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INFLATION RATE INCREASES TO 9,1% AT SEPTEMBER 1998

The official inflation rate, i.e. the annual rate of change in the Consumer Price Index for metropolitan areas, is 9,1% at September 1998. This rate is 1,5 percentage points higher than the corresponding annual rate of 7,6% at August 1998. This is mainly due to the increase in interest rates on existing mortgage bonds. From August 1998 to September 1998 the Consumer Price Index for metropolitan areas increased by 1,7%. The seasonally adjusted index increased by 1,8% for the same period.

The difference between the official inflation rate of 9,1% and the core inflation rate of 7,7% (which only increased by 0,1% over the corresponding annual rate of 7,6% at August 1998) is mainly due to the impact of rising interest rates on existing mortgage bonds, which are included in the official inflation rate but excluded from the core inflation rate.

The annual increase of 9,1% in the Consumer Price Index for metropolitan areas is mainly due to annual increases in the price indices for housing (+3,8 percentage points), food (+1,1 percentage points), medical care and health expenses (+0,8 of a percentage point), transport (+0,8 of a percentage point) and household operation (+0,7 of a percentage point). (cf. Table 2.1)

The inflation rate for the metropolitan and other urban areas is being calculated from January 1998. This rate is based on price collections undertaken in other urban areas, in addition to the previous collections in the metropolitan areas, since January 1997. For the purpose of seasonally adjustment three years of historical data is required, which will be available from January 2000. At that time it will be decided whether the inflation rate for metropolitan and other urban areas rather than merely for metropolitan areas will be taken as the official rate. The inflation rate for metropolitan and other urban areas is 8,6% at September 1998. This rate is 1,1 percentage points higher than the corresponding annual rate of 7,5% at August 1998. From August 1998 to September 1998 the Consumer Price Index for metropolitan and other urban areas increased by 1,5%.

CORE INFLATION RATE

The core inflation rate for metropolitan areas (see note 7 on page 5) is 7,7% at September 1998. This rate is 0,1 of a percentage point higher than the corresponding annual rate of 7,6% at August 1998. From August 1998 to September 1998 the core inflation index for metropolitan areas increased by 0,6%.

The annual increase of 7,7% in the core inflation index for metropolitan areas is mainly due to annual increases in the price indices for housing (+1,7 percentage points), medical care and health expenses (+1,2 percentage points), transport (+1,0 percentage points), household operation (+0,9 of a percentage point) and food (+0,7 of a percentage point). (cf. Table 2.3)

The core inflation rate for metropolitan and other urban areas (see note 7 on page 5) is 7,5% at September 1998, which is 0,1 of a percentage point higher than the corresponding annual rate of 7,4% at August 1998. From August 1998 to September 1998 the core inflation index for metropolitan and other urban areas increased by 0,6%.

METROPOLITAN AREAS

Contributions to monthly increase in the CPI

The monthly increase of 1,7% in the Consumer Price Index for metropolitan areas is due to monthly increases in the price indices for food (+0,1 of a percentage point), housing (+1,2 percentage points, mainly due to the increase in interest rates on existing mortgage bonds), furniture and equipment (+0,1 of a percentage point), household operation (+0,1 of a percentage point), transport (+0,1 of a percentage point) and personal care (+0,1 of a percentage point).

Contributions to monthly increase in core inflation index

From August 1998 to September 1998 the core inflation index for metropolitan areas increased by 0,6%. This monthly increase is due to monthly increases in the price indices for food (+0,1 of a percentage point), housing (+0,1 of a percentage point), household operation (+0,1 of a percentage point), medical care and health expenses (+0,1 of a percentage point), transport (+0,1 of a percentage point) and personal care (+0,1 of a percentage point).

Food inflation

The price index for food shows an annual rate of increase of 6,0% at September 1998. This rate is 0,5 of a percentage point higher than the corresponding annual rate of 5,5% at August 1998. From August 1998 to September 1998 this index increased by 0,7%, while the seasonally adjusted index increased by 0,4%.

The price index for food shows a monthly increase of 0,7%, which is due to increases in the price indices for grain products (+1,8%), milk, cheese and eggs (+0,2%), fats and oils (+2,7%), fruit and nuts (+0,3%), vegetables (+1,9%), sugar (+1,6%) and coffee, tea and cocoa (+0,2%). These increases were partially counteracted by decreases in the price indices for meat (-0,1%), fish and other seafood (-0,5%) and "other" food items (-0,3%).

Price index for non-food items

The price index for non-food items shows an annual rate of increase of 9,6% at September 1998. This rate is 1,6 percentage points higher than the corresponding annual rate of 8,0% at August 1998. From August 1998 to September 1998 this index increased by 2,0%, while the seasonally adjusted index increased by 2,1%.

The monthly increase of 2,0% in the price index for "all items, excluding food" is mainly due to monthly increases in the price indices for cigarettes, cigars and tobacco (+1,0%), housing (+4,8%, mainly due to the increase in the interest rates on existing mortgage bonds), furniture and equipment (+1,5%), household operation (+1,3%), transport (+0,8%) and personal care (+1,8%).

An alternative expression of the change in the Consumer Price Index

An alternative expression of the change in the Consumer Price Index is to annualise the percentage change between the average index of the three months up to September 1998 and the average index of the previous three months. This approach, when using seasonally adjusted data shows an increase of 17,8% (which is 5,7 percentage points higher than the corresponding rate of 12,1% for August 1998), while the unadjusted data also shows an increase of 17,8% (which is 6,1 percentage points higher than the corresponding rate of 11,7% for August 1998).

Pensioners

The inflation rate for pensioners in the metropolitan areas is 8,1% at September 1998, which is 0,8 of a percentage point higher than the corresponding annual rate of 7,3% at August 1998.

METROPOLITAN AND OTHER URBAN AREAS

Contributions to monthly increase in CPI

Similar to the increase in the Consumer Price Index for metropolitan areas, the monthly increase of 1,5% in the Consumer Price Index for metropolitan and other urban areas is also due to monthly increases in the price indices for food (+0,2 of a percentage point), housing (+1,0 percentage point), furniture and equipment (+0,1 of a percentage point) household operation (+0,1 of a percentage of a percentage point) and transport (+0,1 of a percentage point).

Food inflation

The price index for food shows an annual rate of increase of 6,7% at September 1998, which is 0,6 of a percentage point higher than the corresponding annual rate of 6,1% for August 1998. From August 1998 to September 1998 this index increased by 0,9%

The price index for food shows a monthly increase of 0,9%, which is due to increases in the price indices for grain products (+1,5%), fish and other seafood (+0,2%), milk, cheese and eggs (+0,6%), fats and oils (+2,1%), fruit and nuts (+0,9%), vegetables (+2,4%), sugar (+0,9%) and coffee, tea and cocoa (+0,7%). These increases were partially counteracted by a decrease in the price index for "other" food items (-0,2%).

Price index for non-food items

The price index for non-food items shows an annual rate of increase of 9,1% at September 1998, which is 1,3 percentage points higher than the corresponding annual rate of 7,8% for August 1998. From August 1998 to September 1998 this index increased by 1,7%.

The monthly increase of 1,7% in the price index for "all items, excluding food" is mainly due to monthly increases in the price indices for cigarettes, cigars and tobacco (+1,2%), housing (+4,4% mainly due to the increase in the interest rates on existing mortgage bonds), furniture and equipment (+1,0%), household operation (+1,2%), transport (+0,6%), personal care (+1,5%) and "other" items (+0,7%).

An alternative expression of the change in the Consumer Price Index

An alternative expression of the change in the Consumer Price Index is to annualise the percentage change between the average index of the three months up to September 1998 and the average index of the previous three months. This approach, when using unadjusted data shows an increase of 16,2%, which is 5,1 percentage points higher than the corresponding rate of 11,1% for August 1998. A better method should be to use seasonally adjusted data for the calculation of the alternative expression, but at this stage there is no seasonally adjusted data available for metropolitan and other urban areas. This is due to the fact that the index for metropolitan and other urban areas

exists only since January 1997. Seasonally adjustment can only significantly be done using at least three years' data.

Pensioners

The inflation rate for pensioners in the metropolitan and other urban areas is 7,8% at September 1998.

Other urban areas in Eastern Cape and Mpumalanga recorded the highest rate of increase, namely 9,4%, while the lowest rate of 6,3% was recorded for the Free State Goldfields area.

Areas indices

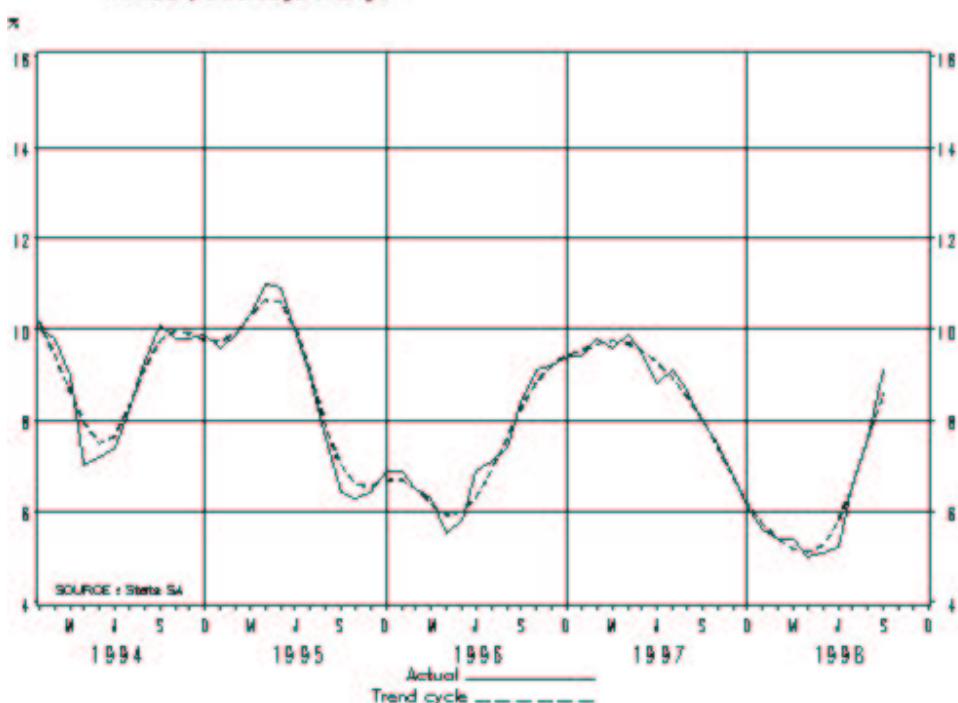
The other urban areas in Mpumalanga recorded the highest inflation rate of 9,8%, while the lowest rate of 6,5% was recorded for Free State Goldfields area.

Regarding food prices, the highest annual increase of 13,2% was recorded for other urban areas in the Eastern Cape, while East London reflected the lowest increase of 3,9%.

CPI FOR OCTOBER 1998

In addition to the usual price surveys for October 1998, it has come to the attention of Stats SA that changed prices will apply during the first seven days of October 1998 regarding water, electricity, refuse removal, sanitary services, property insurance, assessment rates, maintenance of graves and motor vehicle licences in certain areas.

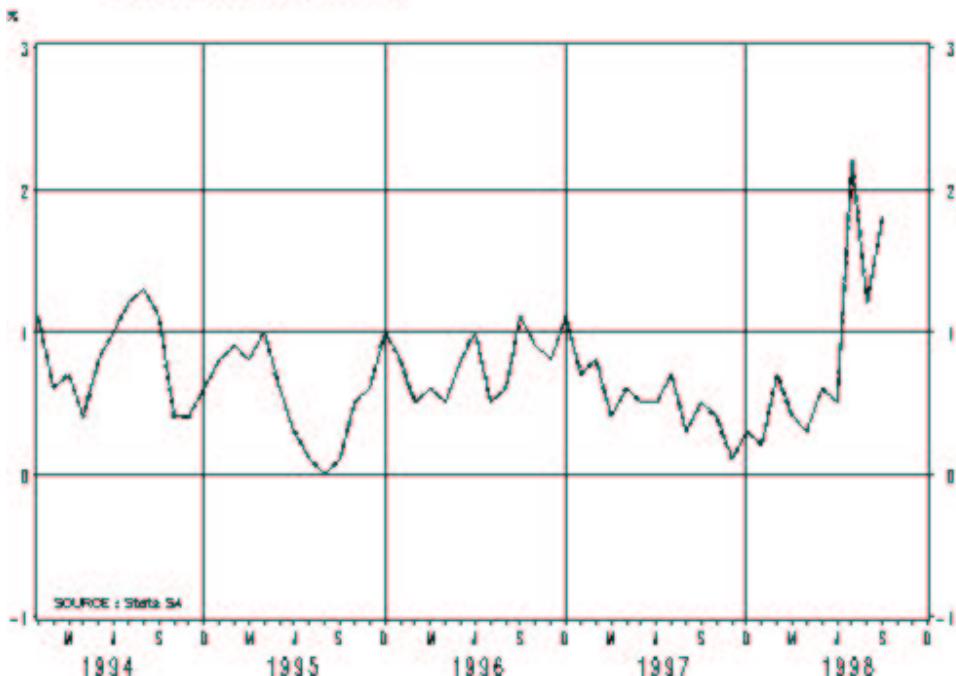
Graph 1 – Consumer Price Index (metropolitan areas)
Annual percentage change



Graph 2 – Consumer Price Index (metropolitan areas)

Seasonally adjusted

Monthly percentage change



EXPLANATORY NOTES

1. All price information refers to the first seven days of the reference month.
2. By the phrase "each area compared with itself", the Stats SA reminds the user that the consumer price indices relating to various metropolitan and other urban areas as shown in Table 4 and Table 6 do not permit inter-urban comparison of price levels or living costs. The indices do not indicate whether it is more expensive to live in one city than in another. The indices indicate for each urban area, independently of any of the other urban areas, the price changes which have taken place from time to time.
3. The indices for all items excluding food, Table 4.4, have been calculated for each area separately as from July 1994. These indices are calculated by means of the index for all items and the index for food of each area.
4. Value Added Tax (VAT) is included in general in the prices of all items on which VAT is applicable.
5. The five expenditure group categories or quintiles were defined according to total annual expenditure per household as in October 1995 as:

Very low expenditure group - up to R6 340

Low expenditure group - R6 341 up to R11 590

Middle expenditure group - R11 591 up to R21 909

High expenditure group - R21 910 up to R49 498

Very high expenditure group - R49 499 and more

6. A more detailed set of weights for the metropolitan and other urban areas in total according to the new 1995-weighting structure of the CPI, as well as that for the core basket were published in Statistical release P0141.5 of 27 March 1997.

7. Core inflation

The primary objective of calculating core inflation is to capture the underlying inflation pressures in the economy i.e. the trend in the general price level which reflects the balance between aggregate demand and supply in the economy over the medium term. Core inflation is a measure designed in relation to the specific structure of a country's economy. Hence in the South African context, core inflation is derived by excluding items from the CPI basket on the basis that changes in their prices are highly volatile, subjected to temporary influences, or affected by government intervention and policy.

Items excluded from the CPI basket to obtain the "core" basket, and the reasons for exclusion are as follows:

- * Fresh and frozen meat and fish: Prices may be highly volatile, particularly during and following periods of drought.
- * Fresh and frozen vegetables and fresh fruit and nuts: Prices may be highly volatile from quarter to quarter due to their sensitivity to climatic conditions.
- * Interest rates on mortgage bonds and overdrafts/personal loans: These are excluded due to their "perverse" effect on the CPI. A tightening in monetary policy to counter inflation pressures would cause interest rates to rise and be reflected in the interest cost component of measured inflation. This, in turn, could provoke a further tightening of monetary policy resulting in excessive movements in the inflation rate.
- * VAT (Value Added Tax): VAT is predominantly determined by government (fiscal policy).
- * Assessment rates: These taxes are predominantly determined by local government.

The choice of exclusions was informed by best practice amongst several other international agencies, and after consultation with the South African Reserve Bank and other local technical experts.

Symbols used: * = revised

TABLE 1.1 EXPENDITURE GROUP INDICES AND PERCENTAGE CHANGE

BASE : 1995 = 100

Group	Sep. 1998	Aug. 1998	Sep. 1997	Percentage change compared with		
				Aug. 1998	Sep. 1997	
				Actual	Seasonally adjusted	Actual
Expenditure groups						
Very Low	129,4	128,1	119,9	+1,0	..	+7,9
Low	128,7	127,3	119,2	+1,1	..	+8,0
Middle	128,4	127,0	119,0	+1,1	..	+7,9
High	129,0	127,3	118,9	+1,3	..	+8,5
Very High	128,7	126,4	118,0	+1,8	..	+9,1
All expenditure groups - Metropolitan	128,9	126,7	118,2	+1,7	1)	1)
All expenditure groups - Metro and other urban areas	128,3	126,4	118,1	+1,5	..	+8,6
Food only - Metropolitan	124,2	123,3	117,2	+0,7	+0,4	+6,0
Food only - Metro and other urban areas	125,2	124,1	117,3	+0,9	..	+6,7
All items excluding food - Metropolitan	129,9	127,4	118,5	+2,0	+2,1	+9,6
All items excluding food - Metro and other urban areas	129,1	127,0	118,3	+1,7	..	+9,1
All expenditure groups (VAT EXCLUDED) - Metropolitan	128,9	126,7	118,2	+1,7	1)	1)
All expenditure groups (VAT EXCLUDED) - Metro and other urban areas	128,3	126,4	118,1	+1,5	..	+8,6
Core inflation - Metropolitan	127,5	126,7	118,4	+0,6	-	+7,7
Core inflation - Metro and other urban areas	127,5	126,7	118,6	+0,6	-	+7,5

1) On theoretical grounds and due to rounding off, these rates of change can differ.

TABLE 1.2 ANNUAL INFLATION ON A MONTHLY BASIS

All items (Metropolitan areas)

Base year: 1995 = 100

Year	Index	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Ave.
	Index	96,9	97,4	98,4	99,7	100,1	100,0	100,6	100,8	100,9	101,2	101,5	102,3	100,0
1995	%	+9,6	+9,9	+10,3	+11,0	+10,9	+10,0	+9,0	+7,6	+6,4	+6,3	+6,4	+6,9	+8,7
1996	Index	103,6	103,7	104,6	105,2	105,9	106,9	107,7	108,3	109,4	110,4	110,8	111,9	107,4
1996	%	+6,9	+6,5	+6,3	+5,5	+5,8	+6,9	+7,1	+7,4	+8,4	+9,1	+9,2	+9,4	+7,4
1997	Index	113,3	113,9	114,6	115,6	116,0	116,3	117,5	117,7	118,2	118,7	118,3	118,7	116,6
1997	%	+9,4	+9,8	+9,6	+9,9	+9,5	+8,8	+9,1	+8,7	+8,0	+7,5	+6,8	+6,1	+8,6
1998	Index	119,7	120,0	120,8	121,4	121,9	122,3	125,3	126,7	128,9	..	..	..	..
1998	%	+5,6	+5,4	+5,4	+5,0	+5,1	+5,2	+6,6	+7,6	+9,1	..	..	..	..

TABLE 2.1 EFFECT OF ANNUAL PRICE CHANGES ON THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
All expenditure groups (Metropolitan areas)

Group	Contribution
Food	+1,1
Non-alcoholic beverages	+0,1
Alcoholic beverages	+0,1
Cigarettes, cigars and tobacco	+0,3
Housing	+3,8
Fuel and power	+0,2
Furniture and equipment	+0,1
Household operation	+0,7
Medical care and health expenses	+0,8
Transport	+0,8
Communication	+0,2
Reading matter	+0,1
Education	+0,2
Personal care	+0,2
Other	+0,3
All other items	+0,1
All items	+9,1

TABLE 2.2 EFFECT OF MONTHLY PRICE CHANGES ON THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
All expenditure groups (Metropolitan areas)

Group	Contribution
Food	+0,1
Housing	+1,2
Furniture and equipment	+0,1
Household operation	+0,1
Transport	+0,1
Personal care	+0,1
All items	+1,7

TABLE 2.3 EFFECT OF ANNUAL PRICE CHANGES ON THE CORE INFLATION INDEX
All expenditure groups (Metropolitan areas)

Group	Contribution
Food	+0,7
Non-alcoholic beverages	+0,1
Alcoholic beverages	+0,1
Cigarettes, cigars and tobacco	+0,4
Housing	+1,7
Fuel and power	+0,3
Furniture and equipment	+0,2
Household operation	+0,9
Medical care and health expenses	+1,2
Transport	+1,0
Communication	+0,3
Reading matter	+0,1
Education	+0,3
Personal care	+0,3
Other	+0,1
All items	+7,7

TABLE 2.4 EFFECT OF MONTHLY PRICE CHANGES ON THE CORE INFLATION INDEX
All expenditure groups (Metropolitan areas)

Group	Contribution
Food	+0,1
Housing	+0,1
Household operation	+0,1
Medical care and health expenses	+0,1
Transport	+0,1
Personal care	+0,1
All items	+0,6

TABLE 3 GROUP INDICES - WEIGHTED AVERAGE
3.1 Metropolitan areas

BASE : 1995 = 100

Group	Percentage change compared with					Weights
	Sep. 1998	Aug. 1998	Sep. 1997	Aug. 1998	Sep. 1997	
All items	128,9	126,7	118,2	+1,7	+9,1	100,00
Expenditure groups - Very low	129,4	128,1	119,9	+1,0	+7,9	0,51
Low	128,7	127,3	119,2	+1,1	+8,0	1,78
Middle	128,4	127,0	119,0	+1,1	+7,9	5,24
High	129,0	127,3	118,9	+1,3	+8,5	17,70
Very high	128,7	126,4	118,0	+1,8	+9,1	74,77
Commodities	123,9	122,9	116,2	+0,8	+6,6	55,00
Services	135,7	132,1	121,4	+2,7	+11,8	45,00
All items, excluding housing	125,3	124,5	117,2	+0,6	+6,9	75,93
All items, excluding food	129,9	127,4	118,5	+2,0	+9,6	81,98
Food	124,2	123,3	117,2	+0,7	+6,0	18,02
Expenditure groups - Very low	126,2	124,8	117,9	+1,1	+7,0	40,73
Low	126,1	124,8	118,0	+1,0	+6,9	34,39
Middle	125,8	124,6	117,8	+1,0	+6,8	31,12
High	124,8	123,9	117,5	+0,7	+6,2	25,42
Very high	123,5	122,7	116,9	+0,7	+5,6	14,84
Processed	125,9	125,2	118,4	+0,6	+6,3	9,12
Unprocessed	122,5	121,4	115,9	+0,9	+5,7	8,90
Grain products	131,9	129,6	120,8	+1,8	+9,2	3,31
Meat	115,2	115,3	112,8	-0,1	+2,1	5,33
Fish and other seafood	128,3	128,9	116,7	-0,5	+9,9	0,80
Milk, cheese and eggs	130,3	130,0	125,3	+0,2	+4,0	1,90
Fats and oils	131,5	128,1	119,6	+2,7	+9,9	0,85
Fruit and nuts	109,4	109,1	104,3	+0,3	+4,9	1,08
Vegetables	137,1	134,5	126,2	+1,9	+8,6	1,80
Sugar	125,2	123,2	118,2	+1,6	+5,9	0,59
Coffee, tea and cocoa	115,3	115,1	108,9	+0,2	+5,9	0,72
Other	127,7	128,1	118,8	-0,3	+7,5	1,64
Non-alcoholic beverages	135,7	135,9	123,7	-0,1	+9,7	0,82
Alcoholic beverages	129,8	129,7	119,2	+0,1	+8,9	1,18
Cigarettes, cigars and tobacco	191,6	189,7	152,7	+1,0	+25,5	0,95
Clothing and footwear	108,8	108,5	107,9	+0,3	+0,8	4,76
Clothing	108,8	108,6	107,4	+0,2	+1,3	3,55
Footwear	109,9	109,4	110,7	+0,5	-0,7	1,21
Housing	142,6	136,1	124,0	+4,8	+15,0	24,07
Fuel and power	127,7	127,6	119,5	+0,1	+6,9	3,11
Furniture and equipment	114,5	112,8	110,9	+1,5	+3,2	3,94
Furniture	120,0	116,8	114,3	+2,7	+5,0	1,62
Appliances	109,7	108,9	107,5	+0,7	+2,0	1,08
Other household equipment and textiles	111,2	110,8	109,4	+0,4	+1,6	1,24
Household operation	144,8	143,0	128,5	+1,3	+12,7	4,69
Household consumables	132,4	130,0	122,3	+1,8	+8,3	1,14
Domestic workers	157,8	156,0	137,4	+1,2	+14,8	3,19
Other household services	119,8	119,8	114,2	0,0	+4,9	0,36
Medical care and health expenses	146,4	145,9	130,2	+0,3	+12,4	5,95
Transport	118,8	117,9	112,7	+0,8	+5,4	14,74
Vehicles	115,3	113,8	109,9	+1,3	+4,9	5,25
Running cost	127,6	127,1	117,8	+0,4	+8,3	5,75
Public and hired transport	113,0	112,4	111,7	+0,5	+1,2	3,74
Communication	119,7	119,7	110,6	0,0	+8,2	3,06
Recreation and entertainment	110,4	110,1	108,7	+0,3	+1,6	2,38
Reading matter	135,9	135,9	123,9	0,0	+9,7	0,74
Education	135,6	135,6	122,2	0,0	+11,0	2,04
Personal care	125,2	123,0	116,2	+1,8	+7,7	3,06
Other	119,4	118,7	114,5	+0,6	+4,3	6,49

TABLE 3 GROUP INDICES - WEIGHTED AVERAGE
3.2 Metro and other urban areas

BASE : 1995 = 100

Group	Sep. 1998	Aug. 1998	Sep. 1997	Percentage change compared with		Weights
				Aug. 1998	Sep. 1997	
All items	128,3	126,4	118,1	+1,5	+8,6	100,00
Expenditure groups - Very low	129,3	127,7	118,9	+1,3	+8,7	0,93
Low	128,4	126,9	118,5	+1,2	+8,4	2,99
Middle	127,4	126,1	118,1	+1,0	+7,9	7,58
High	128,4	126,8	118,5	+1,3	+8,4	20,09
Very high	128,4	126,2	118,0	+1,7	+8,8	68,41
Commodities	123,4	122,5	115,9	+0,7	+6,5	57,34
Services	135,1	131,7	121,2	+2,6	+11,5	42,66
All items, excluding housing	125,3	124,5	117,0	+0,6	+7,1	77,55
All items, excluding food	129,1	127,0	118,3	+1,7	+9,1	80,52
Food	125,2	124,1	117,3	+0,9	+6,7	19,48
Expenditure groups - Very low	128,8	127,0	117,3	+1,4	+9,8	44,17
Low	128,1	126,4	117,7	+1,3	+8,8	38,83
Middle	126,9	125,5	117,7	+1,1	+7,8	32,67
High	125,6	124,5	117,5	+0,9	+6,9	25,61
Very high	124,1	123,3	117,1	+0,6	+6,0	15,02
Processed	125,7	125,0	117,6	+0,6	+6,9	10,52
Unprocessed	124,7	123,3	117,1	+1,1	+6,5	8,96
Grain products	132,6	130,6	121,2	+1,5	+9,4	3,73
Meat	114,9	114,9	112,5	0,0	+2,1	5,84
Fish and other seafood	130,6	130,3	118,8	+0,2	+9,9	0,77
Milk, cheese and eggs	130,3	129,5	124,2	+0,6	+4,9	2,02
Fats and oils	129,8	127,1	117,5	+2,1	+10,5	0,94
Fruit and nuts	109,0	108,0	102,2	+0,9	+6,7	1,07
Vegetables	142,8	139,4	128,3	+2,4	+11,3	1,94
Sugar	127,6	126,5	118,0	+0,9	+8,1	0,73
Coffee, tea and cocoa	114,9	114,1	107,3	+0,7	+7,1	0,79
Other	127,2	127,4	117,7	-0,2	+8,1	1,65
Non-alcoholic beverages	138,9	138,7	124,2	+0,1	+11,8	0,82
Alcoholic beverages	130,5	130,3	120,1	+0,2	+8,7	1,17
Cigarettes, cigars and tobacco	186,6	184,3	149,2	+1,2	+25,1	1,04
Clothing and footwear	109,2	108,8	107,7	+0,4	+1,4	5,07
Clothing	109,1	108,8	107,3	+0,3	+1,7	3,80
Footwear	109,4	108,9	108,9	+0,5	+0,5	1,27
Housing	139,3	133,4	122,3	+4,4	+13,9	22,45
Fuel and power	124,4	124,4	116,3	0,0	+7,0	3,54
Furniture and equipment	112,7	111,6	110,0	+1,0	+2,5	4,34
Furniture	117,2	115,1	112,8	+1,8	+3,9	1,77
Appliances	109,0	108,3	107,4	+0,6	+1,5	1,19
Other household equipment and textiles	110,2	110,1	108,7	+0,1	+1,4	1,38
Household operation	148,6	146,8	131,7	+1,2	+12,8	4,87
Household consumables	130,1	128,1	120,5	+1,6	+8,0	1,27
Domestic workers	159,1	157,2	138,0	+1,2	+15,3	3,25
Other household services	118,5	118,5	113,3	0,0	+4,6	0,35
Medical care and health expenses	143,1	142,6	127,4	+0,4	+12,3	5,81
Transport	117,0	116,3	111,8	+0,6	+4,7	13,65
Vehicles	111,0	110,3	107,4	+0,6	+3,4	5,31
Running cost	127,1	126,5	117,8	+0,5	+7,9	5,16
Public and hired transport	110,4	109,8	109,3	+0,5	+1,0	3,18
Communication	123,1	123,1	113,7	0,0	+8,3	3,21
Recreation and entertainment	106,7	106,5	105,2	+0,2	+1,4	2,18
Reading matter	133,8	133,8	122,1	0,0	+9,6	0,69
Education	136,0	136,0	120,9	0,0	+12,5	1,82
Personal care	126,0	124,1	117,3	+1,5	+7,4	3,08
Other	121,1	120,2	115,7	+0,7	+4,7	6,78

TABLE 4 AREAS INDICES

TABLE 4.1 Index for all items

Each area compared with itself

BASE : 1995 = 100

Urban area	All items			Percentage change compared with	
	Sep. 1998	Aug. 1998	Sep. 1997	Aug. 1998	Sep. 1997
Western Cape	127,7	125,8	118,1	+1,5	+8,1
Cape Peninsula	129,1	127,1	118,6	+1,6	+8,9
Other urban areas	126,8	124,8	117,7	+1,6	+7,7
Eastern Cape	130,4	128,1	119,4	+1,8	+9,2
Port Elizabeth/Uitenhage	128,5	126,2	117,9	+1,8	+9,0
East London	131,0	128,9	120,1	+1,6	+9,1
Other urban areas	130,4	128,2	119,4	+1,7	+9,2
Northern Cape	125,5	124,2	117,0	+1,0	+7,3
Kimberley	129,5	127,9	119,4	+1,3	+8,5
Other urban areas	124,8	123,6	116,5	+1,0	+7,1
Free State	123,9	122,5	115,6	+1,1	+7,2
Bloemfontein	129,4	127,3	118,6	+1,6	+9,1
Free State Goldfields	122,8	121,7	115,3	+0,9	+6,5
Other urban areas	123,3	121,9	115,1	+1,1	+7,1
KwaZulu-Natal	127,6	125,9	117,9	+1,4	+8,2
Durban/Pinetown	130,1	127,9	119,3	+1,7	+9,1
Pietermaritzburg	127,2	125,3	118,5	+1,5	+7,3
Other urban areas	126,3	124,8	117,1	+1,2	+7,9
North West	126,0	124,2	115,5	+1,4	+9,1
Klerksdorp/Stilfontein/Orkney	125,7	123,4	116,3	+1,9	+8,1
Other urban areas	125,9	124,1	115,2	+1,5	+9,3
Gauteng	129,7	127,6	118,8	+1,6	+9,2
Pretoria/Centurion/Akasia	128,5	126,6	118,7	+1,5	+8,3
Witwatersrand	128,8	126,5	117,7	+1,8	+9,4
Other urban areas	129,2	127,3	118,3	+1,5	+9,2
Mpumalanga	129,9	127,8	118,4	+1,6	+9,7
Nelspruit/Witbank	129,2	127,3	118,1	+1,5	+9,4
Other urban areas	129,6	127,5	118,0	+1,6	+9,8
Northern Province	126,1	124,9	117,1	+1,0	+7,7
Pietersburg	128,3	125,7	118,2	+2,1	+8,5
Other urban areas	126,0	125,0	117,2	+0,8	+7,5
Weighted average - Metro and other urban areas	128,3	126,4	118,1	+1,5	+8,6
Weighted average - Metropolitan	128,9	126,7	118,2	+1,7	+9,1

TABLE 4. AREA INDICES

TABLE 4.2 Index for food

Each area compared with itself

BASE : 1995 = 100

Urban area	Food			Percentage change compared with	
	Sep. 1998	Aug. 1998	Sep. 1997	Aug. 1998	Sep. 1997
Western Cape	125,4	124,6	117,5	+0,6	+6,7
Cape Peninsula	125,4	125,2	117,5	+0,2	+6,7
Other urban areas	124,7	123,6	116,8	+0,9	+6,8
Eastern Cape	134,6	131,1	120,7	+2,7	+11,5
Port Elizabeth/Uitenhage	124,6	123,1	117,3	+1,2	+6,2
East London	128,8	127,5	124,0	+1,0	+3,9
Other urban areas	137,1	133,0	121,1	+3,1	+13,2
Northern Cape	121,8	121,3	115,8	+0,4	+5,2
Kimberley	122,5	121,9	116,2	+0,5	+5,4
Other urban areas	121,6	121,1	115,7	+0,4	+5,1
Free State	119,6	119,5	113,7	+0,1	+5,2
Bloemfontein	124,4	124,3	117,4	+0,1	+6,0
Free State Goldfields	119,8	119,4	112,1	+0,3	+6,9
Other urban areas	119,1	119,1	113,6	0,0	+4,8
KwaZulu-Natal	125,7	125,1	119,2	+0,5	+5,5
Durban/Pinetown	130,2	128,9	122,9	+1,0	+5,9
Pietermaritzburg	126,1	124,8	120,0	+1,0	+5,1
Other urban areas	124,0	123,9	117,9	+0,1	+5,2
North West	121,6	119,4	112,6	+1,8	+8,0
Klerksdorp/Stilfontein/Orkney	120,5	119,3	114,6	+1,0	+5,1
Other urban areas	121,6	119,3	112,2	+1,9	+8,4
Gauteng	123,4	122,6	116,5	+0,7	+5,9
Pretoria/Centurion/Akasia	125,5	124,6	118,5	+0,7	+5,9
Witwatersrand	122,3	121,4	115,5	+0,7	+5,9
Other urban areas	123,6	123,3	116,2	+0,2	+6,4
Mpumalanga	130,2	128,4	120,1	+1,4	+8,4
Nelspruit/Witbank	125,1	123,8	118,2	+1,1	+5,8
Other urban areas	131,2	129,2	120,6	+1,5	+8,8
Northern Province	128,7	128,4	120,7	+0,2	+6,6
Pietersburg	126,9	126,1	120,9	+0,6	+5,0
Other urban areas	128,9	128,7	120,7	+0,2	+6,8
Weighted average - Metro and other urban areas	125,2	124,1	117,3	+0,9	+6,7
Weighted average - Metropolitan	124,2	123,3	117,2	+0,7	+6,0
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TABLE 4 AREAS INDICES

TABLE 4.3 Index for all items excluding housing

Each area compared with itself

BASE : 1995 = 100

Urban area	All items excluding housing			Percentage change compared with	
	Sep. 1998	Aug. 1998	Sep. 1997	Aug. 1998	Sep. 1997
Western Cape	125,1	124,4	117,1	+0,6	+6,8
Cape Peninsula	126,0	125,5	117,7	+0,4	+7,1
Other urban areas	124,3	123,5	116,6	+0,6	+6,6
Eastern Cape	128,8	127,3	118,5	+1,2	+8,7
Port Elizabeth/Uitenhage	125,6	124,6	117,2	+0,8	+7,2
East London	129,8	129,1	120,6	+0,5	+7,6
Other urban areas	129,1	127,3	118,3	+1,4	+9,1
Northern Cape	124,3	123,7	115,8	+0,5	+7,3
Kimberley	126,0	125,2	117,4	+0,6	+7,3
Other urban areas	123,9	123,4	115,5	+0,4	+7,3
Free State	123,2	122,5	115,6	+0,6	+6,6
Bloemfontein	126,5	126,1	118,4	+0,3	+6,8
Free State Goldfields	122,2	121,5	115,0	+0,6	+6,3
Other urban areas	122,9	122,3	115,2	+0,5	+6,7
KwaZulu-Natal	123,9	123,4	116,5	+0,4	+6,4
Durban/Pinetown	125,8	125,0	118,2	+0,6	+6,4
Pietermaritzburg	123,7	122,8	117,1	+0,7	+5,6
Other urban areas	123,2	122,9	115,7	+0,2	+6,5
North West	123,0	121,8	114,4	+1,0	+7,5
Klerksdorp/Stilfontein/Orkney	122,6	121,7	115,5	+0,7	+6,1
Other urban areas	122,9	121,7	114,2	+1,0	+7,6
Gauteng	125,8	125,0	117,5	+0,6	+7,1
Pretoria/Centurion/Akasia	125,4	124,6	117,8	+0,6	+6,5
Witwatersrand	125,2	124,3	116,7	+0,7	+7,3
Other urban areas	125,1	124,6	117,0	+0,4	+6,9
Mpumalanga	125,9	124,9	116,5	+0,8	+8,1
Nelspruit/Witbank	125,4	124,7	116,8	+0,6	+7,4
Other urban areas	125,6	124,6	116,2	+0,8	+8,1
Northern Province	123,4	123,0	115,9	+0,3	+6,5
Pietersburg	125,1	124,3	117,5	+0,6	+6,5
Other urban areas	123,3	122,9	115,8	+0,3	+6,5
Weighted average - Metro and other urban areas	125,3	124,5	117,0	+0,6	+7,1
Weighted average - Metropolitan	125,3	124,5	117,2	+0,6	+6,9

TABLE 4. AREA INDICES (concluded)

TABLE 4.4 Index for all items excluding food
Each area compared with itself

BASE : 1995 = 100

Urban area	All items excluding food			Percentage change compared with	
	Sep. 1998	Aug. 1998	Sep. 1997	Aug. 1998	Sep. 1997
Western Cape	128,4	126,1	118,3	+1,8	+8,5
Cape Peninsula	130,1	127,7	119,2	+1,9	+9,1
Other urban areas	127,4	125,2	117,9	+1,8	+8,1
Eastern Cape	129,2	127,3	119,1	+1,5	+8,5
Port Elizabeth/Uitenhage	129,4	126,8	117,9	+2,1	+9,8
East London	131,7	129,5	119,2	+1,7	+10,5
Other urban areas	128,4	126,7	118,9	+1,3	+8,0
Northern Cape	126,6	125,1	117,4	+1,2	+7,8
Kimberley	132,5	130,4	120,7	+1,6	+9,8
Other urban areas	125,7	124,3	116,8	+1,1	+7,6
Free State	125,2	123,4	116,1	+1,5	+7,8
Bloemfontein	130,8	128,3	119,0	+1,9	+9,9
Free State Goldfields	123,6	122,4	116,1	+1,0	+6,5
Other urban areas	124,7	122,9	115,6	+1,5	+7,9
KwaZulu-Natal	128,1	126,1	117,6	+1,6	+8,9
Durban/Pinetown	130,1	127,7	118,5	+1,9	+9,8
Pietermaritzburg	127,5	125,4	118,0	+1,7	+8,1
Other urban areas	126,8	124,9	116,9	+1,5	+8,5
North West	127,1	125,4	116,2	+1,4	+9,4
Klerksdorp/Stilfontein/Orkney	126,7	124,1	116,6	+2,1	+8,7
Other urban areas	127,0	125,4	116,0	+1,3	+9,5
Gauteng	131,0	128,6	119,3	+1,9	+9,8
Pretoria/Centurion/Akasia	128,7	126,6	118,5	+1,7	+8,6
Witwatersrand	130,3	127,7	118,3	+2,0	+10,1
Other urban areas	130,5	128,4	118,8	+1,6	+9,8
Mpumalanga	129,7	127,6	117,9	+1,6	+10,0
Nelspruit/Witbank	129,8	127,7	117,8	+1,6	+10,2
Other urban areas	129,2	127,1	117,3	+1,7	+10,1
Northern Province	125,5	124,1	116,3	+1,1	+7,9
Pietersburg	128,3	125,4	117,4	+2,3	+9,3
Other urban areas	125,3	124,1	116,3	+1,0	+7,7
Weighted average - Metro and other urban areas	129,1	127,0	118,3	+1,7	+9,1
Weighted average - Metropolitan	129,9	127,4	118,5	+2,0	+9,6

TABLE 5 SEASONALLY ADJUSTED INDICES

BASE : 1995 = 100

Group	Sep. 1998	Aug. 1998	Jul. 1998	Jun. 1998	Weights
All items	128,9	126,6	125,1	122,4	100,00
Expenditure groups - Very low	..	..	..	..	0,51
Low	..	..	..	..	1,78
Middle	..	..	..	..	5,24
High	..	..	..	..	17,70
Very high	..	..	..	..	74,77
All items excluding food	129,9	127,2	125,2	122,1	81,98
Commodities	123,9	123,1	122,2	121,5	55,00
Food	124,8	124,3	124,5	124,5	18,02
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	125,2	124,8	124,9	124,8	18,84
Alcoholic beverages, cigarettes, cigars and tobacco	159,2	158,9	154,9	153,3	2,13
Clothing and footwear	107,9	107,7	107,5	107,4	4,72
Furniture and equipment	113,4	113,0	112,7	112,4	3,85
Vehicles	115,3	113,8	113,5	113,7	5,25
Other transport commodities	131,0	129,5	123,3	123,6	4,63
Other commodities	127,9	126,6	125,9	123,3	15,58
Services	135,4	131,7	128,8	123,7	45,00
Housing and domestic workers	142,0	135,3	131,0	122,3	25,99
Transport	111,6	111,2	110,6	110,9	4,86
Other services	134,3	133,6	131,9	130,1	14,15
All items (VAT excluded)	128,8	126,5	125,0	122,2	100,00

TABLE 6 THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR PENSIONERS - AREA INDICES
Each area compared with itself

BASE : 1995 = 100

Urban area	All items			Percentage change compared with	
	Sep. 1998	Aug. 1998	Sep. 1997	Aug. 1998	Sep. 1997
Western Cape	126,1	124,8	117,9	+1,0	+7,0
Cape Peninsula	129,2	128,0	120,1	+0,9	+7,6
Other urban areas	125,3	124,0	117,4	+1,0	+6,7
Eastern Cape	130,7	128,5	119,6	+1,7	+9,3
Port Elizabeth/Uitenhage	128,1	126,3	118,3	+1,4	+8,3
East London	131,1	129,3	120,7	+1,4	+8,6
Other urban areas	130,7	128,5	119,5	+1,7	+9,4
Northern Cape	126,8	126,0	118,6	+0,6	+6,9
Kimberley	132,6	131,5	121,9	+0,8	+8,8
Other urban areas	126,0	125,2	118,1	+0,6	+6,7
Free State	123,1	122,1	115,4	+0,8	+6,7
Bloemfontein	128,3	126,5	118,1	+1,4	+8,6
Free State Goldfields	122,3	121,2	115,0	+0,9	+6,3
Other urban areas	122,8	121,8	115,2	+0,8	+6,6
KwaZulu-Natal	125,9	124,6	117,4	+1,0	+7,2
Durban/Pinetown	128,4	126,7	119,2	+1,3	+7,7
Pietermaritzburg	125,7	123,9	117,1	+1,5	+7,3
Other urban areas	124,6	123,7	116,6	+0,7	+6,9
North West	126,0	124,4	116,0	+1,3	+8,6
Klerksdorp/Stilfontein/Orkney	127,1	125,4	118,0	+1,4	+7,7
Other urban areas	125,5	124,0	115,4	+1,2	+8,8
Gauteng	128,5	127,0	118,7	+1,2	+8,3
Pretoria/Centurion/Akasia	126,7	125,5	118,3	+1,0	+7,1
Witwatersrand	129,4	127,8	119,1	+1,3	+8,6
Other urban areas	126,9	125,7	117,7	+1,0	+7,8
Mpumalanga	130,8	129,5	119,7	+1,0	+9,3
Nelspruit/Witbank	129,5	128,5	119,8	+0,8	+8,1
Other urban areas	131,0	129,7	119,7	+1,0	+9,4
Northern Province	126,4	125,7	117,8	+0,6	+7,3
Pietersburg	128,5	127,8	119,6	+0,5	+7,4
Other urban areas	126,3	125,6	117,8	+0,6	+7,2
Weighted average - Metro and other urban areas	127,3	125,9	118,1	+1,1	+7,8
Weighted average - Metropolitan	128,8	127,3	119,1	+1,2	+8,1

ANNUAL INFLATION ON A MONTHLY BASIS

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Consumer Price Index (P0141.1)

Metropolitan areas - All Items

Base year: 1995 = 100

Year	Index	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Ave.
1970	Index	5,2	5,3	5,3	5,4	5,4	5,4	5,4	5,4	5,5	5,5	5,5	5,5	5,4
1970	%	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1971	Index	5,5	5,5	5,6	5,7	5,7	5,7	5,7	5,8	5,8	5,9	5,9	5,9	5,7
1971	%	+5,8	+3,8	+5,7	+5,6	+5,6	+5,6	+5,6	+5,5	+5,5	+7,3	+7,3	+7,3	+5,6
1972	Index	5,9	5,9	6,0	6,0	6,0	6,0	6,1	6,2	6,2	6,3	6,3	6,3	6,1
1972	%	+7,3	+7,3	+7,1	+5,3	+5,3	+5,3	+7,0	+6,9	+6,9	+6,8	+6,8	+6,8	+7,0
1973	Index	6,4	6,4	6,5	6,6	6,6	6,6	6,7	6,7	6,8	6,9	6,9	6,9	6,7
1973	%	+8,5	+8,5	+8,3	+10,0	+10,0	+10,0	+9,8	+8,1	+9,7	+9,5	+9,5	+9,5	+9,8
1974	Index	7,0	7,0	7,2	7,2	7,3	7,4	7,5	7,6	7,7	7,8	7,9	7,9	7,5
1974	%	+9,4	+9,4	+10,8	+9,1	+10,6	+12,1	+11,9	+13,4	+13,2	+13,0	+14,5	+14,5	+11,9
1975	Index	8,0	8,1	8,1	8,3	8,3	8,4	8,5	8,6	8,7	8,7	8,8	8,9	8,5
1975	%	+14,3	+15,7	+12,5	+15,3	+13,7	+13,5	+13,3	+13,2	+13,0	+11,5	+11,4	+12,7	+13,3
1976	Index	8,9	9,0	9,1	9,2	9,3	9,4	9,4	9,6	9,6	9,7	9,7	9,8	9,4
1976	%	+11,3	+11,1	+12,3	+10,8	+12,0	+11,9	+10,6	+11,6	+10,3	+11,5	+10,2	+10,1	+10,6
1977	Index	9,9	10,0	10,1	10,3	10,3	10,4	10,5	10,7	10,7	10,8	10,8	10,9	10,5
1977	%	+11,2	+11,1	+11,0	+12,0	+10,8	+10,6	+11,7	+11,5	+11,5	+11,3	+11,3	+11,2	+11,7
1978	Index	11,0	11,1	11,1	11,3	11,3	11,3	11,8	11,9	12,0	12,1	12,1	12,2	11,6
1978	%	+11,1	+11,0	+9,9	+9,7	+9,7	+8,7	+12,4	+11,2	+12,1	+12,0	+12,0	+11,9	+10,5
1979	Index	12,3	12,4	12,5	12,7	12,7	12,9	13,4	13,5	13,7	13,8	13,8	13,9	13,1
1979	%	+11,8	+11,7	+12,6	+12,4	+12,4	+14,2	+13,6	+13,4	+14,2	+14,0	+14,0	+13,9	+12,9
1980	Index	14,0	14,1	14,2	14,4	14,5	14,8	15,0	15,1	15,4	15,7	15,9	16,1	14,9
1980	%	+13,8	+13,7	+13,6	+13,4	+14,2	+14,7	+11,9	+11,9	+12,4	+13,8	+15,2	+15,8	+13,7
1981	Index	16,1	16,4	16,5	16,6	16,7	16,9	17,3	17,6	17,9	18,1	18,2	18,3	17,2
1981	%	+15,0	+16,3	+16,2	+15,3	+15,2	+14,2	+15,3	+16,6	+16,2	+15,3	+14,5	+13,7	+15,4
1982	Index	18,4	18,6	19,0	19,3	19,5	19,6	19,8	20,0	20,3	20,6	20,8	20,8	19,7
1982	%	+14,3	+13,4	+15,2	+16,3	+16,8	+16,0	+14,5	+13,6	+13,4	+13,8	+14,3	+13,7	+14,5
1983	Index	21,0	21,4	21,6	21,8	21,9	22,0	22,2	22,5	22,6	22,8	23,0	23,1	22,2
1983	%	+14,1	+15,1	+13,7	+13,0	+12,3	+12,2	+12,1	+12,5	+11,3	+10,7	+10,6	+11,1	+12,7
1984	Index	23,2	23,5	23,8	24,2	24,4	24,6	24,9	25,1	25,3	25,7	26,0	26,1	24,7
1984	%	+10,5	+9,8	+10,2	+11,0	+11,4	+11,8	+12,2	+11,6	+11,9	+12,7	+13,0	+11,3	
1985	Index	26,4	27,3	27,4	28,0	28,3	28,7	28,9	29,2	29,5	30,0	30,4	30,9	28,8
1985	%	+13,8	+16,2	+15,1	+15,7	+16,0	+16,7	+16,1	+16,3	+16,6	+16,7	+16,9	+18,4	+16,6
1986	Index	31,9	32,2	32,6	33,2	33,2	33,5	34,2	34,7	35,3	35,7	36,2	36,6	34,1
1986	%	+20,8	+17,9	+19,0	+18,6	+17,3	+16,7	+18,3	+18,8	+19,7	+19,0	+19,1	+18,4	+18,4
1987	Index	37,0	37,5	38,1	38,6	39,0	39,3	39,7	40,3	40,9	41,3	41,7	42,0	39,6
1987	%	+16,0	+16,5	+16,9	+16,3	+17,5	+17,3	+16,1	+16,1	+15,9	+15,7	+15,2	+14,8	+16,1
1988	Index	42,3	42,6	43,2	43,7	44,0	44,2	44,7	45,3	45,9	46,4	46,8	47,2	44,7
1988	%	+14,3	+13,6	+13,4	+13,2	+12,8	+12,5	+12,6	+12,4	+12,2	+12,3	+12,2	+12,4	+12,9
1989	Index	47,9	48,4	49,2	49,8	50,6	51,1	51,6	52,3	52,8	53,2	53,8	54,5	51,3
1989	%	+13,2	+13,6	+13,9	+14,0	+15,0	+15,6	+15,4	+15,5	+15,0	+14,7	+15,0	+15,5	+14,8
1990	Index	55,2	55,6	56,5	57,0	57,6	58,0	58,4	59,4	60,3	60,7	62,0	62,4	58,6
1990	%	+15,2	+14,9	+14,8	+14,5	+13,8	+13,5	+13,2	+13,6	+14,2	+14,1	+15,2	+14,5	+14,2
1991	Index	63,1	63,9	64,5	65,4	66,4	66,8	67,7	68,6	69,6	70,9	71,6	72,6	67,6
1991	%	+14,3	+14,9	+14,2	+14,7	+15,3	+15,2	+15,9	+15,5	+15,4	+16,8	+15,5	+16,3	+15,4
1992	Index	73,3	74,0	74,6	75,6	76,1	76,9	77,6	78,4	79,0	79,2	79,5	79,5	77,0
1992	%	+16,2	+15,8	+15,7	+15,6	+14,6	+15,1	+14,6	+14,3	+13,5	+11,7	+11,0	+9,5	+13,9
1993	Index	80,4	80,7	81,8	83,9	84,2	84,6	85,3	85,7	86,1	86,7	86,9	87,1	84,5
1993	%	+9,7	+9,1	+9,7	+11,0	+10,6	+10,0	+9,9	+9,3	+9,0	+9,5	+9,3	+9,6	+9,7
1994	Index	88,4	88,6	89,2	89,8	90,3	90,9	92,3	93,7	94,8	95,2	95,4	95,7	92,0
1994	%	+10,0	+9,8	+9,0	+7,0	+7,2	+7,4	+8,2	+9,3	+10,1	+9,8	+9,8	+9,9	+8,9
1995	Index	96,9	97,4	98,4	99,7	100,1	100,0	100,6	100,8	100,9	101,2	101,5	102,3	100,0
1995	%	+9,6	+9,9	+10,3	+11,0	+10,9	+10,0	+9,0	+7,6	+6,4	+6,3	+6,4	+6,9	+8,7
1996	Index	103,6	103,7	104,6	105,2	105,9	106,9	107,7	108,3	109,4	110,4	110,8	111,9	107,4
1996	%	+6,9	+6,5	+6,3	+5,5	+5,8	+6,9	+7,1	+7,4	+8,4	+9,1	+9,2	+9,4	+7,4
1997	Index	113,3	113,9	114,6	115,6	116,0	116,3	117,5	117,7	118,2	118,7	118,3	118,7	116,6
1997	%	+9,4	+9,8	+9,6	+9,9	+9,5	+8,8	+9,1	+8,7	+8,0	+7,5	+6,8	+6,1	+8,6
1998	Index	119,7	120,0	120,8	121,4	121,9	122,3	125,3	126,7	128,9	..	..	..	..
1998	%	+5,6	+5,4	+5,4	+5,0	+5,1	+5,2	+6,6	+7,6	+9,1	..	..	..	..