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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - January 2009

(Based Period: Average Prices March 2004 = 100)

SUMMARY

The All Items Consumer Price Index for the month of January 2009 registered a decrease of 0.5 percent when compared to the previous month, and an increase of 13.6 percent when compared to the same month of last year. The 0.5 percent decrease in the Overall Index attributed mainly to a decrease of 3.2 percent in the Transport and Communication group index. The Food group index also recorded a decrease of 0.3 percent, while Alcohol and Tobacco group recorded no change from the previous month. On the contrary, Miscellaneous, Housing and Household Operation and Clothing and Footwear group indices recorded increases of 0.6, 0.4 and 0.1 percent respectively.

Decreased prices recorded for fuel (unleaded, diesel) contributed to the 3.2 percent decrease in the Transport and Communication group index.

The 0.3 percent decrease in the Food group is primarily due to lower prices recorded for chicken leg quarter, mutton flaps, brown sugar, flour, taro, banana and coconut.

Miscellaneous group registered an increase of 0.6 percent due to higher prices recorded for school uniform.

Higher prices recorded for electricity (kwh) and kerosene stove is reflected in the 0.4 percent increase in the Housing and Household Operation group index.

The imported component of the Consumer Price Index registered a decrease of 1.9 percent due to lower prices recorded for chicken leg

quarter, mutton flaps, brown sugar, flour and fuel (unleaded, diesel, kerosene). The local component exhibit an increase of 0.7 percent due to higher prices recorded for fresh fish (large, string, piece) and some vegetables namely tomatoes, chinese and head cabbages, electricity (kwh) and school uniform.

The All Items Underlying Index for January 2009 registered a decrease of 0.7 percent when compared to December of 2008, and an increase of 21.1 percent when compared to January of 2008. The 0.7 percent decrease in the Overall Underlying Index is attributed to a decrease of 1.0 percent in the imported component, while local component registered an increase of 0.4 percent.

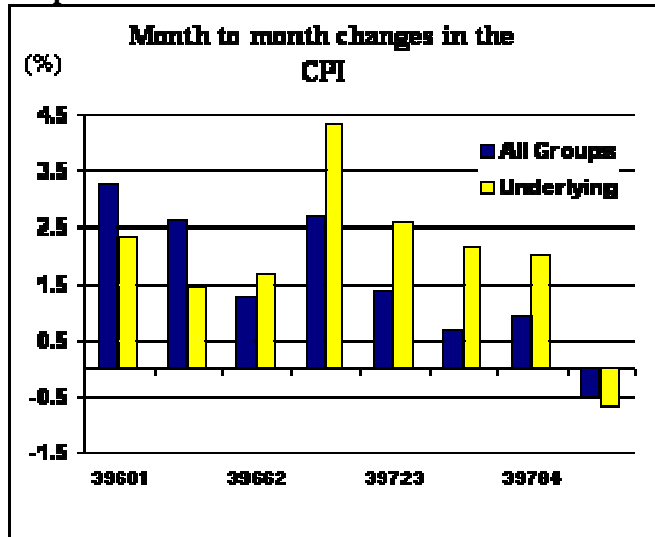
The twelve months ending January 2009 compared to the twelve months ending January 2008 recorded an increase of 12.0 percent.

The attached Tables and Graphs provide the user with more details.

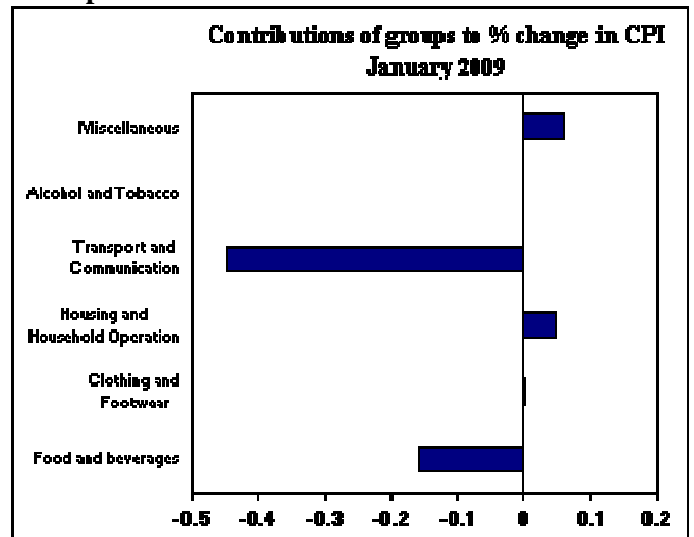


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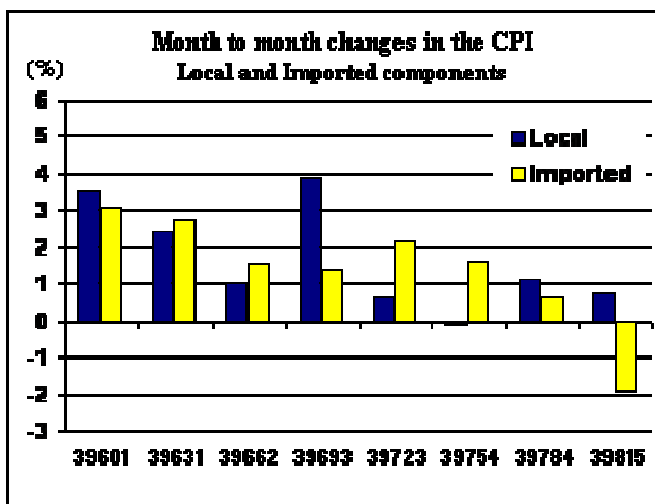
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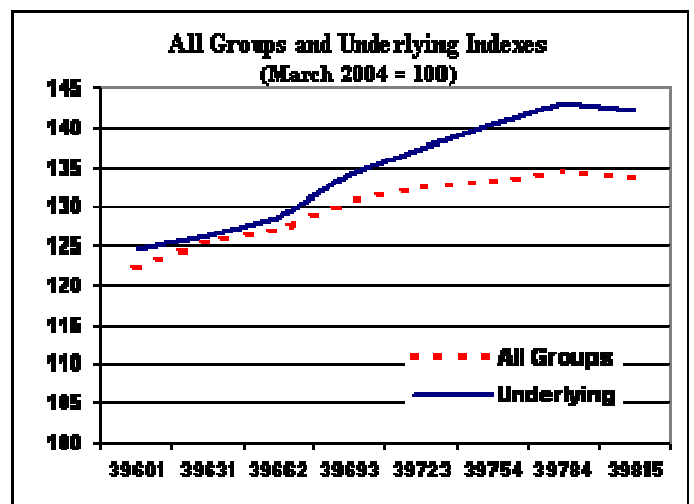
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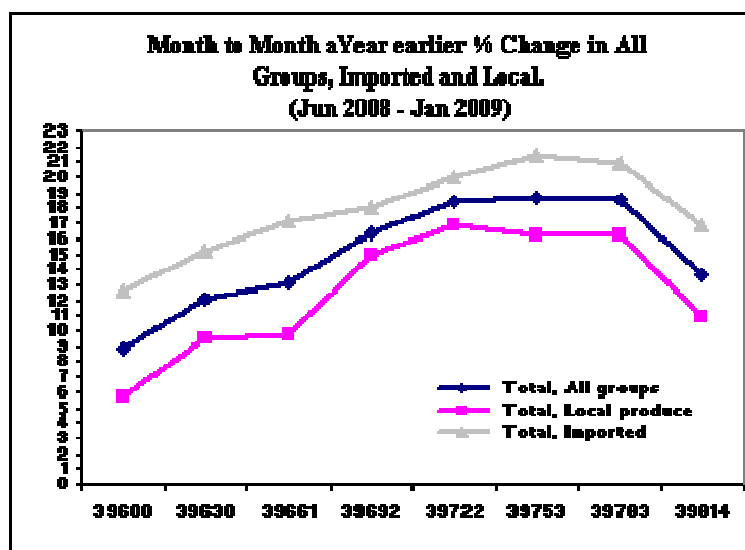


Table 1. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX.

(Base Period : Average Prices March 2004 = 100)

Group	All Items	Food	Clothing and Footwear	Housing and Household Operations	Transport and Communications	Alcohol and Tobacco	Miscellaneous
<i>Weights</i>	1000	503	20	111	144	122	100
2005	101.9	99.9	88.8	107.7	108.1	100.2	101.0
2006	105.7	103.9	85.0	111.0	113.5	104.8	102.8
2007	111.6	111.9	82.3	117.1	109.7	117.4	105.2
2008	124.4	127.7	83.9	128.8	124.3	122.9	113.4
2008							
January	117.7	120.1	82.9	121.0	113.7	119.9	111.5
February	116.6	117.8	82.3	121.6	114.3	119.9	111.5
March	117.0	117.6	82.5	122.0	117.4	119.9	111.5
April	117.9	117.7	82.8	125.4	119.4	121.0	111.5
May	118.4	119.1	82.8	124.9	120.3	119.2	111.6
June	122.3	124.4	83.5	127.6	123.8	120.4	113.8
July	125.5	127.9	83.5	130.9	128.1	124.1	114.1
August	127.1	128.4	83.5	138.5	130.5	124.4	114.7
September	130.5	134.4	84.2	137.7	133.5	125.0	114.7
October	132.3	138.7	83.8	134.6	132.5	125.4	115.3
November	133.2 (b)	140.7 (b)	86.5	133.1	130.4 (b)	127.9	115.3
December	134.4	145.1	88.6	127.9	127.5	127.3	115.5
2009							
January (a)	133.7	144.6	88.7	128.4	123.4	127.3	116.2
<u>Percentage Change (a)</u>							
Jan 2009 over Dec 2008	-0.5	-0.3	0.1	0.4	-3.2	0.0	0.6
Jan 2009 over Jan 2008	13.6	20.4	7.0	6.1	8.5	6.2	4.2

ALL ITEMS UNDERLYING INDEX

Group	All Items	Food	Clothing and Footwear	Housing and Household Operations	Transport and Communications	Alcohol and Tobacco	Miscellaneous
<i>Weights</i>	514	387	20	55	4	n.a.	48
2005	102.9	103.5	88.8	104.1	103.4		102.1
2006	106.3	107.8	85.0	104.3	107.3		105.8
2007	113.6	116.4	82.3	107.5	117.7		110.7
2008	127.7	133.4	83.9	112.8	141.8		116.1
2008							

January	117.5	120.8	82.9	110.3	129.8	112.7
February	118.1	121.4	82.3	111.6	132.0	112.7
March	119.9	123.5	82.5	113.2	132.4	112.7
April	120.5	124.2	82.8	112.9	144.0	112.6
May	121.7	126.4	82.8	109.6	141.8	112.8
June	124.5	129.4	83.5	110.1	145.1	117.5
July	126.3	131.5	83.5	112.1	144.8	118.0
August	128.5	134.2	83.5	112.5	144.8	118.0
September	134.0	141.4	84.2	114.0	145.2	118.0
October	137.5	145.7	83.8	115.2	145.2	119.2
November	140.5	(b) 149.5	(b) 86.5	115.1	(b) 145.2	119.4
December	143.3	152.7	88.6	117.2	150.9	119.6
2009						
January (a)	142.3	151.2	88.7	117.3	150.9	121.2
<u>Percentage Change (a)</u>						
Jan 2009 over Dec 2008	-0.7	-1.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	1.3
Jan 2009 over Jan 2008	21.1	25.2	7.0	6.3	16.3	7.5

(a): Provisional figures

(b): Revised figures

Note: n.a. Not applicable

Table 2. AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED COMMODITIES

Commodities	Unit	2007		2008			2009	
		Nov	Dec	Jan	Nov	Dec	Jan (a)	
1	Flour	1 lb	0.94	0.98	0.96	1.61	1.61	1.48
2	Bread (white)	loaf	1.20	1.20	1.23	1.93	1.94	1.93
3	Rice	1 lb	1.07	1.09	1.08	2.13	2.22	2.20
4	Brown sugar	1 lb	0.87	0.87	0.87	1.07	1.07	1.03
5	Taamu	1 lb	0.92	1.15	1.39	2.04	1.88	1.96
6	Breadfruit	1 lb	0.37	0.53	0.26	0.63	0.23	0.28
7	Potatoes	1 lb	1.34	1.33	1.39	1.60	1.61	1.67
8	Taro	1 lb	1.04	1.02	1.19	1.71	1.48	1.41
9	Yam	1 lb	1.21	1.19	1.93	1.44	1.53	1.48
10	Green Beans	1 lb	1.29	2.58	3.89	2.23	4.58	5.20
11	Chinese Cabbage	1 lb	1.52	2.32	2.32	1.81	2.49	2.82
12	Head Cabbage	1 lb	2.29	3.83	3.90	1.75	4.57	5.05
13	Cucumbers	1 lb	0.87	0.95	1.07	0.80	1.08	1.28
14	Pumpkins	1 lb	0.64	0.61	0.73	1.02	1.04	0.70
15	Water Cress	1 lb	2.34	2.49	3.01	2.41	3.08	2.41
16	Tomatoes	1 lb	2.79	3.06	4.00	1.53	3.22	4.32
17	Bananas	1 lb	0.40	0.45	0.52	0.61	0.56	0.47
18	Coconuts	1 lb	0.19	0.19	0.26	0.25	0.26	0.20
19	String Fish	1 lb	3.46	3.32	4.86	3.43	3.93	4.41
20	Large Fish	1lb	6.39	5.16	8.72	6.26	7.65	8.11
21	Fish (piece)	1lb	5.01	4.30	6.82	4.92	5.79	6.67
22	Canned fish (early dawn tomato sauce)	15 oz	3.04	3.04	2.91	3.85	4.09	4.14
23	Canned fish (early dawn natural oil)	15 oz	2.84	2.84	2.84	3.96	4.15	4.12
24	Mutton Flaps	1 lb	3.38	3.52	3.75	4.00	4.45	4.23
25	Mutton Neck	1 lb	3.45	3.35	3.38	3.46	3.69	3.76
26	Turkey Wings	1 lb	2.59	2.54	2.45	2.88	3.01	3.04
27	Chicken leg quarters	1 lb	2.26	2.20	2.18	2.70	2.77	2.67
28	Bra (Woman)	36A	7.16	7.16	7.16	7.66	7.91	7.91
29	le faitaga	size 38	34.50	34.50	34.50	31.67	35.15	35.15
30	Dressing Material (poplin 45inch)	1yard	3.28	3.23	3.23	3.76	3.48	3.48
31	le Solosolo	2yds	5.35	5.35	5.42	5.68	6.10	6.10
32	Shirt short sleeve (white)	size 16.5	19.39	19.39	19.45	20.30	20.30	20.30
33	Panties	medium	4.32	4.32	4.32	4.78	5.06	5.02
34	School Uniform	each	22.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	24.00

35	Electricity	kwh	0.79	0.79	0.79	0.96	0.87	0.89
36	Bath towel	each	17.90	17.90	17.90	15.90	12.67	12.67
37	Timber 1x2 (rough)	per bd ft	0.96	0.96	0.96	0.87	0.87	0.87
38	Timber 2x4 (rough)	per bd ft	1.82	1.82	2.14	1.73	1.75	1.75
39	PVC pipe (20 ft)	0.5 inch	11.73	12.13	12.13	10.18	10.18	9.98
40	Kerosene stove (2 burners)	each	151.84	151.84	151.84	148.94	148.94	156.14
41	Beer (Vailima)	350 mls	3.70	3.70	3.70	3.83	3.80	3.80
42	Samoaan kava	100 grm	6.58	6.58	6.58	7.88	7.88	7.88
43	Petrol (unleaded)	1 ltr	2.46	2.63	2.72	2.91	2.39	1.97
44	Diesel	1 ltr	2.58	2.72	2.82	3.06	2.64	2.39
45	Kerosene	1 ltr	2.39	2.61	2.72	2.95	2.59	2.49
46	Boat Fares (Mulifanua-Salelologa)	one way	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	12.00	12.00
47	Boat Fares (Apia-Pago)	one way	75.00	75.00	75.00	100.00	120.00	120.00

(a) : Provisional figures

Table 3. IMPORTED GOODS COMPONENT OF THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX**(Base Period : Average Prices March 2004 = 100)**

Group	All Items	Food	Clothing and Footwear	Housing and Household Operations	Transport and Communications	Alcohol and Tobacco	Miscell- aneous
<i>Weights</i>	437	288	20	48	30	17	35
2005	104.5	103.1	88.8	110.8	122.6	98.9	102.9
2006	109.2	107.3	85.0	113.9	140.1	104.8	108.0
2007	116.7	116.7	82.3	115.7	145.2	115.2	114.4
2008	133.3	133.2	83.9	129.5	194.6	119.3	122.0
2008							
January	122.1	121.3	82.9	121.7	164.4	120.2	116.5
February	122.6	121.9	82.3	121.5	167.1	120.2	116.5
March	124.4	122.8	82.5	122.3	182.5	120.2	116.5
April	125.9	123.7	82.8	124.4	192.0	120.2	116.5
May	127.9	126.0	82.8	127.2	196.4	114.4	117.7
June	131.8	129.2	83.5	129.8	207.4	120.1	124.2
July	135.4	131.8	83.5	137.6	221.9	120.1	125.0
August	137.5	134.4	83.5	138.4	226.4	120.1	125.0
September	139.4	139.3	84.2	136.6	210.1	118.6	125.0
October	142.4	144.6	83.8	134.6	204.1	119.0	126.7
November	144.7	(b) 149.5	86.5	131.0	(b) 193.9	119.0	126.8
December	145.6	153.7	88.6	129.3	168.8	119.0	127.1
2009							
January (a)	142.8	151.7	88.7	128.4	148.9	119.0	127.1
September (a)	109.5	106.7	83.9	114.9	152.2	103.7	106.1
<u>Percentage Change (a)</u>							
Jan 2009 over Dec 2008	-1.9	-1.3	0.1	-0.7	-11.8	0.0	0.0
Jan 2009 over Jan 2008	17.0	25.1	7.0	5.5	-9.4	-1.0	9.1
IMPORTED ITEMS UNDERLYING INDEX							
Group	All Items	Food	Clothing and Footwear	Housing and Household Operations	Transport and Communications	Alcohol and Tobacco	Miscell- aneous
<i>Weights</i>	385	288	20	40	2	n.a.	35
2005	102.6	103.1	88.8	105.4	107.0		102.9
2006	105.9	107.3	85.0	104.3	107.8		108.0
2007	113.7	116.7	82.3	106.8	113.1		114.4
2008	127.5	133.2	83.9	112.1	154.4		121.9

2008						
January	117.5	121.3	82.9	107.9	135.4	116.5
February	117.9	121.9	82.3	107.8	139.9	116.5
March	118.8	122.8	82.5	109.9	140.6	116.5
April	119.6	123.7	82.8	109.4	164.6	116.5
May	121.4	126.0	82.8	109.6	160.1	117.7
June	124.5	129.2	83.5	110.1	159.1	124.2
July	126.8	131.8	83.5	112.9	158.4	125.0
August	128.7	134.4	83.5	112.9	158.4	125.0
September	132.7	139.3	84.2	114.8	159.1	125.0
October	136.9	144.6	83.8	115.9	159.1	126.7
November	140.6	149.5	86.5	115.7	(b) 159.1	126.8
December	144.2	153.7	88.6	118.5	159.1	127.1
2009						
January (a)	142.7	151.7	88.7	118.8	159.1	127.1
<u>Percentage Change (a)</u>						
Jan 2009 over Dec 2008	-1.0	-1.3	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.0
Jan 2009 over Jan 2008	21.4	25.1	7.0	10.1	17.5	9.1

(a): Provisional figures

(b): Revised figures

Note: n.a. Not applicable

Table 4. LOCAL GOODS COMPONENT OF THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

(Base Period : Average Prices March 2004 = 100)

Group	All Items	Food	Housing and Household Operations	Transport and Communications	Alcohol and Tobacco	Miscellaneous
<i>Weights</i>	563	215	64	114	105	65
2005	99.9	95.7	105.4	104.3	100.4	100.0
2006	103.0	99.4	108.9	106.5	104.8	100.0
2007	107.6	105.5	118.1	100.4	117.8	100.3
2008	117.5	120.3	128.2	105.8	123.5	108.8
2008						
January	114.2	118.6	120.5	100.3	119.9	108.8
February	112.0	112.3	121.7	100.5	119.9	108.8
March	111.4	110.8	121.8	100.3	119.9	108.8
April	111.7	109.7	126.2	100.3	121.2	108.8
May	111.1	109.9	123.2	100.3	119.9	108.3
June	115.0	118.1	126.0	101.9	120.4	108.3
July	117.8	122.6	125.9	103.4	124.7	108.3
August	119.0	120.5	138.5	105.3	125.1	109.2
September	123.6	127.8	138.6	113.3	126.1	109.2
October	124.4	130.8	134.6	113.6	126.4	109.2
November	124.3	(b) 128.9	(b) 134.6	113.6	129.3	109.2
December	125.7	133.6	126.8	116.7	128.6	109.2
2009						
January (a)	126.6	135.3	128.5	116.7	128.6	110.4
<u>Percentage Change (a)</u>						
Jan 2009 over Dec 2008	0.7	1.3	1.3	0.0	0.0	1.1
Jan 2009 over Jan 2008	10.9	14.1	6.6	16.4	7.3	1.5
LOCAL ITEMS UNDERLYING INDEX						
Group	All Items	Food	Housing and Household Operations	Transport and Communications	Alcohol and Tobacco	Miscellaneous
<i>Weights</i>	129	99	15	2	<i>n.a.</i>	13
2005	103.7	104.7	100.8	100.0		100.0
2006	107.7	109.3	104.3	106.8		100.0
2007	113.5	115.5	109.6	122.0		101.3

2008	128.3	134.0	109.6	122.0	101.3
2008					
January	117.5	119.5	116.7	124.5	102.7
February	118.6	120.1	121.8	124.5	102.7
March	123.0	125.8	122.1	124.5	102.7
April	122.9	125.7	122.3	124.5	102.7
May	122.5	127.5	109.5	124.5	100.0
June	124.6	130.0	110.1	131.9	100.0
July	125.0	130.5	109.9	131.9	100.0
August	127.7	133.8	111.6	131.9	100.0
September	138.1	147.4	111.8	131.9	100.0
October	139.3	148.7	113.4	131.9	100.0
November	140.0 (b)	149.5 (b)	113.5	131.9	100.0
December	140.6	150.1	113.8	143.1	100.0
2009					
January (a)	141.1	150.0	113.5	143.1	105.8
<u>Percentage Change (a)</u>					
Jan 2009 over Dec 2008	0.4	-0.1	-0.3	0.0	5.8
Jan 2009 over Jan 2008	20.1	25.5	-2.7	14.9	3.0

(a): Provisional figures

(b): Revised figures

Note: n.a. Not applicable