

## 8.—Index Numbers of Retail Prices, Rents and Costs of Services, by Months, 1933, 1936, 1937, and January-April, 1938.

(1926=100.)

Year and Month.	Food Index.	Fuel Index.	Rent Index.	Clothing Index. <sup>1</sup>	Sundries Index.	Total Index. <sup>1</sup>
<b>1933.</b>						
January.....	62.8	89.2	90.0	68.4	92.9	78.7
February.....	60.6	89.1	90.0	68.4	92.7	77.9
March.....	60.4	88.7	90.0	66.2	92.5	77.4
April.....	61.3	88.7	90.0	66.2	92.5	77.7
May.....	61.9	88.4	84.0	66.2	92.5	76.6
June.....	62.2	87.7	84.0	65.8	92.4	76.6
July.....	63.2	86.0	84.0	65.8	92.4	76.8
August.....	67.8	86.4	84.0	65.8	92.4	78.2
September.....	65.9	86.3	84.0	67.9	92.7	78.1
October.....	65.4	87.1	80.4	67.9	92.7	77.3
November.....	65.8	87.2	80.4	67.9	92.7	77.4
December.....	66.6	87.3	80.4	68.5	92.8	77.8
<b>1933 Averages.....</b>	<b>63.7</b>	<b>87.7</b>	<b>85.1</b>	<b>67.1</b>	<b>92.6</b>	<b>77.5</b>
<b>1936.</b>						
January.....	73.9	87.2	82.6	69.9	91.9	80.4
February.....	72.9	87.2	82.6	69.9	92.0	80.1
March.....	73.4	87.4	82.6	70.2	92.1	80.4
April.....	71.0	87.3	82.6	70.2	92.1	79.6
May.....	71.3	87.2	83.8	70.2	92.1	80.0
June.....	71.3	85.8	83.8	70.7	92.1	80.0
July.....	72.6	85.8	83.8	70.7	92.1	80.4
August.....	74.7	85.8	83.8	70.7	92.1	81.0
September.....	75.1	86.1	83.8	70.6	92.2	81.1
October.....	74.4	86.3	84.9	70.6	92.1	81.1
November.....	75.0	86.7	84.9	70.6	92.2	81.4
December.....	75.3	86.7	84.9	71.6	92.3	81.7
<b>1936 Averages.....</b>	<b>73.4</b>	<b>86.6</b>	<b>83.7</b>	<b>70.5</b>	<b>92.1</b>	<b>80.6</b>
<b>1937.<sup>2</sup></b>						
January.....	75.2	86.3	84.9	71.6	93.0	81.8
February.....	75.6	86.4	84.9	71.6	93.1	81.9
March.....	75.7	86.4	84.9	72.6	93.3	82.2
April.....	76.3	86.4	84.9	72.6	93.3	82.4
May.....	76.6	85.9	87.3	72.6	93.4	82.9
June.....	76.4	84.0	87.3	72.9	93.7	82.9
July.....	77.2	83.8	87.3	72.9	93.7	83.1
August.....	79.1	84.4	87.3	72.9	93.7	83.7
September.....	78.3	84.5	87.3	73.3	93.9	83.6
October.....	78.9	85.3	89.0	73.3	93.9	84.2
November.....	78.8	85.7	89.0	73.3	93.9	84.2
December.....	79.1	86.1	89.0	73.3	93.9	84.3
<b>1937 Averages.....</b>	<b>77.3</b>	<b>85.4</b>	<b>86.9</b>	<b>72.7</b>	<b>93.6</b>	<b>83.1</b>
<b>1938.<sup>2</sup></b>						
January.....	78.4	86.2	89.0	73.3	93.9	84.1
February.....	77.9	86.0	89.0	73.3	93.9	83.9
March.....	78.6	86.3	89.0	73.7	93.9	84.2
April.....	78.8	86.2	89.0	73.7	93.9	84.3

<sup>1</sup> Revisions in the method of computing the clothing index are responsible for minor changes in the clothing group index, and in the total index. <sup>2</sup> Subject to revision.

Table 9 shows the average prices of items included in the family budget in 1920, 1926, and in each of the years from 1929-37. These prices are weighted by the quantities used by the Department of Labour in computing a weekly family budget each month. Table 10 gives the group indexes by provinces. An examination of the tables reveals the course of the budget, consisting of food, fuel and lighting, and rent, over the period shown.