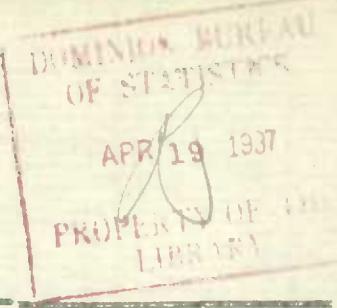


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WORLD WHOLESALE PRICE MOVEMENTS
THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1937

Commodity prices continued to rise at an accelerated rate during the first quarter of 1937. The lead in this movement was taken by metals, with sharp increases in iron and steel supplementing advances in non-ferrous markets. Iron and steel are characteristically stable commodities for which prices usually change infrequently and in relatively small amounts. Food materials lagged somewhat, particularly in the case of animal products, although in the earlier stages of price recovery, foods showed the greatest increases. Industrial products and building materials have moved up substantially since the beginning of the year.

Advances were most pronounced in Japan and in those countries which devalued their currencies in September and October 1936. In the case of the latter, i.e., France, Switzerland and the Netherlands, wholesale prices have moved upward by appreciably less than the amount of devaluation. Between September and February the value of the French franc dropped 39 p.c., while the Statistique Générale wholesale price index for France mounted approximately 27 p.c. Corresponding percentages for Switzerland were 39 p.c. for currency depreciation and 12 p.c. for the average price rise which compared with 22 p.c. and 19.5 p.c. respectively for the Netherlands. In Japan, prices rose precipitately by 16 p.c. between September and January, but reacted slightly in the following month. Prior to that time there had been some apprehension as to whether yen stabilization initiated at the beginning of the current year, would prove effective in checking the rapid advance of 1936. This movement had increased the wholesale price level by 19 p.c., and placed it above the 1929 average.

A new wholesale price index for Italy recently replaced several series which were discontinued in the fall months of 1935. This index which gives considerable importance to regulated official prices has advanced less than 7 p.c. since the beginning of 1936. The official German index has likewise shown a very moderate increase in the past nine months when prices in other countries have been rising rapidly. Apart from firmness in the metal group there has been little change in this series. The German shortage of cereal grains was relieved during the past two months by considerable purchases abroad, and the meat situation is said to have improved.

Earlier price stability in the Scandinavian countries was disturbed in the past six months by broad advances in which metals have been conspicuous. They have compared closely, however, with the rise in United Kingdom indexes, so that no undue strain should result upon sterling exchange ratios that have varied little in recent years.

Further devaluation in the Czechoslovakian crown of between 13.3 p.c. and 18.7 p.c. on October 8, 1936, has been followed by a moderate rise of approximately 6 p.c. in currency price levels, although a gold wholesale price index has declined a further 10 p.c. Price increases in United States since last June were less rapid than in Canada and index numbers for the two countries are again upon approximately the same level. At the end of March the official United States index was 88.3 as compared with 86.9 for the Bureau of Statistics Canadian index. At the beginning of 1936, there was a difference of 7.7 in these two series.

WORLD COST OF LIVING MOVEMENTS
THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1937

A gradual advance in retail prices continued in most countries with relatively sharp increases in the Tokyo and Paris cost of living index numbers. As formerly, this movement was dominated mainly by foods. The rise in the Paris index has not caused undue concern as it has been accompanied by substantial wage increases, and remains of considerably smaller proportions than the current advance in wholesale prices. The situation in Japan, however, was different, and in the absence of a rise in wage levels, it was believed that wage earners' living standards would be affected. In the United Kingdom, living costs tended to stabilize again following an appreciable advance in the latter half of 1936. United States indexes showed fractional gains in the first quarter of 1937 after fluctuating within very narrow limits for the preceding six months. For March, the National Industrial Conference Board series for the United States was 87.9, while the Dominion Bureau of Statistics index for Canada was 82.0. Both series were 100.0 in 1923.

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CONTINENT COUNTRY	NORTH AMERICA						UNITED STATES				
	CANADA						Irving Fisher	Bureau of Labor Statistics	Bradstreet	Dun	Annalist
AUTHORITY	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	92.115	100	120.887
1914	65.5	102.3	62.7	69.7	66.5	65.5	68.1	68.1	8.9034	97	122.211
1920	155.9	243.5	140.0	163.1	155.7	156.8	154.4	154.4	18.8095	204	248.721
1922	97.3	152.0	95.1	99.1	94.8	100.5	96.7	96.7	12.1185	132	171.660
1923	98.0	153.0	93.7	97.8	91.1	103.1	101.1	100.6	13.4028	146	189.787
1924	99.4	155.2	93.2	99.5	94.8	101.9	98.9	98.1	12.8672	140	189.322
1925	102.6	160.3	97.2	104.9	100.8	103.8	105.2	103.5	13.9445	151	197.694
1926	100.0	156.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	(b) 100.0	13.0207	141	189.398
1927	97.7	152.6	95.7	98.5	99.9	96.5	94.2	95.4	12.7787	139	187.092
1928	96.4	150.6	95.6	96.7	97.4	95.0	97.9	96.7	13.2823	144	194.521
1929	95.6	149.3	94.7	96.3	97.5	93.0	96.3	95.3	12.6727	138	151.043
1930	86.6	135.3	89.3	82.8	82.2	87.3	86.3	86.4	10.7451	117	174.453
1931	72.1	112.6	76.5	67.8	61.9	74.9	71.4	73.0	8.7604	95	147.353
1932	66.7	104.2	71.3	63.1	55.0	69.8	61.6	64.8	7.0949	77	134.303
1933	67.1	104.8	71.1	63.1	56.6	70.2	64.6	66.0	7.8557	85	144.661
1934	71.6	111.8	74.1	67.8	63.5	73.4	76.6	75.0	9.2195	100	166.082
1935	72.1	112.6	73.6	69.5	66.0	72.8	83.0	80.0	9.9222	108	174.744
1936							83.7	80.8	(a)	(a)	(a)
January	72.9	113.9	74.2	69.8	67.9	72.8	84.0	80.6	10.3641	113	178.063
February	72.5	113.2	73.9	69.3	67.5	72.2	83.5	80.6	10.0204	109	179.045
March	72.4	113.1	73.8	69.3	67.3	72.1	82.6	79.6	9.9196	108	179.601
April	72.2	112.8	73.3	69.1	66.8	72.2	82.5	79.7	9.8541	107	173.649
May	71.8	112.2	73.2	68.1	66.2	71.7	81.1	78.6	9.8191	107	173.485
June	72.3	112.9	73.7	68.5	66.6	71.9	82.3	79.2	9.7374	106	172.136
July	74.4	116.2	74.3	72.1	69.7	73.3	83.5	80.5	9.8538	107	178.240
August	76.2	119.0	75.5	74.7	73.0	74.8	84.0	81.6	10.1445	110	181.878
September	76.4	119.3	75.5	75.0	73.9	75.1	84.1	81.6	10.1907	111	182.498
October	77.1	120.4	75.8	76.3	75.2	75.4	84.1	81.5	10.2716	112	183.153
November	77.2	120.6	76.0	76.3	75.8	75.5	85.6	82.4	10.2214	111	184.397
December	79.7	124.5	76.9	80.4	79.3	77.3	87.4	84.2	10.7895	117	192.959
1937											
January	81.3	127.0	77.7	83.2	82.4	78.4	90.4	85.9	11.1360	121	206.544
February	82.9	129.5	78.6	84.5	83.8	78.8	90.8	86.3	11.2320	122	203.206

(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	N. AMERICA	SOUTH AMERICA					EUROPE					GERMANY	
		MEXICO	ARGENTINA	CHILE	PERU	UNITED KINGDOM				FRANCE			
COUNTRY	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		1488 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	161.6	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	137.6	
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	135.3	128.8(d)	623	627	137.2	
1930	103.4	92.2	166.9	178	(c) 100.0	106.8	77.6	114.1	103.2(d)	543	554	124.6	
1931	89.7	89.0	152.2	175		87.8	89.3	64.9	96.5	99.5(d)	462	502	110.9
1932	84.3	89.5	230.2	170		85.6	86.1	62.6	94.0	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	94.5	97.0	343.3	189		89.0	94.3	68.0	99.5		347	338	101.8
1936				192		94.4							
January	93.4	98.9	353.7	191		91.8	98.1	71.3	102.0		364	359	103.6
February	93.9	97.9	355.2	192		91.7	97.4	70.9	102.0		377	372	103.6
March	94.6	98.0	359.5	191		91.7		70.9	101.6		379	376	103.6
April	96.5	98.0	350.8	193		91.9		70.9	100.9		374	371	103.7
May	97.7	97.8	357.8	192		91.9		69.8	100.2		377	374	103.8
June	98.2	97.8	374.4	191		92.6		70.2	99.3		372	378	104.0
July	100.9	98.3	356.0	193		93.6		72.4	102.1		388	391	104.2
August	102.8	100.7	389.8	193		95.2		72.3	104.4		395	403	104.6
September		100.3	402.0	192		96.1		73.6	106.0		407	420	104.4
October			405.4	192		97.6		74.6	107.5		452	471	104.3
November			399.2	192		98.3		76.3	110.8		473	492	104.4
December				192		100.8		79.3	116.0		499	519	105.0
1937						102.9		81.0			512	537	105.3
January													

(a) Since 1934, 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										SPAIN
	AUSTRIA	SWITZERLAND	BELGIUM	NETHERLANDS	NORWAY		SWEDEN		DENMARK	ALBANIA	
Authority	Federal Statistical Office	Federal Labour Department	Ministry of Industry and Labour	Central Bureau of Statistics	Okonomisk Revue	Official	Gotabergs Handels Tidning	Commerce Depart-ment	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	100		100
1914		100 April	100 April	109	115		116				101
1920				292	382		347	359			221
1924	136	171.2	573	156	269	268	155	162			183
1925	136	160.5	559	155	251	253	157	161	210		188
1926	123	144.5	744	145	196	198	144	149	163		181
1927	133	142.2	847	148	160	167	141	146	153	100	172
1928	130	144.6	843	149	155	157(e)	144	148	153	104	167
1929	130	141.2	851	142	148	149	134	140	150	100	171
1930	117	126.5	744	117	138	137	115	122	130	88	172
1931	109	109.7	626	97	123	122	105	111	114	90	174
1932	112	96.0	532	79	125	122	101	109	117	74	173
1933	108	91.0	501	74	124	122	100	107	125	57	159
1934	110	89.8	473	78	126	124	107	114	132	51	163
1935	110	89.8	537	76	132	127	111	116		56	
1936	109	95.6	605	79	138	134		120		63	
1936	(d)	(a)	(f)			(d)			(g)	(a)	
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	90.9	578	76	135	132		118	126	64	
April	108	91.9	574	75	135	132		118	126	65	
May	108	92.0	569	75	135	132		118	126	62	
June	109	91.9	570	76	135	132		118	125	62	
July	110	93.1	576	77	136	132		118	125	62	
August	109	93.4	582	77	138	134		119	127	62	
September	110	96.8	594	77	139	136		120	129	62	
October	111	103.1	602	87	140	136		122	130	62	
November	111	105.2	615	88	142	137		124	134	62	
December	111	106.8	637	92	147	140		126	136	63	
1937											
January	112	108.4	658		150	144			137		

(a) End of month. (b) No. of commodities changed from 42 to 47. (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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EUROPE

CONTINENT	EUROPE													
COUNTRY	ITALY		POLAND	FINLAND		LITHUANIA	LATVIA	YUGOSLAVIA	GREECE	ESTONIA	BULGARIA	HUNGARY	CZECHOSLOVAKIA	TURKEY
Authority	Bach	Official	Commerce Reports	Official	Official	Official	Official	National Bank	Official	Official	Official	Official	General Bureau of Statistics	Offic-ial
No. of Commodities	150	293	238	125	139	88	61	55	60	44	55	52	126	52
Base Period	1913	June 1928	1928	1913	1926	1913	1913	1926	Jan. 1913-July 1914	1913	1914	1913	July, 1914	1913-1914
1913	100			100		100	100			100		100		
1914				103							100			
1920				1183										
1922	508			1219						113				
1923	512			1095						114				
1924	512			1100						116				
1925	596			1129 (d)						124				
1926	603			1088	100	134		100.0		114	2,947	124		
1927	495 (e)			1133	101	134		103.4		114	3,017	132		1262
1928	462	100.0	100.0	1110	102	134	128.6	106.2		121	3,237	135	143.1	1296
1929	445	95.4	96.3		98	129	119.9	100.6	1,811	117	3,447	121(c)	135.0	1316
1930	383	85.4	85.5		90	108	101.9	86.6	1,646	102	2,788	96	118.5	1000
1931	328	74.5	74.6		84	94	84.8	72.9	1,471	91	2,332	95	107.9	859
1932	304	69.6	65.5		90	76	85.1	65.2	1,766	83	2,071	92	99.7	738
1933	280	63.4	59.1		89	68	83.7	64.4	1,997	86	1,821	76	96.4	648
1934	273	62.0	55.8		90	61	83.0	63.2	1,969	85	1,873	79	84.7(d)	672
1935	-	68.2	53.1		90	53	86.0	66.0	2,003	84	1,919	90	85.8	735
1936					92	55		69.0	2,038	91	1,991	89		817
1936		(a)						(a)			(f)	(a)	(b)	
January		74.3	52.1		90	52.6	88.0	71.1	2,045	90	1,940	94	86.6	806
February		74.5	52.2		91	53.1	88.0	70.0	2,053	90	1,923	93	85.8	810
March		75.4	52.1		91	53.4	87.0	70.0	2,051	90	1,908	91	86.0	816
April		75.9	53.0		90	53.6	86.0	69.1	2,034	88	1,957	88	85.6	807
May		75.6	53.7		90	53.5	86.0	67.0	2,016	88	1,954	86	85.7	802
June		75.8	53.9		90	51.3	86.0	65.4	2,002	89	1,945	85	85.0	810
July		74.7	53.6		91	53.5	87.0	65.6	2,001	89	1,963	86	85.3	788
August		75.9	53.9		91	54.1	88.0	66.0	2,015	90	1,996	86	84.2	790
September		76.9	54.7		92	56.4	89.0	67.0	2,019	92	2,029	87	84.5	814
October		77.1	55.5		93	57.7	98.0	68.9	2,039	93	2,075	91	85.7	822
November		77.8	56.1		94	58.4	102.0	69.8	2,064	94	2,095	89	73.1	830
December		79.0	56.9		95	59.0		71.2	2,113	95	2,106	92	73.9	846
1937														
January		58.4			98			70.4					75.5	

(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) New series; June 1928=100. (f) Average of last week of month.

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CONTINENT	A S I A							OCEANIA			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 générale 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	180	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	98(a)		67		95.5	105.6	1053		96.9	
1920	201	216	279		89		259.4	227.9	2092		223.3	
1923	172	181	173		90	102.0	199.1	178.7	1598		126.6	
1924	173	182	173		93	97.9	206.4	173.3	1634		143	
1925	159	163	166	132	97	99.3	201.6	169.5	1627		152	
1926	148	149	159	131	100	100.0	178.8	168.4	1553		132	
1927	148	147	154	142	103	104.4	169.8	167.0	1478		121	
1928	145	146	149	148	108	101.7	170.8	164.7	1492		120	
1929	141	145	148	153	111	104.5	166.1	165.7	1488		116	
1930	116	126	134	153	116	114.8	136.8	146.7	1449		104	
1931	96	109	105	129	123	126.7	115.6	131.3	1346(e)		97	
1932	91	109	86	116	113	112.4(d)	121.7	129.7	1297		84	
1933	87	98	71	106	101	103.8	135.6	129.5	1308		71	
1934	89	95	67	96	92	97.1	134.2	135.2	1330		87	
1935	91	99	65	94	95	96.4	140.2	135.0	1385		95	
1936	92				111	108.5	149.2		1399		85	
1936	(b)					(b)			(c)			
January	92	96	65	94	104	104.3	144.9	135.6	1405	99.6	92	
February	91	95	65	94	107	105.4	144.3	134.7	1384	-	89	
March	91	95	64	95	111	106.4	144.1	136.5	1386	-	88	
April	92	94	64	95	112	107.3	145.4	139.2	1393	99.7	84	
May	90	94	64	95	109	105.8	145.4	139.8	1391	-	84	
June	90	95	64	95	108	106.1	146.3	140.0	1399	-	83	
July	91	97	64	96	110	107.2	149.2	142.6	1395	96.4	83	
August	90	98	64	99	109	107.4	151.7	145.7	1409	-	82	
September	91	97	65	100	109	107.0	151.9	144.6	1421	-	85	
October	93	97	73	104	112	109.7	151.4	146.2	1426	90.8	84	
November	93	98		110	115	113.0	153.8	148.9	1427		83	
December	94	101			123	118.8	162.4		1450		84	
1937					126	121.6	176.3		1449			

(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						France		
	Country	Canada	United States	United Kingdom		Irish Free State		300 Towns	Paris	Paris	
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	Foods	Foods	Cost of Living		
Base Period	1926 (c)	1926 (c)	1923 (a) (j)	1923(j)	July, 1914	July, 1914				July, 1914	
1913	66.2	65.4						(g)	(i)	(g)	
1914	68.9	66.0	66.1 July	61.3 July	100 July	100 July	100 July	100 July	100 July	100 July	
1920	141.1	124.2	136.2	118.2	256	249		386	371	342	
1921	107.9	109.2	103.5	102.3	230	226		374	337	309	
1922	91.4	100.0	96.8	97.4	176	183	191	188	317	296	
1923	92.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	169	174	188	164	349	332	
1924	90.7	98.0	99.1	101.3	170	175	190	186	406	334	
1925	94.7	99.3	107.2	103.7	171	176	193	190	456	400	
1926	100.0	100.0	110.6	104.3	164	172	179	185	571	554	
1927	98.1	98.4	107.0	102.0	160	168	170	175	551	556	
1928	98.6	98.9	105.6	100.6	157	166	169	174	537	549	
1929	101.0	99.9	106.9	100.1	154	164	169	176	609	102.2(h)	
1930	98.6	99.2	101.7	96.7	145	158	160	171	609	100.0	
1931	77.3	89.6	83.7	87.2	131	147	147	161	605	90.8	
1932	64.3	81.4	69.7	77.9	126	144	141	157	535	87.6	
1933	63.7	77.7	67.8	74.9	120	140	131	151	501	83.9	
1934	69.4	78.7	75.3	79.4	122	141	135	152	474	78.0	
1935	70.4	79.1	82.1	82.6	125	143	140	155	417	69.1	
1936	(e)	(e)	(f)	(f)	(e)	(e)	147	160	452	507	
March	73.4	80.4	81.0	83.2	129	146	-	-	-	(f)	
April	71.0	79.6	81.0	83.4	126	144	-	-	-	72.8	
May	71.3	80.0	81.7	83.8	125	144	141	157	427	72.2	
June	71.3	80.0	85.6	85.1	126	144	-	-	-	497	
July	72.6	80.4	85.8	85.2	129	146	-	-	-	74.5	
August	74.7	81.0	85.8	85.6	129	146	145	159	452	73.6	
September	75.1	81.1	86.1	85.9	131	147	-	-	-	73.7	
October	74.4	81.1	84.6	85.7	132	148	-	-	-	504	
November	75.0	81.4	84.3	85.8	136	151	155	166	509	80.4	
December	75.3	81.7	84.7	86.1	136	151				540	
1937											
January	75.2	81.6	86.4	86.9	136	151				88.2	
February	75.6	81.8								91.2	

(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. (j) Revised figures.

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CONTINENT	EUROPE													
	GERMANY		BELGIUM		POLAND		CZECHOSLOVAKIA		GREECE		HUNGARY			
Nature of Index	Cost of Living 72 Towns	Foods 72 Towns	Cost of Living 59 Localities	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)	
Base Period	1913/1914	1913/1914	1921	1921	1928	1928	July, 1914	July, 1914	1914	1914	1913	1913	1914	
1913					(c)	(c)	(d)	(d)	(m)	100	100			
1914							100(g)	100(g)	100	100		100	100	
1920	1065(g)	1252(g)												
1921	1250(g)	1491(g)	100	100								1,409	1,766	
1922	5392(g)	6836(g)	93	90								1,899	2,337	
1923	2765100(g)	4651000(g)	109	106		692(f)	769(f)	1,181	1,213			1,868	2,399	
1924	(a) 127.6	(a) 126.3	128	127		695	787	1,235	1,271	199(j)	145(j)	2,057	2,705	
1925	139.8	147.8	136	137		724	827	1,414	1,455	112	132	2,339	3,024	
1926	141.2	144.4	165	171		716	800	1,633	1,673	103	155	2,871	2,813	
1927	147.6	151.9	203	208	99.5	747	850	1,790	1,843	100	126	2,814	2,751	
1928	151.7	152.3	208	207	100.0	100.0	748	842	1,868	1,929	118	131	2,875	2,883
1929	154.0	154.5	220	218	101.4	96.9	744	813	1,923	1,987	117	124	2,941	2,992
1930	148.1	142.9	228	209	94.4	83.7	746	782	1,682	1,719	106	105	2,690	2,439
1931	136.1	127.6	205	176	85.9	73.9	713	712	1,671(1)	1,576(1)	101	96	2,349	1,913
1932	120.6	112.3	184	150	78.2	64.9	700	677	1,773	1,697	98	91	2,160	1,765
1933	118.0	109.9	182	130	71.2	58.0	693	657	1,904	1,857	91	81	2,006	1,680
1934	121.1	116.2	175	143	66.5	52.3	685	633	1,937	1,887	89	77	1,873	1,676
1935	123.0	120.4	176	146	63.9	49.9	704	656	1,957	1,919	91	81	1,750	1,643
1936	124.5	122.4			(k)	(k)	(b)	(b)	710	671	2,028	2,034	96	87
April	124.3	122.4	183	155	60.7	48.4	712	674	2,011	2,009	96	(b)	(h)	(h)
May	124.3	122.4	181	151	61.3	49.3	714	677	2,003	1,999	96	88	1,656	1,615
June	124.5	122.8	182	155	60.7	48.4	716	683	1,994	1,985	95	86	1,654	1,616
July	125.3	124.0	180	149	60.8	48.6	709	675	1,995	1,992	95	86	1,655	1,622
August	125.4	124.2	184	156	60.5	48.0	708	672	2,026	2,038	97	88	1,665	1,651
September	124.4	122.0	187	160	60.7	48.3	706	667	2,039	2,054	97	88	1,648	1,614
October	124.4	121.7	191	165	61.6	49.4	707	667	2,057	2,076	97	88	1,665	1,671
November	124.3	121.3	193	169	61.9	49.6	704	661	2,065	2,086	97	87	1,678	1,703
December	124.3	121.0	194	169	62.4	50.3	706	661	2,079	2,100	98	89	1,683	1,714
1937														
January	124.5	121.4	196	171	63.8	52.5	711	664		101	93			

(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	Foods	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, 1928	June, 1928	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
1925	3,250				611	622				97	1612,150	172
1926	3,552				654	655				103	116(a)	168
1927	3,855				588	559	(d)	(d)		106	119	160
1928	3,964		1,756	1,423	530	517	100	100		108	119	158
1929	4,244		1,819	1,446	545	543				111	122	157
1930	(4,206)	(4,046)	1,654	1,318	530	519				111	118	156
1931	3,004(j)	2,796(j)	1,523	1,202	485	452				106	108	150
1932	2,512	2,323	1,374	1,076	468	431				108	110	141
1933	2,319	2,163	1,189		449		80	74		105		126
1934	2,235	2,087	1,104		430		76	70		105		115
1935	2,552	2,439					77	73		105		114
1936							84	78		105		120
January	2,954	2,860					82.1	77.1		(b)		(g)
February	2,966	2,864					81.8	76.5		106		118
March	2,981	2,860					81.9	76.6		105		118
April	2,996	2,881					82.2	77.0		104		118
May							83.5	78.1		104		119
June							83.8	78.4		105		130
July							83.6	77.9		105		119
August							83.1	77.1		104		120
September							83.5	77.8		105		120
October							83.2	79.6		105		121
November							85.5	79.9		105		121
December							86.0	80.5		105		123
1937							86.4	81.1		105		123
January										133		121

(a) Gold Index, since 1926, new series. (b) Middle of month. (c) December. (d) New series; June, 1928 = 100. (e) Since 1927, new series. (f) June. (g) Last week of month. (h) July. (i) 1921-1929; 71 towns, excluding rent. (j) Since 1931, new method of calculation. 1930 figures are not comparable with other years.

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CONTINENT	EUROPE															
	NORWAY		SWEDEN		DENMARK		NETHERLANDS		FINLAND		ESTONIA		LATVIA		LITHUANIA	
Nature of Index	Cost of Living 31 Towns	Foods 31 Towns	Cost of Living 49 Towns	Foods 49 Towns	Cost of Living 100 Localities	Foods 100 Localities	Cost of Living Amsterdam	Foods Amsterdam	Cost of Living 21 Towns	Foods 21 Towns	Cost of Living Tallinn	Foods Tallinn	Cost of Living Riga	Foods Riga	Cost of Living 84 Towns	Foods 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)												
1920	300	319	270(h)	287(h)												
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)			110	
1924	239	250	171(h)	155(h)	216	204	177	176	1,170	1,093	94(h)	106(h)			136	
1925	243	256	176(h)	168(h)	211	201	179	176	1,212	1,147	107	118			151	
1926	206	197	172(h)	156(h)	184	160	168(c)	161(c)	154(f)	145(f)	106	118			141	146
1927	186	173	169(h)	148(h)	177	152	168	163	158	146	105	112			141	145
1928	173(a)	168(a)	173(h)	156(h)	175	150	169	166	161	150	112	120			137	144
1929	166	158	168(h)	148(h)	173	148	168	162	160	147	117	126			134	142
1930	161	152	164(h)	138(h)	165	136	161	150	147	127	104	103	100	100	115	117
1931	153	139	158(h)	127(h)	155	120	151	136	135	113	100(g)	91(g)	91	89	105	102
1932	149	134	156(h)	124(h)	155	116	141	119	134	117	94	80	79	75	88	85
1933	147	131	153(h)	120(h)	161		129	119	131	117	88	77	76	74	75	-
1934	148	132	155(h)	123(h)			140	124	128	114	87	76	72	69	70	-
1935	151	137	156(h)	129(h)			136	118	130	119	88	77	73	70	61	-
1936	155	144	158(h)	134(h)			(b)	(b)			98	89	73	69	62	-
1936	(i)	(i)	(b)	(b)			(b)	(b)			(d)	(d)				
January	153	142	158	132			-	-	130	118	94	84	66	56	61	-
February	153	143	-	-			131	119	130	119	96	86	68	60	61	-
March	154	144	-	-			-	-	130	118	96	87	69	62	61	-
April	155	145	158	134			-	-	129	116	97	87	71	65	61	-
May	155	144	-	-			131	117	128	115	97	87	72	73	61	-
June	155	145	-	-			-	-	128	115	99	90	75	78	61	-
July	155	145	158	134			-	-	129	116	99	91	75	78	62	-
August	154	142	-	-			132	119	131	119	100	93	73	74	63	-
September	155	143	-	-			-	-	131	118	100	91	72	73	64	-
October	155	143	157	132			-	-	132	119	100	92	82	80	65	-
November	155	144	-	-			134	131	132	120	99	90	76	70	65	-
December	157	145	-	-					133	120	101	92	72	64	65	-
1937																
January	158	148	158	133												

(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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	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 Country	Foods	Cost of Living Cairo	Foods Cairo	Cost of Living 9 Towns	Foods 9 Towns	Cost of Living 3 Towns	Foods Istanbul	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	1914	July 1914	July 1914	1913	1913	1925	1925
1913															100	100		
1914	100	100	1,000(c)	1,000(c)			100	100		1,000	1,000	1,000	100(a)	100(a)				
1919	174				292	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	1,48(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)	106	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	53.4	957	892	101(a)	93(a)					
1936			(b)									101(a)	93(a)					
January			1,972		131	116	116	102	54.1	979	947	103	96					
February			1,962		132	115	116	102	53.3	983	962	102	93					
March			1,952		132	116	116	102	53.5	980	973	102	94					
April			1,936		130	112	116	102	52.9	971	963	100	92					
May			2,012		130	112	116	103	54.2	949	914	100	92					
June			2,037		130	112	116	103	56.4	950	923	100	92					
July			2,063		130	113	116	101	59.1	953	933	101	93					
August			2,087		127	109	115	100	59.2	946	914	101	93					
September			2,074		129	111	115	100	60.5	947	900	102	94					
October			2,095		128	111	115	100	57.7	945		103	95					
November			2,045		129	112	116	101	57.8			104	96					
December					129	111						103	95					
1937					130	111						104						

(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	ASIA					OCEANIA					SOUTH AMERICA				
	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			
1920					236	257	96.7	94.4	95.2	95.8	210	208			
1922					221	228	99.6	101.1	95.9	96.5	180	174			
1923					221	233	98.0	97.2	98.4	100.5	187	168			
1924					218	236	99.1	100.2	100.4	103.0	200	179			
1925	102.0	103.7	100.0	100	199	217	100.6	102.7	101.0	102.6	201	182			
1926	100.0	100.0	106.7	106.7	189	211	99.7	100.4	100.1	98.3	194	177			
1927	101.6	101.5	102.5	92.1	184	202	100.3	98.9	100.6	100.4	181	161	(108)	(116)	
1928	106.5	107.6	107.9	98.4	181	203	102.6	104.7	100.4	101.3	177	159	109	119	
1929	109.6	111.8	121.8	118.8	155	173	97.1	94.6	98.1	97.4	169	157	108	115	
1930	95.8	92.5	125.9	107.5	136	151	87.0	85.0	90.6	84.4	158	148	104	103	
1931	91.2	85.4	119.1	101.3	137	158	82.8	80.0	83.8	77.5	151	143	(d) 114	115	
1932	81.0	72.4	107.2	86.9	146	161	80.3	75.4	79.5	73.2	148	139	141	147	
1933	79.5	69.9	106.2	86.4	149	164	81.6	78.6	80.8	77.4	150	148	142	149	
1934	85.9	79.0	106.6	89.1	152	170		80.9	83.7	83.5	152	147	144	155	
1935	100.2	99.5	113.3	100.7	159	184			86.1	86.9	160	157			
1936					(b)	(b)	(a)		(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)			
January	95.3	92.9	111.0	93.3	157	180		81.2	84.0	84.1	157	154	146	157	
February	95.1	93.0	112.0	98.6	159	185	83.8	81.5	83.9	83.0	158	155	147	155	
March	97.6	95.8	114.1	102.2	160	186		80.7	83.8	82.7	158	155	149	159	
April	98.2	96.1	111.7	97.9	160	188		81.5	84.5	84.5	158	155	152	161	
May	102.7	102.4	111.1	97.6	160	188	83.8	81.6	85.5	86.1	160	157	156	168	
June	98.6	97.0	111.8	99.3	158	183		81.8	85.5	87.0	160	157	157	172	
July	102.5	102.2	112.2	99.8	158	183		82.5	85.7	87.5	160	157	159	174	
August	99.3	98.5	115.5	105.7	159	186	84.1	83.9	86.9	87.8	161	158	160	176	
September	99.0	97.8	113.5	102.3	160	186		84.2	87.7	89.8	161	159	164	182	
October	102.0	102.3	114.0	102.7	159	182		84.4	87.6	89.3	162	160	164	184	
November	104.9	106.6	114.9	103.3	159	181	85.4	84.7	88.1	90.0	162	160			
December	107.9	110.3	117.5	106.8	163	183		85.4	88.7	91.6	162	159			
1937															
January	113.9	119.8	120.1	111.3	170	194		85.7	88.5	90.9					

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

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