

During 1960, consumer prices continued to reflect the relative stability of the previous year with an over-all price rise of 1.2 p.c. compared with an increase of 1.1 p.c. in 1959 over the year 1958. Changes in six of the seven component groups were quite similar; each of the six were at higher levels compared with 1959 with the increases ranging from 0.9 p.c. for foods to 1.8 p.c. for recreation and reading. The health and personal care component, which in the past has risen faster than any of the other components, again experienced the largest gain in 1960, rising 2.9 p.c. above the 1959 level.

5.—Annual Consumer Price Index Numbers 1951-60, and Monthly Indexes 1959 to Mid-1961
(1949=100)

Year and Month	Food	Housing ¹	Clothing	Transportation ²	Health and Personal Care ²	Recreation and Reading ²	Tobacco and Alcohol ²	Composite Index
GROUP WEIGHT AS A PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL.....	27	32	11	12	7	5	6	100
1951.....	117.0	113.7	109.8	113.0	111.0	109.7	111.5	113.7
1952.....	116.8	118.0	111.8	117.4	117.8	115.7	113.3	116.5
1953.....	112.6	120.0	110.1	119.2	120.1	116.7	108.0	115.5
1954.....	112.2	121.6	109.4	120.0	124.5	119.5	107.3	116.2
1955.....	112.1	122.4	108.0	118.5	126.7	122.6	107.4	116.4
1956.....	113.4	124.2	108.6	123.3	130.0	125.3	107.7	118.1
1957.....	118.6	126.7	108.5	129.9	138.2	129.8	109.4	121.9
1958.....	122.1	129.0	109.7	133.8	145.4	138.4	110.6	125.1
1959.....	121.1	131.4	109.9	138.4	150.2	141.7	114.0	126.5
1960.....	122.2	132.7	110.9	140.3	154.5	144.3	115.8	128.0
1959								
January.....	122.3	130.3	109.2	138.6	148.1	140.7	110.9	126.1
February.....	121.2	130.4	108.8	138.7	147.9	140.7	111.1	125.7
March.....	120.0	130.6	109.4	138.6	147.9	140.7	111.1	125.5
April.....	119.3	130.9	109.6	138.5	148.9	140.9	111.1	125.4
May.....	118.5	131.0	109.7	137.6	149.6	141.9	115.0	125.6
June.....	119.1	131.3	109.2	138.9	150.2	142.1	115.0	125.9
July.....	119.2	131.5	109.7	137.0	150.4	141.9	115.0	125.9
August.....	120.5	131.5	109.7	137.6	150.8	142.0	115.4	126.4
September.....	122.4	131.8	109.8	137.2	151.1	141.7	115.4	127.1
October.....	124.2	132.2	110.5	137.1	151.9	141.6	115.8	128.0
November.....	123.8	132.3	111.4	140.4	152.5	143.3	115.8	128.3
December.....	122.4	132.5	111.4	140.5	152.5	143.3	115.8	127.9
1960								
January.....	121.6	132.3	110.2	139.6	153.4	143.1	115.8	127.5
February.....	120.8	132.3	109.8	139.6	153.8	143.1	115.8	127.2
March.....	119.4	132.4	110.4	139.8	153.7	143.1	115.8	126.9
April.....	120.9	132.6	110.8	139.7	154.4	142.7	115.8	127.5
May.....	120.2	132.5	110.8	140.4	154.6	144.4	115.7	127.4
June.....	120.8	132.6	110.9	140.7	154.8	144.4	115.7	127.6
July.....	120.5	132.6	110.8	140.2	154.8	144.5	115.8	127.5
August.....	121.7	132.7	110.3	140.5	154.7	144.8	115.8	127.9
September.....	123.3	132.9	110.5	140.0	154.7	144.8	115.8	128.4
October.....	125.8	133.1	111.2	140.0	155.2	144.9	115.8	129.4
November.....	125.5	133.2	112.5	141.5	154.8	146.2	115.8	129.6
December.....	125.3	133.2	112.0	141.4	155.0	146.1	115.8	129.6
1961^a								
January.....	124.4	133.2	111.6	141.1	155.0	146.3	115.8	129.2
February.....	124.0	133.1	111.5	141.1	154.6	146.7	115.7	128.9
March.....	124.0	133.2	111.8	141.0	154.4	146.6	115.7	129.1
April.....	123.9	133.2	111.9	141.0	155.3	145.5	115.8	129.1
May.....	123.2	132.9	112.4	141.8	155.3	146.0	115.8	129.0
June.....	123.5	132.9	112.5	141.2	155.0	145.8	115.8	129.0

¹ Shelter and household operation combined.

² Previously combined as "Other Commodities and Services".