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## NET SPENDABLE EARNINGS IN BOSTON: JANUARY 1976

This quarterly release summarizes current information on factory workers' pay in the Boston Metropolitan Area. Net Spendable Earnings represent the workers' average weekly pay after deduction of social security and Federal income tax rates for a worker who earned the average amount. "Real" Spendable Earnings represent the buying power of the workers' net spendable earnings after adjustment for changes in the Boston Consumer Price Index. These calculations are made for two representative types of workers--a worker without dependents and a worker with three dependents who earned the average amount.

Gross weekly earnings of factory production workers in the Boston metropolitan area rose 1.4 percent during the three-month period ending in January to reach an average of \$198.63, it was announced today by Wendell D. Macdonald, Regional Commissioner of the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics. The quarterly gain in gross average weekly earnings reflected an eleven-cent quarterly increase in average hourly earnings to \$5.08, which more than offset a decrease in the average workweek from 39.4 to 39.1 hours.

Weekly take-home pay for the Boston area factory worker also advanced. After Federal income and social security tax deductions applicable to a worker who earned the average amount, the average weekly paycheck in January for the married worker with three dependents was \$173.29 and for the worker with no dependents \$160.02.

The purchasing power of factory workers' paychecks, however, fell 3.6 percent for the married worker with 3 dependents and 1.8 percent for the single worker between October and January as earnings gains were more than offset by a 4.6 percent increase in Boston consumer prices since October. Real spendable earnings--take home pay

expressed in 1967 dollars to reflect consumer price changes--averaged \$100.52 for the married worker with three dependents and \$92.82 for the single worker.

Over the year, January 1975 to January 1976, the average weekly take-home pay for the Boston area factory worker rose 8.9 percent for the married worker with three dependents and 8.7 percent for the single worker. The purchasing power of the average paycheck, however, fell 1.2 percent in the twelve-month period for the married worker with 3 dependents and 1.5 percent for the single worker.

WEEKLY EARNINGS OF FACTORY PRODUCTION WORKERS

BOSTON METROPOLITAN AREA

MANUFACTURING WORKERS

Month and Year	: GROSS AVERAGE :		: SPENDABLE AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS <sup>1/</sup> :			
	: WEEKLY EARNINGS :		: Worker with no :		: Worker with 3 :	
	Current	1967	Current	1967	Current	1967
	dollars	dollars	dollars	dollars	dollars	dollars
1967 Average	\$116.11	\$116.11	\$ 94.20	\$ 94.20	\$102.24	\$102.24
1968 Average	122.19	117.36	97.46	93.62	106.50	102.31
1969 Average	128.51	116.83	101.16	91.96	110.67	100.61
1970 Average	137.94	118.20	109.78	94.07	119.25	102.19
1971 Average	147.38	120.11	118.62	96.67	128.08	104.38
1972 Average	160.00	125.89	129.03	101.56	139.69	109.91
1973 Average	172.53	128.08	137.04	101.74	148.23	110.04
January 1974	174.99	123.23	138.86	97.79	150.15	105.74
April 1974	170.94	117.73r	135.87	93.57r	146.99	101.23r
July 1974	183.54	122.61r	145.16	96.97r	156.82	104.76r
October 1974	185.20	121.05r	146.39	95.68r	158.12	103.35r
Average 1974	181.55	122.09	143.69	96.63	155.27	104.42
January 1975	186.42	119.19	147.28	94.17	159.07	101.71
April 1975	188.37	118.47	148.72	93.53	160.59	101.00
July 1975	194.43	119.23	154.76	94.94	170.89	104.84
October 1975	195.82	118.82	155.79	94.53	171.92	104.32
January 1976	198.63	115.21	160.02	92.82	173.29	100.52

<sup>1/</sup> Calculated for workers who earned the average weekly earnings.  
r=Revised to reflect corrections in the CPI.

Gross Hours and Earnings of Production Workers  
in All Manufacturing Industries of New England States  
and Selected Metropolitan Areas

Table 5	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Prelim			Prelim			Prelim		
	Jan 76	Dec 75	Jan 75	Jan 76	Dec 75	Jan 75	Jan 76	Dec 75	Jan 75
United States	199.40	204.00	180.73	39.8	40.8	38.7	5.01	5.00	4.67
Massachusetts	183.28	186.65	169.56	39.5	40.4	38.8	4.64	4.62	4.37
Connecticut	200.56	207.50	188.85	40.6	41.5	40.7	4.94	5.00	4.64
Rhode Island	159.60	157.61	147.42	39.8	39.9	39.0	4.01	3.95	3.78
Maine	161.20	158.30	146.10	40.4	40.8	39.7	3.99	3.88	3.68
New Hampshire	160.75	166.85	144.77	39.4	40.4	38.3	4.08	4.13	3.78
Vermont	174.66	176.81	159.19	41.0	41.8	40.2	4.26	4.23	3.96
Metropolitan Areas									
Boston	198.63	203.21	186.42	39.1	40.4	39.0	5.08	5.03	4.78
Springfield-Holyoke	187.27	188.55	170.91	40.1	40.9	39.2	4.67	4.61	4.36
Worcester	183.38	187.60	178.36	39.1	40.0	39.2	4.69	4.69	4.55
New Bedford	151.18	157.18	141.23	37.7	39.1	36.4	4.01	4.02	3.88
Fall River	130.65	133.59	111.44	35.6	36.6	32.3	3.67	3.65	3.45
Brockton	144.60	152.88	139.87	36.7	39.0	37.2	3.94	3.92	3.76
Lawrence-Haverhill	177.06	178.54	166.49	39.0	39.5	38.9	4.54	4.52	4.28
Lowell	162.12	166.18	150.54	38.6	39.1	38.7	4.20	4.25	3.89
Hartford	226.59	243.60	208.92	41.5	43.5	41.7	5.46	5.60	5.01
Bridgeport	209.61	215.13	190.40	41.1	42.1	40.2	5.10	5.11	4.76
New Haven	201.40	208.98	183.28	40.2	41.3	39.5	5.01	5.06	4.64
Waterbury	175.95	178.50	164.83	41.4	42.1	40.8	4.25	4.24	4.04
Stamford	212.58	207.47	206.25	41.6	40.6	41.5	5.11	5.11	4.97
New Britain	205.73	211.84	194.28	40.9	41.7	40.9	5.03	5.08	4.75
Providence, R. I.	160.80	158.40	145.14	39.9	40.0	38.6	4.03	3.96	3.76
Portland, Maine	170.34	174.50	148.33	39.8	40.3	37.9	4.28	4.33	3.73
Lewiston-Auburn, Me.	136.51	132.60	117.76	39.7	39.0	36.8	3.43	3.40	3.20
Manchester, N. H.	147.83	149.72	132.79	38.8	39.4	37.3	3.81	3.80	3.56
Nashua, N. H.	186.70	195.67	165.00	40.5	41.9	39.1	4.61	4.67	4.22
Burlington, Vt.	210.27	210.33	179.08	43.0	43.1	40.7	4.89	4.88	4.40
Springfield, Vt.	187.05	202.18	188.33	40.4	43.2	41.3	4.63	4.68	4.56

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Table 5	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
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	Jan 75	Dec 74	Jan 74	Jan 75	Dec 74	Jan 74	Jan 75	Dec 74	Jan 74
United States	179.10	185.14	168.38	38.6	39.9	39.9	4.64	4.64	4.22
Massachusetts	169.56	172.73	159.59	38.8	39.8	39.6	4.37	4.34	4.03
Connecticut	188.85	193.44	174.64	40.7	41.6	40.9	4.64	4.65	4.27
Rhode Island	147.42	146.96	136.81	39.0	39.4	39.2	3.78	3.73	3.49
Maine	146.10	148.37	136.62	39.7	40.1	40.3	3.68	3.70	3.39
New Hampshire	144.78	148.55	136.81	38.1	39.3	39.2	3.80	3.78	3.49
Vermont	159.19	161.93	149.19	40.2	41.1	41.1	3.96	3.94	3.63
<b>Metropolitan Areas</b>									
Boston	186.42	190.07	174.99	39.0	40.1	39.5	4.78	4.74	4.43
Springfield-Holyoke	170.48	174.87	157.61	39.1	40.2	39.6	4.36	4.35	3.98
Worcester	178.36	181.25	168.44	39.2	40.1	40.2	4.55	4.52	4.19
New Bedford	141.23	140.60	132.14	36.4	37.0	38.3	3.88	3.80	3.45
Fall River	111.44	108.80	104.27	32.3	32.0	33.1	3.45	3.40	3.15
Brockton	139.87	143.61	131.03	37.2	38.5	38.2	3.76	3.73	3.43
Lawrence-Haverhill	166.49	173.66	158.37	38.9	40.2	39.2	4.28	4.32	4.04
Lowell	150.54	156.03	142.12	38.7	39.5	38.0	3.89	3.95	3.74
Hartford	208.92	218.67	185.51	41.7	43.3	41.5	5.01	5.05	4.47
Bridgeport	187.65	192.64	176.75	41.7	43.0	41.2	4.50	4.48	4.29
New Haven	179.66	184.32	160.93	39.4	40.6	38.5	4.56	4.54	4.18
Waterbury	164.83	167.67	159.00	40.8	41.4	41.3	4.04	4.05	3.85
Stamford	206.25	206.67	191.68	41.5	41.5	41.4	4.97	4.98	4.63
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Portland, Maine	148.83	149.04	141.95	39.9	40.5	40.1	3.73	3.68	3.54
Lewiston-Auburn, Me.	106.35	121.92	118.18	36.8	38.1	38.0	2.89	3.20	3.11
Manchester, N. H.	133.50	134.17	120.34	37.5	37.9	36.8	3.56	3.54	3.27
Burlington, Vt.	179.96	183.98	172.20	40.9	42.1	42.0	4.40	4.37	4.10
Springfield, Vt.	189.15	191.59	173.42	41.3	42.2	42.4	4.58	4.54	4.09

Labor - Boston 3/5/75

COST CHANGES  
1974 - 1976

ITEM	1974	1976	% OF CHANGE (source)
AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE	\$ 1246.00 (option I)	\$2066.00 (option I)	65.8% ↑ Kemper Insurance Group
AUTOMOBILES (NEW)	\$3100.00 (3% sales tax)	\$4145.00 (5% sales tax)	33.7% ↑ H.M. PALLIN INC.
GASOLINE	\$.34175/gal	\$.4880/gal	42.8% ↑ Chevron Oil Company
TIRES	6-78-15 U.S. Royal New \$13.50	6-78-15 Retreads 13.25	Fed's Tires Merchant Distributors
ELECTRICITY	Fuel Adjust. .00592	Fuel Adjust. .2272	352.3% ↑ Cambridge Electric Light Co
TELEPHONE	PLT Lines \$13.00	PLT Lines \$17.27	32.8% ↑ N.E. Telephone

REPAIR  
a) selected

1973			
1. <u>MOTOR</u>	355.09	623.22	General 63.0% ↑ Chrysler Motors
2. <u>Brake Pads</u>	17.75/set	25.44/set	
3. <u>CONTROL ARMS</u>	21.73	35.70	



**CAR INVOICE**



**H. M. PALLIN, Inc.**  
 101 Park Street Telephone 884-7500  
 CHELSEA, MASS. 02150

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**No. 272**

**SOLD TO:** Ambassador Taxi, Inc.  
**ADDRESS:** 180 Bent St.  
 Cambridge, Mass.

**DATE:** 12/14/73

**SALESMAN:** DJP

**Stock#** 1100

MAKE	MODEL	NEW OR USED	M.V.I. / SERIAL NO.	KEY NO.
1974 Plymouth	Satellite			
4 Dr	Taxi Sedan	N	RT41C4A121028	
<b>INSURANCE COVERAGE INCLUDES</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> FIRE AND THEFT <input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC LIABILITY — AMT. <input type="checkbox"/> COLLISION — AMT. DEDUCT. <input type="checkbox"/> PROPERTY DAMAGE — AMT.				
<b>OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES</b>				
GROUP	DESCRIPTION			PRICE
	Ign Key: EP2169 Trk Key: ES1811			
	Defogger, P/Steering, 15" Tires			
Park Credit Corp				
<b>PRICE OF CAR</b>				3100.00
<b>OPTIONAL EQUIP. &amp; ACCESS.</b>				
<b>SALES TAX</b>				
<b>LICENSE AND TITLE</b>				
<b>TOTAL CASH PRICE</b>				3100.00
<b>FINANCING</b>				620.00
<b>INSURANCE</b>				
<b>TOTAL TIME PRICE</b>				3720.00
<b>SETTLEMENT:</b>				
<b>DEPOSIT</b>				
<b>CASH ON DELIVERY</b>				
<b>TRADE-IN</b> _____				
<b>LESS LIEN</b> _____				
<b>TYPE</b>				
<b>M.V.I.</b>				
<b>SER. NO.</b>				
<b>PAYMENTS</b> \$30 @ 124,00				3720.00
<b>TOTAL</b>				3720.00

FORM SA-131-N (7-70)  
 USE BINDER BP-1-69  
 THE REYNOLDS & REYNOLDS CO.  
 CELINA, O., DALLAS, LOS ANGELES, LITMO IN U.S.A.

**CAR INVOICE**



**H. M. PALLIN, Inc.**  
 101 Park Street Telephone 884-7500  
 CHELSEA, MASS. 02150

**No 1190**

SOLD TO **Bonn-Pratt Transportation, Inc** DATE **10/30/75**  
 ADDRESS **49 Alpine St.**  
**Somerville, Mass.**

SALESMAN: **DJP**

MAKE	MODEL	NEW OR USED	M.V.I. / SERIAL NO.	KEY NO.	PRICE OF CAR \$	OPTIONAL EQUIP. & ACCESS.
2-1976 4 Dr Sedans	PlymouthFurys	N	RL41C6A123935	Stock# 1924	8280.00	
			RL41C6A112507	1911		

**INSURANCE COVERAGE INCLUDES**

- FIRE AND THEFT
- COLLISION — AMT. DEDUCT.
- PUBLIC LIABILITY — AMT.
- PROPERTY DAMAGE — AMT.

**OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES**

GROUP	DESCRIPTION	PRICE
Stock#1924	Ign Key:EP2695 Trk Key: ES1814	
Stock#1911	Ign Key:EP0754 Trk Key: ES1018	

2@4140.00-8280.00

SALES TAX  
 LICENSE AND TITLE 10.00  
**TOTAL CASH PRICE 8290.00**

FINANCING INSURANCE 1260.64  
**TOTAL TIME PRICE 9550.64**

**SETTLEMENT:**  
 DEPOSIT  
 CASH ON DELIVERY 410.00  
 TRADE-IN \_\_\_\_\_  
 LESS LIEN \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE  
 M.V.I.  
 SER. NO.  
 PAYMENTS: 380.86 9140.64

**TOTAL 9550.64**

ChryslerCreditCorp 24@

FORM 5A-131-N (7-70)  
 USE DUNLOP W.P.A.-89  
 THE REYNOLDS & REYNOLDS CO.  
 CELINA, O., DALLAS, LOS ANGELES LITHO IN U.S.A.



**Chevron Oil Company**

**Eastern Division**

460 Totten Pond Road, Waltham, MA 02154

March 29, 1976

Mr. N. Provo  
Ambassador Taxi, Inc.  
180 Bent Street  
Cambridge, Mass. 02141

Dear Mr. Provo:

As requested, the price of Regular gasoline to you as of February 8, 1974, was \$0.22675 per gallon plus the state and federal excise tax of \$0.1150 for a total price of \$0.34175 per gallon.

As of January 30, 1976, the price of Regular gasoline to you was \$0.3630, plus state and federal excise tax of \$0.1250 per gallon for a total price of \$0.4880 per gallon.

Very truly yours,

CHEVRON OIL COMPANY

  
J. A. Foley  
Sales Representative





# MERCHANTS DISTRIBUTORS, Inc.

1299 BOYLSTON STREET • BOSTON, MASS. 02215 • TEL. 267-9200

INVOICE DATE: 12/13/75

TERMS: NET 10<sup>TH</sup> PROX.

CUSTOMER'S JOB NO.

CUST. NO. 01 139238

DATE ORDERED

NAME: CAMBRIDGE TAXI CO DBA YELLOW CAB CO

STREET: 2 BAY STREET

CITY: CAMBRIDGE MASS 02130

CUSTOMER'S CODE

CC	PRODUCT CODE	QTY.	SIZE	DESCRIPTION	UNIT TAX	TOTAL TAX	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
2	47844 974	40	G78-15	Trailmaker TREADS MK			13.25	530.00
3	42832574	1	G78-15	Bostonian Tread On ady C58150				3.00
3	42832574	1	G78-15	Bostonian TREAD On ady C58150				7.50

PAST DUE BALANCE SUBJECT TO 1% MONTHLY CHARGE (EQUIVALENT TO 12% PER YEAR)

REMARKS: *Spec order by Tom Fri*

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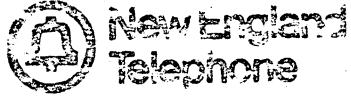
DATE

FEDERAL TAX	
SUR TOTAL	540.50
SALES TAX	27.03
TOTAL	567.53

SERVICED BY BOSTON

THIS IS THE ONLY INVOICE YOU WILL RECEIVE - PLEASE RETAIN

567.53



PLEASE PAY BY MAR 22

TELEPHONE NUMBER

617 003 1219 975

B

354 9950

LONG DISTANCE CALLS AND TELEGRAMS

CAMBRIDGE TAXI CO INC  
2 BAY ST  
CAMBRIDGE MASS

DATE IT IS PAID PLACE CALLED NUMBER TELEPHONE NO AMOUNT

BASIC MONTHLY SERVICE - PERIOD ENDING	2 29 76	17 27
MESSAGE UNITS		
LONG DISTANCE CALLS		
TAX		
DIRECTORY ADVERTISING		
OTHER CHARGES AND CREDITS		
CURRENT CHARGES	DUE MAR 22	17 27
PREVIOUS BALANCE		
TOTAL		17 27

SYMBOLS IN COLUMNS R & D ARE EXPLAINED ON REVERSE



TELEPHONE NUMBER

617 003 1219 975

B

354 9950

LONG DISTANCE CALLS AND TELEGRAMS

CAMBRIDGE TAXI CO INC  
2 BAY ST  
CAMBRIDGE MASS

DATE IT IS PAID PLACE CALLED NUMBER TELEPHONE NO AMOUNT

BASIC MONTHLY SERVICE - PERIOD ENDING	2 28 74	13 00
MESSAGE UNITS		
LONG DISTANCE CALLS		
TAX		
DIRECTORY ADVERTISING		
OTHER CHARGES AND CREDITS		
PREVIOUS BALANCE		<del>13 00</del> 13 00



# Yellow Cab Co.

CAMBRIDGE TAXI CO.

2 BAY STREET - CAMBRIDGE, MASS. 02139 - Tel. 868-9690

April 20, 1976

Cambridge City Council  
Cambridge City Hall  
Cambridge, Mass. 02139

Members of the Ordinance Committee:

No one knows better than those engaged in the taxicab business the inherent danger of an industry pricing fares to the point where the law of diminishing returns asserts itself. Therefore our decision to seek a rate increase is made with great reluctance and only after exhausting all other methods of economy as a means of survival.

The taxi industry of Cambridge operating on a fixed rate, finds itself in a position where it must absorb every increase in operating expense with which it has been confronted. Practising rigid economies in its operating expenses while seeing profits disappear, operating losses appear, and personnel spendable incomes diminish necessitates the increase of our present rate position with the proposal we have set before you. Enclosed please find (exhibit A) releases from the U.S. Department of Labor information which illustrates the changes in the cost of living in the metropolitan Boston area and the increase of labor costs which has not been enjoyed by the taxi industry due to its present rate structure.

Even the most sceptical must be aware that the cost of operating a business and the cost of living has increased since

the taxi industry of Cambridge came before this body in 1974 to seek a rate increase. We have researched and documented some of the dramatic increases that have affected the taxi industry in Cambridge. It can factually be asserted that every item of expense has increased since 1974. Enclosed please find (exhibit B) a chart which summarizes the major cost changes that have occurred from 1974 to 1976. Some of the cost increases are still volatile and change on a monthly basis.

We have extended ourselves to the limit in order to provide the highest caliber of service, and to cooperate with the senior citizens of this community who, like ourselves, are threatened by fixed incomes in the spiral of inflation. The taxi industry of Cambridge has proposed to the Cambridge Committee of Elders and the Council on Aging a 25% discount for those citizens who have authorized MBTA Senior Citizen cards. Our intention is to mitigate the rate increase we seek for this segment of Cambridge's population.

It would be our hope that the inflationary trend our nation finds itself in will reverse or at the very least stabilize, but until evidence of this is forthcoming, the necessity of the increase which you have before you is of vital importance.

By Ambassador Taxi

Brattle Taxi

Cambridge Taxi Co.

S-275

Comm. from the Yellow Cab Co., Brattle Taxi  
and the Cambridge Taxi Co. with documentary  
evidence in support of their request for an  
increase in the present taxicab fare schedule.

In City Council,

May 24, 1976

*Referred to Ordinance  
Committee 5-24-76*