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Price Movements

November 1974

The Consumer Price Index rose 0.8 percent in November to 154.3 of its 1967=100 base. The rise was due to higher prices for a wide variety of consumer goods and services, including most types of food, clothing, natural gas, mortgage interest costs, and housekeeping supplies. The effect of these increases was partially offset by declines in prices for beef, fresh fruits, eggs, and gasoline.

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the rise in the November CPI was 0.9 percent, the same as in October. Each of the three major components of the index rose about as much as in October. The increase in the food index, 1.4 percent after seasonal adjustment, marked the fourth

consecutive month of rapid rise. The index for nonfood commodities rose 0.8 percent in November, slightly more than in October but much less than the average monthly increase of 1.2 percent in the first 9 months of this year. The services index also rose 0.8 percent in November, compared with an average monthly increase of a little over 1.0 percent in the preceding 6 months.

The November CPI was 12.1 percent higher than in November 1973. During this same period, the food index rose 11.9 percent, the index for commodities other than food rose 13.5 percent, and the services index rose 10.9 percent.

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	From 3 months ago	Unad-justed
								Seasonally adjusted	
1973:									
November	0.7	0.8	1.1	1.4	0.7	0.7	0.6	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	↑.5	-.3	-.4	↑1.1	↑.9	.6	↑11.7	↑10.1
May	1.1	1.1	.7	.9	↑1.4	↑1.1	1.0	↑11.0	↑10.6
June	1.0	↑.9	.4	.3	↑1.3	↑1.2	1.0	↑10.3	↑11.0
July	↑.7	↑.7	.1	-.4	1.0	1.3	1.1	↑11.1	↑11.5
August	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.4	↑1.3	1.5	1.1	↑12.4	↑11.0
September	↑1.2	↑1.3	1.4	1.9	1.1	1.0	1.1	14.2	↑12.0
October .....	.9	.9	.7	1.3	.9	.6	.9	↑15.0	↑12.0
November .....	.8	.9	1.0	1.4	.8	.8	.8	13.0	12.1

↑=Revised percent changes based on indexes recalculated to correct and error in the used car component. See press release,

"Revised CPI Data Available" (USDL-74-699), dated December 20, 1974.

Monthly changes in detail (not seasonally adjusted)

Food. The index for food purchased in grocery stores increased 1.1 percent, instead of declining as it usually does in November. Prices averaged higher for most types of food except beef, fresh fruits, and eggs. The prices of sugar and of products for which sugar is an important ingredient continued to rise rapidly and constituted a substantial part of the November increase in food prices.

Sugar prices have risen rapidly throughout the year but increases have accelerated in recent months at wholesale and, in turn, at retail as supplies were reduced by weather problems this fall and by intensified competition for world offerings. A third of the November rise in the food-at-home index resulted from the increase of 8.3 percent in the sugar and sweets category. In addition, higher sugar prices contributed to the rise among other categories of food such as nonalcoholic beverages, dairy products, and cereals (except rice) and bakery products. Rice prices declined for the fifth consecutive month because of what appears to be the largest U.S. rice crop on record.

Prices for fats and oil products—margarine, salad dressing, and salad and cooking oil—continued to increase in November as a result of large increases in wholesale prices for refined vegetable oils. These price advances are attributed to the imbalance in supply and demand for edible fats and oils stemming from weather damage to soybean crops.

Fresh vegetable prices rose more than usual in November. Reduced production in the winter producing areas accounted for the increases in prices of green peppers, lettuce, and celery, while restricted release of stored holdings caused the price of cabbages to advance. The decline in fresh fruit prices was mostly due to increased supplies of bananas. Firm demand, rising materials costs, and reduced supplies were responsible for the rise in prices of most processed fruits and vegetables. Dried bean prices, however, declined sharply because of increased production.

Pork and poultry prices also increased in November but beef and egg prices declined seasonally. Strong demand and occasionally inadequate supplies led to the rise in poultry prices. Higher prices for pork reflected primarily a sharp jump in hog prices in October because of slightly decreased slaughter and improved demand. The lower beef prices resulted from continued oversupplies at all levels and weak consumer demand. In October, beef production was up 16 percent from the previous month and cold storage holdings rose 5 percent. Egg prices declined as supplies were more than adequate to meet demand.

The index for food away from home—restaurant meals and snacks—increased 0.9 percent, about the same as in recent months.

Nonfood commodities. The index for nonfood commodities increased 0.8 percent. Higher prices for apparel commodities were responsible for almost a fourth of the rise. Among other nondurable commodities, prices for housekeeping supplies continued to rise rapidly reflecting sharp advances this year in raw materials costs such as chemicals, and inedible fats and oil products. Cigarette prices rose sharply in November because increases in labor and fuel costs have pushed up the cost of producing and curing tobacco leaf and also because domestic and world demand are growing faster than tobacco output. Prices for paper products—toilet goods and reading materials—also continued to rise but the increase was somewhat smaller than in recent months. Pressure on paper supplies has eased somewhat in recent months because of the slowdown in the economy. Fuel oil and coal prices rose in November but gasoline prices declined for the fourth consecutive month. Despite the decline, gasoline prices in November were still 26 percent above November 1973.

Prices of all types of durable commodities also continued to rise in November, but increases for new and used cars and for furniture were smaller than in October. The new car index continued to reflect price increases on 1975 model cars, but the increase was partially offset by higher concessions given on leftover 1974 models. The rise in used car prices slowed because of a seasonal slowdown in demand.

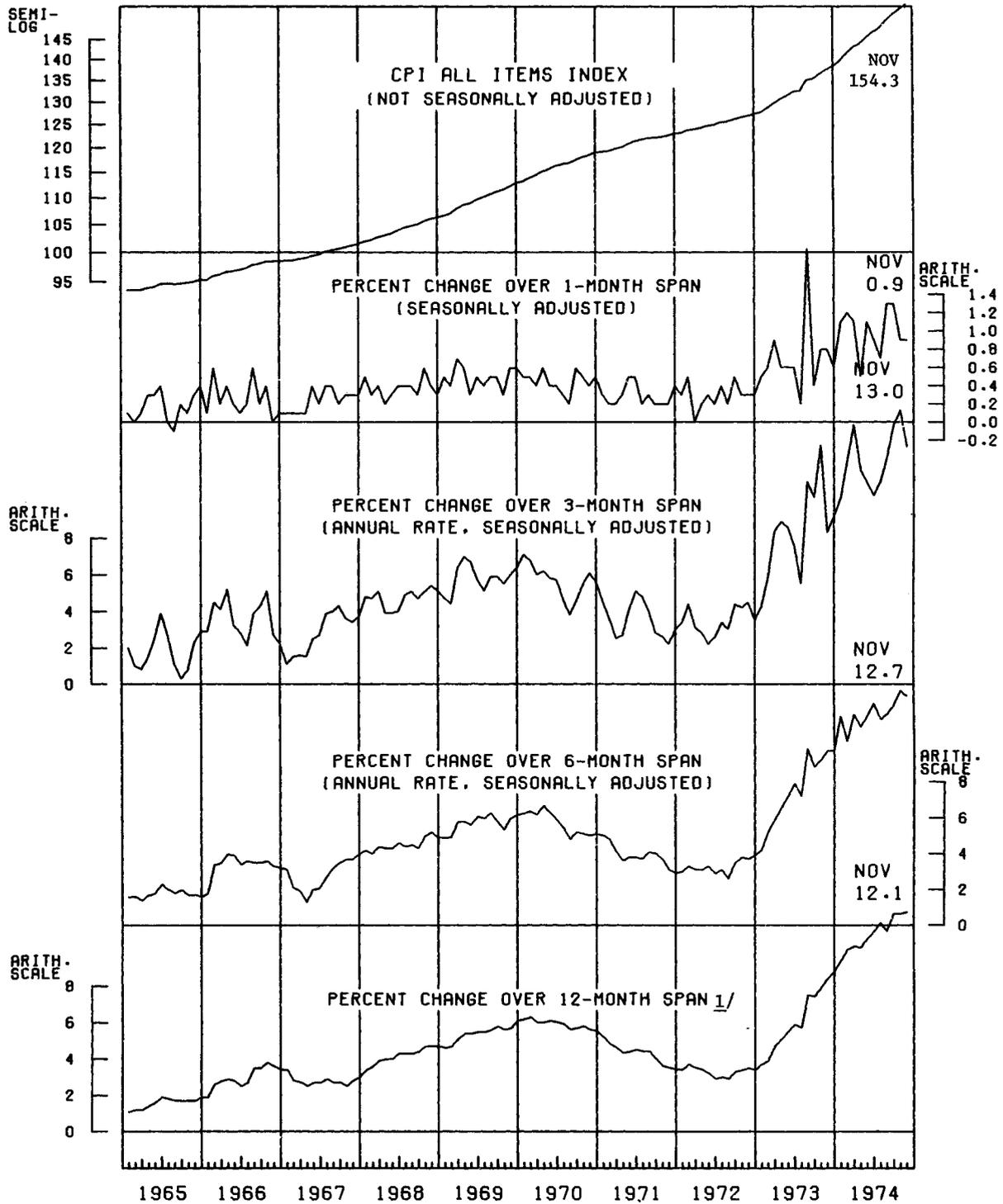
Furniture prices advanced less than in recent months. Although prices rose for many upholstered items, increases were smaller for many items made of wood. In addition, there were many sales on furniture in November because of slackening demand. Although the demand for appliances and floor coverings has also slackened, prices for these items continued to rise at a rapid rate in November as a result of higher manufacturers' prices. Prices at the wholesale level continued to reflect sharp increases in materials, labor, and transportation costs. Higher prices for synthetic backing materials, vinyl chloride resins, and asbestos continue to exert upward pressure on prices of floor coverings, while shortages of plastics and electric motors were contributing factors to the rise in appliance prices.

Services. The services index rose 0.8 percent in November. Over three-fifths of the increase was due to higher charges for all types of household services, including rent. Charges for residential gas rose sharply. Mortgage interest costs continued to rise reflecting earlier increases in interest rates on conventionally financed loans. In-

creases in charges for medical care, personal care, apparel, recreational, and transportation services also contributed to the rise in the services index. Among transporta-

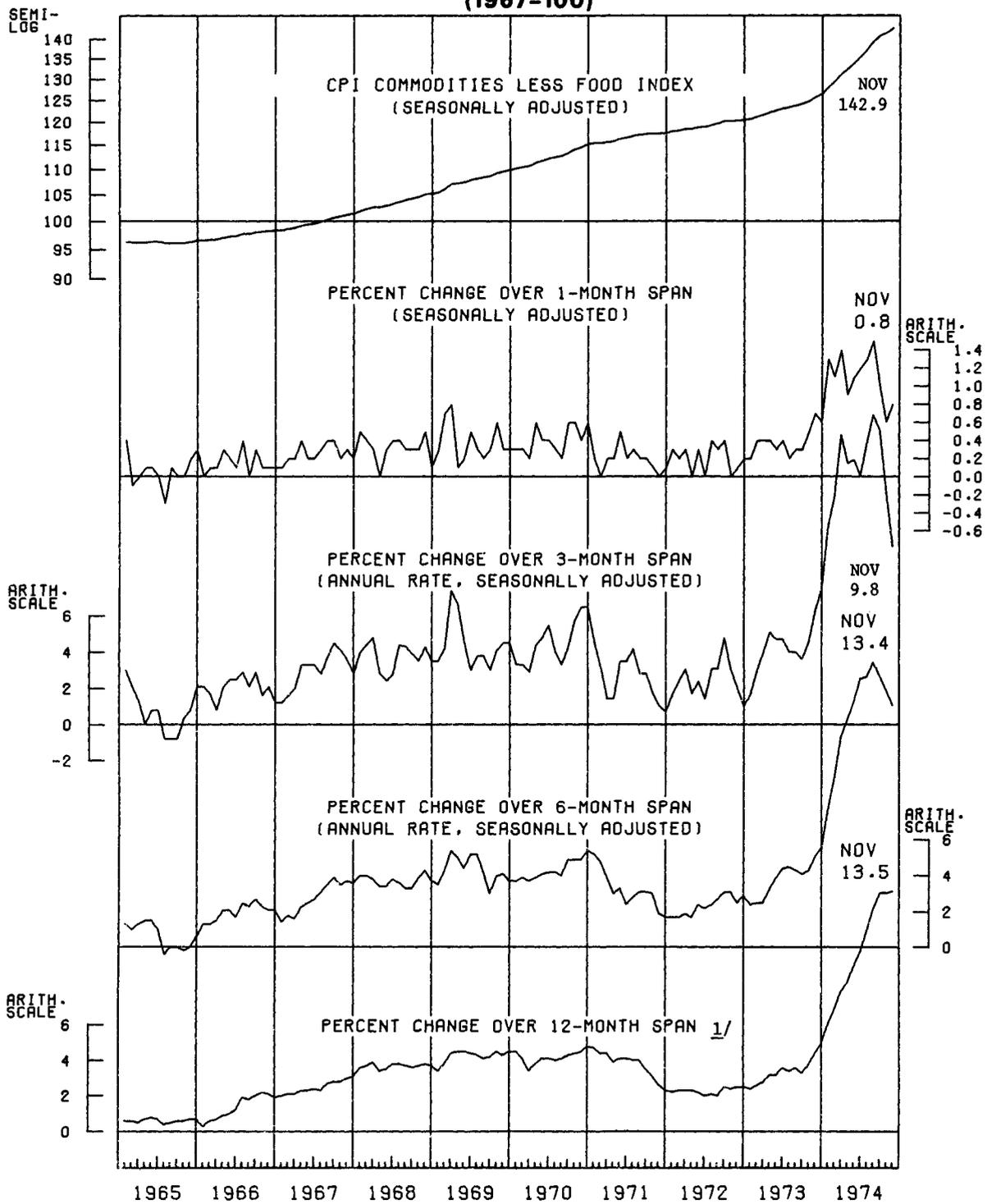
tion services, taxicab fares and parking fees rose sharply, and charges for auto insurance turned up after declining almost steadily in the preceding 5 months.

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



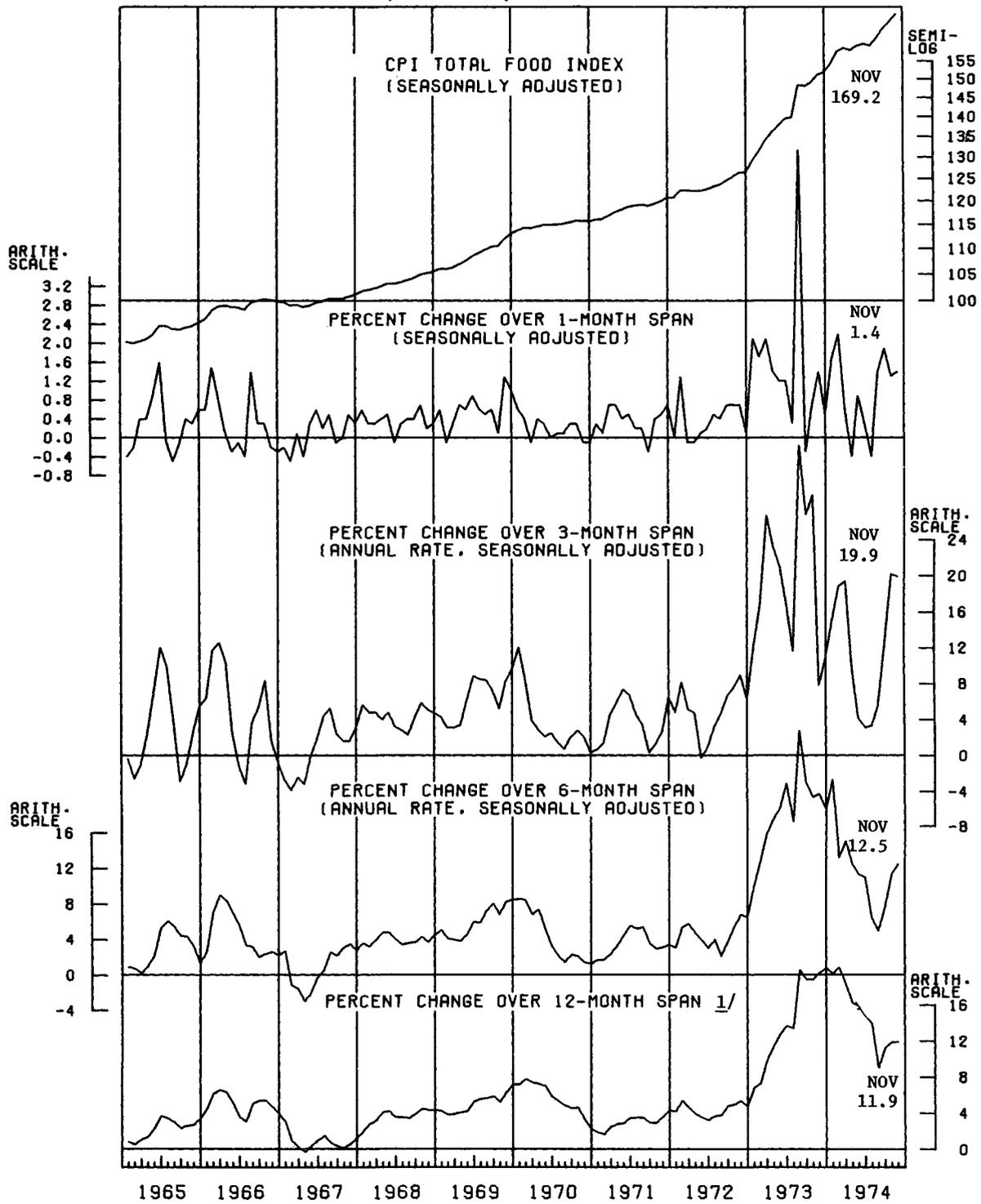
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**Chart 2. Commodities less food index and its rate of change, 1965-74
(1967=100)**



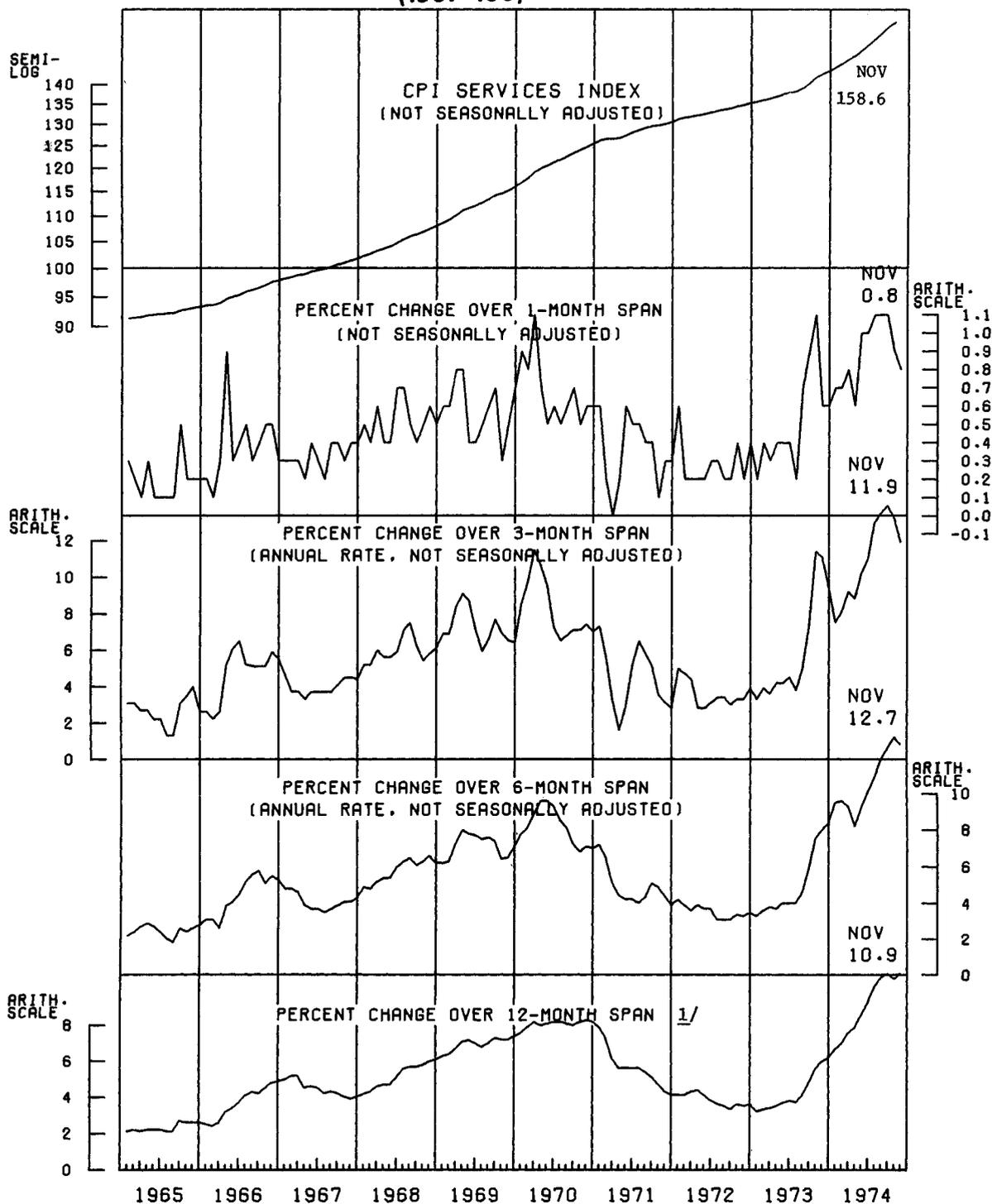
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**Chart 3. Total food index and its rate of change, 1965-74
(1967=100)**



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Chart 4. Services index and its rate of change, 1965-74
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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 1973	Unadjusted indexes 1967=100 unless otherwise noted		Unadjusted percent change to November 1974 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		October 1974	November 1974	November 1973	October 1974	August to September	September to October	October to November
Commodity and service groups								
All items -----	100.000	¹ 153.0	154.3	12.1	0.8	1.3	0.9	0.9
All items (1957-59=100) -----	-	¹ 177.9	179.5	-	-	-	-	-
Commodities -----	63.454	¹ 150.7	152.0	12.8	.9	1.2	.9	.9
Food -----	24.810	166.1	167.8	11.9	1.0	1.9	1.3	1.4
Food at home -----	19.633	166.5	168.3	12.1	1.1	2.0	1.6	1.4
Cereals and bakery products -----	2.644	174.7	177.6	21.8	1.7	1.3	2.6	1.9
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	6.988	163.7	164.0	-2.0	.2	3.2	-1.0	1.9
Dairy products -----	3.023	151.7	152.7	8.1	.7	.3	.3	.7
Fruits and vegetables -----	3.146	162.4	164.3	14.3	1.2	.5	2.3	.1
Other foods at home -----	3.832	179.9	183.9	33.4	2.2	3.8	3.5	2.8
Food away from home -----	5.177	164.7	166.2	11.0	.9	.7	.9	.9
Commodities less food -----	38.644	¹ 142.2	143.3	13.5	.8	1.0	.6	.8
Nondurables less food -----	22.978	146.1	147.2	14.6	.8	.3	.4	.7
Apparel commodities ² -----	8.569	141.0	142.3	8.8	.9	-2.2	.1	.6
Men's and boys' -----	2.661	141.4	142.6	10.6	.8	.4	.3	.6
Women's and girls' -----	3.815	140.2	141.5	7.0	.9	-8.8	-1.1	.5
Footwear -----	1.504	141.7	142.8	7.7	.8	.6	.2	.7
Nondurables less food and apparel -----	14.409	149.2	150.2	18.0	.7	.7	.5	.9
Gasoline and motor oil -----	3.162	160.2	158.5	25.2	-1.1	-1.5	-2.3	-1.1
Tobacco products -----	1.993	147.4	149.0	7.7	1.1	*.2	*.6	*1.1
Alcoholic beverages -----	2.349	137.0	138.0	11.0	.7	*1.0	*1.0	*.7
Fuel oil and coal -----	.872	225.5	229.2	47.3	1.6	.8	1.3	1.5
Other nondurables -----	6.033	141.0	142.9	16.7	1.3	2.1	1.7	1.3
Durable commodities -----	15.666	¹ 136.8	138.0	11.9	.9	1.5	1.0	.8
Household durables -----	4.566	134.1	135.4	12.1	1.0	1.2	.8	1.0
New cars -----	1.917	123.7	124.5	11.0	.6	2.1	1.1	.2
Used cars -----	1.849	¹ 139.4	141.6	22.0	1.6	*3.0	*2.6	*1.6
Other durables -----	7.334	141.9	142.9	9.5	.7	1.1	.8	.6
Services -----	36.546	157.3	158.6	10.9	.8	*1.1	*.9	*.8
Rent -----	4.873	132.2	132.8	5.1	.5	*.4	*.6	*.5
Services less rent -----	31.673	161.9	163.3	11.8	.9	*1.2	*1.0	*.9
Household services less rent -----	15.463	173.8	175.7	14.7	1.1	1.5	1.2	.9
Transportation services -----	5.090	144.0	144.9	5.5	.6	.7	.4	.7
Medical care services -----	5.423	165.6	167.0	12.7	.8	1.0	1.1	.7
Other services -----	5.698	145.5	146.7	8.8	.8	.9	.6	.8
Special indexes:								
All items less food -----	75.190	¹ 149.1	150.4	12.5	.9	1.0	.6	.9
Nondurable commodities -----	47.788	155.8	157.2	13.2	.9	1.2	.9	.9
Apparel commodities less footwear -----	7.064	140.9	142.2	9.0	.9	-1.1	.1	.6
Services less medical care services -----	31.123	156.0	157.3	10.5	.8	*1.2	*.9	*.8
Insurance and finance -----	9.707	170.6	172.4	10.3	1.1	1.3	1.4	.8
Utilities and public transportation -----	5.318	144.8	146.2	10.7	1.0	1.0	.7	.5
Housekeeping and home maintenance service -----	4.457	185.7	187.0	18.9	.7	1.7	1.0	.9
Appliances (including radio and T. V.) -----	1.489	113.1	114.5	8.2	1.2	*1.1	*1.0	*1.2
Expenditure classes								
All items -----	100.000	153.0	154.3	12.1	0.8	1.3	0.9	0.9
Food -----	24.810	166.1	167.8	11.9	1.0	1.9	1.3	1.4
Housing -----	33.321	156.7	158.3	13.6	1.0	1.2	1.2	.8
Shelter ³ -----	21.459	159.9	161.2	10.7	.8	1.2	1.1	.7
Rent -----	4.873	132.2	132.8	5.1	.5	*.4	*.6	*.5
Homeownership ⁴ -----	16.184	170.1	171.7	12.5	.9	1.3	1.2	.8
Fuel and utilities ⁵ -----	4.820	155.2	157.1	18.9	1.2	1.1	.9	.8
Gas and electricity -----	2.390	151.5	154.0	18.6	1.7	1.5	1.0	.7
Household furnishings and operation -----	7.042	149.0	151.0	18.4	1.3	1.9	1.6	1.3
Apparel and upkeep -----	9.945	141.1	142.4	9.1	.9	0	.3	.6
Transportation -----	12.602	¹ 142.9	143.4	14.0	.3	1.5	-.3	.3
Private -----	11.233	¹ 142.3	142.7	15.3	.3	1.5	-.2	.3
Public -----	1.369	148.8	149.5	3.4	.5	-1.1	.3	.7
Health and recreation -----	18.946	145.2	146.3	10.3	.8	*1.0	*.8	*.8
Medical care -----	6.229	156.3	157.5	11.8	.8	1.1	.9	.8
Personal care -----	2.513	143.0	144.2	12.6	.8	1.4	1.2	.9
Reading and recreation -----	5.346	137.8	138.8	8.9	.7	1.2	.6	.7
Other goods and services -----	4.859	141.4	142.7	9.1	.9	.6	.7	1.1
Special indexes:								
All items less shelter -----	78.541	¹ 151.2	152.5	12.5	.9	1.1	.8	1.0
All items less medical care -----	93.771	¹ 152.8	154.2	12.1	.9	1.3	.9	.9
All items less mortgage interest costs -----	95.951	¹ 150.9	152.2	11.7	.9	1.1	.9	.9
CPI-domestically produced farm foods ⁶ -----	17.583	164.6	166.4	10.1	1.1	*1.4	*.2	*1.1
CPI-selected beef cuts ⁷ -----	2.290	165.1	161.9	-2.1	-1.9	*2.4	*-3.8	*-1.9
Purchasing power of consumer dollar:								
1967= \$1.00 -----	-	\$0.654	\$0.648	-10.9	-.9	-	-	-
1957-59= \$1.00 -----	-	.562	.557	-	-	-	-	-

¹ Revised from previously published figure to correct for an error in the used car component. See press release USDL-74-699.

² Also includes infants' wear, sewing materials, and jewelry not shown separately.

³ Also includes hotel and motel rates not shown separately.

⁴ Includes home purchase, mortgage interest, taxes, insurance, and maintenance and repairs.

⁵ Also includes residential telephones, fuel oil, coal, water, and sewerage services not shown separately.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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					
	August 1974	September 1974	October 1974	November 1974	3 months ending in			6 months ending in		
					February 1974	May 1974	August 1974	November 1974	May 1974	November 1974
Commodity and service groups										
All items	-	-	-	-	12.2	11.0	12.4	13.0	11.6	12.7
Commodities	r 147.5	r 149.3	r 150.7	152.0	15.7	10.7	12.2	12.8	13.2	12.5
Food	161.7	164.7	166.9	169.2	18.9	4.1	5.6	19.9	11.3	12.5
Food at home	161.7	165.0	167.7	170.0	21.9	2.3	3.8	22.2	11.7	12.6
Cereals and bakery products	168.0	170.2	174.7	178.0	24.1	28.3	9.9	26.0	26.2	17.7
Meats, poultry, and fish	159.7	164.8	163.2	166.3	12.6	-31.9	2.0	17.6	-12.4	9.5
Dairy products	150.9	151.4	151.9	152.9	23.3	16.2	-9.2	5.4	19.7	-2.2
Fruits and vegetables	164.9	165.7	169.5	169.6	28.2	46.8	-18.8	11.9	37.2	-4.7
Other foods at home	166.9	173.2	179.2	184.3	28.4	15.8	43.1	48.7	21.9	45.9
Food away from home	161.7	162.8	164.2	165.7	10.0	11.4	12.2	10.3	10.7	11.2
Commodities less food	r 139.6	r 141.0	r 141.8	142.9	12.6	14.6	17.1	9.8	13.6	13.4
Nondurables less food	144.4	144.9	145.5	146.5	20.1	16.8	15.8	5.9	18.5	10.8
Apparel commodities ¹	139.7	139.4	139.6	140.5	6.7	9.8	17.1	2.3	8.2	9.4
Men's and boys'	139.5	140.0	140.4	141.3	8.7	13.8	14.7	5.3	11.3	9.9
Women's and girls'	139.2	138.1	138.0	138.7	3.1	8.5	18.9	-1.4	5.8	8.3
Footwear	140.3	141.1	141.4	142.4	5.6	8.9	10.3	6.1	7.2	8.2
Nondurables less food and apparel	147.2	148.2	148.9	150.2	28.7	20.9	14.8	8.4	24.8	11.6
Gasoline and motor oil	165.2	162.7	158.9	158.7	84.7	52.7	2.5	-14.8	68.0	-6.6
Tobacco products (not seasonally adjusted)	146.2	146.5	147.4	149.0	2.0	4.7	16.9	7.9	3.4	12.3
Alcoholic beverages (not seasonally adjusted)	134.2	135.6	137.0	138.0	7.6	8.1	16.8	11.8	7.9	14.3
Fuel oil and coal	221.8	223.6	226.6	230.1	170.9	22.4	22.6	15.8	82.1	19.1
Other nondurables	135.9	138.7	141.1	143.0	9.5	14.4	20.5	22.6	11.9	21.6
Durable commodities	r 133.1	r 135.1	r 136.5	137.6	3.6	11.4	19.1	14.2	7.5	16.7
Household durables	131.4	133.0	134.1	135.4	7.1	11.2	17.5	12.7	9.1	15.1
New cars	119.7	122.2	123.6	123.9	-7	11.2	19.9	14.8	5.1	17.3
Used cars (not seasonally adjusted)	r 132.0	r 135.9	r 139.4	141.6	-38.1	52.2	77.3	32.4	-2.9	53.2
Other durables	139.2	140.7	141.8	142.6	9.5	10.0	8.5	10.1	9.8	9.3
Services (not seasonally adjusted)	154.2	155.9	157.3	158.6	8.1	10.2	13.5	11.9	9.2	12.7
Rent (not seasonally adjusted)	130.9	131.4	132.2	132.8	5.5	4.1	5.0	5.9	4.8	5.5
Services less rent (not seasonally adjusted)	158.4	160.3	161.9	163.3	8.5	11.2	14.6	13.0	9.8	13.8
Household services less rent	169.0	171.5	173.6	175.2	12.6	14.2	16.7	15.5	13.4	16.1
Transportation services	143.0	144.0	144.6	145.6	0	6.8	7.6	7.5	3.4	7.5
Medical care services	162.6	164.3	166.1	167.3	7.8	10.7	20.5	12.1	9.2	16.2
Other services	143.3	144.6	145.5	146.6	6.7	10.0	9.1	9.5	8.3	9.3
Special indexes:										
All items less food	r 146.4	r 147.9	r 148.8	150.1	10.6	12.5	15.6	10.5	11.5	13.0
Nondurable commodities	152.8	154.6	156.0	157.4	20.1	10.6	10.0	12.6	15.2	11.3
Apparel commodities less footwear	139.4	139.2	139.4	140.2	6.0	10.8	17.5	2.3	8.4	9.6
Services less medical care services (not seasonally adjusted)	152.8	154.6	156.0	157.3	7.8	10.0	12.1	12.3	8.9	12.2
Insurance and finance	165.9	168.0	170.3	171.7	6.3	6.7	13.6	14.7	6.5	14.2
Utilities and public transportation	143.3	144.7	145.7	146.5	12.3	11.6	9.5	9.2	12.0	9.3
Housekeeping and home maintenance service	180.6	183.7	185.5	187.2	11.9	27.1	21.6	15.4	19.3	18.5
Appliances (including radio and T. V.) (not seasonally adjusted)	110.8	112.0	113.1	114.5	1.5	5.0	12.9	14.0	3.2	13.4
Expenditure classes										
All items	-	-	-	-	12.2	11.0	12.4	13.0	11.6	12.7
Food	161.7	164.7	166.9	169.2	18.9	4.1	4.6	19.9	11.3	12.5
Housing	153.0	154.9	156.7	158.0	13.0	12.5	15.1	13.7	12.7	14.4
Shelter ²	156.1	157.9	159.6	160.7	9.1	9.5	11.8	12.3	9.3	12.1
Rent (not seasonally adjusted)	130.9	131.4	132.2	132.8	5.5	4.1	5.0	5.9	4.8	5.5
Homeownership ³	165.4	167.6	169.6	171.0	10.9	10.7	14.2	14.2	10.8	14.2
Fuel and utilities ⁴	152.9	154.6	156.0	157.3	36.5	16.0	13.0	12.0	25.8	12.5
Gas and electricity	149.2	151.4	152.9	154.0	22.3	21.1	17.8	13.5	21.7	15.7
Household furnishings and operation	143.9	146.6	149.0	151.0	9.7	20.4	22.8	21.2	15.0	22.0
Apparel and upkeep	139.6	139.6	140.0	140.9	6.7	10.4	16.1	3.8	8.5	9.7
Transportation	r 141.2	r 143.3	r 142.9	143.4	13.0	20.5	16.5	6.4	16.7	11.3
Private	r 140.4	r 142.5	r 142.2	142.6	14.6	23.4	17.3	6.4	18.9	11.7
Public	149.1	148.9	149.4	150.4	.8	2.2	7.0	3.5	1.5	5.3
Health and recreation (not seasonally adjusted)	142.6	144.0	145.2	146.3	5.9	9.9	15.0	10.8	7.8	12.9
Medical care	153.5	155.2	156.6	157.8	6.7	10.4	18.6	11.7	8.5	15.1
Personal care	139.3	141.3	143.0	144.3	8.7	11.8	14.7	15.1	10.2	14.9
Reading and recreation	135.3	136.9	137.7	138.7	5.8	8.6	10.7	10.4	7.2	10.6
Other goods and services	139.3	140.1	141.1	142.6	5.3	6.5	15.1	9.8	5.9	12.4
Special indexes:										
All items less shelter	r 148.3	r 150.0	r 151.2	152.7	13.0	11.3	13.4	12.4	12.1	12.9
All items less medical care	r 149.6	r 151.5	r 152.8	154.2	12.5	10.9	12.4	12.9	11.7	12.6
All items less mortgage interest costs	r 148.2	r 149.8	r 151.1	152.4	11.9	11.0	12.5	11.8	11.5	12.2
CPI - domestically produced farm foods (not seasonally adjusted)	162.0	164.3	164.6	166.4	26.3	.2	4.1	11.3	12.5	7.6
CPI - selected beef cuts (not seasonally adjusted)	167.6	171.7	165.1	161.9	41.2	-32.7	11.0	-12.9	-2.5	-1.7

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.

r - revised. See table 1; footnote 1.

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	November 1973	August 1974	October 1974
November 1974							
U. S. city average -----	M	154.3	179.5		12.1	2.9	0.8
Chicago -----	M	151.9	172.5		11.6	2.7	.9
Detroit -----	M	155.3	178.4		11.7	2.8	.9
Los Angeles-Long Beach -----	M	148.7	174.8		11.3	2.6	1.1
N. Y.-Northeastern N. J. -----	M	160.9	191.4		11.4	2.5	.6
Philadelphia -----	M	158.5	185.2		12.8	3.3	.8
October 1974							
Boston -----	1	^r 153.0	^r 183.3		10.3	2.2	
Houston -----	1	^r 154.2	^r 176.4		13.2	4.2	
Minneapolis-St. Paul -----	1	^r 153.9	^r 178.4		12.9	3.5	
Pittsburgh -----	1	^r 152.3	^r 175.1		11.5	2.7	
November 1974							
Buffalo -----	2	155.1		³ 170.5	11.9	2.4	
Cleveland -----	2	153.0	172.7		11.3	2.0	
Dallas -----	2	151.3		³ 163.6	11.6	2.6	
Milwaukee -----	2	150.0	169.3		10.5	3.0	
San Diego -----	2	153.5		⁴ 161.3	12.5	2.4	
Seattle -----	2	147.9	173.8		12.6	3.4	
Washington -----	2	156.1	181.9		12.0	2.2	
September 1974							
Atlanta -----	3	^r 152.6	^r 175.5		11.4	3.7	
Baltimore -----	3	^r 157.3	^r 182.6		14.4	3.9	
Cincinnati -----	3	^r 150.3	^r 170.6		11.8	3.2	
Honolulu -----	3	^r 145.3		⁵ 156.7	12.1	2.9	
Kansas City -----	3	^r 148.1	^r 175.8		11.8	3.3	
St. Louis -----	3	^r 145.9	^r 170.4		10.3	3.3	
San Francisco-Oakland -----	3	^r 148.1	^r 176.3		10.1	3.0	

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.

r - revised. See table 1; footnote 1.

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 October 1974 to November 1974

Group	U. S. city average	Chicago	Detroit	Los Angeles-Long Beach	New York-Northeastern New Jersey	Philadelphia
All items -----	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.1	0.6	0.8
Food -----	1.0	1.5	1.1	1.6	.4	1.0
Housing -----	1.0	.6	1.3	.9	.8	1.0
Apparel and upkeep -----	.9	1.0	.4	.7	.3	1.0
Transportation -----	.3	.4	-.1	.8	.3	.8
Health and recreation -----	.8	.6	.9	1.2	.7	.2
Medical care -----	.8	.8	.9	1.4	.7	.2
Personal care -----	.8	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
Reading and recreation -----	.7	.6	1.4	.2	.5	-.4
Other goods and services -----	.9	.7	1.0	2.0	.5	.8

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, November 1974, and percent changes from August 1974

Group	U. S. city average	Chicago	Detroit	Los Angeles- Long Beach	New York- Northeastern New Jersey	Philadelphia
	Indexes (1967= 100)					
All items -----	154.3	151.9	155.3	148.7	160.9	158.5
Food -----	167.8	167.9	168.1	162.8	172.0	171.4
Food at home -----	168.3	169.3	168.8	165.3	172.7	170.7
Cereals and bakery products -----	177.6	184.1	192.0	175.5	179.9	179.7
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	164.0	164.2	164.8	161.2	167.1	170.0
Dairy products -----	152.7	147.3	155.3	151.5	155.3	152.1
Fruits and vegetables -----	164.3	170.3	155.3	162.3	179.2	164.8
Other food at home -----	183.9	186.4	182.5	177.1	185.3	186.5
Food away from home -----	166.2	162.1	165.6	155.6	170.0	174.5
Housing -----	158.3	150.0	159.2	151.4	166.8	165.7
Shelter -----	161.2	153.1	167.6	153.0	168.3	176.1
Rent, residential -----	132.8	130.1	(²)	130.6	(²)	140.3
Homeownership -----	171.7	163.7	174.7	159.9	185.2	185.5
Fuel and utilities -----	157.1	142.0	150.7	150.0	179.0	160.2
Fuel oil and coal -----	229.2	211.1	212.9	-	239.6	221.3
Gas and electricity -----	154.0	136.0	156.0	169.7	181.2	159.7
Household furnishings and operation -----	151.0	145.9	139.1	146.9	155.8	150.1
Apparel and upkeep -----	142.4	138.2	138.2	136.3	143.6	138.5
Men's and boys' -----	142.6	133.4	145.8	129.4	139.7	145.6
Women's and girls' -----	141.5	142.1	128.6	137.6	145.1	128.6
Footwear -----	142.8	137.6	144.3	140.5	138.6	143.5
Transportation -----	143.4	146.1	142.7	143.3	151.2	146.6
Private -----	142.7	143.4	141.5	144.8	147.2	146.5
Public -----	149.5	163.2	156.5	115.0	166.8	147.2
Health and recreation -----	146.3	147.2	152.5	139.2	153.6	151.2
Medical care -----	157.5	156.9	171.1	154.9	168.4	169.3
Personal care -----	144.2	(²)	(²)	(²)	144.4	(²)
Reading and recreation -----	138.8	139.1	142.2	126.8	145.2	141.8
Other goods and services -----	142.7	147.6	144.3	134.6	151.6	146.9
	Percent changes August 1974 to November 1974					
All items -----	2.9	2.7	2.8	2.6	2.5	3.3
Food -----	3.1	4.0	2.4	3.3	2.5	3.1
Food at home -----	3.3	4.3	2.4	3.4	2.6	3.7
Cereals and bakery products -----	5.6	7.6	3.5	6.1	6.2	3.9
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	1.2	2.8	.4	-1.6	1.3	2.2
Dairy products -----	1.3	1.2	1.7	1.7	1.4	1.9
Fruits and vegetables -----	-2.3	-4	-2.4	3.0	-4.8	-1.7
Other food at home -----	10.5	11.0	9.4	10.1	10.0	12.4
Food away from home -----	2.7	2.7	2.5	3.1	2.1	.5
Housing -----	3.6	3.0	4.7	3.1	3.0	4.1
Shelter -----	3.3	2.7	4.8	2.8	2.4	4.4
Rent, residential -----	1.5	3.9	(²)	3.9	(²)	3.4
Homeownership -----	3.8	3.1	5.3	2.9	3.3	4.9
Fuel and utilities -----	2.9	1.0	4.7	2.4	3.1	2.1
Fuel oil and coal -----	3.8	-2.1	-3	-	7.5	5.9
Gas and electricity -----	3.7	2.2	6.3	1.1	1.6	.7
Household furnishings and operation -----	4.9	5.7	4.8	5.0	4.6	4.6
Apparel and upkeep -----	3.1	1.7	-.2	1.1	2.8	4.5
Men's and boys' -----	3.0	1.8	.9	.9	2.1	7.1
Women's and girls' -----	3.6	1.0	-1.7	.1	4.3	3.6
Footwear -----	2.1	2.7	-1.1	2.3	1.2	3.3
Transportation -----	1.5	1.3	.6	1.5	1.3	1.9
Private -----	1.6	1.6	.6	1.5	1.2	2.3
Public -----	.5	.2	.6	-.8	1.6	0
Health and recreation -----	2.6	1.9	3.1	2.4	2.5	2.4
Medical care -----	2.5	2.8	3.4	2.6	2.0	2.4
Personal care -----	3.5	(²)	(²)	(²)	2.5	(²)
Reading and recreation -----	2.7	1.2	3.9	1.0	3.1	1.4
Other goods and services -----	2.4	.8	1.6	3.0	2.5	2.9

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, November 1974, index and percent changes from August 1974—Continued

Group	Buffalo	Cleveland	Dallas	Milwaukee	San Diego	Seattle	Washington
Indexes (1967=100)							
All items -----	155.1	153.0	151.3	150.0	153.5	147.9	156.1
Food -----	165.6	165.4	164.2	164.7	167.3	161.5	173.5
Food at home -----	165.1	166.0	162.6	165.1	166.1	164.2	174.0
Cereals and bakery products -----	181.5	178.3	171.4	178.2	171.2	176.7	180.2
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	163.6	159.3	155.3	158.4	165.1	161.7	165.2
Dairy products -----	150.2	150.8	147.4	151.7	151.4	153.5	143.8
Fruits and vegetables -----	155.6	161.5	157.8	159.5	164.9	152.5	172.4
Other food at home -----	176.1	183.0	179.2	181.9	176.1	178.7	204.9
Food away from home -----	168.8	162.9	170.2	162.4	169.9	152.6	172.1
Housing -----	161.1	148.2	150.4	145.7	163.2	154.5	156.6
Shelter -----	156.9	147.6	155.6	142.4	177.2	160.6	157.6
Rent, residential -----	135.2	120.3	118.5	131.1	144.1	123.5	134.7
Homeownership -----	161.0	152.4	172.4	145.9	191.1	171.5	171.1
Fuel and utilities -----	184.3	154.1	130.6	152.9	139.2	145.7	156.3
Fuel oil and coal -----	236.9	-	-	233.6	-	209.5	231.7
Gas and electricity -----	186.4	160.4	126.8	148.0	147.7	116.5	168.6
Household furnishings and operation -----	155.9	146.5	150.1	149.2	138.9	145.3	153.6
Apparel and upkeep -----	152.1	147.3	140.3	148.8	139.8	136.2	144.8
Men's and boys' -----	176.1	143.4	147.3	152.5	140.1	140.2	145.9
Women's and girls' -----	146.7	152.8	132.7	145.0	140.3	126.6	139.0
Footwear -----	138.8	143.3	140.3	153.5	138.7	137.9	147.7
Transportation -----	140.8	149.6	149.2	145.3	144.3	129.6	144.8
Private -----	139.7	146.0	149.0	140.6	145.9	133.3	144.0
Public -----	152.4	173.8	152.1	202.7	115.5	108.5	149.9
Health and recreation -----	144.4	153.5	146.3	144.3	138.3	138.4	149.8
Medical care -----	146.8	168.7	153.6	152.7	149.9	147.0	168.7
Personal care -----	144.2	152.9	147.6	147.1	139.5	140.4	140.9
Reading and recreation -----	141.5	140.5	140.1	140.0	130.0	134.5	136.8
Other goods and services -----	145.1	150.4	141.1	140.0	132.7	133.6	150.3
Percent changes August 1974 to November 1974							
All items -----	2.4	2.0	2.6	3.0	2.4	3.4	2.2
Food -----	2.7	1.7	2.9	3.9	2.8	2.7	3.2
Food at home -----	2.9	1.7	3.2	4.1	3.2	3.1	3.4
Cereals and bakery products -----	5.1	4.4	6.1	7.1	6.1	6.4	4.3
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	.7	2.8	-.8	2.1	-1.9	-1.9	.9
Dairy products -----	.7	-6.2	1.4	2.5	1.7	3.1	1.6
Fruits and vegetables -----	-3.8	-7.4	-.6	-2.5	2.8	3.0	-6.4
Other food at home -----	12.3	11.0	10.3	10.9	10.8	8.0	14.5
Food away from home -----	2.0	1.8	1.9	3.0	2.0	1.5	2.7
Housing -----	2.1	1.9	3.2	2.9	3.0	4.7	2.2
Shelter -----	1.3	.7	3.7	1.9	2.2	5.4	1.0
Rent, residential -----	1.4	1.1	1.2	1.5	1.2	3.5	1.5
Homeownership -----	1.3	.7	4.7	2.0	2.5	5.7	.9
Fuel and utilities -----	.7	3.5	.9	3.9	3.0	-.2	2.9
Fuel oil and coal -----	3.3	-	-	4.6	-	-1.1	3.4
Gas and electricity -----	-.5	4.0	1.3	5.3	.3	1.0	4.5
Household furnishings and operation -----	5.8	5.7	3.4	4.6	5.5	6.3	5.3
Apparel and upkeep -----	2.8	3.3	2.0	4.3	1.9	3.7	1.9
Men's and boys' -----	.5	4.3	1.9	2.9	.4	4.2	1.4
Women's and girls' -----	4.1	2.2	.6	6.9	2.6	3.9	1.3
Footwear -----	3.4	3.8	1.7	1.9	1.9	1.2	2.2
Transportation -----	.6	1.1	.8	.8	1.4	.9	1.3
Private -----	.6	1.3	.9	.9	1.5	1.1	1.5
Public -----	-.1	.1	.3	.1	-1.2	-.9	.1
Health and recreation -----	3.5	2.3	2.6	2.9	2.2	3.1	2.0
Medical care -----	1.7	1.4	2.4	1.3	1.4	2.5	1.8
Personal care -----	3.5	3.8	-.1	2.4	5.3	4.1	4.9
Reading and recreation -----	4.2	2.6	5.2	1.7	1.7	3.6	1.6
Other goods and services -----	4.8	2.5	1.6	5.5	2.0	2.8	1.4

¹ See footnote 1, table 3.

² Not available.

³ Change from September 1974.

Table 6. Consumer Price Index—United States and selected areas for urban wage earners and clerical workers, food and its subgroups, November 1974, and percent changes from October 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 -----	167.8	168.3	177.6	164.0	152.7	164.3	183.9	166.2
Atlanta -----	173.9	176.5	182.3	174.5	161.1	172.6	186.9	165.2
Baltimore -----	171.0	171.7	178.4	168.6	150.0	168.0	189.5	168.0
Boston -----	167.6	168.1	176.7	166.3	151.6	163.6	181.8	165.6
Buffalo -----	165.6	165.1	181.5	163.6	150.2	155.6	176.1	168.8
Chicago -----	167.9	169.3	184.1	164.2	147.3	170.3	186.4	162.1
Cincinnati -----	170.7	173.6	187.6	165.2	165.5	166.2	192.5	159.9
Cleveland -----	165.4	166.0	178.3	159.3	150.8	161.5	183.0	162.9
Dallas -----	164.2	162.6	171.4	155.3	147.4	157.8	179.2	170.2
Detroit -----	168.1	168.8	192.0	164.8	155.3	155.3	182.5	165.6
Honolulu -----	166.1	166.8	189.6	159.9	158.3	156.2	176.4	163.7
Houston -----	172.0	169.7	172.3	164.9	162.2	165.9	182.3	180.2
Kansas City -----	169.0	170.3	175.7	160.2	168.9	162.1	187.6	164.9
Los Angeles—Long Beach -----	162.8	165.3	175.5	161.2	151.5	162.3	177.1	155.6
Milwaukee -----	164.7	165.1	178.2	158.4	151.7	159.5	181.9	162.4
Minneapolis—St. Paul -----	170.2	169.7	183.9	165.9	155.3	162.3	183.3	172.5
N. Y.—Northeastern N. J. -----	172.0	172.7	179.9	167.1	155.3	179.2	185.3	170.0
Philadelphia -----	171.4	170.7	179.7	170.0	152.1	164.8	186.5	174.5
Pittsburgh -----	171.2	170.2	186.1	167.2	144.5	165.7	187.5	176.8
St. Louis -----	164.7	165.0	182.5	156.0	156.0	161.4	177.7	163.0
San Diego -----	167.3	166.1	171.2	165.1	151.4	164.9	176.1	169.9
San Francisco—Oakland -----	161.6	165.4	171.2	161.6	150.1	164.1	181.0	148.2
Seattle -----	161.5	164.2	176.7	161.7	153.5	152.5	178.7	152.6
Washington -----	173.5	174.0	180.2	165.2	143.8	172.4	204.9	172.1
Percent Changes October 1974 to November 1974								
U.S. city average -----	1.0	1.1	1.7	0.2	0.7	1.2	2.2	0.9
Atlanta -----	1.1	1.3	1.8	0	.6	2.3	2.2	.5
Baltimore -----	.1	0	-.1	.3	-.3	-2.1	1.3	.5
Boston -----	1.5	1.5	3.7	.7	.9	.9	2.0	1.3
Buffalo -----	1.1	1.0	3.5	-.3	.3	.5	2.3	1.6
Chicago -----	1.5	1.7	1.7	.7	.8	3.1	3.2	.7
Cincinnati -----	.3	.2	.3	-1.8	.3	.2	3.2	.6
Cleveland -----	.1	0	.9	.3	-2.4	-2.3	2.1	.7
Dallas -----	1.3	1.6	3.1	-.2	1.6	2.8	1.9	.5
Detroit -----	1.1	1.1	2.5	.4	-.7	3.0	1.3	.7
Honolulu -----	1.3	2.0	3.8	.1	1.7	1.5	4.5	-.4
Houston -----	.8	.8	0	1.3	.1	-.5	1.8	1.1
Kansas City -----	.7	.5	1.1	-1.5	-.2	2.1	1.9	1.1
Los Angeles—Long Beach -----	1.6	1.5	2.8	-.4	.8	3.4	2.3	2.2
Milwaukee -----	1.5	1.0	.9	-.6	1.5	2.0	2.5	(²)
Minneapolis—St. Paul -----	1.1	1.3	1.4	-.4	1.0	2.9	2.3	0
N. Y.—Northeastern N. J. -----	.4	.2	1.2	-.9	1.0	-.2	1.1	.6
Philadelphia -----	1.0	1.2	2.2	1.0	1.5	-2.9	3.8	.5
Pittsburgh -----	1.7	1.7	4.2	1.0	.5	.8	2.5	1.0
St. Louis -----	.5	.9	1.2	.6	0	.9	1.7	.6
San Diego -----	2.2	2.3	3.7	1.1	.9	3.8	2.8	(²)
San Francisco—Oakland -----	1.1	1.2	2.5	.6	-.5	2.1	2.0	.5
Seattle -----	1.6	1.9	2.2	.7	2.7	3.4	1.6	.3
Washington -----	.6	.5	-.1	.3	.4	-3.0	3.3	1.2

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, November 1974 indexes, and percent changes from selected dates

(1967=100)

Item and group	Index		Percent change to November 1974		
	November 1974		November 1973	from— October 1974	
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted
Food	167.8	169.2	11.9	1.0	1.4
Food away from home	166.2	165.7	11.0	.9	.9
Restaurant meals	165.7	165.4	9.7	1.0	1.1
Snacks	168.7	168.5	17.6	.8	1.0
Food at home	168.3	170.0	12.1	1.1	1.4
Cereals and bakery products	177.6	178.0	21.8	1.7	1.9
Flour	169.1	169.4	4.0	.1	-.2
Cracker meal	210.7	211.5	35.4	1.4	1.4
Corn flakes	156.7	156.5	45.4	5.7	5.3
Rice	225.2	225.9	8.2	-4.1	-4.3
Bread, white	164.5	164.7	13.7	.6	.5
Bread, whole	171.4	170.7	17.1	1.6	1.4
Cookies	170.6	171.6	42.2	4.6	5.3
Layer cakes	175.9	175.9	26.8	3.3	3.5
Cinnamon rolls	184.7	184.3	28.7	4.0	4.2
Meats, poultry, and fish	164.0	166.3	-2.0	.2	1.9
Meats	163.0	165.1	-3.7	-.3	1.3
Beef and veal	163.7	167.2	-2.4	-1.9	-.4
Steak, round	162.2	166.4	2.1	-.5	.4
Steak, sirloin	154.2	158.6	3.1	-1.9	-.1
Steak, porterhouse	158.7	162.9	5.4	-2.0	-.2
Rump roast	158.8	162.5	2.1	-.1	1.2
Rib roast	170.2	174.9	3.8	-2.9	-1.1
Chuck roast	167.2	173.3	-1.8	-1.7	.6
Hamburger	163.6	166.6	-10.9	-3.4	-1.6
Beef liver	156.4	157.2	-7.8	-.9	.1
Veal cutlets	195.1	196.7	-.8	-1.5	-.7
Pork	166.8	168.5	-3.1	1.7	4.1
Chops	160.0	162.4	2.3	-.4	1.1
Roast	166.7	168.9	-.4	-.6	1.1
Pork sausage	177.1	176.9	-11.7	2.6	5.4
Ham, whole	159.6	161.2	-5.6	6.0	5.6
Picnics	162.4	164.5	-10.7	4.2	6.8
Bacon	174.9	176.8	.7	1.6	6.4
Other meats	156.3	156.6	-7.2	.3	1.2
Lamb chops	158.2	159.2	10.2	.3	.3
Frankfurters	155.0	155.3	-13.0	-.4	1.1
Ham, canned	154.0	153.4	-10.3	2.9	3.1
Bologna sausage	161.0	161.2	-10.4	-.7	.2
Salami sausage	156.6	156.4	-7.9	-.4	.2
Liver sausage	152.8	153.4	-9.6	.3	1.2
Poultry	150.9	155.7	.8	2.7	6.2
Frying chicken	154.1	161.0	6.5	3.5	7.8
Chicken, breasts	147.2	150.4	1.7	1.3	4.0
Turkey	139.9	137.7	-21.6	-.2	-.9
Fish	193.6	194.0	10.1	1.7	1.7
Shrimp, frozen	162.0	162.2	-6.3	.9	.7
Fish, fresh or frozen	216.8	217.5	4.5	1.1	1.2
Tuna fish, canned	174.2	174.9	15.7	2.2	2.6
Sardines, canned	220.7	219.8	27.5	2.5	2.1
Dairy products	152.7	152.9	8.1	.7	.7
Milk, fresh, grocery	151.0	151.0	6.2	.2	.4
Milk, fresh, skim	164.3	164.5	8.9	.6	.8
Milk, evaporated	181.1	180.0	23.1	.3	-.3
Ice cream	141.9	141.8	15.8	2.0	1.9
Cheese, American process	167.7	168.2	9.5	2.1	1.9
Butter	115.7	114.9	-4.5	1.6	1.3

See footnote at end of table.

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

(1967=100)

Item and group	Index		Percent change to November 1974 from—		
	November 1974		November 1973	October 1974	
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted
Food—Continued					
Food at home—Continued					
Fruits and vegetables	164.3	169.6	14.3	1.2	0.1
Fresh fruits and vegetables	154.7	163.0	6.6	2.0	.6
Fresh fruits	148.5	156.8	6.1	-5.2	-5
Apples	148.9	173.7	4.7	.4	3.4
Bananas	117.9	120.6	9.9	-24.2	-20.1
Oranges	159.2	151.5	2.5	-.4	3.3
Orange juice, fresh	144.1	143.8	7.9	.4	.3
Grapefruit	139.1	152.4	.3	-6.8	23.0
Grapes	183.3	184.2	7.5	4.1	.9
Strawberries	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Watermelon	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Fresh vegetables	159.9	168.7	7.0	8.3	3.1
Potatoes	166.6	179.3	7.5	.8	.5
Onions	133.2	144.0	-5.2	-7.6	-6.6
Asparagus	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Cabbage	142.4	156.3	-7.2	10.8	13.3
Carrots	150.7	156.8	11.5	.4	4.7
Celery	162.6	168.0	23.6	9.4	8.9
Cucumbers	120.9	139.1	-15.4	-2.9	-8.5
Lettuce	189.6	179.5	49.6	21.2	13.2
Peppers, green	158.8	181.5	10.0	31.7	9.7
Spinach	175.1	179.0	9.8	-1.0	.6
Tomatoes	150.3	153.1	11.1	20.0	.7
Processed fruits and vegetables	178.7	178.3	26.2	.2	.1
Fruit cocktail, canned	176.4	176.0	29.8	1.4	.7
Pears, canned	162.6	161.6	25.8	2.5	2.0
Pineapple-grapefruit juice drink	160.9	160.6	32.4	4.3	4.4
Orange juice, concentrate frozen	146.8	146.5	6.3	.5	.3
Lemonade concentrate, frozen	161.7	161.4	32.0	1.8	1.3
Beets, canned	181.6	181.6	24.0	3.1	3.1
Peas, green canned	152.5	152.0	34.2	6.0	5.3
Tomatoes, canned	166.4	166.7	27.2	3.2	3.3
Dried beans	305.9	303.8	26.6	-10.9	-10.7
Broccoli, frozen	146.5	146.6	16.5	4.3	4.0
Other food at home	183.5	184.3	33.4	2.2	2.8
Eggs	166.2	169.4	-1.7	-3.5	.8
Fats and oils:					
Margarine	247.1	246.9	53.5	4.3	4.3
Salad dressing, Italian	143.1	143.1	22.0	2.8	2.5
Salad or cooking oil	240.1	240.1	51.4	2.6	3.0
Sugar and sweets	245.2	245.9	80.8	8.3	8.5
Sugar	388.7	388.3	184.6	12.6	12.4
Grape jelly	158.8	199.6	41.8	1.5	1.6
Chocolate bar	213.1	212.7	53.3	3.3	3.5
Chocolate flavored syrup	200.6	201.4	59.0	14.5	14.6
Nonalcoholic beverages	170.2	170.4	26.8	.6	.7
Coffee, canned	169.5	169.3	20.0	-1.3	-1.3
Coffee, instant	171.3	171.8	27.0	.6	.7
Tea	128.7	128.7	15.0	1.6	1.7
Carbonated drink, cola flavored	188.2	188.2	40.0	3.0	2.9
Carbonated drink, fruit flavored	189.8	190.0	41.3	2.4	2.4
Prepared and partially prepared foods	158.6	158.8	28.6	1.7	1.9
Bean soup, canned	185.2	185.4	46.2	.9	.8
Chicken soup, canned	135.7	135.7	17.9	.1	-.1
Spaghetti, canned	156.9	156.7	24.6	2.2	2.1
Mashed potatoes, instant	154.3	155.1	28.2	1.1	1.1
Potatoes, french fried, frozen	172.4	172.4	42.8	1.4	1.2
Baby foods	148.4	148.5	25.2	2.3	2.7
Sweet pickle relish	159.3	159.0	18.2	4.6	4.1
Pretzels	155.9	156.1	27.8	.6	.5

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, November 1974, and percent changes from selected dates

(1967=100)

Item and group	Other index base	Indexes		Percent change to November 1974 from:	
		October 1974	November 1974	November 1973	October 1974
Housing		156.7	158.3	13.6	1.0
Shelter ¹		159.9	161.2	10.7	.8
Rent, residential		132.2	132.8	5.1	.5
Homeownership ²		170.1	171.7	12.5	.9
Mortgage interest rates		147.9	149.1	11.1	.8
Property taxes		151.1	152.0	-1.0	.6
Property insurance premiums		124.2	124.5	.6	.2
Maintenance and repairs		180.6	181.5	16.9	.5
Maintenance and repair commodities ³		156.3	156.4	11.6	.1
Exterior house paint		148.4	150.6	23.2	1.5
Interior house paint		138.8	140.5	15.6	1.2
Maintenance and repair services		191.1	192.4	18.9	.7
Repainting living and dining rooms		200.5	202.0	15.2	.7
Reshingling house roof		211.0	212.0	26.0	.5
Residing house		182.8	184.2	23.6	.8
Replacing sink		186.5	188.3	18.2	1.0
Repairing furnace		181.5	182.4	8.2	.5
Fuel and utilities		155.2	157.1	18.9	1.2
Fuel oil and coal		225.5	229.2	47.3	1.6
Fuel oil, No. 2		222.3	224.5	45.6	1.0
Gas and electricity		151.5	154.0	18.6	1.7
Gas		148.8	153.0	15.6	2.8
Electricity		154.0	154.9	21.5	.6
Other utilities:					
Residential telephone services		122.1	122.1	3.9	0
Residential water and sewerage services		157.9	159.1	7.1	.8
Household furnishings and operation ⁴		149.0	151.0	18.4	1.3
Housefurnishings		137.5	139.1	14.9	1.2
Textiles		139.1	140.5	17.4	1.0
Sheets		145.1	146.7	19.0	1.1
Curtains, tailored		130.4	132.3	11.1	1.5
Bedspreads		144.2	145.6	26.4	1.0
Drapery fabric		164.0	165.4	24.3	.9
Pillows, bed		118.6	120.6	10.6	1.7
Slipcovers and throws, ready-made		131.3	132.0	11.7	.5
Furniture and bedding		140.9	141.8	10.6	.6
Bedroom furniture, chest and dresser	Mar. 70	126.1	126.5	12.0	.3
Sofas, upholstered		135.7	136.8	8.5	.8
Cocktail tables	Dec. 71	121.4	121.9	13.5	.4
Dining room chairs	Mar. 70	126.4	127.0	13.1	.5
Recliners, upholstered	Dec. 71	109.7	110.8	8.8	1.0
Sofas, dual purpose		132.1	132.9	8.7	.6
Bedding, mattress and box springs	June 70	124.9	125.6	14.3	.6
Aluminum folding chairs		(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)
Cribs		141.9	143.5	12.4	1.1
Floor covering		125.5	127.0	15.9	1.2
Broadloom carpeting, manmade fibers		116.7	117.7	13.1	.9
Vinyl sheet goods		143.1	144.4	16.2	.9
Vinyl asbestos tile		149.0	152.8	26.9	2.6
Appliances excluding radio and T.V.		120.4	122.4	11.1	1.7
Washing machines, electric, automatic		122.3	124.8	12.2	2.0
Vacuum cleaners		110.4	111.5	6.6	1.0
Refrigerator freezers, electric		121.1	123.3	13.5	1.8
Ranges, free standing, gas or electric		121.4	123.5	11.6	1.7
Clothes dryers, electric		127.2	130.0	13.2	2.2
Air conditioners, demountable		(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)
Room heaters, electric, portable		118.2	120.3	9.9	1.8
Garbage disposal units		122.4	123.7	10.0	1.1
Other housefurnishings:					
Dinnerware, fine china		158.3	159.8	18.9	.9
Flatware, stainless steel		156.2	157.9	18.8	1.1
Table lamps, with shade		142.0	142.6	11.5	.4
Lawn mowers, power, rotary type		138.2	141.8	(⁶)	2.6
Electric drills, hand-held		117.7	118.9	10.9	1.0
Housekeeping supplies:					
Laundry soaps and detergents		148.0	151.9	30.8	2.6
Paper napkins		185.2	191.4	37.6	3.3
Toilet tissue		176.1	182.7	38.3	3.7
Housekeeping services:					
Domestic services, general housework		189.7	190.5	24.3	.4
Baby sitter services		178.0	179.2	22.5	.7
Postal charges		175.3	175.3	19.6	0
Laundry, flatwork, finished service		177.3	179.4	16.3	1.2
Licensed day care services, preschool child		147.4	147.8	9.3	.3
Washing machine repairs		174.7	178.4	17.8	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, November 1974, and percent changes from selected dates—Continued

(1967=100)

Item and group	Other index base	Indexes		Percent change to November 1974 from:	
		October 1974	November 1974	November 1973	October 1974
Apparel and upkeep ⁷ -----		141.1	142.4	9.1	0.9
Apparel commodities -----		141.0	142.3	8.8	.9
Apparel commodities less footwear -----		140.9	142.2	9.0	.9
Men's and boys' -----		141.4	142.6	10.6	.8
Men's:					
Topcoats, wool or all-weather coats, polyester blends -----		146.2	146.8	7.1	.4
Suits, year round weight -----		138.7	139.7	2.4	.7
Sport jacket -----	June 74	100.7	102.1	(^b)	1.4
Jackets, lightweight -----		130.0	130.7	9.0	.5
Slacks, wool or wool blends -----		117.7	118.5	.4	.7
Slacks, cotton or manmade blends -----		145.0	145.4	4.7	.3
Trousers, work, cotton or polyester/cotton -----		147.7	148.9	20.5	.8
Shirts, work, cotton or polyester/cotton -----		147.3	149.1	19.9	1.2
Shirts, business, cotton -----		127.9	128.4	9.2	.4
T-shirts, chiefly cotton -----		147.2	149.3	20.0	1.4
Socks, cotton or manmade fibers -----		124.6	126.2	6.9	1.3
Handkerchiefs, cotton or polyester/cotton -----		148.9	147.8	19.6	-.7
Boys':					
Coats, all purpose, cotton or cotton blends -----		122.2	126.3	2.2	3.4
Sport coats, wool or wool blends -----		126.0	124.2	1.7	-1.4
Dungarees, cotton or cotton blends -----		168.8	170.6	19.2	1.1
Undershorts, cotton -----		149.3	150.9	19.4	1.1
Women's and girls' -----		140.2	141.5	7.0	.9
Women's:					
Coats, heavyweight, wool or blends -----		153.1	155.4	8.2	1.5
Carcoats, heavyweight, cotton -----		154.9	156.3	6.0	.9
Sweaters, wool or acrylic -----		145.7	147.7	6.3	1.4
Skirts, wool, wool blend or manmade fibers -----		162.9	169.2	8.8	3.9
Skirts, cotton or polyester/cotton -----		137.9	138.3	(^b)	.3
Blouses, cotton or manmade fibers -----		139.2	141.0	9.7	1.3
Dresses, street, chiefly manmade fibers -----		144.1	145.2	3.9	.8
Slips, nylon -----		118.0	118.3	6.0	.3
Panties, acetate or nylon tricot -----		136.9	138.0	13.3	.8
Girdles, manmade blend -----		124.8	125.7	4.7	.7
Brassiers, nylon lace -----		135.8	137.7	8.4	1.4
Hose or panty hose, nylon seamless -----		90.6	91.4	-.9	.9
Anklets, or knee-length socks, various fibers -----		128.2	130.2	13.7	1.6
Gloves, fabric, nylon or cotton -----		124.9	124.7	9.0	-.2
Handbags, rayon faille or plastic -----		169.1	170.5	7.9	.8
Girl's:					
Raincoats, vinyl, cotton or polyester blends -----		133.3	134.7	8.4	1.1
Skirts, wool, blends or acrylic -----		139.5	135.4	7.8	-2.9
Dresses, cotton, manmade fibers or blends -----		137.9	139.3	10.9	1.0
Slacks, cotton or chiefly cotton -----		177.1	175.9	20.3	-.7
Slips, polyester blends -----		120.8	122.1	11.1	1.1
Handbags, plastic -----		150.9	153.7	11.9	1.9
Footwear -----		141.7	142.8	7.7	.8
Men's:					
Shoes, street -----		146.0	146.1	8.0	.1
Shoes, work, high -----		154.3	155.2	10.1	.6
Women's:					
Shoes, street, pump -----		139.3	139.9	6.1	.4
Shoes, evening, pump -----		130.4	132.0	4.5	1.2
Shoes, casual -----		142.8	144.2	8.8	1.0
Houseslipppers, scuff -----		136.2	138.0	5.7	1.3
Children's:					
Shoes, oxford -----		143.2	144.1	7.3	.6
Sneakers, boys, oxford type -----		142.0	145.8	14.1	2.7
Dress shoes, girls, strap or pump -----		147.8	148.6	9.6	.5
Miscellaneous apparel:					
Diapers, cotton gauze or disposable -----		170.6	173.4	43.2	1.6
Yard goods, polyester blend -----		162.8	164.7	22.2	1.2
Wrist watches, men's and women's -----		129.9	131.1	7.8	.9
Apparel services:					
Drycleaning, men's suits and women's dresses -----		141.3	143.0	13.6	1.2
Automatic laundry service -----		126.4	127.4	7.0	.8
Laundry, men's shirts -----		148.0	149.0	12.5	.7
Tailoring charges, hem adjustment -----		149.3	150.0	5.3	.5
Shoe repairs, women's heel lift -----		135.9	137.2	9.8	1.0

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, November 1974, and percent changes from selected dates—Continued

(1967=100)

Item and group	Other index base	Indexes		Percent change to November 1974 from:	
		October 1974	November 1974	November 1973	October 1974
Transportation		142.9	143.4	14.0	0.3
Private ⁹		142.3	142.7	15.3	.3
Automobiles, new		123.7	124.5	11.0	.6
Automobiles, used		139.4	141.6	22.0	1.6
Gasoline, regular and premium		160.9	159.0	25.9	-1.2
Motor oil, premium		151.0	151.8	16.4	.5
Tires, new, tubeless		123.5	122.5	11.5	-.8
Auto repairs and maintenance ¹⁰		164.4	166.0	14.6	1.0
Auto insurance rates		137.1	137.7	.2	.4
Auto registration		128.9	128.9	4.2	0
Parking fees, private and municipal		161.7	164.1	5.5	1.5
Public		148.8	149.5	3.4	.5
Local transit fares		147.6	147.6	1.1	0
Taxicab fares		154.2	159.7	15.5	3.6
Railroad fares, coach		138.8	138.8	13.2	0
Airplane fares, chiefly coach		148.3	148.3	8.2	0
Bus fares, intercity		165.5	165.5	13.4	0
Health and recreation		145.2	146.3	10.3	.8
Medical care		156.3	157.5	11.8	.8
Drugs and prescriptions		112.0	112.7	6.1	.6
Over-the-counter items		120.8	121.7	7.9	.7
Multiple vitamin concentrates		98.6	99.3	3.8	.7
Aspirin compounds		125.9	125.7	6.7	-.2
Liquid tonics		109.6	109.9	7.9	.3
Adhesive bandages, packages		143.9	146.1	14.3	1.5
Cold tablets or capsules		116.6	117.4	2.5	.7
Cough syrup		125.0	126.5	9.6	1.2
Prescriptions		104.6	105.2	4.6	.6
Anti-infectives		69.1	69.2	-1.1	-.1
Sedatives and hypnotics		146.6	147.3	12.6	.5
Ataractics		105.0	105.5	1.7	.5
Antispasmodics		113.6	114.9	6.5	1.1
Cough preparations		152.7	154.4	11.1	1.1
Cardiovasculars and antihypertensives		117.0	117.3	2.9	.3
Analgesics, internal		113.0	114.1	2.7	1.0
Anti-obesity		123.8	123.9	4.2	.1
Hormones		96.7	97.8	7.0	1.1
Professional services:					
Physicians' fees		157.3	158.2	12.8	.6
General physician, office visits		161.4	162.4	14.4	.6
General physician, house visits		157.2	158.1	10.0	.6
Obstetrical cases		154.7	155.9	11.4	.8
Pediatric care, office visits		159.7	161.4	13.6	1.1
Psychiatrist, office visits		145.2	146.0	8.1	.6
Hemorrhaphy, adult		142.3	143.6	8.4	.9
Tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy		151.0	150.7	11.6	-.2
Dentists' fees		151.8	153.0	10.5	.8
Fillings, adult, amalgam, one surface		156.0	157.6	12.0	1.0
Extractions, adult		150.8	150.9	9.7	.1
Dentures, full upper		144.1	145.6	8.2	1.0
Other professional services:					
Examination, prescription, and dispensing of eyeglasses		142.3	143.1	8.6	.6
Routine laboratory tests, urinalysis		142.2	145.1	16.5	2.0
Hospital service charges	Jan. 72	120.4	121.6	13.4	1.0
Semiprivate rooms		212.3	214.5	15.4	1.0
Operating room charges		215.4	219.0	20.2	1.7
X-ray, diagnostic series, upper G I		146.1	146.6	10.0	.3
Laboratory tests, urinalysis	Jan. 72	118.3	119.6	13.0	1.1
Anti-infectives, tetracycline, HCL	Jan. 72	104.3	103.9	8.2	-.4
Tranquilizer, chlordiazepoxide, HCL and meprobamate	Jan. 72	109.9	110.3	3.9	.4
Electrocardiogram	Jan. 72	116.3	116.6	10.8	.3
Intravenous solution, saline	Jan. 72	113.6	117.5	12.2	3.4
Physical therapy, whirlpool bath	Jan. 72	120.8	125.3	16.8	3.7
Oxygen, inhalation therapy	Jan. 72	114.0	115.4	8.0	1.2
Personal care		143.0	144.2	12.6	.8
Toilet goods		140.4	141.6	16.0	.9
Toothpaste, standard dentifrice		118.4	122.1	10.9	3.1
Toilet soap, hard-milled		197.3	197.1	44.6	-.1
Hand lotions, liquid		137.0	135.9	7.4	.8
Shaving creams, aerosol		114.6	116.3	6.5	1.5
Face powder, pressed		155.4	153.7	2.6	-1.1
Deodorants, aerosol		108.7	109.7	4.1	.9
Cleansing tissues		170.6	176.7	36.6	3.6
Home permanent wave kits		112.0	112.0	2.6	0
Personal care services		145.7	146.8	9.2	.8
Men's haircuts		148.8	150.5	9.9	1.1
Beauty shop services		143.5	144.2	8.7	.5
Women's haircuts		155.0	155.8	12.0	.5
Shampoo and wave sets, plain		146.6	147.5	8.1	.6
Permanent waves, cold		125.1	125.3	6.1	.2

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, November 1974, and percent changes from selected dates—Continued

(1967=100)

Item and group	Other index base	Indexes		Percent change to November 1974 from:	
		October 1974	November 1974	November 1973	October 1974
Health and recreation—Continued					
Reading and recreation ¹¹		137.8	138.8	8.9	0.7
Recreational goods		118.0	118.9	7.9	.8
TV sets, portable and console		100.1	100.5	2.7	.4
TV replacement tubes		141.2	145.9	7.8	3.3
Radios, portable and table model		103.5	103.6	3.8	.1
Tape recorders, portable		96.0	95.5	1.2	-.5
Phonograph records, stereophonic		116.2	118.0	8.5	1.5
Movie cameras, super 8, zoom lens		93.3	93.8	3.4	.5
Film, 35mm, color		115.2	115.2	7.1	0
Golf balls, liquid center or solid core		103.0	104.6	1.1	1.6
Basketballs, rubber or vinyl cover		140.0	140.1	9.0	.1
Fishing rods, fresh-water spincasting		115.2	115.3	4.7	.1
Bowling balls		124.6	124.6	7.5	0
Bicycles, boys		138.9	140.1	12.0	.9
Tricycles		128.7	129.3	10.6	.5
Dog food, canned or boxed		154.0	158.2	19.8	2.7
Recreational services		142.9	144.3	7.5	1.0
Indoor movie admissions		159.7	161.6	8.1	1.2
Adult		156.3	158.2	7.5	1.2
Children's		169.1	171.0	9.5	1.1
Drive-in movie admissions, adult		169.3	169.0	11.8	-.2
Bowling fees, evening		133.2	136.1	6.6	2.2
Golf green fees		149.0	(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)
TV repair, color picture tube replacement		103.0	103.3	3.0	.3
Film developing, color		118.4	118.6	2.3	.2
Reading and education:					
Newspapers, street sale and delivery		164.3	165.9	20.9	1.0
Magazines, single copy and subscription		140.8	140.8	5.3	0
Piano lessons, beginner		136.9	137.5	6.0	.4
Other goods and services		141.4	142.7	9.1	.9
Tobacco products		147.4	149.0	7.7	1.1
Cigarettes, nonfilter tip, regular size		149.2	150.8	7.7	1.1
Cigarettes, filter tip, king size		149.6	151.5	7.8	1.3
Cigars, domestic, regular size		121.5	122.0	6.6	.4
Alcoholic beverages		137.0	138.0	11.0	.7
Beer		134.2	135.5	15.7	1.0
Whiskey, spirit blended and straight bourbon		112.5	112.6	2.9	.1
Wine, dessert and table		149.9	150.5	7.0	.4
Beer away from home		151.0	152.4	11.1	.9
Financial and miscellaneous personal expenses:					
Funeral services, adult		137.2	138.3	6.8	.8
Bank service charges, checking accounts		150.5	108.3	3.4	2.7
Legal services, short form will		178.5	179.3	6.2	.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 Revised index.

⁹ Also includes storage batteries and drivers' license fees not shown separately.

¹⁰ Includes prices for water pump replacement, motor tune-up, automatic transmission repair, exhaust system repair, front end alignment, and chassis lubrication.

¹¹ 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 November 1974 from—	Index		Percent change to November 1974 from—
	October 1974	November 1974		October 1974	November 1974	
U. S. city average ²	162.6	160.7	-1.2	156.6	155.0	-1.0
Atlanta	131.6	131.3	-.2	131.1	131.0 W	-.1
Baltimore	132.8	132.9	.1	131.9	131.4	-.4
Boston	131.6	131.2	-.3	129.7	129.3	-.3
Buffalo	135.8	133.1	-2.0	133.6	131.3	-1.7
Chicago	130.1	128.4	-1.3	127.0	126.0	-.8
Cincinnati	134.1	130.6	-2.6	131.1	129.1	-1.5
Cleveland	130.5	129.9	-.5	128.4	128.0	-.3
Dallas	141.2	137.7	-2.5	137.8	134.4	-2.5
Detroit	129.5	127.3	-1.7	126.9	125.1	-1.4
Honolulu	131.2	131.6	.3	128.0	128.5	.4
Houston	138.4	135.7	-2.0	135.8	133.7	-1.5
Kansas City	132.6	131.3	-1.0	130.4	129.7	-.5
Los Angeles—Long Beach	129.2	128.6	-.5	127.3	127.2	-.1
Milwaukee	132.3	128.4	-2.2	130.6	128.7	-1.5
Minneapolis—St. Paul	129.4	127.6	-1.4	126.7	126.0	-.6
New York—Northeastern N. J.	133.5	131.9	-1.2	132.8	131.1	-1.3
Philadelphia	134.4	132.6	-1.3	132.3	128.8	-2.6
Pittsburgh	132.7	130.8	-1.4	129.3	128.1	-.9
St. Louis	129.3	127.6	-1.3	128.1	126.8	-1.0
San Diego	129.6	129.1	-.4	128.2	128.2	0
San Francisco—Oakland	131.6	131.8	.2	128.6	128.7	.1
Seattle	128.8	128.1	-.5	126.2	125.7	-.4
Washington	132.5	132.2	-.2	129.2	128.9	-.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					
	September 1974	October 1974	November 1974	September 1974	October 1974	November 1974
U. S. city average	\$0.550	\$0.534	\$0.528	\$0.587	\$0.573	\$0.567
Atlanta	.553	.523	.522	.588	.568	.567
Baltimore	.563	.543	.544	.604	.591	.588
Boston	.550	.532	.531	.590	.575	.574
Buffalo	.574	.547	.536	.611	.585	.575
Chicago	.569	.547	.540	.604	.583	.579
Cincinnati	.554	.543	.529	.593	.582	.574
Cleveland	.542	.531	.529	.580	.572	.570
Dallas	.507	.497	.484	.546	.536	.523
Detroit	.559	.541	.531	.597	.580	.572
Honolulu	.601	.593	.595	.631	.623	.626
Houston	.491	.481	.471	.534	.524	.516
Kansas City	.523	.507	.502	.568	.549	.546
Los Angeles—Long Beach	.537	.522	.519	.574	.560	.560
Milwaukee	.533	.509	.498	.574	.552	.544
Minneapolis—St. Paul	.530	.511	.504	.572	.550	.547
New York—Northeastern N. J.	.585	.566	.559	.624	.608	.601
Philadelphia	.554	.537	.530	.599	.586	.571
Pittsburgh	.546	.531	.523	.586	.571	.566
St. Louis	.545	.526	.519	.584	.568	.562
San Diego	.551	.536	.534	.590	.575	.575
San Francisco—Oakland	.576	.562	.563	.611	.597	.597
Seattle	.533	.519	.516	.573	.558	.556
Washington	.561	.548	.547	.603	.589	.587

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.

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

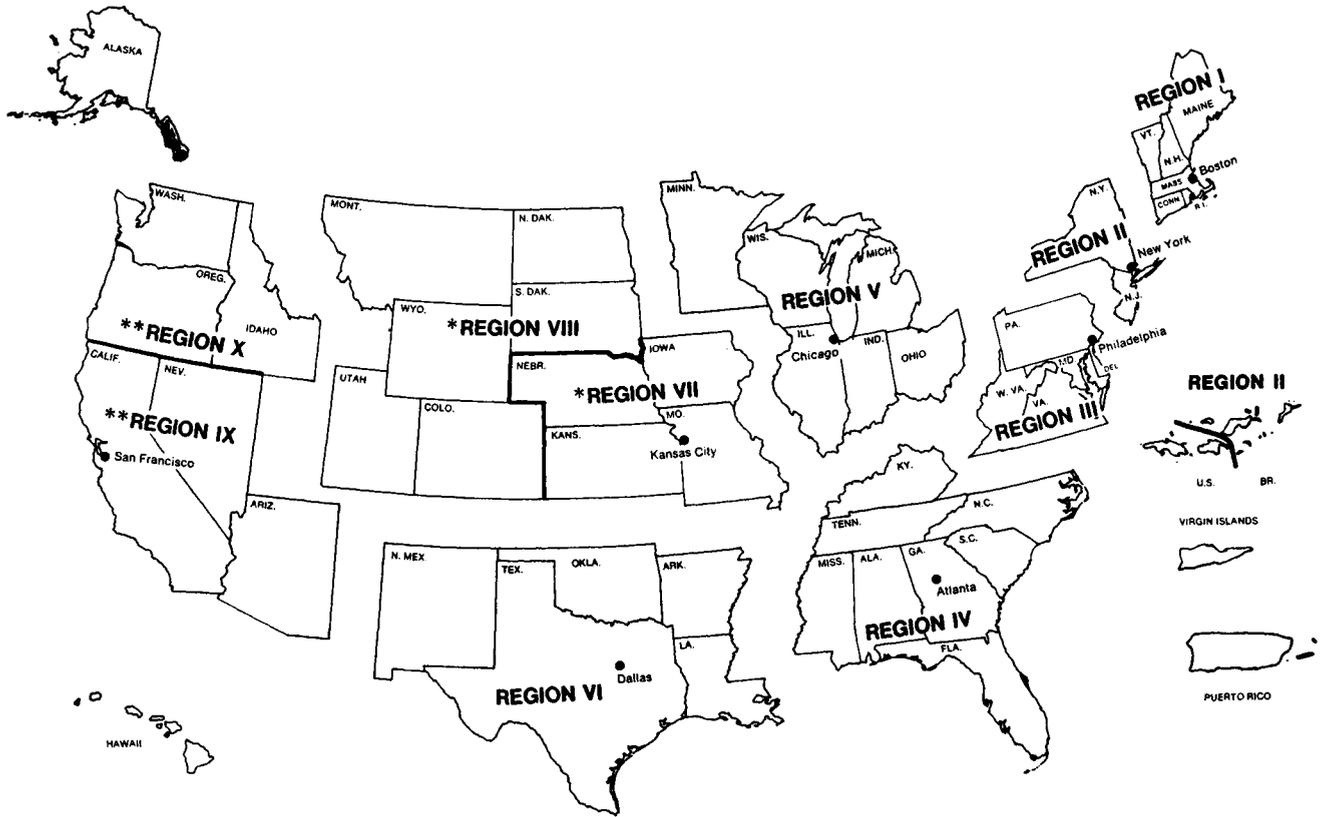
The figures may be interpreted as follows: The chances are about 95 out of 100 that the percent change in the CPI as computed differs from the corresponding "complete coverage" change by less than twice the standard error.

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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