

Consumer Price Index

- ◆ The Consumer Price Index number, All Groups for the year 2008 stood at 110.4 with a significant increase of 7.8% over the year. Major contributors to the annual increase were the Transport group, Tobacco & Alcohol group, Household Operation group and Housing group showing an upward trend of 12.8%, 11.0%, 9.0% and 8.5% respectively.
- ◆ In the Transport group, increase in prices of petrol and diesel contributed to the annual increase in Internal Travel, Motor Fuel and Oil and Overseas Travel subgroups recording 38.2%, 24.4% and 23.5% respectively. Significant increase was also noted in the Tobacco & Alcohol group due to the 300% increase in retail prices of Tobacco Products. Over the same period Fuel & Light subgroup recorded the highest increase of 26.3% in the Household Operation group, which was mainly driven by the rise in prices of electricity rates.
- ◆ Minor increases were noted in the Food & Miscellaneous groups with 5.9% and 2.2%.
- ◆ To offset the increases, Apparel group showed a negative movement of 3.1% over the year. This is due to the downward trend in the Footwear and Clothing subgroups down by 5.0% and 3.0% respectively.

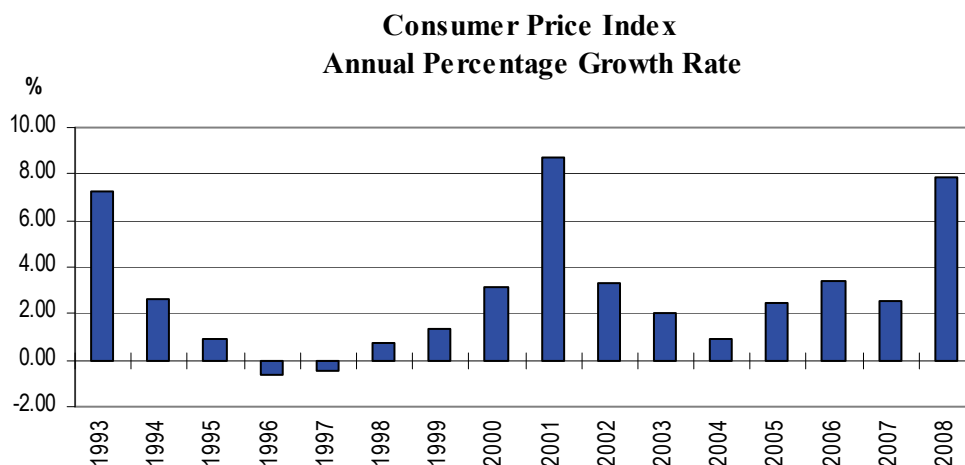


Table 3.1 Consumer Price Index By Major Groups

Calendar Year	All Groups	Food	Housing	Household Operation	Apparel	Transport	Tobacco & Alcohol	Miscellaneous
Base: December 2006 = 100								
1967	5.66	5.73	5.22	5.81	6.60	5.54	5.88	5.35
1968	5.99	6.14	5.41	5.87	6.70	6.18	5.93	5.97
1969	6.19	7.43	5.54	6.20	6.85	6.38	6.11	6.36
1970	6.46	6.67	5.75	6.38	6.95	6.43	6.39	6.74
1971	7.14	7.62	6.14	6.76	7.35	6.48	6.64	7.53
1972	7.96	8.48	6.84	7.47	8.26	7.55	7.09	7.82
1973	8.73	9.38	7.36	7.99	9.52	7.85	7.51	8.20
1974	9.86	10.43	8.14	9.05	12.08	8.76	8.22	8.86
1975	11.40	12.13	9.56	10.51	13.74	10.52	9.17	9.54
1976	14.02	15.15	10.86	12.88	16.24	13.18	10.88	11.32
1977	16.90	18.21	12.32	15.43	20.60	16.10	12.71	12.79
1978	18.87	20.09	13.43	17.36	24.04	17.23	14.99	15.02
1979	20.98	22.40	14.54	20.25	26.12	19.50	16.08	16.18
1980	23.87	25.27	16.63	24.60	30.27	22.07	17.32	18.01
1981	28.84	30.83	20.85	31.07	32.46	29.28	19.90	22.20
1982	32.44	34.40	23.60	35.22	36.24	35.73	22.04	25.65
1983	34.88	36.58	23.99	36.27	40.60	37.98	27.31	28.72
1984	39.03	41.00	26.15	39.05	44.94	42.26	32.86	33.04
1985	43.94	45.29	31.68	46.22	50.03	49.32	39.78	37.14
1986	48.31	50.06	37.94	49.74	53.87	52.49	43.23	42.21
1987	53.54	55.43	41.37	53.30	60.56	54.46	53.89	46.77
1988	57.98	59.96	45.18	58.66	64.48	56.97	61.39	50.00
1989	61.42	64.13	47.23	60.23	67.26	60.11	63.30	57.00
1990	64.65	66.58	51.14	63.38	68.94	63.16	69.51	61.83
1991	68.43	68.02	55.47	69.27	70.81	68.72	76.82	64.06
1992	70.37	70.43	60.11	70.28	73.21	70.94	79.02	67.25
1993	75.51	75.25	63.62	75.83	78.43	75.06	81.16	74.10
1994	77.52	76.70	68.15	77.20	81.45	77.79	81.86	77.25
1995	78.20	76.47	71.47	77.72	83.17	78.23	84.63	78.46
1996	77.74	75.93	71.24	77.74	82.28	76.68	86.40	77.68
1997	77.41	75.83	68.61	75.21	83.37	77.82	87.85	78.04
1998	77.99	76.92	67.63	76.20	84.12	78.29	87.18	77.97
1999	79.04	77.24	67.53	82.47	81.46	78.91	85.51	79.21
2000	81.53	79.83	67.24	81.13	86.31	83.05	90.72	81.60
2001	88.63	87.29	78.62	85.81	95.68	91.69	96.47	85.09
2002	91.61	93.31	78.91	86.11	97.83	92.28	98.05	92.71
2003	93.44	95.72	82.28	87.42	96.80	93.42	98.31	97.48
2004	94.26	96.55	83.72	87.82	99.06	94.97	97.67	98.78
2005	96.57	97.64	87.83	93.46	100.02	97.95	100.00	96.17
2006	99.82	99.95	99.31	98.87	99.98	100.72	99.77	99.39
2007	102.34	100.16	107.21	104.57	89.83	103.97	101.81	101.65
2008	110.36	106.05	116.34	113.98	87.03	117.25	113.03	103.90

Table 3.2 Consumer Price Index - Percentage Change

Calendar Year	All Groups	Food	Housing	Household Operation	Apparel	Transport	Tobacco & Alcohol	Miscellaneous
Base: December 2006 = 100								
1968	5.80	7.12	3.70	1.00	1.49	11.56	0.90	11.50
1969	3.25	21.02	2.44	5.64	2.25	3.19	2.98	6.56
1970	4.41	-10.15	3.85	3.00	1.44	0.77	4.53	6.07
1971	10.59	14.14	6.63	5.91	5.67	0.85	4.06	11.76
1972	11.37	11.29	11.52	10.56	12.43	16.39	6.73	3.81
1973	9.72	10.61	7.50	6.99	15.27	4.06	5.89	4.80
1974	12.94	11.26	10.71	13.21	26.92	11.58	9.48	8.14
1975	15.63	16.33	17.42	16.09	13.70	20.06	11.60	7.59
1976	23.04	24.90	13.56	22.58	18.22	25.30	18.60	18.70
1977	20.47	20.15	13.44	19.82	26.82	22.14	16.82	12.94
1978	11.69	10.33	9.00	12.48	16.71	7.01	17.92	17.50
1979	11.20	11.51	8.33	16.64	8.66	13.16	7.30	7.67
1980	13.73	12.79	14.33	21.49	15.90	13.20	7.72	11.35
1981	20.84	22.03	25.37	26.30	7.23	32.66	14.84	23.25
1982	12.50	11.57	13.22	13.37	11.64	22.04	10.80	15.55
1983	7.51	6.33	1.66	2.98	12.04	6.30	23.87	11.95
1984	11.90	12.07	8.98	7.66	10.68	11.26	20.34	15.07
1985	12.57	10.47	21.13	18.35	11.33	16.71	21.06	12.39
1986	9.95	10.53	19.79	7.63	7.68	6.43	8.67	13.65
1987	10.82	10.73	9.04	7.15	12.41	3.75	24.65	10.81
1988	8.29	8.18	9.19	10.06	6.47	4.62	13.92	6.91
1989	5.94	6.94	4.55	2.67	4.32	5.52	3.10	13.99
1990	5.26	3.82	8.28	5.24	2.50	5.08	9.81	8.47
1991	5.84	2.16	8.46	9.29	2.70	8.80	10.51	3.61
1992	2.84	3.55	8.36	1.54	3.40	3.22	2.87	4.98
1993	7.30	6.84	5.85	7.80	7.11	5.80	2.71	10.19
1994	2.66	1.94	7.11	1.81	3.87	3.63	0.87	4.26
1995	0.88	-0.31	4.88	0.67	2.11	0.57	3.38	1.56
1996	-0.59	-0.70	-0.32	0.03	-1.07	-1.99	2.09	-0.99
1997	-0.42	-0.13	-3.70	-3.25	1.32	1.50	1.68	0.47
1998	0.75	1.44	-1.43	1.31	0.90	0.60	-0.76	-0.09
1999	1.35	0.41	-0.15	8.23	-3.17	0.80	-1.92	1.58
2000	3.15	3.36	-0.43	-1.63	5.96	5.24	6.10	3.02
2001	8.71	9.34	16.93	5.77	10.86	10.41	6.33	4.28
2002	3.36	6.89	0.37	0.35	2.24	0.63	1.64	8.95
2003	2.00	2.59	4.26	1.53	-1.05	1.24	0.27	5.15
2004	0.88	0.86	1.75	0.46	2.33	1.66	-0.65	1.34
2005	2.45	1.14	4.91	6.42	0.97	3.14	2.38	-2.64
2006	3.36	2.36	13.07	5.79	-0.04	2.83	-0.23	3.35
2007	2.53	0.21	7.96	5.76	-10.15	3.23	2.04	2.28
2008	7.83	5.88	8.52	9.00	-3.12	12.77	11.02	2.22

Table 3.3 Consumer Price Index by Major Groups and Sub-groups

Major Groups & Subgroups	Base	Calendar Year																
	Weight	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
FOOD	29.39	70.43	75.25	76.70	76.47	75.93	75.83	76.92	77.24	79.83	87.29	93.31	95.72	96.55	97.64	99.95	100.14	106.05
Fruits & Vegetables	3.56	72.96	76.52	80.20	72.13	70.90	68.40	67.15	72.38	73.19	82.32	86.38	88.13	94.49	95.40	99.79	104.44	110.81
Meat, Poultry & Fish	7.96	70.23	77.74	80.74	82.50	81.90	81.58	82.40	81.68	84.66	92.50	99.29	98.26	97.15	98.74	100.43	98.89	101.94
Cereal Products	5.32	69.49	71.37	69.23	68.32	67.55	69.88	72.65	72.38	74.11	81.64	90.16	94.61	95.16	98.02	99.94	99.19	111.88
Soft Drink & Sweets	2.12	73.06	78.17	79.94	80.01	78.82	79.26	82.44	77.25	82.43	88.29	92.68	93.64	96.99	96.78	99.71	99.03	102.91
Farm Products, Fats & Oils	2.57	79.08	82.29	83.97	83.83	83.02	83.45	83.56	81.25	83.18	87.69	94.10	95.36	96.84	97.09	99.29	100.76	113.58
Other Food	2.46	79.44	84.16	84.24	85.12	85.81	86.84	90.39	87.24	91.11	95.32	98.61	99.10	98.90	97.28	99.79	100.15	105.87
Prepared Food	5.39	91.18	90.38	82.97	86.24	87.15	79.58	77.08	74.56	80.37	87.12	92.88	109.75	101.06	100.30	99.35	100.24	100.96
HOUSING	13.24	60.11	63.62	68.15	71.47	71.24	68.61	67.63	67.53	67.24	78.62	78.91	82.28	83.72	87.83	99.31	107.21	116.34
Rent & Mortgages	8.99	51.09	54.88	53.79	56.54	57.19	56.63	54.52	54.97	54.97	72.26	71.69	74.37	75.26	79.01	98.16	110.10	122.77
House Insurance	0.54	72.27	72.93	78.47	88.58	95.02	95.12	95.40	96.27	88.65	86.11	90.42	90.42	90.42	90.42	97.49	100.00	100.00
House Maintenance	3.70	78.41	85.69	93.99	97.10	94.53	88.70	88.43	87.57	87.92	89.95	91.26	96.54	99.30	104.81	101.88	101.24	103.14
HOUSEHOLD OPERATION	17.40	70.28	75.83	77.20	77.72	77.74	75.21	76.20	82.47	81.13	85.81	86.11	87.42	87.82	93.46	98.87	103.97	113.98
Fuel & Light	6.20	55.37	59.49	56.26	56.84	52.92	57.14	60.13	64.33	63.32	70.62	70.50	70.64	71.85	81.18	95.68	108.87	137.51
Household Appliances	2.35	104.15	118.24	126.47	125.71	123.41	105.49	104.18	96.62	88.38	96.76	100.96	102.95	103.38	108.74	105.15	101.32	102.65
Furniture	1.20	49.13	71.43	73.82	76.12	76.90	73.20	76.90	76.22	77.02	94.18	98.16	100.02	100.01	100.00	100.00	112.06	115.23
Home Furnishing	0.57	61.08	71.35	80.23	82.13	81.73	77.48	79.25	82.12	94.38	96.52	98.64	102.04	103.90	103.08	100.08	97.31	99.47
Cleaning Supplies	0.69	81.80	84.58	84.66	83.04	83.37	83.37	84.98	85.29	87.82	91.16	94.99	98.41	100.78	100.62	100.68	100.80	102.53
Household Supplies	0.84	83.33	100.08	103.17	103.81	100.81	96.87	95.34	97.64	98.76	106.36	105.58	104.61	102.73	103.43	101.85	97.19	95.16
Household Services	5.54	72.86	74.51	75.21	76.87	77.20	77.36	77.82	100.52	99.96	94.49	91.53	94.07	93.35	97.46	98.73	100.00	97.61
APPAREL	4.69	73.21	78.43	81.45	83.17	82.28	83.37	84.12	81.46	86.31	95.68	97.83	96.80	99.06	100.02	99.98	89.83	87.03
Clothing	2.96	68.87	74.57	77.75	79.70	79.63	81.07	82.83	81.08	83.04	94.69	95.78	94.98	97.71	99.78	99.97	89.21	86.57
Clothing Materials	0.51	166.34	169.15	172.10	174.17	165.38	150.49	141.32	124.82	133.74	130.75	145.05	121.27	121.27	105.32	100.00	100.00	100.00
Footwear	1.22	58.67	64.17	67.69	68.68	66.42	76.97	78.97	77.05	89.43	94.04	97.57	98.78	100.00	100.00	100.00	87.05	82.68
TRANSPORTATION	18.56	70.94	75.06	77.79	78.23	76.68	77.82	78.29	78.91	83.05	91.69	92.28	93.42	94.97	97.95	100.72	103.97	117.25
Internal Travel	1.16	61.15	67.97	67.97	69.28	70.95	71.73	73.29	77.97	80.94	88.43	89.54	89.75	90.03	91.01	95.51	108.63	150.18
Overseas Travel	3.94	71.73	71.73	71.73	71.73	71.74	71.74	70.48	66.68	68.34	87.36	92.24	94.13	96.81	99.80	100.00	111.53	137.74
Motor Vehicles	7.56	94.69	103.01	109.00	110.72	104.67	105.65	107.48	110.04	108.22	109.72	113.00	111.78	109.38	106.64	102.54	99.71	99.66
Motor Fuel & Oil	3.52	50.62	53.67	52.93	53.83	55.21	58.40	58.87	59.41	72.50	81.05	74.37	76.24	81.68	91.00	103.27	104.55	130.05
Motor Vehicle Expenses	2.38	65.46	68.37	71.85	72.98	73.05	72.76	72.68	76.80	79.79	88.30	91.27	96.32	97.74	102.11	100.11	101.87	104.22
TOBACCO & ALCOHOL	8.05	79.02	81.16	81.86	84.63	86.40	87.85	87.18	85.51	90.72	96.47	98.05	98.31	97.67	100.00	99.77	101.81	113.03
Tobacco	1.80	57.10	57.75	57.58	64.18	69.84	71.58	73.19	72.96	82.06	90.65	92.77	93.72	94.68	96.88	98.91	102.09	142.27
Alcohol	6.24	91.15	94.61	95.74	95.29	93.73	94.92	92.53	90.24	93.99	98.66	100.04	100.04	98.80	101.18	100.09	101.73	104.58
MISCELLANEOUS	8.67	67.25	74.10	77.25	78.46	77.68	78.04	77.97	79.21	81.60	85.09	92.71	97.48	98.78	96.17	99.39	101.62	103.90
Other Goods	5.00	71.01	75.27	75.98	76.45	74.85	75.30	75.23	76.35	78.80	82.95	92.93	98.31	99.73	96.30	99.84	101.20	101.01
Other Services	3.67	65.25	76.95	84.70	87.06	87.63	87.80	87.80	89.64	91.82	92.92	91.91	94.44	95.34	95.68	97.72	102.20	107.82
ALL GROUPS	100.00	70.37	75.51	77.52	78.20	77.74	77.41	77.99	79.04	81.53	88.63	91.61	93.44	94.26	96.57	99.82	102.23	110.36
Underlying CPI									81.88	83.64	90.50	95.70	98.17	98.25	99.23	100.24	99.92	104.10

Table 3.4 Consumer Price Index with Average Prices of Selected Commodities

Calendar Year	Potato	Onion	Taro	Kumara	Banana	Orange	Beef	Tinned	Milk	Short	Butter	Loaf	Eggs	White	Timber	g	Soap	s	Petrol
							Sausage	Corned	Powder	Grain		Bread		Sugar		Iron	Powder		
	kg	kg	kg	kg	dozen	dozen	450g	Beef 340g	900g	Rice 500g	454g	each	doz	6lb	metre	sheet	1kg	pkt of 20	litre
1975	0.31	0.35	0.46	0.29	0.27	0.32	0.63	0.84	1.46	0.35	0.51	0.09	0.86	1.50	1.31	2.82	0.99	0.38	0.20
1976	0.35	0.40	0.59	0.44	0.31	0.34	0.76	1.03	1.81	0.46	0.57	0.14	0.98	1.90	1.44	4.22	1.26	0.38	0.26
1977	0.31	0.51	0.79	0.57	0.34	0.50	0.86	1.22	2.02	0.56	0.75	0.17	1.04	2.03	1.57	5.33	1.27	0.49	0.28
1978	0.40	0.44	0.81	0.66	0.54	0.59	1.11	1.23	2.33	0.60	0.91	0.18	1.15	2.09	1.71	5.66	1.39	0.54	0.29
1979	0.42	0.37	0.88	0.59	0.60	0.61	1.31	1.53	2.33	0.72	1.01	0.20	1.27	2.31	2.03	5.69	1.56	0.60	0.35
1980	0.62	0.57	0.92	0.75	0.64	0.72	1.61	1.69	2.55	0.76	1.32	0.22	1.44	2.82	2.43	7.02	1.87	0.65	0.49
1981	0.79	1.34	1.01	0.79	0.70	0.95	2.02	1.82	3.74	0.94	1.80	0.36	1.68	4.23	3.22	8.90	2.29	0.76	0.64
1982	0.75	0.75	0.99	0.75	0.74	1.08	2.15	2.02	4.34	1.07	2.44	0.44	1.88	3.46	3.67	10.66	2.60	0.82	0.70
1983	0.75	0.57	1.14	0.88	1.00	1.15	2.28	2.09	4.50	0.96	2.55	0.46	2.27	3.29	3.54	11.17	2.72	1.01	0.74
1984	0.88	1.23	1.34	0.95	1.18	1.23	2.40	2.57	4.72	0.99	2.55	0.45	2.63	3.42	3.87	12.28	2.79	1.26	0.83
1985	1.10	1.23	1.43	0.99	1.27	1.50	2.70	2.77	5.02	1.16	2.63	0.44	2.95	3.54	4.82	13.92	3.18	1.62	0.95
1986	1.14	1.39	1.74	1.23	1.21	2.06	2.82	2.85	5.36	1.28	2.66	0.50	3.28	3.75	6.27	18.47	3.82	1.74	0.82
1987	1.25	1.50	1.91	1.50	1.58	2.37	3.11	3.19	5.54	1.12	2.81	0.58	3.76	3.87	6.43	19.97	4.17	2.37	0.89
1988	1.63	2.02	2.24	1.80	2.13	2.43	3.34	3.13	5.98	0.91	2.86	0.58	4.25	3.84	6.43	23.72	4.39	2.78	0.77
1989	2.14	2.22	2.65	1.68	1.65	2.25	3.67	3.06	7.06	0.86	2.96	1.82	4.33	2.15	5.83	11.17	4.77	2.92	0.81
1990	2.05	2.00	2.28	1.82	1.77	2.55	4.10	3.05	7.66	0.84	3.12	1.99	4.56	2.46	5.27	12.97	4.83	3.37	0.87
1991	2.01	1.98	2.09	2.00	1.89	3.09	4.30	3.04	7.77	0.85	3.12	2.00	4.76	2.61	4.81	14.21	4.82	3.69	0.95
1992	2.58	2.36	2.24	2.04	2.34	2.55	4.66	3.09	7.68	1.13	3.07	2.08	4.91	2.60	4.42	15.78	4.80	3.83	1.00
1993	2.27	2.33	2.72	2.65	2.46	5.10	5.09	3.48	7.94	1.17	3.13	2.16	5.05	2.66	5.18	16.74	5.01	3.87	1.06
1994	2.48	2.71	2.81	2.84	2.25	4.41	5.26	3.60	8.23	0.96	3.16	2.17	5.19	2.65	6.43	17.07	5.07	3.86	1.04
1995	1.90	1.98	2.71	2.00	2.25	3.87	5.26	3.61	8.14	0.90	3.16	2.18	5.24	2.50	5.94	16.57	5.02	4.30	1.05
1996	1.85	2.01	2.75	2.31	2.39	3.45	4.80	3.67	8.02	0.84	3.04	2.18	5.17	2.57	5.53	15.57	5.19	4.68	1.07
1997	1.85	1.86	2.69	2.26	1.96	3.30	4.55	3.72	8.27	0.84	3.03	2.34	5.13	2.64	5.01	14.04	5.26	4.81	1.13
1998	1.96	1.97	2.68	2.09	1.97	2.99	4.62	3.85	8.65	0.86	2.99	2.49	4.94	2.64	4.52	14.35	5.42	4.91	1.15
1999	1.81	1.69	2.33	2.19	1.80	2.33	4.33	3.75	8.49	0.78	2.79	2.51	4.79	2.64	4.09	14.52	5.56	4.90	1.16
2000	1.64	1.51	2.29	2.70	2.03	2.94	4.35	3.88	8.57	0.86	2.85	2.58	4.90	2.62	4.44	14.56	5.78	5.55	1.41
2001	1.71	1.79	3.02	2.85	2.19	3.70	4.60	4.47	8.87	0.98	2.95	2.84	5.11	2.66	4.46	15.27	6.02	6.09	1.57
2002	1.92	1.82	3.13	2.78	2.58	3.83	5.04	5.30	9.49	0.96	3.25	3.26	5.50	2.70	3.99	14.78	6.25	6.24	1.44
2003	1.87	1.78	3.37	2.60	3.12	4.02	5.47	5.40	9.48	1.03	3.33	3.40	5.68	2.70	3.91	14.90	6.38	6.28	1.48
2004	1.89	1.87	3.34	2.99	3.09	4.18	5.68	4.60	9.58	0.96	3.36	3.39	5.73	2.64	3.93	15.09	6.35	6.38	1.59
2005	1.64	1.54	3.47	3.35	3.00	4.78	5.76	4.43	9.59	0.98	3.38	3.47	5.83	2.59	3.93	15.97	6.28	6.49	1.77
2006	1.65	1.88	3.56	3.31	3.00	4.65	5.95	4.18	9.67	1.05	3.39	3.54	6.12	3.06	4.00	15.05	6.22	6.58	2.00
2007	1.82	1.95	3.61	3.42	3.11	4.83	6.08	4.14	9.95	1.14	3.52	3.55	6.00	3.38	4.27	15.83	6.09	7.66	2.07
2008	1.97	1.98	3.96	3.35	3.12	4.85	6.28	4.37	11.98	1.28	4.90	4.32	6.24	3.85	4.27	15.83	6.24	10.14	2.54