

The city indexes are not designed to show whether it costs more or less to live in one city than in another, and should not be used for that purpose. Their function is to show the extent of price change in each city.

6.—Index Numbers of Living Costs in Eight Cities, 1940-50, and by Months, 1948-50

(August, 1939=100)

NOTE.—Figures on this base for years 1929-39 will be found in corresponding tables in previous Year Books beginning with the 1942 edition.

Year and Month	Halifax	Saint John	Montreal	Toronto	Winnipeg	Saskatoon	Edmonton	Vancouver
1940.....	106.1	105.2	106.8	104.0	104.1	105.8	104.0	103.7
1941.....	110.2	110.6	113.0	109.9	109.1	112.0	108.2	108.2
1942.....	114.5	116.0	118.4	115.6	113.7	116.7	112.7	114.2
1943.....	117.0	117.7	120.4	116.5	115.0	118.1	115.3	117.3
1944.....	118.3	118.8	120.7	117.1	115.7	119.4	116.3	117.9
1945.....	119.3	119.4	122.0	117.7	116.8	120.2	117.5	119.2
1946.....	122.5	122.7	126.0	121.8	120.4	124.4	121.3	123.0
1947.....	132.7	133.3	138.1	133.7	130.9	137.1	131.9	134.9
1948.....	148.9	152.7	158.3	151.7	148.8	157.4	149.9	155.6
1949.....	153.8	157.5	163.9	156.4	155.3	162.5	156.0	162.0
1950.....	157.0	162.8	170.0	162.8	161.2	166.1	162.1	167.8
1948								
January.....	143.2	146.8	151.3	145.8	142.8	151.1	143.8	147.8
February.....	144.3	147.7	152.8	147.8	144.4	151.9	145.1	148.7
March.....	145.5	148.9	154.0	148.1	145.6	153.1	145.9	149.7
April.....	146.2	149.3	154.9	148.6	146.3	153.7	146.5	151.0
May.....	148.3	151.5	157.4	150.5	147.6	156.5	148.1	153.5
June.....	149.1	152.3	158.4	151.6	148.6	157.2	149.0	154.3
July.....	151.1	155.3	161.6	153.6	150.5	158.4	151.2	159.2
August.....	151.7	156.0	160.6	154.3	150.6	159.5	153.5	159.5
September.....	151.9	156.0	162.1	154.5	151.6	161.3	154.2	160.6
October.....	152.2	156.4	163.1	155.4	152.8	161.8	153.9	161.3
November.....	152.0	156.2	162.5	155.2	153.0	162.3	154.2	161.1
December.....	150.8	155.5	161.5	154.5	152.2	161.6	153.6	160.8
1949								
January.....	152.3	156.2	162.3	155.0	153.4	162.0	154.5	160.8
February.....	152.1	156.2	162.4	154.7	153.8	162.0	154.4	160.8
March.....	152.3	155.8	162.0	154.6	153.8	161.6	154.2	160.7
April.....	152.3	155.9	161.9	154.8	153.8	161.8	154.3	160.5
May.....	152.4	156.0	161.7	155.0	154.7	161.7	155.1	161.1
June.....	153.4	157.2	164.6	156.1	155.4	162.5	155.8	162.0
July.....	155.6	158.5	165.9	157.8	157.0	163.5	158.4	163.6
August.....	157.2	159.7	166.1	158.5	157.9	163.8	158.3	164.2
September.....	155.6	159.4	165.7	158.2	156.6	162.8	156.8	163.5
October.....	155.0	159.0	165.4	157.9	156.2	162.4	156.8	162.8
November.....	154.2	157.9	164.3	157.2	155.7	162.8	157.1	162.3
December.....	153.6	158.0	164.1	157.4	155.7	162.7	156.4	161.9
1950								
January.....	152.7	157.1	163.8	156.9	155.0	162.2	156.9	161.9
February.....	153.3	157.8	164.2	157.6	156.3	163.6	158.1	163.4
March.....	155.0	159.5	166.6	160.7	158.8	164.5	159.5	165.2
April.....	155.6	159.8	166.5	160.4	159.0	164.8	160.4	165.7
May.....	155.5	159.4	166.2	160.6	159.3	164.7	160.4	166.2
June.....	156.4	161.8	169.0	162.1	160.1	165.0	161.3	167.0
July.....	158.5	164.0	171.6	164.2	161.9	166.4	163.4	169.0
August.....	158.9	164.9	172.3	164.4	163.1	167.2	165.0	169.6
September.....	160.3	166.0	174.7	166.1	164.3	167.8	165.0	170.8
October.....	159.3	167.8	175.1	166.8	165.4	168.2	164.5	170.9
November.....	159.1	167.5	174.8	166.9	165.3	168.7	164.9	171.7
December.....	159.0	167.6	175.3	167.2	166.2	169.6	166.4	172.6

World Cost-of-Living Indexes.—In order to place changes in Canadian retail prices in perspective with those occurring in other countries, Table 7 gives cost-of-living indexes for selected countries and dates. It will be noted that increases