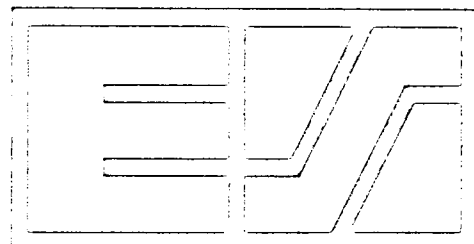


CONSUMER PRICE INDEX



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THE STRUCTURE OF THE WEIGHTS FOR CONSUMER PRICE INDICES

This bulletin shows the structure of the weights of the 8 main groups used for consumer price indices in the E.C. countries as well as in Spain and Portugal.

Table A and the charts show that big differences exist in the proportions of each group in the household baskets of the Community countries.

It can be seen that the share of "Food products" is 15 to 20 % in the F.R. of Germany, the Netherlands, Belgium, the United Kingdom and Denmark, where as it is 20 to 25 % in France and Ireland, 25 to 30 % in Italy and in Greece and 30 to 40 % in Luxemburg, Spain and Portugal (see also explanatory notes next page).

The share of "Drinks and tobacco" is 3 to 5 % in most of the countries, except Ireland (7.3 %), Denmark (8.0 %) and the United Kingdom (11.7 %). This UK figure includes drinks consumed away from home ; for the other countries this item is included in group VIII and is thus not comparable.

The relative part of the group "Clothing and footwear" is situated between 7 and 10 % for all countries, excepted Greece (12.8 %).

"Housing" claims 20 to 27 % of the household budget in Germany (F.R.), the Netherlands, Belgium, the United Kingdom and Denmark but only 7 to 15 % in all the other countries.

"Household goods and services" account for 7 to 10 % of the expenses in all countries.

"Health costs" are generally below 5 % with the exceptions of France (7 %) and the Netherlands (12 %).

"Transport and communication" consumes 10 to 17 % of the family household budget, "Recreation, education" 6 to 9 % and "Other goods and services" cover 8 to 18 %.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The weight structure of each country refers to a different year, which is given at the bottom of the table.

This reference year is situated around 1980 for most of the Member States. For those using a "chain-index", i.e. France and the United-Kingdom, it is of course 1984. For Spain and Portugal on the other hand the reference period is 1973-1974.

These circumstances prevent a valid comparison with the Community countries, but there will be a revision soon in both these countries.

In fact, where the relative shares for food products are very high in these countries, this is partly due to the "older" reference year. In general one can say that the share of food products diminishes when the income per head rises and that the opposite tendency is observed for the share of "Services" (groups 5 to 8).

It should be mentioned that the classification of individual goods and services is not the same in all countries. Eurostat has reproduced as far as possible the weight structure according to the classification at the level of the 8 groups for which it regularly publishes indices.

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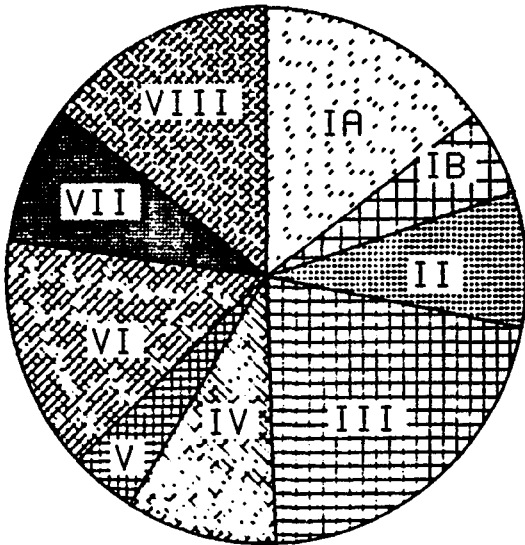
RELATIVE PART IN % OF EACH GROUP IN THE WEIGHTS

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I A	PRODUITS ALIMENTAIRES	14.7	21.8	29.5	16.4	19.3	32.4	18.0	22.3	18.5	27.2	36.1	40.7	FOOD PRODUCTS	1 A
I B	BOISSONS ET TABACS	5.2	4.7	4.5	3.6	4.0	5.2	11.6	7.3	8.0	3.4	4.4	5.2	DRINKS AND TOBACCO	1 B
II	HABILLEMENT ET CHAUSSURES	8.2	8.2	10.2	8.1	8.2	9.5	7.6	8.8	5.5	12.8	8.2	9.4	CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	II
III	LOYERS, CHAUFFAGE, ECLAIRAGE	21.3	13.7	7.6	21.6	19.6	10.8*	21.8	9.6	27.3	13.1	14.0	15.5	RENT, FUEL, POWER	III
IV	BIENS ET SERVICE DE MENAGE	9.4	9.2	8.0	8.0	9.5	9.9	8.1	6.5	7.2	8.9	7.8	7.4	HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND SERVICES	IV
V	DEPENSES DE SANTE	4.1	6.9	4.0	11.9	4.0	3.8	0.5	2.3	1.8	4.5	3.4	4.2	HEALTH COSTS	V
VI	TRANSPORT ET COMMUNICATIONS	14.3	15.2	12.6	11.2	15.4	13.5	17.4	16.4	14.9	13.0	9.7	8.3	TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS	VI
VII	LOISIRS, CULTURE, ENSEIGNEMENT	8.4	6.8	7.9	8.7	8.2	6.2	5.9	8.1	9.2	6.3	6.9	4.3	RECREATION AND EDUCATION	VII
VIII	AUTRES BIENS ET SERVICES	14.4	13.5	15.7	10.5	11.8	8.7	9.1	18.7	7.6	10.8	9.5	5.0	OTHER GOODS AND SERVICES	VIII
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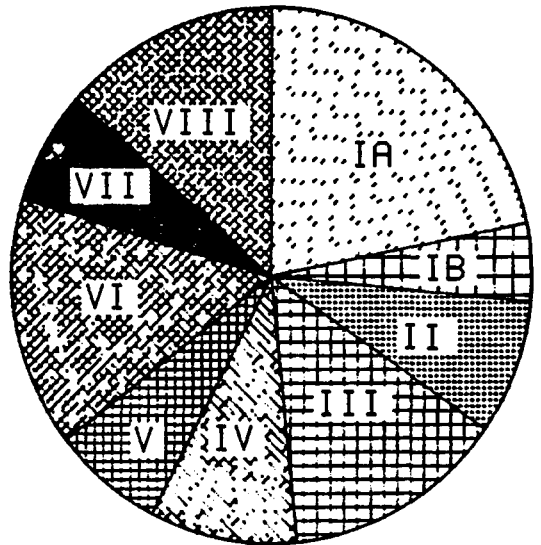
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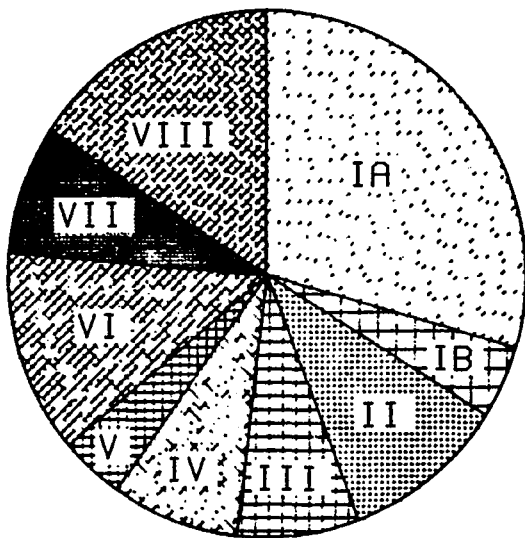
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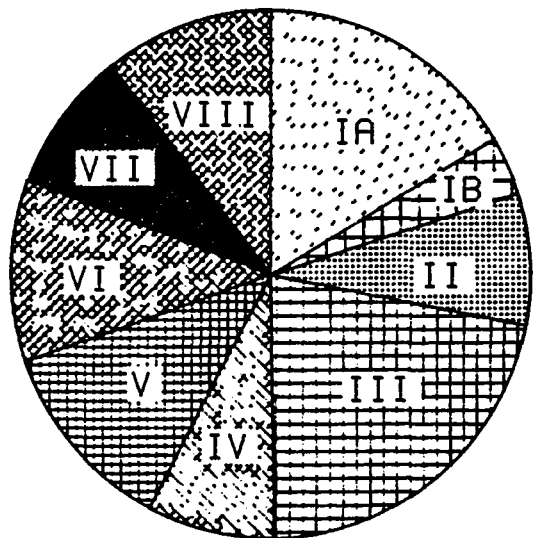
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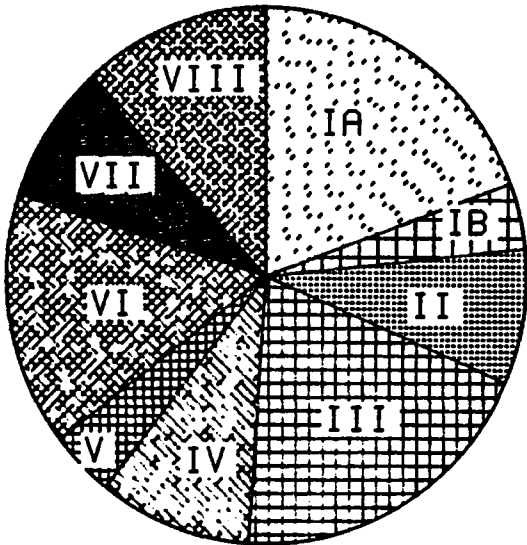
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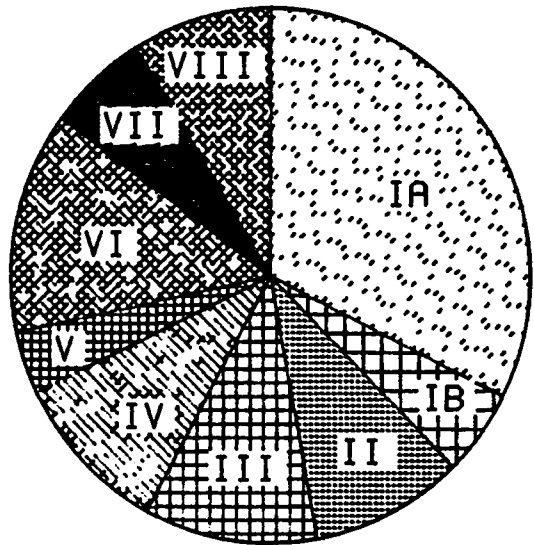
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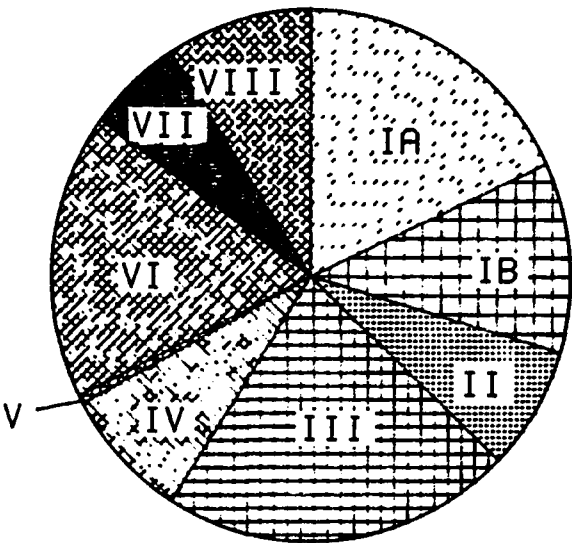
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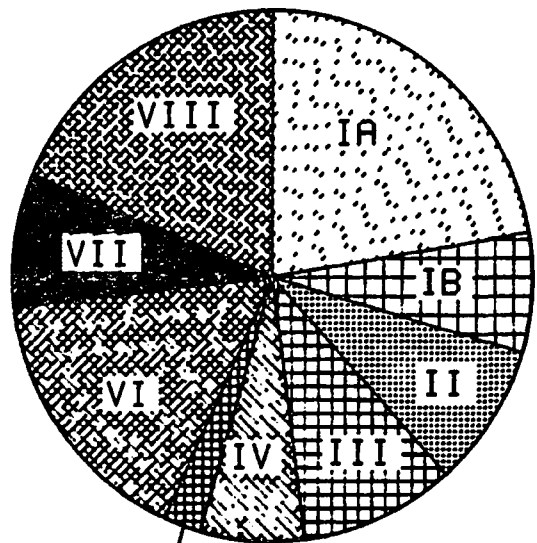
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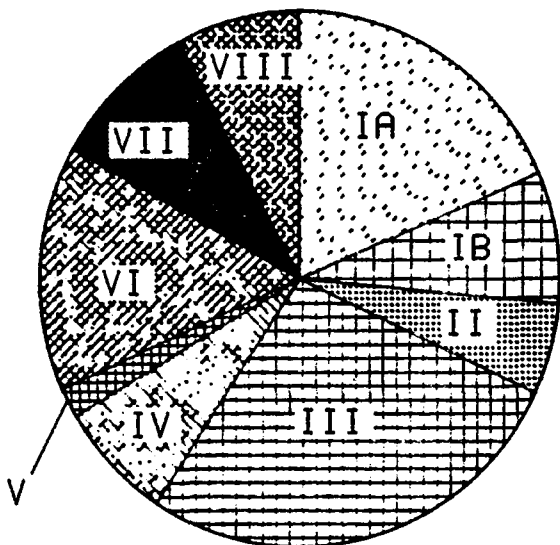
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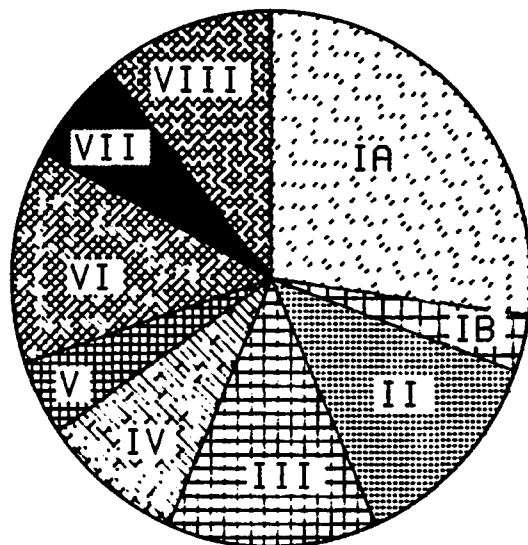
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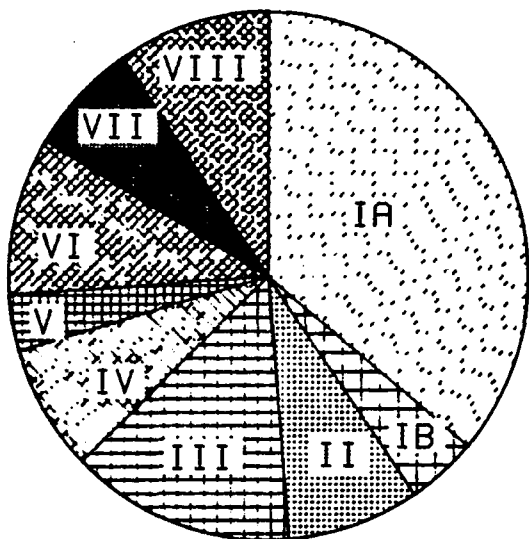
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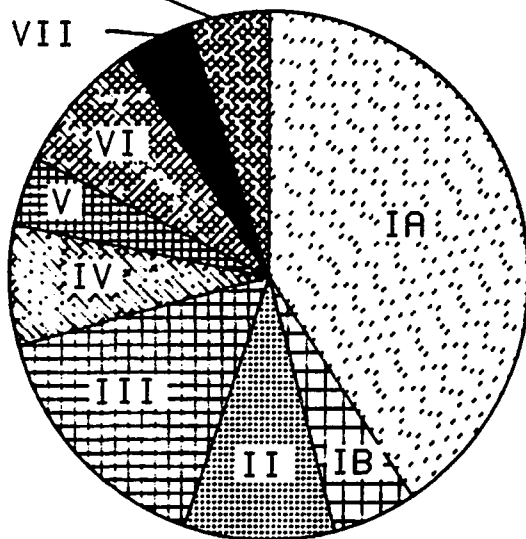
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