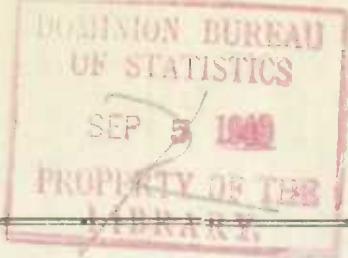


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WORLD WHOLESALE PRICE MOVEMENTS

FIRST HALF OF 1940

The sharp advance in national wholesale price index numbers following the outbreak of war in September, 1939, was not generally maintained during the first half of 1940. For some series actual declines were indicated while in others the percentage rise was on a more moderate scale.

The Swiss index with a net rise of 10.9 p.c. to 138.7 showed the sharpest increase noted in the first half of 1940. In the same interval the Board of Trade index for the United Kingdom advanced 10.1 p.c. to 134.6, its highest level since the index was inaugurated in 1930. August 1939-June 1940 comparisons for these two series showed a net increase of 29.1 p.c. for the former index and 37.2 p.c. for the latter, indicating that in both cases the advance during the first half of 1940 was approximately one-half that of the preceding six months.

Due largely to sharp declines in grain prices and several other important primary commodities both the United States and Canadian wholesale indexes registered small net losses during the first six months of the year. For the former the recession amounted to 2.1 p.c., bringing the index to 77.5 in June while for the latter an index decline of 0.1 p.c. to 81.6 occurred. Since August 1939 wholesale prices in the United States have increased 3.3 p.c. while in Canada the net increase totalled 12.7 p.c.

In the Far East, the Calcutta index for India showed a sharp decline, dropping 14.6 p.c. to 117 between December and June, although still maintaining a net advance of 17.0 p.c. since August 1939. The New Zealand official index was one of the exceptions which recorded a slightly greater rise in the first half of 1940 than in the latter half of 1939. From August to June it advanced 8.6 p.c. to 1177, with only 2.9 p.c. of this gain accumulated in the second half of 1939. A decline of 0.7 p.c. to 235.6 was noted for the Japanese series between December, 1939, and June, 1940, although the June level remained 14.5 p.c. above that for August, 1939.

WORLD COST OF LIVING MOVEMENTS

FIRST HALF OF 1940

The diversity of trend in national wholesale price index numbers was not shared by corresponding cost of living index series. In the latter group, percentage increases were shown for all countries noted, and unlike wholesale prices these advances were generally proceeding at approximately the same rate as in the second half of 1939. However, this was not exceptional, since in the preceding six months retail prices had shown the usual lag when compared with wholesale price gains. Advances at that time, in the majority of instances, were less than one-half those shown for wholesale indexes. In most cases food prices accounted for a major portion of increases during this interval.

Indicating the sharpest advance during the period under review, the Japanese cost of living index gained 9.6 p.c. to 263 which compared with an increase of 17.9 p.c. since August 1939. The Swiss cost of living index advanced 5.6 p.c. to 150 between December and June as compared with a 9.5 p.c. advance since August. In the United Kingdom control measures over retail prices coupled with subsidization of certain important foodstuffs, notably bread and meat, held the cost of living index down to an increase of 4.6 p.c. between December and June. The mid-year level of 181 was 16.8 p.c. over August 1939. Cost of living increases in the United States and Canada were relatively small during the period under review, amounting to 1.3 p.c. for the former and 0.8 p.c. for the latter. June levels of 86.4 for the United States and 86.0 for Canada were 2.2 p.c. and 3.6 p.c. respectively, above August 1939. For New Zealand the national cost of living index level rose 0.7 p.c. to 102.6 during the first half of 1940 as against a 3.1 p.c. increase since August 1939.

Changes in Wholesale Price Index Numbers, 1939-1940.

<u>Country</u>	<u>Percentage Change Between -</u>	
	<u>December 1939 and June 1940</u>	<u>August 1939 and June 1940</u>
United Kingdom	+10.1	+37.2
United States	- 2.1	+ 3.3
Canada	- 0.1	+12.7
Argentina	+ 2.0	+20.7
Switzerland	+10.9	+29.1
New Zealand	+ 5.6	+ 8.6
India	-14.6	+17.0
Japan	- 0.7	+14.5

Changes in Cost of Living Index Numbers, 1939-1940.

<u>Country</u>	<u>Percentage Change Between -</u>	
	<u>December 1939 and June 1940</u>	<u>August 1939 and June 1940</u>
United Kingdom	+ 4.6	+16.8
United States	+ 1.3	+ 2.2
Canada	+ 0.8	+ 3.6
Switzerland	+ 5.6	+ 9.5
New Zealand	+ 0.7	+ 3.1
Japan	+ 9.6	+17.9

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

NORTH AMERICA

CONTINENT COUNTRY	CANADA							UNITED STATES			MEXICO
	Dominion Bureau of Statistics							Irving Fisher	Bureau of Labor Statistics	Annalist	Official
AUTHORITY	General Index	Con- sumers' Goods	Pro- ducers' Goods	Raw and Partly Mfd. Goods	Fully and Chiefly Mfd. Goods	Industrial Material Prices Composite Index					
No. of Commodities	567(c)	236(d)	402(d)	245(d)	322(d)	30	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	-	-
1920	155.9	243.5	140.0	163.1	155.7	156.8	-	154.4	154.4	(e)	-
1926	100.0	156.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	(b) 100.0	100.0	-	-
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
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
1939	75.4	117.8	75.8	70.4	67.4	75.3	68.7	80.9	77.1	79.0	127.0
1939											
June	73.3	114.5	73.7	68.1	65.0	73.1	65.3	79.0	75.6	76.7	126.6
July	72.6	113.4	73.4	66.7	63.1	73.0	64.9	78.7	75.4	76.7	127.6
August	72.4	113.1	72.8	66.7	62.8	72.8	65.3	78.2	75.0	75.6	129.1
September	78.2	122.1	77.2	74.1	70.7	77.5	74.6	82.4	79.1	81.3	130.8
October	79.3	123.9	79.4	74.0	71.2	78.8	76.4	83.5	79.4	81.5	131.5
November	80.3	125.4	81.2	75.2	71.9	80.2	77.0	84.1	79.2	81.6	128.3
December	81.7	126.7	81.3	77.9	74.2	81.1	78.0	85.6	79.2	81.7	125.8
1940											
January	82.6	129.0	82.3	79.0	75.3	81.7	80.1	85.8	79.4	82.0	127.5
February	82.8	129.3	82.7	79.1	75.9	81.8	79.5	84.6	78.7	81.6	131.0
March	83.2	130.0	83.0	80.0	76.4	82.0	79.7	84.2	78.4	80.9	132.1
April	83.1	129.8	82.4	80.4	76.8	81.7	79.4	84.4	78.6	81.6	
May	82.1	128.2	82.0	78.9	75.3	80.6	78.6	83.8	78.4	80.9	
June	81.6	127.5	82.3	77.3	74.0	80.1	77.9	82.5	77.5	79.5	

(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						
	COUNTRY	ARGENTINA	CHILE	PERU	UNITED KINGDOM			FRANCE	GERMANY	
AUTHORITY	Banco de la Nacion	Official	Official	Board of Trade	Economist	Statist	Times	Statistique Générale	Statistique Générale	Federal Statistical Office
No. of Commodities	108		58	200	58	45	60	45	125	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
1920	-	-	239	(f) 307.3	-	295.3	-	520	-	1367 July
1926	100.0	-	203	148.1	104.0	148.0	148	718	695	(a) 134.4
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	69.0	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	101.4	72.0	107.5	117	640	653	105.7
1939	108.2	420.7	213	102.8	76.0	113.2				106.9
		(c)		(b)	(b)	(b)				
June	103.4	416.7	214	98.1	69.8	106.6	113	685	683	106.8
July	103.0	418.2	213	98.1	69.3	104.4	112	677	678	107.0
August	102.8	414.0	216	98.1	70.3	106.4	-	672	674	107.1
September	113.5	423.3	220	105.6	76.8	117.3	-	-	-	106.9
October	118.7	446.3	220	110.9	83.3	124.5	-	-	-	107.1
November	121.0	449.9	234	118.6	86.9	132.0	-	-	-	107.4
December	121.7	447.2	237	122.3	91.7	141.3	-	-	-	107.6
1940										
January	123.9	449.0	237	125.3	91.9	146.0				108.2
February	123.3	450.7	239	128.3	91.9	146.5				108.4
March	124.0	456.4	238	128.8	93.3	145.2				109.4
April	123.7			132.2	93.7	148.2				
May	124.1			133.7	95.6					
June				134.6						

(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 C.N.D. AND OTHER COUNTRIES

CONTINENT COUNTRY	EUROPE								PORTUGAL
	SWITZERLAND	BELGIUM	NETHERLANDS	NORWAY	SWEDEN	DENMARK	ALBANIA		
AUTHORITY	Federal Labour Department	Ministry of Industry and Labour	Central Bureau of Statistics	Okonomisk Revue	Official	Commerce Department	Official	Official	Banco de Portugal
No. of Commodities	78	124	-	100	95	160	-	23	-
Base Period	July 1914	April 1914	1926-30	Dec. 31/13 June 30/14	1913	1913	1935	1927	1927
1913	-	-	-	100	100	100	-	-	-
1920	-	-	-	382	-	359	-	-	-
1926	144.5	744	-	196	198	149	-	-	-
1928	144.6	843	(b)	155	157(e)	148	-	104	(c) 104.2
1929	141.2	851	99.7	148	149	140	-	100	(c) 103.9
1930	126.5	744	89.6	138	137	122	-	88	(c) 98.4
1931	109.7	626	76.3	123	122	111	-	90	(c) 88.5
1932	96.0	532	64.6	125	122	109	-	74	89.6
1933	91.0	501	62.9	124	122	107	-	57	86.8
1934	89.8	473	63.0	126	124	114	-	51	93.8
1935	89.8	537	61.5	132	127	116	100	56	86.1
1936	95.6	588	63.8	138	134	120	105	63	89.6
1937	111.2	684	76.2	161	156	137	119	65	105.5
1938	107.1	630	71.9	161	153	130	112	64	102.6
1939	111.2	649	73.7	159	(d)	-	118	69	-
1939	(a)	(f)	-	-	(d)	-	(h)	(e)	(d)
May	107.0	599	70.0	150	149	129	111	66	100.6
June	106.4	597	69.9	150	148	130	110	65	99.5
July	106.5	594	70.1	151	149	131	111	67	99.2
August	107.4	594	70.5	151	150	133	111	72	98.3
September	116.8	706	75.4	163	153	143	127	69	103.4
October	120.1	735	80.8	174	168	150	132	73	109.8
November	122.6	762	83.6	184	177	153	138	78	113.3
December	125.1	793	84.7	189	-	-	143	84	-
1940	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
January	127.7	822	86.2	190	-	-	154	86	-
February	129.7	840	87.6	197	-	-	162	93	-
March	132.1	840	88.1	208	-	-	166	-	-
April	134.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
May	134.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) End of month. (b) New series beginning January 1939. (c) June (d) Fifteenth of month. (e) New series beginning 1926. (f) Second half of month. (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	General Bureau of Statistics	Official
No. of Commodities	138	293	238	139	88	61	55	60	44	72	548	126
Base Period	1913	Junc 1928	1928	1935	1913	1913	1926	Jan. 1913- July 1914	1913	1914	1929	July, 1914
1913	100	-	-	-	100	100.0	-	-	100	-	-	-
1920	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1926	603	(e)	-	-	134	-	100.0	-	-	-	-	-
1928	462	100.0	100.0	-	134	128.6	106.2	-	114	2,973	-	(g)
1929	445	95.4	96.3	-	129	119.9	100.6	1,811	121	3,206	-	979
1930	383	85.4	85.5	-	108	101.9	86.6	1,646	102	2,682	100.0	924
1931	328	74.5	74.6	-	94	84.8	72.9	1,471	91	2,211	86.7	1296
1932	304	69.6	65.5	-	76	85.1	65.2	1,766	83	1,937	82.4	1316
1933	280	63.4	59.0	-	68	83.7	€4.4	1,997	85	1,731	81.6	801
1934	273	62.0	55.7	-	61	83.0	63.2	1,959	85	1,793	71.1	738
1935	318	68.2	53.0	100	53	86.0	65.9	2,003	84	1,825	71.3	682
1936	363	76.4	54.0	103	55	91.0	68.4	2,038	91	1,851	77.5	648
1937	437	89.1	59.4	122	64	113.0	74.7	2,282	101	2,088	79.9	705
1938	469	95.7	56.0	114	64	113.0	78.3	2,229	100	2,164	86.3	750
1939						118.0	79.3	2,208	102	2,197	86.8	849
1939		(a)					(a)				86.3	805
April	476.0	97.9	55.6	113	65.1	116	77.1	2,173	100	2,216	86.2	(h)
May	479.0	96.7	55.6	114	65.1	114	77.3	2,176	100	2,209	85.5	781
June	480.6	98.1	56.3	115	64.5	114	77.7	2,155	100	2,183	84.9	843
July	479.7	96.2	55.9	116	64.6	115	77.6	2,132	100	2,158	84.9	794
August	483.0	-	-	117	63.6	118	76.8	2,156	100	2,158	85.3	840
September	-	-	-	-	65.1	119	76.6	2,226	102	2,179	86.3	811
October	-	-	-	-	-	121	80.1	2,245	104	2,202	86.5	805
November	-	-	-	-	-	123	86.8	2,313	108	2,259	87.5	-
December	-	-	-	-	81.4	126	90.9	2,405	113	2,301	88.2	797
1940							93.3	2,441	117	2,269	91.7	-
January							94.9	2,468	119	2,287	93.0	-
February							98.5	2,493	120	2,324	93.6	-
March							102.4		123			-
April												-

(a) End of month. (b) First of month. (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.

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CONTINENT COUNTRY	A S I A						O C E A N I A		A F R I C A		
	INDIA	DUTCH E.S.T 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	1926-30	1913	Jan. 1, 1913- July 31, 1914	
1913	-	-	100	100	-	100.0	-	(e)	100.0	-	
1920	201	216	279	-	-	259.4	-	-	223.3	316	
1926	148	149	159	131	100.0	178.8	-	-	123.3	132	
1928	145	146	149	144	101.7	170.8	-	994	120.7	120	
1929	141	145	148	150	104.5	166.1	100.4	988	115.1	116	
1930	116	126	134	150	114.8	136.8	89.8	963	102.6	104	
1931	96	109	105	128	126.7	115.6	85.7	902	99.5	97	
1932	91	109	86	117	112.4(d)	121.7	81.5	878	91.5	84	
1933	87	98	71	106	103.8	135.6	81.1	904	93.1	71	
1934	89	95	67	96	97.1	134.2	81.4	909	101.7	87	
1935	91	99	65	94	96.4	140.2	84.0	937	94.8	95	
1936	91	96	67	99	108.5	149.2	89.2	946	98.6	85	
1937	102	106	89	132	129.1	180.0	91.1	1021	101.0	88	
1938	95	101	83	153	153.6	189.9	91.6	1036	104.4	91	
1939	108	109	-	162	242.5	209.7	...	1071	101.9	88	
(b)					(c)			(c)			
May	101	101	81	160	184.0	203.6	89.3	1057	-	85	
June	101	101	81	158	199.3	203.6	89.3	1058	-	84	
July	100	100	81	157	204.3	204.3	88.8	1065	99.8	83	
August	100	103	81	154	264.0	205.7	88.3	1084	-	83	
September	114	120	85	157	318.0	217.5	90.3	1077	-	88	
October	118	121	90	168	332.3	221.4	92.7	1090	104.2	90	
November	131	133	96	180	334.4	226.3	93.3	1111	106.0	90	
December	137	135	-	193	371.0	237.3	93.4	1115	107.7	98	
1940											
January	130	128		197		241.7	93.9	1120	109.3	98	
February	126					239.2	94.5	1135	110.0	96	
March	121					235.7		1153	110.9	95	
April	121					237.2		1168	111.8	97	
May	117					235.6		1177	112.5		

(a) July. (b) End of Month. (c) Fifteenth of month. (d) Average of ten months only. (e) New series beginning January, 1939.

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

CONTINENT	NORTH AMERICA						EUROPE					
	CANADA		UNITED STATES		UNITED KINGDOM		EIRE		FRANCE			
COUNTRY	Dominion Bureau of Statistics	Bureau of Labor Statistics	National Industrial Conference Board, Cost of Living	Minister of Labour		105 Towns & Localities		300 Towns Foods	Paris Foods	Paris Cost of Living		
	Nature of Index	Foods	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Paris Foods	Paris Cost of Living		
Base Period	1926(c)	1926(c)	1923-25	1923 (a)(j)	1923 (j)	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914		
1913	66.2	65.4	57.4	-	-	-	-	(g) (i)	(g)	-		
1920	141.1	124.2	116.2	136.2	118.2	256	249	-	386	371	342	
1926	100.0	100.0	102.6	110.6	104.3	164	172	179	571	554	505	
1928	98.6	98.9	99.5	105.6	100.6	157	166	169	537	549	519	
1929	101.0	99.9	99.5	106.9	100.1	154	164	169	609	102.2(h)	556	
1930	98.6	99.2	97.0	101.7	96.7	145	158	160	609	100.0	581	
1931	77.3	89.6	88.6	83.7	87.2	131	147	147	605	98.8	569	
1932	64.3	81.4	79.8	69.7	77.9	126	144	141	535	87.6	526	
1933	63.7	77.7	75.8	67.8	74.9	120	140	131	501	83.9	520	
1934	69.4	78.7	78.6	75.3	79.4	122	141	135	474	78.0	516	
1935	70.4	79.1	80.7	82.1	82.6	125	143	140	417	69.1	483	
1936	73.4	80.8	81.6	83.9	84.8	130	147	147	452	76.1	507	
1937	77.3	83.1	84.3	86.9	88.5	139	154	156	571	95.0	619	
1938	78.0	84.1	83.0	80.7	86.4	141	156	159	657	108.3	698	
1939	(e)	(e)		78.6	85.2	141	158	163	178	(f)		
June	74.3	82.9	81.7	77.9	84.7	134	153	-	-	115.2		
July	75.1	83.1	-	78.1	84.9	139	156	-	-	115.6		
August	74.9	83.0	-	76.7	84.5	137	155	158	173	-		
September	74.2	82.9	82.7	80.7	85.9	138	155	-	-	-		
October	79.8	84.7	-	79.7	85.6	150	165	-	-	-		
November	80.5	85.0	-	79.6	85.7	154	169	178	192	-		
December	79.3	85.3	82.2	78.5	85.3	157	173	-	-	-		
<u>1940</u>												
January	78.6	85.1		78.8	85.4	157	174	-	-			
February	78.6	85.1		79.8	85.8	161	177	177	197			
March	78.5	85.7		78.8	85.5	161	179	-	-			
April	78.6	85.7		79.9	85.9	158	178	-	-			
May	78.6	86.0		80.6	86.0	159	180	180	204			
June	78.0	86.0		81.7	86.4	158	181					

(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	EUROPE													
		GERM.NY		BELGIUM		POL.ND		CZECHOSLOV.KI.		GREECE		HUNG.RY		BULG.RL.	
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	-	-	-	-	(e) (f)	(c) (f)	(d)	(d)	(m)	-	100	100	-	-	
1920	1065(g)	1252(g)	-	-	-	-	716	800	1,633	1,673	102	113	2,871	2,813	
1926	(a) 141.2	(a) 144.4	165	171	-	-	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	147.3	142.9	228	209	92.1	83.7	713	712	1,671(1)	1,576(1)	101	96	2,349	1,913	
1931	135.9	127.6	205	176	82.8	73.9	677	1,773	1,697	98	91	2,160	1,765		
1932	120.6	112.3	184	150	74.8	64.9	700	657	1,904	1,857	91	81	2,006	1,680	
1933	118.5	109.9	182	150	67.5	58.0	693	633	1,937	1,887	89	77	1,873	1,676	
1934	121.7	116.2	175	143	62.6	52.3	685	637	1,957	1,921	91	81	1,750	1,643	
1935	123.0	120.4	176	146	60.0	49.9	704	671	2,028	2,034	96	87	1,677	1,660	
1936	124.5	122.4	186	159	58.0	48.5	710	668	2,185	2,228	103	94	1,708	1,761	
1937	125.1	122.3	202	176	62.0	53.9	720	668	2,173	2,176	103	95	1,767	1,896	
1938	125.6	122.1	206	180	60.9	52.1	752	689	2,167	2,160	102	93	1,808	1,932	
1939	126.2	122.8	204	175	(k)	(b)	(b)	(e)	(e)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(h)	(h)	
June	126.5	123.6	200	169	60.9	52.3	824	766	2,150	2,143	102	93	1,817	1,960	
July	127.3	124.9	201	171	62.6	54.8	815	-	2,136	2,119	101	92	1,819	1,949	
August	127.3	124.9	200	169	-	-	-	-	2,137	2,120	102	94	1,801	1,894	
September	125.7	121.7	200	169	-	-	-	-	2,163	2,145	102	94	1,806	1,897	
October	125.8	121.7	207	177	-	-	-	-	2,106	2,195	102	94	1,816	1,911	
November	126.1	122.2	211	182	-	-	-	-	2,206	2,198	102	94	1,821	1,925	
December	126.4	122.8	213	184	-	-	-	-	2,216	2,202	102	94	1,842	1,979	
1940					217	189			2,232	2,215	104	97	1,845	1,983	
January					222	196			2,241	2,219	105	97	1,860	2,018	
February					221	193			2,253	2,221	105	98	1,857	2,009	
March					226	198					106	99			
April											108	102			
May															
June															

(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														
COUNTRY	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 Towns	Cost of Living Amsterdam	Foods Amsterdam	Cost of Living 21 Towns	Foods Towns	Cost of Living Tallinn	Foods Tallinn	Cost of Living Riga	Foods Riga	Cost of Living 24 Towns	Foods Towns
Base Period	July 1913	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	1935	1935	1911-13	1911-13	1935	1935	1913	1913	1930	1930	1913	1913
1913	-	-	(j)	(j)	-	-	-	-	-	100	100	-	-	-	100	100
1920	300	319	270(h)	287(h)	(k)	(k)	-	-	1,058	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1926	206	197	172(h)	156(h)	119	133	168(c)	161(c)	154(f)	145(f)	106	118	-	-	141	131
1928	173(a)	168(a)	173(h)	156(h)	113	125	169	166	161	150	112	120	-	-	137	134
1929	166	158	169(h)	148(h)	112	123	168	162	160	147	117	126	-	-	134	132
1930	161	152	164(h)	138(h)	106	113	161	150	147	127	104	103	100	100	115	105
1931	153	139	158(h)	127(h)	100	100	151	136	135	113	100(g)	91(g)	91	89	105	95
1932	149	134	156(h)	124(h)	100	97	141	119	134	117	94	80	79	75	88	77
1933	147	131	153(h)	120(h)	104	99	139	119	131	117	88	77	76	74	75	65
1934	148	132	155(h)	123(h)	107	106	140	124	128	114	87	76	72	69	70	61
1935	151	138	156(h)	129(h)	111	114	136	118	130	119	88	77	73	70	61	50
1936	155	144	158(h)	134(h)	112	116	132	120	130	118	98	89	73	69	62	54
1937	166	158	162(h)	138(h)	116	119	137	127	105	107	104	96	79	75	70	63
1938	171	164	166(h)	143(h)	107	108	139	130	108	108	110	101	87	79	70	63
1939	173	167	169(h)	147(h)	108						112	103	90	82	72	65
1939	(i)	(i)					(d)	(d)	(e)	(e)	(d)	(d)	(d)			
June	172	165	-	-	-		136.0	124.3	108	108	110	102	95	96	70	63
July	173	166	169	147	107	-	-	-	109	108	112	105	96	96	70	63
August	172	165	-	-	-		136.5	124.4	109	110	110	102	92	90	69	61
September	173	167	-	-	-		139.1	128.2	-	113	112	103	91	89	71	62
October	176	171	171	150	111	-	142.9	133.3	-	113	104	98	91	74	66	
November	179	177	-	-	-		144.3	136.2	-	114	105	94	83	77	68	
December	183	179	-	-	-		146.0	137.3	-	-	116	107	89	76	81	70
1940																
January	183	178	178	154	118		146.4	138.3			125	115	86	71	84	73
February	187	184	-	-			147.7	140.4			128	121	91	79	88	77
March											131	123	95	85	92	84
April											131	123	98	89	93	83
May											132	122				
June																

(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. (l) New index beginning 1937: 1935=100. (b) Cost of Living is for family of 5 persons while food is for 1 adult.

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CONTINENT	EUROPE								AFRICA				ASIA						
	ITALY		SWITZERLAND		YUGOSLAVIA		PORTUGAL		EGYPT		SOUTH AFRIC.		PALESTINE		TURKEY				
Nature of Index	Cost of Living	Cost of Foods	Living 34 Towns	Foods	Living Belgrade	Foods	Living Belgrade	Entire	Foods	Living Country	Cairo	Foods	Living 9 Towns	Foods	Living 3 Towns	Cost of Living	Foods	Istanbul	Istanbul
Base Period	June, 1928	June, 1928	June, 1914	June, 1914	1926	1926	June, 1914	June 1914	Jan. 1913	Jan./13	July/14	1938	1938	January	1922	1914	1914		
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1920	-	-	224	242	(k)	(k)	-	-	237	281(a)	1,458	1,660	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1926	(d)	(d)	162	160	100.0	100.0	-	-	160	158(a)	1,063	1,096	82.1	-	-	-	-	-	
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	-	-	-	
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	2,102	-	129	111	965	954	59.1	975	943	-	-	-	
1938	99.1	93.0	137	130	81.3	82.2	2,037	-	131	115	1,000	1,000	57.6	972	922	101	-	-	
1939	-	-	138	132	84.5	83.8	1,918	-	131	112	999	993	57.8	-	-	-	-	-	
1939	(g)	(g)	(g)	(b)															
May	102.8	95.9	137	130	83.4	84.1	1,905	-	128	109	1,005	1,014	55.2	979	977	-	-	-	
June	103.8	97.2	137	132	83.2	83.7	1,905	-	128	109	1,001	1,003	53.7	973	956	-	-	-	
July	103.9	97.4	138	132	81.5	81.1	1,906	-	128	110	996	987	53.7	971	947	-	-	-	
August	-	-	137	131	81.7	81.3	1,903	-	128	110	993	977	53.4	971	944	-	-	-	
September	-	-	138	133	82.0	81.5	1,921	-	131	113	993	978	61.1	-	-	-	-	-	
October	-	-	140	136	86.7	84.3	1,940	-	132	112	995	982	63.1	-	-	-	-	-	
November	-	-	142	138	90.2	86.5	1,945	-	136	114	1,001	989	63.3	-	-	-	-	-	
December	-	-	142	138	91.5	86.9	1,949	-	137	112	1,004	993	63.5	-	-	-	-	-	
1940	-	-	144	139	93.6	88.9	1,957	-	136	113	1,012	1,000	64.4	-	-	-	-	-	
January	-	-	145	139	94.9	89.8	1,955	-	138	115	1,019	1,008	-	-	-	-	-	-	
February	-	-	145	140	99.1	92.1	1,933	-	137	114	1,024	1,015	-	-	-	-	-	-	
March	-	-	147	142	101.8	95.0	1,952	-	137	115	1,029	1,024	-	-	-	-	-	-	
April	-	-	148	143	-	-	1,975	-	-	-	1,035	1,036	-	-	-	-	-	-	
May	-	-	150	145	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

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

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CONTINENT	ASIA						OCEANIA				SOUTH AMERICA			
	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 6 Capital Cities	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	July, 1914	July 1928 June 1929	July 1928 June 1929	1926- 1930	1926- 1930	1913	1913	March 1928	March 1928
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100	100	-	-
1920	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100	100	-	-
1926	-	-	100.0	100.0	199	217	-	-	101.9	116.5	210	208	-	-
1928	-	-	102.5	92.1	184	202	-	-	101.0	102.6	201	182	-	-
1929	-	-	107.9	98.4	181	203	99.7	100.1	100.4	101.3	177	159	(108)	(116)
1930	-	-	121.8	118.8	155	173	90.3	86.9	98.1	97.4	169	157	108	115
1931	-	-	125.9	107.5	136	151	83.0	80.2	90.6	84.4	158	148	107	103
1932	-	-	119.1	101.3	137	158	79.4	75.3	83.8	77.5	151	143	114	115
1933	-	-	107.2	86.9	146	161	79.4	76.1	79.5	73.2	148	139	(d) 141	147
1934	(e)	(e)	106.2	86.4	149	164	80.7	78.6	80.8	77.4	(c) 150	148	142	149
1935	100	103	106.6	89.1	152	170	82.3	80.7	83.7	83.5	152	147	144	155
1936	101	107	113.3	100.7	159	184	84.6	83.4	86.4	87.0	160	157	157	171
1937	106	114	131.8	121.5	174	193	86.8	85.6	92.2	95.6	170	173	176	205
1938	106	113	150.5	137.4	200	210	89.4	90.8	95.1	99.1	172	169	184	214
1939	106	114	-	-	224	238	-	-	99.0	105.2	170	159	187	210
1939	-	-	(b)	(b)	(a)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
May	103	110	161.8	154.3	221	235	-	91.1	98.3	103.9	168	157	188	210
June	104	112	166.7	160.0	221	232	89.9	90.8	98.3	104.0	169	159	187	210
July	105	114	183.4	182.2	221	232	-	91.2	98.7	105.1	171	161	187	203
August	105	112	201.5	198.7	223	235	-	91.0	99.5	106.0	171	161	186	206
September	106	114	241.6	256.8	232	251	89.8	91.4	99.5	106.0	172	162	188	210
October	108	119	-	-	235	255	-	92.8	99.7	106.6	172	161	193	222
November	109	119	-	-	236	256	-	92.4	102.6	112.6	173	161	196	228
December	113	126	-	-	240	263	90.8	90.4	101.9	110.5	175	163	196	228
1940	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
January	114	128	-	-	247	279	-	90.0	100.8	107.3	176	165	193	222
February	112	124	-	-	251	278	-	90.9	101.3	106.4	177	164	195	226
March	-	-	-	-	254	278	91.2	91.9	101.2	106.0	178	166	197	232
April	-	-	-	-	259	280	-	93.7	101.7	107.3	-	-	-	-
May	-	-	-	-	263	283	-	-	102.6	107.8	-	-	-	-
June	-	-	-	-	263	281	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

(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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