

Prices

The Exvessel Price table is an index of changes in the relative dockside value of fish and shellfish sold by fishing vessels. The table indexes the average annual exvessel value (price per pound) received for each species or group to the average price per pound received for the same species or group in the base year 1982.

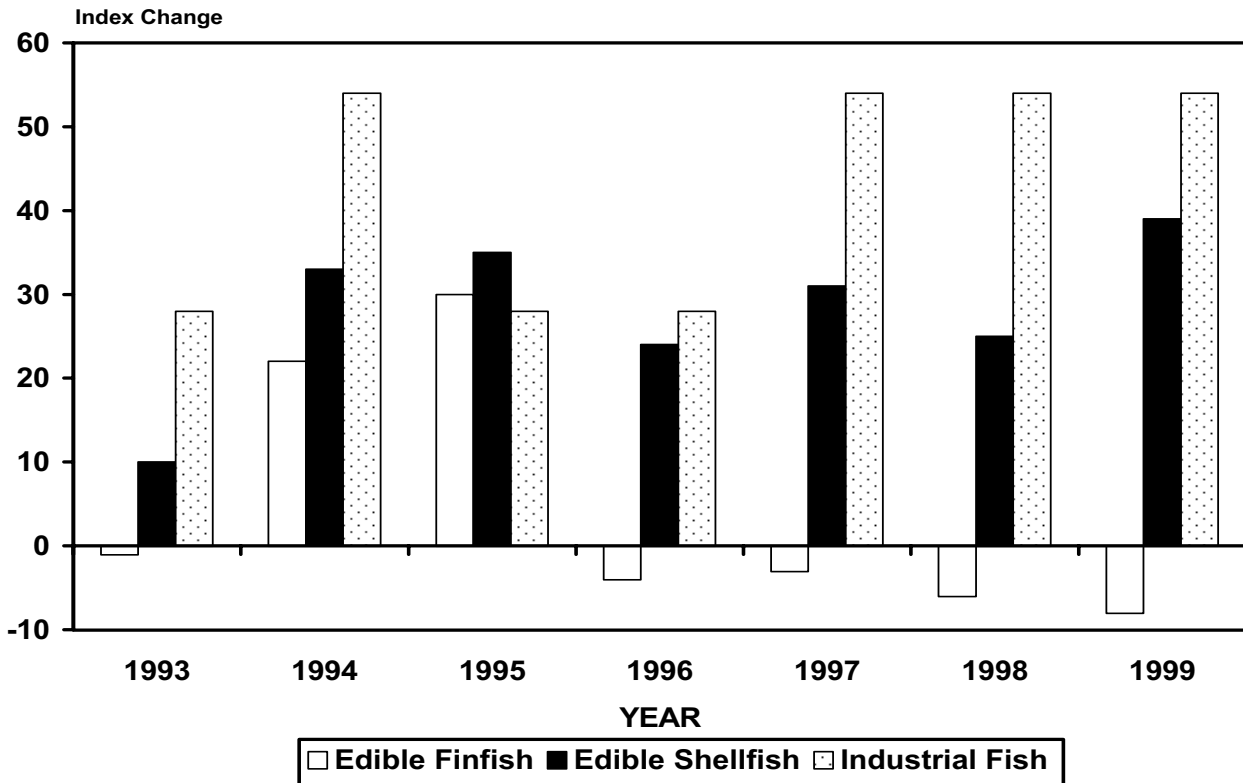
The exvessel price for each year was obtained by dividing total value for each species or group by its total quantity as reported in the U. S. commercial landings tables on pages 1 thru 4. The index for each species or group was obtained by multiplying the

current annual price by the total quantity caught in 1982 (the base year). That number was then divided by the 1982 value to obtain the final index:

$$\frac{(100 \times \text{Current price} \times \text{1982 quantity})}{\text{1982 Annual value}} = \text{Index}$$

Each index number measures price changes from the 1982 reference period when the index equaled 100. A species of fish that sold for \$0.75 a pound in 1986 and a \$1.00 a pound in 1982 would have an index of 75 in 1986. In 1999, if the price of the same species increased to \$1.07, the index in 1999 would be 107.

Percent Changes in the Exvessel Price Index, 1993-1999
(Change Relative to Base Year = 1982)



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INDEXES OF EXVESSEL PRICES FOR FISH AND SHELLFISH, BY YEARS, 1993-99 (1982=100)

Species	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Groundfish, et al:							
Cod	105	92	77	76	84	68	68
Haddock	277	287	277	239	218	253	264
Pollock:							
Atlantic	299	365	412	311	255	294	372
Alaska	194	212	161	160	170	124	124
Flounders	61	80	96	91	63	67	74
Total groundfish, et al.	115	125	125	115	100	99	106
Halibut	115	171	173	199	195	165	180
Sea herring	63	86	126	137	63	46	57
Salmon:							
Chinook	81	76	76	63	70	64	92
Chum	95	58	66	36	49	39	40
Pink	59	73	67	38	52	61	61
Sockeye	80	101	100	94	103	131	87
Coho	74	76	54	48	70	54	96
Total salmon	78	85	82	69	81	90	81
Swordfish	92	107	104	103	91	70	76
Tuna:							
Albacore	132	125	120	130	124	99	125
Bluefin	766	666	954	229	353	295	736
Skipjack	85	127	83	82	93	79	63
Yellowfin	112	205	283	113	126	100	88
Total tuna	117	181	212	105	118	96	94
Total edible finfish	97	122	130	96	97	94	92
Clams:							
Hard	113	105	113	148	163	174	160
Ocean Quahog	128	129	136	142	145	148	154
Soft	233	248	250	205	236	238	255
Surf	88	118	118	115	116	103	99
Total clams	126	133	138	147	159	161	157
Crabs:							
Blue	201	260	284	266	271	271	303
Dungeness	95	145	176	143	210	192	213
King	127	146	104	100	94	80	175
Snow	78	144	237	130	76	54	85
Total crabs	123	166	182	144	135	121	178
American lobster	117	128	141	147	138	138	160
Oysters	183	175	179	214	199	188	191
Scallops:							
Bay	161	49	55	69	111	90	133
Calico	(1)	94	124	-	217	(1)	93
Sea	159	138	138	153	179	166	166
Total scallops	141	126	131	129	178	141	155
Shrimp:							
Gulf and South Atlantic	80	110	99	88	106	94	97
Other	128	142	179	148	134	331	152
Total shrimp	82	111	103	91	107	105	100
Total edible shellfish	110	138	135	124	133	125	139
Total edible fish and shellfish	104	131	133	111	117	111	118
Industrial fish, Menhaden	128	154	128	128	154	154	154
All fish and shellfish	105	132	132	112	119	113	119

(1) Confidential data.

Employment, Craft, and Plants

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF COMMERCIAL FISHING VESSELS (1) AND FISHING BOATS (2) BY REGION AND STATE, 1997 - 1998

Area and State	1997			1998		
	Vessels	Boats	Total	Vessels	Boats	Total
Northeast:						
Connecticut	225	377	602	245	318	563
Delaware	175	NA	175	175	NA	175
Maine	1,733	5,828	7,561	1,642	5,799	7,441
Maryland (3)	33	NA	33	33	NA	33
Massachusetts	737	4,510	5,247	715	4,500	5,215
New Hampshire	128	483	611	115	461	576
New Jersey	420	1,181	1,601	387	1,147	1,534
New York (4)	689	2,541	3,230	689	2,931	3,620
Rhode Island	308	2,469	2,777	312	2,401	2,713
Virginia (3)	122	NA	122	122	NA	122
South Atlantic and Gulf:						
North Carolina	835	NA	835	891	NA	891
South Carolina	654	NA	654	569	NA	569
Georgia	351	NA	351	350	NA	350
Florida	2,437	6,648	9,085	2,384	6,157	8,541
Alabama	359	1,320	1,679	398	1,338	1,736
Mississippi	591	856	1,447	454	688	1,142
Louisiana	2,650	10,987	13,637	2,535	11,637	14,172
Texas	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
West Coast:						
Alaska	7,098	9,344	16,442	6,910	9,049	15,959
Washington	1,070	585	1,655	904	428	1,332
Oregon	732	328	1,060	668	296	964
California	1,567	1,421	2,988	1,387	1,179	2,566
Hawaii	2,833	NA	2,833	2,855	NA	2,855
Great Lakes (5)						
Illinois	5	NA	5	5	NA	5
Indiana	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Michigan	61	75	136	61	74	135
Minnesota	1	23	24	1	22	23
New York	1	NA	1	2	NA	2
Ohio	38	17	55	40	19	59
Pennsylvania	2	1	3	2	1	3
Wisconsin	97	44	141	89	16	105

- (1) Vessels are documented craft greater than 5 net registered tons.
- (2) Boats are craft less than 5 net registered tons.
- (3) Only Federal collected data are available. Inshore data not available.
- (4) Excludes vessels and boats in the Great Lakes.
- (5) Commercial fishing fleet sizes for the Great Lakes states represent only the number of licenses issued by the State; therefore, may not be an accurate total. Tribal data are not included in this table.

NA -- Data not available or provided separately.

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PROCESSORS AND WHOLESALERS: PLANTS, AND EMPLOYMENT, 1998

Area and State	Processing		Wholesale (1)		Total	
	Plants	Employment	Plants	Employment	Plants	Employment
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New England:						
Maine	51	1,703	227	1,625	278	3,328
New Hampshire	9	390	27	171	36	561
Massachusetts	68	2,563	323	2,554	391	5,117
Rhode Island	18	406	60	352	78	758
Connecticut	4	68	37	304	41	372
Total	150	5,130	674	5,006	824	10,136
Mid-Atlantic:						
New York	7	176	351	2,441	358	2,617
New Jersey	15	1,189	138	909	153	2,098
Pennsylvania	6	1,890	64	790	70	2,680
Delaware	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
District of Columbia	-	-	6	101	6	101
Maryland	31	982	88	717	119	1,699
Virginia	40	1,661	82	579	122	2,240
Total	99	5,898	729	5,537	828	11,435
South Atlantic:						
North Carolina	47	1,353	97	869	144	2,222
South Carolina	5	82	28	194	33	276
Georgia	8	1,259	58	586	66	1,845
Florida	108	3,142	374	2,984	482	6,126
Total	168	5,836	557	4,633	725	10,469
Gulf:						
Alabama	83	1,423	54	724	137	2,147
Mississippi	36	2,551	35	248	71	2,799
Louisiana	120	2,787	168	1,152	288	3,939
Texas	27	1,479	114	1,375	141	2,854
Total	266	8,240	371	3,499	637	11,739
Pacific:						
Alaska	193	8,940	205	353	398	9,293
Washington	88	3,659	213	1,689	301	5,348
Oregon	38	1,376	24	289	62	1,665
California	134	6,467	410	4,896	544	11,363
Total	453	20,442	852	7,227	1,305	27,669
Inland States, Total	39	1,517	289	2,747	328	4,264
Other Areas or States:						
(3), Total	26	9,370	60	653	86	10,023
Grand total	1,201	56,433	3,532	29,302	4,733	85,735

(1) Data are based on Standard Industrial Classification Code 5146, as reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

(2) Included with Inland States for confidentiality reasons.

(3) Includes American Samoa, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico