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GENERAL INDEX

The All Items Index of Retail Prices calculated from prices collected for the month of September, 2008 was 154.0 representing an increase of 2.2 points or 1.4% over the Index for August, 2008.

The annual rate of inflation as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January–September, 2008 over that for the period January–September, 2007 was 11.2%. This compares with an increase of 7.9% observed in the average All Items Index for the period January–September, 2007 over the average All Items Index for the same period in 2006.

SECTION INDICES

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 290.0 in August, 2008 to 302.9 in September, 2008, reflecting an increase of 4.4%. Contributing significantly to this increase was the general upward movement in the prices of whole Chicken, canned vegetables, fish (carite), oranges, pawpaw, limes, tomatoes, melongene, ochros, christophene, dasheen, sweet potatoes, irish potatoes, chive, celery and hot peppers. However, the full impact of these price increases was dampened by the general fall in the prices of packaged rice.

Price changes in this section, for the month of September, 2008, accounted for a net overall increase of 2.3 points in the All Items Index.

OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for September, 2008 compared with August, 2008 indicated an increase in the sub-index for Clothing and Footwear 0.2%. However, declines were noted in the sub-indices for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco 0.1% and Water, Gas and Electricity 3.0%.

Price changes in these sections, for the month of September, 2008, accounted for a net overall decrease of 0.1 point in the All Items Index.

Growth in consumer prices in September, 2008 compared with those of September, 2007, reflected in various sections of the Index is shown hereunder:

Sections	Percentage Change September, 2008–September, 2007
All Items	14.8
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	34.6
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	15.9
Clothing and Footwear	3.3
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	6.9
Home Ownership	3.9
Rent	5.8
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	17.8
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	2.9
Health	6.6
Transport	1.7
Communication	0.0
Recreation and Culture	4.6
Education	16.4
Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	25.4
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.6

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES
Figures for September, 2008

Period	All Items Jan 2003 =100	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	Clothing and Footwear	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels				Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	Health	Transport	Communication	Recreation and Culture	Education	Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	Miscellaneous Goods and Services
					Total	Home-ownership	Rent	Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels								
Weights	1000	180	25	53	262	180	24	58	54	51	167	41	85	16	30	36
Annual Average																
2006	122.3	185.3	119.4	91.3	108.9	108.6	116.0	103.7	104.0	118.5	110.1	78.5	118.5	122.7	117.3	105.3
2007	132.0	217.6	134.2	93.3	113.5	115.2	120.8	105.5	105.9	124.8	114.4	78.5	121.7	137.4	127.8	110.8
January - September 2006	120.8	180.2	116.4	91.5	108.2	108.8	115.7	103.6	103.5	117.4	109.4	78.5	117.8	119.6	116.4	104.7
January - September 2007	130.4	211.7	131.4	93.0	113.1	114.6	119.9	105.4	105.8	124.0	113.9	78.5	122.6	133.1	124.7	110.1
January - September 2008	145.0	262.4	149.6	95.7	118.4	118.2	126.2	115.8	112.3	131.8	117.1	78.5	132.4	153.9	148.9	115.1
2006	117.1	166.3	109.7	91.6	106.9	107.4	114.0	102.4	102.8	112.2	109.1	78.5	114.4	118.7	115.4	103.9
January	117.7	169.6	109.4	91.6	106.9	107.4	114.0	102.4	102.8	113.3	109.1	78.5	114.4	118.7	115.4	103.9
February	118.5	172.8	110.1	92.4	107.2	107.4	114.0	103.8	102.8	114.9	109.1	78.5	114.4	118.7	115.4	103.9
March	119.3	173.1	111.3	91.5	108.2	108.5	116.4	104.0	103.7	117.9	109.4	78.5	116.2	120.0	115.9	104.6
April	120.6	179.1	119.2	91.4	108.2	108.5	116.4	104.0	103.7	118.0	109.4	78.5	116.2	120.0	115.9	104.6
May	121.8	185.8	120.7	91.3	108.2	108.5	116.4	104.0	103.7	118.5	109.4	78.5	116.2	120.0	115.9	104.6
June	123.3	187.0	121.8	91.3	109.6	110.4	116.7	104.0	104.1	120.7	109.7	78.5	122.9	120.0	118.0	105.5
July	124.0	190.8	122.5	91.3	109.5	110.4	116.7	103.9	104.1	120.6	109.7	78.5	122.9	120.0	118.0	105.5
August	125.1	197.4	122.6	91.1	110.8	112.2	116.9	104.0	105.4	122.3	112.2	78.5	123.1	131.8	119.7	107.3
September	126.3	197.8	127.1	90.7	110.8	112.2	116.9	104.0	105.4	121.4	112.2	78.5	120.3	131.8	119.7	107.3
October	126.8	200.8	129.4	91.1	110.8	112.2	116.9	104.0	105.4	121.4	112.2	78.5	120.3	131.8	119.7	107.3
November	126.8	200.8	129.4	91.1	110.8	112.2	116.9	104.0	105.4	121.4	112.2	78.5	120.3	131.8	119.7	107.3
December	127.3	203.4	129.7	90.5	110.8	112.2	116.9	104.0	105.4	121.5	112.2	78.5	120.3	131.8	119.7	107.3
2007	127.2	201.0	130.2	92.9	111.5	113.2	117.5	103.8	105.6	121.6	112.2	78.5	118.0	131.8	123.5	108.4
January	127.6	203.0	130.5	92.8	111.7	113.2	117.5	104.8	105.6	121.8	112.2	78.5	118.0	131.8	123.5	108.4
February	128.0	205.3	130.4	92.2	111.9	113.2	117.5	105.5	105.6	121.6	112.2	78.5	118.0	131.8	123.5	108.4
March	128.3	205.8	131.6	92.9	113.6	115.3	120.8	105.9	106.2	124.2	113.6	78.5	120.3	133.8	123.7	110.4
April	130.1	210.0	130.7	92.1	113.7	115.3	120.8	105.9	106.2	124.3	113.6	78.5	120.3	133.8	123.7	110.4
May	130.7	213.1	131.6	93.4	113.7	115.3	120.8	105.9	106.2	124.5	113.6	78.5	120.3	133.8	123.7	110.4
June	131.1	219.1	132.0	93.4	113.8	115.4	121.5	105.7	105.5	125.8	115.8	78.5	129.4	133.8	126.9	111.4
July	133.1	222.7	132.7	93.6	113.8	115.4	121.5	105.7	105.5	126.1	115.8	78.5	129.4	133.8	126.9	111.4
August	134.2	225.0	132.9	93.5	113.8	115.4	121.5	105.7	105.5	126.1	115.8	78.5	129.4	133.8	126.9	111.4
September	135.5	230.5	136.4	94.1	114.9	116.8	123.2	105.7	106.1	127.0	115.8	78.5	119.1	150.2	136.9	112.8
October	137.1	238.4	145.1	94.2	114.9	116.8	123.2	105.7	106.1	127.4	115.8	78.5	119.1	150.2	136.9	112.8
November	137.1	238.4	145.1	94.2	114.9	116.8	123.2	105.7	106.1	127.4	115.8	78.5	119.1	150.2	136.9	112.8
December	137.0	237.5	146.5	94.7	115.0	116.8	123.2	105.9	106.1	127.3	115.8	78.5	119.1	150.2	136.9	112.8
2008	139.9	242.7	148.1	95.0	115.2	117.2	123.3	105.8	106.6	129.9	116.7	78.5	134.6	150.2	140.1	114.1
January	139.6	241.1	147.9	95.0	115.3	117.2	123.3	106.4	106.6	130.1	116.7	78.5	134.6	150.2	140.1	114.1
February	140.5	245.8	148.2	94.8	115.5	117.2	123.3	107.0	106.6	130.2	116.7	78.5	134.6	150.2	140.1	114.1
March	141.3	246.0	148.3	95.7	116.0	117.4	126.7	107.1	121.8	131.2	116.8	78.5	127.3	155.8	147.4	114.6
April	143.1	255.8	148.4	96.0	115.9	117.4	126.7	107.0	121.8	131.0	116.8	78.5	127.3	155.8	147.4	114.6
May	145.5	262.3	148.4	95.6	120.6	117.4	126.7	128.2	121.8	132.1	116.8	78.5	127.3	155.8	147.4	114.6
June	148.9	274.6	149.2	96.1	122.5	119.9	128.6	128.2	108.6	133.0	117.8	78.5	135.4	158.8	159.1	116.5
July	151.8	290.0	154.1	96.4	122.5	119.9	128.6	128.2	108.6	134.0	117.8	78.5	135.4	158.8	159.1	116.5
August	154.0	302.9	154.0	96.6	121.7	119.9	128.6	124.5	108.6	134.4	117.8	78.5	135.4	155.8	159.1	116.5
September	154.0	302.9	154.0	96.6	121.7	119.9	128.6	124.5	108.6	134.4	117.8	78.5	135.4	155.8	159.1	116.5

NOTE: To link the previous or old base (September 1993 = 100) to the new base (January 2003 = 100), at the All Items level, multiply the All Items index of the new base by 1.509.