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WORLD WHOLESALE PRICE MOVEMENTS
FIRST HALF OF 1941.

Wholesale price increases which have been general since the outbreak of war showed changes in tempo in the first half of 1941. In European countries the sharp ascent of price levels abated somewhat, while in the United States, Canada and Latin-American countries the increase accelerated.

The June, 1941 index of the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics registered a gain of 8.9 p.c. over December, 1940 and 12.4 p.c. over June, 1940, while the Dominion Bureau of Statistics index showed smaller increases of 6.9 p.c. and 10.3 p.c. over December and June of 1940.

The Board of Trade June, 1941 index for the United Kingdom recorded an increase of 13.4 p.c. for the past year and only 2.8 p.c. for the first half of 1941. Substantial advances continued in other European countries, but on a smaller scale than in the previous six months. Gains noted over December, 1940 for the latest months available in 1941 were: Switzerland 10.5 p.c., Norway 8.4 p.c., Sweden 6.3 p.c., Hungary 5.5 p.c..

After a year and a quarter of uncertain fluctuations the latest indexes for Mexico and Argentina showed advances of 8.3 p.c. and 6.0 p.c. respectively since the end of 1940.

The first five months of 1941 showed increases of 2.8 p.c. for New Zealand and 8.3 p.c. for the Calcutta index in India.

Wholesale index comparisons between August, 1939 and the latest months available in 1941 reveal the following war-time increases: Denmark 78.4 p.c., Switzerland 70.2 p.c., United Kingdom 55.4 p.c., Sweden 53.2 p.c., China 46.5 p.c., Hungary 32.9 p.c., India 30.0 p.c., Canada 24.3 p.c., New Zealand 20.2 p.c., United States 16.1 p.c., and Mexico 4.8 p.c.

WORLD COST OF LIVING MOVEMENTS
FIRST HALF OF 1941

World cost of living indexes continued to follow the upward trends established earlier by wholesale price levels.

In the United States the June index of the National Industrial Conference Board was 3.0 p.c. above December, 1940. Food prices were mainly responsible for this change. In Canada the official cost of living index advanced 2.3 p.c. between December, 1940 and June, 1941. Increases since June, 1940 were 2.4 p.c. for United States and 5.3 p.c. for Canada.

In the United Kingdom the Board of Trade index mounted 2.6 p.c. in the first six months of 1941, as compared with 10.5 p.c. since June, 1940. The food index declined slightly and the only substantial increase was in the clothing group.

The Mexican cost of living, after moving only fractionally higher in a year's time rose 1.6 p.c. in June over December, 1940.

Other increases noted for the first half of 1941 were: Iceland 9.2 p.c., Switzerland 3.9 p.c., Portugal 2.6 p.c. and New Zealand 1.2 p.c. Corresponding increases since June, 1940 were: Iceland 24.0 p.c., Switzerland 14.0 p.c., Portugal 9.8 p.c. and New Zealand 4.0 p.c.

Latest gains recorded by cost of living series since August, 1939 were as follows: China 306.1 p.c., Iceland 50.5 p.c., United Kingdom 29.0 p.c., Switzerland 24.8 p.c., Japan 17.0 p.c., Canada 9.6 p.c., New Zealand 7.1 p.c., United States 4.7 p.c., and Mexico 2.7 p.c.

Changes in Wholesale Price Index Numbers
First Half of 1941

Country	Percentage Change Between December, 1940 and latest month available in 1941	Percentage Change Between June, 1940 and latest month available in 1941	Percentage Change Between August, 1939 and latest month available in 1941
Argentina	+ 6.0	+ 4.8	+ 5.4
Canada	+ 6.9	+ 10.3	+ 24.3
China	+ 23.7	+ 43.3	+ 46.5
Denmark	+ 3.7	+ 20.0	+ 78.4
Hungary	+ 5.5	+ 16.2	+ 32.9
India	+ 8.3	+ 14.0	+ 30.0
Mexico	+ 8.3	+ 5.4	+ 4.8
New Zealand	+ 2.8	+ 9.5	+ 20.2
Norway	+ 8.4	+ 14.5	+ 15.6
Sweden	+ 6.3	+ 18.9	+ 53.2
Switzerland	+ 10.5	+ 30.6	+ 70.2
United Kingdom	+ 2.8	+ 13.4	+ 55.4
United States	+ 8.9	+ 12.4	+ 16.1

Changes in Cost of Living Index Numbers
First Half of 1941

Country	Percentage Change Between December, 1940 and latest month available in 1941	Percentage Change Between June, 1940 and latest month available in 1941	Percentage Change Between August, 1939 and latest month available in 1941
Canada	+ 2.3	+ 5.3	+ 9.6
China	+ 18.5	+ 57.9	+ 306.1
Iceland	+ 9.2	+ 24.0	+ 50.5
Japan	+ 0.0	- 0.8	+ 17.0
Mexico	+ 1.6	+ 1.8	+ 2.7
New Zealand	+ 1.2	+ 4.0	+ 7.1
Portugal	+ 2.6	+ 9.8	+ 14.4
Switzerland	+ 6.9	+ 14.0	+ 24.8
United Kingdom	+ 2.6	+ 10.5	+ 29.0
United States	+ 3.0	+ 2.4	+ 4.7

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

CONTINENT	NORTH AMERICA									
COUNTRY	CANADA							UNITED STATES		MEXICO
	Dominion Bureau of Statistics									
AUTHORITY	General Index		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	Official
No. of Commodities	567(b)		236(c)	402(c)	245(c)	322(c)	30	200	784(a)	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	(a)100.0	-
1928	96.4	150.6	95.6	96.7	97.4	95.0	92.9	97.9	96.7	-
1929	95.6	149.3	94.7	96.3	97.5	93.0	91.8	96.3	95.3	100.0
1930	86.6	135.3	89.3	82.8	82.2	87.3	76.2	86.3	86.4	103.4
1931	72.1	112.6	76.5	67.8	61.9	74.9	59.6	71.4	73.0	89.7
1932	66.7	104.2	71.3	63.1	55.0	69.8	51.3	61.6	64.8	84.3
1933	67.1	104.8	71.1	63.1	56.6	70.2	54.1	64.6	66.0	89.8
1934	71.6	111.8	74.1	67.8	63.5	73.4	60.0	76.6	75.0	94.7
1935	72.1	112.6	73.6	69.5	66.0	72.8	62.4	83.0	80.0	94.5
1936	74.6	116.5	74.7	72.4	70.8	73.6	67.3	83.7	80.8	100.4
1937	84.6	132.1	79.5	86.1	84.3	80.5	80.3	90.7	86.3	119.1
1938	78.6	122.8	77.2	75.8	72.9	78.2	66.3	81.2	78.6	126.3
1939	75.4	117.8	75.8	70.4	67.4	75.3	69.0	80.9	77.1	127.0
1940	82.9	129.5	83.4	78.7	75.3	81.5	79.0	83.6	78.6	128.2
1939 August	72.3	112.9	72.7	66.7	62.8	72.6	65.3	78.2	75.0	129.1
1940										
July	82.6	129.0	83.7	77.7	74.9	80.7	78.7	81.9	77.7	128.9
August	82.6	129.0	83.5	77.9	73.8	81.3	78.1	81.2	77.4	127.4
September	83.0	129.6	84.0	78.3	74.3	81.6	78.2	82.0	78.0	125.7
October	83.3	130.1	84.1	78.4	74.8	81.8	78.8	83.0	78.7	125.9
November	83.9	131.1	84.8	78.8	76.1	82.4	79.8	84.4	79.6	125.8
December	84.2	131.5	85.2	79.1	76.1	83.0	79.1	85.0	80.0	124.9
1941										
January	84.6	132.1	85.5	79.7	76.6	83.4	80.1	85.8	80.8	128.2
February	85.2	133.1	85.7	80.6	77.7	83.7	81.2	85.7	80.6	130.2
March	85.9	134.2	86.2	81.3	78.9	84.2	82.3	87.1	81.5	129.4
April	86.6	135.3	87.0	81.6	79.3	85.3	83.4	89.5	83.2	131.3
May	88.5	138.2	88.6	83.3	80.9	86.8	86.5	91.8	84.9	132.9
June	90.0	140.6	90.6	84.3	81.8	88.8	88.0	93.9	87.1	135.3

(a) No. of commodities changed from 550 to 784 since January 1926. (b) No. of commodities changed in 1926 from 236 to 502 and in January, 1934 to 567. (c) 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				
COUNTRY	ARGENTINA	CHILE	PERU	UNITED KINGDOM			SWITZERLAND	GERMANY
AUTHORITY	Banco de la Nacion	Official	Official	Board of Trade	Economist	Statist	Federal Labour Department	Federal Statistical Office
No. of Commodities	108		58	200	10 (d)	45	78	400
Base Period	1926	1913	1913	1930	1935	1913	July, 1914	1913
1913	75.5	100.0	100	-	150.2	100.0	-	100.0
1920	-	-	239	(f)307.3	290.5	295.3	-	1367 July
1926	100.0	-	203	148.1	199.1	148.0	144.5	(a)134.4
1928	98.5	192.5	192	140.3	173.1	141.2	144.6	140.0
1929	96.4	192.8	186	136.5	166.2	135.3	141.2	137.2
1930	92.2	166.9	178	(e)100.0	115.7	114.1	126.5	124.6
1931	89.0	152.2	175	87.8	82.9	96.5	109.7	110.9
1932	89.5	230.4	170	85.6	84.9	94.0	96.0	96.5
1933	85.6	346.0	180	85.7	90.9	93.7	91.0	93.3
1934	98.4	343.6	188	88.1	98.7	96.4	89.8	98.4
1935	97.0	343.3	189	89.0	100.0	98.9	89.8	101.8
1936	99.2	379.6	192	94.4	114.7	103.5	95.6	104.1
1937	112.6	454.6	205	108.8	134.1	120.6	111.2	105.9
1938	105.5	432.1	205	101.4	101.1	107.5	107.1	105.7
1939	108.2	420.7	215	102.8	109.4	113.2	111.2	106.9
1940	123.2	464.1	248	136.6	133.5	151.7	143.0	110
1939 - August	102.9	414.0	216	98.1	106.4	106.4	107.4	107
1940			(c)		(b)	(b)	(b)	
July	124.5	470.1	252	139.7	134.9	152.4	140.6	111
August	122.8	467.5	252	140.1	132.9	154.7	145.7	111
September	122.4	472.1	251	141.1	132.5	154.8	152.0	111
October	121.4	476.8	251	142.7	130.0	155.1	155.5	111
November	121.9	469.7	254	146.9	130.1	156.1	161.1	111
December	122.5	468.1	259	148.2	132.6	158.2	163.9	111
1941								
January	123.9	470.6	260	149.5	132.8	158.7	166.5	111
February	124.0	475.4	265	150.0	132.3	160.4	167.9	112
March	125.9	480.5	267	150.8	137.9	162.4	170.2	112
April	129.8	492.0	269	150.9	137.0	166.0	175.0	
May	132.7		275	151.3	136.1		181.1	
June				152.4	135.9			

(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	EUROPE							
COUNTRY	SWEDEN	DENMARK	NORWAY		BULGARIA	HUNGARY	YUGOSLAVIA	SPAIN
AUTHORITY	Commerce Department	Official	Okonomisk Revue	Official	Official	Official	National Bank	Official
No. of Commodities	160	-	100	95	72	548	55	106
Base Period	1935(b)	1935	Dec. 31/13 June 30/14	1913	1914	1929	1926	1913
1913	100	-	100	100	-	-	-	-
1920	359	-	382	-	-	-	-	-
1926	146	-	196	198	2,973	-	100.0	-
1928	149	-	155	157(e)	3,206	-	106.2	-
1929	140	108	148	149	3,304	100.0	100.6	-
1930	122	93	138	137	2,682	86.7	86.6	-
1931	111	82	123	122	2,211	82.4	72.9	-
1932	109	84	125	122	1,937	81.6	65.2	-
1933	107	90	124	122	1,731	71.1	64.4	-
1934	114	98	126	124	1,793	71.3	63.2	-
1935	100	100	132	127	1,825	77.5	63.9	-
1936	102	105	138	134	1,851	79.9	68.4	169.4
1937	114	119	161	156	2,088	86.3	74.7	187.7
1938	111	112	161	153	2,164	86.8	78.3	210.3
1939	115	118	159	156	2,199	86.3	79.3	231.9
1940	146	172	212	133(g)	2,520	100.3	114.1	271.2
1939 August	111	111	151	98	2,158	86.3	76.8	229.7
1940				(d) (g)	(f)		(a)	
July	146	165	214	132	2,445	101.9	108.3	270.0
August	146	170	213	136	2,548	104.0	121.2	275.2
September	149	182	215	135	2,691	105.7	129.4	281.7
October	154	185	217	138	2,841	107.0	132.1	284.6
November	158	190	224	145	2,892	107.5	136.6	289.7
December	160	191	226	147	2,894	108.7	143.9	298.3
1941								
January	162	192	231	148		109.3	150.7	304.6
February	165	198	235	153		111.2	155.3	310.3
March	169	198	238			112.7		
April	170		245			114.7		
May								
June								

(a) End of month. (b) 1913-34, base 1913=100. (c) June. (d) Fifteenth of month. (e) New series beginning 1928. (f) Average of last week of month. (g) New series beginning January, 1940 on 1938 base.

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

CONTINENT	ASIA					OCEANIA		AFRICA	
COUNTRY	INDIA		DUTCH EAST INDIES	CHINA	JAPAN	COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA	NEW ZEALAND	SOUTH AFRICA	EGYPT
Authority	Department of Statistics Calcutta	Labour Office Bombay	Official	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	154	56		180	188	23
Base Period	July, 1914	July, 1914	1913	1926	1913	July, 1928 - June, 1929	1926-30	1913	Jan. 1, 1913-July 31,1914
1913	-	-	100	-	100.0	-	(c)	100.0	-
1920	201	216	279	-	259.4	-	-	223.3	316
1926	148	149	159	100.0	178.8	-	-	123.3	132
1928	145	146	149	101.7	170.8	(e)	994	120.7	120
1929	141	145	148	104.5	166.1	100.4	988	115.1	116
1930	116	126	134	114.8	136.8	89.8	963	102.6	104
1931	96	109	105	126.7	115.6	85.7	902	99.5	97
1932	91	109	86	112.4(d)	121.7	81.5	878	91.5	84
1933	87	98	71	103.8	135.6	81.1	904	93.1	71
1934	89	95	67	97.1	134.2	81.4	909	101.7	87
1935	91	99	65	96.4	140.2	84.0	937	94.8	95
1936	91	96	67	108.5	149.2	89.2	946	98.6	85
1937	102	106	89	129.1	180.0	91.1	1021	101.0	88
1938	95	101	83	153.6	189.9	91.6	1036	104.4	91
1939	108	109		242.5	209.7	94.4	1071	101.9	88
1940	120	118		516.3		-	1195	113.2	100
1939 August	100	103	81	264.0	205.7	88.2	1084	99.8	83
1940	(a)			(b)			(b)		
July	114	115	97	512.3	231.1	100.7	1205	112.8	97
August	115	112	97	507.4	231.2	102.0	1225	113.2	98
September	119	113	99	533.9	232.7	102.3	1236	114.4	99
October	121	115	99	569.1	233.9	103.7	1253	116.6	104
November	122	118	100	583.9		101.1	1258	116.9	110
December	120	118		611.4		102.0	1268	117.2	117
1941									
January	121	117		651.2		102.6	1274	118.5	116
February	119	116		683.3		100.3	[illegible]	118.4	115
March	123	120		756.3		100.2	1288	119.6	115
April	127	122				101.1	1293	121.0	115
May	130						1303		
June									

(a) End of month. (b) Fifteenth of month. (c) New series beginning January, 1939. (d) Average of ten months only. (e) Each yearly index is for period from July of current year to June of year following.

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

CONTINENT	NORTH AMERICA								EUROPE	
COUNTRY	CANADA		UNITED STATES		MEXICO		UNITED KINGDOM		EIRE	
	Dominion Bureau of Statistics		Bureau of Labour Statistics	Bureau of Labour Statistics	National Industrial Conference Board,	Official		Minister of Labour	105 Towns & Cities	
Nature of Index	Foods	Cost of Living	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	Cost of Living
Base Period	1935-39	1935-39	1935-39	1923 (a)(b)	1923 (b)	1934	1934	July, 1914		July, 1914	
1913	88.3	79.7	70.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	188.1	150.5	143.2	136.2	118.2	-	-	256	249	-	-
1926	133.3	121.8	126.4	110.6	104.3	-	-	164	172	179	185
1928	131.5	120.5	122.6	105.6	100.6	-	-	157	166	169	174
1929	134.7	121.7	122.5	106.9	100.1	-	-	154	164	169	176
1930	131.5	120.8	119.4	101.7	96.7	-	-	145	158	160	171
1931	103.1	109.1	108.7	83.7	87.2	-	-	131	147	147	161
1932	85.7	99.0	97.6	69.7	77.9	-	-	126	144	141	157
1933	84.9	94.4	92.4	67.8	74.9	-	-	120	140	131	151
1934	92.5	95.7	95.7	75.3	79.4	100.0	100.0	122	141	135	152
1935	94.6	96.2	98.1	82.1	82.6	107.5	107.5	125	143	140	155
1936	97.8	98.1	99.1	83.9	84.8	113.6	114.4	130	147	147	160
1937	103.2	101.2	102.7	86.9	88.5	136.7	138.5	139	154	156	170
1938	103.8	102.2	100.8	80.7	86.4	157.9	153.3	141	156	159	173
1939	100.6	101.5	99.4	78.6	85.2	156.2	155.4	141	158	163	178
1940	105.6	105.6	100.1	79.3	85.8	153.6	157.3	164	184	183	205
1939 August	99.3	100.8	(e)	76.7	84.5	157.4	156.0	137	155	158	173
1940	(c)	(c)	(d)	(d)	(d)			(c)	(c)	(d)	(d)
July	105.3	105.6	-	80.9	86.3	151.4	158.0	168	187	-	-
August	105.4	105.9	-	79.9	86.0	151.4	154.6	164	185	182	206
September	105.4	106.4	100.4	78.2	85.6	152.5	156.1	166	187	-	-
October	106.1	107.0	100.2	77.4	85.5	152.3	155.6	169	189	-	-
November	108.7	107.8	100.1	77.2	85.5	153.1	156.0	172	192	194	214
December	109.1	108.0	100.7	78.3	85.9	154.9	157.6	173	195	-	-
1941											
January	109.7	108.3	100.8	78.7	86.0	154.4	157.5	172	196	-	-
February	108.8	108.2	100.8	78.8	86.1	156.6	159.3	171	197	196	218
March	109.0	108.2	101.2	79.2	86.3	155.2	158.3	169	197	-	-
April	110.1	108.6	102.2	81.0	86.9	152.3	157.1	170	198	-	-
May	109.7	109.4	102.9	82.2	87.4	152.2	157.7	171	200	-	-
June	112.5	110.5	104.6	85.5	88.5	154.2	160.2	170	200		

(a) Original base, 1913=100. Index for 1923 on 1913 base, 146.2. (b) Revised figures. (c) First of month. (d) Fifteenth of month.
(e) Quarterly prior to October, 1940. Nearest quarterly figures to August, 1939 are 98.6 for June and 100.6 for September.

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

CONTINENT	EUROPE											
COUNTRY	SWITZERLAND		NORWAY		SWEDEN		DENMARK	FINLAND		GERMANY		HUNGARY	
Nature of Index	Cost of Living 34 Towns	Foods 34 Towns	Cost of Living 31 Towns	Foods 31 Towns	Cost of Living 49 Towns	Foods 49 Towns	Cost of Living 182 Towns	Cost of Living 21 Towns	Foods 21 Towns	Cost of Living 72 Towns	Foods 72 Towns	Cost of Living Budapest	Foods Budapest
Base Period	June, 1914	June, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	1935	1935	1913/1914	1913/1914	1913	1913
1913	-	-	-	-	(e)	(e)	-	-	-	-	-	100	100
1920	224	242	300	319	270	287	-	-	1,058	1065(i)	1252(i)	-	-
1926	162	160	206	197	172	156	-	154(f)	145(f)	(b)141.2	(b) 144.4	102	113
1928	161	157	173(a)	168(a)	173	156	-	161	150	151.7	152.3	117	128
1929	161	156	166	158	169	148	173	160	147	154.0	154.5	117	124
1930	158	152	161	152	164	138	165	147	127	147.3	142.9	106	105
1931	150	141	153	139	158	127	154	135	113	135.9	127.6	101	96
1932	138	126	149	134	156	124	154	134	117	120.6	112.3	98	91
1933	131	117	147	131	153	120	160	131	117	118.5	109.9	91	81
1934	129	115	148	132	155	123	166	128	114	121.7	116.2	89	77
1935	128	114	151	138	156	129	173	130	119	123.0	120.4	91	81
1936	130	120	155	144	158	134	174	130	118	124.5	122.4	96	87
1937	137	130	166	158	162	138	180	105(h)	107(h)	125.1	122.3	103	94
1938	137	130	171	164	166	143	182	108	108	125.6	122.1	103	95
1939	138	132	173	167	169	147	183	111	112	126.2	122.8	102	93
1940	151	146	116(g)	-	197	172	233			132		110	105
1939 - August	137	131	-	-	169(i)	147(i)	-	109	110	127	125	107	94
1940	(d)	(d)	(c)(g)									(d)	(d)
July	151	145	116	-	193	170	233	133	135	132	131	110	105
August	151	146	117	-	-	-	-	134	138	133	133	111	105
September	153	149	126	-	-	-	-	135	140	132		112	108
October	157	152	127	-	197	172	248	139	142	130		117	115
November	159	157	127	-	-	-	-	-	-	130		117	115
December	160	158	131	-	-	-	-	-	-	131		118	115
1941													
January	163	160	132	-	204	180	259	145		132		119	116
February	163	160	134	-	-	-				132		119	115
March	164	161			-	-				132		119	116
April	169	167			219	197						123	123
May	171	171											
June													

(a) Since 1928, new series. (b) Since 1924, new series in Reichsmark prices. (c) Fifteenth of month. (d) Last week of month.
(e) New method of calculation since 1932. July of each year is given as yearly index. (f) Since date of stabilization, gold index; 1922-26 indexes are on 1914 base. (g) Beginning 1940, new series on base 1938=100. (h) New index beginning 1937 on 1935 base. (i) July.

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CONTINENT	EUROPE					AFRICA				ASIA				
COUNTRY	YUGOSLAVIA		PORTUGAL	ICELAND		EGYPT		SOUTH AFRICA		INDIA		PALESTINE		
Nature of Index	Cost of Living Belgrade	Foods Belgrade	Cost of Living	Cost of Living Reykjavik	Foods Reykjavik	Cost of Living Cairo	Foods Cairo	Cost of Living 9 Towns	Foods 9 Towns	Cost of Living Bombay	Foods Bombay	Foods 3 Towns Arab	Foods 3 Towns Jewish	Cost of Living Jewish
Base Period	1926	1926	June, 1914	Jan.-Mch. 1939	Jan.-Mch. 1939	Jan./13 July/14	Jan./13 July/14	1938	1938	July/33 June/34	July/33 June/34	1937	1937	August 1939
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	-	-	-	237	281(b)	1,458	1,660	-	-	-	-	-
1926	100.0	100.0	-	-	-	160	158(b)	1,063	1,096	-	-	-	-	-
1928	93.3	97.1	-	-	-	152	144	1,069	1,088	-	-	-	-	-
1929	93.9	98.7	2,361	-	-	151	146	1,066	1,072	-	-	-	-	-
1930	86.1	88.7	2,243	-	-	148	141	1,041	1,024	-	-	-	-	-
1931	81.7	83.6	1,990	-	-	138	123	1,002	976	-	-	-	-	-
1932	75.9	76.2	1,949	-	-	132	112	958	891	-	-	-	-	-
1933	74.6	72.4	1,948	-	-	125	101	932	917	-	-	-	-	-
1934	70.8	68.1	1,968	-	-	127	110	945	964	-	-	-	-	-
1935	69.8	68.5	1,982	-	-	130	115	940	947	100	103	-	-	-
1936	69.7	69.2	2,022	-	-	130	113	943	942	101	107	(c)	(c)	-
1937	73.2	72.9	2,102	-	-	129	111	965	954	106	114	100.0	100.0	-
1938	81.3	82.2	2,037	(c)	(c)	131	115	1,000	1,000	106	113	91.8	98.0	-
1939	84.5	83.8	1,918	103	104	131	112	999	993	106	114	93.7	99.5	(c)
1940	109.4	103.8	2,009	128	136	143	118	1,034	1,025	112	125	112.6	113.9	117.7
1939 August	81.7	81.3	1,903	103	104	128	110	993	977	105	112	85.8	96.8	100.0
1940			(a)	(d)	(d)									
July	106.2	98.3	1,991	127	132	138	114	1,036	1,026	113	127	111.2	112.3	116.4
August	110.6	103.9	2,011	128	131	141	116	1,035	1,022	114	129	113.4	115.8	119.0
September	116.0	111.0	2,065	134	146	146	118	1,041	1,026	112	125	118.4	118.6	121.5
October	121.5	117.7	2,072	141	160	152	125	1,050	1,049	113	127	120.8	124.6	124.5
November	128.7	126.0	2,090	142	161	156	130	1,045	1,033	113	127	124.8	130.5	130.5
December	133.2	130.1	2,121	142	161	156	128	1,044	1,028	115	128	128.7	129.6	130.4
1941														
January	138.2	136.7	2,138	146	167	157	129	1,050	1,040	117	131	132.2	128.8	128.8
February	141.3	140.5	2,151	148	168	160	131	1,053	1,048	119	132	132.8	125.5	128.6
March			2,163	150	174	163	135	1,063	1,061	119	134			130.1
April			2,190	150	172	164	135	1,072	1,084	121	138			131.7
May			2,177	153	178									
June				155	181									

(a) Middle of month. (b) July. (c) New series. Source: Economic Research Institute of the Jewish Agency for Palestine.
(d) First of month.

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CONTINENT	ASIA				OCEANIA				SOUTH AMERICA					
COUNTRY	CHINA		JAPAN		AUSTRALIA		NEW ZEALAND		PERU		CHILE		COLOMBIA	
Nature of Index	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	Cost of Living Bogota	Foods Bogota
Base Period	1926	1926	July, 1914	July, 1914	July,1928 June,1929	July,1928 June,1929	1926-1930	1926-1930	1913	1913	March 1928	March 1928	February 1937	February 1937
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	(f)	(f)	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	106.6	89.1	152	170	82.3	80.7	83.7	83.5	152	147	144	155	-	-
1936	113.3	100.7	159	184	84.6	83.4	86.4	87.0	160	157	157	171	(e)	(e)
1937	131.8	121.5	174	193	86.8	85.6	92.2	95.6	170	173	176	205	100.6	98.8
1938	150.5	137.4	200	210	89.4	90.8	95.1	99.1	172	169	184	214	113.4	112.4
1939	196.4	189.9	224	238	91.3	91.9	99.0	105.2	170	159	187	210	118.3	119.7
1940	409.9	418.5	260	281			103.5	107.6	183	174	210	245	114.6	113.9
1939 August	201.5	198.7	223	235	89.8(a)	91.4	99.5	106.0	171	161	186	206	115.8	116.7
1940			(b)	(b)	(a)		(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)				
July	405.9	433.5	267	290	-	92.7	102.7	107.4	184	175	212	240	115.0	114.5
August	403.0	413.2	265	287	-	92.7	104.2	107.0	186	180	215	245	112.0	110.6
September	432.7	452.9	265	283	94.0	93.4	105.0	109.5	186	180	226	266	112.7	111.2
October	496.0	517.5	262	278	-	94.3	104.8	108.7	186	178	226	269	111.7	109.1
November	499.7	509.1	261	275	-	94.7	105.4	108.7	190	184	223	262	112.5	109.8
December	520.6	545.2	261	276	96.7	95.2	105.3	108.4	191	186	215	244	108.4	108.5
1941														
January	550.3	583.7	260	273	-	96.6	105.0	107.6	190	184	216	238	111.4	108.3
February	565.2	579.9	260	273	-	94.4	105.6	107.7	191	186	219	243	111.7	108.3
March	616.7	655.4	261	274	97.5	93.9	105.7	108.1	196	196	225			
April					-	94.1	106.1	109.2	193	191	230			
May					-		106.6	109.9	194	192				
June														

(a) Average of quarter. (b) Middle of month. (c) Since October, 1933, including heating. (d) Revised index, including rent.
(e) New series. (f) Each yearly index is for the period from July of current year to June of year following.

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