

**POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS**

**Population Distribution**

	North Carolina	Gaston County	Gastonia
Total Population	8,411,041	193,162	72,183
One Race	8,285,408	192,097	71,685
White	6,005,471	152,692	46,642
Black/African American	1,765,698	27,417	17,025
American Indian/Alaska Native	106,931	1,186	382
Asian	146,795	2,504	1,916
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	3,344	0	0
Some other race	257,169	8,298	5,720
Two or More Races	125,633	1,065	498
Hispanic/Latino (Any Race)	533,087	9,489	6,575

Source: 2005 American Community Survey

**Population Estimates: Gaston County & Its Municipalities**

	2005	2000 Census
Gaston County	193,886	190,316
Belmont	9,124	8,794
Bessemer City	5,362	5,119
Cherryville	5,563	5,361
Cramerton	3,150	2,976
Dallas	3,586	3,402
Gastonia	70,243	66,355
High Shoals (Part)	752	729
Kings Mountain (Part)	1,043	590
Lowell	2,662	2,662
McAdenville	594	619
Mount Holly	9,835	9,617
Ranlo	2,696	2,198
Spencer Mountain	50	51
Stanley	3,030	3,053

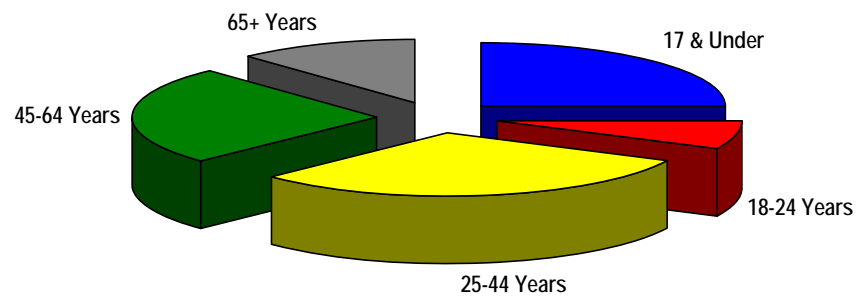
Source: The State Demographer's Office, 1/2007.

### Gaston County Population Projections

	2010	2015	2020	2025
Gaston County	199,762	203,900	208,257	211,741

Source: The State Demographer's Office, 1/2007.

### Persons by Age Groups



### 15 Largest Counties in North Carolina

Rank	County	2005	2000	% Change
1	Mecklenburg	796,232	695,370	14.5
2	Wake	755,034	627,866	20.3
3	Guilford	441,428	421,048	4.8
4	Forsyth	326,340	306,067	6.6
5	Cumberland	305,173	302,967	0.7
6	Durham	242,210	223,314	8.5
7	Buncombe	216,738	206,289	5.0
8	<i>Gaston</i>	<i>193,886</i>	<i>190,316</i>	<i>1.9</i>
9	New Hanover	180,358	160,327	12.5
10	Union	161,332	123,772	30.0
11	Onslow	157,748	150,355	4.9
12	Davidson	154,294	147,250	4.8
13	Cabarrus	150,434	131,063	14.8
14	Catawba	149,032	141,677	5.2
15	Johnson	146,312	121,900	20.0

Source: The State Demographer's Office, 1/2007.

### 15 Largest Cities in North Carolina

Rank	County	2005	2000	% Change
1	Charlotte	640,270	540,167	10.6
2	Raleigh	338,357	276,094	15.3
3	Greensboro	237,316	223,891	3.2
4	Durham	209,123	187,035	4.8
5	Winston-Salem	198,593	185,776	2.6
6	Fayetteville	130,646	121,015	7.0
7	Cary	115,967	94,536	4.3
8	Wilmington	97,135	75,838	0.9
9	High Point	92,491	85,839	8.7
10	Asheville	73,189	68,889	6.2
11	Jacksonville	73,121	66,715	4.1
12	<i>Gastonia</i>	<i>70,243</i>	<i>66,355</i>	<i>22.7</i>
13	Greenville	68,852	61,209	4.3
14	Concord	63,429	55,977	11.9
15	Rocky Mount	56,291	55,977	5.8

Source: The State Demographer's Office, 1/2007.

## Housing Statistics

	2005 Gaston County	2000 Census Gaston County	1990 Census Gaston County	2005 North Carolina	2000 Census North Carolina	1990 Census North Carolina
Housing units	84,759	78,842	69,133	3,940,554	3,523,944	2,818,193
Households	75,907	73,936	65,197	3,409,840	3,132,013	2,517,098
Households with persons under 18, percent	35.80%	36.50%	n/a	34.90%	35.30%	n/a
Homeownership rate	68.70%	68.80%	69.30%	68.20%	69.40%	68.00%

Source: 1990 & 2000 Census of Population and Housing, 2005 Community Survey by the US Census Bureau.

## Persons per Household in Municipalities

Municipality	Persons Per Household
Gaston County	2.54
Belmont	2.4
Bessemer City	2.55
Cherryville	2.34
Cramerton	2.54
Dallas	2.4
Dellview	3.33
Gastonia	2.59
High Shoals	2.57
Kings Mountain	2.47
Lowell	2.41
McAdenville	2.51
Mount Holly	2.37
Ranlo	2.56
Spencer Mountain	2.46
Stanley	2.54

Source: For all municipalities (except Gastonia), 2000 Census of Housing and Population. For Gastonia and Gaston County, 2005 American Community Survey, 1/2007.

## INCOME

### Per Capita Income

Year	Gaston County	NC	US
2004	\$28,961	\$29,322	\$33,050
2003	\$27,685	\$27,859	\$31,484
2002	\$27,108	\$27,510	\$30,810
2001	\$26,759	\$27,493	\$30,574
2000	\$26,357	\$27,068	\$29,845
1999	\$25,255	\$25,560	\$27,939
1998	\$24,218	\$24,743	\$26,883
1997	\$22,630	\$23,530	\$25,334
1996	\$21,485	\$22,320	\$24,175
1995	\$20,722	\$21,295	\$23,076
Current % US	88%	89%	

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, Verified1/2007

### Median Household Income

	2006	2011 Projection
Gaston County	\$47,468	\$55,316
North Carolina	\$47,739	\$55,987
United States	\$51,546	\$60,704

Source: CCIM, Site to Do Business, Site Analysis, 1/2007.

### Poverty

Percent in poverty, 2004	14.20
Percent under age 18 in poverty	19.60
Percent in poverty, NC, 2004	13.80
Percent under age 18 in poverty, NC	18.70

Source: US Census Bureau, NC Department of Commerce, Employment Security Commission, 4/2007.

## 2007 ECONOMIC INDICATORS

### EMPLOYMENT DATA

	2007 Employed	2007 Unemployment Rate	2006 Employed	2006 Unemployment Rate
January	95,584	5.50%	92,804	5.80%
February	96,663	5.10%	92,797	6.00%
March			93,955	5.40%
April			94,398	5.10%
May			95,036	5.20%
June			94,896	5.70%
July			94,754	5.70%
August			95,709	5.50%
September			95,997	5.10%
October			96,987	5.20%
November			96,953	5.50%
December			96,592	5.30%

### TOTAL BUILDING PERMIT VALUE

	2007	2006	% Change
January	34,610,079	32,906,601	5.18%
February	44,197,182	31,834,737	38.83%
March		20,141,304	
April		35,924,375	
May		76,933,664	
June		69,158,237	
July		43,720,148	
August		41,735,866	
September		49,249,663	
October		37,210,076	
November		46,184,882	
December		33,522,226	
<i>Total**</i>	<i>\$78,807,261</i>	<i>\$518,521,779</i>	

### RETAIL SALES\*

	2007	2006	% Change
January		101,927,328	
February		114,255,989	
March		105,219,660	
April		128,683,913	
May		93,218,636	
June		125,870,395	
July		134,843,485	
August		112,195,296	
September		88,807,289	
October		126,551,252	
November		115,473,455	
December			
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$1,247,046,698</i>	

### NEW SINGLE-FAMILY HOUSING STARTS

	2007	2006	% Change
January	121	133	-9.02%
February	103	120	-14.17%
March		58	
April		109	
May		173	
June		152	
July		142	
August		121	
September		94	
October		137	
November		129	
December		116	
<i>Total**</i>	<i>224</i>	<i>1,484</i>	

\* Reflects taxable sales not gross retail sales. Starting in June, 2005, gross retail sales is not reported by all retailers on a monthly basis. Data for prior months and prior years are not comparable.

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## 2006 ECONOMIC INDICATORS

### EMPLOYMENT DATA

	2006 Employed	2006 Unemployment Rate	2005 Employed	2005 Unemployment Rate
January	92,804	5.80%	90,839	6.60%
February	92,797	6.00%	91,017	6.80%
March	93,955	5.40%	91,728	6.20%
April	94,398	5.10%	92,151	5.60%
May	95,036	5.20%	92,917	5.90%
June	94,896	5.70%	93,009	6.30%
July	94,754	5.70%	93,226	6.30%
August	95,709	5.50%	93,727	5.90%
September	95,997	5.10%	94,415	5.80%
October	96,987	5.20%	95,156	6.00%
November	96,953	5.50%	94,893	6.10%
December	96,592	5.30%	94,921	5.60%

### TOTAL BUILDING PERMIT VALUE

	2006	2005**	% Change
January	32,906,601	\$28,845,057	14.08%
February	31,834,737	\$22,507,570	41.44%
March	20,141,304	\$22,895,742	-12.03%
April	35,924,375	\$32,169,041	11.67%
May	76,933,664	\$41,228,183	86.60%
June	69,158,237	\$34,536,161	100.25%
July	43,720,148	\$41,281,922	5.91%
August	41,735,866	\$30,796,546	35.52%
September	49,249,663	\$30,348,501	62.28%
October	37,210,076	\$21,909,473	69.84%
November	46,184,882	\$26,842,877	72.06%
December	33,522,226	\$17,602,890	90.44%
<i>Total**</i>	<i>\$518,521,779</i>	<i>\$354,821,432</i>	<i>46.14%</i>

### RETAIL SALES\*

	2006	2005	% Change
January	101,927,328	181,186,432	*
February	114,255,989	184,593,651	*
March	105,219,660	205,142,173	*
April	128,683,913	197,375,295	*
May	93,218,636	191,774,385	*
June	125,870,395	110,671,998	*
July	134,843,485	106,753,329	*
August	112,195,296	108,523,826	*
September	88,807,289	101,939,295	*
October	126,551,252	119,921,489	*
November	115,473,455	91,751,664	
December	146,117,189	181,714,701	
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$1,393,163,887</i>	<i>\$1,781,348,238</i>	<i>*</i>

### NEW SINGLE-FAMILY HOUSING STARTS

	2006	2005	% Change
January	133	106	25.47%
February	120	122	-1.64%
March	58	123	-52.85%
April	109	143	-23.78%
May	173	131	32.06%
June	152	141	7.80%
July	142	127	11.81%
August	121	148	-18.24%
September	94	136	-30.88%
October	137	81	69.14%
November	129	123	4.88%
December	116	85	36.47%
<i>Total**</i>	<i>1,484</i>	<i>1,466</i>	<i>1.23%</i>

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\*\* Due to conflicting numbers in the permit reports, the sum of the monthly data does not equal the totals for 2005.

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## 2005 ECONOMIC INDICATORS

### EMPLOYMENT DATA

	2005 Employed	2005 Unemployment Rate	2004 Employed	2004 Unemployment Rate
January	90,839	6.60%	89,517	7.40%
February	91,019	6.80%	89,528	7.40%
March	91,728	6.20%	90,010	7.00%
April	92,151	5.60%	89,718	6.60%
May	92,917	5.90%	90,153	6.40%
June	93,009	6.30%	90,674	6.70%
July	93,226	6.30%	90,749	6.40%
August	93,727	5.90%	90,734	6.10%
September	94,415	5.80%	91,216	5.50%
October	95,156	6.00%	91,958	5.90%
November	94,893	6.10%	91,871	5.90%
December	94,921	5.60%	91,332	6.10%

### TOTAL BUILDING PERMIT VALUE

	2005	2004	% Change
January	\$28,845,057	\$15,297,303	88.56%
February	\$22,507,570	\$17,536,475	28.35%
March	\$22,895,742	\$27,039,037	-15.32%
April	\$32,169,041	\$31,189,792	3.14%
May	\$41,228,183	\$36,698,833	12.34%
June	\$34,536,161	\$16,812,701	105.42%
July	\$41,281,922	\$21,100,163	95.65%
August	\$30,796,546	\$28,919,190	6.49%
September	\$30,348,501	\$25,777,895	17.73%
October	\$21,909,473	\$24,506,531	-10.60%
November	\$26,842,877	\$26,353,655	1.86%
December	\$17,602,890	\$17,456,167	0.84%
<i>Total**</i>	<i>\$354,821,432</i>	<i>\$288,687,742</i>	<i>22.91%</i>

### RETAIL SALES

	2005	2004	% Change
January	181,186,432	165,752,584	9.31%
February	184,593,651	167,508,961	10.20%
March	205,142,173	205,793,589	-0.32%
April	197,375,295	180,836,753	9.15%
May	191,774,385	169,210,990	13.33%
June*	110,671,998	188,546,573	*
July*	106,753,329	184,573,147	*
August*	108,523,826	192,967,773	*
September*	101,939,295	182,137,869	*
October*	119,921,489	164,468,637	*
November*	91,751,664	198,627,074	*
December*	181,714,701	259,424,401	*
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$1,781,348,238</i>	<i>\$2,259,848,351</i>	<i>*</i>

### NEW SINGLE-FAMILY HOUSING STARTS

	2005	2004	% Change
January	106	76	39.47%
February	122	87	40.23%
March	123	116	6.03%
April	143	117	22.22%
May	131	121	8.26%
June	141	83	69.88%
July	127	97	30.93%
August	148	106	39.62%
September	136	113	20.35%
October	81	93	-12.90%
November	123	84	46.43%
December	85	62	37.10%
<i>Total**</i>	<i>1,466</i>	<i>1,155</i>	<i>26.93%</i>

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## 2004 ECONOMIC INDICATORS

### EMPLOYMENT DATA

	2004		2003	
	Employed	Unemployment Rate	Employed	Unemployment Rate
January	89,517	7.40%	90,328	7.90%
February	89,528	7.40%	90,566	8.00%
March	90,010	7.00%	91,239	7.30%
April	89,718	6.60%	91,444	7.10%
May	90,153	6.40%	91,767	7.60%
June	90,674	6.70%	91,921	7.90%
July	90,749	6.40%	90,218	8.60%
August	90,734	6.10%	90,028	7.10%
September	91,216	5.50%	91,072	6.70%
October	91,958	5.90%	91,827	0.07%
November	91,871	5.90%	92,051	6.80%
December	91,332	6.10%	91,963	6.50%

### TOTAL BUILDING PERMIT VALUE

	2004	2003	% Change
	January	\$10,237,498	\$14,815,570
February	\$11,830,263	\$13,356,464	-11.43%
March	\$16,732,441	\$11,784,111	41.99%
April	\$25,328,666	\$17,465,224	45.02%
May	\$29,173,170	\$19,772,352	47.55%
June	\$11,027,946	\$19,499,425	-43.44%
July	\$14,467,957	\$14,189,360	1.96%
August	\$21,480,322	\$24,343,608	-11.76%
September	\$18,381,468	\$38,568,682	-52.34%
October	\$17,681,426	\$17,462,927	1.25%
November	\$21,922,949	\$15,876,843	38.08%
December	\$13,144,450	\$15,018,797	-12.48%
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$211,408,556</i>	<i>\$222,153,363</i>	<i>-4.84%</i>

### RETAIL SALES

	2004	2003	% Change
January	165,752,584	170,093,011	-2.55%
February	167,508,961	170,565,479	-1.79%
March	205,793,589	190,766,546	7.88%
April	180,836,753	191,174,729	-5.41%
May	169,210,990	162,665,962	4.02%
June	188,546,573	186,825,803	0.92%
July	184,573,147	156,738,629	17.76%
August	192,967,773	180,788,670	6.74%
September	182,137,869	188,721,552	-3.49%
October	164,468,637	170,436,676	-3.50%
November	198,627,074	181,309,730	9.55%
December	259,424,401	206,356,394	25.72%
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$2,259,848,351</i>	<i>\$2,156,443,181</i>	<i>4.80%</i>

### NEW SINGLE-FAMILY HOUSING STARTS

	2004	2003	% Change
January	76	85	-10.59%
February	87	76	14.47%
March	116	96	20.83%
April	117	104	12.50%
May	121	103	17.48%
June	83	106	-21.70%
July	97	107	-9.35%
August	106	142	-25.35%
September	113	125	-9.60%
October	93	91	2.20%
November	84	82	2.44%
December	62	77	-19.48%
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,155</i>	<i>1,194</i>	<i>-3.27%</i>

Sources: The North Carolina Employment Security Commission, Monthly Employment Statistics; The North Carolina Department of Revenue, Monthly Sales and Use Tax Reports; The Gaston County Building Permits Report; The City of Gastonia Building Permits Report; The Gaston County Economic Development Commission.

## ECONOMIC INDICATORS: 1980 TO PRESENT

### EMPLOYMENT

<u>Year</u>	<u>Number Employed</u>	<u>Unempl. Rate</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Number Employed</u>	<u>Unempl. Rate</u>
1980	88,120	5.80%	1994	92,807	4.30%
1981	90,660	6.20%	1995	93,853	4.20%
1982	89,160	9.20%	1996	95,827	5.40%
1983	82,230	8.30%	1997	96,916	4.20%
1984	85,120	6.40%	1998	96,369	3.50%
1985	88,380	6.40%	1999	98,180	3.70%
1986	92,090	5.00%	2000	94,470	5.50%
1987	97,447	3.70%	2001	93,545	7.70%
1988	100,322	3.00%	2002	92,596	7.70%
1989	97,850	3.10%	2003	91,202	7.40%
1990	92,082	4.10%	2004	90,622	6.50%
1991	89,679	6.70%	2005	93,167	6.10%
1992	89,514	7.10%	2006	95,073	5.50%
1993	91,110	5.40%			

### TOTAL BUILDING PERMIT VALUE

<u>Year</u>	<u>\$ Value</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>\$ Value</u>
1980	\$52,310,552	1994	\$163,963,397
1981	\$53,017,942	1995	\$188,913,332
1982	\$49,064,068	1996	\$247,848,786
1983	\$75,398,412	1997	\$265,309,396
1984	\$84,281,314	1998	\$360,186,582
1985	\$97,341,326	1999	\$284,680,983
1986	\$100,418,374	2000	\$240,362,273
1987	\$127,560,765	2001	\$295,650,269
1988	\$137,888,892	2002	\$290,238,237
1989	\$145,808,327	2003	\$ 221,065,968
1990	\$157,442,852	2004	\$ 211,408,556
1991	\$110,494,565	2005	\$ 354,821,432
1992	\$133,990,156	2006	\$ 518,473,445
1993	\$149,175,097		

*1996 - 2006 % Change = 109.19%*

### RETAIL SALES (Fiscal Year)

<u>Year</u>	<u>\$Value</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>\$Value</u>
1980-1981	\$766,904,169	1993-1994	\$1,457,041,896
1981-1982	\$794,071,250	1994-1995	\$1,576,886,331
1982-1983	\$816,448,792	1995-1996	\$1,752,540,340
1983-1984	\$882,119,272	1996-1997	\$1,881,256,993
1984-1985	\$1,048,894,773	1997-1998	\$2,009,809,380
1985-1986	\$1,066,772,529	1998-1999	\$2,076,327,849
1986-1987	\$1,144,356,378	1999-2000	\$2,090,693,172
1987-1988	\$1,245,360,134	2000-2001	\$2,130,421,475
1988-1989	\$1,373,609,940	2001-2002	\$2,055,987,641
1989-1990	\$1,442,001,814	2002-2003	\$2,155,243,349
1990-1991	\$1,377,114,983	2003-2004	\$2,161,995,101
1991-1992	\$1,344,039,961	2004-2005	\$2,252,942,835
1992-1993	\$1,374,262,460	2005-2006*	\$1,379,780,225

*1995-1996 to 2005-2006 % Change =*

\*

### POPULATION

<u>Year</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Population</u>
1980	162,568	1993	179,576
1981	164,757	1994	180,800
1982	166,243	1995	182,077
1983	167,046	1996	183,458
1984	168,049	1997	185,486
1985	171,763	1998	187,504
1986	171,784	1999	189,155
1987	172,670	2000	190,566
1988	174,194	2001	191,160
1989	174,227	2002	191,372
1990	174,769	2003	191,284
1991	177,667	2004	192,044
1992	178,696	2005	193,890

*1995 - 2005 % Change =*

*6.49%*

\* Reported in taxable sales. Data is not comparable to previous years' data. Beginning in June, 2005, not all retailers report gross retail sales on a monthly basis.

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## RETAIL SALES COMPARISON

	1990	1995	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005*	2006*
January	105,189,368	132,781,747	166,791,894	161,611,856	157,638,056	170,093,011	165,752,584	181,186,432	101,927,328
February	100,682,747	134,220,850	167,218,352	159,554,960	163,106,370	170,565,479	167,508,961	184,593,651	114,255,989
March	116,151,568	157,391,131	201,073,261	185,624,014	202,154,882	190,766,546	205,793,589	205,142,173	105,219,660
April	111,375,751	153,627,457	178,038,061	171,467,088	180,214,009	191,174,729	180,836,753	197,375,295	128,683,913
May	111,828,322	152,311,629	173,024,679	177,003,345	174,219,905	162,665,962	169,210,990	191,774,385	93,218,636
June	117,148,404	148,348,831	203,058,328	174,952,058	189,184,148	186,825,803	188,546,573	110,671,998	125,870,395
July	103,467,006	152,542,153	170,891,822	156,293,730	162,910,411	156,738,629	184,573,147	106,753,329	134,843,485
August	113,566,557	152,243,089	170,775,537	170,324,388	177,123,510	180,788,670	192,967,773	108,523,826	112,195,296
September	106,325,687	161,172,301	203,405,636	171,812,400	182,186,275	188,721,552	182,137,869	101,939,295	88,807,289
October	109,583,097	142,861,965	173,661,181	167,950,112	170,368,589	170,430,676	164,468,637	119,921,489	126,551,252
November	111,708,702	166,026,577	179,922,018	164,298,269	175,402,288	181,309,730	198,627,074	91,751,664	115,473,455
December	124,769,807	174,167,877	201,551,960	158,791,372	215,160,746	206,356,394	259,424,401	181,714,701	146,117,189
Totals	\$1,331,799,006	\$1,827,697,602	\$2,189,412,729	\$2,019,683,592	\$2,149,669,189	\$2,156,437,181	\$2,259,848,351	\$1,781,348,238	\$1,393,163,887

\* Reflects taxable sales, not gross retail sales, and therefore is not comparable to previously reported figures. Gross retail sales is no longer reported by all businesses on a monthly basis.

Source: The North Carolina Department of Revenue, Monthly Sales & Use Tax Reports, 4/2007.

## COST OF LIVING

### Consumer Price Index for All Urban Users

Month	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
January	168.70	175.10	177.10	181.70	185.20	190.70	198.30	202.42
February	169.70	175.80	177.80	183.10	186.20	191.80	198.70	203.499
March	171.10	176.20	178.80	184.20	187.40	193.30	199.80	205.352
April	171.20	176.90	179.80	183.80	188.00	194.60	201.50	
May	171.30	177.70	179.80	183.50	189.10	194.40	202.50	
June	171.40	178.00	179.90	183.70	189.70	194.50	202.90	
July	172.80	177.50	180.10	183.90	189.40	195.40	203.50	
August	172.80	177.50	180.70	184.60	189.50	196.40	203.90	
September	173.70	178.20	181.00	185.20	189.90	198.80	202.90	
October	174.00	177.60	181.30	185.00	190.90	199.20	201.50	
November	174.10	177.60	181.30	184.50	191.00	197.60	201.50	
December	174.00	177.30	180.90	184.30	190.30	196.80	201.80	
Average First Half	170.72	176.62	178.90	183.30	187.60	193.20	200.60	
Average Second Half	172.20	177.62	180.90	184.60	190.20	197.40	202.60	
Average Annual	172.07	177.12	179.90	184.00	188.90	195.30	201.60	
% Change Dec. - Dec.	3.28	2.88	2.03	1.88	3.26	3.30	2.54	
% Change Avg. - Avg.	3.19	2.86	1.56	1.95	2.66	3.39	3.23	

### Adjusted Rates of Inflation

Year	Rate
1990	6.1
1991	3.1
1992	2.9
1993	2.7
1994	2.7
1995	2.5
1996	3.3
1997	1.7
1998	1.6
1999	2.7
2000	3.4
2001	3.0
2002	2.0
2003	2.0
2004	3.0
2005	3.3
2006	3.0