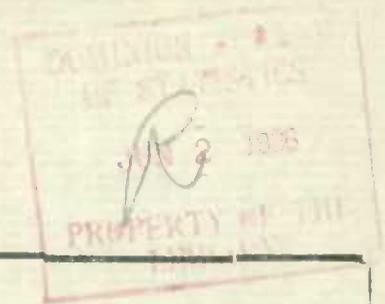


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RECENT WHOLESALE PRICE MOVEMENTS IN OTHER COUNTRIES
THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1936.

GENERAL: Wholesale price levels in most countries of the world remained firm during the first quarter of 1936, and gave further indication of a general tendency to stabilize close to present positions. Even in Belgium which devalued its currency by 28 p.c. in March 1935, the stimulus of this procedure seemed to have been exhausted by the closing months of that year, and there was comparatively little movement in prices during the first quarter of 1936. The gradual advance in French wholesale price indexes continued for the first three months of the current year, but registered an appreciable reaction in April. In the Netherlands and Switzerland, other remaining free gold standard countries in Europe, the slight rises of last summer and autumn were followed by moderate recessions. The Scandinavian countries have furnished perhaps the best example of price stability during the past six months, index variations for this period being of negligible proportions. In the United Kingdom, changes have also been very small. For the first three months of 1936, metals and wool were higher, while cereal grains and meats declined. The official German wholesale price index has fluctuated within a range of less than two p.c. since last November.

In the United States an appreciable reaction occurred in prices of farm products and foods during March, although other commodity groups showed little variation. This followed nearly two months after the annulling of A.A.A. legislation involving a processing tax upon basic agricultural commodities. The general wholesale price level has remained comparatively steady at about 80 p.c. of 1926 levels since April 1935. In Canada, wholesale prices have ranged between 70 p.c. and 73 p.c. of 1926 levels since the beginning of 1934.

In the Orient and Australasia, the only change of consequence occurred in China, where indexes for both northern and southern areas have advanced more than 15 p.c. since last mid-summer. After a preceding rise, the Tokyo index of Japan tended to recede gradually during the first quarter of 1936. Little change occurred in Australian and New Zealand price levels in this period, although slight declines occurred in the index for the latter country.

RECENT COST OF LIVING MOVEMENTS IN OTHER COUNTRIES

THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1936

Living costs reflected the underlying stability of wholesale prices generally during the first quarter of 1936. There were, however, a few noteworthy exceptions to this statement. In France, living cost indexes continued to advance, due almost entirely to the influence of food prices. The Belgian index on the other hand declined moderately in the first quarter of 1936, after a sharp rise in the last three quarters of 1935. Cost of living series for China moved upward in line with rising wholesale prices, and the Tokyo index for Japan also advanced, although wholesale prices ceased to rise in Japan towards the close of 1935. During the first three months of 1936, cost of living changes in other countries including the United Kingdom, the United States, and Germany were very slight.

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

CONTINENT	NORTH AMERICA												
COUNTRY	CANADA						UNITED STATES						
Authority	Dominion Bureau of Statistics						Irving Fisher	Bureau of Labor Statistics	Bradstreet	Dun	Annalist		
	General Index		Consumers' Goods	Producers' Goods	Raw and Partly Mfd. Goods	Fully and chiefly Mfd. Goods							
No. of Commodities	567 (c)		236(d)	402(d)	245(d)	322 (d)	200	784 (b)	106		200	72 Series	
Base Period	1926	1913	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1913	1913	1913		
1913	64.0	100.0	61.9	67.4	63.8	64.8	69.8	69.8	9.2115	100	120.887	100	100
1914	65.5	102.3	62.7	69.7	66.5	65.5	68.1	68.1	8.9034	97	122.211	101	-
1919	134.0	209.2	118.7	139.0	131.5	132.5	138.6	138.6	18.6642	203	230.846	190	-
1920	155.9	243.5	140.0	163.1	155.7	156.8	154.4	154.4	18.8095	204	248.721	205	-
1921	110.0	171.8	108.0	112.8	107.5	116.7	97.6	97.6	11.3696	123	170.451	141	-
1922	97.3	152.0	95.1	99.1	94.8	100.5	96.7	96.7	12.1185	132	171.660	142	-
1923	98.0	153.0	93.7	97.8	91.1	103.1	101.1	100.6	13.4028	146	189.787	157	-
1924	99.4	155.2	93.2	99.5	94.8	101.9	98.9	98.1	12.8672	140	189.322	157	-
1925	102.6	160.3	97.2	104.9	100.8	103.8	105.2	103.5	13.9445	151	197.694	164	158.9
1926	100.0	156.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	(b)100.0	13.0207	141	189.398	157	150.2
1927	97.7	152.6	95.7	98.5	99.9	96.5	94.2	95.4	12.7787	139	187.092	155	144.7
1928	96.4	150.6	95.6	96.7	97.4	95.0	97.9	96.7	13.2823	144	194.521	161	149.0
1929	95.6	149.3	94.7	96.3	97.5	93.0	96.3	95.3	12.6727	138	191.043	158	145.6
1930	86.6	135.3	89.3	82.8	82.2	87.3	86.3	86.4	10.7451	117	174.453	144	127.6
1931	72.1	112.6	76.5	67.8	61.9	74.9	71.4	73.0	8.7604	95	147.353	122	104.1
1932	66.7	104.2	71.3	63.1	55.0	69.8	61.6	64.8	7.0949	77	134.303	111	91.1
1933	67.1	104.8	71.1	63.1	56.6	70.2	64.6	66.0	7.8557	85	144.661	120	94.9
1934	71.6	111.8	74.1	67.8	63.5	73.4	76.6	75.0	9.2195	100	166.082	137	113.2
1935	72.1	112.6	73.6	69.5	66.0	72.8	83.0		9.9222	108	174.744	145	125.9
1935									(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	
April	72.5	113.2	73.4	70.6	66.4	73.3	81.6	80.1	9.6643	105	172.461	143	125.8
May	72.2	112.8	73.0	70.6	66.3	72.3	82.3	80.2	9.7965	106	176.231	146	126.0
June	71.4	111.5	72.7	69.3	65.0	71.5	82.0	79.8	9.9070	108	174.314	144	123.2
July	71.4	111.5	72.7	68.6	64.9	71.8	82.1	79.4	9.8416	107	171.046	141	123.6
August	71.7	112.0	73.2	69.0	65.0	72.3	83.8	80.5	9.9185	108	171.511	142	126.8
September	72.4	113.1	73.4	70.1	67.3	72.4	85.1	80.7	10.0085	109	170.859	141	127.6
October	73.1	114.2	74.1	70.5	67.9	73.3	85.4	80.5	10.1762	110	177.514	147	129.2
November	72.7	113.6	74.2	69.4	67.2	72.9	84.7	80.6	10.2834	112	178.614	148	128.3
December	72.7	113.6	74.4	69.4	67.2	72.9	84.2	80.9	10.4029	113	177.732	147	129.4
1936													
January	72.9	113.9	74.2	69.8	67.9	72.8	84.0	80.6	10.3641	113	178.063	147	128.3
February	72.5	113.2	73.9	69.3	67.5	72.2	83.5	80.6	10.0204	109	179.045	148	126.4
March	72.4	113.1	73.8	69.3	67.3	72.1	82.6	79.6	9.9196	108	179.601	149	124.9
April	72.2	112.8	72.3	69.1	66.8	72.2	82.5		9.8541	107	173.649	144	

(a) First of month. (b) No. of commodities changed from 550 to 784 since January 1926. (c) No. of commodities changed in 1926 from 236 to 502 and, in January, 1934 to 567. (d) No. of commodities changed from 204, 351, 232, 276 to 236, 402, 245 and 322 in January, 1934.

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CONTINENT	SOUTH AMERICA				EUROPE							
COUNTRY	MEXICO	ARGENTINA	CHILE	PERU	UNITED KINGDOM				FRANCE		GERMANY	
Authority	Official	Banco de la Nacion	Official	Official	Board of Trade	Economist	Statist	Times	Statistique Générale	Statistique Générale	Federal Statistical Office	
No. of Commodities	32	108		58	200	58	58	45	60	45	126	400
Base period	1929	1926	1913	1913	1930	1913	1927	1913	1913	July, 1914	1913	1913
1913		75.5	100	100		100		100	100	102	100	100
1914				104						100 July		99 July
1918				212				226.5		346		208 July
1919				220				241.9		364		339 July
1920				239	(f) 307.3			295.3	251.2(d)	520		1367 July
1921		108.2		205	197.2			182.4	162.1(d)	352		1428 July
1922		98.5		190	158.8			154.1	158.6(d)	334		10059 July
1923		101.8		189	158.9			151.8	169.1(d)	428		7478700 July
1924		109.5		192	166.2	158.9	115.7	164.6	179.3(d)	499		137.3(a)
1925		110.9		202	159.1	155.1	112.0	159.5	152.8(d)	561		141.8
1926		100.0		203	148.1	143.2	104.0	149.6	142.1(d)	718	695	134.4
1927		98.1		203	141.6	137.6	100.0	144.2	141.9(d)	630	642	137.3
1928		98.5	195.5	192	140.3	135.1	98.1	141.9	137.5(d)	634	645	140.0
1929	100.0	96.4	192.4	186	136.5	127.2	92.4	134.4	128.8(d)	623	627	137.2
1930	103.4	92.2	166.9	178	(e) 100.0	106.8	77.6	113.2	103.2(d)	543	554	124.6
1931	89.7	89.0	152.2	175	87.8	89.3	64.9	97.7	99.5(d)	462	502	110.9
1932	84.3	89.5	230.2	170	85.6	86.1	62.6	94.9	94.3(d)	407	427	96.5
1933	89.8	85.6	346.4	180	85.7	86.9	63.1	93.7	98.2(d)	388	398	93.3
1934	94.7	98.4	343.6	188	88.1	90.3	65.6	96.4		366	376	98.4
1935			343.3	189	88.9	94.3		99.5		347	338	101.8
				(c)		(b)	(b)	(b)			(b)	
1935												
March	94.6	97.1	336.7	191	86.9	90.9	66.1	97.5		344	335	100.7
April	93.4	96.6	334.9	191	87.5	91.3	66.7	98.9		346	336	100.3
May	93.1	96.4	339.3	190	88.2	94.3	68.1	100.2		353	340	100.8
June	93.6	96.1	339.6	192	88.4	93.7	67.5	98.5		344	330	101.2
July	95.5	95.6	342.4	191	88.0	93.7	68.1	99.2		334	322	101.8
August	94.8	95.7	343.3	189	88.4	93.0	67.9	98.9		343	330	102.4
September	96.3	96.6	346.2	187	89.6	96.1	69.9	100.1		345	332	102.3
October	95.3	98.5	348.7	188	91.1	98.5	71.5	100.9		350	342	102.8
November	94.3	98.5	351.5	188	91.2	98.2	71.3	101.5		353	348	103.1
December	93.8	98.7	350.1	189	91.4	98.3	71.5	102.0		357	354	103.4
1936												
January	93.4	98.9	353.7	191	91.8	93.1	71.3	102.0		364	359	103.6
February			355.2	192	91.7	97.4	70.9	102.0		377	372	103.6
March					91.7			101.6		379	376	103.6

(a) Since 1924, new series. (b) End of month. (c) Fifteenth of month. (d) December. (e) Since January 1935, new series, 1930=100.

(f) 1920-29, base 1913=100.

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CONTINENT	EUROPE										
COUNTRY	AUSTRIA	SWITZERLAND	BELGIUM	NETHERLANDS	NORWAY		SWEDEN		DENMARK	ALBANIA	SPAIN
Authority	Federal Statistical Office	Federal Labour Department	Ministry of Industry and Labour	Central Bureau of Statistics	Okonomisk Revue	Official	Gotabergs Handels Tidning	Commerce Department	Official	Official	Director General of Statistics
No. of Commodities	47 (b)	78	130	48	100	95	47	160		23	74
Base Period	January - July, 1914	July 1914	April 1914	1913	Dec. 21/13 - June 30/14	1913	July 1/13 - June 30/14	1913	1931	1927	1913
1913				100	100	100		100			
1914		100 April	100 April	109	115		116		100		100
1919				304	322		330				101
1920				292	382		347	359			204
1921		200.1	366 (c)	182	298		211	222			221
1922	99	157.9	367	160	233		162	173			190
1923	124	169.9	497	151	233	232	157	163			176
1924	136	171.2	573	156	269	268	155	162			172
1925	136	160.5	559	155	251	253	157	161	210		183
1926	123	144.5	744	145	196	198	144	149			188
1927	133	142.2	847	148	160	167	141	146	163		181
1928	130	144.6	843	149	155	157(e)	144	148	153	100	172
1929	130	141.2	851	142	148	149	134	140	153	104	167
1930	117	126.5	744	117	138	137	115	122	150	100	171
1931	109	109.7	626	97	123	122	105	111	130	88	172
1932	112	96.0	532	79	125	122	101	109	114	90	174
1933	108	91.0	501	74	124	122	100	107	117	74	173
1934	110	89.8	473	78	126	124	107	114	125	57	159
1935	110				132		111		132	51	163
1935	(d)	(a)	(f)			(d)			(g)	(a)	-
March	109	86.4	464	75	130	126	108	115	119	53	165
April	109	87.1	531	76	130	125	109	115	120	53	165
May	110	87.6	552	75	131	125	111	115	120	54	165
June	111	88.6	555	75	132	126	112	116	120	55	165
July	112	89.9	553	74	133	127	112	116	120	55	163
August	111	91.4	552	73	133	128	110	115	120	55	162
September	110	92.2	560	75	133	128	111	115	123	56	162
October	109	93.3	574	78	134	130	113	117	124	57	
November	109	92.8	582	78	134	130	114	118	126	61	
December	109	92.1	579	78	134	131	113	118	126	62	
1936										63	
January	108	91.1	581	77	134	131	113	118	126	63	
February	107	91.0	582	77	135	132		118	126	63	
March	107		578		135				126		

(a) End of month. (b) No. of Commodities changed from 42 to 47. (c) Average of 5 months. (d) Fifteenth of month. (e) New series beginning 1928. (f) Second half of month. (g) New series; 1931=100-annual figures 1925-1934 on 1913 base.

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CONTINENT	EUROPE													
COUNTRY	ITALY		POLAND	FINLAND		LITHUANIA	LATVIA	YUGOSLAVIA	GREECE	ESTONIA	BULGARIA	HUNGARY	CZECHOSLOVAKIA	TURKEY
Authority	Bachi	Milan Chamber of Commerce	Commerce Reports	Official		Official	Official	National Bank	Official	Official	Official	Official	General Bureau of Statistics	Official
No. of Commodities	150	125	238	135	139	88	61	55	60	44	55	52	126	52
Base Period	1913	1913	1928	1913	1926	1913	1913	1926	Jan. 1913- July 1914	1913	1914	1913	July, 1914	1913- 1914
1913	100	100		100		100	100			100		100		
1914				103							100		100 July	
1920				1183										
1921	531	517(e)		1263										
1922	508	529		1219						113				
1923	512	536		1095						114		122		
1924	512	554		1100						116		138		
1925	596	646		1129	(d)					124		140		
1926	603	654		1088	100	134		100.0		114	2,947	124		
1927	495	527		1133	101	134		103.4		114	3,017	132		1262
1928	462	491	100.0	1110	102	134	128.6	106.2		121	3,237	135	143.1	1296
1929	445	481	96.3		98	129	119.9	100.6	1,811	117	3,447	121(c)	135.0	1316
1930	383	411	85.5		90	108	101.9	86.6	1,646	102	2,788	96	118.5	1000
1931	328	342	74.6		84	94	84.8	72.9	1,471	91	2,332	95	107.9	859
1932	304	310	65.5		90	76	85.1	65.2	1,766	83	2,071	92	99.7	738
1933	280	283	59.1		89	68	83.7	64.4	1,997	86	1,821	76	96.4	648
1934	273	276	55.8		90		83.0	63.2	1,969	85	1,873	79	84.7(d)	672
1935	(a)	(f)	(a)		90		86.0	(a)		84	1,917	(f)	(a)	731
1935													(b)	
March	288	289	52.1		90		86.0	63.0	1,998	82	1,891	85	85.3	709
April	296	299	52.2		90		85.0	62.9	1,987	80	1,946	86	84.9	682
May	302	304	52.7		90		85.0	64.0	1,974	81	1,907	88	85.7	674
June	308	315	52.6		90		85.0	63.9	1,966	82	1,896	87	86.1	680
July	310	319	52.9		90		85.0	63.3	1,986	81	1,892	90	88.0	704
August	323	329	53.6		90		85.0	64.8	1,998	83	1,887	89	86.0	717
September	330	337	54.2		91		86.0	67.8		84	1,898	92	86.0	725
October			54.5		92		87.0	70.0		88	1,963	95	85.6	745
November			54.5		91		88.0	71.2		89	1,972	95	86.2	798
December			52.7		91		88.0	71.6		89	1,967	97	86.2	844
1936														
January			52.1		90		88.0	71.1		90	1,911	94	86.6	
February			52.2		91			70.0		90		93	85.8	
March			52.1		91								86.0	

(a) End of month. (b) First of Month. (c) Since January, 1929, new index. (d) Since March 1934, compiled according to the new gold parity.
 (e) Average of eight months. (f) Average of last week of month.

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CONTINENT	A S I A						O C E A N I A			A F R I C A	
COUNTRY	INDIA		DUTCH EAST INDIES	INDO-CHINA	CHINA		JAPAN	COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA	NEW ZEALAND	SOUTH AFRICA	EGYPT
Authority	Department of Statistics Calcutta	Labour Office Bombay	Official	Statistique generale Saigon	Ministry of Industries North-China	National Tariff Commission Shanghai	Bank of Japan	Commonwealth Statistician Melbourne	Government Statistician	Census and Statistics Office	Department of Statistics Cairo
No. of Commodities	72	43	92	37	100	154	56	92	180	188	23
Base Period	July, 1914	July, 1914	1913	1913	1926	1926	1913	1913	1909-1913	1913	Jan. 1, 1913- July 31, 1914
1913			100	100	68		100.0	100.0		100.0	
1914	100(a)	100(a)	98(a)		67		95.5	105.6	1053	96.9	
1920	201	216	279		89		259.4	227.9	2092	223.3	216
1921	178	198	191		89	104.6	200.3	174.9	1942	160.4	173
1922	176	187	170		87	98.6	195.8	161.6	1665	128.4	146
1923	172	181	173		90	102.0	199.1	178.7	1598	126.6	132
1924	173	182	173		93	97.9	206.4	173.3	1634	128.7	143
1925	159	163	166	132	97	99.3	201.6	169.5	1627	127.6	152
1926	148	149	159	131	100	100.0	178.8	168.4	1553	123.3	132
1927	148	147	154	142	103	104.4	169.8	167.0	1478	124.0	121
1928	145	146	149	148	108	101.7	170.8	164.7	1492	120.4	120
1929	141	145	148	153	111	104.5	166.1	165.7	1488	116.0	116
1930	116	126	134	153	116	114.8	136.8	146.7	1449	102.7	104
1931	96	109	105	129	123	126.7	115.6	131.3	(e)1346	99.5	97
1932	91	109	86	116	113	112.4(d)	121.7	129.7	1297	91.5	84
1933	87	98	71	106	101	103.8	135.6	129.5	1308	93.1	71
1934	89	95	67	96	92	97.1	134.2	135.2	1330	101.7	87
1935	91		65			(b)	140.2	135.0	(c)		95
<u>1935</u>	(b)										
April	88	98	65	95	95	95.9	137.8	132.7	1367	92.8	92
May	91	99	66	96	95	95.0	137.8	134.0	1365	-	92
June	91	99	65	95	93	92.1	136.2	134.7	1374	-	94
July	91	100	64	94	92	90.5	136.2	135.9	1386	95.0	95
August	89	99	64	92	92	91.9	138.2	137.7	1373		96
September	89	100	65	92	91	91.1	142.7	137.4	1419		92
October	93	100	66	95	94	94.1	146.6	137.8	1434		96
November	92	98	66	95	101	103.3	146.3	135.9	1419		94
December	93	97	65	94	103	103.3	145.0	134.2	1414		94
<u>1936</u>											
January	92		65	94	104	104.3	144.9	135.6	1405		92
February	91				107	105.4	144.3	134.7	1384		89
March						106.4	144.1				88

(a) July. (b) End of month. (c) Fifteenth of month. (d) Average for ten months only. (e) Revised since January, 1931. (f) Monthly average.

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CONTINENT	NORTH AMERICA				EUROPE						
COUNTRY	CANADA		UNITED STATES		UNITED KINGDOM		IRISH FREE STATE		FRANCE		
Nature of Index	Dominion Bureau of Statistics		Bureau of Labor Statistics, Foods	National Industrial Conference Board, Cost of Living	Ministry of Labour		105 Towns & Localities		300 Towns	Paris	Paris
	Foods	Cost of Living			Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Foods	Cost of Living
Base Period	1926	1926	1923 (a)	1923	July, 1914		July, 1914		July, 1914		
1913	(c)	(c)	68.4						(g) (i)	(g)	
1914	68.9	66.0	70.0	60.2	100 July	100 July	100 July	100 July	100 July	100 July	100 July
1920	141.1	124.2	139.1	119.4					386	371	342
1921	107.9	109.2	104.8	102.7	230	226			374	337	309
1922	91.4	100.0	96.8	97.3	176	183	191	188	317	307	296
1923	92.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	169	174	188	184	349	332	334
1924	90.7	98.0	99.8	101.5	170	175	190	186	406	380	369
1925	94.7	99.3	107.7	103.8	171	176	193	190	450	425	400
1926	100.0	100.0	109.8	103.8	164	172	179	185	571	554	505
1927	98.1	98.4	106.4	101.6	160	168	170	175	551	556	514
1928	98.6	98.9	105.6	100.4	157	166	169	174	537	549	519
1929	101.0	99.9	107.2	100.0	154	164	169	176	609	102.2(h)	556
1930	98.6	99.2	100.6	96.2	145	158	160	171	609	100.0	581
1931	77.3	89.6	83.1	86.7	131	147	147	161	605	98.8	569
1932	64.3	81.4	69.9	77.7	126	144	141	157	535	87.6	526
1933	63.7	77.7	68.1	74.8	120	140	131	151	501	82.9	520
1934	69.4	78.7	75.9	79.4	122	141	135	152		78.0	516
1935	70.4	79.3		88.1							482
	(e)	(e)	(f)	(f)	(e)	(e)	(f)	(f)		(f)	(d)
<u>1935</u>											
April	68.6	78.6	85.4	83.2	119	139	-	-	-	69.4	-
May	68.7	78.6	85.1	82.9	118	139	132	151	-	69.0	490
June	69.3	78.8	84.2	82.7	120	140	-	-	-	67.8	-
July	69.3	78.8	83.3	82.6	126	143	-	-	-	66.6	-
August	71.3	79.4	83.7	83.0	126	143	140	156	-	65.4	469
September	70.9	79.6	84.8	83.5	125	143	-	-	-	65.9	-
October	72.4	80.4	85.2	83.9	128	145	-	-	-	67.6	-
November	73.2	80.6	86.1	84.3	131	147	150	162	-	70.2	478
December	73.7	80.6	87.2	84.8	131	147	-	-	-	71.8	-
<u>1936</u>											
January	73.9	80.7	86.9	84.8	131	147	-	-	-	72.0	-
February	72.9	80.4	85.7	84.4	130	147	145	159	-	73.6	-
March	73.4	80.5	84.3	84.1						73.9	-
April	71.0	79.8									

(a) Original base, 1913=100. Index for 1923 on 1913 base, 146.2. (c) Recalculated on 1926 base. (d) Average of quarter. (e) First of month. (f) Fifteenth of month. (g) Prior to 1929; 13 commodities, including alcohol and petroleum; corresponding figures for 1929; Paris, 611; other towns, 583. (h) Since 1929; 55 foodstuffs; base 1930. (i) 300 towns of more than 10,000 inhabitants, excluding Paris. Since 1929; 29 foodstuffs.

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CONTINENT	EUROPE													
	GERMANY		BELGIUM		POLAND		CZECHOSLOVAKIA		GREECE		HUNGARY		BULGARIA	
COUNTRY	Cost of Living 72 Towns	Foods 72 Towns	Cost of Living 59 Localities	Foods	Cost of Living Warsaw	Foods Warsaw	Cost of Living Prague	Foods Prague	Cost of Living 44 Towns	Foods 44 Towns	Cost of Living Budapest	Foods Budapest	Cost of Living 12 (67)	Foods Towns (n)
Nature of Index	1913/1914	1913/1914	1921	1921	1928	1928	July, 1914	July, 1914	1914	1914	1913	1913	1914	1914
Base Period	1913/1914	1913/1914	1921	1921	1928	1928	July, 1914	July, 1914	1914	1914	1913	1913	1914	1914
1913					(c)	(c)	100(g)	100(g)	100	100	100	100	100	100
1914														
1920	1065(g)	1252(g)												
1921	1250(g)	1491(g)	100	100									100	100
1922	5392(g)	6836(g)	93	90					398	393			1,409	1,766
1923	2765100(g)	4651000(g)	109	106					636	632			1,899	2,337
1924	(a) 127.6	(a) 126.3	128	127			692(f)	769(f)	1,181	1,213			1,868	2,399
1925	139.8	147.8	136	137			695	787	1,235	1,271	199(j)	145(j)	2,057	2,705
1926	141.2	144.4	165	171			724	827	1,414	1,455	112	132	2,339	3,024
1927	147.6	151.9	203	208	99.5		716	800	1,633	1,673	103	155	2,871	2,813
1928	151.7	152.3	208	207	100.0	100	747	850	1,790	1,843	100	126	2,814	2,751
1929	154.0	154.5	220	218	101.4	96.9	748	842	1,868	1,929	118	131	2,875	2,883
1930	148.1	142.9	228	209	94.4	83.7	744	813	1,923	1,987	117	124	2,941	2,992
1931	136.1	127.6	205	176	85.9	73.9	746	782	1,682	1,719	106	105	2,690	2,439
1932	120.6	112.3	184	150	78.2	64.9	713	712	1,671(1)	1,576(1)	101	96	2,349	1,913
1933	118.0	109.9	182	150	71.2	58.0	700	677	1,773	1,697	98	91	2,160	1,765
1934	121.1	116.2	175	143	66.5		693	657	1,904	1,857	91	81	2,006	1,680
1935			176	146			685	633	1,937	1,898	89	77	1,873	1,676
1935			(k)	(k)	(b)	(b)	696	656	1,961	1,930	91	81	1,750	1,643
April	122.3	119.0	167	133	62.4	47.2	684	630	1,937	1,891	(b)	(b)	(h)	(h)
May	122.0	120.2	169	136	63.0	48.5	689	643	1,948	1,908	89	78	1,770	1,628
June	123.0	120.6	173	141	63.8	49.6	707	679	1,934	1,877	89	78	1,763	1,610
July	124.3	122.9	175	144	65.7	52.6	710	685	1,937	1,888	90	80	1,767	1,621
August	124.5	123.2	177	147	65.1	51.7	710	686	1,937	1,888	93	85	1,778	1,649
September	123.4	120.9	182	154	65.6	52.2	704	671	1,944	1,902	94	86	1,757	1,596
October	122.8	119.6	186	160	65.8	52.4	702	668	1,955	1,923	93	85	1,751	1,594
November	122.9	119.9	188	163	65.4	52.0	700	665	1,983	1,976	93	84	1,699	1,609
December	123.4	120.9	187	160	61.1	48.7	703	670	1,989	1,975	93	84	1,711	1,636
1936									1,996	1,982	93	85	1,714	1,649
January	124.3	122.3	187	161	60.3	47.7	707							
February	124.3	122.3	188	162	59.7	46.9	708	673	2,026	2,037	95	86	1,709	1,636
March	124.2	122.2	185	159	59.7	46.9	707	677	2,017	2,018	96	87		

(a) Since 1924, new series in Reichsmark prices, (b) Last week of month. (c) New Series. (d) Since date of stabilization, gold index. (e) Middle week of month. (f) Average of last seven months. (g) July. (h) Monthly average. (j) December. (k) Fifteenth of month. (l) Prior to 1931; old series 100 towns. (m) Prior to 1931; excluding clothing and rent. (n) Yearly figures 1921-1930; 65 towns, 1931-32: 67 towns, monthly figures, 12 towns.

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CONTINENT	EUROPE											
COUNTRY	ROUMANIA		YUGOSLAVIA		ITALY				AUSTRIA		SWITZERLAND	
Nature of Index	Cost of Living 20 Towns	Foods 20 Towns	Cost of Living 3 Towns	Foods 3 Towns	Cost of Living Milan	Foods Milan	Cost of Living 50 Towns	Foods 50 Towns	Cost of Living Vienna	Foods Vienna	Cost of Living 34 Towns	Foods 34 Towns
Base Period	1913	1913	July, 1914	July, 1914	Jan.-June, 30, 1914	Jan.-June, 30, 1914	June, 1927	June, 1927	July, 1914	July, 1914	June, 1914	June, 1914
1913	1,000	1,000			(e)	(e)						
1914			1,000	1,000(h)					100(h)	100(h)	100(f)	100(f)
1919									2,374		222	224
1920									4,828		224	242
1921	1,305(i)				541	559			15,476(c)	57,600	200	213
1922	1,708				501	515			460,733	539,783	164	163
1923	2,500				494	499			74(a)	1250,108	164	165
1924	2,985				527	528			88	1480,583	169	172
1925	3,250				611	622			97	1612,150	168	169
1926	3,552				654	655			103	116(a)	162	160
1927	3,855				588	559			106	119	160	158
1928	3,964		1,756	1,423	530	517	92.2	93.7	108	119	161	157
1929	4,244		1,819	1,446	545	543	93.9	96.0	111	122	161	156
1930	(4,206)	(4,046)	1,654	1,318	530	519	90.7	90.6	111	118	158	152
1931	3,004(j)	2,796(j)	1,523	1,202	485	452	81.9	79.1	106	108	150	141
1932	2,512	2,323	1,374	1,076	468	431	78.1	74.4	108	110	138	126
1933	2,319	2,163	1,189		449		74.7	70.2	105		131	117
1934	2,235	2,087	1,104		430		70.9	66.9	105		129	115
1935	2,552	2,439							105		128	114
1935			(k)		(d)		(d)	(d)	(b)		(g)	(g)
March	2,530	2,414	1,098		423		70.0	66.9	104		127	112
April	2,556	2,444	1,104		425		70.8	68.4	103		127	111
May	2,594	2,488	1,112		426		71.2	68.7	104		126	111
June	2,550	2,457	1,116		430		71.7	69.5	106		127	113
July	2,524	2,400	1,094		430		72.0	69.6	105		128	115
August	2,540	2,412	1,077		433		71.7	69.1	105		129	116
September	2,546	2,423					71.9	69.5	105		129	116
October	2,550	2,457							106		129	117
November	2,546	2,423							106		130	118
December	2,818	2,722							104		130	118
1936												
January	2,954	2,860							106		130	118
February	2,966	2,864							105		130	118
March									104		130	118

(a) Gold Index, since 1926, new series. (b) Middle of month. (c) December. (d) Average from 16th of previous month to 15th of current month.
 (e) Since 1927, new series. (f) June. (g) Last week of month. (i) 1921-1929; 71 towns, excluding rent. (j) Since 1931, new method of calculation.
 1930 figures are not comparable with other years (k) First of following month. (h) July.

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CONTINENT	EUROPE															
	NORWAY		SWEDEN		DENMARK		NETHERLANDS		FINLAND		ESTONIA		LATVIA		LITHUANIA	
COUNTRY	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods
Nature of Index	31 Towns	31 Towns	49 Towns	49 Towns	100 Localities	100 Localities	Amsterdam	Amsterdam	21 Towns	21 Towns	Tallinn	Tallinn	Riga	Riga	84 Towns	84 Towns
Base Period	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	1911-13	1911-13	Jan.-June 1914	Jan.-June 1914	1913	1913	1930	1930	1913	1913
1913			(j)	(j)							100	100			100	100
1914	100(h)	100(h)	100(h)	100(h)												
1918			219(h)	258(h)												
1919			257(h)	318(h)												
1920	300	319	270(h)	287(h)							1,058					
1921	277	295	236(h)	231(h)	232	227	202	217	1,171	1,254	85(h)	104(h)				
1922	231	231	190(h)	178(h)	200	184	182	184	1,139	1,143	91(h)	98(h)				
1923	218	217	174(h)	158(h)	206	189	174	171	1,147	1,079	102(h)	115(h)				
1924	239	250	171(h)	155(h)	216	204	177	176	1,170	1,093	94(h)	106(h)			110	
1925	243	256	176(h)	168(h)	211	201	179	176	1,212	1,147	107	118			136	
1926	206	197	172(h)	156(h)	184	160	168(c)	161(c)	1,212	1,147	107	118			151	
1927	186	173	169(h)	148(h)	177	152	168	163	154(f)	145(f)	106	118			141	146
1928	173(a)	168(a)	173(h)	156(h)	175	150	169	166	158	146	105	112			141	145
1929	166	158	169(h)	148(h)	173	148	168	162	161	150	112	120			137	144
1930	161	152	164(h)	138(h)	165	136	161	150	160	147	117	126			134	142
1931	153	139	158(h)	127(h)	155	120	151	136	147	127	104	103	100	100	115	117
1932	149	134	156(h)	124(h)	155	116	141	119	135	113	100(g)	91(g)	91	89	105	102
1933	147	131	153(h)	120(h)	161		139	119	134	117	94	80	79	75	88	85
1934	148	132	155(h)	123(h)			140	120	131	117	88	77	76	-	75	-
1935	151	137					136	114	128	114	87	76	72	-	70	-
1935	(i)	(i)	(b)	(b)	(b)		(b)	(b)			88	77	73		61	
March	149	135	-	-	-	-	-	(b)			(d)	(d)				
April	149	135	155	126	171			137	128	116	87	76	68		62	
May	150	136	-	-	-	-	-	114	128	116	87	76	71		62	
June	150	138	-	-	-	-	-	-	127	114	86	75	72		61	
July	151	140	156	129	172			116	128	116	85	73	79		60	
August	152	141	-	-				-	130	119	87	76	79		59	
September	152	140	-	-				-	132	122	87	76	76		59	
October	153	142	157	131				-	132	121	88	77	73		59	
November	153	142	-	-				137	133	124	93	83	81		59	
December	153	142	-	-				-	133	123	94	83	75		60	
1936									132	122	94	83	69		60	
January	153	142	158						130	118	94	84	66		61	
February	153	143							130	119	96	86	68		61	
March																

(a) Since 1928, new series. (b) First of month. (c) Since March, 1926, new series. (d) End of month. (f) Since date of stabilization, gold index. (g) Revised from May, 1931. (h) July. (i) Fifteenth of month. (j) New method of calculation since 1932.

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CONTINENT		EUROPE				AFRICA					ASIA							
COUNTRY		SPAIN		PORTUGAL		EGYPT		SOUTH AFRICA		PALESTINE	TURKEY		INDIA		DUTCH E. INDIES		INDO-CHINA	
Nature of Index	Cost of Living Madrid	Foods Madrid	Cost of Living Entire	Foods Country	Cost of Living Cairo	Foods Cairo	Cost of Living 9 Towns	Foods 9 Towns	Cost of Living 3 Towns	Cost of Living Istanbul	Foods Istanbul	Cost of living Bombay	Foods Bombay	Cost of Living Java & Madura	Foods	Cost of Living Saigon	Foods Saigon	
Base Period	1914	1914	June 1914	June 1914	Jan. 1913- July, 1914	Jan. 1913 July, 1914	1914	1914	January 1922	1914	1914	July 1914	July 1914	1913	1913	1925	1925	
1913			1,000(c)	1,000(c)			100	100		1,000	1,000	100(a)	100(a)	100	100			
1914	100	100																
1919	174				202	224(a)	145					186(a)	187(a)					
1920	190				237	281(a)	179					190(a)	188(a)					
1921	189	184			196	196(a)	162	145				177(a)	174(a)	213	216			
1922	181	177			176	172(a)	135	119	88.2			165(a)	160(a)	173	172			
1923	177	174			162	152(a)	131	117	76.6			153(a)	148(a)	160	158			
1924	184	188			161	148(a)	133	120	79.4			157(a)	151(a)	167	166			
1925	189	195			165	158(a)	133	120	83.8			157(a)	152(a)	166	165	100	100	
1926	187	191			160	158(a)	131	118	82.1			157(a)	155(a)	174	174	99	99	
1927	189	196			153	147(a)	131	118	77.4			156(a)	154(a)	160	158	103	103	
1928	176	178		3,030	152	144	131	117	73.7			147(a)	143(a)	148	148	106	104	
1929	181	185	2,361	2,362	151	146	131	115	69.4	1,381	1,555	148(a)	145(a)	158	157	113	112	
1930	186	194	2,243	2,241	148	141	128	110	61.4	1,272	1,292	140(a)	136(a)	152	152	121	117	
1931	194	205	1,990	1,986	138	123	123	105	55.3	1,203	1,114	108(a)	100(a)	102	102	105	92	
1932	187	192	1,949	1,948	132	112	118	96	56.6	1,172	1,030	109(a)	102(a)	80	76	92	76	
1933	181		1,948		125	101	115	99	54.9	1,047	924	103(a)	95(a)			85	69	
1934	186		1,968		127	110	116	104	55.1	1,031	912	97(a)	87(a)			78	60	
1935			1,982		130	115	116	102		957	892	101(a)	93(a)					
1935	(b)		(b)									(d)	(d)					
March	183	-	1,962	-	129	115	116	102	54.1	953	876	98	89	-	-	-	-	
April	188	-	1,996	-	129	115	116	103	54.2	946	874	98	88	-	-	-	-	
May	179	-	1,975	-	127	111	116	103	53.9	955	898	100	90	-	-	80	-	
June	170	-	1,973	-	127	110	116	104	54.0	951	900	101	92	-	-	-	-	
July	176	-	1,989	-	130	116	116	102	54.6	938	863	101	93	-	-	-	-	
August	-	-	1,971	-	129	113	115	101	54.2	933	850	103	94	-	-	77	-	
September	-	-	2,005	-	130	113	115	100	54.4	934	852	103	94	-	-	-	-	
October	-	-	2,014	-	133	118	115	100	54.9	955	892	103	94	-	-	-	-	
November	-	-	1,951	-	132	117	115	101	54.9	980	931	104	96	-	-	-	-	
December	-	-	1,992	-	132	118	115	101	55.1	997	971	105	96	-	-	-	-	
1936																		
January					131	116	116	102		979	947	103	96	-	-	-	-	
February					132	115	116	102		983	962			-	-	-	-	
March										980	973			-	-	-	-	

(a) July (b) Middle of Month (c) June (d) Average from sixteenth of current month to fifteenth of following month.

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CONTINENT	A S I A						O C E A N I A					SOUTH AMERICA		
COUNTRY	CHINA				JAPAN		AUSTRALIA		NEW ZEALAND		PERU	CHILE		
Nature of Index	Cost of Living Peiping	Foods Peiping	Cost of Living Shanghai	Foods Shanghai	Cost of Living Tokio	Foods Tokio	Cost of Living 30 Towns	Foods and Groceries 30 Towns	Cost of Living 25 Towns	Foods 25 Towns	Cost of Living Lima	Foods Lima	Cost of Living Santiago	Foods Santiago
Base Period	1927	1927	1926	1926	July, 1914	July, 1914	1923-1927	1923-1927	1926-1930	1926-1930	1913	1913	1928	1928
1913											100	100		
1914					100 July	100 July	68.7	64.1	62.8 July	70.3	104	107		
1919									91.2	102.7	188	188		
1920									101.9	116.5	210	208		
1921							101.3	95.4	103.4	113.4	199	183		
1922					236	257	96.7	94.4	95.2	95.8	190	174		
1923					221	228	99.6	101.1	95.9	96.5	180	166		
1924					221	233	98.0	97.2	98.4	100.5	187	168		
1925					218	236	99.1	100.2	100.4	103.0	200	179		
1926	102.0	103.7	100.0	100.0	199	217	100.6	102.7	101.0	102.6	201	182		
1927	100.0	100.0	106.7	106.7	189	211	99.7	100.4	100.1	98.3	194	177		
1928	101.6	101.5	102.5	92.1	184	202	100.3	98.9	100.6	100.4	181	161	(108)	(116)
1929	106.5	107.6	107.9	98.4	181	203	102.6	104.7	100.4	101.3	177	159	109	119
1930	109.6	111.8	121.8	118.8	155	173	97.1	94.6	98.1	97.4	169	157	108	115
1931	95.8	92.5	125.9	107.5	136	151	87.0	83.0	90.6	84.4	158	148	104	103
1932	91.2	85.4	119.1	101.3	137	158	82.8	80.0	83.8	77.5	151	143	113	115
1933	81.0	72.4	107.2	86.9	146	161	80.3	75.4	79.5	73.2	148	139	140	147
1934	79.5	69.9	106.2	86.4	149	164	81.6	78.6	80.8	77.4	150	148	140	149
1935	85.9	79.0	106.6	89.1	152	170		80.9	83.6	83.5	152	147	140	155
1935					(b)	(b)	(a)		(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	
March	82.9	74.4	104.8	85.7	150	166	-	79.5	82.7	81.9	152	148	138	148
April	82.0	73.8	106.1	88.6	149	165	-	79.5	82.9	82.4	151	145	139	152
May	84.2	76.4	105.6	88.6	150	166	82.7	80.2	83.3	82.9	152	145	140	154
June	84.2	76.5	105.9	89.5	148	163	-	80.5	83.6	83.6	153	148	140	154
July	86.9	80.2	105.2	90.3	150	165	-	81.2	83.2	82.6	152	147	141	157
August	87.8	81.8	104.6	88.6	152	172	83.6	82.0	83.6	82.8	153	149	140	156
September	84.1	77.1	105.4	89.8	154	177	-	82.6	83.9	83.7	152	146	141	158
October	85.5	79.1	103.9	86.3	154	175	-	82.7	85.3	87.4	153	147	141	159
November	92.8	88.8	109.2	90.3	155	175	83.8	82.0	85.1	87.3	155	151	142	158
December	93.5	89.4	109.3	88.9	156	177	-	81.3	84.5	85.5	155	150	141	162
1936														
January	95.3	92.9	111.0	93.3	157	180	-	81.2	84.0	84.1	157	154		
February	95.1	93.0	112.0	98.6	159	185	83.8				158	155		
March	97.6	95.8	114.1	102.2	160	186								

(a) Average of quarter. (b) Middle of month. (c) Since October, 1933 including heating.

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