

## Kiribati

### Table B. Data Categories and Indicators Real Sector

**DATA CATEGORY:** Price Indices  
National Descriptor: Retail Price Index (RPI)  
*(if different, please indicate)*

**CORE INDICATORS:** Consumer Price Index

**ENCOURAGED EXTENSIONS:** Producer Price Index  
*(as applicable)*  
Country-Specific Indicator:  
*(if different, please indicate)*

**Information applies to:** Data Category Only  
*(select from drop down list)*

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#### I. Data Characteristics

##### Coverage

*Briefly describe the key characteristics of the data; i.e., the features of which a user must be aware to use the data appropriately. These include the unit of measure, scope (e.g., geographic, institutional, product), statistical characteristics (e.g., seasonal adjustment, index number base year), basic data source, and accounting conventions.*

<p>The Retail Price Index only covers retailed items on South Tarawa the capital island of Kiribati and the index calculation goes up to the month of January 2003. Retail Price Index covers only households in South Tarawa. The base year is 1996 based on the last Household survey results. Eventhough the international requirement for updating the basis of the retail index series is five years, this had not been carry out by SNO due to limited staff.</p> <p>Although the rpi only reflects changes in prices of goods and services in South Tarawa this implies to the rest of the islands given that government provide freight subsidy policy in which effectively equalized prices sold on outer islands.</p> <p>Note that for Christmas goods are far more expensive than those sold on South Tarawa and outer islands because most goods are imported from Honolulu. The different rpi should be produce then for Christmas island only.</p>
<p><b>Periodicity:</b> <i>Identify the frequency of compilation and dissemination of the data (e.g., monthly, quarterly, annual)</i></p>
<p>The RPI is compiled monthly and the results passed to the Planning Division, but the RPI is not released inthe form of an official publication other than as a component of the Annual Abstract.</p>
<p><b>Timeliness:</b> <i>Identify the lapse of time between the end of a reference period (or a reference date) and the dissemination of the data.</i></p>
<p>One to two weeks after the reference period</p>

<p><b>II. Quality</b></p>
<p><b>Documentation of Methodology:</b> <i>Identify any publicly available statement of methodology that describes how the data are compiled and the sources of data.</i></p>
<p>Not published, details available on request to contact officer</p>
<p><b>Data to Support Cross-checks and Assurance of Reasonableness:</b> <i>Describe the kind and extent of detail of published data, the statistical frameworks (including accounting identities and statistical relationships), and the comparisons and reconciliations that are available to assist users in assessing the quality of the data.</i></p>
<p>None, but results are edited for reasonableness in light of knowledge of local conditions</p>

<p><b>III. Plans for Improvement</b></p>
<p><i>Describe short-term (in the next year) and medium-term (2-5 years) plans for making improvements in the data category and note any improvements that have been implemented in the past two years. Technical or other assistance needs that may be required for implementing these plans should also be noted, if applicable. If it has been determined that there are no shortcomings that need to be addressed, this determination should be explicitly stated.</i></p>
<p><b>Recent Improvements:</b> None</p>
<p><b>Short-Term Plans:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop underlying measure of the Retail Price Index</li> <li>• Begin formal publication of the RPI</li> </ul>
<p><b>Medium-Term Plans:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To do household survey to rebase RPI</li> </ul>
<p><b>Technical Assistance/Financing Needs/Other Prerequisites:</b></p> <p><b>Short-Term:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TA to help with the planning of the HIES</li> <li>• Funding assistance is needed for the HIES</li> </ul>
<p><b>Medium-Term:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding and TA to help with the processing of the HIES and CPI rebasing</li> </ul>

#### IV. Dissemination Formats

For each publication or data release, check the box corresponding to the frequency of release and indicate the title and language(s) on the next line. Identify an appropriate contact person, if different from first page.

##### Hard Copy:

**News Release:**

Retail Price Index, English, it is not officially released, but tables are available from Reception area of the Statistics Office on request, no charge

##### Publication:

**Weekly:**

**Monthly:**

**Quarterly:**

**Annual:**

Included with any annual Statistical Abstract publications

**Other:**

##### Electronic:

**Internet:**

**Other Online:**

**CD-ROM:**

**Diskette:**

**Other (specify):**

**None:**