

8.—Index Numbers of Retail Prices, Rents and Costs of Services, by Months, 1928, 1929, 1930 and January-April, 1931 (1926=100).

Year and Month.	Food Index.	Fuel Index.	Rent Index.	Clothing Index.	Sundries Index.	Total Index Number.
1928.						
January.....	100.4	97.4	101.2	97.2	99.0	99.4
February.....	99.1	97.4	101.2	97.2	99.0	99.1
March.....	97.7	97.5	101.2	97.2	99.0	98.6
April.....	97.5	97.3	101.2	97.2	99.0	98.6
May.....	96.4	96.7	101.2	97.3	99.0	98.2
June.....	95.9	96.0	101.2	97.3	99.0	98.0
July.....	96.6	95.9	101.2	97.3	98.9	98.2
August.....	98.9	96.3	101.2	97.6	99.1	99.0
September.....	99.2	96.3	101.2	97.6	99.0	99.1
October.....	101.1	97.1	101.2	97.6	99.1	99.7
November.....	100.7	97.1	101.2	97.6	99.0	99.6
December.....	100.5	97.1	101.2	97.6	99.0	99.5
1928 Averages.....	98.6	96.9	101.2	97.4	99.0	98.9
1929.						
January.....	100.3	97.1	101.2	97.6	98.8	99.4
February.....	99.4	97.2	101.2	97.6	98.7	99.1
March.....	100.0	97.4	101.2	97.3	98.7	99.3
April.....	98.1	97.5	101.2	97.3	98.8	98.7
May.....	97.9	96.7	103.6	96.9	99.0	99.1
June.....	97.8	96.1	103.6	96.9	99.1	99.0
July.....	98.5	96.0	103.6	96.9	99.4	99.3
August.....	104.2	96.2	103.6	96.7	99.6	101.1
September.....	103.6	96.3	103.6	96.7	99.7	100.9
October.....	103.2	96.5	105.5	96.7	99.7	101.2
November.....	104.3	97.1	105.5	96.5	99.7	101.5
December.....	104.8	97.3	105.5	96.5	99.7	101.7
1929 Averages.....	101.0	96.8	103.3	96.9	99.3	100.0
1930.						
January.....	106.5	97.3	105.5	96.5	99.6	102.2
February.....	106.0	97.3	105.5	95.9	99.6	101.9
March.....	104.8	97.4	105.5	95.9	99.6	101.5
April.....	101.1	97.2	105.5	95.9	99.6	100.4
May.....	100.7	95.8	106.5	95.0	99.6	100.3
June.....	100.4	95.6	106.5	95.0	99.6	100.1
July.....	98.5	95.5	106.5	95.0	99.5	99.6
August.....	96.3	95.8	106.5	95.0	99.6	98.9
September.....	93.1	95.8	106.5	91.6	99.3	97.3
October.....	92.8	96.4	105.5	91.6	99.3	97.0
November.....	92.6	96.4	106.5	91.6	99.2	96.9
December.....	91.5	96.4	105.5	88.3	99.0	96.0
1930 Averages.....	98.7	96.4	105.9	93.9	99.4	99.3
1931.						
January.....	89.1	96.4	105.5	88.3	98.8	95.2
February.....	85.6	96.5	105.5	88.3	98.7	94.1
March.....	82.8	96.5	105.5	88.3	98.2	92.5
April.....	80.5	96.4	105.5	84.7	98.2	91.8

The Family Budget.—A family budget constructed by the Department of Labour appears regularly in the *Labour Gazette*. This budget material has been used by the Bureau to obtain the tables which follow.