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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—November, 2009 (Base: January, 2003 = 100)

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GENERAL INDEX

The All Items Index of Retail Prices calculated from prices collected for the month of November, 2009 was 159.0 representing a decrease of 1.5 points or 0.9% below the Index for October, 2009.

The annual rate of inflation as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January–November, 2009 over that for the period January–November, 2008 was 7.5%. This reflects a reduction when compared with an increase of 11.9% observed in the average All Items Index for the period January–November, 2008 over the average All Items Index for the same period in 2007.

SECTION INDICES

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages decreased from 318.4 in October, 2009 to 310.5 in November, 2009, reflecting a decrease of 2.5%. Contributing significantly to this decrease was the general downward movement in the prices of packaged rice, yams, irish potatoes, melongene, ochros, chive, celery, cucumber, limes and sweet pepper. However, the full impact of these price decreases was offset by the general increase in the prices of fish—cavalli and carite, sweet potatoes, dasheen, oranges, grapefruit, apples, melon, refined (yellow) sugar, hot peppers and spices.

Price changes in this section, for the month of November, 2009, accounted for a net overall decrease of 1.4 points in the All Items Index.

OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for November, 2009, compared with October, 2009, reflected an increase in the sub-index for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco 0.4%. However, a decline was noted in the sub-index for Clothing and Footwear 0.2%.

Price changes in these sections for the month of November, 2009, accounted for a net overall decrease of 0.1 point in the All Items Index.

Changes in consumer prices in November, 2009, compared with those of November, 2008, reflected in various sections of the Index are shown hereunder—

Sections	Percentage Change November, 2009–November, 2008
All Items	1.5
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	0.4
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	13.0
Clothing and Footwear	-1.7
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	1.4
Home Ownership	0.6
Rent	2.8
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	2.9
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	2.2
Health	6.8
Transport	4.3
Communication	0.0
Recreation and Culture	-5.7
Education	3.2
Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	3.8
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	5.8

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES
Figures for November, 2009

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	180	25	53	262	180	24	58	54	51	167	41	85	16	30	36	
Annual Average																
2007	132.0	217.6	134.2	93.3	113.5	115.2	120.8	105.5	124.8	114.4	78.5	121.7	137.4	127.8	110.8	
2008	147.9	274.0	151.3	95.8	119.8	119.4	127.3	118.0	132.5	117.8	78.5	133.0	156.5	153.3	116.0	
January - November 2007	131.5	215.8	133.1	93.2	113.4	115.0	120.5	105.5	124.6	114.2	78.5	121.9	136.2	126.9	110.6	
January - November 2008	147.1	270.7	150.9	95.8	119.4	119.1	127.0	117.4	132.3	117.6	78.5	132.8	155.8	152.1	115.7	
January - November 2009	158.1	308.6	162.7	95.4	125.1	124.1	132.7	125.2	140.3	125.6	78.5	129.3	166.3	171.0	123.3	
2007	127.2	201.0	130.2	92.9	111.5	113.2	117.5	103.8	121.6	112.2	78.5	118.0	131.8	131.8	108.4	
January	127.6	203.0	130.5	92.8	111.7	113.2	117.5	104.8	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	121.6	112.2	78.5	118.0	131.8	123.5	108.4	
March	129.3	205.8	131.6	92.9	113.6	115.3	120.8	105.5	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	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	124.5	113.6	78.5	120.3	133.8	123.7	110.4	
June	131.1	219.1	132.0	93.6	113.8	115.4	121.5	105.7	125.8	115.8	78.5	129.4	133.8	126.9	111.4	
July	133.3	222.7	132.7	93.4	113.8	115.4	121.5	105.7	126.1	115.8	78.5	129.4	133.8	126.9	111.4	
August	134.2	225.0	132.9	93.5	114.9	116.8	123.2	105.7	127.0	115.8	78.5	129.4	133.8	126.9	111.4	
September	135.5	230.5	136.4	94.3	114.9	116.8	123.2	105.7	127.0	115.8	78.5	129.4	133.8	126.9	111.4	
October	137.1	238.4	145.1	94.2	114.9	116.8	123.2	105.7	127.0	115.8	78.5	129.4	133.8	126.9	111.4	
November	137.0	237.5	146.5	94.7	115.0	116.8	123.2	105.9	127.3	115.8	78.5	129.4	133.8	126.9	111.4	
December	139.9	242.7	148.1	95.0	115.2	117.2	123.3	105.8	129.9	116.7	78.5	134.6	150.2	140.1	114.1	
2008	139.6	241.1	147.9	95.3	115.2	117.2	123.3	106.4	130.1	116.7	78.5	134.6	150.2	140.1	114.1	
January	140.5	245.8	148.2	94.9	115.5	117.2	123.3	107.0	130.2	116.7	78.5	134.6	150.2	140.1	114.1	
February	141.3	246.0	148.3	95.7	116.0	117.4	126.7	107.1	131.2	116.8	78.5	127.3	155.8	147.4	114.6	
March	143.1	255.8	148.4	96.0	115.9	117.4	126.7	107.0	131.0	116.8	78.5	127.3	155.8	147.4	114.6	
April	145.5	262.3	148.4	96.6	117.4	119.9	128.6	108.6	132.1	116.8	78.5	127.3	155.8	147.4	114.6	
May	148.9	274.6	149.2	96.1	122.5	119.9	128.6	108.6	133.0	117.8	78.5	135.4	155.8	159.1	116.5	
June	148.9	274.6	149.2	96.1	122.5	119.9	128.6	108.6	133.0	117.8	78.5	135.4	155.8	159.1	116.5	
July	151.8	290.0	154.1	96.4	119.9	128.6	128.3	108.6	134.0	117.8	78.5	134.5	155.8	159.1	116.5	
August	154.0	302.9	156.6	96.6	124.1	123.1	130.5	124.5	134.4	120.0	78.5	134.5	164.0	166.7	118.8	
September	156.3	307.5	156.6	96.3	124.1	123.1	130.5	124.5	134.8	120.0	78.5	134.5	164.0	166.7	118.8	
October	156.7	309.4	156.2	96.2	124.1	123.1	130.5	124.5	135.0	120.0	78.5	134.5	164.0	166.7	118.8	
November	156.8	310.2	156.2	96.1	124.1	123.1	130.5	124.5	135.0	120.0	78.5	134.5	164.0	166.7	118.8	
December	156.2	310.2	156.2	96.1	124.1	123.1	130.5	124.5	135.0	120.0	78.5	134.5	164.0	166.7	118.8	
2009	156.2	305.6	156.3	96.3	124.2	123.2	131.3	124.5	135.5	125.8	78.5	122.6	164.0	168.8	120.3	
January	155.9	303.6	156.5	96.2	124.2	123.2	131.3	124.5	135.5	125.8	78.5	122.6	164.0	168.8	120.3	
February	156.4	305.9	156.4	96.0	124.2	123.2	131.3	124.5	136.1	125.8	78.5	122.6	164.0	168.8	120.3	
March	158.1	308.1	159.6	95.2	125.7	125.2	132.0	124.5	141.3	125.6	78.5	129.4	166.4	170.8	123.1	
April	157.8	306.0	159.8	95.7	125.7	125.2	132.0	124.5	141.3	125.6	78.5	129.4	166.4	170.8	123.1	
May	157.7	305.6	159.7	94.3	125.7	125.2	132.0	124.5	141.3	125.6	78.5	129.4	166.4	170.8	123.1	
June	157.7	305.6	159.7	94.3	125.7	125.2	132.0	124.5	141.3	125.6	78.5	129.4	166.4	170.8	123.1	
July	158.3	305.1	160.5	94.9	123.9	123.9	134.0	124.5	141.4	125.6	78.5	137.7	166.4	172.2	124.9	
August	158.3	305.1	160.4	95.7	123.9	123.9	134.0	124.5	141.4	125.6	78.5	137.7	166.4	172.2	124.9	
September	161.6	323.5	163.7	95.6	125.0	123.9	134.0	124.5	141.4	125.6	78.5	137.7	166.4	172.2	124.9	
October	160.0	318.4	176.3	94.8	123.9	123.9	134.1	128.1	143.9	125.2	78.5	126.8	169.2	173.0	125.7	
November	159.0	310.5	177.0	94.6	123.9	123.9	134.1	128.1	143.9	125.2	78.5	126.8	169.2	173.0	125.7	

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.