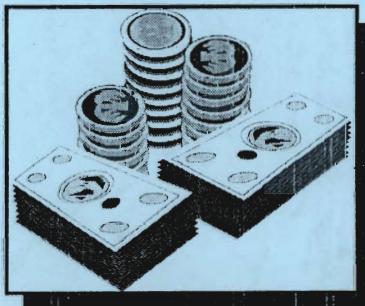


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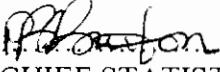
The Consumer Price Index is based on the 1992 Household Expenditure Survey which covered the four most populous parishes or population zones in Dominica: St. George, St Paul, St. Patrick and St. Andrew. From a total of 13,576 households (total of all four parishes), eight hundred and fifty-five (855) were selected for the survey. Five hundred and seventy-four (574) questionnaires were completed, representing a 67.1% response rate. The number of items selected from the 1992 survey was more than twice that of 1982 reflected a more detailed Consumer Price Index. A total of three hundred (300) items came from eighty-one (81) sources. These sources excluded Rent, which was measured in seven categories from forty-four (44) households.

The addition of new sub-groups and the increase/decrease, in the weights of others showed the change in consumer spending patterns, over the last ten years. The shifts (decreases) in group indices **FOOD, HOUSING AND UTILITIES, FURNITURE AND HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT, and ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO** were absorbed by movements (increases) in **TRANSPORTATION, CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR and MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.**

A national expenditure survey facilitates the compiling of a Consumer Price Index where a basis of consumer spending is measured. The All Items Index is calculated out of 1000 and is segmented into group and sub-group indices. Following a household expenditure survey, weights are derived, by calculating the total value of items consumed to the total quantity consumed.

The public often makes the error of assuming that the monthly and/or yearly Consumer Price Index measures the price of all items on retail shelves and every service available. It must be explained that the Index covers selected consumer items and service based on a household Expenditure Survey. Such items and services rarely change (in the Index) until another survey is conducted. The price the consumer pays for these items are recorded on a monthly basis and within a specific period.

From the 1992 survey, new sub-groups were represented as follows:- Repairs to House. Insurance Payments, Laundry and Dry Cleaning Services, House Cleaning, Repairs to Equipment, Purchase of Motor Vehicles, Transport Insurance and Fees, Clothing Accessories and Personal Life Insurance. February 1994 was established as the base in calculating this series.


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**REVIEW
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
2000**

The All Items Index rose 0.86% over the year (Table 3). The highest monthly percentage increase, 0.46 was registered in June, while the largest decline, 1.42% was reflected in January (Table 2). A 3.9% rise was recorded in the **HOUSING AND UTILITIES** group index, the highest over the year. Other percentage increases were noted in **CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR**, 3.1; **FURNITURE AND HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT**, 1.3; **MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES**, 0.7; **TRANSPORTATION**, 0.4 and **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO**, 0.2. The only percentage decrease, 0.3 was observed in the **FOOD** group index (Table 5). This decline however, would have significantly affected the general index as the **FOOD** group accounts for the largest weight, 401.81 of 1000.

Over the last year the **HOUSING AND UTILITIES** group index recorded a 3.9% rise with the Rent (excluding electricity) and Utility Services sub-group indices reflecting 7.6 and 4.2 percent increases respectively (Table 6B). Within the Utility Services sub-group index the average electricity bill increased by \$14.60 from December 1999 to December 2000, reflecting a 14.9% increase. A 3.1% rise was registered in the **CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR** group index mainly as a result of a 4.2% increase in the Clothing sub-group index. **FURNITURE AND HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT** rose, 1.3% mainly due to 5.2, 3.2 and 3.1 percent increases in the sub-groups Laundry and Cleaning Equipment, Kitchen Equipment and Furniture and Furnishings respectively. A 2.5% rise in the Other Miscellaneous Expenses sub-group index contributed to a 0.7% increase in the **MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES** group index. A 2.4% rise in the Transportation Insurance and Fees sub-group index contributed to the 0.4% increase in the **TRANSPORTATION** index. Percentage increases of 0.4 and 0.2 in sub-groups. Tobacco Products and Alcoholic Beverages respectively, resulted in a 0.2% rise in the **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO** group index. **FOOD** was the only group recording a decline, 0.3% over the previous year, as decreases were observed in sub-group indices Vegetables and Fruits, 4.7% and Meat (fresh, chilled or frozen), 3.9%.

Over the year, sub-groups Fuel Supplies, Insurance Payments, Home Help Service, Repairs to Equipment, Purchase of Motor Vehicle, Personal Life Insurance and Sporting and Other Recreation remained stable (Table 6B).

A 7.0% increase was registered in the All Items Index over the six-year period, (from the base year February 1994 to February 2000). **MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES** registered a 21.5% rise mainly as a result of percentage increases in Educational Expenses, 45.1; Medicines and Health Expenses, 24.1 and Other Miscellaneous Expenses, 21.8 (Table 6A).

Over the period February 1994 to December 2000 a 22.3% rise was recorded in the **MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES** group index (Table 6A). **ALCOHOLIC**

BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO reflected a 15.7% increase as a result of 17.0 and 11.7 percent increases in sub-groups Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco Products respectively. A 9.4% rise in the **HOUSING AND UTILITIES** group index was mainly due to increases of 19.7% in the Rent (excluding electricity) and 9.5% in the Utility Services sub-group indices. Items in the Utility Services sub-group index include electricity, telephone, water and sewer rates. **CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR** registered an 8.8% rise with a 9.1% increase reflected in Footwear. An 8.4% rise was recorded in the **TRANSPORTATION** group index as percentage increases were registered in sub-group indices Insurance and Fees, 11.5; Purchase of Motor Vehicles, 11.4 and Purchased Transportation, 10.3. The **FOOD** group index rose 3.3% with significant sub-group percentage increases reflected in Non-alcoholic Beverages, 25.0; Fruit and Fruit Preparations, 19.0; Diary Products, 14.2; Cereals, 13.5; Miscellaneous Foods, 12.6 and Meals Taken Away From Home, 10.9. The **FURNITURE AND HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT** group index recorded the lowest rise 1.2% as the sub-group Recreational Equipment reflected an 18.4% decline, with significant price decreases observed in items such as stereos, televisions and Video Cassette Recorders (VCRs). Percentage increases of 13.3 and 7.9 were observed in the Furniture and Furnishings and House Cleaning sub-group indices respectively.

From December 1999 to December 2000, price increases of 10 to 24 percent were observed in imported beef, chicken whole legs and thighs, imported pork, bacon, pawpaw, electricity, lumber, skilled labour, sheet sets, cooking pots, washing machines, airfare (approx. 1,900 miles), vehicle servicing, women's skirts, formal dressmaking material, girl's formal dresses, men's dress pants and boy's casual shoes. Packaged tea, wine, girl's blouses, men's short sleeve shirts and toothbrushes reflected percentage increases between 25 and 50 percent. Percentage increases above 50 percent were registered in grapefruits, melons and girl's clothing (Table 8).

From the February 1994 base period to December 2000, price increases of 50 to 100 percent were registered in imported pork, mutton, salted beef, celery, parsley, chives, unshelled peanuts, nutmegs, water rates, girl's blouses and liquid vitamin supplement. Percentage increases of more than 100% were recorded in chicken parts, tomatoes, lettuce, oranges, grapefruits, sewage rates, and school fees. Price decreases above thirty percent were reflected in bacon, garlic, cucumbers, sweet peppers, bananas, tannias, plantains, breadfruits, lentils, melons, pawpaw, soursop and black and white television sets.

TABLE 3. ALL ITEM INDICES BY YEAR AND MONTH
1986-2000

YEAR	FEBRUARY 1994 = 100.00												YEAR INDEX	% CHANGE
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC		
1986	72.38	72.24	71.68	72.10	72.38	72.73	73.36	74.54	75.86	75.24	75.38	75.52	73.62	3.04
1987	75.73	75.94	76.08	77.19	77.33	77.75	77.89	78.17	76.29	77.34	78.94	77.76	77.20	4.86
1988	77.97	77.34	76.02	76.58	77.48	77.41	78.16	79.69	79.90	80.31	84.34	81.77	78.91	2.22
1989	81.63	81.84	83.09	83.71	84.76	84.41	84.97	83.65	86.71	87.20	88.80	88.45	84.94	7.64
1990	86.65	86.93	84.22	84.50	86.24	86.10	87.07	86.79	88.46	90.82	91.58	92.55	87.66	3.20
1991	92.27	90.78	91.38	92.36	91.02	91.86	92.30	92.51	93.95	93.26	93.96	94.40	92.50	5.52
1992	95.16	95.54	96.75	97.08	97.15	97.55	99.10	98.33	98.50	98.57	98.51	98.55	97.57	5.48
1993	98.89	98.89	97.92	97.21	97.54	101.06	99.49	99.47	99.34	99.19	99.96	100.20	99.10	1.57
1994	99.63	100.00	98.23	98.13	98.03	98.02	98.48	99.32	99.59	100.03	99.92	99.96	99.11	0.01
1995	100.03	100.21	99.99	100.08	100.35	100.35	101.09	100.72	100.57	99.96	100.03	101.36	100.40	1.30
1996	101.51	101.23	101.33	101.61	101.54	101.86	102.45	102.25	102.63	102.33	103.05	103.42	102.10	1.69
1997	103.74	103.57	104.02	103.99	104.10	104.09	104.30	104.47	105.56	105.52	106.00	105.79	104.60	2.42
1998	105.37	105.10	104.98	104.86	104.82	104.91	105.57	105.97	105.97	106.20	106.47	107.29	105.63	0.98
1999	107.11	107.17	107.46	106.97	106.88	106.54	106.40	106.71	106.63	106.64	106.70	107.25	106.87	1.17
2000	106.90	107.00	107.17	107.48	107.62	108.11	108.25	108.01	108.08	108.26	108.13	108.44	107.79	0.86

TABLE 4 MONTHLY INDEX OF FOOD AND NON-FOOD GROUPS
1989 - 2000

GROUPS	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Jan Food	85.0	85.5	92.8	94.1	100.7	99.1	97.3	98.9	102.1	102.8	104.9	103.0
Non-food	79.4	87.8	92.3	96.1	97.7	100.0	101.9	103.3	104.9	107.1	108.6	109.6
Feb Food	84.7	86.2	88.5	94.3	100.5	100.0	98.0	98.0	101.6	102.4	105.2	102.4
Non-food	80.1	87.8	93.0	96.6	97.9	100.0	101.7	103.4	104.9	106.9	108.5	110.1
Mar Food	86.7	80.8	87.9	96.1	97.5	95.5	97.5	98.1	102.6	102.4	105.1	102.6
Non-food	80.8	87.1	94.3	97.4	98.3	100.1	101.7	103.5	105.0	106.7	109.1	110.3
Apr Food	87.1	81.8	90.0	96.8	95.8	94.1	97.6	98.6	102.6	102.0	103.4	102.8
Non-food	81.5	86.8	94.4	97.4	98.3	100.8	101.8	103.6	104.9	106.8	109.4	110.6
May Food	89.2	84.1	87.2	96.9	96.9	94.0	98.4	98.7	103.4	101.7	103.2	102.6
Non-food	81.7	88.1	94.2	97.5	98.1	100.8	101.6	103.4	104.6	106.9	109.4	111.0
Jun Food	88.3	83.6	88.6	97.9	104.4	93.9	98.2	99.0	103.2	101.6	102.2	103.4
Non-food	81.9	88.3	94.6	97.4	98.6	100.8	101.8	103.8	104.7	107.2	109.5	111.3
Jul Food	88.8	85.5	89.4	101.0	101.2	93.5	97.9	100.2	103.6	103.1	102.0	103.1
Non-food	82.5	88.6	94.8	97.8	98.3	101.8	103.2	104.0	104.8	107.2	109.3	111.7
Aug Food	85.7	84.3	89.5	99.3	101.2	95.7	97.3	99.4	103.9	104.5	103.2	103.3
Non-food	82.4	89.0	95.1	97.9	98.2	101.8	103.0	104.1	104.8	107.0	109.1	111.2
Sep Food	85.3	87.3	92.2	99.4	99.9	96.5	97.7	100.8	103.9	104.0	102.5	103.4
Non-food	88.1	89.7	95.5	98.1	99.0	101.7	102.5	103.9	106.7	107.3	109.4	111.2
Oct Food	87.1	87.6	90.7	99.4	99.5	97.6	96.7	99.8	103.6	103.5	102.7	104.1
Non-food	87.6	93.6	95.4	98.2	99.1	101.7	102.1	104.0	106.8	108.0	109.3	111.1
Nov Food	90.5	89.5	92.3	99.2	100.6	96.8	96.9	101.3	104.3	104.2	103.3	103.3
Non-food	87.9	93.6	95.4	98.2	99.6	102.0	102.1	104.2	106.9	108.0	109.0	111.4
Dec Food	89.6	92.5	92.8	100.1	100.8	96.9	99.3	101.9	103.5	105.6	103.9	103.3
Non-food	87.9	92.9	95.8	97.7	99.8	102.0	102.8	104.4	107.1	108.4	109.5	111.9
AVG. Food	87.3	85.7	90.2	97.9	99.9	96.1	97.7	99.6	103.2	103.1	103.5	103.1
Non-food	83.5	89.4	94.6	97.5	98.6	101.1	102.2	103.8	105.5	107.3	109.2	110.9

February 1994=100.00

TABLE 5. PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN GROUP INDICES
1989-2000

February 1994 = 100.0

GROUP	WEIGHTS	1989	% CHANGE '88-'89	1990	% CHANGE '89-'90	1991	% CHANGE '90-'91	1992	% CHANGE '91-'92	1993	% CHANGE '92-'93	1994	% CHANGE '93-'94
FOOD	401.81	87.3	8.3	85.8	-1.8	90.2	5.1	97.9	8.5	99.9	2.1	96.1	-3.8
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES & TOBACCO	16.16	85.3	4.3	87.5	2.5	91.4	4.5	96.5	5.6	98.5	2.0	100.6	2.1
HOUSING & UTILITIES	133.71	78.5	12.9	93.1	18.6	98.0	5.2	99.2	1.2	99.9	0.7	100.1	0.2
FURNITURE & HOUSEHOLD EQUIP.	57.79	85.1	5.7	90.5	6.3	96.8	7.0	98.0	1.2	97.1	-0.8	98.8	1.8
TRANSPORTATION	162.02	88.1	0.3	92.0	3.8	96.5	4.9	97.6	1.1	99.9	2.4	101.5	1.6
CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	68.35	71.8	6.6	73.7	2.7	84.2	14.2	91.9	9.1	94.8	3.2	101.5	7.1
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	160.16	90.4	7.8	90.7	0.4	93.7	3.3	98.0	4.6	98.3	0.3	102.3	4.1
ALL ITEMS	1000.00	84.9	7.6	87.6	3.2	92.5	5.6	97.6	5.5	99.1	1.6	99.1	0.0

TABLE 5 cont'd. PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN GROUP INDICES
1989-2000

GROUP	WEIGHTS	1995	% CHANGE	1996	% CHANGE	1997	% CHANGE	1998	% CHANGE	1999	% CHANGE	2000	% CHANGE
			'94-'95		'95-'96		'96-'97		'97-'98		'98-'99		'99-'00
FOOD	401.81	97.7	1.7	99.6	1.9	103.2	3.6	103.1	-0.1	103.5	0.4	103.1	-0.3
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES & TOBACCO	16.16	101.0	0.4	110.4	9.3	112.7	2.1	114.5	1.6	113.6	-0.8	113.9	0.2
HOUSING & UTILITIES	133.71	99.9	-0.2	100.0	0.1	101.4	1.4	102.5	1.1	104.8	2.2	108.9	3.9
FURNITURE & HOUSEHOLD EQUIP.	57.79	96.6	-2.2	95.7	-1.0	97.0	1.4	97.3	0.3	99.2	2.0	100.5	1.3
TRANSPORTATION	162.02	102.6	1.1	105.9	3.2	106.0	0.1	105.0	-0.9	106.4	1.3	106.8	0.4
CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	68.35	102.8	1.3	103.8	0.9	104.5	0.7	104.2	-0.3	104.6	0.4	107.9	3.1
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	160.16	105.5	3.1	107.2	1.6	116.7	8.9	117.8	0.9	120.8	2.5	121.6	0.7
ALL ITEMS	1000.00	100.4	1.3	102.1	1.7	104.6	2.4	105.6	1.0	106.9	1.2	107.8	0.9

TABLE 6A.

CONSUMER PRICE INDICES BY GROUPS AND SUB-GROUPS
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM BASE PERIOD
TO FEBRUARY 2000 AND DECEMBER 2000

GROUPS Sub-groups	WEIGHTS	FEB 1994 = 100.0							
		Feb 1997	Feb 1998	Feb. 1999	Feb 2000	Dec. 2000	% CHANGE FEB. '94	% CHANGE FEB. '94 TO DEC. '00	
							FEB. '00		
ALL ITEMS	1000.00	103.6	105.1	107.2	107.0	108.4	7.0	8.4	
FOOD	401.81	101.6	102.4	105.2	102.4	103.3	2.4	3.3	
Meat (fresh, chill. or frozen)	36.37	112.2	110.4	116.0	105.3	102.2	5.3	2.2	
Meat (preserved)	11.80	103.0	102.4	104.4	107.6	105.0	7.6	5.0	
Fish and Fish Preparations	39.98	103.1	102.9	103.0	103.3	101.9	3.3	1.9	
Dairy Products	36.57	118.1	117.4	117.2	113.6	114.2	13.6	14.2	
Oils and Fats	8.97	102.4	102.4	102.7	104.0	104.8	4.0	4.8	
Cereals	70.49	109.6	109.7	111.8	113.5	113.5	13.5	13.5	
Vegetables and Fruits	64.60	94.7	99.7	95.8	88.5	89.1	-11.5	-10.9	
Fruit and Fruit Preparation	58.39	106.0	105.6	119.1	111.8	119.0	11.8	19.0	
Sugar and Other Sweets	15.24	102.1	104.4	103.8	102.8	106.4	2.8	6.4	
Miscellaneous Items	29.67	105.9	104.9	109.2	112.8	112.6	12.8	12.6	
Meals Taken Away From Home	20.78	103.1	103.1	107.0	108.6	110.9	8.6	10.9	
Non-alcoholic Beverages	8.95	102.1	113.4	122.3	125.0	125.0	25.0	25.0	
ALCOHOLIC BEV. & TOBACCO	16.16	111.7	114.7	113.8	113.8	115.7	13.8	15.7	
Alcoholic Beverages	12.11	111.8	115.6	114.6	114.6	117.0	14.6	17.0	
Tobacco Products	4.05	111.5	112.1	111.2	111.3	111.7	11.3	11.7	
HOUSING & UTILITIES	133.71	100.5	102.4	102.6	107.3	109.4	7.3	9.4	
Rent (excluding electricity)	35.28	102.5	103.6	105.5	115.9	119.7	15.9	19.7	
Fuel Supplies	15.16	100.0	105.7	105.7	105.7	105.7	5.7	5.7	
Utility Services	55.31	101.8	103.6	102.7	106.7	109.5	6.7	9.5	
Repairs to House	17.61	94.0	95.6	95.6	97.9	97.9	-2.2	-2.1	
Insurance Payments	2.89	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	
Home Help Service	5.89	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	
Laundry and Dry Cleaning Se	1.57	90.8	90.8	92.7	92.7	94.5	-7.3	-5.5	
FURNITURE & HOUSEHOLD EQUIP.	57.79	96.0	97.4	99.1	99.3	101.2	-0.7	1.2	
Furniture & Furnishings	10.97	100.9	101.3	107.9	108.3	113.3	8.3	13.3	
Kitchen Equipment	11.13	91.4	91.3	91.8	94.1	97.9	-5.9	-2.1	
Recreational Equipment	11.69	83.1	83.7	83.7	81.5	81.6	-18.5	-18.4	
Laundry and Cleaning Equip.	3.58	91.9	93.6	97.8	99.0	102.0	-1.0	2.0	
House Cleaning	19.27	102.1	104.5	105.0	107.3	107.9	7.3	7.9	
Repairs to Equipment	1.15	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	
TRANSPORTATION	162.02	108.1	104.6	106.1	105.8	108.4	5.8	8.4	
Purchased Transportation	50.34	112.5	99.7	105.1	101.9	110.3	1.9	10.3	
Purchase of Motor Vehicles	50.89	111.4	111.4	111.4	111.4	111.4	11.4	11.4	
Operational Expenses	46.29	99.5	101.3	100.8	102.0	102.0	2.0	2.0	
Insurance and Fees	14.50	108.6	108.6	108.6	111.5	111.5	11.5	11.5	
CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	68.35	103.6	104.5	104.4	107.3	108.8	7.3	8.8	
Clothing	49.69	103.4	103.9	103.3	107.3	108.8	7.3	8.8	
Footwear	15.77	103.8	106.2	107.5	107.3	109.1	7.3	9.1	
Clothing Accessories	2.89	106.4	106.4	107.1	107.2	108.5	7.2	8.5	
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	160.16	108.3	116.7	120.5	121.5	122.3	21.5	22.3	
Personal Care & Supplies	38.21	108.6	107.3	109.0	107.7	107.9	7.7	7.9	
Medicines and Health Exp.	15.75	109.5	118.0	122.7	124.1	127.2	24.1	27.2	
Personal Life Insurance	4.80	100.0	100.0	102.5	102.5	102.5	2.5	2.5	
Educational Expenses	49.59	113.4	139.4	142.6	145.1	146.4	45.1	46.4	
Sporting & Other Recreation	30.06	101.6	101.6	101.6	101.6	101.6	1.6	1.6	
Other Miscellaneous	21.75	106.6	105.1	118.5	121.8	122.0	21.8	22.0	

**TABLE 6B. PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN GROUP AND SUB-GROUP INDICES
1999-2000**

Sub-groups	Weights	1999	2000	% Change 1999-2000
ALL ITEMS	1000.00	106.9	107.8	0.9
FOOD	401.81	103.5	103.1	-0.3
Meat (fresh, chilled or frozen)	36.37	106.8	102.7	-3.9
Meat (preserved)	11.80	106.1	105.9	-0.3
Fish and Fish Preparations	39.98	103.4	102.4	-1.0
Dairy Products	36.57	115.9	114.7	-1.0
Oils and Fats	8.97	103.4	104.6	1.2
Cereals	70.49	112.3	113.2	0.8
Vegetables and Fruits	64.60	95.0	90.5	-4.7
Fruit and Fruit Preparations	58.39	111.8	115.8	3.5
Sugar and Other Sweets	15.24	102.8	105.2	2.3
Miscellaneous Items	29.67	111.7	112.6	0.9
Meals Taken Away From Home	20.78	108.3	110.3	1.9
Non-alcoholic Beverages	8.95	123.9	125.0	1.0
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	16.16	113.6	113.9	0.2
Alcoholic Beverages	12.11	114.4	114.7	0.2
Tobacco Products	4.05	111.2	111.6	0.4
HOUSING AND UTILITIES	133.71	104.8	108.9	3.9
Rent (excluding electricity)	35.28	110.4	118.7	7.6
Fuel Supplies	15.16	105.7	105.7	0.0
Utility Services	55.31	104.4	108.8	4.2
Repairs to House	17.61	97.5	98.0	0.5
Insurance Payments	2.89	100.0	100.0	0.0
Home Help Service	5.89	100.0	100.0	0.0
Laundry and Dry Cleaning Service	1.57	92.7	94.2	1.7
FURNITURE AND HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT	57.79	99.2	100.5	1.3
Furniture and Furnishings	10.97	108.4	111.8	3.1
Kitchen Equipment	11.13	92.1	95.0	3.2
Recreational Equipment	11.69	83.0	81.7	-1.5
Laundry and Cleaning Equipment	3.58	96.0	101.1	5.2
House Cleaning	19.27	106.2	107.8	1.6
Repairs to Equipment	1.15	100.0	100.0	0.0
TRANSPORTATION	162.02	106.4	106.8	0.4
Purchased Transportation Purchase of Motor Vehicles	50.34	105.7	105.5	-0.2
Purchase of Motor Vehicle	50.89	111.4	111.4	0.0
Operational Expenses	46.29	100.9	101.9	1.0
Insurance and Fees	14.50	108.6	111.2	2.4
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	68.35	104.6	107.9	3.1
Clothing	49.69	103.5	107.9	4.2
Footwear	15.77	107.6	107.6	0.1
Clothing Accessories	2.89	107.4	108.4	0.9
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	160.16	120.8	121.6	0.7
Personal Care and Supplies	38.21	109.2	107.6	-1.4
Medicines and Health Expenses	15.75	123.7	124.8	0.9
Personal Life Insurance	4.80	102.5	102.5	0.0
Educational Expenses	49.59	143.2	145.3	1.4
Sporting and Other Recreation	30.06	101.6	101.6	0.0
Other Miscellaneous	21.75	118.7	121.6	2.5

Table 7.

**PRICE MOVEMENTS OF SELECTED ITEMS IN
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FEBRUARY 1993-FEBRUARY 2000**

ITEMS	UNIT	1984 BASE PRICE	FEB 1993	FEB 1994	FEB 1995	FEB 1996	FEB 1997	FEB 1998	FEB 1999	FEB 2000	% CHANGE 1984 BASE PRICE TO FEB. 94 BASE PRICE
		1984 BASE PRICE	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	1984 BASE PRICE TO FEB. 94 BASE PRICE
COD											
Beef (local)	kg	8.25	15.03	15.40	15.40	13.20	13.93	13.92	15.40	15.40	86.67
imported	kg	16.17	11.92	12.19	12.19	11.48	12.13	13.05	12.16	14.28	-24.61
Chicken (backs & necks)	kg	2.83	3.82	3.66	3.78	3.41	4.31	4.19	4.45	4.24	29.33
wings	kg	5.64	6.12	6.45	6.53	6.18	7.67	7.52	8.94	8.01	14.36
whole legs	kg	6.36	5.65	6.26	6.42	5.82	7.15	6.66	6.82	5.51	-1.57
Fish (pot)	kg	8.25	14.67	14.30	14.30	15.40	15.40	15.40	15.40	15.40	73.33
tuna	kg	8.25	13.20	15.40	15.40	15.40	15.40	15.40	15.40	15.40	86.67
Salted fish	kg	7.61	16.93	16.22	16.51	18.18	15.40	16.81	17.20	17.36	113.14
Evaporated milk	410gms	1.20	1.52	1.52	1.52	1.89	2.01	1.96	1.92	1.94	26.67
Powdered milk	1800gms	14.46	19.94	22.41	22.26	25.14	25.12	25.79	25.80	23.17	54.98
Butter	250gms	5.33	5.01	3.28	3.17	4.09	4.13	3.99	4.12	4.12	-38.46
Cheese	kg	9.70	17.90	14.80	14.97	16.66	16.52	16.51	16.66	15.51	52.58
Eggs	dozen	5.73	5.50	6.37	6.04	5.94	6.44	6.29	6.29	6.41	11.17
Cooking Oil	1 litre	4.84	5.09	8.11	8.11	8.11	8.11	8.11	8.11	8.14	67.56
Sandwich loaf	sliced	2.50	2.88	2.88	2.75	2.92	2.98	3.00	3.17	3.17	15.20
Flour	kg	1.75	1.90	1.85	1.98	2.09	2.09	2.04	1.98	2.09	5.71
Rice	kg	1.98	2.04	2.07	2.05	1.88	2.03	2.04	1.97	2.03	4.55
Tomatoes	kg	6.60	6.60	4.40	11.00	7.43	9.23	8.80	6.60	6.86	-33.33
Carrots	kg	3.30	11.00	6.36	6.60	7.60	6.22	8.50	9.61	8.73	92.73
Cabbage	kg	5.50	4.40	4.40	6.60	3.58	6.33	7.33	5.87	6.60	-23.00
Onions	kg	3.56	3.90	3.96	3.67	3.69	3.72	4.38	3.80	3.50	11.24
Beans	kg	4.35	6.82	7.16	7.09	6.74	7.43	7.57	7.48	7.17	64.60
Lentils	kg	3.52	5.12	4.57	3.70	3.59	4.09	3.29	3.03	3.03	29.83
Oranges	each	0.54	0.33	0.33	0.50	1.00	0.57	0.65	0.66	0.67	-38.89
Grapefruit	each	0.25	0.14	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.17	0.17	0.33	0.20	-20.00
Melons	kg	1.28	1.31	3.30	1.98	2.20	2.08	2.46	2.08	1.03	157.81
White sugar	kg	1.45	2.06	2.12	2.13	1.85	2.09	2.09	2.09	2.10	46.21
Brown sugar	kg	1.58	1.87	1.90	1.90	1.66	1.91	1.91	1.91	1.93	20.25
Salt	kg	0.92	1.20	1.26	1.35	1.41	1.27	1.11	1.13	0.98	36.96
Tomato Ketchup	375 ml	3.89	4.21	3.93	4.87	4.83	5.11	4.82	4.83	5.30	1.03
Coffee (beans)	kg	12.05	13.96	13.42	13.42	13.42	13.74	14.37	13.75	13.75	11.37
instant	50 gms	9.69	6.06	6.06	7.67	8.47	8.48	6.32	8.13	8.70	-37.46
Coca-cola	296 ml	0.80	1.00	1.20	1.20	1.20	1.25	1.50	1.63	1.75	50.00
Ham sandwich	each	2.25	3.88	3.88	4.00	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.42	4.58	72.44
Roti	each	4.50	6.00	6.00	6.50	6.75	8.75	6.75	7.00	7.00	33.33

TABLE 7. cont'd

PRICE MOVEMENTS OF SELECTED ITEMS IN
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FEBRUARY 1993- FEBRUARY 2000

ITEMS	UNIT	1984 BASE PRICE	FEB. 1993	FEB. 1994	FEB. 1995	FEB. 1996	FEB. 1997	FEB. 1998	FEB. 1999	FEB. 2000	% CHANGE 84 BASE PRICE TO FEB. 94
ALCOHOLIC BEV. & TOBACCO											
Rum	75 cl	8.40	9.57	9.67	10.18	10.34	12.31	13.64	13.81	13.91	15.12
Whisky	75 cl	18.25	41.14	40.38	39.79	41.17	41.17	41.57	40.71	39.54	101.26
Beer	284 ml	2.33	2.86	2.86	2.72	3.12	3.27	3.22	3.18	3.22	22.75
Cigarettes (hillsb.)	pkt./20	1.65	2.51	2.75	2.75	3.03	3.03	3.03	3.03	3.03	66.67
(b&h)	pkt./20	2.93	4.01	4.42	4.60	4.80	4.98	4.98	4.90	4.92	50.85
FUEL											
Kerosene	gal.	4.00	3.94	3.62	3.62	3.62	3.62	4.35	4.35	4.35	-9.50
Gas	9.1 kg	24.51	27.70	27.70	27.70	27.70	27.70	29.30	29.30	29.30	13.02
UTILITIES											
Electricity	month	34.21	41.28	43.14	93.49	94.29	95.03	99.17	97.15	106.40	36.10
Telephone	month	40.44	40.44	40.44	58.64	58.64	58.64	58.64	58.64	58.64	0.00
Water	month	9.17	25.00	26.89	26.89	26.89	26.89	45.80	45.80	45.80	193.24
HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT											
Refrigerator	15 cu.ft.	3,078.25	3,258.44	3,258.44	2,509.88	2,356.98	2,355.38	2,355.38	2,355.38	2,355.40	5.85
Radio-recorder		485.00	909.20	909.18	803.93	745.93	795.00	795.00	795.00	795.00	87.46
Black & white t.v.	17"	580.00	606.67	606.67	326.43	311.24	311.24	357.59	357.59	337.00	4.60
Colour t.v.	19"	1,770.25	1,618.26	1,618.26	1,821.93	1,487.00	1,433.79	1,417.93	1,417.93	1,351.39	-8.59
CLOTHING											
Women's dress	casual	49.98	114.75	118.53	85.00	97.75	97.75	97.75	97.75	97.75	137.15
	formal	68.74	196.41	193.44	245.00	265.00	265.00	280.00	265.00	280.00	181.41
Girl's dress		39.98	89.81	96.78	80.93	65.98	93.04	89.92	89.92	95.62	142.07
Boy's shirt	casual	36.45	46.65	42.53	42.66	45.89	35.54	35.54	35.54	34.86	16.68
trousers	formal	32.48	39.98	42.55	40.75	40.88	40.88	40.88	40.88	44.30	31.00
FOOTWEAR											
Women's shoes	casual	39.98	50.13	59.72	57.56	80.19	73.31	76.83	71.18	70.00	49.37
	formal	77.50	66.95	72.43	72.68	82.23	77.07	83.78	82.71	75.04	-6.54
Men's shoes	casual	57.50	87.04	114.86	79.57	79.57	79.57	79.57	79.57	82.40	99.76
	formal	75.00	131.70	146.51	127.68	130.85	130.39	130.39	130.39	132.93	5.35
MISCELLANEOUS											
Toilet soap	145 gm	1.54	1.31	1.26	1.47	1.63	1.94	1.96	1.95	1.99	-18.18
Tooth paste	76 gm	3.93	6.75	6.97	4.85	5.05	6.62	6.13	6.05	6.05	77.35
Deodorant	110 gm	9.40	13.21	13.14	12.92	13.88	13.76	13.76	13.76	13.97	39.79
Doctor's fees	per visit	20.00	40.00	45.00	55.00	55.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	125.00
Television fees	month	30.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	66.67
School fees: pre-sc	month	20.00	25.00	31.67	40.00	40.00	40.00	83.33	83.33	83.33	58.35
Petrol	gal.	6.00	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.70	6.70	6.70	8.33
Vehicle license	year	229.60	330.00	330.00	440.00	440.00	440.00	440.00	440.00	440.00	43.73

TABLE 8. PRICE MOVEMENTS OF SELECTED ITEMS IN CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
FEBRUARY 1994 BASE PRICE COMPARED WITH DECEMBER 1999 AND 2000 PRICES

ITEMS DESCRIPTION AND SPECIFICATION	UNIT	FEB. 1994 = 100.0				% CHANGE DEC. 99 TO DEC. 00	% CHANGE FEB. 1994 TO DEC. 00
		BASE PRICE FEB. 1994	DEC. 1999	DEC. 2000			
ALL ITEMS							
1 FOOD							
MEAT							
1.01 MEAT (fresh, chilled or frozen)							
Beef							
(a) local	Kg	15.40	15.40	14.85	-3.57	-3.57	
(b) imported	Kg	12.80	13.60	15.20	11.76	18.75	
Chicken							
(a) backs and necks	Kg	3.68	9.64	9.70	0.62	163.59	
(b) wings	Kg	6.45	17.12	17.05	-0.41	164.34	
(c) whole legs	Kg	6.26	11.81	13.44	13.80	114.70	
(d) thighs	Kg	5.64	10.31	12.07	17.07	114.01	
Pork							
(a) local	Kg	12.10	13.39	13.20	-1.42	9.09	
(b) imported	Kg	11.23	18.77	21.82	16.25	94.30	
Mutton							
Mutton	Kg	14.97	23.10	23.64	2.34	57.92	
Turkey drumsticks							
Turkey drumsticks	Kg	5.96	5.84	4.44	-23.97	-25.50	
1.02 MEAT (Preserved)							
Salted Beef	kg	7.93	13.02	13.02	0.00	64.19	
Corned Beef	340.5g	5.23	5.51	5.14	-6.72	-1.72	
Salted Pork	Kg	7.93	10.62	9.46	-10.92	19.29	
Sausages	666.8g	13.82	17.80	17.85	0.28	29.16	
Sausages (canned)	140g	1.97	1.95	1.85	-5.13	-6.09	
Bacon	kg	18.35	10.53	12.74	20.99	-30.57	
Ham	450g	14.98	12.68	12.98	2.37	-13.35	
1.03 FISH AND FISH PREPARATIONS							
Fish (fresh)							
(a) pot	Kg	14.30	15.40	15.40	0.00	7.69	
(b) tuna	Kg	15.40	15.40	15.40	0.00	0.00	
(c) red snapper	Kg	15.40	15.40	15.40	0.00	0.00	
Salted Fish							
Salted Fish	Kg	16.53	17.73	16.34	-7.84	-1.15	
Smoked Fish							
Smoked Fish	Kg	7.17	8.58	7.25	-15.50	1.12	
Canned Fish							
(a) sardines	106g	2.04	2.13	2.23	4.69	9.31	
(b) tuna	174.8g	3.32	3.52	3.15	-10.51	-5.12	
1.04 DAIRY PRODUCTS							
MILK							
Fresh Milk	75 cl.	3.00	3.00	3.00	0.00	0.00	
Evaporated Milk	410g	1.52	1.94	1.95	0.52	28.29	
Powdered Milk	1800g	22.41	24.01	24.35	1.42	8.66	
Butter	250g	3.28	4.12	4.12	0.00	25.61	
Cheese	Kg	14.63	15.51	15.28	-1.48	4.44	
Eggs	Doz	5.99	6.41	6.16	-3.90	2.84	

TABLE 8. continued

ITEMS	UNIT	BASE PRICE FEB. 1994	DEC. 1999	DEC. 2000	% CHANGE DEC. 99 TO DEC. 00	% CHANGE FEB. 94 TO DEC. 00
1.05 OILS & FATS						
Cooking Oil	1 litre	8.11	8.11	8.17	0.74	0.74
Margarine	kg	4.19	4.45	4.70	5.62	12.17
1.06 CEREALS						
Bread						
(a) sandwich loaf(sliced)	pkg	2.75	3.17	3.17	0.00	15.27
Other Cereal Products						
Flour (loose white)	Kg	1.90	1.98	2.02	2.02	6.32
Rice						
(a) loose white	Kg	2.18	1.97	2.10	6.60	-3.67
(b) brand packaged	908g	2.91	3.97	4.03	1.51	38.49
Macaroni	206g	2.31	2.52	2.55	1.19	10.39
Corn Meal	Kg	3.57	4.07	3.44	-15.48	-3.64
Cassava Farine	Kg	11.17	12.40	12.47	0.56	11.64
Cornflakes	198g	7.46	8.91	9.79	9.88	31.23
Oats	550g	5.17	5.60	5.69	1.61	10.06
Breakfast Food(Drinks)						
Instant Chocolate	198g	6.11	6.36	6.36	0.00	4.09
Coffee						
(a) instant	50g	6.06	8.13	8.48	4.31	39.93
(b) local beans	kg	13.42	13.75	13.75	0.00	2.46
Tea	pkg/25 bags	4.73	4.60	6.01	30.65	27.06
Ovaltine	400g	11.91	12.35	11.99	-2.91	0.67
Milo	450g	11.91	10.05	10.36	3.08	-13.01
1.07 VEGETABLES AND FRUITS						
VEGETABLES(Fresh)						
Tomatoes	Kg	4.40	12.10	11.00	-9.09	150.00
Carrots	Kg	6.36	9.82	9.10	-7.33	43.08
Cabbages	Kg	4.40	6.41	4.40	-31.36	0.00
Onions (imported)	Kg	3.79	3.99	3.08	-22.81	-18.73
Garlic (imported)	Kg	20.14	13.73	11.34	-17.41	-43.69
Cucumbers	Kg	4.72	2.97	2.20	-25.93	-53.39
Pumpkins	kg	2.93	3.56	2.96	-16.85	1.02
Lettuce	medium head	1.50	3.81	4.00	4.99	166.67
Sweet Peppers	Kg	11.00	9.90	6.34	-35.96	-42.36
Celery	bundle	1.00	1.50	1.50	0.00	50.00
Parsley	bundle	1.00	1.50	1.50	0.00	50.00
Thyme	bundle	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00
Scallions(chives)	bundle	1.00	1.50	1.50	0.00	50.00
STARCHY FOODS						
Yams	Kg	4.40	5.50	4.40	-20.00	0.00
Dasheens	Kg	1.62	1.83	1.22	-33.33	-24.69
Bananas(green)	Kg	0.39	0.22	0.22	0.00	-43.59
Potatoes(not sweet)	Kg	3.35	4.80	3.30	-31.25	-1.49
Potatoes(sweet)	Kg	3.06	3.10	2.75	-11.29	-10.13
Tannias	Kg	5.87	3.64	3.06	-15.93	-47.87
Plantains (green)	Kg	1.98	0.87	0.73	-16.09	-63.13
Plantains (ripe)	kg	2.93	1.20	0.96	-20.00	-67.24
Breadfruits	Kg	1.69	0.73	0.73	0.00	-56.80
DRIED VEGETABLES						
Peas	Kg	7.61	8.73	8.76	0.34	15.11
Beans	Kg	7.36	7.96	7.27	-8.67	-1.22
Lentils	Kg	5.18	3.08	3.15	2.27	-39.19
CANNED VEGETABLES		241.2g	2.99	3.48	3.27	-6.03
						9.36

TABLE 8 continued.

ITEM	UNIT	BASE PRICE FEB.1994	DEC. 1999	DEC. 2000	% CHANGE DEC. 99 TO DEC.00	% CHANGE FEB.1994 TO DEC.00
1.08 FRUIT AND FRUIT PREPARATIONS						
Fresh Fruits						
Oranges	Each	0.33	0.67	0.67	0.00	103.03
Grapefruits	Each	0.20	0.20	0.43	115.00	115.00
Limes	kg	3.66	6.14	4.41	-28.18	20.49
Coconuts						
(dry)	each	0.29	0.33	0.33	0.00	13.79
(jelly)	Each	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00
Ripe Bananas	kg	1.10	0.73	0.75	2.74	-31.82
Melons	Kg	3.30	1.03	1.98	92.23	-40.00
Pawpaw	Kg	2.93	1.03	1.18	14.56	-59.73
Soursop	Kg	2.34	1.45	1.01	-30.34	-56.84
Peanuts (unshelled)	Kg	13.90	23.87	23.87	0.00	71.73
Dried Fruit(prunes)	kg	12.85	11.51	11.15	-3.13	-13.23
1.09 SUGAR AND OTHER SWEETS						
SUGAR OR EQUIVALENT						
White Sugar	kg	2.12	2.08	2.20	5.77	3.77
Brown Sugar	kg	1.90	1.93	2.00	3.63	5.26
1.10 MISCELLANEOUS						
CONDIMENTS AND SAUCES						
CONDIMENTS						
Salt	kg	1.25	0.93	0.95	2.15	-24.00
Nutmegs	kg	22.00	35.00	35.00	0.00	59.09
Ginger	kg	3.67	5.45	4.93	-9.54	34.33
SAUCES AND RELISHES						
Tomato Ketchup	750ml	4.59	4.91	5.29	7.74	15.25
Pepper Sauce	85ml	1.96	1.99	2.09	5.03	6.63
Mustard	175ml	3.68	4.54	4.54	0.00	23.37
BABY FOODS						
(a) Cereal		6.38	9.18	9.18	0.00	43.89
(b) Strained/puree food		2.45	2.35	2.15	-8.51	-12.24
MEALS TAKEN AWAY FROM HOME						
Ham Sandwich	each	4.17	4.58	4.58	0.00	9.83
Roti	each	6.50	7.00	7.25	3.57	11.54
DRINKS TAKEN AWAY FROM HOME						
Passion fruit juice	medium	3.17	3.67	3.67	0.00	15.77
Grapefruit juice	medium	3.25	3.75	3.75	0.00	15.38
1.11 NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES						
Coca-cola						
Coke	85ml	1.25	1.75	1.75	0.00	40.00
Juc	85ml	1.25	1.50	1.58	5.33	26.40
Instant drink	350g	7.20	6.70	6.90	2.99	-4.17

TABLE 8 continued

ITEMS	UNIT	BASE PRICE FEB. 1994	DEC. 1999	DEC. 2000	% CHANGE DEC. 99 TO DEC. 00	% CHANGE FEB. 1994 TO DEC. 00
2.0 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO						
2.01 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES						
Rum	750ml	9.64	13.91	13.90	-0.07	44.19
Whisky	75cl	40.38	41.17	39.54	-3.96	-2.08
Brandy	70cl	15.40	16.60	17.54	5.66	13.90
Gin	75cl	28.07	35.41	34.54	-2.46	23.05
Wine	750ml	8.14	7.95	10.44	31.32	28.26
Beers	8.75 fl.oz	2.86	3.18	3.13	-1.57	9.44
Stout	275ml	3.09	3.42	3.41	-0.29	10.36
2.02 TOBACCO PRODUCTS						
Cigarettes	pkg/20	2.76	3.03	3.03	0.00	9.78
	pkg/20	4.38	4.90	4.95	1.02	13.01
Tobacco	kg	33.00	39.20	39.20	0.00	18.79
3.0 HOUSING AND UTILITIES						
3.01 RENT(excl. electricity)						
(a)	month	33.13	36.64	38.86	6.06	17.30
(b)	month	136.25	139.38	158.13	13.45	16.06
(c)	month	225.00	237.50	262.50	10.53	16.67
(d)	month	322.00	350.00	490.00	40.00	52.17
(e)	month	420.00	460.00	530.00	15.22	26.19
(f)	month	542.00	542.00	567.00	4.61	4.61
(g)	month	850.00	850.00	850.00	0.00	0.00
3.02 FUEL SUPPLIES						
Kerosene	gal.	3.62	4.35	4.35	0.00	20.17
Charcoal	ker(box)	12.00	12.00	12.00	0.00	0.00
Gas(cooking)	20 lb. cyl	27.70	29.30	29.30	0.00	5.78
3.03 UTILITY SERVICES						
Electricity	month	92.88	98.17	112.77	14.87	21.41
Telephone (rental of one standard telephone + 138 excess calls)	month	58.64	58.64	58.64	0.00	0.00
Water Rates (avg. of metered & non.metered)	month	24.39	45.80	47.83	4.43	96.10
Sewerage Rates (owner occupied)	month	5.00	10.60	10.60	0.00	112.00
3.03 REPAIRS TO HOUSE						
Lumber	foot	3.08	2.40	2.75	14.58	-10.71
Cement	94 lb	14.16	15.86	13.61	-14.19	-3.88
Steel	1/2"/lengt	11.59	11.75	8.29	-29.45	-28.47
Paint	gallon	65.00	62.00	62.00	0.00	-4.62
Labour						
unskilled	day	37.50	37.50	37.50	0.00	0.00
skilled	day	67.00	67.50	75.00	11.11	11.94
3.04 HOME INSURANCE PAYMENTS	month	9.00	9.00	9.00	0.00	0.00
3.05 HOME HELP SERVICE	month	216.00	216.00	216.00	0.00	0.00
3.06 LAUNDRY AND DRY CLEANING SERVICES						
(a) one medium load	per load	5.50	5.50	5.50	0.00	0.00
(b) one suit(ladies)	per suit	25.00	21.00	21.00	0.00	-16.00
(c) one suit(men's)	per suit	24.00	24.00	25.00	4.17	4.17

TABLE 8 continued.

ITEMS	UNIT	BASE PRICE FEB. 94	DEC. 1999	DEC. 2000	% CHANGE DEC. 99 TO DEC. 00	% CHANGE FEB. 1994 TO DEC. 00
4.0 FURNITURE AND HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT						
4.01 FURNITURE & FURNISHINGS						
Living Room Furniture						
three piece set	set	1533.94	1825.93	2004.12	9.76	30.65
Carpet (vinyl)	yard	15.97	14.87	14.37	-3.36	-10.02
Dining Room Furniture						
Table with 4 chairs	set	935.14	1016.58	1016.58	0.00	8.71
Bedroom Furniture						
Beds (double-wooden)	each	1068.67	1037.85	1075.62	3.64	0.65
Mattresses (double, 6")	each	303.97	358.95	342.28	-4.64	12.60
Sheets (4 piece full)	set	88.30	86.43	100.40	16.16	13.70
Wardrobes (standard,mirror,5 dra	each	1537.50	1284.50	1274.50	-0.78	-17.11
4.02 BABIES' FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT						
Cribs (standard)	each	827.50	877.50	877.50	0.00	6.04
Blankets 30"*30"	pkg/2	30.00	27.20	27.20	0.00	-9.33
4.03 KITCHEN EQUIPMENT						
Refrigerator 15 cu.ft	each	2511.43	2355.38	2480.40	5.31	-1.24
Stove 4 burner	each	834.85	755.67	795.13	5.22	-4.76
Blender 7 speed, 1 1/4 litre cup	each	239.13	182.50	187.63	2.81	-21.54
Pots regular 26cm	each	35.33	38.59	45.46	17.80	28.67
4.06 RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT						
Radios with recorder(high speed,	set	1026.43	795.00	795.00	0.00	-22.55
Stereo Sets(double deck, 6 band eq						
cd,turn table,radio am/fm	set	2073.93	1817.43	1842.00	1.35	-11.18
Television Sets						
(a) black & white	set	483.88	337.00	337.00	0.00	-30.35
(b) colour 20 inch remo	set	1744.75	1428.93	1359.60	-4.85	-22.07
VCR'S (Video Players/Recorders)	set	1395.00	1295.00	1295.00	0.00	-7.17
4.07 LAUNDRY & CLEANING EQUIPMENT						
Washing Machines 7 cycles	each	1526.93	1375.00	1524.50	10.87	-0.16
Iron steam	each	152.12	181.50	181.50	0.00	19.31
4.08 HOUSE CLEANING						
LAUNDRY SUPPLIES						
Soap						
(a) bar	each	0.75	0.94	0.94	0.00	25.33
(b) powder	400g	3.40	4.11	4.10	-0.24	20.59
Bleach	16 fl.oz	3.00	2.85	2.85	0.00	-5.00
Fabric Softener	1 litre	6.60	7.18	7.15	-0.42	8.33
SPRAYS AND DISINFECTANTS						
Insect Spray						
Baygon	400ml	13.95	10.17	10.38	2.06	-25.59
Insect Repellants						
Fish Coil	pkg/6	1.62	1.74	1.82	4.60	12.35
Toilet Disinfectant	340g	4.23	4.29	4.29	0.00	1.42
Air fresheners	300ml	6.70	6.45	6.90	6.98	2.99
4.10 REPAIRS TO EQUIPMENT/FURNITURE						
Refrigerator(minor)	each	182.50	182.50	182.50	0.00	0.00
Television(minor)	each	95.00	95.00	95.00	0.00	0.00

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5.0 TRANSPORTATION						
5.01 PURCHASED TRANSPORTATION						
Bus Fares						
(a) 8 miles from city(1	fare	3.00	3.00	3.00	0.00	0.00
Taxi Fares 3 miles from cit	fare	25.00	25.00	25.00	0.00	0.00
Air Fares						
(a) Dom/New York/Dom 21 dy	fare	1696.00	1690.50	2060.00	21.86	21.46
(b) Dom/St.Maart/Dom 21 dy	fare	596.00	640.00	640.00	0.00	7.38
Sea Travel						
(a) Dom./G.loupe/Dom.	fare	224.00	246.00	235.25	-4.37	5.02
5.02 PURCHASE OF MOTOR VEHICLES						
Motor Cars	each	54000.00	55000.00	55000.00	0.00	1.85
Vans	each	47000.00	55500.00	55500.00	0.00	18.09
Bicycles	each	360.50	458.37	458.35	0.00	27.14
5.03 OPERATIONAL EXPENSES						
Petrol regular	gall.	6.50	6.70	6.70	0.00	3.08
Oil & Grease						
(a) oil	can	11.00	11.00	11.00	0.00	0.00
(b) grease	can	10.00	12.36	10.29	-16.75	2.90
Tyres	each	157.59	155.00	155.00	0.00	-1.64
Batteries	each	231.75	231.75	231.75	0.00	0.00
Servicing(labour)						
(a) motor car 1300cc (min	per serv	95.00	95.00	95.00	0.00	0.00
(b) van	per serv	115.00	115.00	115.00	0.00	0.00
Servicing(vehicle parts)						
(a) motor car 1300cc (min	per serv	250.00	215.00	215.00	0.00	-14.00
(b) van	per serv	265.77	265.77	313.45	17.94	17.94
5.04 INSURANCE, TAXES,FEES						
Insurance	year	4384.00	4384.00	4552.00	3.83	3.83
Vehicle License	year	330.00	440.00	440.00	0.00	33.33
Drivers License	year	60.00	80.00	80.00	0.00	33.33

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ITEMS	UNIT	BASE PRICE FEB. 94	DEC. 1999	DEC. 2000	% CHANGE DEC. 99 TO DEC. 00	% CHANGE FEB. 1994 TO DEC. 00
6.0 CLOTHING FOOTWEAR AND ACCESSORIES						
6.01 CLOTHING						
6.011 WOMENSWEAR						
Dresses						
(a) casual	each	76.47	97.75	102.75	5.12	34.37
(b) formal	each	260.00	265.00	280.00	5.66	7.69
Blouses	each	37.06	38.00	28.81	-24.18	-22.26
Skirts	each	59.58	69.71	79.00	13.33	32.59
Suits	each	159.30	196.65	188.12	-4.34	18.09
Dressmaking	2 piece	50.00	50.00	50.00	0.00	0.00
Dressmaking Material						
(a) formal	per yard	11.63	11.80	13.13	11.27	12.90
(b) semi-formal	per yard	13.60	12.70	10.59	-16.61	-22.13
6.012 GIRLSWEAR						
Dresses						
(a) casual	Each	59.21	65.98	66.65	1.02	12.57
(b) formal	Each	99.88	115.94	128.43	10.77	28.58
Girls' blouses	each	41.15	38.50	65.00	68.83	57.96
6.013 MENSWEAR						
Shirts						
(a) long sleeve	each	84.00	87.09	89.97	3.31	7.11
(b) short sleeve	each	49.56	43.36	60.00	38.38	21.07
Suits	Each	331.67	285.00	285.00	0.00	-14.07
Pants						
men's dress pants	each	79.66	80.33	91.73	14.19	15.15
Men's Jeans	each	113.63	104.06	109.23	4.97	-3.87
Sportswear						
(a) sneakers	pair	79.95	79.95	79.95	0.00	0.00
(b) shorts	each	37.83	30.35	30.35	0.00	-19.77
6.014 BOYSWEAR						
Shirts						
(a) long sleeve	each	42.66	45.89	42.56	-7.26	-0.23
(b) short sleeve	each	25.70	25.19	27.16	7.82	5.68
Pants	each	40.75	40.88	44.58	9.05	9.40
Boy's Jeans	each	52.80	43.24	45.18	4.49	-14.43
6.015 INFANTSWEAR						
Disposable diapers (pkg/12)	Pkg/12	14.17	17.45	17.45	0.00	23.15
Cotton Diapers (pkg/12)	dozen	41.15	41.15	41.15	0.00	0.00
6.02 FOOTWEAR						
6.021 WOMENS' SHOES						
(a) casual	pair	63.30	71.18	70.83	-0.49	11.90
(b) formal	pair	65.62	82.71	81.13	-1.91	23.64
6.022 GIRL'S SHOES						
(a) casual	pair	39.09	56.00	56.60	1.07	44.79
(b) formal	pair	63.15	66.67	65.90	-1.15	4.35
6.023 BOY'S SHOES						
(a) casual	pair	68.15	46.32	52.19	12.67	-23.42
(b) formal	pair	49.16	56.32	57.14	1.46	16.23
6.024 MEN'S SHOES						
(a) casual	pair	79.57	79.57	82.40	3.56	3.56
(b) formal	pair	127.74	130.39	133.43	2.33	4.45
6.03 CLOTHING ACCESSORIES						
Watches						
Women's	each	272.50	255.00	255.00	0.00	-6.42
Men's	each	360.00	395.00	395.00	0.00	9.72
Handbags/Pocket Books	each	59.20	72.13	75.68	4.92	27.84

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ITEMS	UNIT	BASE PRICE FEB. 94	DEC. 1999	DEC. 2000	% CHANGE DEC. 99 TO DEC. 00	% CHANGE FEB. 1994 TO DEC. 00
7.0 MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES						
7.01 PERSONAL CARE SUPPLIES						
Personal Hygiene						
Toilet Soap	135g	1.48	1.95	1.99	2.05	34.46
Tooth Paste	80ml	4.87	6.05	6.05	0.00	24.23
Deodorant	175ml	13.08	13.94	13.91	-0.22	6.35
Tooth Brushes	each	4.30	3.68	4.90	33.15	13.95
Personal Toilet Supplies						
Cosmetic Cream	10 oz.	21.45	23.35	23.35	0.00	8.86
Body Lotion	16 fl.oz.	12.73	12.98	12.98	0.00	1.96
Perfumes	50ml	39.73	35.59	35.59	0.00	-10.42
Colognes	2 fl.oz.	19.73	18.09	18.09	0.00	-8.31
Hair Care and Supplies						
Hair cuts(men)	one	10.00	10.00	10.00	0.00	0.00
Hair dressing(ladies)						
Hair perm	one	46.67	50.00	50.00	0.00	7.14
Hair wash & set	one	18.33	20.00	20.00	0.00	9.11
7.02 PATENT MEDICINES						
Liquid Medicine	120ml	11.43	12.98	13.15	1.31	15.05
Medicated Cream	30g	8.73	11.25	11.75	4.44	34.59
Vitamin Supplement(liquid)	300ml	16.43	24.98	24.98	0.00	52.04
7.03 CONTRACEPTIVES						
Oral Pills	pkg	3.60	4.40	6.50	47.73	80.56
Condom	pkg	4.95	3.30	3.30	0.00	-33.33
7.04 HEALTH EXPENSES						
Doctor's Fees	per visit	50.00	60.00	65.00	8.33	30.00
Dentist's Fees	per visit	30.00	40.00	40.00	0.00	33.33
Eye Specialist	per exam.	60.00	80.00	80.00	0.00	33.33
Health Insurance	month	25.67	27.93	27.93	0.00	8.80
7.05 PERSONAL LIFE INSURANCE						
7.06 SPORTING ACTIVITIES						
Entrance Fees To Spectator Sports	one ticket	5.00	5.00	5.00	0.00	0.00
7.07 OTHER RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES						
Margin TV Service	month	50.00	50.00	50.00	0.00	0.00
Cinema Fares	one ticket	4.00	5.00	5.00	0.00	25.00
7.08 READING MATERIAL & OTHER EXPENSES						
Newspaper	each	1.25	1.75	1.75	0.00	40.00
Magazines	each	6.18	8.11	8.50	4.81	37.54
7.09 EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES						
School fees	month	31.67	83.33	83.33	0.00	163.12
Music lessons	month	40.00	50.00	50.00	0.00	25.00
Text Books(High School)						
(a) English form 1	each	27.37	28.52	29.27	2.63	6.94
(b) English form 4	each	34.30	34.70	35.20	1.44	2.62
(c) Maths form 1	each	28.75	35.20	37.10	5.40	29.04
(d) Maths form 4	each	33.28	41.73	41.73	0.00	25.39
(e) Science form 1	each	26.00	31.73	35.48	11.82	36.46
(e) Biology form 4	each	39.55	45.19	46.63	3.19	17.90
7.10 STATIONERY & WRITING EQUIPMENT						
Envelopes						
Envelopes airmail	pkg/25	0.89	0.95	0.97	2.11	8.99
Envelopes inland	pkg/25	1.12	1.25	1.27	1.60	13.39
Stamps						
Stamps airmail to U.K.	each	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.00	0.00
Stamps airmail to USA	each	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.00	0.00
Stamps airmail(domestic/inland)	each	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.00	0.00

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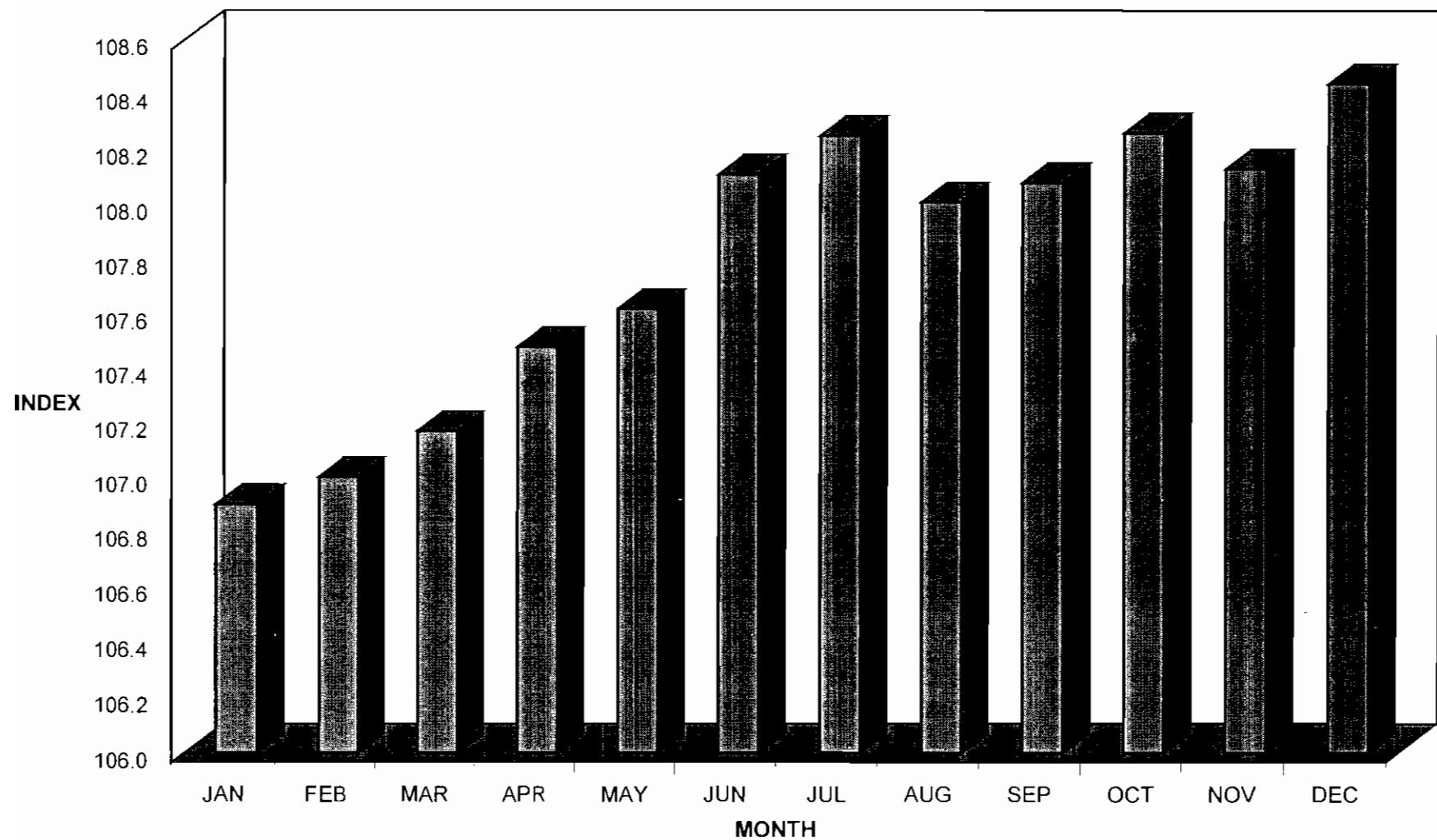


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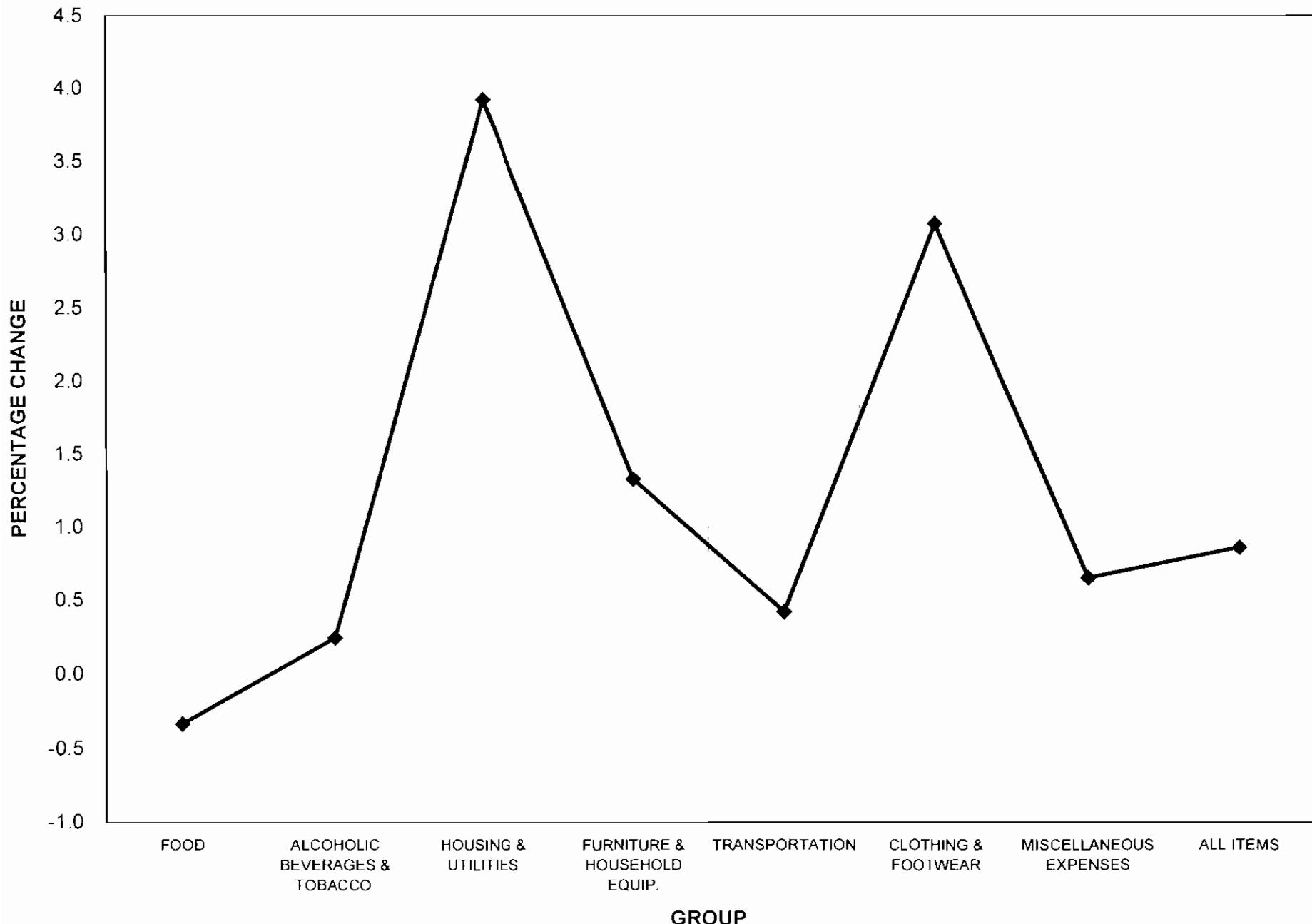
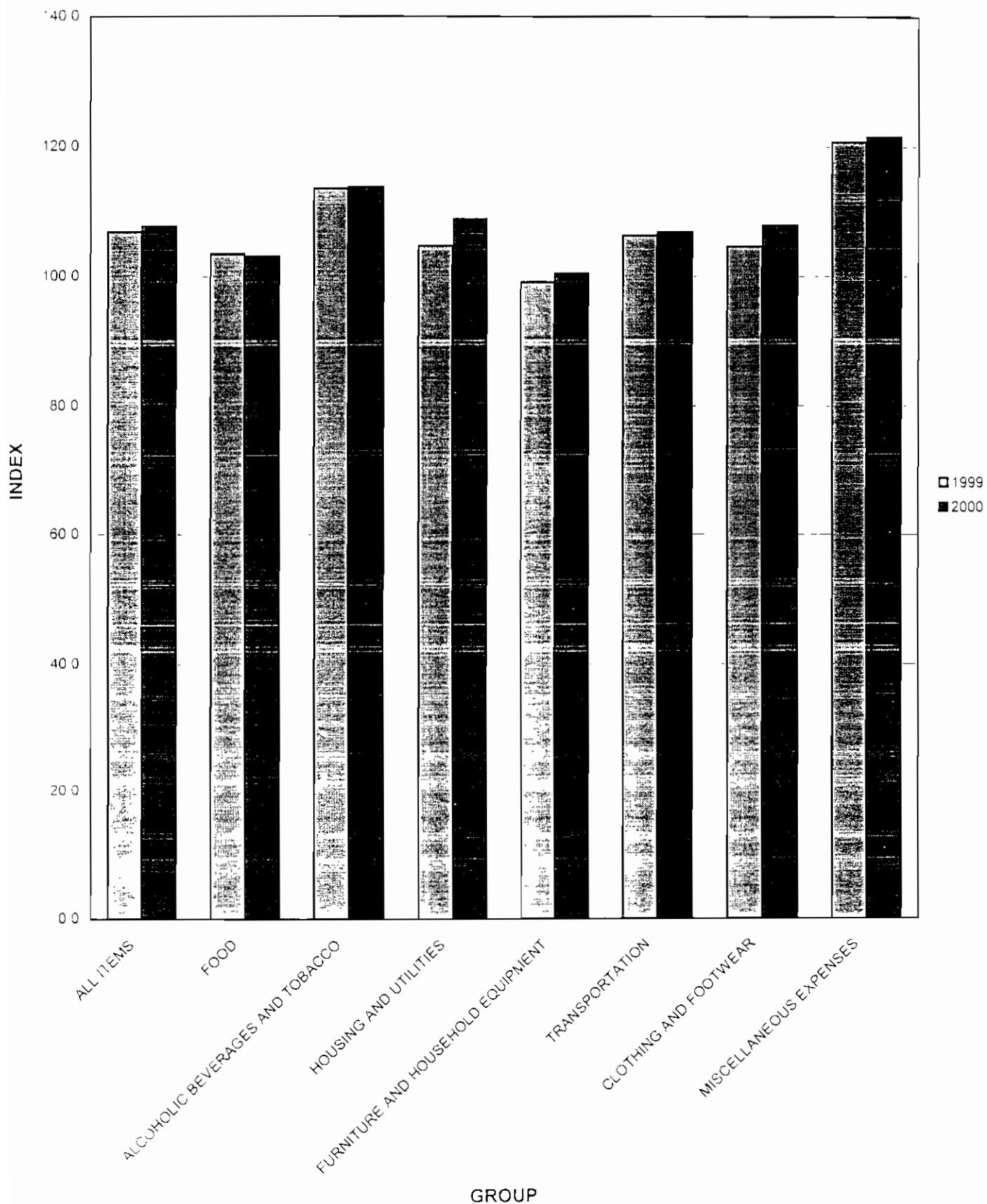


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