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FOREWORD

IN continuation of its series of studies of the cost of living in the United States which was begun in 1918, the National Industrial Conference Board issued early in 1928 a comprehensive volume entitled "The Cost of Living in the United States, 1914-1927." This volume reproduced all the facts in the cost of living which have been ascertained by the Board in its investigations of the cost of living from 1914 to the end of 1927. The volume also contained a discussion of the problems involved in measuring the cost of living and its changes, a special study of the comparative cost of food in different cities, as well as a full account of the methods pursued by the National Industrial Conference Board in the collection and tabulation of data to form its index of changes in the cost of living.

The present analysis is intended as a supplement to last year's publication, and presents the results of the Conference Board's studies for the year 1928. The tables here published continue those in the more comprehensive study of last year, and a note on each table states on which page of the original volume information for the years 1914 through 1927 will be found. A short explanation of the trend of the cost of living for the year, together with the facts necessary to link the year 1928 to the previous series, concludes the statement.

This volume is the result of an investigation conducted by the Conference Board's Research Staff, under the supervision of the Board's Staff Economic Council.

In the preparation of its studies the National Industrial Conference Board avails itself of the experience and judgment of the business executives who compose its membership, and of recognized authorities in special fields, in addition to the scientific knowledge and equipment of its Research Staff. The publications of the Board thus finally represent the result of scientific investigation and broad business experience, and the conclusions expressed therein are those of the Conference Board as a body.

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Base, July, 1914 = 100

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