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WORLD WHOLESALE PRICE MOVEMENTS

FIRST AND SECOND QUARTERS OF 1939

The movement of world wholesale prices during the first and second quarters of 1939 was predominantly upward. Of seventeen countries, index levels showed an increase in eight, no change in three, and a decrease in six. Advances ranged from 0.3 per cent to 5.6 per cent. The most outstanding increase occurred in the Tokyo series for Japan, which rose 5.6 per cent, following a small rise in the last quarter of 1938. The Calcutta index for India, which showed no change in the last quarter of 1938, moved upward by 4.2 per cent in the period under review. Smaller advances were reported for Poland (2.5 per cent), Sweden (2.4 per cent) and Italy (1.8 per cent).

After remaining steady during the closing quarter of 1938, the Denmark index continued firm and showed no change at the end of the second quarter of 1939. The June 1939 index for Canada, 73.3, was at the same level as in December 1938, with no component material group showing any pronounced rise or fall in that period.

Recessions shown were slight, the greatest being 1.6 per cent for the Belgian series. Smaller declines were reported for United States, the United Kingdom and France.

WORLD COST OF LIVING MOVEMENTS

FIRST AND SECOND QUARTERS OF 1939

Advances in cost of living index numbers were almost parallel to those in the wholesale price field, but declines were greater. From a total of seventeen countries, recessions were recorded in seven, increases in nine, and no change in only one (Switzerland). Belgium and Eire showed the greatest declines, cost of living indexes dropping 3.8 per cent and 2.3 per cent respectively in these countries. The United Kingdom index of living costs published by the Ministry of Labour, which was 156.0 in September 1938, and also in December 1938, fell to 153.0 in June 1939. The decline of 1.9 per cent exceeded considerably that for the wholesale series. The United States index, which began to decline in November 1937, had fallen to 84.7 by June 1939. This was the lowest index recorded since the middle of 1936, and indicated a decrease of 1.3 per cent in the first half of 1939. The cost of living index for Canada, which fell less than 1 per cent in the last quarter of 1938, registered a similar decline in the first half of 1939. After a marked divergence in 1938, the difference between retail and wholesale price index levels narrowed slightly from 13.9 per cent to 13.0 per cent between December 1938 and June 1939. Both series are computed on the base 1926=100.

A substantial advance in Italian wholesale prices was exceeded by a pronounced increase of 3.8 per cent in living costs. The Tokyo cost of living index, which stood at 211.9 in December 1938, advanced to 220.5 in June 1939, the highest level in over 13 years. The series for France recorded a small increase of less than 1 per cent.

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

CONTINENT COUNTRY	NORTH AMERICA							UNITED STATES			MEXICO	
	CANADA							Bureau of				
AUTHORITY	Dominion Bureau of Statistics							Irving Fisher	Labor Statistics	Annalist	Official	
	General Index	Con- sumers' Goods	Pro- ducers' Goods	Raw and Mfd. Goods	Fully and Partly Chiefly Mfd. Goods	Industrial Material Prices Composite Index	30					
No. of Commodities	567(c)	236(d)	402(d)	245(d)	322(d)		200	784(b)	94 Series		32	
Base Period	1926	1913	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1926	1929	
1913	64.0	100.0	61.9	67.4	63.8	64.8	-	69.8	69.8	-	-	
1914	65.5	102.3	62.7	69.7	66.5	65.5	-	68.1	68.1	-	-	
1920	155.9	243.5	140.0	163.1	155.7	156.8	-	154.4	154.4	(e)	-	
1925	102.6	160.3	97.2	104.9	100.8	103.8	-	105.2	103.5	-	-	
1926	100.0	156.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	(b) 100.0	100.0	-	-	
1927	97.7	152.6	95.7	98.5	99.9	96.5	96.5	94.2	95.4	96.3	-	
1928	96.4	150.6	95.6	96.7	97.4	95.0	92.9	97.9	96.7	99.2	-	
1929	95.6	149.3	94.7	96.3	97.5	93.0	91.8	96.3	95.3	96.9	100.0	
1930	86.6	135.3	89.3	82.8	82.2	87.3	76.2	86.3	86.4	84.9	103.4	
1931	72.1	112.6	76.5	67.8	61.9	74.9	59.6	71.4	73.0	69.3	89.7	
1932	66.7	104.2	71.3	63.1	55.0	69.8	51.3	61.6	64.8	60.6	84.3	
1933	67.1	104.8	71.1	63.1	56.6	70.2	54.1	64.6	66.0	63.1	89.8	
1934	71.6	111.8	74.1	67.8	63.5	73.4	60.0	76.6	75.0	75.5	94.7	2
1935	72.1	112.6	73.6	69.5	66.0	72.8	62.4	83.0	80.0	83.8	94.5	
1936	74.6	116.5	74.7	72.4	70.8	73.6	67.3	83.7	80.8	84.1	100.4	
1937	84.6	132.1	79.5	86.1	84.3	80.5	80.3	90.7	86.3	92.4	119.1	
1938	78.6	122.8	77.2	75.8	72.9	78.2	66.3	81.2	78.6	81.0	126.3	
1938												
June	80.1	125.1	77.8	78.5	75.3	79.2	65.5	80.9	78.3	80.4	126.7	
July	78.6	122.8	77.8	76.1	72.5	78.4	66.3	81.5	78.8	81.2	126.7	
August	76.0	118.7	76.5	71.9	67.5	77.0	65.1	80.4	78.1	79.9	126.6	
September	74.5	116.4	76.1	69.0	65.6	75.6	64.1	80.6	78.3	80.5	129.7	
October	74.1	115.7	75.3	68.6	65.1	74.8	64.2	80.3	77.6	79.7	129.8	
November	73.5	114.8	74.8	68.0	64.6	74.0	64.2	80.4	77.5	79.9	128.5	
December	73.3	114.5	76.0	68.4	64.9	73.6	64.0	79.9	77.0	79.6	125.0	
1939												
January	73.2	114.3	74.4	68.1	64.8	73.5	64.3	79.8	76.9	79.2	125.3	
February	73.2	114.3	74.4	68.2	64.9	73.6	64.3	79.8	76.9	79.1	124.6	
March	73.2	114.3	74.1	68.1	65.1	73.2	64.7	80.0	76.7	78.9	123.7	
April	73.4	114.7	74.1	68.3	65.5	73.3	64.6	80.0	76.2	77.8	125.6	
May	73.7	115.1	73.9	69.0	66.5	73.2	65.2	79.8	76.2	77.5	-	
June	73.3	114.5	73.7	68.1	65.0	73.1	65.3	79.0	-	-	-	

(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	SOUTH AMERICA			EUROPE						GERMANY
	COUNTRY	ARGENTINA	CHILE	PERU	UNITED KINGDOM			FRANCE	GERMANY	
AUTHORITY	Banco de la Nacion	Official	Official	Board of Trade	Economist	Statist	Times	Statistique Generale	Statistique Generale	Federal Statistical Office
No. of Commodities	108		58	200	58	45	60	45	126	400
Base Period	1926	1913	1913	1930	1927	1913	1913	July, 1914	1913	1913
1913	75.5	100.0	100	-	-	100.0	100	102	100	100.0
1914	-	-	104	-	-	100.0	-	100 July	-	99 July
1920	-	-	239	(f) 307.3	-	295.3	-	520	-	1367 July
1925	110.9	-	202	159.1	112.0	159.5	161	561	-	(a) 141.8
1926	100.0	-	203	148.1	104.0	148.0	148	718	695	134.4
1927	98.1	-	203	141.6	100.0	144.0	142	630	642	137.6
1928	98.5	192.5	192	140.3	98.1	141.2	141	634	645	140.0
1929	96.4	192.8	186	136.5	92.4	135.3	134	623	627	137.2
1930	92.2	166.9	178	(e) 100.0	77.6	114.1	115	543	554	124.6
1931	89.0	152.2	175	87.8	64.9	96.5	98	462	502	110.9
1932	89.5	230.4	170	85.6	62.6	94.0	96.	407	427	96.5
1933	85.6	346.0	180	85.7	63.1	93.7	96	388	398	93.3
1934	98.4	343.6	188	88.1	65.6	96.4	100	366	376	98.4
1935	97.0	343.3	189	89.0	68.6	98.9	104	347	338	101.8
1936	99.2	379.6	192	94.4	72.8	103.5	110	405	411	104.1
1937	112.6	454.6	205	108.8	82.5	120.6	128	563	581	105.9
1938	105.5	432.1	205	101.5	72.0	107.5	117	640	653	105.7
1938		(c)		(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	
June	104.2	430.4	203	100.7	72.0	107.5	117	653	660	105.6
July	104.0	436.5	204	100.6	72.2	107.2	117	652	652	105.6
August	102.3	438.0	206	99.5	70.4	104.2	116	644	649	105.9
September	101.4	437.9	205	98.4	70.2	104.2	115	646	652	105.6
October	101.8	436.3	207	99.1	70.0	104.5	116	654	664	105.9
November	101.5	431.4	208	98.4	69.0	102.8	113	657	674	106.1
December	103.0	415.9	207	98.3	68.6	104.8	114	666	684	106.3
1939										
January	103.1	404.5	208	97.2	68.7	104.4	112	676	689	106.5
February	102.4	402.1	206	96.8	68.9	104.2	110	677	685	106.5
March	103.2	403.4	206	96.6	69.4	104.7	111	681	683	106.6
April	102.7	-	206	97.2	70.2	106.5	111	682	675	106.4
May	102.7	-	208	97.8	70.5	106.6	-	693	684	106.5
June	-	-	-	98.1	69.8	106.6	-	685	683	106.8

(a) Since 1924, new series. (b) End of month. (c) Fifteenth of month. (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									PORTUGAL
	SWITZERLAND	BELGIUM	NETHERLANDS	NORWAY		SWEDEN	DENMARK	ALBANIA		
COUNTRY	Federal Labour Department	Ministry of Industry and Labour	Central Bureau of Statistics	Ekonomisk Revue	Official	Commerce Department	Official	Official	Banco de Portugal	
AUTHORITY	Federal Labour Department	Ministry of Industry and Labour	Central Bureau of Statistics	Ekonomisk Revue	Official	Commerce Department	Official	Official	Banco de Portugal	
No. of Commodities	73	124	48	100	95	160	-	23	-	
Base Period	July 1914	April 1914	1913	Dec. 31/13 June 30/14	1913	1913	1935	1927	1927	
1913	-	-	100	100	100	-	-	-	-	
1914	100.0	July	100 April	109	115	-	-	-	-	
1920	-	-	292	382	-	359	-	-	-	
1925	160.5	558	155	251	253	161	-	-	-	
1926	144.5	744	145	196	198	149	-	-	-	
1927	142.2	847	148	160	167	146	-	100	100.0	
1928	144.6	843	149	155	157(e)	148	-	104	(c) 104.2	
1929	141.2	851	142	148	149	140	-	100	(c) 103.9	
1930	126.5	744	117	138	137	122	-	88	(c) 98.4	
1931	109.7	626	97	123	122	111	-	90	(c) 88.5	
1932	96.0	532	79	125	122	109	-	74	89.6	
1933	91.0	501	74	124	122	107	-	57	86.8	
1934	89.8	473	78	126	124	114	-	51	93.8	
1935	89.8	537	76	132	127	116	100	56	86.1	
1936	95.6	605	79	138	134	120	105	63	89.6	
1937	111.2	684	97	161	156	137	119	65	105.5	
1938	107.1	630	92	161	153	130	112	64	102.6	
1938	(a)	(f)			(d)		(h)	(a)	(d)	
June	107.1	629	92	159	153	130	111	62	101.8	
July	106.4	623	90	158	154	130	111	62	100.4	
August	105.4	620	90	152	152	128	110	62	100.4	
September	105.5	622	91	151	151	127	110	63	100.1	
October	105.8	617	91	151	150	128	111	63	101.0	
November	106.1	610	91	150	150	127	110	63	101.0	
December	106.1	607	92	151	150	127	110	63	100.8	
1939										
January	105.7	604	91	149	148	127	110	63	-	
February	105.2	599	91	149	148	127	110	62	-	
March	105.3	600	91	149	148	127	109	62	-	
April	105.9	602	92	149	149	128	109	65	-	
May	107.0	599	92	150	149	129	111	-	-	
June	106.4	597	-	150	148	130	110	-	-	

(a) End of month. (c) June. (d) Fifteenth of month. (e) New series beginning 1928. (f) Second half of month. (h) New series beginning January, 1938.

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

COUNTRY	EUROPE												General Bureau of Statistics	TURKEY
	ITALY	POLAND	FINLAND	LITHUANIA	LATVIA	YUGOSLAVIA	GREECE	ESTONIA	BULGARIA	HUNGARY	CZECHOSLOVAKIA	TURKEY		
AUTHORITY	Bachi	Official	Commerce Reports	Official	Official	Official	National Bank	Official	Official	Official	Official	Official	General Bureau of Statistics	Official
No. of Commodities	138	293	238	139	88	61	55	60	44	72	548	126	-	52
Base Period	1913	June 1928	1928	1935	1913	1913	1926	Jan. 1913-July 1914	1913	1914	1929	July, 1914	1913-1914	-
1913	100	-	-	-	100	100.0	-	-	100	-	-	-	-	-
1914	-	-	-	-	109	-	-	-	-	100	-	100 July	-	-
1920	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1925	596	-	-	-	145	-	-	-	124	-	-	-	-	-
1926	603	-	-	-	134	-	100.0	-	114	2,947	-	-	-	-
1927	495	(e)	-	-	134	-	103.4	-	114	3,017	-	(g)	1262	-
1928	462	100.0	100.0	-	134	128.6	106.2	-	121	3,237	-	979	1296	-
1929	445	95.4	96.3	-	129	119.9	100.6	1,811	117	3,447	100.0	924	1316	-
1930	383	85.4	85.5	-	108	101.9	86.6	1,646	102	2,788	86.7	801	1000	-
1931	328	74.5	74.6	-	94	84.8	72.9	1,471	91	2,332	82.4	738	859	-
1932	304	69.6	65.5	-	76	85.1	65.2	1,766	83	2,071	81.6	682	738	-
1933	280	63.4	59.0	-	68	83.7	64.4	1,997	85	1,821	71.1	658	648	-
1934	273	62.0	55.7	-	61	83.0	63.2	1,969	85	1,873	71.3	675	672	-
1935	318	68.2	53.0	100	53	86.0	65.9	2,003	84	1,919	77.5	705	735	-
1936	363	76.4	54.0	103	55	91.0	68.4	2,038	91	1,991	79.9	706	817	-
1937	437	89.1	59.4	122	64	113.0	74.7	2,281	101	2,221	86.3	750	849	-
1938	469	95.7	56.0	114	64	113.0	78.3	2,227	100	2,151	86.8	742	805	-
1938	-	-	(a)	-	-	-	(a)	-	-	(f) (h)	-	(m)	-	-
June	469.6	96.2	56.8	112	64.2	113	79.4	2,226	100	2,095	87.7	731	800	-
July	467.8	94.9	56.4	112	63.4	112	76.5	2,203	100	2,167	85.8	734	788	-
August	467.5	96.0	55.1	111	62.6	112	76.8	2,183	99	2,214	86.1	733	790	-
September	471.0	96.8	55.0	111	62.7	112	78.0	2,179	97	2,219	87.4	737	770	-
October	474.0	96.9	54.8	111	63.4	112	76.8	2,183	98	2,252	87.0	753	792	-
November	473.3	97.2	54.6	112	64.0	112	76.7	2,175	99	2,230	85.2	757	810	-
December	471.2	96.4	55.0	113	65.1	112	77.5	2,173	100	2,223	85.0	764	824	-
1939	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
January	473.4	97.1	54.9	113	65.4	114	77.5	2,180	102	2,217	85.1	772	-	-
February	474.7	97.2	55.0	113	65.3	115	76.6	2,170	102	2,171	85.2	782	-	-
March	475.3	97.6	55.1	113	65.3	116	76.9	2,168	101	2,144	86.0	772	-	-
April	476.0	97.9	55.6	113	65.1	116	77.1	2,173	100	2,178	86.2	781	-	-
May	479.0	96.7	55.6	114	65.1	114	77.3	-	100	2,172	85.5	794	-	-
June	480.6	98.1	56.4	115	-	114	77.7	-	-	-	84.9	795	-	-

(a) End of month. (b) First of month. (c) 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		A S I A				OCEANIA			A F R I C A	
COUNTRY	INDIA		DUTCH EAST INDIES	INDO- CHINA	CHINA	JAPAN	COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA	NEW ZEALAND	SOUTH AFRICA	EGYPT
Authority	Department of Statistics Calcutta	Labour Office Bombay	Official	Statistique generale Saigon	National Tariff Commission Shanghai	Bank of Japan	Commonwealth Statistician	Government Statistician	Census and Statistics Office	Department of Statistics Cairo
No. of Commodities	72	43	92	37	154	56		180	188	23
Base Period	July, 1914	July, 1914	1913	1913	1926	1913	July 1928- June, 1929	1909-1913	1913	Jan. 1, 1913- July 31, 1914
1913	-	-	100	100	-	100.0	-	-	100.0	-
1914	100(a)	100(a)	98(a)	-	-	95.5	-	1053	96.9	-
1920	201	216	279	-	-	259.4	-	2092	223.3	316
1925	159	163	166	132	99.3	201.6	-	1627	127.6	152
1926	148	149	159	131	100.0	178.8	-	1553	123.3	132
1927	148	147	154	142	104.4	169.8	-	1478	124.0	121
1928	145	146	149	144	101.7	170.8	-	1492	120.7	120
1929	141	145	148	150	104.5	166.1	100.4	1488	115.1	116
1930	116	126	134	150	114.8	136.8	89.8	1449	102.6	104
1931	96	109	105	128	126.7	115.6	85.7	1346(e)	99.5	97
1932	91	109	86	117	112.4(d)	121.7	81.5	1297	91.5	84
1933	87	98	71	106	103.8	135.6	81.1	1308	93.1	71
1934	89	95	67	96	97.1	134.2	81.4	1330	101.7	87
1935	91	99	65	94	96.4	140.2	84.0	1385	94.8	95
1936	91	96	67	99	108.5	149.2	89.2	1399	98.6	85
1937	102	106	89	132	129.1	180.0	91.1	1500	101.0	88
1938	95	101	83	153	153.6	189.9		1514	104.4	91
1938	(b)				(c)			(c)		
June	94	100	84	152	145.2	192.2	92.5	1517	-	92
July	95	100	83	154	153.0	192.2	93.8	1508	103.1	92
August	94	100	83	158	164.8	190.3	95.2	1513	-	91
September	95	101	81	160	164.9	190.3	92.9	1506	-	92
October	95	100	81	158	167.5	190.8	91.8	1512	102.8	95
November	95	99	81	157	167.5	191.8	89.3	1518	-	94
December	95	101	80	154	166.6	192.8	88.6	1547	-	92
1939										
January	95	100	80	152	169.4	195.7	90.3	1546	101.8	90
February	97	99	81	154	172.9	199.8	91.2	1540	-	90
March	96	-	81	154	-	200.1	94.7	1548	-	90
April	99	-	81	158	-	201.1	93.2	1548	100.1	89
May	100	-	-	161	-	203.6	89.3	1546	-	85
June	99	-	-	-	-	203.6	-	-	-	84

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

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

CONTINENT COUNTRY	NORTH AMERICA				EUROPE								
	CANADA		UNITED STATES		UNITED KINGDOM		EIRE		FRANCE				
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	105 Towns & Localities	Foods	Paris Foods	Paris Cost of Living			
Base Period	1926(c)	1926(c)	1923 (a) (j)	1923 (j)	July,	1914	July,	1914	July, 1914	July, 1914			
1913	66.2	65.4	-	-	-	-	-	(g) (i)	(g)	-			
1914	68.9	66.0	66.1 July	61.3 July	100 July	100 July	100 July	100 July	100 July	100 July			
1920	141.1	124.2	136.2	118.2	256	249	-	-	386	371	342		
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	559	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	77.3	83.1	86.9	88.5	139	154	156	170	571	95.0	619		
1938	78.0	84.1	80.7	86.4	141	156	159	173	657	108.3	698		
1938	(e)	(e)	(f)	(f)	(e)	(e)	(f)	(f)	(f)	(f)	(d)		
June	78.1	84.1	81.9	86.7	138	155	-	-	-	109.0	-		
July	78.4	84.2	81.7	86.5	146	159	-	-	-	107.4	-		
August	80.7	84.9	80.1	85.9	141	156	159	173	654	106.0	689		
September	77.6	84.1	80.4	85.9	140	156	-	-	-	107.3	-		
October	77.1	83.9	79.8	85.8	139	155	-	-	-	110.7	-		
November	76.6	83.8	79.5	85.6	140	156	163	176	690	111.4	722		
December	76.2	83.6	80.3	85.8	139	156	-	-	-	113.7	-		
1939													
January	75.2	83.3	79.2	85.4	138	155	-	-	-	117.8	-		
February	74.5	83.1	78.4	85.1	138	155	160	174	710	115.7	-		
March	74.5	83.1	78.0	84.9	135	153	-	-	-	117.0	-		
April	74.5	83.1	78.2	85.0	135	153	-	-	-	116.3	-		
May	74.6	83.1	78.1	84.8	134	153	157	172	-	115.6	-		
June	74.3	82.9	77.9	84.7	134	153	-	-	-	116.2	-		

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

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CONTINENT	EUROPE													
	GERMANY		BELGIUM		POLAND		CZECHOSLOVAKIA		GREECE		HUNGARY		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)	-	-	100	100	-	-
1914	-	-	-	-	-	-	100(g)	100(g)	100	100	-	-	100	100
1920	1065(g)	1252(g)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1925	(a) 139.8	(a) 147.8	136	137	-	-	724	827	1,414	1,455	108	128	2,339	3,024
1926	141.2	144.4	165	171	-	-	716	800	1,633	1,673	102	113	2,871	2,813
1927	147.6	151.9	203	208	-	-	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	100.5	-	744	813	1,923	1,987	117	124	2,941	2,992
1930	147.3	142.9	228	209	92.1	83.7	746	782	1,682	1,719	106	135	2,690	2,439
1931	135.9	127.6	205	176	82.8	73.9	713	712	1,671(1)	1,576(1)	101	98	2,349	1,913
1932	120.6	112.3	184	150	74.8	64.9	700	677	1,773	1,697	98	91	2,160	1,765
1933	118.5	109.9	182	150	67.5	58.0	693	657	1,904	1,857	91	81	2,006	1,680
1934	121.7	116.2	175	143	62.6	52.3	685	633	1,937	1,887	89	77	1,873	1,676
1935	123.0	120.4	176	146	60.0	49.9	704	677	1,957	1,921	91	81	1,750	1,643
1936	124.5	122.4	186	159	58.0	48.5	710	671	2,028	2,034	96	87	1,677	1,660
1937	125.1	122.3	202	176	62.0	53.9	720	668	2,185	2,228	103	94	1,708	1,761
1938	125.6	122.1	206	180	59.0	52.1	752	689	2,173	2,176	103	95	1,767	1,898
1938			(k)	(k)	(b)	(b)	(e)	(e)			(b)	(b)	(h)	(h)
June	126.0	123.0	207	180	60.8	51.9	751	688	2,146	2,136	103	95	1,761	1,894
July	126.8	124.3	204	176	60.8	52.0	748	682	2,139	2,126	102	93	1,788	1,953
August	126.5	123.9	203	175	60.8	52.0	750	687	2,139	2,126	102	93	1,782	1,931
September	125.2	121.3	206	178	60.6	51.8	759	705	2,164	2,162	103	95	1,782	1,926
October	124.9	120.7	208	181	60.6	51.7	765	713	2,177	2,181	103	95	1,783	1,828
November	125.0	120.8	209	184	60.6	51.7	770	714	2,170	2,168	102	94	1,779	1,922
December	125.3	121.3	208	182	60.8	52.0	778	717	2,168	2,161	102	94	1,795	1,968
1939														
January	125.8	122.0	209	184	60.6	51.8	798	719	2,173	2,170	101	92	1,805	1,968
February	125.7	121.9	206	179	60.6	51.7	798	720	2,161	2,159	101	91	1,816	1,983
March	126.0	122.5	204	175	60.7	51.9	795	715	2,158	2,156	101	91	1,818	1,979
April	125.9	122.2	201	171	60.9	52.3	805	729	2,155	2,151	101	92	1,814	1,962
May	126.1	122.6	199	168	61.0	52.3	811	743	-	-	101	92	1,814	1,970
June	126.5	123.6	200	169	60.9	52.3	824	766	-	-	102	93	-	-

(a) Since 1924, new series in Reichsmark prices. (b) Last week of month. (c) New series. (d) Since date of stabilization, gold index.  
 (e) Middle of month. (g) July. (h) Monthly average. (k) Fifteenth of month. (l) Prior to 1931; old series 106 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														
	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 100 Localities	Foods Amsterdam	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	Foods 84
Base Period	July 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	1935	(k)	1911-13	1911-13	1935	1935	1913	1913	1930	1913	1913
1913	-	(j)	(j)	-	-	-	-	-	-	400	100	-	-	100	100
1914	120(h)	100(h)	100(h)	100(h)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	300	319	270(h)	287(h)	(k)	(k)	-	-	1,212	1,212	107	118	-	-	151
1925	243	256	176(h)	168(h)	136	168	179	176	1,212	1,212	107	118	-	-	150
1926	206	197	172(h)	156(h)	119	133	168(c)	161(c)	154(2)	145(f)	106	118	-	-	141
1927	186	173	169(h)	148(h)	114	127	163	163	158	146	105	112	-	-	141
1928	173(a)	168(a)	173(h)	156(h)	113	125	169	166	161	150	112	120	-	-	137
1929	166	158	167(h)	148(h)	112	123	168	162	160	147	117	126	-	-	134
1930	161	152	164(h)	138(h)	106	113	161	150	147	127	104	103	100	100	105
1931	153	139	158(h)	127(h)	100	100	151	136	135	113	100(g)	91(g)	91	89	105
1932	149	134	156(h)	124(h)	100	97	141	119	134	117	94	80	79	75	77
1933	147	131	153(h)	120(h)	104	99	139	119	131	117	88	77	76	74	65
1934	148	132	155(h)	123(h)	107	126	140	124	128	114	87	76	72	69	70
1935	151	138	156(h)	129(h)	111	114	136	118	130	119	88	77	73	70	61
1936	155	144	158(h)	134(h)	112	116	132	120	130	118	98	89	73	69	62
1937	166	158	162(h)	133(h)	116	119	137	127	105	107	104	96	79	75	63
1938	171	164	166(h)	143(h)	107	108	139	130	108	108	110	101	87	79	70
1938	(i)	(i)	(i)	(i)	(i)	(i)	(d)	(d)	(e)	(e)	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)
June	172	166	-	-	-	-	140.4	134.1	106	105	110	102	93	95	70
July	173	168	166	143	106	107	138.7	129.5	106	106	111	104	93	94	70
August	172	166	-	-	-	-	138.4	128.7	108	109	110	102	90	89	70
September	170	163	-	-	-	-	138.7	129.6	108	109	109	100	87	85	70
October	170	163	167	145	106	107	138.3	129.8	109	110	108	99	96	88	63
November	170	152	-	-	-	-	127.4	128.3	109	110	108	98	90	79	70
December	170	162	-	-	-	-	138.3	129.5	109	110	109	100	86	73	71
1939															
January	169	161	167	145	107	108	-	-	109	110	111	103	82	66	71
February	170	162	-	-	-	-	-	-	109	110	112	104	84	70	71
March	170	162	-	-	-	-	138.2	129.9	109	109	111	103	86	73	70
April	171	163	168	145	107	108	-	-	109	108	110	102	88	77	70
May	171	164	-	-	-	-	-	-	108	108	110	101	89	86	71
June	172	165	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	95	96	63

(a) Since 1928, new series. (c) Since March, 1926, new series. (d) End of month. (f) Since date of stabilization, gold index: 1922-26 indexes are on 1914 base. (g) Revised from May, 1931. (h) July. (i) Fifteenth of month. (j) New method of calculation since 1932. (k) Previous to January, 1938, 1931=100. (e) New index beginning 1937: 1935=100. (b) Cost of living is for family of 5 persons while food is for 1 adult person.

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CONTINENT	EUROPE						AFRICA				ASIA					
	ITALY		SWITZERLAND		YUGOSLAVIA		PORTUGAL		EGYPT		SOUTH AFRICA		PALESTINE		TURKEY	
Nature of Index	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living 34 Towns	Foods 34 Towns	Cost of Living Belgrade	Foods Belgrade	Cost of Living Entire	Foods	Cost of Living Cairo	Foods Cairo	Cost of Living 9 Towns	Foods 9 Towns	Cost of Living 3 Towns	Istanbul	Cost of Living Istanbul	Foods Istanbul
Base Period	June, 1928	June, 1928	June, 1914	June, 1914	1926	1926	June, 1914	1914	Jan. 1913	Jan. 13	1938	1938	January 1922	1914	1914	1914
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1914	-	-	100(f)	100(f)	-	-	1,000(f)	1,000(f)	-	-	814	930	-	1,000	1,000	-
1920	-	-	224	242	-	-	-	-	237	281(a)	1,458	1,660	-	-	-	-
1925	-	-	168	169	(k)	(k)	-	-	165	158(a)	1,079	1,117	83.9	-	-	-
1926	-	-	162	160	100.0	100.0	-	-	160	158(a)	1,063	1,096	82.1	-	-	-
1927	(d)	(d)	160	158	96.9	98.8	-	-	153	147(a)	1,069	1,102	77.0	-	-	-
1928	100	100	161	157	93.3	97.1	-	3,030	152	144	1,069	1,088	71.9	-	-	-
1929	101	101.0	161	156	93.9	98.7	2,361	2,362	151	146	1,066	1,072	67.5	1,381	1,555	-
1930	97.7	95.3	158	152	86.1	88.7	2,243	2,241	148	141	1,041	1,024	59.8	1,272	1,292	-
1931	88.3	83.2	150	141	81.7	83.6	1,990	1,986	138	123	1,002	976	53.9	1,203	1,114	-
1932	84.1	78.3	138	126	75.9	76.2	1,949	1,948	132	112	958	891	55.2	1,172	1,030	-
1933	80.5	73.8	131	117	74.6	72.4	1,948	-	125	101	932	917	53.5	1,047	924	-
1934	76.4	70.4	129	115	70.8	68.1	1,968	-	127	110	945	964	53.8	1,031	912	-
1935	77.5	72.8	128	114	69.8	68.5	1,982	-	130	115	940	947	53.4	957	892	10
1936	83.5	78.0	130	120	69.7	69.2	2,022	-	130	113	943	942	56.4	960	926	-
1937	91.7	86.1	137	130	73.2	72.9	2,511	-	129	111	965	954	59.1	975	943	-
1938	99.1	93.0	137	130	81.3	82.2	-	(b)	131	115	1,000	1,000	57.6	972	922	-
June	98.8	92.2	137	130	82.3	83.8	-	-	131	113	1,004	1,018	56.3	960	915	-
July	99.0	92.3	137	129	81.4	82.5	-	-	131	114	997	993	56.7	963	914	-
August	98.6	91.5	136	129	81.5	82.7	-	-	131	113	996	981	56.4	961	898	-
September	98.6	91.6	137	130	82.1	82.7	-	-	130	113	995	980	57.1	964	904	-
October	99.0	92.7	137	130	82.1	82.7	-	-	132	117	996	984	58.1	964	894	-
November	99.5	93.1	137	130	83.0	83.8	-	-	132	117	996	983	61.4	969	919	-
December	100.0	94.0	137	130	83.5	84.6	-	-	131	115	996	984	58.3	972	922	-
1939	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
January	100.4	94.8	137	129	83.5	83.9	-	-	130	114	995	982	58.0	974	927	-
February	100.1	94.2	136	129	83.5	84.1	-	-	130	113	996	987	56.7	-	-	-
March	99.8	93.9	136	128	83.0	83.4	-	-	129	113	1,003	1,005	56.3	-	-	-
April	100.9	95.9	136	129	83.3	83.8	-	-	130	113	1,006	1,016	55.6	-	-	-
May	102.8	95.9	137	130	83.4	84.1	-	-	128	109	1,005	1,014	55.2	-	-	-
June	103.8	97.2	137	132	-	-	-	-	120	109	-	-	53.7	-	-	-

(a) July. (b) Middle of month. (d) New series; June, 1928=100. (f) June. (g) Last week or end of month. (k) New Index on 1926 base.

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Continent	Asia						Oceania				South Africa			
	India		China		Japan		Australia		New Zealand		Peru		Chile	
Nature of Index	Cost of Living Bombay	Foods Bombay	Cost of Living Shanghai	Foods Shanghai	Cost of Living Tokio	Foods Tokio	Cost of Living 6 Capital Cities	Foods and Groceries	Cost of Living 25 Towns	Foods 25 Towns	Cost of Living Lima	Foods Lima	Cost of Living Santiago	Foods Santiago
Base Period	July/33 June/34	July/33 June/34	1926	1926	July, 1914 1914	July, 1914 1914	July 1928 June 1929	July 1928 June 1929	1926- 1930	1926- 1930	1913	1913	March 1928	March 1928
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100	100	-	-
1914	-	-	-	-	100 July 100 July	100 July 100 July	-	-	62.8 July	70.3	104	107	-	-
1920	-	-	-	-	216	236	-	-	101.9	116.5	210	208	-	-
1925	-	-	100.0	100.0	199	217	-	-	100.4	103.0	200	179	-	-
1926	-	-	106.7	106.7	189	211	-	-	101.0	102.6	201	182	-	-
1927	-	-	102.5	92.1	184	202	-	-	100.1	98.3	194	177	-	-
1928	-	-	107.9	98.4	181	203	99.7	100.1	100.4	101.3	177	159	(108)	(116)
1929	-	-	121.8	118.8	155	173	90.3	86.9	98.1	97.4	169	157	109	119
1930	-	-	125.9	107.5	136	151	83.0	80.2	90.6	84.4	158	148	108	115
1931	-	-	119.1	101.3	137	158	79.4	75.3	83.8	77.5	151	143	107	103
1932	-	-	107.2	86.9	146	161	79.4	76.1	79.5	73.2	148	139	114	115
1933	(e)	(e)	106.2	86.4	149	164	80.7	78.5	80.8	77.4	(c) 150	148	(d) 141	147
1934	100	103	106.6	89.1	152	170	82.3	80.7	83.7	83.5	152	147	142	149
1935	101	107	113.3	100.7	159	184	84.6	83.4	86.4	87.0	160	157	144	153
1936	106	114	151.8	121.5	174	193	86.8	85.6	92.2	95.6	170	173	157	171
1937	106	113	150.5	137.4	200	210	-	-	95.1	99.1	172	169	176	205
1938	106	112	(b)	(b)	(a)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	184	214
June	105	112	142.6	129.1	197	205	87.6	88.1	94.7	99.2	174	173	187	218
July	106	115	150.8	142.5	199	202	-	89.1	94.6	99.0	173	172	186	215
August	105	113	157.7	153.2	203	209	-	90.2	95.1	98.5	172	170	185	213
September	105	112	154.4	146.3	204	211	88.7	89.4	95.0	98.1	170	163	187	217
October	105	114	152.9	139.7	208	217	-	89.0	95.3	98.8	170	162	188	220
November	106	114	149.4	133.3	210	221	-	88.2	95.3	98.5	169	158	188	220
December	104	112	144.6	126.0	212	224	88.7	90.2	95.7	102.7	167	155	183	210
1939	105	112	145.7	128.0	211	223	-	91.3	96.6	102.0	168	156	180	202
January	104	110	151.3	132.9	214	223	-	93.9	96.9	101.8	168	157	176	193
February	103	109	-	-	213	220	90.1	93.0	96.6	101.0	168	157	179	200
March	103	109	-	-	217	228	-	93.1	97.2	102.7	167	155	-	-
April	103	110	-	-	221	235	-	91.1	98.0	103.9	168	157	-	-
May	-	-	-	-	221	232	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
June	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Average of quarter. (b) Middle of month. (c) Since October, 1933, including heating. (d) Revised index, including rent. (e) New index series beginning January, 1935.

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