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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES
Figures for September, 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
						Total	Home ownership	Rent					
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-September, 2000	133.6	210.2	120.4	129.3	91.8	114.3	114.5	113.4	107.3	108.6	120.2	116.0	123.9
Jan-September, 2001	141.5	241.6	120.6	131.0	90.7	114.5	114.5	114.7	107.5	108.0	123.8	119.1	130.6
Jan-September, 2002	147.3	265.5	120.6	146.7	88.5	114.4	114.3	115.8	108.5	108.7	125.1	121.3	130.5
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
August	149.0	274.3	120.5	146.9	87.9	113.8	113.6	115.9	108.0	109.0	125.0	121.0	131.0
September	149.9	278.2	120.5	146.8	87.7	113.8	113.6	115.9	108.1	109.0	124.9	121.0	131.0

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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—SEPTEMBER, 2002**General Index**

The All Items Index of Retail Prices calculated for the month of September, 2002 was 149.9 showing an increase of 0.6% over the Index for August, 2002.

The All Items Index for January–September, 2002 showed an increase of 4.1% over that for January–September, 2001. This compares with an increase of 5.9% showed in the Index for January–September, 2001 over the same period in 2000.

Section Indices

Food: The Index for this section increased from 274.3 in August, 2002 to 278.2 in September, indicating a 1.4% rise in the price of food items over the period. There were significant increases for the following market items: chicken, fresh fish, pumpkin, tomato, green bananas and plantain. However these prices were offset by decreases in the price of Irish potatoes, sweet and hot peppers, garlic, cabbage and onions.

Price changes in this section accounted for an increase of 0.8 point in the All Items Index.

Other Sections

A further review of the data for September, 2002 compared with August, 2002 indicated that decreases were recorded for Drink and Tobacco 0.1% and Clothing and Footwear 0.2%.

Price changes in this section accounted for an increase of 0.1 point in the Index.

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

Sections	Percentage Change September, 2001—September, 2002
All Items	4.5
Food	11.4
Meals out	- 0.2
Drink and tobacco	9.4
Clothing and footwear	- 3.0
Housing	- 0.6
Home ownership	- 0.8
Rent	1.0
Household operations	0.8
Household supplies and services	0.6
Health and personal care	0.1
Transportation	1.8