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Secretary of Commerce

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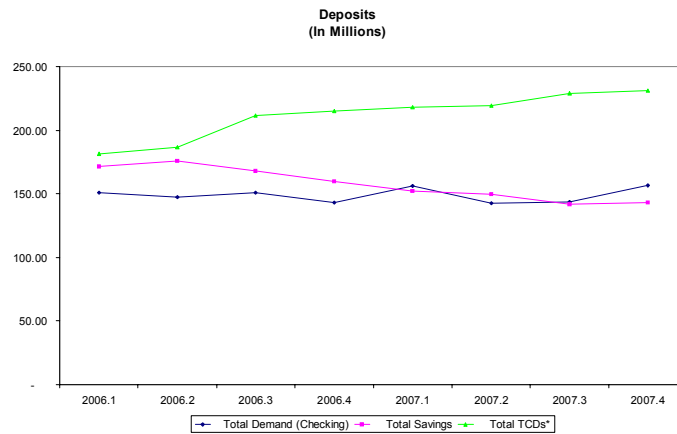
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# TABLE 1 - BANKING ACTIVITY

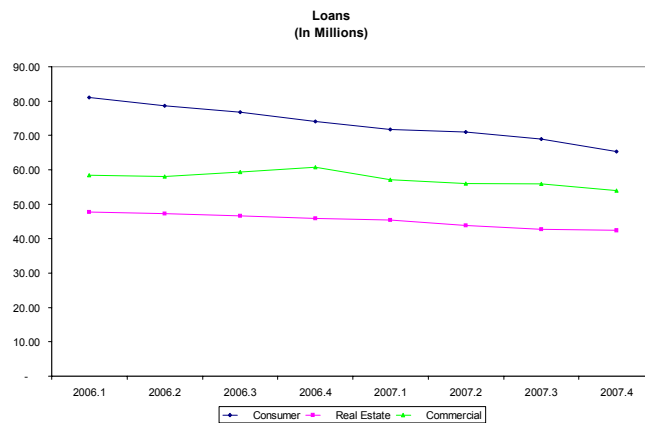
Banking Activity (US \$ Millions)	Year				Quarter							
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2006.1	2006.2	2006.3	2006.4	2007.1	2007.2	2007.3	2007.4
<b>Total Deposits</b>	<b>559.70</b>	<b>523.70</b>	<b>517.90</b>	<b>531.20</b>	<b>503.80</b>	<b>510.10</b>	<b>530.40</b>	<b>517.90</b>	<b>526.57</b>	<b>511.90</b>	<b>514.26</b>	<b>531.20</b>
Total Demand (Checking)	177.60	178.60	143.10	156.85	150.80	147.60	150.90	143.10	156.02	142.80	143.39	156.85
Total Savings	224.90	175.40	159.70	143.25	171.50	175.70	167.90	159.70	152.29	149.52	141.85	143.25
Total TCDs*	157.20	169.70	215.10	231.10	181.50	186.80	211.60	215.10	218.26	219.59	229.02	231.10
<b>Total Loans</b>	<b>203.80</b>	<b>193.80</b>	<b>180.80</b>	<b>161.61</b>	<b>187.20</b>	<b>184.00</b>	<b>182.70</b>	<b>180.80</b>	<b>174.14</b>	<b>170.96</b>	<b>167.58</b>	<b>161.61</b>
Consumer	82.70	81.50	74.10	65.30	81.10	78.70	76.80	74.10	71.71	71.05	68.95	65.30
Real Estate	45.80	47.30	45.90	42.33	47.70	47.20	46.60	45.90	45.32	43.87	42.74	42.33
Commercial	75.30	65.00	60.80	53.97	58.40	58.10	59.30	60.80	57.10	56.04	55.89	53.97
<b>Loan to Deposit Ratio</b>	<b>36.4%</b>	<b>37.0%</b>	<b>34.9%</b>	<b>30.4%</b>	<b>37.16%</b>	<b>36.07%</b>	<b>34.45%</b>	<b>34.91%</b>	<b>33.07%</b>	<b>33.40%</b>	<b>32.59%</b>	<b>30.42%</b>

Source: Banking Section, Department of Commerce; Values are rounded to the Hundredths.  
 \*Includes Cashiers Checks

## FIGURE 1.1 - BANKING ACTIVITY - DEPOSITS



## FIGURE 1.2 - BANKING ACTIVITY - LOANS



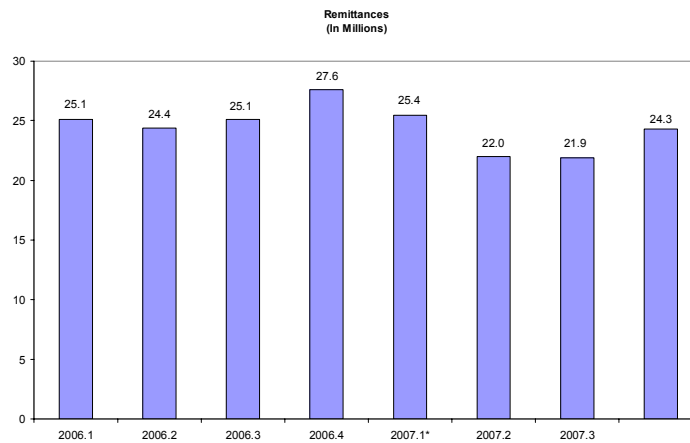
## TABLE 2 - REMITTANCE

Remittances	Year				Quarter							
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2006.1	2006.2	2006.3	2006.4	2007.1*	2007.2	2007.3	2007.4
Remittances (US \$ Millions)	80.5	94.6	112.6	102.2	25.1	24.4	25.1	27.6	25.4	22.0	21.9	24.3
% Change to Previous Year/Quarter	0.5%	17.5%	19.0%	-9.2%	-7.7%	-4.7%	-21.6%	-0.7%	1.4%	-9.9%	-12.8%	-12.0%
% Change to Previous Quarter					-9.7%	-2.8%	2.9%	10.0%	-7.8%	-13.6%	-0.4%	10.9%

Source: Banking Section, Department of Commerce

\*Note: Revisions to 2007.1 Data

## FIGURE 2 - REMITTANCE

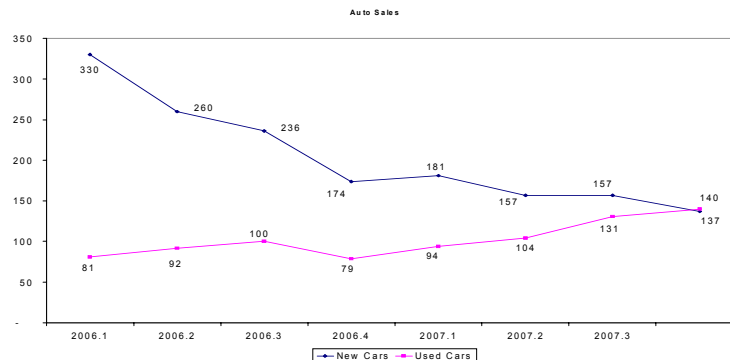


## TABLE 3 - AUTO SALES

Auto Sales	Year				Quarter							
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2006.1	2006.2	2006.3	2006.4	2007.1	2007.2	2007.3	2007.4
Total Cars Sold	1,692	1,992	1,885	1,352	411	352	336	253	275	261	288	277
% Change to Previous Year/Quarter	30.4%	17.7%	-5.4%	-28.2%	-18.3%	-31.0%	-25.2%	-40.2%	-33.1%	-25.9%	-14.3%	9.5%
% Change to Previous Quarter					-2.8%	-14.4%	-4.5%	-24.7%	8.7%	-5.1%	10.3%	-3.8%
New Cars	1,268	1,612	1,555	1,000	330	260	236	174	181	157	157	137
Used Cars	424	380	330	352	81	92	100	79	94	104	131	140

Source: Commonwealth Auto Dealer's Association (CADA)

## FIGURE 3 - AUTO SALES

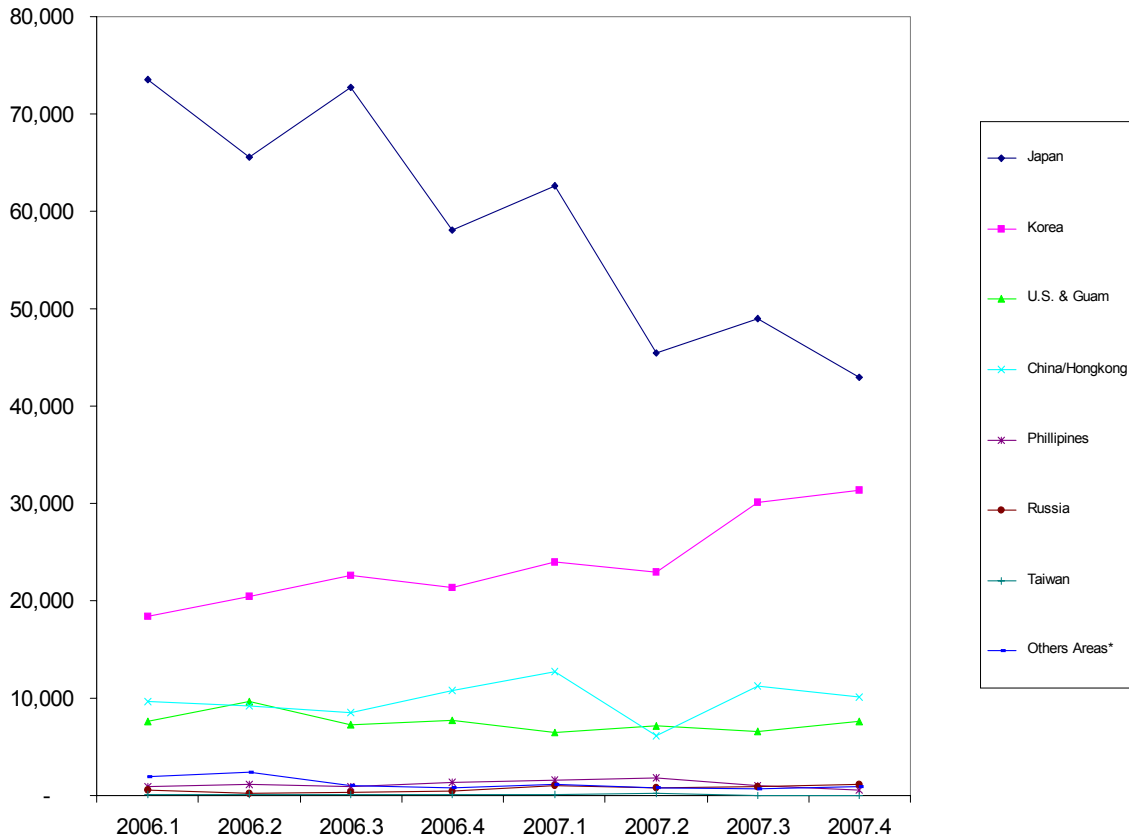


# TABLE 4 - VISITOR ARRIVAL

Visitor Arrivals	Year				Quarter							
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2006.1	2006.2	2006.3	2006.4	2007.1	2007.2	2007.3	2007.4
<b>Total Visitors</b>	<b>459,457</b>	<b>589,224</b>	<b>491,701</b>	<b>435,494</b>	<b>112,496</b>	<b>108,738</b>	<b>113,540</b>	<b>100,720</b>	<b>109,643</b>	<b>85,368</b>	<b>99,629</b>	<b>94,621</b>
% Change to Previous Year/Quarter	-3.31%	28.24%	-16.55%	-11.43%	-19.3%	-25.1%	-18.9%	-6.0%	-2.5%	-21.5%	-12.3%	-6.1%
% Change to Previous Quarter					3.6%	-3.3%	4.4%	-11.3%	8.9%	-22.1%	16.7%	-5.0%
<b>Japan</b>	328,075	382,478	351,739	269,780	73,488	65,556	72,717	58,019	62,662	45,501	49,014	42,932
<b>Korea</b>	69,642	68,282	69,952	82,891	18,425	20,459	22,606	21,401	23,945	22,900	30,157	31,319
<b>U.S. &amp; Guam</b>	33,840	36,739	37,666	24,579	7,617	9,666	7,296	7,713	6,468	7,210	6,565	7,606
<b>China/Hongkong</b>			23,410	38,313	9,709	9,188	8,571	10,845	12,750	6,141	11,288	10,152
<b>Philippines</b>			2,381	4,320	912	1,134	857	1,417	1,592	1,840	1,033	560
<b>Russia</b>				1,675	604	278	327	466	974	743	860	1,094
<b>Taiwan</b>			2,085	314	58	92	103	61	124	227	41	53
<b>Others Areas*</b>	27,900	101,725	4,468	6,178	1,976	2,337	1,067	798	1,128	806	671	905

Source: Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA)  
 \*Note: 2003 - 2005 includes China/Hong Kong, Philippines, Russia, & Taiwan

## FIGURE 4 - VISITOR ARRIVAL

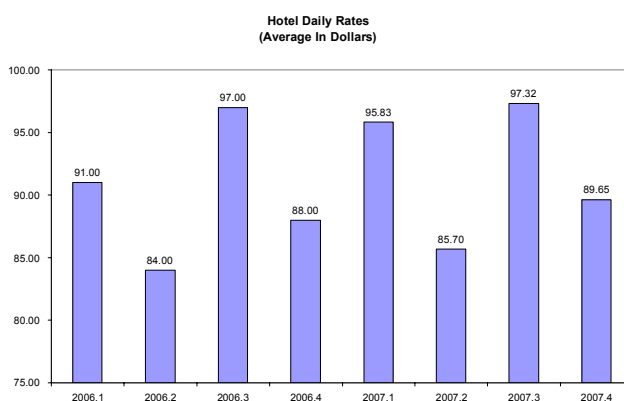


## TABLE 5 - AVERAGE CNMI HOTEL DAILY RATE

Hotel Daily Rates	Year				Quarter							
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2006.1	2006.2	2006.3	2006.4	2007.1	2007.2	2007.3	2007.4
Average Daily Rates (\$)	78.00	80.00	83.00	90.00	91.00	84.00	97.00	88.00	95.83	85.70	97.32	89.65
% Change to Previous Year/Quarter	-3.7%	2.6%	3.8%	8.4%	8.3%	0.0%	18.3%	-3.3%	5.3%	2.0%	0.3%	1.9%
% Change to Previous Quarter					11.0%	-7.7%	15.5%	-9.3%	8.9%	-10.6%	13.6%	-7.9%

Source: Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands (HANMI). Data from HANMI members only.  
 Note: All Percents are Rounded to the Nearest Tenth

## FIGURE 5 - AVERAGE CNMI HOTEL DAILY RATE

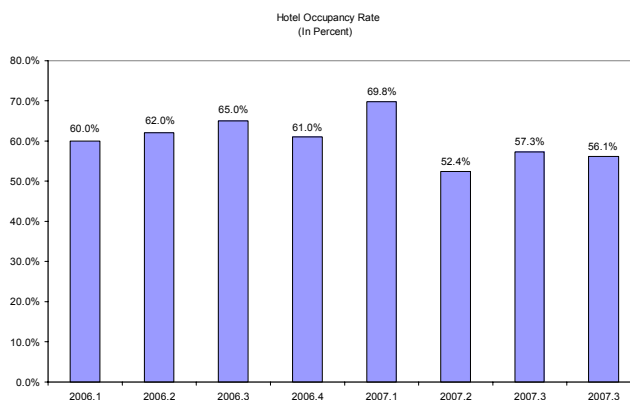


## TABLE 6 - AVERAGE CNMI HOTEL OCCUPANCY RATE

Hotel Occupancy Rate	Year				Quarter							
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2006.1	2006.2	2006.3	2006.4	2007.1	2007.2	2007.3	2007.4
Hotel Occupancy Rate (%)	65.0%	72.0%	70.0%	62.0%	60.0%	62.0%	65.0%	61.0%	69.8%	52.4%	57.3%	56.1%
% Change to Previous Year/Quarter	3.2%	10.8%	-3%	-11%	-19%	-11%	-13%	-1.6%	16.3%	-15.5%	-11.9%	-8.0%
% Change to Previous Quarter					-3.2%	3.3%	4.8%	-6.2%	14.4%	-24.9%	9.3%	-2.0%

Source: Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands (HANMI). Data from HANMI members only.  
 Note: All Percents are Rounded to the Nearest Tenth

## FIGURE 6 - AVERAGE CNMI HOTEL OCCUPANCY RATE



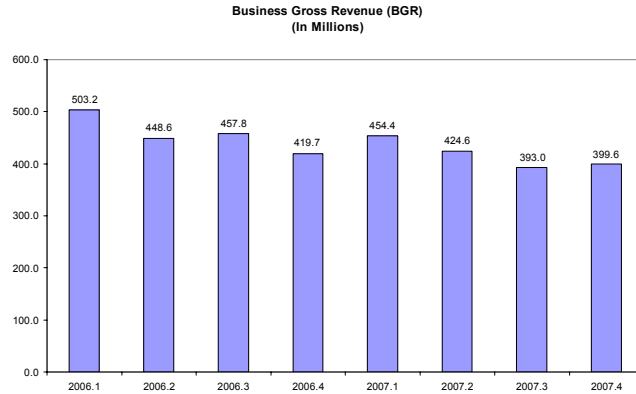
## TABLE 7 - BUSINESS GROSS REVENUE (BRG) REPORTED

Business Gross Revenue (BGR)	Year				Quarter							
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2006.1	2006.2	2006.3	2006.4	2007.1	2007.2	2007.3	2007.4
BGR Reported* (US \$ Millions)	1,914	2,034	2,020	1,829	503.2	448.6	457.8	419.7	454.4	424.6	393.0	399.6
% Change to Previous Year/Quarter	2.4%	6.3%	-0.7%	-9.5%	-6.7%	-14.3%	-4.2%	-12.3%	-9.7%	-5.3%	-14.2%	-4.8%
% Change to Previous Quarter					5.1%	-10.9%	2.1%	-8.3%	8.3%	-6.6%	-7.4%	1.7%

Source: Department of Finance

\* Estimated based on BGRT and other income tax collections.

## FIGURE 7 - BUSINESS GROSS REVENUE (BRG) REPORTED



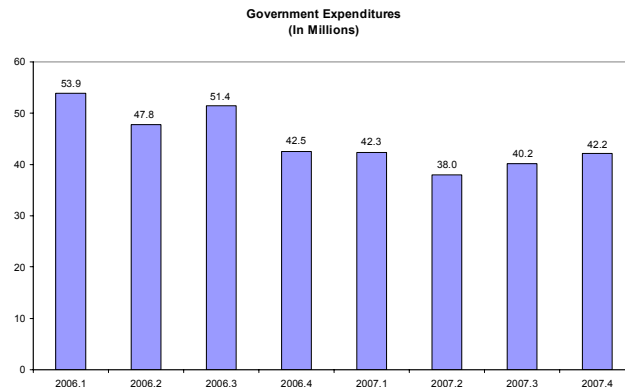
## TABLE 8 - GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES

General Expenditures	Year				Quarter							
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2006.1	2006.2	2006.3	2006.4	2007.1	2007.2	2007.3	2007.4
Government Expenditures (US \$ Millions)*	213.9	215.4	224.1	195.6	53.9	47.8	51.4	42.5	42.3	38.0	40.2	42.2
% Change to Previous Year/Quarter	1.54%	0.70%	4.04%	-12.7%	0.4%	-13.6%	-4.1%	-30.8%	-21.5%	-20.4%	-21.8%	-0.8%
% Change to Previous Quarter					-12.2%	-11.3%	7.5%	-17.3%	-0.5%	-10.0%	5.7%	4.9%

Source: Department of Finance

\*Note: FY07 expenditures do not include suspended employer retirement contributions

## FIGURE 8 - GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES





## TABLE 9 - GENERAL FUND REVENUE (TAXES AND FEES COLLECTED)

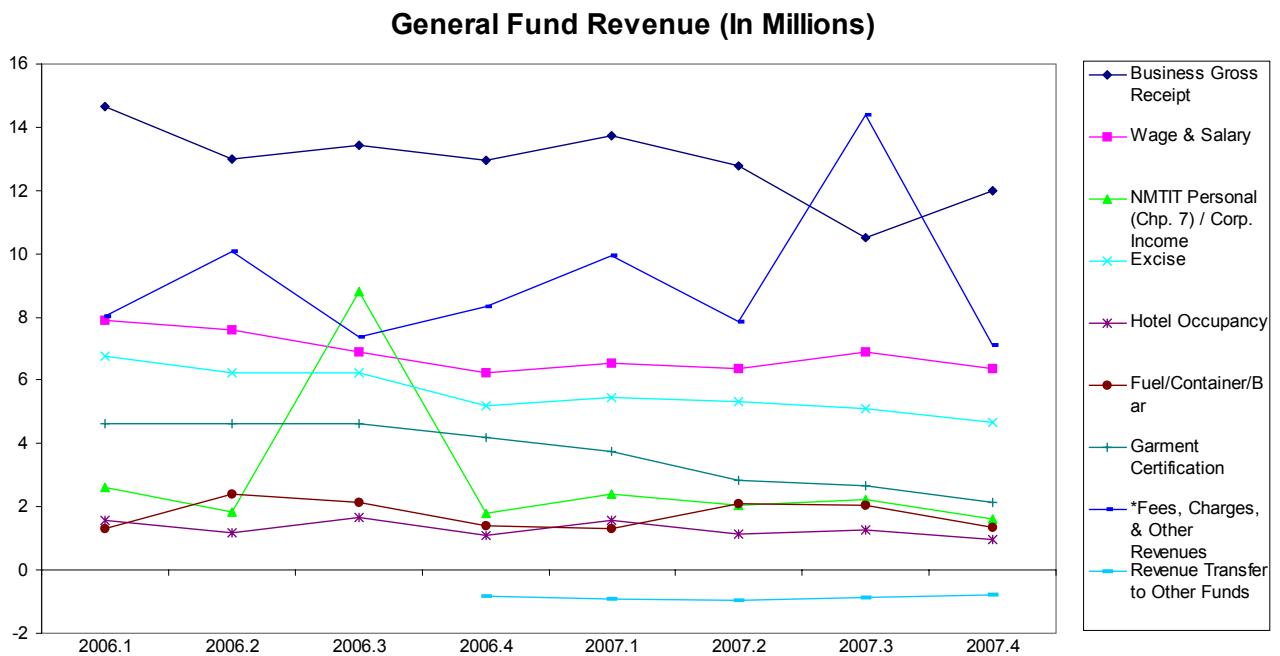
General Fund Revenue (Taxes and Fees Collected)	Year				Quarter							
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2006.1	2006.2	2006.3	2006.4	2007.1	2007.2	2007.3	2007.4
<b>Total (US \$ Millions)</b>	<b>209.79</b>	<b>217.90</b>	<b>210.29</b>	<b>192.03</b>	<b>48.68</b>	<b>46.93</b>	<b>56.06</b>	<b>40.36</b>	<b>43.86</b>	<b>39.54</b>	<b>44.25</b>	<b>35.38</b>
% Change to Previous Year/Quarter	11.63%	3.87%	-3.49%	-8.68%	0.1%	-3.6%	19.5%	-28.0%	8.7%	-9.8%	11.9%	-20.0%
% Change to Previous Quarter					-13.1%	-14.9%	11.1%	-17.0%	-9.9%	-15.7%	-21.1%	-12.3%
Business Gross Receipt	50.64	54.48	58.29	54.05	14.67	13.00	13.43	12.95	13.75	12.79	10.52	11.98
Wage & Salary	31.08	34.97	32.68	28.58	7.88	7.58	6.87	6.25	6.55	6.38	6.9	6.37
NMTIT Personal (Chp. 7) / Corp. Income	16.96	11.23	10.01	15.05	2.61	1.85	8.80	1.79	2.42	2.06	2.23	1.63
Excise	22.34	24.43	23.88	24.41	6.76	6.22	6.23	5.20	5.47	5.34	5.09	4.68
Hotel Occupancy	5.43	5.96	6.50	5.54	1.58	1.18	1.67	1.11	1.58	1.12	1.29	0.94
Fuel/Container/Bar	8.24	9.91	10.24	7.25	1.30	2.4	2.16	1.39	1.31	2.08	2.06	1.37
Garment Certification	29.31	30.56	24.08	18.06	4.62	4.63	4.64	4.17	3.77	2.84	2.65	2.12
*Fees, Charges, & Other Revenues	45.79	46.36	44.61	33.81	8.02	10.07	7.39	8.33	9.93	7.87	14.37	7.09
Revenue Transfer to Other Funds								-0.83	-0.92	-0.94	-0.86	-0.79

Source: Department of Finance

Note: FY07 Expenditures do not include suspended employer retirement contributions

\*Note: Also Includes "Transfers From Other Funds" for 2006.4 - 2007.3

## FIGURE 9 - GENERAL FUND REVENUE (TAXES AND FEES COLLECTED)



# TABLE 10 - IMPORTS

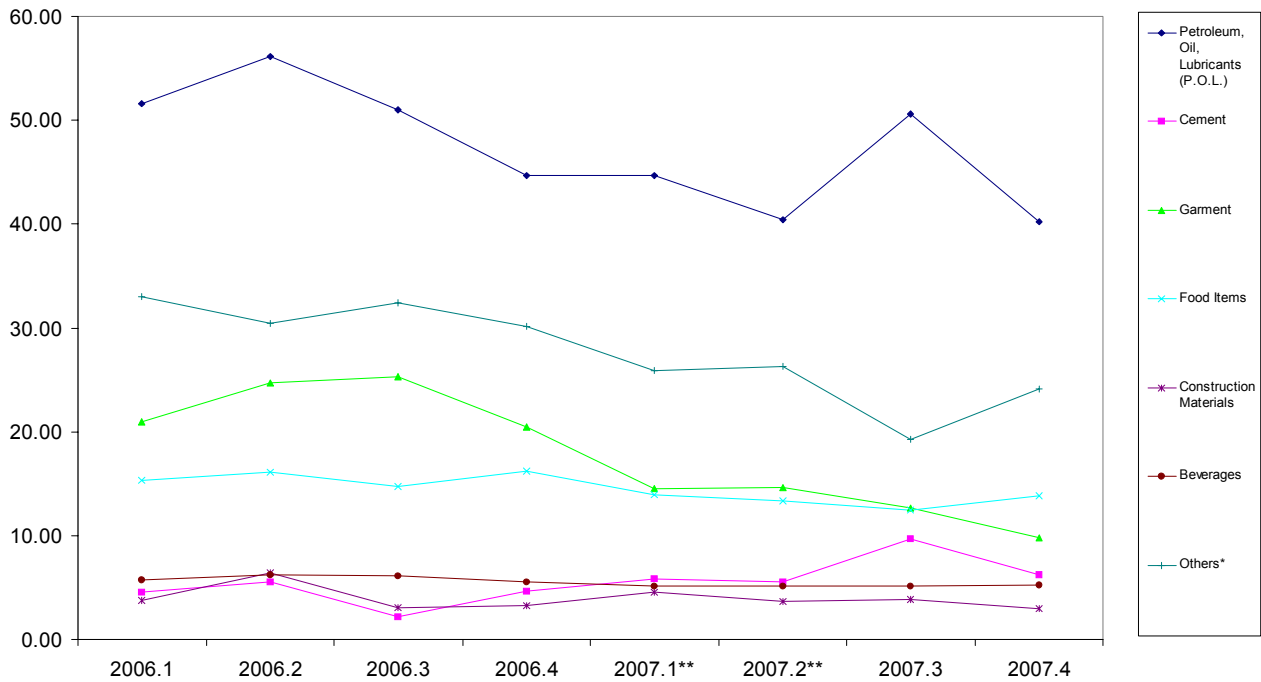
Imports	Year				Quarter							
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2006.1	2006.2	2006.3	2006.4	2007.1**	2007.2**	2007.3	2007.4
<b>Total Tonnage (In Thousands)</b>	<b>682.50</b>	<b>666.40</b>	<b>605.50</b>	<b>540.20</b>	<b>134.90</b>	<b>145.40</b>	<b>134.80</b>	<b>125.10</b>	<b>114.44</b>	<b>108.99</b>	<b>113.66</b>	<b>102.34</b>
Petroleum, Oil, Lubricants (P.O.L.)	221.10	202.40	214.20	203.40	51.60	56.10	51.00	44.70	44.68	40.43	50.63	40.24
Cement	18.40	22.80	19.20	16.80	4.50	5.50	2.20	4.60	5.81	5.50	9.67	6.18
Garment	163.20	157.70	112.90	91.50	21.00	24.70	25.30	20.50	14.51	14.62	12.67	9.83
Food Items				62.30	15.30	16.10	14.70	16.20	13.89	13.33	12.45	13.85
Construction Materials				16.60	3.80	6.40	3.10	3.30	4.51	3.63	3.82	2.93
Beverages				23.50	5.70	6.20	6.10	5.50	5.18	5.14	5.15	5.19
Others*	279.80	283.50	259.20	125.90	33.00	30.40	32.40	30.10	25.86	26.34	19.26	24.11

Source: Port of Saipan, Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA)

\*Note: Others include Food, Construction Materials & Beverages for CY 2003 - 2005

\*\*1st & 2nd Qrt Figures Adjusted to reflect latest adjusted figures

## FIGURE 10 - IMPORTS (IN THOUSANDS)



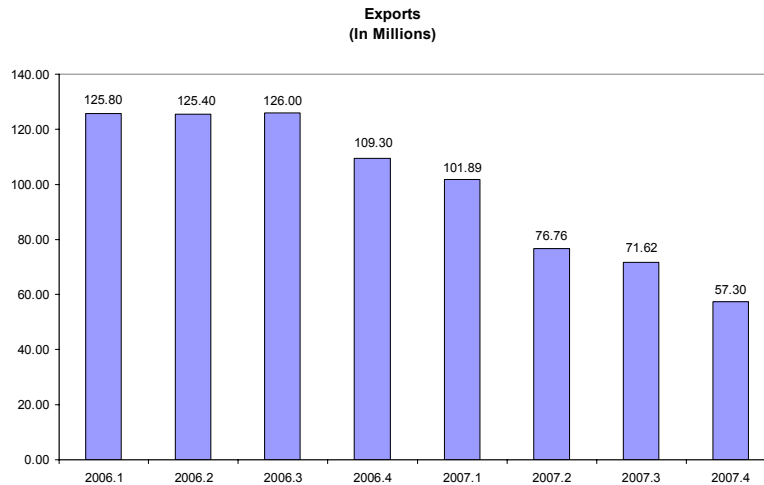
## TABLE 11 - EXPORTS

Exports	Year				Quarter							
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2006.1	2006.2	2006.3	2006.4	2007.1	2007.2	2007.3	2007.4
Garment Exports Value (US \$ Millions)*	792.10	826.00	650.80	486.50	125.80	125.40	126.00	109.30	101.89	76.76	71.62	57.30
% Change to Previous Year/Quarter	-4.72%	4.28%	-21.21%	-25.25%	-29.17%	-19.72%	-23.68%	-28.04%	-19.01%	-38.79%	-43.16%	-47.58%
% Change to Previous Quarter					-17.18%	-0.32%	0.48%	-13.25%	-6.78%	-24.66%	-6.70%	-20.00%

Source: Department of Finance

\*Note: Estimated Based on Garment Certification Fee Collection

## FIGURE 11 - EXPORTS



## TABLE 12 - WORK PERMITS ISSUED BY INDUSTRY

Work Permits Issued by Industry	Year				Quarter							
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2006.1	2006.2	2006.3	2006.4	2007.1	2007.2*	2007.3*	2007.4*
<b>TOTAL Permits Issued</b>	<b>27,148</b>	<b>36,405</b>	<b>33,294</b>	<b>27,194</b>	<b>7,036</b>	<b>6,059</b>	<b>7,792</b>	<b>6,307</b>	<b>4,580</b>	-	-	-
% Change to Previous Year/Quarter	-2.1%	34.1%	-8.5%	-18.3%						-34.9%	0.0%	0.0%
% Change to Previous Quarter										0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Banking	15	11	13	15	6	4	1	4	1	-	-	-
Construction	1,496	2,076	1,938	1,845	531	426	468	420	288	-	-	-
Fishing	19	28	16	17	3	6	4	4	5	-	-	-
Garment	11,982	14,512	13,922	9,690	2,090	1,817	3,660	2,123	1,687	-	-	-
Hotel	2,203	2,687	2,447	2,173	618	654	509	392	391	-	-	-
CNMI Gov't	89	193	281	215	108	41	28	38	26	-	-	-
Night Club/Bar	480	679	618	488	138	112	115	123	77	-	-	-
Farmer	445	699	658	621	184	167	139	131	110	-	-	-
Private Household	1,597	2,012	1,802	1,735	453	437	384	461	329	-	-	-
Restaurant	1,021	1,670	1,420	1,230	349	312	298	271	182	-	-	-
Services	7,181	10,998	9,534	8,544	2,373	1,944	2,043	2,184	1,375	-	-	-
Tourism	369	588	491	431	109	99	110	113	67	-	-	-
Manpower	59	58	15	22	8	2	1	11	1	-	-	-
Security Services	192	194	139	168	66	38	32	32	41	-	-	-

Source: Department of Labor

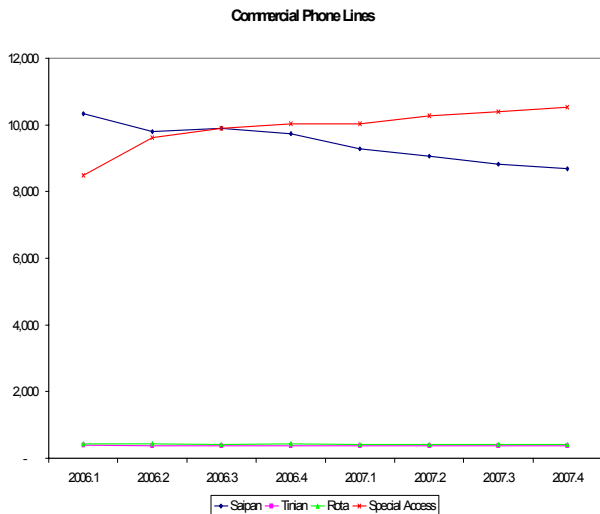
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# TABLE 13 - TELEPHONE LINES

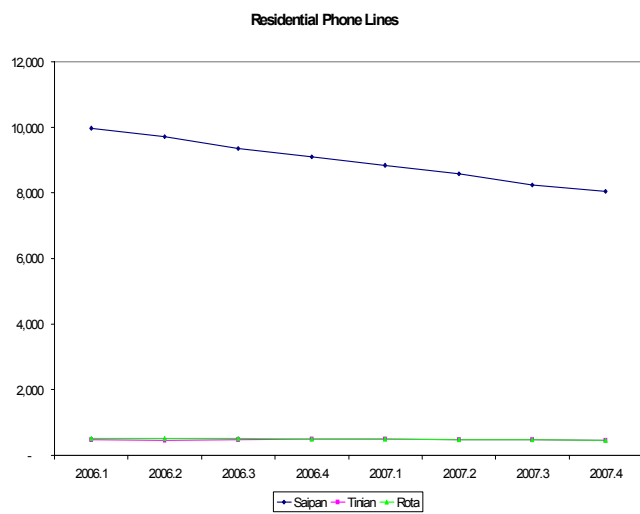
Telephone Lines	Year				Quarter							
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2006.1	2006.2	2006.3	2006.4	2007.1	2007.2	2007.3	2007.4
<b>Total Telephone Lines</b>	<b>29,747</b>	<b>31,525</b>	<b>31,752</b>	<b>30,684</b>	<b>30,599</b>	<b>30,929</b>	<b>30,945</b>	<b>30,684</b>	<b>29,939</b>	<b>29,684</b>	<b>29,166</b>	<b>28,963</b>
% Change to Previous Year/Quarter	11.3%	6.0%	0.7%	-3.3%	-3.6%	-0.9%	0.2%	-3.3%	-2.2%	-4.0%	-5.7%	-5.6%
% Change to Previous Quarter					-3.6%	1.1%	0.1%	-0.8%	-2.4%	-0.9%	-1.7%	-0.7%
<b>Total Commercial Phone Lines</b>	<b>18,102</b>	<b>19,722</b>	<b>20,551</b>	<b>20,592</b>	<b>19,633</b>	<b>20,209</b>	<b>20,610</b>	<b>20,592</b>	<b>20,108</b>	<b>20,135</b>	<b>19,986</b>	<b>20,001</b>
% Change to Previous Year/Quarter	19.1%	8.9%	4.2%	0.19%	1.6%	3.4%	5.3%	0.2%	2.4%	-0.4%	-3.0%	-2.9%
% Change to Previous Quarter					-4.5%	2.9%	2.0%	-0.1%	-2.4%	0.1%	-0.7%	0.1%
Saipan	17,184	10,920	10,668	9,737	10,327	9,786	9,902	9,737	9,276	9,064	8,813	8,689
Tinian	447	450	435	387	391	383	386	387	378	373	371	376
Rota	471	489	466	428	434	429	425	428	427	420	408	410
Special Access		7,863	8,982	10,040	8,481	9,611	9,897	10,040	10,027	10,278	10,394	10,526
<b>Total Residential Phone Lines</b>	<b>11,645</b>	<b>11,803</b>	<b>11,201</b>	<b>10,092</b>	<b>10,966</b>	<b>10,715</b>	<b>10,335</b>	<b>10,092</b>	<b>9,831</b>	<b>9,549</b>	<b>9,180</b>	<b>8,962</b>
% Change to Previous Year/Quarter	1.0%	1.4%	-5.1%	-9.90%	-6.5%	-6.1%	-8.5%	-9.9%	-10.4%	-10.9%	-11.2%	-11.2%
% Change to Previous Quarter					-2.1%	-2.3%	-3.5%	-2.4%	-2.6%	-2.9%	-3.9%	-2.4%
Saipan	10,600	10,734	10,178	9,096	9,965	9,724	9,351	9,096	8,840	8,578	8,237	8,045
Tinian	512	531	499	492	481	466	469	492	495	485	473	458
Rota	533	538	524	504	520	525	515	504	496	486	470	459

Source: Pacific Telecommunication Incorporated (PTI)

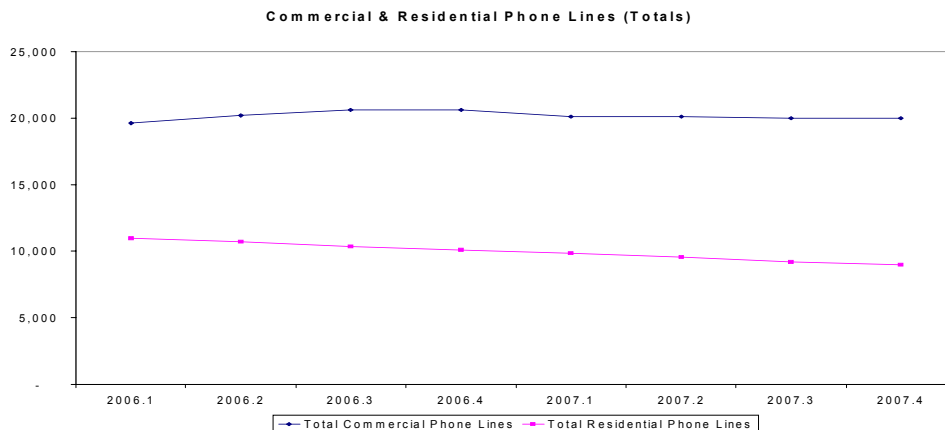
### FIGURE 13.1 - COMMERCIAL PHONE LINES



### FIGURE 13.2 - RESIDENTIAL PHONE LINES



### FIGURE 13.3 - COMMERCIAL & RESIDENTIAL PHONE LINES (TOTALS)

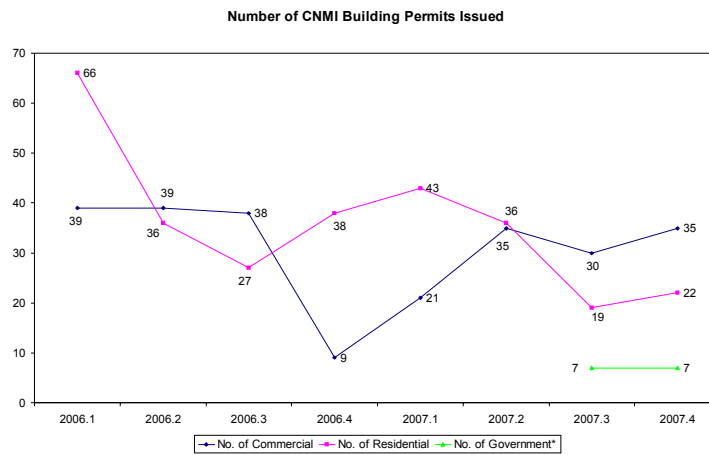


# TABLE 14 - BUILDING PERMITS

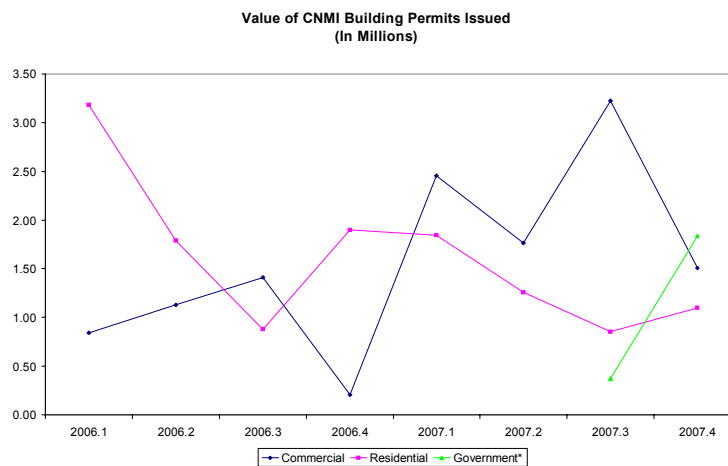
CNMI Building Permits Issued	Year				Quarter							
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2006.1	2006.2	2006.3	2006.4	2007.1	2007.2	2007.3	2007.4
<b>Total No. of Permits</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>64</b>
No. of Commercial	163	157	164	125	39	39	38	9	21	35	30	35
No. of Residential	160	195	186	167	66	36	27	38	43	36	19	22
No. of Government*											7	7
<b>Total Value (US \$ Millions)</b>	<b>15.55</b>	<b>23.05</b>	<b>28.89</b>	<b>11.79</b>	<b>4.10</b>	<b>3.28</b>	<b>2.29</b>	<b>2.12</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>4.4</b>
Commercial	9.55	11.47	19.94	3.59	0.84	1.13	1.41	0.21	2.5	1.8	3.23	1.51
Residential	6.00	11.58	8.95	7.74	3.18	1.79	0.879	1.9	1.8	1.3	0.86	1.10
Government*											0.37	1.84

Source: Building Safety Code Division, Department of Public Works  
 \*Recent Addition to EI 3rd Qtr 2007

## FIGURE 14.1 - NUMBER OF BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED



## FIGURE 14.2 - VALUES OF BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED (IN MILLIONS)



## TABLE 15 - CNMI CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI)

Consumer Price Indexes and Percent Changes for the 4TH Quarter 2007  
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS  
1st Quarter 2003 = 100

Groups	4th Qtr 2007	3rd Qtr 2007	4th Qtr 2006	To 4th Qtr fm 3rd Qtr	To 4th Qtr fm 4th Qtr 06
All Items	114.1	113.8	111.7	0.3	2.1
Food	107.4	106.5	102.3	0.8	5.0
Alcoholic Beverages	104.3	103.9	100.0	0.4	4.3
Housing and Utilities	144.9	144.6	140.5	0.2	3.1
Apparel	102.3	102.3	100.3	0.0	2.0
Transportation	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0
Medical Care	101.1	101.1	100.0	0.0	1.1
Recreation	101.0	100.8	99.1	0.2	1.9
Education and Communication	100.6	100.6	100.5	0.0	0.1
Other Goods and Services	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0

Source: Central Statistics Division, Department of Commerce

## TABLE 16 - CNMI CONSUMER PRICE FOR 9 SELECTED GROUPS

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR 9 SELECTED GROUPS  
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS  
1st Quarter 2003 = 100

Year & Quarter	All Items	Food	Alcoholic Beverages	Housing Utilities	Apparel	Transportation	Medical Care	Recreation	Education and Communication	Other Goods & Services
2003.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2003.2	99.9	100.3	100.2	100.0	100.2	99.7	100.0	99.3	99.8	100.0
2003.3	99.8	100.7	100.0	99.2	101.0	99.7	100.0	99.1	100.2	100.0
2003.4	99.6	100.5	99.9	97.9	100.5	100.5	100.0	96.3	99.6	100.0
2004.1	100.2	103.1	99.9	98.3	100.9	100.5	100.0	95.6	99.5	100.0
2004.2	100.9	104.1	99.7	97.7	99.8	100.9	100.0	101.5	99.6	108.3
2004.3	100.5	105.2	100.1	97.4	95.5	100.0	100.0	98.9	98.7	108.3
2004.4	101.2	107.4	99.9	98.0	92.6	100.2	100.0	98.6	100.9	108.3
2005.1	101.3	106.9	100.0	98.2	98.0	100.6	100.0	98.8	98.0	108.3
2005.2	101.6	107.7	101.3	98.3	96.6	100.7	100.0	101.5	98.4	108.3
2005.3	101.3	101.3	100.0	103.6	100.3	100.0	101.1	100.1	99.8	100.0
2005.4	100.6	99.6	100.1	102.2	99.5	100.0	99.8	100.8	101.1	100.0
2006.1	101.3	101.0	100.4	101.5	114.0	100.3	106.5	103.0	100.8	100.0
2006.2	100.3	100.2	100.0	101.0	100.5	100.0	100.0	100.7	100.0	100.0
2006.3	111.3	101.3	100.0	139.7	100.5	100.0	100.0	102.2	100.1	100.0
2006.4	111.7	102.3	100.0	140.5	100.3	100.0	100.0	99.1	100.5	100.0
2007.1	112.4	104.9	103.9	140.9	101.8	100.0	100.0	100.3	100.8	100.0
2007.2	113.7	106.2	103.9	144.5	102.1	100.0	101.1	100.4	100.6	100.0
2007.3	113.8	106.5	103.9	144.6	102.3	100.0	101.1	100.8	100.6	100.0
2007.4	114.1	107.4	104.3	144.9	102.3	100.0	101.1	101.0	100.6	100.0

Source: Central Statistics Division, Department of Commerce

# TABLE 17 - HISTORICAL CPIs FOR SELECTED GROUPS

## HISTORICAL CPIs FOR SELECTED GROUPS COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS 1st Quarter 2003 = 100

Year & Quarter	Food	Alcoholic Beverages	Housing Utilities	Apparel	Transportation	Medical Care	Recreation	Education Communication	Other Goods & Services	All Items
Wgts	19.02	1.72	27.73	2.24	33.52	2.36	2.44	5.68	5.30	100.0
2000.1	111.3		103.1	108.5	97.0	84.3				99.3
2000.2	110.1		103.5	107.4	99.1	92.5				101.8
2000.3	112.2		104.7	107.9	101.4	93.1				103.2
2000.4	109.0		100.7	108.0	101.4	92.6				101.4
2001.1	106.0		101.3	108.0	101.2	92.2				100.3
2001.2	107.3		101.2	107.5	100.6	92.2				100.6
2001.3	106.7		104.2	107.5	100.2	92.1				100.8
2001.4	107.7		102.3	108.4	98.8	91.9				100.7
2002.1	106.0		102.8	107.2	99.5	97.9				102.2
2002.2	103.7		98.4	107.9	101.0	97.6				100.8
2002.3	102.3		101.3	107.7	101.0	97.7				100.8
2002.4	99.6		100.3	101.5	101.2	97.7				99.4
2003.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2003.2	100.3	100.2	100.0	100.2	99.7	100.0	99.3	99.8	100.0	99.9
2003.3	100.7	100.0	99.2	101.0	99.7	100.0	99.1	100.2	100.0	99.8
2003.4	100.5	99.9	97.9	100.5	100.5	100.0	96.3	99.6	100.0	99.6
2004.1	103.1	99.9	98.3	100.9	100.5	100.0	95.6	99.5	100.0	100.2
2004.2	104.1	99.7	97.7	99.8	100.9	100.0	101.5	99.6	108.3	100.9
2004.3	105.2	100.1	97.4	95.5	100.0	100.0	98.9	98.7	108.3	100.5
2004.4	107.4	99.9	98.0	92.6	100.2	100.0	98.6	100.9	108.3	101.2
2005.1	106.9	100.0	98.2	98.0	100.6	100.0	98.8	98.0	108.3	101.3
2005.2	107.7	101.3	98.3	96.6	100.7	100.0	101.5	98.4	108.3	101.6
2005.3	100.4	100.4	100.1	96.3	100.3	100.1	99.6	101.4	100.0	100.2
2005.4	99.6	100.1	102.2	99.5	100.0	99.8	100.8	101.1	100.0	100.6
2006.1	101.0	100.4	101.5	114.0	100.3	106.5	103.0	100.8	100.0	101.3
2006.2	100.2	100.0	101.0	100.5	100.0	100.0	100.7	100.0	100.0	100.3
2006.3	101.3	100.0	139.7	100.5	100.0	100.0	102.2	100.1	100.0	111.3
2006.4	102.3	100.0	140.5	100.3	100.0	100.0	99.1	100.5	100.0	111.7
2007.1	104.9	103.9	140.9	101.8	100.0	100.0	100.3	100.8	100.0	112.4
2007.2	106.2	103.9	144.5	102.1	100.0	101.1	100.4	100.6	100.0	113.7
Year & Quarter	Food	Alcoholic Beverages	Housing Utilities	Apparel	Transportation	Medical Care	Recreation	Education Communication	Other Goods & Services	All Items
Wgts	19.02	1.72	27.73	2.24	33.52	2.36	2.44	5.68	5.30	100.0
2007.3	106.5	103.9	144.6	102.3	100.0	101.1	100.8	100.6	100.0	113.8
2007.4	107.4	104.3	144.9	102.3	100.0	101.1	101.0	100.6	100.0	114.1

1 The previous Consumer Price Index had only 5 major groups rather than the 9 that are in the revised CPI. Nevertheless, these historical CPIs will provide users with some indication of historical price movement of the CPI.

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