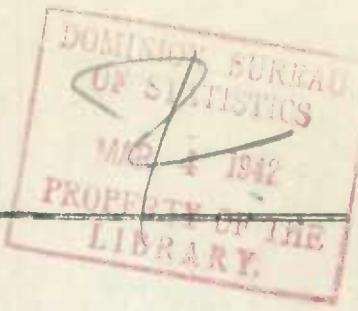


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WORLD WHOLESALE PRICE MOVEMENTS  
SECOND HALF OF 1941

Records of world wholesale price index numbers for the second half of 1941 showed a continuation of the wartime ascent, but the slackening tendency noted in European indexes in the first half of the year became evident also in indexes on this continent.

In the United States, the Bureau of Labor Statistics index for December was 93.6, the peak of a steady climb which brought it 7.5 p.c. above June, 1941 and 17.0 p.c. above December 1940. The Dominion Bureau of Statistics Canadian wholesale index for December, on the same base, was also 93.6, but the net increase in the preceding six months was only 3.9 p.c. as compared with 11.2 p.c. for the whole year. The imposition of Maximum Price Regulations in Canada on December 1 was followed by a slight decline in this index for December.

The United Kingdom Board of Trade index rose only 2.3 p.c. from June 1941 and 5.2 p.c. from December 1940 to December 1941. Gains in the food group were largely responsible for second-half increases. This was a reversal from the first six months in which industrial materials and manufactures contributed mainly to the advance. The Swiss October index registered increases of 4.6 p.c. and 17.6 p.c. respectively over June 1941 and December 1940.

The Mexican series followed the general trend with its November index showing an increase of 5.7 p.c. for the period under review, and 14.5 p.c. for the year. In Argentina, on the other hand, the index advanced more sharply between June and November, with an increase of 19.6 p.c. as compared with 33.9 p.c. since December, 1940.

Other increases recorded during the last six months of 1941 were: India 10.2 p.c., New Zealand 3.4 p.c., Japan 2.0 p.c.

Wartime wholesale gains as noted in comparisons between August 1939 and the latest months available in 1941 were: Switzerland 79.5 p.c., Argentine 61.2 p.c., United Kingdom 58.9 p.c., Sweden 57.7 p.c., India 51.0 p.c., Union of South Africa 32.1 p.c., Canada 29.5 p.c., United States 24.8 p.c., Mexico 10.8 p.c.

WORLD COST-OF-LIVING MOVEMENTS  
SECOND HALF OF 1941

Cost-of-living trends in the second half of 1941 continued to the pattern established by earlier wholesale price increases.

The United States National Industrial Conference Board index of living costs advanced 5.3 p.c. between June and December of 1941, and the Canadian index showed a net increase of 4.8 p.c. for the same period. In both cases the largest increases were in the food and clothing groups. For the year 1941 the United States index rose 8.5 p.c. and the Canadian index 7.2 p.c.

The Ministry of Labour index for the United Kingdom, after declining fractionally in July, moved higher in November and December because of increases in the clothing group. It closed the year 0.5 p.c. above the June index and 3.1 p.c. above December 1940. The food index in December was 4.6 p.c. lower than a year ago.

Out of a yearly increase of 11.6 p.c., the Mexican index showed a rise of 9.8 p.c. between June and October.

Other gains in the second half of 1941 were: China 30.7 p.c., Iceland 14.2 p.c., Switzerland 4.0 p.c., New Zealand 2.2 p.c., Union of South Africa 2.0 p.c.

Comparisons between August 1939 and the latest months available in 1941 show the following wartime increases in living costs: Iceland 71.8 p.c., Switzerland 32.8 p.c., United Kingdom 29.7 p.c., Canada 14.9 p.c., Mexico 12.8 p.c., United States 10.3 p.c., New Zealand 9.8 p.c.

CHANGES IN WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS  
SECOND HALF OF 1941

Country	Percentage Change Between		
	June, 1941	December, 1940 and latest month available in 1941	August, 1939
Argentina .....	+ 19.6	+ 33.9	+ 61.2
Canada .....	+ 3.9	+ 11.2	+ 29.5
China .....	+ 27.9	+ 86.3	+ 331.6
India .....	+ 10.2	+ 25.8	+ 51.0
Japan .....	+ 2.0	+ 8.1	+ 23.8
Mexico .....	+ 5.7	+ 14.5	+ 10.8
New Zealand .....	+ 3.4	+ 7.0	+ 25.2
Union of South Africa .....	+ 8.6	+ 12.5	+ 32.1
Sweden .....	+ 1.2	+ 9.4	+ 57.7
Switzerland .....	+ 4.6	+ 17.6	+ 79.5
United Kingdom .....	+ 2.3	+ 5.2	+ 58.9
United States .....	+ 7.5	+ 17.0	+ 24.8

CHANGES IN COST-OF-LIVING INDEX NUMBERS  
SECOND HALF OF 1941

Country	Percentage Change Between		
	June, 1941	December, 1940 and latest month available in 1941	August, 1939
Canada .....	+ 4.8	+ 7.2	+ 14.9
China .....	+ 30.7	+ 81.8	+ 369.7
Iceland .....	+ 14.2	+ 24.6	+ 71.8
Mexico .....	+ 9.8	+ 11.6	+ 12.8
New Zealand .....	+ 2.2	+ 3.8	+ 9.8
Peru .....	+ 5.1	+ 8.4	+ 21.1
Union of South Africa .....	+ 2.0	+ 5.8	+ 11.3
Switzerland .....	+ 4.0	+ 13.8	+ 32.8
United Kingdom .....	+ 0.5	+ 3.1	+ 29.7
United States .....	+ 5.3	+ 8.5	+ 10.3

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES  
NORTH AMERICA

CONTINENT	CANADA							UNITED STATES		MEXICO
COUNTRY	Dominion Bureau of Statistics									
AUTHORITY	General Index	Con-sumers' 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	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	-	
1926	100.0	156.2	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	-	
1929	95.6	149.3	94.7	96.3	97.5	93.0	91.8	96.3	95.3	
1930	86.6	135.3	89.3	82.8	82.2	87.3	76.2	86.3	100.0	
1931	72.1	112.6	76.5	67.8	61.9	74.9	59.6	71.4	103.4	
1932	66.7	104.2	71.3	63.1	55.0	69.8	51.3	61.6	89.7	
1933	67.1	104.8	71.1	63.1	56.6	70.2	54.1	64.6	84.3	
1934	71.6	111.8	74.1	67.8	63.5	73.4	60.0	76.6	89.8	
1935	72.1	112.6	73.6	69.5	66.0	72.8	62.4	83.0	94.5	
1936	74.6	116.5	74.7	72.4	70.8	73.6	67.3	83.7	100.4	
1937	84.6	132.1	79.5	86.1	84.3	80.5	80.3	90.7	119.1	
1938	78.6	122.8	77.2	75.8	72.9	78.2	66.3	81.2	126.3	
1939	75.4	117.8	75.8	70.4	67.4	75.3	69.0	80.9	127.0	
1940	82.9	129.5	83.4	78.7	75.3	81.5	79.0	83.6	128.2	
1939 August	72.3	112.9	72.7	66.7	62.8	72.6	65.3	78.2	129.1	
<u>1941</u>										
January	84.8	132.5	85.5	79.7	76.6	83.4	80.1	85.8	128.2	
February	85.4	133.4	85.7	80.6	77.7	83.7	81.2	85.7	130.2	
March	86.0	134.3	86.2	81.3	78.9	84.2	82.3	87.1	129.4	
April	86.8	135.6	87.0	81.6	79.3	85.3	83.4	89.5	131.3	
May	88.7	138.5	88.6	83.3	80.9	86.8	86.5	91.8	132.9	
June	90.1	140.7	90.6	84.3	81.8	88.8	88.0	93.9	135.3	
July	91.2	142.5	92.0	84.5	82.4	90.2	89.3	95.4	137.0	
August	91.9	143.5	93.3	84.5	83.3	90.8	90.8	96.9	137.6	
September	93.3	145.7	95.2	85.6	84.6	92.4	91.5	98.4	140.7	
October	93.9	146.7	96.7	85.7	85.3	93.2	91.3	98.3	143.3	
November	94.0	146.8	96.8	85.5	85.3	93.3	91.0	98.8	143.0	
December	93.6	146.2	95.5	85.8	85.5	92.4	91.7	100.3	93.6	

(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	(g) 123.4	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
1941	(g)	(c)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	
January	125.0	470.6	260	149.5	132.8	158.7	166.5	111
February	125.2	475.4	265	150.0	132.3	160.4	167.9	112
March	127.1	480.5	267	150.8	137.9	162.4	170.2	112
April	130.9	492.2	269	150.9	137.0	166.0	175.0	112
May	133.9	506.2	275	151.3	136.1	168.8	181.1	112
June	138.7	517.7	283	152.4	135.9	169.9	184.4	112
July	148.4	530.7	288	153.2	138.8	170.9	187.5	112
August	153.1		298	153.2	138.6	170.7	189.4	113
September	159.0		308	154.3	139.0	171.2	191.0	113
October	162.9		318	154.6	139.2	169.1	192.8	
November	165.9		329	155.2	140.2	171.2		
December				155.9	140.5			

(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. (g) Revised back to August, 1940.

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

## EUROPE

CONTINENT COUNTRY	SWEDEN	DENMARK	NORWAY	BULGARIA	HUNGARY	YUGOSLAVIA	SPAIN
AUTHORITY	Commerce Depart- ment	Official	Okonomisk Revue	Official	Official	Official	National Bank
No. of Commodities	160	-	100	95	72	548	55
Base Period	1935(b)	1935	Dec. 31/13 June 30/14	1913	1914	1929	1926
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	1,933	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	65.9
1936	102	105	138	134	1,851	79.9	68.4
1937	114	119	161	156	2,088	86.3	74.7
1938	111	112	161	153	2,164	86.8	78.3
1939	115	118	159	156	2,199	86.3	79.3
1940	146	172	212	133(g)	2,520	100.3	114.1
1939 August	111	111	151	98	2,158	86.3	76.8
1941			(d) (g)	(f)			(a)
January	162	192	231	148		109.3	150.7
February	165	198	235	153		111.2	155.3
March	169	198	238			112.7	119.8
April	170		245			114.7	330.6
May	171						331.6
June	173						
July	173						
August	174						
September	175						
October							
November							
December							

(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.

## CONTINENT

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

COUNTRY	ASIA				OCEANIA			AFRICA	
	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	235	101.4	1195	113.2	100
1939 August	100	103	81	264.0	205.7	88.2	1084	99.8	83
1941	(a)			(b)	(f)		(b)		
January	121	117	101	651.2	237	102.3	1274	118.5	116
February	119	116	102	683.3	240	100.1	1280	118.4	115
March	123	120	103	756.3	243	100.0	1288	119.6	115
April	127	122	108	843.8	245	100.9	1293	121.0	115
May	130	123	112	889.4	246	101.3	1303	121.2	117
June	137	127		890.6	250	101.3	1312	121.5	128
July	150	140		941.0	249	103.5	1331	124.3	134
August	151	144		1040.1	249	106.0	1328	126.1	136
September	149			1159.3	249	107.8	1332	127.4	141
October	151				255		1357	130.3	148
November								131.8	
December									

(a) First month. (b) Fifteenth of month. (c) New series beginning January, 1919. (d) Average of ten months only. (e) Each yearly index is for period July of current year to June of year following. (f) Recalculated from indexes given in U.S. Federal Reserve Bulletin. November and December 1940 - 234 and 236 respectively.

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

CONTINENT COUNTRY	NORTH AMERICA				MEXICO				UNITED KINGDOM		EUROPE		EIRE		
	CANADA		UNITED STATES		National Industrial Conference Board, Cost of Living		Official		Minister of Labour		105 Towns & Localities				
Nature of Index	Dominion Bureau of Statistics	Bureau of Labour Statistics	Bureau of Labour Statistics	Foods	Cost of Living	Foods	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	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	-	-	-	
1941	(c)	(c)	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	(c)	(c)	(d)	(d)	-	-	-	
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	86.6	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	197	220	-	-	-	
June	112.5	110.5	104.6	85.5	88.5	154.2	160.2	170	200	-	-	-	-	-	
July	116.6	111.9	105.3	86.2	88.9	154.0	160.0	167	199	-	-	-	-	-	
August	121.3	113.7	106.2	87.3	89.4	154.7	160.7	167	199	201	228	-	-	-	
September	123.3	114.7	108.1	89.4	90.8	158.5	163.9	166	199	-	-	-	-	-	
October	123.2	115.5	109.3	90.7	92.0	168.9	175.9	165	200	-	-	-	-	-	
November	125.4	116.3	110.2	92.2	92.9	-	-	165	201	-	-	-	-	-	
December	123.8	115.8	110.5	92.6	93.2	-	-	165	-	-	-	-	-	-	

(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												
	SWITZERLAND		NORWAY		SWEDEN		DENMARK		FINLAND		GERMANY		
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 Towns	Cost of Living 182 Towns	Cost of Living 21 Towns	Foods Towns	Cost of Living 72 Towns	Foods Towns	Cost of Living Budapest	Foods Budapest
Base Period	June, 1913	June, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 1914	July, 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	128	110	105
1939 - August	137	131	-	- (g)	162(i)	147(i)	-	109	110	127	125	107	94
1941	(d)	(d)	(c) (g)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(d)	(d)
January	163	160	132	-	204	180	259	145	-	132	127	119	116
February	163	160	134	-	-	-	-	-	-	132	127	119	115
March	164	161	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	132	128	119	116
April	169	167	-	219	-	197	-	-	-	132	129	123	123
May	171	171	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	133	130	-	-
June	175	178	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	134	131	-	-
July	177	179	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	136	134	-	-
August	178	180	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	136	133	-	-
September	178	181	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	133	128	-	-
October	182	185	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
November	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
December	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

(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 1937 = 100. (h) New index beginning 1937 on 1935 base. (i) July.

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CONTINENT	EUROPE						AFRICA				ASIA				
	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	Cost of Living Cairo	Foods Cairo	Cost of Living 9 Towns	Foods 9 Towns	Cost of Living Bombay	Foods Bombay	Foods 3 Towns	Cost of Living Arab	Foods 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)	1
1940	109.4	103.8	2,009	128	136	143	118	1,034	1,025	112	125	112.6	113.9	117.7	1
1939 - August	81.7	81.3	1,903	103	104	128	110	993	977	105	112	85.8	96.8	100.0	
1941				(a)	(d)										
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	134.4	131.3	130.1	
April			2,190	150	172	164	135	1,072	1,084	121	138	135.5	132.2	131.7	
May			2,177	153	178	165	134	1,078	1,097	122	138	137.1	133.4		
June			2,195	155	181	172	142	1,083	1,104	122	139	146.4	140.7		
July			2,247	157	185	178	150	1,095	1,134	126	145	148.8	144.4		
August			2,295	167	204	183	154	1,089	1,111	131	153				
September			2,328	166	194	189	160	1,091	1,107	129					
October															
November															
December															

(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						
	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	Cost of Living 25 Towns	Foods	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	July, 1928	1926	1926	1913	1913	March 1928	March 1928	February 1937	February 1937	
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100	100	-	-	-	-	
1920	-	-	-	-	-	-	161.9	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)	100	
1937	131.8	121.5	174	193	86.8	85.6	92.2	95.6	170	173	176	205	100.6	89.8	
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	
1941			(b)	(b)	(a)		(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)					
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	253	112.5	109.5	
April	676.2	736.0			-	94.1	106.1	109.2	193	191	230	261	115.7	114.4	
May	758.2	866.5			-	93.0	106.9	109.9	194	192	238	272	115.4	113.0	
June	724.0	799.7			98.0	92.2	106.9	109.0	197	196	240	273	114.8	112.4	
July	761.7	836.1				92.1	106.9	110.1	195	193	244	283	111.9	108.6	
August	866.4	972.8				92.8	107.3	109.3	197	194			113.2	109.9	
September	946.5	1,041.4					108.0	111.5	203	204			110.8	106.8	
October								109.3	114.2	207	207			112.5	108.9
November										210					
December															

(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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