

9.—Index Numbers of Living Costs in Canada, 1929-40, and by Months, January, 1939, to April, 1941

(1935-39=100)

Year and Month	Food Index	Fuel Index	Rent Index	Clothing Index	Home Furnishings and Services Index	Miscellaneous Index	Total Index
1929	134.7	112.6	119.7	134.8		105.0	121.7
1930	131.5	111.8	122.7	130.6		106.4	120.8
1931	103.1	110.0	119.4	114.3		103.3	109.1
1932	85.7	106.8	109.7	100.6		100.4	99.0
1933	84.9	102.5	98.6	93.3		98.2	84.4
1934	92.4	102.6	92.8	96.9		97.7	95.7
1935	94.6	100.9	94.0	97.6	95.4	96.7	96.2
1936	97.8	101.5	96.1	99.3	97.2	99.1	98.1
1937	103.2	98.9	99.7	101.4	101.5	100.1	101.2
1938	103.8	97.7	103.1	100.9	102.4	101.2	102.2
1939							
January.....	99.9	101.0	103.4	100.2	101.7	101.1	101.1
February.....	98.7	101.0	103.4	100.2	101.7	101.1	100.7
March.....	98.5	100.4	103.4	99.9	101.2	101.1	100.6
April.....	98.3	100.4	103.4	99.9	101.1	101.4	100.6
May.....	98.2	100.2	103.8	99.9	101.1	101.4	100.6
June.....	98.1	99.8	103.8	100.1	101.0	101.3	100.5
July.....	99.0	99.3	103.8	100.1	100.9	101.3	100.8
August.....	99.3	99.0	103.8	100.1	100.9	101.3	100.8
September.....	99.4	98.9	103.8	99.6	100.8	101.3	100.8
October.....	106.3	104.4	104.4	99.6	101.0	101.7	103.5
November.....	107.1	105.3	104.4	99.6	101.0	101.9	103.8
December.....	104.7	105.4	104.4	103.3	104.1	102.0	103.8
Averages, 1939	100.6	101.2	103.8	100.7	101.4	101.4	101.5
1940							
January.....	104.5	105.5	104.4	103.3	104.3	101.8	103.8
February.....	104.5	105.8	104.4	103.3	104.3	101.9	103.8
March.....	104.8	105.7	104.4	107.8	105.9	101.9	104.6
April.....	104.8	105.9	104.4	107.8	106.1	101.8	104.6
May.....	104.4	106.1	106.9	107.8	106.2	101.8	104.9
June.....	103.8	106.0	106.9	109.1	106.5	101.8	104.9
July.....	105.3	107.9	106.9	109.1	106.9	102.2	105.6
August.....	105.4	108.4	106.9	109.1	106.9	103.0	105.9
September.....	105.4	108.5	106.9	112.4	108.9	102.8	106.4
October.....	106.1	108.0	107.7	113.5	109.7	102.8	107.0
November.....	108.7	108.5	107.7	113.5	110.0	102.8	107.8
December.....	109.1	108.5	107.7	113.5	110.7	102.8	108.0
Averages, 1940	105.6	107.1	106.3	109.2	107.2	102.3	105.6
1941							
January.....	109.7	108.6	107.7	113.7	110.8	103.1	108.3
February.....	108.8	108.7	107.7	114.1	111.5	103.1	108.2
March.....	109.0	108.9	107.7	114.2	111.6	102.9	108.2
April.....	110.1	108.9	107.7	114.3	111.7	102.9	108.6

Subsection 2.—Retail Prices.

Urban Retail Food Prices.—In 1940 the Bureau of Statistics established a new series of index numbers of retail food prices in eight important distributing centres representing all the main geographic areas of the Dominion. These indexes, published in the following table for the years 1939 and 1940, form the first stage of regional cost of living index numbers that are in process of construction.