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# Price Movements

June 1976

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) rose 0.5 percent in June before seasonal adjustment to 170.1 percent of its 1967 base. Compared with a year ago, the June CPI was up 5.9 percent.

## Seasonally adjusted changes

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI also rose 0.5 percent in June compared with an increase of 0.6 percent in May and an average monthly increase of about 0.3 percent in the first 4 months of this year. The increase in food prices of 0.2 percent was considerably smaller than in April or May. However, prices for the energy group—including gasoline, motor oil, fuel oil, coal, natural gas, and electricity—increased much more than in May—1.9 percent compared with 1.0 percent—and accounted for almost one-third of the June rise in the CPI.

## Price changes, second quarter

For the 3 months ending in June, the CPI rose at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 6.1 percent, compared

with a 2.9-percent rate in the 3 months ending in March, and a 7.3-percent rate in the final quarter of 1975. An upturn in food and energy prices contributed greatly to the acceleration in the second quarter just as earlier declines in prices of these items accounted for much of the slowdown from the fourth quarter of 1975 to the first quarter of this year. Excluding food and energy items, the CPI rose at about a 5.5-percent rate in the second quarter, compared with about a 7.7-percent rate in the first quarter (table B).

Changes in the CPI are influenced partly by behavior of prices at the producers' level. The Wholesale Price Index, (WPI) which measures prices at the primary market level for commodities from the raw to the finished stage, declined 1.8 percent in the 3 months ending in March, but advanced at a 6.6-percent rate in the 3 months ending in June. This change in direction stemmed primarily from price increases for farm products and processed foods and feeds. Prices of industrial commodities increased at a 3.6-percent rate in the 3 months ending in June, about the

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
	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	From 3 months ago	
									Seasonally adjusted	Unad-justed
<b>1975:</b>										
June .....	0.8	0.7	1.5	1.2	0.5	0.4	0.7	0.7	7.0	9.3
July .....	1.1	1.0	2.4	1.8	.7	.9	.5	.5	9.1	9.7
August .....	.3	.4	-.3	-.2	.5	.6	.5	.4	8.5	8.6
September .....	.5	.4	-.2	.3	.5	.3	1.0	.8	7.4	7.8
October .....	.6	.6	.7	.9	.5	.3	.6	.6	5.8	7.6
November .....	.6	.6	.4	.6	.3	.3	1.1	1.0	6.8	7.3
December .....	.4	.5	.5	.6	.1	.4	.6	.6	7.3	7.0
<b>1976:</b>										
January .....	.2	.4	.1	-.2	-.3	.2	1.0	1.1	6.5	6.8
February .....	.2	.1	-.4	-1.0	.3	.3	.7	.7	4.4	6.3
March .....	.2	.2	-.7	-.8	.4	.3	.6	.7	2.9	6.1
April .....	.4	.4	.3	.6	.6	.3	.3	.5	2.9	6.1
May .....	.6	.6	.4	1.0	.8	.6	.4	.4	4.9	6.2
June .....	.5	.5	.5	.2	.6	.5	.6	.6	6.1	5.9

**Table B. Quarterly percent changes in selected components of the Consumer and Wholesale Price Indexes, 1975-76**

Component	Compound annual rate, seasonally adjusted, for 3 months ending—					
	1975				1976	
	March	June	September	December	March	June
<b>CONSUMER PRICE INDEX</b>						
All items .....	6.6	7.0	7.4	7.3	2.9	6.1
Food .....	.5	9.7	8.0	8.3	-7.9	7.2
Commodities less food .....	8.0	5.3	7.5	4.3	2.9	5.6
Services .....	9.3	6.8	7.4	9.3	11.1	6.2
All items less food and energy items .....	9.4	5.1	5.8	7.1	7.7	5.5
Commodities less food and energy items .....	9.4	4.2	5.0	4.4	5.2	5.7
Services less energy items ..	8.5	6.3	6.7	9.3	11.1	5.3
Energy items (gas, electricity, fuel oil, coal, gasoline, motor oil) .....	1.4	17.0	23.6	6.0	-8.3	10.7
<b>WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX</b>						
All commodities .....	-5.2	6.5	10.8	6.5	-1.8	6.6
Farm products and processed foods and feeds .....	-24.7	18.3	18.3	-4.1	-15.8	18.0
Crude foods and feeds .....	-37.4	63.8	17.0	-2.4	-24.7	30.7
Intermediate materials for food manufacturing .....	-46.6	-39.4	22.3	-26.2	-11.1	-3.4
Consumer foods .....	-14.3	28.7	11.2	.9	-20.5	16.8
Industrial commodities .....	3.9	2.1	8.0	10.8	3.2	3.6
Crude materials except foods .....	-13.0	13.5	16.7	4.4	1.9	17.3
Intermediate materials except feeds .....	4.4	-.2	5.8	12.1	3.7	3.3
Producers' finished goods ..	12.7	4.8	6.3	9.1	6.8	2.3
Consumer finished goods except food .....	3.5	4.1	10.7	9.3	.5	3.3

same as in the first quarter, and well below the 10.8-percent rate in the last 3 months of 1975. If fuel products are excluded, prices of industrial commodities rose at about a 3.3-percent rate in the second quarter, compared with a 6.1-percent rate in the first quarter.

*Food.* Because of their volatility, prices of farm products and food have a great influence on quarter-to-quarter changes in both the WPI and the CPI. In the 3 months ending in June, food prices in the CPI rose at a 7.2-percent rate, consumer food prices in the WPI at a 16.8-percent rate, and farm products (WPI) 22.1 percent; these groups had declined 7.9 percent, 20.5 percent, and 21.0 percent, respectively, in the 3 months ending in March. It is typical in the food component for the magnitude of change—both increases and decreases—to be greater at the farm than at the processors' level, and greater at the processors' level than at retail. Also, changes in farm and processors' prices

are reflected in retail prices almost immediately or with a short lag for less processed foods and with a longer lag for processed foods (table B).

An upturn in prices at the farm level for cattle, hogs, poultry, and eggs, and sharp advances for coffee accounted for much of the rise in retail food prices in the second quarter. In addition, prices of cereal and bakery products rose for the first time since early 1975, following an upturn in processors' prices in the first quarter. Among other foods, prices for dairy products continued to increase. On the other hand, prices for fresh and processed fruits and vegetables and sugar continued to decline.

Most of the rise in farm and food prices occurred early in the second quarter, as changes in cattle and beef prices greatly influenced the behavior of these indexes. After declining at a 64.4-percent rate in the first quarter, cattle prices rose at a 34.4-percent rate in the quarter ending in June. All of this increase, however, occurred in April when marketings were reduced and when retailers were building

of these products rose sharply in the second half of 1975 and early 1976. In contrast, prices for nonferrous metals moved up after declining in the first quarter, and increases accelerated for steel mill products and nonmetallic mineral products. Leather prices continued to move up rapidly as they have since early 1975.

In the lumber group, prices of softwood lumber declined due to an oversupply caused by a slower rise in housing starts than had been anticipated. Prices for hardwood lumber—used in furniture production—leveled out in the second quarter after rising sharply in the first quarter.

Textiles declined mostly because demand for synthetic, double-knit fabrics was depressed as fashion preference shifted to woven goods. Prices of cotton fabrics and yarns rose at rapid rates due to increased demand and sharp advances in prices of raw cotton over the past year. The declines in prices of industrial chemicals, the slower rise for plastic materials, and the continued moderate increase for paper products reflected a slower rise in demand than had been expected. An exception among paper products was the price of newsprint which rose sharply as production was at near-capacity levels due to continued strong demand.

Prices rose in the second quarter for all types of nonferrous metals—copper, aluminum, lead, tin—and for metal products at all levels of production from semiprocessed to fabricated products. The rise for nonferrous metal products, as well as for steel mill products, reflected strong demand from the automotive industry. In addition, output of producers' durable equipment—a major market for steel products—has risen this year, after declining through most of 1975. Among nonmetallic mineral products, prices of auto safety glass rose sharply, but increases in construction materials were moderate.

Prices for raw industrial materials—which have an impact on prices of semiprocessed products—rose at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 17.3 percent in the quarter ending in June, much faster than in the two preceding quarters. The acceleration was primarily due to an upturn in nonferrous scrap and crude petroleum prices and a faster rise for gas fuels. (Crude petroleum and gas fuels together account for almost half of the weight of the raw industrials component in the WPI.) Prices for iron and steel scrap, wastepaper, hides and skins, and crude rubber continued to rise, but at a slower rate than in the first quarter. The slower rise in prices of iron and steel scrap was due to plentiful supply and weak export demand. The increase in prices for hides and skins was substantially smaller than increases during the past year, when brisk demand, both domestic and foreign, and limited supply contributed to a strong hide market. Recently, however, tanners have resisted high prices by not entering the market.

*Services.* Prices of consumer services in the CPI rose at an annual rate of 6.2 percent in the second quarter, compared

with 10.6 percent in the initial quarter of 1976. The slowdown in the June quarter reversed the accelerating trend that began in mid-1975. The rise in the services index in the fourth quarter of 1975 and the first quarter of 1976 had accounted for more than 50 percent of the rise in the all-items CPI during each of those quarters. However, in the second quarter, the increase in service prices was the smallest since the second quarter of 1973, and contributed less than one-third of the rise in the all-items CPI. Charges for transportation services in the second quarter rose less than one-fourth as much as in the previous 3 months. Increases for medical care, household, and selected other services were also significantly less than in the previous quarter. Residential rent charges rose at a rate of 5.1 percent, about the same as in the initial quarter of 1976.

Transportation services, which had risen at rates of over 15 percent in each quarter since September 1975, increased at a rate of 5.0 percent in the second quarter. The impact of rising automobile insurance rates was considerably less in the second quarter; insurance premium rose at a rate of 8.8 percent compared with annual rates above 50 percent in the previous two quarters. Automobile repairs and maintenance charges also increased less than in the previous two quarters. The increases for such auto repairs as exhaust system and water pump replacement were notably smaller in the second quarter. In the public transportation sector, local transit fares were unchanged following an increase in the first quarter. However, airline and railroad fares rose more in the June quarter than in the previous 3 months.

Declining mortgage interest rates and property taxes, along with smaller increases for property insurance rates, slowed the second quarter rate of increase in household services to 6.3 percent from its 9.1-percent rate in the initial quarter. Mortgage interest rates began to decline in January 1976, but the decline in the second quarter was larger than in the first quarter as conventional mortgage interest rates continued to fall and VA- and FHA-insured loans fell slightly. Savings inflows to lending institutions continued strong and the supply of lendable funds continued to be ample. However, uncertainties as to a tighter monetary policy and a possible rise in interest rates along with a fear of re-emerging inflation caused some lenders to move cautiously.

Among other household services, property taxes declined slightly in the second quarter—the first decline since mid-1974. Property insurance rates, which had increased at a rate of nearly 15.0 percent in the first quarter of 1976, rose at a 12.3 percent rate in the June quarter. Housekeeping services, which rose in the first quarter as minimum wages rose on January 1, increased only half as much in the second quarter. However, gas and electricity rates rose nearly twice as much as in the previous quarter. Larger fuel cost adjustments for purchased natural gas coupled with selected rate changes pushed the natural gas index up at a rate of about 20 percent—nearly double the

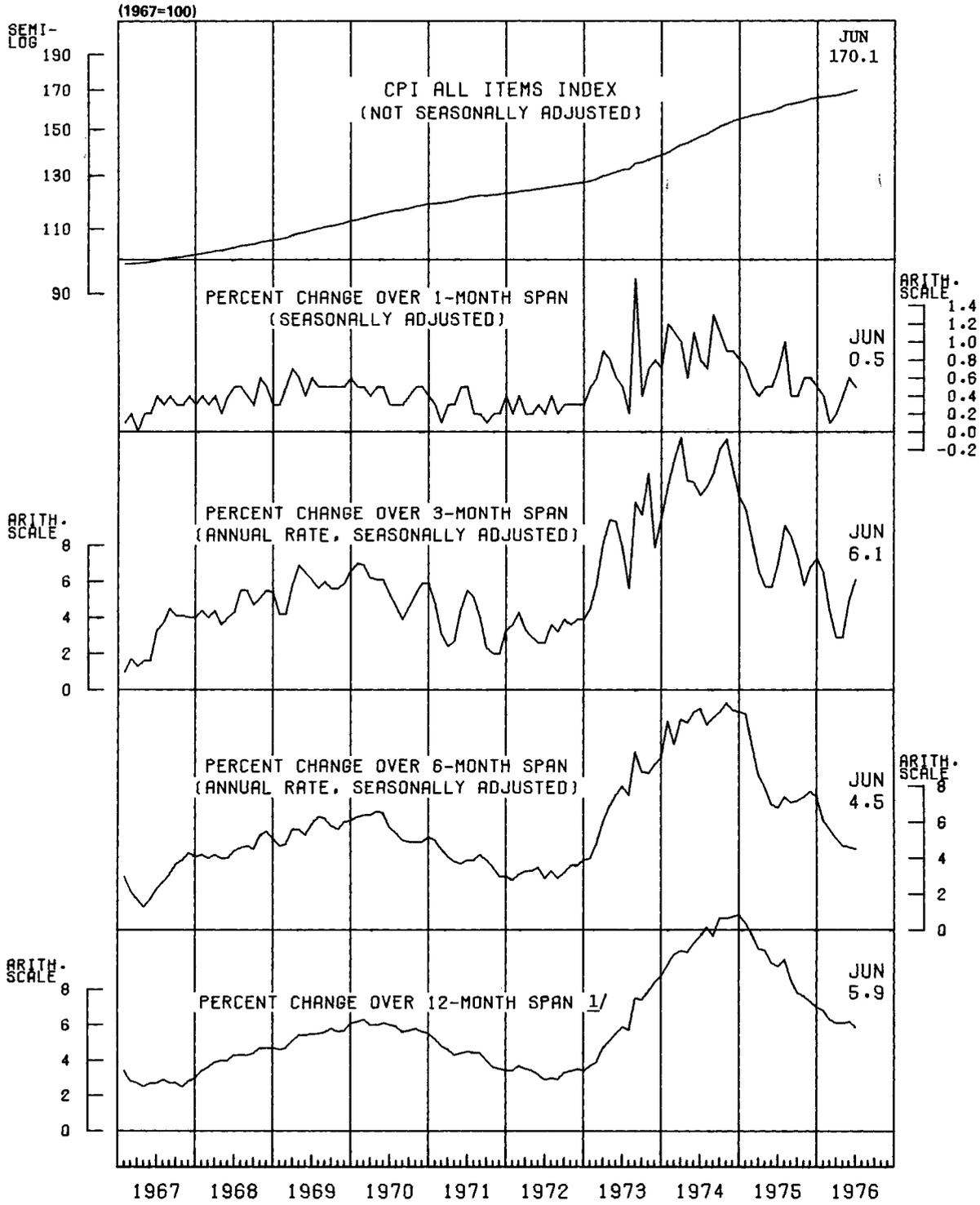
rate in the first quarter. Telephone rates rose slightly, while residential water and sewer services increased again, but less than in the first quarter.

In the second quarter, medical care services also rose at a significantly slower rate—4.8 percent—as hospital service charges decelerated sharply from the 20-percent annual rate in the first quarter. This quarterly increase was the smallest since the third quarter of 1973, a period when wage and price controls were in effect. In addition, physicians' fees, particularly for pediatric and obstetrical care,

slowed significantly in the second quarter as the index rose at a rate of less than 10 percent for the first time since mid-1975. The increases for dentists' fees and eye examinations were also smaller in the second quarter.

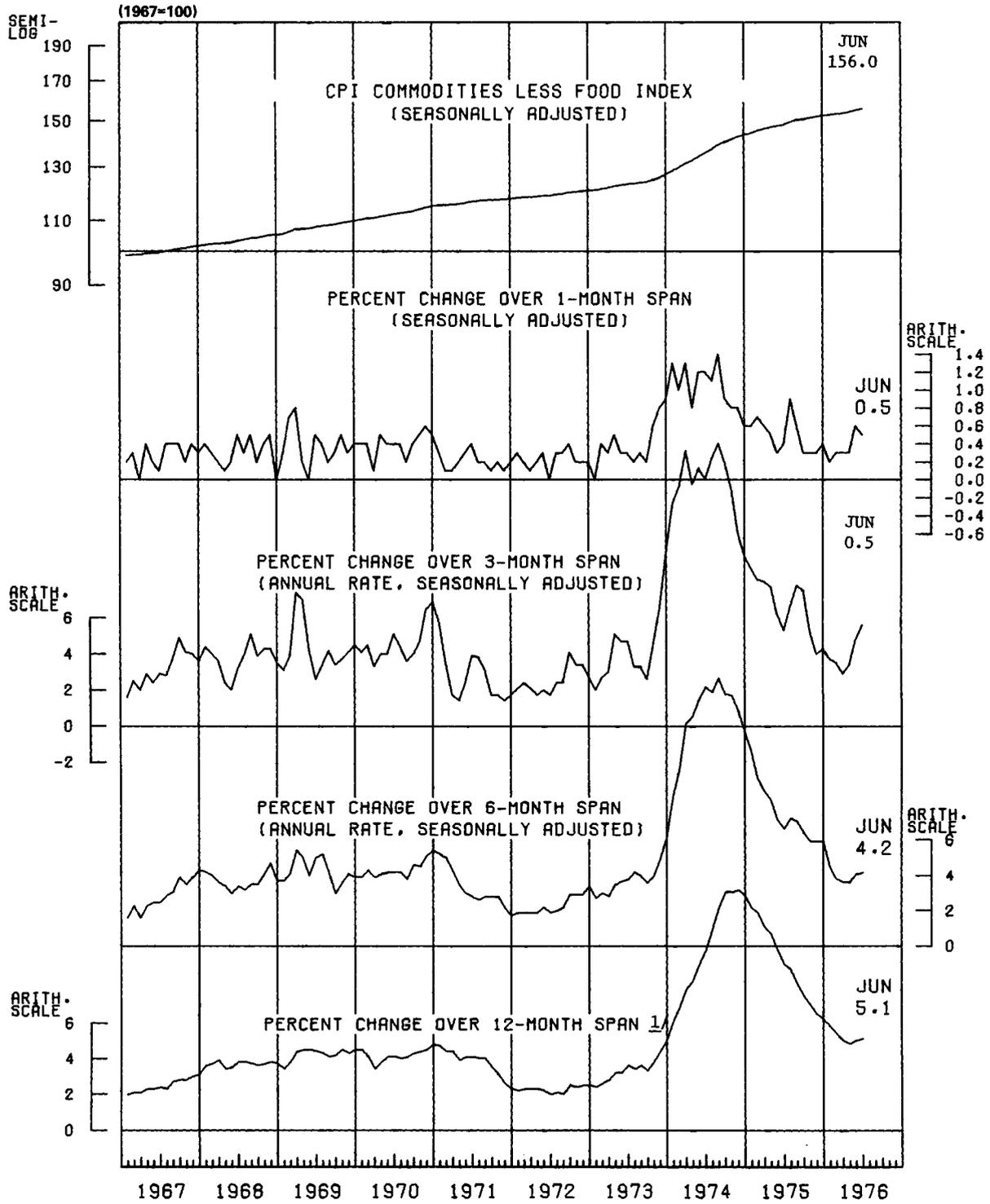
Other types of services, including personal care, recreational, and apparel services, rose at an annual rate of 4.9 percent, slowing from 7.9 percent in the first quarter. Prices for drycleaning, laundry, and other apparel services rose about half as much in the second quarter as in the initial quarter.

**Chart 1. All items index and rates of change, 1967-76**



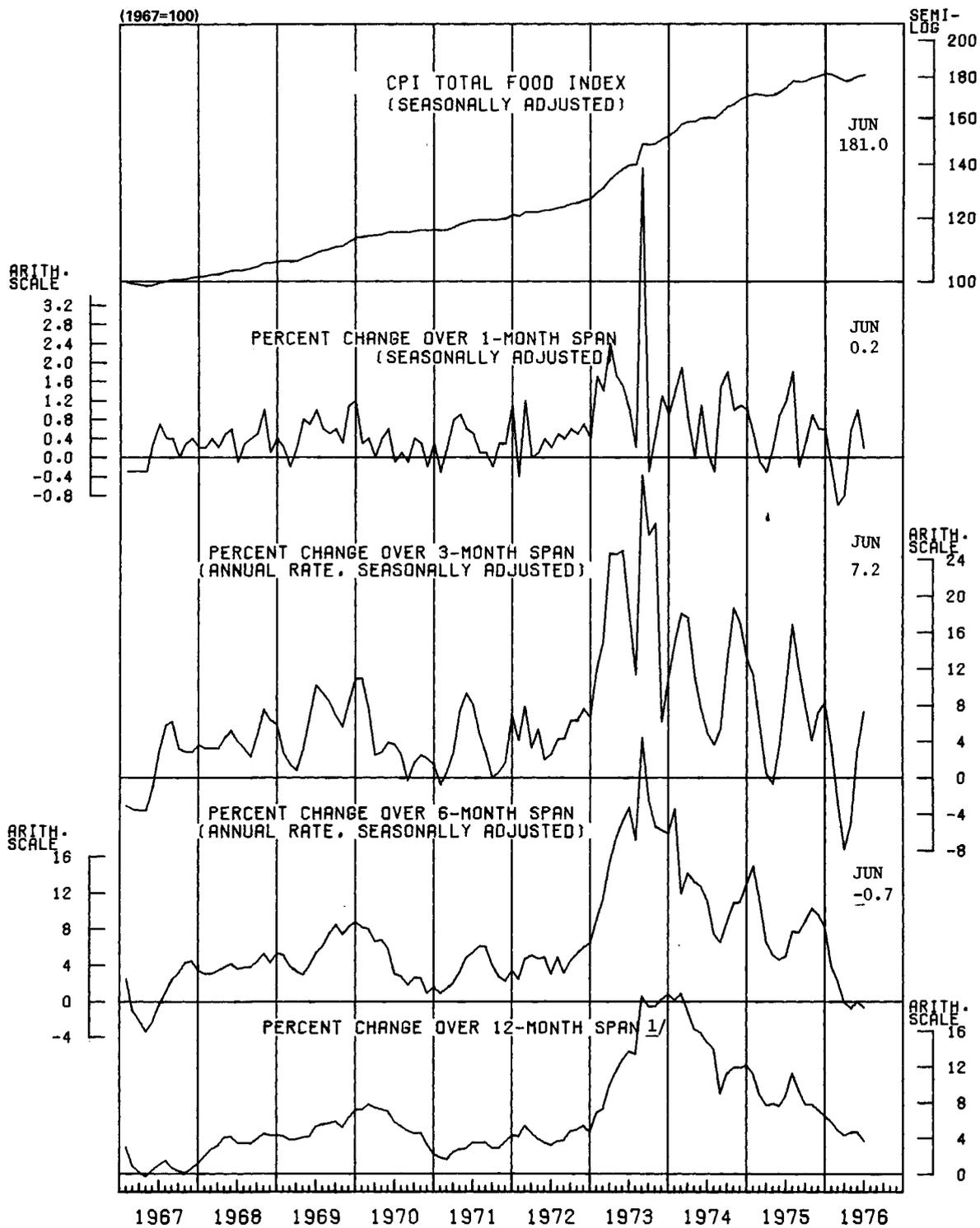
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**Chart 2. Commodities less food index and rates of change, 1967-76**



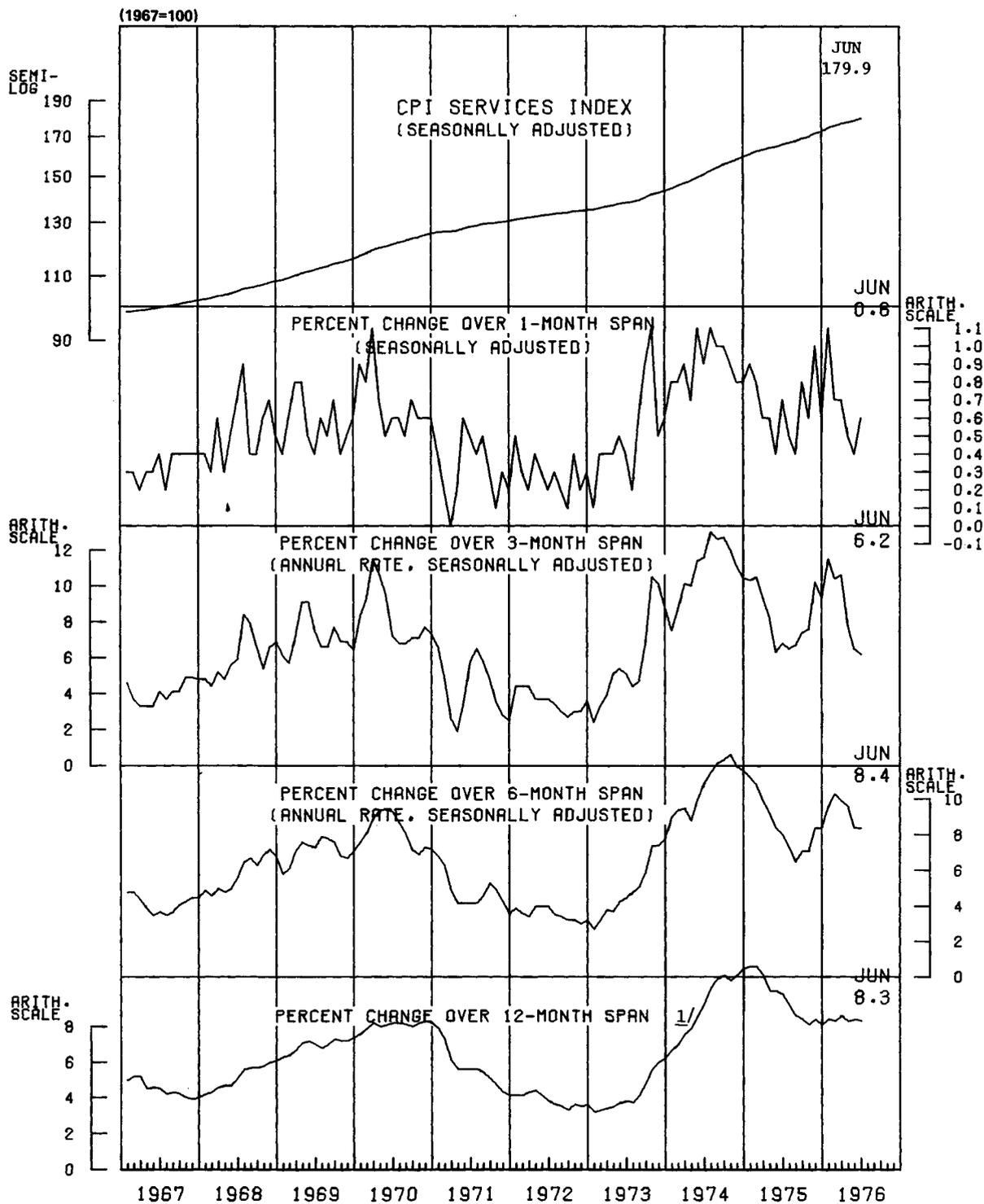
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**Chart 3. Total food index and rates of change, 1967-76**



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



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

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

Group	Relative importance	Unadjusted indexes			Unadjusted percent change to June 1976 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		December 1975	May 1976	June 1976	June 1975	May 1976	March to April	April to May	May to June
<b>Commodity and service groups</b>									
All items	100.000	169.2	170.1	170.1	5.9	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.5
All items (1957-59=100)	-	196.7	197.9	197.9	-	-	-	-	-
Commodities	63.355	164.2	165.2	165.2	4.6	.6	.4	.7	.4
Food	24.675	<sup>1</sup> 180.0	180.9	180.9	3.7	.5	.6	1.0	.2
Food at home	19.524	<sup>1</sup> 178.8	179.7	179.7	2.7	.5	.7	1.0	.2
Cereals and bakery products	2.702	180.8	181.3	181.3	-2.1	.3	0	.7	1.3
Meats, poultry, and fish	6.641	<sup>2</sup> 181.2	182.7	182.7	3.1	.8	-.1	3.0	-.1
Dairy products	2.876	167.4	167.9	167.9	9.5	.3	.2	.1	1.0
Fruits and vegetables	3.103	176.4	176.7	176.7	-.4	.2	2.3	-2.5	-2.8
Other foods at home	4.202	184.1	185.2	185.2	3.6	.6	1.3	1.5	1.4
Food away from home	5.150	184.8	185.6	185.6	7.2	.4	.3	.5	.5
Commodities less food	38.681	155.5	156.5	156.5	5.1	.6	.3	.6	.5
Nondurables less food	22.872	157.0	157.9	157.9	4.4	.6	.1	.6	.5
Apparel commodities	7.861	145.1	145.0	145.0	3.3	-.1	.2	.5	.3
Men's and boys'	2.475	147.3	146.7	146.7	3.2	-.4	-.4	.6	-.2
Women's and girls'	3.426	140.6	140.9	140.9	3.4	.2	.5	.5	.6
Footwear	1.377	149.6	149.5	149.5	4.0	-.1	.7	.3	.4
Other apparel commodities	.584	151.9	152.4	152.4	2.6	.3	.3	0	.3
Nondurables less food and apparel	15.011	164.2	165.6	165.6	5.0	.9	0	.6	.7
Gasoline and motor oil	3.498	172.7	177.1	177.1	4.5	2.5	-.9	-.9	2.1
Tobacco products	1.880	160.1	160.2	160.2	4.3	.1	.4	.1	-.4
Alcoholic beverages	2.244	146.6	146.8	146.8	3.3	.1	.5	.6	.1
Fuel oil and coal	1.045	246.2	247.3	247.3	7.2	.4	.3	.5	1.5
Other nondurables	6.343	159.4	160.1	160.1	5.7	.4	.1	.8	.3
Durable commodities	15.809	153.5	154.7	154.7	6.1	.8	.7	.6	.3
Household durables	4.495	145.8	146.1	146.1	4.1	.2	.3	.1	.1
New automobiles	1.910	134.5	134.5	134.5	5.9	0	.1	.4	-.1
Used automobiles	2.046	167.8	173.4	173.4	17.6	3.3	3.4	1.9	.7
Other durables	7.358	160.4	161.2	161.2	4.1	.5	*.3	*.6	*.5
Services	36.645	178.4	179.5	179.5	8.3	.6	.5	.4	.6
Rent	4.497	143.8	144.4	144.4	5.5	.4	.4	.5	.4
Services less rent	32.147	184.7	185.8	185.8	8.7	.6	.4	.4	.6
Household services less rent	16.030	196.1	197.3	197.3	7.3	.6	.4	.5	.7
Transportation services	5.012	172.3	173.2	173.2	15.2	.5	.2	.6	.4
Medical care services	5.642	194.6	195.8	195.8	9.8	.6	.7	.6	.5
Other services	5.463	159.7	160.5	160.5	6.0	.5	.3	.4	.5
<b>Special indexes:</b>									
All items less food	75.325	166.0	167.0	167.0	6.6	.6	*.5	*.6	*.6
Nondurable commodities	47.547	<sup>1</sup> 168.2	169.0	169.0	4.1	.5	*.3	*.5	*.5
Apparel commodities less footwear	6.485	144.2	144.1	144.1	3.2	-.1	.1	.5	.2
Services less medical care services	31.002	175.8	176.9	176.9	8.1	.6	.6	*.3	*.6
Insurance and finance	9.808	194.1	194.9	194.9	8.9	.4	.3	.5	.6
Utilities and public transportation	5.484	170.1	171.6	171.6	10.1	.9	.4	.8	1.1
Housekeeping and home maintenance service	4.649	208.1	209.7	209.7	8.7	.8	*.7	*.5	*.8
Appliances (including radio and TV)	1.417	123.0	123.3	123.3	4.6	.2	.6	.4	.1
<b>Expenditure classes</b>									
All items	100.000	169.2	170.1	170.1	5.9	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.5
Food	24.675	<sup>1</sup> 180.0	180.9	180.9	3.7	.5	.6	1.0	.2
Housing	33.998	175.6	176.5	176.5	6.1	.5	*.2	*.4	*.5
Shelter	21.370	177.3	178.2	178.2	5.2	.5	*.2	*.4	*.5
Rent	4.497	143.8	144.4	144.4	5.5	.4	.4	.5	.4
Homeownership <sup>2</sup>	16.484	189.6	190.7	190.7	5.1	.6	*.1	*.4	*.6
Fuel and utilities <sup>3</sup>	5.205	180.2	181.7	181.7	8.9	.8	.2	.8	1.3
Gas and electricity	2.722	186.1	188.5	188.5	11.3	1.3	.2	1.1	1.9
Household furnishings and operation	7.422	167.9	168.5	168.5	6.6	.4	.2	.2	.3
Apparel and upkeep	9.217	146.8	146.9	146.9	3.9	.1	.3	.5	.3
Transportation	13.053	163.5	165.9	165.9	10.7	1.5	.6	.9	.9
Private	11.729	162.5	165.0	165.0	10.5	1.5	.7	.9	1.0
Public	1.324	172.4	173.6	173.6	12.7	.7	.6	.3	0
Health and recreation	18.681	162.1	162.8	162.8	6.3	.4	*.5	*.4	*.4
Medical care	6.413	182.6	183.7	183.7	9.3	.6	*.6	*.6	*.6
Personal care	2.505	158.9	159.8	159.8	6.3	.6	*.6	*.4	*.6
Reading and recreation	5.148	150.3	150.9	150.9	4.7	.4	.1	.4	.4
Other goods and services	4.616	152.9	153.2	153.2	4.0	.2	.5	.3	.1
<b>Special indexes:</b>									
All items less shelter	78.630	167.1	168.1	168.1	6.1	.6	*.5	*.6	*.6
All items less medical care	93.587	168.4	169.4	169.4	5.7	.6	*.4	*.6	*.6
All items less mortgage interest costs	95.610	167.1	168.1	168.1	6.0	.6	*.5	*.6	*.6
CPI — domestically produced farm foods <sup>4</sup>	17.148	175.2	175.9	175.9	1.7	.4	*.1	*.2	*.4
CPI — selected beef cuts <sup>5</sup>	2.056	<sup>1</sup> 168.5	167.6	167.6	-5.7	-.5	*-2.5	*4.5	*-.5
<b>Purchasing power of consumer dollar:</b>									
1967= \$1.00	-	\$0.591	\$0.588	\$0.588	-5.6	-.5	-	-	-
1957-59= \$1.00	-	.508	.505	.505	-	-	-	-	-

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

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

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

<sup>4</sup> Calculated from the CPI food at home component by excluding fish, nonalcoholic beverages, bananas, chocolate candy bars, chocolate syrup and about half of the index weight for sugar.

<sup>5</sup> Calculated from the CPI beef and veal component by excluding veal cutlets and beef liver.

\* Not seasonally adjusted.

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

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

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

Group	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for					
	March 1976	April 1976	May 1976	June 1976	3 months ending in			6 months ending in		
					September 1975	December 1975	March 1976	June 1976	December 1975	June 1976
	Commodity and service groups									
All items	-	-	-	-	7.4	7.3	2.9	6.1	7.4	4.5
Commodities	162.4	163.1	164.3	164.9	7.8	5.9	-1.2	6.3	6.8	2.5
Food	177.9	178.9	180.6	181.0	8.0	8.3	-7.9	7.2	8.2	-7
Food at home	176.5	177.7	179.5	179.8	8.2	8.6	-11.7	7.7	8.4	-2.5
Cereals and bakery products	178.6	178.6	179.9	182.2	-4.9	-6.8	-4.4	8.3	-5.8	1.8
Meats, poultry, and fish	178.9	178.7	184.1	184.0	20.7	13.0	-26.0	11.9	16.8	-9.0
Dairy products	166.2	166.6	166.7	168.4	11.9	15.8	5.2	5.4	13.8	5.3
Fruits and vegetables	173.4	177.4	172.9	168.0	8.8	13.4	-9.5	-11.9	11.1	-10.7
Other foods at home	181.8	184.1	186.9	189.6	-3.0	4.3	-3.4	18.3	5	6.9
Food away from home	183.4	184.0	185.0	186.0	7.1	7.2	9.0	5.8	7.2	7.4
Commodities less food	153.9	154.4	155.3	156.0	7.5	4.3	2.9	5.6	5.9	4.2
Nondurables less food	155.6	155.7	156.6	157.4	8.2	4.2	.8	4.7	6.2	2.7
Apparel commodities	143.6	143.9	144.6	145.0	3.8	3.1	2.5	4.0	3.5	3.2
Men's and boys'	146.0	145.4	146.3	146.0	3.2	3.1	7.2	0	3.1	3.5
Women's and girls'	139.2	139.9	140.6	141.5	5.1	3.2	-1.4	6.8	4.1	2.6
Footwear	147.5	148.6	149.0	149.6	1.4	4.2	4.5	5.8	2.8	5.1
Other apparel commodities	151.2	151.7	151.7	152.2	1.9	2.2	3.2	2.7	2.0	3.0
Nondurables less food and apparel	162.7	162.7	163.7	164.8	10.9	4.8	-2	5.3	7.8	2.5
Gasoline and motor oil	170.6	169.0	170.5	174.0	30.0	2.7	-17.7	8.2	15.6	-5.6
Tobacco products	159.8	160.5	160.6	160.0	2.1	6.6	8.2	.5	4.3	4.3
Alcoholic beverages	145.3	146.0	146.9	147.1	.3	3.1	5.1	5.0	1.7	5.1
Fuel oil and coal	242.3	243.0	244.2	247.8	28.8	2.1	-8.1	9.4	14.7	2
Other nondurables	158.0	158.2	159.4	159.8	4.9	6.4	7.1	4.6	5.6	5.9
Durable commodities	151.7	152.7	153.6	154.1	6.2	4.4	6.9	6.5	5.3	6.7
Household durables	145.2	145.6	145.7	145.8	3.8	5.5	5.7	1.7	4.6	3.7
New automobiles	134.2	134.3	134.8	134.6	6.1	14.4	2.4	1.2	10.2	1.8
Used automobiles	159.9	165.4	168.5	169.7	19.3	-3.7	31.2	26.9	7.2	29.0
Other durables (not seasonally adjusted)	159.0	159.4	160.4	161.2	4.7	3.6	2.3	5.7	4.2	4.0
Services	177.2	178.0	178.8	179.9	7.4	9.3	10.6	6.2	8.4	8.4
Rent	142.6	143.1	143.8	144.4	4.8	6.5	5.5	5.1	5.6	5.3
Services less rent	183.5	184.3	185.1	186.3	7.7	9.7	11.7	6.2	8.7	8.9
Household services less rent	195.3	196.0	196.9	198.3	4.9	9.3	9.1	6.3	7.1	7.7
Transportation services	171.1	171.5	172.5	173.2	16.7	18.9	21.1	5.0	17.8	12.8
Medical care services	192.3	193.7	194.8	195.8	10.5	7.2	14.0	7.5	8.8	10.7
Other services	158.6	159.1	159.7	160.5	5.7	5.6	7.9	4.9	5.6	6.4
Special indexes:										
All items less food (not seasonally adjusted)	164.2	165.0	166.0	167.0	7.6	6.7	5.3	7.0	7.1	6.1
Nondurable commodities (not seasonally adjusted)	166.7	167.2	168.2	169.0	7.6	5.4	-2.1	5.6	6.5	1.7
Apparel commodities less footwear	142.9	143.1	143.8	144.1	4.1	3.2	2.3	3.4	3.6	2.8
Services less medical care services (not seasonally adjusted)	174.8	175.2	175.8	176.9	8.1	10.5	8.9	4.9	9.2	6.9
Insurance and finance	194.3	194.9	195.9	196.5	2.9	15.3	13.4	4.6	9.0	8.9
Utilities and public transportation	167.9	168.5	169.8	171.6	18.6	7.3	5.7	9.1	12.8	7.4
Housekeeping and home maintenance service (not seasonally adjusted)	205.6	207.0	208.1	209.7	7.2	5.6	13.9	8.2	6.4	11.0
Appliances (including radio and TV)	122.2	122.9	123.4	123.5	4.5	3.7	5.4	4.3	4.1	4.9
	Expenditure classes									
All items	-	-	-	-	7.4	7.3	2.9	6.1	7.4	4.5
Food	177.9	178.9	180.6	181.0	8.0	8.3	-7.9	7.2	8.2	-7
Housing (not seasonally adjusted)	174.5	174.9	175.6	176.5	6.1	8.0	5.5	4.7	7.1	5.1
Shelter <sup>1</sup> (not seasonally adjusted)	176.3	176.6	177.3	178.2	5.3	8.2	3.0	4.4	6.7	3.7
Rent	142.6	143.1	143.8	144.4	4.8	6.5	5.5	5.1	5.6	5.3
Homeownership <sup>2</sup> (not seasonally adjusted)	188.7	188.9	189.6	190.7	5.6	8.8	1.9	4.3	7.2	3.1
Fuel and utilities <sup>3</sup>	177.5	177.9	179.3	181.7	14.1	9.1	2.8	9.8	11.6	6.2
Gas and electricity	182.4	182.8	184.8	188.3	15.2	9.9	6.4	13.6	12.5	3.9
Household furnishings and operation	167.1	167.4	167.7	168.2	4.6	5.9	13.2	2.7	5.3	7.8
Apparel and upkeep	145.4	145.8	146.5	146.9	4.0	3.7	3.7	4.2	3.9	3.9
Transportation	160.8	161.8	163.2	164.6	19.9	7.4	6.5	9.8	13.5	8.1
Private	159.5	160.6	162.0	163.7	16.9	8.0	6.5	11.0	12.4	8.7
Public	172.1	173.1	173.6	173.6	45.0	-2	7.5	3.5	20.3	5.5
Health and recreation (not seasonally adjusted)	160.6	161.4	162.1	162.8	5.9	5.5	8.1	5.6	5.7	6.8
Medical care (not seasonally adjusted)	180.6	181.6	182.6	183.7	10.1	5.9	14.2	7.0	8.0	10.6
Personal care (not seasonally adjusted)	157.4	158.3	158.9	159.8	4.9	6.7	7.4	6.2	5.8	6.8
Reading and recreation	149.4	149.5	150.1	150.7	5.1	5.3	5.0	3.5	5.2	4.2
Other goods and services	152.0	152.7	153.2	153.4	1.4	5.0	6.3	3.7	3.1	5.0
Special indexes:										
All items less shelter (not seasonally adjusted)	165.3	166.1	167.1	168.1	8.3	6.3	3.0	6.9	7.3	4.9
All items less medical care (not seasonally adjusted)	166.8	167.4	168.4	169.4	7.4	6.5	2.4	6.4	7.0	4.4
All items less mortgage interest costs (not seasonally adjusted)	165.3	166.1	167.1	168.1	7.8	6.1	3.2	6.9	6.9	5.1
CPI - domestically produced farm foods <sup>4</sup> (not seasonally adjusted)	174.8	174.9	175.2	175.9	8.3	5.6	-8.7	2.5	6.9	-3.2
CPI - selected beef cuts <sup>5</sup> (not seasonally adjusted)	165.4	161.3	168.5	167.6	1.4	-5.3	-21.8	5.4	-2.0	-9.2

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

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

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

<sup>4</sup> Calculated from the CPI food at home component by excluding fish, nonalcoholic beverages, bananas, chocolate candy bars, chocolate syrup and about half of the index weight for sugar.

<sup>5</sup> Calculated from the CPI beef and veal component by excluding veal cutlets and beef liver.

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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 June 1976			Item and group	Index		Percent change to June 1976		
	June 1976		from—				June 1976		from—		
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	June 1975	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted		Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	June 1975	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted
Food .....	180.9	181.0	3.7	0.5	0.2	Food—Continued					
Food away from home .....	185.6	186.0	7.2	.4	.5	Food at home—Continued					
Restaurant meals .....	184.7	(2)	7.4	.4	0	Fruits and vegetables—Continued					
Snacks .....	190.2	190.6	6.5	.5	.6	Fresh fruits and vegetables—Continued					
Food at home .....	179.7	179.8	2.7	.5	.2	Fresh fruits—Continued					
Cereals and bakery products .....	181.3	182.2	-2.1	.3	1.3	Oranges .....	147.8	149.9	-3.0	4.2	3.8
Flour .....	154.8	156.0	-6.8	-6.6	1.8	Orange juice, fresh .....	153.7	(2)	4.8	.5	(2)
Cracker meal .....	223.2	220.1	-8.1	0	-1.1	Grapefruit .....	164.6	162.5	-6.0	10.1	2.4
Corn flakes .....	165.4	164.9	-8.8	-4	-5	Grapes .....	(10)	(10)	(10)	(10)	(10)
Rice .....	200.8	203.0	-7.7	-2	1.4	Strawberries .....	143.2	150.9	7.7	4.1	4.4
Bread, white .....	163.8	(2)	-2	.6	0	Watermelon .....	200.8	167.8	-17.0	(2)	(2)
Bread, whole wheat .....	178.2	179.5	.9	.4	1.5	Fresh vegetables .....	179.9	163.2	1.1	-1.6	-4.7
Cookies .....	191.0	(2)	4.8	.3	0	Potatoes .....	242.9	209.2	31.2	6.7	-5.4
Layer cake .....	185.1	186.0	-4.4	.4	1.2	Onions .....	178.7	166.5	-16.8	-5.0	.7
Cinnamon rolls .....	197.4	198.0	.1	1.1	1.9	Asparagus .....	187.5	198.8	10.2	10.4	6.9
Meats, poultry, and fish .....	182.7	184.0	3.1	.8	-1.1	Cabbage .....	146.3	130.3	-17.7	-1.3	-8.4
Meats .....	181.6	186.1	2.1	.6	.5	Carrots .....	148.1	144.1	-19.5	-1.9	-5.9
Beef and veal .....	166.5	168.0	-5.7	.4	-2	Celery .....	182.7	178.8	12.6	-1.4	-3.0
Steak, round .....	162.1	163.2	-10.5	-1.2	-9	Cucumbers .....	140.5	136.1	-17.6	4.5	4.9
Steak, sirloin .....	168.1	168.3	-6.7	.3	-1.6	Lettuce .....	147.4	(2)	-4.2	-9.3	(2)
Steak, porterhouse .....	181.3	181.3	-2.7	.4	-1.2	Peppers, green .....	138.1	130.3	-14.3	-20.1	1.2
Rump roast .....	158.3	158.9	-9.8	-1.1	-6	Spinach .....	191.0	191.4	6.6	1.1	-2
Rib roast .....	189.9	190.5	-2.2	.5	-1.4	Tomatoes .....	149.0	132.0	-21.1	-12.5	-22.6
Chuck roast .....	168.3	171.4	-8.6	-1.3	.3	Processed fruits and vegetables .....	181.3	181.5	3.6	-1.1	-7
Hamburger .....	165.1	166.1	-1.3	0	.3	Fruit cocktail, canned .....	176.5	178.3	-2	1.6	1.7
Beef liver .....	126.1	126.7	-12.9	-1.0	.2	Pears, canned .....	156.1	157.7	-5.5	0	-1
Veal cutlets .....	190.2	190.2	-1.5	1.5	1.6	Pineapple-grapefruit drink, canned .....	174.1	176.4	1.2	.9	1.4
Pork .....	205.0	212.0	9.1	1.5	-7	Orange juice concentrate, frozen .....	160.1	(2)	5.3	.3	(2)
Chops .....	189.7	195.8	4.6	2.7	-3	Lemonade concentrate, frozen .....	180.6	182.8	-6.2	-3.1	-1.2
Loin roast .....	203.2	210.4	5.8	.5	-2.3	Beets, canned .....	183.9	(2)	-3.1	.7	(2)
Sausage .....	231.1	242.2	11.9	2.7	5.2	Peas, green, canned .....	155.6	157.8	-3.8	-1.1	.6
Ham, whole .....	200.0	213.7	17.0	.1	1.2	Tomatoes, canned .....	175.0	(2)	.9	-9	(2)
Picnics .....	195.9	210.4	18.1	2.1	5.4	Dried beans .....	280.1	(2)	39.8	-5.1	(2)
Bacon .....	216.3	232.8	6.4	.8	1.6	Broccoli, frozen .....	155.3	(2)	1.6	-4	(2)
Other meats .....	181.9	184.5	9.3	.9	1.0	Other food at home .....	185.2	189.6	3.6	.6	1.4
Lamb chops .....	196.2	193.3	12.2	2.5	.1	Eggs .....	152.6	174.6	11.2	-1.2	3.6
Frankfurters .....	171.0	174.7	2.3	0	-1	Fats and oils .....	170.4	173.5	-13.0	.1	1.4
Ham, canned .....	204.5	212.4	22.2	0	3.2	Margarine .....	182.8	186.9	-15.3	-1.1	-9
Bologna sausage .....	181.3	185.9	6.5	2.0	3.2	Salad dressing, Italian .....	150.9	150.9	-4.6	.7	1.4
Salami sausage .....	169.1	172.2	6.8	.5	1.6	Salad or cooking oil .....	178.1	182.1	-16.4	0	2.4
Liverwurst .....	167.9	171.2	5.0	.2	.6	Sugar and sweets .....	219.3	(2)	-7.4	.1	(2)
Poultry .....	160.7	162.5	1.9	3.5	1.4	Sugar .....	209.3	(2)	-19.7	.4	(2)
Frying chicken .....	163.9	164.9	1.2	4.4	1.8	Grape jelly .....	221.7	(2)	-4.1	.6	(2)
Chicken breasts .....	164.1	164.4	4.8	1.7	.3	Chocolate bar .....	230.5	(2)	-4.1	.6	(2)
Turkey .....	142.7	147.1	2.5	.8	.3	Syrup, chocolate flavored .....	214.0	215.1	.8	0	1.4
Fish .....	226.3	(2)	12.9	.5	(2)	Nonalcoholic beverages .....	208.7	(2)	19.3	2.7	(2)
Shrimp, frozen .....	226.0	(2)	29.3	1.0	(2)	Coffee .....	233.1	(2)	41.7	4.9	(2)
Fish, fresh or frozen .....	244.4	(2)	12.1	.8	(2)	Coffee, instant .....	221.2	219.4	27.9	2.6	2.2
Tuna fish, canned .....	186.6	185.7	7.9	.5	.9	Tea .....	149.7	149.3	2.0	.4	.4
Sardines, canned .....	246.9	247.6	5.3	0	.4	Carbonated drink, cola flavored .....	193.9	(2)	-3.2	.2	(2)
Dairy products .....	167.9	168.4	9.5	.3	1.0	Carbonated drink, fruit flavored .....	199.5	(2)	-2.1	-3	(2)
Milk, fresh, grocery .....	159.8	160.1	6.5	.3	1.2	Prepared and partially prepared foods .....	169.0	(2)	4.1	0	(2)
Milk, fresh, skim .....	175.7	175.5	6.4	.2	.7	Bean soup, canned .....	209.1	(2)	16.9	.1	(2)
Milk, evaporated .....	204.2	(2)	12.5	.1	(2)	Chicken soup, canned .....	135.6	136.1	1.0	-1	.2
Ice cream .....	158.1	158.4	5.2	1.1	1.1	Spaghetti, canned .....	163.8	165.0	.9	.6	.5
Cheese, American process .....	197.1	196.1	15.9	.2	.8	Mashed potatoes, instant .....	157.9	157.3	.8	.5	.1
Butter .....	147.0	152.8	26.8	.5	2.1	Potatoes, french fried, frozen .....	179.8	180.3	8.8	.2	-3
Fruits and vegetables .....	176.7	168.0	-4	.2	-2.8	Baby foods .....	168.7	(2)	4.3	.2	(2)
Fresh fruits and vegetables .....	173.6	158.5	-3.0	1.1	-4.6	Sweet pickle relish .....	176.6	178.7	3.3	-1.2	-1
Fresh fruits .....	166.0	153.7	-8.1	5.0	-2.2	Pretzels .....	160.0	158.4	-4.4	-3	-6
Apples .....	160.7	146.0	-13.7	1.8	-5.8						
Bananas .....	154.8	144.7	-7.3	-.4	-3.9						

1 Revised index: May 1976, 180.0.  
 2 Not available.  
 3 Revised index: May 1976, 178.8.  
 4 Revised index: May 1976, 181.2.  
 5 Revised index: May 1976, 184.1.

6 Revised index: May 1976, 180.6.  
 7 Revised index: May 1976, 185.2.  
 8 Revised index: May 1976, 167.1.  
 9 Revised index: May 1976, 168.3.  
 10 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 June 1976 from—	
		May 1976	June 1976	June 1975	May 1976
Housing		175.6	176.5	6.1	0.5
Shelter <sup>1</sup>		177.3	178.2	5.2	.5
Rent, residential		143.8	144.4	5.5	.4
Homeownership <sup>2</sup>		189.6	190.7	5.1	.6
Mortgage interest rates		140.2	140.0	-1.1	-.1
Property taxes		166.5	166.6	5.4	.1
Property insurance premiums		142.3	143.9	10.2	1.1
Maintenance and repairs		197.6	199.3	6.6	.9
Maintenance and repair commodities <sup>3</sup>		167.8	168.9	4.6	.7
Exterior house paint		161.0	162.2	5.1	.7
Interior house paint		149.8	149.8	2.0	0
Maintenance and repair services		210.5	212.5	7.4	1.0
Repainting living and dining rooms		222.7	224.3	7.3	.7
Reshingling house roof		231.3	231.9	6.9	.3
Residing house		198.0	200.6	7.6	1.3
Replacing sink		208.1	209.6	7.7	.7
Repairing furnace		203.1	206.5	7.3	1.7
Fuel and utilities		180.2	181.7	8.9	.8
Fuel oil and coal		246.2	247.3	7.2	.4
Fuel oil, No. 2		242.3	243.5	7.9	.5
Gas and electricity		186.1	188.5	11.3	1.3
Gas		197.0	199.7	14.9	1.4
Electricity		175.9	178.0	7.7	1.2
Other utilities:					
Residential telephone services		129.0	129.2	3.1	.2
Residential water and sewerage services		186.0	186.8	10.7	.4
Household furnishings and operation <sup>4</sup>		167.9	168.5	6.6	.4
Housefurnishings		150.3	150.9	4.4	.4
Textiles		147.4	149.2	4.4	1.2
Sheets, full, flat		152.1	157.2	2.7	3.4
Curtains, tailored		144.0	145.2	8.0	.8
Bedsprads		150.5	151.1	3.0	.4
Drapery fabrics		177.4	178.6	6.1	.7
Pillows, bed		122.3	124.2	3.3	1.6
Slipcovers and throws, ready-made		137.3	138.0	3.1	.5
Furniture and bedding		152.1	152.3	3.0	.1
Bedroom furniture, chest and dresser	Mar. 70	133.0	133.1	3.7	.1
Sofas, upholstered		141.3	141.6	1.9	.2
Cocktail tables	Dec. 71	129.7	131.3	5.4	1.2
Dining room chairs	Mar. 70	135.9	136.1	4.5	.1
Recliners, upholstered	Dec. 71	111.8	112.4	2.6	.5
Sofas, dual purpose		138.3	138.3	.5	0
Bedding, mattress and box springs	June 70	133.2	134.0	3.0	.6
Aluminum folding chairs		182.2	179.4	2.7	-1.5
Cribs		153.2	153.3	3.4	.1
Floor coverings		135.8	136.5	6.1	.5
Broadloom carpeting		123.7	124.6	5.4	.7
Vinyl sheet goods		164.0	163.8	7.9	-.1
Vinyl floor tile		164.0	164.4	6.6	.2
Appliances (excluding radio and TV)		134.6	135.2	6.0	.4
Washing machines, electric		140.7	141.2	8.0	.4
Vacuum cleaners		120.3	120.8	3.6	.4
Refrigerators, refrigerator-freezers, electric		133.9	134.3	4.6	.3
Ranges, free standing, gas or electric		138.0	138.5	7.3	.4
Clothes dryers, electric		148.3	149.3	9.5	.7
Air conditioners, demountable		129.4	129.9	4.5	.4
Room heaters, electric, portable	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )
Garbage disposal units		133.8	134.7	5.2	.7
Other housefurnishings:					
Dinnerware, fine china		191.7	192.7	9.6	.5
Flatware, stainless steel		180.2	180.1	5.6	-.1
Table lamps, with shade		148.1	148.5	2.6	.3
Lawn mowers, power, rotary type		166.1	165.9	8.0	-.1
Electric drills, hand-held		128.5	128.3	3.5	-.2
Housekeeping supplies:					
Laundry soaps and detergents		174.3	174.9	8.4	.3
Paper napkins		218.2	219.4	6.5	.5
Toilet tissue		232.7	230.2	9.3	-1.1
Housekeeping services:					
Domestic services, general housework		211.2	211.4	8.5	.1
Baby sitter services		214.9	216.6	12.7	.8
Postal charges		219.7	219.7	25.3	0
Laundry, flatwork, finished service		202.0	203.7	8.7	.8
Licensed day care services, preschool child		161.3	161.7	5.4	.2
Washing machine repairs		199.6	199.7	7.1	.1

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 June 1976 from—	
		May 1976	June 1976	June 1975	May 1976
Apparel and upkeep <sup>6</sup>	June 74	146.8	146.9	3.9	0.1
Apparel commodities		145.1	145.0	3.3	-.1
Apparel commodities less footwear		144.2	144.1	3.2	-.1
Men's and boys'		147.3	146.7	3.2	-.4
Men's:					
Topcoats and all-weather coats		147.9	147.6	2.8	-.2
Suits, year round weight		141.7	139.6	-.3	-1.5
Sport jackets		98.8	95.4	-7.4	-3.4
Jackets, lightweight		138.9	139.7	3.4	.6
Slacks, heavyweight		121.4	119.7	.5	-1.4
Slacks, lightweight		144.3	144.6	1.8	.2
Trousers, work		161.7	162.8	8.1	.7
Shirts, work		159.6	160.5	6.3	.6
Shirts, business or dress		131.6	132.2	3.0	.5
T-shirts		158.2	158.8	3.1	.4
Socks		133.7	133.5	3.9	-.1
Handkerchiefs		163.3	159.9	4.1	-2.1
Boys':					
Coats, heavyweight		(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)
Sport coats, wool or wool blends		(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)
Dungarees		189.4	191.0	11.8	.8
Undershorts		156.9	158.1	5.1	.8
Women's and girls'		140.6	140.9	3.4	.2
Women's:					
Coats, heavyweight		(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)
Carcoats, heavyweight		(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)
Sweaters		(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)
Skirts, winter weight		(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)
Skirts, summer weight		158.3	153.2	-1.4	-3.2
Blouses		144.3	140.5	-1.4	-2.6
Dresses, street, year round weight		149.7	148.9	5.4	-.5
Slips		125.3	124.2	7.4	-.9
Panties		150.7	151.7	8.3	.7
Girdles		133.7	133.2	5.1	-.4
Brassieres		150.3	150.5	5.6	.1
Hose or panty hose, nylon		92.8	92.6	0	-.2
Anklets or knee-length socks		133.7	134.6	1.5	.7
Gloves, fabric		129.9	130.1	1.6	.2
Handbags		167.5	168.4	-.3	.5
Girls':					
Raincoats		119.2	118.8	(7)	-.3
Skirts, fall and winter		154.4	155.2	(7)	.5
Dresses		133.3	132.3	3.7	-.8
Slacks, fall and winter		173.7	172.3	5.1	-.8
Slips		131.7	132.2	4.4	.4
Handbags		138.6	134.4	-4.3	-3.0
Other apparel commodities		151.9	152.4	2.6	.3
Diapers		187.7	189.3	4.6	.9
Yard goods		158.3	158.8	-.3	.3
Wrist watches, men's and women's		139.2	139.4	3.0	.1
Footwear		149.6	149.5	4.0	-.1
Men's:					
Shoes, street		154.7	155.5	5.7	.5
Shoes, work, high		169.0	171.1	7.7	1.2
Women's:					
Shoes, street, pump		142.9	141.3	1.4	-1.1
Shoes, evening, pump		135.2	134.4	1.9	-.6
Shoes, casual		151.2	150.5	3.6	-.5
House slippers, scuff		146.5	146.6	5.5	.1
Children's:					
Shoes, oxford		151.1	152.0	5.5	.6
Sneakers, boys', oxford type		148.5	147.3	-.9	-.8
Dress shoes, girls'		160.0	161.1	6.2	.7
Apparel services:					
Drycleaning		159.1	160.0	6.5	.6
Automatic laundry service		143.0	142.4	7.1	-.4
Laundry, men's shirts		162.8	164.6	8.2	1.1
Tailoring charges		160.6	162.9	7.0	1.4
Shoe repairs		148.6	148.9	6.2	.2
Transportation		163.5	165.9	10.7	1.5
Private <sup>8</sup>	162.5	165.0	10.5	1.5	
Automobiles, new	134.5	134.5	5.9	0	
Automobiles, used	167.8	173.4	17.6	3.3	
Gasoline, regular and premium	173.8	178.5	4.6	2.7	
Motor oil	159.0	159.3	2.8	.2	
Tires	130.2	130.2	3.7	0	
Auto repairs (mechanical) and maintenance	188.3	189.0	7.3	.4	
Auto insurance premiums	184.6	186.0	30.2	.8	
Auto registration fees	132.8	132.8	1.5	0	
Parking fees, private and municipal	181.7	183.3	7.1	.9	

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 June 1976 from—	
		May 1976	June 1976	June 1975	May 1976
<b>Transportation—Continued</b>					
Public .....		172.4	173.6	12.7	0.7
Local transit fares .....		172.3	172.3	16.9	0
Taxicab fares .....		175.9	176.2	4.9	-.2
Railroad fares, coach .....		161.5	168.8	11.3	4.5
Airplane fares, chiefly coach .....		168.2	173.4	7.2	3.1
Bus fares, intercity .....		192.6	192.6	0	0
<b>Health and recreation<sup>10</sup></b>					
Medical care .....		162.1	162.8	6.3	.4
Drugs and prescriptions .....		182.6	183.7	9.3	.6
Over-the-counter items .....		125.5	126.0	6.1	.4
Multiple vitamin concentrates .....		138.2	138.9	6.6	.5
Aspirin compounds .....		105.1	105.8	4.4	-.7
Liquid tonics .....		139.1	139.5	5.3	-.3
Adhesive bandages, packages .....		119.9	120.2	3.8	-.3
Cold tablets or capsules .....		182.0	182.9	10.0	.5
Cough syrup .....		130.9	131.3	5.0	-.3
Prescriptions .....		143.9	145.0	8.3	-.8
Anti-infectives .....		114.9	115.2	5.7	.3
Sedatives and hypnotics .....		73.2	73.2	3.1	0
Antiarthotics .....		162.9	163.3	6.0	-.2
Antispasmodics .....		111.9	112.4	6.5	-.4
Cough preparations .....		135.1	135.6	9.4	-.4
Cardiovasculars and antihypertensives .....		181.4	182.1	10.4	-.4
Analgesics, internal .....		120.8	121.3	2.9	-.4
Anti-obesity .....		121.2	121.2	1.9	0
Hormones .....		(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Hormones .....		110.1	110.5	7.4	-.4
Professional services .....					
Physicians' fees .....		186.8	188.3	11.6	.8
General physician, office visits .....		191.6	193.4	11.8	.9
General physician, house visits .....		187.4	190.0	12.2	1.4
Obstetrical cases .....		191.7	192.1	15.2	-.2
Pediatric care, office visits .....		190.9	192.1	11.6	-.6
Psychiatrist, office visits .....		163.6	164.4	7.5	.5
Herniorrhaphy, adult .....		167.8	169.1	11.4	.8
Tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy .....		179.4	179.9	9.6	-.3
Dentists' fees .....		170.6	171.6	6.1	-.6
Fillings, adult, amalgam, one surface .....		176.1	176.9	6.1	.5
Extractions, adult .....		168.8	170.1	5.8	.8
Dentures, full upper .....		161.1	162.2	6.3	.7
Other professional services .....					
Examination, prescription, and dispensing .....					
of eyeglasses .....		158.0	158.7	6.4	-.4
Routine laboratory tests .....		160.5	159.3	4.0	-.7
Hospital service charges .....	Jan. 72	146.7	147.1	12.2	-.3
Semiprivate rooms .....		263.2	265.1	13.9	.7
Operating room charges .....		269.4	270.5	14.0	.4
X-ray, diagnostic series, upper GI .....		171.5	173.3	11.2	1.0
Laboratory tests .....	Jan. 72	141.6	139.6	9.1	-1.4
Anti-infectives .....	Jan. 72	123.5	121.8	9.3	-1.4
Tranquilizers .....	Jan. 72	129.5	129.3	10.2	-.2
Electrocardiogram .....	Jan. 72	135.8	135.9	7.9	.1
Intravenous solution .....	Jan. 72	142.6	142.8	11.0	.1
Physical therapy .....	Jan. 72	145.5	145.8	7.0	.2
Oxygen, inhalation therapy .....	Jan. 72	129.2	129.5	9.2	-.2
Personal care .....		158.9	159.8	6.3	.6
Toilet goods .....		157.0	158.1	5.6	-.7
Toothpaste, standard dentifrice .....		135.9	135.6	3.0	-.2
Toilet soap, hard-milled .....		194.6	194.1	-.4	-.3
Hand lotions .....		161.0	161.9	5.4	.6
Shaving cream .....		132.8	134.2	7.6	1.1
Face powder .....		162.4	166.2	10.8	2.3
Deodorants .....		119.5	120.2	2.5	.6
Cleansing tissues .....		214.7	217.5	10.1	1.3
Home permanent wave kits .....		128.3	128.8	7.2	.4
Personal care services .....		160.9	161.6	7.1	.4
Men's haircuts .....		161.7	162.4	6.1	.4
Beauty shop services .....		160.5	161.1	7.8	.4
Women's haircuts .....		182.7	184.3	12.7	.9
Shampoo and wave sets, plain .....		161.7	162.3	6.6	-.4
Permanent waves, cold .....		135.0	135.0	5.1	0
Reading and recreation <sup>11</sup> .....		150.3	150.9	4.7	.4
Recreational goods .....		127.1	127.5	3.4	.3
TV sets, portable and console .....		103.1	102.8	1.7	-.3
TV replacement tubes .....		166.0	166.2	5.9	.1
Radios, portable and table models .....		105.5	105.7	1.7	.2
Tape recorders, portable .....		96.1	96.3	1.0	.2
Phonograph records, stereophonic .....		122.8	123.2	1.6	.4
Movie cameras, 8mm .....		95.4	95.8	1.6	.4
Film, 35mm, color .....		125.1	125.5	5.9	.3
Golf balls .....		104.7	104.1	-.2	-.6

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 June 1976 from—	
		May 1976	June 1976	June 1975	May 1976
Health and recreation—Continued					
Reading and recreation—Continued					
Recreational goods—Continued					
Basketballs, rubber or vinyl cover		147.1	147.9	2.1	0.5
Fishing rods, fresh-water spin-casting		124.8	124.6	3.3	-.2
Bowling balls		129.4	129.5	2.7	.1
Bicycles, boys'		144.7	146.0	1.3	.9
Tricycles		148.9	150.9	9.9	1.3
Dog food, canned or boxed		169.4	169.3	-.1	-.1
Recreational services		154.2	155.2	4.4	.6
Indoor movie admissions		176.0	177.5	3.7	.9
Adult		169.9	171.4	2.8	.9
Children's		193.4	194.7	6.2	.7
Drive-in movie admissions		178.1	180.2	4.0	1.2
Bowling fees, evening		145.7	145.3	6.1	-.3
Golf green fees		163.1	166.1	9.6	1.8
TV repair		106.2	106.0	1.0	-.2
Film developing		124.0	123.9	.3	-.1
Reading and education:					
Newspapers, street sale and delivery		181.4	182.3	4.6	.5
Magazines, single copy and subscription		188.0	188.0	10.3	0
Piano lessons, beginner		144.0	144.2	3.8	.1
Other goods and services		152.9	153.2	4.0	.2
Tobacco products		160.1	160.2	4.3	.1
Cigarettes, nonfilter tip, regular size		162.2	162.3	4.2	.1
Cigarettes, filter tip, king size		162.9	163.0	4.3	.1
Cigars, domestic, regular size		129.4	129.6	4.7	.2
Alcoholic beverages		146.6	146.8	3.3	.1
Beer, at home		143.8	144.1	2.3	.2
Whiskey, spirit blended and straight bourbon		115.6	115.8	1.8	..
Wine, dessert and table		157.2	157.4	2.1	..
Beer, away from home		165.2	165.2	5.4	0
Financial and miscellaneous personal expenses:					
Funeral services, adult		149.3	149.6	4.5	.2
Bank service charges, checking account		125.5	126.6	5.4	.9
Legal services, short form will		199.4	200.9	7.4	.8

<sup>1</sup> Also includes hotel and motel rates not shown separately.  
<sup>2</sup> Also includes home purchase costs not shown separately.  
<sup>3</sup> Also includes pine shelving, furnace filter, packaged dry cement mix, and shrubbery not shown separately.  
<sup>4</sup> Also includes window shades, nails, carpet sweepers, air deodorizers, steel wool scouring pads, envelopes, reupholstering and moving expenses.  
<sup>5</sup> Priced only in season.  
<sup>6</sup> Also includes men's sport shirts, women's and girls' lightweight coats, women's slacks, bathing suits, girls' shorts, earrings, and zippers not shown separately.  
<sup>7</sup> 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, 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>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 textbooks, not shown separately.  
(\*) Discontinued.

**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	June 1976	March 1976	May 1976
		June 1976			June 1975	March 1976	May 1976
U.S. city average	M	170.1	197.9		5.9	1.6	0.5
Chicago	M	164.9	187.3		5.4	1.8	.7
Detroit	M	168.1	193.2		5.1	1.4	.4
Los Angeles—Long Beach	M	167.0	196.4		6.6	1.9	.4
N.Y.—Northeastern N.J.	M	176.0	209.4		6.5	1.2	.6
Philadelphia	M	171.9	200.8		5.1	1.3	.5
		April 1976			April 1975	January 1976	
Boston	1	172.5	206.6		8.5	0.3	
Houston	1	174.1	199.2		7.9	1.0	
Minneapolis—St. Paul	1	168.7	195.6		7.6	1.0	
Pittsburgh	1	166.7	191.7		5.7	1.6	
		May 1976			May 1975	February 1976	
Buffalo	2	169.1		<sup>3</sup> 185.8	5.4	1.2	
Cleveland	2	166.9	188.4		4.6	1.1	
Dallas	2	166.2		<sup>3</sup> 179.6	6.7	1.5	
Milwaukee	2	165.9	187.3		6.8	2.1	
San Diego	2	169.3		<sup>4</sup> 177.9	6.6	1.2	
Seattle	2	162.6	191.0		5.2	.6	
Washington	2	170.0	198.0		6.3	1.8	
		June 1976			June 1975	March 1976	
Atlanta	3	168.5	193.8		4.7	1.1	
Baltimore	3	173.7	201.7		5.5	1.9	
Cincinnati	3	169.9	192.8		5.8	1.7	
Honolulu <sup>5,6</sup>	3	162.3		<sup>7</sup> 174.9	5.2	.7	
Kansas City	3	165.9	196.9		5.5	1.5	
St. Louis	3	165.2	193.0		5.4	1.5	
San Francisco—Oakland	3	166.9	198.6		5.2	.8	

<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> November 1963=100.

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

<sup>5</sup> Revised indexes: September 1974, 145.5; December 1974, 148.5; annual average 1974, 141.9; March 1975, 151.9; June 1975, 154.3; September 1975, 157.6; December 1975, 169.8; annual average 1975, 155.0; March 1976, 161.1. (1967=100)

<sup>6</sup> Revised indexes: September 1974, 156.8; December 1974, 160.1; annual average 1974, 153.0; March 1975, 163.8; June 1975, 166.3; September 1975, 169.9; December 1975, 172.3; annual average 1975, 167.1; March 1976, 173.7. (December 1963=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 priced monthly, by expenditure class, percent change from May 1976 to June 1976**

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

Expenditure class	U.S. city average	Chicago	Detroit	Los Angeles—Long Beach	New York—Northeastern New Jersey	Philadelphia
All items	0.5	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.5
Food	2.5	1.1	.1	.5	.7	.4
Housing	.5	.5	.6	-.1	.7	.1
Apparel and upkeep	.1	.7	-.1	-.1	-.7	.1
Transportation	1.5	1.3	1.5	1.6	1.0	1.3
Health and recreation	.4	.4	-.1	.5	.8	.8
Medical care	.6	.6	.2	.8	1.1	1.4
Personal care	.6	( <sup>3</sup> )	( <sup>3</sup> )	( <sup>3</sup> )	( <sup>3</sup> )	( <sup>3</sup> )
Reading and recreation	.4	-.4	-.7	-.1	1.3	.2
Other goods and services	.2	.6	2.6	-.1	.0	.6

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

<sup>3</sup> Revised

<sup>3</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)

Group	U.S. city average	Chicago	Detroit	Los Angeles—Long Beach	New York—Northeastern New Jersey	Philadelphia
Indexes, June 1976						
All items .....	170.1	164.9	168.1	167.0	176.0	171.9
Food .....	180.9	180.3	175.7	173.1	185.7	186.3
Food at home .....	179.7	179.5	173.4	172.4	185.8	183.8
Cereals and bakery products .....	181.3	182.0	181.7	177.9	187.5	186.8
Meats, poultry, and fish .....	182.7	186.3	177.3	178.8	182.1	187.8
Dairy products .....	167.9	160.8	163.2	155.7	171.5	168.2
Fruits and vegetables .....	176.7	179.4	161.6	160.1	191.1	181.2
Other food at home .....	185.2	181.0	178.7	181.0	197.5	190.3
Food away from home .....	185.6	183.5	186.1	174.8	185.5	196.8
Housing .....	176.5	161.8	171.8	174.9	182.4	178.2
Shelter .....	178.2	161.6	174.4	180.7	181.3	187.0
Rent, residential .....	144.4	( <sup>2</sup> )	141.0	( <sup>2</sup> )	162.4	( <sup>2</sup> )
Homeownership .....	190.7	172.4	180.9	192.5	195.1	195.5
Fuel and utilities .....	181.7	164.8	186.9	161.6	205.8	171.8
Fuel oil and coal .....	247.3	237.5	245.2	-	253.8	234.8
Gas and electricity .....	188.5	172.4	204.1	187.0	232.0	175.9
Household furnishings and operation .....	168.5	160.6	154.1	161.0	171.4	166.0
Apparel and upkeep .....	146.9	138.0	140.5	138.7	142.0	139.3
Men's and boys' .....	146.7	131.8	150.4	132.1	138.7	146.8
Women's and girls' .....	140.9	132.9	125.7	134.4	134.2	121.2
Footwear .....	149.5	142.7	144.9	143.4	144.9	151.5
Transportation .....	165.9	167.5	160.5	166.6	184.5	166.2
Private .....	165.0	167.6	159.7	169.1	173.2	168.6
Public .....	173.6	167.5	169.4	121.0	227.6	152.6
Health and recreation .....	162.8	164.2	172.3	160.2	169.4	167.2
Medical care .....	183.7	187.9	206.6	187.0	199.1	199.1
Personal care .....	159.8	154.6	( <sup>2</sup> )	148.6	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
Reading and recreation .....	150.9	151.2	151.1	139.7	155.2	151.5
Other goods and services .....	153.2	157.3	<sup>3</sup> 156.8	152.5	158.1	156.3
Percent changes, March 1976 to June 1976						
All items .....	1.6	1.8	1.4	1.9	1.2	1.3
Food .....	1.2	1.7	1.2	1.3	1.4	.9
Food at home .....	1.1	1.8	1.0	1.1	1.3	.8
Cereals and bakery products .....	.4	.3	.0	-1.1	2.5	3.1
Meats, poultry, and fish .....	1.4	2.0	3.1	1.2	.8	1.6
Dairy products .....	.0	1.1	-3.4	.1	-.2	-.4
Fruits and vegetables .....	1.8	6.1	.9	.7	-.7	-1.8
Other food at home .....	1.3	-.4	1.0	2.6	2.8	1.2
Food away from home .....	1.5	1.4	2.1	1.6	1.6	1.2
Housing .....	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.5	1.1	.7
Shelter .....	1.1	.8	.3	1.8	.8	.8
Rent, residential .....	1.2	( <sup>2</sup> )	4.5	( <sup>2</sup> )	4.7	( <sup>2</sup> )
Homeownership .....	1.1	.8	.1	1.9	.4	.7
Fuel and utilities .....	1.6	2.2	5.9	.4	2.8	-.5
Fuel oil and coal .....	-.1	1.1	1.0	-	-1.3	-1.3
Gas and electricity .....	2.6	3.7	7.2	.5	7.1	-.6
Household furnishings and operation .....	1.1	1.1	1.4	.6	.5	1.4
Apparel and upkeep .....	1.3	1.2	-.4	.1	-.4	.9
Men's and boys' .....	.9	-1.3	.9	.5	-2.3	.7
Women's and girls' .....	1.7	1.5	-2.6	-.3	-.6	.9
Footwear .....	1.4	2.3	-2.2	.1	.9	1.8
Transportation .....	3.8	4.5	3.8	4.1	2.0	3.6
Private .....	4.1	5.2	4.0	4.3	2.5	4.1
Public .....	.8	.5	1.0	.5	.4	.4
Health and recreation .....	1.4	1.4	.9	2.4	1.6	1.7
Medical care .....	1.7	2.0	1.4	3.1	1.9	2.2
Personal care .....	1.5	1.1	( <sup>2</sup> )	2.1	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
Reading and recreation .....	1.3	.2	.2	.6	2.0	1.3
Other goods and services .....	.9	1.9	1.9	3.0	.8	1.2

See footnotes at end of table.

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

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

Group	Atlanta	Baltimore	Cincinnati	Honolulu	Kansas City	St. Louis	San Francisco—Oakland
<b>Indexes, June 1976</b>							
All items .....	168.5	173.7	169.9	<sup>5</sup> 162.3	165.9	165.2	166.9
Food .....	184.5	185.2	184.1	182.9	178.9	180.5	172.8
Food at home .....	184.1	183.9	186.6	179.2	177.9	180.2	174.8
Cereals and bakery products .....	184.0	175.1	190.2	177.3	182.1	192.9	176.8
Meats, poultry, and fish .....	185.4	187.5	190.3	183.7	178.6	178.2	184.4
Dairy products .....	180.3	168.1	171.2	179.4	175.4	171.9	158.7
Fruits and vegetables .....	184.8	185.6	180.6	175.5	166.6	179.5	162.5
Other food at home .....	184.5	193.1	196.5	176.6	184.1	182.4	179.9
Food away from home .....	185.9	189.9	174.7	193.3	182.1	181.7	165.9
Housing .....	174.9	184.4	172.2	<sup>5</sup> 156.0	169.7	166.6	175.5
Shelter .....	179.1	193.7	177.6	154.9	173.0	165.3	179.9
Rent, residential .....	131.2	134.9	123.7	157.0	123.5	119.9	152.7
Homeownership .....	193.2	218.3	202.9	153.5	192.4	178.4	193.5
Fuel and utilities .....	170.5	171.8	173.5	<sup>5</sup> 158.5	164.3	169.2	159.9
Fuel oil and coal .....	-	241.6	-	-	-	260.5	-
Gas and electricity .....	183.3	172.3	174.0	<sup>5</sup> 187.2	187.4	171.2	180.0
Household furnishings and operation .....	167.8	171.3	157.4	157.7	164.6	167.7	169.0
Apparel and upkeep .....	140.9	153.7	151.1	146.8	149.9	140.8	144.0
Men's and boys' .....	154.3	154.7	<sup>6</sup> 146.2	144.7	155.1	140.0	143.6
Women's and girls' .....	128.9	128.2	147.4	135.5	143.4	132.9	139.6
Footwear .....	126.2	162.4	163.6	144.7	157.6	152.5	145.5
Transportation .....	154.4	160.3	157.7	153.2	160.9	160.1	163.9
Private .....	158.9	160.9	164.2	158.6	161.3	164.9	164.7
Public .....	95.9	155.5	107.6	124.0	151.4	103.6	149.0
Health and recreation .....	166.4	164.7	166.6	159.1	158.7	159.5	159.2
Medical care .....	195.0	194.4	196.0	179.6	174.2	168.6	180.6
Personal care .....	165.2	155.9	155.2	166.4	161.0	162.9	156.7
Reading and recreation .....	151.8	149.0	144.2	157.7	143.5	148.1	144.9
Other goods and services .....	140.6	157.9	163.1	134.3	156.3	157.3	144.9
<b>Percent changes, March 1976 to June 1976</b>							
All items .....	1.1	1.9	1.7	0.7	1.5	1.5	0.8
Food .....	.2	1.8	1.9	.2	-.8	1.2	.3
Food at home .....	-.1	1.7	1.8	-.4	-1.4	1.1	.3
Cereals and bakery products .....	.1	-.5	-.3	-1.4	1.1	-.5	-.6
Meats, poultry, and fish .....	1.3	1.5	1.1	.1	-.1	-.3	-.9
Dairy products .....	-.3	-.1	.5	2.0	-4.4	1.1	-.8
Fruits and vegetables .....	.5	5.3	2.5	-.2	-1.5	3.3	-.7
Other food at home .....	-2.3	1.9	4.5	-2.2	-2.8	3.0	-.3
Food away from home .....	1.1	2.3	2.5	1.7	1.3	1.3	.7
Housing .....	1.2	1.7	.8	.8	1.8	.3	.9
Shelter .....	1.2	2.4	1.4	.8	1.1	1.1	.6
Rent, residential .....	.5	1.6	.6	1.4	1.0	.8	1.5
Homeownership .....	1.4	2.7	1.7	.5	1.1	1.1	.2
Fuel and utilities .....	1.7	-1.1	-2.2	-.3	6.2	-.7	.6
Fuel oil and coal .....	-	-.8	-	-	-	-.1	-
Gas and electricity .....	2.6	-1.8	-3.1	-.4	8.9	.9	.1
Household furnishings and operation .....	.8	1.6	.8	1.4	1.1	.6	2.0
Apparel and upkeep .....	-.4	1.4	-.1	1.2	2.0	.4	-1.0
Men's and boys' .....	2.3	.3	-1.9	1.3	4.7	2.2	-4.2
Women's and girls' .....	-1.9	1.6	-.7	2.0	.1	-1.3	-1.7
Footwear .....	-.1	1.1	2.6	1.0	1.2	1.5	1.3
Transportation .....	3.9	4.0	6.3	1.1	3.9	4.6	2.6
Private .....	4.1	4.5	6.6	1.3	4.0	4.8	2.7
Public .....	1.5	.6	2.2	.1	.7	.5	.5
Health and recreation .....	1.0	1.7	.5	.9	1.3	1.9	.8
Medical care .....	.7	3.5	1.3	1.4	2.3	2.1	1.0
Personal care .....	2.0	1.0	-.6	-.5	1.4	2.5	.5
Reading and recreation .....	1.4	1.2	.8	1.3	1.1	1.2	-.7
Other goods and services .....	.1	.4	-.1	.5	.1	2.0	.5

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

<sup>2</sup> Not available.

<sup>3</sup> Revised indexes: February 1976, 153.6; March 1976, 153.9; April 1976, 154.9; May 1976, 155.8.

<sup>4</sup> Change from April 1976.

<sup>5</sup> Revised indexes: See table 7-A.

<sup>6</sup> Revised index: March 1976, 149.0.

**Table 7-A. CPI—Honolulu, Hawaii, Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area: Indexes for components affected by correction of the electricity component, revised and previously published**

(Consumer price index for urban wage earners and clerical workers 1976=100 unless otherwise indicated)

Year and month	All items		All items (December 1963=100)		Housing		Fuel and utilities		Gas and electricity		Electricity	
	Revised	Previously published	Revised	Previously published	Revised	Previously published	Revised	Previously published	Revised	Previously published	Revised	Previously published
<b>1972:</b>												
September							113.0	110.8	110.1	106.1	113.3	108.3
October							113.0	110.8	110.1	106.1	113.3	108.3
November							113.0	110.8	110.1	106.1	113.3	108.3
December							113.1	110.8	110.2	106.2	113.3	108.3
Annual Average							110.9	110.1	106.3	104.9	108.5	106.8
<b>1973:</b>												
January							112.7	110.5	110.2	106.2	113.3	108.3
February							112.7	110.5	110.2	106.2	113.3	108.3
March							114.4	112.2	110.4	106.4	113.3	108.3
April							114.4	112.2	110.3	106.3	113.3	108.3
May							114.3	112.1	110.1	106.1	113.3	108.3
June							114.3	112.1	110.1	106.1	113.3	108.3
July							116.1	112.6	113.6	107.4	117.7	109.9
August							116.2	112.7	113.7	107.4	117.7	109.9
September							116.3	112.8	113.9	107.6	117.7	109.9
October							116.2	112.7	113.8	107.5	117.7	109.9
November							116.3	112.8	114.0	107.7	117.7	109.9
December							117.0	113.5	115.1	108.9	117.7	109.9
Annual Average							115.1	112.2	112.1	107.0	115.5	109.0
<b>1974:</b>												
May									134.5	135.1	119.5	120.3
June									134.7	135.4	119.5	120.3
July							128.7	128.0	137.5	136.2	123.2	121.6
August							129.8	128.9	139.4	137.8	123.8	121.8
September	145.5	145.3	156.9	156.7	142.4	141.6	138.0	131.9	155.6	144.8	143.4	129.9
October							139.4	133.0	158.2	146.7	144.8	130.4
November							139.7	133.1	158.8	146.9	145.5	130.6
December	148.5	148.2	160.1	159.8	143.6	142.7	140.5	133.5	160.2	147.6	147.0	131.3
Annual Average	141.9	141.8	153.0	152.9	139.0	138.6	130.0	127.7	140.0	135.9	129.2	124.1
<b>1975:</b>												
January							155.1	140.2	186.8	160.3	174.0	140.8
February							153.9	138.1	184.8	156.5	177.5	142.1
March	151.9	151.4	163.8	163.2	146.4	144.4	155.0	138.8	186.8	157.7	178.8	142.6
April							153.5	137.1	184.1	154.7	179.6	142.8
May							153.8	138.1	184.5	156.5	176.8	141.8
June	154.3	153.6	166.3	165.6	148.6	146.5	156.7	139.4	189.7	158.9	182.3	143.8
July							156.3	139.0	189.0	158.2	182.3	143.8
August							156.5	139.3	189.4	158.6	182.3	143.8
September	157.6	157.0	169.9	169.2	151.1	148.9	161.7	144.0	192.3	160.7	183.9	144.4
October							161.1	143.3	191.1	159.4	183.9	144.4
November							160.7	143.5	190.4	159.6	182.2	143.7
December	159.8	159.2	172.3	171.7	154.6	152.6	159.6	143.2	188.5	159.1	179.5	142.8
Annual Average	155.0	154.4	167.1	166.4	149.3	147.3	157.0	140.3	188.1	158.4	180.3	143.1
<b>1976:</b>												
January							160.4	143.6	190.6	160.5	180.9	143.2
February							159.4	142.6	188.8	158.6	180.9	143.2
March	161.1	160.5	173.7	173.0	154.7	152.6	159.0	142.2	187.9	158.0	180.5	143.1
April							158.6	142.0	187.3	157.7	179.8	142.9

<sup>1</sup> Revised values are the official indexes.

**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 June 1978								
U.S. city average .....	<sup>2</sup> 180.9	<sup>3</sup> 179.7	181.3	<sup>4</sup> 182.7	167.9	176.7	185.2	185.6
Atlanta .....	184.5	184.1	184.0	185.4	180.3	184.8	184.5	185.9
Baltimore .....	185.2	183.9	175.1	187.5	168.1	185.6	193.1	189.9
Boston .....	183.4	181.7	184.0	184.9	163.9	185.4	185.6	189.2
Buffalo .....	178.9	177.9	190.2	178.9	166.6	171.6	181.9	185.2
Chicago .....	180.3	179.5	182.0	186.3	160.8	179.4	181.0	183.5
Cincinnati .....	184.1	186.6	190.2	190.3	171.2	180.6	196.5	174.7
Cleveland .....	186.9	187.6	191.1	186.3	176.3	188.7	194.3	184.0
Dallas .....	177.4	173.8	172.1	177.6	160.3	172.6	177.8	190.5
Detroit .....	175.7	173.4	181.7	177.3	163.2	161.6	178.7	186.1
Honolulu .....	182.9	179.2	177.3	183.7	179.4	175.5	176.6	193.3
Houston .....	187.5	183.0	181.2	189.2	179.9	178.1	180.7	203.2
Kansas City .....	178.9	177.9	182.1	178.6	175.4	166.6	184.1	182.1
Los Angeles—Long Beach .....	173.1	172.4	177.9	178.8	155.7	160.1	181.0	174.8
Milwaukee .....	180.1	179.9	182.2	183.1	171.1	183.2	178.3	( <sup>5</sup> )
Minneapolis—St. Paul .....	186.3	181.8	188.3	184.9	182.9	170.6	182.5	205.8
N.Y.—Northeastern N.J. ....	185.7	185.8	187.5	182.1	171.5	191.1	197.5	185.5
Philadelphia .....	186.3	183.8	186.8	187.8	168.2	181.2	190.3	196.8
Pittsburgh .....	181.4	179.0	184.9	184.7	159.2	180.3	180.0	195.9
St. Louis .....	180.5	180.2	192.9	178.2	171.9	179.5	182.4	181.7
San Diego .....	179.6	172.0	177.4	181.5	158.8	156.7	174.3	( <sup>5</sup> )
San Francisco—Oakland .....	172.8	174.8	176.8	184.4	158.7	162.5	179.9	165.9
Seattle .....	173.4	173.7	177.9	184.8	165.2	152.9	179.4	172.4
Washington .....	186.9	184.4	184.8	176.5	159.8	198.8	201.9	193.1
Percent changes May 1976 to June 1976								
U.S. city average .....	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.8	0.3	0.2	0.6	0.4
Atlanta .....	.1	-.1	1.2	1.0	.3	-4.0	-.1	.6
Baltimore .....	1.1	1.1	.5	1.4	-.1	2.9	.7	.7
Boston .....	.1	-.1	-.1	.4	.5	-.6	-.6	.4
Buffalo .....	.9	1.1	3.0	1.0	.8	.6	.6	.2
Chicago .....	1.1	1.2	.1	2.8	1.5	1.4	-1.4	.6
Cincinnati .....	.8	.6	.4	1.2	1.1	-2.2	2.0	1.5
Cleveland .....	.8	1.0	-.1	1.1	.7	3.1	.0	.0
Dallas .....	.8	.9	-1.3	1.5	.8	1.4	1.1	.3
Detroit .....	.1	.1	-.9	.3	-.9	2.0	-.5	.3
Honolulu .....	-.1	-.1	.2	.3	1.9	-4.3	1.8	-.2
Houston .....	.5	.4	.1	.2	.1	2.3	-.2	.9
Kansas City .....	-.2	-.6	.9	-.2	-.5	-2.0	-1.0	.8
Los Angeles—Long Beach .....	.5	.3	.1	-.1	.1	.7	1.1	.6
Milwaukee .....	.6	.8	-.1	1.3	-.1	1.6	.7	( <sup>5</sup> )
Minneapolis—St. Paul .....	.3	.2	.0	.3	.2	-1.2	1.1	.5
N.Y.—Northeastern N.J. ....	.7	.9	.6	1.3	.5	-.1	1.3	.2
Philadelphia .....	.4	.2	.3	1.5	.0	-1.9	.7	.5
Pittsburgh .....	.1	.2	.5	.1	.1	1.3	-.9	.2
St. Louis .....	.2	.1	-.6	-1.0	.2	-.1	2.3	.8
San Diego .....	.2	.3	.3	.6	.0	-1.0	.9	( <sup>5</sup> )
San Francisco—Oakland .....	-.3	-.5	.5	-.4	-.1	-2.8	.4	.4
Seattle .....	-.2	-.5	-.1	-1.6	.5	-2.5	1.5	.7
Washington .....	1.4	1.6	.8	.9	-.2	4.6	1.9	.8

<sup>1</sup> See footnote 1, table 5.  
<sup>2</sup> Revised index: May 1976, 180.0.  
<sup>3</sup> Revised index: May 1976, 178.8.

<sup>4</sup> Revised index: May 1976, 181.2.  
<sup>5</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 June 1976 from—	Index		Percent change to June 1976 from—	Index		Percent change to June 1976 from—
	May 1976	June 1976		May 1976	June 1976		May 1976	June 1976	
U.S. city average .....	98.5	101.3	2.8	99.1	101.8	2.7	98.8	101.2	2.4
Atlanta .....	99.1	102.5	3.4	101.0	105.0	4.0	99.9	103.1	3.2
Baltimore .....	98.0	101.6	3.7	100.2	102.5	2.3	99.3	101.7	2.4
Boston .....	96.9	100.3	3.5	99.1	101.9	2.8	97.8	100.2	2.5
Buffalo .....	98.0	100.6	2.7	98.4	100.0	1.6	97.6	99.1	1.5
Chicago .....	98.3	101.3	3.1	98.6	101.8	3.2	98.9	101.6	2.7
Cincinnati .....	97.9	100.7	2.9	99.8	101.8	2.0	98.5	100.8	2.3
Cleveland .....	98.7	100.2	1.5	99.8	102.0	2.2	97.9	100.5	2.7
Dallas .....	99.9	102.9	3.0	100.3	103.7	3.4	99.6	103.2	3.6
Detroit .....	99.1	101.2	2.1	100.0	102.6	2.6	98.7	100.5	1.8
Honolulu .....	98.5	99.8	1.3	98.3	99.4	1.1	98.0	99.1	1.1
Houston .....	99.6	103.5	3.9	99.7	103.5	3.8	99.5	102.6	3.1
Kansas City .....	99.8	103.1	3.3	100.5	103.3	2.8	99.7	102.9	3.2
Los Angeles—Long Beach .....	98.0	102.2	4.3	98.5	102.2	3.8	98.5	101.6	3.1
Milwaukee .....	100.5	103.7	3.2	101.6	104.5	2.9	99.7	101.8	2.1
Minneapolis—St. Paul .....	100.1	102.5	2.4	101.7	104.0	2.3	100.6	102.7	2.1
N.Y.—Northeastern N.J. ....	96.3	99.3	3.1	99.0	101.7	2.7	97.8	100.4	2.7
Philadelphia .....	97.0	101.1	4.2	99.1	102.1	3.0	97.5	101.1	3.7
Pittsburgh .....	98.9	102.5	3.6	100.0	103.7	3.7	99.6	103.1	3.5
St. Louis .....	100.3	103.4	3.1	100.3	103.2	2.9	99.3	102.5	3.2
San Diego .....	97.8	100.7	3.0	98.9	101.3	2.4	98.8	100.9	2.1
San Francisco—Oakland .....	97.5	99.3	1.8	98.0	99.9	1.9	97.6	98.9	1.3
Seattle .....	99.2	101.2	2.0	98.8	100.2	1.4	99.1	100.7	1.6
Washington .....	97.9	100.1	2.2	100.2	102.1	1.9	99.2	100.8	1.6

<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.

**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						April 1976	May 1976	June 1976
	April 1976	May 1976	June 1976	April 1976	May 1976	June 1976			
U.S. city average .....	\$0.567	\$0.576	\$0.592	\$0.592	\$0.600	\$0.616	\$0.614	\$0.621	\$0.637
Atlanta .....	.561	.572	.591	.594	.607	.631	.617	.626	.646
Baltimore .....	.572	.586	.607	.597	.615	.629	.626	.640	.655
Boston .....	.563	.567	.587	.589	.596	.613	.609	.615	.630
Buffalo .....	.572	.582	.597	.599	.607	.617	.617	.626	.635
Chicago .....	.580	.589	.607	.618	.623	.643	.624	.635	.652
Cincinnati .....	.554	.563	.579	.580	.591	.603	.604	.613	.627
Cleveland .....	.568	.587	.587	.585	.593	.606	.610	.615	.631
Dallas .....	.525	.537	.553	.547	.557	.576	.568	.576	.597
Detroit .....	.560	.574	.586	.591	.604	.620	.615	.624	.635
Honolulu .....	.673	.675	.684	.682	.684	.692	.710	.712	.720
Houston .....	.513	.525	.545	.534	.544	.565	.561	.573	.591
Kansas City .....	.549	.553	.571	.568	.573	.589	.594	.597	.616
Los Angeles—Long Beach .....	.568	.572	.596	.600	.602	.624	.616	.618	.637
Milwaukee .....	.533	.547	.564	.560	.575	.591	.580	.591	.604
Minneapolis—St. Paul .....	.566	.575	.589	.592	.601	.615	.626	.637	.650
N.Y.—Northeastern N.J. ....	.568	.576	.594	.600	.609	.625	.627	.635	.651
Philadelphia .....	.556	.565	.589	.600	.606	.625	.616	.625	.648
Pittsburgh .....	.563	.574	.595	.593	.602	.624	.614	.622	.644
St. Louis .....	.556	.569	.586	.572	.584	.601	.603	.610	.630
San Diego .....	.582	.590	.607	.614	.621	.636	.634	.642	.656
San Francisco—Oakland .....	.600	.598	.609	.615	.619	.631	.643	.643	.652
Seattle .....	.563	.569	.581	.582	.586	.595	.606	.613	.623
Washington .....	.582	.589	.602	.617	.628	.640	.641	.650	.661

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

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

**Table 11. CPI—by population size**

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

Area and group	Relative importance	Indexes —			Percent change to June 1976 from—	
	December 1975	June 1975	March 1976	June 1976	June 1975	March 1976
<b>United States:</b>						
All items	100.000	160.6	167.5	170.1	5.9	1.6
Food	24.675	174.4	178.7	180.9	3.7	1.2
Housing	34.002	166.4	174.5	176.5	6.1	1.1
Apparel and upkeep	9.217	141.4	145.0	146.9	3.9	1.3
Transportation	13.053	149.8	159.5	165.9	10.7	3.8
Health and recreation	18.681	153.2	160.6	162.8	6.3	1.4
<b>Class A-1 (3.5 million or more):</b>						
All items	32.409	161.3	168.7	171.1	6.1	1.4
Food	8.280	175.4	179.5	181.9	3.7	1.3
Housing	10.730	166.0	173.5	175.5	5.7	1.2
Apparel and upkeep	3.013	137.2	140.3	140.4	2.3	.1
Transportation	4.241	153.4	167.6	173.0	12.8	3.2
Health and recreation	6.145	155.9	164.3	166.9	7.1	1.6
<b>Class A-2 (1.4 million to 3.5 million):</b>						
All items	11.694	160.2	167.0	169.4	5.7	1.4
Food	2.948	174.8	179.2	181.5	3.8	1.3
Housing	3.951	163.5	170.6	172.5	5.5	1.1
Apparel and upkeep	1.095	142.8	146.9	147.5	3.3	.4
Transportation	1.493	150.4	162.2	168.0	11.7	3.6
Health and recreation	2.207	153.5	161.0	162.9	6.1	1.2
<b>Class B (250,000 to 1.4 million):</b>						
All items	25.645	159.9	166.3	169.2	5.8	1.7
Food	6.073	174.2	178.6	180.5	3.6	1.1
Housing	8.909	165.7	173.5	175.6	6.0	1.2
Apparel and upkeep	2.365	142.6	147.4	150.4	5.5	2.0
Transportation	3.444	147.5	154.4	161.2	9.3	4.4
Health and recreation	4.854	152.5	159.6	161.6	6.0	1.3
<b>Class C (50,000 to 250,000):</b>						
All items	12.584	160.5	166.7	169.8	5.8	1.9
Food	3.085	172.7	177.5	179.2	3.8	1.0
Housing	4.330	167.9	175.4	178.8	6.5	1.9
Apparel and upkeep	1.191	145.3	147.7	150.8	3.8	2.1
Transportation	1.668	148.5	156.4	162.3	9.3	3.8
Health and recreation	2.312	150.7	157.2	159.3	5.7	1.3
<b>Class D (2,500 to 50,000):</b>						
All items	17.292	161.1	168.2	170.7	6.0	1.5
Food	4.289	173.9	178.1	180.1	3.6	1.1
Housing	6.078	168.9	179.2	180.5	6.9	.7
Apparel and upkeep	1.554	143.8	146.8	150.8	4.9	2.7
Transportation	2.207	147.9	155.6	161.9	9.5	4.0
Health and recreation	3.163	151.0	158.0	159.8	5.8	1.1

<sup>1</sup> Based upon 1960 Census of Population.  
<sup>2</sup> Revised index: September 1975, 162.8.

<sup>3</sup> Revised.

**Table 12. CPI—by region**

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

Area and group	Relative importance	Indexes			Percent change to June 1976 from—	
	December 1975	June 1975	March 1976	June 1976	June 1975	March 1976
<b>United States:</b>						
All items	100.000	160.6	167.5	170.1	5.9	1.6
Food	24.675	174.4	178.7	180.9	3.7	1.2
Housing	34.002	166.4	174.5	176.5	6.1	1.1
Apparel and upkeep	9.217	141.4	145.0	146.9	3.9	1.3
Transportation	13.053	149.8	159.5	165.9	10.7	3.8
Health and recreation	18.681	153.2	160.6	162.8	6.3	1.4
<b>Northeast:</b>						
All items	32.686	163.1	170.7	172.9	6.0	1.3
Food	8.696	176.6	181.4	183.5	3.9	1.2
Housing	10.607	169.8	177.6	179.2	5.5	.9
Apparel and upkeep	3.228	141.1	144.3	145.5	3.1	.8
Transportation	4.031	151.9	169.6	174.1	14.6	2.7
Health and recreation	6.124	155.4	162.7	164.8	6.0	1.3
<b>North Central:</b>						
All items	27.874	158.1	164.5	167.4	5.9	1.8
Food	6.853	172.0	177.8	180.4	4.9	1.5
Housing	9.495	160.2	167.1	169.1	5.6	1.2
Apparel and upkeep	2.467	141.6	144.4	147.2	4.0	1.9
Transportation	3.770	148.7	155.5	162.9	9.5	4.8
Health and recreation	5.288	153.8	161.6	163.4	6.2	1.1
<b>South:</b>						
All items	22.104	163.3	169.7	172.6	5.7	1.7
Food	5.281	177.7	181.4	183.1	3.0	.9
Housing	7.732	171.6	180.1	182.6	6.4	1.4
Apparel and upkeep	2.102	143.4	148.4	150.9	5.2	1.7
Transportation	2.938	148.9	155.8	162.3	9.0	4.2
Health and recreation	4.050	154.5	161.4	163.7	6.0	1.4
<b>West:</b>						
All items	16.499	157.3	164.0	166.7	6.0	1.6
Food	3.716	170.1	171.3	173.3	1.9	1.2
Housing	6.022	164.4	174.4	176.7	7.5	1.3
Apparel and upkeep	1.385	138.6	142.2	143.1	3.2	.6
Transportation	2.253	148.9	155.9	161.7	8.6	3.7
Health and recreation	3.123	146.8	154.9	157.9	7.3	1.7

<sup>1</sup> Regional index and relative importance data exclude Anchorage, Alaska, and Honolulu, Hawaii which are included in the U.S. level data. Consequently, regional relative importances will not add to

U.S. totals.

## 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	0.005×100
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*

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

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

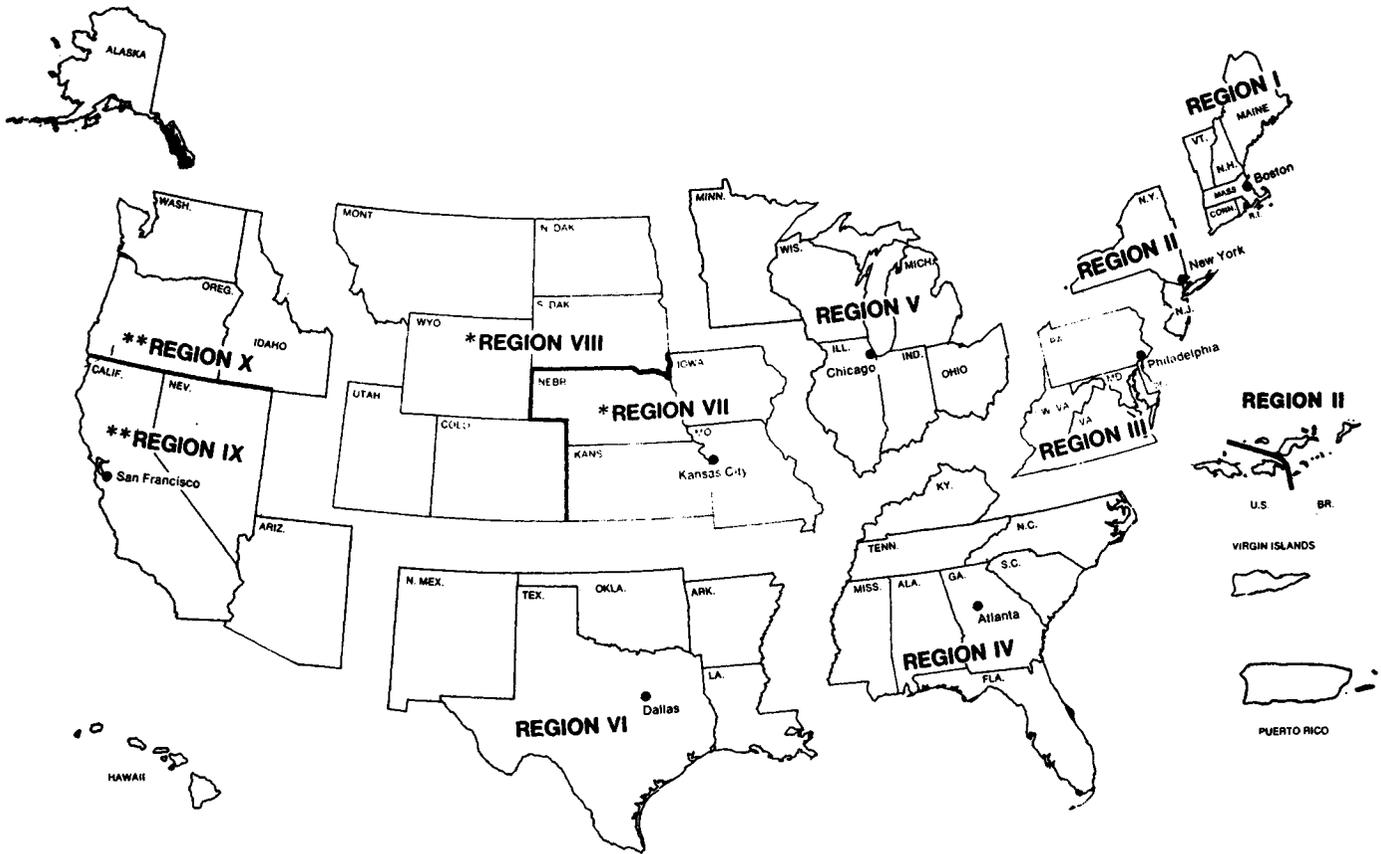
*changes* in the CPI for all items and for nine commodity groupings based on 1974 averages. The figures may be interpreted as follows: The changes are about 95 out of 100 that the percent change in the CPI as computed differs from the corresponding "complete coverage" change by less than twice the standard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

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

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

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

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