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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES
Figures for August, 2002

Period	Section Indices												
	General Index	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
						All Items	Total	Home ownership					
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-August, 2000	133.4	209.4	120.4	129.3	91.9	114.3	114.5	113.3	107.4	108.7	120.0	115.8	123.6
Jan-August, 2001	141.3	240.6	120.6	130.5	90.7	114.5	114.5	114.7	107.5	108.6	123.7	119.1	130.5
Jan-August, 2002	147.0	264.0	120.7	146.7	88.6	114.5	114.4	115.8	108.6	108.6	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

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General Index

The All Items Index of Retail Prices calculated for the month of August, 2002 was 149.0 showing an increase of 1.2% above the Index for July, 2002.

The All Items Index for January–August, 2002 showed an increase of 4.0% over that for January–August, 2001. This compares with an increase of 5.9% showed in the Index for January – August, 2001 over the same period in 2000.

Section Indices

Food: The Index for this section increased from 266.5 in July, 2002 to 274.3 in August, 2002, indicating a 2.9% rise in the price of food items over the period. There were significant increases for the following market items: chicken, tomatoes, citrus fruits, Irish potatoes, chive, thyme and celery. However these prices were offset by decreases in the price of fresh fish, carrots, garlic, green bananas and plantain.

Price changes in this section accounted for an increase of 1.7 point in the All Items Index.

Other Sections

A further review of the data for August, 2002 compared with July, 2002 indicated that increases were recorded for Drink and Tobacco 0.1% and Health and Personnel Care 0.2%. While a decrease of 0.1% was recorded for Clothing and Footwear.

Price changes in this section had a negligible overall effect on the Index.

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

Sections	Percentage Change August, 2001 – August, 2002
All Items	3.6
Food	8.8
Meals out	- 0.2
Drink and tobacco	12.4
Clothing and footwear	- 2.8
Housing	- 0.6
Home ownership	- 0.8
Rent	1.0
Household operations	0.7
Household supplies and services	0.6
Health and personal care	0.2
Transportation	1.8
Reading, recreation and education	- 0.1