

STATISTICS

Unemployment, Employment and Hours of Work

In accordance with the plan which has been adopted for publication at quarterly intervals in the *Review* of statistics on labour conditions in different countries, the statistics of *unemployment, employment and hours of work* are given in this issue.

The tables show statistics of:

- I. Unemployment in general;
- II. Employment in general: indices of numbers employed;
- III. Industrial employment: (a) indices of numbers employed; (b) indices of total hours worked;
- IV. Hours of work in industry: (a) hours actually worked per worker; (b) percentage distribution of workers by hours worked.

Figures for the different industries or occupations covered by these series are given in the *Year Book of Labour Statistics, 1943-44* (tables VI, VIII and XI).

For further information on the scope and method of these statistics, see the January-February 1946 issue of the *Review*: "Statistics, Explanatory Notes", pp. 117-127.

For other topics in labour statistics, see the present number for statistics of cost of living and food prices, to appear next in the July issue; and the January-February number for statistics of wage rates and earnings, to appear next in the May issue.

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The sign * signifies: "figures do not exist".

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Figures in *thick-faced* type: indices (100) of the base year.

Figures in *italics*: index numbers with a year later than 1929 as base.

Figures within *brackets*: series subject to certain reservations (see the January issue of the *Review*: "Statistics, Explanatory Notes").

Date	AMERICA							
	Canada		United States				Chile	Mexico
	VI		VI		V		V	VI
	Unemployed (estimated)	Applicants for work registered	Unemployed (estimated)		Registrants in active file		Applicants for work registered	Unemployed (estimated)
			N.I.C.B. ⁴	A.F.L. ⁵	B.C. ⁶			
1929	107,000	4.2	14,996	0.9	3.9	*	*	*
1931	442,000	17.4	69,719	14.2	17.4	*	29,345	287,462
1933	646,000	26.5	81,809	23.4	26.4	*	71,803	275,774
1935	483,000	19.0	84,050	17.6	20.8	7,449,841	10,673	191,371
1936	430,000	16.7	90,133	14.2	18.2	7,705,270	6,474	186,904
1937	337,000	12.5	88,516	12.2	15.8	5,154,838	3,203	180,128
1938	407,000	15.1	105,236	18.4	20.5	7,404,187	4,578	209,332
1939	386,000 ¹	14.1 ¹	103,739	16.4	18.7	6,240,437	9,416	198,593
1940	281,700 ²	10.1 ²	100,417	14.1	16.9	7,298,000 ³	5,316,437	184,274
1941	*	*	53,663	6.1	—	5,012,500	4,804,813	180,583
1942	*	*	65,667	—1.0 ⁷	—	2,382,000	4,546,143 ⁸	158,076
1943	*	*	73,677	—11.4 ⁷	—	1,070,000	3,619	—
1944	*	*	64,929	—12.4 ⁷	—	842,000	4,357	—
1945	*	*	108,331	—9.1 ⁷	—	1,147,500	4,625 ⁷	—
1945: Jan.	*	*	86,614	—9.5 ⁷	—	840,000	4,074	—
Feb.	*	*	85,983	—9.2 ⁷	—	880,000	4,057	—
Mar.	*	*	80,211	—10.7 ⁷	—	830,000	4,115	—
April	*	*	76,288	—11.8 ⁷	—	770,000	4,211	—
May	*	*	71,724	—13.6	—	730,000	4,256	—
June	*	*	78,768	—14.7 ⁷	—	1,080,000	4,592	—
July	*	*	76,012	—13.7 ⁷	—	950,000	5,016	—
Aug.	*	*	97,611	—11.8 ⁷	—	830,000	5,371	—
Sept.	*	*	129,427	—8.3 ⁷	—	1,650,000	5,511 ⁷	—
Oct.	*	*	153,162	—6.0 ⁷	—	1,550,000	5,309	—
Nov.	167,000 ³	3.7 ³	180,356	—3.6 ⁷	—	1,710,000	4,783	—
Dec.	*	*	183,821 ¹⁷	2.3 ⁷ ¹⁸	—	1,950,000 ¹⁹	4,200 ¹²⁰	—
Persons cov. (thousands)	2,986	*	54,383	54,286	53,310	*	*	*

Date	ASIA			EUROPE		
	Netherlands Indies	Japan ¹²	Palestine	Germany	Austria	
	V	VI	IV	V	V	
	Applicants for work registered	Unemployed (estimated)	Unemployed (registered)	Unemployed (registered)	Unemployed (registered)	
1929	*	*	*	1,898,604	192,062	
1931	6,912	422,755	6.1	4,519,704	300,223	
1932	10,922	485,681	6.8	5,575,492	377,894	
1933	14,571	408,710	5.6	4,804,428	405,740	
1935	17,398	356,044	4.6	2,151,039 ¹³	348,675	
1936	22,691 ¹⁰	338,365	4.3	1,592,655	349,663	
1937	22,978	295,443	3.7	912,312	320,961	
1938	18,842	237,371	3.0	429,461	244,788 ¹⁴	
1939	19,466	212,000 ¹	*	21,045 ¹³	*	
1940	18,603	*	*	24,791	*	
1941	15,636 ¹¹	*	*	15,377	*	
1942	—	*	*	5,915	*	
1943	—	*	*	3,591 ¹⁴	*	
1944	—	*	*	4,299	*	
1945	—	*	*	*	*	
1944: Oct.	—	*	*	4,560	*	
Nov.	—	*	*	5,004	*	
Dec.	—	*	*	4,934	*	
1945: Jan.	—	*	*	5,149	*	
Feb.	—	*	*	4,323	*	
Mar.	—	*	*	3,443	*	
April	—	*	*	*	*	
May	—	*	*	*	*	
June	—	*	*	*	*	
July	—	*	*	*	*	
Aug.	—	*	*	*	*	
Sept.	—	*	*	*	*	
Persons cov. (thousands)	*	8,172	60	22,090	*	

I. Compulsory unemployment insurance statistics. II. Voluntary unemployment insurance statistics. III. Trade union fund returns. IV. Trade union returns. V. Employment exchange statistics. VI. Official estimates.

¹ Since Sept. 1939, including previously unemployed wage earners who have enlisted. ² Jan.-Oct. ³ Based on sample survey. ⁴ National Industrial Conference Board. ⁵ American Federation of Labor. ⁶ Bureau of the Census. ⁷ Excess of employment over estimated economic labour force. ⁸ Mar.-Dec. ⁹ Jan.-June. ¹⁰ Since 1936, including applications for work registered with local correspondents. ¹¹ Jan.-Nov. ¹² The monthly figures relate to the 1st of the following month. ¹³ Aug.-Dec. ¹⁴ Apr.-Dec. ¹⁵ Since July 1933, not including persons employed in labour camps; since Mar. 1935, including the Saar Territory. ¹⁶ Before Apr. 1938, applicants for work registered. ¹⁷ Jan.: 233,145. ¹⁸ Jan.: 6.3; Feb.: 8.4. ¹⁹ Jan.: 2,290,000; Feb.: 2,650,000; Mar.: 2,710,000. ²⁰ Jan.: 4,100; Feb.: 4,000⁷.

Date	EUROPE (cont.)					
	Belgium		Denmark		Spain	Finland
	II		III		V	V
	Unemployed ¹ (insured)	Days of unemployment ²	Unemployed (tr. unionists)	Applicants for work registered	Unemployed	Unemployed (registered)
1929	13,000 ¹	1.9	42,817	15.5	44,581	3,877
1931	110,000 ¹	14.5	53,019	17.9	59,430	11,495
1933	210,000 ¹	20.5	97,478	28.8	121,115	17,139
1935	210,927	21.7	76,195	19.7	92,406	7,163
1936	154,038	16.2	78,669	19.3	93,261	4,796
1937	125,929	13.1	95,103	21.9	108,634	3,695
1938	173,913	17.6	97,136	21.4	112,050	3,602
1939	195,211	18.8	88,924	18.4	102,066	3,300
1940	—	—	119,593	23.9	133,358	3,955
1941	122,359 ³	—	43,476 ⁴	7.6 ⁵	48,501 ⁶	3,384
1942	—	—	48,968	9.1	53,171	294,529
1943	—	—	34,271	6.3	38,462	225,493
1944	—	—	—	4.6	24,611 ⁸	169,589 ⁷
1945	145,798	—	—	8.1	47,650	148,000 ⁷
1945: Jan.	290,629 ^r	—	—	10.3	58,602	150,000 ⁷
Feb.	235,951	—	—	11.6	66,563	150,000 ⁷
Mar.	165,750	—	—	7.7	44,193	147,000 ⁷
April	131,530	—	—	9.1	52,366	—
May	128,441 ^r	—	—	9.4	53,950	123,000 ⁷
June	124,565	—	—	6.9	39,869	128,000 ⁷
July	119,335	—	—	5.9	34,514	144,000 ⁷
Aug.	116,775 ^r	—	—	6.3	36,531	149,000 ⁷
Sept.	113,288 ^r	—	—	6.7	38,825 ^r	153,000 ⁷
Oct.	102,943	—	—	6.7	39,430	164,000 ⁷
Nov.	99,374	—	—	7.0	41,334	172,000 ⁷
Dec.	120,742 ¹⁹	—	—	11.1 ²⁰	65,617 ²¹	164,000 ²²
Persons cov. (thousands)	1,000 [†]	—	552 ^r	*	*	*

Date	EUROPE (cont.)						
	France		Great Britain and Northern Ireland			Great Britain	
	I	V	I			V	
	Unemployed (on relief) ⁸	Applications for work registered	Unemployed (insured, per cent.)			Applicants for work registered	
			Wholly ¹⁴	Tempor.	Total	Wholly ¹⁴	Tempor.
1929	928	10,052	% 8.2	% 2.2	% 10.4	950,593	264,911
1931	56,112	75,215	16.7	4.6	21.3	2,049,710	579,851
1933	276,033 ⁹	307,844	16.4	3.5	19.9	2,070,046	450,570
1934	345,033	376,320	13.9	2.8	16.7	1,795,437	363,794
1935	426,931	465,875	13.1	2.4	15.5	1,730,194	306,228
1936	431,897	475,272	11.2	1.9	13.1	1,507,979	246,996
1937	350,333	379,095	9.3	1.5	10.5	1,283,523	200,876
1938	375,742	408,024	10.0 ¹⁵	2.6 ¹⁵	12.6 ¹⁵	1,418,725	371,956
1939	361,930 ¹⁰	393,952	8.8	1.5	10.3	1,297,801	215,759
1940	*	*	5.9 ¹⁶	1.1 ¹⁴	7.0 ¹⁶	802,921 ¹⁷	160,615
1941	337,000	376,500 ¹²	*	*	*	292,402	57,403
1942	105,000	119,800 ¹³	*	*	*	112,394 ¹⁸	6,003
1943	—	—	*	*	*	80,007	1,569
1944	—	—	*	*	*	73,574	925
1945: Jan.	388,000 ¹¹	107,000	*	*	*	96,125	2,595
Feb.	379,700	96,000	*	*	*	*	*
Mar.	259,350	75,000	*	*	*	*	*
April	156,750	63,000	*	*	*	89,783	696
May	15,390	48,500	*	*	*	*	*
June	—	50,400	*	*	*	*	*
July	—	53,200	*	*	*	112,570	898
Aug.	—	58,012	*	*	*	*	*
Sept.	—	65,025	*	*	*	*	*
Oct.	—	—	*	*	*	245,810	*
Nov.	—	—	*	*	*	278,158	*
Dec.	—	—	*	*	*	293,295 ²²	*
Persons cov. (thousands)	*	*	15,032			*	

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¹ Daily average during the month. ² Estimates. ³ Listed unemployed. ⁴ Percentage of total possible working days of insured workers during the month. ⁵ New series; July-Dec. ⁶ Average; Jan.-Sept. ⁷ Public relief fund statistics. ⁸ Since Jan. 1937, the figures relate to the last week entirely included in the month. ⁹ From July 1932 onwards, including unemployed in receipt of relief from the welfare offices. ¹⁰ Jan.-Sept. and Nov. ¹¹ Since Oct. 1944, beneficiaries of the Act of 20 May 1944 on last day of the month. ¹² Jan.-Nov. ¹³ Nine months. ¹⁴ Including casuals. ¹⁵ Including agriculture. ¹⁶ Jan.-Sept. ¹⁷ Since July 1940, excluding men in attendance at Government training centres who were unemployed when they entered the centres. ¹⁸ Since Mar. 1942, excluding men classified as unsuitable for ordinary industrial employment and women unsuitable for normal full-time employment. ¹⁹ Jan.: 135,885; Feb.: 108,130; Mar.: 95,054. ²⁰ Jan.: 13.2; Feb.: 8.2; Mar.: 7.6. ²¹ Jan.: 78,395; Feb.: 49,006; Mar.: 45,195. ²² Jan.: 344,834; Feb.: 367,910. ²³ Jan.: 176,000⁷. ²⁴ Jan.: 12,282.

Date	EUROPE (cont.)			
	Hungary	Ireland		Italy
	V	I	V	s
	Applications for work registered	Unemployed (insured)	Applicants for work registered	Wholly unemployed
1929	15,173	*	20,702	300,786
1931	52,305 ¹	*	25,230	734,454
1933	60,595	*	72,472 ²	1,018,955 ³
1935	52,048	*	119,498	963,677
1936	52,114	*	99,272	*
1937	48,359	*	81,760	*
1938	47,426	*	88,714	*
1939	48,348	55,165	93,074	*
1940	43,684	54,677	84,054	*
1941	48,892	50,967	74,656	*
1942	35,996	48,846	76,887	*
1943	25,929 ⁴	41,194	66,884 ⁴	*
1944	—	36,263	59,047	*
1945	—	34,114	58,999	*
1945: Jan.	—	39,599	75,795	*
Feb.	—	40,387	77,496	*
Mar.	—	36,529	68,529	*
April	—	36,034	65,777	*
May	—	35,574	61,604	*
June	—	29,858	43,275	*
July	—	30,181	43,120	*
Aug.	—	31,661 ^r	44,240	*
Sept.	—	29,842 ^r	43,097	*
Oct.	—	30,822	49,465	*
Nov.	—	33,593	69,388	*
Dec.	—	33,488 ¹⁴	68,207 ¹⁴	*
Persons covered (thousands)	*	330	*	*

Date	EUROPE (cont.)					
	Norway		Netherlands			Poland ¹¹
	III	V	II ¹	V	V	V
	Unemployed (trade unionists)	Unem- ployed (regist'd)	Unemployed (insured)	Days of unem- ployment	Wholly unem- ployed regist'd	Applications for work registered
1929	5,902	19,089	24,300	7.1	*	129,450
1931	22.3	28,027	82,800	18.1	138,231	299,502
1933	16,588	36,703	163,000	31.0	322,951	249,660
1935	14,783	36,776	173,700	36.3	384,691	381,935
1936	13,267	33,517	169,387	36.3	414,512	367,327
1937	16,532	29,881	137,674	29.2	368,909	375,088
1938	19,230	30,296	134,304	27.2	353,646	347,509
1939	16,789	28,251	112,612	21.7	253,261 ¹²	414,584 ¹²
1940	—	23.1	117,145	22.9	197,886	14,1 ¹³
1941	—	11.4	—	—	117,814	*
1942	—	—	—	—	74,600	*
1943	—	—	—	—	437	*
1944	—	—	—	—	20,313	*
1945	—	—	—	—	—	*
1945: Jan.	—	1,172 ^r	—	—	—	*
Feb.	—	1,257	—	—	—	*
Mar.	—	1,000	—	—	—	*
April	—	735	—	—	—	*
May	—	9,628	—	—	—	*
June	—	14,420	112,600	—	—	*
July	—	10,362	104,800	—	—	*
Aug.	—	10,278	95,500	—	—	*
Sept.	—	11,456	91,900	—	—	*
Oct.	—	14,480	—	—	—	*
Nov.	—	—	—	—	—	*
Dec.	—	—	90,000 ¹⁷	—	—	*
Persons covered (thousands)	95 [†]	*	238	*	2,978	*

I. Compulsory unemployment insurance statistics. II. Voluntary unemployment insurance statistics. III. Trade union fund returns. IV. Trade union returns. V. Employment exchange statistics. VI. Official estimates. ¹ Since Jan. 1930, including non-fee-charging private employment agencies. ² Average for eleven months. ³ Extended series. ⁴ From Jan. 1943, middle of month. ⁵ Up to July 1933, social insurance fund statistics; since July 1933, employment exchange statistics. ⁶ Since Jan. 1940, end of the month; including persons employed on public works. ⁷ Since Jan. 1945, excluding Finnmark and evacuated communities in Troms. ⁸ Excluding agriculture. Weekly averages. ⁹ Days of unemployment, as a percentage of the total possible working days of insured workers during the month. ¹⁰ Since Apr. 1939, excluding persons employed on special relief works. ¹¹ Since Jan. 1939, including the territory of Silesia beyond the Olza. ¹² Jan.-June. ¹³ Since 1935, percentage based on the number of persons covered by compulsory social insurance schemes. ¹⁴ Feb.: 43,405, 13.5; Mar.: 43,059, 13.4. ¹⁵ Jan.: 76,914; Feb.: 81,689; Mar.: 75,318. ¹⁶ Jan.: 25,000[†]. ¹⁷ Jan.: 88,000[†]; Feb.: 79,000[†].

Date	EUROPE (cont.)					
	Portugal	Rumania	Sweden		Switzerland	
	V	V	IV	V ²	I/II ¹	V
	Unem- ployed (registered)	Unem- ployed (registered)	Unemployed (tr. unionist)	Applica- tions for relief	Unemployed (insured)	Applica- tions for work registered
1929	*	7,449	32,621	10.2	10,212	8,131
1931	*	35,737	64,815	16.7	46,540	24,208
1933	25,255	29,060	97,316	23.4	164,773	67,867
1935	42,315	13,778	81,385	15.1	61,581	82,468
1936	43,057	13,549	71,884	12.6	35,601	93,009
1937	40,240	10,851	67,351	10.8	18,213	71,130
1938	*	7,271	74,582	10.9	16,189	65,583
1939	*	5,989	71,467 ⁴	9.2	17,556	40,324
1940	*	3,192	99,201	11.8	13,367	16,374
1941	*	861	85,018	11.3	22,219	10,550
1942	*	6,067 ¹	56,938	7.5	12,306	10,675
1943	*	6,071	43,950	5.7	7,081	7,846
1944	4,229	—	38,877	4.9	11,255	8,380
1945	3,107	—	36,183	4.4	8,761	8,107
1945: Jan.	*	—	52,446	6.5	12,088	25,233
Feb.	*	—	50,161	6.2	12,862	11,024
Mar.	*	—	48,349	5.9	13,521	6,157
April	3,249	—	37,034	4.5	12,044	4,749
May	*	—	30,586	3.8	10,021	4,422
June	3,165	—	28,040	3.4	7,924	4,415
July	*	—	25,983	3.2	5,966	4,157
Aug.	3,080	—	24,789	3.1	5,406	4,663
Sept.	*	—	24,026	3.0	5,409	4,926
Oct.	2,909	—	25,552	3.2	5,842	5,376
Nov.	—	—	32,314	3.9	6,757	8,276
Dec.	—	—	54,915 [†]	6.7	7,296 ¹⁴	13,885 ¹⁴
Persons covered (thousands)	*	*	822 ^r	203 ^{r 4}	531 ^r	*

Date	EUROPE (concl.)			OCEANIA	
	Czechoslovakia		Yugoslavia	Australia	New Zealand
	III	V	V	IV	V ¹⁰
	Unemployed on benefit (tr. unionist)	Applicants for work (registered)	Unemployed (registered)	Unemployed (trade unionist)	Unemployed (males) ¹¹
1929	23,763	2.2	41,630	8,370	2,895
1931	102,179	8.3	291,332	9,930	41,431
1933	247,613	16.9	738,267	15,997	46,944
1935	235,623	15.9	686,269	16,752	38,234
1936	208,096	13.1	622,687	19,436	36,890
1937	151,167	8.8	408,949	21,650	*
1938	161,391 ¹	9.1 ¹	335,518 ¹	22,517	4,757 ¹²
1939	*	*	44,080 ¹	24,223	6,422 ¹⁰
1940	*	*	*	26,724	4,352
1941	*	*	*	20,013	2,023
1942	*	*	*	7,545	810
1943	*	*	*	8,073	405
1944	*	*	*	—	327
1945	*	*	*	—	—
1945: Jan.	*	*	*	*	315
Feb.	*	*	*	7,616 ^r	222
Mar.	*	*	*	*	299
April	*	*	*	7,795	193
May	*	*	*	*	186
June	*	*	*	*	242
July	*	*	*	7,769	254
Aug.	*	*	*	*	270
Sept.	*	*	*	*	297 ^r
Oct.	*	*	*	*	377
Nov.	*	*	*	*	338
Dec.	*	*	*	*	346 ¹⁷
Persons covered (thousands)	1,782 [†]	*	*	675	*

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Indices of numbers employed
(1929 = 100)¹

Date	AFRICA			AMERICA						ASIA		EUROPE
	Union S. Africa		Canada	United States			Argentina (Buenos Aires)	Colombia ⁷	Japan	Palestine	Germany (manyth)	
	Europe	Total		B.L.S. ²	N.I.-C.B. ³	B.C. ⁵						
	III (A/B)		III (A)	IV	IV	IV	III (A)	III (B)	IV	III (B)	I	
	M.I.T. ^c		M.I. T.C. ^c	M.I. T.C.	A.M.I.T.C.		I.T.C.	M.I.T. ^c	M.I.T.	M.I.T. ⁹	A.M.I.-T.C.	
	W.S.		W.S.	W.S.	W.S.		W.	W.	W.	W.S.	W.S.	
1929	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	*	100.0	*	100.0	*	100.0	
1931	96.0	95.2	86.1	83.9	86.7	*	97.8	*	96.9	*	81.5	
1933	98.0	94.9	70.1	74.0	79.5	*	98.2	*	103.1	*	74.0	
1935	123.2	122.1	83.5	85.4	88.4	*	113.2	*	121.6	*	90.6 ¹⁴	
1936	134.2	134.9	87.1	92.5	93.4	*	119.5	*	123.8	*	97.2	
1937	143.6	143.1	95.9	98.3	97.3	*	126.1	*	131.2	100.0 ¹⁰	104.3	
1938	146.2	148.1	95.9	92.1	91.0	*	129.5	100.0 ⁸	137.7	92.5	110.9	
1939	148.1	148.9	95.7	97.4	92.9	*	132.1	94.2	*	85.8	116.5 ¹⁵	
1940	148.9	155.8	104.4	102.0	95.9	100.0 ⁸	129.2	*	*	97.4	*	
1941	154.5	164.3	128.0	114.5	104.0 ⁴	104.6	135.0	84.6	*	110.0	*	
1942	158.7	169.5	146.0	123.4	116.4	111.0	140.6	—	*	127.2	*	
1943	156.7	160.0	154.8	127.5	129.4	111.7	147.0	—	*	139.9	*	
1944	157.3	161.7	153.4	124.3	132.1 ^r	110.3	—	—	*	—	*	
1945	160.5	166.9	146.3	118.6 ^r	128.7	110.0	—	—	*	—	*	
1945: Jan.	158.1	161.6	150.3	121.8	128.2	106.8	*	—	*	—	*	
Feb.	160.1	166.0	149.7	121.9	128.6	107.7	*	—	*	—	*	
Mar.	160.7	168.7	148.7	122.2	129.9	108.3	*	—	*	—	*	
April	160.7	168.7	147.5	121.3	131.2	109.0	*	—	*	—	*	
May	160.6	168.3	147.3	121.0	133.3	109.3	*	—	*	—	*	
June	160.4	167.9	147.5	120.5	134.6	110.9 ^r	*	—	*	—	*	
July	159.9	167.3	147.1	119.7	133.5	115.6	*	—	*	—	*	
Aug.	160.1	166.9	145.0	118.8	132.4	114.0	*	—	*	—	*	
Sept.	159.9	166.7	141.8	113.1 ^r	128.5 ^r	109.2 ²³	*	—	*	—	*	
Oct.	160.4	166.6	143.9	113.1	125.9	109.8	*	—	*	—	*	
Nov.	162.0	167.2	145.5	113.5	121.6	110.7	*	—	*	—	*	
Dec.	162.7	167.0	141.3 ³⁴	116.7 ²⁵	116.2 ²⁶	109.4 ²⁷	*	—	*	—	*	
Persons covered (thousands)	—/188	—/797	1,869	38,889 ^r	55,691 ^r	51,360 ^r	*	13	6,600 [†]	54	21,414	

Date	EUROPE (concl.)										OCEANIA	
	France		Great Britain		Hungary		Norway		Netherlands		Czechoslovakia	
	III (A)		II		I		III (B)		I		III (A)	
	M.I.T. ⁶		M.I.T. ⁶		M.I.T. ⁶		M.I.T. ⁶		M.I.T. ⁶		M.I.T. ⁶	
	W.S.	W.S.	W.S.	W.S.	W.S.	W.S.	W.S.	W.S.	W.S.	W.S.	W.S.	W.S.
1929	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1930	96.0	96.0 ^r	*	94.3	*	102.2	97.6	119.4	104.3	100.0 ²¹	97.3	97.3
1931	79.4	94.8 ^r	*	81.2	*	85.0	75.4	183.5	86.1	*	88.8	88.8
1933	73.5	101.6 ^r	*	91.2	100 ¹⁷	84.2	76.6	203.1	93.3	*	79.2	79.2
1936	74.1	106.8 ^r	*	97.7	103	85.1	82.4	211.8 [†]	101.8	*	94.0	94.0
1937	78.6	112.4 ^r	*	104.0	110	91.5	90.0	221.8 [†]	112.4	*	94.9	94.9
1938	81.2	111.1	100.0 ¹⁶	110.6	110	95.4	91.0 ¹⁴	228.5 [†]	118.2	*	104.5	104.5
1939	83.4 ¹³	114.7 ¹⁴	102.7 ¹⁴	118.8	116	99.0 [†]	100.0 ¹⁵	—	119.2	129.4 ²²	110.7	110.7
1940	*	*	*	125.6	113	98.0 [†]	107.1 ¹⁰	—	122.0 ²⁰	*	113.3 ¹²	113.3 ¹²
1941	*	*	*	157.4	114	—	—	—	—	144.5 ²³	99.2	99.2
1942	*	*	*	171.0	104	—	—	—	—	135.2 ²⁴	93.7	93.7
1943	*	*	*	—	97	—	—	—	—	133.5	87.5	87.5
1944	*	*	*	—	92	—	—	—	—	134.2	84.9	84.9
1945	*	*	*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	86.7	86.7
1945: Jan.	*	*	*	—	—	—	—	—	—	135.1	90.1	90.1
Feb.	*	*	*	—	—	—	—	—	—	136.0 ^r	*	*
Mar.	*	*	*	—	—	—	—	—	—	136.5 ^r	*	*
April	*	*	*	—	—	—	—	—	—	135.9 ^r	*	*
May	*	*	*	—	—	—	—	—	—	136.2 ^r	*	*
June	*	*	*	—	—	—	—	—	—	136.5	*	*
July	*	104.3 ¹⁶	*	—	—	—	—	—	—	136.4	*	*
Aug.	*	*	*	—	—	—	—	—	—	137.0	*	*
Sept.	*	102.2 ¹⁶	*	—	—	—	—	—	—	137.2	*	*
Oct.	*	101.4 ¹⁵	*	—	—	—	—	—	—	136.0	*	*
Nov.	*	*	*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	*	*
Dec.	*	*	*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	*	*
Persons cov. (thousands)	2,403	12,110	12,940	1,748	207 [†]	1,365	1,298	27,800 [†]	756	1,386		

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¹ Except for the series in italics. ² Bureau of Labor Statistics. Non-agricultural, including Government employment. ³ National Industrial Conference Board. ⁴ Since Dec. 1941, including the armed forces. ⁵ Bureau of the Census. ⁶ Mar.-Dec. ⁷ Central Zone. ⁸ May 1938. ⁹ Prior to 1943, private manufacturing including chemical extraction industry; from 1943, including also building, transport, and Government undertakings. ¹⁰ Jan. 1938 = 100. ¹¹ Old territory. ¹² Since Nov. 1935, including the Saar Territory. ¹³ Jan.-July. ¹⁴ Jan.-Aug. ¹⁵ New series based on July 1939 and spliced to old series. ¹⁶ 18 July 1938 = 100. ¹⁷ Sept.-Dec. ¹⁸ Since Sept. 1938, Bohemia-Moravia; average for 1939 = 100. ¹⁹ June-Dec. ²⁰ Jan.-Nov. ²¹ June. ²² July. ²³ Average of July and Nov. ²⁴ Jan. 140.5; Feb. 140.3. ²⁵ Jan. 115.0; Feb. 113.5; Mar. 116.4. ²⁶ Jan. 111.1. ²⁷ Jan. 109.6; Feb. 110.2.

(a) Indices of numbers employed
(1929 = 100)

Date	AFRICA		AMERICA							ASIA	
	Union S. Afr.	Canada	United States	Argentina		Chile	Colombia (Bogotá)	Mexico	Uruguay	Japan	
	III (A/B) ¹	III (A) ¹	III (A/B) ¹	III (B) ²	B. Aires III (A)	III (B) ¹	III (B) ³	III (B) ¹	III (B)	III (A) ¹	
	W.S. ²	W.S.	W.	W.	W.	W.	W.	W.	W.	W.	
1929	100.0	100.0	100.0	*	100.0	*	*	*	*	100.0	
1931	97.7	81.4	73.6	*	97.3	*	*	*	*	84.3	
1933	108.0	69.1	69.2	*	99.8	*	*	*	*	95.9	
1935	146.2	82.9	86.1	*	124.1	*	*	*	*	115.6	
1936	160.3	88.3	93.5	*	133.9	*	*	*	*	126.3	
1937	170.8	97.7	102.6	100.0	144.1	100.0	*	100.0 ⁵	—	142.9	
1938	167.1	94.8	87.3	104.3	145.5	105.5	100.0 ⁴	100.7	112.3	157.3	
1939	164.6	95.9	97.0	108.5	148.2	108.1	90.0	100.1	114.8	173.0	
1940	160.6	112.1	104.3	111.1	145.6	117.0	80.3	102.0	113.7	178.3	
1941	165.9	143.8	128.2	117.0	150.9	127.6	—	107.2	119.6	182.8	
1942	170.4	176.3	149.4	124.0	—	133.7	—	113.2	—	202.4	
1943	162.9	193.6	170.4	126.1	—	127.0	—	—	—	—	
1944	—	190.8	167.3 ^r	131.1	—	125.6	—	—	—	—	
1945	—	171.5	145.1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
1945: Jan.	*	183.6	162.7 ^r	132.9	*	122.7	—	*	*	—	
Feb.	*	183.0	162.5 ^r	131.0	*	126.4	—	*	—	—	
Mar.	*	181.8	161.0 ^r	132.0	*	—	—	*	*	—	
April	*	179.8	158.1 ^r	128.9	*	—	—	*	*	—	
May	*	178.4	155.0 ^r	129.8	*	—	—	—	—	—	
June	*	176.9	152.2 ^r	133.0	*	—	—	*	*	—	
July	*	174.3	147.5 ^r	135.4	*	—	—	*	*	—	
Aug.	*	169.6	144.2 ^r	135.5	*	—	—	—	—	—	
Sept.	*	160.8	124.7 ^r	135.1 ^r	*	—	—	*	*	—	
Oct.	*	159.1	123.8 ^r	132.9	*	128.3	—	*	*	—	
Nov.	*	157.3	124.4	131.8	*	128.3	—	*	*	—	
Dec.	*	153.6 ¹⁴	124.6 ¹⁵	—	*	—	—	*	*	—	
Persons covered (thousands)	-/55	1,183	13,817/10,238	241	*	23	3	119	45	2,995	

Date	ASIA (concl.)		EUROPE								
	Palestine		Germany ⁶		Denmark	Finland	France	Great Britain	Hungary	Ireland	Italy F.C.I. ¹²
	III (B)		III (B) ²		III(A) ¹	III(A) ²	III(A) ³	II ¹	I	III(B)	III (A/B)
	W.	W.S.	W.	S.	W.	W.	W.	W.S.	W.	W.S.	W.
1929	*	*	100.0	100.0	*	100.0	*	100.0	100.0	*	100.0
1930	*	*	87.0	94.7	*	87.4	100.0	92.5	91.3	*	97.3
1931	*	*	72.0	83.6	100.0	78.4	91.6	84.5	82.9	*	88.8
1933	*	*	65.9	68.4	102.9	84.7	78.0	89.8	73.6	*	79.2
1935	*	*	91.9	83.5	125.8	105.4	72.1	96.0	85.9	*	94.0
1936	*	*	100.5	90.0	131.5	117.5	73.0	102.2	94.7	*	94.9
1937	*	*	110.8 ⁷	97.9 ⁷	138.1	125.2	77.5	110.2	104.0	*	104.5
1938	100.0	*	117.4	105.4	138.4	129.7	80.7	104.1	112.3	*	110.7
1939	82.3	*	122.9 ⁸	112.3 ⁸	151.1	122.6	82.1 ¹⁰	113.0	123.9	100.0 ¹¹	113.3 ¹¹
1940	98.6	*	*	*	140.4	104.1 [†]	64.2	*	129.5	99.2	*
1941	115.1	*	*	*	143.9	—	71.2	*	139.2	93.7	*
1942	136.1	*	*	*	153.3	—	75.2	*	—	87.5	*
1943	—	100.0	*	*	—	—	70.7	*	—	84.9	*
1944	—	104.4	*	*	—	—	72.3	*	—	86.7	*
1945	—	—	*	*	*	*	—	*	—	90.1	*
1945: Jan.	—	108.2	*	*	*	—	*	*	—	*	*
Feb.	—	111.3	*	*	*	*	*	*	—	*	*
Mar.	—	112.7	*	*	*	*	69.1	*	—	88.5	*
Apr.	—	110.5	*	*	*	—	*	*	—	*	*
May	—	109.5	*	*	*	*	*	*	—	*	*
June	—	110.7	*	*	*	*	71.5	*	—	91.7	*
July	—	102.8	*	*	*	—	*	*	—	*	*
Aug.	—	103.8	*	*	*	*	—	*	—	*	*
Sept.	—	108.5	*	*	*	*	*	*	—	*	*
Oct.	—	—	*	*	*	*	*	*	—	*	*
Nov.	—	—	*	*	*	*	*	*	—	*	*
Dec.	—	—	*	*	*	*	—	*	—	—	*
Persons covered (thousands)	17	35	3,500 [†]	*	184	63*	1,850	—	802	71	3,037, 1,522

TABLE III. STATISTICS OF INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYMENT (concl.)

(a) Indices of numbers employed (concl.)
(1929=100)

Date	EUROPE (cont.)									OCEANIA	
	Norway	Netherlands	Poland ¹	Rumania	Sweden	Switzerland		U.S. S.R.	Yugoslavia	Australia ²	New Zealand
	III (A/B) ^{1,2}	I ¹	III (A)	III (A) ¹	III (B) ¹	III (A) ¹	III (B)	III (A)	I	III (A/B)	III (A)
	W.	W.S.	W.	W.S.	W.	W.S.	W.	W.S.	W.S.	W.S.	W.S.
1929	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	*	100.0	100.0
1930	100.4	101.6	84.5	86.6	99.8	95.8	96.5	135.4	*	93.0	94.0
1931	79.9	92.9	71.3	75.6	91.3	88.7	88.3	183.4	*	74.6	82.9
1933	93.2	80.9	65.0	92.0	85.0	76.9	73.3	195.5	100.0	81.8	87.7
1935	106.2	80.2	77.1	114.9	96.9	76.0	70.4	211.9	111.4	99.4	104.5
1936	115.7	80.9	83.4	129.9	102.1	76.4	70.2	224.1†	—	109.4	116.3
1937	124.9	88.4	94.1	138.8	109.1	88.0	78.1	—	141.5	115.6	123.5
1938	121.5†	92.7	101.6	143.9	110.0	86.3	77.9	—	150.7	124.0	123.7
1939	125.1	98.0†	102.0†	—	112.7	89.9	76.8	—	152.6	125.5	131.2
1940	119.3	98.0†	—	—	109.2	—	80.3	—	159.7†	130.5	137.6
1941	121.5	—	*	—	108.0	106.7	84.3	—	—	145.4	141.5
1942	115.4	—	*	—	110.4	105.3	85.6	—	—	162.7	138.3
1943	113.0	—	*	—	111.8	104.1	81.9	—	—	172.3	—
1944	110.6	—	*	—	113.2	—	77.9	—	—	167.3	—
1945	—	—	*	—	108.4	*	85.6	—	—	—	—
1945: Jan.	*	*	*	*	116.9	*	*	*	*	166.6	*
Feb.	*	*	*	*	91.6	*	*	*	*	167.2	*
Mar.	105.7	*	*	*	90.4	*	79.4	*	*	167.4	*
April	*	*	*	*	91.6	*	*	*	*	166.2	*
May	*	*	*	*	94.0	*	*	*	*	166.1	*
June	102.4	*	*	*	95.2	*	84.7	*	*	166.3	*
July	*	*	*	*	119.3	*	*	*	*	166.0	*
Aug.	*	*	*	*	120.5	*	*	*	*	165.9	*
Sept.	104.5	*	*	*	120.5r	*	87.4r	*	*	161.4	*
Oct.	*	*	*	*	121.7	*	*	*	*	158.2	*
Nov.	*	*	*	*	122.9	*	*	*	*	—	*
Dec.	—	*	*	*	115.7†	*	90.9	*	—	—	*
Pers. cov. (thousands)	144/58	904	688	289	417/350	431	255	10,225†	457	733/—	115

(b) Indices of total hours worked (1929=100)⁹

Date	AMERICA		ASIA		EUROPE									
	United States	Colombia	Japan	Germany ¹⁰	Denmark	Finland	France	Hungary	Italy	Norway	Poland	Sweden		
	III ¹⁰ (A/B)	III (B)	III ¹⁰ (A/B)	III (B)	III (B)	III (A)	III (A)	I-III (A) ¹⁰	III (A/B)	III (A/B)	III (A)	III (B)		
	W.	W.	W.	W.	W.	W.	W.	W.	W.	W.	W.	W.		
1929	100.0	—	100.0	100.0	—	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0		
1930	82.9	—	83.5	85.3	—	85.3	89.7	94.2	89.7	82.9	98.6	98.6		
1931	67.4	—	66.4	61.5	100.0	74.6	89.1	79.8	83.5	79.9	69.3	85.8		
1933	59.7	—	97.1	115.8	102.4	84.5	73.6	70.5	75.5	90.3	58.3	78.4		
1935	71.3	—	88.4	123.2	105.8	66.8	84.5	81.0	104.9	72.6	96.2	96.2		
1936	82.9	—	126.6	128.9	111.9	69.5	91.2	81.0	115.1	77.9	102.2	102.2		
1937	89.6	—	144.0	110.8 ¹¹	134.6	128.1	64.9	99.6	91.7	119.4 [†]	89.8	109.8		
1938	70.3	100.0 ¹¹	159.0 [†]	118.8	133.8	129.7	65.0	105.4	95.5	117.3	97.8	107.7		
1939	82.7	91.5	173.2 ¹¹	124.1 ¹¹	145.0	120.6	68.0 [†]	113.9	97.7 [†]	124.3	97.7 [†]	111.5		
1940	89.9	78.5	—	—	126.2	102.3 [†]	47.3	121.8	—	112.9	—	105.6		
1941	117.8	—	—	—	126.8	—	56.3	—	—	117.6	—	103.5		
1942	145.1	—	—	—	136.6	—	64.3	—	—	110.3	—	107.8		
1943	173.1	—	—	—	143.4 [†]	—	62.5	—	—	105.3	—	—		
1944	171.1 [†]	—	—	—	145.1 [†]	—	62.8	—	—	99.7	—	—		
1945	142.5	—	—	—	127.9	—	61.4	—	—	96.2	—	—		
1945: Jan.	167.1 [†]	—	—	—	134.8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Feb.	167.1 [†]	—	—	—	124.1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Mar.	165.5 [†]	—	—	—	119.3	—	58.0	—	—	93.8	—	—		
April	161.3 [†]	—	—	—	116.8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
May	154.7 [†]	—	—	—	116.9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
June	153.6 [†]	—	—	—	121.4	—	63.8	—	—	89.1	—	—		
July	146.8 [†]	—	—	—	117.2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Aug.	132.8 [†]	—	—	—	123.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Sept.	116.8	—	—	—	131.6 [†]	—	—	—	—	93.8	—	—		
Oct.	116.7	—	—	—	140.6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Nov.	116.2	—	—	—	144.7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Dec.	117.2	—	—	—	145.0 [†]	—	—	—	—	107.9	—	—		
Pers. cov. (thousands)	13,817/10,238	3 [†]	2,995/1,510 [†]	3,500 [†]	90 [†]	63 [†]	1,850	802/275 [†]	3,037/1,522	176/102	688	417		

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¹ Excluding building. ² Including mines. ³ Statistics of type B, linked up with statistics of type A of the preceding period. ⁴ Since Jan. 1939, including the territory of Silesia beyond the Odra. ⁵ Jan.-June. ⁶ Covering all factories, as defined by Factory Act. ⁷ Jan.-Nov. ⁸ Average of the 12 months ending in June of the year indicated. ⁹ Except for series in italics. ¹⁰ Calculated by the I.L.O. by multiplying index of numbers employed by an index of hours worked per worker. ¹¹ May 1938=100. ¹² Jan.-Aug. ¹³ Old territory. ¹⁴ Since 1937, including the Saar Territory. ¹⁵ Jan.-July. ¹⁶ Including part of transport, but excluding a large part of building. ¹⁷ Jan.-May. Since 1939, new series based on Apr. 1939 = 100, spliced to old series; the figure given for 1940 is for Dec.; for 1941-1943, the average of four quarters; for 1944, average of Mar. and Dec.; for 1945, average of Mar. and June. ¹⁸ Jan.: 119.3; Feb.: 119.3. ¹⁹ Jan.: 140.0; Feb.: 146.0.

TABLE IV. STATISTICS OF HOURS OF WORK IN INDUSTRY

(a) Hours actually worked per worker

Date	AMERICA					ASIA	EUROPE				
	Canada ¹	United States		Argentina (Buenos Aires)	Mexico	Japan	Germany ¹²	Finland	France	G.Britain and N.Ireland	
		B.L.S. ³	N.I.C.B. ⁴								
		Ind. ⁵	Ind. ⁵								Ind. ⁵
Per week	Per week	Per week	Per week	Per week	Per day ⁷	Per week ¹²	Per fortnight	Per week ¹³	Per week		
Number of hours											
1929	*	44.2	48.3	49.09	*	(9.83) [†]	46.02	93.0	*	*	
1930	*	42.1	43.9	48.46	*	*	44.22	90.8	48.0	*	
1932	48.9	38.3	34.8	47.60	*	9.63 [†]	41.46	90.9	43.7	*	
1933	48.7	38.1	36.4	47.41	*	9.95	42.96	92.8	45.3	*	
1934	49.2	34.6	34.7	45.76	*	9.83	44.58	94.0	44.7	*	
1935	48.7	36.6	37.2	45.49	*	9.85	44.46	93.4	44.5	*	
1936	48.7	39.2	39.5	45.49	*	9.85	46.7	93.2	45.7	*	
1937	48.8	38.6	38.7	45.49	*	9.91	47.6	93.8	40.2	*	
1938	46.7	35.6	34.3	45.49	*	9.94 [†]	48.5	93.0	38.7	46.5 ¹⁵	
1939	47.2	37.7	37.6	44.50	45.16 [†]	9.46 [†]	48.7	91.5	40.8 ¹⁴	*	
1940	50.1	38.1	38.6	45.25	43.60 [†]	*	49.2	—	38.2	*	
1941	50.5	40.6	41.2	45.05	45.64 [†]	*	50.1	—	41.3 ¹³	50.0 ¹⁶	
1942	51.3	42.9	43.0	—	45.79 [†]	*	49.2	—	44.9 ¹⁴	48.9	
1943	—	44.9	45.1	—	—	*	—	—	43.1 ¹⁷	47.2	
1944	—	45.2	45.6	—	—	*	—	—	—	*	
1945	44.2	43.4	44.2	*	*	*	—	—	—	*	
1944: June	*	45.4	45.9	*	*	*	—	*	—	*	
Sept.	*	44.8	45.6	*	*	*	—	*	—	48.6 ¹⁸	
Dec.	39.6	45.6	45.8	*	—	*	—	*	39.9	*	
1945: Mar.	43.6	45.4	46.1	*	*	*	—	*	44.1	47.0 ¹⁹	
June	44.3	44.6	45.2	*	*	*	—	*	43.0	*	
Sept.	44.7	41.4	42.4	*	*	*	—	*	—	47.4 ²⁰	
Dec.	38.2	41.6	41.7	*	*	*	—	*	—	*	
Index numbers (1929 = 100)											
1929	*	100.0	100.0	100.0	*	100.0	100.0	100.0	*	*	
1930	*	95.2	90.9	98.7	*	*	96.1	97.6	100.0	*	
1932	100.0	86.7	72.0	97.0	*	98.0 [†]	90.1	97.7	91.0	*	
1933	99.6	86.2	75.4	96.6	*	101.2	93.4	99.8	94.4	*	
1934	101.0	78.3	71.8	93.2	*	100.0	96.9	101.1	93.1	*	
1935	99.6	82.8	77.0	92.7	*	100.2	96.6	100.4	92.7	*	
1936	99.5	88.7	81.8	92.7	*	100.2	*	100.2	95.2	*	
1937	99.8	87.3	80.1	92.7	*	100.8	*	100.9	93.8	*	
1938	95.5	80.5	71.0	92.7	*	101.1 [†]	*	100.0	80.6	100.0 ¹⁵	
1939	96.5	85.3	77.8	90.7	100.0 [†]	96.3 [†]	*	98.4	85.0 ¹⁴	*	
1940	102.5	86.2	79.9	92.2	96.5 [†]	*	*	—	—	*	
1941	103.3	91.9	85.3	91.8	101.5 [†]	*	*	—	79.6	*	
1942	104.9	97.1	89.0	—	101.4 [†]	*	*	—	86.0 ¹⁵	*	
1943	—	101.6	93.4	—	—	*	*	—	92.7 ¹⁴	107.5 ²⁰	
1944	—	102.3	94.8	—	—	*	*	—	—	105.1	
1945	—	98.2	91.5	—	—	*	*	—	—	101.5	
1944: June	*	102.7	95.0	*	*	*	*	*	—	*	
Sept.	*	101.6	94.4	*	*	*	*	*	—	104.5 ²⁰	
Dec.	*	103.2	94.8	*	—	*	*	*	83.1	*	
1945: Mar.	*	102.8	95.7	*	*	*	*	*	85.6	101.1 ¹⁶	
June	*	100.9	93.6	*	*	*	*	*	89.6	*	
Sept.	*	93.7	87.8	*	*	*	*	*	—	101.9 ²⁰	
Dec.	*	94.1	86.3	*	*	*	*	*	—	*	
Persons covered (thousands)	587	13,817/9,850	*	*	*	1,564	3,500†	*	—	—	

TABLE IV. STATISTICS OF HOURS OF WORK IN INDUSTRY (cont.)

(a) Hours actually worked per worker (concl.)

Date	EUROPE (concl.)							
	Hungary	Ireland	Italy	Norway	Netherlands (Amsterdam)	Poland	Sweden	Switzerland
	Ind. ¹	Ind. ¹	M.C. ²	Ind. ¹	Ind.	Ind.	Mi., ind. ¹¹⁰	Ind.
	Per day	Per week	Per week ⁴	Per week	Per week ³	Per week ³	Per week ¹¹	Per week
Number of hours								
1929	8.97	*	(46.7-48.3)	*	*	44.8	(47.7) ¹²	(47.8-48.2) ¹³
1930	8.82	*	(44.5-47.7)	*	*	43.9	*	*
1931	8.64	*	(43.9-47.5)	*	*	43.3	*	*
1932	8.53	*	(43.0-47.2)	*	*	41.4	*	*
1933	8.59	*	(44.4-47.5)	*	*	41.5	46.0	(45.3-46.5) ¹¹
1934	8.78	*	(42.7-47.1)	*	*	42.2	47.0	(45.7-46.9) ¹¹
1935	8.83	*	(39.6-42.9) ⁶	*	46.9	42.6	47.4	*
1936	8.64	*	(39.4-42.7)	45.5	46.7	42.7	47.6	*
1937	8.59	*	(41.0-43.5)	44.9	47.1	43.3	47.2	(46.4-47.0) ¹¹
1938	8.42	*	(39.8-42.8)	44.1	46.8	43.7	46.3	(45.8-46.9)
1939	8.24	44.6 ²	(40.3-43.1) ⁷	45.2	48.3	43.7 ⁷	45.6	(46.8-47.7)
1940	8.33	44.4 ²	*	*	45.5	46.6	47.3	*
1941	—	43.5 ²	*	*	45.9	47.0	47.0	47.0
1942	—	43.1 ²	*	*	48.5	47.2	46.8	46.8
1943	—	43.5 ²	*	*	49.8	47.3	46.8	46.8
1944	—	—	*	*	—	47.2	—	—
1945	—	—	*	*	—	47.4	—	—
1944: June	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	—
1944: Sept.	*	*	*	*	*	*	47.2	—
1944: Dec.	*	—	*	*	*	*	—	—
1945: Mar.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	—
1945: June	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	—
1945: Sept.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	—
1945: Dec.	*	*	*	*	*	*	47.4	—
Index numbers (1929 = 100)								
1929	100.0	*	100.0	*	*	100.0	100.0	100.0
1930	98.3	*	97.1	*	*	98.0	*	*
1931	96.3	*	96.2	*	*	96.7	*	*
1932	95.1	*	94.9	*	*	92.4	*	*
1933	95.8	*	96.8	*	*	92.6	96.4	95.6 ¹⁴
1934	97.9	*	94.5	*	*	94.2	98.5	96.5 ¹⁴
1935	98.4	*	86.9 ⁸	*	100.0	95.1	99.4	*
1936	96.3	*	86.5	100.0	99.6	95.3	99.8	*
1937	95.8	*	89.1	98.7	100.4	96.7	99.0	97.3 ¹⁴
1938	93.9	*	86.9	96.9	99.8	97.5	97.1	96.7
1939	91.9	100.0	87.8 ⁷	99.3	103.0	97.5 ⁷	95.6	98.5
1940	92.9	99.6 ²	*	*	97.0	*	97.7	98.5
1941	—	97.5 ²	*	*	97.9	*	98.5	97.9
1942	—	96.6 ²	*	*	103.4	*	99.0	97.5
1943	—	97.5 ²	*	*	106.2	*	99.2	97.5
1944	—	—	*	*	—	*	99.0	—
1945	—	—	*	*	—	*	99.4	—
1944: June	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	—
1944: Sept.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	—
1944: Dec.	*	—	*	*	*	*	99.0	—
1945: Mar.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	—
1945: June	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	—
1945: Sept.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	—
1945: Dec.	*	*	*	*	—	*	99.4	—
Persons covered (thousands)	275†	122	1,156	102†	86	629	431	255

¹ Excluding building. ² Oct. ³ Ministry of Corporations. ⁴ Monthly figures, last week of the month. ⁵ I.L.O. estimates from percentages of table IV (b). ⁶ 1935, average for May-Dec. ⁷ Jan.-June. ⁸ Annual figures, 1935-1938: Amsterdam only, averages for the second half-year; 1939-1943: the Netherlands, averages for Sept., Oct., and Nov. ⁹ Monthly figures, averages of weeks without holidays. ¹⁰ Including mines. ¹¹ Annual figures: up to 1937, Nov. figures; 1938, July and Dec. 1939, average for May and June; 1940 to 1945, Nov. figure. ¹² I.L.O. estimates based on statistics of earnings. ¹³ I.L.O. estimates based on census of establishments (Aug. 1929 and Sept. 1937). ¹⁴ Averages for the second and third quarters.

TABLE IV. STATISTICS OF HOURS OF WORK IN INDUSTRY (concl.)

(b) Percentage distribution of workers according to hours worked

Date	AMERICA					EUROPE								
	Canada ^{1 2}					United States			Finland ³			France ⁴		
	Per week					Per week ⁴			Per fortnight			Per week		
	Up to 40 h.	41- 47 h.	48 h.	49- 54 h.	55 h. and more	Up to 39 h.	40- 49 h.	50 h. and more	Under 80 h.	80.0- 95.9 h.	96 h. and more	Under 40 h.	40 h.	Over 40 h.
1929	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	7.5	58.9	33.6	*	*	*
1930	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	3.3	62.0	34.7	0.4	0.8	98.8
1931	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	25.2	45.4	29.4	8.0	7.7	84.3
1932	15.7	21.3	16.4	22.5	24.1	*	*	*	8.8	66.7	24.5	20.2	11.2	68.6
1933	16.8	21.5	15.3	22.5	23.9	*	*	*	3.7	64.8	31.5	9.2	8.3	82.5
1934	13.3	22.3	18.0	21.3	25.1	*	*	*	0.8	68.1	31.1	13.1	9.5	77.4
1935	12.8	23.7	23.0	18.9	21.6	*	*	*	0.6	68.8	30.6	13.7	9.4	76.9
1936	12.5	23.7	22.9	19.2	21.7	*	*	*	0.3	68.2	31.5	7.1	6.9	86.0
1937	11.8	25.3	22.1	19.6	21.2	*	*	*	0.0	65.7	34.3	6.7	84.9	8.4
1938	21.0 ⁸	25.6 ⁸	20.7	17.4	15.4	*	*	*	0.3	73.3	26.4	21.5	76.6	1.9
1939	18.0 ⁸	24.7 ⁸	22.2	19.1	16.0	*	*	*	2.9	74.1	23.0	11.1 ⁹	63.2 ⁹	25.7 ⁹
1940	13.2 ⁸	17.1 ⁸	19.3	20.7	29.7	20.0	60.6	19.4	—	—	—	*	*	*
1941	11.6 ⁸	15.8 ⁸	19.5	21.8	31.3	18.1	63.4	18.5	—	—	—	32.5	42.5	25.0
1942	12.8 ⁸	14.8 ⁸	21.4	22.1	28.9	14.3	61.6	24.1	—	—	—	19.6 ⁹	40.9 ⁹	39.4 ⁹
1943	—	—	—	—	—	12.6	62.3	25.1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Persons covered (thous' ds)	587					44,190			*			—		

Date	EUROPE (concl.)											
	Italy ^{2 8}				Sweden ^{2 11}				Switzerland			
	Per week ³				Per week ¹²				Per week			
	Under 40 h.	40.0-44.9 h.	45.0-48.0 h.	Over 48 h.	Up to 46 h.	41-47 h.	48 h.	Over 48 h.	Under 36 h.	36.0-47.9 h.	48 h.	Over 48 h.
1929	a	b	c	d	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
1930	8.9	75.5	15.6	12.5	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
1931	20.8	66.7	11.2	8.0	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
1932	24.2	64.6	11.2	8.0	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
1933	28.4	63.6	8.0	8.5	32.7	51.3	7.5	7.2 ¹¹	20.8 ¹¹	59.5 ¹¹	12.5 ¹¹	12.5 ¹¹
1934	20.8	70.7	8.5	8.0	29.1	42.5	20.4	4.2 ¹¹	21.2 ¹¹	65.3 ¹¹	9.3 ¹¹	9.3 ¹¹
1935	30.5	61.9	7.6	6.1	35.4	37.1	21.4	*	*	*	*	*
1936	28.3 ¹⁰	39.6 ¹⁰	21.7 ¹⁰	10.4 ¹⁰	4.6	35.8	39.6	20.0	*	*	*	*
1937	27.5	44.0	18.7	9.8	4.6	41.9	36.5	17.0	*	*	*	*
1938	16.5	47.4	26.7	9.4	8.5	46.1	36.6	8.8	2.8	22.1	69.9	5.2
1939	21.7	32.2	18.8	7.3	16.3	58.0	12.3	13.4	1.7	14.2	71.8	12.3
1940	19.1 ¹¹	51.9 ¹¹	20.4 ¹¹	8.6 ¹¹	10.2	40.2	29.5	20.1	1.2	14.7	66.6	17.5
1941	*	*	*	*	7.1	42.3	31.6	19.0	0.8	18.3	69.7	11.2
1942	*	*	*	*	4.4	45.4	29.8	20.4	0.8	20.2	70.6	8.4
1943	*	*	*	*	3.1	47.8	31.9	17.2	0.7	20.3	70.9	8.1
1944	*	*	*	*	2.7	51.5	27.3	18.5	—	—	—	—
Persons covered (thousands)	1,156				443				255			

¹ Excluding overtime; figures for the month of highest employment. ² Excluding building. ³ Up to 43 h. ⁴ 44-47 h. ⁵ Bureau of the Census; non-agricultural employment, including self-employed; Oct. of each year. ⁶ Jan.-July. ⁷ Mar., June, Sept. ⁸ Ministry of Corporations. ⁹ Before May 1935: a = under 48 hours; b = 48 hours. ¹⁰ May-Dec. ¹¹ Jan.-June. ¹² Including mines. ¹³ Up to 1937, Nov.; 1938, July; 1939, June; 1940 to 1943, Nov.

Cost of Living and Food Prices

In accordance with the plan which has been adopted for the publication at quarterly intervals in the *Review* of statistics on labour conditions in different countries, the index numbers of the *cost of living* and *retail prices* are given in this issue.

The table shows:

(1) Index numbers of the cost of living, covering generally various groups of expenditure such as food, fuel and light, clothing, rent, and "miscellaneous", specified in the headings by the letters *a* to *e*.

(2) Index numbers of retail food prices (that is, indices for the first group mentioned above).

For further information on the scope and method of these statistics, see the January-February 1946 issue of the *Review*: "Statistics, Explanatory Notes", pp. 117-127.

For other topics in labour statistics, see the January-February number for statistics of wage rates and earnings, to appear next in the May issue; and the present number for statistics of unemployment, employment and hours of work, to appear next in the June issue.

EXPLANATION OF SIGNS USED IN THE TABLE

The sign * signifies: "figures do not exist".

The sign — signifies: "figures not yet received".

The sign † signifies: "provisional figures".

The sign † signifies: "figure revised since the previous issue".

The sign — between two figures of a series indicates a change in method or scope such that figures above and below the line are no longer strictly comparable.

Figures in *thick-faced* type: indices (100) of the base year.

Figures in *italics*: index numbers with a year later than 1929 as base.

INDEX NUMBERS OF COST OF LIVING AND FOOD PRICES (Base: 1929 = 100)

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Country	AFRICA			AMERICA						
	Egypt	Southern Rhodesia	Union of South Africa	Canada	United States		New-foundland	Argentina	Bolivia	Brazil
					B.L.S. ^a	N.I.C.B. ^b				
Town or no. of localities	Cairo	6	9	69	32-51	51-174	St. John's	Buenos Aires	La Paz	Rio de Janeiro
Original base (=100)	Jan. 1913- July 1914	Aug. 1939	1938	1935-1939	1935-1939	1923	Oct. 1938	Oct. 1933	Dec. 1936	1928-1929
Cost of living										
Composition of the index	a-e	a, b, d ²	a-e	a-e	a-e	a-e	a-e	a-e	a-e	a-e
1929	100	100	100	100	100	100	*	100	*	100
1930	98	100	98	99	97	97	*	101	*	91
1931	91	96	94	90	89	87	*	87	*	88
1932	87	92	90	81	80	78	*	78	*	88
1933	83	87	87	78	75	75	*	83	*	87
1934	84	86	89	79	78	79	*	78	*	94
1935	86	85	88	79	80	82	*	83	*	99
1936	86	85	88	81	81	84	*	91	100 ⁹	114
1937	85	88	91	83	84	88	*	93	170	123
1938	87	90	94	84	82	86	100 ⁴	92	223	128
1939	87	90	94	83	81	84	104 ⁶	93	276	131
1940	95	92	97	87	82	85	—	96	370	136
1941	117	95	102	92	86	89	125 ⁷	98	472	152
1942	156	101	110	96	95	98	140	104	613	170
1943	205†	107	117	97	101	103	149	104	750	188
1944	232	111	121	98	102	104	161	102	800	208
1945	—	114	124	98	105	106	—	123	—	—
1945: Feb.	246	113	123	98	104	105	161	115	821	240
Mar.	247	113	124	98	104	105	161	123	824	239
Apr.	244	113	124	98	104	106	161	123	814	243
May	242	114	124	98	105	106	161	124	814	240
June	242	114	125	99	105	107	—	124	816	240
July	244	113	125	99	105	107	166	125	848	243
Aug.	246	113	124	99	105	106	158	124	863	243
Sept.	—	113	124	98	105	106	158	125	854	241
Oct.	—	114	124	99	105	106	—	125	873	—
Nov.	—	115	124	99	105	107	—	125	—	—
Dec.	—	116	124	99	106	107	160	128	—	—
1946: Jan.	—	117	125	99	106	—	162	—	—	—
Feb.	—	117 ¹⁰	—	99 ¹²	106 ¹⁴	—	—	—	—	—
Food										
1929	100	100	100	100	100	100	*	100	*	100
1930	94	95	96	98	95	95	*	102	*	88
1931	85	89	91	77	78	78	*	89	*	84
1932	79	87	83	64	65	65	*	73	*	90
1933	72	84	86	63	63	63	*	81	*	88
1934	80	83	90	69	71	71	*	73	*	98
1935	84	82	88	70	76	76	*	81	*	102
1936	80	81	88	73	76	76	*	94	100 ⁹	115
1937	79	83	89	77	79	79	*	96	177	128
1938	82	85	93	77	74	74	100 ⁴	91	219	128
1939	80	84	93	75	72	72	109 ⁶	92	252	130
1940	84	85	96	78	73	73	—	93	311	137
1941	104	88	103	86	80	80	138 ⁷	96	440	148
1942	135	95	113	95	94	94	162 ⁸	105	559	167
1943	181	99	123	97	104	104	174	106	636	194
1944	208	102	128	97	103	103	180	108	717	224
1945	—	104	131	99	105	105	—	129	—	—
1945: Feb.	221	105	130	97	103	103	182	113	728	263
Mar.	223	105	131	97	103	103	—	129	732	261
Apr.	—	106	132	98	103	103	—	129	709	270
May	—	106	133	99	105	105	—	130	707	263
June	—	105	133	101	106	106	—	131	722	261
July	—	102	134	101	106	106	—	134	767	270
Aug.	—	101	130	100	106	106	—	132	805	268
Sept.	—	102	131	99	105	105	—	133	755	262
Oct.	—	103	130	99	105	105	—	133	774	—
Nov.	—	105	130	100	106	106	—	133	—	—
Dec.	—	108	130	99	107	107	—	136	—	—
1946: Jan.	—	109	131	98	106	—	—	—	—	—
Feb.	—	108 ¹¹	—	99 ¹²	105 ¹³	—	—	—	—	—

Composition of the indices: a = Food; b = Fuel and light; c = Clothing; d = Rent; e = Miscellaneous.

¹ Including heating and soap. ² Since July 1941, a-e. ³ Up to June 1941, including heating and lighting. ⁴ Bureau of Labor Statistics. ⁵ National Industrial Conference Board. ⁶ Oct. ⁷ May and July-Dec. ⁸ Jan.-Nov. ⁹ Dec. ¹⁰ Mar.: 117. ¹¹ Mar.: 109. ¹² Mar.: 99. ¹³ Mar.: 100. ¹⁴ Mar.: 106. ¹⁵ Mar.: 106.

296 INDEX NUMBERS OF COST OF LIVING AND FOOD PRICES (cont.)
(Base: 1929=100)

Country	AMERICA (concl.)											
	Chile	Colom- bia	Costa Rica	Cuba	Ecuador	Mexico	Panama	Para- guay	Peru	Uru- guay	Vene- zuela	
Town or no. of localities	Sant- iago	Bogotá	San José	30	Guaya- quil	Mexico	Panama	Asun- ción	Lima	Monte- video	Carac- as	
Original base (= 100)	Mar. 1928	Feb. 1937	1936	July-Dec. 1937	1927	1934	Aug. 1942	1938	1913	1929	1933	
Cost of living												
Composition of the index	a-e	a-e	a-e	*	*	a-c	*	a-c, e	a-e	a-e	*	
1929	100	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	100	100	*	
1930	99	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	96	100	*	
1931	98	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	90	100	*	
1932	104	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	86	99	*	
1933	130	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	83	93	*	
1934	130	*	*	*	*	100	*	*	85	93	*	
1935	132	*	*	*	*	108	*	*	86	96	*	
1936	144	*	100	*	*	114	*	*	90	96	*	
1937	162	100	106	*	*	139	*	*	96	98	*	
1938	169	113	107	*	*	153	*	100	97	98	*	
1939	171	118	108	*	*	155	*	110 ⁸	96	103	*	
1940	193	115	105	*	*	157	*	117 ⁸	104	108	*	
1941	222	113	108	*	*	164	*	129 ⁸	112	107	*	
1942	279	123	131	*	*	188	*	147	126	110	*	
1943	324	142	168	*	*	247	*	190	138 ⁸	116	*	
1944	362	172	177	*	*	310	*	207	158	119	*	
1945	394	191	188	*	*	333	*	—	176	137	*	
1945: Feb.	379	192	188	*	*	315	*	203	170	131	*	
Mar.	381	200	189	*	*	316	*	206	171	132	*	
Apr.	386	198	193	*	*	320	*	204	172	132	*	
May	387	203	187	*	*	323	*	213	175	133	*	
June	391	193	188	*	*	326	*	213	176	135	*	
July	391	188	189	*	*	336	*	220	177	139	*	
Aug.	395	187	189	*	*	340	*	222	177	146	*	
Sept.	412	187	189	*	*	344	*	223	179	140	*	
Oct.	423	183	188	*	*	348	*	—	181	141	*	
Nov.	403	183	186	*	*	357	*	—	181	142	*	
Dec.	408	187	185	*	*	361	*	—	183	141	*	
1946: Jan.	411	196	185	*	*	377	*	—	184	144	*	
Feb.	409	201	185	*	*	378 ⁷	*	—	184 ⁹	145	*	
Food												
1929	100	*	*	*	1	*	*	*	100	100	*	
1930	96	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	99	98	*	
1931	87	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	93	96	*	
1932	97	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	90	97	*	
1933	124	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	87	91	100	
1934	125	*	*	*	*	100	*	*	93	91	91	
1935	130	*	*	*	*	107	*	*	93	96	89	
1936	144	*	100	*	*	114	*	*	99	95	92	
1937	172	100	107	100	100	137	*	*	109	96	94	
1938	180	112	105	100	100	158	*	100	106	92	96	
1939	177	120	103	94	100	156	*	106 ⁸	110	97	101	
1940	206	114	97	92	106	154	*	108 ⁸	109	102	97	
1941	236	110	101	100	113	158	*	125 ⁸	124	102	95	
1942	308	122	127	132	142	179	100 ⁸	137	138	106	105	
1943	364	143	158	151	179	230	105	157	155 ⁸	113	115	
1944	391	182	170	172	210	297	109	172	178	116	133	
1945	416	205	193	194	—	320	—	—	198	140	133	
1945: Feb.	395	208	194	175	232	299	—	—	194	133	132	
Mar.	391	219	195	180	241	300	—	—	196	137	130	
Apr.	403	217	202	185	241	305	—	—	196	137	133	
May	402	223	191	195	247	308	—	180	196	139	137	
June	408	208	192	200	254	312	—	191	196	142	139	
July	408	201	194	207	263	321	—	195	198	149	135	
Aug.	414	199	192	208	—	329	—	193	199	150	135	
Sept.	449	198	193	207	—	334	—	195	199	—	135	
Oct.	474	193	192	207	—	338	—	—	204	140	129	
Nov.	423	192	190	200	—	341	—	—	205	143	130	
Dec.	434	197	188	194	—	354	—	—	207	140	129	
1946: Jan.	440	208	187	197	—	375	—	—	208	146	—	
Feb.	434	214	188	193	—	375 ⁸	—	—	208 ¹⁰	—	—	

Composition of the indices: a = Food; b = Fuel and light; c = Clothing; d = Rent; e = Miscellaneous.
¹ Includes coal. ² Aug. ³ Dec. ⁴ Up to Sept. 1933, excluding heating. ⁵ From 1943, new series with base 1934-36 = 100, spliced by I.L.O. to old series. ⁶ Including soap and coal. ⁷ Mar.: 385. ⁸ Mar.: 381. ⁹ Mar.: 185. ¹⁰ Mar.: 208.

INDEX NUMBERS OF COST OF LIVING AND FOOD PRICES (cont.)
(Base: 1929=100)

Country	ASIA										
	China	India		Nether-lands Indies	Indo-China	Iran	Japan		Palestine		
	Town or no. of localities	Chung-king	Bombay	Ahmed-abad	Bata-via	Saigon	N.B. ²	I.C. ³	B.J. ⁴	O.S. ⁵	J.A. ¹²
Original base (=100)	Jan.-June 1937	July 1933-June 1934	Aug. 1926-July 1927	Jan. 1929	1925	21 Mar. 1936-20 Mar. 1937	7	24	Tokyo	3	3
Cost of living											
Composition of the index	a-e	a-e	a-e	a-e	a, d, e	a-e	a-e	a-c, e	a, b, e	a-e	
1929	*	*	100	100	100	*	*	100	100	*	
1930	*	*	90	*	107	*	*	86	89	*	
1931	*	*	77	*	93	*	*	75	80	*	
1932	*	*	78	62 ¹	81	*	*	75	82	*	
1933	*	*	74	*	75	*	*	80	79	*	
1934	*	100	73	*	69	*	*	82	80	*	
1935	*	100	73	52 ¹	69	*	*	84	79	*	
1936	*	101	73	49 ¹	70	100	*	88	84	*	
1937	100	106	78	52	83	115	100	96	88	*	
1938	116	106	73	53	95	131	110	110	86	*	
1939	192	106	75	53	97	140	121	123	87	100	
1940	550	112	81	55	*	155	144	143	100	118	
1941	1,840	122	90	61	*	212	147	145	119	141	
1942	4,135	157	117	—	*	377	154	149	162	194	
1943	11,498	230	212	—	—	908	—	158	196	232	
1944	39,093	238	218	—	—	1,057	—	—	204	—	
1945	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	216	—	
1945: Jan.	55,825	229	217	*	*	972	—	—	214	245	
Feb.	80,805	229	201	*	—	—	—	—	213	245	
Mar.	117,870	225	193	*	*	—	—	—	217	245	
Apr.	128,000	226	193	*	*	—	—	—	217	258	
May	142,660	230	197	*	—	—	—	—	217	258	
June	151,996	235	198	*	*	—	—	—	214	245	
July	159,862	240	201	*	*	—	—	—	216	250	
Aug.	185,085	243	207	*	—	—	—	—	217	255	
Sept.	177,356	240	211	*	*	—	—	—	218	238	
Oct.	173,499	242	224	*	*	—	—	—	219	261	
Nov.	—	242	—	*	—	—	—	—	217	261	
Dec.	—	—	—	*	*	—	—	—	218	—	
1946: Jan.	—	—	—	*	*	—	—	—	220 ¹³	—	
Food											
Composition of the index	a-e	a-e	a-e	a-e	a, d, e	a-e	a-e	a-c, e	a, b, e	a-e	
1929	*	*	100	100	100	*	*	100	100	*	
1930	*	*	83	*	105	*	*	85	89	*	
1931	*	*	67	*	82	*	*	74	80	*	
1932	*	*	69	46 ¹	68	*	*	78	82	*	
1933	*	*	65	*	62	*	*	79	79	*	
1934	*	100	63	*	54	*	*	81	80	*	
1935	*	103	64	41 ¹	57	*	*	84	79	*	
1936	*	107	63	38 ¹	60	100	*	91	84	*	
1937	100	114	70	42	78	115	100	95	88	*	
1938	103	113	64	44	97	128	110	103	80 ⁸ 87 ⁹	*	
1939	139	114	67	44	97	131	123	117	82	87	100
1940	479	125	75	46	*	143	153	138	99	100	122
1941	2,067	140	81	51	*	215	153	134	139	128	154
1942	4,084	180	115	—	*	397	157	136	217 ¹⁰ 192 ¹¹	238	238
1943	11,400	252	231	—	*	1,002	—	140	266	231	287
1944	41,696	263	—	—	*	1,066	—	—	286	244	—
1945	—	—	—	—	*	—	—	—	300	259	—
1945: Jan.	52,577	254	211	*	*	980	—	—	308	255	300
Feb.	78,211	254	196	*	—	—	—	—	304	254	299
Mar.	116,006	253	183	*	*	—	—	—	303	266	299
Apr.	126,101	255	173	*	*	—	—	—	297	264	318
May	137,077	263	193	*	—	—	—	—	299	264	320
June	146,233	271	196	*	*	—	—	—	295	253	295
July	146,239	281	201	*	*	—	—	—	296	260	309
Aug.	171,579	287	213	*	—	—	—	—	303	258	315
Sept.	164,134	—	—	*	*	—	—	—	303	256	320
Oct.	155,778	—	—	*	*	—	—	—	308	258	326
Nov.	—	—	—	*	—	—	—	—	297	258	325
Dec.	—	—	—	*	*	—	—	—	292	265	—
1946: Jan.	—	—	—	*	*	—	—	—	298	268	—

Country	EUROPE								
	Germany ¹	Belgium	Bulgaria	Denmark	Spain	Finland	France	Gr. Britain & N. Ireland	Greece
Town or no. of localities	72	59	12-67 ²	Whole	50	36 ³	45 dep.	24-509	44 ⁴
Original base (= 100)	1913-1914	1921	1914	1935	June 1936	1935	1930	July 1914	Dec. 1914
Cost of living									
Composition of the index	a-e	a-e	a-e	a-e	a-e	a-e	a-e	a-e	a-e
1929	100	100	100	100	*	100	*	100	100
1930	96	104	92	95	*	92	100	96	87
1931	88	93	80	90	*	85	97	90	100
1932	78	84	74	89	*	84	91	88	106
1933	77	83	68	92	*	82	87	85	114
1934	79	79	64	95	*	80	83	86	116
1935	80	80	60	99	*	81	78	87	117
1936	81	85	57	100	100	81	86	90	121
1937	81	92	58	104	*	86	102	94	131
1938	82	94	60	105	*	87	117	95	130
1939	82	93	62 ⁵	108	154 ⁴	90	—	96	130
1940	84	—	69	134	178	107	—	113	142 ⁶
1941	86	—	83	154	232	126	—	121	—
1942	89	—	110	159	247	149	—	122	—
1943	90	—	139	162	246	169	—	121	—
1944	92	—	203	164	257	178	—	122	—
1945	—	—	316	166	—	249	—	124	—
1945: Jan.	—	—	284 ^r	*	264	181	*	123	—
Feb.	—	—	311	*	266	181	—	123	—
Mar.	—	—	317 ^r	165	266	181	*	123	—
Apr.	—	—	321	*	268	183	*	124	—
May	—	—	317	*	269	186	—	124	—
June	—	—	354 ^r	166	269	215	*	126	—
July	—	—	310	*	272	249	*	125	—
Aug.	—	—	302 ^r	*	273	269	—	124	—
Sept.	—	—	304	166	278	288	*	124	—
Oct.	—	—	313	*	289	343	*	124	—
Nov.	—	—	324	*	—	353	—	124	—
Dec.	—	—	333	165	—	358	*	124	—
1946: Jan.	—	—	—	* 10	—	375 ¹²	*	124 ⁸	—
Food									
1929	100	100	100	100	*	100	*	100	100
1930	94	96	82	92	*	86	100	94	87
1931	84	81	64	82	*	77	97	85	100
1932	74	69	59	79	*	80	89	79	108
1933	73	69	56	81	*	80	84	78	118
1934	76	65	56	87	*	78	79	79	120
1935	77	67	55	93	*	81	72	81	122
1936	79	73	56	94	100	80	82	84	129
1937	79	80	59	97	*	87	99	90	141
1938	78	82	63	100	*	88	113	91	138
1939	79	80	65 ⁵	102	178 ⁴	91	—	92	137
1940	83	—	73	125	215	112	—	107	154 ⁶
1941	83	—	92	152	300	131	—	109	—
1942	85	—	129	157	318	153	—	105	—
1943	86	—	173	155	310	172	—	108	—
1944	89	—	262	156	323	173	—	109	—
1945	—	—	414	157	—	—	—	110	—
1945: Jan.	89	—	379	*	332	174	*	109	—
Feb.	—	—	420 ^r	*	334	174	—	109	—
Mar.	—	—	426 ^r	157	333	175	*	109	—
Apr.	—	—	419 ^r	*	336	175	*	109	—
May	—	—	412	*	337	175	—	110	—
June	—	—	487 ^r	158	338	175	*	114	—
July	—	—	401 ^r	*	341	232	*	112	—
Aug.	—	—	387 ^r	*	344	—	—	110	—
Sept.	—	—	389	157	352	313	*	110	—
Oct.	—	—	397	*	361	408	*	110	—
Nov.	—	—	421	*	—	419	—	110	—
Dec.	—	—	434	157	—	420	*	110	—
1946: Jan.	—	—	—	* 11	—	410 ¹³	*	110 ⁹	—

Composition of the indices: a = Food; b = Fuel and light; c = Clothing; d = Rent; e = Miscellaneous.
¹ Territory before 1938. ² 1929-1930: 65 towns. Monthly indices: 12 towns. ³ New index with base 1939=100, spliced by I.L.O. to old series. ⁴ July-Dec. ⁵ Until 1936: 21 towns. ⁶ Until end of 1930: 106 towns, excluding clothing and rent. ⁷ Jan.-Nov. ⁸ Feb.: 124; Mar. 124. ⁹ Feb.: 110; Mar.: 110. ¹⁰ Mar.: 168. ¹¹ Mar.: 169. ¹² Feb.: 375. ¹³ Feb.: 405.

Country	EUROPE (cont.)							
	Hungary	Ireland	Iceland	Italy	Luxembourg	Norway	Netherlands	Poland
Town or no. of localities	Budapest	120	Reykjavik	50	9	31	Amsterdam	Warsaw
Original base (= 100)	1913	July 1914	Jan.-Mar. 1939	June 1928	1914	July 1938	Oct. 1923-Sept. 1924	1928
Cost of living								
Composition of the index	a-d	a-e	a-e	a-e	a-c	a-e	a-e	a-e
1929	100	100	*	100	100	100	100	100
1930	91	97	*	97	102	97	96	92
1931	86	91	*	87	91	92	90	82
1932	83	89	*	83	79	90	84	74
1933	77	86	*	80	79	89	83	67
1934	76	87	*	76	76	89	83	62
1935	78	89	*	77	74	91	81	60
1936	82	91	*	83	75	93	79	58
1937	88	97	*	91	79	100	82	62
1938	88	98	*	98	81	103	83	60
1939	87	101	100	102	81	105	83	61 ¹
1940	94	117	131	119	*	122	92	*
1941	111	128	163	138	*	143	104	*
1942	129	142	212	162 ¹	*	152	111	*
1943	152	160	256	*	*	155	116	*
1944	—	168	269	*	*	157	—	*
1945	—	167	278	*	—	160	—	*
1945: Feb.	—	168	274	*	160	158	—	*
Mar.	—	*	274	*	163	159	—	*
Apr.	—	*	274	*	165	160	—	*
May	—	166	275	*	176	160	—	*
June	—	*	275	*	—	161	—	*
July	—	*	275	*	—	161	—	*
Aug.	—	166	278	*	—	161	—	*
Sept.	—	*	285	*	—	162	—	*
Oct.	—	*	284	*	—	160	—	*
Nov.	—	169	285	*	—	161	—	*
Dec.	—	*	285	*	—	161	—	*
1946: Jan.	—	*	285	*	—	162	—	*
Feb.	—	167	285	*	—	162 ²	—	*
Food								
1929	100	100	*	100	100	100	100	100
1930	85	95	*	94	100	96	93	86
1931	78	87	*	82	85	88	84	76
1932	74	83	*	78	69	85	73	67
1933	65	78	*	73	70	83	74	60
1934	62	80	*	70	66	84	76	54
1935	66	83	*	72	65	87	73	51
1936	70	87	*	77	66	91	74	50
1937	76	92	*	85	71	100	78	56
1938	77	94	*	92	74	104	80	54
1939	75	96	100	96	74	106	80	*
1940	85	108	141	113	*	127	92	*
1941	106	112	194	136	*	152	109	*
1942	123	132	274	172 ¹	*	158	118	*
1943	155	146	328	*	*	160	122	*
1944	—	155	335	*	*	161	—	*
1945	—	156	342	*	—	163	—	*
1945: Feb.	—	156	340	*	142	162	—	*
Mar.	—	*	337	*	143	162	—	*
Apr.	—	*	337	*	—	162	—	*
May	—	153	337	*	—	163	—	*
June	—	*	337	*	—	163	—	*
July	—	*	334	*	—	163	—	*
Aug.	—	154	340	*	—	164	—	*
Sept.	—	*	354	*	—	165	—	*
Oct.	—	*	351	*	—	161	—	*
Nov.	—	160	351	*	—	161	—	*
Dec.	—	*	351	*	—	163	—	*
1946: Jan.	—	*	350	*	—	163	—	*
Feb.	—	157	349	*	—	162 ²	—	*

Composition of the indices: a = Food; b = Fuel and light; c = Clothing; d = Rent; e = Miscellaneous.
¹ June. ² Jan.-July. ³ Mar.: 163. ⁴ Mar.: 163.

Country	EUROPE (concl.)								OCEANIA	
	Portugal	Rumania	Sweden	Switzer-land	Czecho-slovakia	Turkey	Yugoslavia		Aus-tralia	New Zealand
		C.S.I. ²	Soc. ⁴				N.B. ⁷	C.L. ⁸		
Town or no. of localities	Whole country	Bucha-rest ¹	49	34	Prague	Istanbul	Bel-grade	3 (Croat. & Slov.) ⁹	30	4-25
Original base (= 100)	June 1914	1933	VII 1914	June 1914	July 1914	Jan.-June 1914	1926	July 1914	1923-1927	1926-1930
Cost of living										
Composition of the index	a, b, c	a-e	a-e	a-d	a-e	a-e	a-c, e	a-e	a-e	a-e
1929	100	*	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1930	95	*	97	98	98	92	92	92	95	98
1931	84	*	94	93	93	87	87	85	85	90
1932	83	*	92	86	92	85	81	77	81	84
1933	83	100	91	81	91	76	79	66	78	79
1934	83	95	92	80	90	75	75	61	80	81
1935	84	102	93	80	92	69	74	60	81	83
1936	86	108	93	81	93	70	74	61	83	86
1937	89	116	97	85	94	71	78	65	85	92
1938	86	128	99	85	99	70	87	69	87	95
1939	81	138	101	86	106 ⁴	71	90	71	89	98
1940	85	198	116	94	—	78	117	93	93	103
1941	96	203 ²	131	108	—	93	—	126	98	107
1942	117	—	141	120	169	149	—	—	106	110
1943	132	—	142 ²	126	167	203	—	—	110	113 ²
1944	136	—	143	129	168	213	—	—	109	113 ²
1945	147	—	143	130	—	215	—	—	109	113 ²
1945: Feb.	145	—	*	128	169	214	—	—	109 ¹⁰	*
Mar.	145	—	143	130	170	214	—	—	*	113 ²
Apr.	146	—	*	130	171	216	—	—	*	*
May	147	—	*	130	172	218	—	—	109 ¹⁰	*
June	147	—	143	131	—	217	—	—	*	113 ²
July	147	—	*	131	173	214	—	—	*	*
Aug.	147	—	*	130	172	212	—	—	109 ¹⁰	*
Sept.	148	—	143	130	171	213	—	—	*	113 ²
Oct.	149	—	*	129	181	216	—	—	*	*
Nov.	150	—	*	128	183	217	—	—	109 ¹⁰	*
Dec.	152	—	142	128	—	216	—	—	*	113 ²
1946: Jan.	157	—	*	128	—	—	—	—	*	*
Feb.	—	—	*13	128 ¹¹	—	—	—	—	—	*
Food										
	i								ii	
1929	100	*	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1930	95	*	93	97	94	83	90	91	90	96
1931	84	*	86	90	86	72	85	84	79	83
1932	83	*	84	80	82	66	77	76	77	77
1933	83	100	81	75	79	55	73	64	72	72
1934	83	95	83	74	76	59	69	60	75	76
1935	84	107	87	73	79	57	69	60	77	82
1936	86	118	89	77	81	60	70	62	79	86
1937	89	123	93	83	81	61	74	67	82	94
1938	86	135	96	83	83	59	83	74	85	98
1939	81	143	100	85	89 ⁴	62	85	75	89	104
1940	85	207	113	94	—	73	105	103	90	108
1941	96	311 ²	130	112	—	95	—	148	91	109
1942	117	—	140	128	125	182	—	—	99	111
1943	132	—	138	135	124	268	—	—	99	*
1944	136	—	137	138	125	258	—	—	98	*
1945	147	—	135	138	—	256	—	—	—	*
1945: Feb.	145	—	136	138	125	258	—	—	98	*
Mar.	145	—	136	138	126	257	—	—	99	*
Apr.	146	—	135	138	127	260	—	—	99	*
May	147	—	—	139	127	264	—	—	99	*
June	147	—	135	139	—	261	—	—	100	*
July	147	—	135	139	134	255	—	—	100	*
Aug.	147	—	135	139	126	249	—	—	100	*
Sept.	148	—	136	138	124	248	—	—	99	*
Oct.	149	—	136	136	124	256	—	—	—	*
Nov.	150	—	135	135	125	257	—	—	—	*
Dec.	152	—	135	134	—	255	—	—	—	*
1946: Jan.	157	—	135	134	—	—	—	—	—	*
Feb.	—	—	135 ¹⁴	133 ¹⁴	—	—	—	—	—	*

Composition of the indices: a = Food; b = Fuel and light; c = Clothing; d = Rent; e = Miscellaneous.
¹ Includes heating and lighting. ² Central Statistical Institute. ³ Jan.-Aug. ⁴ Social Board. ⁵ New index linked to old. ⁶ Jan.-July. ⁷ National Bank. ⁸ Chamber of Labour. ⁹ Since Mar. 1941: Zagreb only. ¹⁰ Quarterly averages. ¹¹ Including heating. ¹² New special wartime price index with base Dec. 1942 = 100, spliced by I.L.O. to old retail price series. ¹³ Mar.: 142. ¹⁴ Mar.: 134. ¹⁵ Mar.: 127; Apr.: 127. ¹⁶ Mar.: 132; Apr.: 132.

Retail Prices in Certain Countries in October 1944

In 1944 the International Labour Office undertook a further enquiry into retail prices of certain foodstuffs and articles of fuel.¹ The results are given in the following table for October 1944 for 26 countries. All but two of these countries were included also in the preceding enquiry: Newfoundland and Colombia have been added. The countries included in 1943 but omitted from the series for October 1944 owing to absence of data are Argentina, Brazil, Belgium, Bulgaria and Germany.

The data have been collected by the competent national or municipal statistical services, and in the majority of cases have been communicated by them directly to the Office; in other cases they have been taken by the Office from official publications.

The articles whose prices are recorded, it should be noted, may not always be of the same quality in the different countries or even in different towns in the same country. A complication arising out of war and emergency conditions is that in some countries articles are rationed and supplies may not always be available in the quantities desired at these prices. Furthermore, the prices themselves may be officially regulated, and in some cases unofficial prices of the so-called black markets may exist in addition to the official prices. Prices for these countries must therefore be considered as subject to special reservations.

In most cases prices are given for the capital or the most important town in each country; in cases where prices have been furnished for a number of towns in a country, averages — unweighted arithmetical averages computed by the Office — are presented.²

¹ For the results of the previous enquiry, see *International Labour Review*, Vol. LI, No. 4, Apr. 1945, pp. 546-551: "Retail Prices in Certain Countries in October 1943".

² The towns for which averages are computed are the following: *Union of South Africa*: Cape Town, Witwatersrand; *Canada*: Halifax, Ottawa, Toronto, Vancouver, Winnipeg; *United States*: Baltimore, Boston, Denver, Los Angeles, New Orleans, Philadelphia, St. Louis, San Francisco; *Chile*: Concepción, Valparaíso; *Colombia*: Barranquilla, Bucaramanga, Cali, Cartagena, Cucuta, Ibagué, Manizales, Medellín, Neiva, Pasto, Popayan, Santa Marta, Tunja; *Mexico*: Guadalajara, Monterrey, Puebla, Torreón; *Great Britain*: Birmingham, Bristol, Glasgow, Leeds, London, Manchester, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; *Ireland*: Cork, Dublin, Dundalk; *Portugal*: Castelo Branco, Coimbra, Évora, Faro, Oporto, Vila Real; *Sweden*: Göteborg, Malmö, Stockholm; *Switzerland*: Basle, Berne, Geneva, Zurich; *Turkey*: Ankara, Izmir; *Australia*: Melbourne, Sydney.

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Article	Unit	AFRICA		AMERICA						
		Southern Rhodesia	Union of South Africa	Canada		United States			Newfoundland	Chile
		Salisbury	2 towns	Montreal	5 towns	New York	Chicago	8 towns	St. John's	Santiago
		Pence	Pence	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Pesos
1 Wheat bread	Kg.	8.82	6.82	13.23	17.20	20.7	17.0	19.9	19.8 ¹⁰	4.20
2 Rye bread	"	"	"	"	"	22.7	20.1	22.9	19.8 ¹⁰	7.20 ¹⁰
3 Flour (wheat)	"	9.26	6.72 ¹	8.38	9.08	14.0	13.7	14.1	13.4	2.87
4 Oatmeal or rolled oats	"	11.02	12.90	"	"	22.1	21.8	22.8	19.8	4.00
5 Rice	"	11.02	18.19	11.90	12.35	29.8	28.0	27.7	39.7	3.23
6 Macaroni	"	"	"	"	"	35.9	27.3	34.9	"	4.00
7 Beef {1st quality	"	28.66	47.95 ¹	93.92	97.27	71.9	72.5	74.3	132.3	18.40
2nd quality	"	24.25	25.47 ²	44.75	50.26	63.9	60.0	64.0	99.2	"
8 Pork {1st quality	"	33.07	41.01 ¹	72.53	80.47	83.8	80.7	83.6 ¹⁵	132.3	26.00
2nd quality	"	"	34.06 ⁵	58.86	63.36	"	"	"	110.2	"
9 Mutton {1st quality	"	47.40	31.42 ⁵	90.83	95.15	87.1	85.8	87.7	132.3	24.00
2nd quality	"	47.40	24.92 ⁷	"	"	"	"	"	88.2	"
10 Veal {1st quality	"	26.46	"	54.28	60.89	96.3	93.9	100.4	132.3	24.50
2nd quality	"	26.46	"	"	"	"	"	"	88.2	"
11 Ham	"	79.37	57.32 ⁸	"	"	"	78.7	79.2 ¹⁵	169.8	40.00
12 Bacon	"	42.33	54.68	100.75	103.84	86.9	90.6	92.1	143.3	26.00
13 Smoked fish	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	70.5	"
14 Margarine	"	"	"	"	"	50.9	50.5	55.6 ¹⁵	66.1	20.00
15 Lard	"	33.95	37.26	37.70	38.32	41.0	43.2	42.2	77.2	15.00
16 Olive oil	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	440.9	42.00
17 Milk (unskimmed)	Lit.	6.16	7.68	9.24	8.98	18.0	18.5	15.0	26.4	2.60
18 Single cream	"	52.80	"	"	"	"	"	"	176.0	28.00
19 Butter (table)	Kg.	52.91	50.71 ⁹	86.20	88.80	110.2	110.0	111.3	165.3	32.00
20 Cheese (ordinary quality)	"	44.09	41.89 ¹⁰	75.18	75.79	"	81.1	81.9 ¹⁵	105.8	28.64
21 Eggs (fresh)	1	1.83	2.01	4.26	4.06	5.6	5.2	5.3	7.92	1.00
22 Peas (dried)	Kg.	"	15.54	"	"	"	"	33.1	4.40	"
23 White or red haricot beans	"	"	18.85	14.55	15.21	27.3	24.9	25.1	3.20	"
24 Potatoes	"	6.83	5.84	5.06	6.21	9.2	10.1	9.9	6.6 ²⁰	3.25
25 Green or red cabbage	"	"	6.07	"	"	10.4	8.4	10.7	19.8	3.04 ²¹
26 Apples (home produce)	"	"	21.61	"	"	20.3	24.7	22.6	"	4.40 ²²
27 Prunes (dried)	"	46.08	42.22	31.75	30.29	"	42.6	37.3 ¹⁵	52.9	6.00
28 Jam (ordinary quality)	"	25.68	16.31	41.45	41.14	"	"	"	50.7	16.00
29 Sugar (white granulated)	"	77.27	7.62 ²³	17.64	18.52	14.1	15.2	14.8	26.5	3.63
30 Chocolate (cooking)	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	154.3	16.00
31 Coffee, roast (ord. qual.)	"	59.74	40.12	102.73	94.58	67.7	68.6	67.5	143.3	14.35
32 Chicory	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
33 Tea	"	54.01	82.12 ²⁴	160.34	168.87	202.8	215.2	223.9	187.4	64.00
34 Cocoa	"	72.09	"	84.90	86.51	43.2	44.1	48.1	165.4	18.00
35 Salt (cooking)	"	5.42	3.59	8.38	9.33 ¹⁵	"	"	"	5.5	0.76
36 Beer (ordinary quality)	Lit.	19.36	"	"	"	"	"	"	205.8 ²⁵	6.40
37 Wine (ordinary quality)	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	161.66 ²⁶	4.00
38 Firewood (fir)	100 kg.	19.04	70.88 ²⁷	"	"	"	"	"	"	45.00
39 Coal (household)	"	56.22	47.07	183.53 ²⁸	140.54 ²⁸	105.21 ²⁷	121.31 ²⁷	155.21 ²⁸	221.25	140.00

¹ Meal: average; per bag and loose. ² Average: fillet and rumpsteak. ³ Average: sirloin and topside. ⁴ Average: chops and leg. ⁵ Shoulder. ⁶ Average: leg and loin. ⁷ Average: shoulder, rib and flank. ⁸ Raw. ⁹ First grade, creamery. ¹⁰ Cheddar. ¹¹ First grade, refined. ¹² Black, Ceylon or India. ¹³ Various woods. ¹⁴ Anthracite only. ¹⁵ Average for fewer towns than indicated in the heading. ¹⁶ Price of bituminous coal (average for 3 towns); price of anthracite (2 towns): 167.33. ¹⁷ Bituminous coal; price of anthracite: New York (incl. 1% sales tax), 154.0; Chicago (incl. 2% sales tax), 185.6. ¹⁸ Price of bituminous coal (average for 7 towns) including sales tax as follows: Denver and St. Louis, 2%; Los Angeles, New Orleans and San Francisco, 3%. ¹⁹ Price of anthracite (average for 5 towns) 184.2. ²⁰ Calculated on the basis of prices per loaf of 25 oz. ²¹ Calculated on the basis of prices per gallon, at the rate of 7 lb. per gallon. ²² Calculated on the basis of prices per bottle, at the rate of 6 oz. per bottle. ²³ Calculated on the basis of prices per unit, at the rate of 24 oz. per bottle. ²⁴ Calculated on the basis of prices per unit, at the rate of 0.50 kg. per unit. ²⁵ Calculated on the basis of prices per unit, at the rate of 1.542 kg. per unit. ²⁶ Calculated on the basis of prices per unit, at the rate of 8.8 units per kg.

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Article	Unit	AMERICA (cont.)								
		Chile (cont.)	Colombia		Cuba		Guatemala	Mexico ¹⁴		Peru
		2 towns	Bogotá	13 towns	Havana	30 towns	Guatemala	Federal District	4 towns	Lima
		Pesos	Pesos	Pesos	Pesos	Pesos	Quetzals	Pesos	Pesos	Soles
1 Wheat bread	Kg.	3.60	0.60	0.90 ⁸	0.26 ⁷	0.26 ⁷	0.26 ⁷	0.92	0.95	0.83
2 Rye bread	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1.08	"	"
3 Flour (wheat)	"	3.24	0.36	0.42 ⁸	"	"	0.15 ⁷ ¹¹	0.58	0.60	0.58
4 Oatmeal or rolled oats	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1.00	"	"
5 Rice	"	3.58	0.44	0.41	0.30 ⁷	0.29 ⁷	0.11 ⁷	0.85	0.84	0.48
6 Macaroni	"	"	0.48	0.90 ⁸	"	"	0.30 ⁷	1.40	"	0.86
7 Beef {1st quality	"	18.80	0.76	0.74	0.52 ⁷	0.52 ⁷	0.39 ⁷	3.54	3.10	2.27
2nd quality	"	"	0.72	0.56 ⁸	0.43 ⁷	0.42 ⁷	0.30 ⁷	2.59	1.91	"
8 Pork {1st quality	"	26.00 ¹	1.00	0.88	0.97 ⁷	0.73 ⁷	0.65 ⁷	4.23	3.55	2.52
2nd quality	"	"	"	"	"	"	0.43 ⁷	3.48	"	"
9 Mutton {1st quality	"	15.00	0.72	0.62	"	"	0.29 ⁷	3.86	3.25	2.00
2nd quality	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	3.44	"	"
10 Veal {1st quality	"	15.00	"	"	"	"	"	4.20	"	"
2nd quality	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	3.00	"	"
11 Ham	"	40.00	"	"	1.52 ⁷	1.70 ⁷	1.08 ⁷	10.00	"	10.00
12 Bacon	"	25.00	"	0.72 ⁸	0.62 ⁷	0.64 ⁷	0.54 ⁷	7.00	"	7.00
13 Smoked fish	"	"	"	"	"	"	0.76 ⁷	3.00	"	"
14 Margarine	"	20.00 ¹	"	"	"	"	"	1.45	"	6.00
15 Lard	"	16.00	1.40	1.28 ¹	0.53 ⁷	0.55 ⁷ ⁸	0.85 ⁷	3.57	3.59	2.10
16 Olive oil	"	43.00	"	"	0.74 ⁷ ⁸	0.75 ⁷	3.89 ¹²	13.31	13.00 ¹	2.90
17 Milk (unskimmed)	Lit.	2.70	0.16 ³	0.14 ⁸	0.12	0.09	0.12	0.71	0.52	0.60
18 Single cream	"	"	"	"	"	"	0.70	2.50	"	"
19 Butter (table)	Kg.	38.50	2.00	1.83	1.20 ⁷	1.24 ⁷	1.52 ⁷	6.18	5.63	7.00
20 Cheese (ordinary quality)	"	30.25	0.94	0.86	"	"	0.43 ⁷ ¹³	4.08	4.53	6.00
21 Eggs (fresh)	1	1.00	0.06	0.07	0.07	0.06	0.02 ⁵	0.23	0.24	0.35
22 Peas (dried)	Kg.	4.60	"	"	"	"	"	1.40	"	0.40
23 White or red haricot beans	"	3.24	0.66	0.43	0.28 ⁷ ⁹	0.30 ⁷ ⁹	"	0.60	0.55	0.45
24 Potatoes	"	2.12	0.28	0.28	0.16 ⁷	0.19 ⁷	0.07 ⁷	0.46	0.49	0.35
25 Green or red cabbage	"	2.36 ³	"	"	"	"	0.60 ²	0.54	"	"
26 Apples (home produce)	"	4.75 ¹	"	"	"	"	0.47 ⁷	1.80	"	0.20
27 Prunes (dried)	"	6.50	"	"	"	"	0.87 ⁷	5.00	"	8.00
28 Jam (ordinary quality)	"	16.50	"	"	"	"	0.35 ⁷	1.00	"	"
29 Sugar (white granulated)	"	3.60	0.28	0.30 ¹	0.15 ⁷	0.15 ⁷	0.11 ⁷	0.74	0.71	0.30
30 Chocolate (cooking)	"	16.50	0.64	0.66 ⁸	"	"	0.29 ⁷	2.63	3.75	3.50
31 Coffee, roast (ord. qual.)	"	14.44	0.80	1.12 ⁶	0.94 ⁷	0.97 ⁷	0.39 ⁷	2.10	2.13	1.80
32 Chicory	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1.20	"	"
33 Tea	"	62.75	"	"	"	"	5.22 ⁷	5.00	"	10.87
34 Cocoa	"	"	1.00	0.95 ¹	"	"	0.24 ⁷	3.60	"	1.80
35 Salt (cooking)	"	0.75	0.12	0.14	"	"	0.05 ⁷	0.35	0.27	0.12
36 Beer (ordinary quality)	Lit.	4.00	0.36 ¹	0.42 ¹ ⁶	0.35 ¹⁰	0.37 ¹⁰	0.25	0.51	0.57 ¹	"
37 Wine (ordinary quality)	"	3.50	"	"	"	"	1.00	2.55	2.75 ¹	"
38 Firewood (fir)	100 kg.	38.50	"	3.85 ⁸ ⁶	"	"	"	10.00	10.25	8.70
39 Coal (household)	"	125.00	1.27 ⁸	1.35 ⁸ ⁶	"	"	1.50	14.00	20.75	18.00

¹ Average for fewer towns than indicated in the heading. ² Calculated on the basis of prices per unit, at the rate of 1.542 kg. per unit. ³ Calculated on the basis of prices per bottle of 0.75 kg. ⁴ Calculated on the basis of prices per bottle of 0.36 kg. ⁵ Calculated on the basis of prices per *bullo*, at the rate of 12½ kg. per *bullo* for firewood and 63 kg. for coal. ⁶ Medellín only. ⁷ Calculated on the basis of the Spanish pound, at the rate of 0.46 kg. per pound. ⁸ Peanut oil. ⁹ Average of three prices. ¹⁰ Calculated on the basis of prices per bottle of 0.725 kg. ¹¹ Home wheat; imported, 0.17. ¹² Calculated on the basis of prices per litre, at the rate of 0.9 kg. per litre. ¹³ Fresh cheese. ¹⁴ The prices (pesos per kg.) of other items which form an important part of the workers' diet are in the Federal District: onions, 0.50; green peppers, 1.73; dry peppers, 2.80; chick peas, 0.71; red tomatoes, 1.37; corn, 0.46; brown sugar, 0.87; bananas, 0.59; tortillas, 0.40; oranges (per doz.), 0.83; and in the other 4 towns: onions, 0.43; green peppers, 1.15; dry peppers, 2.84; chick peas, 0.70; red tomatoes, 1.13; corn, 0.43; brown sugar, 0.86; bananas, 0.64; tortillas, 0.56; oranges (per doz.), 1.30.

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Article	Unit	AMERICA (concl.)				ASIA	
		Salvador	Uruguay		Venezuela	Palestine	
		San Salvador	Montevideo	Interior cities	Caracas	3 towns	
		Colones	Pesos	Pesos	Bolivares	Arab markets	Jewish markets
1 Wheat bread	Kg.	*	0.17	0.16	1.50	32.3	32.3
2 Rye bread	"	*	0.35	*	1.50	*	*
3 Flour (wheat)	"	0.63	0.14	0.12	0.90	27	27
4 Oatmeal or oats	"	0.72	0.44	*	*	*	*
5 Rice	"	0.37	0.28	0.25	1.50	50	50
6 Macaroni	"	*	0.30	*	1.25	128	128
7 Beef {1st quality	"	0.85	0.35	0.28	*	390	458
8 Pork {2nd quality	"	*	0.15		*		
9 Mutton {1st quality	"	1.00	0.66	*	4.00	700	*
10 Veal {2nd quality	"	*	0.33	*	*	312	380
11 Ham {1st quality	"	*	0.34	*	*	460	520
12 Bacon {2nd quality	"	*	2.50	*	12.00	*	*
13 Smoked fish	"	0.98 ¹	0.85	*	3.00	880	*
14 Margarine	"	0.90	0.90	*	*	232	232
15 Lard	"	1.59	0.30	*	*	170	170
16 Olive oil	"	2.48	0.70	0.29	3.00	344 ⁴	*
17 Milk (unskimmed)	Lit.	*	0.14	0.13	0.08	0.70	61
18 Single cream	"	*	*	*	*	6.00	*
19 Butter (table)	Kg.	1.46	1.90	*	7.50	170	1,100
20 Cheese (ordinary quality)	"	1.61	0.95	0.84	3.50	170	170
21 Eggs (fresh)	1	0.05	0.042	0.023	0.30	20	20
22 Peas (dried)	Kg.	*	0.40	*	1.00	90	*
23 White or red haricot beans	"	0.34	0.48	*	1.50	83.3	103.7
24 Potatoes	"	0.28	0.16	0.19	1.25	51.7	52
25 Green or red cabbage	"	*	0.07	*	1.00	53	52.3
26 Apples (home produce)	"	*	0.40	*	*	317.3	280.7
27 Prunes (dried)	"	*	1.45	*	6.00	*	*
28 Jam (ordinary quality)	"	*	1.40	*	6.00	140	140
29 Sugar (white granulated)	"	0.39	0.34	0.33	0.95	48	48
30 Chocolate (cooking)	"	*	1.10	*	2.00	*	*
31 Coffee, roast (ord. qual.)	"	0.61	1.30	0.98	2.00	500	500
32 Chicory	"	*	0.90	*	*	*	*
33 Tea	"	*	5.50	*	26.00	800	800
34 Cocoa	"	1.05	1.35	*	1.00	390	390
35 Salt (cooking)	"	0.13	0.07	*	0.12	13.3	15
36 Beer (ordinary quality)	Lit.	*	0.30	*	1.50	87	87
37 Wine (ordinary quality)	"	*	0.30	*	2.50	100	100
38 Firewood (fir)	100 kg.	*	2.70	*	5.00 ⁵	*	*
39 Coal (household)	"	*	9.00 ⁶	7.00 ⁶	*	*	925 ⁶

¹ Fresh fish. ² Price unusually high owing to lack of imports (sesame oil used as a substitute; price, 3.50 per litre). ³ Calculated on the basis of prices per m³, at the rate of 400 kg. per m³. ⁴ Average for fewer towns than indicated in the heading. ⁵ Wholesale price. ⁶ Charcoal.

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Article	Unit	EUROPE				
		Denmark	Finland	France	Great Britain	Ireland
		Copenhagen	Helsinki	Paris	7 towns	3 towns
		Kr.	F. marks	Francs	Pence	Pence
1 Wheat bread	Kg.	1.23	8.30	4.51	4.96	7.45
2 Rye bread	"	0.30	6.00	*	*	*
3 Flour (wheat)	"	0.70	7.25	*	5.69	7.14
4 Oatmeal or oats	"	0.83	7.55	*	7.28	9.92 ³
5 Rice	"	*	*	14.00	15.43	39.68
6 Macaroni	"	*	*	*	*	*
7 Beef {1st quality	"	4.07	29.00	72.00	35.27	44.09
8 Pork {2nd quality	"	2.50	*	39.00	22.05	34.55
9 Mutton {1st quality	"	2.50	35.88	50.50	*	52.91
10 Veal {2nd quality	"	*	*	50.00	*	52.18
11 Ham {1st quality	"	*	32.50	60.00	39.68	47.77
12 Bacon {2nd quality	"	*	*	31.00	17.64	33.44
13 Smoked fish	"	2.84	30.50	64.00	*	*
14 Margarine	"	*	*	37.00	*	75.51 ⁴
15 Lard	"	3.50	*	*	47.62	57.14
16 Olive oil	"	3.13	*	*	*	57.32
17 Milk (unskimmed)	Lit.	*	*	*	11.02	*
18 Single cream	"	4.30	*	*	19.84	30.86
19 Butter (table)	Kg.	*	*	*	*	*
20 Cheese (ordinary quality)	"	0.42	3.60	4.60	7.92	7.33
21 Eggs (fresh)	1	0.22	16.00	*	*	59.36
22 Peas (dried)	Kg.	3.10	54.00	80.00	44.09	61.73 ⁴
23 White or red haricot beans	"	4.50	40.00	56.00	28.66	46.30
24 Potatoes	"	0.25	*	3.70	2.75	3.67
25 Green or red cabbage	"	0.98	*	*	*	*
26 Apples (home produce)	"	*	*	*	*	74.96 ⁴
27 Prunes (dried)	"	*	*	*	28.77 ²	35.27
28 Jam (ordinary quality)	"	0.56	22.20	15.80	8.82	13.23
29 Sugar (white granulated)	"	*	*	44.25	*	*
30 Chocolate (cooking)	"	3.33	*	28.66	57.76	74.96
31 Coffee, roast (ord. qual.)	"	2.56	*	*	*	*
32 Chicory	"	12.56	*	*	72.09	105.82
33 Tea	"	*	*	*	28.00	44.47
34 Cocoa	"	0.25	2.14	4.60	*	16.18
35 Salt (cooking)	"	0.47	8.25	*	*	15.26
36 Beer (ordinary quality)	Lit.	*	*	9.82	*	*
37 Wine (ordinary quality)	"	25.00	59.75 ¹	*	*	*
38 Firewood (fir)	100 kg.	10.27	*	*	82.56	*
39 Coal (household)	"	*	*	*	*	*

¹ Calculated on the basis of prices per m³, at the rate of 400 kg. per m³. ² Average: plum and strawberry. ³ Average: flake and pinhead. ⁴ Average for fewer towns than indicated in the heading.

AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF CERTAIN ARTICLES OF ORDINARY CONSUMPTION
(FOOD AND FUEL) IN DIFFERENT TOWNS IN OCTOBER 1944 (concl.)

Article	Unit	EUROPE (concl.)						OCEANIA	
		Portugal		Sweden	Switzer-land	Turkey		Aus-tralia ^{1,2}	New Zealand
		Lisbon	6 towns	3 towns	4 towns	Istanbul	2 towns	2 towns	Wellington
		Escudos	Escudos	Kr.	Francs	Piastres	Piastres	Pence	Pence
1 Wheat bread	Kg.	2.40	2.40	0.98 ²	0.55	32.00	32.67	6.28	6.06
2 Rye bread	"	*	*	0.84	*	*	*	*	*
3 Flour (wheat)	"	5.40	4.82 ²	0.46	0.60	*	*	5.07	5.62
4 Oatmeal or rolled oats	"	11.00	*	0.80	1.23	*	*	8.20	8.82
5 Rice	"	3.65	3.65	1.16	1.65	153.11	197.58	*	11.02
6 Macaroni	"	5.50	5.53 ²	0.82	1.19	*	*	14.33	*
7 Beef {1st quality	"	18.80	14.37	3.10	5.60 ⁵	174.99	130.00	29.21	22.05
2nd quality	"	7.60	8.72	2.73	*			*	18.19
8 Pork {1st quality	"	18.80	17.87	4.30	7.46 ⁵	*	*	*	*
2nd quality	"	10.40	10.05 ²	2.00	*	*	*	*	*
9 Mutton {1st quality	"	14.80	12.57	4.50	7.69 ⁷	188.33	175.00	21.89	*
2nd quality	"	8.80	8.40 ²	*	*			*	*
10 Veal {1st quality	"	18.80	15.03	3.57	13.44 ⁷	*	*	*	*
2nd quality	"	8.80	8.37	*	6.92 ⁷	*	*	*	*
11 Ham	"	28.00	28.50 ²	3.68	*	*	*	52.91	*
12 Bacon	"	11.60	14.47	3.77	8.85	*	*	49.60	*
13 Smoked fish	"	*	*	2.42	*	*	*	*	39.68
14 Margarine	"	*	*	2.80	*	*	*	28.66	*
15 Lard	"	13.60	15.60	2.53	5.39	*	*	24.25	*
16 Olive oil	"	10.89 ¹	10.84 ¹	5.83 ¹	3.82 ¹	257.96	276.85	134.04	*
17 Milk (unskimmed)	Lit.	2.60	2.30	0.30	0.41	58.25 ¹¹	53.81 ¹¹	*	6.16
18 Single cream	"	*	*	1.77	*	*	*	*	*
19 Butter (table)	Kg.	28.50	28.50	4.55	7.97	504.44	476.67	44.71	39.68
20 Cheese (ordinary quality)	"	22.50	21.90 ²	2.79	4.31	204.11	176.25	36.77	26.46
21 Eggs (fresh)	1	0.83	0.69	0.23	0.36	7.86	7.69	1.88	1.88
22 Peas (dried)	Kg.	*	*	0.63	2.12	72.17	56.58	17.64	*
23 White or red haricot beans	"	*	*	1.38	2.07	73.27	66.58	11.02	*
24 Potatoes	"	1.70	1.63	0.22	0.29	24.05	37.66	2.65	4.72
25 Green or red cabbage	"	0.97	0.42 ²	0.39	*	*	*	*	6.61
26 Apples (home produce)	"	*	*	1.58	0.66 ⁹	77.22	55.14	46.30	13.23
27 Prunes (dried)	"	18.00	12.33 ²	*	3.84	*	*	33.07	32.52
28 Jam (ordinary quality)	"	*	*	1.45	*	*	*	18.19	25.35
29 Sugar (white granulated)	"	4.80	4.95	0.60	1.20	220.00	216.50	8.82	8.82
30 Chocolate (cooking)	"	*	*	*	4.53 ²	*	*	*	*
31 Coffee, roast (ord. qual.)	"	7.60	7.83	5.30	4.62	600.00	600.00	61.73	68.34
32 Chicory	"	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
33 Tea	"	50.00	56.67	14.33	15.28	1,600.00	1,600.00	59.52	101.96
34 Cocoa	"	32.00	32.40 ²	3.00	*	*	*	62.83	79.37
35 Salt (cooking)	"	*	*	0.27	*	12.00	13.25	2.93	3.86
36 Beer (ordinary quality)	Lit.	*	*	0.96	*	80.00	80.00	*	*
37 Wine (ordinary quality)	"	2.30	2.60	*	*	*	*	*	*
38 Firewood (fir)	100 kg.	40.00	28.05	5.35 ⁸	11.84 ⁸	650.00	700.00	92.75	74.49
39 Coal (household)	"	105.00	85.83	7.46 ⁴	19.61 ¹⁰	1,400.00	1,625.00	*	150.27

¹ Calculated on the basis of prices per litre at the rate of 0.9 kg. per litre. ² Average for fewer towns than indicated in the heading. ³ Calculated on the basis of prices per m³, at the rate of 400 kg. per m³. ⁴ Calculated on the basis of prices per hectolitre, at the rate of 75 kg. per hl. ⁵ To roast; to stew: 4.94. ⁶ Fresh, lean; smoked: 8.26. ⁷ With bone and fat, etc. ⁸ Peanut oil. ⁹ Average of mid-points of price ranges. ¹⁰ Anthracite. ¹¹ Calculated on the basis of prices per kg., at the rate of 1.03 kg. per litre. ¹² Rice and pork not available to civilians; sale of cream prohibited during wartime; coal not available for household use.