 186.1            | 197.5            | 179.1   | 180.5                  | 191.6       | 183.7                             | 197.1            | 191.4      |
| Meats, poultry, and fish .....              | 174.6              | 174.2              | 175.1            | 169.2            | 183.1   | 171.0                  | 173.6       | 174.1                             | 181.0            | 179.8      |
| Dairy products .....                        | 171.4              | 163.9              | 163.2            | 171.9            | 181.8   | 154.9                  | 183.8       | 175.1                             | 172.6            | 160.7      |
| Fruits and vegetables .....                 | 203.0              | 202.2              | 209.9            | 177.7            | 203.8   | 184.6                  | 186.3       | 221.3                             | 208.1            | 202.6      |
| Other food at home .....                    | 219.1              | 215.9              | 213.9            | 206.0            | 208.2   | 215.3                  | 209.8       | 232.6                             | 220.0            | 215.7      |
| Food away from home .....                   | 197.5              | 198.1              | 196.0            | 195.1            | 218.7   | 188.5                  | 221.5       | 191.9                             | 215.1            | 210.7      |
| Housing .....                               | 186.7              | 183.3              | 170.6            | 183.9            | 204.2   | 188.1                  | 190.8       | 190.0                             | 188.8            | 185.0      |
| Shelter .....                               | 187.7              | 180.2              | 169.3            | 186.1            | 215.6   | 196.9                  | 197.2       | 187.8                             | 197.0            | 187.2      |
| Rent, residential .....                     | 151.6              | 165.0              | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | 148.1            | 153.4   | ( <sup>3</sup> )       | 148.1       | 169.5                             | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | 145.2      |
| Homeownership .....                         | 201.0              | 186.4              | 182.3            | 193.6            | 237.6   | 210.7                  | 205.6       | 200.8                             | 205.6            | 199.0      |
| Fuel and utilities .....                    | 199.4              | 204.6              | 181.6            | 208.8            | 204.9   | 164.7                  | 195.0       | 217.8                             | 191.1            | 193.0      |
| Fuel oil and coal .....                     | 282.0              | 267.7              | 275.8            | 285.7            | -       | -                      | 287.1       | 289.5                             | 274.2            | -          |
| Gas and electricity .....                   | 209.8              | 183.9              | 196.8            | 229.1            | 235.7   | 193.1                  | 200.5       | 242.0                             | 193.9            | 229.2      |
| Household furnishings and operation .....   | 175.4              | 176.3              | 167.5            | 160.5            | 182.7   | 168.5                  | 170.0       | 179.3                             | 172.4            | 174.0      |
| Apparel and upkeep .....                    | 152.3              | 155.9              | 140.9            | 145.8            | 169.5   | 144.2                  | 145.6       | 145.7                             | 142.5            | 145.1      |
| Men's and boys' .....                       | 153.1              | 145.5              | 134.9            | 156.0            | 162.2   | 137.6                  | 151.7       | 140.5                             | 148.0            | 136.2      |
| Women's and girls' .....                    | 143.6              | 153.9              | 131.0            | 129.5            | 170.8   | 138.9                  | 134.5       | 135.3                             | 122.7            | 142.5      |
| Footwear .....                              | 156.2              | 162.8              | 151.2            | 149.7            | 163.1   | 147.7                  | 150.0       | 153.1                             | 153.0            | 154.1      |
| Transportation .....                        | <sup>4</sup> 176.8 | <sup>5</sup> 210.6 | 181.6            | 174.1            | 168.4   | 179.2                  | 167.2       | 193.7                             | 179.2            | 178.8      |
| Private .....                               | <sup>6</sup> 176.3 | <sup>7</sup> 217.9 | 181.6            | 174.2            | 168.1   | 181.0                  | 168.5       | 183.8                             | 183.6            | 179.8      |
| Public .....                                | 180.4              | 165.8              | 181.8            | 171.3            | 172.0   | 145.6                  | 148.0       | 231.5                             | 153.7            | 172.2      |
| Health and recreation .....                 | 171.4              | 167.4              | 172.9            | 184.0            | 180.2   | 168.9                  | 169.5       | 178.2                             | 175.9            | 170.3      |
| Medical care .....                          | 199.1              | 189.2              | 204.1            | 229.1            | 214.9   | 201.0                  | 183.0       | 215.4                             | 215.7            | 192.7      |
| Personal care .....                         | 168.4              | 162.9              | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | 172.4            | 179.4   | ( <sup>3</sup> )       | 171.2       | ( <sup>3</sup> )                  | 167.0            | 163.4      |
| Reading and recreation .....                | 156.0              | 158.1              | 156.5            | 155.5            | 153.1   | 145.4                  | 164.3       | 160.6                             | 156.4            | 156.7      |
| Other goods and services .....              | 157.7              | 159.6              | 159.9            | 162.6            | 158.8   | 157.8                  | 158.6       | 163.1                             | 158.5            | 164.9      |
| Percent changes, January 1977 to April 1977 |                    |                    |                  |                  |         |                        |             |                                   |                  |            |
| All items .....                             | 2.5                | 1.5                | 2.5              | 3.0              | 2.8     | 1.8                    | 2.1         | 1.8                               | 2.9              | 3.0        |
| Food .....                                  | 4.1                | 3.5                | 4.4              | 3.4              | 3.6     | 2.9                    | 3.3         | 3.4                               | 4.7              | 5.6        |
| Food at home .....                          | 4.5                | 3.9                | 4.6              | 3.8              | 3.6     | 2.7                    | 3.5         | 3.9                               | 4.6              | 6.2        |
| Cereals and bakery products .....           | 1.5                | 1.7                | 4.3              | 2.5              | 1.1     | .1                     | 2.3         | .8                                | 4.1              | 6.4        |
| Meats, poultry, and fish .....              | 1.3                | .6                 | 1.2              | 3.0              | 2.2     | - .8                   | 1.1         | .4                                | 2.0              | 2.5        |
| Dairy products .....                        | .1                 | - .2               | - .1             | .7               | .1      | -2.0                   | .9          | .2                                | .2               | 1.1        |
| Fruits and vegetables .....                 | 14.3               | 14.0               | 19.3             | 12.0             | 7.6     | 7.1                    | 8.5         | 11.9                              | 14.5             | 13.8       |
| Other food at home .....                    | 6.3                | 5.5                | 3.6              | 2.1              | 6.2     | 8.5                    | 4.9         | 6.8                               | 4.6              | 8.5        |
| Food away from home .....                   | 2.8                | 2.2                | 3.2              | 1.7              | 3.4     | 3.5                    | 2.6         | 1.7                               | 5.1              | 2.7        |
| Housing .....                               | 2.0                | .3                 | 1.7              | 2.7              | 2.7     | 1.2                    | 1.7         | 1.4                               | 2.2              | 2.3        |
| Shelter .....                               | 2.0                | .2                 | 1.1              | 2.7              | 3.4     | 1.2                    | 2.0         | 1.0                               | 1.6              | 2.1        |
| Rent, residential .....                     | 1.4                | 1.7                | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | <sup>8</sup> 1.2 | 2.5     | ( <sup>3</sup> )       | 1.5         | <sup>8</sup> .7                   | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | 1.7        |
| Homeownership .....                         | 2.2                | - .4               | 1.3              | 2.8              | 3.6     | 1.1                    | 2.1         | .9                                | 1.7              | 2.1        |
| Fuel and utilities .....                    | 2.4                | 0                  | 4.4              | 4.0              | 3.1     | 1.1                    | - .1        | 1.2                               | 3.5              | 3.2        |
| Fuel oil and coal .....                     | 3.8                | 3.2                | 3.5              | 4.2              | -       | -                      | 3.7         | 3.1                               | 3.8              | -          |
| Gas and electricity .....                   | 2.7                | -3.6               | 7.1              | 4.2              | 3.1     | 1.8                    | - .7        | .4                                | 5.3              | 3.9        |
| Household furnishings and operation .....   | 1.6                | 1.0                | 1.8              | 1.8              | .9      | 1.3                    | 1.6         | 2.6                               | 2.6              | 1.9        |
| Apparel and upkeep .....                    | 1.5                | 1.5                | 2.8              | 1.5              | 2.2     | 1.1                    | 1.8         | .1                                | 1.4              | - .3       |
| Men's and boys' .....                       | 2.9                | 1.4                | 4.1              | .6               | 3.2     | 4.0                    | 2.6         | 3.1                               | 3.5              | -2.1       |
| Women's and girls' .....                    | .4                 | .7                 | 1.6              | 2.5              | 2.5     | -1.2                   | 2.0         | -3.0                              | - .6             | - .8       |
| Footwear .....                              | 2.0                | 4.1                | 4.0              | .1               | - .9    | 1.8                    | - .5        | 2.3                               | 1.5              | 1.2        |
| Transportation .....                        | 2.6                | 1.7                | 3.2              | 4.2              | 3.0     | 2.1                    | 2.8         | 1.6                               | 4.1              | 4.7        |
| Private .....                               | 2.7                | 1.9                | 3.7              | 4.5              | 3.1     | 2.2                    | 3.0         | 1.7                               | 4.7              | 5.4        |
| Public .....                                | 1.0                | .3                 | .3               | .6               | .4      | .5                     | .2          | 1.3                               | .3               | .3         |
| Health and recreation .....                 | 1.4                | .7                 | 1.1              | 2.7              | 2.2     | 1.6                    | 1.4         | 1.4                               | 1.6              | 1.4        |
| Medical care .....                          | 2.6                | 1.4                | 2.5              | 4.5              | 4.3     | 2.7                    | 1.4         | 2.4                               | 2.8              | 2.1        |
| Personal care .....                         | 1.3                | .4                 | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | 4.9              | 2.1     | ( <sup>3</sup> )       | 2.4         | ( <sup>3</sup> )                  | 2.5              | 2.8        |
| Reading and recreation .....                | .7                 | - .1               | .3               | .1               | .3      | 1.5                    | 2.0         | .4                                | .9               | 1.1        |
| Other goods and services .....              | .6                 | .9                 | .3               | 1.4              | .3      | 0                      | .1          | 1.2                               | .4               | 0          |

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

<sup>2</sup> Revised index: January 1977, 179.4; Annual average 1976, 174.6.

<sup>3</sup> Not available.

<sup>4</sup> Revised index: January 1977, 172.3

<sup>5</sup> Revised index: January 1977, 207.1; Annual average 1976, 194.0.

<sup>6</sup> Revised index: January 1977, 171.6.

<sup>7</sup> Revised index: January 1977, 213.8; Annual average 1976, 199.0.

<sup>8</sup> Change from February 1977.

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

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

| Area <sup>1</sup>                         | Total food | Food at home |                             |                          |                |                       |                     | Food away from home |
|---|------------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|   |            | Total        | Cereals and bakery products | Meats, poultry, and fish | Dairy products | Fruits and vegetables | Other foods at home |                     |
| Indexes, April 1977                       |            |              |                             |                          |                |                       |                     |                     |
| U.S. city average .....                   | 190.9      | 189.3        | 182.6                       | 174.6                    | 171.4          | 203.0                 | 219.1               | 197.5               |
| Atlanta .....                             | 195.3      | 194.9        | 192.5                       | 175.5                    | 187.6          | 220.1                 | 211.3               | 196.4               |
| Baltimore .....                           | 193.2      | 190.8        | 170.7                       | 179.3                    | 169.4          | 214.5                 | 218.8               | 202.7               |
| Boston .....                              | 189.2      | 186.7        | 185.0                       | 174.2                    | 163.9          | 202.2                 | 215.9               | 198.1               |
| Buffalo .....                             | 188.7      | 187.2        | 183.2                       | 171.0                    | 169.9          | 205.0                 | 213.9               | 197.4               |
| Chicago .....                             | 189.1      | 187.3        | 186.1                       | 175.1                    | 163.2          | 209.9                 | 213.9               | 196.0               |
| Cincinnati .....                          | 196.6      | 199.4        | 192.6                       | 183.0                    | 177.4          | 208.3                 | 237.9               | 186.2               |
| Cleveland .....                           | 198.9      | 199.6        | 202.1                       | 175.8                    | 183.0          | 206.0                 | 242.9               | 196.2               |
| Dallas .....                              | 190.3      | 186.0        | 180.9                       | 167.1                    | 165.5          | 204.1                 | 212.7               | 205.8               |
| Detroit .....                             | 184.4      | 182.0        | 197.5                       | 169.2                    | 171.9          | 177.7                 | 206.0               | 195.1               |
| Honolulu .....                            | 192.0      | 187.9        | 174.7                       | 183.6                    | 185.2          | 197.1                 | 200.8               | 203.7               |
| Houston .....                             | 197.5      | 191.5        | 179.1                       | 183.1                    | 181.8          | 203.8                 | 208.2               | 218.7               |
| Kansas City .....                         | 191.0      | 187.5        | 181.3                       | 171.8                    | 177.1          | 188.8                 | 219.1               | 202.1               |
| Los Angeles—Long Beach .....              | 183.5      | 181.7        | 180.5                       | 171.0                    | 154.9          | 184.6                 | 215.3               | 188.5               |
| Milwaukee .....                           | 188.5      | 187.3        | 180.7                       | 176.4                    | 177.9          | 199.1                 | 206.6               | ( <sup>2</sup> )    |
| Minneapolis—St. Paul .....                | 194.6      | 188.5        | 191.6                       | 173.6                    | 183.8          | 186.3                 | 209.8               | 221.5               |
| N.Y.—Northeastern N.J. ....               | 194.0      | 194.8        | 183.7                       | 174.1                    | 175.1          | 221.3                 | 232.6               | 191.9               |
| Philadelphia .....                        | 197.9      | 193.8        | 197.1                       | 181.0                    | 172.6          | 208.1                 | 220.0               | 215.1               |
| Pittsburgh .....                          | 192.7      | 189.7        | 191.4                       | 179.8                    | 160.7          | 202.6                 | 215.7               | 210.7               |
| St. Louis .....                           | 192.2      | 192.0        | 193.9                       | 169.6                    | 177.1          | 203.8                 | 227.2               | 193.3               |
| San Diego .....                           | 187.0      | 179.2        | 173.1                       | 172.1                    | 158.5          | 184.7                 | 206.3               | ( <sup>2</sup> )    |
| San Francisco—Oakland .....               | 185.4      | 188.1        | 176.4                       | 180.7                    | 162.9          | 191.7                 | 224.4               | 176.1               |
| Seattle .....                             | 184.5      | 183.4        | 175.2                       | 176.8                    | 166.6          | 183.1                 | 210.9               | 188.1               |
| Washington .....                          | 197.7      | 193.4        | 193.1                       | 171.4                    | 163.0          | 214.2                 | 231.9               | 208.5               |
| Percent changes, March 1977 to April 1977 |            |              |                             |                          |                |                       |                     |                     |
| U.S. city average .....                   | 1.2        | 1.3          | 0.7                         | -0.2                     | 0.1            | 3.2                   | 2.8                 | 1.2                 |
| Atlanta .....                             | 1.2        | 1.5          | 3.1                         | .6                       | 1.4            | 2.7                   | .9                  | .6                  |
| Baltimore .....                           | .5         | .4           | -2.6                        | .1                       | -.8            | 4.6                   | 0                   | 1.0                 |
| Boston .....                              | 1.3        | 1.3          | .4                          | .2                       | 0              | 2.5                   | 3.5                 | 1.1                 |
| Buffalo .....                             | 1.0        | 1.1          | -.8                         | .1                       | -.1            | 4.0                   | 2.0                 | .4                  |
| Chicago .....                             | 1.3        | 1.2          | 1.7                         | -.2                      | -.4            | 5.6                   | 1.1                 | 1.2                 |
| Cincinnati .....                          | 1.7        | 1.9          | -.2                         | .4                       | -.4            | 4.4                   | 3.8                 | .6                  |
| Cleveland .....                           | 1.9        | 2.3          | 5.7                         | -1.0                     | -2.3           | 6.2                   | 4.7                 | .4                  |
| Dallas .....                              | 1.4        | 1.4          | -.3                         | -.4                      | .1             | 4.8                   | 2.3                 | 1.3                 |
| Detroit .....                             | 1.7        | 1.8          | 6.6                         | .8                       | .6             | 3.7                   | .1                  | .9                  |
| Honolulu .....                            | 1.3        | 1.5          | 1.6                         | .5                       | .1             | 3.1                   | 2.2                 | .7                  |
| Houston .....                             | .5         | .1           | .2                          | -1.3                     | -.4            | .4                    | 1.6                 | 1.9                 |
| Kansas City .....                         | 1.0        | 1.0          | .3                          | -.5                      | .3             | 2.7                   | 2.6                 | .8                  |
| Los Angeles—Long Beach .....              | 1.2        | .6           | -.7                         | -.9                      | -.4            | 1.8                   | 3.1                 | 2.7                 |
| Milwaukee .....                           | 1.4        | 1.7          | 1.3                         | .9                       | 1.3            | 2.7                   | 2.6                 | ( <sup>2</sup> )    |
| Minneapolis—St. Paul .....                | 2.1        | 2.2          | .5                          | 0                        | 3.4            | 2.7                   | 3.9                 | 2.0                 |
| N.Y.—Northeastern N.J. ....               | .9         | .9           | -.1                         | -1.2                     | .1             | 1.3                   | 4.4                 | 1.1                 |
| Philadelphia .....                        | .9         | .3           | 2.7                         | -1.7                     | .1             | 1.4                   | .8                  | 3.2                 |
| Pittsburgh .....                          | 1.8        | 2.0          | 1.9                         | .9                       | 1.1            | 3.6                   | 2.6                 | 1.3                 |
| St. Louis .....                           | 1.9        | 2.2          | 4.4                         | -.8                      | .2             | 3.7                   | 4.6                 | .9                  |
| San Diego .....                           | .4         | .5           | -.5                         | -1.0                     | -.1            | 1.4                   | 3.0                 | ( <sup>2</sup> )    |
| San Francisco—Oakland .....               | 1.5        | 1.6          | -1.0                        | 1.9                      | -.1            | 2.1                   | 3.0                 | 1.4                 |
| Seattle .....                             | 1.4        | 1.7          | 1.0                         | 1.6                      | -1.1           | 5.3                   | 1.7                 | .6                  |
| Washington .....                          | .7         | .6           | -1.5                        | .1                       | .2             | 1.9                   | 1.4                 | 1.1                 |

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

<sup>2</sup> Not available.

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

(Consumer price index for urban wage earners and clerical workers, January 1976=100)

| Area <sup>1</sup>            | Leaded regular gasoline |            |                                    | Unleaded regular gasoline |            |                                    | Premium gasoline |            |                                    |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------|------------------------------------|------------------|------------|------------------------------------|
|                              | Index                   |            | Percent change to April 1977 from— | Index                     |            | Percent change to April 1977 from— | Index            |            | Percent change to April 1977 from— |
|                              | March 1977              | April 1977 | March 1977                         | March 1977                | April 1977 | March 1977                         | March 1977       | April 1977 | March 1977                         |
| U.S. city average .....      | 104.7                   | 105.9      | 1.1                                | 106.2                     | 107.5      | 1.2                                | 105.1            | 106.3      | 1.1                                |
| Atlanta .....                | 103.5                   | 105.3      | 1.7                                | 106.2                     | 109.8      | 3.4                                | 104.3            | 108.4      | 3.9                                |
| Baltimore .....              | 104.2                   | 103.3      | -.9                                | 105.6                     | 106.1      | .5                                 | 104.1            | 104.2      | .1                                 |
| Boston .....                 | 103.6                   | 104.6      | 1.0                                | 108.3                     | 109.5      | 1.1                                | 105.3            | 106.5      | 1.1                                |
| Buffalo .....                | 104.0                   | 105.7      | 1.6                                | 104.6                     | 106.2      | 1.5                                | 104.3            | 105.9      | 1.5                                |
| Chicago .....                | 105.1                   | 107.0      | 1.8                                | 106.5                     | 108.5      | 1.9                                | 105.8            | 107.7      | 1.8                                |
| Cincinnati .....             | 103.9                   | 104.7      | .8                                 | 106.3                     | 107.6      | 1.2                                | 104.1            | 105.1      | 1.0                                |
| Cleveland .....              | 101.8                   | 102.2      | .4                                 | 106.4                     | 105.5      | -.8                                | 103.4            | 103.9      | .5                                 |
| Dallas .....                 | 107.1                   | 108.1      | .9                                 | 107.9                     | 109.5      | 1.5                                | 106.6            | 107.7      | 1.0                                |
| Detroit .....                | 104.1                   | 105.5      | 1.3                                | 107.4                     | 109.0      | 1.5                                | 105.6            | 106.9      | 1.2                                |
| Honolulu .....               | 103.2                   | 103.8      | .6                                 | 103.7                     | 104.0      | .3                                 | 103.1            | 103.5      | .4                                 |
| Houston .....                | 106.6                   | 109.2      | 2.4                                | 108.3                     | 110.9      | 2.4                                | 106.0            | 108.2      | 2.1                                |
| Kansas City .....            | 106.2                   | 107.7      | 1.4                                | 108.3                     | 110.0      | 1.6                                | 106.6            | 107.8      | 1.1                                |
| Los Angeles—Long Beach ..... | 107.1                   | 107.3      | .2                                 | 107.3                     | 107.6      | .3                                 | 106.2            | 106.6      | .4                                 |
| Milwaukee .....              | 105.3                   | 106.7      | 1.3                                | 107.7                     | 109.0      | 1.2                                | 105.6            | 106.7      | 1.0                                |
| Minneapolis—St. Paul .....   | 103.8                   | 106.7      | 2.8                                | 106.5                     | 109.2      | 2.5                                | 106.1            | 108.7      | 2.5                                |
| N.Y.—Northeastern N.J. ....  | 102.4                   | 103.3      | .9                                 | 104.8                     | 106.3      | 1.4                                | 103.5            | 104.8      | 1.3                                |
| Philadelphia .....           | 104.1                   | 105.0      | .9                                 | 107.6                     | 108.8      | 1.1                                | 105.8            | 106.4      | .6                                 |
| Pittsburgh .....             | 105.2                   | 107.1      | 1.8                                | 107.5                     | 109.4      | 1.8                                | 106.6            | 107.8      | 1.1                                |
| St. Louis .....              | 105.5                   | 107.6      | 2.0                                | 106.6                     | 108.6      | 1.9                                | 105.5            | 107.3      | 1.7                                |
| San Diego .....              | 105.2                   | 106.0      | .8                                 | 106.7                     | 107.0      | .3                                 | 105.3            | 106.0      | .7                                 |
| San Francisco—Oakland .....  | 105.8                   | 106.1      | .3                                 | 105.6                     | 105.9      | .3                                 | 104.6            | 105.2      | .6                                 |
| Seattle .....                | 106.4                   | 107.1      | .7                                 | 106.5                     | 107.1      | .6                                 | 106.3            | 106.8      | .5                                 |
| Washington .....             | 104.4                   | 106.0      | 1.5                                | 107.1                     | 108.9      | 1.7                                | 105.4            | 106.8      | 1.3                                |

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

**Table 10. CPI—gasoline average prices, U.S. city average and selected areas**

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

| Area <sup>1</sup>            | Leaded regular gasoline  |            |            | Unleaded regular gasoline |            |            | Premium gasoline |            |            |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|------------|------------|---------------------------|------------|------------|------------------|------------|------------|
|                              | Average price per gallon |            |            |                           |            |            |                  |            |            |
|                              | February 1977            | March 1977 | April 1977 | February 1977             | March 1977 | April 1977 | February 1977    | March 1977 | April 1977 |
| U.S. city average .....      | \$0.607                  | \$0.612    | \$0.619    | \$0.637                   | \$0.643    | \$0.651    | \$0.656          | \$0.661    | \$0.669    |
| Atlanta .....                | .594                     | .597       | .607       | .634                      | .638       | .660       | .652             | .654       | .679       |
| Baltimore .....              | .615                     | .623       | .618       | .641                      | .648       | .651       | .664             | .671       | .671       |
| Boston .....                 | .602                     | .607       | .612       | .642                      | .651       | .658       | .655             | .662       | .670       |
| Buffalo .....                | .612                     | .617       | .628       | .637                      | .645       | .655       | .656             | .668       | .679       |
| Chicago .....                | .626                     | .630       | .641       | .669                      | .673       | .685       | .676             | .679       | .692       |
| Cincinnati .....             | .593                     | .598       | .602       | .626                      | .630       | .637       | .642             | .648       | .654       |
| Cleveland .....              | .592                     | .596       | .598       | .622                      | .633       | .627       | .641             | .649       | .652       |
| Dallas .....                 | .567                     | .576       | .581       | .587                      | .599       | .608       | .609             | .617       | .623       |
| Detroit .....                | .600                     | .603       | .611       | .640                      | .649       | .658       | .658             | .667       | .676       |
| Honolulu .....               | .703                     | .707       | .711       | .716                      | .722       | .620       | .744             | .749       | .752       |
| Houston .....                | .557                     | .562       | .575       | .582                      | .591       | .605       | .603             | .611       | .623       |
| Kansas City .....            | .583                     | .588       | .596       | .608                      | .617       | .627       | .628             | .638       | .646       |
| Los Angeles—Long Beach ..... | .623                     | .625       | .626       | .650                      | .655       | .657       | .660             | .666       | .668       |
| Milwaukee .....              | .569                     | .573       | .581       | .605                      | .609       | .617       | .618             | .626       | .633       |
| Minneapolis—St. Paul .....   | .594                     | .597       | .613       | .627                      | .630       | .646       | .664             | .672       | .688       |
| N.Y.—Northeastern N.J. ....  | .608                     | .612       | .617       | .642                      | .644       | .653       | .669             | .672       | .680       |
| Philadelphia .....           | .604                     | .607       | .612       | .648                      | .658       | .666       | .669             | .678       | .682       |
| Pittsburgh .....             | .606                     | .611       | .622       | .640                      | .647       | .658       | .660             | .666       | .674       |
| St. Louis .....              | .598                     | .598       | .610       | .618                      | .621       | .632       | .644             | .648       | .659       |
| San Diego .....              | .629                     | .634       | .639       | .665                      | .670       | .672       | .680             | .684       | .689       |
| San Francisco—Oakland .....  | .645                     | .649       | .651       | .663                      | .667       | .669       | .686             | .690       | .693       |
| Seattle .....                | .606                     | .610       | .614       | .627                      | .632       | .636       | .652             | .657       | .660       |
| Washington .....             | .626                     | .628       | .638       | .667                      | .672       | .683       | .689             | .691       | .700       |

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

# Appendix: Technical Notes

## Brief Explanation of the CPI

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

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

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

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

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

## A Note About Calculating Index Changes

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

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

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

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

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

## A Note on Seasonally Adjusted and Unadjusted Data

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

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

climatic conditions, production cycles, model 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.<sup>1</sup> The table below shows standard errors for monthly, quarterly, and annual *percent*

*changes* in the CPI for all items and for nine commodity groupings based on 1975 averages. The figures may be interpreted as follows: The chances are about 95 out of 100 that the percent change in the CPI as computed differs from the corresponding "complete coverage" change by less than twice the standard error.

**Average standard errors of percent changes in the CPI based on 1976 data**

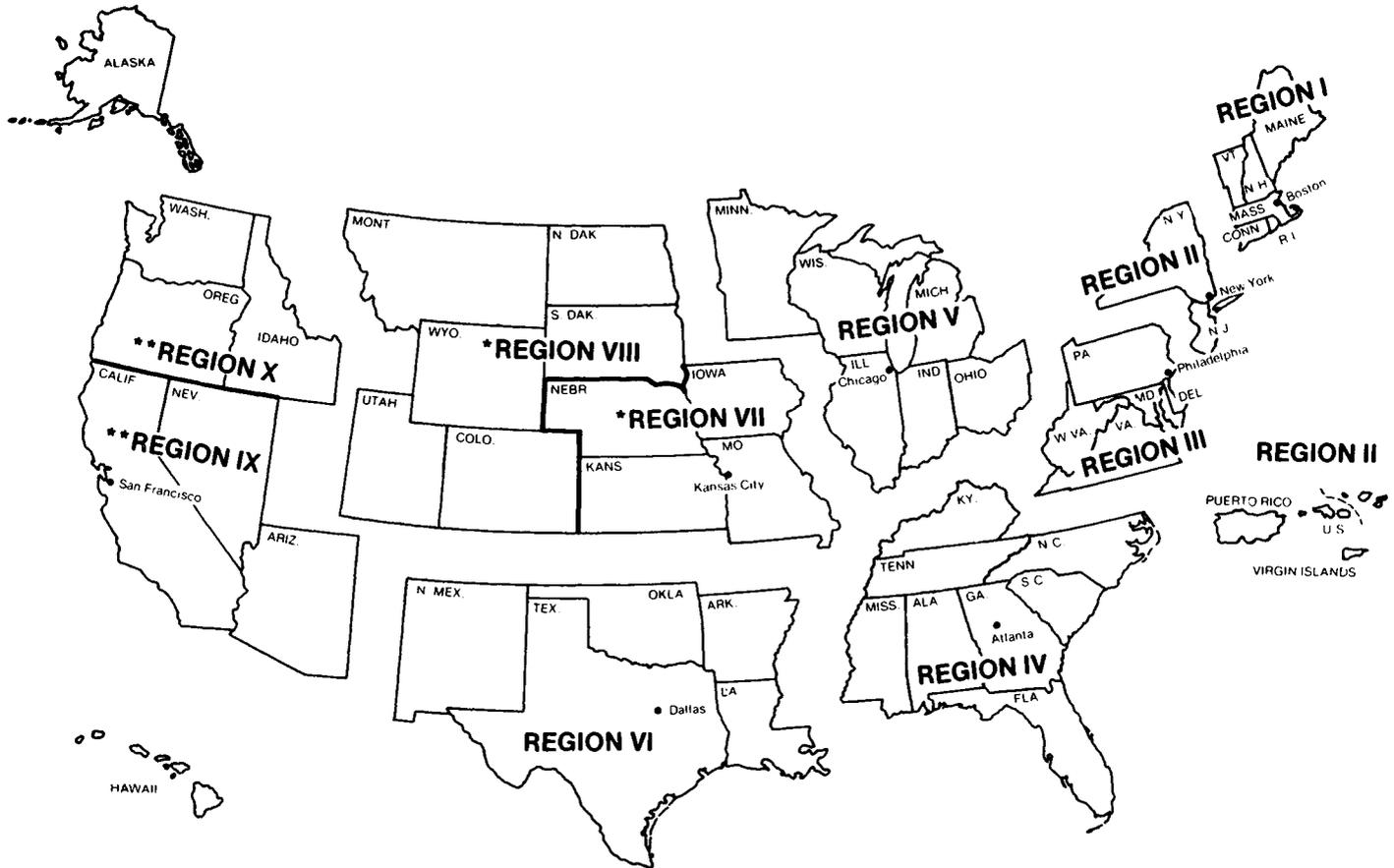
| Component                      | Standard error |                  |               |
|--------------------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|
|                                | Monthly change | Quarterly change | Annual change |
| All items .....                | .04            | .05              | .10           |
| Food at home .....             | .10            | .11              | .22           |
| Food away from home ..         | .08            | .14              | .31           |
| Housing .....                  | .06            | .10              | .18           |
| Apparel and upkeep .....       | .15            | .27              | .25           |
| Transportation .....           | .07            | .12              | .20           |
| Medical care .....             | .14            | .19              | .27           |
| Personal care .....            | .16            | .26              | .64           |
| Reading and recreation ..      | .09            | .16              | .33           |
| Other goods and services ..... | .11            | .12              | .18           |

Because the CPI is rounded to one decimal place, some ambiguity may arise in interpreting small index changes. As the table indicates, for example, a month-to-month change of 0.1 percent in the all items CPI is significant. Because of rounding, however, a change of this size in the published index might result from a much smaller change in the unrounded value. Hence, any particular change of 0.1 percent may or may not be significant. On the other hand, a published change of 0.2 percent for a 1-month period is always significant.

This replaces the table of average errors based on 1975 data which was included in the CPI report through December 1976.

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

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