

**COST OF LIVING INDEX OF WAGE EARNER'S FAMILY¹ IN
MANILA BY MONTH, 1946 TO 1949**
(1941 = 100)

Bureau of the Census and Statistics
Manila

1946	All Items	Food (59.15)	House Rent (8.43)	Clothing (0.62)	Fuel, Light and Water (13.94)	Miscellaneous (17.86)	Purchasing Power (of a Peso)
January	603.4	759.2	236.4	984.0	363.8	434.8	1657
February	547.2	656.3	236.4	940.3	369.5	460.5	1827
March	525.9	631.0	236.4	940.1	340.4	445.2	1902
April	556.2	684.1	236.4	910.3	345.5	435.9	1798
May	545.1	675.6	236.4	762.5	342.3	409.6	1835
June	538.7	666.4	236.4	737.9	343.3	404.2	1856
July	552.7	704.3	236.4	598.9	341.3	364.6	1809
August	477.9	590.0	236.4	384.7	320.9	346.3	2092
September	477.9	591.3	236.4	378.7	314.5	347.2	2092
October	487.4	587.2	236.4	382.7	405.8	342.7	2052
November	484.8	607.8	236.4	406.4	346.5	305.2	2063
December	461.9	570.8	236.4	371.9	344.7	302.1	2165
1947 ²	(100.00)	(63.43)	(11.96)	(2.04)	(7.73)	(14.48)	
January	426.2	358.2	453.9	381.9	326.2	282.5	2346
February	418.5	454.9	453.9	356.2	344.8	281.4	2389
March	406.8	440.1	453.9	295.2	337.7	279.4	2458
April	387.7	413.3	453.9	269.2	328.9	271.6	2579
May	381.0	404.4	453.9	250.9	325.4	269.4	2625
June	386.3	414.4	453.9	236.8	316.6	268.6	2589
July	393.4	426.8	453.9	217.7	309.3	269.9	2542
August	387.4	419.8	453.9	210.2	292.0	269.1	2581
September	368.9	392.1	453.9	216.4	283.3	266.8	2711
October	358.7	376.3	453.9	212.7	280.5	267.7	2788
November	358.4	376.3	453.9	215.1	280.5	265.3	2790
December	371.9	395.8	453.9	219.1	298.2	262.9	2689
1948							
January	391.2	428.3	453.9	224.5	304.6	249.9	2556
February	368.5	392.0	453.9	228.8	301.1	254.4	2714
March	349.4	361.0	453.9	214.6	308.1	255.9	2862
April	356.1	374.1	453.9	209.4	289.7	254.8	2808
May	349.8	360.2	453.9	214.2	289.7	271.6	2859
June	354.3	370.4	453.9	205.2	283.2	262.9	2823
July	356.4	374.2	453.9	201.3	281.6	262.4	2806
August	365.6	385.7	453.9	199.8	281.6	261.7	2751
September	370.6	397.2	453.9	192.2	279.6	261.6	2698
October	374.9	404.0	453.9	204.8	283.2	257.9	2668
November	368.7	394.4	453.9	202.0	281.6	258.7	2712
December	365.9	389.9	453.9	202.0	282.4	258.9	2732
1949							
January	363.8	386.8	453.9	202.0	279.0	258.9	2750
February	343.8	355.5	453.9	203.0	277.5	258.9	2909
March	346.3	358.2	453.9	202.0	276.3	258.5	2896
April	348.7	362.6	453.9	197.6	287.5	257.1	2868
May	348.8	362.8	453.9	197.2	287.5	257.1	2867
June	349.0	362.9	453.9	203.9	287.5	257.2	2865
July	351.7	374.0	453.9	194.2	265.8	240.5	2844
August	337.5	351.2	453.9	196.3	266.6	241.2	2963
September	333.6	345.1	453.9	190.3	264.8	243.1	2998
October	332.9	343.3	453.9	199.9	264.8	245.0	3004
November	339.6	356.1	453.9	191.1	258.4	239.8	2945
December	329.6	335.9	453.9	202.9	259.5	256.2	3035
1950							
January	332.3	336.8	453.9	238.0	253.1	269.3	3010

¹ Average number of persons in a family = 4.9 members.

² Revised in accordance with the new survey on the "Levels of Living, in Manila" by Department of Labor and the Bureau of the Census and Statistics conducted in December, 1948.

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