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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES Figures for August, 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	68	
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-August, 1999	129.2	194.5	121.8	125.8	93.9	113.6	114.0	110.1	103.6	108.8	116.4	114.8	119.5	
Jan-August, 2000	133.4	209.4	120.4	129.3	91.9	114.3	114.5	113.3	107.4	108.7	120.0	115.7	123.6	
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	92.0	113.0	114.0	110.1	103.0	109.1	116.0	114.0	119.0	
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	

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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES - AUGUST, 2000

General Index

The All Items Index of Retail Prices calculated from prices collected for the month of August, 2000 was 133.9 showing an increase of 0.1% over the Index for July, 2000.

The All Items Index for January-August, 2000 showed an increase of 3.2% over that for January-August, 1999. This compares with an increase of 4.0% observed in the index for January-August, 1999 over the similar period in 1998.

Section Indices

Food: The Index for this section increased from 209.0 in July, 2000 to 209.7 in August, 2000 showing an increase of 0.3%. Within the Food Section there was an increase of 0.9% in the Index for Market items. Contributing significantly to this increase were rising prices of chicken, sweet potatoes and citrus fruits. These price increases were offset by a decrease in the prices of tomatoes, pumpkin, melongene and irish potatoes.

The effect of price changes in this section on the All Items Index was 0.1 point.

Other Sections

A further review of the data for August, 2000 indicated that decreases were recorded for Clothing and Footwear and Household Operations of 0.1%. An increase of 0.1% was recorded for Drink and Tobacco.

The effect of price changes, in this section on the Index was negligible.

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

Sections	Percentage Change August, 1999 – August, 2000
All Items	3.2
Food	6.4
Meals out	- 0.2
Drink and tobacco	2.5
Clothing and footwear	- 1.2
Housing	0.8
Home ownership	0.4
Rent	4.3
Household operations	3.5
Household supplies and services	- 1.5
Health and personal care	3.8
Transportation	2.8
Reading, recreation and education	4.9