

Living Costs Going Up

The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported to Senator Gruening this week that it had for the first time computed inter-city indexes comparing living costs in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau and Ketchikan and comparing them with equivalent costs in Seattle.

These first intra-state comparisons show that for the autumn of 1964, the latest date for which basic data were available, the average cost of equivalent goods and services had an index of 80 at Seattle, 95 at Ketchikan, 98 at Anchorage, 99 at Juneau and 107 at Fairbanks.

Food, housing and apparel were all more costly at Juneau

than at Anchorage while rental housing and miscellaneous goods and services were slightly more expensive at Anchorage.

The cost-of-living indexes prepared previously by the bureau were valid for comparing costs of each of these cities in Alaska with those in Seattle but were not considered reliable in measuring the differences in equivalent living costs among the Alaska cities.
