

composite indexes have been calculated on an annual basis back to 1913; current indexes are published monthly in DBS Bulletin *Prices and Price Indexes*.

Building material prices in 1958 were slightly lower on average than in 1957 as the annual index for residential building material prices declined from 128.4 to 127.3 and the non-residential series from 130.0 to 129.8. Compared with December 1958 indexes, however, most component groups in both series were slightly higher. The strengthening of copper prices in the second half of the year was reflected in the electrical groups. Roofing materials moved down sharply to the mid-year; in the residential series subsequent partial recovery reflected increases for cedar and asphalt shingles.

2.—Annual Price Index Numbers of Residential Building Materials 1950-58, and Monthly Indexes 1957 and 1958

(1935-39=100)

Year and Month	Composite Index (1949=100) ¹	Composite Index	Principal Components								Other Materials
			Cement, Sand and Gravel	Brick, Tile and Stone	Lumber and its Products	Lath, Plaster and Insulation	Roofing Material	Paint and Glass	Plumbing and Heating Equipment	Electrical Equipment and Fixtures	
GROUP WEIGHT AS A PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL.....	42.6	18.6	11.3	7.6	5.0	5.0	3.8	3.2	2.9
1950.....	106.4	242.7	131.3	163.8	349.2	116.7	235.4	174.8	183.2	184.5	181.1
1951.....	125.5	286.2	140.9	180.7	425.0	126.3	235.8	197.8	210.4	213.3	212.7
1952.....	124.9	284.8	149.5	195.3	415.7	128.5	217.7	194.9	215.6	212.0	226.3
1953.....	123.9	282.6	151.8	205.8	410.6	128.5	218.6	203.8	209.0	211.4	229.5
1954.....	121.7	277.5	151.3	207.4	400.5	128.8	233.4	208.9	202.8	207.7	226.6
1955.....	124.3	283.4	149.4	209.5	409.4	125.3	244.5	219.7	207.2	229.2	230.3
1956.....	128.5	292.9	149.7	218.8	420.2	130.8	259.6	226.9	217.9	243.7	243.7
1957.....	128.4	292.8	153.6	223.8	415.2	136.9	253.3	225.4	227.6	209.2	253.8
1958.....	127.3	290.2	156.8	224.6	409.8	139.8	235.4	226.6	229.8	186.9	254.0
1957											
January.....	128.8	293.6	152.8	225.5	418.9	132.9	255.2	225.6	223.0	225.1	250.4
February.....	128.8	293.7	153.8	225.5	417.8	133.0	255.2	224.3	225.7	218.9	255.6
March.....	128.9	293.8	153.8	223.5	418.4	133.0	258.7	223.9	226.3	213.9	255.6
April.....	128.9	293.9	153.3	223.5	418.5	134.0	255.5	223.9	226.6	213.9	255.6
May.....	129.3	294.8	153.7	223.5	418.9	138.7	255.5	223.9	227.7	213.9	254.1
June.....	129.1	294.3	153.7	223.5	418.0	138.7	255.5	223.9	227.7	213.6	253.3
July.....	129.1	294.3	153.7	223.5	417.6	138.7	255.5	228.0	229.3	206.2	252.6
August.....	128.8	293.6	153.7	223.5	416.5	138.7	252.3	226.3	229.4	203.8	252.6
September.....	128.4	292.7	153.7	223.5	414.5	138.7	252.3	226.3	229.4	200.2	254.0
October.....	127.8	291.4	153.7	223.5	411.3	138.7	252.3	226.3	229.4	201.3	254.0
November.....	126.6	288.7	153.7	223.5	406.2	138.7	245.9	226.3	228.1	200.5	254.0
December.....	126.5	288.5	154.0	223.5	405.9	138.7	245.9	226.3	228.1	198.6	254.0
1958											
January.....	126.8	289.2	154.3	222.9	407.1	140.8	248.2	226.3	228.4	193.2	254.3
February.....	126.8	289.2	154.3	222.9	406.5	140.8	248.2	227.5	229.6	193.2	254.3
March.....	126.8	289.0	157.0	222.9	406.5	140.2	235.4	227.5	229.6	192.4	253.7
April.....	126.7	288.8	157.1	222.9	408.2	139.8	223.1	227.5	229.6	180.8	253.3
May.....	126.6	288.6	157.1	222.9	408.3	139.8	220.2	227.5	228.8	180.8	253.3
June.....	126.5	288.4	157.1	222.9	407.9	139.1	220.2	225.8	229.5	180.0	253.3
July.....	127.0	289.5	157.1	226.3	409.3	139.3	228.8	225.8	229.7	180.0	253.5
August.....	127.9	291.6	157.1	226.3	414.0	139.3	228.9	225.8	229.7	182.1	253.5
September.....	128.4	292.7	157.1	226.3	415.9	139.3	235.3	225.8	230.2	183.5	253.5
October.....	127.8	291.4	157.5	226.3	411.6	139.8	242.6	225.8	230.2	188.3	253.9
November.....	127.9	291.7	157.5	226.3	410.8	139.8	246.7	225.8	231.1	195.6	255.7
December.....	128.0	291.9	157.9	226.3	411.3	139.8	246.7	228.7	231.1	192.9	255.7

¹ Arithmetically converted to base 1949=100 for comparability with price indexes of non-residential building materials shown in Table 3.