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**CONSUMER PRICE INDEX**

**DETAILED SUB-INDICES RELEASE**

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The attached release contains a summary of the major price developments in the main CPI commodity groupings together with a selection of the detailed CPI Sub-Indices which are available. Details of the current index together with the monthly and annual percentage changes are supplied.

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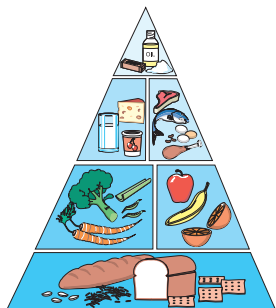
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## Food

Food prices fell by 0.1% in the month with decreases in beef, pork and bacon, potatoes, fresh and frozen vegetables and fresh fruit while the cost of meals out rose. The annual percentage increase in the year to October stands at 2.9%, up from 2.7% in September.



## Drink

Drink prices in October remained stable showing no overall monthly increase. In the year to October alcoholic drink prices have increased by 3.6%, down marginally from the annual increase in the year to September.



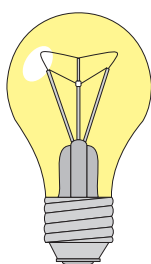
## Tobacco

Tobacco prices remained fixed in October leaving the annual percentage increase at 3.2%, the same annual increase recorded in September.



## Clothing & Footwear

In clothing & footwear a small number of sales saw clothing prices fall by 0.2% in the month.



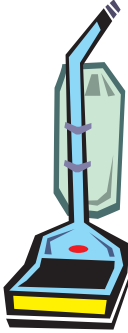
## Fuel & Light

The price of home heating oil increased by just over 3% in the month, while coal prices increased by almost 4%. As a result Fuel & Light increased by 1.5% in the month, putting the annual increase at over 5%.



## Housing

Following a reduction in interest rates, mortgage interest charges decreased by just under 9% this month, similar to the decrease of the previous month. The annual decrease in the year to October 99 is -16.9%.



## Durable Household Goods

There were no significant changes in durable household goods in October. The annual percentage change shows that durables remain less expensive in October than the same period last year.



## Other Goods

There were increases in the price of certain magazines, comics and newspapers which resulted in a monthly increase of 0.4%, giving an annual increase of 2.0% in the twelve months to October.



## Transport

The main factors causing an increase in transport costs were an increase in motor fuels and an increase in the cost of motor insurance. The annual increase in transport stands at 5.3%.



## Services & Related Expenditure

In October there was an increase in the cost of education & training, package holidays and hospital charges. These price increases lead to a overall monthly change for services and related expenditure of 1%. As a result the annual percentage increase in services and related expenditure is now running at 5.3%.



## Overall CPI

The CPI for October increased by 0.1% over the previous month, resulting in an annual increase of 1.5%, the same as the annual change in September. The main contributors to the annual percentage change were increases in Fuel & Light, Services & Related Expenditure, Other goods and Transport and decreases in the cost of Housing (mortgages) and Durable Goods, Clothing & Food.

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TABLE 1 - FOOD

	Nov. 1996 base expenditure weights	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>22.8497</b>	<b>109.9</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>2.9</b>
<u>Items</u>				
1 BEEF	1.0124	97.5	-1.7	-2.5
2 MUTTON/LAMB	0.4869	103.9	0.8	0.2
3 PORK	0.3829	93.3	-1.7	-1.8
4 BACON	0.8557	96.7	-1.0	-0.6
5 POULTRY	0.9482	101.3	0.3	2.6
6 COOKED MEAT	0.5328	109.0	0.1	3.5
7 SAUSAGES	0.2882	107.8	1.2	1.9
8 OTHER MEAT	0.3075	103.3	0.7	1.4
9 FRESH FISH	0.1926	115.2	0.5	9.5
10 FROZEN FISH	0.1509	115.7	2.0	6.5
11 SMOKED FISH	0.0291	99.5	-0.3	0.7
12 TINNED FISH	0.0577	129.3	0.0	6.5
13 POTATOES	0.6146	156.5	-4.2	-1.6
14 TOMATOES	0.0679	127.0	14.4	11.3
15 OTHER FRESH VEGETABLES	0.5004	111.8	-5.6	-1.7
16 DRIED VEGETABLES	0.0124	115.0	0.3	4.2
17 TINNED VEGETABLES	0.1986	120.5	0.3	7.6
18 FROZEN VEGETABLES	0.2163	107.0	-1.8	6.2
19 BREAD	1.2377	104.1	0.4	4.1
20 FLOUR	0.0868	102.1	-0.3	1.5
21 BISCUITS	0.5189	111.6	-1.3	2.2
22 CAKES	0.4911	110.2	0.3	3.4
23 PASTEURISED MILK	1.7399	100.4	0.6	1.6
24 OTHER MILK PRODUC	0.3647	110.6	0.5	4.4
25 CHEESE	0.3601	106.7	2.2	3.6
26 EGGS	0.2354	109.6	0.5	5.7
27 BUTTER	0.2705	102.7	0.0	2.1
28 MARGARINE	0.3033	120.1	0.9	5.6
29 OTHER FATS & OILS	0.0869	117.1	0.5	3.8
30 FRESH FRUIT	0.7009	115.7	-0.7	3.2
31 TINNED FRUIT	0.0538	105.8	0.2	1.7
32 DRIED FRUIT & NUT	0.0722	110.9	-0.4	1.6
33 TEA	0.2999	117.4	0.3	2.5
34 COFFEE	0.1358	116.4	-0.1	0.2
35 COCOA	0.0212	116.8	-0.4	0.3
36 SUGAR	0.2075	101.4	0.1	0.2
37 BREAKFAST CEREALS	0.4263	132.7	-0.2	5.0
38 OATMEAL	0.0230	94.2	-5.7	-3.5
39 OTHER CEREALS	0.1600	105.3	0.1	2.0
40 SAUCES & MEAT EXTRACTS	0.3107	108.1	0.4	2.6
41 SOUPS	0.1468	114.5	0.5	4.1
42 PRESERVES	0.1320	108.7	-0.2	2.8
43 SWEETS & CHOCOLATE	0.9008	120.3	0.6	5.7
44 CUSTARD	0.0101	123.2	0.2	8.2
45 DESSERTS & ICE CREAM	0.3728	106.5	0.0	2.7
46 BABY FOOD	0.0393	124.6	0.5	4.8
47 MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS	0.9014	109.0	0.2	3.6
48 SOFT DRINK	1.1075	109.5	0.6	3.1
49 MEALS OUT	4.2776	112.4	0.6	4.9

**TABLE 2 - ALCOHOL**

	Nov. 1996 base expenditure weights	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12.6298</b>	<b>109.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>3.6</b>
<u>Items</u>				
1 BEER	8.6190	110.1	0.1	3.7
2 SPIRITS	2.7137	109.5	0.0	3.4
3 WINE	1.2971	109.3	0.0	3.2

**TABLE 3 - FUEL & LIGHT**

	Nov. 1996 base expenditure weights	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4.9038</b>	<b>103.5</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>5.1</b>
<u>Items</u>				
1 FIRELIGHTERS	0.0761	102.2	0.3	2.3
2 COAL & ANTRACITE	0.8595	111.7	3.7	5.0
3 TURF & BRIQUETTES	0.3661	109.4	2.2	4.9
4 BOTTLED GAS	0.2881	111.6	1.1	5.6
5 PIPED GAS	0.4396	100.0	0.0	0.0
6 ELECTRICITY	2.0252	102.1	0.0	0.0
7 FUEL OIL	0.8491	94.9	3.3	24.7

**TABLE 4 - HOUSING**

	Nov. 1996 base expenditure weights	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8.0385</b>	<b>87.3</b>	<b>-3.1</b>	<b>-16.9</b>
<u>Items</u>				
1 RENTS	1.7518	114.9	0.0	5.5
2 LOCAL AUTHOR. CHARGE	0.2952	24.4	0.0	18.4
3 MORTGAGE INTEREST	3.6315	67.3	-8.6	-40.0
4 HOUSE INSURANCE	0.7311	107.4	0.4	3.3
5 REPAIRS & DECORATION	1.6288	104.8	0.5	3.5

**TABLE 5 - TRANSPORT**

	Nov. 1996 base expenditure weights	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13.9402</b>	<b>108.0</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>5.3</b>
1 MOTOR CYCLES	0.0168	99.5	0.0	-0.8
2 MOTOR CARS	3.9458	102.3	0.0	2.0
3 OTHER VEHICLES	0.1683	106.7	-0.1	0.2
4 MOTOR REG & TAX	0.8345	106.1	0.0	3.0
5 MOTOR INSURANCE	2.0077	118.4	1.2	9.1
6 MOTOR FUEL	4.1761	107.0	0.3	9.0
7 MOTOR OIL	0.0460	111.4	0.2	5.4
8 SPARE PARTS	0.5010	104.6	-0.1	1.7
9 REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	0.6495	111.9	0.4	6.4
10 OTHER VEHICLE COSTS	0.0988	113.8	-0.5	4.2
11 BUS FARES	0.6097	102.7	0.0	0.2
12 RAIL FARES	0.1790	109.8	0.1	2.0
13 COMBINED TRAVEL	0.1608	101.8	0.0	0.3
14 OTHER TRAVEL	0.5461	125.7	-1.0	1.5

TABLE 6 - SERVICES &amp; RELATED EXPENDITURE

	Nov. 1996 base expenditure weights	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b>16.7232</b>	<b>112.4</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>5.3</b>
<u>Items</u>				
1 CINEMA	0.1774	112.8	0.0	4.6
2 DANCING	0.4527	111.9	0.1	9.3
3 OTHER ENTERTAINMENT	0.9787	114.4	0.0	7.5
4 EDUCATION & TRAINING	1.6085	129.1	8.5	11.7
5 MEDICAL FEES	0.9729	117.8	0.0	7.0
6 MEDICINES & DRUGS	0.5922	107.2	0.1	2.6
7 HOSPITAL CHARGES	0.1883	125.9	1.9	9.9
8 OTHER MEDICAL EXPENSES	1.3443	128.8	0.1	9.2
9 THERAPEUTIC EQUIPMENT	0.0573	110.2	0.0	2.3
10 HAIRDRESSING	1.0846	123.6	0.2	9.7
11 SHOE REPAIRS	0.0345	116.4	0.5	6.2
12 LAUNDRY & DRYCLEAN	0.1334	109.3	0.6	4.2
13 OTHER SERVICES	1.0860	126.9	0.0	13.1
14 POSTAGE	0.1352	99.3	0.0	0.0
15 TELEPHONES	1.8388	83.3	0.0	-8.9
16 SOCIETY SUBSCRIPTION	0.5223	112.9	0.0	5.3
17 UNION SUBSCRIPTION	0.2626	105.1	0.0	2.8
18 TV RENTAL	0.4392	103.7	0.0	5.0
19 LICENCES	0.3871	101.6	0.0	1.6
20 ACCOMMODATION CHARGES	0.3180	117.3	-0.8	4.7
21 PACKAGE HOLIDAYS	2.9161	108.5	0.2	3.7
22 OTHER EXPENDITURE	1.1929	105.8	0.4	1.8

