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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES Figures for July, 2000

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	88
Annual Average													
1998	125.8	182.1	119.3	122.3	95.8	111.8	112.1	109.0	103.6	108.2	114.1	113.7	117.4
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
Average													
Jan-July, 1999	129.2	194.1	122.0	125.7	94.1	113.6	114.0	110.1	103.6	108.8	116.3	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
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	120.4	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

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General Index

The All Items Index of Retail Prices calculated from prices collected for the month of July, 2000 was 133.8 showing no change over the Index for July, 2000.

The All Items Index for January-July, 2000 showed an increase of 3.2% over that for January-July, 1999. This compares with an increase of 4.3% in the Index for January-July, 1999 over the similar period in 1998.

Section Indices

Food: The Index for this section decreased from 211.8 in June, 2000 to 209.0 in July, 2000 showing a decrease of 1.3%. Within the Food Section there was a decrease of 3.1% in the Index for Market items. Contributing significantly to this decrease were falling prices of chicken, tomatoes and fresh fish. These price decreases were offset by an increase in the prices of citrus fruits and pumpkin.

The effect of price changes in this section on the All Items Index was 0.6 point.

Other Sections

A further review of the data for July, 2000 indicated that increases were recorded for the following: Housing, 0.2%; Health and Personal Care, 0.8%; Transportation, 2.6%; and Reading, Recreation and Education, 2.1%. Decreases were recorded for the following: Meals out 0.3%; Clothing and Footwear, 0.4% and Household Supplies and Services 1.5% respectively.

The effect of price changes, in these sections on the Index was 0.6 point.

Growth in consumer prices in July, 2000 compared with those of July, 1999 reflected in various sections of the Index is shown hereunder:-

Sections	Percentage Change July, 1999 – July, 2000
All Items	3.1
Food	5.8
Meals out	- 0.2
Drink and tobacco	2.4
Clothing and footwear	- 1.2
Housing	0.8
Home ownership	0.4
Rent	4.3
Household operations	3.6
Household supplies and services	- 1.5
Health and personal care	3.8
Transportation	2.8
Reading, recreation and education	4.9