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Price Movements

September 1974

The Consumer Price Index rose 1.1 percent in September to 151.9 percent of its 1967 base. The rise was due to higher prices for a wide range of consumer goods and services, notably meats, apparel commodities, and mortgage interest costs. Prices declined for a few items, particularly fresh fruits and vegetables and gasoline. The September CPI was 12.1 percent higher than a year ago.

On a seasonally-adjusted basis, the rise in the September CPI of 1.2 percent was about the same as in August. The food index rose more in September than in August after seasonal adjustment—1.9 percent compared with 1.4 percent, while the index for nonfood commodities increased less—1.0 percent in September compared with 1.5 percent in August. The services index rose 1.1 percent in September, the same as in the preceding month.

Prices in the third quarter

For the calendar quarter ended in September, the CPI increased at a seasonally-adjusted annual rate of 14.2 percent. This was up from the 10.9 percent annual rate in the second quarter and the same as the first quarter's pace. Food prices, which rose at a 3.1 percent annual rate in the second quarter, increased at a 12.3 percent annual rate in the third quarter as prices of meats, poultry, and eggs rose following declines in the second quarter. The nonfood commodities index rose at an annual rate of 16.5 percent in the 3 months ended in September for the third consecutive quarter in which the increase has been at about this rate. Although gasoline prices declined and price rises for fuel oil and used cars moderated, prices for a wide range of other nonfood

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

Month	Changes from preceding month							Changes in all items	
								Compound annual rate	From 12 months ago
	All items		Food		Commodities less food		Serv-ices	From 3 months ago	
	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	Unad-justed
1973:									
September	0.3	0.4	-0.7	-0.3	0.4	0.3	0.9	10.2	7.4
October .....	.8	.8	.1	.7	.9	.5	1.1	13.1	7.9
November .....	.7	.8	1.1	1.4	.7	.7	.6	8.3	8.4
December .....	.7	.6	.9	.5	.6	.6	.6	9.2	8.8
1974:									
January .....	.9	1.1	1.6	1.7	.6	1.3	.7	10.2	9.4
February	1.3	1.2	2.5	2.2	1.0	1.1	.7	12.2	10.0
March	1.1	1.1	1.0	.6	1.5	1.4	.8	14.2	10.2
April .....	.6	.6	-.3	-.4	1.3	1.1	.6	12.1	10.2
May	1.1	1.1	.7	.9	1.6	1.3	1.0	11.4	10.7
June	1.0	1.0	.4	.3	1.4	1.3	1.0	10.9	11.1
July .....	.8	.8	.1	-.4	1.0	1.3	1.1	11.7	11.8
August	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.1	12.9	11.2
September	1.1	1.2	1.4	1.9	1.1	1.0	1.1	14.2	12.1

Table B. Percent change in selected components of the Consumer and Wholesale Price Indexes, 1973-74

(Seasonally adjusted, except services, compound annual rate)

Components	Percent change from—						
	December 1972 to March 1973	March 1973 to June 1973	June 1973 to September 1973	September 1973 to December 1973	December 1973 to March 1974	March 1974 to June 1974	June 1974 to September 1974
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX							
All items	8.4	7.5	10.2	9.2	14.2	10.9	14.2
Food	26.7	16.8	26.7	11.0	19.4	3.1	12.3
Commodities less food	4.0	4.7	3.6	7.6	16.0	15.8	16.5
Services	3.6	4.5	7.4	9.4	9.2	11.0	13.9
WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX							
All commodities	19.5	20.9	13.2	8.7	24.5	12.2	34.8
Farm products and processed foods and feeds	46.8	44.8	33.5	-8.7	10.8	-29.3	59.2
Industrial commodities	10.1	11.1	6.0	16.0	32.3	35.7	28.0
Selected stage of processing indexes:							
Crude material except food	14.4	32.2	27.7	54.4	88.7	10.4	29.1
Intermediate materials except food	12.1	12.4	6.1	17.7	32.6	43.7	32.2
Producers' finished goods ...	4.4	6.4	4.3	6.2	13.2	27.2	31.8
Consumer goods except food	7.2	6.3	4.1	12.2	28.3	25.3	18.5
Consumer foods	39.8	15.4	30.0	8.0	17.3	-16.7	29.4

commodities increased at a faster pace in the third quarter than in the second. The services index rose at a 13.9 percent annual rate in the calendar quarter ended in September to continue an acceleration evident since the beginning of the year.

Food

Prices of food purchased in grocery stores—which constitutes a major portion of the food component of the CPI—rose at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 12.0 percent in the 3 months ended in September, after leveling out in the preceding quarter. The acceleration in retail food prices followed the turnaround in prices of farm products and foods at the wholesale level. (See table B.)

Wholesale prices for farm products, which had declined almost steadily in the first 6 months of this year, rose sharply in July and August before declining again in September. Adverse weather conditions in grain-producing

states and the curtailed marketings of livestock spurred price rises. Higher prices for farm products caused an upturn in wholesale prices of meats, poultry, eggs, cereal and bakery products, and dairy products—all of which had declined in the second quarter. Prices for farm products and foods again declined in September due to unsettled market conditions, sharply expanded livestock slaughter, and sluggish demand at all levels.

In response to higher prices at wholesale levels, retail prices for meats, poultry, and eggs rose in August and September after a steady downtrend from February through July. In addition, price rises for fats and oil products—margarine, and cooking and salad oils—accelerated. The higher wholesale prices for refined vegetable oils, in turn, reflect the diminished crop prospects for soybeans this year.

Among other categories of food purchased in grocery stores, prices for sugar and sugar-based products continued to rise at a rapid pace during the 3 months ended in September. Prices for cereal and bakery prod-

ucts, partially prepared foods, and processed fruits and vegetables also continued to increase but at a more moderate pace than in the second quarter. Fresh fruit and vegetable prices declined sharply as a result of large supplies from summer and early fall crops. Prices of dairy products also declined. Grocery milk and skim milk prices declined because of ample supplies of fluid milk for bottling. Supplies of milk for manufacturing tightened late in the quarter and caused an upturn in prices of processed dairy products such as cheese, butter, and evaporated milk.

In the calendar quarter ending in September, the index for food away from home—restaurant meals and snacks—rose at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 10.5 percent or slightly less than in the preceding quarter.

Commodities less food

Prices of most nonfood commodities at the retail level rose at a faster rate in the third quarter than in the second quarter reflecting earlier increases at the wholesale level and rising operating costs. Declining sales volume has had little visible impact thus far on prices at the retail level. There is evidence of retailers increasingly trimming product lines to offer only the most profitable items and reducing inventories because of high interest charges on unsold merchandise. Although retailers have cut back their orders, manufacturers' prices for most consumer goods continued to increase at a rapid rate in the third quarter. However, some signs indicated an easing of the upward pressure on materials prices at the end of third quarter.

Wholesale prices for industrial materials and components at the intermediate stages of processing, which are used to produce finished goods, rose at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 32.2 percent in the third quarter. Although this rate is substantial, it is smaller than the peak rate of 43.7 percent recorded in the second quarter. Prices for petroleum-related products—chemicals and plastic materials—and paper products continued to rise rapidly. However, prices for textile products, copper, and lumber, which declined in the second quarter, continued to move down in the third quarter. In addition, price increases were smaller for most other materials and components, including steel mill products. Higher prices for metals and metal products have contributed greatly to the rise in prices of durable goods.

The CPI for durable commodities rose at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 20.8 percent in the 3 months ended in September, slightly faster than in the 3 months ending in June. Prices for recreational goods, such as bicycles and tricycles, and furniture continued to rise at a rapid rate, and price increases accelerated for appli-

ances and floor coverings. A fiber shortage due to insufficient petrochemical capacity has contributed to the rise in prices of floor coverings.

The new car index, which usually declines substantially at the end of the model year, rose during the third quarter. Thus, on a seasonally adjusted basis, this index increased at an annual rate of 19.8 percent, slightly more than in the second quarter. Higher prices for new cars at the retail level resulted from increases in manufacturers' prices and strong demand for 1974 models created by the higher prices on 1975 models. Used car prices rose at a much slower pace in the third quarter than in the second quarter; however, the increase was still substantial due to strong demand and scarcity of good used cars.

The CPI for nondurable commodities increased at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 11.8 percent in the 3 months ended in September, somewhat slower than in the preceding 3-month period. Excluding fuels (gasoline, motor oil, fuel oil, and coal), prices of nondurable commodities increased at a 15.7 percent annual rate, faster than in either of the preceding two quarters. Price increases accelerated for apparel commodities, housekeeping supplies, alcoholic beverages, and drugs and prescriptions. Prices of other nondurables such as textile housefurnishings, toilet goods, reading materials, and tobacco products continued to increase at a rapid rate.

In the 3 months ended in September, the fuel oil and coal index increased at a 17.4 percent annual rate, substantially slower than in either the first or second quarter. The index this September was still 66.7 percent higher than in September of last year. Gasoline prices declined in the third quarter as inventories increased.

Services

Charges for consumer services in the CPI rose at an annual rate of 13.9 percent in the third quarter to continue the acceleration that began early this year. After price controls were lifted on April 30 and the minimum wage was changed in early May, widespread increases were noted in nearly all categories of services. During the third quarter, most services rose at about the same rate as in the second quarter, except for mortgage interest rate, charges for utilities, and some medical care services.

The rise in mortgage interest rates accelerated as a result of continued heavy demand for money, tight money supplies, and outflow of lendable funds from savings institutions. Higher charges for gas and electricity reflected rising fuel costs which utility companies were allowed to pass on to consumers. In addition,

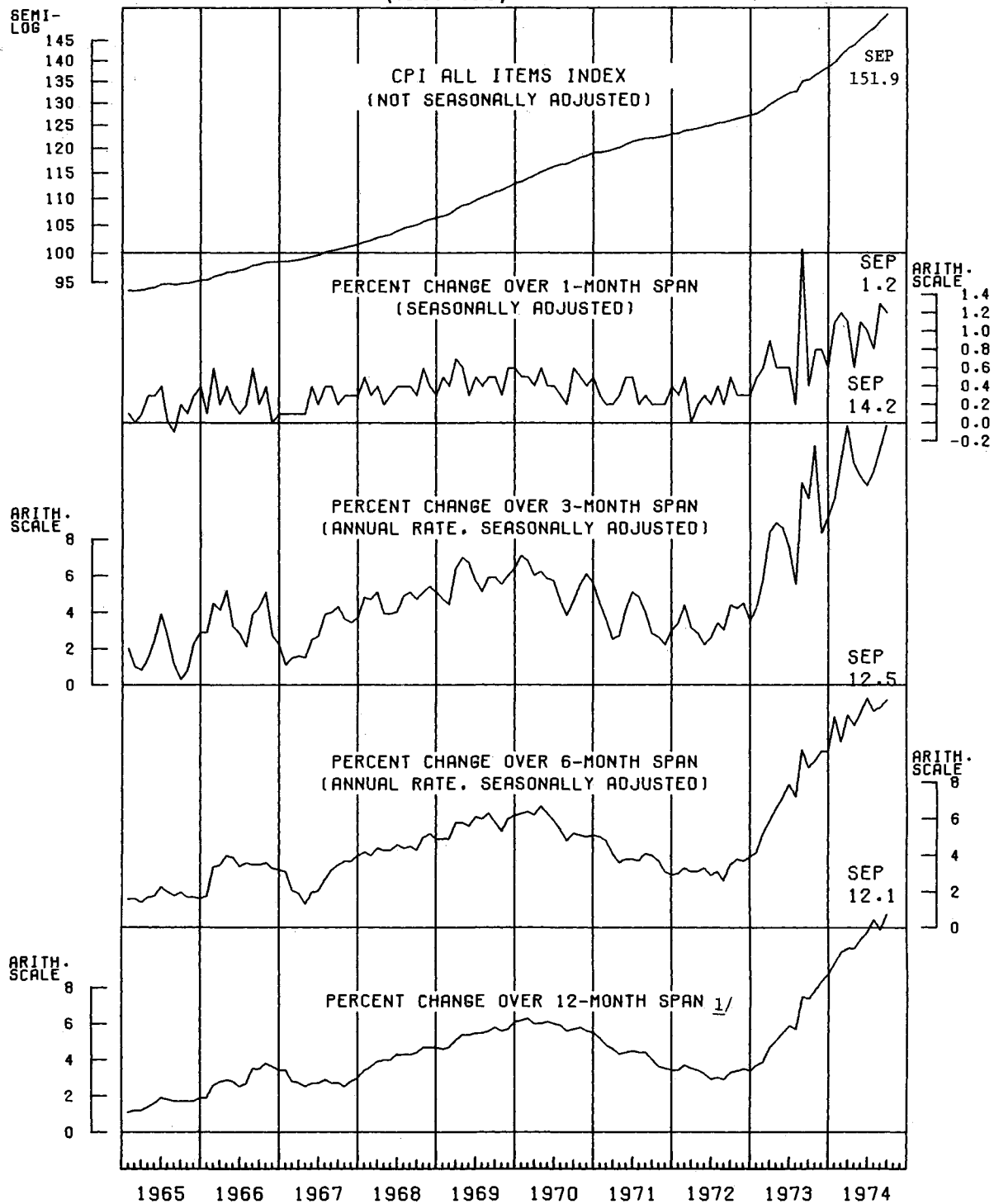
many utility companies sought rate increases which would allow them a return adequate for raising money to finance new facilities.

The index for medical care services continued to increase at a rapid rate in the third quarter. In response to increased wages and other operating costs, hospital service charges moved up sharply. Significant increases were also noted for physicians' and dentists' fees and for

other professional services such as routine laboratory tests.

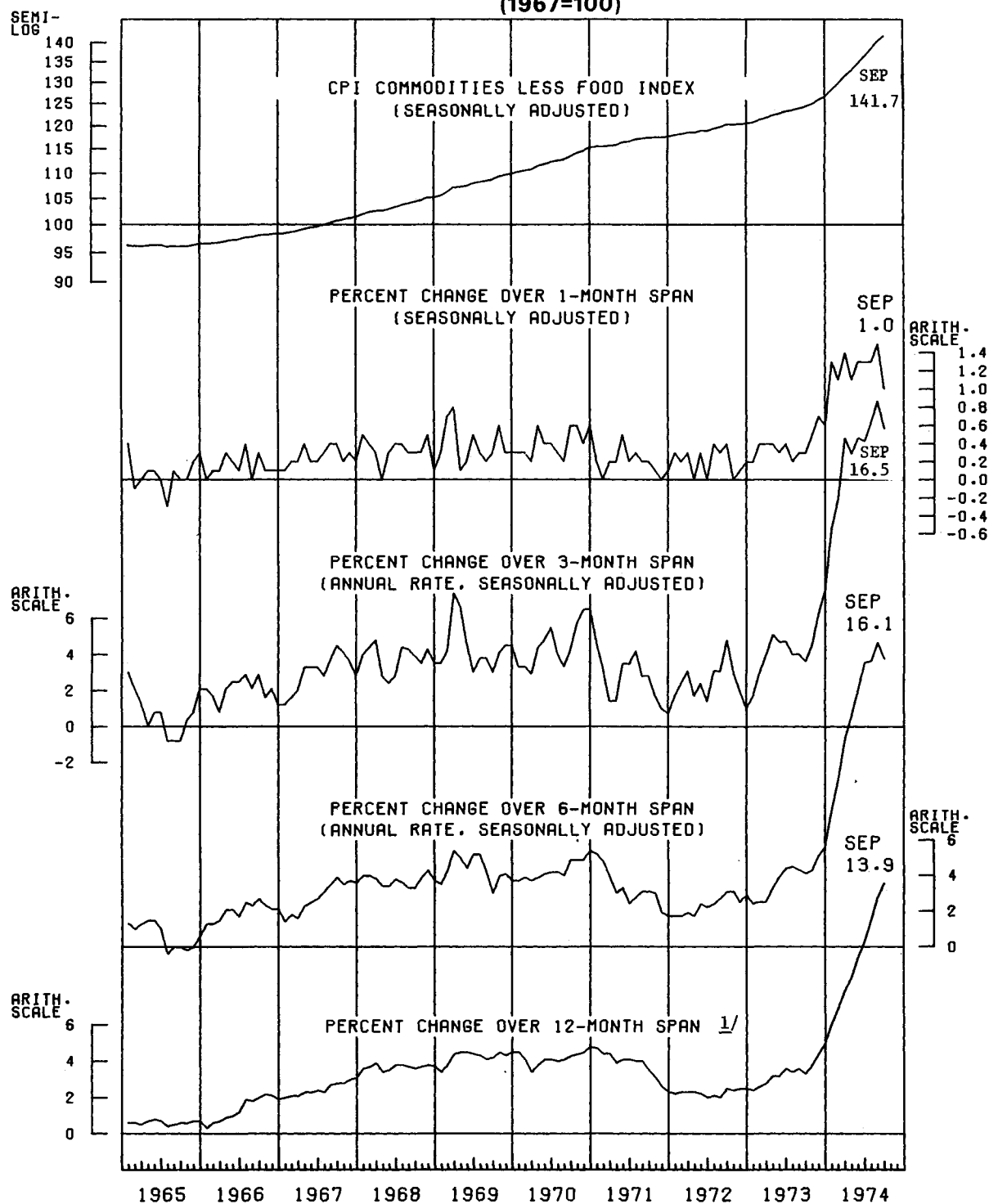
Although charges for other services such as house-keeping and home repair services, barber and beauty shop services, and drycleaning rose at a slower pace in the third quarter, increases remained substantial due to higher prices for materials, and rises in labor and other operating costs.

Chart 1. All items index and its rate of change, 1965-74
(1967=100)



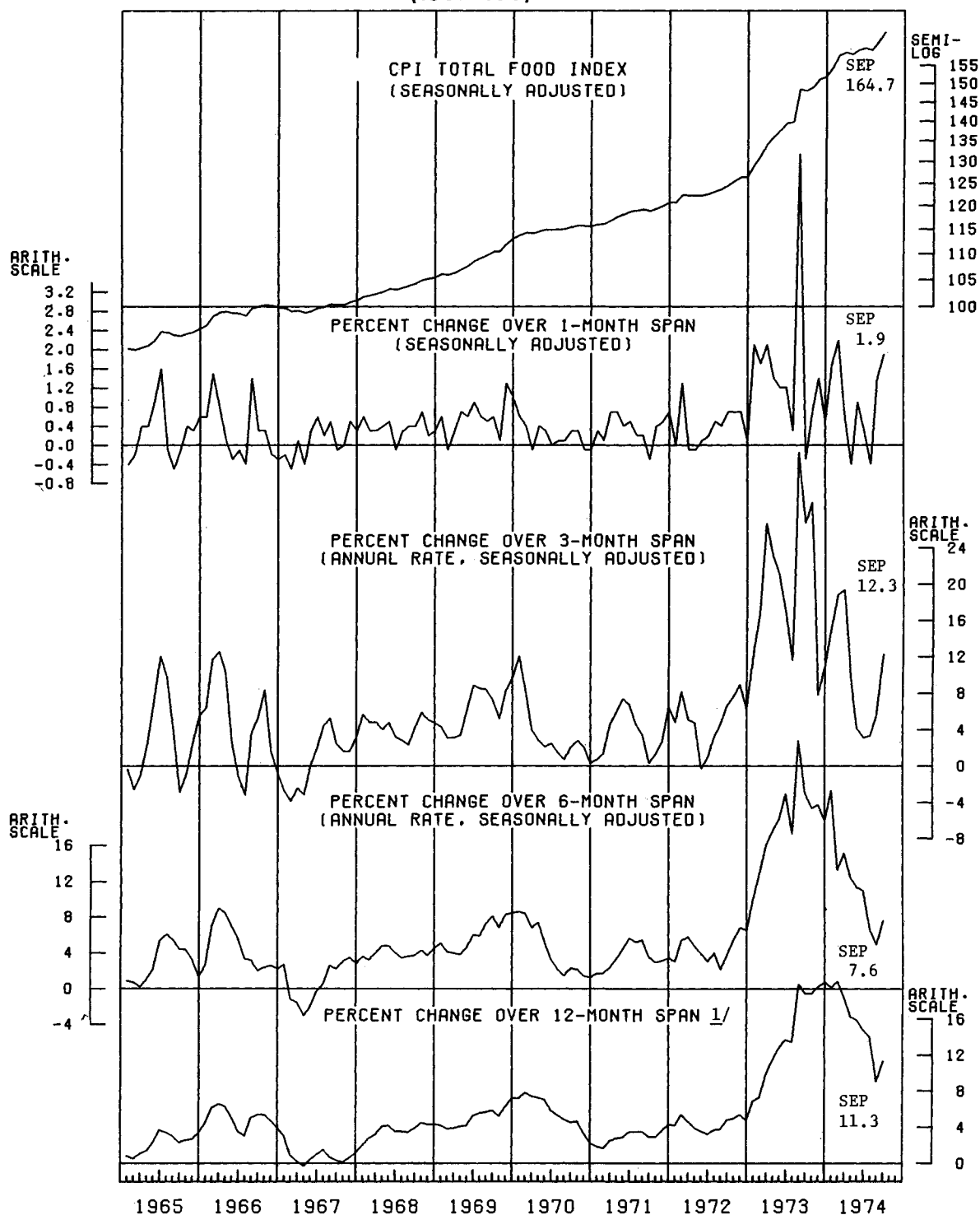
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**Chart 2. Commodities less food index and its rates of change, 1965-74
(1967=100)**



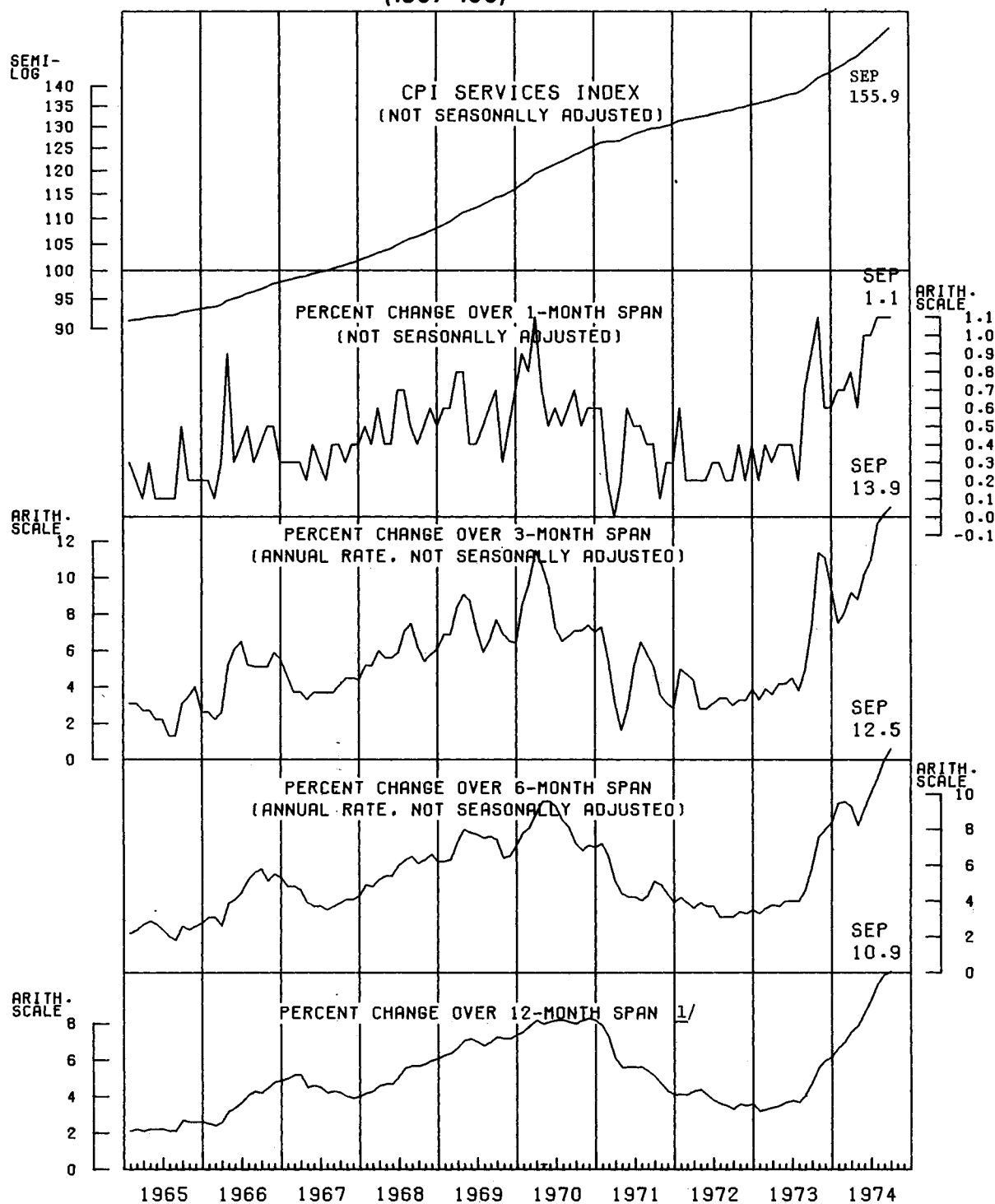
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**Chart 3. Total food index and its rates of change, 1965-74
(1967=100)**



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Chart 4. Services index and its rates of change, 1965-74
(1967=100)



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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 December	Unadjusted indexes 1967=100 unless otherwise noted		Unadjusted percent change to September 1974 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
	1973	August 1974	September 1974	September 1973	August 1974	June to July	July to August	August to September
Commodity and service groups								
All items -----	100.000	150.2	151.9	12.1	1.1	0.8	1.3	1.2
All items (1957-59=100) -----	-	174.6	176.7	-	-	-	-	-
Commodities -----	63.454	148.0	149.9	12.9	1.3	.6	1.5	1.3
Food -----	24.810	162.8	165.0	11.3	1.4	-4	1.4	1.9
Food at home -----	19.633	163.0	165.5	10.9	1.5	-9	1.7	2.0
Cereals and bakery products -----	2.644	168.2	170.4	28.7	1.3	.7	.8	1.3
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	6.988	162.1	166.3	-7.7	2.6	-1.4	4.7	3.2
Dairy products -----	3.023	150.7	151.1	16.0	.3	-1.6	-5	.3
Fruits and vegetables -----	3.146	158.2	162.9	18.6	-3.2	-2.2	-3.7	.5
Other foods at home -----	3.832	166.4	174.2	28.2	4.7	2.0	4.3	3.8
Food away from home -----	5.177	161.9	163.1	12.4	.7	1.1	.7	.7
Commodities less food -----	38.644	140.0	141.6	13.9	1.1	1.3	1.5	1.0
Nondurables less food -----	22.978	143.7	145.3	15.8	1.1	1.1	1.4	.3
Apparel commodities ¹ -----	8.569	138.0	139.8	8.6	1.3	.5	2.6	.2
Men's and boys' -----	2.661	138.4	140.0	10.0	1.2	.7	1.7	.4
Women's and girls' -----	3.815	136.6	138.8	7.2	1.6	.4	3.5	-8
Footwear -----	1.504	139.9	141.1	7.5	.9	.1	2.1	.6
Nondurables less food and apparel -----	14.409	147.2	148.6	20.0	1.0	1.1	.9	.7
Gasoline and motor oil -----	3.162	165.2	164.3	38.5	-5	-1	-5	-1.5
Tobacco products -----	1.993	146.2	146.5	6.2	.2	*1.5	*.9	*.2
Alcoholic beverages -----	2.349	134.2	135.6	10.1	1.0	*1.4	*1.8	*1.0
Fuel oil and coal -----	.872	220.9	222.7	66.7	.8	2.7	.6	.8
Other nondurables -----	6.033	135.9	138.6	14.3	2.0	1.4	1.4	2.1
Durable commodities -----	15.666	134.8	136.5	11.3	1.3	1.5	1.7	1.6
Household durables -----	4.566	131.5	133.0	10.7	1.1	1.1	1.7	1.2
New cars -----	1.917	118.1	118.4	8.5	.3	1.9	.6	2.1
Used cars -----	1.849	144.7	148.8	23.7	2.8	*4.9	*3.2	*2.8
Other durables -----	7.334	139.3	140.8	9.0	1.1	.6	.9	1.1
Services -----	36.546	154.2	155.9	10.9	1.1	*1.1	*1.1	*1.1
Rent -----	4.873	130.9	131.4	4.8	.4	*.4	*.5	*.4
Services less rent -----	31.673	158.4	160.3	11.8	1.2	*1.2	*1.1	*1.2
Household services less rent -----	15.463	169.0	171.5	14.9	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.5
Transportation services -----	5.090	142.7	143.4	4.5	.5	.6	.5	.7
Medical care services -----	5.423	162.8	164.5	13.4	1.0	1.4	1.6	1.0
Other services -----	5.698	143.0	144.7	8.6	1.2	.9	.8	.9
Special indexes:								
All items less food -----	75.190	146.5	148.1	12.4	1.1	1.1	1.4	1.0
Nondurable commodities -----	47.788	153.0	154.8	13.4	1.2	.3	1.5	1.2
Apparel commodities less footwear -----	7.064	137.6	139.6	9.0	1.5	.7	2.5	-1
Services less medical care services -----	31.123	152.8	154.6	10.4	1.2	*1.1	*.9	*1.2
Insurance and finance -----	9.707	165.6	167.8	10.5	1.3	1.0	1.3	1.3
Utilities and public transportation -----	5.318	143.0	144.1	10.5	.8	.7	.9	1.0
Housekeeping and home maintenance service -----	4.457	181.0	184.1	18.4	1.7	1.9	1.4	1.7
Appliances (including radio and T. V.) -----	1.489	110.8	112.0	6.2	1.1	*.9	*1.4	*1.1
Expenditure classes								
All items -----	100.000	150.2	151.9	12.1	1.1	0.8	1.3	1.2
Food -----	24.810	162.8	165.0	11.3	1.4	-4	1.4	1.9
Housing -----	33.321	152.8	154.9	13.4	1.4	1.2	1.3	1.2
Shelter ² -----	21.459	156.1	158.1	10.6	1.3	1.0	1.0	1.2
Rent -----	4.873	130.9	131.4	4.8	.4	*.4	*.5	*.4
Homeownership ³ -----	16.184	165.4	167.9	12.5	1.5	1.2	1.2	1.3
Fuel and utilities ⁴ -----	4.320	152.6	154.0	21.5	.9	1.0	1.1	1.1
Gas and electricity -----	2.390	148.5	150.2	18.7	1.1	1.5	1.6	1.5
Household furnishings and operation -----	7.042	143.9	146.6	16.3	1.9	1.7	2.0	1.9
Apparel and upkeep -----	9.945	138.1	139.9	9.0	1.3	.7	2.3	0
Transportation -----	12.602	143.4	144.3	16.5	.6	1.4	.9	1.5
Private -----	11.233	142.8	143.8	18.3	.7	1.6	1.1	1.6
Public -----	1.369	148.7	148.8	2.3	.1	.1	.4	-1
Health and recreation -----	18.946	142.6	144.0	9.8	1.0	*1.1	*1.1	*1.0
Medical care -----	6.229	153.7	155.2	12.2	1.0	1.3	1.5	1.1
Personal care -----	2.513	139.3	141.2	11.8	1.4	1.0	1.1	1.4
Reading and recreating -----	5.346	135.2	137.0	8.0	1.3	1.0	.6	1.2
Other goods and services -----	4.859	139.4	140.4	8.1	.7	1.3	1.2	.6
Special indexes:								
All items less shelter -----	78.541	148.6	150.4	12.6	1.2	.9	1.3	1.2
All items less medical care -----	93.771	150.0	151.8	12.1	1.2	.6	1.4	1.3
All items less mortgage interest costs -----	95.951	148.5	150.1	11.7	1.1	.8	1.3	1.1
CPI-domestically produced farm foods ⁵ -----	17.583	162.0	164.3	9.0	1.4	*.3	*1.4	*1.4
CPI-selected beef cuts ⁶ -----	2.290	167.6	171.7	-2.7	2.4	*-1.7	*5.3	*2.4
Purchasing power of consumer dollar:								
1967= \$1.00 -----	-	\$ 0.666	\$ 0.658	-10.8	-1.2	-	-	-
1957-59= \$1.00 -----	-	.573	.566	-	-	-	-	-

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

² Also includes hotel and motel rates not shown separately.

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

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

⁵ Calculated from the CPI food at home component by excluding fish, nonalcoholic beverages, bananas, chocolate candy bars, chocolate syrup and about half of the index weight for sugar.

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

* Not seasonally adjusted.

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

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

Group	Seasonally adjusted indexes (1967=100)				Seasonally adjusted annual rate Percent change for						
	June 1974	July 1974	August 1974	September 1974	3 months ending in			6 months ending in			
					December 1973	March 1974	June 1974	September 1974	March 1974	September 1974	
	Commodity and service groups										
All items -----	-	-	-	-	9.2	14.2	10.9	14.2	11.7	12.5	
Commodities -----	144.9	145.7	147.9	149.8	9.4	16.9	11.2	14.2	13.1	12.7	
Food -----	160.0	159.4	161.7	164.7	11.0	19.4	3.1	12.3	15.1	7.6	
Food at home -----	160.4	159.0	161.7	165.0	10.0	21.5	1.0	12.0	15.6	6.3	
Cereals and bakery products -----	165.6	166.7	168.0	170.2	60.0	28.4	19.5	11.6	43.3	15.5	
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	154.8	152.6	159.7	164.8	-17.7	-9	-30.8	28.5	-9.7	-5.7	
Dairy products -----	154.0	151.6	150.9	151.4	51.9	18.2	7.6	-6.6	34.0	.3	
Fruits and vegetables -----	175.0	171.2	164.9	165.7	31.5	39.9	33.8	-19.6	35.6	3.7	
Other foods at home -----	156.9	160.0	166.9	173.2	15.6	31.1	20.0	48.5	23.1	33.5	
Food away from home -----	158.8	160.6	161.7	162.8	16.7	10.2	12.5	10.5	13.4	11.5	
Commodities less food -----	136.4	138.2	140.3	141.7	7.6	16.0	15.8	16.5	11.7	16.1	
Nondurables less food -----	140.9	142.4	144.4	144.9	14.8	23.1	13.9	11.8	18.9	12.9	
Apparel commodities ¹ -----	135.5	136.2	139.7	139.4	3.8	9.6	9.4	12.0	6.7	10.7	
Men's and boys' -----	136.2	137.2	139.5	140.0	2.9	13.1	12.7	11.6	7.8	12.1	
Women's and girls' -----	133.9	134.5	139.2	138.1	3.1	6.9	5.6	13.1	5.0	9.3	
Footwear -----	137.3	137.4	140.3	141.1	3.7	7.4	7.3	11.5	5.6	9.4	
Nondurables less food and apparel -----	144.3	145.9	147.2	148.2	21.7	30.8	17.5	11.3	26.2	14.3	
Gasoline and motor oil -----	166.2	166.1	165.2	162.7	57.4	106.8	23.4	-8.2	80.4	6.4	
Tobacco products (not seasonally adjusted) -----	142.8	144.9	146.2	146.5	1.5	2.6	10.1	10.8	2.0	10.4	
Alcoholic beverages (not seasonally adjusted) -----	130.0	131.8	134.2	135.6	7.0	5.9	9.4	18.4	6.4	13.8	
Fuel oil and coal -----	214.8	220.5	221.8	223.6	178.9	74.9	34.9	17.4	120.9	25.9	
Other nondurables -----	132.2	134.0	135.9	138.7	5.7	12.6	18.2	21.2	9.1	19.7	
Durable commodities -----	130.5	132.5	134.7	136.8	1.0	6.0	19.2	20.8	3.4	20.0	
Household durables -----	127.8	129.2	131.4	133.0	3.4	9.2	13.6	17.3	6.3	15.4	
New cars -----	116.8	119.0	119.7	122.2	-5.6	3.7	18.3	19.8	-1.1	19.0	
Used cars (not seasonally adjusted) -----	133.6	140.2	144.7	148.8	-23.2	-32.1	192.0	53.9	-27.8	112.0	
Other durables -----	137.2	138.0	139.2	140.7	5.4	13.5	6.7	10.6	9.3	8.6	
Services (not seasonally adjusted) -----	150.9	152.5	154.2	155.9	9.4	9.2	11.0	13.9	9.3	12.5	
Rent (not seasonally adjusted) -----	129.8	130.3	130.9	131.4	4.9	4.8	4.4	5.0	4.8	4.7	
Services less rent (not seasonally adjusted) -----	154.7	156.6	158.4	160.3	10.1	9.9	11.9	15.3	10.0	13.6	
Household services less rent -----	164.5	166.8	169.0	171.5	12.6	13.7	15.1	18.1	13.1	16.6	
Transportation services -----	141.4	142.3	143.0	144.0	2.6	1.4	6.5	7.6	2.0	7.0	
Medical care services -----	157.8	160.0	162.6	164.3	11.5	9.4	14.9	17.5	10.5	16.2	
Other services -----	141.0	142.2	143.3	144.6	6.5	7.3	9.9	10.6	6.9	10.3	
Special indexes:											
All items less food -----	143.2	144.8	146.8	148.2	8.1	12.4	14.3	14.7	10.3	14.5	
Nondurable commodities -----	150.2	150.6	152.8	154.6	11.9	20.8	8.7	12.2	16.3	10.5	
Apparel commodities less footwear -----	135.1	136.0	139.4	139.2	3.8	10.0	9.7	12.7	6.8	11.2	
Services less medical care services (not seasonally adjusted) -----	149.8	151.4	152.8	154.6	9.2	9.0	10.2	13.4	9.1	11.8	
Insurance and finance -----	162.1	163.7	165.9	168.0	10.9	7.1	8.6	15.4	9.0	11.9	
Utilities and public transportation -----	141.0	142.0	143.3	144.7	9.2	11.9	10.3	10.9	10.5	10.6	
Housekeeping and home maintenance service -----	174.8	178.1	180.6	183.7	9.1	18.9	24.1	22.0	13.9	23.1	
Appliances (including radio and T.V.) (not seasonally adjusted) -----	108.3	109.3	110.8	112.0	.8	3.1	6.9	14.4	1.9	10.6	
	Expenditure classes										
All items -----	-	-	-	-	9.2	14.2	10.9	14.2	11.7	12.5	
Food -----	160.0	159.4	161.7	164.7	11.0	19.4	3.1	12.3	15.1	7.6	
Housing -----	149.3	151.1	153.0	154.9	10.6	14.4	12.7	15.9	12.5	14.3	
Shelter ² -----	153.1	154.6	156.1	157.9	9.3	9.9	10.0	13.1	9.6	11.6	
Rent (not seasonally adjusted) -----	129.8	130.3	130.9	131.4	4.9	4.8	4.4	5.0	4.8	4.7	
Homeownership ³ -----	161.5	163.4	165.4	167.6	11.5	12.3	10.6	16.0	11.9	13.2	
Fuel and utilities ⁴ -----	149.7	151.2	152.9	154.6	30.3	26.4	16.2	13.7	28.3	14.9	
Gas and electricity -----	144.6	146.8	149.2	151.4	11.1	28.2	16.1	20.2	19.4	18.1	
Household furnishings and operation -----	138.8	141.1	143.9	146.6	6.5	15.2	19.7	24.4	10.7	22.0	
Apparel and upkeep -----	135.6	136.5	139.6	139.6	4.8	9.6	9.7	12.3	7.2	11.0	
Transportation -----	140.0	142.0	143.3	145.5	5.6	20.0	24.6	16.7	12.5	20.6	
Private -----	139.0	141.2	142.7	145.0	6.3	23.0	26.4	18.4	14.3	22.3	
Public -----	148.3	148.5	149.1	148.9	2.2	-1.1	6.5	1.6	.6	4.0	
Health and recreation (not seasonally adjusted) -----	139.4	141.0	142.6	144.0	5.9	7.4	12.4	13.9	6.7	13.1	
Medical care -----	149.3	151.2	153.5	155.2	10.2	8.7	13.3	16.8	9.5	15.0	
Personal care -----	136.4	137.8	139.3	141.3	9.2	8.3	14.7	15.2	8.7	14.9	
Reading and recreation -----	133.2	134.5	135.3	136.9	3.2	7.1	10.6	11.6	5.1	11.1	
Other goods and services -----	135.9	137.6	139.3	140.1	5.4	5.0	9.3	12.9	5.2	11.1	
Special indexes:											
All items less shelter -----	145.4	146.7	148.6	150.4	9.3	15.1	11.5	14.5	12.2	13.0	
All items less medical care -----	147.0	147.9	149.9	151.8	9.2	14.6	11.0	13.7	11.9	12.4	
All items less mortgage interest costs -----	145.4	146.6	148.5	150.1	8.6	13.8	10.9	13.6	11.2	12.2	
CPI-domestically produced farm foods (not seasonally adjusted) -----	160.2	159.7	162.0	164.3	5.4	25.7	-3.7	10.6	15.1	3.2	
CPI-selected beef cuts (not seasonally adjusted) -----	161.9	159.1	167.6	171.7	-26.9	38.1	-29.7	26.5	.5	-5.7	

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

² Also includes hotel and motel rates not shown separately.

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

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

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

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

Area ¹	Pricing schedule ²	Indexes			Percent change from:		
		1967= 100	1957-59= 100	Other bases	September 1973	June 1974	August 1974
		September 1974			September 1973	June 1974	August 1974
U. S. city average -----	M	151.9	176.7		12.1	3.3	1.1
Chicago -----	M	149.3	169.7		10.9	2.3	.7
Detroit -----	M	152.8	175.6		11.3	2.8	1.0
Los Angeles-Long Beach -----	M	147.5	173.4		12.4	4.0	1.4
N. Y.-Northeastern N. J. -----	M	158.9	189.0		11.7	3.3	1.2
Philadelphia -----	M	156.1	182.3		13.0	3.3	1.5
		July 1974			July 1973	April 1974	
Boston -----	1	149.9	179.6		11.8	3.2	
Houston -----	1	148.2	169.5		12.7	3.6	
Minneapolis-St. Paul -----	1	149.0	172.6		11.9	2.6	
Pittsburgh -----	1	148.6	170.9		12.1	3.1	
		August 1974			August 1973	May 1974	
Buffalo -----	2	151.8		³ 166.8	11.1	2.8	
Cleveland -----	2	150.1	169.5		10.4	2.7	
Dallas -----	2	147.9		³ 159.9	10.6	3.2	
Milwaukee -----	2	145.9	164.8		9.5	2.7	
San Diego -----	2	150.3		⁴ 157.9	11.8	3.4	
Seattle -----	2	143.2	168.3		11.2	2.7	
Washington -----	2	152.9	178.1		12.1	3.5	
		September 1974			September 1973	June 1974	
Atlanta -----	3	153.0	175.9		11.7	3.7	
Baltimore -----	3	157.6	182.9		14.6	3.9	
Cincinnati -----	3	150.8	171.1		12.2	3.2	
Honolulu -----	3	145.5		⁵ 156.9	12.3	2.9	
Kansas City -----	3	148.5	176.3		12.1	3.4	
St. Louis -----	3	146.2	170.8		10.5	3.4	
San Francisco-Oakland -----	3	148.5	176.7		10.4	3.1	

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

² 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.

³ November 1963= 100.

⁴ February 1965= 100.

⁵ December 1963= 100.

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

Table 4. Consumer Price Index—United States and selected areas¹ for urban wage earners and clerical workers, major groups, percent change from August 1974 to September 1974

Group	U.S. city average	Chicago	Detroit	Los Angeles-Long Beach	New York-Northeastern New Jersey	Philadelphia
All items -----	1.1	0.7	1.0	1.4	1.2	1.5
Food -----	1.4	1.2	.5	1.5	1.0	1.5
Housing -----	1.4	.5	1.7	2.4	1.2	1.9
Apparel and upkeep -----	1.3	.4	.7	1.0	2.0	2.6
Transportation -----	.6	.5	.3	.6	.5	.7
Health and recreation -----	1.0	.9	1.0	.6	1.3	.9
Medical care -----	1.0	1.1	1.8	.4	1.1	.5
Personal care -----	1.4	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
Reading and recreation -----	1.3	.6	1.9	.8	2.6	1.1
Other goods and services -----	.7	0	-.2	.2	.4	1.1

¹ See footnote 1, table 3.

² Not available.

Table 5. Consumer Price Index—United States and selected areas¹ for urban wage earners and clerical workers, commodity groups, September 1974, and percent changes from June 1974

Group	U.S. city average	Chicago	Detroit	Los Angeles— Long Beach	New York— Northeastern New Jersey	Philadelphia
Indexes (1967=100)						
All items -----	151.9	149.3	152.8	147.5	158.9	156.1
Food -----	165.0	163.3	165.1	159.9	169.5	168.8
Food at home -----	165.5	164.4	166.0	162.8	170.4	167.6
Cereals and bakery products -----	170.4	175.9	185.4	167.0	170.0	173.3
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	166.3	164.9	165.5	168.1	169.7	170.5
Dairy products -----	151.1	145.3	151.6	150.1	154.6	149.1
Fruits and vegetables -----	162.9	159.2	155.0	153.9	178.4	169.6
Other food at home -----	174.2	175.3	174.4	168.8	176.9	172.7
Food away from home -----	163.1	159.1	161.6	151.8	167.0	173.9
Housing -----	154.9	146.3	154.6	150.3	163.9	162.3
Shelter -----	158.1	148.7	162.7	152.5	166.2	172.2
Rent, residential -----	131.4	128.9	(²)	129.4	(²)	138.3
Homeownership cost -----	167.9	157.6	169.2	159.6	182.7	181.1
Fuel and utilities -----	154.0	141.0	146.3	149.0	174.6	158.2
Fuel oil and coal -----	222.7	212.5	209.9	-	226.6	213.3
Gas and electricity -----	150.2	134.7	149.4	167.7	178.4	159.4
Household furnishings and operation -----	146.6	142.5	135.1	143.7	151.6	146.6
Apparel and upkeep -----	139.9	136.4	139.5	136.1	142.5	135.9
Men's and boys' -----	140.0	131.5	145.5	129.2	138.3	141.2
Women's and girls' -----	138.8	140.2	132.2	138.2	144.3	126.6
Footwear -----	141.1	135.6	146.6	138.8	137.9	143.1
Transportation -----	144.3	147.5	144.3	144.8	151.3	146.9
Private -----	143.8	145.1	143.2	146.3	148.0	146.8
Public -----	148.8	163.2	156.5	115.0	164.2	147.2
Health and recreation -----	144.0	145.8	149.4	136.8	151.7	148.9
Medical care -----	155.2	154.3	168.3	151.6	166.9	166.1
Personal care -----	141.2	142.8	(²)	131.8	(²)	(²)
Reading and recreation -----	137.0	138.3	139.4	126.5	144.6	141.4
Other goods and services -----	140.4	146.4	141.7	130.9	148.5	144.3
Percent changes June 1974 to September 1974						
All items -----	3.3	2.3	2.8	4.0	3.3	3.3
Food -----	2.9	2.0	1.4	3.0	3.2	3.4
Food at home -----	2.9	1.9	1.4	3.3	3.3	3.1
Cereals and bakery products -----	3.1	2.0	.2	3.2	3.1	4.5
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	7.2	7.1	5.1	8.1	6.9	6.9
Dairy products -----	-1.8	-3.7	-4.0	.7	-1.3	-2.7
Fruits and vegetables -----	-11.0	-14.3	-11.3	-11.8	-9.3	-7.9
Other food at home -----	12.8	12.6	11.4	11.4	13.9	12.1
Food away from home -----	2.8	2.4	1.4	2.0	2.5	4.4
Housing -----	3.8	2.1	2.9	6.4	2.9	4.2
Shelter -----	3.5	1.3	2.5	7.0	1.9	5.1
Rent, residential -----	1.2	³ 1.8	(²)	³ 1.3	(²)	³ 1.2
Homeownership cost -----	4.2	1.0	2.9	8.4	2.6	5.7
Fuel and utilities -----	3.1	1.5	3.1	4.9	2.7	.9
Fuel oil and coal -----	4.0	.6	-1.1	-	4.6	3.7
Gas and electricity -----	3.9	2.9	3.8	5.0	3.1	-8.8
Household furnishings and operation -----	5.3	5.4	3.8	5.4	4.7	4.6
Apparel and upkeep -----	3.1	3.1	6.2	2.6	5.9	3.0
Men's and boys' -----	2.2	.5	7.7	2.1	.9	.2
Women's and girls' -----	3.9	5.1	9.5	3.1	12.6	4.9
Footwear -----	2.7	3.0	.7	2.4	4.1	3.2
Transportation -----	2.6	2.7	1.6	2.5	2.1	2.5
Private -----	2.9	3.3	1.6	2.5	2.7	2.9
Public -----	.1	.2	.6	-8	.1	0
Health and recreation -----	3.3	2.6	3.7	2.4	3.3	2.5
Medical care -----	3.9	2.4	4.7	3.2	4.4	1.8
Personal care -----	3.4	3.8	(²)	2.6	(²)	(²)
Reading and recreation -----	2.6	1.8	5.3	1.7	2.8	2.2
Other goods and services -----	3.4	3.4	1.9	1.9	3.0	3.1

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 5. Consumer Price Index—United States and selected areas¹ for urban wage earners and clerical workers, commodity groups. September 1974, and percent changes from June 1974—Continued

Group	Atlanta	Baltimore	Cincinnati	Honolulu	Kansas City	San Francisco— Oakland	St. Louis
Indexes (1967=100)							
All items -----	153.0	157.6	150.8	145.5	148.5	148.5	146.2
Food -----	169.9	168.9	167.2	163.4	165.8	159.6	163.1
Food at home -----	171.9	169.6	169.9	163.2	167.0	163.2	163.5
Cereals and bakery products -----	174.7	170.8	180.8	181.2	168.5	163.6	176.4
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	174.5	171.1	167.2	162.0	163.8	165.4	158.6
Dairy products -----	158.5	148.3	163.6	155.8	170.0	149.5	153.9
Fruits and vegetables -----	169.4	173.0	163.8	155.2	157.3	159.5	163.9
Other food at home -----	176.2	177.8	179.1	163.6	175.5	172.7	170.1
Food away from home -----	163.4	166.0	156.7	163.4	161.8	147.0	161.3
Housing -----	155.3	168.2	146.8	141.6	145.7	152.3	142.2
Shelter -----	159.6	181.0	147.6	144.8	149.2	155.5	138.9
Rent, residential -----	126.0	122.7	116.1	145.6	116.0	139.7	113.3
Homeownership costs -----	169.7	205.7	162.1	144.4	162.1	163.5	146.1
Fuel and utilities -----	144.6	152.5	154.1	131.9	137.6	143.0	146.8
Fuel oil and coal -----	-	221.7	-	-	-	-	232.8
Gas and electricity -----	149.4	147.0	144.5	144.8	146.0	152.3	141.2
Household furnishings and operation -----	151.2	149.1	140.5	136.4	141.8	146.6	146.1
Apparel and upkeep -----	137.7	144.0	141.2	136.3	144.1	139.0	133.2
Men's and boys' -----	146.5	149.9	141.1	128.7	143.3	140.6	134.5
Women's and girls' -----	131.1	132.8	136.9	132.6	145.6	139.5	129.7
Footwear -----	127.6	150.2	151.1	134.3	149.0	136.7	142.1
Transportation -----	139.7	141.1	141.4	139.0	142.8	143.8	141.2
Private -----	143.4	143.6	146.4	142.3	142.8	143.8	144.7
Public -----	91.5	124.0	103.0	120.9	142.0	143.1	99.2
Health and recreation -----	149.2	146.8	147.7	138.2	142.6	138.9	141.2
Medical care -----	167.9	170.1	162.4	152.4	151.5	147.5	143.8
Personal care -----	149.0	139.8	146.3	142.7	141.8	139.3	144.4
Reading and recreation -----	138.8	136.7	131.1	138.8	131.8	132.2	134.0
Other goods and services -----	133.1	139.1	148.9	119.4	145.1	134.0	143.5
Percent changes June 1974 to September 1974							
All items -----	3.7	3.9	3.2	2.9	3.4	3.1	3.4
Food -----	4.6	4.3	3.1	4.3	3.4	3.0	3.4
Food at home -----	5.1	5.1	3.5	3.6	3.5	2.9	3.5
Cereals and bakery products -----	1.9	4.4	3.1	2.8	1.9	4.6	2.0
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	10.9	8.0	8.9	4.0	7.6	5.0	10.2
Dairy products -----	-9	-2.0	-1.0	2.1	-2.7	2	-3.4
Fruits and vegetables -----	-9.0	-4.2	-7.8	1.2	-5.9	-9.0	-9.1
Other food at home -----	13.3	13.8	11.2	6.9	11.6	11.4	13.2
Food away from home -----	2.8	1.2	1.4	6.8	2.6	3.4	2.8
Housing -----	4.0	4.8	2.7	2.5	3.5	3.3	3.8
Shelter -----	3.2	6.2	1.4	2.2	2.2	2.4	2.6
Rent, residential -----	1.0	1.5	.7	2.2	.8	.9	.7
Homeownership costs -----	3.7	7.5	1.6	2.2	2.6	2.9	3.1
Fuel and utilities -----	2.7	-8	5.5	3.1	6.4	7.7	6.3
Fuel oil and coal -----	-	1.9	-	-	-	-	4.3
Gas and electricity -----	4.3	2.7	7.0	6.9	9.5	8.7	10.1
Household furnishings and operation -----	6.7	4.6	4.9	3.6	5.4	4.9	4.7
Apparel and upkeep -----	2.9	2.5	4.4	2.9	5.1	2.1	3.4
Men's and boys' -----	3.5	.5	4.5	1.5	8.0	1.4	1.1
Women's and girls' -----	1.6	5.1	6.0	1.6	4.5	2.6	4.3
Footwear -----	1.9	.5	3.4	.7	2.6	2.6	3.3
Transportation -----	3.4	3.1	2.6	1.5	2.4	3.4	2.5
Private -----	3.5	3.5	2.9	1.8	2.8	3.5	2.6
Public -----	.2	.2	.0	.0	-3.0	.8	.2
Health and recreation -----	2.7	3.1	3.8	2.4	3.3	2.9	3.3
Medical care -----	2.8	2.3	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.5	3.7
Personal care -----	3.0	3.1	1.1	2.7	2.2	2.9	5.2
Reading and recreation -----	3.6	3.9	2.7	2.6	3.6	3.0	1.1
Other goods and services -----	1.3	3.1	6.1	1.3	3.9	2.2	4.1

¹ See footnote 1, table 3.

² Not available.

³ Change from July 1974.

⁴ Revised indexes: March 1974, 125.3; June 1974, 131.1.

Table 6. Consumer Price Index—United States and selected areas for urban wage earners and clerical workers, food and its subgroups, September 1974, and percent changes from August 1974

Area ¹	Total food	Food at home						Food away from home
		Total	Cereals and bakery products	Meats, poultry, and fish	Dairy products	Fruits and vegetables	Other foods at home	
Indexes (1967=100)								
U.S. city average -----	165.0	165.5	170.4	166.3	151.1	162.9	174.2	163.1
Atlanta -----	169.9	171.9	174.7	174.5	158.5	169.4	176.2	163.4
Baltimore -----	168.9	169.6	170.8	171.1	148.3	173.0	177.8	166.0
Boston -----	164.5	165.5	169.5	167.1	149.7	165.4	172.2	160.8
Buffalo -----	161.9	161.2	173.8	165.3	148.9	154.0	162.2	165.6
Chicago -----	163.3	164.4	175.9	164.9	145.3	159.2	175.3	159.1
Cincinnati -----	167.2	169.9	180.8	167.2	163.6	163.8	179.1	156.7
Cleveland -----	165.9	167.0	172.8	160.3	161.9	171.3	174.2	160.5
Dallas -----	161.7	160.6	163.6	158.8	146.5	156.8	169.5	168.1
Detroit -----	165.1	166.0	185.4	165.5	151.6	155.0	174.4	161.6
Honolulu -----	163.4	163.2	181.2	162.0	155.8	155.2	163.6	163.4
Houston -----	169.6	167.9	168.1	167.5	161.8	166.5	173.2	175.6
Kansas City -----	165.8	167.0	168.5	163.8	170.0	157.3	175.5	161.8
Los Angeles-Long Beach -----	159.9	162.8	167.0	168.1	150.1	153.9	168.8	151.8
Milwaukee -----	160.8	161.4	173.1	161.5	147.8	153.4	170.7	(²)
Minneapolis-St. Paul -----	167.7	167.5	182.2	169.5	153.5	157.8	175.4	168.4
N. Y.-Northeastern N. J. -----	169.5	170.4	170.0	169.7	154.6	178.4	176.9	167.0
Philadelphia -----	168.8	167.6	173.3	170.5	149.1	169.6	172.7	173.9
Pittsburgh -----	165.7	164.4	172.4	165.4	140.9	164.8	175.0	173.2
St. Louis -----	163.1	163.5	176.4	158.6	153.9	163.9	170.1	161.3
San Diego -----	165.3	164.6	164.1	173.5	149.5	156.6	168.1	(²)
San Francisco-Oakland -----	159.6	163.2	163.6	165.4	149.5	159.5	172.7	147.0
Seattle -----	159.3	161.7	169.5	167.0	148.7	147.8	171.7	151.3
Washington -----	171.6	172.7	173.8	170.0	142.2	180.4	190.9	168.3
Percent changes August 1974 to September 1974								
U.S. city average -----	1.4	1.5	1.3	2.6	0.3	-3.2	4.7	0.7
Atlanta -----	2.2	2.3	.3	4.5	.3	-.5	3.5	1.8
Baltimore -----	2.1	2.5	3.7	3.1	-1.0	-.7	5.6	.1
Boston -----	1.0	1.3	.4	2.1	.1	-2.4	4.8	.3
Buffalo -----	.4	.5	.6	1.7	-.2	-4.8	3.4	.1
Chicago -----	1.2	1.3	2.8	3.2	-.1	-6.8	4.3	.8
Cincinnati -----	1.3	1.4	2.8	2.1	-.2	-.8	2.6	1.0
Cleveland -----	2.0	2.3	1.2	3.4	.7	-1.8	5.6	.3
Dallas -----	1.4	1.6	1.2	1.4	.8	-1.2	4.4	.6
Detroit -----	.5	.7	-.1	.8	-.7	-2.6	4.6	0
Honolulu -----	1.9	1.8	1.9	2.3	1.2	-.3	3.3	2.4
Houston -----	2.2	2.6	2.2	2.1	-.2	2.1	5.3	1.0
Kansas City -----	1.2	1.2	1.9	1.3	.1	-2.1	3.5	1.1
Los Angeles-Long Beach -----	1.5	1.8	1.0	2.6	.8	-2.3	5.0	.6
Milwaukee -----	1.5	1.8	4.0	4.1	-.1	-6.2	4.1	(²)
Minneapolis-St. Paul -----	1.4	1.6	1.8	3.2	-.9	-1.7	4.0	.2
N. Y.-Northeastern N. J. -----	1.0	1.2	.4	2.9	1.0	-5.2	5.0	.3
Philadelphia -----	1.5	1.8	.2	2.5	-.1	1.1	4.1	.1
Pittsburgh -----	.7	.7	.7	2.7	-1.1	-5.3	3.9	.5
St. Louis -----	2.1	2.3	1.8	3.5	1.7	-.8	3.7	1.4
San Diego -----	1.6	2.2	1.7	3.1	.4	-2.4	5.7	(²)
San Francisco-Oakland -----	1.6	1.6	1.9	1.2	.9	-1.2	4.8	1.5
Seattle -----	1.3	1.5	2.1	1.3	-.1	-.1	3.7	.7
Washington -----	2.0	2.6	.6	2.8	.4	-2.1	6.6	.5

¹ See footnote 1, table 3.

² Not available.

Table 7. Consumer Price Index—United States city average for urban wage earners and clerical workers, food items, September 1974 indexes, and percent changes from selected dates

(1967=100)

Item and group	Index		Percent change to September 1974 from—		
	September 1974		September 1973	August 1974	
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted
Food	165.0	164.7	11.3	1.4	1.9
Food away from home	163.1	162.8	12.4	.7	.7
Restaurant meals	162.9	162.6	11.4	.7	.7
Snacks	164.3	164.6	17.6	.8	.9
Food at home	165.5	165.0	10.9	1.5	2.0
Cereals and bakery products	170.4	170.2	28.7	1.3	1.3
Flour	169.7	170.4	26.5	-.1	0
Cracker meal	199.9	199.7	36.4	2.7	2.8
Corn flakes	139.9	140.9	31.5	2.2	2.6
Rice	241.8	242.3	76.4	-.5	-.3
Bread, white	159.9	158.8	18.0	.6	.5
Bread, whole wheat	167.2	166.9	20.4	.7	.5
Cookies	150.8	150.5	28.4	-.3	.1
Layer cakes	167.5	167.3	24.6	4.4	4.4
Cinnamon rolls	168.7	169.2	24.8	3.1	3.4
Meats, poultry, and fish	166.3	164.8	-7.7	2.6	3.2
Meats	166.7	165.0	-7.8	2.4	3.1
Beef and veal	172.9	172.0	-2.3	2.3	3.8
Steak, round	169.6	169.4	-1.1	1.7	3.6
Steak, sirloin	166.4	162.8	4.3	2.2	3.0
Steak, porterhouse	169.6	166.3	5.4	2.9	4.1
Rump roast	165.3	165.0	-.2	1.8	3.8
Rib roast	179.5	177.2	4.3	5.3	6.0
Chuck roast	176.4	176.4	-8.0	2.6	5.1
Hamburger	175.5	174.8	-9.2	2.4	3.9
Beef liver	160.1	159.0	-3.4	2.7	2.9
Veal cutlets	201.4	200.6	3.0	.8	1.6
Pork	164.8	161.6	-13.9	3.8	4.3
Chops	163.3	156.9	-3.0	3.5	3.7
Loin roast	170.2	163.8	-7.2	3.4	3.5
Pork sausage	172.2	168.2	-22.9	1.5	1.0
Ham, whole	148.3	150.1	-18.6	1.7	1.9
Picnics	159.4	158.3	-21.7	5.0	6.2
Bacon	170.9	166.7	-15.5	6.0	5.7
Other meats	156.2	155.3	-10.4	.8	1.0
Lamb chops	160.3	159.8	3.8	0	.7
Frankfurters	155.8	153.6	-18.7	1.2	1.7
Ham, canned	147.8	148.2	-10.9	1.2	.5
Bologna sausage	162.2	160.1	-13.6	1.0	1.0
Salami sausage	156.7	155.8	-9.2	.4	.9
Liverwurst	154.6	153.2	-11.9	1.2	.8
Poultry	148.1	145.8	-20.3	5.7	5.7
Frying chicken	150.9	148.1	-21.8	6.4	6.3
Chicken breasts	145.7	142.4	-13.3	2.1	1.9
Turkey	137.4	137.4	-19.6	5.8	6.8
Fish	188.6	189.0	12.9	.6	.4
Shrimp, frozen	162.6	163.4	-.1	-.7	-.5
Fish, fresh or frozen	216.1	216.3	10.7	-.3	.1
Tuna fish, canned	170.7	171.9	16.9	.2	.5
Sardines, canned	204.8	205.0	24.2	3.1	2.5
Dairy products	151.1	151.4	16.0	.3	.3
Milk, fresh, grocery	150.5	150.7	16.7	-.3	-.5
Milk, fresh, skim	163.5	163.3	18.5	-.4	-1.0
Milk, evaporated	179.8	179.8	32.2	.7	.4
Ice cream	136.1	136.0	18.2	1.1	1.1
Cheese, American process	163.4	163.7	17.5	.1	.3
Butter	112.9	113.0	-6.5	3.4	3.2

See footnote at end of table.

Table 7. Consumer Price Index—United States city average for urban wage earners and clerical workers, food items, September 1974 indexes, and percent changes from selected dates—Continued

(1967=100)

Item and group	Index		Percent change to September 1974 from—		
	September 1974		September 1973	August 1974	
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted		Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted
Food—Continued					
Food at home—Continued					
Fruits and vegetables	162.9	165.7	18.6	-3.2	0.5
Fresh fruits and vegetables	152.7	157.6	8.1	-6.3	.1
Fresh fruits	160.1	153.5	13.3	-3.4	-.1
Apples	173.3	159.4	12.0	-6.9	2.8
Bananas	132.1	130.4	19.3	8.1	8.9
Oranges	156.5	148.1	6.1	-.1	-.4
Orange juice, fresh	141.7	141.1	6.2	.5	.9
Grapefruit	190.4	155.0	6.6	11.8	13.4
Grapes	168.9	193.5	20.2	-18.3	-10.0
Strawberries	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Watermelon	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Fresh vegetables	146.9	162.9	3.8	-8.8	-.4
Potatoes	169.6	173.2	-4.3	-18.8	-6.9
Onions	151.3	150.1	7.4	-4.7	3.0
Asparagus	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Cabbage	129.7	144.6	-18.8	-7.7	-2.8
Carrots	147.4	159.2	13.6	-5.9	11.5
Celery	139.3	147.9	-1.8	-9.6	-6.8
Cucumbers	110.0	150.9	8.8	-15.4	-11.9
Lettuce	153.0	165.2	16.3	6.1	21.6
Peppers, green	121.1	164.1	3.8	-6.0	2.9
Spinach	169.9	171.4	3.8	-1.7	.1
Tomatoes	126.7	170.5	22.9	-1.2	21.7
Processed fruits and vegetables	178.2	177.8	35.8	1.3	.9
Fruit cocktail, canned	172.1	172.3	32.3	4.9	4.4
Pears, canned	154.5	154.0	23.1	4.1	3.7
Pineapple-grapefruit juice drink	147.5	147.8	22.5	3.7	3.7
Orange juice concentrate, frozen	141.9	140.8	4.1	.2	0
Lemonade concentrate, frozen	152.7	154.6	27.5	3.2	3.1
Beets, canned	171.0	170.7	17.3	2.5	2.8
Peas, green, canned	140.9	140.3	26.7	2.0	1.1
Tomatoes, canned	158.3	157.5	25.4	4.5	4.2
Dried beans	373.3	370.3	117.0	-4.2	-4.7
Broccoli, frozen	137.5	137.6	11.7	.4	.4
Other food at home	174.2	173.2	28.2	4.7	3.8
Eggs	162.2	152.7	-13.9	11.1	2.6
Fats and oils:					
Margarine	227.2	227.0	54.5	10.7	10.3
Salad dressing, Italian	135.9	136.0	22.0	4.9	4.6
Salad or cooking oil	230.2	229.5	69.1	13.4	13.2
Sugar and sweets	212.1	212.1	63.7	4.3	4.3
Sugar	314.4	314.1	147.6	8.8	8.8
Grape jelly	191.3	191.3	41.7	2.9	2.7
Chocolate bar	197.6	197.0	42.6	2.6	2.5
Syrup, chocolate flavored	158.9	159.4	35.7	.8	.8
Nonalcoholic beverages	166.5	166.8	26.0	1.6	2.0
Coffee, can	170.8	170.8	22.9	1.4	1.7
Coffee, instant	169.0	169.7	26.8	1.7	1.7
Tea	124.9	124.9	12.4	1.4	1.5
Carbonated drink, cola flavored	178.2	178.7	35.8	1.9	1.9
Carbonated drink, fruit flavored	177.7	177.9	34.5	2.2	2.4
Prepared and partially prepared foods	154.0	154.0	28.8	1.4	1.6
Bean soup, canned	183.2	183.8	51.4	1.5	1.7
Chicken soup, canned	134.5	134.5	24.8	.9	.6
Spaghetti, canned	153.3	153.5	23.2	1.7	1.7
Mashed potatoes, instant	147.7	148.1	24.4	1.5	1.9
Potatoes, french fried, frozen	169.0	168.8	45.1	2.7	3.1
Baby foods	143.4	142.7	24.3	1.0	.5
Sweet pickle relish	147.2	147.9	12.1	.3	.1
Pretzels	153.8	153.8	28.8	1.7	1.7

¹ Priced only in-season.

Table 8. Consumer Price Index—United States city average for urban wage earners and clerical workers, indexes for selected items and groups, September 1974, and percent changes from selected dates

(1967=100)

Item and group	Other index base	Indexes		Percent change to September 1974 from:	
		August 1974	September 1974	September 1973	August 1974
Housing		152.8	154.9	13.4	1.4
Shelter ¹		156.1	158.1	10.6	1.3
Rent, residential		130.9	131.4	4.8	.4
Homeownership ²		165.4	167.9	12.5	1.5
Mortgage interest rates		142.1	144.5	13.2	1.7
Property taxes		150.3	150.5	-1.4	.1
Property insurance premiums		124.1	124.1	.2	0
Maintenance and repairs		176.4	179.6	16.7	1.8
Maintenance and repair commodities ³		155.9	157.4	12.5	1.0
Exterior house paint		142.1	145.4	20.7	2.3
Interior house paint		135.6	137.0	12.9	1.0
Maintenance and repair services		185.3	189.2	18.3	2.1
Repainting living and dining rooms		194.8	198.3	14.4	1.8
Reshingling house roof		204.3	209.0	25.6	2.3
Residing house		175.9	180.3	22.7	2.5
Replacing sink		180.8	185.1	17.2	2.4
Repairing furnace		178.6	180.7	8.5	1.2
Fuel and utilities		152.6	154.0	21.5	.9
Fuel oil and coal		220.9	222.7	66.7	.8
Fuel oil, No. 2		219.1	220.1	66.2	.5
Gas and electricity		148.5	150.2	18.7	1.1
Gas		146.0	147.1	15.6	.8
Electricity		150.8	153.2	21.8	1.6
Other utilities:					
Residential telephone services		121.2	122.1	4.3	.7
Residential water and sewerage services		156.3	156.8	6.6	.3
Household furnishings and operation ⁴		143.9	146.6	16.3	1.9
Housefurnishings		133.4	135.6	13.2	1.6
Textiles		133.3	136.8	17.6	2.6
Sheets		133.1	143.6	20.3	7.9
Curtains, tailored		131.2	129.7	13.1	-1.1
Bedsprings		138.9	142.7	30.0	2.7
Drapery fabric		160.7	161.0	24.0	.2
Pillows, bed		108.5	113.9	7.6	5.0
Slipcovers and throws, ready made		126.6	129.4	10.0	2.2
Furniture and bedding		137.6	139.4	9.8	1.3
Bedroom furniture, chest and dresser	Mar. 70	123.4	125.0	12.0	1.3
Sofas, upholstered		132.5	134.3	7.2	1.4
Cocktail tables	Dec. 71	117.7	120.3	13.9	2.2
Dining room chairs	Mar. 70	122.2	124.6	12.9	2.0
Recliners, upholstered	Dec. 71	108.4	108.7	9.1	.3
Sofas, dual purpose		131.0	131.6	8.1	.5
Bedding, mattress and box springs	June 70	121.4	123.0	12.4	1.3
Aluminum folding chairs		126.1	(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)
Cribs		138.1	139.8	9.9	1.2
Floor coverings		122.2	124.0	13.7	1.3
Broadloom carpeting, manmade fibers		114.6	115.7	11.4	1.0
Vinyl sheet goods		135.3	139.6	14.3	3.2
Vinyl asbestos tile		144.0	147.2	22.6	2.2
Appliances (excluding radio and T.V.)		117.1	118.7	8.1	1.4
Washing machines, electric, automatic		118.8	120.4	8.4	1.5
Vacuum cleaners		108.8	109.4	4.9	.6
Refrigerators-freezers, electric		116.2	118.5	9.5	2.0
Ranges, free standing, gas or electric		117.3	119.0	7.9	1.4
Clothes dryers, electric		123.4	125.2	9.3	1.5
Air conditioners, demountable		113.7	(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)
Room heaters, electric, portable		(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)
Garbage disposal units		119.4	120.7	7.4	1.1
Other housefurnishings:					
Dinnerware, fine china		156.1	158.4	18.9	1.5
Flatware, stainless steel		152.9	153.0	14.8	.1
Table lamps, with shade		138.3	139.2	8.4	.7
Lawn mowers, power, rotary type		132.4	134.5	(⁶)	1.6
Electric drills, hand-held		114.5	115.0	7.4	.4
Housekeeping supplies:					
Laundry soaps and detergents		137.3	143.0	25.5	4.2
Paper napkins		171.0	179.5	28.6	5.0
Toilet tissue		158.1	166.8	27.6	5.5
Housekeeping services:					
Domestic services, general housework		187.3	189.7	25.3	1.3
Baby sitter services		174.6	176.7	22.0	1.2
Postal charges		175.3	175.3	19.6	0
Laundry, flatwork, finished service		173.9	176.0	15.8	1.2
Licensed day care services, preschool child		144.6	146.0	9.8	1.0
Washing machine repairs		168.4	171.9	14.2	2.1

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 8. Consumer Price Index—United States city average for urban wage earners and clerical workers, indexes for selected items and groups, September 1974, and percent changes from selected dates—Continued

(1967=100)

Item and group	Other index base	Indexes		Percent change to September 1974 from:	
		August 1974	September 1974	September 1973	August 1974
Apparel and upkeep ⁷ -----		138.1	139.9	9.0	1.3
Apparel commodities -----		138.0	139.8	8.6	1.3
Apparel commodities less footwear -----		137.6	139.6	9.0	1.5
Men's and boys' -----		138.4	140.0	10.0	1.2
Men's: -----					
Topcoats, wool or all-weather coats, polyester blends -----		140.4	145.9	10.1	3.9
Suits, year round weight -----		133.3	135.5	1.2	1.7
Sport jacket -----	June 74	97.8	100.0	(⁶)	2.2
Jackets, lightweight -----		127.1	130.1	8.6	2.4
Slacks, wool or wool blends -----		116.7	117.4	.4	.6
Slacks, cotton or manmade blends -----		140.8	142.3	3.8	1.1
Trousers, work, cotton or polyester/cotton -----		142.6	144.1	17.6	1.1
Shirts, work, cotton or polyester/cotton -----		146.2	146.6	19.1	.3
Shirts, business, polyester/cotton -----		125.2	126.9	9.2	1.4
T-shirts, chiefly cotton -----		144.3	146.2	17.8	1.3
Socks, cotton or manmade fibers -----		123.3	124.1	5.2	.6
Handkerchiefs, cotton or polyester/cotton -----		147.1	148.6	21.7	1.0
Boys': -----					
Coats, all purpose, cotton or cotton blends -----		(⁵)	119.6	(⁵)	(⁵)
Sport coats, wool or wool blends -----		(⁵)	127.8	(⁵)	(⁵)
Dungarees, cotton or cotton blends -----		166.1	167.3	18.5	.7
Undershorts, cotton -----		145.3	147.5	18.0	1.5
Women's and girls' -----					
Women's: -----					
Coats, heavyweight, wool or wool blends -----		(⁵)	150.7	8.9	(⁵)
Carcoats, heavyweight, cotton -----		(⁵)	149.3	7.3	(⁵)
Sweaters, wool or acrylic -----		(⁵)	144.4	(⁶)	(⁵)
Skirts, wool, wool blend or manmade fibers -----		(⁵)	161.0	(⁶)	(⁵)
Skirts, cotton or polyester/cotton -----		133.4	136.3	(⁶)	2.2
Blouses, cotton or manmade fibers -----		135.1	136.3	6.7	.9
Dresses, street, chiefly manmade fibers -----		139.3	142.4	2.9	2.2
Slips, nylon -----		116.9	117.9	5.6	.9
Panties, acetate or nylon tricot -----		131.2	132.2	9.9	.8
Girdles, manmade blend -----		124.4	124.9	4.3	.4
Brassieres, nylon lace -----		135.1	134.5	8.1	-.4
Hose or panty hose, seamless -----		92.4	92.5	-1.9	.1
Anklets or knee-length socks, various fibers -----		126.6	126.7	10.8	.1
Gloves, fabric, nylon or cotton -----		122.4	123.4	9.1	.8
Handbags, rayon faille or plastic -----		167.1	169.3	9.0	1.3
Girls': -----					
Raincoats, vinyl, cotton or polyester blends -----		(⁵)	133.5	(⁶)	(⁵)
Skirts, wool, wool blends or acrylic -----		134.2	135.4	11.9	.9
Dresses, cotton, manmade fibers or blends -----		137.4	136.7	16.6	-.5
Slacks, cotton or chiefly cotton -----		163.5	170.8	21.7	4.5
Slips, blends -----		118.3	120.6	9.4	1.9
Handbags, plastic -----		147.9	150.5	12.8	1.8
Footwear -----		139.9	141.1	7.5	.9
Men's: -----					
Shoes, street -----		144.1	145.4	8.9	.9
Shoes, work, high -----		150.9	152.1	8.9	.8
Women's: -----					
Shoes, street, pump -----		136.3	138.7	6.4	1.8
Shoes, evening, pump -----		129.2	130.3	3.8	.9
Shoes, casual -----		139.4	140.5	7.1	.8
Houseslippers, scuff -----		137.4	137.3	5.8	-.1
Children's: -----					
Shoes, oxford -----		141.9	142.2	6.0	.2
Sneakers, boys', oxford type -----		141.1	141.6	12.8	.4
Dress shoes, girls', strap or pump -----		146.8	147.8	10.3	.7
Miscellaneous apparel: -----					
Diapers, cotton gauze or disposable -----		163.2	168.2	41.1	3.1
Yard goods, polyester blend -----		160.7	162.3	28.3	1.0
Wrist watches, men's and women's -----		127.1	128.9	6.4	1.4
Apparel services: -----					
Drycleaning, men's suits and women's dresses -----		138.1	139.9	13.4	1.3
Automatic laundry service -----		125.1	126.3	6.8	.3
Laundry, men's shirts -----		146.6	147.0	12.8	.3
Tailoring charges, hem adjustment -----		148.4	148.7	5.8	.2
Shoe repairs, women's heel lift -----		132.6	135.2	9.2	2.0

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 8. Consumer Price Index—United States city average for urban wage earners and clerical workers, indexes for selected items and groups, September 1974, and percent changes from selected dates—Continued

(1967=100)

Item and group	Other index base	Indexes		Percent change to September 1974 from:	
		August 1974	September 1974	September 1973	August 1974
Transportation		143.4	144.3	16.5	0.6
Private ⁸		142.8	143.8	18.3	.7
Automobiles, new		118.1	118.4	8.5	.3
Automobiles, used		144.7	148.8	23.7	2.8
Gasoline, regular and premium		166.5	165.4	40.4	-.7
Motor oil, premium		148.5	150.3	16.8	1.2
Tires, new, tubeless		122.1	123.0	13.1	.7
Auto repairs and maintenance ⁹		159.0	162.6	13.1	2.3
Auto insurance rates		138.2	138.1	1.1	-.1
Auto registration		128.9	128.9	4.2	0
Parking fees, private and municipal		160.4	161.4	4.9	.6
Public		148.7	148.8	2.3	.1
Local transit fares		147.6	147.6	-2.0	0
Taxicab fares		154.1	154.2	11.5	1.1
Railroad fares, coach		140.6	138.8	13.0	-1.3
Airplane fares, chiefly coach		148.2	148.3	8.2	.1
Bus fares, intercity		159.5	165.5	13.4	3.8
Health and recreation		142.6	144.0	9.8	1.0
Medical care		153.7	155.2	12.2	1.0
Drugs and prescriptions		110.6	111.3	4.9	.6
Over-the-counter items		118.9	119.8	6.4	.8
Multiple vitamin concentrates		97.4	98.5	3.4	1.1
Aspirin compounds		125.1	125.4	6.8	.2
Liquid tonics		107.2	109.5	6.6	1.2
Adhesive bandages, packages		139.0	141.4	11.7	1.7
Cold tablets or capsules		116.6	116.6	1.5	0
Cough syrup		123.0	123.7	7.0	.6
Prescriptions		103.6	104.1	3.4	.5
Anti-infectives		69.1	69.3	-2.0	.3
Sedatives and hypnotics		143.7	144.6	11.0	.6
Ataractics		105.0	105.1	1.2	.1
Antispasmodics		111.0	112.1	3.8	1.0
Cough preparations		149.5	150.5	8.7	.7
Cardiovasculars and antihypertensives		116.0	116.5	2.6	.4
Analgesics, internal		112.8	112.9	1.4	.1
Anti-obesity		122.1	123.0	4.3	.7
Hormones		95.7	96.4	5.5	.7
Professional services:					
Physicians' fees		154.3	155.9	11.7	1.0
General physician, office visits		158.1	159.9	13.2	1.1
General physician, house visits		154.1	155.9	8.7	1.2
Obstetrical cases		152.4	153.7	10.5	.9
Pediatric care, office visits		155.8	157.7	11.2	1.2
Psychiatrist, office visits		143.2	144.7	7.8	1.0
Herniorrhaphy, adult		140.5	142.0	7.6	1.1
Tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy		148.2	149.5	12.0	.9
Dentists' fees		149.6	150.5	9.9	.6
Fillings, adult, amalgam, one surface		153.2	154.3	10.6	.7
Extractions, adult		148.5	149.1	9.6	.4
Dentures, full upper		143.3	144.0	8.4	.5
Other professional services:					
Examination, prescription, and dispensing of eyeglasses		140.5	141.4	8.0	.6
Routine laboratory tests, urinalysis		140.2	142.1	14.6	1.4
Hospital service charges	Jan. 72	117.8	118.9	11.9	.9
Semiprivate rooms		207.3	209.6	14.2	1.1
Operating room charges		205.8	211.4	17.3	2.7
X-ray, diagnostic series, upper G.I.		143.7	144.9	9.7	.8
Laboratory tests, urinalysis	Jan. 72	114.8	116.1	9.9	1.1
Anti-infectives, tetracycline, HCL	Jan. 72	104.6	103.3	6.4	-1.2
Tranquilizers, chlordiazepoxide, HCL and meprobamate	Jan. 72	109.2	108.9	3.4	-.3
Electrocardiogram	Jan. 72	114.2	115.6	10.2	1.2
Intravenous solution, saline	Jan. 72	110.2	112.3	8.2	1.9
Physical therapy, whirlpool bath	Jan. 72	119.2	119.9	11.0	.6
Oxygen, inhalation therapy	Jan. 72	113.3	113.2	9.1	-.1
Personal care		139.3	141.2	11.8	1.4
Toilet goods		136.0	138.1	14.7	1.5
Toothpaste, standard dentifrice		115.5	116.1	5.4	.5
Toilet soap, hard-milled		184.5	189.6	46.0	2.8
Hand lotions, liquid		136.1	136.3	7.6	.1
Shaving cream, aerosol		111.4	112.4	3.3	.9
Face powder, pressed		154.7	156.5	5.5	1.2
Deodorants, aerosol		105.6	107.4	2.6	1.7
Cleansing tissues		160.3	167.1	34.2	4.2
Home permanent wave kits		112.6	111.6	2.1	-.9
Personal care services		142.8	144.3	8.8	1.1
Men's haircuts		146.2	147.6	9.1	1.0
Beauty shop services		140.4	142.0	8.6	1.1
Women's haircuts		149.6	152.5	11.9	1.9
Shampoo and wave sets, plain		143.5	145.2	8.0	1.2
Permanent waves, cold		124.3	124.3	5.9	0

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 8. Consumer Price Index—United States city average for urban wage earners and clerical workers, indexes for selected items and groups, September 1974, and percent changes from selected dates—Continued

(1967=100)

Item and group	Other index base	Indexes		Percent change to September 1974 from:	
		August 1974	September 1974	September 1973	August 1974
Health and recreation—Continued					
Reading and recreation ¹⁰		135.2	137.0	8.0	1.3
Recreational goods		116.0	117.2	6.8	1.0
TV sets, portable and console		99.1	99.7	1.9	.6
TV replacement tubes		139.9	140.1	3.3	.1
Radios, portable and table model		102.8	103.4	3.8	.6
Tape recorders, portable		95.5	96.1	2.3	.6
Phonograph records, stereophonic		114.1	114.7	5.7	.5
Movie cameras, super 8, zoom lens		92.4	92.7	2.4	.3
Film, 35mm, color		114.2	114.8	6.5	.5
Golf balls, liquid center or solid core		104.8	103.3	-.4	-1.4
Basketballs, rubber or vinyl cover		137.1	139.6	9.7	1.8
Fishing rods, fresh-water spincasting		111.9	114.2	3.5	2.1
Bowling balls		122.5	123.9	7.0	1.1
Bicycles, boys'		137.0	138.6	11.7	1.2
Tricycles		125.9	127.4	9.4	1.2
Dog food, canned or boxed		148.3	151.1	19.9	1.9
Recreational services		141.8	142.7	7.1	.6
Indoor movie admissions		160.1	158.6	6.2	-.9
Adult		157.4	155.4	5.8	-1.3
Children's		167.8	167.6	7.3	-.1
Drive-in movie admissions, adult		167.7	172.3	14.5	2.7
Bowling fees, evening		129.8	131.6	6.7	1.4
Golf green fees		147.8	148.9	7.6	.7
TV repair, color picture tube replacement		102.1	102.8	2.0	.7
Film developing, color		118.6	118.2	1.7	-.3
Reading and education:					
Newspapers, street sale and delivery		160.8	163.1	19.6	1.4
Magazines, single copy and subscription		140.8	140.8	3.4	0
Piano lessons, beginner		134.2	136.5	6.3	1.7
Other goods and services		139.4	140.4	8.1	.7
Tobacco products		146.2	146.5	6.2	.2
Cigarettes, nonfilter tip, regular size		148.0	148.5	6.3	.3
Cigarettes, filter tip, king size		148.4	148.6	6.0	.1
Cigars, domestic, regular size		120.8	121.3	7.2	.4
Alcoholic beverages		134.2	135.6	10.1	1.0
Beer		130.1	131.9	13.5	1.4
Whiskey, spirit blended and straight bourbon		111.3	112.0	2.3	.6
Wine, dessert and table		148.3	149.1	8.6	.5
Beer away from home		148.6	150.1	10.7	1.0
Financial and miscellaneous personal expenses:					
Funeral services, adult		136.3	136.5	6.2	.1
Bank service charges, checking accounts		104.8	105.3	-1.6	.5
Legal services, short form will		177.9	178.6	8.5	.4

¹ Also includes hotel and motel rates not shown separately.

² Also includes home purchase costs not shown separately.

³ Also includes pine shelving, furnace filters, packaged dry cement mix, and shrubbery not shown separately.

⁴ Also includes window shades, nails, carpet sweepers, air deodorizers, steel wool scouring pads, envelopes, reupholstering, and moving expenses.

⁵ Priced only in season.

⁶ Not available.

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

⁸ Also includes storage batteries and drivers' license fees not shown separately.

⁹ Includes prices for water pump replacement, motor tune-up, automatic transmission repair, exhaust system repair, front-end alignment, and chassis lubrication.

¹⁰ Also includes outboard motors, nondurable toys, college tuition fees, paperback books, and college textbooks not shown separately.

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

(October 1973=100)

Area ¹	Regular gasoline			Premium gasoline		
	Index		Percent change to September 1974 from—	Index		Percent change to September 1974 from—
	August 1974	September 1974	August 1974	August 1974	September 1974	August 1974
U.S. city average ² -----	168.6	167.4	-0.7	161.3	160.4	-0.6
Atlanta -----	139.8	139.1	-.5	136.6	135.8	-.6
Baltimore -----	137.8	137.6	-.1	135.4	135.0	-.3
Boston -----	136.5	135.9	-.4	133.3	132.9	-.3
Buffalo -----	144.0	142.6	-1.0	140.3	139.6	-.5
Chicago -----	136.7	135.3	-1.0	132.8	131.4	-1.1
Cincinnati -----	139.9	136.9	-2.1	136.2	133.5	-2.0
Cleveland -----	135.5	133.2	-1.7	133.0	130.3	-2.0
Dallas -----	145.5	144.1	-1.0	141.5	140.4	-.8
Detroit -----	135.1	133.8	-1.0	131.7	130.5	-.9
Honolulu -----	133.8	132.9	-.7	130.9	129.6	-1.0
Houston -----	141.9	141.5	-.3	138.2	138.4	.1
Kansas City -----	139.3	136.9	-1.7	136.0	134.9	-.8
Los Angeles-Long Beach -----	134.5	133.0	-1.1	131.9	130.4	-1.1
Milwaukee -----	138.6	138.5	-.1	136.2	135.8	-.3
Minneapolis-St. Paul -----	137.9	134.1	-2.8	134.8	131.6	-2.4
New York-Northeastern N. J. -----	138.2	138.0	-.1	136.5	136.2	-.2
Philadelphia -----	138.6	138.7	.1	135.4	135.1	-.2
Pittsburgh -----	136.6	136.4	-.1	132.6	132.5	-.1
St. Louis -----	135.4	134.0	-1.0	133.3	131.7	-1.2
San Diego -----	133.4	133.1	-.2	131.7	131.4	-.2
San Francisco-Oakland -----	136.4	135.0	-1.0	132.8	131.8	-.8
Seattle -----	134.9	132.5	-1.8	131.8	129.5	-1.7
Washington -----	135.6	135.6	0	132.1	132.3	.2

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

² 1967=100.

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

Area ¹	Regular gasoline			Premium gasoline		
	Average price per gallon					
	July 1974	August 1974	September 1974	July 1974	August 1974	September 1974
U. S. city average -----	\$0.558	\$0.554	\$0.550	\$0.594	\$0.591	\$0.587
Atlanta -----	.567	.555	.553	.599	.592	.588
Baltimore -----	.569	.564	.563	.611	.606	.604
Boston -----	.554	.552	.550	.592	.591	.590
Buffalo -----	.582	.580	.574	.619	.614	.611
Chicago -----	.580	.575	.569	.611	.610	.604
Cincinnati -----	.569	.567	.554	.606	.605	.593
Cleveland -----	.554	.552	.542	.591	.592	.580
Dallas -----	.511	.512	.507	.548	.550	.546
Detroit -----	.574	.564	.559	.614	.602	.597
Honolulu -----	.601	.605	.601	.633	.638	.631
Houston -----	.492	.493	.491	.534	.533	.534
Kansas City -----	.540	.532	.523	.582	.573	.568
Los Angeles-Long Beach -----	.549	.543	.537	.583	.580	.574
Milwaukee -----	.541	.534	.533	.578	.576	.574
Minneapolis-St. Paul -----	.558	.545	.530	.591	.585	.572
New York-Northeastern N. J. -----	.592	.585	.585	.630	.625	.624
Philadelphia -----	.558	.554	.554	.601	.600	.599
Pittsburgh -----	.549	.546	.546	.589	.586	.586
St. Louis -----	.557	.550	.545	.596	.591	.584
San Diego -----	.559	.552	.551	.596	.591	.590
San Francisco-Oakland -----	.584	.582	.576	.617	.616	.611
Seattle -----	.541	.543	.533	.579	.583	.573
Washington -----	.563	.561	.561	.602	.602	.603

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

Table 11. Consumer Price Index—United States average and areas grouped by size of population¹ for urban wage earners and clerical workers, all items and major groups, September 1974, and percent changes from selected dates

Area and group	Relative importance December 1973	Indexes (1967=100)			Percent change to September 1974 from—	
		September 1973	June 1974	September 1974	September 1973	June 1974
United States						
All items -----	100.000	135.5	147.1	151.9	12.1	3.3
Food -----	24.810	148.3	160.3	165.0	11.3	2.9
Housing -----	33.321	136.6	149.2	154.9	13.4	3.8
Apparel and upkeep -----	9.945	128.3	135.7	139.9	9.0	3.1
Transportation -----	12.602	123.9	140.7	144.3	16.5	2.6
Health and recreation -----	18.946	131.1	139.4	144.0	9.8	3.3
Class A-1 (3.5 million or more)						
All items -----	32.751	138.0	149.4	154.2	11.7	3.2
Food -----	8.356	150.1	161.9	166.4	10.9	2.8
Housing -----	10.766	138.9	151.5	156.8	12.9	3.5
Apparel and upkeep -----	3.311	127.8	133.3	139.6	9.2	4.7
Transportation -----	4.081	129.5	144.8	148.1	14.4	2.3
Health and recreation -----	6.237	133.5	143.2	147.6	10.6	3.1
Class A-2 (1.4 million to 3.5 million)						
All items -----	11.740	135.4	146.3	151.0	11.5	3.2
Food -----	2.958	148.0	159.4	164.8	11.4	3.4
Housing -----	3.911	135.7	147.3	152.5	12.4	3.5
Apparel and upkeep -----	1.188	129.1	137.2	140.2	8.6	2.2
Transportation -----	1.454	124.4	140.0	143.4	15.3	2.4
Health and recreation -----	2.229	131.2	138.6	143.3	9.2	3.4
Class B (250,000 to 1.4 million)						
All items -----	25.649	134.8	146.0	150.8	11.9	3.3
Food -----	6.070	147.0	159.2	163.9	11.5	3.0
Housing -----	8.745	136.6	147.4	153.3	12.2	4.0
Apparel and upkeep -----	2.541	129.6	137.0	140.5	8.4	2.6
Transportation -----	3.360	121.6	139.3	142.9	17.5	2.6
Health and recreation -----	4.933	130.8	138.7	143.2	9.5	3.2
Class C (50,000 to 250,000)						
All items -----	12.462	134.1	146.1	151.0	12.6	3.4
Food -----	3.094	147.7	158.5	163.8	10.9	3.3
Housing -----	4.168	135.4	149.4	154.9	14.4	3.7
Apparel and upkeep -----	1.260	128.3	138.0	141.2	10.1	2.3
Transportation -----	1.585	119.9	137.6	142.1	18.5	3.3
Health and recreation -----	2.355	129.9	136.7	141.2	8.7	3.3
Class D (2,500 to 50,000)						
All items -----	17.022	133.1	146.1	151.1	13.5	3.4
Food -----	4.332	147.2	160.8	164.6	11.8	2.4
Housing -----	5.732	133.6	148.3	154.9	15.9	4.5
Apparel and upkeep -----	1.644	126.6	135.2	138.0	9.0	2.1
Transportation -----	2.121	120.5	138.7	142.4	18.2	2.7
Health and recreation -----	3.193	128.1	136.1	141.7	10.6	4.1

¹ Based upon 1960 Census of Population.

Table 12. Consumer Price Index—United States average and areas grouped by region for urban wage earners and clerical workers, all items and major groups, September 1974, and percent changes from selected dates

Area and group	Relative ¹ importance	Indexes (1967=100) ¹				Percent change to September 1974 from—	
	December 1973	September 1973	June 1974	September 1974	September 1973	June 1974	
United States:							
All items -----	100.000	135.5	147.1	151.9	12.1	3.3	
Food -----	24.810	148.3	160.3	165.0	11.3	2.9	
Housing -----	33.321	136.6	149.2	154.9	13.4	3.8	
Apparel and upkeep -----	9.945	128.3	135.7	139.9	9.0	3.1	
Transportation -----	12.602	123.9	140.7	144.3	16.5	2.6	
Health and recreation -----	18.946	131.1	139.4	144.0	9.8	3.3	
Northeast:							
All items -----	33.041	138.9	150.8	155.6	12.0	3.2	
Food -----	8.742	149.3	162.4	166.7	11.7	2.6	
Housing -----	10.672	141.5	155.5	161.1	13.9	3.6	
Apparel and upkeep -----	3.493	129.1	135.7	141.7	9.8	4.4	
Transportation -----	3.861	128.4	142.9	146.2	13.9	2.3	
Health and recreation -----	6.273	134.4	143.0	147.2	9.5	2.9	
North Central:							
All items -----	28.001	134.0	145.3	149.4	11.5	2.8	
Food -----	6.926	148.7	160.5	163.9	10.2	2.1	
Housing -----	9.313	131.8	142.9	147.6	12.0	3.3	
Apparel and upkeep -----	2.666	128.3	135.2	139.2	8.5	3.0	
Transportation -----	3.722	124.0	141.6	145.0	16.9	2.4	
Health and recreation -----	5.374	131.5	139.9	144.4	9.8	3.2	
South:							
All items -----	21.836	135.8	148.0	153.9	13.3	4.0	
Food -----	5.293	151.1	160.9	168.2	11.3	4.5	
Housing -----	7.397	137.7	151.9	158.6	15.2	4.4	
Apparel and upkeep -----	2.254	128.6	137.4	140.1	8.9	2.0	
Transportation -----	2.816	120.2	139.2	143.4	19.3	3.0	
Health and recreation -----	4.076	130.8	139.6	145.4	11.2	4.2	
West:							
All items -----	16.291	131.4	142.4	147.1	11.9	3.3	
Food -----	3.727	142.3	155.2	159.4	12.0	2.7	
Housing -----	5.797	134.6	145.2	151.4	12.5	4.3	
Apparel and upkeep -----	1.496	125.8	133.7	136.5	8.5	2.1	
Transportation -----	2.142	120.8	137.3	141.1	16.8	2.8	
Health and recreation -----	3.129	125.1	132.2	136.4	9.0	3.2	

¹ 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 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.¹ 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 1973 averages.

Average standard errors of percent changes in the CPI based on 1973 data

Component	Standard error		
	Monthly change	Quarterly change	Annual change
All items . . . . .	.04	.06	.08
Food at home . . . . .	.10	.15	.17
Food away from home . . . . .	.14	.26	.29
Housing . . . . .	.06	.10	.17
Apparel and upkeep . . . . .	.19	.26	.29
Transportation . . . . .	.06	.10	.17
Medical care . . . . .	.08	.14	.18
Personal care . . . . .	.14	.20	.39
Reading and recreation . . . . .	.09	.14	.17
Other goods and services . . . . .	.09	.11	.27

The figures may be interpreted as follows: The chances are about 95 out of 100 that the percent change in the CPI as computed differs from the corresponding "complete coverage" change by less than twice the standard error.

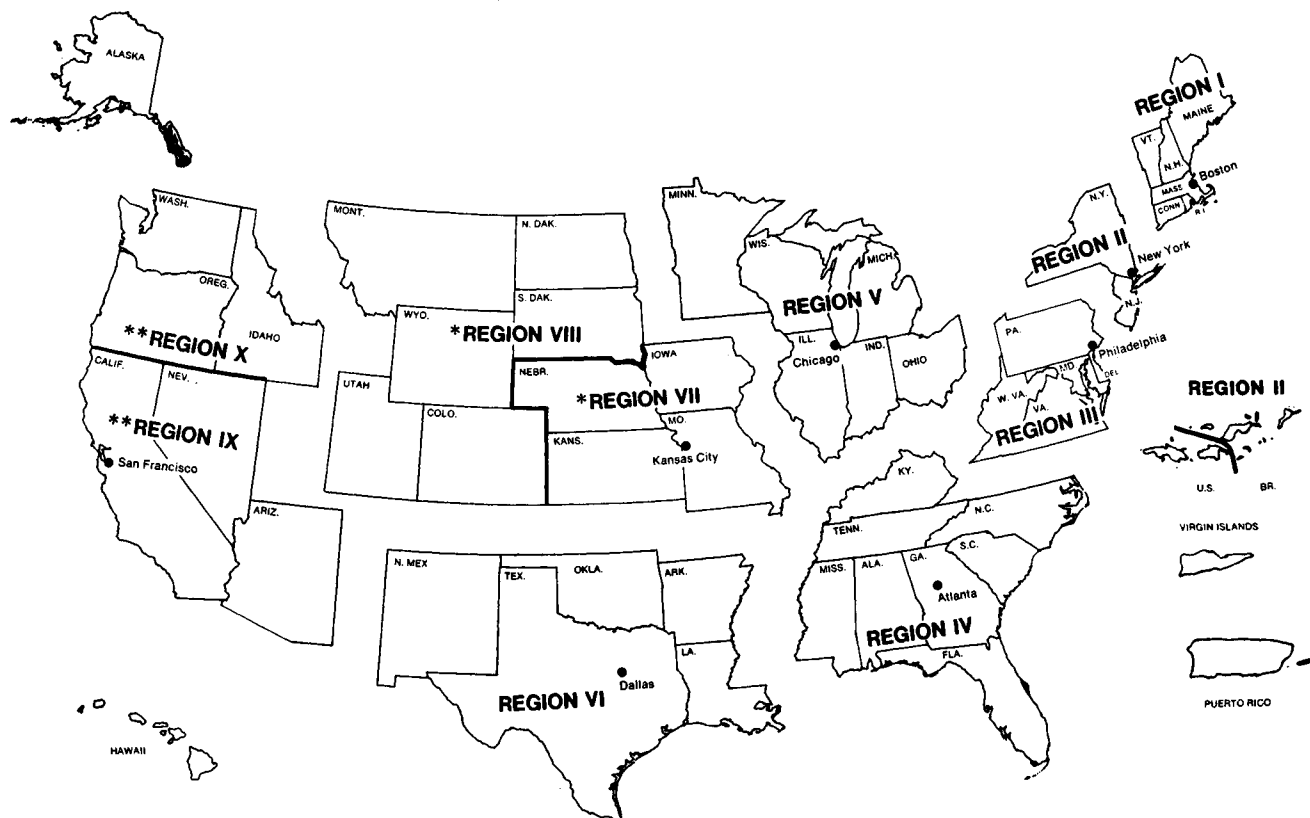
Because the CPI is rounded to one decimal place, some ambiguity may arise in interpreting small index changes. As the table indicates, for example, a month-to-month change of 0.1 percent in the all-items CPI is significant. Because of rounding, however, a change of this size in the published index might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

This replaces the table of average errors based on 1971 data which was included in the CPI report through January 1974.

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

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