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# BLS PRICE DATA, 1957-1976

**ABSTRACT:** These data sets contain the published Bureau of Labor (BLS) price data for the 4-digit (PR4BLS) and 5-digit (PR5BLS) SIC classifications. The data are taken from a tape purchased from the BLS; see the BLS documentation of "ISPI subfile" tape for clearer definition of the variables. This data covers the period 1957 to August, 1976.

**JCL:**
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//GO.FT08F001 DD DSN=PR4BLS,DISP=OLD,UNIT=TAPE6250,
// DCB=(RECFM=VBS,LRECL=1144,BLKSIZE=22884),
// LABEL=(22,SL,,IN),VOL=SER=DATABK

//GO.FT08F001 DD DSN=PR5BLS,DISP=OLD,UNIT=TAPE6250,
// DCB=(RECFM=VBS,LRECL=1144,BLKSIZE=22884),
// LABEL=(23,SL,,IN),VOL=SER=DATABK
```

**# OF RECORDS:** 205 for PR4~~BRS~~BLS, 1 record for each 4-digit industry price series; 682 for PR5~~BRS~~BLS, 1 record for each 5-digit product class price series.

**FORMAT:** unformatted; all data is real*4, except for variables 2 and 4 to 7, which are integer*4. The print format is as follows:

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FORMAT(F6.0,19A4,F3.0,4I5/20(1x,13F6.1/))
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**VARIABLES:**

1. Industry code (SIC)
2. Industry or product class name (there are nineteen fields in this variable)
3. Code (1=current series, 0=discontinued series)
4. First month with data (1=Jan 1957; 236=Aug 1976)
5. Last month with data (1=Jan 1957; 236=Aug 1976)
6. First year with data (1=1957; 20=1976)
7. Last year with data (1=1957; 20=1976)
8. Yearly price index for 1957
9. Price index for 1/57
10. " " " 2/57
11. " " " 3/57
12. " " " 4/57
13. " " " 5/57
14. " " " 6/57
15. " " " 7/57
16. " " " 8/57
17. " " " 9/57
18. " " " 10/57
19. " " " 11/57
20. " " " 12/57

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| 21-33. | Same | as | variables | 8 | through | 20 | for | 1958 |
| 34-46. | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | 1959 |
| 47-59. | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | 1960 |
| 60-72. | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | 1961 |
| 73-85. | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | 1962 |
| 86-98. | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | 1963 |
| 99-111. | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | 1964 |
| 112-124. | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | 1965 |
| 125-137. | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | 1966 |
| 138-150. | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | 1967 |
| 151-163. | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | 1968 |
| 164-176. | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | 1969 |
| 177-189. | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | 1970 |
| 190-202. | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | 1971 |
| 203-215. | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | 1972 |
| 216-228. | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | 1973 |
| 229-241. | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | 1974 |
| 242-254. | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | 1975 |
| 255-267. | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | 1976 |

SOURCE: The Bureau of Labor Statistics sent the BPCBP a magnetic tape containing the data for this the data set. The jcl for the tape is:

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//GO.FT08F001 DD DSN='ISPI.SUBFILE.PUB0876',UNIT=TAPE1600,
// DCB=(RECFM=FB,LRECL=90,BLKSIZE=3150),DISP=OLD,
// LABEL=(1,SL,,IN),VOL=SER=I08UCL
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The transient bin is 110.

NOTES: 1. Missing values--All missing price index data is listed as 0.0. If no yearly data are present for a series, variables 6 and 7 are coded as zeroes.

2. Units--All price indices are computed on some base price se equal to 100.0; the base differs with the series. The base for most industries is 1967. The base for many years is Dec. 1975.

3. Discontinued indices seem to be for those industries or product classes whose coverage has gotten too low to be reported anymore or whose definition has changed in the SIC classification.

4. Monthly data for beginning years (57-62) appears tc be missing for all series. In addition, missing data abounds in the data set. Often, years 1957 to 1966 are missing. Yearly data is missing as often as monthly data.