

# 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.

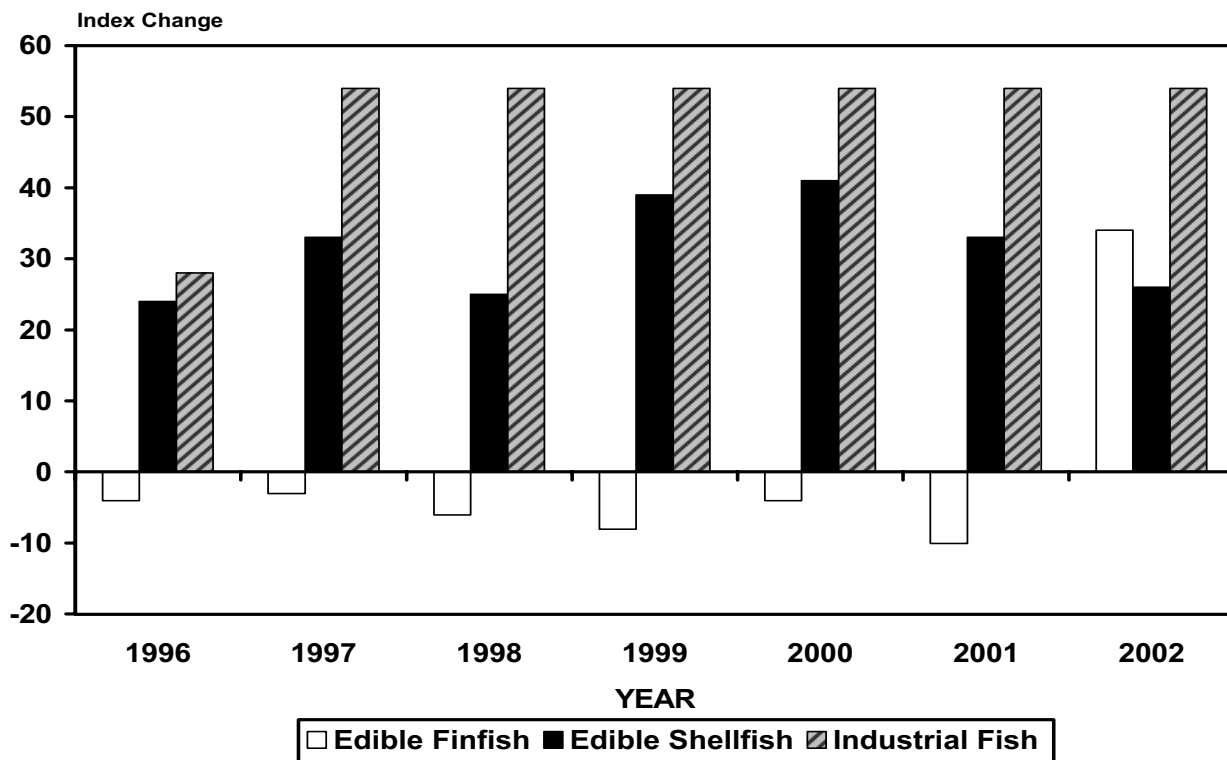
The exvessel price for each year was obtained by dividing total value for each species or group by its total quantity as reported in the U. S. commercial landings tables on pages 8 thru 13. The index for each species or group was obtained by multiplying the current annual price by the total quantity 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 2002, if the price of the same species increased to \$1.07, the index in 2002 would be 107.

**Percent Changes in the Exvessel Price Index, 1996-2002**  
(Change Relative to Base Year = 1982)



## INDEXES OF EXVESSEL PRICES FOR FISH AND SHELLFISH, BY YEARS, 1996-2002 (1982=100)

Species	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
<b>Groundfish, et al:</b>							
Cod	76	84	68	68	106	103	81
Haddock	239	218	253	264	264	227	230
Pollock:							
Atlantic	311	255	294	372	352	306	351
Alaska	160	170	124	124	109	128	108
Flounders	91	63	67	74	72	81	74
<b>Total groundfish, et al.</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>105</b>
Halibut	199	195	165	180	225	172	192
Sea herring	137	63	46	57	51	51	57
<b>Salmon:</b>							
Chinook	63	70	64	92	89	74	62
Chum	36	49	39	40	54	67	37
Pink	38	52	61	61	58	48	30
Sockeye	94	103	131	87	86	62	64
Coho	48	70	54	96	54	41	35
<b>Total salmon</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>52</b>
Swordfish	103	91	70	76	78	77	72
<b>Tuna:</b>							
Albacore	130	124	99	125	134	132	98
Bluefin	229	353	295	736	760	706	731
Skipjack	82	93	79	63	52	74	189
Yellowfin	113	126	100	88	122	120	396
<b>Total tuna</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>309</b>
<b>Total edible finfish</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>134</b>
<b>Clams:</b>							
Hard	148	163	174	160	144	148	128
Ocean Quahog	142	145	148	154	166	201	204
Soft	205	236	238	255	237	295	291
Surf	115	116	103	99	106	110	106
<b>Total clams</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>156</b>
<b>Crabs:</b>							
Blue	266	271	271	303	303	346	298
Dungeness	143	210	192	213	222	213	173
King	100	94	80	175	137	137	170
Snow	130	76	54	85	177	150	132
<b>Total crabs</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>184</b>
American lobster	147	138	138	160	157	150	155
Oysters	214	199	188	191	156	176	184
<b>Scallops:</b>							
Bay	69	111	90	133	134	288	153
Calico	(2)	217	(1)	93	(1)	(1)	(1)
Sea	153	179	166	166	137	102	105
<b>Total scallops</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>96</b>
<b>Shrimp:</b>							
Gulf and South Atlantic	88	106	94	97	111	95	82
Other	148	134	331	152	144	103	88
<b>Total shrimp</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>83</b>
<b>Total edible shellfish</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>126</b>
<b>Total edible fish and shellfish</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>130</b>
Industrial fish, Menhaden	128	154	154	154	154	154	154
<b>All fish and shellfish</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>131</b>

(1) Confidential data.

(2) No landings reported.

# Employment, Craft, and Plants

## ESTIMATED NUMBER OF COMMERCIAL FISHING VESSELS (1) AND FISHING BOATS (2) BY REGION AND STATE, 2001 - 2002

Area and State	2001			2002		
	Vessels	Boats	Total	Vessels	Boats	Total
<b>Northeast:</b>						
Connecticut	182	243	425	NA	NA	NA
Delaware	184	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Maine	1,656	5,836	7,492	NA	NA	NA
Maryland (3)	32	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Massachusetts	695	4,540	5,235	NA	NA	NA
New Hampshire	109	471	580	NA	NA	NA
New Jersey	397	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
New York (4)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Rhode Island	344	2,920	3,264	NA	NA	NA
Virginia (3)	261	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
<b>South Atlantic and Gulf:</b>						
North Carolina	773	NA	NA	763	NA	NA
South Carolina	520	NA	NA	556	NA	NA
Georgia	265	NA	NA	226	NA	NA
Florida	2,136	5,502	7,638	1,934	4,438	6,372
Alabama	443	1,328	1,771	425	1,350	1,775
Mississippi	504	743	1,247	522	843	1,365
Louisiana	2,393	11,830	14,223	2,084	8,874	10,958
Texas	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
<b>West Coast:</b>						
Alaska	6,126	9,062	15,188	5,494	8,541	14,035
Washington	726	355	1,081	695	329	1,024
Oregon	721	376	1,097	639	359	998
California	1,307	1,132	2,439	1,201	997	2,198
Hawaii	347	2,467	2,814	NA	NA	NA
<b>Great Lakes (5)</b>						
Illinois	5	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Indiana	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Michigan	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Minnesota	1	24	25	NA	NA	NA
New York	1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Ohio	31	19	50	NA	NA	NA
Pennsylvania	2	1	3	NA	NA	NA
Wisconsin	78	18	96	NA	NA	NA

(1) Vessels are documented craft greater than 5 net registered tons.

(2) Boats are craft less than 5 net registered ton.

(3) Only Federally collected data are available. Inshore data are not available.

(4) Excludes vessels and boats in the Great Lakes.

(5) Commercial fishing fleet size of the Great Lakes states represent only the number of licenses issued by the State; therefore, this may not be an accurate total. Tribal data are not included in this table.

NA -- Data not available or provided separately.

# Employment, Craft, and Plants

## PROCESSORS AND WHOLESALERS: PLANTS, AND EMPLOYMENT, 2001

Area and State	Processing		Wholesale (1)		Total	
	Plants	Employment	Plants	Employment	Plants	Employment
	-----Number-----					
<b>New England:</b>						
Maine	42	1,212	161	953	203	2,165
New Hampshire	6	249	17	138	23	387
Massachusetts	55	2,510	179	2,145	234	4,655
Rhode Island	17	426	37	282	54	708
Connecticut	4	63	25	192	29	255
<b>Total</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>4,460</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>3,710</b>	<b>543</b>	<b>8,170</b>
<b>Mid-Atlantic:</b>						
New York	6	167	266	1,921	272	2,088
New Jersey	15	1,307	81	793	96	2,100
Pennsylvania	5	671	38	492	43	1,163
Delaware	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
District of Columbia	-	-	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Maryland	19	909	55	432	74	1,341
Virginia	32	1,254	53	458	85	1,712
<b>Total</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>4,308</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>4,096</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>8,404</b>
<b>South Atlantic:</b>						
North Carolina	36	903	69	677	105	1,580
South Carolina	3	28	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Georgia	5	1,119	30	432	35	1,551
Florida	93	2,654	283	2,485	376	5,139
<b>Total</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>4,704</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>3,594</b>	<b>516</b>	<b>8,270</b>
<b>Gulf:</b>						
Alabama	72	1,310	28	477	100	1,787
Mississippi	35	2,806	26	121	61	2,927
Louisiana	91	2,239	105	749	196	2,988
Texas	25	1,378	73	805	98	2,183
<b>Total</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>7,733</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>2,152</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>9,885</b>
<b>Pacific:</b>						
Alaska	174	8,748	188	342	362	9,090
Washington	78	3,800	144	1,064	222	4,864
Oregon	30	1,201	(2)	(2)	30	1,201
California	106	5,392	282	4,256	388	9,648
<b>Total</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>19,141</b>	<b>614</b>	<b>5,662</b>	<b>1,002</b>	<b>24,803</b>
<b>Inland States, Total</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>1,294</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>1,783</b>
<b>Other Areas or States:</b>						
<b>(3), Total</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>7,260</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>2,930</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>10,190</b>
<b>Grand total</b>	<b>996</b>	<b>48,900</b>	<b>2,414</b>	<b>22,633</b>	<b>3,410</b>	<b>71,533</b>

(1) Data are based on North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) 42446 as reported to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

(2) Included with Inland States. (3) Includes American Samoa, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico.

# Fishery Products Inspection

## FISHERY PRODUCTS AND ESTABLISHMENTS INSPECTED IN CALENDAR YEAR, 2002

Region	Edible fishery products						
	Establishment (1)		Amount inspected				Total
	SIFE (2)	In- plant (3)	Grade A (4)	PUFI (4)	No mark (5)	Lot (6)	
	-Average number-		----- Thousand pounds -----				
Northeast	0	64	27,304	142,519	66,785	89,849	326,456
Southeast	0	95	19,800	57,404	62,999	100,763	240,966
West	3	60	16,853	15,362	20,666	232,572	285,454
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>63,958</b>	<b>215,285</b>	<b>150,449</b>	<b>423,184</b>	<b>(7) 852,875</b>

(1) These establishments are inspected under contract and certified as meeting U.S. Department of Commerce (USDC) regulations for construction and maintenance of facilities and equipment processing techniques, and employment practices.

(2) Fish processing establishments approved for sanitation under the Sanitary Inspected Fish Establishment Service (SIFE). Products are not processed under inspection.

(3) Sanitarily inspected fish establishments processing fishery products under USDC inspection. As of December 2002, 75 of these were in the Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) Quality Management Program.

(4) Products processed under USDC inspection in inspected establishments and labeled with USDC inspection mark as "Processed Under Federal Inspection" (PUFI) and/or "U.S. Grade A."

(5) Products processed under inspection in inspected establishments but bearing no USDC inspection mark.

(6) Lot inspected and marked products checked for quality and condition at the time of examination and located in processing plants, warehouses, cold storage facilities, or terminal markets anywhere in the United States.

(7) Based on 2001 per capita consumption data, approximately 17.07 percent of seafood consumed in the U.S. is certified under the auspices of the Seafood Inspection Program.

Note:--Table may not add due to rounding.

Source:--NMFS, Seafood Inspection Program, F/Sl.