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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES Figures for June, 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
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-June, 1999	129.1	193.6	122.3	125.6	94.4	113.6	114.0	110.1	103.6	108.8	116.3	114.8	119.4
Jan-June, 2000	133.2	209.4	120.5	129.2	92.0	114.3	114.5	112.8	107.4	109.2	119.6	115.0	123.0
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	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

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

The All items Index of Retail Prices calculated from prices collected for the month of June, 2000 was 133.8 showing a decrease of 0.2% below the Index for May, 2000.

The All items Index for January-June, 2000 showed an increase of 3.2% over that for January-June, 1999. This compares with an increase of 4.7% observed in the Index for January-June, 1999 over the similar period in 1998.

Section Indices

Food: The index for this section decreased from 213.0 in May, 2000 to 211.8 in June, 2000 showing a decrease of 0.6%. Within the Food Section there were decreases of 0.2% and 1.0% in the Index for non-market and markets items respectively. Contributing significantly to this decrease were falling prices of chicken, tomatoes and carrots. These price decreases were offset by an increase in the prices of citrus fruits and Irish potatoes.

The effect of price changes in this section on the All Items Index was -0.3 point.

Other Sections

A further review of the data for June, 2000 indicated marginal increases of 0.1% for Drink and Tobacco and Health and Personal care respectively. A slight decrease of 0.1% was observed for prices of clothing and footwear.

The price changes, in the above sections had a negligible effect on the All Items Index.

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

Sections	Percentage Change June, 1999 – June, 2000
All Items	3.2
Food	8.1
Meals out	- 1.6
Drink and tobacco	2.5
Clothing and footwear	- 1.3
Housing	0.6
Home ownership	0.4
Rent	2.5
Household operations	3.7
Household supplies and services	0.3
Health and personal care	3.4
Transportation	0.3
Reading, recreation and education	2.6