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## INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES

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### GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES Figures for November, 2000

Period	General Index All Items	Section Indices											
		Food	Meals out	Drink and tobacco	Clothing and footwear	Housing			Household operations	Household supplies and services	Health and personal care	Transportation	Recreational 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-Nov. 1999	129.8	196.8	121.5	125.9	93.5	113.6	114.0	110.4	104.2	108.9	116.8	114.8	120.2
Jan-Nov. 2000	134.2	212.2	120.3	129.5	91.8	114.4	114.5	113.7	107.3	108.5	120.5	116.4	125.1
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	205.0	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	121.2	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	121.6	118.3	130.4

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**INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES - NOVEMBER, 2000****General Index**

The All Items Index of Retail Prices calculated from prices collected for the month of November, 2000 was 136.8 showing no change from the Index for October, 2000.

The All Items Index for January-November, 2000 showed an increase of 3.4% over that for January-November, 1999. This coincides with an increase of 3.4% observed in the Index for January-November, 1999 over the similar period in 1998.

**Section Indices**

**Food:** The Index for this section decreased by 0.1% from 221.3 in October, 2000 to 221.1 in November, 2000. Within the Food Section there was a decrease of 0.2% in the index for market items. Contributing significantly to this decrease were falling prices of citrus fruits, irish potato, and melongene. These price decreases were offset by increases in the prices of tomatoes, cucumber, cabbage and sweet potato.

Price changes in this section had a negligible effect upon the All Items Index.

**Other Sections**

A further review of the data for November, 2000 indicated that Drink and Tobacco recorded an increase of 1.2%

Price changes in this section had no significant effect on the All Items Index.

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

Sections	Percentage Change November, 1999 – November, 2000
All Items	3.6
Food	7.5
Meals out	- 0.6
Drink and tobacco	3.7
Clothing and footwear	- 0.8
Housing	0.7
Home ownership	0.4
Rent	2.8
Household operations	0.1
Household supplies and services	- 1.3
Health and personal care	3.0
Transportation	3.1
Reading, recreation and education	5.8