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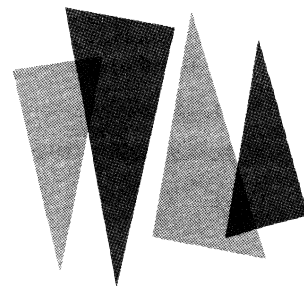


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Metropolitan Areas Used in City Worker's Family Budget, Autumn 1966—Continued

Item	Specification Number 2/	U. S. Average 3/	New York	Washington	Dallas	Chicago	San Francisco
<b>Transportation</b>							
<b>Private Transportation— Automobile Operating Expenses:</b>							
Gasoline (gal.) . . . . .	41-065 (CPI)	\$ 0.33	\$ 0.32	\$ 0.33	\$ 0.29	\$ 0.33	\$ 0.33
Motor oil (qt.) . . . . .	41-097 (CPI)	.64	.66	.65	.66	.62	.66
Chassis Lubrication . . . . .	41-355 (CPI)	1.71	1.64	1.60	1.64	1.82	2.33
Tire, tubeless . . . . .	41-161 (CPI)	26.35	23.56	27.09	25.36	25.54	30.83
Battery . . . . .	41-226 (FB)	28.26	28.95	26.47	27.72	28.86	29.74
Motor tune-up . . . . .	41-483 (CPI)	23.00	21.44	23.94	24.26	25.79	30.67
Front end alignment . . . . .	41-675 (CPI)	14.44	16.66	15.59	13.43	17.71	16.78
Brakes relined . . . . .	41-643 (FB)	34.51	33.06	37.12	33.65	39.64	42.30
<b>Clothing</b>							
<b>Men's Clothing:</b>							
Topcoat . . . . .	31-018 (FB-G)	\$ 70.21	\$ 79.61	\$ 67.75	\$ 69.81	\$ 73.65	\$ 65.31
Sweater . . . . .	31-154 (FB-G)	15.40	13.06	14.78	16.10	15.92	18.09
Suit (year-round weight) . . . . .	31-052/053 (FB-G)	77.10	79.03	68.58	76.47	81.60	79.09
Dress slacks . . . . .	31-086 (FB-G), 31-087 (FB-G)	9.68	10.44	9.68	8.95	9.44	9.76
Work trousers . . . . .	31-171 (FB-G)	4.90	5.47	4.20	4.31	4.85	5.36
Dress shirt . . . . .	31-273 (FB-G)	5.36	5.63	5.22	5.07	5.53	5.14
Work shirt . . . . .	31-222 (FB-G)	3.61	3.53	3.40	3.68	3.80	4.25
Sport shirt . . . . .	31-292 (FB-G)	5.32	5.38	4.97	5.82	5.48	5.42
Undershorts . . . . .	31-342 (FB-G)	1.28	1.25	1.25	1.41	1.29	1.34
Undershirt . . . . .	31-324 (FB-G)	1.17	1.08	1.12	1.01	1.23	1.37
Pajamas . . . . .	31-376 (FB-G)	5.65	5.17	5.45	6.08	6.19	5.30
Socks (pair) . . . . .	31-409 (FB-G)	1.21	1.07	1.14	1.19	1.31	1.27
Street shoes . . . . .	33-002 (FB-G)	15.12	16.93	17.27	14.13	15.06	13.76
Work shoes . . . . .	33-046 (FB-G)	12.53	12.42	14.05	10.79	14.27	14.52
Dress rubbers . . . . .	33-226 (FB-G)	4.03	4.25	3.74	4.24	3.61	4.19
Felt hat . . . . .	31-427 (FB-G)	14.10	14.55	13.17	14.11	13.81	16.45
<b>Women's Apparel:</b>							
Coat (heavy-weight) . . . . .	32-001/002 (FB-G)	55.07	65.43	51.39	50.91	52.81	56.20
Carcoat . . . . .	32-105 (FB-G)	24.80	26.60	26.76	21.54	23.13	23.09
Sweater . . . . .	32-118 (FB-G)	8.60	8.06	9.42	9.34	7.94	11.16
Street dress . . . . .	32-222, 32-223 (CPI), 32-226 (FB-G)	12.19	12.61	12.72	11.46	12.41	12.62
House dress . . . . .	32-248 (FB-G)	4.93	4.10	5.73	4.04	5.14	6.54
Blouse . . . . .	32-144 (FB-G)	4.51	4.59	4.59	4.54	3.85	4.77
Slacks . . . . .	32-172 (FB-G)	6.84	7.00	6.57	6.80	5.94	8.69
Slip . . . . .	32-287 (FB-G)	4.57	4.79	3.91	4.35	4.82	4.93
Girdle . . . . .	32-378 (FB-G)	8.27	8.15	7.69	8.79	8.57	8.75
Brassiere . . . . .	32-391 (FB-G)	2.60	2.69	2.70	2.91	2.57	2.77
Panties . . . . .	32-313 (FB-G)	.88	.97	.88	.95	.80	.78
Nightgown . . . . .	32-327 (FB-G)	5.41	6.81	4.28	5.03	5.20	5.74
Pajamas . . . . .	32-339 (FB-G)	4.34	4.43	4.05	3.50	4.52	4.89
Nylon hose (pair) . . . . .	32-405 (FB-G)	1.23	1.17	1.27	1.26	1.18	1.30
Street shoes . . . . .	33-271/272 (FB-G)	13.04	13.53	12.66	12.53	12.18	14.57
Casual shoes . . . . .	33-361 (FB-G)	10.56	10.86	10.07	9.96	10.01	12.15
House slippers . . . . .	33-406 (FB-G)	4.96	4.66	4.75	4.43	5.89	5.10
Hat . . . . .	32-432 (FB-G)	5.61	6.27	6.20	5.85	5.55	6.48
Gloves . . . . .	32-443 (FB-G)	2.69	2.74	2.77	3.17	2.47	3.00
<b>Boy's Clothing:</b>							
Sport coat . . . . .	31-662 (FB-G)	20.52	23.42	19.88	21.36	17.99	21.86
Sweater . . . . .	31-714 (FB-G)	8.30	8.47	7.93	8.01	7.93	9.65
All purpose coat . . . . .	31-577 (FB-G)	20.40	21.47	20.34	19.54	19.89	18.84
Slacks . . . . .	31-646 (FB-G)	6.11	6.03	5.37	6.01	5.87	6.45
Dungarees . . . . .	31-732 (FB-G)	4.06	3.98	3.80	3.57	3.64	4.83
Sport shirt . . . . .	31-817 (FB-G)	3.49	3.54	3.53	3.60	3.26	3.80
Undershorts . . . . .	31-832 (FB-G)	.77	.79	.73	.73	.79	.87
Socks . . . . .	31-883 (FB-G)	.66	.65	.66	.60	.61	.75
Street shoes . . . . .	33-542 (FB-G)	12.29	12.80	12.13	11.74	12.70	12.97
Sneakers . . . . .	33-586 (FB-G)	5.44	5.60	5.37	5.25	5.05	6.33
<b>Girl's Apparel:</b>							
Coat (heavy-weight) . . . . .	32-554 (FB-G)	25.70	26.83	28.88	20.61	26.47	24.22
Raincoat . . . . .	32-579 (FB-G)	10.95	11.77	12.08	8.99	10.50	12.37
Sweater . . . . .	32-631 (FB-G)	5.32	5.46	5.03	5.21	5.08	6.21
Dress . . . . .	32-744 (FB-G)	6.65	6.68	7.09	7.88	6.07	7.69

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Clothing—Continued							
Skirt . . . . .	32-644 (FB-G)	\$ 6.34	\$ 6.49	\$ 6.55	\$ 5.18	\$ 6.41	\$ 8.02
Blouse . . . . .	32-657 (FB-G)	3.20	3.24	3.20	3.03	3.08	3.45
Slip . . . . .	32-801 (FB-G)	2.28	2.45	2.08	1.89	2.27	2.53
Panties . . . . .	32-827 (FB-G)	.71	.74	.66	.54	.84	.72
Robe . . . . .	32-866 (FB-G)	6.79	7.66	6.49	7.45	6.57	6.82
Anklets . . . . .	32-891 (FB-G)	.51	.49	.54	.46	.51	.64
Street shoes . . . . .	33-541 (FB-G)						
	33-766 (FB-G)	8.66	9.88	7.58	7.64	8.24	8.95
Boots . . . . .	33-901 (FB-G)	4.71	4.75	4.57	3.60	4.87	6.19
<u>Clothing Materials:</u>							
Cotton, cotton blends (yd.) . . . . .	34-438 (FB-G)	.88	.94	.81	.73	.89	1.11
Polyester crepe (yd.) . . . . .	34-469 (FB-G)	1.98	2.22	1.74	1.91	1.92	1.92
<u>Clothing Services:</u>							
<u>Cleaning and Pressing:</u>							
Man's suit . . . . .	34-708 (CPI), 34-708A (CPI)	1.53	1.29	1.48	1.30	1.71	2.11
Woman's dress . . . . .	34-731 (CPI), 34-731A (CPI)	1.56	1.32	1.50	1.60	1.68	2.14
<u>Shoe Repair:</u>							
Men's (half sole and heels) . . . . .	34-639 (FB)	4.50	3.68	5.04	4.61	4.71	5.56
Women's (heels) . . . . .	34-662/662A (CPI)	1.15	1.02	1.39	1.13	1.24	1.51
<u>Physicians' Visits:</u>							
Medical Care							
Home visit . . . . .	51-202 (CPI)	\$ 9.41	\$ 11.42	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.91	\$ 9.56	\$ 11.86
Office visit . . . . .	51-201 (CPI)	5.70	7.54	5.83	5.72	5.47	7.06
Hospital visit . . . . .	51-838 (FB)	6.00	9.31	7.94	4.44	6.15	7.45
<u>Dental Care:</u>							
Filling . . . . .	51-465 (CPI)	6.09	6.45	6.83	7.79	6.41	8.38
Extraction . . . . .	51-466 (CPI)	7.12	7.66	8.25	7.75	7.78	10.67
Cleaning . . . . .	51-469 (FB)	7.48	7.55	8.50	9.56	8.38	9.41
<u>Eye Care:</u>							
Examination . . . . .	51-518 (CPI), 51-519 (CPI)	12.94	8.50	14.88	13.88	11.25	17.82
Eyeglasses . . . . .	51-518 (CPI), 51-520 (CPI), 51-521 (FB)	22.99	15.19	23.99	20.95	20.17	28.68
<u>Nonprescription Drugs:</u>							
Vitamins (100 capsules). . . . .	51-001 (CPI)	3.33	3.62	2.50	2.94	3.28	3.90
<u>Personal Care—Services:</u>							
Personal Care							
Man's haircut . . . . .	52-697 (CPI)	\$ 1.95	\$ 1.83	\$ 1.91	\$ 1.79	\$ 2.48	\$ 2.44
Woman's haircut . . . . .	52-753 (CPI)	2.16	2.62	3.31	2.21	2.08	3.17
Permanent wave . . . . .	52-825 (CPI)	12.98	15.20	18.19	13.37	11.27	16.95
Plain shampoo and wave set . . . . .	52-849 (CPI)	2.90	3.70	4.47	2.88	2.68	4.15
Boy's haircut . . . . .	52-729 (FB)	1.65	1.59	1.63	1.65	1.77	2.16
<u>Personal Care—Supplies:</u>							
Toilet soap (medium bar)	52-001 (CPI)	.12	.11	.12	.13	.12	.14
Toothpaste (approx. 3 oz.) . . . . .	52-025 (CPI)	.54	.51	.48	.51	.54	.57
Shaving cream (6-7 oz.) . . . . .	52-073 (CPI)	.72	.65	.78	.78	.78	.72
Cleansing tissues (box 200 double) . . . . .	52-625 (CPI)	.27	.28	.24	.29	.28	.27
Shampoo (7-8 oz.) . . . . .	52-193 (Aux)	1.05	1.12	.98	1.05	1.20	1.12

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