

**Consumers' Price Index**  
Base: Weighted average 21 towns, 1955 (=1000)

|                                         | <i>Groups</i> |                |                                |                |                       |                      |                   |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
|                                         | <i>Food</i>   | <i>Housing</i> | <i>Household<br/>Operation</i> | <i>Apparel</i> | <i>Transportation</i> | <i>Miscellaneous</i> | <i>All Groups</i> |
| <i>Percent. of base<br/>expenditure</i> | 32·26         | 15·40          | 10·60                          | 15·43          | 8·76                  | 17·55                | 100·00            |
| Calendar year:                          |               |                |                                |                |                       |                      |                   |
| 1955                                    | 1000          | 1000           | 1000                           | 1000           | 1000                  | 1000                 | 1000              |
| 1956                                    | 1057          | 1055           | 1013                           | 999            | 1016                  | 1030                 | 1035              |
| 1957                                    | 1054          | 1118           | 1038                           | 1005           | 1076                  | 1055                 | 1057              |
| 1958                                    | 1071          | 1179           | 1074                           | 1022           | 1160                  | 1160                 | 1104              |
| 1959                                    | 1077          | 1236           | 1094                           | 1041           | 1240                  | 1273                 | 1146              |
| 1960                                    | 1092          | 1286           | 1107                           | 1063           | 1213                  | 1232                 | 1154              |
| 1961                                    | 1102          | 1344           | 1118                           | 1056           | 1216                  | 1252                 | 1175              |
| 1962                                    | 1109          | 1436           | 1144                           | 1106           | 1240                  | 1294                 | 1206              |
| 1963                                    | 1130          | 1497           | 1154                           | 1115           | 1263                  | 1312                 | 1230              |
| 1964                                    | 1195          | 1553           | 1176                           | 1131           | 1311                  | 1338                 | 1273              |

Source: *Monthly Abstract of Statistics*.

International comparisons of prices are of interest and, although it is not practicable to draw comparisons between the full range of family expenditure in different countries, it is useful to compare prices between different countries for some of the main retail commodities.