

COST OF LIVING PRICE INDEX FOR WAGE EARNER'S FAMILY: IN MANILA BY MONTH, 1948 TO 1952*

(1941 = 100)

Bureau of the Census and Statistics, Manila

1948	All Items (100)	Food (63.43)	House Rent (11.94)	Clothing (2.04)	Fuel, Light and Water (7.73)	Miscellaneous (14.84)	Purchasing Power of a Peso
January	390.7	427.6	453.9	224.5	304.6	249.9	2560
February	369.8	394.0	453.9	223.8	301.1	254.4	2708
March	349.4	361.0	453.9	214.6	308.1	255.9	2862
April	354.6	374.1	453.9	209.4	289.7	254.8	2820
May	349.8	360.2	453.9	214.2	289.7	271.6	2859
June	354.3	374.0	453.9	205.2	283.2	262.9	2823
July	351.2	361.2	453.9	201.3	281.6	260.6	2806
August	363.6	385.7	453.9	199.8	281.6	261.7	2751
September	370.6	397.2	453.9	199.2	279.6	260.6	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	343.7	357.9	453.9	198.4	272.9	251.1	2910
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	345.3	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	351.2	351.2	453.9	196.2	261.6	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	337.5	333.7	453.9	270.7	252.0	313.8	2963
January	332.3	336.8	453.9	238.0	253.1	269.3	3010
February	336.9	340.2	453.9	233.3	257.8	284.1	2969
March	339.0	341.4	453.9	236.7	257.8	292.6	2950
April	331.8	328.6	453.9	237.7	252.9	301.2	3015
May	320.2	308.6	453.9	244.7	249.9	309.1	3123
June	323.1	310.9	453.9	243.5	249.7	319.1	3095
July	322.0	322.4	453.9	252.6	249.7	328.7	3012
August	334.4	325.9	453.9	258.7	251.1	328.4	2990
September	331.2	321.9	453.9	241.3	249.7	327.5	2930
October	352.8	351.1	453.9	337.3	249.7	334.5	2835
November	354.1	353.2	453.9	332.8	249.7	335.9	2825
December	352.2	350.5	453.9	325.2	249.7	334.8	2839
1951	360.1	361.4	453.9	365.3	248.0	336.5	2777
January	355.2	355.0	453.9	331.5	249.7	334.6	2816
February	358.4	359.9	453.9	342.8	249.7	334.1	2790
March	352.4	349.3	453.9	379.4	248.8	334.3	2838
April	361.2	362.6	453.9	398.6	247.5	334.7	2769
May	365.0	367.0	453.9	410.4	247.5	339.5	2740
June	367.8	372.0	453.9	399.5	247.5	337.7	2719
July	366.3	370.1	453.9	382.0	247.5	339.0	2730
August	365.1	371.4	453.9	354.0	247.5	329.1	2739
September	363.0	369.0	453.9	356.4	247.5	325.4	2755
October	358.1	361.0	453.9	350.4	247.5	326.7	2823
November	351.1	351.1	453.9	343.8	247.5	323.3	2848
December	349.0	348.9	453.9	335.2	247.5	319.4	2865
1952	346.4	347.4	453.9	280.6	244.1	317.7	2887
January	355.1	357.8	453.9	323.0	247.5	324.6	2816
February	348.0	349.8	453.9	328.9	243.4	318.3	2874
March	345.1	345.1	453.9	273.7	243.4	318.3	2904
April	342.7	342.7	453.9	276.1	243.4	313.8	2918
May	342.2	341.8	453.9	279.9	243.4	313.8	2922
June	345.4	346.3	453.9	277.1	243.4	316.3	2895
July	347.6	349.5	453.9	273.6	243.4	318.3	2877
Aug.	347.9	349.4	453.9	276.1	243.4	320.4	2874
September	348.3	350.0	453.9	274.8	243.4	320.5	2871
October	344.5	344.6	453.9	276.2	243.4	317.8	2903
November	347.5	349.3	453.9	274.7	243.4	318.3	2878
December	347.9	348.9	453.9	271.5	247.5	321.2	2874
1953							
January	344.3	343.2	453.9	271.0	247.5	321.4	2904
February	330.1	321.1	453.9	268.8	243.4	322.3	3029

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

** For explanatory note, see the August, 1951, Journal.

EXPLANATORY NOTES FOR THE FEBRUARY COST OF LIVING PRICE INDEX

THE cost of living price index for February, 1953, went down by 14.2 points, or 4.12%, as compared with that for January, 1953. The January over-all index was 344.3 while the February over-all index is 330.1. Responsible for the sharp decline are the budgetary groups for Foodstuffs which dropped from 341.2 to 321.1 points, down by 21.1 points, or 6.44%, clothing from 271.0 to 268.8, a decrease of 2.2 points; and Fuel-Light-Water from 247.5 to 243.4, a decrease of 4.1 points.

The index for Miscellaneous went up slightly from 321.4 to 322.3 points. The index for House Rent remained stationary at 453.9. Due to the decline of the over-all index, the purchasing power of the wage earners' peso adversely rose from P.390 (January) to P.3029 (February) or a gain of P.0125.

The items which brought about the decline of the Foodstuffs index are the following: rice, meat, eggs, and vegetables. Rice which is heavily weighted, principally gave rise to the downward trend of the over-all cost of living price index. The average monthly price of rice for January was P1.66, while that for February, P0.53 a centia. The items for denim and khaki (long pants, ready-made) under P.053 a centia, and kerosene under Fuel-Light-Water also registered minor decreases.

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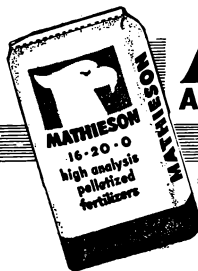
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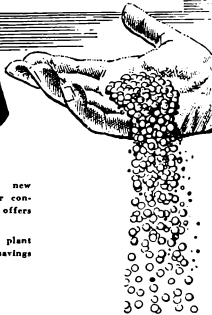
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