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### WORLD WHOLESALE PRICE MOVEMENTS

#### SECOND HALF OF 1944

Wholesale price series in the second half of 1944 recorded comparatively small changes. Although the movement continued to be generally upward, occasional small decreases were noted. Mexico and Argentina, where considerable advances were recorded in the first half of the year, showed moderate increases of less than 2 p.c. Index numbers for Australia and Switzerland showed fractional declines.

Price series for Canada and the United States had registered their steepest wartime rise by the end of 1941, and since then their rates of advance have moderated to a marked degree. The Canadian wholesale index showed no net change in the second half of 1944, and in fact, ended the year on a par with the December, 1943 index. The United States Bureau of Labor index recorded fractional losses during the second half, but ended the year 0.4 p.c. above June, 1944 and 1.5 p.c. above December, 1943. In both series fluctuations were usually caused by changes in farm product prices.

The Board of Trade wholesale index for the United Kingdom reached a new wartime high in August, 1944 influenced by seasonal food price increases and higher prices for coal, iron and steel. Subsequent food price declines lowered the index so that the December level was only 0.7 p.c. above June, 1944. A 1944 net increase of 2.3 p.c., as compared with 1.3 p.c. in 1943, was due principally to authorized increases in coal and cotton prices.

The Swiss wholesale series which has risen only moderately since the end of 1942, recorded small losses in the second half of 1944, resulting in a decrease of 0.6 p.c. between June and November, and a gain of 0.9 p.c. for the year.

The Australian wholesale index for December, 1944 was 0.5 p.c. below June, 1944 and 0.8 p.c. above December, 1943. Price series for New Zealand and South Africa, after recording no net changes in the first half of 1944, advanced moderately between June and November, New Zealand 0.6 p.c. and South Africa, 1.3 p.c. Until the end of 1940 series for Australia, New Zealand and South Africa showed rates of advance very similar to that of the Canadian index. The Australian index, after a gradual rise in 1941, advanced sharply again in 1942. Price control measures have been effective in keeping this index relatively stable since the middle of 1943. Index numbers for New Zealand and South Africa continued to show substantial increases for each year of war until the beginning of 1944.

For Argentina, a slower rate of increase prevailed in the second half of 1944, 1.4 p.c. between June and December, as against 5.8 p.c. for the year. In most



Latin-American countries, prices did not begin to show unusual advances until 1941. Argentina was exceptional in recording a gain of 18 p.c. in the first four months of war. This was followed by comparative stability in 1940, and a further rapid ascent in 1941 which continued almost unbroken until extensive price control measures were introduced in the middle of 1943.

The Mexican series recorded small intermittent declines in the second half of 1944, the first since August, 1942. However, in spite of these, the June-December, 1944 period witnessed an increase of 1.4 p.c., which compared with a gain of 18.5 p.c. for the year.

The wholesale index for Calcutta, India continued below the levels reached in the latter part of 1943. The November, 1944 index was 0.3 p.c. below June, 1944 and 0.7 p.c. below December, 1943.

#### WORLD COST-OF-LIVING MOVEMENTS SECOND HALF OF 1944

In the second half of 1944 cost-of-living index numbers for most countries recorded small increases which were usually less than those in the first half. Series for Canada, Mexico and Newfoundland showed minor declines between June and December.

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics December index of Canadian living costs was 0.4 p.c. lower than June, 1944, and 0.7 p.c. below December, 1943. The United States Bureau of Labor index rose 1.3 p.c. between June and December, and 2.1 p.c. for the year. The largest group increases were shown by clothing and house-furnishings.

The cost-of-living index for St. John's, Newfoundland had risen 52 p.c. from October, 1939 to December, 1944; the December index was 2.3 p.c. below the June level and only 0.3 p.c. above December, 1943. An extension of price controls to cover practically all foodstuffs became effective October 31, 1944.

The Ministry of Labor index of living costs in the United Kingdom has recorded a wartime increase of 30.3 p.c. to August, 1944. The groups responsible for the increase were foods and fuel and light. The net increase for the second half of 1944 was 0.5 p.c. and for the year 1.0 p.c.

The November level of living costs in Switzerland was unchanged from June, 1944, and stood 1.5 p.c. above December, 1943.

Cost-of-living index numbers for Latin-American countries continued upward in the second half of 1944, with the exception of the Mexican series which recorded its first declines since December, 1942. Lower food prices caused a decrease of 1.8 p.c. in the second half in contrast to a net increase of 13.9 p.c. for the year. A June-November advance of 3.7 p.c. for Lima, Peru was moderate compared with the 13.0 p.c. increase in the first eleven months of 1944. In Rio de Janeiro, living costs showed a slightly accelerating rise, and in Santiago, Chile the cost-of-living index mounted with increasing momentum in the third quarter of 1944.

The quarterly index of living costs for Australia remained throughout 1944 below the level of the second quarter of 1943 when new stabilization measures were adopted. The December, 1944 index was 0.1 p.c. above June, 1944 and 0.3 p.c. above December, 1943.

The New Zealand wartime index of retail prices (December, 1942=100) was 100.4 in December, 1944; this was 0.3 p.c. above the level of June, 1944 and December, 1943.

CHANGES IN WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS, SECOND HALF  
OF 1944.

Country	<u>Percentage Change Between</u>		
	June, 1944	December, 1943	August, 1939
	-- and latest month available in 1944 --		
Argentina .....	+ 1.4	+ 5.8	+109.6
Australia .....	- 0.5	+ 0.8	+ 43.0
Canada .....	+ 0.0	+ 0.0	+ 41.8
India .....	- 0.3	- 0.7	+199.0
Mexico .....	+ 1.4	+ 18.5	+ 84.3
New Zealand .....	+ 0.6	+ 0.6	+ 45.2
Switzerland .....	- 0.6	+ 0.9	+106.7
Union of South Africa .....	+ 1.3	+ 1.3	+ 58.4
United Kingdom .....	+ 0.7	+ 2.3	+ 70.4
United States .....	+ 0.4	+ 1.5	+ 39.6

CHANGES IN COST-OF-LIVING INDEX NUMBERS, SECOND HALF  
OF 1944.

Country	<u>Percentage Change Between</u>		
	June, 1944	December, 1943	August, 1939
	-- and latest month available in 1944 --		
Australia .....	+ 0.1	+ 0.3	+ 22.8
Canada .....	- 0.4	- 0.7	+ 17.6
Iceland .....	+ 1.1	+ 4.6	+163.1
Mexico .....	- 1.8	+ 13.9	+ 99.0
Newfoundland .....	- 2.3	+ 0.3	+ 52.0
Peru .....	+ 3.2	+ 13.0	+ 68.1
Switzerland .....	+ 0.0	+ 1.5	+ 51.8
Union of South Africa .....	+ 0.9	+ 3.6	+ 31.7
United Kingdom .....	+ 0.5	+ 1.0	+ 29.7
United States .....	+ 1.3	+ 2.1	+ 28.8



INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

CONTINENT	N O R T H     A M E R I C A						
COUNTRY	C A N A D A						
AUTHORITY	Dominion Bureau of Statistics						
	General Index		Con- sumers' Goods	Pro- ducers' Goods	Raw and Partly Mfd. Goods	Fully and Chiefly Mfd. Goods	Canadian Farm Products
No. of Commodities	510(a)		207	366	213	297	
Base Period	1926	1913	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926
1913	64.0	100.0	61.9	67.4	63.8	64.8	64.1
1920	155.9	243.5	140.0	163.1	155.7	156.8	160.6
1926	100.0	156.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1929	95.6	149.3	94.7	96.3	97.5	93.0	100.8
1932	66.7	104.2	71.3	63.1	55.0	69.8	48.4
1933	67.1	104.8	71.1	63.1	56.6	70.2	51.0
1937	84.6	132.1	79.5	86.1	84.3	80.5	87.1
1938	78.6	122.8	77.2	75.8	72.9	78.2	73.6
1939	75.4	117.8	75.8	70.4	67.4	75.3	64.3
1940	82.9	129.5	83.4	78.7	75.3	81.5	67.1
1941	90.0	140.6	91.1	83.6	81.8	88.8	71.2
1942	95.6	149.3	95.6	88.3	90.1	91.9	82.5
1943	100.0	156.2	97.0	95.1	99.1	93.1	95.9
1939 August	72.3	112.9	72.7	66.7	62.8	72.6	58.4
1944 January	102.5	160.1	97.8	99.6	104.1	93.8	104.0
February	102.7	160.4	97.7	100.0	104.6	93.7	104.3
March	103.0	160.9	98.0	100.2	104.8	93.8	104.5
April	102.9	160.7	97.9	100.1	104.7	93.3	104.0
May	102.5	160.1	97.5	100.0	104.2(b)	93.6	101.8
June	102.5	160.1	97.4	100.2	104.2(b)	93.5	102.0
July	102.5	160.1	97.4	99.9	103.9	93.4	102.0
August	102.3	159.8	97.2	99.7	103.6	93.5	101.2
September	102.3	159.8	97.2	99.6	103.4	93.6	101.0
October	102.4	159.9	97.1	99.7	103.3	93.6	103.0
November	102.4	159.9	97.1	99.7	103.3	93.7	103.1
December	102.5	160.1	97.0	100.1	103.6	93.7	103.3

(a) No. of commodities changed in 1926 from 236 to 502; in January 1934 to 567; and in 1943 to 510.

(b) Revised.

## INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

CONTINENT	N O R T H A M E R I C A			S O U T H A M E R I C A		
COUNTRY	UNITED STATES	MEXICO	ARGENTINA	CHILE	PERU	
AUTHORITY	Bureau of Labor Statistics		Banco de			
	General Index	Farm Products Index	Official	La Nacion	Official	Official
No. of Commodities	889(a)	67	32	108		58
Base Period	1926	1926	1929	1926	1913	1913
1913	69.8	71.5	-	75.5	100.0	100
1920	154.4	150.7	-	-	-	239
1926	100.0(a)	100.0	-	100.0	-	203
1929	95.3	104.9	100.0	96.4	192.8	186
1932	64.8	48.2	84.3	89.5	230.4	170
1933	66.0	51.4	89.8	85.6	346.0	180
1937	86.3	86.4	119.1	112.6	454.6	205
1938	78.6	68.5	126.3	105.5	432.1	205
1939	77.1	65.3	127.0	108.2	420.7	215
1940	78.6	67.7	128.2	123.4	464.1	248
1941	87.3	82.4	135.8	145.1	541.3	290
1942	98.8	105.9	148.3	187.6	736.0	367
1943	103.1	122.6	182.4	202.1	811.8	421
1939 August	75.0	61.0	129.1	102.9	414.0	1934-36=100
1944 January	103.3	121.8	199.1(c)	205.2(c)	794.2	(b) 228
February	103.6	122.5	203.2(c)	206.7(c)	799.3(c)	230
March	103.8	123.6	211.4(c)	206.1(c)	799.4	225
April	103.9	123.2	225.3(c)	208.6(c)	803.8	225
May	104.0	122.9	232.7(c)	210.4(c)	805.7	224
June	104.3	125.0	234.5(c)	212.7(c)	824.0	225
July	104.1	124.1	234.6	213.2	846.7	223
August	103.9	122.6	234.0	214.3	865.8	227
September	104.0	122.7	233.9	213.9	872.8	226
October	104.1	123.4	236.3	213.6		227
November	104.4	124.4	240.3	214.5		227
December	104.7	125.5	237.9	215.7		229

(a) No. of commodities changed from 550 to 784 since January 1926, and to 889 during 1940 and 1941.

(b) New series. 1943 average is 219

(c) Revised.



## INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

CONTINENT		E U R O P E				
COUNTRY	UNITED KINGDOM		SWITZERLAND	GERMANY	SWEDEN	SPAIN
AUTHORITY	Board of Trade	Economist	Federal Labour Department	Federal Statistical Office	Commerce Department	Official
No. of Commodities	200	10(a)	78	400	160	106
Base Period	1930	1935	July, 1914	1913	1935(e)	1913
1913	-	150.2	-	100.0	100(e)	100.0
1920	(c) 307.3	290.5	-	136.7 July	359(e)	223.4
1926	(c) 148.1	199.1	144.5	(a) 134.4	149(e)	174.8
1929	(c) 136.5	166.2	141.2	137.2	140(e)	167.7
1932	85.6	84.9	96.0	96.5	109(e)	166.6
1933	85.7	90.9	91.0	93.3	107(e)	159.1
1937	108.8	134.1	111.2	105.9	114	188.5
1938	101.4	101.1	107.1	105.7	111	212.0
1939	102.8	109.4	111.2	106.9	115	241.9
1940	136.6	133.5	143.0	110	146	235.8
1941	152.6	137.4	183.5	112	172	341.5
1942	159.4	142.2	209.6	114	189	375.4
1943	162.8	147.2	218.2	116	196	419.0
		(b)	(b)			
1935 August	98.1	106.4	107.4	107	111	244.2
1944 January	164.0	151.1	220.6	117	195	436.7
February	164.6	151.2	221.3	117	195	434.9
March	164.9	151.2	222.9	117	195	437.0
April	165.5	158.6	223.1	118	195	
May	166.1	158.6	223.4	118	197	
June	166.1	158.6	223.4		197	
July	167.1	158.6	224.1		198	
August	167.5	158.6	223.5		197	
September	167.1	158.6	222.8			
October	166.7	158.6	222.7			
November	166.9	158.6	222.0			
December	167.2	158.6				

(a) Since 1924, new series. (b) End of month. (c) 1920-29, base 1913=100. (d) Sensitive commodities.

(e) 1913-34, base 1913=100. Corresponding index for 1935 is 116.

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

CONTINENT	ASIA	OCEANIA		AFRICA	
COUNTRY	INDIA	COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA	NEW ZEALAND	SOUTH AFRICA	EGYPT
AUTHORITY	Department of Statistics Calcutta	Commonwealth Statistician	Government Statistician	Census and Statistics Office	Department of Statistics Cairo
No. of Commodities	72		180	188	23
Base Period	July, 1914	July, 1936-June, 1939	1926-30=1000	1913	Jan. 1913-July, 1914
1913	-	-	-	100.0	-
1920	201	-	-	223.3	316
1926	148	(c)	-	123.3	132
1929	141	110.3	988	115.1	116
1932	91	-	878	91.5	84
1933	87	-	904	93.1	71
1937	102	98.4	1021	101.0	88
1938	95	100.5	1036	104.4	91
1939	108	101.1	1071	101.9	88
1940	120	104.7	1195	113.2	100
1941	139	114.0	1311	124.3	130
1942	185	124.2	1416	139.5	181
1943	307	137.3(e)	1513	151.6	228
	(a)		(b)		
1939 August	100	97.9	1084	(d) 99.8	83
1944 January	297	139.2(e)	1566	157.1	253
February	300	138.6(e)	1567	157.2	255
March	300(e)	138.7(e)	1559	156.9	255
April	297(e)	139.7(e)	1558	157.6	255
May	292(e)	139.8(e)	1565	157.6	259
June	300(e)	140.7(e)	1565	156.2	265
July	299	141.3	1566	156.2	267
August	298	141.0	1553	156.2	281
September	301	140.2	1559	156.5	
October		139.9	1559	157.3	
November	299	140.0	1574	158.1	
December		140.0			

(a) End of month. (b) Fifteenth of month. (c) Each yearly index is for period from July of preceding year to June of year specified. (d) July, 1939. (e) Revised.



INDEX NUMBERS OF LIVING COSTS AND RETAIL FOOD PRICES IN CANADA AND  
OTHER COUNTRIES

CONTINENT	N O R T H   A M E R I C A							
COUNTRY	CANADA		UNITED STATES				MEXICO	
	Dominion Bureau of Statistics		Bureau of Labor Statistics		National Industrial Conference Board		Mexico City	
Nature of Index	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods
Base Period	1935-39	1935-39	1935-39	1935-39	1923	1923	1934	1934
1913	79.1	89.1	70.7	79.9	-	-	-	-
1920	145.4	189.5	143.0	168.8	118.2	136.2	-	-
1926	121.8	133.3	126.4	137.4	104.3	110.6	-	-
1929	121.7	134.7	122.5	132.5	100.1	106.9	-	-
1932	99.0	85.7	97.6	86.4	77.9	69.7	-	-
1935	94.4	84.9	92.4	84.1	74.9	67.8	-	-
1937	101.2	103.2	102.7	105.3	87.8	84.7	138.5	136.7
1938	102.2	103.8	100.8	97.8	85.7	78.7	153.3	157.9
1939	101.5	100.6	99.4	95.2	84.5	76.6	155.4	156.2
1940	105.6	105.6	100.2	96.5	85.3	77.7	157.3	153.6
1941	111.7	116.1	105.2	105.5	89.0	85.3	163.9	158.5
1942	117.0	127.2	116.5	123.9	97.7	100.9	188.3	179.0
1943	118.4	130.7	123.5	138.0	103.3	112.6	246.6	229.3
	(a)	(a)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)		
1939 August	100.8	99.3	98.6	93.5	84.0	75.3	156.0	157.4
1944 January	119.0	131.5	124.2	136.1	103.9	111.1	277.2	258.6
February	118.9	130.9	123.8	134.5	103.4	109.6	282.2	264.4
March	119.0	131.1	123.8	134.1	103.4	109.2	291.2	275.9
April	119.1	131.5	124.6	134.6	104.1	110.1	301.5	288.4
May	119.2	131.7	125.1	135.5	104.4	110.7	308.5	296.6
June	119.0	131.1	125.4	135.7	104.4	110.6	316.0	306.0
July	119.0	132.0	126.1	137.4	105.0	111.9	325.2	317.1
August	118.9	131.5	126.4	137.7	105.1	111.9	322.2	312.9
September	118.8	131.2	126.5	137.0	105.0	111.5	325.5	317.0
October	118.6	130.8	126.5	136.4	105.1	111.1	328.2	320.3
November	118.9	131.6	126.6	136.5	105.2	111.1	323.2	313.1
December	118.5	130.3	127.0	137.4	105.6	112.2	310.4	296.3

(a) First of month.      (b) Fifteenth of month.

# INDEX NUMBERS OF LIVING COSTS AND RETAIL FOOD PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

CONTINENT	NORTH AMERICA		E U R O P E					
COUNTRY	NEWFOUNDLAND		UNITED KINGDOM		EIRE		SWITZERLAND	
	Official		Minister of Labour		105 Towns and Localities		34 Towns	
Nature of Index	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods
Base Period	St. John's	St. Johns	Living		Living		Living	
	October, 1938		July, 1914		July, 1914		June, 1914	
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	249	256	-	-	224	242
1926	-	-	172	164	185	179	162	160
1929	-	-	164	154	176	169	161	156
1932	-	-	144	126	157	141	138	126
1933	-	-	140	120	151	131	131	117
1937	-	-	154	139	170	156	137	130
1938	-	-	156	141	173	159	137	130
1939	104.4(b)	108.6(b)	158	141	178	163	138	132
1940	-	-	184	164	205	183	151	146
1941	128.2(b)	143.0(b)	199	168	226	202	174	175
1942	140.3	163.1	200	161	250	225	193	200
1943	149.1	173.5	199	166	282	247	203	211
	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(c)	(c)	(d)	(d)
1939 August	-	-	155	137	173	158	137	131
1944 January	159.5	177.8	199	168	-	-	206	213
February	160.1	178.5	200	168	296	263	206	214
March	161.7	182.1	200	168	-	-	206	214
April	162.9	182.3	200	168	-	-	207	215
May	163.2	183.0	200	168	292	256	207	215
June	162.4	181.3	200	168	-	-	208	216
July	161.2	183.1	201	169	-	-	209	217
August	162.4	185.9	202	170	296	263	208	216
September	159.9	180.5	202	169	-	-	208	215
October	157.9	176.3	201	168	-	-	208	215
November	158.8	176.9	201	168	294	261	208	215
December	158.7	176.8	201	168	-	-	-	-

(a) First of month. (b) October. (c) Middle of month. (d) Last week of month.



# INDEX NUMBERS OF LIVING COSTS AND RETAIL FOOD PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

CONTINENT		EUROPE			AFRICA			ASIA	
COUNTRY	PORTUGAL	ICELAND		EGYPT		SOUTH AFRICA		INDIA	
Nature of Index	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods
		Reykjavik		Cairo	Cairo	9 Towns	9 Towns	Bombay	Bombay
Base Period	June, 1914	Jan.-March, 1939		Jan. 1913-July, 1914		1938=1000		July/33 June/34	July/33 June/34
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	-	237	281(b)	1,458	1,660	-	-
1926	-	-	-	160	158(b)	1,063	1,096	-	-
1929	2,361	-	-	151	146	1,066	1,072	-	-
1932	1,949	-	-	132	112	958	891	-	-
1933	1,948	-	-	125	101	932	917	-	-
1937	2,102	-	-	129	111	965	954	106	114
1938	2,037	-	-	131	115	1,000	1,000	106	113
1939	1,918	103	104	131	112	999	993	106	114
1940	2,009	128	136	143	118	1,034	1,025	112	125
1941	2,263	160	189	177	147	1,082	1,099	124	140
1942	2,758	206	264	235	196	1,173	1,211	157	180
1943	3,118	256	330	310	264	1,244	1,316	229	-
	(a)	(c)	(c)						
1939 August	1,903	103	104	128	110	993	977	105	112
1944 January	3,126	263	329	327	276	1,264	1,333	238	-
February	3,133	263	331	332	283	1,272	1,357	230	249
March	3,153	265	331	339	288	1,283	1,379	226	241
April	3,159	266	330	338	286	1,291	1,401	231	247
May	3,191	270	338	341	288	1,292	1,401	235	252
June	3,221	268	331	346	293	1,296	1,405	-	-
July	3,205	266	329	353	307	1,285	1,373	-	-
August		266	329	359	318	1,274	1,341	-	-
September		272	342			1,281	1,356	-	-
October		271	340			1,301	1,363	-	-
November		271	341			1,308	1,383	-	-
December								-	-

(a) Middle of month. (b) July. (c) First of month.

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CONTINENT	A S I A		O C E A N I A		CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA			
COUNTRY	JAPAN	AUSTRALIA	NEW ZEALAND	JAMAICA	TRINIDAD			
Nature of Index	Cost of Living, Tokyo	Cost of Living 6 Capital Cities	Foods and Groceries, 6 Capital Cities	Cost of Living, 25 Towns	Cost of Living, Kingston	Foods, Kingston	Cost of Living	Foods
Base Period	Jan.-June 1939	July, 1936-June, 1939	1926-1930	August, 1939	1935	1935		
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	-	101.9	-	-	-	-
1926	-	(c)	(c)	101.0	-	-	-	-
1929	-	115.0	115.5	100.4	-	-	-	-
1932	-	-	-	83.8	-	-	-	-
1933	-	-	-	79.5	-	-	-	-
1937	-	97.3	96.3	92.2	-	-	-	-
1938	-	99.8	98.9	95.1	-	-	-	-
1939	(g)	102.9	104.8	99.0	-	-	-	-
1940	120	105.1	106.1	103.5	120.5	123.7	129	-
1941	122	111.1	108.4	107.3	135.2	133.1	140	-
1942	125	117.6	111.8	110.9	152.2	144.4	159	154(h)
1943	133	126.7	120.3	(d)100.2	157.1	143.9	184	191(h)
	(b)	(a)		(d)	(e)	(e)	(f)	(f)
1939 August	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.0	108	-
1944 January	139	-	116.7	-	157.7	139.0	195	206
February	139	-	116.6	-	-	-	197	209
March	141	126.8	116.8	100.5	159.9	141.2	196	208
April	145	-	116.7	-	159.9	140.1	197	208
May	146	-	116.9	-	160.0	139.1	194	204
June	146	126.9	118.5	100.1	159.9	141.3	194	-
July	147	-	119.0	-	158.4	135.9	194	204
August	148	-	113.9	-	158.8	133.7	194	204
September	155	127.3	117.7	100.3	156.9	137.1	194	204
October	-	-	117.5	-	159.7	140.6	193	204
November	-	-	116.7	-	-	-	193	204
December	-	127.0	116.6	100.4	-	-	193	204

(a) Average of quarter. (b) Middle of month. (c) Each yearly index is for the period from July of preceding year to June of year specified. (d) New wartime price series on base December 1942=100, computed quarterly, beginning March 1943. (e) End of month. (f) First of month. (g) Source: League of Nations Bulletin of Statistics. (h) July.



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CONTINENT	CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA							
COUNTRY	ARGENTINA		BRAZIL		CHILE		PERU	
Nature of Index	Cost of Living Buenos Aires	Foods Buenos Aires	Cost of Living Rio de Janeiro	Foods	Cost of Living Santiago	Foods Santiago	Cost of Living Lima	Foods Lima
Base Period	1933	1939	1912	1912	March 1928	March 1928	1913	1913
1913	-	-	102	106	-	-	100	100
1920	-	-	167	170	-	-	210	208
1926	-	-	266	236	-	-	201	182
1929	-	-	267	242	109	119	177	159
1932	-	-	235	218	114	115	151	143
1933	88.8	-	233	214	(b)141	147	(a)143	139
1937	99.1	-	327	309	176	205	170	173
1938	98.4	-	341	309	184	214	172	169
1939	100.0	100.0	350	315	187	210	170	159
1940	102.3	102.3	363	333	210	245	183	174
1941	105.0	105.2	406	359	242	281	198	197
1942	110.9	115.1	453	404	304	367	222	220
1943	112.1	116.6	503	469	354	434	242	244
1934-1936=100								
1939 August	99.5	-	347	310	186	206	(c)	(c)
1944 January	109.2		526	490	365	439	171	180
February	107.7		528	494	361	429	172	182
March	110.1		531	502	368	442	173	174
April	107.9		533	511	382	446	175	179
May	108.4		547	537	390	447	180	187
June	108.9		547	537	388	442	182	187
July	110.7		567	547	388	438	185	191
August	106.0		569	550	400	465	187	195
September	108.5		572	553	420	504	187	193
October	110.4		576	569			188	194
November			585	590			188	194
December							189	195

(a) Since October, 1933, including heating. (b) Revised index, including rent. (c) New series. 1943 averages are 164 and 159 respectively for cost of living and food.

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