

construction. A description of the index together with a record back to 1926 is given in D.B.S. bulletin, *Price Index Numbers of Residential Building Materials, 1926 to 1948*.

In 1951, residential building material prices continued the advance recorded in 1950, closing the year at 288·8, 9·7 p.c. above the December 1950 level. Electrical equipment, plumbing and heating equipment and lumber showed the most substantial increases for the year. These groups, however, reversed direction in the final month of 1951 inaugurating a decline which continued well into 1952. On the other hand, prices for cement, sand, gravel, and brick and tile reached new peak levels during the first ten months of 1952.

2.—Wholesale Price Index Numbers of Residential Building Materials, 1942-51, and Monthly Indexes, January 1950-October 1952

(1935-39=100)

Year and Month	Composite Index	Principal Components								
		Cement, Sand and Gravel	Brick, Tile and Stone	Lumber and Lumber Products	Lath, Plaster and Insulation	Roofing Material	Paint and Glass	Plumbing and Heating Equipment	Electrical Equipment and Fixtures	Other Materials
1942.....	130·9	100·8	109·0	153·2	104·8	123·4	146·9	120·0	110·3	117·6
1943.....	139·1	101·2	113·1	171·3	104·8	130·1	149·4	120·0	110·3	117·9
1944.....	146·6	101·8	114·9	188·4	104·8	136·0	146·6	120·0	110·3	117·9
1945.....	148·3	102·1	116·4	191·3	104·8	135·5	142·2	122·2	111·4	118·0
1946.....	154·5	102·0	121·0	202·1	104·2	146·2	144·2	127·2	116·9	126·4
1947.....	180·4	109·7	133·4	242·0	107·3	172·3	169·6	145·2	147·4	143·0
1948.....	217·5	122·3	143·1	305·8	116·7	201·6	183·1	168·3	169·8	162·3
1949.....	228·0	127·0	151·0	322·1	118·1	190·5	179·6	180·2	173·4	174·7
1950.....	242·7	131·3	163·8	349·2	116·7	235·4	174·8	183·2	184·5	181·1
1951.....	286·2	140·9	180·7	425·0	126·3	235·8	197·8	210·4	213·3	212·7
1950										
January.....	227·2	128·3	157·1	320·6	114·8	194·9	175·1	180·1	175·4	172·0
February.....	227·4	128·7	157·1	320·8	114·8	199·5	173·4	180·1	175·4	172·0
March.....	227·0	129·6	157·1	319·8	114·8	202·5	173·4	179·4	175·4	172·0
April.....	227·2	129·1	157·1	319·2	114·8	211·5	173·4	179·8	175·4	174·8
May.....	230·7	129·2	157·1	325·6	114·8	232·7	168·2	179·9	179·1	177·7
June.....	238·3	129·2	157·1	341·6	114·8	245·1	168·2	180·0	188·6	178·4
July.....	245·2	131·8	157·1	355·0	115·5	270·9	168·6	180·1	188·6	180·9
August.....	247·6	131·8	164·6	358·5	115·5	280·0	177·2	180·1	188·6	181·1
September.....	256·3	131·9	175·2	370·6	120·0	292·1	178·5	187·9	195·0	189·4
October.....	260·4	134·8	175·2	383·0	120·0	237·6	178·5	189·1	191·8	191·4
November.....	262·1	134·8	175·2	387·8	120·0	222·5	181·2	189·1	190·5	191·7
December.....	263·3	136·0	175·2	387·8	120·8	234·9	182·1	192·2	190·5	192·3
1951										
January.....	270·1	136·4	175·2	398·7	124·5	250·0	193·6	194·1	199·5	196·9
February.....	275·0	136·7	176·3	408·3	124·5	260·6	194·5	194·4	199·5	204·6
March.....	282·6	140·3	176·3	420·5	126·6	257·1	193·2	205·2	199·5	204·8
April.....	287·6	139·4	181·8	428·5	126·6	257·1	198·3	208·8	207·3	208·5
May.....	289·5	140·8	181·8	432·9	126·6	248·0	198·3	209·0	210·1	209·2
June.....	289·2	139·9	181·8	431·2	126·7	225·8	199·6	212·9	220·8	209·2
July.....	289·8	139·9	181·8	431·2	126·7	222·8	198·8	214·2	221·5	218·1
August.....	290·4	143·5	181·9	431·2	126·7	225·8	199·6	215·7	220·2	218·1
September.....	290·8	143·0	181·9	431·2	126·7	225·8	199·6	217·4	220·2	219·8
October.....	290·8	143·1	183·2	431·2	126·7	222·9	199·6	217·4	220·2	219·8
November.....	289·4	143·1	183·2	427·8	126·7	219·9	199·6	217·9	220·2	221·2
December.....	288·8	145·0	183·2	426·7	126·7	213·9	198·3	217·3	220·1	222·1
1952										
January.....	287·9	148·3	183·2	424·7	126·7	210·9	197·9	216·9	218·8	222·1
February.....	287·9	148·9	183·2	423·6	126·7	223·0	200·5	216·9	215·9	222·1
March.....	286·8	148·9	192·5	420·9	126·7	220·0	199·7	216·6	211·6	222·1
April.....	285·2	148·1	192·5	416·4	129·1	216·9	198·5	216·9	208·4	227·4
May.....	284·4	148·1	198·8	414·6	129·1	213·9	193·7	216·2	208·4	227·4
June.....	284·0	148·1	198·8	414·6	129·1	210·9	194·2	215·1	203·6	227·4
July.....	284·3	148·3	198·8	414·3	129·1	216·9	192·4	215·2	212·9	227·4
August.....	284·6	150·3	198·8	414·3	129·1	223·0	192·4	215·2	212·6	227·4
September.....	284·6	151·1	198·8	414·3	129·1	220·0	192·4	215·2	212·2	227·4
October.....	284·3	151·1	198·8	413·7	129·1	220·0	192·4	215·2	212·2	227·4