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An experimental Consumer Price Index for the poor

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In this article, experimental Laspeyres, Paasche, and Fisher price indexes are derived for poor consumers. The minimal differences between these indexes and the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) in the calculation of poverty rates indicate that the poor and the general population face similar price trends.

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