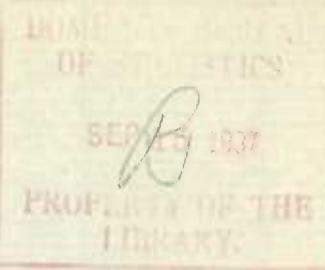


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WORLD WHOLESALE PRICE MOVEMENTS  
SECOND QUARTER OF 1937

After reaching a peak in March, wholesale price levels for many basic commodities reacted rather sharply in the next two months, thereby checking the rapid rise that began in July 1936. This decline was most pronounced in non-ferrous metals, but grains also moved lower for a time. Their recovery in June helped to initiate a more hesitant advance in wholesale commodity price levels which persisted into the third quarter despite more recent sharp decreases in wheat, cotton, and rubber. These have been counterbalanced by another upswing in non-ferrous metals.

While wholesale price index numbers in the principal countries of the world advanced without exception during the first quarter of 1937, declines were not unusual in the second quarter. They occurred in Czechoslovakia, Germany, Japan, Poland, Switzerland and the United States. Advances in other countries were usually only fractional amounts of increases in the first quarter. Probably the most consistent gains between March and June were registered for building materials.

A noteworthy feature of 1937 has been the attention given to price control in widely separated areas. The most comprehensive effort in this direction has undoubtedly been that made by Germany. Official bodies have also been set up in the Irish Free State and in Japan, mainly for the purpose of curbing a strong upward impulse in price levels. The German wholesale index is currently very little above levels of last December despite an increase of approximately 100 p.c. in the price of raw rubber following the imposition of an import tax of 125 RM. per 100 kilos in May. Difficulty has been experienced in establishing price calculating rules among retail outlets however, according to results from an official check-up of textile retailers. It is stated that this has been due chiefly to misunderstanding or ignorance of regulations, and that infractions were limited principally to the smaller concerns. German price decrees were issued last October, whereas action in the Irish Free State and Japan was not taken until April and May of this year.

WORLD COST OF LIVING MOVEMENTS  
SECOND QUARTER OF 1937

Advances in living costs were less pronounced between March and June than in the first quarter of 1937. However, moderate increases were recorded during this period in most countries, and for a few, notably France, Italy, and Norway, living cost indexes advanced by more than 2 p.c. Foods and clothing were principally responsible for the movement upward. No declines of any consequence were observed.

The relative behaviour of wholesale price and living cost indexes in various countries offered marked contrasts during the first half of 1937. The Paris cost of living index practically kept pace with French wholesale price indexes, while in the Netherlands, a rise of over 7 p.c. in wholesale prices was accompanied by a movement of less than 2 p.c. in living costs, and the same was approximately true of Belgium. The Tokyo cost of living index appeared to be levelling off in the second quarter after reflecting only about one-half of the 11 p.c. wholesale price rise in the first quarter. Living costs in the United Kingdom showed an appreciable reaction in June and July to the 9 p.c. increase indicated by the Board of Trade wholesale price index in the first half of the year.

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

## NORTH AMERICA

CONTINENT COUNTRY	CANADA						UNITED STATES				
	Dominion Bureau of Statistics		Pro- ducers' Goods	Raw and Partly Mfd. Goods	Fully and Chiefly Mfd. Goods	Irving Fisher	Bureau of Labour Statistics	Bradstreet		Dun	Annalist
	General Index	Con- sumers' Goods						Bradstreet			
No. of Commodities	567 (c)	236 (d)	402 (d)	245 (d)	322 (d)	200	784 (b)	106	200	94 Series	
Base Period	1926	1913	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1913	1913	1926	
1913	64.0	100.0	61.9	67.4	63.8	64.8	69.8	69.8	9.2115	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	197.594
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	74.6	116.5	74.7	72.4	70.8	73.6	83.7	90.8	10.0289	110	179.925
1936									(a)	(a)	(a)
June	72.3	112.9	73.7	68.5	66.6	71.9	82.3	79.2	9.7374	106	172.136
July	74.3	116.1	74.3	72.1	69.7	73.3	83.5	80.5	9.8538	107	178.240
August	76.1	118.9	75.5	74.6	73.0	74.8	84.0	81.6	10.1445	110	181.878
September	76.4	119.3	75.5	75.0	73.9	74.9	84.1	81.6	10.1907	111	182.498
October	77.1	120.4	75.8	76.3	75.2	75.2	84.1	81.5	10.2716	112	183.153
November	77.2	120.6	76.0	76.3	75.8	75.4	85.6	82.4	10.2214	111	184.397
December	79.6	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
March	85.5	133.6	78.3	88.8	86.8	79.7	93.2	87.8	11.3494	123	205.177
April	86.1	134.5	78.9	89.0	87.5	80.5	94.1	88.0	11.8150	128	205.550
May	85.1	132.9	78.9	87.2	85.7	80.0	93.2	87.4	11.5159	125	204.981
June	84.6	132.1	79.2	85.8	83.3	80.1	92.1	87.2	11.3374	123	201.516
July	87.5	136.7	81.1	90.3	88.8	82.2	92.5		11.2734	122	202.413
											95.3

(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.

(e) New series on 1926 base.

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

CONTINENT	N. AMERICA	SOUTH AMERICA			EUROPE						GERMANY
		ARGENTINA	CHILE	PERU	UNITED KINGDOM			FRANCE			
COUNTRY	MEXICO	Banco de la Nacion	Official	Official	Board of Trade	Economist	Statist	Times	Statistique Générale	Statistique Générale	Federal Statistical Office
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
Base Period	1929	1926	1913	1913	1930	1913	1927	1913	1913	July, 1914	1913
1913		75.5	100	100		100		100	102		100
1914				104					100 July		99 July
1918				212					346		208 July
1919				220					364		339 July
1920				239	(f) 307.3				520		1367 July
1921		108.2		205	197.2				352		1488 July
1922		98.5		190	158.8				334		10059 July
1923		101.8		189	158.9				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
1927		98.1		203	141.6	137.6	100.0	144.2	141.9(d)	630	642
1928		98.5	195.5	192	140.3	135.1	98.1	141.9	137.5(d)	634	645
1929	100.0	96.4	192.4	186	136.5	127.2	92.4	135.3	128.8(d)	623	627
1930	103.4	92.2	166.9	178	(c) 100.0	106.8	77.6	114.1	103.2(d)	543	554
1931	89.7	89.0	152.2	175	87.8	89.3	64.9	96.5	99.5(d)	462	502
1932	84.3	89.5	230.2	170	85.6	86.1	62.6	94.0	94.3(d)	407	427
1933	89.8	85.6	346.4	180	85.7	86.9	63.1	93.7	98.2(d)	388	398
1934	94.7	98.4	343.6	188	88.1	90.3	65.6	96.4		366	376
1935	94.5	97.0	343.3	189	89.0	94.3	68.0	98.9		347	338
1936			380.0	192	94.4		73.0	103.5		405	411
1936				(c)			(b)	(b)			(b)
July	100.9	98.8	382.2	193	93.6		72.4	102.1		388	391
August	102.8	100.5	389.8	193	95.2		72.8	104.4		395	403
September	106.5	100.3	402.0	192	96.1		73.6	106.0		407	420
October	106.8		405.4	192	97.6		74.6	107.5		452	471
November	107.8		399.2	192	98.3		76.3	110.8		473	492
December	109.4		405.6	192	100.8		79.3	116.0		499	519
1937											
January	110.0		421.2	194	102.9		81.0	116.7		513	538
February	112.6		435.1	199	103.9		82.3	119.6		517	533
March	112.9		457.5	204	107.3		87.2	125.8		537	550
April			463.5	208	108.9		85.7	122.7		533	552
May			465.4	209	110.7		86.2	124.4		529	550
June					110.6		84.3	122.7		538	557
July					111.5					579	582

(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

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

CONTINENT	EUROPE										
	AUSTRIA	SWITZERLAND	BELGIUM	NETHERLANDS	NORWAY		SWEDEN	DENMARK	IRELAND	SPAIN	
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	
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				109	115		116				101
1920				292	382		327	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	157	141	146		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	122	56	
1936	109	95.6	605	79	138	134		120	129	63	
1936	(d)	(a)	(f)			(d)			(g)	(a)	
July	110	93.1	576	77	136	132		119	127	62	
August	109	93.4	582	77	138	134		120	129	62	
September	110	96.8	594	77	139	136		122	130	62	
October	111	103.1	602	87	140	136		123	133	63	
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	95	150	144		129	137	64	
February	112	111.4	675	96	155	147		132	140	65	
March	112	113.3	693	99	160	150		136	143	66	
April	113	113.0	696	99	161	154		138	146	66	
May	115	112.6	693		162	157		139	147	65	
June	115	112.0	697		163	157		139	146		
July		112.4				160					

(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.

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

CONTINENT COUNTRY	EUROPE													
	ITALY	POLAND	FINLAND	LITHUANIA	LATVIA	YUGOSLAVIA	GREECE	ESTONIA	BULGARIA	HUNGARY	CZECHOSLOVAKIA	TURKEY		
AUTHORITY	Bachi	Offi- cial	Commerce Reports	Official	Official	Official	National Bank	Official	Official	Official	Offi- cial	General Bureau of Statistics	Offi- cial	
No. of Commodities	138	293	238	135	139	88	61	55	60	44	55	52	126	52
Base Period	1913	June	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			100 July	
1920				1183										
1922	508			1219						113				
1923	512			1095						114		122		
1924	512			1100						116		138		
1925	596			1129 (d)						124		140		
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	95.4	648
1934	273	62.0	55.8		90	61	83.0	63.2	1,969	85	1,873	79	84.7(d)	672
1935	318	68.2	53.1		90	53	86.0	66.0	2,003	84	1,919	90	85.8	735
1936	363	76.1	54.0		92	55	91.0	69.0	2,038	91	1,991	89	83.5	817
1936		(a)						(a)		(f)	(a)	(b)		
June	364.7	75.8	53.9		90	51.3	86.0	65.4	2,002	89	1,945	85	85.0	810
July	364.6	74.7	53.6		91	53.5	87.0	65.5	2,001	89	1,963	86	85.3	788
August	364.7	75.9	53.9		91	54.1	88.0	66.0	2,015	90	1,996	86	84.2	790
September	368.2	76.9	54.7		92	56.4	89.0	67.0	2,019	92	2,029	87	84.5	814
October	375.8	77.1	55.5		93	57.7	98.0	68.9	2,039	93	2,075	91	85.7	822
November	374.6	77.8	56.1		94	58.4	102.0	69.8	2,064	94	2,095	89	73.1	830
December	380.8	79.0	56.9		95	59.0	104.0	71.2	2,113	95	2,06	92	73.9	846
1937														
January	393.2	81.6	58.2		98	61.1	105	70.4	2,169	98	2,118	96	75.5	
February	405.9	83.3	59.8		101	63.2	106	70.9	2,218	99	2,119	93	76.3	
March	410.7	85.1	60.6		103	63.9	109	72.1	2,273	101	2,124	95	77.2	
April	418.5	86.1	60.1		103	63.8	111	72.3	2,300	101	2,151	94	78.2	
May	427.3	87.5	59.9		104	64.1	112	72.6		99	2,157	95	77.3	
June	437.7				103			72.1			94		76.9	

(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.

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

CONTINENT	ASIA							OCEANIA		AFRICA	
	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	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	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		128.7
1925	159	163	166	132	97	99.3	201.6	169.5	1627		143
1926	148	149	159	131	100	100.0	178.8	168.4	1553		152
1927	148	147	154	142	103	104.4	169.8	167.0	1478		132
1928	145	146	149	148	108	101.7	170.8	164.7	1492		121
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	91	96	67	99	111	108.5	149.2	141.8	1399		85
1936	(b)					(b)			(c)		
July	91	97	64	96	110	107.2	149.2	142.6	1395		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		84
November	93	98	76	110	115	113.0	153.8	148.9	1427		83
December	94	101	80	116	123	118.8	162.4	148.1	1450		84
1937											
January	98	104	85	124	126	121.6	176.3	151.1	1449		88
February	99	103	88	124	129	122.9	174.1	148.7	1467		90
March	100	110	90	124	130	123.0	181.2	151.8	1472		89
April	103	108	91	125	134	123.9	187.4	152.3	1481		88
May	103	109		124	130	125.1	182.1	152.6	1502		87
June	102				130	126.1	180.1	1514			87
July	(a) July	(b) End of month	(c) Fifteenth of month	(d) Average for ten months only	(e) Revised since January, 1931	(f) Monthly average.					

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

CONTINENT COUNTRY	NORTH AMERICA				EUROPE				FRANCE		
	CANADA		UNITED STATES	UNITED KINGDOM		IRISH FREE STATE		300 Towns Foods		Paris Foods	Paris Cost of Living
Nature of Index	Dominion Bureau of Statistics	Bureau of Labor Statistics, Foods	National Industrial Conference Board, Cost of Living	Ministry of Labour	Foods	Cost of Living	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	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	307	296
1923	92.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	169	174	188	184	349	332	334
1924	90.7	98.0	99.1	101.3	170	175	190	186	406	380	369
1925	94.7	99.3	107.2	103.7	171	176	193	190	450	425	400
1926	100.0	100.0	110.6	104.3	164	172	179	185	571	554	505
1927	98.1	98.4	107.0	102.0	160	168	170	175	551	556	514
1928	98.6	98.9	105.6	100.6	157	166	169	174	537	549	519
1929	101.0	99.9	106.9	100.1	154	164	169	176	609	102.2(h)	556
1930	98.6	99.2	101.7	96.7	145	158	160	171	609	100.0	581
1931	77.3	89.6	83.7	87.2	131	147	147	161	605	98.8	569
1932	64.3	81.4	69.7	77.9	126	144	141	157	535	87.6	526
1933	63.7	77.7	67.8	74.9	120	140	131	151	501	83.9	520
1934	69.4	78.7	75.3	79.4	122	141	135	152	474	78.0	516
1935	70.4	79.1	82.1	82.6	125	143	140	155	417	69.1	483
1936			83.9	84.8	130	147	147	160	452	76.1	507
1936	(e)	(e)	(f)	(f)	(e)	(e)	(f)	(f)	(f)	(f)	(d)
August	74.7	81.0	85.8	85.6	129	146	145	159	452	73.7	504
September	75.1	81.1	86.1	85.9	131	147	-	-	-	77.1	-
October	74.4	81.1	84.6	85.7	132	148	-	-	-	80.4	-
November	75.0	81.4	84.3	85.8	136	151	155	166	509	83.8	540
December	75.3	81.7	84.7	86.1	136	151	-	-	-	85.3	-
1937											
January	75.2	81.6	86.4	86.9	136	151	-	-	-	88.2	-
February	75.6	81.7	86.3	87.2	135	151	153	167	540	91.2	579
March	75.7	82.0	87.2	87.9	135	151	-	-	-	91.1	-
April	76.3	82.2	87.4	88.3	135	151	-	-	-	91.4	-
May	76.6	82.8	88.4	88.8	136	152	152	167	-	91.3	606
June	76.4	82.7	88.2	88.9	136	152	-	-	-	92.2	-
July	77.2	83.0	87.7	88.9	140	155	-	-	-	92.9	-

(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) Fifth of month. (g) Prior to 1929; 13 commodities, including alcohol and petroleum; corresponding figures for 1929; Paris, 611; other towns 583. (h) Since 1929; 57 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	Foods Warsaw	Cost of Living Warsaw	Foods Prague	Cost of Living Prague	Foods 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	1914	1914
1913													
1914													
1920	1065(g)	1252(g)											
1923	2765100(g)	4651000(g)	109	106			692(f)	769(f)	1,181	1,213			
1924	(a) 127.6	(a) 126.3	128	127			695	787	1,235	1,271	199(j)	145(j)	1,868
1925	139.8	147.8	136	137			724	827	1,414	1,455	112	132	2,057
1926	141.2	144.4	165	171			716	800	1,633	1,673	103	155	2,705
1927	147.6	151.9	203	208	99.5		747	850	1,790	1,843	100	126	2,339
1928	151.7	152.3	208	207	100.0	100.0	748	842	1,868	1,929	118	131	3,024
1929	154.0	154.5	220	218	101.4	96.9	744	813	1,923	1,987	117	124	2,871
1930	148.1	142.9	228	209	94.4	83.7	746	782	1,682	1,719	106	105	2,813
1931	136.1	127.6	205	176	85.9	73.9	713	712	1,671(1)	1,576(1)	101	96	2,751
1932	120.6	112.3	184	150	78.2	64.9	700	677	1,773	1,697	98	91	2,883
1933	118.0	109.9	182	130	71.2	58.0	693	657	1,904	1,857	91	81	2,992
1934	121.1	116.2	175	143	66.5	52.3	685	633	1,937	1,887	89	77	2,439
1935	123.0	120.4	176	146	63.9	49.9	704	656	1,957	1,919	71	81	1,913
1936	124.5	122.4	186	159	60.9	48.5	710	671	2,028	2,034	96	87	1,765
1937				(k)	(k)	(b)	(e)	(e)			(b)	(b)	
August	125.4	124.2	184	156	60.5	48.0	708	672	2,026	2,038	97	88	1,648
September	124.4	122.0	187	160	60.7	48.3	706	667	2,039	2,054	97	88	1,614
October	124.4	121.7	191	165	61.6	49.4	707	667	2,057	2,076	97	88	1,650
November	124.3	121.3	193	169	61.9	49.6	704	661	2,065	2,086	97	87	1,665
December	124.3	121.0	194	169	62.4	50.3	706	661	2,079	2,100	93	89	1,671
January	124.5	121.4	196	171	63.8	52.5	711	664	2,150	2,195	101	93	1,692
February	124.8	121.9	198	173	65.2	54.5	715	670	2,167	2,220	102	94	1,735
March	125.0	122.3	197	171	65.3	54.7	715	665	2,168	2,216	102	93	1,700
April	125.1	122.3	195	167	64.1	52.9	715	663	2,184	2,247	102	93	1,750
May	125.1	122.4	195	166	64.8	53.9	717	666	2,202	2,273	102	93	1,697
June	125.3	122.9	198	170	65.3	54.7	725	683			92	92	1,740
July	126.2	124.5	203	176	64.6	53.8	723				102	92	1,742
													1,749

(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 COUNTRY	EUROPE										SWITZERLAND	
	ROMANIA		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	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	(d)	(d)	106	119	160	158
1928	3,964		1,756	1,423	530	517	100	100	108	119	161	157
1929	4,244		1,819	1,446	545	543			111	122	161	156
1930	(4,206)	(4,046)	1,654	1,318	530	519			111	118	158	152
1931	3,004(j)	2,796(j)	1,523	1,202	485	452			106	108	150	141
1932	2,512	2,323	1,374	1,076	468	431			108	110	138	126
1933	2,319	2,163	1,189		449		80	74	105		131	117
1934	2,235	2,087	1,104		430		76	70	105		129	115
1935	2,552	2,439					77	73	105		128	114
1936							84	78	105		130	120
1936									(b)		(g)	(g)
July							83.6	77.9	104		130	120
August							83.1	77.1	105		130	120
September							83.5	77.8	105		130	121
October							85.2	79.6	105		132	123
November							85.5	79.9	105		132	123
December							86.0	80.5	105		132	123
1937												
January							86.4	81.1	105		133	126
February							86.9	81.9	105		136	129
March							87.2	82.3	104		136	129
April							87.8	82.7	104		137	129
May							90.2	83.5	105		136	129
June							91.0	84.2	106		137	131
July										137	131	

(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 COUNTRY	EUROPE																		
	NORWAY		SWEDEN		DENMARK		NETHERLANDS		FINLAND		ESTONIA		LATVIA		LITHUANIA				
	Nature of Index	Cost of Living 31 Towns	Foods	Cost of Living 31 Towns	Foods	Cost of Living 49 Towns	Foods	Cost of Living 100 Localities	Foods	Cost of Living Amsterdam	Foods	Cost of Living 21 Towns	Foods	Cost of Living Tallinn	Foods	Cost of Living Riga	Foods	Cost of Living 84 Towns	Foods
Base Period	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	1931	1931	1911-13	1911-13	Jan.-June 1914	Jan.-June 1914	1913	1913	1930	1930	1913	1913	1913	1913	
1913			(j)	(j)							100	100					100	100	
1914	100(h)	100(h)	100(h)	100(h)														100	100
1920	300	319	270(h)	287(h)	(k)	(k)													
1921	277	295	236(h)	231(h)	150	189	202	217	1,171	1,254	85(h)	104(h)							
1922	231	231	190(h)	178(h)	129	153	182	184	1,139	1,143	91(h)	98(h)							
1923	218	217	174(h)	158(h)	133	158	174	171	1,147	1,079	102(h)	115(h)							
1924	239	250	171(h)	155(h)	139	170	177	176	1,170	1,093	94(h)	106(h)							
1925	243	256	176(h)	168(h)	136	168	179	176	1,212	1,147	107	118							
1926	206	197	172(h)	156(h)	119	133	168(c)	161(c)	154(f)	145(f)	106	118							
1927	186	173	169(h)	148(h)	114	127	168	163	158	146	105	112							
1928	173(a)	168(a)	173(h)	156(h)	113	125	169	166	161	150	112	120							
1929	166	158	169(h)	148(n)	112	123	168	162	160	147	117	126							
1930	161	152	164(h)	138(h)	106	113	161	150	147	127	104	103	100	100	115	115	117	117	
1931	153	139	158(h)	127(h)	100	100	151	136	135	113	100(g)	91(g)	91	89	105	105	102	102	
1932	149	134	156(h)	124(h)	100	97	141	119	134	117	94	80	79	75	88	85	85	85	
1933	147	131	153(h)	120(h)	104	99	139	119	131	117	88	77	76	74	75	75	70	70	
1934	148	132	155(h)	123(h)	107	106	140	124	128	114	87	76	72	69	70	61	-	-	
1935	151	137	156(h)	129(h)	111	114	136	118	130	119	88	77	73	70	61	-	-	-	
1936	155	144	158(h)	134(h)	112	116	133	120	130	118	98	89	73	69	62	-	-	-	
1936	(i)	(i)	(b)	(b)			(b)	(b)			(d)	(d)							
July	155	145	158	134	112	117	-	-	129	116	99	91	75	78	62	-	-	-	
August	154	142	-	-	-	-	132	121	131	119	100	93	73	74	63	-	-	-	
September	155	143	-	-	-	-	-	-	131	118	100	91	72	73	64	-	-	-	
October	155	143	157	132	113	116	-	-	132	119	100	92	82	80	65	-	-	-	
November	155	144	-	-	-	-	134	122	132	120	99	90	76	70	65	-	-	-	
December	157	145	-	-	-	-	-	-	133	120	101	92	72	64	65	-	-	-	
1937									(e)	(e)									
January	158	148	158	133	113	116	-	-	102	102	104	97	69	58	67	-	-	-	
February	159	150	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	105	104	97	71	62	70	-	-	-	
March	161	152	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	106	103	97	72	70	-	-	-	-	
April	163	155	161	137	115	118	-	-	104	105	103	95	74	-	70	-	-	-	
May	163	156	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	103	102	93	78	-	70	-	-	-	
June	166	157	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	104	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
July	168	161	162	138	-	-	-	-	106	106	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

(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. (k) New series; 1931 = 100  
(e) New index beginning 1937; 1935 = 100.

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	SPAIN	PORTUGAL	EGYPT	SOUTH AFRICA	PALESTINE	TURKEY	INDIA	DUTCH E. INDIES	INDO-CHINA					
Nature of Index	Cost of Living Madrid	Cost of Foods Madrid	Cost of Living Entire Country June	Cost of Foods Cairo June	Cost of Living 9 Towns Jan. 1913	Cost of Foods 9 Towns Jan. 1913	Cost of Living 3 Towns January	Cost of Foods Istanbul	Cost of Living Bombay July	Cost of Foods Bombay July	Cost of Living Java & Madura 1914	Cost of Foods Saigon 1913	Cost of Living Saigon 1925	Cost of Foods Saigon 1925
Base Period	1914	1914	1914	1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	1922	1914	1914	1914	1913	1913	1925	1925
1913	100	100	1,000(c)	1,000(c)							100	100		
1914	100	100	1,000(c)	1,000(c)	202	224(a)	100	100	1,000	1,000	100(a)	100(a)		
1919	174				237	281(a)	145				186(a)	187(a)		
1920	190				196	196(a)	162	145			190(a)	188(a)		
1921	189	184			176	172(a)	135	119	88.2		177(a)	174(a)	213	216
1922	181	177			162	152(a)	131	117	76.6		165(a)	160(a)	173	172
1923	177	174			161	148(a)	133	120	79.4		153(a)	148(a)	160	158
1924	164	188			165	158(a)	133	120	83.8		157(a)	151(a)	167	166
1925	189	195			160	158(a)	131	118	82.1		157(a)	152(a)	166	165
1926	187	191			153	147(a)	131	118	77.4		157(a)	155(a)	174	174
1927	169	196			152		131	118			156(a)	154(a)	160	158
1928	176	178	3,030	152	144		131	117	73.7		147(a)	143(a)	148	148
1929	181	185	2,361	2,362	151	146	131	115	69.4	1,381	1,555	148(a)	145(a)	150
1930	186	194	2,243	2,241	148	141	128	110	61.4	1,272	1,292	140(a)	136(a)	152
1931	194	205	1,990	1,986	138	123	123	105	55.3	1,203	1,114	108(a)	100(a)	121
1932	187	192	1,949	1,948	132	112	118	96	56.6	1,172	1,030	109(a)	102(a)	117
1933	181		1,948		125	101	115	99	54.9	1,047	924	103(a)	95(a)	92
1934	186		1,968		127	110	116	104	55.1	1,031	912	97(a)	87(a)	85
1935			1,982		130	115	116	102	53.4	957	892	101(a)	93(a)	70
1936			2,022		130	113	116	101	56.4			101(a)	93(a)	60
July			(b)									(d)	(d)	
August			2,063		130	113	116	101	59.1	953	933	101	93	
September			2,087		127	109	115	100	59.2	946	914	101	93	
October			2,074		129	111	115	100	60.5	947	900	102	94	
November			2,095		128	111	115	100	57.7	945	885	103	95	
December			2,045		129	112	116	101	57.8			104	96	
1937			2,030		129	111	116	100	57.5			103	95	
January			2,535		130	111	116	100	62.4			104	97	
February			2,400		130	112	116	100	61.0			104	97	
March			2,422		129	111	117	101	59.7			104	96	
April			2,448		129	110	118	102	61.4			104	96	
May			2,524		128	109			58.5			104	96	
June					127	109			57.1			104	96	
July														

(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 COUNTRY	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									101.9	116.5	210	208		
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	(d) 114	115
1933	81.0	72.4	107.2	86.9	146	161	80.3	75.4	79.5	73.2	148	139	141	147
1934	79.5	69.9	106.2	86.4	149	164	81.6	78.6	80.8	77.4	150	148	142	149
1935	85.9	79.0	106.6	89.1	152	170	83.1	80.9	83.7	83.5	152	147	144	155
1936	100.2	99.5	113.3	100.7	159	184	84.8	82.8	86.4	87.0	160	157	157	171
1936					(b)	(b)	(a)			(b)	(b)	(b)		
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	85.4	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	86.0	84.7	88.1	90.0	162	160	164	183
December	107.9	110.3	117.5	106.8	163	183		85.4	88.7	91.6	162	159	164	185
1937														
January	113.9	119.8	120.1	111.3	170	194		85.7	88.5	91.0	163	163	163	181
February	113.2	118.8	120.1	111.0	171	192	86.2	84.8	90.0	91.6	167	169	161	176
March	111.6	116.6	116.8	104.9	171	190		84.2	90.3	92.3	167	170	165	185
April	113.6	118.5	117.4	103.7	172	190		84.8	91.1	94.3	170	174	172	
May	108.9	112.8	118.7	104.3	172	189	86.7	84.6	91.9	95.1	171	174	172	
June	104.3	107.4	119.0	104.0	171	188		84.7	91.7	94.5			176	
July					172	187								

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

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