



# TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO GAZETTE

## (EXTRAORDINARY)

VOL. 41

Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, Monday 2nd September, 2002—Price \$1.00

No. 168

1783

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

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

Peter Pariag  
Ag Director of Statistics

GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES  
Figures for July, 2002

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	
Weight	1 000	217	14	24	104	216	196	20	66	77	62	152	68	
Annual Average														
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	
2001	142.2	244.2	120.6	134.6	90.5	114.5	114.5	115.0	107.6	108.1	124.3	119.1	130.5	
Average														
Jan-July, 2000	133.0	209.3	120.5	129.2	92.0	114.3	114.5	112.8	107.4	108.9	119.8	115.4	123.3	
Jan-July, 2001	140.9	239.0	120.5	130.5	90.7	114.5	114.5	114.7	107.5	107.9	123.5	119.2	130.4	
Jan-July, 2002	146.7	262.5	120.7	146.7	88.7	114.6	114.5	115.7	108.7	108.6	125.1	121.4	130.4	
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	142.7	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	
September	143.4	249.8	120.7	134.2	90.4	114.5	114.5	114.7	107.2	108.3	124.8	118.9	131.1	
October	143.7	249.9	120.7	143.7	90.0	114.6	114.5	115.7	107.4	108.4	125.7	118.9	130.1	
November	143.9	250.3	120.7	146.8	90.0	114.6	114.5	115.7	107.9	108.4	125.7	118.9	130.1	
December	144.9	255.4	120.7	146.2	89.7	114.6	114.5	115.7	108.5	108.4	125.8	118.9	130.1	
2002														
January	147.2	264.2	120.7	146.5	89.6	114.7	114.6	115.7	108.6	108.2	125.2	121.8	130.5	
February	146.6	261.4	120.7	147.3	89.1	114.7	114.6	115.7	109.0	108.2	125.2	121.3	130.5	
March	146.0	258.8	120.7	146.5	88.6	114.7	114.6	115.7	109.3	108.2	125.2	121.3	130.5	
April	145.9	258.5	120.7	146.6	88.5	114.7	114.6	115.7	108.8	108.8	125.0	121.4	130.1	
May	146.5	261.3	120.7	146.5	88.5	114.7	114.6	115.7	108.6	108.8	125.1	121.4	130.1	
June	147.6	266.7	120.7	146.8	88.4	114.7	114.6	115.7	108.3	108.8	125.1	121.4	130.1	
July	147.3	266.5	120.5	146.8	88.0	113.8	113.6	115.9	108.0	109.0	124.8	121.0	131.0	

1783—Continued

**INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—JULY, 2002****General Index:**

The All Items Index of Retail Prices calculated for the month of July, 2002 was 147.3 showing a decrease of 0.2% below the Index for June, 2002.

The All Items Index for January–July, 2002, showed an increase of 4.1% over that for January–July, 2001. This compares with an increase of 5.7% showed in the Index for January–July, 2001 over the same period in 2000.

**Section Indices**

**Food:** The index for this section decreased from 266.7 in June, 2002, to 266.5 in July, 2002 indicating a 0.1% fall in the price of food items over this period. There were significant increases in prices for the following market items: citrus fruits, melongene and cabbage. However these prices were offset by significant decreases in the prices of chicken, tomatoes, pumpkin, sweet and Irish potatoes.

Price changes in the Food Section had a negligible overall effect on the All Items Index.

**Other Sections**

A further review of the data for July, 2002 compared with June, 2002, indicated that increases were recorded for Household Supplies and Services, 0.2% and Reading, Recreation and Education, 0.7%. Decreases were recorded for Meals Out, 0.2%; Clothing and Footwear, 0.5%; Housing, 0.8%; Household Operations, 0.3%; Health and Personal Care, 0.2%; Transportation, 0.3%.

Prices changes in these sections accounted for a decrease of 0.3 point in the All Items Index.

Growth in consumer prices in July, 2002, compared with those of July, 2001, reflected in various sections of the Index is shown hereunder:

<b>Sections</b>	<b>Percentage Change July, 2001–July, 2002</b>
All items	3.2
Food	7.9
Meals out	-0.2
Drink and tobacco	12.3
Clothing and footwear	- 2.8
Housing	-0.6
Home ownership	-0.8
Rent	1.0
Household operations	0.4
Household supplies and services	0.6
Health and personal care	0.0
Transportation	1.8
Reading, recreation and education	-0.1