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# Price Movements

## May 1975

The Consumer Price Index rose 0.4 percent in May to 159.3 of its 1967 base. Higher prices for gasoline, used cars, and meats were responsible for a large part of the May rise. These increases were partially offset by lower prices for most other foods and new cars, and declines in mortgage interest rates.

In May 1975, the CPI was 9.5 percent higher than in May 1974—the first time since January 1974 that the 12-month change has been below 10 percent. The food index was 7.6 percent higher, the nonfood commodities index was 10.1 percent higher, and the services index 10.0 percent higher than their May 1974 levels.

### Seasonally adjusted changes

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI increased also 0.4 percent in May. This compares with an average monthly rise of 0.5 percent during the first 4 months of 1975 and a little less than 1.0 percent during the last 3 months of 1974. The May increase in the food index was about the same as in April, but increases for nonfood commodities and services were considerably smaller.

The food index rose 0.5 percent in May, following an increase of 0.4 percent in April. Although meat prices rose substantially, the increase in the food

**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 12 months ago
								From 3 months ago	
	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	Unad-justed
<b>1974:</b>									
May .....	1.1	1.0	0.7	0.9	1.4	1.0	1.0	11.3	10.6
June .....	1.0	.9	.4	.4	1.3	1.2	r.9	10.9	11.0
July .....	.7	.8	.1	-.6	1.0	1.3	1.1	11.7	11.5
August .....	1.3	1.1	1.4	1.8	1.3	1.3	r1.0	12.3	11.0
September .....	1.2	1.2	1.4	1.6	1.1	1.1	r1.2	13.4	12.0
October .....	.9	.9	.7	1.3	.9	.7	r.8	13.6	12.0
November .....	.8	.9	1.0	1.1	.8	.8	r.9	12.7	12.1
December .....	.7	.8	1.1	.9	.4	.6	.9	11.0	12.2
<b>1975:</b>									
January .....	.5	.6	.7	.9	0	.5	r.7	9.8	11.7
February .....	.7	.5	.4	-.3	.7	.8	.8	8.2	11.1
March .....	.4	.3	-.2	-.6	.8	.5	.4	6.0	10.3
April .....	.5	.6	-.1	.4	.8	.8	.6	5.8	10.2
May .....	.4	.4	.4	.5	.6	.2	.2	5.0	9.5

<sup>1</sup> Not seasonally adjusted; data contain almost no seasonal movements.

r=Revised. See NOTE on table 1.

index remained relatively moderate as a result of large declines in prices of most other foods.

Retail prices in May continued to reflect an earlier slump in consumer demand and a noticeable easing in wholesale prices for most nonfood commodities other than refined petroleum products. Reductions in retailers' orders, cutbacks in production, and a slower rise in materials prices contributed to the easing of prices at the manufacturers' level. Retail sales began to show some signs of improvement in late May as a result of improved weather, promotion campaigns, and tax rebates which were provided in the Tax Reduction Act of 1975, enacted at the end of March. In addition to rebates, withholdings from paychecks were reduced under the Act.

In April and May, retail gasoline prices rose sharply and fuel oil prices rose contraseasonally as refiners continued to raise wholesale prices. Refiners' increases have been attributed to a number of factors, such as the rise in prices of crude oil, increased refining expenses, and the repeal of the "depletion" allowance in the Tax Reduction Act of 1975. Prices of imported crude oil have moved up in response to an import tariff of \$1 per barrel imposed on February 1. Following along with the increase in imported oil, prices of "uncontrolled" portion of domestic crude oil also have risen. (The tariff on imported oil was raised an additional \$1 a barrel on June 1.) Price controls apply to approximately 5 million barrels of oil produced daily in the U.S. or about 60 percent of total domestic oil output of 8.4 million barrels a day. The price ceilings on this oil are around \$5.25 a barrel. Prices of exempt domestic oil (about 3.4 million barrels a day) range up to \$12.25 a barrel. Under Federal Energy Administration regulations, product price increases or decreases can be made monthly to reflect changing costs paid by fuel producers in the preceding month for crude oil and other products. Regulations also limit the amount of cost-pass-throughs that may be charged to gasoline.

Part of the rise in retail gasoline prices in May was due to the seasonal increase in demand. As short run demand for gasoline is quite inelastic, oil companies can raise prices without fear of reduced consumption. Additionally, refineries are still not running at full capacity despite a shrinking supply of gasoline on hand; thus, current price increases are likely to hold.

*Services.* The services index increased 0.2 percent, compared with 0.6 percent in April. The rise in the index for household services less rent was smaller in May than in April (0.2 percent compared with 0.5 percent) as mortgage interest rates continued to decline and charges for electricity declined reflecting downward fuel adjustments. Charges for natural gas continued to rise sharply but by

less than in April. Natural gas prices have been rising because of new price ceilings, price escalations of older contracts, high prices for emergency short term contracts, and BTU adjustments.

The index for transportation services increased less in May than in April (0.1 percent compared with 0.8 percent). Auto repairs and taxicab fares continued to increase. However, charges for auto insurance held steady and parking fees declined, following large increases in April.

Among medical care services, physicians' fees and hospital service charges rose 0.6 percent, about the same as in April. Charges for other services such as dry-cleaning, shoe repairs, beauty shop, movie admissions, and bank service charges on checking accounts also increased.

The index for nonfood commodities rose 0.2 percent compared with increases of between 0.5 to 0.8 percent in the preceding 7 months. Prices of new cars and apparel declined and increases were smaller than in recent months for many nonfood commodities, except energy items which rose sharply.

The services index increased 0.2 percent in May, compared with 0.6 percent in April, and monthly increases of about 1.0 percent last summer. The May rise was the smallest since July 1973. Indexes for household services less rent and transportation services increased less in May than in April.

### Monthly changes in detail

*Food.* The index for food purchased in grocery stores—the major portion of the food index—increased 0.4 percent in May, instead of declining seasonally. Beef prices rose 7.6 percent, pork 3.3 percent, and poultry 0.6 percent—all contraseasonal increases. The rise in beef prices followed an increase of 0.8 percent in April, and a decline of over 11 percent in the preceding 6 months. Higher meat prices at the retail level reflected a rise in wholesale prices which began in March and continued at a rapid rate in April and May. Prices have risen primarily because of shortages of cattle of marketable weight and small hog supplies. Retail prices for poultry rose in May for the first time this year as consumers began to resist higher prices for beef and pork.

In addition to meats, fresh fruit prices rose sharply. Fresh vegetable prices also increased, but not as much as usual in May. Although potatoes and onions were in short supply, supplies of other vegetables were ample.

Prices declined for most other foods, such as eggs, cereal and bakery products, nonalcoholic beverages, dairy products, processed fruits and vegetables, and fats

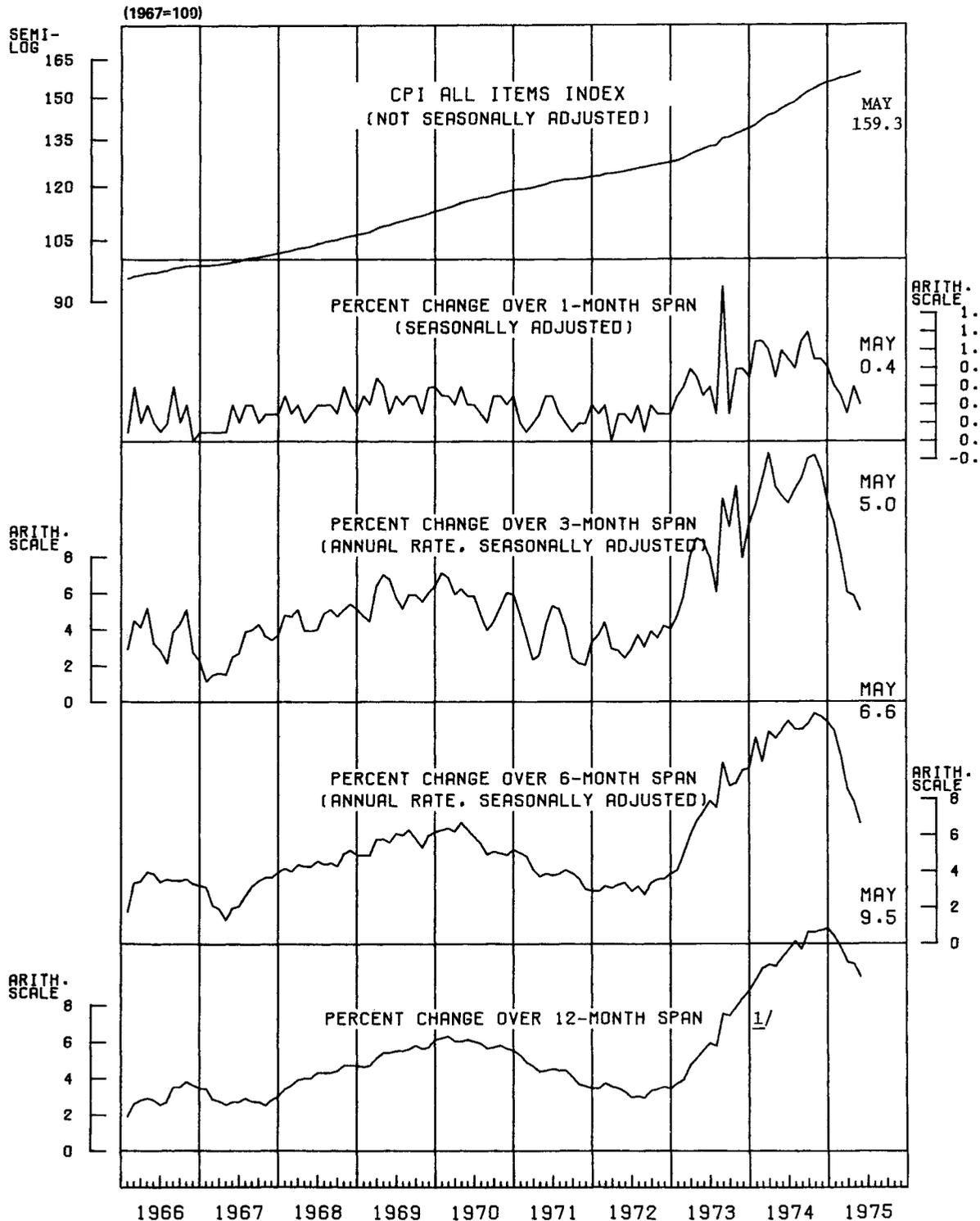
and oil products. Prices of partially prepared foods declined for the first time in about 3 years. Wholesale prices of many processed products have been declining in recent months as a result of lower prices for ingredients such as milk, sugar, and flour, cocoa, and oil products; reduced demand; and efforts by manufacturers to pare inventories.

The index for food away from home—restaurant meals and snacks—increased 0.3 percent, the smallest rise since late 1972.

*Commodities other than food.* The index for nonfood commodities rose 0.6 percent in May. About a fourth

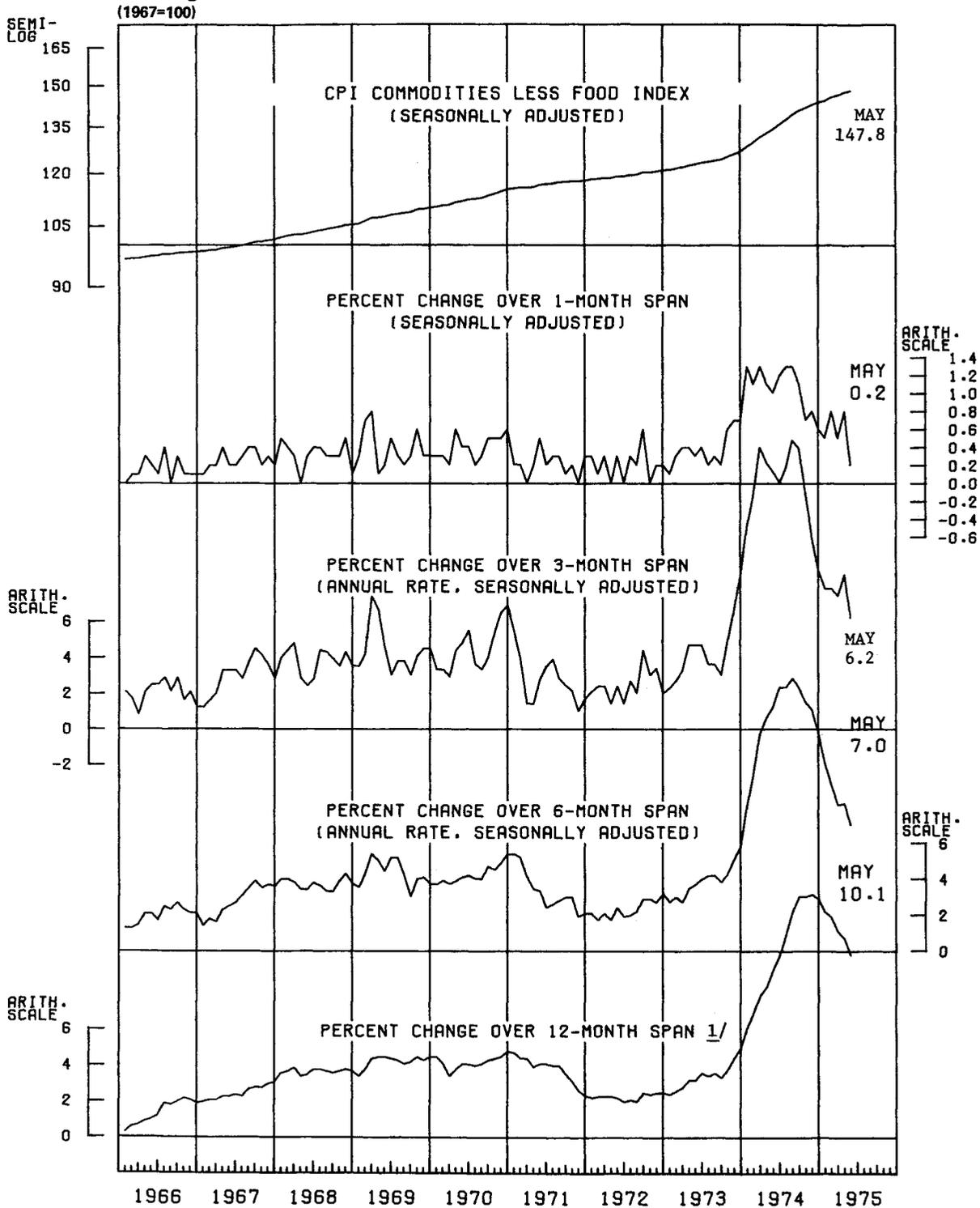
of the rise was due to higher prices for gasoline, motor oil, fuel oil, and coal. Used car prices rose sharply in response to the usual seasonal pickup in demand. Prices of other nonfood commodities such as houses, furniture, appliances, housekeeping supplies, and toilet goods continued to increase, but by less than in recent months. Apparel prices increased about seasonally. The new car index declined for the first time in 3 months to reflect the effect of rebates offered by one major producer and generally higher dealer concessions offered on most cars. Tire prices also declined in May. Prices of textile house-furnishings were down as a result of traditional May white sales.

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



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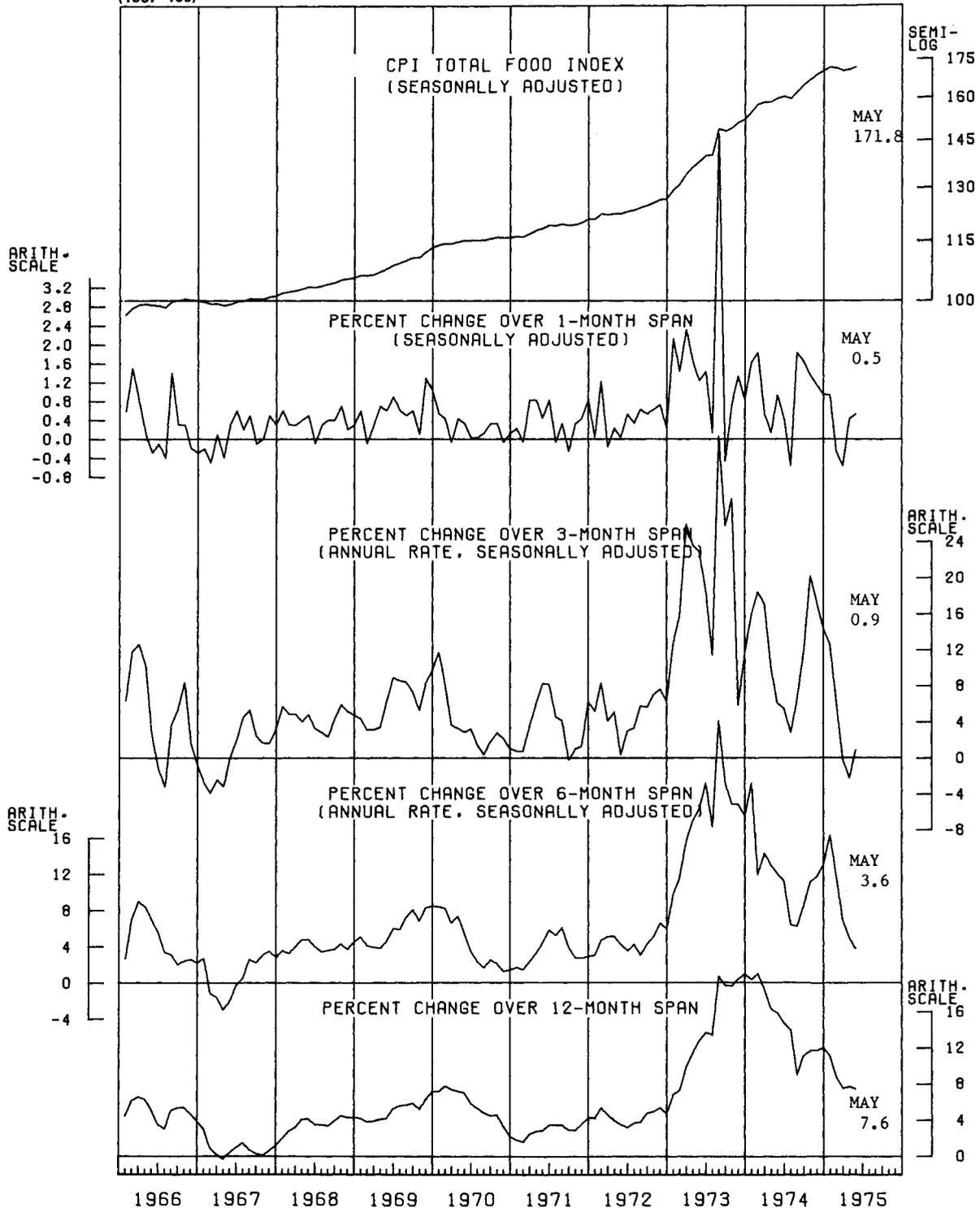
**Chart 2. Commodities less food index and its rates of change, 1966-75**



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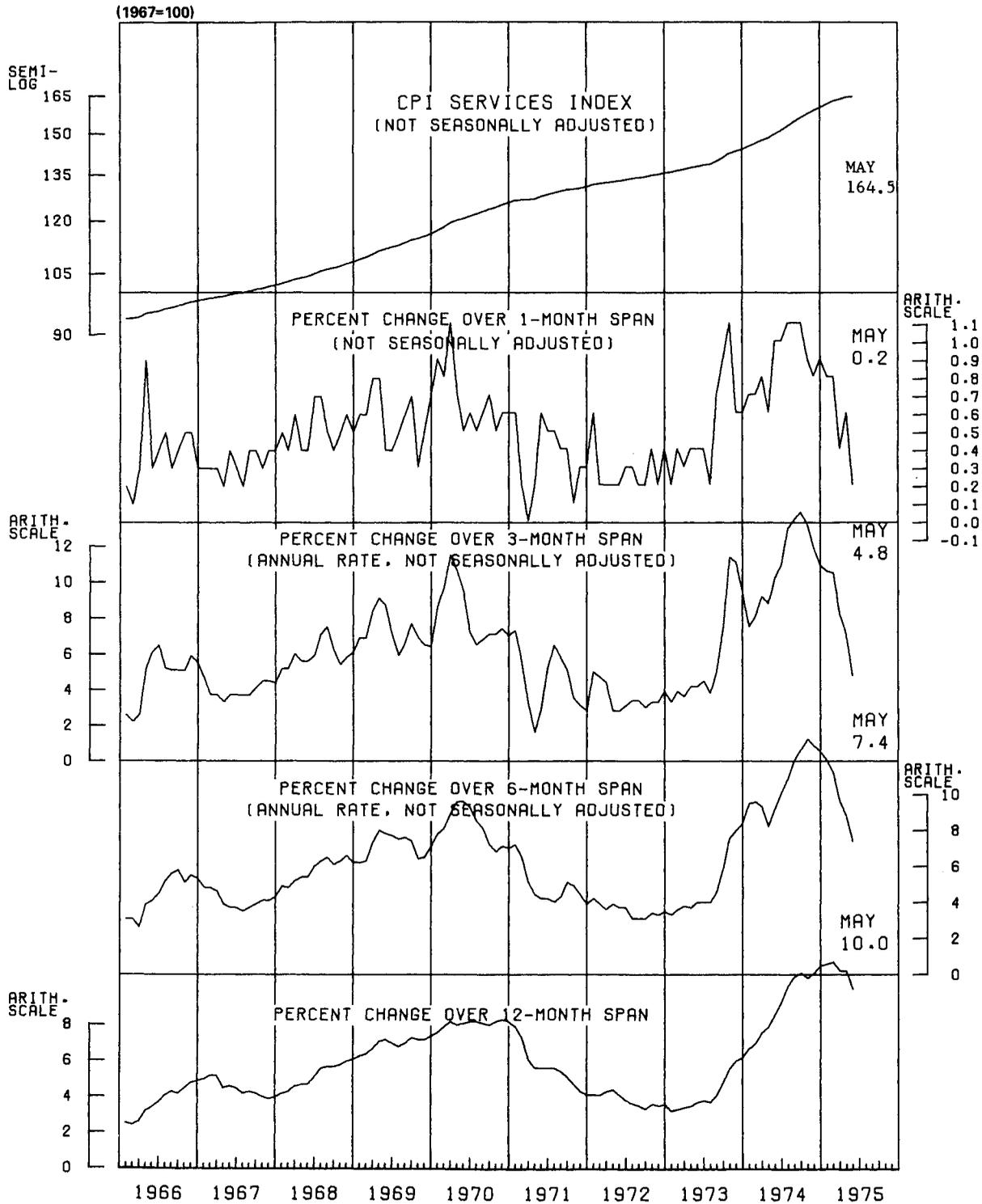
### Chart 3. Total food index and its rates of change, 1966-75

(1967=100)



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



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

Group	Relative importance	Unadjusted indexes 1967=100 unless otherwise noted		Unadjusted percent change to May 1975 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		December 1974	April 1975	May 1975	May 1974	April 1975	February to March	March to April
<b>Commodity and service groups</b>								
All items	100.000	158.6	159.3	9.5	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.4
All items (1967-59=100)		184.4	185.2	-	-	-	-	-
Commodities	63.762	155.7	156.5	9.1	.5	.1	.6	.4
Food	24.785	171.2	171.8	7.6	.4	-.6	.4	.5
Food at home	19.657	171.0	171.6	7.0	.4	-.9	.4	.6
Cereals and bakery products	2.882	188.9	187.0	13.8	-1.0	.6	-.1	-.9
Meats, poultry, and fish	6.140	161.8	168.2	6.1	4.0	-2.7	1.6	5.7
Dairy products	2.887	154.8	153.6	-.6	-.8	-.1	-.3	-.7
Fruits and vegetables	3.111	167.8	169.0	-4.9	.7	-.8	-.5	-.4
Other foods at home	4.637	188.3	182.7	20.8	-3.0	-1.2	-.3	-2.0
Food away from home	5.128	172.2	172.8	10.0	.3	.5	.4	.3
Commodities less food	38.977	147.2	148.1	10.1	.6	.5	.8	.2
Nondurables less food	23.255	149.8	150.5	7.9	.5	.2	.6	.3
Apparel commodities <sup>1</sup>	8.273	140.3	140.8	4.3	.4	0	0	-.1
Men's and boys'	2.617	142.2	142.8	5.2	.4	-.3	-.2	.1
Women's and girls'	3.611	136.0	136.7	2.2	.5	.1	-.1	-.1
Footwear	1.438	144.4	144.5	5.2	.1	.3	-.1	-.1
Nondurables less food and apparel	14.982	155.4	156.3	9.9	.6	.5	.6	.5
Gasoline and motor oil	3.388	162.2	164.9	.6	1.7	.1	1.0	1.0
Tobacco products	1.936	153.2	153.3	9.0	.1	*.2	*.1	*.1
Alcoholic beverages	2.315	141.7	141.9	9.9	.1	*.5	*.2	*.1
Fuel oil and coal	1.028	229.0	230.2	9.1	.5	-1.3	1.0	1.1
Other nondurables	6.316	150.3	150.7	15.9	.3	.5	.9	.3
Durable commodities	15.722	143.6	144.8	13.6	.8	1.3	.8	.3
Household durables	4.575	139.4	140.0	10.7	.4	.5	.6	.3
New automobiles	1.905	127.5	126.8	10.6	-.5	2.8	.5	-.5
Used automobiles	2.026	138.1	142.2	24.3	3.0	*1.3	*2.1	*3.0
Other durables	7.217	153.1	154.3	13.4	.8	1.3	1.4	.8
Services <sup>2</sup>	36.238	164.1	164.5	10.0	.2	*.4	*.6	*.2
Rent <sup>3</sup>	4.568	135.9	136.4	5.2	.4	*.3	*.3	*.4
Services less rent	31.670	169.2	169.6	10.8	.2	.7	.6	.2
Household services less rent	15.856	181.7	182.1	12.3	.2	.3	.7	.3
Transportation services	4.796	149.5	149.6	6.5	.1	.8	.8	.3
Medical care services	5.473	175.9	177.0	13.9	.6	.8	.7	.7
Other services	5.545	150.6	151.0	7.7	.3	.3	.3	0
<b>Special indexes:</b>								
All items less food <sup>4</sup>	75.215	154.9	155.6	10.1	.5	.6	.6	.3
Nondurable commodities	48.040	160.1	160.8	7.7	.4	-.4	.4	.4
Apparel commodities less footwear	6.835	139.5	140.1	4.1	.4	-.1	-.1	-.1
Services less medical care services <sup>5</sup>	30.765	162.2	162.6	9.4	.2	*.3	*.5	*.2
Insurance and finance	9.634	177.4	177.2	10.7	-.1	.5	.9	.1
Utilities and public transportation	5.246	153.6	154.3	10.1	.5	.5	1.0	.7
Housekeeping and home maintenance service	4.961	190.8	191.6	11.5	.4	.2	.4	.1
Appliances (including radio and TV)	1.445	117.2	117.6	9.4	.3	*.4	*.3	*.3
<b>Expenditure classes</b>								
All items	100.000	158.6	159.3	9.5	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.4
Food	24.785	171.2	171.8	7.6	.4	-.6	.4	.5
Housing <sup>6</sup>	33.766	164.7	165.3	12.0	.4	.7	.7	.4
Shelter <sup>7,8</sup>	21.293	167.6	168.2	11.1	.4	.5	.7	.5
Rent <sup>3</sup>	4.568	135.9	136.4	5.2	.4	*.3	*.3	*.4
Homeownership <sup>9</sup>	16.335	179.4	180.1	13.0	.4	.5	1.0	.6
Fuel and utilities <sup>10</sup>	5.008	164.6	165.5	11.4	.5	.5	1.1	.7
Gas and electricity	2.548	166.3	167.3	16.3	.6	.7	1.4	.7
Household furnishings and operation	7.465	156.8	157.4	14.9	.4	.3	.8	.1
Apparel and upkeep	9.633	141.3	141.8	5.0	.4	.1	0	-.1
Transportation	12.715	146.2	147.4	8.1	.8	.7	.8	.3
Private	11.450	145.5	146.8	8.5	.9	.8	.8	.3
Public	1.266	152.4	152.5	4.2	.1	-.1	.4	.3
Health and recreation	18.723	152.1	152.6	10.8	.3	.6	.6	.2
Medical care	6.241	165.8	166.8	13.3	.6	.7	.9	.6
Personal care	2.519	149.5	149.9	11.1	.3	.6	.3	.2
Reading and recreation	5.222	143.5	143.8	8.9	.2	.2	.8	.1
Other goods and services	4.742	146.8	147.1	9.4	.2	.5	.1	.3
<b>Special indexes:</b>								
All items less shelter	78.707	156.3	157.0	9.0	.4	.1	.6	.3
All items less medical care <sup>11</sup>	93.759	158.2	158.9	9.2	.4	.3	.6	.3
All items less mortgage interest costs <sup>12</sup>	95.615	156.5	157.3	9.2	.5	.3	.5	.4
CPI - domestically produced farm foods <sup>13</sup>	17.214	168.2	169.1	5.4	.5	*.5	*.2	*.5
CPI - selected beef cuts <sup>14</sup>	1.976	153.2	166.3	1.8	8.6	*-2.1	*1.1	*8.6
<b>Purchasing power of consumer dollar:</b>								
1967= \$1.00	-	\$0.631	\$0.628	-8.6	-.5	-	-	-
1967-59= \$1.00	-	.542	.540	-	-	-	-	-

<sup>1</sup> Also includes infants' wear, sewing materials, and jewelry not shown separately.  
<sup>2</sup> Revised indexes: February 1974, 145.9; March 1974, 147.1; April 1974, 148.0; May 1974, 149.5; July 1974, 152.6; September 1974, 156.0; November 1974, 158.7; December 1974, 160.1.  
<sup>3</sup> Revised indexes: January 1974, 127.7; February 1974, 128.4; March 1974, 128.7; April 1974, 129.2; May 1974, 129.6; June 1974, 130.2; July 1974, 130.6; August 1974, 131.2; September 1974, 131.8; October 1974, 132.5; November 1974, 133.1; December 1974, 133.7; January 1975, 134.5.  
<sup>4</sup> Revised indexes: February 1974, 136.9; June 1974, 143.0; January 1975, 151.9.  
<sup>5</sup> Revised indexes: February 1974, 145.1; May 1974, 148.6; June 1974, 149.9; July 1974, 151.4; August 1974, 152.9; October 1974, 156.1; November 1974, 157.4; December 1974, 158.8; January 1975, 159.9.  
<sup>6</sup> Revised indexes: February 1974, 143.5; April 1974, 146.1; August 1974, 152.9; January 1975, 161.3; February 1975, 162.8.  
<sup>7</sup> Revised indexes: January 1974, 147.5; February 1974, 148.4; March 1974, 149.5; April 1974, 150.3; May 1974, 151.4; June 1974, 152.9; July 1974, 154.5; August 1974, 156.2; September 1974, 158.2; October 1974, 160.0; November 1974, 161.3; December 1974, 163.1; January 1975, 164.4; February 1975, 165.9.  
<sup>8</sup> Also includes hotel and motel rates not shown separately.  
<sup>9</sup> Includes home purchase, mortgage interest, taxes, insurance, and maintenance and repairs.  
<sup>10</sup> Also includes residential telephones, fuel oil, coal, water, and sewerage services not shown separately.  
<sup>11</sup> Revised indexes: May 1974, 145.5; January 1975, 156.0.  
<sup>12</sup> Revised indexes: May 1974, 144.1; October 1974, 151.0.  
<sup>13</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>14</sup> Calculated from the CPI beef and veal component by excluding veal cutlets and beef liver.  
NOTE: Revisions in indexes shown in footnotes 2 to 7, 11, and 12 are the result of retroactive increases in residential rents for rent controlled units in New York City.  
Index applies to month as a whole, not to any specific date.

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

Group	Seasonally adjusted indexes (1967=100)				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
	February 1975	March 1975	April 1975	May 1975	3 months ending in			6 months ending in		
					August 1974	November 1974	February 1975	May 1975	November 1975	May 1975
	Commodity and service groups									
All items	-	-	-	-	12.3	12.7	8.2	5.0	12.5	6.6
Commodities	154.7	154.8	155.7	156.3	12.2	12.8	7.3	4.2	12.5	5.7
Food	171.4	170.3	170.9	171.8	6.4	17.3	6.3	.9	11.7	3.6
Food at home	171.5	169.9	170.5	171.6	5.1	19.2	4.3	-.2	11.9	2.3
Cereals and bakery products	187.1	188.3	188.1	186.4	12.5	23.4	22.6	-1.5	17.8	9.9
Meats, poultry, and fish	162.4	158.0	160.5	169.7	2.5	12.2	-7.7	19.2	7.3	4.9
Dairy products	154.8	154.6	154.2	153.1	-6.3	3.5	5.1	-4.3	-1.6	.3
Fruits and vegetables	168.0	166.7	165.8	165.2	-20.7	14.1	-3.3	-6.5	-4.9	-4.9
Other foods at home	191.6	189.3	188.7	184.9	42.6	44.1	19.6	-13.3	43.4	1.9
Food away from home	171.0	171.8	172.5	173.0	11.4	10.5	13.4	4.8	11.0	9.0
Commodities less food	145.6	146.4	147.5	147.8	16.1	10.7	7.8	6.2	13.4	7.0
Nondurables less food	148.6	148.9	149.8	150.2	14.8	7.7	5.0	4.4	11.2	4.7
Apparel commodities <sup>1</sup>	140.3	140.3	140.3	140.1	16.4	2.3	0	-.6	9.1	-.3
Men's and boys'	142.3	141.9	141.6	141.8	13.7	6.2	2.9	-1.4	9.9	-.7
Women's and girls'	136.4	136.6	136.5	136.3	18.2	-1.4	-5.9	-.3	8.0	-3.2
Footwear	143.7	144.1	144.0	143.9	9.4	6.4	4.3	-.6	7.9	2.4
Nondurables less food and apparel	153.6	154.4	155.4	156.1	15.1	9.3	8.5	6.7	12.2	7.6
Gasoline and motor oil	160.6	160.8	162.4	164.1	3.2	-8.9	0	9.0	-3.0	4.4
Tobacco products (not seasonally adjusted)	152.8	153.1	153.2	153.3	16.9	7.9	10.6	1.3	12.3	5.9
Alcoholic beverages (not seasonally adjusted)	140.7	141.4	141.7	141.9	16.8	11.8	8.1	3.5	14.3	5.7
Fuel oil and coal	227.9	224.9	227.2	229.7	23.9	12.2	-1.4	3.2	17.9	.9
Other nondurables	148.0	148.8	150.1	150.5	20.1	21.6	15.4	6.9	20.8	11.1
Durable commodities	141.3	143.1	144.3	144.8	17.7	14.9	11.5	10.3	16.3	10.9
Household durables	138.0	138.7	139.5	139.9	16.1	13.1	8.2	5.6	14.6	6.9
New automobiles	123.4	126.9	127.5	126.8	17.4	16.0	-1.3	11.5	16.7	4.9
Used automobiles (not seasonally adjusted)	133.5	135.3	138.1	142.2	77.3	32.4	-21.0	28.7	53.2	.8
Other durables	149.3	151.3	153.4	154.6	8.5	10.8	19.5	15.0	9.6	17.2
Services (not seasonally adjusted) <sup>2</sup>	162.6	163.2	164.1	164.5	13.2	10.2	10.2	4.8	12.7	7.4
Rent (not seasonally adjusted) <sup>3</sup>	135.1	135.5	135.9	136.4	5.0	5.9	6.1	3.9	5.5	5.0
Services less rent (not seasonally adjusted)	167.3	168.5	169.5	169.9	14.3	11.6	11.0	6.4	12.9	8.6
Household services less rent	180.4	181.0	182.2	182.8	16.1	15.0	12.9	5.4	15.5	9.1
Transportation services	146.8	148.0	149.2	149.6	6.7	7.2	4.2	7.9	6.9	6.0
Medical care services	173.1	174.5	175.7	177.0	19.0	12.9	14.6	9.3	15.9	11.9
Other services	149.8	150.3	150.8	150.8	9.5	8.9	9.6	2.7	9.2	6.1
Special indexes:										
All items less food <sup>4</sup>	153.3	154.2	155.2	155.6	14.6	11.1	8.8	6.1	12.8	7.5
Nondurable commodities	159.9	159.2	159.9	160.6	10.6	12.0	6.5	1.8	11.3	4.1
Apparel commodities less footwear	139.8	139.7	139.6	139.4	17.1	2.0	-.6	-1.1	9.3	-.9
Services less medical care services (not seasonally adjusted) <sup>5</sup>	160.9	161.4	162.2	162.6	12.1	12.3	9.2	4.3	12.2	6.7
Insurance and finance	175.9	176.7	178.3	178.4	12.2	13.4	11.4	5.8	12.8	8.6
Utilities and public transportation	150.8	151.5	153.0	154.0	10.1	10.1	11.4	8.8	10.1	10.0
Housekeeping and home maintenance service	190.5	190.9	191.6	191.8	21.3	15.2	7.7	2.8	18.2	5.2
Appliances (including radio and TV) (not seasonally adjusted)	116.4	116.9	117.2	117.6	12.9	14.0	6.8	4.2	13.4	5.5
	Expenditure classes									
All items	-	-	-	-	12.3	12.7	8.2	5.0	12.5	6.6
Food	171.4	170.3	170.9	171.8	6.4	17.3	6.3	.9	11.7	3.6
Housing <sup>6</sup>	162.6	163.8	165.0	165.6	14.8	13.4	12.2	7.6	14.1	9.9
Shelter <sup>7,8</sup>	166.1	166.9	168.1	168.9	11.5	12.3	13.9	6.9	11.9	10.3
Rent (not seasonally adjusted) <sup>3</sup>	135.1	135.5	135.9	136.5	5.0	5.9	6.1	3.9	5.5	5.0
Homeownership <sup>9</sup>	177.5	178.4	180.1	181.2	13.1	14.2	16.1	8.6	13.7	12.3
Fuel and utilities <sup>10</sup>	161.2	162.0	163.8	165.0	14.2	12.0	9.5	9.8	13.1	9.6
Gas and electricity	161.7	162.9	165.1	166.3	18.5	15.3	19.7	11.9	16.9	15.7
Household furnishings and operation	155.5	155.9	157.1	157.2	21.7	20.6	13.4	4.4	21.2	8.8
Apparel and upkeep	141.2	141.3	141.3	141.2	15.7	3.5	1.4	0	9.4	.7
Transportation	144.4	145.4	146.5	147.0	14.9	8.2	2.5	7.4	11.5	4.9
Private	143.5	144.7	145.8	146.2	16.0	8.2	2.3	7.7	12.1	5.0
Public	152.1	152.0	152.6	153.0	5.9	4.1	4.9	2.4	5.0	3.6
Health and recreation (not seasonally adjusted)	150.5	151.4	152.3	152.6	14.7	10.8	12.3	5.7	12.7	8.9
Medical care	163.2	164.4	165.8	166.8	17.9	11.7	14.7	9.1	14.8	11.9
Personal care	148.1	149.0	149.5	149.8	14.0	14.8	11.3	4.7	14.4	7.9
Reading and recreation	142.1	142.4	143.6	143.8	11.0	9.8	10.2	4.9	10.4	7.5
Other goods and services	146.0	146.8	146.9	147.4	13.7	10.5	9.9	3.9	12.1	6.8
Special indexes:										
All items less shelter	155.2	155.4	156.3	156.7	13.4	11.8	7.3	3.9	12.6	5.6
All items less medical care <sup>11</sup>	157.1	157.5	158.4	158.9	12.1	12.0	8.3	4.7	12.0	6.5
All items less mortgage interest costs <sup>12</sup>	155.3	155.7	156.5	157.1	12.2	11.2	8.4	4.7	11.7	6.5
CPI - domestically produced farm foods (not seasonally adjusted)	169.3	168.5	168.2	169.1	4.1	11.3	7.2	-.5	7.6	3.3
CPI - selected beef cuts (not seasonally adjusted)	154.8	151.6	153.2	166.3	11.0	-12.9	-16.4	33.2	-1.7	5.5

<sup>1</sup> Also includes infants' wear, sewing materials, and jewelry not shown separately.  
<sup>2</sup> Revised indexes: February 1974, 145.9; March 1974, 147.1; April 1974, 148.0; May 1974, 149.5; July 1974, 152.6; September 1974, 156.0; November 1974, 158.7; December 1974, 160.1.  
<sup>3</sup> Revised indexes: January 1974, 127.7; February 1974, 128.4; March 1974, 128.7; April 1974, 129.2; May 1974, 129.6; June 1974, 130.2; July 1974, 130.6; August 1974, 131.2; September 1974, 131.8; October 1974, 132.5; November 1974, 133.1; December 1974, 133.7; January 1975, 134.5.  
<sup>4</sup> Revised indexes: February 1974, 137.2; June 1974, 142.9; January 1975, 152.1.  
<sup>5</sup> Revised indexes: February 1974, 145.1; May 1974, 148.6; June 1974, 149.9; July 1974, 151.4; August 1974, 152.9; October 1974, 156.1; November 1974, 157.4; December 1974, 158.8; January 1975, 159.9.  
<sup>6</sup> Revised indexes: February 1974, 143.4; April 1974, 146.4; August 1974, 153.1; January 1975, 161.0; February 1975, 162.6.

<sup>7</sup> Revised indexes: January 1974, 147.2; February 1974, 148.5; March 1974, 149.8; April 1974, 150.8; May 1974, 152.0; June 1974, 153.2; July 1974, 154.7; August 1974, 156.2; September 1974, 157.9; October 1974, 159.5; November 1974, 160.8; December 1974, 162.6; January 1975, 164.1; February 1975, 166.1.  
<sup>8</sup> Also includes hotel and motel rates not shown separately.

<sup>9</sup> Includes home purchase, mortgage interest, taxes, insurance, and maintenance and repairs.  
<sup>10</sup> Also includes residential telephone, fuel oil, coal, water, and sewerage service not shown separately.  
<sup>11</sup> Revised indexes: May 1974, 145.5; January 1975, 156.3.  
<sup>12</sup> Revised indexes: May 1974, 144.0; October 1974, 151.0.

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

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

(1967=100)

Item and group	Index		Percent change to May 1975 from—			Item and group	Index		Percent change to May 1975 from—		
	May 1975		May 1974	April 1975			May 1975		May 1974	April 1975	
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted		Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted
Food	171.8	171.8	7.6	0.4	0.5	Food—Continued					
Food away from home	172.8	173.0	10.0	.3	.3	Food at home—Continued					
Restaurant meals	171.6	171.8	8.8	.4	.3	Fruits and vegetables—Continued					
Snacks	178.2	178.2	15.6	.3	.3	Fresh fruits and vegetables—Continued					
Food at home	171.6	171.6	7.0	.4	.6	Fresh fruits—Continued					
Cereals and bakery products	187.0	186.4	13.8	-1.0	-9.9	Oranges	151.2	155.2	3.1	3.9	-0.4
Flour	169.3	167.0	-6.9	-9.9	-6.6	Orange juice, fresh	147.1	147.4	6.5	1.1	.9
Cracker meal	240.8	239.6	30.5	.8	.4	Grapefruit	165.1	178.5	19.6	9.0	4.4
Corn flakes	167.0	166.0	34.8	-3	-1.1	Grapes	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Rice	217.9	218.3	-10.9	-4.3	.3	Strawberries	141.6	155.6	16.1	-16.3	2.2
Bread, white	166.5	166.7	5.6	-1.9	-1.6	Watermelon	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Bread, whole wheat	177.4	177.2	9.1	.6	.9	Fresh vegetables	161.3	150.2	-22.6	1.1	-2.2
Cookies	188.4	186.7	33.6	-4.6	-5.3	Potatoes	153.6	153.3	53.4	11.6	11.7
Layer cake	194.0	193.4	27.2	-3	-3	Onions	204.3	207.8	42.8	34.6	36.4
Cinnamon rolls	199.7	198.9	26.2	-1.1	-1.5	Asparagus	157.5	171.8	3.9	-11.4	-10.2
Meats, poultry, and fish	168.2	169.7	6.1	4.0	5.7	Cabbage	156.1	145.1	4.3	-1.6	-4.9
Meats	167.9	169.9	5.8	4.8	6.7	Carrots	188.4	194.4	40.8	5.2	1.8
Beef and veal	166.4	166.7	.4	7.6	9.3	Celery	153.0	150.9	5.7	6.3	-3.3
Steak, round	170.0	170.2	6.1	9.2	11.1	Cucumbers	150.7	131.0	-12.2	-34.6	-24.1
Steak, sirloin	163.5	164.7	8.2	10.4	11.3	Lettuce	143.7	138.6	-20.3	3.4	-4.5
Steak, porterhouse	167.7	169.4	9.8	10.0	10.9	Peppers, green	173.5	121.4	-11.5	.7	-17.3
Rump roast	166.7	166.4	5.8	7.8	8.9	Spinach	177.3	178.5	3.0	-3.3	-1.8
Rib roast	177.1	177.5	8.4	7.6	8.3	Tomatoes	156.2	146.0	-12.8	-3.0	-4.6
Chuck roast	172.1	171.6	5.0	10.5	13.3	Processed fruits and vegetables	175.4	175.4	2.2	-1.6	-1.2
Hamburger	160.1	160.3	-8.7	7.1	8.8	Fruit cocktail, canned	176.9	177.4	20.3	-.3	.2
Beef liver	143.6	141.9	-14.6	.8	1.4	Pears, canned	164.9	165.4	21.5	-1.1	-1.3
Veal cutlets	190.4	190.0	-3.9	2.6	2.7	Pineapple-grapefruit drink, canned	169.9	170.8	33.3	-1.2	-.4
Pork	175.6	182.2	18.0	3.3	6.3	Orange juice concentrate, frozen	151.7	152.0	7.9	-.7	-.3
Chops	165.3	173.1	15.8	3.6	5.9	Lemonade concentrate, frozen	194.9	194.7	47.9	.3	.9
Loin roast	173.2	181.0	15.1	4.3	6.8	Beets, canned	188.8	188.6	20.3	-.3	-.4
Sausage	195.8	198.4	13.9	2.2	4.1	Peas, green, canned	162.8	163.6	33.1	-.2	1.1
Ham, whole	162.8	167.8	13.7	-.8	3.8	Tomatoes, canned	176.5	176.0	22.0	.5	.4
Picnics	157.2	159.6	3.7	-.3	3.5	Dried beans	203.9	204.1	-53.6	-9.5	-9.0
Bacon	193.6	201.2	34.8	6.7	9.4	Broccoli, frozen	153.0	152.7	14.2	-.1	.3
Other meats	160.5	161.8	2.2	1.2	2.0	Eggs	182.7	184.9	20.8	-3.0	-2.0
Lamb chops	167.2	168.9	10.7	3.1	3.7	Fats and oils:	144.6	157.7	8.6	-8.6	-2.4
Frankfurters	157.4	159.3	.1	2.9	4.9	Margarine	203.0	203.2	18.7	-3.2	-3.0
Ham, canned	165.5	165.8	5.7	.7	.7	Salad dressing, Italian	226.4	228.5	17.9	-6.0	-5.0
Bologna sausage	163.2	164.7	.6	1.8	2.7	Salad cooking oil	158.5	157.9	25.5	-.3	-.4
Salami sausage	153.6	154.4	-3.5	.1	.8	Sugar and sweets	223.7	223.0	15.8	-2.9	-3.0
Liverwurst	155.6	156.5	-.6	-.1	.8	Sugar	246.0	244.8	39.9	-3.8	-3.5
Poultry	149.8	150.7	8.0	.6	3.1	Grape jelly	305.7	307.2	48.5	-11.8	-11.4
Frying chicken	152.8	153.4	10.5	.5	3.6	Chocolate bar	232.4	231.5	47.2	-.1	-.3
Chicken breasts	150.4	150.2	6.9	1.7	2.9	Syrup, chocolate flavored	239.0	236.6	25.8	-.1	-1.0
Turkey	135.6	138.5	-2.3	.1	1.7	Nonalcoholic beverages	214.8	212.7	39.6	-.8	-.3
Fish	199.1	198.7	6.4	.9	1.3	Coffee	175.3	175.1	17.4	-1.5	-1.8
Shrimp, frozen	170.5	170.3	-.8	3.0	3.9	Coffee, instant	164.6	164.6	5.1	-1.4	-1.6
Fish, fresh or frozen	217.5	216.8	2	.0	-.2	Tea	172.9	172.0	12.7	-.5	-1.1
Tuna fish, canned	176.3	174.7	4.6	-.1	-.1	Carbonated drink, cola flavored	144.0	143.9	22.8	.3	.2
Sardines, canned	230.8	230.6	20.7	.9	.8	Carbonated drink, fruit flavored	202.6	202.4	32.9	-3.6	-3.5
Dairy products	153.6	153.1	-.6	-.8	-.7	Prepared and partially prepared foods	206.7	206.5	36.4	-1.4	-1.6
Milk, fresh, grocery	150.6	149.7	-3.8	-1.2	-1.1	Bean soup, canned	163.2	162.9	18.2	-1.2	-1.2
Milk, fresh, skim	165.6	164.4	-1.4	-.7	-.8	Chicken soup, canned	181.2	180.5	16.1	-3.9	-4.0
Milk, evaporated	181.8	180.7	6.3	-.2	-.5	Spaghetti, canned	134.4	134.7	5.7	-1.1	-.6
Ice cream	150.6	150.8	15.5	-.4	-.6	Mashed potatoes, instant	162.3	162.5	21.0	-.1	-.3
Cheese, American process	169.9	168.7	-2.6	.6	.6	Potatoes, french fried, frozen	156.6	156.1	18.5	-.5	-1.3
Butter	115.5	116.4	1.7	-.1	.5	Sweet pickle relish	166.3	166.0	15.7	-1.4	-1.8
Fruits and vegetables	169.0	165.2	-4.9	.7	-.4	Pretzels	161.7	161.5	21.7	-.2	.1
Fresh fruits and vegetables	164.7	158.1	-9.4	2.4	.1		172.2	172.2	21.9	-1.8	-.7
Fresh fruits	169.1	169.6	13.6	3.9	3.9		169.5	169.0	23.4	.4	.2
Apples	167.9	164.4	2.5	8.3	3.4						
Bananas	165.9	165.1	38.0	4.8	9.0						

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

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

Item and group	Other index base	Indexes		Percent change to May 1975 from:	
		April 1975	May 1975	May 1974	April 1975
Housing		164.7	165.3	12.0	0.4
Shelter <sup>1</sup>		167.6	168.2	11.1	.4
Rent, residential		135.9	136.4	5.2	.4
Homeownership <sup>2</sup>		179.4	180.1	13.0	.4
Mortgage interest rates		140.6	138.7	2.8	-1.4
Property taxes		157.0	157.6	5.1	.4
Property insurance premiums		128.6	129.6	3.9	.8
Maintenance and repairs		185.0	185.7	10.8	.4
Maintenance and repair commodities <sup>3</sup>		160.0	160.7	6.8	.4
Exterior house paint		155.9	155.7	17.7	-1
Interior house paint		146.6	145.9	13.9	-5
Maintenance and repair services		195.7	196.5	12.3	.4
Repainting living and dining rooms		204.8	206.9	12.2	1.0
Reshingling house roof		214.8	215.5	13.2	.3
Residing house		185.6	186.5	13.0	.5
Replacing sink		192.9	193.2	12.7	.2
Repairing furnace		189.4	189.3	9.6	-1
Fuel and utilities		164.6	165.5	11.4	.5
Fuel oil and coal		229.0	230.2	9.1	.5
Fuel oil, No. 2		223.3	224.4	6.8	.5
Gas and electricity		166.3	167.3	16.3	.6
Gas		168.4	171.1	21.1	1.6
Electricity		164.4	163.8	12.0	-4
Other utilities:					
Residential telephone services		123.8	124.3	2.6	.4
Residential water and sewerage services		168.0	168.9	9.7	.5
Household furnishings and operation <sup>4</sup>		156.8	157.4	14.9	.4
Housefurnishings		143.6	144.0	12.9	.3
Textiles		141.3	140.2	8.6	-8
Sheets, full, flat		146.9	142.1	6.7	-3.3
Curtains, tailored		132.3	132.6	5.8	.2
Bedspreads		147.3	146.8	9.5	-3
Drapery fabrics		167.9	167.8	12.9	-1
Pillows, bed		119.1	117.3	6.9	-1.5
Slipcovers and throws, ready-made		133.4	134.0	8.9	.4
Furniture and bedding		146.5	147.7	9.7	.8
Bedroom furniture, chest and dresser	Mar. 70	127.3	127.8	7.4	.4
Sofas, upholstered		139.1	139.0	7.8	-1
Cocktail tables	Dec. 71	124.2	124.5	9.9	.2
Dining room chairs	Mar. 70	129.3	129.6	8.5	.2
Recliners, upholstered	Dec. 71	110.8	111.5	6.1	.6
Sofas, dual purpose		135.0	137.0	7.1	1.5
Bedding, mattress and box springs	June 70	129.9	130.3	12.7	.3
Aluminum folding chairs		164.8	174.5	21.7	5.9
Cribs		146.5	147.7	9.3	.8
Floor coverings		128.9	128.8	11.9	-1
Broadloom carpeting		118.5	118.9	9.1	.3
Vinyl sheet goods		149.7	149.9	17.8	.1
Vinyl floor tile		156.5	154.0	17.4	-1.6
Appliances (excluding radio and TV)		126.4	127.0	13.0	.5
Washing machines, electric		129.8	130.4	14.9	.5
Vacuum cleaners		115.5	116.1	9.9	.5
Refrigerators, refrigerator-freezers, electric		126.9	127.7	15.9	.6
Ranges, free standing, gas or electric		128.4	128.9	14.7	.4
Clothes dryers, electric		134.3	134.8	14.7	.4
Air conditioners, demountable		123.1	123.2	9.4	.1
Room heaters, electric, portable		121.6	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )	.6
Garbage disposal units		127.8	128.3	11.7	.4
Other housefurnishings:					
Dinnerware, fine china		173.6	175.5	23.9	1.1
Flatware, stainless steel		173.1	170.2	18.0	-1.7
Table lamps, with shade		145.0	145.1	9.6	.1
Lawn mowers, power, rotary type		151.1	152.6	16.8	1.0
Electric drills, hand-held		122.7	123.6	10.0	.7
Housekeeping supplies:					
Laundry soaps and detergents		161.3	161.0	28.7	-2
Paper napkins		205.3	207.5	30.7	1.1
Toilet tissue		202.3	206.7	36.2	2.2
Housekeeping services:					
Domestic services, general household		193.6	194.2	11.7	.3
Baby sitter services		188.4	189.0	15.4	.3
Postal charges		175.3	175.3	0	0
Laundry, flatwork, finished service		184.8	185.9	10.7	.6
Licensed day care services, preschool child		152.1	152.6	9.5	.3
Washing machine repairs		184.0	186.0	14.7	1.1

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1967=100)

Item and group	Other index base	Indexes		Percent change to May 1975 from:	
		April 1975	May 1975	May 1974	April 1975
Apparel and upkeep <sup>6</sup> .....		141.3	141.8	5.0	0.4
Apparel commodities.....		140.3	140.8	4.3	.4
Apparel commodities less footwear.....		139.5	140.1	4.1	.4
Men's and boys'.....		142.2	142.8	5.2	.4
Men's:					
Topcoats and all-weather coats.....		142.4	143.9	(?)	1.1
Suits, year round weight.....		140.6	142.3	5.0	1.2
Sport jackets.....	June 74	102.5	103.5	(?)	1.0
Jackets, lightweight.....		133.6	135.0	8.4	1.0
Slacks, heavyweight.....		119.0	119.7	3.3	.6
Slacks, lightweight.....		143.4	142.6	.6	-.6
Trousers, work.....		151.0	151.0	8.6	0
Shirts, work.....		151.0	151.3	8.8	.2
Shirts, business or dress.....		127.6	128.3	5.1	.5
T-shirts.....		153.6	153.8	9.8	.1
Socks.....		128.3	128.6	6.5	.2
Handkerchiefs.....		153.5	154.4	10.6	.6
Boys':					
Coats, heavyweight.....		109.3	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )
Sport coats, wool or wool blends.....		120.0	120.2	(?)	-.2
Dungarees.....		172.3	172.8	9.7	.3
Undershorts.....		151.4	151.5	8.9	.1
Women's and girls'.....		136.0	136.7	2.2	.5
Women's:					
Coats, heavyweight.....		( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )
Carcoats, heavyweight.....		( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )
Sweaters.....		135.4	135.8	( <sup>5</sup> )	.3
Skirts, winter weight.....		150.7	151.6	( <sup>5</sup> )	.6
Skirts, summer weight.....		148.4	155.8	9.6	5.0
Blouses.....		144.0	142.2	6.1	-1.3
Dresses, street, year round weight.....		144.5	144.7	3.8	.1
Slips.....		113.3	115.5	.6	1.9
Panties.....		139.8	140.3	11.3	.4
Girdles.....		127.5	128.5	4.2	.8
Brassieres.....		141.1	142.6	8.6	1.1
Hose or panty hose, nylon.....		91.1	92.5	.4	1.5
Anklets or knee-length socks.....		131.9	132.7	10.0	.6
Gloves, fabric.....		128.0	128.5	6.0	.4
Handbags.....		170.9	170.4	4.4	-.3
Girls':					
Raincoats.....		128.5	128.3	( <sup>5</sup> )	-.2
Skirts, fall and winter.....		( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )
Dresses.....		129.6	131.8	3.4	1.7
Slacks, fall and winter.....		167.5	166.0	(?)	-.9
Slips.....		126.7	127.0	10.5	.2
Handbags.....		143.3	141.5	-4.1	-1.3
Miscellaneous apparel:					
Diapers.....		182.6	183.1	25.7	.3
Yard goods.....		161.3	159.9	5.5	-.9
Wrist watches, men's and women's.....		133.9	134.6	7.4	.5
Footwear.....		144.4	144.5	5.2	.1
Men's:					
Shoes, street.....		147.4	148.4	5.1	.7
Shoes, work, high.....		159.1	159.0	8.0	-.1
Women's:					
Shoes, street, pump.....		140.3	140.3	3.3	0
Shoes, evening, pump.....		132.0	132.0	3.0	0
Shoes, casual.....		146.7	146.3	5.9	-.3
House slippers, scuff.....		139.7	139.7	4.6	0
Children's:					
Shoes, oxford.....		144.6	144.8	4.9	.1
Sneakers, boys', oxford type.....		148.9	149.3	8.6	.3
Dress shoes, girls'.....		152.1	150.9	6.6	-.8
Apparel services:					
Drycleaning.....		148.9	149.5	11.8	.4
Automatic laundry service.....		132.2	132.6	6.8	.3
Laundry, men's shirts.....		151.2	151.6	8.2	.3
Tailoring charges.....		152.3	152.3	3.8	0
Shoe repairs.....		139.3	140.0	7.4	.5
Transportation.....		146.2	147.4	8.1	.8
Private <sup>8</sup> .....		145.5	146.8	8.5	.9
Automobiles, new.....		127.5	126.8	10.6	-.5
Automobiles, used.....		138.1	142.2	24.3	3.0
Gasoline, regular and premium.....		162.8	165.7	.2	1.8
Motor oil.....		153.8	154.1	7.2	.2
Tires.....		126.3	125.2	7.7	-.9
Auto repairs (mechanical) and maintenance <sup>9</sup> .....		174.7	175.5	14.6	.5
Auto insurance premiums.....		141.9	141.9	2.4	0
Auto registration fees.....		130.8	130.8	1.5	0
Parking fees, private and municipal.....		171.7	171.2	9.0	-.3

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1967=100)

Item and group	Other index base	Indexes		Percent change to May 1975 from:	
		April 1975	May 1975	May 1974	April 1975
<b>Transportation—Continued</b>					
Public .....		152.4	152.5	4.2	0.1
Local transit fares .....		147.8	147.8	-.3	0
Taxicab fares .....		166.8	167.8	15.4	-.6
Railroad fares, coach .....		150.1	150.2	18.2	-.1
Airplane fares, chiefly coach .....		154.3	154.3	9.1	0
Bus fares, intercity .....		175.5	175.5	10.4	0
<b>Health and recreation<sup>1</sup></b>					
Medical care <sup>10</sup> .....		152.1	152.6	10.8	-.3
Drugs and prescriptions .....		165.8	166.8	13.3	-.6
Over-the-counter items .....		117.5	118.1	9.4	-.5
Multiple vitamin concentrates .....		128.8	129.5	12.0	-.5
Aspirin compounds .....		101.2	101.1	5.0	-.1
Liquid tonics .....		130.7	131.9	10.4	-.9
Adhesive bandages, packages .....		114.7	115.0	9.6	-.3
Cold tablets or capsules .....		162.7	164.7	23.7	1.2
Cough syrup .....		124.3	124.9	8.0	-.5
Prescriptions .....		132.6	132.8	11.1	-.2
Anti-infectives .....		108.1	108.5	6.8	-.4
Sedatives and hypnotics .....		70.7	70.9	4.7	-.3
Ataractics .....		153.1	153.2	11.6	-.1
Antispasmodics .....		105.5	105.4	-.7	-.1
Cough preparations .....		119.9	121.7	11.7	1.5
Cardiovasculars and antihypertensives .....		163.1	164.4	14.1	-.8
Analgesics, internal .....		118.7	117.7	3.1	-.8
Anti-obesity .....		117.6	118.8	6.2	1.0
Hormones .....		(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Hormones .....		101.4	101.9	8.3	-.5
Professional services .....					
Physicians' fees .....		166.2	167.2	13.2	-.6
General physician, office visits .....		170.6	171.2	13.6	-.4
General physician, house visits .....		167.2	168.5	13.9	-.8
Obstetrical cases .....		163.6	164.6	13.0	-.6
Pediatric care, office visits .....		169.1	170.3	12.9	-.7
Psychiatrist, office visits .....		149.6	151.8	8.7	1.5
Herniorrhaphy, adult .....		150.2	150.6	10.5	-.3
Tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy .....		160.2	162.2	15.0	1.2
Dentists' fees .....		159.7	161.2	12.1	-.9
Fillings, adult, amalgam, one surface .....		164.4	165.9	12.9	-.9
Extractions, adult .....		158.7	160.7	12.1	1.3
Dentures, full upper .....		150.9	151.9	10.2	-.7
Other professional services .....					
Examination, prescription, and dispensing of eyeglasses .....		148.1	148.7	7.8	-.4
Routine laboratory tests .....		150.5	152.5	16.2	1.3
Hospital service charges .....	Jan. 72	129.3	130.1	16.2	-.6
Semiprivate rooms .....		228.8	230.1	18.3	-.6
Operating room charges .....		234.6	236.3	22.9	-.7
X-ray, diagnostic series, upper GI .....		153.0	154.2	11.8	-.8
Laboratory tests .....	Jan. 72	126.5	127.5	17.1	-.8
Anti-infectives .....	Jan. 72	110.5	110.5	4.8	0
Tranquilizers .....	Jan. 72	116.5	116.9	8.3	-.3
Electrocardiogram .....	Jan. 72	124.5	125.6	14.5	-.9
Intravenous solution .....	Jan. 72	127.4	128.2	19.0	-.6
Physical therapy .....	Jan. 72	133.1	135.9	19.8	2.1
Oxygen, inhalation therapy .....	Jan. 72	124.5	124.9	14.8	-.3
Personal care .....	Jan. 72	149.5	149.9	11.1	-.3
Toilet goods .....		149.2	149.4	14.7	-.1
Toothpaste, standard dentifrice .....		130.3	131.1	16.4	-.6
Toilet soap, hard-milled .....		196.2	195.2	19.7	-.5
Hand lotions .....		150.8	152.6	16.1	1.2
Shaving cream .....		124.3	123.7	13.5	-.5
Face powder .....		150.4	149.5	-2.3	-.6
Deodorants .....		118.8	117.9	12.4	-.8
Cleansing tissues .....		196.3	197.6	30.1	-.7
Home permanent wave kits .....		118.2	119.5	7.8	1.1
Personal care services .....		149.7	150.4	7.5	-.5
Men's haircuts .....		152.6	152.8	7.5	-.1
Beauty shop services .....		147.6	148.7	7.5	-.7
Women's haircuts .....		160.7	162.5	10.8	1.1
Shampoo and wave sets, plain .....		151.1	151.8	7.2	-.5
Permanent waves, cold .....		126.9	127.9	4.2	-.8
Reading and recreation <sup>11</sup> .....		143.5	143.8	8.9	-.2
Recreational goods .....		122.4	122.9	8.1	-.4
TV sets, portable and console .....		101.2	101.3	3.1	-.1
TV replacement tubes .....		155.9	156.9	12.8	-.6
Radios, portable and table models .....		104.0	104.2	2.8	-.2
Tape recorders, portable .....		95.6	95.7	-.5	-.1
Phonograph records, stereophonic .....		121.3	121.9	10.1	-.5
Movie cameras, 8mm .....		93.7	94.0	2.6	-.3
Film, 35mm, color .....		118.2	118.3	6.3	-.1
Golf balls .....		104.4	104.4	-.2	0

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1967=100)

Item and group	Other index base	Indexes		Percent change to May 1975 from:	
		April 1975	May 1975	May 1974	April 1975
Health and recreation—Continued					
Reading and recreation—Continued					
Recreational goods—Continued					
Basketballs, rubber or vinyl cover		143.6	143.9	9.1	0.2
Fishing rods, fresh-water spincasting		119.9	119.9	5.2	0
Bowling balls		124.6	125.5	6.4	.7
Bicycles, boys'		142.7	143.5	8.5	.6
Tricycles		134.1	135.4	11.1	1.0
Dog food, canned or boxed		168.6	168.6	17.1	0
Recreational services					
Indoor movie admissions		148.6	148.7	6.4	.1
Adult		169.1	170.0	6.0	.5
Children's		165.4	166.3	3.5	.5
Drive-in movie admissions		179.4	180.6	13.2	.7
Bowling fees, evening		175.3	174.7	10.7	-.3
Golf green fees		138.2	137.8	6.5	-.3
TV repair		151.6	151.1	3.6	-.3
Film developing		105.1	105.2	4.1	.1
Reading and education:		122.7	123.2	5.1	.4
Newspapers, street sale and delivery		173.3	173.7	15.6	.2
Magazines, single copy and subscription		170.4	170.4	27.4	0
Piano lessons, beginner		138.6	138.6	4.8	0
Other goods and services					
Tobacco products					
Cigarettes, nonfilter tip, regular size		146.8	147.1	9.4	.2
Cigarettes, filter tip, king size		153.2	153.3	9.0	.1
Cigars, domestic, regular size		155.3	155.4	9.2	.1
Alcoholic beverages		155.9	155.9	9.5	0
Beer, at home		123.6	123.9	4.4	.2
Whiskey, spirit blended and straight bourbon		141.7	141.9	9.9	.1
Wine, dessert and table		140.9	140.9	14.0	0
Beer, away from home		113.8	113.2	3.2	-.5
Financial and miscellaneous personal expenses:		153.2	153.9	5.3	.5
Funeral services, adult		155.8	156.5	10.1	.4
Bank service charges, checking account		142.3	142.8	6.6	.4
Legal services, short form will		117.1	119.6	15.8	2.1
		185.5	186.3	7.4	.4

- <sup>1</sup> Also includes hotel and motel rates not shown separately.
- <sup>2</sup> Also includes home purchase costs not shown separately.
- <sup>3</sup> Also includes pine shelving, furnace filters, packaged dry cement mix, and shrubbery not shown separately.
- <sup>4</sup> Also includes window shades, nails, carpet sweepers, air deodorizers, steel wool scouring pads, envelopes, reupholstering, and moving expenses.
- <sup>5</sup> Priced only in season.
- <sup>6</sup> Also includes men's spot shirt, women's and girls' lightweight coats, women's slacks, bathing suits, girls'

- shorts, earrings, and zippers not shown separately.
- <sup>7</sup> Not available.
- <sup>8</sup> Also includes storage batteries and drivers' license fees not shown separately.
- <sup>9</sup> Includes prices for water pump replacement, motor tune-up, automatic transmission repair exhaust system repair, front end alignment, and chassis lubrication.
- <sup>10</sup> Also includes health insurance not shown separately.
- <sup>11</sup> Also includes outboard motors, nondurable toys, college tuition fees, paperback books, and college text books, not shown separately.
- \* Discontinued.

**Table 5. Consumer Price Index—United States and selected areas for urban wage earners and clerical workers, all items most recent index, and percent changes from selected dates**

Area <sup>1</sup>	Pricing schedule <sup>2</sup>	Indexes			Percent change from:		
		1967=100	1957-59=100	Other bases	May 1974	February 1975	April 1975
May 1975							
U.S. city average	M	159.3	185.2		9.5	1.3	0.4
Chicago	M	155.5	176.7		8.1	.7	-.3
Detroit	M	158.3	181.8		8.1	1.0	.3
Los Angeles—Long Beach	M	156.9	184.5		11.8	3.1	.8
N.Y.—Northeastern N.J.	M	<sup>3</sup> 164.3	<sup>4</sup> 195.5		7.7	.7	.4
Philadelphia	M	162.0	189.2		8.5	1.0	.4
April 1975							
Boston	1	159.0	190.5		9.5	1.7	
Houston	1	161.4	184.6		12.9	1.3	
Minneapolis—St. Paul	1	156.8	181.8		8.1	.4	
Pittsburgh	1	157.7	181.3		9.4	2.1	
May 1975							
Buffalo	2	160.4		<sup>5</sup> 176.3	8.7	1.8	
Cleveland	2	159.5	180.1		9.2	1.1	
Dallas	2	155.8		<sup>5</sup> 168.4	8.9	1.2	
Milwaukee	2	155.4	175.5		9.4	2.1	
San Diego	2	158.8		<sup>6</sup> 166.9	9.4	1.0	
Seattle	2	154.5	181.5		10.9	1.8	
Washington	2	160.0	186.5		8.4	1.3	
March 1975							
Atlanta	3	158.5	182.3		10.0	1.7	
Baltimore	3	162.9	189.1		10.6	1.8	
Cincinnati	3	156.0	177.0		10.4	1.4	
Honolulu	3	151.4		<sup>7</sup> 163.2	9.9	2.2	
Kansas City	3	154.8	183.7		11.7	1.4	
St. Louis	3	152.4	178.1		10.3	2.6	
San Francisco—Oakland	3	156.0	185.7		12.1	2.6	

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

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

M — Every month.

1 — January, April, July, and October.

2 — February, May, August, and November.

3 — March, June, September, and December.

<sup>3</sup> Revised indexes: 1/74=146.9; 2/74=149.2; 3/74=151.0; 4/74=150.9; 5/74=152.6; 6/74=153.8; 7/74=154.5; 8/74=157.0; 9/74=158.8; 10/74=160.2; 11/74=161.0; 12/74=161.8; 1/75=161.9; 4/75=163.7.

<sup>4</sup> Revised indexes: 1/74=174.8; 2/74=177.5; 3/74=179.6; 4/74=179.6; 5/74=181.5; 6/74=183.0; 7/74=183.9; 8/74=186.8; 9/74=189.0; 10/74=190.6; 11/74=191.6; 12/74=192.6; 1/75=192.6; 4/75=194.8.

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

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

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

NOTE: Revisions in indexes shown in footnotes 3 and 4 are the result of retroactive increases in residential rents for rent controlled units in New York City.

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

**Table 6. Consumer Price Index—United States and selected areas<sup>1</sup> for urban wage earners and clerical workers, major groups, percent change from April 1975 to May 1975**

Expenditure class	U.S. city average	Chicago	Detroit	Los Angeles—Long Beach	New York—Northeastern New Jersey	Philadelphia
All items	0.4	-0.3	0.3	0.8	0.4	0.4
Food	.4	-1.1	.5	.4	.3	.7
Housing	.4	-.3	-.1	1.2	.3	.2
Apparel and upkeep	.4	-.4	-.1	.8	.6	-.4
Transportation	.8	.8	.6	1.2	.2	.6
Health and recreation	.3	0	.3	.6	.4	.3
Medical care	.6	.6	.4	.9	.8	.2
Personal care	.3	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
Reading and recreation	.2	-.3	.2	.6	.1	1.9
Other goods and services	.2	.1	0	.1	-.1	-.2

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

<sup>2</sup> Not available.

**Table 7. Consumer Price Index—United States and selected areas<sup>1</sup> for urban wage earners and clerical workers, commodity groups, May 1975 index, and percent changes from February 1975**

Group	U.S. city average	Chicago	Detroit	Los Angeles—Long Beach	New York—Northeastern New Jersey	Philadelphia
Indexes (1967=100)						
All items	159.3	155.5	158.3	156.9	164.3	162.0
Food	171.8	170.3	168.6	167.0	176.0	175.6
Food at home	171.6	170.4	168.0	169.0	176.2	174.0
Cereals and bakery products	187.0	185.8	195.9	185.6	189.1	189.6
Meats, poultry, and fish	168.2	171.0	164.0	169.0	170.7	173.1
Dairy products	153.6	144.1	155.6	150.2	156.9	153.4
Fruits and vegetables	169.0	173.2	158.1	162.9	179.2	170.2
Other food at home	182.7	177.9	175.0	176.5	189.3	185.3
Food away from home	172.8	170.0	172.0	161.3	175.7	182.9
Housing	<sup>2</sup> 165.3	156.0	162.2	165.2	<sup>5</sup> 171.0	169.7
Shelter	<sup>3</sup> 168.2	159.2	168.8	170.4	<sup>6</sup> 171.7	179.1
Rent, residential	<sup>4</sup> 136.4	132.2	( <sup>8</sup> )	133.9	( <sup>7</sup> )	145.2
Homeownership	180.1	171.7	175.5	181.8	186.4	188.0
Fuel and utilities	165.5	150.9	159.0	157.0	182.8	162.4
Fuel oil and coal	230.2	213.0	217.7	-	236.7	220.5
Gas and electricity	167.3	152.9	169.2	181.1	191.2	163.8
Household furnishings and operation	157.4	149.4	144.2	151.3	162.2	157.1
Apparel and upkeep	141.8	136.4	136.6	136.2	140.7	135.0
Men's and boys'	142.8	135.1	144.6	130.5	138.8	141.9
Women's and girls'	136.7	134.0	123.3	134.3	134.8	120.1
Footwear	144.5	138.7	146.7	141.1	141.5	144.0
Transportation	147.4	148.4	146.1	150.1	154.7	149.8
Private	146.8	145.8	145.0	151.7	151.3	149.6
Public	152.5	164.9	158.9	120.0	168.0	151.3
Health and recreation	152.6	152.4	159.7	146.8	158.6	156.9
Medical care	166.8	165.2	183.7	164.1	179.7	179.7
Personal care	149.9	( <sup>8</sup> )	( <sup>8</sup> )	( <sup>8</sup> )	148.2	( <sup>8</sup> )
Reading and recreation	143.8	144.7	145.2	132.8	147.9	147.6
Other goods and services	147.1	149.9	149.6	141.6	153.7	149.7
Percent changes February 1975 to May 1975						
All items	1.3	0.7	1.0	3.1	0.7	1.0
Food	.1	-1.6	.5	.4	-.3	.9
Food at home	-.2	-2.2	.2	-1.1	-.7	.5
Cereals and bakery products	-.2	-3.9	1.6	-1.1	-.4	.2
Meats, poultry, and fish	3.4	3.4	3.2	4.8	2.2	4.0
Dairy products	-1.3	-5.8	-1.0	-1.3	-2.8	.1
Fruits and vegetables	1.4	.4	2.4	-.2	-1.2	1.0
Other food at home	-5.4	-9.7	-6.0	-5.4	-4.5	-4.7
Food away from home	1.3	1.3	1.7	2.0	1.2	2.7
Housing	1.5	1.4	.5	5.4	.9	.7
Shelter	1.4	1.0	-.7	6.7	.8	1.0
Rent, residential	1.0	<sup>9</sup> .8	( <sup>8</sup> )	<sup>9</sup> .9	( <sup>9</sup> )	<sup>9</sup> .8
Homeownership	1.6	.9	-1.0	8.0	.9	.8
Fuel and utilities	2.0	4.4	4.5	2.8	.2	-3.5
Fuel oil and coal	.3	1.6	.6	-	-.3	-.4
Gas and electricity	2.8	7.8	5.9	3.8	.2	-7.4
Household furnishings and operation	1.7	.5	2.4	1.5	1.8	2.8
Apparel and upkeep	1.1	1.4	1.6	1.4	-.4	.2
Men's and boys'	1.6	3.8	1.7	.8	-.5	.6
Women's and girls'	1.0	.2	1.7	1.7	-2.0	-.4
Footwear	1.0	1.0	1.7	.7	1.3	.9
Transportation	2.7	2.6	2.4	3.7	1.8	2.0
Private	3.0	3.0	2.5	3.8	2.4	2.5
Public	.1	-.1	.1	2.0	-.1	-.1
Health and recreation	1.6	1.2	1.3	2.2	1.3	1.1
Medical care	2.3	2.0	1.9	2.9	2.8	1.8
Personal care	1.4	( <sup>8</sup> )	( <sup>8</sup> )	( <sup>8</sup> )	2.3	( <sup>8</sup> )
Reading and recreation	1.4	1.3	.9	1.2	.5	1.9
Other goods and services	.8	.4	.3	1.3	.1	.3

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 7. Consumer Price Index—United States and selected areas<sup>1</sup> for urban wage earners and clerical workers, commodity groups, May 1975 index, and percent changes from February 1975—Continued**

Group	Buffalo	Cleveland	Dallas	Milwaukee	San Diego	Seattle	Washington
Indexes (1967=100)							
All items .....	160.4	159.5	155.8	155.4	158.8	154.5	160.0
Food .....	171.2	171.0	169.3	167.5	171.0	167.6	176.9
Food at home .....	170.6	171.3	167.2	167.7	169.5	170.8	175.8
Cereals and bakery products .....	195.1	189.7	181.9	188.1	181.5	188.0	190.0
Meats, poultry, and fish .....	166.6	167.8	162.3	161.1	174.2	173.7	166.5
Dairy products .....	151.5	153.1	149.1	147.9	150.8	157.3	144.8
Fruits and vegetables .....	165.3	167.6	165.0	173.0	164.0	159.5	181.7
Other food at home .....	180.5	180.9	177.8	177.6	172.0	177.2	198.5
Food away from home .....	174.7	169.9	177.1	166.1	174.6	157.2	179.4
Housing .....	169.1	157.1	155.3	154.2	169.3	162.6	160.3
Shelter .....	162.1	158.6	160.1	152.6	183.4	168.3	160.6
Rent, residential .....	139.4	122.8	121.1	136.1	147.5	130.0	139.2
Homeownership .....	166.4	165.0	177.7	157.8	198.4	179.6	173.1
Fuel and utilities .....	203.6	158.2	138.5	162.3	147.1	156.8	163.0
Fuel oil and coal .....	226.5	-	-	225.5	-	214.8	228.8
Gas and electricity .....	215.2	166.6	136.8	166.0	159.8	126.1	180.5
Household furnishings and operation .....	163.1	150.3	153.9	152.8	144.4	152.6	158.1
Apparel and upkeep .....	152.2	145.1	140.0	152.3	142.1	139.6	144.8
Men's and boys' .....	175.6	144.7	146.0	156.4	144.2	141.1	148.5
Women's and girls' .....	145.3	148.0	130.4	148.7	140.1	132.1	134.1
Footwear .....	140.6	137.3	140.9	154.1	140.6	139.4	150.1
Transportation .....	145.0	153.1	153.6	149.5	150.4	134.5	150.0
Private .....	144.0	149.2	153.3	143.7	152.1	138.0	149.9
Public .....	155.2	<sup>10</sup> 178.5	<sup>11</sup> 158.2	220.4	119.2	113.9	151.1
Health and recreation .....	148.7	163.1	152.3	149.4	144.5	145.1	155.9
Medical care .....	154.1	183.3	160.7	161.2	159.4	156.9	178.0
Personal care .....	151.4	157.6	157.4	154.0	143.4	146.5	146.9
Reading and recreation .....	143.3	150.0	144.1	145.2	134.0	141.3	140.8
Other goods and services .....	147.1	156.8	145.6	141.4	139.3	137.6	155.2
Percent changes February 1975 to May 1975							
All items .....	1.8	1.1	1.2	2.1	1.0	1.8	1.3
Food .....	1.4	.7	.7	-.9	.1	1.3	.2
Food at home .....	1.2	.6	.5	-1.3	.1	1.5	-.3
Cereals and bakery products .....	1.6	-2.9	1.2	-1.1	-1.1	1.0	-.9
Meats, poultry, and fish .....	3.9	6.4	5.6	1.8	6.3	7.4	4.1
Dairy products .....	.9	1.7	.2	-4.6	-1.0	.1	.1
Fruits and vegetables .....	3.0	1.7	1.9	3.1	.1	2.0	2.9
Other food at home .....	-3.4	-4.5	-6.1	-6.3	-7.0	-4.8	-7.1
Food away from home .....	1.8	.9	1.4	.8	.3	1.0	1.5
Housing .....	2.8	1.0	.9	4.6	.3	1.9	2.0
Shelter .....	2.3	.9	.4	6.2	-.1	1.9	2.0
Rent, residential .....	1.4	1.2	1.1	1.7	1.4	2.3	1.7
Homeownership .....	2.4	.8	.1	7.6	-.5	1.8	2.0
Fuel and utilities .....	5.9	.8	4.8	4.7	3.0	.9	2.8
Fuel oil and coal .....	-1.9	-	-	-3.6	-	.3	.7
Gas and electricity .....	8.2	.9	4.9	9.2	2.9	1.1	3.5
Household furnishings and operation .....	1.4	1.3	.2	.5	.4	2.7	1.4
Apparel and upkeep .....	.7	.6	-.1	3.1	2.5	1.5	.6
Men's and boys' .....	2.7	2.3	-.4	2.6	1.6	-.9	3.1
Women's and girls' .....	-1.6	1.1	-1.0	5.5	5.0	4.8	-.4
Footwear .....	1.4	-2.6	.1	-.1	1.8	-.6	.8
Transportation .....	2.3	2.5	3.1	1.8	2.8	2.9	2.5
Private .....	2.4	2.8	3.3	2.0	2.9	3.3	3.0
Public .....	.1	-.1	-.1	0	-.1	.2	-.1
Health and recreation .....	.7	1.7	1.4	1.6	1.1	1.4	1.5
Medical care .....	1.7	1.8	1.8	2.5	1.7	2.0	1.6
Personal care .....	.5	.3	1.9	2.7	.9	1.9	1.7
Reading and recreation .....	-.7	2.1	1.3	1.5	.6	1.4	2.0
Other goods and services .....	.9	1.8	.5	.5	1.2	.6	.3

<sup>1</sup> See footnote 1, table 5.  
<sup>2</sup> Revised indexes: February 1974, 143.5; April 1974, 146.1; August 1974, 152.9; January 1975, 161.3; February 1975, 162.8.  
<sup>3</sup> Revised indexes: January 1974, 147.5; February 1974, 148.4; March 1974, 149.5; April 1974, 150.3; May 1974, 151.4; June 1974, 152.9; July 1974, 154.5; August 1974, 156.2; September 1974, 158.2; October 1974, 160.0; November 1974, 161.3; December 1974, 163.1; 1974 Annual average 154.4; January 1975, 164.4; February 1975, 165.9.  
<sup>4</sup> Revised indexes: January 1974, 127.7; February 1974, 128.4; March 1974, 128.7; April 1974, 129.2; May 1974, 129.6; June 1974, 130.2; July 1974, 130.6; August 1974, 131.2; September 1974, 131.8; October 1974, 132.5; November 1974, 133.1; December 1974, 133.7; 1974 Annual average, 130.6; January 1975, 134.5.  
<sup>5</sup> Revised indexes: January 1974, 153.9; February 1974, 155.1; March 1974, 157.6; April 1974, 157.6; May 1974, 158.8; June 1974, 159.7; July 1974, 160.6; August 1974, 162.3; September 1974, 164.3; October 1974, 165.9; November 1974, 167.2; December 1974, 168.2; 1974 Annual average 160.9; January 1975, 168.2; February 1975, 169.4; March 1975, 168.9; April 1975, 170.5; May 1975, 171.5.  
<sup>6</sup> Revised indexes: January 1974, 159.2; February 1974, 160.0; March 1974, 162.1; April 1974, 162.2; May 1974, 162.7; June 1974, 163.7; July 1974, 164.2; August 1974, 164.9; September 1974, 166.9; October 1974, 167.9; November 1974, 168.9; December 1974, 169.7; 1974 Annual average 164.4; January 1975, 169.9; February 1975, 170.3; March 1975, 169.7; April 1975, 170.8.  
<sup>7</sup> Revised indexes: February 1974, 142.7; April 1974, 143.7; June 1974, 144.7; August 1974, 145.7; October 1974, 147.2; December 1974, 148.5; 1974 Annual average 145.0; February 1975, 151.1; April 1975, 151.9.  
<sup>8</sup> Not available.  
<sup>9</sup> Change from March 1975.  
<sup>10</sup> Revised indexes: 1974 Annual average 172.8; February 1975, 178.6.  
<sup>11</sup> Revised indexes: August 1974, 152.3; November 1974, 152.8; 1974 Annual average 151.6; February 1975, 158.4.

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

Area <sup>1</sup>	Total food	Food at home						Food away from home
		Total	Cereals and bakery products	Meats, poultry, and fish,	Dairy products	Fruits and vegetables	Other foods at home	
Indexes (1967=100)								
U.S. city average .....	171.8	171.6	187.0	168.2	153.6	169.0	182.7	172.8
Atlanta .....	177.3	179.3	190.3	173.1	164.8	177.3	190.7	170.6
Baltimore .....	173.6	172.7	178.4	169.4	151.8	172.3	188.5	176.8
Boston .....	170.9	170.3	190.8	166.0	146.2	169.1	181.9	173.0
Buffalo .....	171.2	170.6	195.1	166.6	151.5	165.3	180.5	174.7
Chicago .....	170.3	170.4	185.8	171.0	144.1	173.2	177.9	170.0
Cincinnati .....	174.3	177.2	195.5	170.8	162.4	176.1	189.5	163.1
Cleveland .....	171.0	171.3	189.7	167.8	153.1	167.6	180.9	169.9
Dallas .....	169.3	167.2	181.9	162.3	149.1	165.0	177.8	177.1
Detroit .....	168.6	168.0	195.9	164.0	155.6	158.1	175.0	172.0
Honolulu .....	173.4	172.6	190.1	167.0	164.6	168.1	178.6	175.0
Houston .....	177.4	174.0	184.9	169.3	166.5	175.7	181.2	186.1
Kansas City .....	173.7	174.9	185.5	164.2	172.6	170.0	186.5	171.0
Los Angeles—Long Beach .....	167.0	169.0	185.6	169.0	150.2	162.9	176.5	161.3
Milwaukee .....	167.5	167.7	188.1	161.1	147.9	173.0	177.6	166.1
Minneapolis—St. Paul .....	174.4	172.3	194.0	169.9	155.8	166.7	180.5	183.7
N.Y.—Northeastern N.J. ....	176.0	176.2	189.1	170.7	156.9	179.2	189.3	175.7
Philadelphia .....	175.6	174.0	189.6	173.1	153.4	170.2	185.3	182.9
Pittsburgh .....	174.3	172.7	194.9	168.4	148.9	173.2	182.4	183.8
St. Louis .....	171.9	172.3	196.6	163.7	156.7	174.1	180.4	170.1
San Diego .....	171.0	169.5	181.5	174.2	150.8	164.0	172.0	174.6
San Francisco—Oakland .....	168.5	172.8	186.6	173.7	152.0	168.7	181.4	153.2
Seattle .....	167.6	170.8	188.0	173.7	157.3	159.5	177.2	157.2
Washington .....	176.9	175.8	190.0	166.5	144.8	181.7	198.5	179.4
Percent changes April 1975 to May 1975								
U.S. city average .....	0.4	0.4	-1.0	4.0	-0.8	0.7	-3.0	0.3
Atlanta .....	-.1	-.2	-.8	2.3	.8	.5	-3.4	.2
Baltimore .....	-.1	-.3	-1.7	2.2	.4	-.5	-3.1	.5
Boston .....	-.1	-.1	.6	2.2	-3.4	1.4	-3.3	.3
Buffalo .....	.5	.4	-1.2	3.8	.7	.4	-3.1	.6
Chicago .....	-1.1	-1.4	-4.9	4.9	-5.0	-1.5	-6.7	.2
Cincinnati .....	1.0	1.3	-.1	5.4	-1.8	2.1	-2.2	.1
Cleveland .....	.4	.3	-2.0	4.6	-1.7	.7	-3.2	.8
Dallas .....	.4	.5	-.7	6.2	-.4	-2.0	-3.3	.3
Detroit .....	.5	.7	-.6	3.7	-.6	1.5	-2.9	.2
Honolulu .....	.4	.2	-1.4	3.3	.3	-.4	-3.0	.9
Houston .....	.5	.6	-.9	3.9	-.3	1.3	-2.7	.2
Kansas City .....	-.1	-.1	-.9	1.9	.9	1.2	-3.4	-.3
Los Angeles—Long Beach .....	.4	.4	-1.7	4.5	-1.3	.9	-2.9	.3
Milwaukee .....	.1	-.1	-3.3	3.9	-2.2	1.8	-2.7	( <sup>2</sup> )
Minneapolis—St. Paul .....	.4	.2	-.7	3.3	.1	-.3	-2.2	1.4
N.Y.—Northeastern N.J. ....	.3	.4	-.2	3.7	-.8	-1.2	-2.5	.2
Philadelphia .....	.7	.7	.7	3.8	-.3	.2	-3.0	1.0
Pittsburgh .....	.1	.2	-.7	3.0	-1.0	2.2	-3.7	-.1
St. Louis .....	1.4	1.6	-.9	5.1	-.1	3.1	-1.6	.4
San Diego .....	.8	1.0	-1.6	5.2	-1.0	3.0	-3.4	( <sup>2</sup> )
San Francisco—Oakland .....	.9	1.1	.2	5.4	-.7	-.1	-2.7	0
Seattle .....	1.0	1.1	-.3	5.3	.4	.9	-2.5	.3
Washington .....	.7	.7	-1.5	3.0	0	3.8	-2.4	.5

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

<sup>2</sup> Not available.

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

(October 1973=100)

Area <sup>1</sup>	Regular gasoline			Premium gasoline		
	Index		Percent change to May 1975 from—	Index		Percent change to May 1975 from—
	April 1975	May 1975		April 1975	May 1975	
U.S. city average <sup>2</sup> .....	164.5	167.4	1.8	158.8	161.4	1.6
Atlanta .....	136.8	139.9	2.3	136.4	139.4	2.2
Baltimore .....	136.8	139.6	2.0	135.5	137.0	1.1
Boston .....	134.6	135.6	.7	132.1	133.3	.9
Buffalo .....	134.4	138.6	3.1	132.4	136.3	2.9
Chicago .....	131.7	133.3	1.2	128.7	130.9	1.7
Cincinnati .....	132.8	136.0	2.4	130.4	133.5	2.4
Cleveland .....	134.6	136.7	1.6	132.2	134.2	1.5
Dallas .....	141.0	145.6	3.3	137.7	141.8	3.0
Detroit .....	129.6	130.5	.7	127.7	128.7	.8
Honolulu .....	137.8	143.6	4.2	134.3	140.5	4.6
Houston .....	138.9	143.1	3.1	136.8	140.7	2.9
Kansas City .....	132.4	136.3	2.9	130.4	133.8	2.6
Los Angeles—Long Beach .....	134.9	136.5	1.2	132.5	134.3	1.4
Milwaukee .....	130.9	133.5	2.0	130.4	133.1	2.1
Minneapolis—St. Paul .....	130.5	133.4	2.2	129.8	132.3	1.9
N.Y.—Northeastern N.J. ....	131.5	132.1	.5	131.8	132.3	.4
Philadelphia .....	133.5	137.0	2.6	133.0	134.9	1.4
Pittsburgh .....	135.8	138.4	1.9	132.5	133.9	1.1
St. Louis .....	130.9	134.5	2.8	129.7	132.6	2.2
San Diego .....	135.4	137.4	1.5	133.4	135.6	1.6
San Francisco—Oakland .....	135.6	136.5	.7	133.2	134.1	.7
Seattle .....	133.7	136.2	1.9	131.0	132.9	1.5
Washington .....	135.0	137.6	1.9	132.2	134.7	1.9

<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 Area

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

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

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

Area <sup>1</sup>	Regular gasoline			Premium gasoline		
	Average price per gallon					
	March 1975	April 1975	May 1975	March 1975	April 1975	May 1975
U.S. city average .....	\$0.534	\$0.540	\$0.550	\$0.576	\$0.581	\$0.591
Atlanta .....	.534	.544	.556	.582	.591	.604
Baltimore .....	.551	.560	.571	.598	.607	.613
Boston .....	.539	.545	.549	.583	.586	.591
Buffalo .....	.534	.541	.558	.572	.580	.597
Chicago .....	.548	.554	.561	.584	.591	.601
Cincinnati .....	.533	.538	.551	.576	.579	.593
Cleveland .....	.539	.548	.557	.582	.588	.597
Dallas .....	.491	.496	.512	.533	.536	.552
Detroit .....	.537	.541	.545	.582	.584	.588
Honolulu .....	.607	.623	.649	.638	.654	.684
Houston .....	.479	.482	.497	.524	.528	.543
Kansas City .....	.496	.506	.521	.540	.549	.564
Los Angeles—Long Beach .....	.535	.545	.551	.575	.583	.591
Milwaukee .....	.501	.504	.514	.546	.551	.562
Minneapolis—St. Paul .....	.503	.516	.527	.554	.564	.575
N.Y.—Northeastern N.J. ....	.552	.557	.560	.602	.604	.606
Philadelphia .....	.529	.533	.547	.585	.590	.598
Pittsburgh .....	.534	.543	.554	.575	.586	.592
St. Louis .....	.523	.532	.547	.566	.575	.588
San Diego .....	.553	.560	.569	.592	.599	.609
San Francisco—Oakland .....	.568	.579	.583	.609	.618	.622
Seattle .....	.527	.538	.548	.568	.579	.588
Washington .....	.552	.558	.569	.598	.602	.614

<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 Area

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

## Brief Explanation of the CPI

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

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

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

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

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

## A Note About Calculating Index Changes

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

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

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

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

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

## A Note on Seasonally Adjusted and Unadjusted Data

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

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

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

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









# Reliability of Percent Changes in the CPI

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

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

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

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

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

This replaces the table of average errors based on 1973 data which was included in the CPI report through January 1975.

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

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