

Statistical Bulletin
Index of Retail Prices
(Base: July 2001=100)
September 2011

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The Index of Retail Prices for September 2011 stood at 159.3 points which represent an increase of 0.3% when compared with August's (2011) index of 158.8 points.

Amongst the major groups: Food increased by 1.6 points or 0.9%.

Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco remained constant.

Housing increased by 0.2 point or 0.1%.

Fuel and Light increased by 4.6 points or 2.6%.

Household Operations and Supplies increased by 0.8 point or 0.6%.

Clothing and Footwear decreased by 1.3 points or 1.3%.

Transportation decreased by 2.4 points or 1.6%.

Medical and Personal Care decreased by 0.7 point or 0.5%.

Education, Recreation and Miscellaneous increased by 1.0 point or 0.7%.

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Table 1. Group Indices for September 2011

| GROUP: | FOOD | ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO | HOUSING | FUEL AND LIGHT | HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND SUPPLIES | CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR | TRANSPORTATION | MEDICAL AND PERSONAL CARE | EDUCATION, RECREATION AND MISCELLANEOUS | ALL ITEMS |
|--------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------|--------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|---------------------------|---|---------------------|
| 2011 | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 171.6 | 151.7 | 148.3 | 158.2 | 124.2 | 96.2 | 134.5 | 152.0 | 125.4 | 148.9 |
| February | 171.1 | 152.8 | 149.1 | 162.3 | 125.3 | 96.5 | 142.3 | 154.5 | 134.7 | 151.4 |
| March | 172.1 | 152.9 | 148.7 | 170.3 | 124.9 | 96.7 | 143.2 | 152.6 | 134.5 | 152.2 |
| <i>Average 1 st. qr.</i> | <i>171.6</i> | <i>152.5</i> | <i>148.7</i> | <i>163.6</i> | <i>124.8</i> | <i>96.5</i> | <i>140.0</i> | <i>153.0</i> | <i>131.5</i> | <i>150.8</i> |
| April | 171.5 | 153.2 | 148.8 | 183.5 | 125.1 | 97.7 | 147.6 | 151.9 | 134.7 | 153.6 |
| May | 174.6 | 154.8 | 148.8 | 189.2 | 125.7 | 99.5 | 149.1 | 151.1 | 135.6 | 155.5 |
| June | 177.6 | 155.9 | 148.4 | 187.9 | 125.8 | 101.3 | 147.9 | 151.6 | 135.4 | 156.3 |
| <i>Average 2 nd. qr.</i> | <i>174.6</i> | <i>154.6</i> | <i>148.7</i> | <i>186.9</i> | <i>125.6</i> | <i>99.5</i> | <i>148.2</i> | <i>151.5</i> | <i>135.2</i> | <i>155.1</i> |
| July | 181.1 | 159.0 | 148.8 | 188.1 | 124.0 | 97.2 | 150.3 | 148.9 | 136.0 | 157.6 |
| August | 182.1 | 159.4 | 152.4 | 180.3 | 126.6 | 98.6 | 152.4 | 151.7 | 136.4 | 158.8 |
| September | 183.7 | 159.4 | 152.6 | 184.9 | 127.4 | 97.3 | 150.0 | 151.0 | 137.4 | 159.3 |
| <i>Average 3 rd. qr.</i> | <i>182.3</i> | <i>159.3</i> | <i>151.3</i> | <i>184.4</i> | <i>126.0</i> | <i>97.7</i> | <i>150.9</i> | <i>150.6</i> | <i>136.6</i> | <i>158.6</i> |

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Table 2. Monthly Group Movements - September 2011

| GROUP | Weights | August 2011 | September 2011 | | |
|--|---------------|--------------|----------------|-------------------------|------------|
| | | Group Index | Group Index | Change over August 2011 | |
| | | | | Points | % |
| 1. FOOD | 3,379 | 182.1 | 183.7 | 1.6 | 0.9 |
| 2. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO | 373 | 159.4 | 159.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 3. HOUSING | 1,227 | 152.4 | 152.6 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| 4. FUEL AND LIGHT | 634 | 180.3 | 184.9 | 4.6 | 2.6 |
| 5. HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND SUPPLIES | 1,014 | 126.6 | 127.4 | 0.8 | 0.6 |
| 6. CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR | 344 | 98.6 | 97.3 | -1.3 | -1.3 |
| 7. TRANSPORTATION | 1,703 | 152.4 | 150.0 | -2.4 | -1.6 |
| 8. MEDICAL AND PERSONAL CARE | 585 | 151.7 | 151.0 | -0.7 | -0.5 |
| 9. EDUCATION, RECREATION AND MISCELLANEOUS | 741 | 136.4 | 137.4 | 1.0 | 0.7 |
| ALL ITEMS | 10,000 | 158.8 | 159.3 | 0.5 | 0.3 |

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Table 7a. Point to Point Percentage Change in the All Items Index

| Month | All Items Index | | | | | | | Percentage Change | | | | | | |
|------------------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------|-------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------|
| | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 |
| January | 103.9 | 112.7 | 118.2 | 123.7 | 132.3 | 138.9 | 148.9 | 4.1 | 8.5 | 4.9 | 4.7 | 7.0 | 5.0 | 7.2 |
| February | 104.7 | 113.0 | 118.1 | 123.8 | 132.8 | 139.7 | 151.4 | 4.5 | 7.9 | 4.5 | 4.8 | 7.3 | 5.2 | 8.4 |
| March | 104.9 | 113.2 | 118.2 | 124.1 | 132.3 | 141.0 | 152.2 | 4.5 | 7.9 | 4.4 | 5.0 | 6.6 | 6.6 | 7.9 |
| April | 106.9 | 113.8 | 118.2 | 127.1 | 131.9 | 142.2 | 153.6 | 6.5 | 6.5 | 3.9 | 7.5 | 3.8 | 7.8 | 8.0 |
| May | 107.5 | 115.1 | 119.0 | 129.1 | 132.0 | 142.6 | 155.5 | 6.8 | 7.1 | 3.4 | 8.5 | 2.2 | 8.0 | 9.0 |
| June | 107.4 | 115.8 | 120.0 | 130.7 | 133.1 | 143.0 | 156.3 | 5.5 | 7.8 | 3.6 | 8.9 | 1.8 | 7.4 | 9.3 |
| July | 107.8 | 116.1 | 120.6 | 132.9 | 134.8 | 142.8 | 157.6 | 5.5 | 7.7 | 3.9 | 10.2 | 1.4 | 5.9 | 10.4 |
| August | 109.6 | 117.9 | 121.5 | 134.7 | 137.7 | 143.6 | 158.8 | 7.0 | 7.6 | 3.1 | 10.9 | 2.2 | 4.3 | 10.6 |
| September | 109.6 | 118.8 | 122.2 | 135.9 | 138.6 | 144.3 | 159.3 | 6.8 | 8.4 | 2.9 | 11.2 | 2.0 | 4.1 | 10.4 |
| October | 110.1 | 117.8 | 123.2 | 134.8 | 138.6 | 144.3 | | 6.7 | 7.0 | 4.6 | 9.4 | 2.8 | 4.1 | |
| November | 111.6 | 118.2 | 123.8 | 134.5 | 138.4 | 145.5 | | 7.4 | 5.9 | 4.7 | 8.6 | 2.9 | 5.1 | |
| December | 111.9 | 118.2 | 123.7 | 132.7 | 138.5 | 147.5 | | 7.4 | 5.6 | 4.7 | 7.3 | 4.4 | 6.5 | |
| Annual Averages | 108.0 | 115.9 | 120.6 | 130.3 | 135.1 | 142.9 | | 6.1 | 7.3 | 4.1 | 8.0 | 3.7 | 5.8 | |

Table 7b. Averages for the Twelve Month Period

| Month | Average All Items Index | | | | | | | Inflation Rate | | | | | | |
|-----------|-------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 |
| January | 102.2 | 108.7 | 116.4 | 121.0 | 131.0 | 135.6 | 143.8 | 1.8 | 6.4 | 7.1 | 4.0 | 8.3 | 3.5 | 6.0 |
| February | 102.5 | 109.4 | 116.8 | 121.5 | 131.8 | 136.2 | 144.8 | 2.0 | 6.7 | 6.8 | 4.0 | 8.5 | 3.3 | 6.3 |
| March | 102.9 | 110.1 | 117.2 | 122.0 | 132.5 | 136.9 | 145.7 | 2.4 | 7.0 | 6.4 | 4.1 | 8.6 | 3.3 | 6.4 |
| April | 103.4 | 110.7 | 117.6 | 122.7 | 132.9 | 137.8 | 146.6 | 2.9 | 7.1 | 6.2 | 4.3 | 8.3 | 3.7 | 6.4 |
| May | 104.0 | 111.3 | 117.9 | 123.6 | 133.1 | 138.7 | 147.7 | 3.5 | 7.0 | 5.9 | 4.8 | 7.7 | 4.2 | 6.5 |
| June * | 104.5 | 112.0 | 118.2 | 124.4 | 133.3 | 139.5 | 148.8 | 3.9 | 7.2 | 5.5 | 5.2 | 7.2 | 4.7 | 6.7 |
| July | 104.9 | 112.7 | 118.6 | 125.5 | 133.5 | 140.2 | 150.0 | 4.2 | 7.4 | 5.2 | 5.8 | 6.4 | 5.0 | 7.0 |
| August | 105.5 | 113.4 | 118.9 | 126.6 | 133.7 | 140.7 | 151.3 | 4.7 | 7.5 | 4.9 | 6.5 | 5.6 | 5.2 | 7.5 |
| September | 106.1 | 114.2 | 119.2 | 127.7 | 134.0 | 141.1 | 152.6 | 5.0 | 7.6 | 4.4 | 7.1 | 4.9 | 5.3 | 8.2 |
| October | 106.7 | 114.8 | 119.6 | 128.7 | 134.3 | 141.6 | | 5.4 | 7.6 | 4.2 | 7.6 | 4.4 | 5.4 | |
| November | 107.3 | 115.4 | 120.1 | 129.6 | 134.6 | 142.2 | | 5.7 | 7.5 | 4.1 | 7.9 | 3.9 | 5.6 | |
| December | 108.0 | 115.9 | 120.6 | 130.3 | 135.1 | 142.9 | | 6.1 | 7.3 | 4.1 | 8.0 | 3.7 | 5.8 | |

Note: * The % Change in the Averages for 12 months was first available from June 2003.

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