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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES Figures for May, 2001

Period	General Index	Section Indices												
		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-May, 1999	129.0	193.1	122.3	125.5	94.6	113.6	114.0	110.1	103.6	108.7	116.3	114.8	119.2	
Jan-May, 2000	133.1	208.9	120.5	129.2	92.0	114.2	114.4	112.7	107.4	109.1	119.5	115.0	122.9	
Jan-May, 2001	140.2	236.0	120.5	130.4	90.8	114.5	114.5	114.7	107.5	107.8	123.2	119.2	130.3	
1999														
January	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														
January	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	
February	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	
March	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	
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														
January	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	
February	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	
March	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	
April	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	
May	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	

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General Index

The All Items Index of Retail Prices calculated from prices collected for the month of May, 2001 was 140.5 showing an increase of 0.1% over the Index for April, 2001.

The All Items Index for January-May, 2001 showed an increase of 5.3% over that for January-May, 2000. This compares with an increase of 3.2% observed in the Index for January-May, 2000 over the same period in 1999.

Section Indices

Food: The Index for this section increased by 0.4% from 235.9 in April, 2001 to 236.9 in May, 2001. Within the Food Section there was an increase of 0.8% in the index for market items. Contributing significantly to this increase were rising prices of citrus fruits, chicken, ground provision, cabbage, ochros and callaloo bush. These increases in prices were partly offset by a decrease in the prices of tomatoes, carrots, and cucumber.

Price changes in this section accounted for an increase of 0.2 point in the All Items Index.

Other Sections

A further review of the data for May, 2001 compared with the previous month, indicated that a decrease was recorded for Drink and Tobacco of 0.1%.

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

Sections	Percentage Change May, 2000 – May, 2001
All Items	4.8
Food	11.2
Meals out	0.0
Drink and tobacco	0.8
Clothing and footwear	- 1.5
Housing	0.2
Home ownership	0.0
Rent	1.7
Household operations	0.3
Household supplies and services	- 1.1
Health and personal care	3.0
Transportation	3.6
Reading, recreation and education	5.9