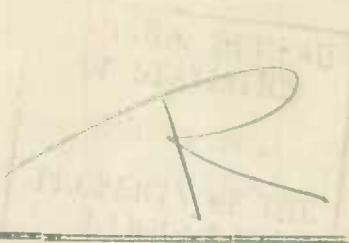


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WORLD WHOLESALE PRICE MOVEMENTS

SECOND HALF OF 1940

The second half of 1940 witnessed a resumption of rising wholesale price levels in the United States and Canada, and a continuance of the steep rise in European countries which dates from the outbreak of war. Declines in Mexico and the Argentine were indicative of depressed markets in Latin-American countries resulting from recent contractions in export outlets.

An increase of 3.2 p.c. between June and December for both the United States Bureau of Labour and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics wholesale indexes followed moderate reactions in these series during the first half of 1940. The Canadian index recorded a net increase of 3.1 p.c. for 1940 as compared with a rise of 1.0 p.c. in the United States Bureau of Labor index.

Mexican and Argentine indexes moved upward in the first half of 1940 and then reacted moderately, showing practically no net change for the year.

Wholesale price index records of European countries pointed to substantial increases in the second half of 1940. The Board of Trade index for the United Kingdom continued steadily upward, advancing 10.3 p.c. from June to December 1940, and 21.2 p.c. for the complete year. Second half advances noted for other countries were 10.5 p.c. for Sweden, 15.2 p.c. for Denmark, 16.1 p.c. for Switzerland, and 29.1 p.c. for Yugoslavia.

Changes recorded by wholesale indexes for countries in other parts of the world in the latter half of 1940, included increases of 6.6 p.c. for New Zealand, and 7.9 p.c. for the Shanghai index in China.

WORLD COST OF LIVING MOVEMENTS

SECOND HALF OF 1940

The movement of living cost indexes in the second half of 1940 continued to be predominantly upward in line with earlier movements in wholesale prices. One noteworthy exception was the United States index of the National Industrial Conference Board which eased 0.6 p.c. For the year 1940 this series advanced 0.7 p.c. as compared with a rise of 4.0 p.c. in the official index for Canada.

Increases in European indexes were more pronounced. June to December gains in these series were noted as follows: United Kingdom 7.7 p.c., Switzerland 6.0 p.c.<sup>x</sup>, and Yugoslavia 22.9 p.c.<sup>x</sup>. Corresponding annual increases were: United Kingdom 12.7 p.c., Switzerland 12.0 p.c.<sup>x</sup>, and Yugoslavia 40.7 p.c.

The New Zealand cost of living index moved up 2.4 p.c. in the latter half of 1940, and 3.1 p.c. for the year as a whole.

<sup>x</sup> November, 1940, the latest month available.

Changes in Wholesale Price Index Numbers, 1940.

<u>Country</u>	<u>Percentage Change between</u>	
	<u>June, 1940 and latest month available in 1940</u>	<u>December, 1939 and latest month available in 1940</u>
Argentina .....	- 1.5	+ 0.3
Canada .....	+ 3.2	+ 3.1
China .....	+ 7.9	+53.3
Denmark .....	+15.2	+32.9
Mexico .....	- 1.9	+ 0.1
New Zealand .....	+ 6.6	+13.7
Norway .....	+ 4.7	+18.5
Sweden .....	+10.5	+19.7
Switzerland .....	+16.1	+28.8
United Kingdom .....	+10.3	+21.2
United States .....	+ 3.2	+ 1.0
Yugoslavia .....	+29.1	+50.3

Changes in Cost of Living Index Numbers, 1940.

<u>Country</u>	<u>Percentage Change Between</u>	
	<u>June, 1940 and latest month available in 1940</u>	<u>December, 1939 and latest month available in 1940</u>
Canada .....	+ 3.0	+ 4.0
China .....	+27.0	+68.9
Japan .....	- 0.6	+ 8.7
New Zealand .....	+ 2.4	+ 3.1
Switzerland .....	+ 6.0	+12.0
United Kingdom .....	+ 7.7	+12.7
United States .....	- 0.6	+ 0.7
Yugoslavia .....	+22.9	+40.7

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

CONTINENT	COUNTRY	NORTH AMERICA							UNITED STATES	MEXICO	
		CANADA			UNITED STATES						
AUTHORITY	Dominion Bureau of Statistics		Consumers' Goods	Producers' Goods	Raw and Partly Mfd. Goods	Fully and Chiefly Mfd. Goods	Industrial Material Prices Composite Index	Irving Fisher	Bureau of Labor Statistics	Annalist	Official
	General 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	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	-	-
1926	100.0	156.2	100.0	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
<u>1940</u>											
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	130.1
May	82.1	128.2	82.0	78.9	75.3	80.6	78.6	83.8	78.4	80.9	130.2
June	81.6	127.5	82.3	77.3	74.0	80.1	77.9	82.5	77.5	79.5	128.4
July	82.4	128.7	83.4	77.6	74.7	80.6	78.7	82.0	77.7	79.7	128.9
August	82.7	129.2	83.7	78.0	73.9	81.6	78.1	81.2	77.4	79.5	127.4
September	83.1	129.8	84.1	78.3	74.3	81.8	78.2	82.0	78.0		125.7
October	83.3	130.1	84.2	78.3	74.8	82.0	78.8	83.0	78.7		125.9
November	84.0	131.2	84.9	78.9	76.2	82.7	79.8	84.4	79.6		
December	84.2	131.5	85.2	79.3	76.2	83.2	79.1	85.0	80.0		

(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.

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

CONTINENT	SOUTH AMERICA			EUROPE				FRANCE		GERMANY	
	COUNTRY	ARGENTINA	CHILE	PERU	UNITED KINGDOM			Statistique Générale	Statistique Générale	Federal Statistical Office	
AUTHORITY	Banco de la Nacion	Official	Official	Board of Trade	Economist	Statist	Times				
No. of Commodities	108		58	200	10 (d)	45	60	45	125	400	
Base Period	1926	1913	1913	1930	1935	1913	1913	July, 1914	1913	1913	
1913	75.5	100.0	100	-	130.2	100.0	100	102	100	100.0	
1920	-	-	239	(f) 307.3	290.5	295.3	-	520	-	1367 July	
1926	100.0	-	203	148.1	199.1	148.0	148	718	695	(a) 134.4	
1928	98.5	192.5	192	140.3	173.1	141.2	141	634	645	140.0	
1929	96.4	192.8	186	136.5	166.2	135.3	134	623	627	137.2	
1930	92.2	166.9	178	(e) 100.0	115.7	114.1	115	543	554	124.6	
1931	89.0	152.2	175	87.8	82.9	96.5	98	462	502	110.9	
1932	89.5	230.4	170	85.6	84.9	94.0	96	407	427	96.5	
1933	85.6	346.0	180	85.7	90.9	93.7	96	388	398	93.3	
1934	98.4	343.6	188	88.1	98.7	96.4	100	366	376	98.4	
1935	97.0	343.3	189	89.0	100.0	98.9	104	347	338	101.8	
1936	99.2	379.6	192	94.4	114.7	103.5	110	405	411	104.1	
1937	112.6	454.6	205	108.8	134.1	120.6	128	563	581	105.9	
1938	105.5	432.1	205	101.4	101.1	107.5	117	640	653	105.7	
1939	108.2	420.7	213	102.8	109.4	113.2	119			106.9	
<u>1940</u>		(c)		(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)				
January	124.0	449.0	237	125.3	135.0	146.0	144			108.2	
February	123.3	450.7	239	128.3	137.4	146.5	146			108.4	
March	124.1	456.4	238	128.8	134.4	145.2	145			109.4	
April	123.7	458.8	238	132.2	135.0	148.2	146			110	
May	124.0	462.6	244	133.7	133.6	150.6	149			110	
June	123.9	467.2	247	134.4	133.9	152.9	-			110	
July	124.5	470.1	252	139.7	134.9	152.4	152			111	
August	122.8	467.5	252	140.1	132.9	154.7	158			111	
September	122.4	472.1	251	141.1		154.8				111	
October	121.6	476.8	251	142.7		155.1				111	
November	122.1		254	146.9		156.1				111	
December				148.2							

(a) Since 1924, new series. (b) End of month. (c) Fifteenth of month. (d) New index of sensitive commodities on 1935 base.

(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 COUNTRY	EUROPE								PORTUGAL Banco de Portugal
	SWITZERLAND Federal Labour Department	BELGIUM Ministry of Industry and Labour	NETHERLANDS Central Bureau of Statistics	NORWAY Ekonomisk Revue	SWEDEN Commerce Depart- ment	DENMARK Official	ALBANIA		
AUTHORITY	73	123	-	100	95	160	-	23	-
No. of Commodities	73	123	-	100	95	160	-	23	-
Base Period	July 1914	April 1914	1926-30	Dec. 31/13 June 30/14	1913	1935(h)	1935	1927	1927
1913	-	-	-	100	100	100	-	-	-
1920	-	-	-	382	-	359	-	-	-
1926	144.5	744	-	196	198	149	-	104	(c) 104.2
1928	144.6	843	(b)	155	157(e)	148	-	100	(c) 103.9
1929	141.2	851	99.7	148	149	140	-	88	(c) 98.4
1930	126.5	744	89.6	138	137	122	-	90	(c) 88.5
1931	109.7	626	76.3	123	122	111	-	74	89.6
1932	96.0	532	64.6	125	122	109	-	57	86.8
1933	91.0	501	62.9	124	122	107	-	51	93.8
1934	89.8	473	63.0	126	124	114	-	56	86.1
1935	89.8	537	61.5	132	127	100	100	63	89.6
1936	95.6	588	63.8	138	134	102	105	65	105.5
1937	111.2	684	76.2	161	156	114	119	64	102.6
1938	107.1	630	71.9	161	153	111	112	69	-
1939	111.2	649	73.7	159	156	115	118	(a)	-
1940	(a)	(f)			(a) (g)				
January	127.7	822	86.2	190	119	136	154	86	
February	129.7	840	87.6	197	124	138	162	93	
March	132.1	840	88.1	208	130	140	166		
April	134.2			211	131	141	168		
May	134.9			212	131	142	167		
June	138.7			214	130	143	165		
July	140.6			214	132	146	165		
August	145.7			213	136	146	170		
September	152.0			215	135	148	182		
October	155.5			217		154	185		
November	161.1			224		158	190		
December									

(a) End of month. (b) New series beginning January 1939. (d) June. (e) Fifteenth of month. (e) New series beginning 1928. (f) Second half of month. (g) New series beginning January, 1940 on 1938 base. (h) 1913-34, base 1913=100. New series begins in 1935.

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

CONTINENT		EUROPE											
COUNTRY	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	Official	General Bureau of Statistics	
No. of Commodities	138	293	238	139	88	61	55	60	44	72	548	126	52
Base Period	1913	June 1928	1928	1935	1938(e)	1913	1926	Jan. 1913-July 1914	1913	1914	1929	July, 1914	1913-1914
1913	100	-	-	-	100	100.0	-	-	100	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	-	-	-	--	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1926	603	-	-	-	134	-	100.0	-	114	2,973	-	(d)	-
1928	462	100.0	100.0	-	134	128.6	106.2	-	121	3,206	-	979	1296
1929	445	95.4	96.3	-	129	119.9	100.6	1,811	117	3,304	100.0	924	1316
1930	383	85.4	85.5	-	108	101.9	86.6	1,646	102	2,682	86.7	801	1000
1931	328	74.5	74.6	-	94	84.8	72.9	1,471	91	2,211	82.4	738	859
1932	304	69.6	65.5	-	76	85.1	65.2	1,766	83	1,937	81.6	682	738
1933	280	63.4	59.0	-	68	83.7	64.4	1,997	85	1,731	71.1	658	648
1934	273	62.0	55.7	-	61	83.0	63.2	1,969	85	1,793	71.3	675	672
1935	318	68.2	53.0	100	53	86.0	65.9	2,003	84	1,825	77.5	705	735
1936	363	76.4	54.0	103	89.0	91.0	68.4	2,038	91	1,851	79.9	706	817
1937	437	89.1	59.4	122	101.4	113.0	74.7	2,282	101	2,088	85.3	750	849
1938	469	95.7	56.0	114	100.0	113.0	78.3	2,229	100	2,164	86.8	742	805
1939					103.6	118.0	79.3	2,208	102	2,197	86.3		
1940						(a)		(c)					
January					128.8		93.3	2,441	117	2,269	91.7		
February					134.7		94.9	2,468	119	2,287	93.0		
March					141.9		98.5	2,493	120	2,324	93.6		
April					142.5		102.4		123	2,320	94.3		
May					144.3		102.8		125	2,359	97.5		
June					144.5		105.8			2,373	98.7		
July					145.7		108.3			2,445	101.9		
August					146.5		121.2			2,548	104.0		
September							129.4				105.7		
October							132.1				107.0		
November							136.6				107.5		
December													

(a) End of month. (b) First of month. (c) Average of last week of month. (d) Former index now given in paper currency.

(e) New series beginning 1936 on 1938 base years 1913-35 on 1913 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 générale 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	94.4	1071	101.9	88
1940	(b)			(c)				(c)		
January	130	128	103	197	391.4	241.7	94.6	1120	109.3	98
February	126	124	102		455.8	239.2	95.5	1137	110.0	96
March	121	119	100		469.1	235.7	96.9	1158	110.9	95
April	121	121	98		487.0	237.2	98.5	1175	111.8	97
May	117	118	98		546.8	235.6	100.6	1185	112.5	97
June	114	114	97		527.6	233.0	100.6	1190	112.5	97
July	114	115			512.3	231.1	101.0	1205	112.8	97
August	115	112			507.4	231.2	102.4	1225	113.2	98
September	119				533.9	232.7	102.7	1237	114.4	99
October					569.1		103.0	1253	116.6	104
November								1258		
December								1268		

(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		IRE		FRANCE			
Nature of Index	Dominion Bureau of Statistics	Bureau of Labour Statistics	Bureau of Labour Statistics, Foods	National Industrial Conference Board, Cost of Living	Minister of Labour	105 Towns & Localities	300 Towns Foods	Paris Foods	Paris Cost of Living			
Base Period	1935-39(c)	1935-39(c)	1935-39(c)	1923 (a)(j)	1923 (j)	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914			
1913	88.3	79.7	70.7	-	-	-	(g) (i)	(g)	-			
1920	188.1	150.5	143.2	136.2	118.2	256	249	-	386	371	342	
1926	133.3	121.8	126.4	110.6	104.3	164	172	179	571	554	505	
1928	131.5	120.5	122.6	105.6	100.6	157	166	169	537	549	519	
1929	134.7	121.7	122.5	106.9	100.1	154	164	169	609	102.2(h)	556	
1930	131.5	120.8	119.4	101.7	96.7	145	158	160	609	100.0	581	
1931	103.1	109.1	108.7	83.7	87.2	131	147	147	605	98.8	569	
1932	85.7	99.0	97.6	69.7	77.9	126	144	141	535	87.6	526	
1933	84.9	94.4	92.4	67.8	74.9	120	140	131	501	83.9	520	
1934	92.5	95.7	95.7	75.3	79.4	122	141	135	474	78.0	516	
1935	94.6	96.2	98.1	82.1	82.6	125	143	140	417	69.1	483	
1936	97.8	98.1	99.1	83.9	84.8	130	147	147	452	76.1	507	
1937	103.2	101.2	102.7	86.9	88.5	139	154	156	571	95.0	619	
1938	103.8	102.2	100.8	80.7	86.4	141	156	159	657	108.3	698	
1939	100.6	101.5	99.4	78.6	85.2	141	158	163	178			
1940	(e)	(e)	(f)	(f)	(e)	(e)	(f)	(f)				
January	104.5	103.8	-	78.8	85.4	157	174	-				
February	104.5	103.8	-	79.8	85.8	161	177	177	197			
March	104.8	104.6	99.8	78.8	85.5	161	179	-				
April	104.8	104.6	-	79.9	85.9	158	178	-				
May	104.4	104.9	-	80.6	86.0	159	180	180	204			
June	103.8	104.9	100.5	81.7	86.4	158	181	-				
July	105.3	105.6	-	80.9	86.3	168	187	-				
August	105.4	105.9	-	79.9	86.0	164	185	182	206			
September	105.4	106.4	100.4	78.2	85.6	166	187	-				
October	106.1	107.0	-	77.4	85.5	169	189	-				
November	108.7	107.8	-	77.2	85.5	172	192	194	214			
December	109.1	108.0	-	78.3	85.9	173	195	-				

(a) Original base, 1913=100. Index for 1923 on 1913 base, 146.2. (c) New series on base 1935-39=100. (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												BULGARIA	
	GERMANY		BELGIUM		POLAND		CZECHOSLOVAKIA		GREECE		HUNGARY			
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	-	-
1920	1065(g)	1252(g)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1926	(a) 141.2	(a) 144.4	165	171	-	-	716	800	1,633	1,673	102	113	2,871	2,813
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	105	2,690	2,439
1931	135.9	127.6	205	176	82.8	73.9	713	712	1,671(i)	1,576(1)	101	96	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	637	1,957	1,921	91	81	1,750	1,643
1936	124.5	122.4	186	159	58.0	48.5	710	671	2,023	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	60.9	52.1	752	689	2,173	2,176	103	95	1,767	1,896
1939	126.2	122.8	204	175	(k)	(k)			2,167	2,160	102	93	1,808	1,932
1940											(b)	(b)	(h)	(h)
January	127	124	217	189					2,232	2,215	104	97	1,845	1,983
February	127	124	222	196					2,241	2,219	105	97	1,860	2,018
March	129	126	221	193					2,253	2,221	105	98	1,857	2,009
April	129	127	226	198							106	99		
May	130	129									108	102		
June	131	129									108	103		
July	132	131									110	105		
August	133	133									111	105		
September	132	130									112	108		
October											117	115		
November											117	115		
December														

(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 49 Towns	Foods Towns	Cost of Living 100 Localities	Foods Amsterdam	Cost of Living 21 Towns	Foods Towns	Cost of Living Tallinn	Foods Tallinn	Cost of Living Riga	Foods Riga	Cost of Living 84 Towns	Foods 84
Base Period	July 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	1935	1935	1911-13	1911-13	1935	1935	1913	1913	1930	1930	1913 (b)	1913 (b)
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	161	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(e)	107(e)	104	96	79	75	70	63
1938	171	164	166(h)	143(h)	107	108	139	130	108	108	120	101	87	79	70	63
1939	173	167	169(h)	147(h)	108				111	112	112	103	90	82	72	65
1940	(i)	(i)					(d)	(d)			(d)	(d)				
January	183	178	178	154	118		146.4	138.3	121	125	125	115	86	71	84	73
February	187	184	-	-			147.7	140.4	123	129	128	121	91	79	88	77
March	194	-	-						126	134	131	123	95	85	92	84
April	196	186	186	163					130	138	131	123	98	89	93	83
May	198	-	-						130	139	132	122	99	97	94	84
June	198	-	-						128	135					95	85
July	199	-	193	170					133	135					96	86
August	200	-	-						134	138					99	89
September	-	-	-						135	140						
October	-	197	172						139	142						
November	-	-	-													
December	-	-	-													

(a) Since 1928, 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.

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CONTINENT		EUROPE						AFRICA				ASIA			
COUNTRY	ITALY	SWITZERLAND		YUGOSLAVIA		PORTUGAL		EGYPT		SOUTH AFRICA		PALESTINE		TURKEY	
Nature of Index	Cost of Living	Cost of Foods	Cost of Living 34 Towns	Foods 34 Towns	Cost of Living Belgrade	Foods Belgrade	Cost of Living Belgrade	Cost of Living Cairo	Foods Cairo	Cost of Living 9 Towns	Foods 9 Towns	Foods 3 Towns	Living Arab	Cost of Living Istanbul	Foods Istanbul
Base Period	June, 1928	June, 1928	June, 1914	June, 1914	1926	1926	June, 1914	Jan. 1913 July, 1914	Jan./13 July/14	1938	1938	1937	1937	1914	1914
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	224	242	-	-	-	237	281(a)	1,458	1,660	-	-	-	-
1926	-	-	162	160	100.0	100.0	-	160	158(a)	1,063	1,096	-	-	-	-
1928	100	100	161	157	93.3	97.1	-	152	144	1,069	1,088	-	-	-	-
1929	101	101.0	161	156	93.9	98.7	2,361	151	146	1,066	1,072	-	-	1,381	1,555
1930	97.7	95.3	158	152	86.1	88.7	2,243	148	141	1,041	1,024	-	-	1,272	1,292
1931	88.3	83.2	150	141	81.7	83.6	1,990	138	123	1,002	976	-	-	1,203	1,114
1932	84.1	78.3	138	126	75.9	76.2	1,949	132	112	958	891	-	-	1,172	1,030
1933	80.5	73.8	131	117	74.6	72.4	1,948	125	101	932	917	-	-	1,047	924
1934	76.4	70.4	129	115	70.8	68.1	1,968	127	110	945	964	-	-	1,031	912
1935	77.5	72.8	128	114	69.8	68.5	1,982	130	115	940	947	-	-	957	892
1936	83.5	78.0	130	120	69.7	69.2	2,022	130	113	943	942	(c)	(c)	960	926
1937	91.7	86.1	137	130	73.2	72.9	2,102	129	111	965	954	100.0	100.0	975	943
1938	99.1	93.0	137	130	81.3	82.2	2,037	131	115	1,000	1,000	91.8	98.0	972	922
1939			138	132	84.5	83.8	1,918	131	112	999	993	93.7	99.5		
1940		(d)	(d)			(b)									
January		144	139	93.6	88.9	1,957		136	113	1,012	1,000	112.3	106.7		
February		145	139	94.9	89.8	1,955		138	115	1,019	1,008	108.0	105.7		
March		145	140	99.1	92.1	1,933		137	114	1,024	1,015	105.9	104.0		
April		147	142	101.8	95.0	1,952		137	115	1,029	1,024	99.4	103.6		
May		148	143	102.4	95.5	1,975		137	114	1,035	1,036	101.6	105.2		
June		150	145	104.7	97.2	1,982		138	113	1,037	1,033	106.1	109.8		
July		151	145	106.2	98.3	1,991		138	114	1,036	1,026	111.2	112.3		
August		151	146	110.6	103.9	2,011		141	116	1,035	1,022	113.4	115.8		
September		153	149	116.0	111.0	2,065		146	118	1,041	1,026				
October		157	152	121.5	117.7	2,072		152	125	1,050	1,049				
November		159	157	128.7	126.0	2,090									
December															

(a) July. (b) Middle of month. (c) New series on 1937 base. (d) Last week or end of month.

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CONTINENT COUNTRY	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			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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	101.9	116.5	210	208	-	-	-
1926	-	-	100.0	100.0	199	217	-	101.0	102.6	201	182	-	-	-
1928	-	-	102.5	92.1	184	202	-	100.6	100.4	181	161	(108)	(116)	-
1929	-	-	107.9	98.4	181	203	99.7	100.1	100.4	101.3	177	159	109	119
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	-	-	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	196.4	189.9	224	238	91.3	91.9	99.0	105.2	170	159	187	210
1940			(b)	(b)	(a)			(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)		
January	114	128	313.7	309.8	247	279	-	90.0	100.8	107.3	176	165	193	222
February	112	124	350.7	361.0	251	278	-	90.9	101.3	106.4	177	164	195	226
March	110	121	365.7	369.1	254	278	91.2	91.9	101.2	106.0	178	166	197	232
April	110	121	357.5	348.3	259	280	-	93.7	101.7	107.3	178	166	203	239
May	111	122	382.7	371.1	263	283	-	93.6	102.9	107.8	180	168	206	243
June	111	124	390.5	390.7	263	281	93.5	93.6	102.6	107.1	183	173	213	248
July	113	127	405.9	433.5	267	290	-	92.7	102.7	107.4	184	175	212	240
August	114	129	403.0	413.2	265	287	-	92.7	104.2	107.0	186	180	215	245
September	112	125	432.7	452.9	265	283	94.0	93.4	105.0	109.5	186	180	226	266
October			496.0	517.5	262	278		94.3	104.8	108.7	186	178	226	
November					261	275			105.2	108.7	190	184		
December					261	276			105.1	108.4				

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

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