

## CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - 2001

### 1. Main movements in the Consumer Price Index in 2001

The Consumer Price Index (C.P.I.) which stood at 125.2 in December 2000, increased by +6.6 points (or 5.3%) during the year 2001 to reach 131.8 in December 2001 (*Table 1*). Monthly changes ranged between a fall of 0.2 point in March and an increase of 1.9 points in July 2001, averaging a monthly increase of 0.6 point over the year.

The net contribution of the main commodities that influenced the CPI in 2001 is given in *Table*

2. The main causes for the increase were:

- upward revision in VAT from 10% to 12% and increases in bus fares in July,
- higher rates for waste water as from the beginning of 2001,
- higher prices of meat, fish, milk, cooking oil, soft drinks, cigarettes, beer and stout, some medicinal products and cooking gas in the course of the year.

### 2. Changes in Major Commodity Group Sub-indices

*Table 3* shows the evolution of the major commodity group indices (sub-indices) from December 2000 to December 2001. All sub-indices registered increases between 1.6% and 10.6%.

The sub-index for “*Food and non alcoholic beverages*” went up by 5.5%. This is mainly attributable to price increases of beef (22.2%), frozen mutton (41.1%), chicken (7.2%), fish (5.9%), milk (11.1%), cooking oil (14.1%) and soft drinks (13.2%).

The sub-index for “*Alcoholic beverages and tobacco*” increased by 10.6%. The main reasons are higher prices of cigarettes (11.4%), beer and stout (15.6%), rum (5.6%) and wine (11.0%).

The “*Clothing and footwear*” sub-index rose by 1.6% largely as a result of price increases of footwear (4.8%).

The sub-index for “*Fuel and light*” moved up by 3.0% reflecting an increase in the price of cooking gas (10.1%) as from 15 November 2001.

The sub-index for “*Housing and household operations*” recorded an increase of 4.1%. This is attributable to higher rates for waste water (84.4%) and domestic services (5.7%), as well as price increases of household appliances (8.3%), housecleaning supplies (3.0%) and house repair materials (3.9%).

A rise of 5.3% was observed in the sub-index for “*Medical care and health expenses*” due to higher prices of some medicinal products (6.8%) and medical services (4.0%).

The “*Transport and communication*” sub-index increased by 5.1%. This was mainly the result of higher prices of gasoline (1.8%), due to an increase in VAT as from 1 July 2001, together with increases in bus fares (16.0%), motor vehicle insurance rates (12.8%) and repair charges (8.7%).

The sub-index for “*Recreation, entertainment, education and cultural services*” went up by 6.6%, mainly because of higher private tuition fees (8.5%), price increases of some recreational goods (5.1%) and higher prices of some newspapers (17.5%) during the first semester.

The sub-index for “*Miscellaneous goods and services*” rose by 2.0%. This is mainly attributable to higher prices of food consumed in bars and restaurants (2.1%) and personal care goods (0.6%).

### **3. Rate of inflation**

The rate of inflation for calendar year 2001 works out to 5.4% compared to 4.2% for calendar year 2000. The rate of inflation for financial year 2000/2001 was 4.4% (*Table 4*).

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<p><b>Note:</b> Monthly Consumer Price Index data are available on CSO website <a href="http://statsmauritius.gov.mu">http://statsmauritius.gov.mu</a> within 5 working days after the end of the reference month.</p>
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**Table 1 - Monthly Consumer Price Index , January 1994 - December 2001**

<b><i>Month</i></b>	<b><i>(Base : July 1991 - June 1992 = 100)</i></b>				<b><i>(Base : July 1996 - June 1997 = 100)</i></b>				
	<b><i>1994</i></b>	<b><i>1995</i></b>	<b><i>1996</i></b>	<b><i>1997</i></b>	<b><i>1997</i></b>	<b><i>1998</i></b>	<b><i>1999</i></b>	<b><i>2000</i></b>	<b><i>2001</i></b>
<b>January</b>	119.4	126.9	133.7	145.9		105.5	114.6	120.0	125.9
<b>February</b>	119.9	127.4	134.3	145.9		106.0	114.9	120.6	126.5
<b>March</b>	120.8	128.2	134.3	146.2		106.7	115.1	121.0	126.3
<b>April</b>	121.0	128.8	134.9	146.1		107.4	115.6	120.9	126.5
<b>May</b>	122.6	129.0	135.6	146.7		108.0	115.8	121.0	126.8
<b>June</b>	123.2	129.8	139.6	147.9		109.6	117.4	121.0	127.8
<b>July</b>	123.2	130.0	140.4		103.0	109.7	117.8	121.3	129.7
<b>August</b>	123.8	131.4	141.7		103.3	110.0	118.3	121.7	129.9
<b>September</b>	124.2	131.7	141.7		103.6	112.1	118.5	121.9	130.1
<b>October</b>	124.2	132.4	142.3		103.5	112.7	118.5	124.6	130.5
<b>November</b>	124.9	132.9	142.5		103.6	113.1	118.9	124.8	131.1
<b>December</b>	125.6	133.1	142.9		103.9	113.4	119.6	125.2	131.8
<b>Yearly average</b>	122.7	130.1	138.7		102.5	109.5	117.1	122.0	128.6
<b>Annual change (%) (Inflation rate)</b>	+ 7.3	+ 6.0	+ 6.6		+ 6.6	+ 6.8	+ 6.9	+ 4.2	+5.4

**Table 2 - Net contribution of main commodities that have affected the index in 2001**

<b>Commodity</b>	<b>Change in index point</b>	<b>% change in price between December 2000 &amp; December 2001</b>
Biscuits	+0.1	+11.8
Prepared meals and snacks	+0.1	+3.4
Fresh beef	+0.2	+26.0
Frozen beef	+0.1	+18.0
Frozen mutton	+0.3	+41.1
Chicken	+0.2	+7.2
Fresh fish	+0.1	+5.6
Frozen fish	+0.1	+6.1
Milk	+0.4	+11.1
Cheese	+0.1	+8.3
Cooking oil	+0.2	+14.1
Confectionery	+0.1	+6.7
Soft drinks	+0.2	+13.2
Other food products	+0.2	+1.4
Rum	+0.1	+5.6
Wine	+0.1	+11.0
Beer & stout	+0.5	+15.6
Cigarettes	+0.8	+11.4
Footwear	+0.1	+4.8
Cooking gas	+0.2	+10.1
House repair materials	+0.1	+3.9
Waste water tax	+0.2	+84.4
Household appliances	+0.1	+8.3
Housecleaning supplies	+0.1	+3.0
Domestic services	+0.1	+5.7
Medicinal products	+0.2	+6.8
Medical services	+0.1	+4.0
Motor vehicle repair charges	+0.1	+8.7
Gasoline	+0.1	+1.8
Motor vehicle insurance	+0.1	+12.8
Bus fare	+0.6	+16.0
Recreational goods	+0.1	+5.1
Newspapers	+0.2	+17.5
Private tuition fees	+0.2	+8.5
Other goods & services	+0.1	+1.3
<b>Overall</b>	<b>+6.6</b>	<b>+5.3</b>

**Table 3 : Monthly sub-indices by major commodity group, December 2000 - December 2001**

(Base: July 1996 - June 1997 = 100)

Major Commodity Group	Weight	Dec. 2000	Jan. 2001	Feb. 2001	Mar. 2001	Apr. 2001	May 2001	Jun. 2001	Jul. 2001	Aug. 2001	Sep. 2001	Oct. 2001	Nov. 2001	Dec. 2001	% Change between December 2000 & December 2001
1. Food and non alcoholic beverages	364	120.7	120.9	121.3	120.8	121.2	121.6	123.4	124.0	124.4	124.6	125.2	126.3	127.3	+5.5
2. Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	87	159.2	160.3	161.3	161.7	161.7	161.9	166.6	173.0	173.4	173.6	174.0	174.0	176.0	+10.6
3. Clothing and footwear	79	115.6	115.6	115.7	115.7	115.7	115.7	115.8	116.8	116.8	116.8	116.9	117.1	117.4	+1.6
4. Fuel and light	44	121.9	121.9	121.9	121.9	121.9	121.9	121.9	121.9	121.9	121.9	121.9	123.8	125.5	+3.0
5. Housing and household operations	132	119.2	119.3	120.8	121.1	121.3	121.3	121.5	123.0	123.1	123.2	123.6	123.8	124.1	+4.1
6. Medical care and health expenses	38	123.6	124.6	124.7	125.0	125.4	126.2	127.0	127.4	127.6	127.9	129.4	129.6	130.2	+5.3
7. Transport and communication	142	129.7	130.7	130.6	130.1	130.5	130.6	130.1	135.2	135.5	135.6	136.1	136.2	136.3	+5.1
8. Recreation, entertainment, education and cultural services	60	124.6	129.3	131.6	132.0	132.1	132.5	132.5	132.6	132.6	132.8	132.8	132.8	132.8	+6.6
9. Miscellaneous goods and services	54	122.1	123.0	123.1	122.8	122.5	122.4	122.1	123.2	123.5	124.1	124.2	124.4	124.6	+2.0
<b>ALL GROUPS</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>125.2</b>	<b>125.9</b>	<b>126.5</b>	<b>126.3</b>	<b>126.5</b>	<b>126.8</b>	<b>127.8</b>	<b>129.7</b>	<b>129.9</b>	<b>130.1</b>	<b>130.5</b>	<b>131.1</b>	<b>131.8</b>	<b>+5.3</b>

**Table 4 - Inflation rate (%) , 1975 - 2001**

<i>Calendar year</i>	<i>Inflation rate</i>	<i>Financial year</i>	<i>Inflation rate</i>
1975	14.7	1974 - 75	20.6
1976	13.4	1975 - 76	14.7
1977	9.2	1976 - 77	9.6
1978	8.5	1977 - 78	10.1
1979	14.5	1978 - 79	8.0
1980	42.0	1979 - 80	33.0
1981	14.5	1980 - 81	26.5
1982	11.4	1981 - 82	13.4
1983	5.6	1982 - 83	7.5
1984	7.3	1983 - 84	5.6
1985	6.7	1984 - 85	8.3
1986	1.8	1985 - 86	4.3
1987	0.6	1986 - 87	0.7
1988	9.2	1987 - 88	1.5
1989	12.6	1988 - 89	16.0
1990	13.5	1989 - 90	10.7
1991	7.0	1990 - 91	12.8
1992	4.6	1991 - 92	2.9
1993	10.5	1992 - 93	8.9
1994	7.3	1993 - 94	9.4
1995	6.0	1994 - 95	6.1
1996	6.6	1995 - 96	5.8
1997	6.6	1996 - 97	7.9
1998	6.8	1997 - 98	5.4
1999	6.9	1998 - 99	7.9
2000	4.2	1999 - 2000	5.3
2001	5.4	2000 - 2001	4.4