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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES
Figures for August, 2001

Period	Section Indices												
	General Index All Items	Food	Meals out	Drink and tobacco	Clothing and footwear	Housing			Household operations	Household supplies and services	Health and personal care	Transportation	Reading recreation and education
						Total	Home ownership	Rent					
Weight	1 000	217	14	24	104	216	196	20	66	77	62	152	68
Annual Average													
1999	130.1	197.9	121.4	126.0	93.3	113.6	114.0	110.5	104.5	109.0	116.9	114.8	120.5
2000	134.7	214.3	120.3	129.6	91.7	114.4	114.5	113.8	107.3	108.4	120.6	116.6	125.5
Average													
Jan-August, 1999	129.3	194.5	121.9	125.8	93.9	113.6	114.0	110.1	103.6	108.8	116.4	114.8	119.5
Jan-August, 2000	133.4	209.4	120.4	129.3	91.9	114.3	114.5	113.3	107.4	108.7	120.0	115.8	123.6
Jan-August, 2001	141.3	240.6	120.6	130.5	90.7	114.5	114.5	114.7	107.5	108.0	123.7	119.1	130.5
1999	128.7	191.8	122.2	122.6	95.6	113.6	114.0	110.1	103.6	108.6	116.2	114.8	118.7
February	128.9	192.5	122.2	126.4	95.5	113.6	114.0	110.1	103.6	108.6	116.2	114.8	118.7
March	129.5	195.3	122.2	126.1	95.5	113.6	114.0	110.1	103.6	108.6	116.2	114.8	118.7
April	128.6	191.6	122.4	126.2	93.2	113.6	114.0	110.1	103.6	108.9	116.4	114.8	120.0
May	129.2	194.3	122.4	126.2	93.2	113.6	114.0	110.1	103.6	108.9	116.4	114.8	120.0
June	129.6	196.0	122.4	126.3	93.1	113.6	114.0	110.1	103.6	108.9	116.4	114.8	120.0
July	129.8	197.5	120.5	126.4	92.7	113.6	114.0	110.1	103.6	109.1	116.8	114.8	119.8
August	129.7	197.0	120.5	126.3	92.6	113.6	114.0	110.1	103.6	109.1	116.8	114.8	119.8
September	130.6	201.2	120.5	126.3	92.5	113.6	114.0	110.1	103.6	109.1	116.9	114.8	119.8
October	131.4	202.4	120.5	126.3	92.3	113.7	114.0	111.6	107.1	109.2	118.2	114.7	123.3
November	132.1	205.7	120.5	126.3	92.1	113.7	114.0	111.6	107.1	109.2	118.2	114.7	123.3
December	132.9	209.5	120.5	126.8	92.0	113.7	114.0	111.6	107.1	109.2	118.2	114.7	123.3
2000	133.5	211.1	120.5	129.0	92.0	114.2	114.4	112.7	107.4	109.1	118.9	114.9	122.8
January	132.4	205.8	120.5	129.0	92.0	114.2	114.4	112.7	107.4	109.1	119.1	114.9	122.8
February	132.1	204.4	120.5	129.1	92.1	114.2	114.4	112.7	107.4	109.1	119.1	114.9	122.8
March	133.4	210.0	120.5	129.3	92.0	114.3	114.5	112.8	107.4	109.2	120.0	115.1	123.1
April	133.4	210.0	120.5	129.3	92.0	114.3	114.5	112.8	107.4	109.2	120.0	115.1	123.1
May	134.1	213.0	120.5	129.4	92.0	114.3	114.5	112.8	107.4	109.2	120.2	115.1	123.1
June	133.8	211.8	120.5	129.5	91.9	114.3	114.5	112.8	107.4	109.2	120.3	115.1	123.1
July	133.8	209.0	120.2	129.4	91.6	114.5	114.5	114.8	107.3	107.5	121.3	118.0	125.7
August	133.9	209.7	120.2	129.5	91.5	114.5	114.5	114.8	107.2	107.5	121.3	118.0	125.7
September	135.5	217.1	120.2	129.6	91.5	114.5	114.5	114.8	107.2	107.5	121.2	118.0	125.7
October	136.8	221.3	119.8	129.5	91.4	114.5	114.5	114.7	107.2	107.8	121.8	118.3	130.4
November	136.8	221.1	119.8	131.0	91.4	114.5	114.5	114.7	107.2	107.8	121.8	118.3	130.4
December	140.4	237.6	119.8	130.5	91.4	114.5	114.5	114.7	107.2	107.8	121.9	118.3	130.4
2001	139.9	234.7	120.5	130.4	91.2	114.5	114.5	114.7	107.2	107.7	122.8	119.1	130.2
January	140.5	237.6	120.5	130.2	91.0	114.5	114.5	114.7	107.2	107.7	122.9	119.1	130.2
February	140.0	235.0	120.5	130.6	90.8	114.5	114.5	114.7	107.8	107.7	122.9	119.1	130.2
March	140.3	235.9	120.5	130.5	90.6	114.5	114.5	114.7	107.7	108.0	123.8	119.3	130.4
April	140.5	236.9	120.5	130.4	90.6	114.5	114.5	114.7	107.7	108.0	123.8	119.3	130.4
May	142.4	245.9	120.5	130.6	90.5	114.5	114.5	114.7	107.6	108.0	123.8	119.3	130.4
June	142.7	247.0	120.7	130.7	90.5	114.5	114.5	114.7	107.6	108.3	124.8	118.9	131.1
July	142.7	247.0	120.7	130.7	90.5	114.5	114.5	114.7	107.6	108.3	124.8	118.9	131.1
August	143.8	252.0	120.7	130.7	90.4	114.5	114.5	114.7	107.2	108.3	124.8	118.9	131.1

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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—AUGUST, 2001

General Index

The All Items Index of Retail Prices calculated from prices collected for the month of August, 2001 was 143.8 showing an increase of 0.8% over the Index for July, 2001.

The All Items Index for January-August, 2001 showed an increase of 5.9% over that for January-August, 2000. This compares with an increase of 3.2% observed in the Index for January-August, 2000 over the same period in 1999.

Section Indices

Food: The Index for this section increased by 2.0% from 247.0 in July, 2001 to 252.0 in August, 2001. Within the Food Section there was an increase of 2.0% in the Index for Market items. Contributing significantly to this increase were rising prices of melongene, tomatoes, irish potato, cucumber, sweet peppers and chicken. These increases in prices were partly offset by a decrease in the prices of cabbage, pumpkin and bodi.

Price changes in this section accounted for an increase of 1.1 point in the All Items Index.

Other Sections

A further review of the data for August, 2001 compared with the previous month, indicated that a decrease of 0.1% was recorded for clothing and footwear.

The net effect of price changes in this sections on the All Items Index was negligible.

Growth in consumer prices in August, 2001 compared with those of August, 2000 reflected in various sections of the Index is shown hereunder:-

Sections	Percentage Change August, 2000–August, 2001
All Items	7.4
Food	20.2
Meals out	0.4
Drink and tobacco	0.9
Clothing and footwear	-1.2
Housing	0.0
Home ownership	0.0
Rent	-0.1
Household operations	0.0
Household supplies and services	0.7
Health and personal car	2.9
Transportation	0.8
Reading, recreation and education	4.3