

Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities.—Table 7 gives regional consumer price indexes for ten cities or city combinations. These 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 measure percentage changes in retail prices—over a certain time in each city or city combination—of a fixed basket of goods and services representing the level of consumption of a particular group of families.

7.—Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities 1950-55 and by Month 1954 and 1955

(1949=100)

Year and Month	St. John's, Nfld. ¹	Halifax, N.S.	Saint John, N.B.	Montreal, Que.	Ottawa, Ont.	Toronto, Ont.	Winnipeg, Man.	Saskatoon-Regina, Sask.	Edmonton-Calgary, Alta.	Vancouver, B.C.
1950.....	..	102-1	103-3	103-7	103-1	104-1	103-8	102-2	103-9	103-6
1951.....	..	112-1	114-1	116-1	115-3	115-4	114-6	111-7	113-5	114-3
1952.....	103-5	115-3	117-4	117-6	116-8	117-5	116-1	112-8	114-8	117-4
1953.....	102-2	113-2	115-3	116-3	115-0	116-8	114-4	113-1	114-0	116-1
1954.....	102-8	114-1	116-6	116-8	116-2	118-3	115-3	114-2	114-9	117-4
1955.....	104-2	114-8	117-7	116-9	117-2	118-8	115-9	114-6	114-6	117-9
1954										
January.....	102-6	113-2	115-4	116-7	115-3	117-7	114-9	113-2	114-4	116-2
February.....	102-4	113-8	115-8	116-8	115-5	117-6	115-0	113-5	114-3	116-4
March.....	102-2	113-7	116-2	116-3	115-3	117-4	114-7	113-7	114-4	116-3
April.....	102-0	113-8	115-9	116-3	115-5	117-7	114-9	113-6	114-3	116-9
May.....	102-2	113-6	115-8	116-3	115-5	117-7	114-8	113-5	114-4	116-9
June.....	102-5	113-9	116-2	117-0	116-1	118-2	115-3	114-1	114-8	117-1
July.....	102-6	113-8	116-2	117-2	116-4	118-8	115-5	114-1	114-8	117-0
August.....	104-4	115-3	117-6	117-2	117-0	119-0	116-4	115-3	115-4	118-1
September.....	103-4	114-8	117-7	116-6	116-9	118-8	115-7	115-1	115-7	118-1
October.....	103-0	114-6	117-6	117-0	117-3	118-9	115-5	115-2	115-6	118-6
November.....	102-8	114-5	117-5	117-1	117-2	118-9	115-7	114-8	115-3	118-6
December.....	102-9	114-5	117-5	117-0	117-0	118-8	115-5	113-9	115-0	118-3
1955										
January.....	102-6	114-3	117-4	117-1	117-0	118-9	115-5	113-9	114-6	118-4
February.....	102-7	114-6	117-6	117-1	117-0	118-7	115-4	113-8	114-5	118-3
March.....	102-9	114-5	117-6	116-7	116-8	118-2	115-2	113-7	114-2	117-9
April.....	103-5	114-6	117-6	116-7	116-9	118-4	115-3	113-9	114-2	117-2
May.....	105-0	115-4	118-1	117-0	117-3	118-9	115-6	114-4	114-2	117-2
June.....	104-3	114-6	117-3	116-3	116-9	118-3	115-0	114-3	113-8	116-8
July.....	104-5	114-7	117-3	116-7	117-0	118-7	115-5	114-3	114-1	116-5
August.....	105-8	115-1	117-8	116-8	117-3	118-5	116-1	115-1	114-6	116-8
September.....	105-1	115-2	118-1	117-1	117-5	119-2	116-5	115-4	115-2	118-1
October.....	104-8	114-9	117-8	117-0	117-7	119-4	116-6	115-5	115-2	118-5
November.....	104-6	114-9	117-6	117-1	117-7	119-0	116-9	115-6	115-1	118-6
December.....	104-5	114-7	117-7	116-7	117-8	118-9	116-9	115-7	115-1	120-3

¹ Explanation of methods used in compiling St. John's, Nfld., index (June 1951=100) is given in DBS Reference Paper No. 28.

World Retail Price Indexes.—In order to place changes in Canadian retail prices in perspective with those occurring elsewhere, Table 8 provides retail price indexes for selected countries in 1954 and 1955. These indexes measure price change only within each country and should not be used to compare actual levels of living costs from country to country.