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The following report presents the price statistics for February 2008.

- At the end of February 2008 the Consumer price index (CPI) increased by 0.6% compared to end January 2008. The largest percentage change is for the “Clothing & Footwear Group” index [+2.1%]. Furthermore, gasoline prices increased by 1.0%.
- Compared to February 2007 the CPI increased by 8.7%. The largest percentage change is observed for the index of the sector “Housing group” [+18.1%].
- The period average percentage change CPI for the period February 2007-February 2008 is 6.7% which is 3.1 percentage points higher compared to the period average percentage change over the period February 2006 – February 2007.
- Utilities, which are Water and Electricity, did not change for February 2008.
- Gasoline together with the sector “Clothing and footwear had an influence of 0.28% in the  $\Delta$  CPI of February.

This report is divided in 4 sections. An overview of the monthly percentage changes in CPI and index per sector is given in section 1. Section 2 provides the yearly percentage changes in CPI and index per sector. The development of indexes and utilities are given in section 3. The percentage changes in CPI for the USA and Aruba are compared in section 4 followed by the appendixes.

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## 1 Monthly change of the CPI

### 1.1 CPI and Inflation

The consumer price index (CPI)<sup>1</sup> of the total population of Aruba for the month of February 2008 is 134.4. This is 0.6% higher compared with the CPI of January 2008 [133.6]. An overview of the percentage change in CPI ( $\Delta$  CPI) for different periods during 2007 and 2008 is shown in Table 1. The terms percentage change in CPI and “inflation” (deflation) are considered similar and are used interchangeably. The inflation over the last 12 months (end of period inflation) is 8.7% while the inflation over a period of 24 months (period average inflation) is 6.7%.

**Table 1 Overview in  $\Delta$  CPI**

Period	2008	2007	
Current Month	Jan-Feb	0.6	0.0
Last 12 Months	Feb-Feb	8.7	4.2
Year to date	Jan-Feb	1.3	2.7
Last 24 Months	Feb-Feb	6.7	3.6

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

<sup>1</sup> End of period inflation

<sup>2</sup> Period average inflation

Figure 1 depicts the monthly  $\Delta$  CPI over a period of one year starting from February 2007, whereas the  $\Delta$  CPI for the month February for the years 1999 through 2008 is illustrated in Figure 2.

### 1.2 Changes in sector

Figure 3 provides an overview of the percentage changes for the indexes per sector for February 2008. The percentage change in index is further denoted as  $\Delta$  I. The largest  $\Delta$  I is observed for the sector “Clothing & footwear group” [+2.1%].

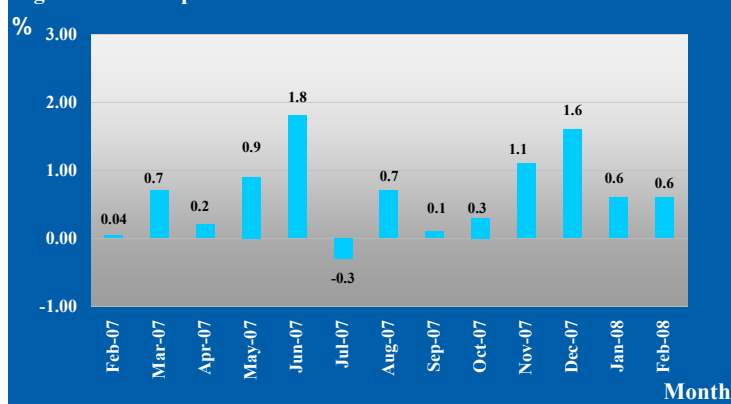
### 1.3 Changes in categories and subcategories

The largest  $\Delta$  I in the categories are for “Clothing & accessories” [+2.3%] and “Furniture & Lighting” [-0.1%]. “Take away beverages & meals” also decreased by 0.1%. The major  $\Delta$  I<sup>2</sup> in the “Transport & communication group” is observed for the category “Vehicle supplies” which increased by 0.5%. This increase is due to a increase in gasoline prices [1.0 %]. The main  $\Delta$  I in the sector “Food” are for the categories: “Potatoes, vegetables and fruit” [+1.5%] and “Fats & oils” [+0.8%]. The other categories show a change between -0.1 % and 0.7 %. In the same fashion the largest  $\Delta$  I for the sector “Clothing & footwear Group” is observed for the category “Clothing & accessories” [+2.3%].

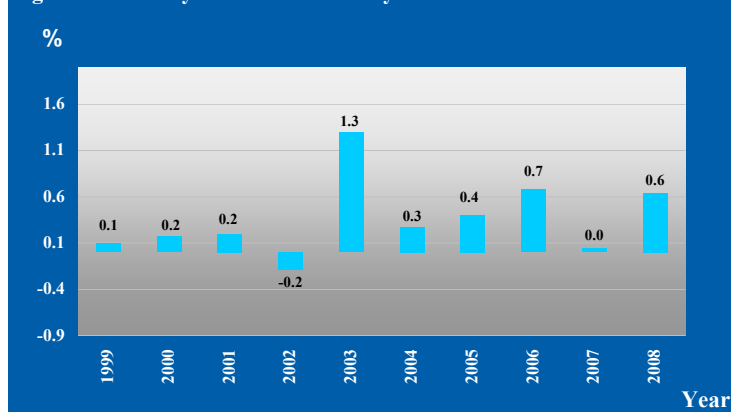
The sector and subcategory which together influenced the CPI calculation due to their weight in the basket of goods and services are the sector “Clothing & accessories” and the subcategory “Gasoline” which had a total influence of 0.28%. The categories “Water” and “Electricity” did not change compared with January 2008. Reference is made further to table 8 in Appendix 1. This table provides an overview of the indexes for the months February 2007 up to and including February 2008 together with corresponding weight per

sector and the Monthly, Yearly, Year to date (YTD) and Average percentage changes for February 2008. Moreover, the course of indexes is presented in Appendix 2. Furthermore, table 9 in Appendix 3 shows a comparison of current period with same period of the preceding year.

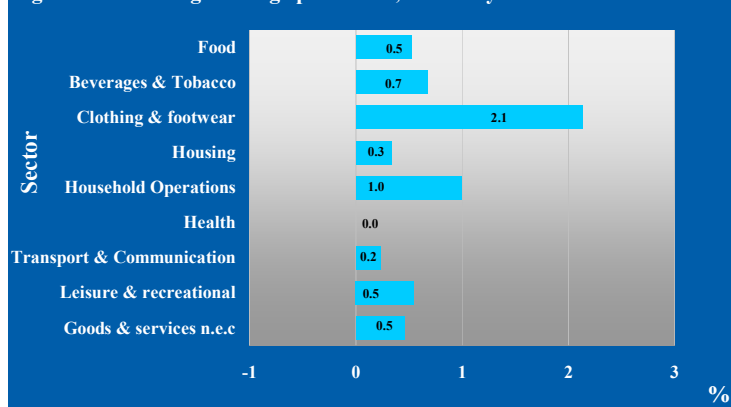
**Figure 1:  $\Delta$  CPI per Month of 2007-2008**



**Figure 2: Monthly  $\Delta$  CPI for February 1999-2008**



**Figure 3: Percentage Change per Sector, February 2008**



<sup>1</sup> See methodology in “Consumer Price Index January 2007”.

<sup>2</sup> The focus is on the four major sectors which are: Housing, Transport & Communication, Food and Clothing & footwear. Together these sectors form 68 % of the total weight of the basket of goods & services.

## 2 Yearly change of the CPI

### 2.1 End of period change CPI for February 2008

The CPI for February 2007 was 123.6 and is 134.4 in February 2008 which means an increase of 8.7%. This  $\Delta$  CPI is the highest over a period of 5 years (see table 2) for the month February.

**Table 2 Five year period Yearly  $\Delta$  CPI**

Period	$\Delta$ CPI
	<b>February-February</b>
2003-2004	1.3
2004-2005	2.5
2005-2006	4.6
2006-2007	4.2
2007-2008	8.7

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

### 2.2 Changes in sector

An overview of the percentage change per sector over the period February 2007 – February 2008 is given in table 3. The largest  $\Delta$  I is observed for the sector “Housing” [+18.1 %]. This increase is mainly caused by an increase of 39.8% in the category “Water supply” and “Domestic fuel & power [33.5%]. The second largest  $\Delta$  I during this period is observed for the sector “Transport & communication” with +7.8%. This is mainly due to an increase of 13.2% in the category “Vehicle supplies”. An increase of 7.2% and 6.0% is observed for the sectors “Food” and “Goods & services n.e.c” respectively. Furthermore, all sectors show an increase in  $\Delta$  I. A comparison of the  $\Delta$  I for the years 2007 and 2008 is provided in figure 4.

**Table 3 Percentage Change for February 2007-2008**

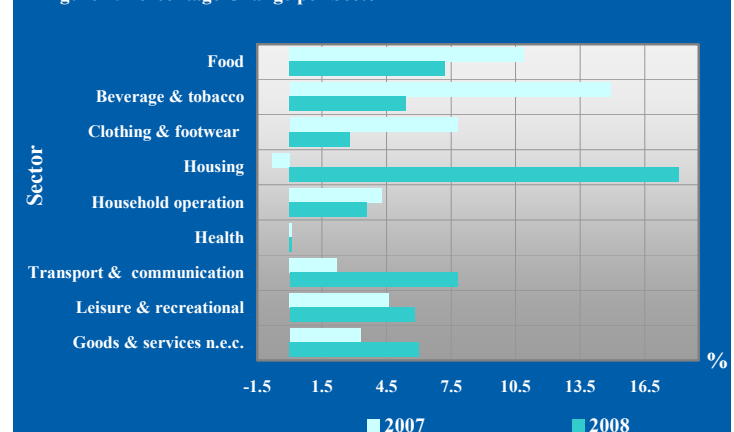
Period	% Change
Housing	18.1
Transport and communication	7.8
Food	7.2
Goods and services n.e.c	6.0
Leisure and recreational goods	5.8
Beverages and Tobacco	5.4
Household operation	3.6
Clothing and footwear	2.8
Health	0.1

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

### 2.3 Changes in categories

The largest  $\Delta$  I in categories observed over a period of one year are “Water supply” [+39.8%] and “Home appliances & tools [-14.1%]. For an overview of yearly percentage changes per category see table 8 in Appendix 1. Moreover, the yearly changes for February 2008 compared with February 2007 are shown in table 9 in Appendix 3. The only sectors that did show a decrease in percentage points (ppts) compared to the previous year are “Food”, “Beverage & tobacco”, “Clothing & footwear” and “Household Operation”.

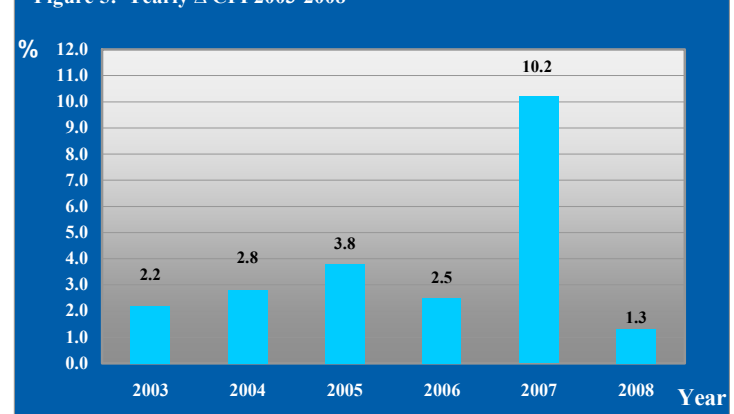
**Figure 4: Percentage Change per Sector**



### 2.4 End of year change CPI 2003-2008

The end of year change CPI for the period 2003-2008 together with the year to date  $\Delta$  CPI (Ytd  $\Delta$  CPI) for 2008 are shown in figure 5. The  $\Delta$  CPI for 2007 is calculated by comparing CPI December 2006 with CPI December 2007. At the end of each year the end of year percentage change equals the ytd  $\Delta$  CPI. The year to date  $\Delta$  CPI for February 2008 is 1.3%.

**Figure 5: Yearly  $\Delta$  CPI 2003-2008**



### 2.5 Period average change CPI for February 2008

The period average change CPI ( $\Delta$  ACPI) for February 2008 is 6.7%. Table 4 provides an overview of the  $\Delta$  ACPI for the month February for the years 2002 through 2008. Moreover, the  $\Delta$  ACPI of 2008 increased by 3.1 ppts compared to 2007.

**Table 4 Overview in  $\Delta$  ACPI**

Period	$\Delta$ ACPI
2002	2.7
2003	3.5
2004	3.1
2005	2.6
2006	3.7
2007	3.6
2008	6.7

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba



## 3 Development of indexes of main sectors and utilities

### 3.1 Indexes main sectors

The four major sectors; “Housing”, “Transport & Communication”, “Food” and “Clothing & footwear” constitute approximately 70% of the total weight of the basket of goods & services, which are observed on a monthly basis. An overview of the course of indexes for 2006-2008 is provided in figures 9-1 through 10 in appendix 2 per sector and for the CPI.

Changes in the indexes of the sectors “Housing” and “Transport & Communication” are mainly due to changes in the international oil prices and prices of utilities<sup>3</sup> during the respective months. The Development of electricity, water and gasoline prices is provided in the adjoining figures 6-1 through 6-3.

### 3.2 Electricity

The component in the electricity tariff which is sensitive to price changes is the “brandstofclausule”. Figure 6-1 shows this component of the electricity tariff in AWG per KWH per month. The “brandstofclausule” component of the electricity tariff did not change in February of 2008.

### 3.3 Water

The price of water is determined in AWG for an average usage (water consumption) of 20 m<sup>3</sup>. Figure 6-2 provides an overview of the course of changes in water tariffs for the period 2006 through 2008. The water tariff for an average consumption of 20 m<sup>3</sup> did not change in February of 2008.

### 3.4 Gasoline

Price of gasoline includes BBO since January 1<sup>st</sup> 2007. For the months May 2007 upto and including February 2008 the government of Aruba absorbed a part of the increase in gasoline prices by reducing the excise tariff<sup>4</sup> on gasoline by Awg 0.10. The retail price of gasoline was 210.9 cents per liter in January 2008 and is 213.1 cents per liter in February 2008, which means an increase of 1.0% in February for gasoline price.

Figure 6-1: Electricity in Awg. Over 2006-2008

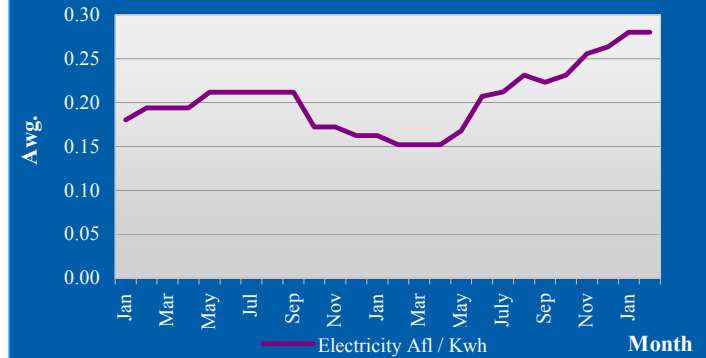


Figure 6-2 Water Price in Awg. over 2006-2008

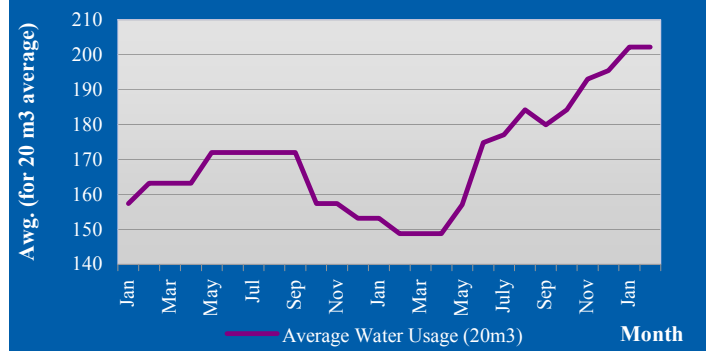
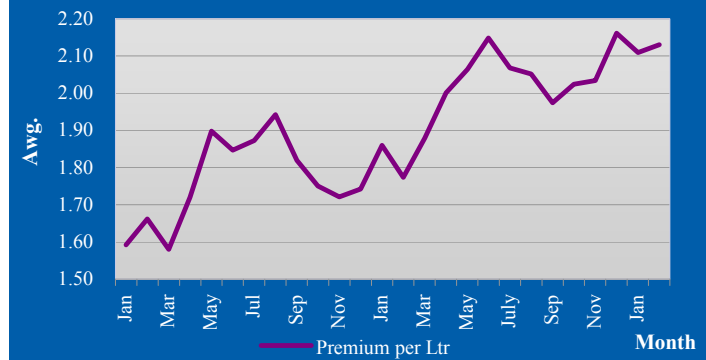


Figure 6-3 Gasoline Price in Awg. over 2006-2008



<sup>3</sup> In this case Water and electricity are considered utilities. The price of utilities is also dependent on international prices of oil.

<sup>4</sup> The excise tariff for diesel was reduced with AWG 0.05.

## 4 Percentage change CPI of our major trading partners

Table 5 provides an overview of the  $\Delta$  CPI of Aruba's major trading partners starting from February 2007. In February 2008 the  $\Delta$  CPI of the Netherlands increased by 0.6%. No % change is observed for the USA. The  $\Delta$  CPI of Curaçao for February 2008 is 0.7%. Furthermore, the percentage changes for USA provided in table 5 are seasonally adjusted.

**Table 5: Monthly  $\Delta$  CPI 2007-2008 per Country**

Period	Aruba	USA	Curaçao	Netherlands
February	0.04	0.4	0.1	0.5
March	0.7	0.6	0.2	1.1
April	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.5
May	0.9	0.7	0.2	0.1
June	1.8	0.2	0.3	-0.4
July	-0.3	0.1	0.3	-0.5
August	0.7	-0.1	0.5	0.2
September	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.6
October	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.0
November	1.1	0.8	0.8	0.1
December	1.6	0.3	0.3	-0.4
January	0.6	0.4	0.7	0.3
February	0.6	0.0	0.7	0.6

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

### 4.1 Comparison of the CPI for the USA & Aruba

Up till now, the USA is considered Aruba's largest trading partner<sup>5</sup>. Table 6 provides an overview of the  $\Delta$  CPI for Aruba and the USA. Aruba's monthly  $\Delta$  CPI for February 2008 is 0.2 ppts higher than the  $\Delta$  CPI of the USA.

**Table 6 Overview in  $\Delta$  of CPI**

Period		Aruba	USA
Current Month	Jan-Feb	0.6	0.0
Last 12 Months	Feb-Feb	8.7	4.0 <sup>1</sup>
Year to date	Jan-Feb	1.3	0.8
Last 24 Months	Feb-Feb	6.7	3.2 <sup>2</sup>

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

<sup>1</sup> End of period inflation

<sup>2</sup> Period average inflation

The  $\Delta$  CPI of Aruba over the last 12 months is 4.7 ppts higher compared with USA's 12-month  $\Delta$  CPI. Similarly, the  $\Delta$  CPI over the last 24 months for Aruba is 3.5 ppts higher than the  $\Delta$  CPI USA. Furthermore, the monthly inflation for both Aruba and USA is depicted in figure 7 over a period of one year. Subsequently, an overview of the end of year  $\Delta$  CPI over the period 1998-2008 and year to date  $\Delta$  CPI is provided in table 7 and figure 8. The  $\Delta$  CPI for both Aruba and USA seem to follow the same movement during the period 1998 - 2006.

<sup>5</sup> "58% of Aruba's import by sea & air originates from the USA (Source: Trade Statistics Report, 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2007).

However, a remarkable increase is observed for 2007. The latter may be due to the high international oil prices which in turn influenced the local oil prices and the gasoline prices and consequently the CPI calculation. Moreover, the introduction of the turnover tax (BBO) in 2007 may also have contributed to this large increase.

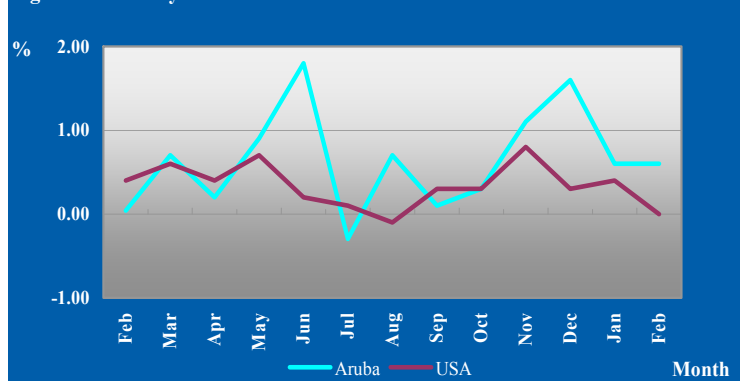
**Table 7: End of year & Year to date  $\Delta$  CPI over 1998-2008**

Period	Aruba	USA
1998	1.5	1.6
1999	3.7	2.7
2000	3.5	3.4
2001	2.6	1.6
2002	4.2	2.4
2003	2.2	1.9
2004	2.8	3.3
2005	3.8	3.4
2006	2.5	2.5
2007	10.2	4.1
2008	1.3	0.8

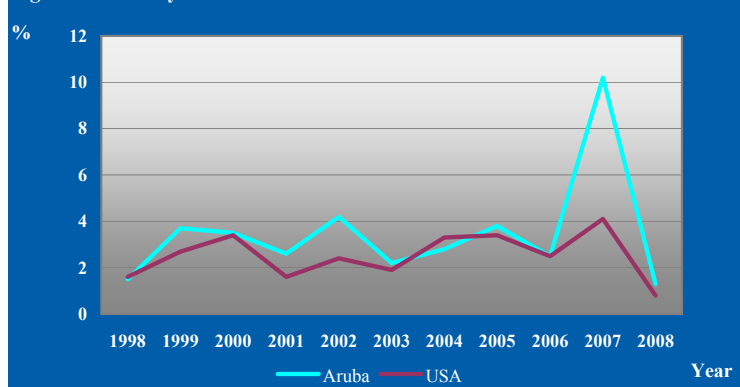
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\* Year to date February 2008

**Figure 7: Monthly  $\Delta$  CPI for Aruba and the USA**



**Figure 8: End of year and Year to date  $\Delta$  CPI over 1998-2008**



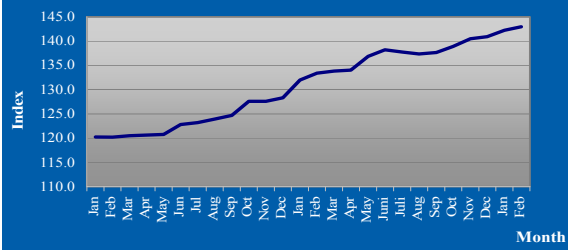
**Table 8: Monthly & Yearly Changes (%) for February 2008 for the Consumer Price Index Total Population (Sep 2000= 100.0)**

DESCRIPTION	WEIGHT coefficient	2007 Feb	2007 Mar	2007 Apr	2007 May	2007 Jun	2007 Jul	2007 Aug	2007 Sep	2007 Oct	2007 Nov	2007 Dec	2008 Jan	2008 Feb	Monthly change	Yearly change	YTD change	Average change
<b>Food</b>	<b>1,469</b>	<b>133.4</b>	<b>133.8</b>	<b>134.0</b>	<b>136.8</b>	<b>138.2</b>	<b>137.8</b>	<b>137.3</b>	<b>137.7</b>	<b>138.9</b>	<b>140.5</b>	<b>140.9</b>	<b>142.2</b>	<b>143.0</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>10.3</b>
Grain and grain products	233	120.9	121.2	122.0	122.6	123.8	124.1	123.9	124.3	124.6	125.6	125.7	125.8	126.7	0.7	4.7	0.8	8.8
Meat, poultry, game, fish and shellfish	320	129.8	130.6	131.1	133.0	133.5	134.0	134.7	134.3	137.8	136.9	140.2	140.9		0.5	8.6	2.9	9.1
Fats and oils	28	125.2	124.9	125.2	126.0	129.6	128.4	130.1	130.0	130.6	131.3	132.5	132.8	133.9	0.8	6.9	1.1	2.8
Dairy products	149	141.4	143.1	145.0	145.4	145.9	147.9	150.2	151.7	153.0	160.8	166.7	170.4	170.9	0.2	20.9	2.5	13.2
Potatoes, vegetables and fruit	176	178.4	177.9	175.5	184.7	188.5	186.5	188.1	191.7	193.0	195.9	194.6	196.6	199.6	1.5	11.9	2.6	23.0
Sugar, sugarproducts and chocolate	30	114.1	113.9	113.9	116.4	112.9	111.7	111.1	111.0	109.7	113.3	112.6	112.0	112.5	0.5	-1.4	-0.1	3.5
Ready to eat meals	29	113.2	113.6	114.3	115.2	114.6	115.9	115.7	115.9	116.7	116.7	116.7	117.5		0.7	3.9	0.7	5.9
Take away beverages and meals	399	127.3	127.3	127.1	130.9	132.7	130.5	126.8	125.9	126.8	126.9	127.7	126.9	126.8	-0.1	-0.4	-0.7	5.3
Groceries n.e.c.	104	121.3	123.0	124.4	125.3	126.1	126.9	127.3	127.3	127.3	128.0	127.3	130.0	130.5	0.3	7.5	2.5	9.6
<b>Beverages and tobacco products</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>125.5</b>	<b>126.7</b>	<b>128.0</b>	<b>129.3</b>	<b>129.7</b>	<b>130.3</b>	<b>131.1</b>	<b>131.8</b>	<b>131.6</b>	<b>132.3</b>	<b>131.1</b>	<b>131.4</b>	<b>132.2</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>14.1</b>
Beverages	192	124.4	125.6	127.0	128.6	129.0	129.7	130.5	131.3	131.2	132.0	130.5	130.7	131.5	0.6	5.7	0.8	15.2
Tobacco products	27	133.4	134.4	134.6	134.5	134.7	134.5	135.2	134.9	135.0	135.0	135.0	136.0	137.4	1.0	3.0	1.8	6.7
<b>Clothing and footwear group</b>	<b>1,086</b>	<b>136.7</b>	<b>137.1</b>	<b>134.0</b>	<b>127.5</b>	<b>127.6</b>	<b>126.7</b>	<b>127.9</b>	<b>130.0</b>	<b>129.8</b>	<b>129.4</b>	<b>137.5</b>	<b>137.6</b>	<b>140.6</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>2.9</b>
Clothing and accessories	881	139.9	138.8	136.7	130.6	131.0	128.9	129.9	131.5	131.9	131.5	141.1	141.4	144.7	2.3	3.4	2.5	2.7
Footwear	204	122.8	129.9	122.3	114.2	113.0	117.2	119.2	123.5	120.6	120.5	122.0	121.6	122.9	1.1	0.1	0.8	3.9
<b>Housing group</b>	<b>2,296</b>	<b>128.9</b>	<b>129.3</b>	<b>129.4</b>	<b>133.0</b>	<b>139.3</b>	<b>140.6</b>	<b>143.0</b>	<b>142.1</b>	<b>143.3</b>	<b>147.2</b>	<b>148.9</b>	<b>151.6</b>	<b>152.2</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>18.1</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>7.7</b>
Property Rent	717	134.2	134.6	134.9	135.3	135.7	136.1	136.5	136.9	137.3	137.7	138.1	138.5	138.9	0.3	3.5	0.6	3.5
Domestic Fuel and power	659	124.2	124.3	124.4	129.6	142.1	143.8	149.9	147.7	149.8	157.6	160.5	165.8	165.8	0.0	33.5	3.3	9.3
Property maintenance goods	500	124.2	125.4	125.4	128.8	126.2	127.9	128.1	128.3	128.1	128.7	130.1	130.4	132.0	1.2	6.2	1.4	8.1
Garden Supplies	61	171.7	172.1	172.2	173.6	194.9	195.9	177.3	177.4	178.5	180.2	182.2	183.5	185.0	0.8	7.7	1.5	16.6
Water Supply	358	126.0	126.0	126.0	133.3	150.0	151.9	158.5	155.5	158.6	167.3	169.8	176.1	176.1	0.0	39.8	3.7	11.0
<b>Household operation group</b>	<b>1,002</b>	<b>120.8</b>	<b>121.5</b>	<b>122.7</b>	<b>124.1</b>	<b>124.8</b>	<b>122.4</b>	<b>122.6</b>	<b>124.1</b>	<b>122.1</b>	<b>123.1</b>	<b>124.0</b>	<b>123.9</b>	<b>125.2</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>5.0</b>
Furniture and lighting	133	109.0	109.3	115.7	115.6	133.5	109.7	109.5	109.6	104.5	102.1	102.1	102.2	102.1	-0.1	-6.3	0.0	2.1
Floor coverings and household textiles	113	136.1	136.8	140.3	147.7	146.7	146.3	146.3	147.4	148.3	155.4	155.5	156.1	159.5	2.2	17.2	2.6	12.6
Home appliances and tools	163	113.0	114.0	110.6	107.3	101.3	96.8	97.2	104.4	96.1	96.2	96.0	96.7	97.0	0.3	-14.1	1.1	-8.3
Household equipment and utensils	75	119.3	120.2	122.2	120.4	121.1	121.1	120.8	121.5	119.8	120.8	122.1	122.2	123.4	1.0	3.4	1.0	5.4
Household services	118	117.2	116.3	118.9	119.0	116.9	120.1	119.7	120.2	121.0	121.2	120.5	121.4	121.7	0.2	3.9	1.0	7.1
Housekeeping charges	227	124.8	125.6	125.8	127.2	129.3	128.9	129.6	129.8	130.3	131.8	133.7	134.6	135.4	0.6	8.5	1.3	7.1
Household supplies	173	125.2	126.9	126.9	132.1	127.2	134.4	134.7	135.0	134.0	134.6	137.5	133.8	136.7	2.2	9.2	-0.6	8.8
<b>Health group</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>100.1</b>	<b>100.1</b>	<b>99.9</b>	<b>99.9</b>	<b>99.9</b>	<b>99.8</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>99.8</b>	<b>99.9</b>	<b>99.8</b>	<b>99.9</b>	<b>100.2</b>	<b>100.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>-0.1</b>
Health services	88	100.1	100.1	99.9	99.9	99.9	99.8	100.0	99.8	99.9	99.8	99.9	100.2	100.2	0.0	0.1	0.3	-0.1
<b>Transport and communication group</b>	<b>1,967</b>	<b>111.2</b>	<b>113.5</b>	<b>115.2</b>	<b>116.7</b>	<b>117.9</b>	<b>116.6</b>	<b>116.9</b>	<b>116.2</b>	<b>116.8</b>	<b>117.6</b>	<b>119.9</b>	<b>119.6</b>	<b>119.8</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>5.8</b>
Own transport	544	102.4	102.4	102.4	102.4	102.4	102.4	103.6	104.5	104.8	106.3	107.7	108.8	108.8	0.0	6.2	1.0	2.2
Vehicle supplies	712	128.7	132.9	137.4	141.9	145.2	141.5	141.4	138.9	140.2	141.4	146.6	144.8	145.6	0.5	13.1	-0.7	10.6
Public Transport costs	249	103.2	105.3	105.4	105.5	105.8	105.8	105.9	105.9	106.1	106.4	106.5	106.7		0.1	3.4	0.2	3.0
Communication Services	462	98.7	101.3	101.3	100.9	100.6	100.7	100.7	100.7	100.7	100.3	100.4	100.3	100.3	0.0	1.7	0.0	2.1
<b>Leisure and recreational goods</b>	<b>799</b>	<b>118.8</b>	<b>119.0</b>	<b>118.6</b>	<b>119.9</b>	<b>121.3</b>	<b>121.0</b>	<b>121.8</b>	<b>122.2</b>	<b>122.4</b>	<b>123.0</b>	<b>124.7</b>	<b>125.0</b>	<b>125.7</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>5.9</b>
Costs incurred for recreational purposes	465	118.0	118.4	118.0	120.8	122.7	122.1	122.5	122.8	122.8	123.5	124.9	125.4	126.0	0.5	6.8	0.9	6.8
Admission charges to events and venues	89	123.6	124.5	124.7	125.9	128.1	127.7	128.6	128.7	129.1	130.6	132.7	133.6	134.4	0.6	8.7	1.3	6.7
Publications (no study material)	51	134.2	132.1	129.8	129.8	125.4	130.5	129.0	129.5	129.9	129.5	132.7	131.1	132.1	0.7	-1.6	-0.4	8.3
Formal education fees	193	114.5	114.4	114.2	112.4	113.7	112.9	115.1	115.9	116.1	116.4	118.3	118.6	119.4	0.7	4.2	0.9	2.5
<b>Goods and services n.e.c.</b>	<b>1,074</b>	<b>116.6</b>	<b>117.2</b>	<b>117.9</b>	<b>118.3</b>	<b>120.0</b>	<b>119.8</b>	<b>120.4</b>	<b>120.4</b>	<b>120.8</b>	<b>121.6</b>	<b>122.7</b>	<b>123.0</b>	<b>123.6</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>5.3</b>
Toiletries and cosmetics	219	114.5	116.3	118.4	117.4	120.1	120.2	121.3	120.7	122.1	122.1	122.6	122.6	123.1	0.4	7.5	0.4	8.2
Insurance services	283	104.6	104.6	104.6	104.6	104.6	104.6	104.6	104.6	104.6	104.6	104.6	104.6	104.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other goods and services n.e.c.	438	123.2	123.6	124.2	125.3	127.5	126.9	127.6	127.9	128.2	129.5	131.3	132.0	132.8	0.7	7.8	1.2	6.6
Money Transfers	103	123.6	124.5	124.7	125.9	128.1	127.7	128.6	128.7	129.1	130.6	132.7	133.6	134.4	0.6	8.7	1.3	6.7
Unknown artic or not elsewhere classified	29	123.6	124.5	124.7	125.9	128.1	127.7	128.6	128.7	129.1	130.6	132.7	133.6	134.4	0.6	8.7	1.3	6.7
<b>TOTAL INDEX</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>123.6</b>	<b>124.5</b>	<b>124.7</b>	<b>125.9</b>	<b>128.1</b>	<b>127.7</b>	<b>128.6</b>	<b>128.7</b>	<b>129.1</b>	<b>130.6</b>	<b>132.7</b>	<b>133.6</b>	<b>134.4</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>6.7</b>

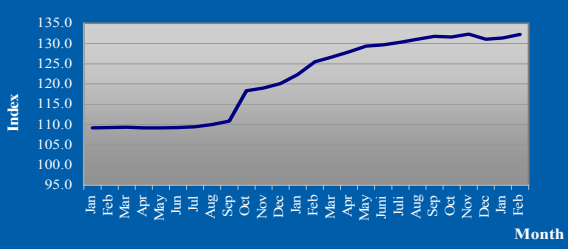
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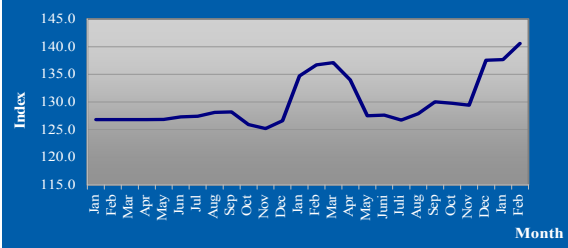
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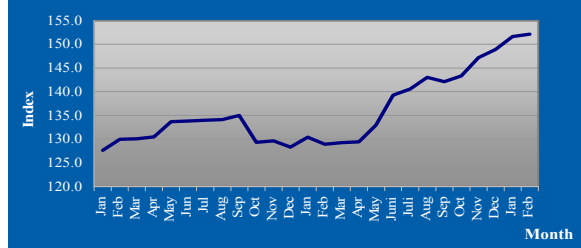
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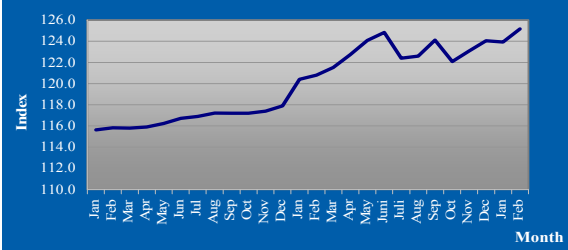
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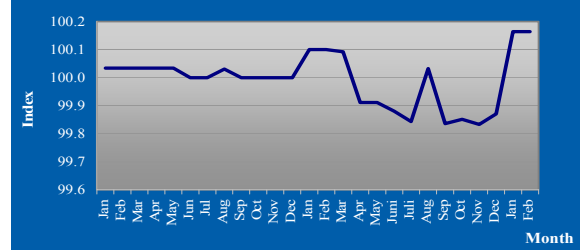
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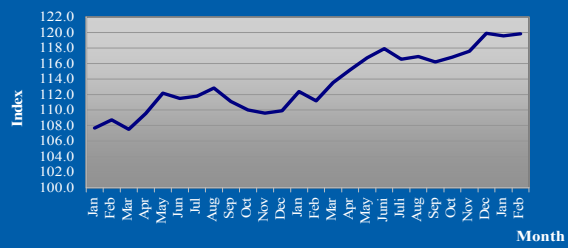
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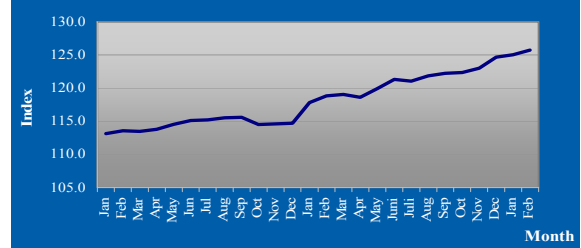
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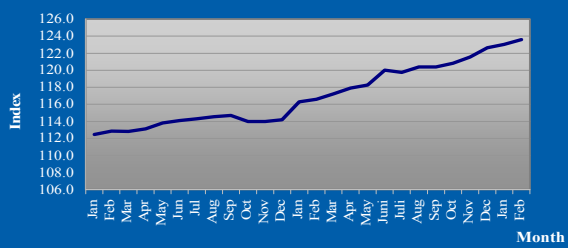
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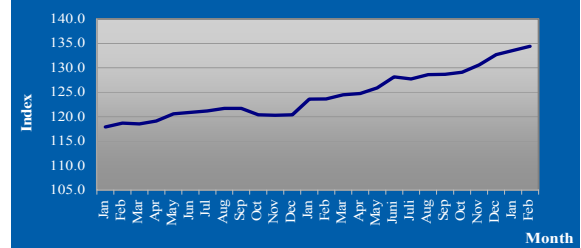
**Figure 9-8: Leisure and Recreational Sector**



**Figure 9-9: Goods and Services n.e.c Sector**



**Figure 10: Consumer Price Index**



Source: Central Bureau of Statistics

**Table 9: Monthly and Yearly change (%) for February of 2007 and 2008 for the Consumer Price Index Total Population (Sep 2000= 100.0)**

DESCRIPTION	WEIGHT coefficient	Feb 2006	Jan 2007	Feb 2007	Jan 2008	Feb 2008	Monthly change Feb 2008	Monthly change Feb 2007	Yearly change Feb 2008	Yearly change Feb 2007
<b>Food</b>	<b>1,469</b>	<b>120.2</b>	<b>132.0</b>	<b>133.4</b>	<b>142.2</b>	<b>143.0</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>10.9</b>
Grain and grain products	233	111.7	120.1	120.9	125.8	126.7	0.7	0.7	4.7	8.2
Meat, poultry, game, fish and shellfish	320	119.5	128.0	129.8	140.2	140.9	0.5	1.4	8.6	8.6
Fats and oils	28	127.9	125.1	125.2	132.8	133.9	0.8	0.1	6.9	-2.1
Dairy products	149	132.1	140.3	141.4	170.4	170.9	0.2	0.8	20.9	7.0
Potatoes, vegetables and fruit	176	137.2	174.7	178.4	196.6	199.6	1.5	2.1	11.9	30.0
Sugar, sugarproducts and chocolate	30	102.3	114.1	114.1	112.0	112.5	0.5	0.0	-1.4	11.5
Ready to eat meals	29	106.2	113.3	113.2	116.7	117.5	0.7	-0.1	3.9	6.5
Take away beverages and meals	399	117.5	126.7	127.3	126.9	126.8	-0.1	0.5	-0.4	8.3
Groceries n.e.c.	104	112.9	119.5	121.3	130.0	130.5	0.3	1.6	7.5	7.5
<b>Beverages and tobacco products</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>109.2</b>	<b>122.3</b>	<b>125.5</b>	<b>131.4</b>	<b>132.2</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>14.9</b>
Beverages	192	107.0	121.0	124.4	130.7	131.5	0.6	2.8	5.7	16.3
Tobacco products	27	125.3	131.3	133.4	136.0	137.4	1.0	1.6	3.0	6.5
<b>Clothing and footwear group</b>	<b>1,086</b>	<b>126.8</b>	<b>134.7</b>	<b>136.7</b>	<b>137.6</b>	<b>140.6</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>7.8</b>
Clothing and accessories	881	129.6	138.0	139.9	141.4	144.7	2.3	1.4	3.4	7.9
Footwear	204	114.6	120.1	122.8	121.6	122.9	1.1	2.2	0.1	7.1
<b>Housing group</b>	<b>2,296</b>	<b>129.9</b>	<b>130.4</b>	<b>128.9</b>	<b>151.6</b>	<b>152.2</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>-1.1</b>	<b>18.1</b>	<b>-0.8</b>
Property Rent	717	129.6	133.8	134.2	138.5	138.9	0.3	0.3	3.5	3.5
Domestic Fuel and power	659	134.6	127.6	124.2	165.8	165.8	0.0	-2.6	33.5	-7.7
Property maintenance goods	500	116.8	124.3	124.2	130.4	132.0	1.2	-0.1	6.2	6.4
Garden Supplies	61	139.2	171.7	171.7	183.5	185.0	0.8	0.0	7.7	23.3
Water Supply	358	138.9	130.0	126.0	176.1	176.1	0.0	-3.1	39.8	-9.3
<b>Household operation group</b>	<b>1,002</b>	<b>115.8</b>	<b>120.4</b>	<b>120.8</b>	<b>123.9</b>	<b>125.2</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>4.3</b>
Furniture and lighting	133	107.1	109.1	109.0	102.2	102.1	-0.1	-0.1	-6.3	1.8
Floor coverings and household textiles	113	131.1	136.2	136.1	156.1	159.5	2.2	-0.1	17.2	3.8
Home appliances and tools	163	108.6	112.4	113.0	96.7	97.0	0.3	0.5	-14.1	4.0
Household equipment and utensils	75	113.1	118.8	119.3	122.2	123.4	1.0	0.4	3.4	5.5
Household services	118	109.8	115.5	117.2	121.4	121.7	0.2	1.4	3.9	6.7
Housekeeping charges	227	118.9	124.6	124.8	134.6	135.4	0.6	0.2	8.5	4.9
Household supplies	173	120.7	125.0	125.2	133.8	136.7	2.2	0.1	9.2	3.8
<b>Health group</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.1</b>	<b>100.1</b>	<b>100.2</b>	<b>100.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.1</b>
Health services	88	100.0	100.1	100.1	100.2	100.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1
<b>Transport and communication group</b>	<b>1,967</b>	<b>108.7</b>	<b>112.4</b>	<b>111.2</b>	<b>119.6</b>	<b>119.8</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>-1.2</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>2.2</b>
Own transport	544	102.4	102.4	102.4	108.8	108.8	0.0	0.0	6.2	0.0
Vehicle supplies	712	122.3	132.3	128.7	144.8	145.6	0.5	-2.7	13.1	5.3
Public Transport costs	249	102.5	103.2	103.2	106.5	106.7	0.1	0.0	3.4	0.6
Communication Services	462	98.6	98.6	98.7	100.3	100.3	0.0	0.0	1.7	0.1
<b>Leisure and recreational goods</b>	<b>799</b>	<b>113.6</b>	<b>117.8</b>	<b>118.8</b>	<b>125.0</b>	<b>125.7</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>4.6</b>
Costs incurred for recreational purposes	465	112.9	117.7	118.0	125.4	126.0	0.5	0.2	6.8	4.6
Admission charges to events and venues	89	118.7	123.6	123.6	133.6	134.4	0.6	0.0	8.7	4.1
Publications (no study material)	51	118.7	120.7	134.2	131.1	132.1	0.7	11.2	-1.6	13.0
Formal education fees	193	111.6	114.4	114.5	118.6	119.4	0.7	0.1	4.2	2.7
<b>Goods and services n.e.c.</b>	<b>1,074</b>	<b>112.9</b>	<b>116.3</b>	<b>116.6</b>	<b>123.0</b>	<b>123.6</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>3.3</b>
Toiletries and cosmetics	219	110.0	113.6	114.5	122.6	123.1	0.4	0.8	7.5	4.1
Insurance services	283	104.6	104.6	104.6	104.6	104.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other goods and services n.e.c.	438	117.8	122.9	123.2	132.0	132.8	0.7	0.3	7.8	4.6
Money Transfers	103	118.7	123.6	123.6	133.6	134.4	0.6	0.0	8.7	4.1
Unknown artic or not elsewhere classified	29	118.7	123.6	123.6	133.6	134.4	0.6	0.0	8.7	4.1
<b>TOTAL INDEX</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>118.7</b>	<b>123.6</b>	<b>123.6</b>	<b>133.6</b>	<b>134.4</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>4.2</b>

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