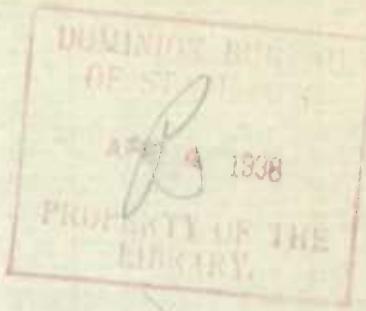


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WORLD WHOLESALE PRICE MOVEMENTS
FOURTH QUARTER OF 1937

A definite recessionary movement was apparent in world wholesale price levels during the fourth quarter of 1937. Declines were most pronounced in the United States and Australia, but reached considerable proportions also in Belgium, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Sweden, and the United Kingdom. Wholesale price index numbers for these countries showed decreases of from 2.5 per cent to 7.3 per cent. Index numbers for Italy rose sharply by 5 per cent. while series for Japan and France were also slightly higher. Wholesale price levels in France have advanced by less than one per cent. during this period while the franc depreciated by approximately 3 per cent. Despite price declines in the second half of 1937, wholesale price index numbers for December were generally above levels of the preceding December by substantial percentages. The most outstanding gains were 22 per cent. for France and Italy, 14 per cent. for Norway, and 12 per cent. for Japan. Moderate declines were shown for the United States, Australia, and Czechoslovakia.

WORLD COST OF LIVING MOVEMENTS
FOURTH QUARTER OF 1937

Living costs in most countries moved gradually higher during the fourth quarter of 1937 by amounts which seldom exceeded 4 per cent. The majority of increases were less than this amount and occasional declines were registered. These appeared in the United States, Poland and Germany. In many countries showing advances, wholesale price levels had turned downward in the fourth quarter, while in a few others including France, Italy, and Japan both wholesale prices and living costs moved upward. Living costs were higher at the end of 1937 than at the end of 1936 almost without exception. For several countries including Belgium, Czechoslovakia, and Poland the increase was greater than for wholesale prices. Only in the case of Italy did the rise in wholesale prices exceed the rise in living costs by an appreciable extent. In the United States living costs rose slightly while wholesale prices declined.

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

NORTH AMERICA

CONTINENT COUNTRY	CANADA						UNITED STATES					
	Dominion Bureau of Statistics						Irving Fisher	Bureau of Labour Statistics	Bradstreet	Dun	Annalist	
AUTHORITY	General Index	Con- sumers' Goods	Pro- ducers' 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	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	9.2115	100	120.887	100	
1914	65.5	102.3	62.7	69.7	66.5	65.5	68.1	8.9034	97	122.211	101	
1920	155.9	243.5	140.0	163.1	155.7	156.8	154.4	18.3095	204	248.721	205	
1925	102.6	160.3	97.2	104.9	100.8	103.8	105.2	103.5	13.9445	151	197.694	164
1926	100.0	156.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	(b) 100.0	13.0207	141	189.398	157
1927	97.7	152.6	95.7	98.5	99.9	96.5	94.2	95.4	12.7787	139	187.092	155
1928	96.4	150.6	95.6	96.7	97.4	95.0	97.9	96.7	13.2823	144	194.521	161
1929	95.6	149.3	94.7	96.3	97.5	93.0	96.3	95.3	12.6727	138	151.043	158
1930	86.6	135.3	89.3	82.8	82.2	87.2	86.3	86.4	10.7451	117	174.453	144
1931	72.1	112.6	76.5	67.8	61.9	74.9	71.4	73.0	8.7604	95	147.353	122
1932	66.7	104.2	71.3	63.1	55.0	69.8	61.6	64.8	7.0949	77	134.303	111
1933	67.1	104.8	71.1	63.3	56.6	70.2	64.6	66.0	7.8557	85	144.661	120
1934	71.6	111.8	74.1	67.8	63.5	73.4	76.6	75.0	9.2195	100	166.082	137
1935	72.1	112.6	73.6	69.5	66.0	72.8	83.0	80.0	9.9222	108	174.744	145
1936	74.6	116.5	74.7	72.4	70.8	73.6	83.7	80.8	10.0989	110	179.925	149
1937	84.5	132.0					90.7	86.3	11.0648	120	197.505	149
1937								(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	92.4
January	81.3	127.0	77.7	83.2	82.4	78.4	90.4	85.9	11.1360	121	206.544	171
February	82.9	129.5	78.6	84.5	83.8	78.8	90.8	86.3	11.2320	122	203.206	168
March	85.5	133.6	78.3	88.8	86.8	79.7	93.2	87.8	11.3494	123	205.177	170
April	86.1	134.5	78.9	89.0	87.5	80.5	94.1	88.0	11.8150	128	205.550	170
May	85.1	132.9	78.9	87.2	85.7	80.0	93.2	87.4	11.5159	125	204.981	170
June	84.6	132.1	79.2	85.8	83.3	80.1	92.1	87.2	11.3374	123	201.516	167
July	87.5	136.7	81.1	90.3	88.8	82.2	92.5	87.9	11.2734	122	202.413	167
August	85.6	133.7	80.6	86.8	83.7	81.9	91.7	87.5	11.1928	122	193.940	160
September	85.0	132.8	80.3	85.9	83.7	81.2	91.6	87.4	10.9579	119	192.778	159
October	84.7	132.3	80.5	84.9	83.5	81.3	89.2	85.4	10.8483	118	193.674	160
November	83.1	129.8	79.3	82.4	81.2	80.6	86.3	83.3	10.3478	112	183.453	152
December	82.7	129.2	79.1	82.7	80.8	80.2	83.8	81.7	9.7712	106	176.824	146
1938												85.5
January	83.8	130.9	78.7	84.5	82.0	81.6	83.4					84.2

(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	
		MEXICO	ARGENTINA	CHILE	PERU	UNITED KINGDOM				FRANCE			GERMANY				
AUTHORITY	Official	Banco de la Nacion	Official	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	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					
1914				104						100 July					99 July		
1920				239	(f) 307.3			295.3	251.2(d)	520					1367 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			137.5		
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	(e) 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	98.9		347		338			101.8		
1936	100.7	99.2	380.0	192	94.4		73.0	103.5		405		411			104.1		
1937		112.6		204	108.8		83.0	120.6		563		581			105.9		
1937				(c)			(b)	(b)				(b)					
January	110.0	105.2	421.2	194	102.9		81.0	117.2		513		538			105.3		
February	112.6	106.5	435.6	199	103.9		82.3	120.1		517		533			105.5		
March	112.9	110.8	457.5	204	107.3		87.2	126.2		537		550			106.1		
April	115.8	113.2	463.5	208	108.9		85.7	123.2		533		552			105.8		
May	118.6	114.4	465.4	209	110.7		86.2	124.9		529		550			105.9		
June	124.0	114.6	462.4	206	110.6		84.3	123.2		538		557			106.1		
July	125.2	115.8	465.1	206	111.5		84.7	124.6		580		582			106.4		
August	123.2	115.0	472.0	206	111.4		83.3	122.8		591		603			106.7		
September	123.3	115.4	471.2	207	111.2		81.6	121.5		618		630			106.2		
October		115.4	460.3	205	110.6		79.7	118.6		611		628			105.9		
November		112.8		206	108.5		77.0	113.8		590		621			105.5		
December		111.7		203	107.6		77.2	114.5		601		631			105.5		
1938					107.7		76.2	113.5		612		637			105.6		

(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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EUROPE

CONTINENT	AUSTRIA	SWITZERLAND	BELGIUM	NETHERLANDS	NORWAY		SWEDEN		DENMARK	ALBANIA	SPAIN
COUNTRY	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	122	56	
1936	109	95.6	605	79	138	134		120	129	63	
1937	113	111.2	684	97	161	156		137	145	65	
1937	(d)	(a)	(f)			(d)			(g)	(a)	
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	98	162	157		139	147	65	
June	115	112.0	697	97	163	157		139	146	63	
July	116	112.4	702	98	165	160		140	148	64	
August	114	110.8	700	98	165	160		140	148	64	
September	113	110.5	690	97	164	161		140	147	65	
October	113	110.9	683	97	163	161		139	148	66	
November	111	109.6	663	97	163	160		137	146	66	
December	111	109.6	659	96	163	159		136	145	67	
1938											
January	111	110.0	660		162	158					

(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												CZECHOSLOVAKIA	TURKEY
	ITALY	POLAND	FINLAND	LITHUANIA	LATVIA	YUGOSLAVIA	GREECE	ESTONIA	BULGARIA	HUNGARY	General Bureau of Statistics	Official		
AUTHORITY	Bachi	Offi- cial	Commerce Reports	Official	Official	Official	National Bank	Official	Official	Official	Offi- cial	Official		
No. of Commodities	138	293	238	135	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									100 July	
1923	512			1095							114		122	
1924	512			1100							116		138	
1925	596			1129							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	(g)
1928	462	100.0	100.0	1110	102	134	128.6	106.2			121	3,237	135	979
1929	445	95.4	96.3	98	129	119.9	100.6		1,811	117	3,447	121(c)	924	1316
1930	383	85.4	85.5	90	108	101.9	86.6		1,646	102	2,788	96	801	1000
1931	328	74.5	74.6	84	94	84.8	72.9		1,471	91	2,332	95	734	859
1932	304	69.6	65.5	90	76	85.1	65.2		1,766	83	2,071	92	678	738
1933	280	63.4	59.1	89	68	83.7	64.4		1,997	86	1,821	76	658	648
1934	273	62.0	55.8	90	61	83.0	63.2		1,969	85	1,873	79	675	672
1935	318	68.2	53.1	90	53	86.0	66.0		2,003	84	1,919	90	705	735
1936	363	76.1	54.0	92	55	91.0	69.0		2,038	91	1,991	89	706	817
1937	437	89.1	59.4	103	64	113.0	75.0			101	2,221	94	751	
		(a)					(a)					(f)	(a)	(b)
January	393.2	81.6	58.2		98	61.1	105	70.4	2,169	98	2,117	96	737	877
February	405.9	83.3	59.8		101	63.2	106	70.9	2,218	99	2,119	93	745	886
March	410.7	85.1	60.6		103	63.9	109	72.1	2,273	101	2,124	95	754	872
April	418.5	86.1	60.1		103	63.8	111	72.3	2,300	101	2,151	94	764	860
May	427.3	87.8	59.9		104	64.1	112	72.6	2,323	99	2,157	95	755	847
June	437.7	89.6	60.3		103	63.9	112	72.1	2,291	101	2,163	94	752	834
July	444.5	90.3	60.0		103	64.9	113	73.7	2,309	102	2,255	94	763	823
August	448.7	91.2	59.6		103	64.3	116	75.3	2,308	103	2,281	94	759	832
September	452.9	91.7	59.6		104	64.1	118	78.1	2,302	102	2,301	96	755	839
October	462.0	93.0	58.4		104	64.7	117	80.0	2,307	103	2,331	93	749	844
November	467.8	95.1	58.4		102	64.9	116	79.5	2,292	102	2,323	94	744	
December	470.6	96.4	58.1		102	65.9	115	79.9		101	2,326	95	732	
1938													733	
January	470.0	95.2			102									

(a) End of month. (b) First of month. (c) Since January, 1929, new index. (e) New series; June 1928 = 100. (f) Average of last week of month.
 (g) Former index now given in paper currency.

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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, 1913	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	1588		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
1937	102						180.0	152.2		101.0	88
1937	(b)					(b)			(c)		
January	98	104	85	124	126	121.6	176.3	151.1	1449	100.5	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	92	125	134	123.9	187.4	152.3	1481	98.6	88
May	103	109	91	124	130	125.1	182.1	152.6	1502	--	87
June	102	106	90	125	130	126.1	180.1	152.8	151.1	-	87
July	104	106	91	131		125.8	180.5	156.5	1512	101.4	88
August	105	106	90	136			177.3	158.1	1525	-	88
September	104	106	90	141			180.2	156.8	1524	-	88
October	105	105	88	147			178.7	152.9	1529	103.4	89
November	103	105	86	143			179.5	147.5	1564		88
December	102						182.3	145.4			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.

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	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		105 Towns & Localities					
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
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	73.4	80.8	83.9	84.8	130	147	147	160	452	76.1	507
1937			86.9	88.5	139	155	156	170		95.0	619
1937	(e)	(e)	(f)	(f)	(e)	(e)	(f)	(f)	(f)	(d)	
January	75.2	81.8	86.4	86.9	136	151	-	-	-	88.2	-
February	75.6	81.9	86.3	87.2	135	151	153	167	540	91.2	581
March	75.7	82.2	87.2	87.9	135	151	-	-	-	91.1	-
April	76.3	82.4	87.4	88.3	135	151	-	-	-	91.4	-
May	76.6	82.9	88.4	88.8	136	152	152	167	-	91.3	606
June	76.4	82.9	88.2	88.9	136	152	-	-	-	92.2	-
July	77.2	83.1	87.7	88.9	140	155	-	-	-	92.9	-
August	79.1	83.7	87.3	89.0	140	155	154	170	577	93.7	630
September	78.3	83.6	87.6	89.4	140	155	-	-	-	99.6	-
October	78.9	84.2	86.7	89.5	143	158	-	-	-	101.3	-
November	78.8	84.2	85.4	89.0	146	160	165	177	619	102.4	658
December	79.1	84.3	84.4	88.6	146	160	-	-	-	104.2	-
1938									105.9		
January	78.4	84.1	82.0	87.5	145	159	-	-	-		

(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 COUNTRY	GERMANY		BELGIUM		POLAND		CZECHOSLOVAKIA		GREECE		HUNGARY		BULGARIA	
	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														
Base Period	1913/1914	1913/1914	1921	1921	1928	1928	July, 1914	July, 1914	1914	1914	1913	1913	1914	1914
1913														
1914														
1920	1065(g)	1252(g)												
1925	(a) 139.8	(a) 147.8	136	137			724	827	1,414	1,455	109	128	2,339	3,024
1926	141.2	144.4	155	171			716	800	1,633	1,673	102	113	2,871	2,813
1927	147.6	151.9	203	208	99.5		747	850	1,790	1,843	111	125	2,814	2,751
1928	151.7	152.3	208	207	100.0	100.0	748	842	1,868	1,929	117	128	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 (l)	1,576 (l)	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	593	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	596	656	1,957	1,919	91	81	1,750	1,643
1936	124.5	122.4	186	159	60.9	48.5	710	671	2,028	2,034	96	87	1,667	1,660
1937	125.1	122.3	202	176	64.9	53.9	720	668			102	94		
			(k)	(k)	(b)	(b)	(e)	(e)			(b)	(b)	(h)	(h)
January	124.5	121.4	196	171	63.8	52.5	711	684	2,150	2,195	101	93	1,692	1,735
February	124.3	121.9	193	173	65.2	54.5	715	670	2,157	2,220	102	94	1,700	1,750
March	125.0	122.3	197	171	65.3	54.7	715	665	2,158	2,216	102	93	1,697	1,740
April	125.1	122.3	195	167	64.1	52.9	715	663	2,184	2,247	102	93	1,698	1,742
May	125.1	122.4	195	166	64.8	53.9	717	666	2,202	2,273	102	92	1,701	1,749
June	125.3	122.9	198	170	65.3	54.7	725	683	2,192	2,241	102	92	1,715	1,782
July	126.2	124.5	202	176	64.6	53.3	723	679	2,172	2,205	102	93	1,724	1,797
August	126.0	124.0	204	177	64.2	53.1	720	673	2,194	2,242	102	93	1,722	1,737
September	125.1	122.0	205	182	65.6	54.8	724	659	2,187	2,225	104	96	1,726	1,794
October	121.8	121.3	203	183	64.9	53.8	721	660	2,192	2,214	104	95	1,740	1,824
November	124.9	121.2	210	185	65.3	54.3	723	661	2,208	2,233	103	95	1,759	1,860
December	124.8	121.1	210	185	65.1	53.9	725	664			104	96		
1938														
January	124.9	121.2	210	186	64.2	52.7					105	98		

(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. (g) July. (h) Monthly average. (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											
	ROUMANIA		YUGOSLAVIA		ITALY				AUSTRIA		SWITZERLAND	
Nature of Index	Cost of Living 20 Towns	Foods 20 Towns	Cost of Living Belgrade	Foods Belgrade	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	1926	1926	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)			100(h) 4,828	100(h)	100(f)	100(f)
1914									74(a)	1250,108	164	165
1920									88	1480,583	169	172
1923	2,500(i)				494	499			97	1612,150	168	169
1924	2,985				527	528			103	116(a)	162	160
1925	3,250		(k)	(k)	611	622					119	160
1926	3,552		100.0	100.0	654	655	(d)	(d)	106	119	160	158
1927	3,855		96.9	98.8	588	559			108	119	161	157
1928	3,964		93.3	97.1	530	517	100	100	111	122	161	156
1929	4,244		93.9	98.7	545	543	101	101	111	118	158	152
1930	(4,206)	(4,046)	86.1	88.7	530	519	98	95	111	108	150	141
1931	3,004(j)	2,796(j)	81.7	83.6	485	452	88	83	106	108	110	112
1932	2,512	2,323	75.9	76.2	468	431	84	78	108	108	138	126
1933	2,319	2,163	74.6	72.4	449		81	74	105		131	117
1934	2,235	2,087	70.8	68.1	430		76	70	105		129	115
1935	2,552	2,439	69.8	68.5			78	73	105		128	114
1936			69.7	69.2			84	78	105		130	120
1937							92	86	105		137	130
1937									(b)		(g)	(g)
January			69.9	69.6			86.4	81.1	105		133	126
February			70.0	69.7			86.9	81.9	105		136	129
March			69.7	69.0			87.2	82.3	104		136	129
April			71.4	70.9			87.8	82.7	104		137	129
May			72.7	72.2			90.2	83.5	105		136	129
June			73.2	73.0			91.0	84.2	106		137	131
July			73.3	72.8			92.9	86.8	105		137	131
August			73.8	72.9			93.3	87.5	105		137	130
September			74.5	73.8			94.2	89.0	105		137	130
October							96.0	90.2	105		138	130
November							96.9	91.2	105		138	130
December							98.2	92.5	105		138	130
1938							99.1	93.7	105		138	130
January												

(a) Gold Index, since 1926, new series. (b) Middle of month. (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. (k) New index on 1926 base.

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CONTINENT	EUROPE															
	NORWAY		SWEDEN		DENMARK		NETHERLANDS		FINLAND		ESTONIA		LATVIA		LITHUANIA	
Nature of Index	Cost of Living 31 Towns	Foods 31	Cost of Living 49 Towns	Foods 49	Cost of Living Towns	Foods	Cost of Living 100 Localities	Foods	Cost of Living Amsterdam	Foods Amsterdam	Cost of Living 21 Towns	Foods Tallinn	Cost of Living Tallinn	Foods Riga	Cost of Living Riga	Foods 84 Towns
Base Period	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	1931	1931	1911-13	1911-13	1935	1935	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)	(k)	(k)					1,058					
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)			110	
1924	239	250	171(h)	155(h)	139	170	177	176	1,170	1,093	94(h)	106(h)			136	
1925	243	256	176(h)	168(h)	136	168	179	176	1,212	1,147	107	118			151	
1926	206	197	172(h)	156(h)	119	133	168(c)	161(c)	154(f)	145(d)	106	118			141	146
1927	186	173	169(h)	148(h)	114	127	168	163	158	146	105	112			141	145
1928	173(a)	168(a)	173(h)	156(h)	113	125	169	166	161	150	112	120			137	144
1929	166	158	169(h)	148(h)	112	123	168	162	160	147	117	126			134	142
1930	161	152	164(h)	138(h)	106	113	161	150	147	127	104	103	100	100	115	117
1931	153	139	158(h)	127(h)	100	100	151	136	135	113	100(g)	91(g)	91	89	105	102
1932	149	134	156(h)	124(h)	100	97	141	119	134	117	94	80	79	75	88	85
1933	147	131	153(h)	120(h)	104	99	139	119	131	117	88	77	76	74	75	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	69	62
1936	155	144	158(h)	134(h)	112	116	132	120	130	118	98	89	73	69	70	70
1937	166	158	162(h)	138(h)	116	119	137	127	105	107	104	96				
(i)	(i)	(b)	(b)	(b)			(b)	(b)	(e)	(d)	(d)	(d)				
January	158	148	158	133	113	116	134.1	123.5	102	102	104	97	69	58	67	
February	159	150	-	-	-	-	133.9	122.2	104	105	104	97	71	62	70	
March	161	152	-	-	-	-	134.2	123.0	104	106	103	97	72	65	70	
April	163	155	161	137	115	118	136.0	125.4	104	105	103	95	74	68	70	
May	163	156	-	-	-	-	136.2	125.9	104	103	102	94	78	78	70	
June	166	157	-	-	-	-	137.9	129.3	104	104	104	96	84	87	70	
July	168	161	162	138	116	120	138.7	130.1	106	106	104	96	83	85	71	
August	168	161	-	-	-	-	139.1	130.0	108	111	103	94	82	84	70	
September	170	163	-	-	-	-	138.8	128.6	108	111	104	95	81	83	70	
October	171	164	165	140	118	123	139.7	130.4	109	112	105	95	93	88	69	
November	171	164	-	-	-	-	139.7	130.9	109	111	106	96	86	77	69	
December	171	164	-	-	-	-	139.4	129.8	109	111	108	100			70	
1938																
January	171	163	165	142					108	109						

(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: 1922-36 indexes are on 1914 base. (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	Foods Madrid	Cost of Living Entire Country	Foods Cairo	Cost of Living Cairo	Foods Cairo	Cost of Living 9 Towns	Foods 9 Towns	Cost of Living 2 Towns	Foods Istanbul	Cost of Living Istanbul	Foods Bombay	Cost of Living Bombay	Foods Java & Madura	Cost of Living Saigon	Foods Seagon			
Base Period	June, 1913	June, 1914	Jan. 1913	Jan. 1913	July, 1914	July, 1914	1914	1914	January 1922	1914	1914	July, 1933	July, 1933	June, 1934	1913	1913	1925	1925	
1913															100	100			
1914	100	100	1,000(c)	1,000(c)			100	100		1,000	1,000	100(a)	100(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	176(a)	135	119	83.2			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	105(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)			76	60		
1935			1,982		130	115	116	102	53.4	957	892	101(a)	93(a)						
1936			2,022		130	113	116	101	56.4	960	926	101(a)	93(a)						
1937					129	111			59.1			(d)	(d)						
January			(b)																
February			2,535		130	111	116	100	62.4	987	969	104	110						
March			2,400		130	112	116	100	61.0	992	981	104	111						
April			2,422		129	111	117	101	59.7	974	954	104	112						
May			2,448		129	110	118	102	61.4	972	960	105	112						
June			2,524		128	109	118	103	58.5	968	940	105	111						
July			2,547		127	109	119	103	57.1	957	907	105	112						
August			2,544		128	110	118	102	57.7	967	931	107	115						
September			2,542		128	111	119	102	58.5	963	932	108	117						
October			2,533		128	111	119	101	58.4	969		108	117						
November			2,557		129	112	120	103	58.2	987		108	118						
December			2,545		129	111	121	105	58.5	985		107	116						
					128	111			57.7										

(a) July. (b) Middle of Month. (c) June. (d) New series beginning 1937; annual indexes 1914-36 on July, 1914 base.

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CONTINENT		ASIA				OCEANIA				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	Cost of Living Lima	Foods Lima	Cost of Living Santiago	Foods Santiago
Base Period	1927	1927	1926	1926	July, 1924	July, 1914	1923- 1914	1923- 1927	1926- 1927	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					221	228	99.6	101.1	95.9	96.5	210	208		
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	100.0	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	81.8	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
1937					174	193		85.4			170	173		
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	89.8	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	196
May	108.9	112.8	118.7	104.3	172	189	86.7	84.6	91.9	95.1	171	174	176	203
June	104.3	107.4	119.0	104.0	171	188	-	84.7	91.7	94.5	171	173	179	209
July			120.0	106.0	172	187	-	85.3	92.1	95.4	171	173	181	214
August			134.6	128.5	174	190	87.4	85.2	92.7	95.6	172	174	183	217
September			147.7	141.4	178	197	-	86.5	93.4	97.6	172.	174	187	224
October			139.5	126.9	179	200	-	86.8	93.8	98.5	173	176	185	221
November			160.6	157.9	180	198	-	86.2	94.5	100.2	173	176		
December					182	201	-	86.3			174	177		
1938					185	204								
January														

(a) Average of quarter. (b) Middle of month. (c) Since October, 1935, including heating. (d) Revised index, including rent.

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