



TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO GAZETTE

(EXTRAORDINARY)

VOL. 40

Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, Monday 20th August, 2001—Price \$1.00

No. 156

1634

INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES
(Base: September, 1993=100)

The following memorandum on the Index of Retail Prices is published for general information.

Shirley C. Maharaj
Ag Director of Statistics

GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES
Figures for July, 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-July, 1999	129.2	194.1	122.0	125.7	94.1	113.6	114.0	110.1	103.6	108.8	116.4	114.8	119.4	
Jan-July, 2000	133.3	209.3	120.5	129.2	91.9	114.3	114.5	113.0	107.4	108.9	119.8	115.4	123.3	
Jan-July, 2001	140.8	238.7	120.5	130.5	90.7	114.5	114.5	114.7	107.5	107.9	123.5	119.2	130.4	
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	
June	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	
July	142.3	245.1	120.7	130.7	90.5	114.5	114.5	114.7	107.2	108.3	124.7	118.9	131.2	

1634—Continued

INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES - JULY, 2001

General Index

The All Items Index of Retail Prices calculated from prices collected for the month of July, 2001 was 142.3 showing a decrease of 0.1% under the Index for June, 2001.

The All Items Index for January - July, 2001 showed an increase of 5.6% over that for January - July, 2000. This compares with an increase of 3.2% observed in the Index for January - July, 2000 over the same period in 1999.

Section Indices

Food: The Index for this section decreased by 0.3% from 245.9 in June, 2001 to 245.1 in July, 2001. Within the Food Section there was a decrease of 0.7% in the Index for Market items. Contributing significantly to this decrease were falling prices of tomatoes, melongene, chicken and cucumber. These decreases in prices were partly offset by an increase in the prices of green bananas, plantain, sweet and Irish potato.

Price changes in this section accounted for a decrease of 0.1 point in the All Items Index.

Other Sections

A further review of the data for July, 2001 compared with the previous month, indicated that increases were recorded for Meals out, 0.2%; Household Supplies and Services, 0.3%; Health and Personal Care, 0.7%; and Reading, Recreation and Education, 0.6%. A decrease of 0.4% was recorded for Household operations.

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

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

Sections	Percentage Change July, 2000 - July, 2001
All Items	6.4
Food	17.3
Meals out	0.4
Drink and tobacco	1.0
Clothing and footwear	-1.2
Housing	0.0
Home ownership	0.0
Rent	0.0
Household operations	-0.1
Household supplies and services	-0.7
Health and personal care	2.8
Transportation	0.8
Reading, recreation and education	4.4