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## **CONSUMER PRICE INDEX**

*(Base: November 1996=100)*

### **DETAILED SUB-INDICES RELEASE**

**September 2000**

**Annual Inflation remains unchanged at 6.2% in September**

This release provides a summary analysis of the major price developments within the main CPI commodity groups together with constituent CPI Sub-Indices and details of their monthly and annual percentage changes. It also details the annual and monthly percentage changes for each commodity group for each month from January 1998 to date.

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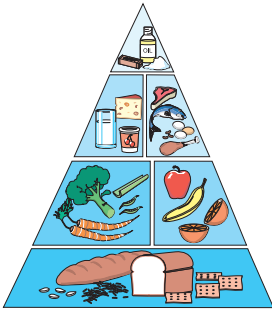
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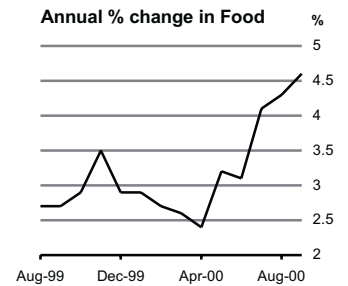
# Consumer Price Index

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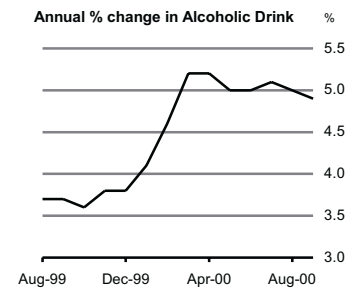
## Food

Food prices remained static in September, but the annual increase in the year to September rose to 4.6%, up from 4.3% in August. In September, there were increases in the price of biscuits, beef, poultry and meals out while the price of potatoes, fresh fruit and vegetables, bread, milk and butter fell.



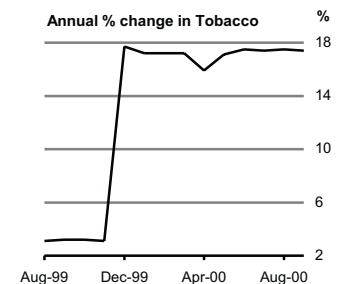
## Alcoholic Drink

Alcoholic Drink prices showed a minor increase in September with bar and public house prices remaining stable and some small increases in off licence prices. As a result of this, the annual percentage change fell marginally to 4.9%, down from 5.0% in August. The annual increase added +0.65% to the overall annual consumer price index of 6.2%.



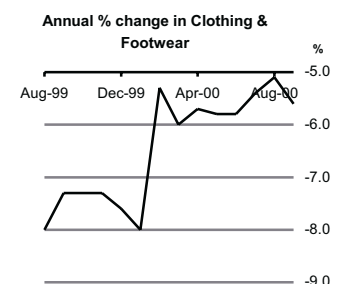
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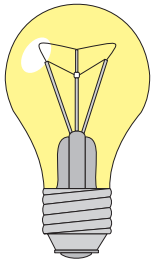
Tobacco prices remained relatively stable in September with no major price changes. The annual percentage change since September 1999 is 17.4%, down marginally from the previous month.



## Clothing & Footwear

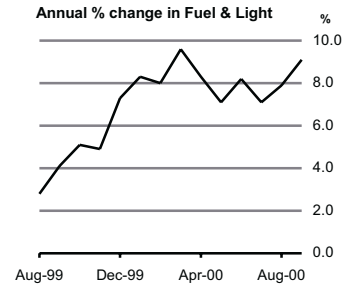
Clothing & Footwear prices showed some signs of further recovery from the summer sales as well as some general price increases. Following a fall of 9.2% in July, prices rose by 4.2% in August and by a further 2.4% in September. Year on year the annual percentage change shows a decline of 5.6% in Clothing & Footwear prices since last year, reflecting the strong competition in this sector.





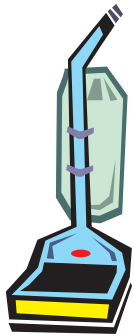
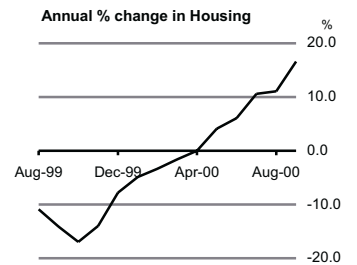
## Fuel & Light

Fuel & Light prices rose by 1.9% in September with a further increase in the cost of home heating oil and the price of bottled gas. The annual percentage increase in the twelve months since September 1999 was 9.1%, an increase on the August rate of 7.9%. The annual increase in the price of home heating oil in the year to September was 46.6%, up from 39.6% in August.



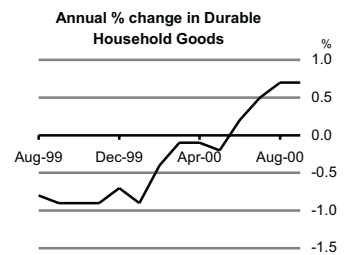
## Housing

Housing costs rose by 1.6% in September, reflecting higher mortgage interest payments, increased local authority rents and higher house insurance premiums. The annual increase in housing is now running at 16.6% in the year to September. This is in contrast to the annual change in the year to September of last year when there was an annual decrease of 14.1% reflecting falling interest rates at that time.



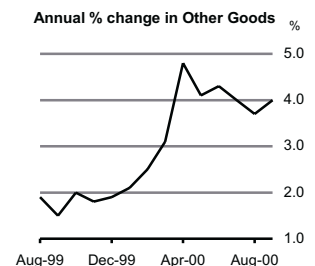
## Durable Household Goods

Following the conclusion of the summer sales in August, there were further recoveries in the prices of Durable Household Goods in September. There were some further price increases for items such as furniture and soft furnishings. Year on year, Durable Household Goods have risen by 0.7%.



## Other Goods

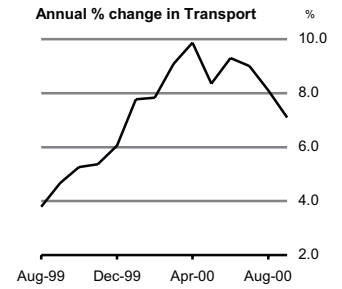
The price of Other Goods rose by 0.6% in September, putting the annual rate of increase in prices at 4.0%, up from 3.7% in August. Price increases were recorded for certain newspapers, magazines and books, paper goods and stationery, toilet and kitchen paper, cosmetics and shampoo and other hair applications.





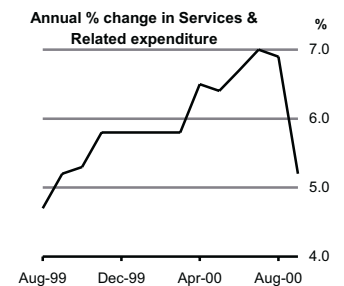
## Transport

Transport prices rose marginally in September but at a slower rate than for the same period last year. As a result, the annual increase in the year to September was 7.1%, down from 8.1% in August. There were increases in the cost of motor insurance and repairs and maintenance. These increases were partially offset by decreases in the price of motor fuel, boat fares and car hire.



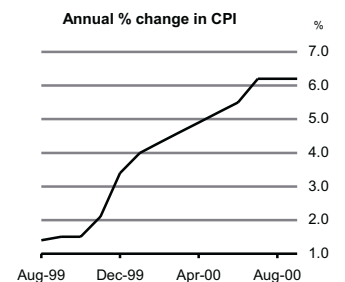
## Services & Related Expenditure

Services & Related Expenditure costs rose by 0.1% in September in contrast to an increase of 1.7% for the same period last year. There were marginal increases in entertainment costs, medicines, hairdressing and package holidays and decreases in telephone charges and accommodation costs.



## Overall CPI

Consumer Prices increased by 0.4% in September to bring the overall CPI to 112.1. This increase was the same as that recorded for September 1999. As a result, annual inflation in the twelve months to September 2000 remained unchanged at 6.2% for the second successive month.



# Consumer Price Index

**Table 1 Food - September 2000**

Description	Nov. 1996 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Beef	1.0124	106.4	1.8	7.3
Mutton/Lamb	0.4869	112.7	0.7	9.3
Pork	0.3829	97.2	0.4	2.4
Bacon	0.8557	106.4	-0.4	8.9
Poultry	0.9482	103.0	1.2	2.0
Cooked meat	0.5328	114.4	1.9	5.1
Sausages	0.2882	112.7	0.2	5.8
Other meat	0.3075	106.5	0.2	3.8
Fresh fish	0.1926	125.5	0.1	9.5
Frozen fish	0.1509	120.1	0.0	5.9
Smoked fish	0.0291	106.4	0.9	6.6
Tinned fish	0.0577	138.3	0.6	7.0
Potatoes	0.6146	171.3	-4.5	4.9
Tomatoes	0.0679	121.8	9.6	9.7
Other fresh vegetables	0.5004	122.7	-3.4	3.6
Dried vegetables	0.0124	127.2	1.7	11.0
Tinned vegetables	0.1986	130.1	1.3	8.3
Frozen vegetables	0.2163	108.8	0.1	-0.2
Bread	1.2377	103.5	-1.1	-0.2
Flour	0.0868	103.7	0.2	1.3
Biscuits	0.5189	122.3	6.3	8.1
Cakes	0.4911	115.8	0.4	5.4
Pasteurised milk	1.7399	98.2	-0.3	-1.6
Other milk products	0.3647	110.7	-1.9	0.6
Cheese	0.3601	108.8	-0.1	4.2
Eggs	0.2354	115.4	0.0	5.8
Butter	0.2705	102.6	-1.2	-0.1
Margarine	0.3033	128.0	0.2	7.6
Other fats & oils	0.0869	122.9	0.2	5.5
Fresh fruit	0.7009	117.8	-3.5	1.1
Tinned fruit	0.0538	109.6	1.1	3.8
Dried fruit & nuts	0.0722	116.1	1.0	4.3
Tea	0.2999	124.6	0.2	6.5
Coffee	0.1358	113.9	-0.2	-2.2
Cocoa	0.0212	124.3	0.2	6.0
Sugar	0.2075	101.7	0.0	0.4
Breakfast cereals	0.4263	149.0	-0.1	12.1
Oatmeal	0.0230	98.2	-0.9	-1.7
Other Cereals	0.1600	109.4	0.3	4.0
Sauces & meat extracts	0.3107	112.3	0.4	4.3
Soups	0.1468	119.8	0.3	5.2
Preserves	0.1320	111.7	0.4	2.6
Sweets & chocolate	0.9008	127.6	0.4	6.7
Custard	0.0101	128.1	0.2	4.1
Desserts & ice cream	0.3728	110.5	0.4	3.8
Baby food	0.0393	131.6	0.2	6.1
Miscellaneous items	0.9014	114.4	0.9	5.1
Soft drink	1.1075	116.3	0.2	6.8
Meals out	4.2776	118.3	0.3	5.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>22.8497</b>	<b>115.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>4.6</b>

**Table 2    Alcoholic Drink - September 2000**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Nov. 1996 base expenditure weight %</b>	<b>Current Index</b>	<b>% change 1 mth</b>	<b>% change 12 mths</b>
Beer	8.6190	115.9	0.1	5.4
Spirits	2.7137	114.2	0.1	4.3
Wine	1.2971	113.5	0.1	3.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>12.6298</b>	<b>115.3</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>4.9</b>

**Table 3    Fuel and Light - September 2000**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Nov. 1996 base expenditure weight %</b>	<b>Current Index</b>	<b>% change 1 mth</b>	<b>% change 12 mths</b>
Firelighters	0.0761	107.9	0.5	5.9
Coal & anthracite	0.8595	114.0	0.0	5.8
Turf & briquettes	0.3661	110.8	0.0	3.6
Bottled gas	0.2881	117.8	1.2	6.7
Piped gas	0.4396	100.0	0.0	0.0
Electricity	2.0252	102.1	0.0	0.0
Fuel oil	0.8491	134.7	9.2	46.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>4.9038</b>	<b>111.3</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>9.1</b>

**Table 4    Housing - September 2000**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Nov. 1996 base expenditure weight %</b>	<b>Current Index</b>	<b>% change 1 mth</b>	<b>% change 12 mths</b>
Rents	1.7518	128.9	0.5	12.2
Local Authority charge	0.2952	32.8	0.0	34.4
Mortgage interest	3.6315	96.9	3.3	31.7
House insurance	0.7311	110.8	0.9	3.6
Repairs & decorations	1.6288	108.2	0.3	3.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>8.0385</b>	<b>105.1</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>16.6</b>

**Table 5 Transport - September 2000**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Nov. 1996 base expenditure weight %</b>	<b>Current Index</b>	<b>% change 1 mth</b>	<b>% change 12 mths</b>
Motor cycles	0.0168	105.5	-0.1	6.0
Motor cars	3.9458	103.2	0.3	0.9
Other vehicles	0.1683	111.4	0.0	4.3
Motor Reg & Tax	0.8345	106.1	0.0	0.0
Motor insurance	2.0077	125.9	1.0	7.6
Motor fuel	4.1761	124.0	-0.2	16.2
Motor oil	0.0460	118.5	0.7	6.6
Spare parts	0.5010	105.6	0.3	0.9
Repairs & maintenance	0.6495	120.2	1.4	7.8
Other vehicle costs	0.0988	126.7	0.4	10.8
Bus fares	0.6097	109.3	0.0	6.4
Rail fares	0.1790	113.2	0.0	3.2
Combined travel	0.1608	108.6	0.0	6.7
Other travel	0.5461	126.2	-1.8	-0.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>13.9402</b>	<b>115.4</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>7.1</b>

**Table 6 Services & Related Expenditure - September 2000**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Nov. 1996 base expenditure weight %</b>	<b>Current Index</b>	<b>% change 1 mth</b>	<b>% change 12 mths</b>
Cinema	0.1774	118.3	1.1	4.9
Dancing	0.4527	114.6	0.4	2.5
Other entertainment	0.9787	121.8	0.0	6.5
Education & training	1.6085	132.2	0.0	11.1
Medical fees	0.9729	128.8	0.0	9.3
Medicine & drugs	0.5922	111.6	0.5	4.2
Hospital charges	0.1883	136.6	0.0	10.6
Other medical expenses	1.3443	130.1	0.0	1.1
Therapeutic equipment	0.0573	112.9	2.5	2.5
Hairdressing	1.0846	136.9	0.3	10.9
Shoe repairs	0.0345	123.2	0.3	6.4
Laundry & dryclean	0.1334	116.4	0.7	7.1
Other services	1.0860	138.5	0.5	9.1
Postage	0.1352	99.3	0.0	0.0
Telephones	1.8388	83.4	-0.5	0.1
Society subscription	0.5223	115.9	0.0	2.7
Union subscription	0.2626	110.0	0.0	4.7
TV rental	0.4392	103.7	0.0	0.0
Licenses	0.3871	101.6	0.0	0.0
Accommodation charges	0.3180	125.2	-0.9	5.8
Package holidays	2.9161	111.7	0.2	3.1
Other expenditure	1.1929	108.9	0.3	3.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>16.7232</b>	<b>117.1</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>5.2</b>

## Commodity Group and All Items Consumer Price Monthly Percentage Changes

	Period	Food	Alcohol and drink	Tobacco	Clothing and footwear	Fuel and light	Housing	Durable house- hold goods	Other goods	Transport	Services and related expendi- ture	All items	Energy products
Mid-November 1996 % Base Expenditure		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Weights		22.850	12.630	4.824	6.131	4.904	8.038	3.579	6.381	13.940	16.723	100.000	9.126
1998	Mid-January	-	+0.2	+0.8	-9.7	+0.5	+0.2	-2.6	-0.1	+0.1	-0.3	-0.6	+0.2
	Mid-February	+0.3	+0.1	-	+5.1	-0.5	-0.1	+2.3	+0.6	-0.1	+0.4	+0.5	-0.4
	Mid-March	+0.6	+0.1	-	+2.1	-0.2	+0.3	+0.7	+0.8	+0.8	+0.1	+0.5	-0.3
	Mid-April	+1.3	+0.1	+1.1	+0.6	-0.3	+0.1	+0.2	+0.6	-	+0.4	+0.5	-0.5
	Mid-May	+1.0	+0.2	+0.1	+0.3	-	+0.7	+0.2	-	+0.1	+0.3	+0.4	-
	Mid-June	+0.8	+1.2	+0.2	-	-0.2	+0.3	-0.1	+0.5	+0.1	+0.2	+0.5	-0.2
	Mid-July	+0.7	+0.8	-	-8.1	-0.3	+0.2	-1.4	-0.5	+0.1	+0.1	-0.3	-0.2
	Mid-August	-0.5	+0.1	-	+3.8	-0.4	+0.8	+1.1	+0.3	+0.2	+0.1	+0.3	-0.2
	Mid-September	-0.4	+0.2	-	+2.2	-0.4	+0.4	+0.4	+0.7	+0.1	+1.2	+0.3	-0.5
	Mid-October	-0.3	+0.1	-	-0.2	+0.5	+0.2	-0.3	-0.1	-0.3	+0.9	+0.1	-0.1
	Mid-November	-0.2	-	+0.1	+0.8	-	-4.1	+0.3	+0.3	-0.1	-0.1	-0.4	-0.1
	Mid-December	+0.8	+0.2	+0.9	-	-0.5	-4.6	-	+0.1	-0.1	-	-0.1	-0.7
1999	Mid-January	+0.4	+0.1	+0.5	-11.7	-0.1	-1.9	-3.3	-0.2	-0.7	+0.5	-0.8	-1.0
	Mid-February	+0.5	-	-	+4.9	+0.3	-0.8	+2.4	+0.2	+0.4	+0.7	+0.6	+0.1
	Mid-March	+0.3	+0.1	+0.1	+2.7	-0.1	-0.1	+0.3	+0.3	+0.3	+0.2	+0.3	-0.2
	Mid-April	+0.5	+0.8	+1.1	+0.2	+1.1	+0.4	-0.1	-0.5	+0.9	+0.1	+0.5	+2.0
	Mid-May	+0.5	+1.5	+0.4	+0.1	+0.6	-1.8	+0.3	+0.4	+0.9	+0.5	+0.5	+1.4
	Mid-June	+0.6	+0.4	-	-	-0.2	-	-	+0.2	+0.4	+0.1	+0.3	+0.1
	Mid-July	-0.3	+0.2	+0.1	-9.7	+1.5	+0.1	-2.0	+0.1	+1.2	+0.2	-0.4	+1.4
	Mid-August	+0.3	+0.1	-	+3.8	+0.1	+0.9	+1.3	+0.5	+0.8	+0.5	+0.6	+1.2
	Mid-September	-0.4	+0.2	-	+2.9	+0.8	-3.2	+0.3	+0.3	+0.9	+1.7	+0.4	+1.7
	Mid-October	-0.1	-	-	-0.2	+1.5	-3.1	-0.3	+0.4	+0.3	+1.0	+0.1	+0.9
	Mid-November	+0.4	+0.2	-	+0.9	-0.2	-0.7	+0.3	+0.1	-	+0.4	+0.2	-
	Mid-December	+0.3	+0.2	+15.2	-0.4	+1.8	+2.3	+0.2	+0.2	+0.6	-	+1.1	+1.6
2000	Mid-January	+0.4	+0.5	+0.1	-12.1	+0.8	+1.2	-3.5	-	+0.9	+0.4	-0.2	+1.3
	Mid-February	+0.3	+0.5	-	+8.0	+0.1	+0.8	+2.9	+0.6	+0.5	+0.7	+0.8	+0.2
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	Mid-May	+1.3	+1.2	+1.4	-	-0.5	+2.2	+0.2	+0.5	-0.5	+0.4	+0.7	-1.1
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	Mid-August	+0.4	-	+0.1	+4.2	+0.8	+1.3	+1.5	+0.2	-0.1	+0.4	+0.5	-0.3
	Mid-September	-	+0.1	-0.1	+2.4	+1.9	+1.6	+0.3	+0.6	+0.1	+0.1	+0.4	+0.8



# Commodity Group and All Items Consumer Price Annual Percentage Changes

Period	Food	Alcohol- olic drink	Tobacco	Clothing and footwear	Fuel and light	Hous- ing	Durable house- hold goods	Other goods	Trans- port	Services and related expendi- ture	All items	Energy products
Mid-November 1996	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
% Base Expenditure												
Weights	22.850	12.630	4.824	6.131	4.904	8.038	3.579	6.381	13.940	16.723	100.000	9.126
<b>1998</b>												
Mid-January	+2.4	+2.8	+5.8	-9.6	+0.9	+2.7	-0.3	+1.7	+2.2	+2.7	+1.8	+1.9
Mid-February	+2.9	+2.7	+3.4	-7.9	+0.3	+2.3	+0.1	+2.2	+1.1	+3.0	+1.7	+0.3
Mid-March	+3.3	+2.9	+3.3	-6.9	+1.2	+2.4	+0.5	+2.8	+1.8	+3.1	+2.1	+0.5
Mid-April	+4.2	+3.0	+4.4	-6.5	+1.3	+2.4	+1.0	+3.2	+1.7	+3.6	+2.5	+0.4
Mid-May	+4.9	+3.2	+4.5	-6.0	+0.9	+0.7	+1.1	+3.0	+1.9	+4.0	+2.7	+0.4
Mid-June	+5.1	+4.3	+4.7	-5.5	+0.5	+0.1	+1.1	+3.6	+1.4	+3.9	+2.9	-0.4
Mid-July	+5.0	+5.1	+4.7	-7.1	+0.6	-	+0.2	+3.0	+1.5	+3.9	+2.7	-0.2
Mid-August	+5.0	+5.1	+4.7	-3.3	-0.4	+3.7	+0.9	+2.7	+1.8	+3.5	+3.2	-0.6
Mid-September	+4.6	+5.3	+4.7	-3.9	-1.1	+3.8	+1.0	+3.5	+1.1	+3.5	+3.0	-2.5
Mid-October	+4.5	+3.8	+4.7	-4.3	-0.6	+3.5	+0.8	+3.1	+1.2	+3.9	+2.9	-2.0
Mid-November	+3.9	+2.9	+4.8	-4.2	-1.3	-1.2	+0.7	+3.0	+1.2	+3.4	+2.1	-2.4
Mid-December	+4.3	+3.2	+3.2	-4.2	-1.8	-5.7	+0.7	+3.1	+0.9	+3.3	+1.7	-3.0
<b>Year</b>	<b>+4.2</b>	<b>+3.7</b>	<b>+4.4</b>	<b>-5.7</b>	<b>+0.1</b>	<b>+1.2</b>	<b>+0.7</b>	<b>+2.9</b>	<b>+1.5</b>	<b>+3.5</b>	<b>+2.4</b>	<b>-0.7</b>
<b>1999</b>												
Mid-January	+4.7	+3.1	+3.0	-6.4	-2.4	-7.6	-	+3.0	+0.1	+4.1	+1.5	-4.2
Mid-February	+4.8	+3.0	+3.0	-6.5	-1.6	-8.3	+0.1	+2.6	+0.6	+4.4	+1.6	-3.7
Mid-March	+4.5	+3.0	+3.1	-6.0	-1.5	-8.7	-0.3	+2.1	+0.1	+4.4	+1.4	-3.6
Mid-April	+3.7	+3.8	+3.1	-6.3	-0.1	-8.4	-0.6	+1.1	+1.0	+4.1	+1.4	-1.2
Mid-May	+3.1	+5.1	+3.3	-6.5	+0.5	-10.7	-0.5	+1.4	+1.8	+4.3	+1.5	+0.2
Mid-June	+2.9	+4.3	+3.1	-6.5	+0.5	-10.9	-0.4	+1.2	+2.0	+4.2	+1.3	+0.5
Mid-July	+1.9	+3.7	+3.2	-8.0	+2.3	-11.0	-1.0	+1.7	+3.2	+4.3	+1.2	+2.1
Mid-August	+2.7	+3.7	+3.2	-8.0	+2.8	-10.9	-0.8	+1.9	+3.8	+4.7	+1.4	+3.5
Mid-September	+2.7	+3.7	+3.2	-7.3	+4.1	-14.1	-0.9	+1.5	+4.7	+5.2	+1.5	+5.8
Mid-October	+2.9	+3.6	+3.2	-7.3	+5.1	-16.9	-0.9	+2.0	+5.3	+5.3	+1.5	+6.8
Mid-November	+3.5	+3.8	+3.1	-7.3	+4.9	-14.0	-0.9	+1.8	+5.4	+5.8	+2.1	+6.9
Mid-December	+2.9	+3.8	+17.7	-7.6	+7.3	-7.8	-0.7	+1.9	+6.1	+5.8	+3.4	+9.4
<b>Year</b>	<b>+3.3</b>	<b>+3.7</b>	<b>+4.4</b>	<b>-7.0</b>	<b>+1.8</b>	<b>-10.8</b>	<b>-0.6</b>	<b>+1.8</b>	<b>+2.8</b>	<b>+4.8</b>	<b>+1.6</b>	<b>+1.9</b>
<b>2000</b>												
Mid-January	+2.9	+4.1	+17.2	-8.0	+8.3	-4.9	-0.9	+2.1	+7.8	+5.8	+4.0	+12.0
Mid-February	+2.7	+4.6	+17.2	-5.3	+8.0	-3.3	-0.4	+2.5	+7.8	+5.8	+4.3	+12.1
Mid-March	+2.6	+5.2	+17.2	-6.0	+9.6	-1.6	-0.1	+3.1	+9.1	+5.8	+4.6	+15.2
Mid-April	+2.4	+5.2	+15.9	-5.7	+8.3	-	-0.1	+4.0	+9.9	+6.5	+4.9	+15.3
Mid-May	+3.2	+5.0	+17.1	-5.8	+7.1	+4.1	-0.2	+4.1	+8.3	+6.4	+5.2	+12.4
Mid-June	+3.1	+5.0	+17.5	-5.8	+8.2	+6.1	+0.2	+4.3	+9.3	+6.7	+5.5	+14.7
Mid-July	+4.1	+5.1	+17.4	-5.4	+7.1	+10.6	+0.5	+4.0	+9.0	+7.0	+6.2	+15.0
Mid-August	+4.3	+5.0	+17.5	-5.1	+7.9	+11.1	+0.7	+3.7	+8.1	+6.9	+6.2	+13.4
Mid-September	+4.6	+4.9	+17.4	-5.6	+9.1	+16.6	+0.7	+4.0	+7.1	+5.2	+6.2	+12.4