

3.1 LOCATION COMPARISON

Perth, as the largest population centre in Western Australia, was used as the base for the Location Comparison index. Therefore Perth prices were used to calculate the base index number 100, and all other location-based prices were calculated as either higher (eg 102) or lower (eg 97) than the base price. The prices used for Perth are gathered from six suburbs in the Metropolitan area. These are:

Girrawheen	Mirrabooka	Midland
Spearwood	Bullcreek	Booragoon

The selection of the suburbs was designed to exclude the very high and low-income suburbs that are not similarly represented in non-metropolitan Western Australia.

The representative Perth price was calculated from the average (geometric mean) of the prices collected from each of the suburbs (6 prices in total per item).

3.2 ANNUAL COMPARISON

TABLE 1: PERTH METROPOLITAN REGION - ANNUAL COMPARISON SUMMARY

% Change, November/December 2000

Perth Metropolitan Region		
Group, sub-group	2000	1999
Food	+5.5	+3.4
Dairy Products	+5.8	+1.7
Cereal	+2.1	+3.5
Soft Drinks, Ice Cream, Confectionery	+2.2	+5.4
Other Foods	+0.2	+2.3
Meat and Seafoods	+3.9	+1.9
Fresh Fruit and Vegetables	+6.2	-4.8
Processed fruit and vegetables	+2.9	+0.5
Meals out and takeaway food	+12.5	+7.5
Clothing	+3.3	-1.6
Men's and boy's clothing	-7.0	+2.9
Women's and girls clothing	+10.7	-4.3
Fabrics and knitting wool	-11.3	+0.6
Housing	+5.3	+2.3
Rents	+11.9	+2.4
Home ownership	+3.4	+2.3
Household Equipment and Operation	+6.3	+0.9
Fuel and light	+12.6	+0.8
Furniture	+14.3	+0.2
Appliances	-2.7	+1.3
Household Utensils and tools	+20.4	+3.9
Household supplies and services	+0.0	+1.8
Transportation	+9.8	+7.3
Private motoring	+9.8	+7.3
Tobacco and Alcohol	+6.1	+3.6
Cigarettes and Tobacco	+15.0	+8.2
Alcoholic Drinks	+1.2	+1.0
Health and Personal Care	+5.0	+8.2
Health services	+4.9	-15.7
Personal care products	+3.9	+1.2
Hairdressing Services	+8.7	+3.7
Recreation and Education	+2.9	+0.7
Books, newspapers and magazines	+11.0	+6.3
Recreation goods	-18.5	-0.9
Recreation services	+13.5	+0.0
Education fees	+6.2	+0.2
All GROUPS	+6.0	+2.0