



PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN HOUSE BUILDING SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES AUGUST 1981

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MAIN FEATURES

	Change between—	
	July 81 and August 81	August 80 and August 81
All groups index		
	%	%
Sydney	+0.5	+8.2
Melbourne	+0.4	+7.6
Brisbane	+0.5	+11.5
Adelaide	+0.4	+9.1
Perth	+0.3	+8.6
Hobart	+0.2	+8.2
Weighted average of six State capital cities	+0.4	+8.6

Main price changes between July 1981 and August 1981:

Prices of timber windows increased in Sydney, Melbourne and Perth.
Electric cable increased in all cities.
Paint prices increased in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

This publication contains index numbers of the Price Index of Materials Used in House Building. A detailed description of the index is contained in *Labour Report No. 58, 1973* (Ref. No. 6.7) (pp. 57-69). A Price Index of Materials Used in Building Other than House Building is published in a separate publication (6407.0). *Index numbers for the current month and the previous month are preliminary and subject to revision.*

Scope and composition

2. The index measures changes in prices of selected materials used in the construction of houses. Its composition is in accordance with the usage of materials in actual houses which were selected as representative for the purpose. The index does not purport to represent buildings of any kind other than houses. The house building construction types included are those which use brick, brick veneer, timber or asbestos cement sheeting as the principal material for the outer walls.

Items and weights

3. The index is a fixed weights index. The items and weights were derived from reported values of each material used in selected representative houses constructed in or about 1968-69 in each State capital city. Each State capital city has an individual weighting pattern which reflects the difference in the estimated relative importance of given items as between cities. In all cases the selection of materials was based on local usage. The weighting pattern for each capital city is applied to local price measures in calculating indexes for that city. The weights for groups of items are shown in Table 2. Further details concerning the weighting pattern are contained in *Labour Report No. 58, 1973* (Ref. No. 6.7). The reference base of the index is the year 1966-67 = 100.0.

Prices

4. Price series used relate to specified standards of each commodity with the aim of incorporating in the index price changes for representative materials of constant quality.

5. In general the point of pricing is *delivered on site*, but in some cases it has been necessary to use the nearest realistic price available, e.g. that for *supplied and fixed*. The price series are obtained in all State capital cities from representative suppliers of materials used in house building. In the main they are collected as at the midpoint of the month to which the index refers, or as near thereto as practicable.

6. As far as possible, actual transaction prices are used in the index as distinct from *list* prices. Thus measures of special or other discounts are sought where these are believed to be significant. To the extent that they can be determined, significant changes in special discounts are incorporated in the index but this may sometimes be on a partly estimated basis and may sometimes necessitate revisions.

Index numbers

7. The index has been compiled for each month from July 1966 and for the financial years from 1966-67. Index numbers for the financial years are simple averages of the relevant monthly index numbers. Index numbers for each State capital city and for the weighted average of the six capitals are given for *all groups combined* in Table 1 and for *each group of items* in Table 2. The separate city

indexes measure price movements within each capital city individually. They enable comparisons to be drawn between capitals as to differences in degree of price movement from period to period, but not as to differences in price level.

Percentage changes

8. Tables 1 and 3 show price movements expressed in terms of percentage changes. The following example illustrates the method of calculating percentage changes, with reference to Table 1.

Weighted average of six State capital cities—

Index number as at July 1981	361.5
Index number as at June 1981	357.0

$$\text{Percentage change} = \frac{361.5 - 357.0}{357.0} \times 100 = +1.3\%$$

Interpretation

9. In interpreting movements in the index, particularly those from month to month, it should be noted that changes frequently occur in an uneven fashion, both over time and between separate capital cities at the same points of time. Changes in index numbers for individual months should not be interpreted in isolation and without reference to changes over longer periods.

Related publications

10. Users may also wish to refer to the following price index publications which are available on request:

Price Index of Materials Used in Building Other than House Building, Six State Capital Cities (6407.0)—issued monthly

Price Index of Materials Used in Manufacturing Industry, Australia (6411.0)—issued monthly

Price Indexes of Articles Produced by Manufacturing Industry, Australia (6412.0)—issued monthly

Price Indexes of Metallic Materials, Australia (6410.0)—issued monthly

11. Other ABS publications which may be of interest include:

Wage Rates Indexes, Australia (Preliminary) (6311.0)—issued monthly

Wage Rates, Australia (6312.0)—issued monthly

Average Weekly Earnings, Australia (6302.0)—issued quarterly

12. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications, Australia (1101.0)* which is available free of charge from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

- p preliminary—figures subject to revision
- r figures revised since previous issue
- nil or rounded to zero

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TABLE 1. PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN HOUSE BUILDING—ALL GROUPS

	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Weighted average of six State capital cities
INDEX NUMBERS							
(Base of each index: Year 1966-67 = 100.0)							
1978-79	272.7	251.4	281.3	292.1	268.2	273.6	268.1
1979-80	309.5	283.4	315.0	338.5	299.4	304.2	302.9
1980-81	347.6	324.7	363.7	386.1	337.6	338.2	344.0
1980-81—							
July	333.5	313.2	344.4	367.9	324.7	325.9	329.9
August	337.3	316.9	350.1	374.7	329.7	328.2	334.4
September	341.7	318.4	353.4	376.1	332.9	329.7	337.2
October	343.1	319.4	356.3	376.9	333.4	330.6	338.5
November	343.6	319.7	357.8	383.4	334.1	332.3	339.6
December	344.0	321.3	358.7	384.1	335.3	334.3	340.6
January	346.8	324.3	360.8	385.9	336.1	337.3	343.0
February	351.0	327.6	372.7	391.8	341.3	339.2	348.1
March	353.8	331.3	374.8	395.1	344.1	347.6	351.2
April	356.7	332.9	376.1	395.4	344.5	348.6	352.9
May	358.6	335.2	377.9	400.0	346.1	351.3	355.1
June	361.0	336.2	380.8	401.3	348.5	353.0	357.0
1981-82—							
July p	363.1	339.8	388.1	407.1	356.9	354.5	361.5
August p	365.0	341.1	390.2	408.8	358.0	355.2	363.1
PERCENTAGE CHANGES							
Change from previous year—							
1978-79	+7.4	+5.4	+6.1	+7.9	+5.8	+6.6	+6.4
1979-80	+13.5	+12.7	+12.0	+15.9	+11.6	+11.2	+13.0
1980-81	+12.3	+14.6	+15.5	+14.1	+12.8	+11.2	+13.6
Change from corresponding month of previous year—							
1980-81—							
July	+15.1	+18.4	+16.3	+15.6	+16.0	+12.7	+16.3
August	+14.6	+18.3	+16.9	+16.7	+15.2	+13.0	+16.3
September	+14.8	+17.8	+17.0	+15.4	+15.4	+12.1	+16.0
October	+13.9	+17.1	+16.6	+14.7	+14.7	+11.7	+15.4
November	+13.8	+16.3	+16.5	+16.2	+14.5	+11.0	+15.1
December	+13.0	+16.0	+16.3	+14.8	+14.0	+11.0	+14.5
January	+12.4	+14.8	+16.0	+13.4	+13.4	+11.1	+13.7
February	+11.7	+13.2	+15.8	+13.9	+11.2	+10.5	+12.7
March	+10.3	+12.2	+14.1	+13.0	+11.1	+11.7	+11.7
April	+10.0	+11.9	+14.1	+12.3	+9.9	+10.4	+11.3
May	+9.8	+11.3	+14.1	+12.5	+9.5	+10.3	+11.0
June	+9.4	+9.3	+12.1	+10.9	+9.1	+9.2	+9.8
1981-82—							
July p	+8.9	+8.5	+12.7	+10.7	+9.9	+8.8	+9.6
August p	+8.2	+7.6	+11.5	+9.1	+8.6	+8.2	+8.6
Change from previous month—							
1980-81—							
July	+1.1	+1.8	+1.4	+1.7	+1.6	+0.8	+1.4
August	+1.1	+1.2	+1.7	+1.8	+1.5	+0.7	+1.4
September	+1.3	+0.5	+0.9	+0.4	+1.0	+0.5	+0.8
October	+0.4	+0.3	+0.8	+0.2	+0.2	+0.3	+0.4
November	+0.2	+0.1	+0.4	+1.7	+0.2	+0.5	+0.3
December	+0.1	+0.5	+0.3	+0.2	+0.4	+0.6	+0.3
January	+0.8	+0.9	+0.6	+0.5	+0.2	+0.9	+0.7
February	+1.2	+1.0	+3.3	+1.5	+1.5	+0.6	+1.5
March	+0.8	+1.1	+0.6	+0.8	+0.8	+2.5	+0.9
April	+0.8	+0.5	+0.3	+0.1	+0.1	+0.3	+0.5
May	+0.5	+0.7	+0.5	+1.2	+0.5	+0.8	+0.6
June	+0.7	+0.3	+0.8	+0.3	+0.7	+0.5	+0.5
1981-82—							
July p	+0.6	+1.1	+1.9	+1.4	+2.4	+0.4	+1.3
August p	+0.5	+0.4	+0.5	+0.4	+0.3	+0.2	+0.4

TABLE 2. PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN HOUSE BUILDING—GROUP INDEX NUMBERS
(Base of each index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0)

	Concrete mix, cement and sand	Cement products	Clay bricks, tiles, etc.	Timber, board and joinery	Steel products	Other metal products	Plumbing fixtures, etc.	Electrical installation materials	Installed appliances	Plaster and plaster products	Miscellaneous materials	All groups
SYDNEY												
Value weight (a)	5.24%	7.09%	14.34%	38.23%	4.89%	7.25%	3.95%	1.53%	4.43%	5.57%	7.48%	100.00%
1978-79	284.9	287.3	256.3	296.9	309.1	244.0	247.6	245.4	224.7	211.4	255.6	272.7
1979-80	317.1	322.8	285.9	344.0	345.8	286.1	278.3	289.0	232.9	230.9	281.8	309.5
1980-81—	367.6	370.5	317.2	385.9	393.6	314.9	315.6	323.1	253.7	251.7	325.0	347.6
July	344.5	345.8	301.2	374.8	377.1	307.1	298.1	307.6	243.5	238.1	311.3	333.5
August	352.9	347.9	303.2	378.6	378.6	309.4	304.1	315.6	244.7	246.5	315.5	337.3
September	359.0	362.7	307.8	381.5	386.6	310.7	308.4	322.0	247.1	250.0	318.4	341.7
October	359.6	364.2	311.1	383.0	387.6	311.0	308.4	322.5	247.6	250.0	319.2	343.1
November	361.3	364.2	314.1	382.4	389.7	311.1	308.4	323.4	247.6	250.0	320.3	343.6
December	363.4	365.0	314.1	382.8	390.2	310.2	308.4	324.4	247.6	250.1	322.5	344.0
January	370.2	374.2	316.7	384.9	394.2	309.3	313.4	322.8	249.9	250.1	324.8	346.8
February	372.1	375.0	321.9	387.6	398.1	315.0	325.6	327.0	260.1	255.2	329.4	351.0
March	378.5	375.0	327.0	389.6	401.0	319.3	326.0	326.5	263.7	257.5	333.0	353.8
April	381.6	387.9	328.7	391.7	403.1	325.5	327.5	328.1	263.7	257.5	334.5	356.7
May	382.1	391.4	328.7	395.7	405.7	324.0	329.3	327.3	263.7	257.5	335.4	358.6
June	386.4	392.7	331.9	398.3	411.8	326.6	329.3	328.0	265.3	257.5	335.5	361.0
1981-82—												
July p	397.8	396.1	332.6	398.8	417.8	326.6	336.0	326.7	268.8	263.5	335.7	363.1
August p	406.0	396.1	333.5	399.9	419.6	330.4	341.0	333.7	270.0	265.6	337.2	365.0
MELBOURNE												
Value weight (a)	4.63%	8.55%	10.48%	37.78%	5.58%	6.47%	3.34%	1.66%	6.87%	7.19%	7.45%	100.00%
1978-79	244.8	325.9	219.4	255.8	316.2	242.6	228.4	238.1	203.8	199.5	230.7	251.4
1979-80	292.9	357.8	266.9	291.9	347.9	285.1	261.1	281.2	220.7	217.3	255.0	283.4
1980-81—	325.6	410.8	312.2	337.1	399.4	321.3	304.0	313.6	246.1	236.4	296.1	324.7
July	317.7	392.6	294.2	328.7	384.3	312.0	284.9	298.6	241.0	227.1	281.6	313.2
August	320.2	395.2	298.0	330.4	392.5	316.5	295.8	305.3	244.7	234.7	287.1	316.9
September	320.4	396.3	301.5	332.0	395.3	315.5	296.8	312.0	240.6	234.7	290.5	318.4
October	320.5	396.3	301.5	333.9	396.0	317.1	297.1	308.2	242.2	234.8	292.4	319.4
November	316.4	396.3	301.5	334.1	396.4	317.1	297.9	315.0	242.3	235.3	294.4	319.7
December	316.4	399.1	311.5	334.5	396.5	316.4	298.3	313.1	245.3	235.3	294.5	321.3
January	324.1	422.5	311.5	334.8	398.5	316.1	303.4	310.7	247.2	235.4	297.2	324.3
February	334.0	424.0	313.2	337.6	402.3	323.9	313.2	315.8	249.6	237.1	298.4	327.6
March	333.0	424.0	321.5	343.0	403.3	327.6	313.2	319.1	249.7	240.1	301.3	331.3
April	334.9	424.3	322.4	345.1	406.6	330.4	315.2	321.2	250.3	240.1	303.0	332.9
May	334.9	427.6	334.6	345.7	409.2	330.0	316.2	319.7	251.6	240.3	306.4	335.2
June	334.9	431.8	334.6	345.7	412.1	332.7	316.4	325.0	253.0	242.1	306.8	336.2
1981-82—												
July p	344.4	451.6	336.9	345.7	417.9	332.9	323.0	324.5	257.6	245.1	308.2	339.8
August p	341.8	452.6	337.2	346.6	421.9	333.7	329.9	337.2	257.9	245.5	310.9	341.1

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TABLE 2. PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN HOUSE BUILDING—GROUP INDEX NUMBERS—continued
(Base of each index: Year 1966-67 = 100.0)

	Concrete mix, cement and sand	Cement products	Clay bricks, tiles, etc.	Timber, board and joinery	Steel products	Other metal products	Plumbing fixtures, etc.	Electrical installation materials	Installed appliances	Plaster and plaster products	Miscellaneous materials	All groups
BRISBANE												
Value weight (a)	5.04%	10.44%	9.35%	35.29%	8.03%	8.17%	3.50%	1.81%	4.26%	5.09%	9.02%	100.00%
1978-79	252.6	288.7	261.8	340.5	299.7	250.1	236.7	245.7	164.2	199.3	214.7	281.3
1979-80	291.6	319.8	299.9	378.0	329.6	287.1	270.2	287.8	181.6	217.1	245.6	315.0
1980-81	329.9	362.8	346.1	443.2	377.7	327.9	311.8	325.2	211.1	236.1	282.4	363.7
1980-81—												
July	308.5	338.2	319.8	422.1	360.4	315.4	290.2	307.7	198.4	224.8	269.4	344.4
August	315.1	350.3	326.9	426.7	366.4	314.6	299.8	312.0	202.5	231.8	275.4	350.1
September	321.5	352.6	325.0	431.3	372.1	316.5	305.2	323.5	204.2	235.1	276.0	353.4
October	336.8	353.0	331.6	432.7	375.0	324.7	307.8	323.6	204.2	235.1	276.1	356.3
November	326.9	356.3	336.7	435.0	374.7	325.4	308.3	308.3	206.7	235.1	277.8	357.8
December	335.2	356.6	339.3	435.6	375.5	323.4	306.9	327.7	206.7	235.1	278.5	358.7
January	338.5	365.2	344.0	435.9	378.4	323.7	308.2	325.6	207.5	235.2	280.8	360.8
February	337.7	371.8	360.8	459.0	380.5	327.3	317.7	326.1	214.9	237.4	283.5	372.7
March	332.4	371.9	363.1	459.0	382.6	339.1	320.8	327.5	219.7	240.0	290.0	374.8
April	332.6	373.8	363.1	459.9	386.3	341.3	324.7	329.2	221.6	240.2	290.2	376.1
May	336.2	379.4	365.2	460.2	388.7	342.0	325.5	335.8	221.9	240.2	293.3	377.9
June	337.3	384.8	377.2	460.8	392.1	341.3	326.1	339.2	225.1	242.7	298.1	380.8
1981-82—												
July p	346.7	386.4	377.9	476.1	399.0	342.1	329.7	338.2	225.1	251.7	298.4	388.1
August p	347.9	393.4	377.9	476.7	405.4	341.9	337.9	344.7	225.1	251.7	300.4	390.2
ADELAIDE												
Value weight (a)	8.13%	6.98%	14.85%	35.52%	6.67%	7.24%	3.42%	1.37%	4.20%	4.19%	7.43%	100.00%
1978-79	262.2	323.9	276.5	339.5	301.8	229.0	246.2	226.1	218.0	220.3	267.3	292.1
1979-80	321.4	361.2	323.3	398.1	339.6	263.3	288.1	261.0	244.2	243.1	243.1	338.5
1980-81	382.4	416.3	387.6	444.4	396.1	285.4	329.2	292.4	267.4	266.8	346.6	386.1
1980-81—												
July	356.0	383.1	354.2	432.3	380.2	283.0	309.5	279.4	262.0	251.6	325.9	367.9
August	376.2	404.8	357.9	436.1	382.8	284.1	322.0	288.7	262.2	264.2	332.2	374.7
September	373.3	407.4	364.5	435.7	380.3	281.7	322.2	288.4	262.7	264.2	336.3	376.1
October	370.5	407.4	364.5	437.3	392.1	281.9	323.6	290.8	264.1	264.2	338.4	376.9
November	373.1	407.4	395.6	441.4	392.4	281.9	323.7	291.2	264.4	264.2	340.7	383.4
December	373.5	407.4	395.6	443.1	392.9	281.7	323.7	294.5	264.4	264.2	340.9	384.1
January	382.9	411.8	395.6	443.9	396.2	280.4	327.4	294.8	264.4	264.2	343.0	385.9
February	383.8	430.8	395.7	449.3	401.8	283.0	339.7	292.3	268.8	268.3	359.2	391.8
March	397.7	430.8	395.7	452.6	402.6	290.8	339.6	293.8	268.8	274.0	362.0	395.1
April	398.4	432.5	397.2	453.1	404.1	292.2	339.6	296.7	274.2	274.0	352.1	395.4
May	401.4	435.5	417.1	453.5	405.4	291.9	339.6	297.7	274.2	274.0	364.4	400.0
June	401.4	436.9	417.8	454.5	412.0	292.1	339.6	304.8	278.8	274.0	364.5	401.3
1981-82—												
July p	422.5	462.1	417.8	455.9	421.6	299.1	348.8	306.3	278.8	280.8	365.4	407.1
August p	423.5	462.1	417.8	459.4	423.1	300.8	348.8	314.5	280.1	280.9	365.4	408.8

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TABLE 2. PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN HOUSE BUILDING—GROUP INDEX NUMBERS—continued
(Base of each index: Year 1966-67 = 100.0)

	Concrete mix, cement and sand	Cement products	Clay bricks, tiles, etc.	Timber, board and joinery	Steel products	Other metal products	Plumbing fixtures, etc.	Electrical installation materials	Installed appliances	Plaster and plaster products	Miscellaneous materials	All groups
PERTH												
Value weight (a)	7.94%	8.14%	16.44%	29.60%	6.07%	7.69%	4.59%	1.76%	4.12%	4.01%	9.64%	100.00%
1978-79	229.5	296.1	289.8	284.4	303.0	224.6	262.8	236.9	184.6	194.1	277.9	268.2
1979-80	250.9	324.1	324.8	311.9	334.9	273.9	301.7	277.2	198.8	210.0	318.4	299.4
1980-81	283.0	358.1	361.5	355.1	374.3	308.0	346.6	311.9	216.0	247.1	360.8	337.6
1980-81—												
July	273.7	335.4	346.7	346.4	363.6	296.5	325.8	298.2	213.4	223.8	345.2	324.7
August	266.8	347.9	346.9	350.8	364.9	307.7	315.3	309.0	214.5	248.4	351.1	329.7
September	271.6	353.9	356.6	350.3	367.3	308.2	341.2	309.1	216.1	248.4	355.5	332.9
October	274.0	354.1	358.0	350.3	368.1	308.1	341.9	310.3	213.0	248.4	356.6	333.4
November	276.3	354.1	358.0	350.3	370.6	308.2	343.5	314.7	213.9	248.4	358.0	334.1
December	289.9	354.1	358.0	350.8	371.2	306.7	343.5	311.8	214.3	248.4	358.1	335.3
January	291.9	357.2	358.4	350.8	375.1	306.3	346.8	309.9	214.5	248.6	359.1	336.1
February	289.5	358.4	369.5	359.7	378.2	305.9	353.5	313.9	216.4	248.9	361.5	341.3
March	289.1	368.7	371.5	362.8	379.9	307.8	355.9	312.8	216.7	248.9	365.2	344.1
April	287.2	368.7	371.5	362.8	380.7	310.8	355.9	313.9	216.7	248.9	368.2	344.5
May	287.0	370.9	371.5	363.4	383.4	313.4	357.8	313.6	220.8	251.8	372.1	346.1
June	298.6	373.2	371.5	363.3	388.3	315.9	357.8	325.8	221.3	251.8	378.6	348.5
1981-82—												
July p	298.7	373.5	389.1	378.1	398.2	316.8	359.7	326.8	221.3	251.9	382.9	356.9
August p	298.8	373.8	389.1	379.3	398.6	318.8	365.3	331.9	221.3	251.9	384.3	358.0
HOBART												
Value weight (a)	7.23%	7.01%	10.14%	38.15%	7.49%	7.93%	2.74%	1.61%	6.98%	4.99%	5.71%	100.00%
1978-79	227.3	278.6	326.6	300.7	297.9	231.9	258.5	161.6	229.6	273.5	273.6	273.6
1979-80	246.9	309.5	354.2	337.1	329.1	271.4	293.5	169.5	244.7	307.0	304.2	304.2
1980-81	266.0	343.5	376.2	377.8	380.6	304.0	337.0	296.8	181.2	265.3	350.4	338.2
1980-81—												
July	264.0	331.7	368.2	364.1	357.1	294.9	317.6	283.2	175.8	252.9	332.8	325.9
August	261.7	334.5	368.6	365.0	370.0	294.6	328.0	288.6	176.2	261.8	334.6	328.2
September	261.9	336.7	368.6	364.9	374.4	298.9	329.6	295.0	179.3	261.8	339.7	329.7
October	261.9	336.8	368.6	366.0	376.7	299.7	329.6	296.6	180.2	261.8	342.1	330.6
November	261.9	339.3	368.6	369.7	377.3	300.7	329.6	297.3	179.5	261.8	343.2	332.3
December	262.6	339.3	368.6	374.1	377.7	300.7	329.6	299.1	179.4	261.8	346.4	334.3
January	264.1	340.4	368.6	380.3	381.1	301.0	332.5	294.9	180.1	261.8	348.6	337.3
February	265.7	342.1	372.8	380.3	384.1	301.5	345.7	308.8	183.3	263.5	352.6	339.2
March	270.9	343.2	388.0	391.3	387.9	308.2	348.8	299.4	184.5	274.0	365.8	347.6
April	272.2	343.4	389.8	391.6	388.3	314.4	348.8	301.2	184.7	274.0	365.5	348.6
May	272.9	366.9	389.9	392.7	393.0	316.1	351.8	301.0	185.2	274.0	365.9	351.3
June	272.3	367.7	394.3	393.7	399.7	317.1	352.5	304.4	185.6	274.0	367.9	353.0
1981-82—												
July p	271.3	370.0	396.5	393.8	403.7	320.5	353.6	305.9	185.6	285.0	368.5	354.5
August p	273.7	370.0	397.2	393.8	405.9	321.0	359.0	313.2	185.6	285.2	368.6	355.2

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TABLE 2. PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN HOUSE BUILDING—GROUP INDEX NUMBERS—continued
(Base of each index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0)

	Concrete mix, cement and sand	Cement products	Clay bricks, tiles, etc.	Timber, board and joinery	Steel products	Other metal products	Plumbing fixtures, etc.	Electrical installation materials	Installed appliances	Plaster and plaster products	Miscellaneous materials	All groups
WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES												
Value weight (a)	5.73%	8.10%	12.85%	36.16%	5.86%	7.20%	3.74%	1.63%	5.13%	5.64%	7.96%	100.00%
1978-79	255.5	303.8	262.2	290.8	307.6	239.7	244.1	240.0	202.9	204.3	248.2	268.1
1979-80	292.8	336.3	294.8	331.5	341.0	281.7	282.1	217.6	222.8	228.3	278.2	302.9
1980-81	334.1	383.1	334.9	377.8	389.4	314.7	319.3	316.0	240.6	244.6	319.6	344.0
1980-81—												
July	318.1	360.5	316.2	366.4	374.0	305.6	300.1	300.8	233.6	231.8	304.8	329.9
August	322.6	367.3	318.9	369.7	378.5	309.5	309.0	308.4	234.4	241.8	310.1	334.4
September	325.8	373.3	323.8	371.7	383.6	312.9	312.5	314.1	235.5	243.3	313.1	337.2
October	327.9	373.8	325.8	373.2	384.9	311.4	313.1	312.5	236.0	243.3	314.5	338.5
November	327.1	374.4	330.3	373.6	386.0	311.6	313.7	317.4	236.5	245.5	316.1	339.6
December	331.6	375.5	333.0	374.2	386.6	310.6	313.7	316.7	237.7	243.5	316.9	340.6
January	337.3	387.7	334.4	375.3	389.6	310.1	317.8	314.7	239.3	243.6	319.0	343.0
February	339.9	391.1	340.4	381.4	393.2	314.7	328.0	318.3	244.3	246.4	322.9	348.1
March	342.6	392.7	345.1	384.6	395.0	319.8	329.0	319.3	246.0	249.1	326.7	351.2
April	343.7	396.6	346.1	386.2	397.4	323.6	330.5	321.0	246.7	249.2	327.5	352.9
May	344.5	400.7	351.2	387.9	399.9	323.6	331.9	321.1	247.8	249.5	330.9	355.1
June	348.4	403.7	353.6	388.9	404.5	325.5	332.0	326.2	249.5	250.5	332.9	357.0
1981-82—												
July p	357.5	413.1	358.0	392.9	411.5	326.4	337.5	325.8	252.4	255.2	334.3	361.5
August p	359.5	414.6	358.4	394.0	414.5	328.3	343.1	334.3	252.9	255.3	336.1	363.1

TABLE 3. PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN HOUSE BUILDING—PERCENTAGE CHANGES
WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES

	Concrete mix, cement and sand	Cement products	Clay bricks, tiles, etc.	Timber, board and joinery	Steel products	Other metal products	Plumbing fixtures, etc.	Electrical installation materials	Installed appliances	Plaster and plaster products	Miscellaneous materials	All groups
Value weight (a)	5.73%	8.10%	12.85%	36.16%	5.86%	7.20%	3.74%	1.63%	5.13%	5.64%	7.96%	100.00%
Change from corresponding month of previous year—												
1980-81—												
March	+13.8	+13.9	+14.0	+11.0	+12.6	+6.4	+13.1	+3.9	+11.6	+9.9	+13.4	+11.7
April	+12.9	+13.7	+13.7	+10.6	+13.1	+7.9	+12.8	+8.0	+10.9	+8.0	+9.6	+11.3
May	+12.0	+13.5	+13.1	+10.3	+13.7	+7.6	+13.1	+8.5	+7.8	+7.9	+10.3	+11.0
June	+11.9	+13.9	+12.4	+8.1	+11.3	+6.9	+12.9	+10.0	+7.7	+8.3	+10.2	+9.8
1981-82—												
July p	+12.4	+14.6	+13.2	+7.2	+10.0	+6.8	+12.5	+8.3	+8.0	+10.1	+9.7	+9.6
August p	+11.4	+12.9	+12.4	+6.6	+9.5	+6.1	+11.0	+8.4	+7.9	+5.6	+8.4	+8.6
Change from previous month—												
1980-81—												
March	+0.8	+0.4	+1.4	+0.8	+0.5	+1.6	+0.3	+0.3	+0.7	+1.1	+1.2	+0.9
April	+0.3	+1.0	+0.3	+0.6	+0.6	+1.2	+0.5	+0.5	+0.3	—	+0.2	+0.5
May	+0.2	+1.0	+1.5	+0.4	+0.6	—	+0.4	—	+0.4	+0.1	+1.0	+0.6
June	+1.1	+0.7	+0.7	+0.3	+1.2	+0.6	—	+1.6	+0.7	+0.4	+0.6	+0.5
1981-82—												
July p	+2.6	+2.3	+1.2	+1.0	+1.7	+0.3	+1.7	-0.1	+1.2	+1.9	+0.4	+1.3
August p	+0.6	+0.4	+0.1	+0.3	+0.7	+0.6	+1.7	+2.6	+0.2	—	+0.5	+0.4

(a) Composition and weighting pattern as at reference base year; see paragraph 3, explanatory notes.