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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES Figures for December, 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	
2002	148.1	269.1	120.9	146.7	88.4	114.4	114.2	116.6	108.6	108.7	125.3	121.0	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	
October	149.7	277.5	121.8	146.9	87.7	114.5	114.0	118.9	108.4	108.9	125.9	120.0	130.3	
November	150.0	278.3	121.8	146.8	88.3	114.5	114.0	118.9	108.8	108.9	125.8	120.0	130.3	
December	151.1	283.6	121.8	146.4	88.0	114.5	114.0	118.9	108.9	108.9	125.8	120.0	130.3	

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General Index

The All Items Index of Retail Prices calculated for the month of December, 2002 was 151.1 showing an increase of 0.7% over the Index for November, 2002.

The All Items Index for the period January – December, 2002, showed a 4.1% increase over the Index for the period January – December, 2001. This compares with an increase of 5.6% observed in the Index for January-December, 2001 over the Index for the same period in 2000.

Section Indices

Food: The index for this section increased from 278.3 in November, 2002, to 283.6 in December, 2002, indicating a rise of 1.9% in food prices over that period. Contributing significantly to this increase were increases in the price of the following market items: chicken, tomatoes, fish, crab, cabbage, and chive, thyme, celery. However, these price increases were partly offset by significant decreases in the price of citrus fruits, melongene and irish potatoes.

Price changes in this section accounted for an increase of 1.2 points in the All Items Index.

Other Sections

A further review of the data for December, 2002 compared with November, 2002 indicated that decreases were recorded for the following: Drink and Tobacco, 0.3%; and Clothing and Footwear, 0.3%.

Prices changes in these sections accounted for a net overall decrease of 0.1 point in the All Items Index.

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

Sections	Percentage Change December, 2001 – December, 2002
All Items	4.3
Food	11.0
Meals out	0.9
Drink and tobacco	0.1
Clothing and footwear	-1.9
Housing	-0.1
Home Ownership	-0.4
Rent	2.8
Household operations	0.4
Household supplies and services	0.5
Health and personal care	0.0
Transportation	0.9
Reading, recreation and education	0.2