

Appendix

APPENDIX TABLE 1A
 NOMINAL WAGE RATES OF URBAN UNSKILLED LABOR
 IN BRITISH AFRICA, 1880–1965
 (pence per day)

	<i>Gambia</i>	<i>Gold Coast</i>	<i>Sierra Leone</i>	<i>Southern Nigeria</i>	<i>Kenya</i>	<i>Nyasaland</i>	<i>Tanganyika</i>	<i>Uganda</i>	<i>Mauritius</i>	<i>CoVar</i>
1880	15.1	10.4	10.8	13.5						
1881	15.1	10.4	10.8	13.5						
1882	15.1	10.4	10.8	13.5						
1883	15.1	10.4	10.8	13.5						
1884	15.8	10.4	10.8	12.7						
1885	15.8	10.4	11.7	12.7						
1886	15.8	10.4	10.9	12.7						
1887	15.8	10.4	10.9	11.0					12.5	
1888	15.8	10.4	10.9	11.0					12.5	
1889	15.8	10.4	10.6	11.0					12.5	
1890	15.8	10.4	10.9	11.0					12.5	
1891	15.8	10.4	9.9	11.0					13.3	
1892	15.8	10.4	9.9	11.0					11.8	
1893	15.8	10.4	9.9	11.0					14.3	
1894	15.8	10.4	9.9	12.7					12.5	
1895	15.8	10.4	9.9	12.7					12.5	
1896	15.8	10.4	9.9	12.7					12.5	
1897	17.0	10.4	10.0	12.7					12.5	
1898	17.0	10.4	10.0	12.7					12.5	
1899	17.0	10.4	10.0	12.7					12.5	
1900	17.0	10.4	10.0	12.7					12.5	
1901	17.0	10.4	10.0	12.7		2.0			15.2	
1902	17.0	10.4	10.0	12.7		2.0			15.2	
1903	17.0	10.4	10.0	12.7		2.0			17.3	
1904	17.0	11.6	10.0	12.7	3.5	3.3			13.1	
1905	17.0	11.6	10.0	12.7	3.5	3.3			15.7	
1906	17.0	11.6	10.0	12.7	3.5	3.3		4.6	12.5	0.6
1907	17.0	11.6	10.0	12.7	3.5	3.3		4.6	12.5	0.6
1908	17.0	11.6	10.0	12.7	3.6	3.3		4.6	12.5	0.6
1909	17.0	11.6	10.0	12.7	3.6	3.3			12.5	
1910	17.0	11.6	10.0	10.4	4.5	3.3		4.8	12.5	0.6
1911	17.0	11.6	10.0	10.4	4.4	3.3		4.8	10.0	0.6
1912	17.0	12.7	10.0	10.4	4.3	3.3		4.8	14.9	0.6
1913		12.7			4.3	3.3		4.8	14.9	
1914		12.7		10.4	4.3	3.3		4.8	14.9	
1915		12.7	10.0	10.4	4.3	3.3		4.8	16.5	
1916		12.7	10.0			3.3		4.8	16.5	

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	<i>Gambia</i>	<i>Gold Coast</i>	<i>Sierra Leone</i>	<i>Southern Nigeria</i>	<i>Kenya</i>	<i>Nyasaland</i>	<i>Tanganyika</i>	<i>Uganda</i>	<i>Mauritius</i>	<i>CoVar</i>
1917			15.0			3.8			16.5	
1918			15.0			3.8			17.7	
1919			15.0	12.0		4.0		10.6	31.5	
1920		24.0	16.4	18.0		4.2		8.4	39.6	
1921	30.0	24.0	16.4	18.0		4.4	11.3	8.4	39.6	0.6
1922	18.0	18.0		16.0	5.9	4.4	11.3	8.4	39.6	0.5
1923	18.0	18.0	16.4	12.0	7.1	4.4	11.3	10.4	39.6	0.4
1924	18.0	18.0	16.4	16.0	8.3	4.4	11.3	10.4	47.7	0.4
1925	18.0	18.0	13.9	17.0	10.0	3.9	11.3		48.0	0.4
1926	18.0	18.0	13.9	15.0	10.5	3.9	9.8	15.8	48.0	0.4
1927	18.0	18.0	13.9	15.0	10.5	4.2	9.8	14.8	36.0	0.4
1928	18.0	15.0	13.9	12.0	10.5	4.2	9.8	15.8	36.0	0.3
1929	18.0	18.0	13.9	12.0	8.3	4.2	9.8	11.4	36.0	0.4
1930	18.0	15.0	13.9	10.0	7.1	4.2	8.9	9.9	27.0	0.4
1931	21.2	13.4	12.2	10.0	7.9	6.1	6.2	8.9	27.0	0.5
1932	12.7	13.4	13.0	9.0	7.9	5.7	6.2	7.4	22.5	0.3
1933		13.4	13.4	9.0	7.9	5.6	6.2	6.5	22.5	0.4
1934	12.7	13.4		9.0	6.9	4.8	6.5	5.1	22.5	0.4
1935	12.7	13.4	12.8	9.0	6.9	4.8	4.4	5.5	22.5	0.4
1936	17.0	17.7	12.5	11.6	6.9	4.8	4.4	6.5	22.5	0.5
1937	17.0	13.4	12.2	11.6	6.9	4.8	4.4	7.2	22.5	0.5
1938	17.0	13.4	13.4	11.6	6.9	4.8	6.7	7.2	22.5	0.4
1939	17.0	13.4	13.4	11.6	6.9	4.8	6.7	9.9	22.5	0.4
1940	17.0	14.7	13.4	9.5	9.2	4.8	6.7		22.5	0.4
1941		14.7	15.0	9.8	9.2	4.8	4.0	9.9	22.5	0.4
1942	21.0	22.0	16.0	10.0	9.2	4.8	5.2	9.9	22.5	0.5
1943	21.0	22.0	17.0	11.0	9.2	5.3	5.2	9.9	24.1	0.5
1944	21.0	22.0	20.8		14.7	5.7		9.9	27.0	
1945	21.0	22.0	20.8	18.0	15.0	5.7	6.2	9.2	27.0	0.5
1946	21.0		20.8	22.4	15.2		12.0		27.4	
1947	27.0		27.0	26.8	17.7		12.0	12.2	31.8	
1948	27.0	32.9	31.2	26.8	19.6	9.0	13.1	12.2	31.8	0.4
1949	33.0	32.9	34.2	26.8	21.6	11.0	20.8	13.9	34.9	0.4
1950	33.0		34.2	36.0	23.5	13.0	20.8	16.8	47.6	0.4
1951	36.0	34.5	40.2	30.0	28.4	16.1	25.5	16.8	47.6	0.3
1952	40.0	56.3	49.3	35.6	32.9	16.1	25.5	21.3	53.8	0.4
1953	40.0	56.3	49.3	39.1	31.9	16.0	25.5	20.6	59.0	0.4
1954	48.0	56.3	49.3	42.9	35.8	16.0	29.5	22.6	62.4	0.4
1955	48.0	56.3	61.3	47.2	43.2	14.7	31.4	29.2	62.4	0.4
1956	48.0	56.3	70.4	58.0	49.0	18.3	30.9	29.2	62.4	0.4
1957	48.0	56.3	70.4	58.0	51.5	19.7	34.6	29.2	62.4	0.4

APPENDIX TABLE 1A—continued

	<i>Gambia</i>	<i>Gold Coast</i>	<i>Sierra Leone</i>	<i>Southern Nigeria</i>	<i>Kenya</i>	<i>Nyasaland</i>	<i>Tanganyika</i>	<i>Uganda</i>	<i>Mauritius</i>	<i>CoVar</i>
1958	48.0	56.3	80.4	56.9	55.2	21.0	32.8	29.2	62.4	0.4
1959	60.0	68.0	80.4	72.0	58.6	21.0	43.4	29.2	66.1	0.4
1960	60.0	72.0	80.4	69.3	62.8	21.8	42.0		66.1	
1961	85.0	80.6	80.4		65.2	23.1	50.6		82.5	
1962	85.0	82.1	88.4		65.7		57.7		84.2	
1963	93.0	86.4	88.4		65.7		69.2		93.5	
1964	93.0	92.2	88.7		65.7				88.2	
1965		103.7	94.7		68.4				88.2	

Note: See the section, “Sources and Methods Used to Construct Wage and Price Series” below.

APPENDIX TABLE 1B
PRICES OF ANNUAL SUBSISTENCE BASKET
IN BRITISH AFRICA, 1880–1965
(pence per year)

	<i>Gambia</i>	<i>Gold Coast</i>	<i>Sierra Leone</i>	<i>Southern Nigeria</i>	<i>Kenya</i>	<i>Nyasaland</i>	<i>Tanganyika</i>	<i>Uganda</i>	<i>Mauritius</i>	<i>CoVar</i>
1880	2,246.7	1,790.2	2,165.9	2,061.9						
1881	2,245.3	1,788.9	2,357.0	2,050.3						
1882	2,220.7	1,787.6	2,355.8	2,050.3						
1883	2,217.4	1,658.2	2,375.6	2,030.3						
1884	1,864.9	1,659.3	2,374.9	1,500.5						
1885	1,862.2	1,655.0	2,372.4	1,488.9						
1886	1,832.9	1,652.5	2,174.2	1,477.2						
1887	1,790.2	1,645.0	2,171.3	1,453.9					2,465.5	
1888	1,791.4	1,591.8	2,172.4	1,453.9					2,766.9	
1889	1,788.8	1,595.1	2,062.4	1,410.6					3,205.2	
1890	1,791.0	1,588.1	1,926.3	1,453.9					2,465.5	
1891	1,802.8	1,419.6	1,733.5	1,267.2					1,753.3	
1892	1,800.5	1,545.0	1,736.6	1,263.9					1,780.7	
1893	1,942.9	1,517.1	1,736.1	1,265.6					2,049.9	
1894	1,939.4	1,307.4	1,887.2	1,256.7					1,970.2	
1895	1,864.4	1,443.3	1,884.8	1,243.4					1,743.8	
1896	1,859.7	1,443.0	1,888.3	1,246.5					1,689.4	
1897	1,859.6	1,444.6	1,883.6	1,266.1					2,212.6	
1898	1,859.1	1,444.6	1,662.8	1,254.9					1,990.0	
1899	1,863.2	1,447.8	1,663.5	1,245.3					1,793.8	
1900	1,863.8	1,452.9	1,666.6	1,249.7					2,046.3	
1901	1,864.1	1,458.1	1,669.6	1,230.4					2,048.0	
1902	1,860.5	1,459.7	1,674.9	1,515.5					2,035.9	
1903	1,862.4	1,462.8	1,674.6	1,251.3					1,766.0	
1904	1,867.3	1,461.1	1,657.2	1,182.6	743.5	1,676.8			1,706.8	

APPENDIX TABLE 1B—continued

	<i>Gold Gambia</i>	<i>Sierra Coast Leone</i>	<i>Southern Nigeria</i>	<i>Kenya</i>	<i>Nyasaland</i>	<i>Tanganyika</i>	<i>Uganda</i>	<i>Mauritius</i>	<i>CoVar</i>	
1905	1,457.2	1,654.7	1,143.1	743.4	1,678.4			1,679.1		
1906	1,462.0	1,656.2	1,176.5	842.3	1,687.5		1,027.4	2,025.5		
1907	1,472.9	1,658.0	1,163.8	990.5	1,733.4		1,187.9	2,347.8		
1908	1,472.9	1,626.6	1,170.8	840.7	1,712.3		1,340.3	2,195.8		
1909	1,524.7	1,626.0	1,034.2	973.6	1,657.4		1,205.7	2,064.7		
1910	1,529.6	1,637.8	1,057.7	975.0	1,659.7		1,290.4	2,104.2		
1911	1,544.7	1,641.8	1,061.5	1,125.6	1,653.1		1,309.8	2,053.0		
1912		1,639.9	1,056.9	1,106.1	1,668.9		1,357.9	2,067.0		
1913				1,074.5	1,344.3		1,382.6			
1914			1,071.0	1,061.8			1,483.5	2,626.0		
1915		3,153.6	1,248.7	1,191.2	1,366.7		1,611.7	3,070.2		
1916		3,235.7					1,623.3	2,155.8		
1917		3,303.4			1,638.9			3,659.3		
1918		4,869.4			1,910.2			4,483.2		
1919		4,922.3	4,390.6		2,098.2		1,648.3	4,005.6		
1920	4,579.6	4,316.0	4,823.2	2,295.8	2,311.5		2,831.1	6,784.1		
1921	3,833.8	3,545.8	4,092.4	2,403.8	2,489.0	2,411.9	2,798.4	6,451.6	0.2	
1922	3,372.1	2,427.5		1,903.7	2,485.1	1,555.0	1,928.1	6,345.4		
1923	3,199.7	2,083.8	3,324.5	2,323.0	2,183.4	1,382.8	1,637.5	6,140.8	0.3	
1924	3,473.2	2,087.9	3,631.5	2,295.9	1,868.0	1,561.1	1,666.5	5,882.5	0.4	
1925	3,453.6	2,077.1	3,138.5	2,232.6	1,488.2	1,783.0		3,811.6		
1926	3,473.8	2,073.9	3,747.1	1,668.9	2,103.9	1,870.4	1,835.0	2,281.8	3,804.7	0.3
1927	3,439.1	1,850.4	3,029.4	2,133.3	1,794.6	1,762.6	1,685.0	2,255.7	2,870.3	0.3
1928	3,448.9	2,077.7	3,040.1	1,601.7	2,027.2	1,753.2	1,604.4	2,259.5	2,879.2	0.3
1929	3,412.7	1,596.8	3,119.6	1,596.7	2,220.7	1,738.2	1,865.7	2,282.2	3,555.6	0.3
1930	2,674.3	1,360.2	2,557.1	1,247.9	1,581.8	1,734.2	1,521.6	2,496.7	2,915.5	0.3
1931	1,990.4	1,026.0	1,473.3	1,404.0	1,695.3	1,608.7	1,203.3	1,428.6	2,430.3	0.2
1932	2,223.6	1,261.8	1,469.1		1,592.9	1,556.7	1,188.7	1,140.2	2,215.8	0.2
1933		1,296.5	1,457.4	1,162.8	1,349.6	1,250.4	1,407.6	1,036.5	2,005.8	0.1
1934	1,973.1	1,281.2		1,110.1	1,501.4	1,241.9	1,728.7	804.0	2,073.8	0.3
1935	1,487.7	1,309.6	1,467.3	1,053.4	2,025.0	1,249.5	1,237.0	1,145.5	2,047.0	0.2
1936	2,095.0	1,294.6	1,923.2	1,154.1	1,262.6	1,132.6	1,240.3	1,203.5	2,007.3	0.3
1937	2,341.0	1,327.7	1,935.5	1,100.3	1,633.8	1,145.1	1,255.6	1,222.0	1,970.9	0.3
1938	2,251.2	1,296.3	1,618.9	1,086.6	1,453.1	1,137.7	1,333.8	1,871.0	1,948.1	0.3
1939	1,794.1	1,296.4	1,638.6	1,131.1	2,073.4	1,134.1	1,377.4	1,781.5	1,940.5	0.2
1940	2,254.6	1,506.4	2,042.5	1,402.5	1,682.3	1,134.1	1,180.6		2,584.3	0.3
1941		1,957.5	2,222.3	785.4	2,001.8	1,134.1	1,563.0	1,884.8		0.3
1942	3,893.1	2,061.2	3,834.4	1,417.2	1,817.4		1,808.7	1,836.9	4,550.9	0.4
1943	2,996.1	2,177.9	3,965.5	1,855.5	2,395.4		3,717.5	1,858.9	2,668.2	0.3
1944	3,408.7	2,294.6	4,080.2		2,425.4			2,424.6	3,004.1	
1945	3,336.9	2,411.2	3,834.4	2,036.0	2,945.9		2,708.2	2,621.2	3,433.3	0.2
1946	3,301.1	2,566.8	3,801.6	2,431.9			2,528.7		3,673.6	

APPENDIX TABLE 1B—continued

	<i>Gambia</i>	<i>Gold Coast</i>	<i>Sierra Leone</i>	<i>Southern Nigeria</i>	<i>Kenya</i>	<i>Nyasaland</i>	<i>Tanganyika</i>	<i>Uganda</i>	<i>Mauritius</i>	<i>CoVar</i>
1947	4,000.7	2,618.6	3,818.0		3,794.4		2,845.6		3,776.6	
1948	4,574.8	2,670.5	4,276.8		4,271.3	4,658.4	3,402.1		4,119.9	0.2
1949	4,646.6	3,071.1	4,112.9		4,354.2	4,692.5	3,953.1	3,206.8	4,222.9	0.2
1950	4,377.5	3,525.1	4,178.5		4,686.0		4,118.4	3,420.6	4,257.2	0.1
1951	5,603.2	4,112.6	5,587.7		5,494.6		5,253.5	3,848.1	4,806.6	0.2
1952	6,128.5	4,032.4	6,423.4		6,324.0		5,437.9	3,848.1	5,081.2	0.2
1953	5,690.7	4,005.7	6,357.8		6,738.7	4,880.0	5,516.2	6,639.1	5,218.5	0.2
1954	5,398.9	3,979.0	6,718.3		7,054.1	4,880.0	6,199.2	5,581.9	5,115.5	0.2
1955	5,107.1	4,297.4	6,849.4		7,312.2	4,330.4	5,936.5	4,609.3	5,046.9	0.2
1956	4,815.2	4,496.3	7,123.4		7,713.7	3,877.4	5,884.0	4,524.7	5,149.9	0.3
1957	5,092.5	4,138.2	7,739.8		7,943.1	4,081.9	6,251.7	4,228.7	5,046.9	0.3
1958	5,369.7	4,297.4	7,260.4		8,258.5	4,161.5	6,409.3	4,313.3	5,081.2	0.3
1959	5,559.4	4,376.9	7,328.9		8,341.1	5,238.0	6,409.3	4,313.3	5,046.9	0.3
1960	5,690.7	4,376.9	7,260.4		8,423.7	5,238.0	6,356.8		5,115.5	0.2
1961	5,822.1		7,739.8		8,588.8	5,101.6	6,356.8		5,149.9	
1962	6,040.9		7,507.6		8,919.2	5,101.6	6,409.3			
1963	6,216.0		7,739.8		8,919.2		6,251.7			
1964	6,040.9		8,591.2		8,919.2					
1965			8,978.2		9,414.7					

Note: See the section, “Sources and Methods Used to Construct Wage and Price Series” below.

APPENDIX TABLE 1C
WELFARE RATIOS IN BRITISH AFRICA, 1880–1965

	<i>Gambia</i>	<i>Gold Coast</i>	<i>Sierra Leone</i>	<i>Southern Nigeria</i>	<i>Kenya</i>	<i>Nyasaland</i>	<i>Tanganyika</i>	<i>Uganda</i>	<i>Mauritius</i>
1880	2.1	1.8	1.6	2.0					
1881	2.1	1.8	1.4	2.1					
1882	2.1	1.8	1.4	2.1					
1883	2.1	2.0	1.4	2.1					
1884	2.6	2.0	1.4	2.6					
1885	2.6	2.0	1.5	2.7					
1886	2.7	2.0	1.6	2.7					
1887	2.8	2.0	1.6	2.4					1.6
1888	2.8	2.0	1.6	2.4					1.4
1889	2.8	2.0	1.6	2.4					1.2
1890	2.8	2.0	1.8	2.4					1.6
1891	2.7	2.3	1.8	2.7					2.4
1892	2.7	2.1	1.8	2.7					2.1
1893	2.5	2.1	1.8	2.7					2.2

APPENDIX TABLE 1C—continued

	<i>Gambia</i>	<i>Gold Coast</i>	<i>Sierra Leone</i>	<i>Southern Nigeria</i>	<i>Kenya</i>	<i>Nyasaland</i>	<i>Tanganyika</i>	<i>Uganda</i>	<i>Mauritius</i>
1894	2.5	2.5	1.6	3.2					2.0
1895	2.6	2.2	1.6	3.2					2.2
1896	2.6	2.2	1.6	3.2					2.3
1897	2.8	2.2	1.7	3.1					1.8
1898	2.8	2.2	1.9	3.2					2.0
1899	2.8	2.2	1.9	3.2					2.2
1900	2.8	2.2	1.9	3.2					1.9
1901	2.8	2.2	1.9	3.2					2.3
1902	2.8	2.2	1.9	2.6					2.3
1903	2.8	2.2	1.9	3.2					3.0
1904	2.8	2.5	1.9	3.4	1.5	0.6			2.4
1905		2.5	1.9	3.5	1.5	0.6			2.9
1906		2.5	1.9	3.4	1.3	0.6		1.4	1.9
1907		2.5	1.9	3.4	1.1	0.6		1.2	1.7
1908		2.5	1.9	3.4	1.3	0.6		1.1	1.8
1909		2.4	1.9	3.8	1.1	0.6			1.9
1910		2.4	1.9	3.1	1.4	0.6		1.2	1.9
1911		2.3	1.9	3.1	1.2	0.6		1.1	1.5
1912			1.9	3.1	1.2	0.6		1.1	2.2
1913					1.2	0.8		1.1	
1914				3.0	1.3			1.0	1.8
1915			1.0	2.6	1.1	0.8		0.9	1.7
1916			1.0					0.9	2.4
1917			1.4			0.7			1.4
1918			1.0			0.6			1.2
1919			1.0	0.9		0.6		2.0	2.5
1920		1.7	1.1	2.4		0.6		0.9	2.7
1921	2.4	2.1	1.3	2.3		0.6	1.5	0.9	2.9
1922	1.7	2.3		2.6		0.6	2.3	1.4	2.9
1923	1.8	2.7	1.5	1.6		0.6	2.6	2.0	3.0
1924	1.6	2.7	1.4	2.2		0.7	2.3	1.9	2.5
1925	1.6	2.7	1.4	2.4		0.8	2.0		3.9
1926	1.6	2.7	1.2	2.8	1.6	0.7	1.7	2.2	3.9
1927	1.6	3.0	1.4	2.2	1.8	0.7	1.8	2.0	3.9
1928	1.6	2.3	1.4	2.3	1.6	0.7	1.9	2.2	3.9
1929	1.6	3.5	1.4	2.3	1.2	0.7	1.6	1.6	3.2
1930	2.1	3.4	1.7	2.5	1.4	0.7	1.8	1.2	2.9
1931	3.3	4.1	2.6	2.2	1.5	1.2	1.6	1.9	3.5
1932	1.8	3.3	2.8		1.5	1.1	1.6	2.0	3.2

APPENDIX TABLE 1C—continued

	<i>Gambia</i>	<i>Gold Coast</i>	<i>Sierra Leone</i>	<i>Southern Nigeria</i>	<i>Kenya</i>	<i>Nyasaland</i>	<i>Tanganyika</i>	<i>Uganda</i>	<i>Mauritius</i>
1933		3.2	2.9	2.4	1.8	1.4	1.4	1.9	3.5
1934	2.0	3.3		2.5	1.4	1.2	1.2	2.0	3.4
1935	2.7	3.2	2.7	2.7	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.5	3.4
1936	2.5	4.3	2.0	3.1	1.7	1.3	1.1	1.7	3.5
1937	2.3	3.2	2.0	3.3	1.3	1.3	1.1	1.8	3.6
1938	2.4	3.2	2.6	3.3	1.5	1.3	1.6	1.2	3.6
1939	3.0	3.2	2.6	3.2	1.0	1.3	1.5	1.7	3.6
1940	2.3	3.0	2.0	2.1	1.7	1.3	1.8		2.7
1941		2.3	2.1	3.9	1.4	1.3	0.8	1.6	
1942	1.7	3.3	1.3	2.2	1.6		0.9	1.7	1.5
1943	2.2	3.2	1.3	1.8	1.2		0.4	1.7	2.8
1944	1.9	3.0	1.6		1.9			1.3	2.8
1945	2.0	2.8	1.7	2.8	1.6		0.7	1.1	2.5
1946	2.0		1.7	2.9			1.5		2.3
1947	2.1		2.2		1.5		1.3		2.6
1948	1.8	3.8	2.3		1.4	0.6	1.2		2.4
1949	2.2	3.3	2.6		1.5	0.7	1.6	1.4	2.6
1950	2.4		2.6		1.6		1.6	1.5	3.5
1951	2.0	2.6	2.2		1.6		1.5	1.4	3.1
1952	2.0	4.4	2.4		1.6		1.5	1.7	3.3
1953	2.2	4.4	2.4		1.5	1.0	1.4	1.0	3.5
1954	2.8	4.4	2.3		1.6	1.0	1.5	1.3	3.8
1955	2.9	4.1	2.8		1.8	1.1	1.6	2.0	3.9
1956	3.1	3.9	3.1		2.0	1.5	1.6	2.0	3.8
1957	2.9	4.2			2.0	1.5	1.7	2.2	3.9
1958	2.8	4.1	3.5		2.1	1.6	1.6	2.1	3.8
1959	3.4	4.8	3.4		2.2	1.3	2.1	2.1	4.1
1960	3.3	5.1			2.3	1.3	2.1		4.0
1961	4.6	5.4	3.2		2.4	1.4	2.5		5.0
1962	4.4	5.5	3.7		2.3		2.8		
1963	4.7	5.0	3.6		2.3		3.5		
1964	4.8	4.9	3.2		2.3				
1965		4.4	3.3		2.3				

Note: Welfare ratios in black are based on the maize basket, welfare ratios in red on the rice basket, welfare ratios in green on the cassava basket, and welfare ratios in blue on the millet basket.

Sources and Methods Used to Construct Wage and Price Series

The codes CO and DO respectively refer to the archives of the Colonial Office and Dominion Office in the British National Archive (TNA, London); the abbreviation BB refers to Blue Book, SP to Sessional Papers, and TS to Trade Statistics.

GOLD COAST, ACCRA

Wage Data

For 1880–1942 from the *Blue Book for the Gold Coast Colony, 1880–1946* (CO100/30-96); for 1943–1960 from the *Sessional Papers and Administration Reports, various editions 1940–1965* (CO98/78-101 and DO138/4-14); for 1961–1965 the “manufacturing wage index” for Ghana from Mitchell, 2007, p. 141.

Urban unskilled wages: 1880–1899 “trades” – hammock men (in town); 1900–1916 “trades – laborers” (rate for hammock men 1900–1902 is the same as for laborers); 1920–1924 “trade and manufacture – local laborers”; 1925–1937 “government, railways – laborers”; 1938–1941 “government public works” (government wages railways 1938 were the same as public works); 1942–1945 “unskilled workers, including wartime bonus”; 1948–1960 “construction laborers, non-artisan”; and 1961–1965 “manufacturing wage index Ghana.”

Rural unskilled wages: 1880–1884 “preadial”; 1900–1916 “local laborers” (urban and rural wages are the same, as indicated by *Blue Book* 1920); 1920–1924 “agriculture”; 1925–1930 “agricultural stations”; 1931–1935 “agriculture – government employment”; 1937–1945 “agriculture”; 1948 “agriculture, timber”; 1949–1951 “agriculture – unskilled labor”; and 1951–1958 “agriculture – farm laborers.”

Urban skilled wages: 1880–1899 “trades”; 1900–1924 “carpenters and masons”; 1925–1951 “government – carpenters and masons” (or blacksmiths, 1949); and 1952–1958 “manufacturing – artisan or tradesmen.”

Price Data

For 1880–1940 from the *Blue Book for the Gold Coast Colony, 1880–1946* (TNA CO100/30-96); for 1941–1965 the official colonial CPI (1939 = 100) from the *Sessional Papers and Administration Reports, various editions 1940–1965* (TNA CO98/78-101 and DO138/4-14). Additional price information taken from the *Annual Statement of the Trade of the United Kingdom with Foreign Countries and British Possessions, various editions 1880–1940*.

Wheat: from retail price reports *BB*.

Rice: from retail price reports *BB*.

Maize: from retail price reports *BB*; for 1880–1931 extrapolated using combined rice and wheat prices *BB* ($R^2 = 0.65$).

Meat: beef prices from retail price reports *BB*.

Sugar: from retail price reports *BB*.

Palm oil: from retail price reports *BB*; for 1880–1929 and 1939/40 extrapolated using the weighted price trend of other food items.

Cotton: from *TS* with a markup rate of 20 percent; for 1939/40 extrapolated using the weighted price trend of other nonfood items.

Soap: from retail price reports *BB*; for 1886–1919 extrapolated using trend in import prices from *TS*; for 1880–1885 extrapolated using the weighted price trend of other nonfood items.

Kerosene: from retail price reports *BB*; for 1880–1919 extrapolated using the weighted price trend of other nonfood items.

The total price of the subsistence basket is raised with 15 percent, comprising 5 percent for housing, 7.5 percent for fuel, and 2.5 percent for lighting.

SIERRA LEONE, FREETOWN

Wage Data

For 1880–1943 from the *Blue Book of Sierra Leone, 1880–1945* (CO272/57-122); for 1944–1965 from the *Sessional Papers and Administration Reports, various editions 1903–1965* (CO270/77-104).

Urban unskilled wages: 1880–1896 based on a log-normal average of rural wages and the skill-adjusted category “trades”; 1897–1911 “trades – blacksmiths” extrapolated backwards using 1915 as benchmark for the laborers-blacksmiths wage ratio (the rate for blacksmiths did not change between 1897–1911); 1915–1919 “trades – laborers (Freetown)”; 1920–1924 “trade and manufacture – porter or carrier”; 1925–1943 “government, railways – locomotive laborers and cleaners”; 1944–1948 “unskilled laborers, colony”; and 1949–1965 “unskilled railways, colony area.”

Unskilled rural labor: 1880–1884 “preadial”; 1885–1919 “farm laborers” including a bushel of rice (average between “near towns or villages” and “more rural places”); 1926–1943 “agriculture”; 1946/47 “unskilled labor, other areas”; and 1949–1965 “unskilled railways, other areas” (the latter two categories were based on the assumption that the wage from a rural farm laborer did not deviate much from that of an unskilled railway laborer in the rural areas).

Urban skilled labor: 1880–1896 “trades”; 1897–1924 “blacksmiths” (1920–1924 minimum rate doubled on the basis of previous years); 1925–1930 “government railways – carpenters and painters”; 1931–1940 “government railways – painters”; 1941–1948 “artisans”; and 1949–1965 “skilled railways, colony area.”

Price Data

For 1880–1941 from the *Blue Book of Sierra Leone, 1880–1945* (CO272/57-122); for 1942–1965 the official colonial CPI (1939 = 100) from the *Sessional Papers and Administration Reports, various editions between 1903–1965* (CO270/77-104). Additional price information taken from the *Annual Statement of the Trade of the United Kingdom with Foreign Countries and British Possessions, various editions 1880–1940*.

Wheat: from retail price reports *BB*.

Rice: from retail price reports *BB*.

Maize: from wholesale price reports *BB*, with a markup rate of 20 percent; for 1880–1912 extrapolated using combined rice and wheat prices *BB* ($R^2 = 0.71$).

Meat: beef prices from retail price reports *BB*.

Sugar: from retail price reports *BB*.

Palm oil: from retail price reports *BB*; for 1880–1916 extrapolated using the weighted price trend of other food items.

Cotton: from *TS* with a markup rate of 20 percent; for 1939–1943 extrapolated using the weighted price trend of other nonfood items.

Soap: from retail price reports *BB*; for 1906–1919 extrapolated using trend in import prices from *TS*; for 1880–1885 extrapolated using the weighted price trend of other nonfood items.

Kerosene: from retail price reports *BB*; for 1880–1919 extrapolated using the weighted price trend of other nonfood items.

The total price of the subsistence basket is raised with 15 percent, comprising 5 percent for housing, 7.5 percent for fuel, and 2.5 percent for lighting.

SOUTHERN NIGERIA, LAGOS (MAINLY)

Wage Data

For 1880–1903 from the *Blue Book for the Colony of Lagos, 1880–1905* (CO151/18-43); for 1904–1912 from the *Blue Book for the Protectorate of Southern Nigeria, 1900–1913* (CO473/1-16); for 1913–1927 and 1936–1943 from the *Blue Book for the Colony and Protectorate of Nigeria, 1913–1945* (CO660/1-35); for 1928–1935 and 1945–1960 from the *Sessional Papers and Administration Reports, various editions 1912–1965* (CO657/40-157).

Urban unskilled wages: 1880–1893 extrapolated backwards from 1894 using the trend in rural unskilled wages; 1894–1903 “trades Lagos – canoe men” (these pre-1904 series were downward adjusted using the wage rates found in a larger selection of cities and towns in Southern Nigeria after 1903); 1904–1924 “trades Southern Nigeria – laborers and carriers”; 1926/27 “manufactures, building – unskilled”; 1928–1935 “casual labor, Lagos”; 1936–1954 “construction laborers”; 1950 “Port of Lagos, laborer”; and 1956–1959 “government, unskilled labor”; and 1960 “laborer, minimum daily wage.”

Rural unskilled wages: 1880–1903 “preadial, Lagos”; 1911–1915 “preadial, Southern Nigeria”; 1919–1940 “agriculture”; 1948–1954 “plantations”; and 1956–1959 “agriculture.”

Urban skilled wages: 1880–1893 “trades, Lagos”; 1894–1903 “carpenters, Lagos”; 1904–1925 “carpenters, Southern Nigeria”; 1926–1947 “government, artisans”; 1948–1954 “carpenters”; and 1956–1959 “forestry, skilled.”

Price Data

For 1880–1903 from the *Blue Book for the Colony of Lagos, 1880–1905* (CO151/18-43); for 1904–1912 from the *Blue Book for the Protectorate of Southern Nigeria, 1900–1913* (CO473/1-16); For 1913–1943 from the *Blue Book for the Colony and*

Protectorate of Nigeria, 1913–1945 (CO660/1-35). Additional price information taken from the *Annual Statement of the Trade of the United Kingdom with Foreign Countries and British Possessions, various editions 1880–1940*.

Wheat: from retail price reports *BB*.

Rice: from retail price reports *BB*.

Maize: from retail price reports *BB*; for 1880–1915 and 1940–1943 extrapolated using combined wheat and rice prices ($R^2 = 0.67$).

Cassava: from retail price reports *BB*; for 1903–1943 extrapolated using wheat prices ($R^2 = 0.88$).

Meat: beef prices from retail price reports *BB*.

Sugar: from retail price reports *BB*; for 1894–1943 extrapolated using the weighted price trend of other food items.

Palm oil: from retail price reports *BB*; for 1880–1929 and 1939–1943 extrapolated using the weighted price trend of other food items.

Cotton: import prices from *TS* with a mark-up rate of 20 percent; for 1880–1890 and 1940–1943 extrapolated using the weighted price trend of other nonfood items.

Soap: from retail price reports *BB*; for 1891–1919 extrapolated using trend in import prices from *TS*; for 1880–1890 and 1941–1943 extrapolated using the weighted price trend of other nonfood items.

Kerosene: from retail price reports *BB*; for 1880–1919 and 1941–1943 extrapolated using weighted price trend of other nonfood items.

The total price of the subsistence basket is raised with 15 percent, comprising 5 percent for housing, 7.5 percent for fuel, and 2.5 percent for lighting.

THE GAMBIA

Wage Data

For 1880–1943 from the *Blue Book for the Colony of The Gambia, 1880–1945* (CO 90/54-119); for 1944–1964 from the *Sessional Papers and Administration Reports, various editions 1886–1964* (CO 89/25-45).

Urban unskilled wages: 1897–1912 “trades – laborers”; pre-1897 based on a lognormal distribution between rural wages and the skill-adjusted category “trades”; 1921–1924 “trades and government/manufacture – laborers”; 1925/26 “other, industrial – building” (wage level vis-à-vis 1924 unaltered); 1927–1944 “government” (government wages were equal to industrial wages in 1925/26); 1944–1946 “unskilled manual labor”; 1947–1960 “unskilled laborer”; and 1961–1964 “port worker.”

Rural unskilled wages: 1880–1912 “preadial”; and 1924–1964 “agriculture.”

Urban skilled wages: 1880–1912 “trades – carpenters”; 1921–1924 “Masons”; 1928–1944 “government” (lognormal of 2 times minimum and maximum); and 1945–1964 “Artisans.”

Price Data

For 1880–1943 from the *Blue Book for the Colony of The Gambia, 1880–1945* (CO 90/54-119); for 1942–1964 the official colonial CPI (1939 = 100) from the *Sessional*

Papers and Administration Reports, various editions between 1886–1964 (CO 89/25-45). Additional price information taken from the *Annual Statement of the Trade of the United Kingdom with Foreign Countries and British Possessions, various editions 1880–1940*.

Wheat: from retail price reports *BB*.

Rice: from retail price reports *BB*.

Maize: for 1920–1943 the maize prices from Freetown; for 1880–1904 extrapolated using combined rice and wheat prices ($R^2 = 0.45$).

Meat: beef prices from retail price reports *BB*.

Sugar: from retail price reports *BB*.

Palm oil: from retail price reports *BB*; for 1880–1927 extrapolated using the weighted price trend of other food items.

Cotton: import prices from *TS* with a markup rate of 20 percent; for 1939–1945 extrapolated using the weighted price trend of other nonfood items.

Soap: from retail price reports *BB*; for 1906–1920 extrapolated using trend in import prices from *TS*; for 1880–1905 extrapolated using the weighted price trend of other nonfood items.

Kerosene: from retail price reports *BB*; for 1880–1921 extrapolated using the weighted price trend of other nonfood items.

The total price of the subsistence basket is raised with 15 percent, comprising 5 percent for housing, 7.5 percent for fuel, and 2.5 percent for lighting.

KENYA, NAIROBI

Wage Data

For 1904–1912 the *Blue Book of the British East Africa Protectorate, 1901–1916* (CO 543/1-15); for 1926–1943 the *Blue Book for the Colony and Protectorate of Kenya, 1925–1946* (CO543/16-36); for 1913–1915 and 1944–1965 the *Sessional Papers and Administration Reports, various editions between 1903–1965* (CO544/1-111).

Urban unskilled wages: 1904–1912 extrapolated backwards from 1913 using the trend in rural unskilled wages; 1913–1915 “native unskilled urban labor”; 1926–1944 “government, railways – unskilled”; 1944/45 “casual labor in town”; 1946–1949 “Nairobi, unskilled labor”; 1950–1952 “Shop and store workers, unskilled”; 1953 “urban unskilled workers”; 1954–1961 “Nairobi, minimum wage”; and 1962–1965 “unskilled construction worker.”

Rural unskilled wages: 1904–1912 “farm laborers” (lognormal of non-coastal and coastal rates); 1926–1944 “agriculture”; and 1953–1955 “agriculture, nonresident labor.”

Urban skilled wages: 1904–1909 “trades – carpenters, Swahili”; 1947–1949 “artisans”; 1950–1952 “carpenters”; and 1955 “Nairobi, skilled labor.”

Price Data

For 1904–1915 the *Blue Book of the British East Africa Protectorate, 1901–1916* (CO 543/1-15); for 1926–1945 the *Blue Book for the Colony and Protectorate of Kenya, 1925–1946* (CO543/16-36); for 1947–1965 official African retail CPI from the *Sessional Papers and Administration Reports, various editions 1903–1965* (CO544/1-111). Additional price information taken from the *Annual Statement of the Trade of the United Kingdom with Foreign Countries and British Possessions, various editions 1880–1940*.

Wheat: from retail price reports *BB*.

Rice: from retail price reports *BB*.

Maize: from wholesale price reports *BB* with a markup rate of 20 percent.

Meat: beef prices from retail price reports *BB*.

Sugar: from retail price reports *BB*.

Ghee: from retail price reports *BB*; for 1903–1915 and 1926–1931 extrapolated using butter prices.

Cotton: import prices from *TS* with a markup rate of 20 percent; for 1939–1945 extrapolated using the weighted price trend of other nonfood items.

Soap: from retail price reports *BB*; for 1910–1926 extrapolated using trend in import prices from *TS*; for 1903–1909 extrapolated using the weighted price trend of other nonfood items.

Kerosene: from retail price reports *BB*; for 1903–1915 extrapolated using the weighted price trend of other nonfood items.

The total price of the subsistence basket is raised with 15 percent, comprising 5 percent for housing, 7.5 percent for fuel, and 2.5 percent for lighting.

NYASALAND, ZOMBA

Wage Data

For 1901–1942 the *Blue Book of Nyasaland Protectorate, 1897–1941* (CO452/5-45); for 1943–1961 the *Sessional Papers and Administration Reports, various editions 1907–1964* (CO626/1-43).

Urban unskilled wages: 1902–1909 “trades, natives – according to skill,” downwards adjusted for skill premium; 1910–1920 interpolated series based on rural wage observations; 1921–1924 “trade and manufacture – carpenters,” downwards adjusted for skill premium; 1925–1930 “industrial – unskilled”; 1931–1942 “government, public works”; 1943–1945 “ordinary wage labor in towns”; 1948 “government public works, laborer”; 1949–1952 “unskilled construction worker”; 1953/54 “industry, unskilled”; 1955–1959 “brick maker, southern province”; 1960 “government, casual labor”; and 1961 “census, bottom of income pyramid.”

Rural unskilled wages: 1904–1909 “preadial, average various areas”; 1914/15 “ordinary labor”; 1921–1930 “agriculture”; 1931–1934 “unskilled labor, Northern Provinces”; 1937–1955 “agriculture”; 1956/57 “tobacco, minimum category unskilled and semi-skilled”; and 1958–1960 “minimum wage all other areas not townships.”

Urban skilled wages: 1904–1909 “trades natives, according to skill” (maximum value); 1921–1924 “trades, carpenters”; 1925–1930 “industrial skilled” (weighted average private sector and government); and 1950–1954 “skilled construction worker.”

Price Data

For 1901–1941 the *Blue Book of Nyasaland Protectorate, 1897–1941* (CO452/5-45); for 1943–1961 the *Sessional Papers and Administration Reports, various editions 1907–1964* (CO626/1-43). Additional price information taken from the *Annual Statement of the Trade of the United Kingdom with Foreign Countries and British Possessions, various editions 1880–1940*.

Wheat: from retail price reports *BB*.

Rice: from retail price reports *BB*.

Maize: based on export prices *BB*; for 1901–1917 and 1940/41 extrapolated using combined rice and wheat prices ($R^2 = 0.70$).

Meat: Mutton prices from retail price reports *BB*; for 1901–1912 extrapolated using the weighted price trend of other food items.

Sugar: from retail price reports *BB*.

Ghee: from retail price reports *BB*.

Cotton: import prices from *TS* with a markup rate of 20 percent; for 1901–1904 and 1939–41 extrapolated using the weighted price trend of other nonfood items.

Soap: from retail price reports *BB*; for 1910–1920 extrapolated using trend in import prices from *TS*; for 1901–1909 extrapolated using the weighted price trend of other nonfood items.

Kerosene: from retail price reports *BB*; for 1901–1920 extrapolated using the weighted price trend of other nonfood items.

The total price of the subsistence basket is raised with 15 percent, comprising 5 percent for housing, 7.5 percent for fuel, and 2.5 percent for lighting.

TANGANYIKA, DAR ES SALAAM

Wage Data

For 1921–1947 from the *Tanganyika Territory Blue Book, 1921–1948* (CO726/1-30); for 1948–1963 from the *Sessional Papers and Administration Reports, various editions 1918–1963* (CO736/1-62).

Urban unskilled wages: 1921–1925 “native porters and unskilled labor” (coast); 1926–1955 “unskilled construction workers”; 1956–1960 “manufacturing”; and 1961–1963 “unskilled labor.”

Rural unskilled wages: 1921–1925 “agriculture, central area”; 1926–1948 “agriculture, all areas”; 1949–1951 “groundnuts”; 1952/53 “government, district”; 1954/55 “coffee”; and 1956 “agriculture.”

Urban skilled wages: 1921–1925 “native carpenters”; 1926–1940 “skilled construction worker”; and 1941–1948 “carpenters, African.”

Price Data

For 1921–1947 from the *Tanganyika Territory Blue Book, 1921–1948* (CO726/1-30); for 1948–1963 official African retail CPI from the *Sessional Papers and Administration Reports, various editions 1918–1963* (CO736/1-62). Additional price information taken from the *Annual Statement of the Trade of the United Kingdom with Foreign Countries and British Possessions, various editions 1880–1940*.

Wheat: from retail price reports *BB*.

Rice: from retail price reports *BB*; for 1923–1932 based on export prices *BB*.

Maize: from retail price reports *BB*; for 1921/22 extrapolated using rice prices ($R^2 = 0.19$); for 1923–1931 based on export prices *BB*.

Millet: from retail price reports *BB*; for 1921/22 extrapolated using rice prices ($R^2 = 0.19$); for 1923–1931 based on export prices *BB*.

Meat: beef prices from retail price reports *BB*.

Sugar: from retail price reports *BB*.

Meat: beef prices from retail price reports *BB*.

Sugar: from retail price reports *BB*.

Ghee: from retail price reports *BB*; for 1921–1931 extrapolated using butter prices *BB*.

Cotton: inserted Kenyan import prices with a markup rate of 20 percent; for 1946/47 extrapolated using the weighted price trend of other nonfood items.

Soap: from retail price reports *BB*; for 1906–1919 and 1938–1945 extrapolated using the weighted price trend of other nonfood items.

Kerosene: from retail price reports *BB*; for 1906–1919 and 1938–1945 extrapolated using the weighted price trend of other nonfood items.

The total price of the subsistence basket is raised with 15 percent, comprising 5 percent for housing, 7.5 percent for fuel, and 2.5 percent for lighting.

UGANDA

Wage Data

For 1906–1945 the *Blue Book of the Uganda Protectorate, 1901–1945* (CO613/1-45); for 1947–1959 the *Sessional Papers and Administration Reports, various editions 1925–1961* (CO685/1-61).

Urban unskilled wages: 1906–1919 “trades, Buganda – native carpenters, masons, and blacksmiths” (1909–1919 corrected for skill premium); 1920–1922 “trade and manufacture – unskilled”; 1923/24 “trade and manufacture Kampala – unskilled”; 1925–1945 “industrial,” average between minimum and maximum values manufacture and building, and adjusted upwards to reflect the wage rate in Kampala; 1947–1953 “unskilled laborers, various industries, Kampala”; and 1954–1959 “unskilled laborers, construction, Kampala.”

Rural unskilled wages: 1906–1919 “Preadial, Buganda”; 1920–1941 “agriculture, unskilled”; 1947 “plantations, African unskilled”; and 1949–1958 “agriculture, sisal, and cotton, unskilled.”

Urban skilled wages: 1920–1924 “skilled, Kampala”; 1947 “blacksmiths and carpenters” (average); 1949–1951 “artisan or carpenters, construction”; and 1954–1956 “bricklayers”; 1957/58 “carpenters.”

Price Data

For 1906–1945 the *Blue Book of the Uganda Protectorate, 1901–1945* (CO613/1-45); for 1947–1959 the official African retail CPI from the *Sessional Papers and Administration Reports, various editions 1925–1961* (CO685/1-61). Additional price information taken from the *Annual Statement of the Trade of the United Kingdom with Foreign Countries and British Possessions, various editions 1880–1940*.

Wheat: from retail price reports *BB*.

Rice: from retail price reports *BB*; for 1923–1932 based on export prices *BB*.

Millet: from retail price reports *BB*; 1906–1909 from wholesale price reports *BB* with a markup rate of 20 percent; 1910–1914 linear interpolation.

Cassava: from retail price reports *BB*; for 1906–1924 extrapolated using the weighted price trend of other food items.

Meat: beef prices from retail price reports *BB*.

Sugar: from retail price reports *BB*.

Ghee: from retail price reports *BB*; for 1906–1910 and 1912–1914 extrapolated using butter prices *BB*.

Cotton: inserted Kenyan import prices with a markup rate of 20 percent; for 1939–1945 extrapolated using the weighted price trend of other nonfood items.

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Wage Data

For 1887–1942 the *Blue Book for the Colony of Mauritius, 1880–1947* (CO172/114-172); for 1943–1965 the *Sessional Papers and Administration Reports, various editions 1879–1965* (CO170/104-410).

Unskilled urban wages: 1887–1924 lognormal minimum value of “trades” and unskilled labor on sugar plantations; 1925–1942 “manufacturing”; and 1943–1965 “construction worker, unskilled.”

Unskilled rural wages: 1887–1918 “preadial”; 1919–1943 “agriculture”; and 1944–1959 “daily sugar field laborers, unskilled” (including cost of living allowance).

Skilled urban wages: 1919–1943 “industrial, artisans”; 1948–1950 “artisans, semi-skilled and skilled; 1952 “building, carpenters, grade I”; 1953–1955 “building, carpenters, foremen”; and 1957–1959 “building, foremen, general.”

Price Data

For 1887–1942 the *Blue Book for the Colony of Mauritius, 1880–1947* (CO172/114-172); for 1943–1965 the official CPI for manual labor from the *Sessional Papers and Administration Reports, various editions 1879–1965* (CO170/104-410). Additional price information taken

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from the *Annual Statement of the Trade of the United Kingdom with Foreign Countries and British Possessions, various editions 1880–1940*.

Wheat: from retail price reports *BB*.

Rice: from retail price reports *BB*; for 1887–1891 extrapolated using trend in import prices from *TS*.

Maize: only for 1911–1919 from retail price reports *BB*.

Meat: beef prices from retail price reports *BB*.

Sugar: from retail price reports *BB*; for 1920–1938 based on export prices *BB*; for 1939–1942 extrapolated using the weighted price trend of other food items.

Butter: from retail price reports *BB*; for 1887–1891 extrapolated using the weighted price trend of other food items.

Cotton: import prices from *TS* with a markup rate of 20 percent; for 1887–1898 and 1939–1942 extrapolated using the weighted price trend of other nonfood items.

Soap: from retail price reports *BB*; for 1887–1898 and 1939–1942 extrapolated using the weighted price trend of other nonfood items.

Lamp oil: import prices from *TS* with a markup rate of 20 percent; for 1887–1919 extrapolated using the weighted price trend of other nonfood items.

The total price of the subsistence basket is raised with 15 percent, comprising 5 percent for housing, 7.5 percent for fuel, and 2.5 percent for lighting.