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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES Figures for September, 2001

Period	Section Indices													
	General Index													
	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	Total	Home ownership	Rent						
Annual Average														
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	
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	
Average														
Jan-September, 1999	129.4	195.2	121.7	125.9	93.8	113.6	114.0	110.1	103.6	108.9	116.5	114.8	119.4	
Jan-September, 2000	133.6	210.2	120.4	129.3	91.8	114.3	114.5	113.4	107.3	108.6	120.2	116.0	123.9	
Jan-September, 2001	141.5	241.6	120.6	130.9	90.7	114.5	114.5	114.7	107.5	108.0	123.8	119.1	130.6	
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	92.6	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	
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	131.2	
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	

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General Index

The All Items Index of Retail Prices calculated from prices collected for the month of September, 2001 was 143.4 showing a decrease of 0.3% below the Index for August, 2001.

The All Items Index for January–September, 2001 showed an increase of 5.9% over that for January–September, 2000. This compares with an increase of 3.2% observed in the Index for January–September, 2000 over the same period in 1999.

Section Indices

Food: The Index for this section decreased by 0.9% from 252.0 in August, 2001 to 249.8 in September, 2001. Within the Food Section there was a decrease of 2.2% in the Index for Market items. Contributing significantly to this decrease were falling prices of tomatoes, cabbage, Irish potato and pumpkin. These decreases in prices were partly offset by an increase in the prices of chicken, fresh fish, shrimp, ripe and green bananas and plantain.

Price changes in this section accounted for a decrease of 0.5 point in the All Items Index.

Other Sections

A further review of the data for September, 2001 compared with the previous month, indicated an increase of 2.7% for Drink and Tobacco.

The net effect of price changes in this section on the All Items Index was negligible.

Growth in consumer prices in September, 2001 compared with those of September, 2000 reflected in various sections of the Index is shown hereunder:–

Sections	Percentage Change September, 2000–September, 2001
All Items	5.8
Food	15.1
Meals out	0.4
Drink and tobacco	3.5
Clothing and footwear	-1.2
Housing	0.0
Home ownership	0.0
Rent	-0.1
Household operations	0.0
Household supplies and services	0.7
Health and personal care	3.0
Transportation	0.8
Reading, recreation and education	4.3