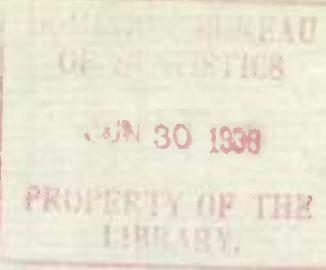


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WORLD WHOLESALE PRICE MOVEMENTS
FIRST QUARTER OF 1938

National wholesale commodity price indexes moved predominantly downward during the first quarter of 1938. This continued a decline which had its inception in the late spring months of 1937. Reductions in index levels between December 1937 and March 1938 were commonly between 2 and 3 per cent. The sharpest declines noted were in widely separated areas, the Denmark series dropping 4 per cent and that for Calcutta, India, 5 per cent. Recessions recorded for Belgium, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Sweden, the United Kingdom, and the United States ranged from 2.1 to 3.3 per cent. The only outstanding gain occurred in the Tokyo series for Japan which mounted 4.2 per cent in continuance of a pronounced rise dating from the late summer months of 1937. Smaller net increases were reported in the period under review for Australia, France, Germany, and Canada.

WORLD COST OF LIVING MOVEMENTS
FIRST QUARTER OF 1938

Although living costs in some countries continued to move upward in the first quarter of 1938, there was a noticeable tendency for retail prices to follow the lead set by declining wholesale prices in 1937. Reductions of 2 per cent or more occurred in the cost of living indexes for Belgium, Ireland, Poland, the United Kingdom and the United States. In addition indexes for many other countries indicated lesser decreases or no change. The Paris index for France mounted sharply in January, but thereafter remained practically stationary. Rising living costs were shown by indexes for Czechoslovakia, France, Germany, Italy and Japan. The Tokyo retail price index showed the sharpest rise noted, advancing 5.6 per cent. This was a greater amount than the increase indicated in Tokyo wholesale price levels.

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

CONTINENT COUNTRY	NORTH AMERICA										
	CANADA					UNITED STATES					
AUTHORITY	Dominion Bureau of Statistics		Consumers' Goods	Producers' Goods	Raw and Partly Mfd. Goods	Fully and Chiefly Mfd. Goods	Irving Fisher	Bureau of Labour Statistics	Bradstreet		Annalist
	General Index								Dun		
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	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	63.1	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
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	74.6	116.5	74.7	72.4	70.8	73.6	83.7	80.8	10.0989	110	179.925
1937	84.5	132.0	79.5	86.1	84.3	80.5	90.7	86.3	11.0648	120	197.505
1937									(a)	(a)	(a)
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	87.9	11.2734	122	202.413
August	85.6	133.7	80.6	86.8	83.7	81.9	91.7	87.5	11.1928	122	193.940
September	85.0	132.8	80.3	85.9	83.7	81.2	91.6	87.4	10.9579	119	192.778
October	84.7	132.3	80.5	84.9	83.5	81.3	89.2	85.4	10.8483	118	193.674
November	83.1	129.8	79.3	82.4	81.2	80.6	86.3	83.3	10.3478	112	183.453
December	82.7	129.2	79.1	82.7	80.8	80.2	83.8	81.7	9.7712	106	176.824
1938											146
January	83.8	130.9	78.7	84.5	82.0	81.6	83.4	80.9			84.2
February	83.6	130.6	79.1	83.7	81.1	82.0	82.6	79.8			82.8
March	83.1	129.8	79.0	82.5	79.7	82.0	82.2	79.7			82.5
April	82.3	128.6	78.5	81.9	79.0	81.3	80.9	78.7			80.7

(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.

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CONTINENT	N. AMERICA	SOUTH AMERICA			EUROPE						
COUNTRY	MEXICO	ARGENTINA	CHILE	PERU	UNITED KINGDOM			FRANCE			GERMANY
AUTHORITY	Official	Banco de la Nacion	Official	Official	Board of Trade	Economist	Statist	Times	Statistique Generale	Statistique Generale	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	100		100
1914				104					100 July		99 July
1920				239	(f) 307.3			295.3	251.2(d)	520	
1922		98.5		190		158.8		154.1	158.6(d)	334	
1923		101.8		189		158.9		151.8	169.1(d)	428	
1924		109.5		192		166.2	158.9	115.7	179.3(d)	499	
1925		110.9		202		159.1	155.1	112.0	159.5	561	
1926		100.0		203		148.1	143.2	104.0	149.6	718	695
1927		92.2		203		141.6	137.6	100.0	144.2	630	642
1928		98.5	192.5	192		140.3	135.1	98.1	141.9	634	645
1929	100.0	96.4	192.8	186		136.5	127.2	92.4	135.3	623	627
1930	103.4	92.2	166.9	178	(e) 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	462	502
1932	84.3	89.5	230.2	170		85.6	86.1	62.6	94.0	407	427
1933	89.8	85.6	346.4	180		85.7	86.9	63.1	93.7	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	100.7	99.2	380.0	192		94.4		73.0	103.5	405	411
1937		112.6	454.6	204		108.8		83.0	120.6	563	581
			(c)					(b)	(b)		(b)
April	115.8	113.2	463.5	208		108.9		85.7	123.2	533	552
May	118.6	114.4	465.4	209		110.7		86.2	124.9	529	550
June	124.0	114.6	462.4	206		110.6		84.3	123.2	538	557
July	125.2	115.8	465.4	206		111.5		84.7	124.6	580	582
August	123.2	115.0	472.0	206		111.4		83.3	122.8	591	603
September	123.3	115.4	471.2	207		111.2		81.6	121.5	618	630
October		115.4	460.3	205		110.6		79.7	118.6	611	628
November		112.8	447.5	206		108.5		77.0	113.8	590	621
December		111.7	432.8	203		107.6		77.2	114.5	601	631
1938											
January			112.4			107.7		76.2	113.5	612	636
February			112.2			105.8		75.5	113.4	614	631
March								104.1	110.8	619	634
April								103.1	73.3	619	643

(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	Økonomisk Revue	Official	Götabergs Handels Tidning	Commerce Department	Official	Official	Director General of Statistics
No. of Commodities	47 (b)	78	130	48	100	95	47	160		23	74
Base Period	January - July, 1914	July 1914	April 1914	1913	Dec. 21/13 June 30/14	1913	July 1/13-June 30/14	1913	1935	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	(g) 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)				(a)	
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									(h)		
January	111	110.0	660	97	162	158		135	119	66	
February	111	109.4	657	95	160	157		134	117		
March		108.2	644	93		155		132	115		
April		108.1							113		

(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 (h) New series beginning January, 1938.

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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	52	92	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		100 July	
1920				1183										
1924	512			1100										
1925	596			1129										
1926	603			1088	100	134		100.0						
1927	495	(e)		1133	101	134		103.4						
1928	462	100.0	100.0	1110	102	134	128.6	106.2						
1929	445	95.4	96.3		98	129	119.9	100.6	1,811	117	3,447	121(c)	(g)	1262
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	64.4	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	75.3	2,282	101	2,221	94	751		
		(a)				(a)				(f)	(a)	(b)		
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	63.3	111	72.3	2,300	101	2,151	94	764	860	
May	427.3	87.8	59.9	104	64.1	112	72.6	2,383	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	837	
December	470.6	96.4	58.1	102	65.9	115	79.9	2,286	101	2,326	95	732		
1938										(h)				
January	470.0	95.2	58.0	102	65.7	115	80.2	2,284	102	2,161	94	733		
February	466.9	93.7	57.7	101			79.9	2,287	102		93	733		
March	93.8	56.9	100				78.6		101		94	730		
April			99							101		727		

(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. (h) New series beginning January, 1938 on 1914 base.

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 generale Saigon	Ministry of Industries North-China	National Tariff Commission Shanghai	Bank of Japan	Commonwealth Statistician Melbourne	Government Statistician	Census and Statistics Office	Department of Statistics Cairo
No. of Commodities	72	43	92	37	100	154	56	92	180	188	23
Base Period	July, 1914	July, 1914	1913	1913	1926	1926	1913	1913	1909-1913	1913	Jan. 1, 1913- July 31, 1914
1913			100	100	68		100.0	100.0			100.0
1914	100(a)	100	98(a)		67		95.5	105.6	1053		96.9
1920	201	216	279		89		259.4	227.9	2092		223.3
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		127.6
1926	148	149	159	131	100	100.0	178.8	168.4	1553		123.3
1927	148	147	154	142	103	104.4	169.8	167.0	1478		124.0
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	1588		120
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	1345(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		94.8
1936	91	96	67	99	111	108.5	149.2	141.8	1399		98.6
1937	102	106	89	132			180.0	152.2	1484		85
(b)					(b)				(c)		
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		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	1514		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	105	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	104	86	143			182.3	145.4	1565		88
1938											
January	100	104		143			185.4	146.7	1533	107.3	88
February	97	103					188.4	147.1	1528	-	90
March	96						190.0	147.3	-		89

(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	NORTH AMERICA				EUROPE					FRANCE	
	CANADA		UNITED STATES		UNITED KINGDOM		IRISH FREE STATE				
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	Paris Foods	Paris 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	
1923	92.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	169	174	188	184	349	332	
1924	90.7	98.0	99.1	101.3	170	175	190	186	406	380	
1925	94.7	99.3	107.2	103.7	171	176	193	190	450	425	
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	98.8	
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	483	69.1	
1936	73.4	80.8	83.9	84.8	130	147	147	160	452	76.1	
1937			86.9	88.5	139	155	156	170	571	95.0	
1937	(e)	(e)	(f)	(f)	(e)	(e)	(f)	(f)	(f)	(d)	
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	
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	
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	
December	79.1	84.3	84.4	88.6	146	160	-	-	104.2	-	
1938											
January	78.4	84.1	82.0	87.5	145	159	-	-	105.9	-	
February	77.9	83.9	80.1	86.7	142	157	159	173	640	107.9	
March	78.6	84.2	80.3	86.7	140	156			106.9		
April	78.8	84.3	81.1	86.8	137	154			106.8		

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

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CONTINENT	EUROPE														
	GERMANY		BELGIUM		POLAND		CZECHOSLOVAKIA		GREECE		HUNGARY		BULGARIA		
Nature of Index	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)	
Base Period	1913/1914	1913/1914	1921	1921	1928	1928	July, 1914	July, 1914	1914	1914	1913	1913	1914	1914	
1913					(c)(f)	(c)(f)	(d)	(d)	(m)		100	100			
1914							100(g)	100(g)	100	100			100	100	
1920	1065(g)	1252(g)					724	827	1,414	1,455	109	128	2,339	3,024	
1925	(a)139.8	(a)147.8	136	137			716	800	1,633	1,673	102	113	2,871	2,813	
1926	141.2	144.4	165	171			747	850	1,790	1,843	111	125	2,814	2,751	
1927	147.6	151.9	203	208			748	842	1,868	1,929	117	128	2,875	2,883	
1928	151.7	152.3	208	207	100.0	100.0	744	813	1,923	1,987	117	124	2,941	2,992	
1929	154.0	154.5	220	218	100.5	-	746	782	1,682	1,719	106	105	2,690	2,439	
1930	148.1	142.9	228	209	92.1	83.7	73.9	713	712	1,671(1)	1,576(1)	101	96	2,349	1,913
1931	136.1	127.6	205	176	82.8	73.9	744	782	1,773	1,697	98	91	2,160	1,765	
1932	120.6	112.3	184	150	74.8	64.8	700	677	657	1,904	1,857	89	77	1,873	1,676
1933	118.0	109.9	182	130	67.5	58.0	693	656	656	1,937	1,887	81	81	2,006	1,680
1934	121.1	116.2	175	143	62.6	52.3	685	633	656	1,957	1,919	91	81	1,750	1,643
1935	123.0	120.4	176	146	60.0	49.9	696	656	656	1,957	1,919	91	87	1,674	1,647
1936	124.5	122.4	186	159	58.0	48.5	710	671	671	2,028	2,034	96	87		
1937	125.1	122.3	202	176	62.0	53.9	720	668	668	2,185	2,228	102	94	1,720	1,787
		(k)	(k)	(b)	(b)	(e)	(e)					(b)	(b)	(h)	(h)
March	125.0	122.3	197	171	62.4	54.7	715	665	2,168	2,216	102	93	1,697	1,740	
April	125.1	122.3	195	167	61.3	52.9	715	663	2,184	2,247	102	93	1,693	1,742	
May	125.1	122.4	195	166	61.9	53.9	717	666	2,202	2,273	102	92	1,701	1,749	
June	125.3	122.9	198	170	62.4	54.7	725	683	2,192	2,241	102	92	1,715	1,782	
July	126.2	124.5	203	176	61.7	53.8	723	679	2,172	2,205	102	93	1,724	1,797	
August	126.0	124.0	204	177	61.3	53.1	720	673	2,194	2,242	102	93	1,722	1,787	
September	125.1	122.0	208	182	62.7	54.8	724	669	2,187	2,225	104	96	1,726	1,794	
October	124.8	121.3	209	183	62.0	53.8	721	660	2,192	2,214	104	96	1,740	1,824	
November	124.9	121.2	210	185	62.4	54.3	723	661	2,208	2,233	103	95	1,759	1,860	
December	124.8	121.2	210	185	62.1	53.9	725	664	2,303	2,225	104	96	1,769	1,881	
1938															
January	124.9	121.2	210	186	61.4	52.8	738	671	2,212	2,239	105	98	1,768	1,881	
February	125.2	121.5	209	184	61.2	52.6	739	674	2,215	2,244	104	96	1,771	1,886	
March	125.5	122.2	206	179	60.8	52.0	741	668			104	96			
April	125.6	122.3	202	174	60.9	52.1	744								

(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. (f) Revised.

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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)	100(h)	100(f)	100(f)
1914									4,828		224	242
1920									74(a)	1250, 108	164	165
1923	2,500(i)				494	499			88	1480, 583	169	172
1924	2,985				527	528			97	1612, 150	168	169
1925	3,250		(k)	(k)	611	622			103	116(a)	162	160
1926	3,552		100.0	100.0	654	655			106	119	160	158
1927	3,855		96.9	98.8	588	559	(d)	(d)	108	119	160	158
1928	3,964		93.3	97.1	530	517	100	100	111	119	161	157
1929	4,244		93.9	98.7	545	543	101	101	111	122	161	156
1930	(4,206)	(4,046)	86.1	88.7	530	519	98	95	111	118	158	152
1931	3,004(j)	2,796(j)	81.7	83.6	485	452	88	83	106	108	150	141
1932	2,512	2,323	75.9	76.2	468	431	84	78	108	110	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			73.2	72.9			92	86	105		137	130
1937									(b)		(g)	(g)
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			76.0	75.8			96.0	90.2	105		138	130
November			76.6	76.7			96.9	91.2	105		138	130
December			77.7	78.0			98.2	92.6	105		138	130
1938							99.1	93.9	105		138	130
January							99.2	93.9	104		137	130
February							99.3	93.8			137	129
March							98.7	92.8			137	129
April												

(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 Towns	Cost of Living 49 Towns	Foods 49 Towns	Cost of Living 100 Localities	Foods	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	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)			110	
1923	218	217	174(h)	158(h)	133	158	174	171	1,147	1,079	102(h)	115(h)			136	
1924	239	250	171(h)	155(h)	139	170	177	176	1,170	1,093	94(h)	106(h)			151	
1925	243	256	176(h)	168(h)	136	168	179	176	1,212	1,147	107	118			141	146
1926	206	197	172(h)	156(h)	119	133	168(c)	161(c)	154(f)	145(f)	106	118			141	145
1927	186	173	169(h)	148(h)	114	127	168	163	158	146	105	112			137	144
1928	173(a)	168(a)	173(h)	156(h)	113	125	169	166	161	150	112	120			134	142
1929	166	158	169(h)	148(h)	112	123	168	162	160	147	117	126			115	117
1930	161	152	164(h)	138(h)	106	113	161	150	147	127	104	103	100	100	105	102
1931	153	139	158(h)	127(h)	100	100	151	136	135	113	100(g)	91(g)	91	89	88	85
1932	149	134	156(h)	124(h)	100	97	141	119	134	117	94	80	79	75	75	70
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	75	70
1937	166	158	162(h)	138(h)	116	119	137	127	105	107	104	96	79	75	70	
1937	(i)	(i)	(b)	(b)			(b)	(b)	(e)	(e)	(d)	(d)				
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	86	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	81	70	70	
<u>1938</u>					(m)	(m)										
January	171	163	165	142	107	108	139.1	130.4	108	109	110	102	78	63	70	
February	172	165	-	-	-	-	138.7	130.1	108	108	110	103	80	67	70	
March	171	164	-	-	-	-	137.9	128.4	107	108					70	
April	171	164	-	-	107	109			107	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: 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. (m) New series beginning January, 1938; 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	Cost of Living 9 Towns	Foods	Cost of Living 3 Towns	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	January 1914	1922	1914	1914	July, 1933	July, 1933	June, 1934	June, 1934	1913	1913	
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	178						190(a)	188(a)				
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)	62	85	69			
1934	186		1,968		127	110	116	104	55.1	1,031	912	97(a)	87(a)	61	76	60			
1935			1,982		130	115	116	102	53.4	957	892	101(a)	93(a)	64					
1936			2,022		130	113	116	101	56.4	960	926	101(a)	93(a)	60					
1937			2,511		129	111	119	103	59.1	975	943	106	114	68					
1937			(b)									(d)	(d)						
March			2,422		129	111	117	101	59.7	974	954	104	112		65				
April			2,448		129	110	118	102	61.4	972	960	105	112		64				
May			2,524		128	109	118	103	58.5	968	940	105	111		66				
June			2,547		127	109	119	103	57.1	957	907	105	112		67				
July			2,544		128	110	118	102	57.7	967	931	107	115		68				
August			2,542		128	111	119	102	58.5	963	932	108	117		71				
September			2,533		128	111	119	101	58.4	969	931	108	117		72				
October			2,557		129	112	120	103	58.2	987	944	108	118		73				
November			2,545		129	111	121	105	58.5	985	945	107	116		74				
December			2,538		128	111	123	108	57.7	981	928	107	116		74				
1938																			
January			2,569		129	112	123	109	58.2	990	940	107	116						
February			2,572		130	115	124	109	58.2			107	115						
March									58.4										

(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						
	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					221	233	98.0	97.2	98.4	100.5	210	208			
1924					218	236	99.1	100.2	100.4	100.5	187	168			
1925					199	217	100.6	102.7	101.0	102.6	201	182			
1926	102.0	103.7	100.0	100.0	217	211	99.7	100.4	100.1	98.3	194	177			
1927	100.0	100.0	106.7	106.7	189	202	100.3	98.9	100.6	100.4	181	161	(108)	(116)	
1928	101.6	101.5	102.5	92.1	184	203	102.6	104.7	100.4	101.3	177	159	109	119	
1929	106.5	107.6	107.9	98.4	181	173	97.1	94.6	98.1	97.4	169	157	108	115	
1930	109.6	111.8	121.8	118.8	155	151	87.0	83.0	90.6	84.4	158	148	104	103	
1931	95.8	92.5	125.9	107.5	136	158	82.8	80.0	83.8	77.5	151	143	(d) 114	115	
1932	91.2	85.4	119.1	101.3	137	161	80.3	75.4	79.5	73.2	148	139	141	147	
1933	81.0	72.4	107.2	86.9	146	164	81.8	78.6	80.8	77.4	150	148	142	149	
1934	79.5	69.9	106.2	86.4	149	164	81.8	78.6	80.8	77.4	150	147	144	155	
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			131.8	121.5	174	193	87.1	85.4	92.2	95.6	170	173	176	205	
1937				(b)	(b)	(a)			(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)			
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	88.0	86.2	94.5	100.2	173	176	185	220
December				167.2	157.3	182	201	-	86.3	94.9	101.2	174	177	180	211
1938															
January					185	204	-	86.2	94.2	99.1	176	180			
February					190	205		86.6	94.3	98.5	175	179			
March					193	205	-		94.2	98.3	173	176			
April					198	209									

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

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