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USED IN HOUSE BUILDING,
SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES
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MAIN FEATURES

All groups index	Change between—	
	Nov. 80 and Dec. 80	Dec. 79 and Dec. 80
	%	%
Sydney	+0.1	+13.0
Melbourne	+0.5	+16.0
Brisbane	+0.4	+16.4
Adelaide	+0.2	+14.8
Perth	+0.4	+14.0
Hobart	+0.6	+11.0
Weighted average of six State capital cities	+0.3	+14.5

Main price changes between November 1980 and December 1980:

Prices of clay bricks increased in Melbourne.
Ready-mixed concrete prices increased in
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 mid-point 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 1980	329.9
Index number as at June 1980	325.2

$$\text{Percentage change} = \frac{329.9 - 325.2}{325.2} \times 100 = +1.4\%$$

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 Index of Electrical Installation Materials, Australia (6409.0)—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)							
1977-78	254.0	238.6	265.1	270.7	253.4	256.7	252.0
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
1979-80—							
November	302.0	275.0	307.2	330.0	291.8	299.5	295.0
December	304.4	277.1	308.4	334.5	294.0	301.1	297.4
January	308.6	282.5	311.1	340.4	296.4	303.6	301.6
February	314.2	289.5	321.8	344.1	307.0	307.1	308.9
March	320.8	295.4	328.4	349.6	309.7	311.1	314.4
April	324.4	292.6	328.7	352.2	313.6	315.9	317.2
May	326.6	301.3	331.1	355.6	316.0	318.5	320.0
June	330.0	307.6	339.6	361.7	319.5	323.4	325.2
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 p	343.6	319.7	357.8	383.4	334.1	332.3	339.6
December p	344.0	321.3	359.1	384.1	335.3	334.3	340.6
PERCENTAGE CHANGES							
				Change from previous year—			
1977-78	+8.3	+6.7	+8.9	+8.0	+10.3	+9.2	+8.2
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
				Change from corresponding month of previous year—			
1979-80—							
November	+13.0	+11.3	+11.1	+17.0	+10.2	+11.8	+12.2
December	+13.2	+11.6	+11.0	+16.6	+10.9	+12.0	+12.4
January	+13.5	+13.0	+11.3	+16.5	+11.0	+12.9	+13.0
February	+14.4	+13.8	+13.0	+16.3	+13.1	+11.0	+14.0
March	+15.3	+15.4	+14.4	+16.3	+12.7	+11.2	+14.9
April	+15.0	+14.6	+14.0	+14.8	+13.6	+11.2	+14.4
May	+15.0	+15.4	+14.1	+15.1	+13.9	+10.6	+14.8
June	+15.4	+17.6	+16.5	+16.2	+14.6	+12.2	+16.1
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 p	+13.8	+16.3	+16.5	+16.2	+14.5	+11.0	+15.1
December p	+13.0	+16.0	+16.4	+14.8	+14.0	+11.0	+14.5
				Change from previous month—			
1979-80—							
November	+0.3	+0.8	+0.6	+0.4	+0.4	+1.2	+0.5
December	+0.8	+0.8	+0.4	+1.4	+0.8	+0.5	+0.8
January	+1.4	+1.9	+0.9	+1.8	+0.8	+0.8	+1.4
February	+1.8	+2.5	+3.4	+1.1	+3.6	+1.2	+2.4
March	+2.1	+2.0	+2.1	+1.6	+0.9	+1.3	+1.8
April	+1.1	+0.7	+0.4	+0.7	+1.3	+1.5	+0.9
May	+0.7	+1.2	+0.4	+1.0	+0.8	+0.8	+0.9
June	+1.0	+2.1	+2.6	+1.7	+1.1	+1.5	+1.6
1979-80—							
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 p	+0.2	+0.1	+0.4	+1.7	+0.2	+0.5	+0.3
December p	+0.1	+0.5	+0.4	+0.2	+0.4	+0.6	+0.3

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%	3.65%	1.53%	4.43%	5.57%	7.48%	100.00%
1977-78	261.9	272.3	241.2	276.0	285.2	222.9	248.1	220.0	211.5	197.9	230.8	254.0
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	283.8	309.3
1979-80—												
November	309.8	319.5	281.3	334.7	335.0	275.7	271.1	281.9	229.7	227.9	275.0	302.0
December	309.9	319.5	281.3	337.2	341.9	281.8	271.6	285.3	230.4	231.2	280.5	304.4
January	315.6	323.3	281.8	342.8	348.1	286.8	277.5	291.6	232.5	232.8	282.6	308.6
February	325.4	323.9	286.4	348.5	350.6	303.3	286.0	306.6	234.2	232.9	286.1	314.2
March	326.7	325.6	293.2	359.7	357.4	304.4	289.2	315.3	236.6	234.0	291.2	320.8
April	328.8	340.4	296.9	360.8	357.2	305.6	292.8	305.2	236.6	238.1	305.2	324.4
May	328.8	344.7	299.8	364.8	357.2	304.3	293.1	303.6	236.6	238.1	307.4	326.6
June	334.8	344.7	299.8	370.4	368.0	306.6	293.1	303.7	239.1	238.1	309.3	330.0
1980-81—												
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 p	361.3	364.2	314.1	382.4	389.7	311.1	308.4	325.4	247.6	250.0	320.3	343.6
December p	363.4	365.0	314.1	382.8	390.2	310.2	308.4	324.4	247.6	250.1	322.3	344.0
MELBOURNE												
Value weight (a)	4.63%	6.55%	10.48%	37.78%	5.58%	6.47%	3.34%	1.66%	6.87%	7.19%	7.45%	100.00%
1977-78	232.0	303.4	223.7	247.2	295.8	219.9	221.7	213.8	195.4	187.7	221.4	218.6
1978-79	244.8	325.9	239.4	255.8	316.2	242.6	228.4	238.1	203.8	199.5	231.4	251.4
1979-80	292.9	357.8	266.9	291.9	347.9	285.1	281.1	281.2	220.7	217.3	255.0	283.4
1979-80—												
November	284.6	349.6	257.9	282.2	338.7	275.5	253.0	271.2	215.0	214.5	247.7	275.0
December	292.5	349.6	258.2	283.8	343.3	280.2	253.0	276.9	215.3	216.7	251.2	277.1
January	295.3	358.3	264.7	290.7	348.6	281.8	260.2	284.3	216.2	218.4	254.8	282.5
February	295.5	368.5	272.2	297.0	351.1	303.2	270.8	306.7	223.3	218.8	258.3	289.5
March	300.1	369.9	272.2	308.3	360.9	303.9	275.5	306.5	222.5	219.2	265.4	295.4
April	301.7	370.2	272.2	311.8	361.4	299.3	276.4	293.7	226.0	225.3	272.1	297.6
May	301.4	373.5	282.8	314.4	361.6	303.2	277.2	292.2	239.9	225.6	271.3	301.3
June	304.3	376.7	294.0	323.9	371.7	307.1	278.7	292.2	240.2	225.6	276.6	307.6
1980-81—												
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	240.6	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 p	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 p	316.4	399.1	311.5	334.5	396.5	316.4	298.3	313.1	243.3	235.3	294.5	321.3

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TABLE 2. PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN HOUSE BUILDING—GROUP INDEX NUMBERS—continued
(Base of each index: Year 1964-67 = 100.0)

	Concrete mix, cement and sand	Cement products	Clay bricks, tiles, etc.	Timber, board and joiners	Steel products	Other metal products	Plumbing fixtures, etc.	Electrical installation materials	Installed appliance	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%
1977-78	229.2	266.3	244.1	325.5	282.4	218.8	234.2	219.2	158.3	185.5	196.2	265.1
1978-79	232.6	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
1979-80—												
November	285.3	314.1	295.6	367.7	324.1	271.5	264.7	278.4	178.7	214.5	238.9	307.2
December	285.3	313.9	295.6	367.9	327.5	276.0	264.7	285.0	178.7	216.8	242.1	308.4
January	289.6	319.8	296.5	369.3	330.4	282.2	267.3	289.1	179.5	220.1	244.5	311.1
February	296.8	324.9	308.0	384.9	333.8	298.8	277.4	306.0	188.2	220.1	249.6	321.8
March	298.7	328.2	313.2	396.9	336.2	308.2	282.3	315.2	189.0	220.8	251.1	328.4
April	300.4	328.2	313.5	397.3	336.5	314.8	282.6	306.3	184.9	229.7	260.1	329.7
May	305.1	335.7	313.6	397.8	337.1	313.9	282.8	303.8	186.7	223.8	260.5	331.1
June	308.4	337.7	314.3	413.7	350.6	318.3	284.2	306.2	194.4	223.8	267.0	339.6
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	316.6	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	316.8	353.0	331.6	432.7	375.0	324.7	307.8	323.6	204.2	235.1	276.1	356.3
November p	326.9	356.3	336.7	435.0	374.7	325.4	308.3	325.0	206.7	235.1	277.8	357.8
December p	335.2	356.6	339.3	435.6	375.5	323.4	306.9	327.7	206.7	235.1	283.0	359.1
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%
1977-78	245.5	303.0	251.0	314.2	284.2	212.0	237.3	203.7	204.4	201.7	248.4	270.7
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	297.9	338.5
1979-80—												
November	308.5	354.9	309.2	392.3	328.9	258.8	279.8	253.7	238.6	239.5	286.2	330.0
December	308.9	358.8	318.3	397.6	335.6	262.5	279.8	259.0	238.6	243.1	286.2	334.5
January	322.0	358.3	329.6	399.6	344.7	261.7	291.7	265.0	246.3	245.7	295.7	340.4
February	327.0	361.3	333.6	401.5	347.5	277.6	299.8	282.7	247.3	245.7	296.8	344.1
March	341.1	377.3	336.7	406.5	347.5	276.4	300.5	282.2	246.8	245.7	312.7	349.6
April	341.1	377.3	338.3	411.3	348.6	272.3	300.5	274.3	246.7	250.1	322.2	352.2
May	347.7	345.5	345.5	414.5	349.0	277.1	300.5	272.4	260.1	251.6	322.9	355.6
June	343.3	380.9	354.2	422.0	367.8	282.0	300.5	275.2	262.3	251.6	324.4	361.7
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	390.3	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 p	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 p	373.5	407.4	395.6	443.1	392.9	281.7	323.7	294.5	264.4	264.2	340.9	384.1

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TABLE 2. PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN HOUSE BUILDING—GROUP INDEX NUMBERS—continued
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	Concrete mix, cement and sand	Cement products	Clay bricks, tiles, etc.	Timber, board and joinery	Steel products	Other metal products	Pumbing fixtures, etc.	Electrical insulation materials	Installed appliances	Plaster and plaster products	Miscellaneous materials	All groups
PERTH												
Value weight (a)	7.94%	8.1%	16.4%	29.6%	6.07%	7.69%	4.3%	1.7%	4.1%	4.01%	9.64%	100.00%
1977-78	219.8	280.8	274.9	269.0	286.1	205.4	251.4	213.8	176.7	185.8	259.8	253.4
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	272.2	198.8	210.0	318.4	299.4
1979-80—												
November	244.9	320.9	319.7	302.3	327.9	262.7	293.8	270.2	194.1	202.5	308.3	291.8
December	245.5	320.9	319.7	306.9	334.8	268.6	294.5	274.2	194.1	202.5	307.2	294.0
January	249.7	323.1	319.7	306.9	338.3	272.5	298.9	280.4	197.0	202.5	315.9	296.4
February	251.0	323.6	332.8	319.4	340.6	294.1	312.0	295.4	198.8	216.3	330.6	307.0
March	252.6	331.4	332.8	322.8	341.4	295.7	316.1	301.6	200.1	223.6	332.4	309.7
April	262.2	331.9	332.8	328.2	341.4	292.5	318.8	293.3	208.3	223.6	345.7	313.6
May	274.7	335.1	341.3	327.0	342.6	291.8	319.2	294.3	213.0	223.8	344.1	316.0
June	277.9	335.4	343.1	332.6	353.8	297.3	319.8	294.9	213.0	223.8	344.5	319.5
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	335.3	309.0	214.5	248.4	351.1	329.7
September	271.6	333.9	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 p	276.3	354.1	359.0	350.3	370.6	308.2	343.5	314.7	213.9	248.4	358.0	334.1
December p	289.9	354.1	358.0	350.8	371.9	306.7	343.5	311.8	214.3	248.4	358.1	335.3
HOBART												
Value weight (a)	7.25%	7.61%	10.14%	38.15%	7.49%	7.93%	2.74%	1.61%	6.98%	4.99%	5.71%	100.00%
1977-78	219.5	253.0	306.4	282.3	279.2	218.4	247.4	201.2	154.9	218.2	250.8	256.7
1978-79	227.3	278.6	326.6	300.7	297.9	231.9	258.5	224.5	161.6	229.6	273.5	273.6
1979-80	246.9	309.5	354.2	337.1	329.1	271.4	293.5	265.3	169.5	244.7	307.0	304.2
1979-80—												
November	243.2	313.6	347.9	332.9	321.3	262.8	284.7	259.2	168.3	241.2	297.3	299.5
December	245.3	314.1	355.3	333.1	323.5	264.6	285.4	263.0	168.3	243.2	299.3	301.1
January	245.3	314.9	355.3	336.3	327.6	267.5	296.5	266.8	168.5	243.2	305.7	303.6
February	246.2	315.6	356.1	338.4	335.0	278.5	306.5	265.1	168.4	248.6	309.1	307.1
March	251.0	316.9	368.2	339.6	337.3	290.3	308.5	287.7	170.0	248.6	318.1	311.1
April	254.3	317.5	368.2	347.4	341.5	293.7	308.3	281.0	170.5	252.7	330.6	315.9
May	254.3	318.3	368.2	354.1	341.8	290.9	308.5	277.5	173.4	252.9	331.7	318.5
June	260.5	318.3	368.2	361.7	352.0	295.1	308.5	282.4	173.6	252.9	332.1	323.4
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	336.8	368.6	364.9	374.4	298.9	329.6	295.0	179.7	261.8	339.7	329.7
October	261.9	336.8	368.6	366.0	376.7	298.7	329.6	296.6	180.2	261.8	342.1	330.6
November p	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 p	262.6	339.3	368.6	374.1	377.7	300.7	329.6	299.1	179.4	261.8	346.4	334.3

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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%
1977-78	239.0	284.6	245.8	275.0	287.7	220.1	239.1	215.5	193.3	191.8	230.4	257.0
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	278.1	262.1	217.6	222.8	278.2	302.9
1979-80—												
November	285.1	331.0	288.1	322.3	332.2	271.1	270.7	273.8	213.1	219.3	269.7	295.0
December	287.1	331.1	289.1	324.8	337.7	276.4	271.0	278.6	213.4	221.7	272.4	297.4
January	292.6	336.2	292.1	329.2	342.9	280.1	277.0	284.8	215.3	223.4	277.0	301.6
February	297.1	340.7	299.5	336.7	345.5	298.6	287.1	302.6	219.9	225.2	282.6	308.9
March	301.0	344.7	302.8	346.4	350.9	300.6	291.0	307.4	220.4	226.6	288.0	314.4
April	304.3	349.0	304.4	349.1	351.3	299.9	293.0	297.2	222.5	230.8	298.8	317.2
May	307.5	353.1	310.4	351.6	351.6	300.7	293.4	295.9	229.9	231.2	299.9	320.0
June	311.3	354.5	314.5	359.9	363.5	304.6	294.0	296.6	231.7	231.2	302.2	325.2
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	309.8	312.5	314.1	235.5	243.3	313.3	337.2
October	327.9	373.8	325.8	373.2	384.9	311.4	313.1	313.5	236.0	243.3	314.5	338.5
November p	327.1	374.4	330.3	373.6	386.0	311.6	313.7	317.4	236.5	243.5	316.1	339.6
December p	331.6	375.5	333.0	374.2	386.6	310.6	313.7	316.7	237.7	243.5	317.5	340.6

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—												
July	+13.4	+13.8	+13.8	+18.7	+15.3	+19.4	+14.8	+17.4	+11.5	+9.8	+18.2	+16.3
August	+14.4	+14.3	+11.9	+18.2	+15.0	+18.9	+17.8	+18.4	+11.2	+12.8	+18.3	+16.3
September	+15.5	+14.2	+13.0	+17.5	+16.0	+17.4	+17.1	+19.2	+11.0	+11.1	+19.5	+16.0
October	+15.6	+13.2	+13.6	+16.4	+16.1	+16.0	+16.1	+16.2	+11.2	+11.1	+17.8	+15.4
November p	+14.7	+13.1	+14.6	+15.9	+16.2	+14.9	+15.9	+15.9	+11.0	+11.0	+17.2	+15.1
December p	+15.5	+13.4	+15.2	+15.2	+14.5	+12.4	+15.8	+13.7	+11.4	+9.8	+16.6	+14.5
Change from previous month —												
1980-81—												
July	+2.2	+1.7	+0.5	+1.8	+2.9	+0.3	+2.1	+1.4	+0.8	+0.3	+0.9	+1.4
August	+1.4	+1.9	+0.9	+0.9	+1.2	+1.3	+3.0	+2.5	+0.3	+4.3	+1.7	+1.4
September	+1.0	+1.6	+1.5	+0.5	+1.3	+0.1	+1.1	+1.8	+0.5	+0.6	+1.0	+0.8
October	+0.6	+0.1	+0.6	+0.4	+0.3	+0.5	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	—	+0.4	+0.4
November p	+0.2	+0.2	+1.4	+0.1	+0.3	+0.1	+0.2	+1.2	+0.2	+0.1	+0.5	+0.3
December p	+1.4	+0.3	+0.8	+0.2	+0.2	+0.3	—	+0.2	+0.5	—	+0.4	+0.3

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