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A: Identification

Title of the CPI: National Consumer Price Index

Organisation responsible: Institut Haïtien de Statistique et d'Informatique

Periodicity: Monthly

Index reference period: August 2004 = 100

Weights reference period: 2000 Household Budget Survey.

Main uses of CPI: Indexation of wages, pensions and/or social security payment, indexation of rents, contracts and/or other payments, main inflation indicator used for monetary policy and computation of purchasing power of households.

B: CPI Coverage

Geographical Coverage

Weights: Nation-wide

Price collection: Nation-wide

Population coverage: Resident households of nationals.

Consumption expenditure excludes:

- Purchase of owner-occupied housing;
- Second hand goods purchased

C: Concepts, definitions, classifications and weights

Definition of the CPI and its objectives: CPI is a measuring instrument that provides an estimate of the overall evolution of prices of goods and services in consumer spending.

Classification: COICOP (Classification of Individual Consumption by Purpose)

Sources of weights: Household expenditure surveys.

Frequency of weight updates: Above 5 years

D: Sample design

E: Data Collection

Approximate number of localities, outlets and price observations: Localities: 36, Price observations: 22,302

Frequency with which prices are collected: Prices used to calculate the CPI are collected on a monthly basis. Food, beverages and tobacco prices are collected on a weekly basis. Rent quotations on housing are collected quarterly.

Methods of Price Collection

- Personal data collection

Treatment of seasonal items and seasonality

Treatment of housing

F: Computation

Formula used for calculation of elementary indices: The arithmetic average of the price ratios (Carli index) (Direct form)

Formula to aggregate elementary indices to higher level indices: Elementary indexes are aggregated into subgroup and group indexes using Laspeyre's formula.

Software used for calculating the CPI: A computer application called CALIPC was developed by the staff of the Office of Price to facilitate the calculation of average retail prices and the CPI

G: Editing and validation procedures

H: Documentation and dissemination

Timeliness of dissemination of the CPI data: CPI is published monthly 20 days after the reference month.

Level of detailed CPI published

Paper publication: All items CPI, Division-level (12 Divisions)

Online: All items CPI, Division-level (12 Divisions)

Documentation

Publications and websites where indices can be found: Monthly CPI Bulletin; "Bulletin des indicateurs conjoncturels" [Bulletin of Short-Term Indicators]; Internet website: www.ihsi.ht.

Publications and websites where methodological information can be found: Publications on the CPI's calculation methodology are produced and disseminated for each generation of indices on the www.ihsi.ht.

I: Other Information

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