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Price Movements

November 1975

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) rose 0.6 percent in November, before seasonal adjustment. Increases in mortgage interest costs, auto insurance, property taxes, natural gas, apparel, new cars, dairy products, and fresh vegetables accounted for a large part of the rise. These increases were offset partially by lower prices for meats, sugar, used cars, and gasoline, and a decrease in the health insurance component of the services index. The November CPI was 165.6 (1967=100), 7.3-percent higher than a year ago.

Seasonally adjusted changes (See announcement on page 3).

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI rose 0.7 percent in November, the same as in October. A large

part of the November increase occurred in the services index, which rose 1.1 percent, compared with 0.6 percent in October. The food index increased 0.6 percent in November, compared with 1.3 percent in October. The index for commodities other than food rose 0.3 percent, the same as in October. (See table A.)

The rise in the services index resulted primarily from increases in the transportation and household services categories. Auto insurance costs made up a large part of the rise in transportation services. Charges for auto repairs and parking fees increased considerably more in November than in recent months. Charges for household services other than rent rose considerably more in November than in recent months primarily because of higher mortgage interest rates, property taxes, natural gas, and telephone services. The effect of these increases

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

Month	Changes from preceding month							Changes in all items	
	All items		Food		Commodities less food		Services ¹	Compound annual rate	From 12 months ago
	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	Unad-justed	From 3 month ago	
	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	Unad-justed
1974:									
November	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.1	0.8	0.8	0.9	12.7	12.1
December .....	.7	.8	1.1	.9	.4	.6	.9	11.0	12.2
1975:									
January .....	.5	.6	.7	.9	0	.5	.7	9.8	11.7
February .....	.7	.5	.4	-.3	.7	.8	.8	8.2	11.1
March .....	.4	.3	-.2	-.6	.8	.5	.4	6.0	10.3
April .....	.5	.6	-.1	.4	.8	.8	.6	5.8	10.2
May .....	.4	.4	.4	.5	.6	.2	.2	5.0	9.5
June .....	.8	.8	1.5	1.5	.5	.5	.7	7.1	9.3
July	1.1	1.2	2.4	1.7	.7	.9	.5	9.5	9.7
August .....	.3	.2	-.3	0	.5	.5	.5	8.7	8.6
September .....	.5	.5	-.2	.1	.5	.3	1.0	7.3	7.8
October .....	.6	.7	.7	1.3	.5	.3	.6	5.2	7.6
November .....	.6	.7	.4	.6	.3	.3	1.1	7.5	7.3

¹ Not seasonally adjusted; data contain little or no seasonal movements.

was offset partly by a decline of 0.2 percent in the medical care services index. This decline resulted from the regular annual adjustment to the health insurance component for retained earnings of health insurance companies. However, physicians' fees and hospital service charges continued to rise rapidly.

The rise in the food index was smaller in November than in October because of a substantially smaller increase in prices of grocery store foods. In November, pork prices declined following 7 months of sharp increases. Beef prices moved down after rising in October. The price index for beef was close to its midyear level in November. Fresh vegetable prices increased less than they usually do in November; they therefore declined after seasonal adjustment. Sugar prices declined sharply, and the downtrend in fats and oil products continued. On the other hand, prices of cereal and bakery products increased for the first time since March, and dairy products, coffee, and processed fruits and vegetables continued to rise rapidly. Fresh fruit and poultry prices also increased after seasonal adjustment.

The index for commodities other than food increased 0.3 percent in November for the third consecutive month. Continuing to reflect the introduction of 1976 models, the new car index rose 0.9 percent in November after seasonal adjustment. In October, when prices of 1976 models were first included in the CPI, the index decreased 0.1 percent after seasonal adjustment. Prices for household durables and apparel increased slightly more in November than in October. The November increases for fuel oil and coal and gasoline and motor oil were smaller than in October. The gasoline and motor oil index, which declined less than usual in November, rose after seasonal adjustment. The used car index declined sharply in November, following a small decrease in October.

Monthly changes in detail (not seasonally adjusted)

The index for food purchased in grocery stores rose 0.4 percent instead of moving down slightly as it usually does in November. Prices rose sharply for all types of dairy products. Among cereal and bakery products, prices were higher for flour, bread, and cinnamon rolls.

Coffee prices continued to move up and prices of cola drinks increased slightly. Among processed fruits and vegetables, prices rose sharply for dried beans and lemonade concentrates. Fresh vegetable prices also increased less than usual in November. Prices declined for most other types of grocery store foods. The declines of 1.7 percent for beef and 1.5 percent for pork were somewhat larger than usual for November, but the decreases of 0.3 percent for poultry and 2.4 percent for fresh fruits were smaller than usual. Sugar prices declined more than 10 percent in November and 56.5 percent from December 1974 through November 1975. Nevertheless, sugar prices were still almost 63 percent higher than they were in December 1973. The index for food away from home—restaurant meals and snacks—increased 0.7 percent, about the same as in recent months.

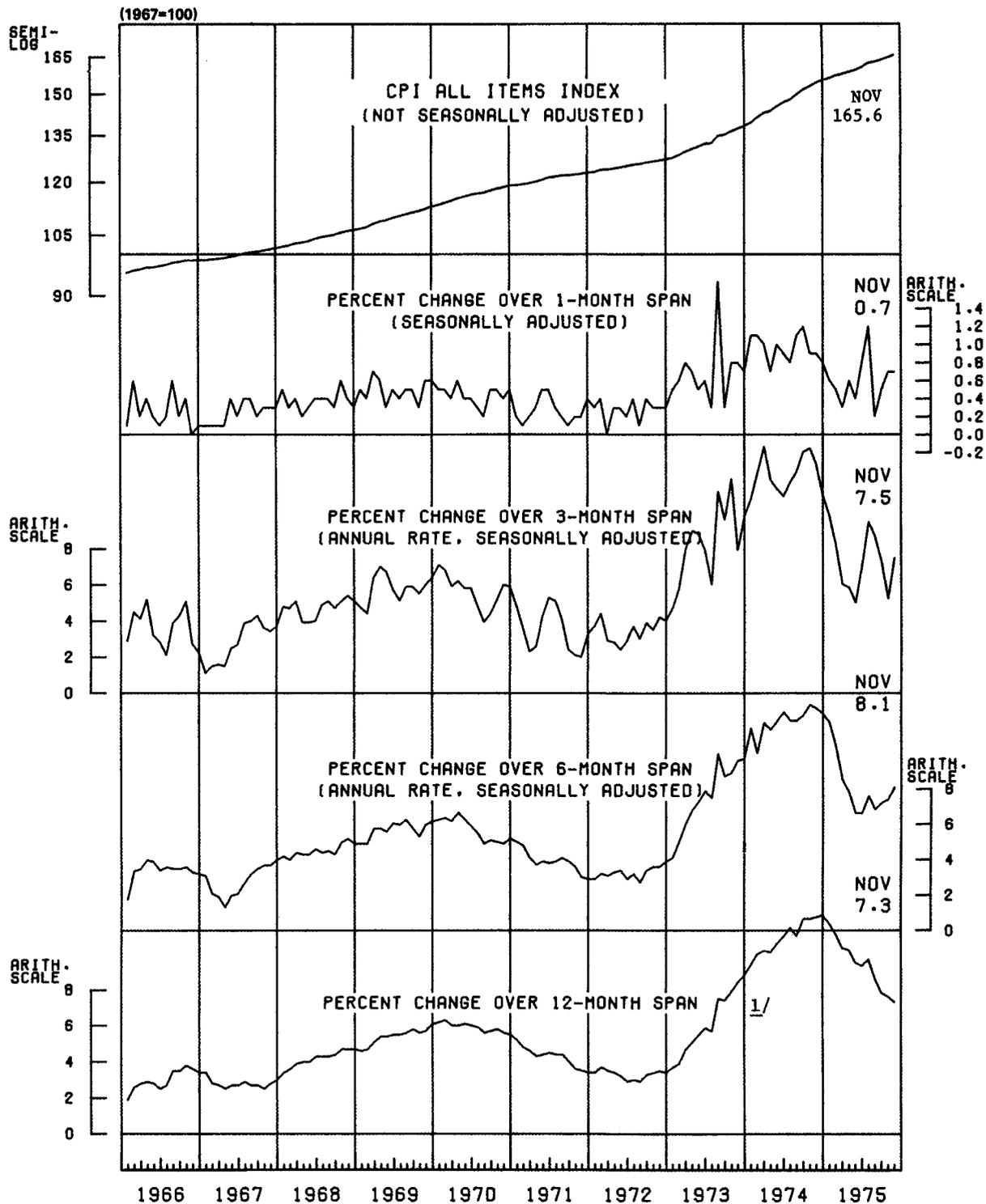
The index for commodities other than food rose 0.3 percent in November, both before and after seasonal adjustment. Higher prices for a variety of items were partially offset by declines for used cars and gasoline. Prices rose 0.6 percent for apparel commodities, 1.1 percent for new cars, and 1.3 percent for fuel oil. All of these increases were smaller than in October. Price increases in November were slightly larger than in October for some other items such as textile housefurnishings, appliances, housekeeping supplies, tires, and home maintenance and repair commodities. The declines of 1.8 percent in the used car index and 0.8 percent in gasoline prices were larger than in October.

The services index rose 1.1 percent in November. The 3.0 percent rise in the index for transportation services reflected an 8.5 percent rise in auto insurance costs. Charges for auto repairs and parking fees rose about 1.0 percent. The rent index increased 0.4 percent, less than in October, but household services other than rent rose 1.3 percent, considerably more than in recent months. Mortgage interest rates increased 1.6 percent, primarily reflecting higher rates for FHA-insured loans. Increases of 2.1 percent for property taxes, 3.4 percent for natural gas, and 1.4 percent for telephone services were the largest monthly increases for these items this year. Charges for electricity, however, declined. In the medical care services category, physicians' fees rose 1.1 percent and hospital service charges increased 0.7 percent. Charges for other services such as dry cleaning, automatic laundry, and personal care services also continued to increase.

Announcement of change in seasonal adjustment method

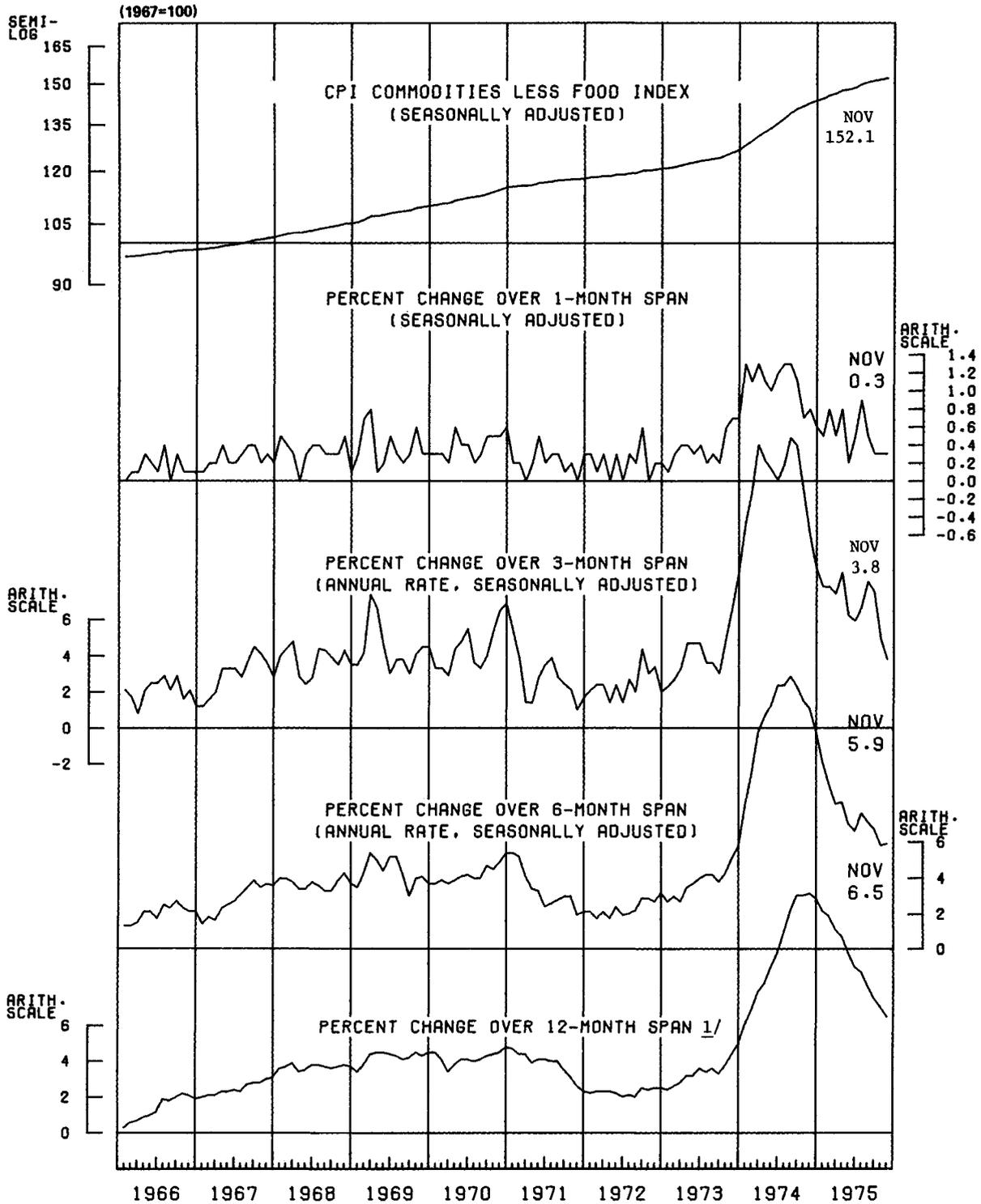
Effective with release of the January 1976 CPI in February, the procedures for seasonal adjustment will be changed. Currently, the All Items CPI and its component series are each seasonally adjusted independently and are not derived by adding together their seasonally adjusted parts. This procedure can produce situations in which changes in components are inconsistent with changes in the total, particularly when prices fluctuate widely. Under the new procedures, seasonally adjusted data for the All Items Index and several of its major components will be derived by adding together their seasonally adjusted parts. In addition, the method which is currently used to produce estimates of seasonal adjustment factors will be replaced by the X-11 Seasonal Adjustment Method developed by the Bureau of the Census.

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



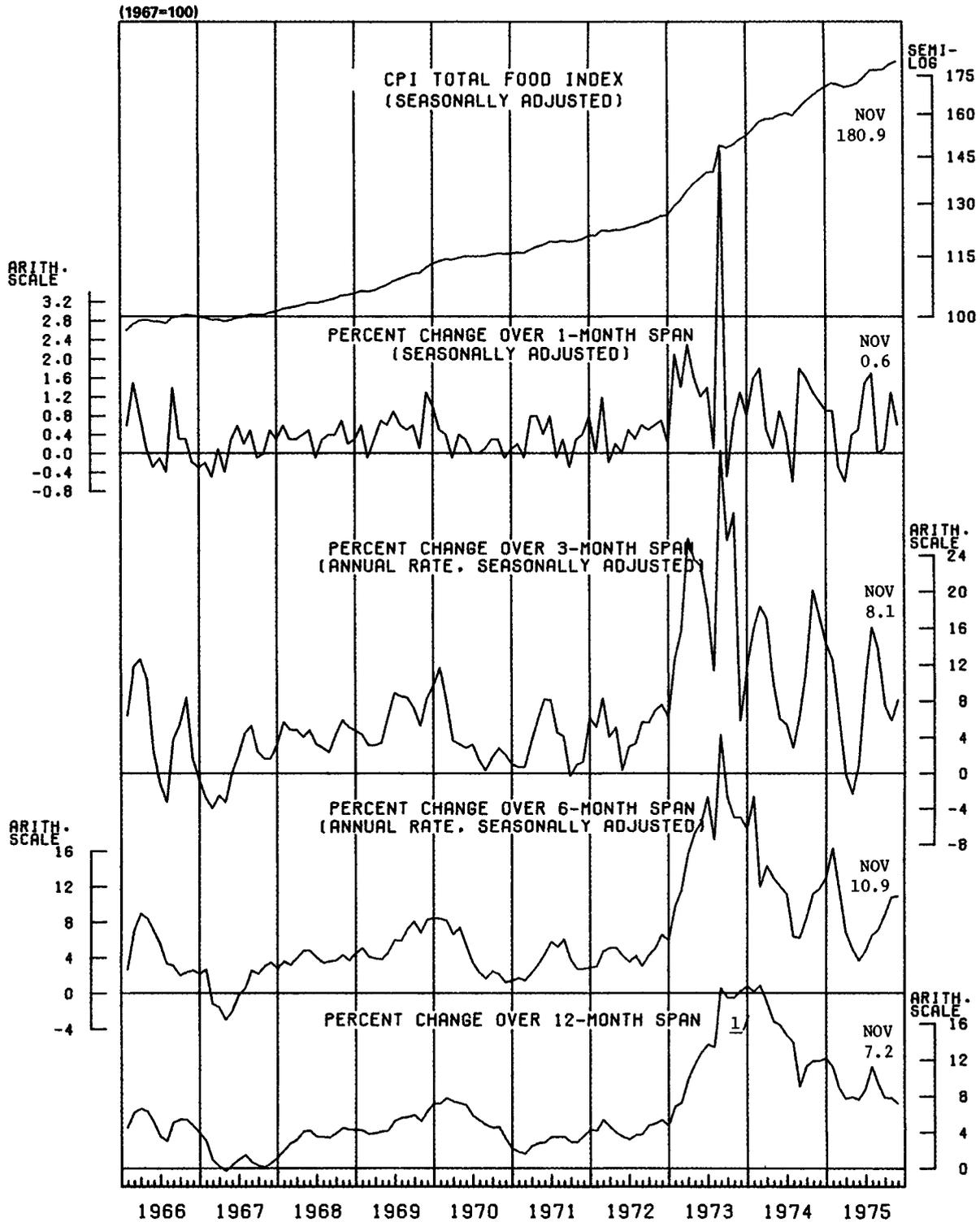
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Chart 2. Commodities less food index and its rates of change, 1966-75



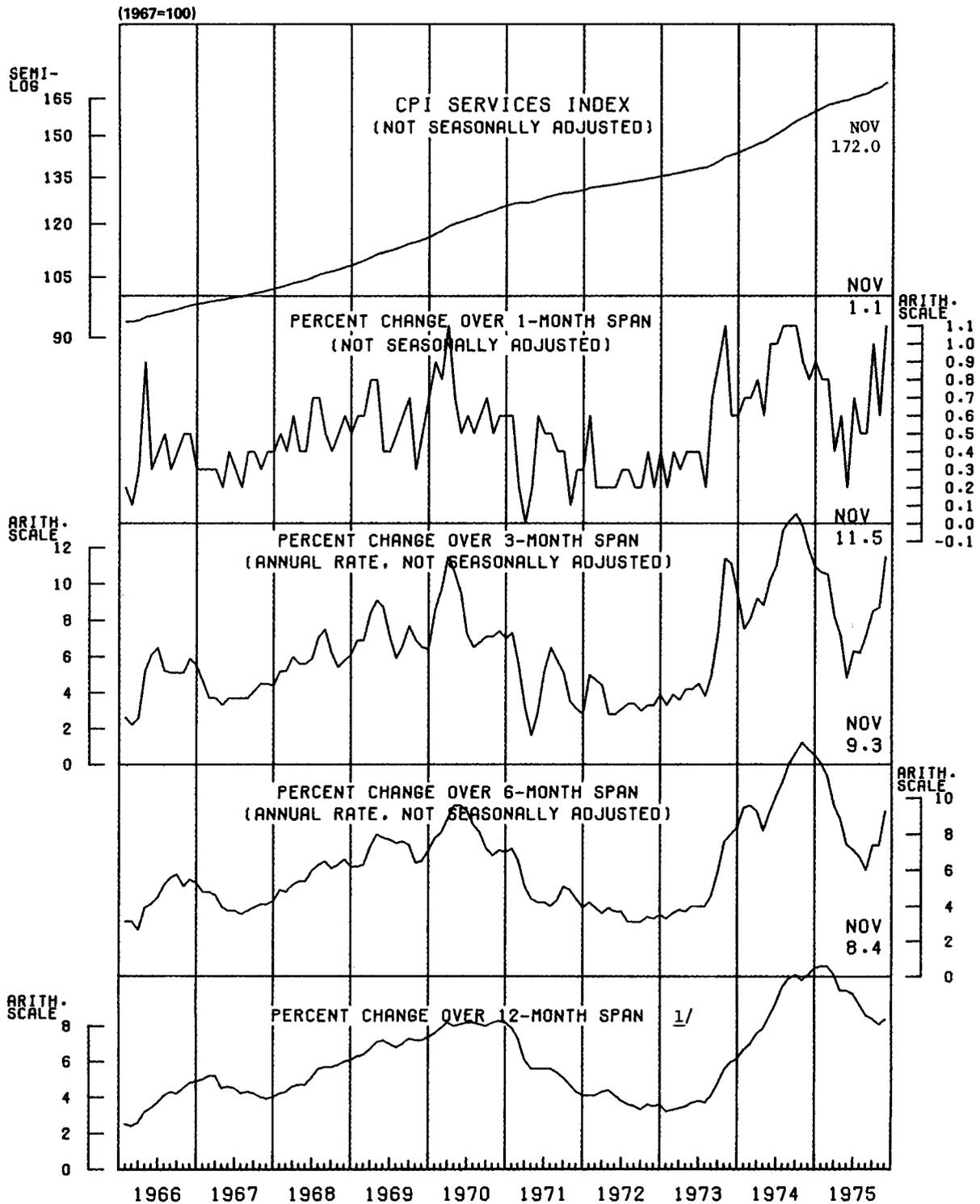
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Chart 3. Total food index and its rates of change, 1966-75



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



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

Group	Relative importance	Unadjusted indexes 1967=100 unless otherwise noted			Unadjusted percent change to Nov. 1975 from—		Seasonally adjusted percent change from—		
		December 1974	October 1975	November 1975	November 1974	October 1975	August to September	September to October	October to November
Commodity and service groups									
All items	100,000	164.6	165.6	7.3	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.7	
All items (1957-59=100)	-	191.4	192.6	-	-	-	-	-	
Commodities	63,762	161.7	162.2	6.7	.3	.2	.6	.4	
Food	24,785	179.0	179.8	7.2	.4	.1	1.3	.6	
Food at home	19,657	179.3	180.0	7.0	.4	-.2	1.5	.5	
Cereals and bakery products	2,882	181.6	181.9	2.4	.2	-.5	-.4	.4	
Meats, poultry, and fish	6,140	192.9	191.4	16.7	-.8	-.1	2.3	.4	
Dairy products	2,887	159.4	162.8	6.6	2.1	1.2	2.0	1.7	
Fruits and vegetables	3,111	165.5	168.7	2.7	1.9	-.8	.5	.6	
Other foods at home	4,637	182.8	183.0	-.5	.1	.3	.1	.6	
Food away from home	5,128	178.0	179.2	7.8	.7	.7	.7	.7	
Commodities less food	38,977	152.2	152.6	6.5	.3	.3	.3	.3	
Nondurables less food	23,255	154.6	155.1	5.4	.3	-.1	.5	.3	
Apparel commodities ¹	8,273	143.5	144.4	1.5	.6	-.8	.2	.4	
Men's and boys'	2,617	143.7	144.8	1.5	.8	.5	0	.6	
Women's and girls'	3,611	141.6	142.6	.8	.7	-1.6	.2	.3	
Footwear	1,438	145.4	146.3	2.5	.6	.3	.4	.4	
Nondurables less food and apparel	14,982	161.3	161.5	7.5	.1	.1	.6	.4	
Gasoline and motor oil	3,388	177.2	175.9	11.0	-.7	-.2	.9	.3	
Tobacco products	1,936	154.3	154.8	3.9	.3	*0	*.1	*.3	
Alcoholic beverages	2,315	143.3	143.5	4.0	.1	*-.2	*.6	*.1	
Fuel oil and coal	1,028	243.3	246.5	7.5	1.3	1.3	1.8	.6	
Other nondurables	6,316	153.8	154.5	8.1	.5	.3	.6	.5	
Durable commodities	15,722	148.9	149.2	8.1	.2	.7	.1	.2	
Household durables	4,575	142.3	142.9	5.5	.4	.4	.5	.6	
New automobiles	1,905	129.9	131.3	5.5	1.1	1.1	-.1	.9	
Used automobiles	2,026	156.5	153.7	8.5	-1.8	.2	-.3	-1.1	
Other durables	7,217	157.0	157.6	10.3	.4	.7	.2	.3	
Services	36,238	170.1	172.0	8.4	1.1	*1.0	*.6	*1.1	
Rent	4,568	139.3	139.9	5.1	.4	*.3	*.7	*.4	
Services less rent	31,670	175.7	177.7	8.8	1.1	.9	.6	1.0	
Household services less rent	15,856	188.2	190.7	8.5	1.3	.6	.4	1.2	
Transportation services	4,796	157.0	161.7	11.6	3.0	3.0	.6	3.0	
Medical care services	5,473	184.6	184.2	10.3	-.2	.9	1.2	-.2	
Other services	5,545	154.4	155.2	5.8	.5	.5	.5	.5	
Special indexes:									
All items less food	75,215	160.4	161.5	7.4	.7	.5	.5	.7	
Nondurable commodities	48,040	166.4	167.1	6.3	.4	-.1	.8	.5	
Apparel commodities less footwear	6,835	143.1	144.1	1.3	.7	-.8	.1	.4	
Services less medical care services	30,765	167.8	170.0	8.0	1.3	*1.1	*.5	*1.3	
Insurance and finance	9,634	183.2	188.4	9.3	2.8	.2	.6	2.5	
Utilities and public transportation	5,246	162.3	164.1	12.2	1.1	3.4	.3	.9	
Housekeeping and home maintenance service	4,691	197.7	198.5	6.1	.4	.6	.9	.7	
Appliances (including radio and TV)	1,445	120.2	120.9	5.6	.6	*.8	*.5	*.6	
Expenditure classes									
All items	100,000	164.6	165.6	7.3	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.7	
Food	24,785	179.0	179.8	7.2	.4	.1	1.3	.6	
Housing	33,766	169.8	171.3	8.2	.9	.5	.5	.8	
Shelter ²	21,293	172.5	174.1	7.9	.9	.4	.4	.9	
Rent	4,568	139.3	139.9	5.1	.4	*.3	*.7	*.4	
Homeownership ³	16,335	184.8	186.8	8.8	1.1	.4	.4	1.0	
Fuel and utilities ⁴	5,008	172.0	174.4	11.0	1.4	1.2	.8	1.1	
Gas and electricity	2,548	174.2	176.8	14.8	1.5	1.8	.5	.9	
Household furnishings and operation	7,465	160.9	161.6	7.0	.4	.8	.5	.4	
Apparel and upkeep	9,633	144.6	145.5	2.2	.6	-.6	.3	.3	
Transportation	12,715	156.1	157.4	9.8	.8	2.0	-.1	1.1	
Private	11,450	154.8	156.1	9.4	.8	1.2	-.1	1.0	
Public	1,266	168.8	168.9	13.0	.1	9.3	-.2	.2	
Health and recreation	18,723	156.3	156.5	7.0	.1	.5	.6	.1	
Medical care	6,241	173.5	173.3	10.0	-.1	.8	1.0	-.1	
Personal care	2,519	152.9	153.6	6.5	.5	.5	.4	.6	
Reading and recreation	5,222	146.6	147.0	5.9	.3	.5	.5	.3	
Other goods and services	4,742	148.5	148.9	4.3	.3	-.1	.5	.3	
Special indexes:									
All items less shelter	78,707	162.6	163.4	7.1	.5	.4	.7	.5	
All items less medical care	93,759	164.1	165.2	7.1	.7	.4	.6	.7	
All items less mortgage interest costs	95,615	162.5	163.3	7.3	.5	.4	.7	.5	
CPI - domestically produced farm foods ⁵	17,214	177.2	177.8	6.9	.3	*-.7	*.5	*.3	
CPI - selected beef cuts ⁶	1,976	180.2	176.8	9.2	-1.9	*-3.3	*1.1	*-1.9	
Purchasing power of consumer dollar:									
1967= \$1.00	-	\$0,608	\$0,604	-6.8	-.7	-	-	-	
1957-59= \$1.00	-	.522	.519	-	-	-	-	-	

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 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					
	August 1975	September 1975	October 1975	November 1975	3 months ending in			6 months ending in		
					February 1975	May 1975	August 1975	November 1975	May 1975	November 1975
Commodity and service groups										
All items	-	-	-	-	8.2	5.0	8.7	7.5	6.6	8.1
Commodities	160.2	160.5	161.5	162.2	7.3	4.2	10.4	5.1	5.7	7.7
Food	177.4	177.6	179.9	180.9	6.3	.9	13.7	8.1	3.6	10.9
Food at home	178.3	178.0	180.6	181.5	4.3	.2	16.6	7.4	2.3	11.9
Cereals and bakery products	183.1	182.1	181.4	182.1	22.6	-1.5	-6.9	-2.2	9.9	-4.6
Meats, poultry, and fish	188.4	188.2	192.5	193.3	-7.7	19.2	51.9	10.8	4.9	29.7
Dairy products	155.2	157.1	160.2	163.0	5.1	-4.3	5.6	21.7	.3	13.4
Fruits and vegetables	173.4	172.0	172.8	173.9	-3.3	-6.5	21.4	1.2	-4.9	10.8
Other foods at home	180.4	181.0	181.2	182.3	19.6	-13.3	-9.4	4.3	1.9	-2.8
Food away from home	175.0	176.3	177.5	178.7	13.4	4.8	4.7	8.7	9.0	6.7
Commodities less food	150.7	151.2	151.7	152.1	7.8	6.2	8.1	3.8	7.0	5.9
Nondurables less food	153.5	153.3	154.1	154.6	5.0	4.4	9.1	2.9	4.7	5.9
Apparel commodities ¹	142.7	141.6	141.9	142.4	0	-6.6	7.6	-8	-3.3	3.3
Men's and boys'	142.0	142.7	142.7	143.5	2.9	-1.4	.6	4.3	.7	2.4
Women's and girls'	141.1	138.8	139.1	139.5	-5.9	-3	14.8	-4.5	-3.2	4.8
Footwear	144.0	144.5	145.1	145.7	4.3	.6	.3	4.8	2.4	2.5
Nondurables less food and apparel	160.1	160.2	161.1	161.8	8.5	6.7	10.7	4.3	7.6	7.4
Gasoline and motor oil	176.5	176.1	177.7	178.2	0	9.0	33.8	3.9	4.4	17.9
Tobacco products (not seasonally adjusted)	154.4	154.4	154.3	154.8	10.6	1.3	2.9	1.0	5.9	2.0
Alcoholic beverages (not seasonally adjusted)	142.8	142.5	143.3	143.5	8.1	3.5	2.6	2.0	5.7	2.3
Fuel oil and coal	237.1	240.1	244.5	246.0	-1.4	3.2	13.5	15.9	.9	14.7
Other nondurables	152.2	152.7	153.6	154.3	15.4	6.9	4.6	5.6	11.1	5.1
Durable commodities	147.1	148.1	148.3	148.6	11.5	10.3	6.5	4.1	10.9	5.3
Household durables	140.7	141.3	142.0	142.8	8.2	5.6	2.3	6.1	6.9	4.2
New automobiles	128.1	129.5	129.4	130.5	-1.3	11.5	4.2	7.7	4.9	5.9
Used automobiles (not seasonally adjusted)	152.6	152.9	152.5	150.8	3.5	1.4	38.4	-4.6	2.5	14.9
Other durables	155.6	156.7	157.0	157.4	19.5	15.0	2.6	4.7	17.2	3.7
Services (not seasonally adjusted)	167.4	169.1	170.1	172.0	10.2	4.8	7.2	11.5	7.4	9.3
Rent (not seasonally adjusted)	138.0	138.4	139.3	139.9	6.1	3.9	4.8	5.6	5.0	5.2
Services less rent (not seasonally adjusted)	172.9	174.4	175.5	177.3	11.0	6.4	7.3	10.6	8.6	8.9
Household services less rent	185.6	186.8	187.6	189.9	12.9	5.4	6.3	9.6	9.1	7.9
Transportation services	152.1	156.6	157.5	162.2	4.2	7.9	6.9	29.3	6.0	17.6
Medical care services	181.2	182.8	185.0	184.6	14.6	9.3	9.8	7.7	11.9	8.8
Other services	152.7	153.5	154.2	154.9	9.6	2.7	5.1	5.9	6.1	5.5
Special indexes:										
All items less food	158.5	159.3	160.1	161.2	8.8	6.1	7.7	7.0	7.5	7.3
Nondurable commodities	165.2	165.1	166.4	167.3	6.5	1.8	12.0	5.2	4.1	8.5
Apparel commodities less footwear	142.3	141.2	141.3	141.8	-6	-1.1	8.6	-1.4	-9	3.5
Services less medical care services (not seasonally adjusted)	165.1	166.9	167.8	170.0	9.2	4.3	6.3	12.4	6.7	9.3
Insurance and finance	181.1	181.5	182.5	187.1	11.4	5.8	6.2	13.9	8.6	10.0
Utilities and public transportation	157.5	162.8	163.3	164.8	11.4	8.8	9.4	19.9	10.0	14.5
Housekeeping and home maintenance services	194.1	195.3	197.1	198.5	7.7	2.8	4.9	9.4	5.2	7.1
Appliances (including radio and TV) (not seasonally adjusted)	118.7	119.6	120.2	120.9	6.8	4.2	3.8	7.6	5.5	5.7
Expenditure classes										
All items	-	-	-	-	8.2	5.0	8.7	7.5	6.6	8.1
Food	177.4	177.6	179.9	180.9	6.3	.9	13.7	8.1	3.6	10.9
Housing	167.9	168.7	169.6	171.0	12.2	7.6	5.7	7.6	9.9	6.6
Shelter ²	170.7	171.3	172.0	173.6	13.9	6.9	4.3	7.0	10.3	5.6
Rent (not seasonally adjusted)	138.0	138.4	139.3	139.9	6.1	3.9	4.8	5.6	5.0	5.2
Homeownership ³	182.8	183.5	184.2	186.1	16.1	8.6	3.6	7.4	12.3	5.5
Fuel and utilities ⁴	169.6	171.6	173.0	174.9	9.5	9.8	11.6	13.1	9.6	12.4
Gas and electricity	172.1	175.2	176.0	177.5	19.7	11.9	14.7	13.2	15.7	13.9
Household furnishings and operation	158.6	159.8	160.6	161.3	13.4	4.4	3.6	7.0	8.8	5.3
Apparel and upkeep	143.7	142.9	143.3	143.8	1.4	0	7.3	.3	.7	3.7
Transportation	153.0	156.0	155.9	157.6	2.5	7.4	17.4	12.6	4.9	14.9
Private	152.8	154.7	154.6	156.1	2.3	7.7	19.3	8.9	5.0	14.0
Public	155.2	169.7	169.3	169.7	4.9	2.4	5.9	42.9	3.6	23.0
Health and recreation (not seasonally adjusted)	154.4	155.2	156.1	156.3	12.3	5.7	4.8	5.0	8.9	4.9
Medical care	170.5	172.0	173.7	173.5	14.7	9.1	9.4	7.0	11.9	8.2
Personal care	151.4	152.1	152.7	153.6	11.3	4.7	4.3	5.9	7.9	5.1
Reading and recreation	145.0	145.7	146.5	146.9	10.2	4.9	3.4	5.3	7.5	4.4
Other goods and services	147.8	147.7	148.4	148.8	9.9	3.9	1.1	2.7	6.8	1.9
Special indexes:										
All items less shelter	160.8	161.4	162.6	163.4	7.3	3.9	10.9	6.6	5.6	8.7
All items less medical care	162.4	163.0	163.9	165.0	8.3	4.7	9.1	6.6	6.5	7.8
All items less mortgage interest costs	160.7	161.4	162.5	163.3	8.4	4.7	9.5	6.6	6.5	8.0
CPI - domestically produced farm foods (not seasonally adjusted)	177.6	176.4	177.2	177.8	7.2	-5	21.7	.5	3.3	10.6
CPI - selected beef cuts (not seasonally adjusted)	184.3	178.3	180.2	176.8	-16.4	33.2	50.8	-15.3	5.5	13.0

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 city average for urban wage earners and clerical workers, food items, November 1975 indexes and percent changes from selected dates

(1967=100)

Item and group	Index					Item and group	Index							
	November 1975		from—				November 1975		from—					
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	November 1974	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted		Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	November 1974	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted			
Food	179.8	180.9	7.2	0.4	0.6	Food—Continued								
Food away from home	179.2	178.7	7.8	.7	.7	Food at home—Continued								
Restaurant meals	178.0	177.3	7.4	.7	.6	Fruits and vegetables—Continued								
Snacks	185.0	184.6	9.7	.7	.9	Fresh fruits and vegetables—Continued								
Food at home	180.0	181.5	7.0	.4	.5	Fresh fruits—Continued								
Cereals and bakery products	181.9	182.1	2.4	.2	.4	Oranges	158.6	150.2	-.4	-3.5	-1.7			
Flour	162.4	163.5	-4.0	1.5	1.1	Orange juice, fresh	149.0	148.6	3.4	.1	-.1			
Cracker meal	225.7	225.9	7.1	-.9	-.7	Grapefruit	140.3	152.7	.9	-8.7	17.6			
Corn flakes	165.9	165.6	5.9	-.2	-.8	Grapes	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)			
Rice	212.9	215.9	-5.5	-.9	-2	Strawberries	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)			
Bread, white	162.4	162.6	-1.3	.1	.2	Watermelon	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)			
Bread, whole wheat	178.2	177.5	4.0	1.5	1.1	Fresh vegetables	168.4	177.1	5.3	4.2	-2.2			
Cookies	178.8	179.0	4.8	-2.3	-2.0	Potatoes	194.7	214.4	16.9	-.4	-2.9			
Layer cake	188.1	187.4	6.9	.5	0	Onions	169.2	181.7	27.0	-4.3	-1.6			
Cinnamon rolls	197.9	195.9	7.1	2.1	1.6	Asparagus	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)			
Meats, poultry, and fish	191.4	193.3	16.7	-.8	.4	Cabbage	147.5	157.6	3.6	1.7	-.3			
Meats	192.4	194.1	18.0	-1.0	.2	Carrots	151.9	159.4	.8	-5.6	-1.7			
Beef and veal	175.3	178.7	7.1	-1.7	-.4	Celery	207.0	211.4	27.3	25.7	24.3			
Steak, round	178.1	182.1	9.8	-1.8	-1.0	Cucumbers	120.1	145.4	-.7	-2.7	-2.4			
Steak, sirloin	175.1	179.4	13.6	-4.5	-2.9	Lettuce	170.0	158.4	-10.3	14.2	2.1			
Steak, porterhouse	189.8	194.1	19.6	-2.8	-1.1	Peppers, green	140.2	153.1	-11.7	11.4	-10.4			
Rump roast	172.2	175.9	8.4	-2.9	-1.9	Spinach	190.4	194.1	8.7	.6	2.0			
Rib roast	200.1	204.6	17.6	-1.1	.8	Tomatoes	139.5	143.2	-7.2	6.8	-11.5			
Chuck roast	183.7	189.4	9.9	-.8	1.6	Processed fruits and vegetables	184.3	184.7	3.1	2.6	3.0			
Hamburger	166.8	169.7	2.0	-.6	1.4	Fruit cocktail, canned	176.3	175.4	-.1	.2	-.3			
Beef liver	140.3	141.0	-10.3	-.8	-.1	Pears, canned	162.4	161.1	-.1	.1	-.4			
Veal cutlets	190.4	191.9	-2.4	.8	1.7	Pineapple-grapefruit drink, canned	172.8	172.1	7.4	-1.7	-1.5			
Pork	227.5	227.7	36.4	-1.5	-.3	Orange juice concentrate, frozen	155.8	155.2	6.1	.8	.6			
Chops	204.9	206.6	28.1	-1.8	-.6	Lemonade concentrate, frozen	190.2	190.2	17.6	1.4	1.5			
Loin roast	222.3	224.1	33.4	-1.6	0	Beets, canned	185.7	185.7	2.3	-.5	-.2			
Sausage	257.3	254.8	45.3	2.3	3.5	Peas, green, canned	159.9	159.3	4.9	-1.1	-1.5			
Ham, whole	220.5	221.2	38.2	2.3	.7	Tomatoes, canned	178.1	177.6	7.0	.1	-.4			
Picnics	212.7	215.5	31.0	.6	2.8	Dried beans	288.3	295.4	-5.8	18.3	21.5			
Bacon	251.1	250.1	43.6	-5.4	-2.8	Broccoli, frozen	154.7	155.0	5.6	-.1	-.2			
Other meats	180.7	180.7	15.6	1.3	2.0	Eggs	183.0	182.3	-.5	.1	.6			
Lamb chops	179.9	181.5	13.7	.2	.3	Fats and oils	160.1	139.8	-3.7	.5	4.5			
Frankfurters	175.8	175.4	13.4	.1	1.2	Margarine	187.1	185.2	-11.0	-.9	-1.3			
Ham, canned	206.7	204.7	34.2	5.1	4.5	Salad dressing, Italian	203.4	205.1	-15.7	-1.0	-1.6			
Bologna sausage	180.8	180.6	12.3	.8	2.1	Salad or cooking oil	153.4	152.8	7.2	0	-.6			
Salami sausage	168.4	167.7	7.5	1.1	1.6	Sugar and sweets	200.5	196.8	-16.5	-1.2	-1.6			
Liverwurst	172.2	172.5	12.7	.4	.9	Sugar	228.0	227.5	-7.0	-3.0	-3.9			
Poultry	171.1	174.2	13.4	-.3	1.8	Grape jelly	225.9	223.7	-41.9	-10.2	-10.4			
Frying chicken	169.3	171.7	15.0	-.3	1.3	Chocolate bar	228.4	229.8	14.9	-1.8	-1.2			
Chicken breasts	152.0	147.9	8.6	1.0	.3	Syrup, chocolate flavored	241.6	242.6	13.4	-.1	-.7			
Turkey	211.7	210.9	9.3	.5	-.4	Nonalcoholic beverages	215.6	217.3	7.5	-.2	-.1			
Fish	201.3	201.3	24.3	1.3	.1	Coffee	188.1	188.3	10.5	2.4	2.8			
Shrimp, frozen	227.4	226.9	4.9	.7	-.2	Instant coffee	192.9	193.1	13.8	4.4	5.2			
Fish, fresh or frozen	174.6	175.7	.2	.7	.8	Tea	192.9	193.5	12.6	4.2	4.3			
Tuna fish, canned	241.9	240.0	9.6	-.2	-.7	Carbonated drink, cola flavored	149.3	149.6	16.0	-.3	-.2			
Sardines, canned	162.8	163.0	6.6	2.1	1.7	Carbonated drink, fruit flavored	194.5	194.5	3.3	.2	.1			
Dairy products	156.0	156.5	3.3	2.0	1.4	Prepared and partially prepared foods	198.9	198.5	4.8	-.3	-.3			
Milk, fresh, grocery	171.7	172.2	4.5	1.5	1.2	Bean soup, canned	162.9	162.9	2.7	.4	.2			
Milk, evaporated	188.8	189.2	4.3	1.9	2.1	Chicken soup, canned	180.7	180.7	-2.4	1.2	1.2			
Ice cream	153.4	153.1	8.1	.4	0	Spaghetti, canned	133.1	132.8	-1.9	-.7	-.8			
Cheese, American process	192.2	193.0	14.6	4.2	3.2	Mashed potatoes, instant	163.4	163.1	4.1	.2	.1			
Butter	142.5	140.4	23.2	2.7	1.9	Potatoes, french fried, frozen	155.1	155.3	.5	.3	.3			
Fruits and vegetables	168.7	173.9	2.7	1.9	.6	Baby foods	170.9	170.7	-.9	1.3	1.4			
Fresh fruits and vegetables	158.2	166.0	2.3	1.3	-.6	Sweet pickle relish	161.2	161.8	8.6	-.2	-.1			
Fresh fruits	145.8	152.8	-1.8	-2.4	1.7	Pretzels	176.9	176.9	11.0	1.2	.5			
Apples	128.3	146.3	-13.8	-5.4	-4.0		160.5	160.8	3.0	-.1	-.1			
Bananas	148.2	153.9	25.7	-1.9	3.8									

¹ Priced only in season.

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

(1967=100)

Item and group	Other index base	Indexes		Percent change to Nov. 1975 from—	
		October 1975	November 1975	November 1974	October 1975
Housing		169.8	171.3	8.2	0.9
Shelter ¹		172.5	174.1	7.9	.9
Rent, residential		139.3	139.9	5.1	.4
Homeownership ²		184.8	186.8	8.8	1.1
Mortgage interest rates		141.6	143.9	-3.5	1.6
Property taxes		160.1	163.5	7.6	2.1
Property insurance premiums		134.8	135.1	8.5	.2
Maintenance and repairs		191.0	191.9	5.7	.5
Maintenance and repair commodities ³		162.2	163.0	4.2	.5
Exterior house paint		156.1	158.6	5.3	1.6
Interior house paint		148.3	149.3	6.3	.7
Maintenance and repair services		203.4	204.3	6.2	.4
Repainting living and dining rooms		216.5	216.7	7.3	.1
Reshingling house roof		224.1	224.9	6.1	.4
Residing house		190.9	191.8	4.1	.5
Replacing sink		200.4	201.8	7.2	.7
Repairing furnace		196.1	197.4	8.2	.7
Fuel and utilities		172.0	174.4	11.0	1.4
Fuel oil and coal		243.3	246.5	7.5	1.3
Fuel oil, No. 2		239.4	242.6	8.1	1.3
Gas and electricity		174.2	176.8	14.8	1.5
Gas		177.2	183.2	19.7	3.4
Electricity		171.4	170.9	10.3	-.3
Other utilities:					
Residential telephone services		126.8	128.6	5.3	1.4
Residential water and sewerage services		174.0	176.0	10.6	1.1
Household furnishings and operation ⁴		160.9	161.6	7.0	.4
Housefurnishings		146.6	147.4	6.0	.5
Textiles		142.9	144.1	2.6	.8
Sheets, full, flat		154.7	156.9	7.0	1.4
Curtains, tailored		133.5	136.7	3.3	2.4
Bedspreads		144.5	145.6	0	.8
Drapery fabrics		167.5	169.6	2.5	1.3
Pillows, bed		121.6	122.3	1.4	.6
Slipcovers and throws, ready-made		134.9	132.6	.5	-1.7
Furniture and bedding		149.5	149.9	5.7	.3
Bedroom furniture, chest and dresser	Mar. 70	129.5	130.2	2.9	.5
Sofas, upholstered		140.6	140.5	2.7	-.1
Cocktail tables	Dec. 71	126.6	127.0	4.2	.3
Dining room chairs	Mar. 70	132.5	133.6	5.2	.8
Recliners, upholstered	Dec. 71	111.2	111.6	.7	.4
Sofas, dual purpose		137.4	138.8	4.4	1.0
Bedding, mattress and box springs	June 70	131.8	130.9	4.2	-.7
Aluminum folding chairs		(^b)	(^b)	(^b)	(^b)
Cribs		150.0	151.2	5.4	.8
Floor coverings		131.4	131.8	3.8	.3
Broadloom carpeting		120.2	120.5	2.4	.2
Vinyl sheet goods		155.4	156.5	8.4	.7
Vinyl floor tile		159.8	159.6	4.5	-.1
Appliances (excluding radio and TV)		130.6	131.5	7.4	.7
Washing machines, electric		135.6	136.7	9.5	.8
Vacuum cleaners		118.6	118.7	6.5	.1
Refrigerators, refrigerator-freezers, electric		130.6	132.0	7.1	1.1
Ranges, free standing, gas or electric		132.5	133.6	8.2	.8
Clothes dryers, electric		139.0	141.5	8.8	1.8
Air conditioners, demountable		(^b)	(^b)	(^b)	(^b)
Room heaters, electric, portable		128.0	127.4	5.9	-.5
Garbage disposal units		130.2	130.7	5.7	.4
Other housefurnishings:					
Dinnerware, fine china		177.9	178.9	12.0	.6
Flatware, stainless steel		176.3	181.1	14.7	2.7
Table lamps, with shade		147.3	147.9	3.7	.4
Lawn mowers, power, rotary type		154.6	155.0	9.3	.3
Electric drills, hand-held		125.9	126.6	6.5	.6
Housekeeping supplies:					
Laundry soaps and detergents		164.4	164.9	8.6	.3
Paper napkins		211.0	213.1	11.3	1.0
Toilet tissue		213.6	214.4	17.4	.4
Housekeeping services:					
Domestic services, general housework		200.3	200.3	5.1	0
Baby sitter services		198.4	199.3	11.2	.5
Postal charges		175.1	175.1	-1	0
Laundry, flatwork, finished service		190.9	191.3	6.6	.2
Licensed day care services, preschool child		158.3	158.8	7.4	.3
Washing machine repairs		190.1	191.5	7.3	.7

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1967=100)

Item and group	Other index base	Indexes		Percent change to Nov. 1975 from—	
		October 1975	November 1975	November 1974	October 1975
Apparel and upkeep		144.6	145.5	2.2	0.6
Apparel commodities		143.5	144.4	1.5	.6
Apparel commodities less footwear		143.1	144.1	1.3	.7
Men's and boys'		143.7	144.8	1.5	.8
Men's:					
Topcoats and all-weather coats		146.4	147.4	.4	.7
Suits, year round weight		141.1	141.9	1.6	.6
Sport jackets	June 74	104.7	105.8	3.6	1.1
Jackets, lightweight		135.8	135.9	4.0	.1
Slacks, heavyweight		120.3	120.4	1.6	.1
Slacks, lightweight		145.1	145.5	.1	.3
Trousers, work		151.1	151.1	1.5	0
Shirts, work		151.3	151.9	1.9	.4
Shirts, business or dress		128.6	129.0	.5	.3
T-shirts		153.4	153.4	2.7	0
Socks		130.4	131.3	4.0	.7
Handkerchiefs		153.3	155.5	5.2	1.4
Boys':					
Coats, heavyweight		120.0	121.7	-3.6	1.4
Sport coats, wool or wool blends		121.0	124.7	.4	3.1
Dungarees		176.4	177.7	4.2	.7
Undershorts		150.6	151.5	.4	.6
Handbags		141.6	142.6	.8	.7
Women's and girls'					
Women's:					
Coats, heavyweight		155.5	155.6	.1	.1
Carcoats, heavyweight		159.1	157.5	.8	-1.0
Sweaters		143.4	144.0	-2.5	.4
Skirts, winter weight		160.2	171.7	1.5	7.2
Skirts, summer weight		145.9	149.0	7.7	2.1
Blouses		137.9	137.7	-2.3	-1.1
Dresses, street, year round weight		145.9	147.8	1.8	1.3
Slips		118.2	117.1	-1.0	-9
Panties		141.5	142.4	3.2	.6
Girdles		129.4	129.6	3.1	.2
Brassieres		144.8	144.8	5.2	0
Hose or panty hose, nylon		91.6	92.5	1.2	1.0
Anklets or knee-length socks		131.1	132.5	1.8	1.1
Gloves, fabric		127.8	128.2	2.8	.3
Handbags		170.5	173.4	1.7	1.7
Girls':					
Raincoats		132.6	135.2	.4	2.0
Skirts, fall and winter		164.1	163.6	20.8	-3
Dresses		131.1	132.1	-5.2	.8
Slacks, fall and winter		169.5	170.4	-3.1	.5
Slips		129.1	129.8	6.3	.5
Handbags		138.6	141.6	-7.9	2.2
Miscellaneous apparel:					
Diapers		181.3	180.9	4.3	-.2
Yard goods		157.6	157.5	-4.4	-.1
Wrist watches, men's and women's		138.1	138.5	5.6	.3
Handbags		145.4	146.3	2.5	.6
Footwear					
Men's:					
Shoes, street		147.9	149.0	2.0	.7
Shoes, work, high		159.8	161.4	4.0	1.0
Women's:					
Shoes, street, pump		140.0	141.6	1.2	1.1
Shoes, evening, pump		133.2	134.3	1.7	.8
Shoes, casual		148.4	148.5	3.0	.1
Houseslippers, scuff		141.8	141.1	2.2	-.5
Children's:					
Shoes, oxford		146.0	145.6	1.0	-.3
Sneakers, boys', oxford type		150.5	151.1	3.6	.4
Dress shoes, girls'		154.7	155.9	4.9	.8
Apparel services:					
Drycleaning		153.4	154.4	8.0	.7
Automatic laundry service		137.3	138.7	8.9	1.0
Laundry, men's shirts		155.2	156.0	4.7	.5
Tailoring charges		153.7	153.9	2.6	.1
Shoe repairs		143.2	143.9	4.9	.5
Transportation					
Private		156.1	157.4	9.8	.8
Automobiles, new		154.8	156.1	9.4	.8
Automobiles, used		129.9	131.3	5.5	1.1
Gasoline, regular and premium		156.5	153.7	8.5	-1.8
Motor oil		178.7	177.3	11.5	-.8
Tires		156.9	157.2	3.6	.2
Auto repairs (mechanical) and maintenance		127.3	128.2	4.7	.7
Auto insurance premiums		179.5	181.2	9.2	.9
Auto registration fees		148.5	161.1	17.0	8.5
Parking fees, private and municipal		130.8	130.8	1.5	0
		174.6	176.3	7.4	1.0

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

(1967=100)

Item and group	Other index base	Indexes		Percent change to Nov. 1975 from—	
		October 1975	November 1975	November 1974	October 1975
Transportation—Continued					
Public		168.8	168.9	13.0	0.1
Local transit fares		170.1	170.3	15.4	.1
Taxicab fares		168.9	169.1	5.9	.1
Railroad fares, coach		151.2	151.4	9.1	.1
Airplane fares, chiefly coach		162.1	162.1	9.3	0
Bus fares, intercity		192.6	192.6	16.4	0
Health and recreation					
Medical care		156.3	156.5	7.0	.1
Drugs and prescriptions		173.5	173.3	10.0	-.1
Over-the-counter items		120.8	121.4	7.7	.5
Multiple vitamin concentrates		132.5	133.5	9.7	.8
Aspirin compounds		104.5	104.3	5.0	-.2
Liquid tonics		136.0	135.9	8.1	-.1
Adhesive bandages, packages		117.9	118.5	7.8	.5
Cold tablets or capsules		169.7	170.9	17.0	.7
Cough syrup		123.6	125.8	7.2	1.8
Prescriptions		136.4	138.4	9.4	1.5
Anti-infectives		110.9	111.3	5.8	.4
Sedatives and hypnotics		71.5	71.7	3.6	.3
Ataractics		157.0	157.1	6.7	.1
Antispasmodics		106.0	107.2	1.6	1.1
Cough preparations		129.4	130.2	13.3	.6
Cardiovascular and antihypertensives		168.9	169.6	9.8	.4
Analgesics, internal		118.6	118.9	1.4	.3
Anti-obesities		120.5	120.6	5.7	.1
Hormones		(10)	(10)	(10)	(10)
		105.5	105.8	8.2	.3
Professional services:					
Physicians' fees		174.1	176.1	11.3	1.1
General physician, office visits		178.5	181.0	11.5	1.4
General physician, house visits		175.3	176.9	11.9	.9
Obstetrical cases		172.6	174.6	12.0	1.2
Pediatric care, office visits		177.3	179.3	11.1	1.1
Psychiatrist, office visits		157.1	158.7	8.7	1.0
Herniorrhaphy, adult		156.7	157.3	9.5	.4
Tonillectomy and adenoidectomy		168.2	168.8	12.0	.4
Dentists' fees		165.1	165.8	8.4	.4
Fillings, adult, amalgam, one surface		170.2	170.6	8.2	.2
Extractions, adult		163.9	165.1	9.4	.7
Dentures, full upper		155.9	156.6	7.6	.4
Other professional services:					
Examination, prescription, and dispensing of eyeglasses		152.5	152.9	6.8	.3
Routine laboratory tests		153.5	153.7	5.9	.1
Hospital service charges	Jan. 72	136.7	137.6	13.2	.7
Semiprivate rooms		245.4	247.1	15.2	.7
Operating room charges		246.6	249.4	13.9	1.1
X-ray, diagnostic series, upper GI		160.6	161.6	10.2	.6
Laboratory tests	Jan. 72	131.1	132.0	10.4	.7
Anti-infectives	Jan. 72	114.0	113.7	9.4	-.3
Tranquilizers	Jan. 72	122.4	123.5	12.0	.9
Electrocardiogram	Jan. 72	127.0	127.7	9.5	.6
Intravenous solution	Jan. 72	130.3	132.0	12.3	1.3
Physical therapy	Jan. 72	140.2	140.0	11.7	-.1
Oxygen, inhalation therapy	Jan. 72	124.1	125.5	8.8	1.1
Personal care		152.9	153.6	6.5	.5
Toilet goods		152.2	152.8	7.9	.4
Toothpaste, standard dentifrice		132.8	135.6	11.1	2.1
Toilet soap, hard-milled		196.2	195.6	-.8	-.3
Hand lotions		156.8	157.1	15.6	.2
Shaving cream		126.9	128.7	10.7	1.4
Face powder		155.3	155.4	1.1	.1
Deodorants		115.6	115.8	5.6	.2
Cleansing tissues		203.7	203.2	15.0	-.2
Home permanent wave kits		122.6	123.7	10.4	.9
Personal care services		153.4	154.3	5.1	.6
Men's haircuts		155.7	156.3	3.9	.4
Beauty shop services		151.9	152.9	6.0	.7
Women's haircuts		167.2	169.0	8.5	1.1
Shampoo and wave sets, plain		154.2	154.9	5.0	.5
Permanent waves, cold		131.4	132.2	5.5	.6
Reading and recreation		146.6	147.0	5.9	.3
Recreational goods		124.7	124.8	5.0	.1
TV sets, portable and console		102.4	103.0	2.5	.6
TV replacement tubes		158.8	159.2	9.1	.3
Radios, portable and table models		104.8	104.3	.7	-.5
Tape recorders, portable		95.9	95.3	-.2	-.6
Phonograph records, stereophonic		123.8	123.9	5.0	.1
Movie cameras, 8mm		94.3	93.8	0	-.5
Film, 35mm, color		118.8	119.1	3.4	.3
Golf balls		104.0	104.2	-.4	.2

See footnotes at end of table.

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

(1967=100)

Item and group	Other index base	Indexes		Percent change to Nov. 1975 from—	
		October 1975	November 1975	November 1974	October 1975
Health and recreation—Continued					
Reading and recreation—Continued					
Recreational goods—Continued					
Basketballs, rubber or vinyl cover		146.9	147.1	5.0	0.1
Fishing rods, fresh-water spin-casting		121.8	122.5	6.2	.6
Bowling balls		127.7	126.7	1.7	-.8
Bicycles, boys'		143.4	143.3	2.3	-.1
Tricycles		144.6	145.0	12.1	.3
Dog food, canned or boxed		167.9	168.2	6.3	.2
Recreational services		149.7	150.7	4.4	.7
Indoor movie admissions		171.5	171.9	6.4	.2
Adult		167.2	167.4	5.8	.1
Children's		183.6	184.5	7.9	.5
Drive-in movie admissions		173.2	173.7	2.8	.3
Bowling fees, evening		141.1	143.2	5.2	1.5
Golf green fees		152.8	(⁵)	(⁵)	(⁵)
TV repair		105.5	105.7	2.3	.2
Film developing		123.0	124.0	4.6	.8
Reading and education:					
Newspapers, street sale and delivery		176.9	177.3	6.9	.2
Magazines, single copy and subscription		170.4	170.4	21.0	0
Piano lessons, beginner		141.0	141.7	3.1	.5
Other goods and services		148.5	148.9	4.3	.3
Tobacco products		154.3	154.8	3.9	.3
Cigarettes, nonfilter tip, regular size		156.7	157.2	4.2	.3
Cigarettes, filter tip, king size		156.6	157.0	3.6	.3
Cigars, domestic, regular size		125.4	125.7	3.0	.2
Alcoholic beverages		143.3	143.5	4.0	.1
Beer, at home		140.9	140.7	3.8	-.1
Whiskey, spirit blended and straight bourbon		115.0	114.9	2.0	-.1
Wine, dessert and table		155.1	155.2	3.1	.1
Beer, away from home		159.3	160.3	5.2	.6
Financial and miscellaneous personal expenses:					
Funeral services, adult		145.8	146.2	5.7	.3
Bank service charges, checking account		122.0	121.9	12.6	-.1
Legal services, short form will		192.8	193.2	7.8	.2

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 filter, 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 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.

⁷ Also includes storage batteries and drivers' license fees not shown separately.
⁸ Includes prices for water pump replacement, motor tune-up, automatic transmission repair, exhaust system repair, front end alignment, and chassis lubrication; does not include prices for auto body repairs. In the CPI, this component represents consumers' direct, out-of-pocket expenses for automobile repairs and maintenance.
⁹ Also includes health insurance not shown separately.
¹⁰ Discontinued.
¹¹ Also includes outboard motors, nondurable toys, college tuition fees, paperback books, and college textbooks, not shown separately.

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

Area ¹	Pricing schedule ²	Indexes			Percent change from:		
		1967=100	1957-59=100	Other bases	November 1974	August 1975	October 1975
November 1975							
U.S. city average	M	165.6	192.6		7.3	1.7	0.6
Chicago	M	160.7	182.6		5.8	1.0	.1
Detroit	M	164.1	188.5		5.7	1.7	.5
Los Angeles—Long Beach	M	162.5	191.1		9.3	2.3	.6
N.Y.—Northeastern N.J.	M	171.4	204.0		6.5	2.3	.8
Philadelphia	M	168.5	196.8		6.3	1.8	.2
October 1975							
Boston	1	164.8	197.4		7.7	1.1	
Houston	1	168.7	193.0		9.4	1.6	
Minneapolis—St. Paul	1	165.0	191.3		7.2	1.9	
Pittsburgh	1	162.8	187.2		6.9	.7	
November 1975							
Buffalo	2	165.8		³ 182.3	6.9	1.4	
Cleveland	2	164.5	185.7		7.5	1.3	
Dallas	2	162.4		³ 175.5	7.3	1.1	
Milwaukee	2	161.5	182.3		7.7	1.4	
San Diego	2	164.9		⁴ 173.4	7.4	1.5	
Seattle	2	159.7	187.7		8.0	1.5	
Washington	2	165.3	192.5		5.9	1.2	
September 1975							
Atlanta	3	164.7	189.5		7.9	2.4	
Baltimore	3	167.6	194.6		6.5	1.8	
Cincinnati	3	163.9	186.0		9.0	1.9	
Honolulu	3	157.0		⁵ 169.2	8.1	2.2	
Kansas City	3	160.2	190.2		8.2	1.9	
St. Louis	3	158.9	185.6		8.9	1.4	
San Francisco—Oakland	3	161.5	192.2		9.0	1.8	

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

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.

⁴ November 1963=100.

⁵ February 1965=100.

⁵ December 1963=100.

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

Table 6. Consumer Price Index—United States and selected areas¹ for urban wage earners and clerical workers, major groups, percent change from October 1975 to November 1975

Expenditure class	U.S. city average	Chicago	Detroit	Los Angeles—Long Beach	New York—Northeastern New Jersey	Philadelphia
All items	0.6	0.1	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.2
Food .....	.4	.3	-.1	1.0	.6	-.1
Housing .....	.9	-.1	1.6	.9	1.3	.6
Apparel and upkeep .....	.6	0	0	-.6	.1	.9
Transportation .....	.8	.5	0	0	2.1	1.0
Health and recreation .....	.1	.1	-.1	.5	0	-.5
Medical care	-.1	-.7	-.2	1.5	-.3	-1.0
Personal care .....	.5	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
Reading and recreation .....	.3	1.0	-.5	-.1	-.1	-.5
Other goods and services .....	.3	0	.1	-.1	.1	.1

¹ See footnote 1, table 5.

² Not available.

Table 7. Consumer Price Index—United States and selected areas¹ for urban wage earners and clerical workers, commodity groups, November 1975 index and percent changes from August 1975

Group	U.S. city average	Chicago	Detroit	Los Angeles—Long Beach	New York—Northeastern New Jersey	Philadelphia
Indexes (1967=100)						
All items	165.6	160.7	164.1	162.5	171.4	168.5
Food	179.8	180.1	175.2	175.0	183.3	184.6
Food at home	180.0	180.6	174.4	177.1	184.6	183.0
Cereals and bakery products	181.9	183.1	182.2	183.5	185.1	182.2
Meats, poultry, and fish	191.4	195.9	183.8	189.9	189.8	195.4
Dairy products	162.8	155.3	164.4	155.4	167.1	158.9
Fruits and vegetables	168.7	170.0	154.3	162.3	180.7	176.3
Other food at home	183.0	180.0	176.6	182.0	190.8	187.8
Food away from home	179.2	178.0	179.3	168.8	179.6	191.5
Housing	171.3	157.2	168.0	169.4	177.3	175.4
Shelter	174.1	158.2	173.1	174.9	177.5	185.8
Rent, residential	139.9	134.4	(²)	137.6	(²)	150.0
Homeownership	186.8	169.0	180.1	186.6	193.3	195.3
Fuel and utilities	174.4	155.8	172.9	161.2	194.7	168.7
Fuel oil and coal	246.5	239.3	243.6	-	251.1	237.4
Gas and electricity	176.8	155.4	186.1	186.4	206.1	169.4
Household furnishings and operation	161.6	155.1	148.9	154.4	166.4	160.4
Apparel and upkeep	145.5	138.8	140.4	138.1	143.9	138.8
Men's and boys'	144.8	134.9	144.3	132.3	140.3	142.8
Women's and girls'	142.6	137.8	131.2	134.6	140.4	126.2
Footwear	146.3	140.7	150.1	142.6	141.8	148.2
Transportation	157.4	157.8	153.7	159.0	175.6	158.7
Private	156.1	156.6	152.9	161.0	162.9	160.0
Public	168.9	165.5	162.1	121.8	223.9	150.9
Health and recreation	156.5	157.2	164.6	151.3	161.4	161.9
Medical care	173.3	174.6	194.8	172.4	185.2	190.8
Personal care	153.6	(²)	(²)	(²)	150.8	(²)
Reading and recreation	147.0	148.1	145.8	136.4	150.6	147.9
Other goods and services	148.9	151.3	150.6	143.7	154.2	152.3
Percent changes August 1975 to November 1975						
All items	1.7	1.0	1.7	2.3	2.3	1.8
Food	1.0	1.8	.8	1.9	.4	.9
Food at home .....	.6	1.5	.6	1.7	0	.5
Cereals and bakery products	-.4	2.0	-2.3	-.1	-.6	-.4
Meats, poultry, and fish .....	.9	3.1	1.5	1.7	0	-.7
Dairy products	5.5	6.6	4.2	3.3	6.0	3.2
Fruits and vegetables	-5.2	-8.4	-4.3	-1.7	-5.9	-2.2
Other food at home	1.9	2.5	2.0	4.4	1.9	2.8
Food away from home	2.2	2.9	1.8	2.4	1.5	2.5
Housing	2.1	.3	2.9	3.9	2.5	2.5
Shelter	2.0	-1.1	1.9	4.8	2.2	2.7
Rent, residential	1.4	3.4	(²)	3.1	(²)	3.3
Homeownership	2.2	-2.0	2.1	5.6	2.8	2.7
Fuel and utilities	3.3	2.7	8.6	2.5	4.3	2.1
Fuel oil and coal	4.6	5.9	6.2	-	4.3	5.9
Gas and electricity	3.3	2.6	10.8	2.9	3.9	.7
Household furnishings and operation	1.8	3.1	2.2	1.2	1.8	2.5
Apparel and upkeep	2.2	1.6	1.7	.6	1.3	2.1
Men's and boys'	2.6	2.7	.4	.4	4.5	3.0
Women's and girls'	2.8	1.0	2.4	-.7	-.1	1.3
Footwear	1.7	1.7	3.5	1.9	.7	3.0
Transportation	2.5	1.0	.9	1.2	10.0	2.3
Private	1.8	1.1	.9	1.3	3.8	2.6
Public	9.0	.1	0	0	31.9	-.1
Health and recreation	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.4	1.2	1.4
Medical care	1.4	1.1	1.5	2.7	1.3	1.4
Personal care	1.5	(²)	(²)	(²)	2.2	(²)
Reading and recreation	1.6	1.3	1.0	.7	1.4	1.0
Other goods and services .....	.5	.1	0	.4	.3	1.3

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 7. Consumer Price Index—United States and selected areas¹ for urban wage earners and clerical workers, commodity groups, November 1975 index and percent changes from August 1975—Continued

Group	Buffalo	Cleveland	Dallas	Milwaukee	San Diego	Seattle	Washington
Indexes (1967=100)							
All items	165.8	164.5	162.4	161.5	164.9	159.7	165.3
Food	176.6	183.1	176.7	176.6	178.8	173.8	183.8
Food at home	176.3	183.8	175.4	176.9	176.7	176.5	183.0
Cereals and bakery products	187.8	185.4	178.8	184.1	180.5	180.3	183.6
Meats, poultry, and fish	187.7	195.0	187.7	186.0	193.0	196.3	187.1
Dairy products	154.8	164.1	155.5	164.9	156.5	163.8	150.1
Fruits and vegetables	161.2	175.4	163.7	166.5	159.3	151.1	185.8
Other food at home	180.2	185.3	176.6	175.9	176.6	177.7	196.4
Food away from home	178.8	180.1	181.4	174.5	183.7	164.8	185.7
Housing	173.9	161.0	162.7	159.1	176.5	168.7	165.7
Shelter	165.3	162.2	167.1	155.1	192.7	174.8	166.8
Rent, residential	144.5	126.1	124.6	139.8	152.2	134.2	143.5
Homeownership	169.2	168.6	186.2	159.8	209.7	186.9	180.4
Fuel and utilities	216.4	161.3	154.8	180.2	152.8	164.0	165.3
Fuel oil and coal	243.7	-	-	251.2	-	234.2	252.7
Gas and electricity	227.3	170.9	164.0	188.7	170.7	130.9	178.2
Household furnishings and operation	166.7	155.9	157.4	155.6	146.3	157.2	162.8
Apparel and upkeep	158.6	146.1	143.1	158.8	141.5	140.6	146.8
Men's and boys'	185.0	143.6	144.3	156.0	143.0	140.7	148.6
Women's and girls'	153.5	149.7	134.5	164.3	139.0	132.2	136.1
Footwear	139.5	137.8	143.2	155.9	139.2	140.8	150.9
Transportation	153.0	153.7	162.3	155.5	157.8	140.8	156.8
Private	152.6	160.1	162.1	152.5	159.4	145.3	156.6
Public	156.5	111.8	164.7	191.0	128.9	115.1	158.5
Health and recreation	152.4	167.1	156.9	153.7	149.3	149.5	159.6
Medical care	158.7	186.5	167.1	169.2	166.8	162.9	183.6
Personal care	156.9	167.6	160.7	160.2	147.3	150.0	149.5
Reading and recreation	148.0	151.7	149.9	147.3	139.7	145.4	142.7
Other goods and services	147.8	161.3	146.2	144.0	140.0	141.0	160.1
Percent changes September 1975 to November 1975							
All items	1.4	1.3	1.1	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.2
Food	1.1	2.5	.7	1.0	1.9	1.3	-.8
Food at home	1.2	2.5	.5	.7	2.0	.9	-1.6
Cereals and bakery products	.9	-1	3.2	-.1	.6	-1.6	-.4
Meats, poultry, and fish	1.5	3.0	.9	.9	1.6	2.0	-2.0
Dairy products	5.4	7.2	3.8	9.7	2.9	4.1	2.9
Fruits and vegetables	-2.5	.1	-6.3	-9.3	-2.1	-5.1	-8.0
Other food at home	.9	2.3	1.6	2.0	5.7	2.4	.8
Food away from home	1.0	2.6	1.3	2.1	1.9	2.6	1.7
Housing	.9	1.6	1.6	1.1	2.0	1.9	2.3
Shelter	.7	1.3	1.3	.1	2.5	1.8	2.9
Rent, residential	1.8	1.3	1.5	1.4	1.8	1.6	1.4
Homeownership	.5	1.3	1.2	-.4	2.8	2.0	3.6
Fuel and utilities	1.0	.6	2.8	5.4	1.8	2.4	.5
Fuel oil and coal	2.6	-	-	4.1	-	6.1	7.1
Gas and electricity	-3	.7	4.5	6.7	3.1	0	-1.0
Household furnishings and operation	1.4	3.0	1.6	1.0	.3	1.9	1.7
Apparel and upkeep	2.5	1.0	.6	4.5	1.1	1.2	2.2
Men's and boys'	3.8	0	-3.1	.3	.4	-1.5	2.5
Women's and girls'	3.4	3.2	1.6	10.0	2.6	2.6	2.8
Footwear	-.7	-2.1	1.1	.5	-.7	2.2	.3
Transportation	2.3	-2.7	.6	.5	.3	1.4	1.4
Private	2.6	3.6	.2	.6	.3	1.6	.8
Public	.1	-38.0	4.2	0	0	0	4.4
Health and recreation	1.5	1.9	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.4	.9
Medical care	1.3	2.4	1.0	1.6	2.2	1.5	1.5
Personal care	3.0	2.0	1.3	1.1	.8	.3	1.2
Reading and recreation	2.1	1.1	3.0	1.5	2.2	2.3	.6
Other goods and services	.5	1.8	.3	1.7	-.1	.9	.3

¹ See footnote 1, table 5.

² Not available.

³ Change from September 1975.

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

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	179.8	180.0	181.9	191.4	162.8	168.7	183.0	179.2
Atlanta	187.3	189.5	183.6	203.2	174.2	183.4	188.0	179.8
Baltimore	181.6	181.1	175.9	193.3	156.9	169.8	189.1	183.5
Boston	179.9	179.5	183.0	188.5	157.8	170.3	186.3	181.4
Buffalo	176.6	176.3	187.8	187.7	154.8	161.2	180.2	178.8
Chicago	180.1	180.6	183.1	195.9	155.3	170.0	180.0	178.0
Cincinnati	181.7	185.4	190.8	196.4	170.4	174.9	187.0	167.4
Cleveland	183.1	183.8	185.4	195.0	164.1	175.4	185.3	180.1
Dallas	176.7	175.4	178.8	187.7	155.5	163.7	176.6	181.4
Detroit	175.2	174.4	182.2	183.8	164.4	154.3	176.6	179.3
Honolulu	181.7	179.6	180.9	188.5	170.3	170.6	176.8	187.6
Houston	185.7	183.3	179.7	196.7	175.5	172.5	178.9	194.0
Kansas City	182.4	184.1	184.4	191.8	180.6	165.1	189.7	176.9
Los Angeles—Long Beach	175.0	177.1	183.5	189.9	155.4	162.3	182.0	168.8
Milwaukee	176.6	176.9	184.1	186.0	164.9	166.5	175.9	174.5
Minneapolis—St. Paul	185.5	182.9	193.0	193.7	177.9	168.1	179.7	197.1
N.Y.—Northeastern N.J.	183.3	184.6	185.1	189.8	167.1	180.7	190.8	179.6
Philadelphia	184.6	183.0	182.2	195.4	158.9	176.3	187.8	191.5
Pittsburgh	179.6	178.2	185.5	193.2	148.4	169.1	179.4	188.0
St. Louis	178.3	179.1	193.9	189.4	163.9	165.8	176.6	174.7
San Diego	178.8	176.7	180.5	193.0	156.5	159.3	176.6	183.7
San Francisco—Oakland	176.7	181.2	181.0	196.3	158.8	165.4	185.9	160.9
Seattle	173.8	176.5	180.3	196.3	163.8	151.1	177.7	164.8
Washington	183.8	183.0	183.6	187.1	150.1	185.8	196.4	185.7
Percent changes October 1975 to November 1975								
U.S. city average	0.4	0.4	0.2	-0.8	2.1	1.9	0.1	0.7
Atlanta .....	.3	.2	-.2	-.8	2.8	2.1	-.6	.8
Baltimore	-.2	-.4	-.2	-1.1	1.9	-2.3	1.1	.4
Boston	1.0	.6	-.9	.3	3.3	1.4	-.2	2.3
Buffalo .....	.7	.7	.1	.2	1.2	3.9	-.4	.6
Chicago .....	.3	1.1	-.2	-1.0	2.8	1.1	-.2	1.0
Cincinnati	1.1	1.1	.1	1.0	3.5	.9	.8	.4
Cleveland	1.2	1.3	.2	.4	2.0	3.2	1.7	.6
Dallas	-.2	-.5	1.4	-1.5	-1.1	1.4	-.3	.4
Detroit	-.1	-.3	-2.1	-1.3	2.1	.7	-.1	.8
Honolulu	-.3	-.6	-4.3	.6	.7	0	-1.0	.5
Houston	-.3	-.5	1.0	-2.3	.6	1.1	-.6	.6
Kansas City	-.6	-.4	1.8	-.2	1.0	.4	.3	.7
Los Angeles—Long Beach	1.0	1.0	1.9	-1.0	1.4	4.2	1.3	.7
Milwaukee	1.3	1.0	.7	-.1	4.5	1.6	.1	(²)
Minneapolis—St. Paul .....	.8	.7	-.4	-1.0	3.4	2.6	.1	1.3
N.Y.—Northeastern N.J. ....	.6	.6	.1	-.3	3.0	1.7	.1	.6
Philadelphia	-.1	-.2	.7	-1.1	1.2	.6	-1.2	.6
Pittsburgh	-.1	-.2	-1.4	-.3	1.6	-.2	-.2	.9
St. Louis .....	.8	.8	3.1	-.3	2.6	-.5	.6	.9
San Diego	1.1	.8	2.0	-.8	.8	2.8	1.4	(²)
San Francisco—Oakland	1.1	1.1	.4	-.3	1.9	3.2	1.9	1.0
Seattle .....	.4	.2	-.7	-1.1	.7	3.0	.5	1.0
Washington .....	.2	0	-1.0	-.5	2.4	.9	-.5	.7

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

(October 1973=100)

Area ¹	Regular gasoline			Premium gasoline		
	Index		Percent change to November 1975 from—	Index		Percent change to November 1975 from—
	October 1975	November 1975	October 1975	October 1975	November 1975	October 1975
U.S. city average ²	180.7	179.2	-0.8	173.8	172.8	-0.6
Atlanta	147.6	146.4	-.8	146.4	145.8	-.4
Baltimore	149.0	147.5	-1.0	147.1	145.0	-1.4
Boston	147.4	146.4	-.7	144.3	143.6	-.5
Buffalo	149.7	148.8	-.6	147.7	147.3	-.3
Chicago	144.4	142.6	-1.2	141.0	139.9	-.8
Cincinnati	146.3	143.3	-2.1	143.2	140.9	-1.6
Cleveland	146.7	144.9	-1.2	143.7	142.4	-.9
Dallas	157.4	155.6	-1.1	152.6	151.0	-1.0
Detroit	142.0	139.2	-2.0	139.9	137.9	-1.4
Honolulu	154.5	154.3	-.1	151.9	151.8	-.1
Houston	155.1	153.8	-.8	151.8	150.4	-.9
Kansas City	147.2	144.9	-1.6	144.3	142.4	-1.3
Los Angeles—Long Beach	147.0	145.4	-1.1	144.6	143.8	-.6
Milwaukee	145.4	142.6	-1.9	143.6	141.7	-1.3
Minneapolis—St. Paul	148.8	147.3	-1.0	146.4	146.1	-.2
N.Y.—Northwestern N.J.	142.7	141.6	-.8	143.2	143.0	-.1
Philadelphia	148.0	146.9	-.7	146.0	145.3	-.5
Pittsburgh	147.5	146.2	-.9	143.4	142.3	-.8
St. Louis	142.9	141.6	-.9	141.1	140.2	-.6
San Diego	148.7	146.9	-1.2	146.4	145.3	-.8
San Francisco—Oakland	146.1	145.6	-.3	143.2	142.7	-.3
Seattle	144.8	144.6	-.1	141.2	141.4	.1
Washington	146.4	146.1	-.2	144.5	144.1	-.3

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—Regular and premium gasoline prices, selected areas and U.S. city averages for urban wage earners and clerical workers

Area ¹	Regular gasoline			Premium gasoline		
	Average price per gallon					
	September 1975	October 1975	November 1975	September 1975	October 1975	November 1975
U.S. city average	\$0.597	\$0.594	\$0.589	\$0.639	\$0.636	\$0.633
Atlanta	.595	.586	.582	.638	.634	.631
Baltimore	.613	.610	.604	.661	.659	.649
Boston	.597	.596	.592	.640	.640	.637
Buffalo	.610	.603	.599	.656	.647	.645
Chicago	.614	.607	.600	.655	.648	.643
Cincinnati	.599	.593	.580	.639	.636	.626
Cleveland	.602	.597	.590	.640	.640	.634
Dallas	.556	.554	.547	.595	.594	.587
Detroit	.600	.593	.581	.647	.640	.630
Honolulu	.703	.698	.697	.740	.740	.739
Houston	.543	.539	.534	.587	.585	.580
Kansas City	.567	.562	.554	.615	.608	.600
Los Angeles—Long Beach	.591	.594	.587	.633	.636	.633
Milwaukee	.563	.560	.549	.610	.607	.599
Minneapolis—St. Paul	.588	.588	.582	.635	.636	.635
N.Y.—Northwestern N.J.	.611	.604	.600	.658	.656	.655
Philadelphia	.588	.591	.587	.646	.647	.644
Pittsburgh	.593	.590	.585	.634	.634	.629
St. Louis	.591	.581	.576	.636	.625	.621
San Diego	.615	.615	.608	.657	.657	.652
San Francisco—Oakland	.624	.624	.621	.671	.664	.662
Seattle	.583	.583	.582	.624	.624	.625
Washington	.610	.606	.604	.662	.658	.657

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	0.005x100
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 1974 averages. The figures may be interpreted as follows: The chances are about 95 out of 100 that the percent change in the CPI as computed differs from the corresponding "complete coverage" change by less than twice the standard error.

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

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

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

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

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.

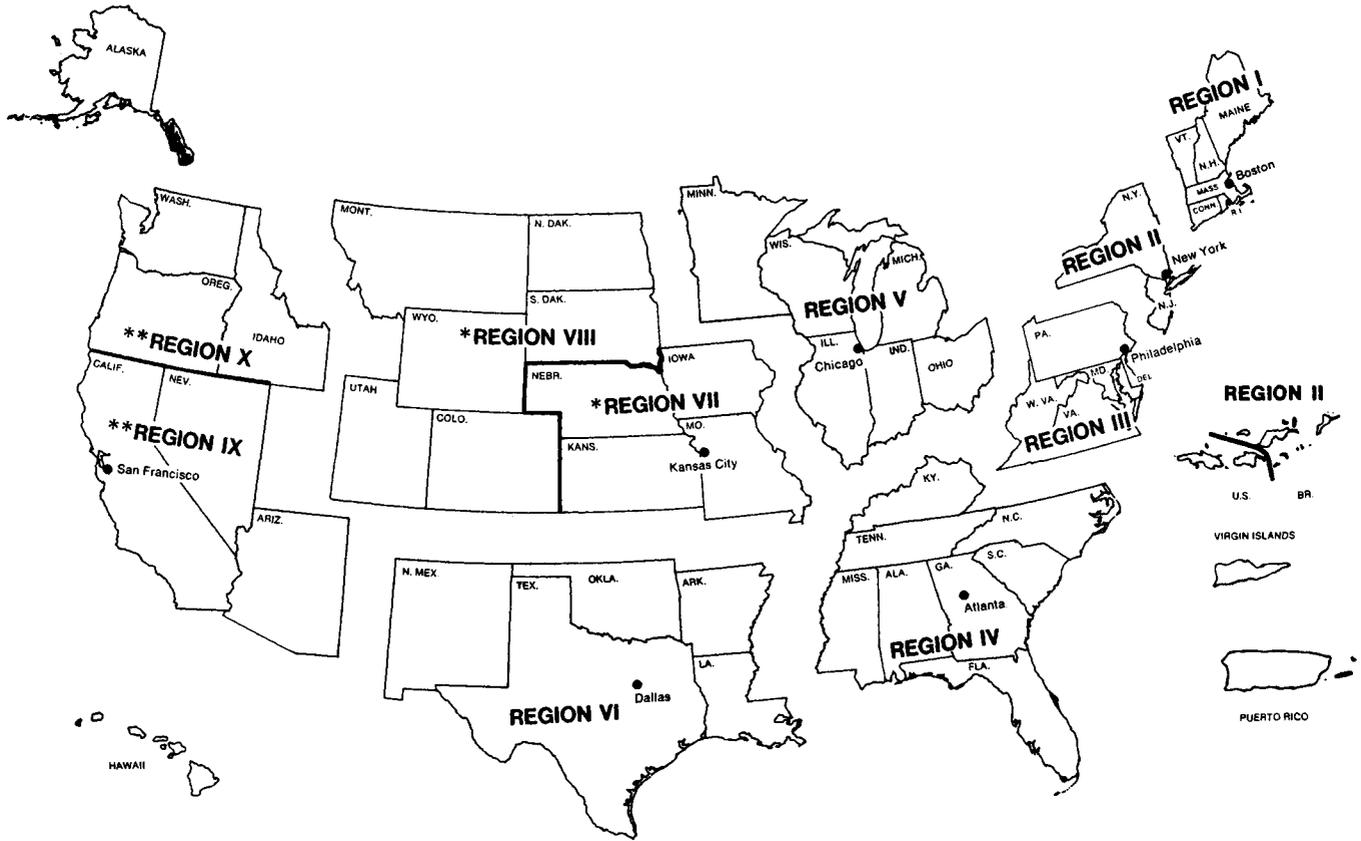
ERRATA: In the September 1975 CPI Detailed Report the columns for San Francisco and St. Louis were inadvertently transposed. The correct figures are given below.

Table 7. Consumer Price Index—United States and selected areas for urban wage earners and clerical workers, commodity groups, September 1975 indexes, and percent changes for June 1975-September 1975

Group	San Francisco	St. Louis	Group	San Francisco	St. Louis
All items	161.5	158.9	All items	1.8	1.4
Food	173.8	176.3	Food	1.3	.9
Food at home	178.1	177.2	Food at home .....	.9	.9
Cereals and bakery products	182.2	189.1	Cereals and bakery products	-.7	-4.1
Meats, poultry and fish ..	193.4	185.6	Meats, poultry and fish	5.9	7.6
Dairy products	152.5	159.1	Dairy products .....	.7	1.4
Fruits and vegetables ...	162.9	170.1	Fruits and vegetables	-8.5	-6.7
Other food at home	181.5	176.5	Other food at home	1.5	.3
Food away from home	158.9	172.3	Food away from home	2.8	1.2
Housing	167.6	159.5	Housing	2.5	1.0
Shelter	171.7	159.1	Shelter	2.8	1.6
Rent, residential	146.1	116.8	Rent, residential	1.6	1.0
Homeownership	184.5	171.3	Homeownership	3.3	1.7
Fuel and utilities	154.7	159.4	Fuel and utilities	1.9	-1.5
Fuel oil and coal	-	250.2	Fuel oil and coal	-	2.0
Gas and electricity	177.5	157.9	Gas and electricity	3.3	-3.4
Household furnishings and operation	159.3	160.3	Household furnishings and operation	1.6	1.4
Apparel and upkeep	142.0	136.1	Apparel and upkeep	1.1	1.0
Men's and boys'	144.2	134.2	Men's and boys'	2.4	-.3
Women's and girls'	138.7	130.3	Women's and girls' .....	.4	.8
Footwear	140.6	144.0	Footwear .....	.8	-.5
Transportation	155.3	150.6	Transportation	2.1	3.6
Private	155.6	154.7	Private	2.2	3.9
Public	148.2	102.3	Public	0	0
Health and recreation	152.5	153.1	Health and recreation	1.3	1.5
Medical care	169.8	159.7	Medical care	1.8	2.6
Personal care	151.0	160.3	Personal care	3.1	.5
Reading and recreation	141.0	144.4	Reading and recreation7	1.5
Other goods and services ...	140.9	149.3	Other goods and services1	.7

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