

The indexes of building materials* showed little change over the year 1962. The non-residential index (1949=100) advanced almost steadily during the year and, at 132.9 in December, was up from 131.2 a year earlier; the annual index was 131.9 compared with 131.1 for 1961. The residential building materials index (1935-39=100, arithmetically converted to the base 1949=100 for comparability with the non-residential index) moved up from 128.2 in December 1961 to 130.0 in December 1962; the composite for the year was 1.4 points higher than in 1961.

* Details of weighting and construction and historical series appear in DBS publications *Price Index Numbers of Residential Building Materials, 1926-48* (Catalogue No. 62-505) and *Price Index Numbers of Non-residential Building Materials, 1935-52* (Catalogue No. 62-506). Revised item list and weighting for the electrical component of the residential building materials index, effective July 1960, is available on request.

3.—Annual Price Index Numbers of Non-residential Building Materials, 1953-62 (1949=100)

Year	Composite Index	Principal Components						
		Steel and Metal Work	Plumbing, Heating and Other Equipment	Electrical Equipment and Fixtures	Aggregate, Cement and Concrete Mix	Lumber and Lumber Products	Blocks, Brick and Stone	Tile
GROUP WEIGHT AS A PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL.....	...	20.1	21.4	11.5	11.1	10.5	9.1	3.8
1953.....	124.4	134.7	119.2	119.6	120.2	127.8	125.9	117.1
1954.....	121.8	128.2	115.2	117.6	120.9	124.5	127.0	120.6
1955.....	123.4	129.9	118.0	121.3	120.3	127.6	127.0	120.3
1956.....	128.0	139.0	123.4	123.6	117.0	131.5	130.3	120.8
1957.....	130.0	147.7	124.1	118.4	119.4	128.7	134.0	118.5
1958.....	129.8	150.9	123.8	114.0	119.6	126.8	135.7	118.2
1959.....	131.7	152.6	126.0	119.2	118.6	131.3	137.4	118.3
1960.....	132.3	152.9	126.7	119.5	119.8	129.0	139.1	121.0
1961.....	131.1	153.2	126.3	113.8	119.8	127.6	133.0	123.9
1962.....	131.9	153.3	127.4	114.0	122.0	130.8	130.9	125.0

4.—Annual Price Index Numbers of Residential Building Materials, 1953-62 (1949=100)

Year	Composite Index	Principal Components								
		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	Other Materials
GROUP WEIGHT AS A PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL.....	...	7.6	5.0	42.6	11.3	2.9	3.2	18.6	3.8	5.0
1953.....	123.9	119.5	136.3	127.5	108.8	114.8	113.5	116.0	121.9	131.4
1954.....	121.7	119.1	137.4	124.3	109.1	122.5	116.3	112.5	119.8	129.7
1955.....	124.3	117.6	138.7	127.1	106.1	128.3	122.3	115.0	132.2	131.8
1956.....	128.5	117.9	144.9	130.5	110.8	136.3	126.3	120.9	140.5	139.5
1957.....	128.4	120.9	148.2	128.9	115.9	133.0	125.5	126.3	120.6	145.3
1958.....	127.3	123.5	148.7	127.2	118.4	123.6	126.2	127.5	107.8	145.4
1959.....	130.0	121.1	150.9	130.7	119.3	125.6	127.7	128.5	116.3	147.1
1960.....	129.2	121.7	151.9	129.1	120.6	112.6	128.3	130.5	114.3	150.1
1961.....	128.3	120.5	145.0	128.0	122.6	107.1	131.2	131.0	112.0	149.9
1962.....	129.7	120.5	143.6	130.4	126.2	112.0	132.9	128.6	114.0	149.4