

5.—Average and Relative Retail Prices of Staple Foods, 1940-50, and by Months, September, 1948, to December, 1950—concluded

Year and Month	Flour (lb.)		Tomatoes, 2½'s, canned (tin)		Potatoes (15 lb.)		Sugar, granulated (lb.)		Coffee (lb.)	
	Average price in cents	Relative price	Average price in cents	Relative price	Average price in cents	Relative price	Average price in cents	Relative price	Average price in cents	Relative price
1940.....	4-0	94-8	13-0	111-9	20-6	119-0	7-3	114-1	44-6	125-1
1941.....	4-2	100-0	13-7	117-9	18-8	108-9	8-3	129-7	46-8	130-6
1942.....	4-2	100-0	13-8	118-8	28-6	165-5	8-6	134-4	47-9	133-7
1943.....	4-2	100-0	14-0	120-4	31-9	184-5	8-6	134-4	44-2	123-4
1944.....	4-2	100-0	14-6	125-7	30-5	176-2	8-6	134-4	44-3	123-7
1945.....	4-1	97-6	14-6	125-7	34-6	199-7	8-6	134-4	44-4	124-0
1946.....	4-1	97-6	15-2	131-4	34-5	199-4	8-6	134-4	44-7	125-0
1947.....	4-6	109-5	19-7	169-6	34-3	198-2	9-3	145-3	51-1	142-7
1948.....	6-2	147-6	26-2	225-5	60-7	233-6	9-7	151-6	61-4	171-4
1949.....	7-0	166-7	21-1	181-6	52-4	201-8	9-8	153-1	65-8	183-7
1950.....	7-3	174-0	18-8	162-0	50-2	193-2	11-3	176-5	93-2	260-3
1948										
September.....	6-2	147-6	26-8	230-7	50-9	195-8	9-7	151-6	62-4	174-2
October.....	6-2	147-6	25-3	217-8	47-1	181-2	9-7	151-6	62-6	174-8
November.....	6-2	147-6	24-3	209-2	46-2	177-8	9-7	151-6	62-7	175-0
December.....	6-2	147-6	23-8	204-9	46-0	177-0	9-7	151-6	62-9	175-6
1949										
January.....	6-2	147-6	23-5	202-3	46-3	178-1	9-8	153-1	63-1	176-2
February.....	6-2	147-6	23-1	198-8	46-9	180-5	9-8	153-1	63-4	177-0
March.....	6-2	147-6	22-6	194-5	47-3	182-2	9-8	153-1	63-6	177-6
April.....	6-9	164-3	21-9	188-5	48-2	185-6	9-8	153-1	63-7	177-8
May.....	7-2	171-4	21-3	183-4	49-0	188-5	9-8	153-1	63-8	178-1
June.....	7-3	173-8	20-6	177-3	52-9	203-5	9-8	153-1	63-8	178-1
July.....	7-3	173-8	20-4	175-6	69-1	265-8	9-8	153-1	63-8	178-1
August.....	7-3	173-8	20-3	174-7	66-7	256-6	9-8	153-1	63-9	178-4
September.....	7-3	173-8	20-2	173-9	53-2	204-7	9-8	153-1	64-1	179-0
October.....	7-3	173-8	20-1	173-0	50-3	193-7	9-8	153-1	66-0	184-3
November.....	7-3	173-8	19-8	170-4	49-3	189-7	9-8	153-1	70-6	197-1
December.....	7-3	173-8	19-5	167-9	49-3	189-7	9-8	153-1	79-4	221-7
1950										
January.....	7-3	173-8	19-3	166-1	49-5	190-3	10-3	160-9	84-8	236-7
February.....	7-3	173-8	19-1	164-4	50-2	183-1	10-7	167-4	86-7	241-9
March.....	7-3	173-8	18-9	162-7	50-6	194-8	10-7	167-4	87-4	243-9
April.....	7-3	173-8	18-7	160-9	50-3	193-7	10-7	167-4	88-9	248-2
May.....	7-3	173-8	18-5	159-2	50-2	193-1	10-7	167-4	90-8	253-4
June.....	7-3	173-8	18-3	157-4	52-6	202-3	10-7	167-4	91-7	255-9
July.....	7-3	173-8	18-3	157-4	61-3	247-6	10-7	167-4	92-1	257-0
August.....	7-3	173-8	18-2	156-6	62-1	239-0	11-3	177-0	95-1	265-5
September.....	7-3	173-8	18-2	156-6	48-7	187-4	12-3	191-5	97-9	273-4
October.....	7-3	173-8	18-7	160-9	43-6	167-9	12-5	194-7	100-9	281-6
November.....	7-3	173-8	19-5	167-9	40-5	155-9	12-5	194-7	101-8	284-1
December.....	7-4	176-1	20-2	174-0	39-9	153-6	12-5	194-7	101-1	282-2

Regional Changes in Living Costs.—In 1941, the Bureau established cost-of-living indexes for eight regional cities covering the period since August, 1939. These indexes, for the cities shown in Table 6, are patterned after the official cost-of-living series for Canada and include group indexes for food, fuel, rent, clothing, home furnishings and services, and miscellaneous items. The budget quantities employed for these calculations have been computed for each city from expenditure records of wage-earner families in the year ended Sept. 30, 1938. For the city records, August, 1939 = 100 is the base used instead of the five-year period 1935-39.