

APPENDIXES

APPENDIX A

SOURCES OF BASIC DATA

The data underlying the analysis of the movement of manufacturing wages and prices from 1947 to 1958 are presented in tables A-1 to A-21, for each two-digit standard industrial classification. The sources and methodology used in obtaining the data are the following:

I. WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES

For all two-digit classifications except printing and publishing, transportation equipment, and instruments, wholesale price indexes were computed by recomputing the appropriate wholesale price index groups and subgroups, weighted by their relative importance in 1954. In some cases, these special indexes were computed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for the use of the author; in others, indexes were computed by the author based upon information provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics regarding the appropriate subgroups to be included. Most of the indexes are not completely comprehensive, in that they do not include all the wholesale price index subgroups which properly should be included; in addition, in order to minimize computations, some small subgroups were sometimes included which should properly have been excluded. The final indexes, however, comprise at least 80 percent of the total weights of items which would be represented by as accurate an index as could be constructed from current items included in the wholesale price index. The composition of each two-digit standard industrial classifications group is as follows:

<i>SIC group</i>	<i>WPI groups</i>	<i>Relative importance in WPI, December 1957 (based on 1954 weights)</i>
0. Food-----		12. 73
	02 Processed foods	
Source: Wholesale Price Index.		
1. Tobacco-----		. 97
	14-1 Cigarettes	
	14-2 Cigars	
	14-3 Other tobacco products	
Source: Computed by author.		
2. Textile mill products-----		3. 18
	03-1 Cotton	
	03-2 Wool	
	03-3 Manmade fiber textile products	
	03-4 Silk	
Less: 03-31	Filament yarns and fibers	
Source: Computed by BLS for author.		
3. Apparel and other finished textile products-----		3. 22
	03-51 Womens', misses', and juniors'	
	03-52 Mens' and boys'	
	03-54 Infants' and children's	
	03-55 Underwear and nightwear	
Source: Computed by author.		