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### INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—March, 2011 (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 March, 2011 was 179.7 representing a decrease of 1.2 points or 0.7% below the Index for February, 2011.

The annual rate of inflation as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January–March, 2011 over that for the period January–March, 2010 was 10.8%. This reflects an increase when compared with a rate of inflation of 4.5% observed in the average All Items Index for the period January–March, 2010 over the average All Items Index for the same period in 2009.

#### SECTION INDICES

##### FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages decreased from 403.4 in February, 2011 to 396.6 in March, 2011, reflecting a decrease of 1.7%. Contributing significantly to this decrease was the general downward movement in the prices of tomatoes, yams, dasheen, ochros, sweet potatoes, irish potatoes, melongene, bodie, christophene, chive, celery and hot peppers. However, the full impact of these price decreases was offset by the general increase in the prices of carite fish, eggs, carrots, cucumber, limes, oranges, paw paw, ripe bananas, green bananas, refined (yellow) sugar and canned vegetables.

Price changes in this section, for the month of March, 2011 accounted for a net overall increase of 1.2 points in the All Items Index.

##### OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for March, 2011, compared with February, 2011, reflected increases in the sub-indices for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco 0.1%; and Health 0.1%. However, a decline was noted in the sub-index for Clothing and Footwear 0.1%.

Price changes in these sections for the month of March, 2011, had a negligible net overall effect on the All Items Index.

Changes in consumer prices in March, 2011 compared with those of March, 2010, reflected in various sections of the Index are shown hereunder—

Sections	Percentage Change March, 2011–March, 2010
All Items	9.4
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.3
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	6.2
Clothing and Footwear	-1.5
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.7
Home Ownership	0.1
Rent	5.9
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.0
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	0.6
Health	3.7
Transport	1.9
Communication	0.0
Recreation and Culture	14.0
Education	1.9
Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	0.4
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	2.4

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES  
Figures for March, 2011

Period	Section Indices															
	All Items Jan. 2003 =100	Food and Non- Alcoholic Beverages	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	Clothing and Footwear	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels			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
Weights	180	25	53	262	180	24	58	54	51	167	41	85	16	30	36	
<b>Annual Average</b>	<b>1000</b>															
2009	158.2	308.7	163.9	95.3	125.2	124.1	132.9	125.4	112.7	140.6	125.6	78.5	166.5	171.2	123.5	
2010	174.9	376.8	180.8	94.4	125.6	122.6	142.1	128.1	113.5	139.8	139.8	78.5	171.0	174.3	128.7	
January - March 2009	156.2	305.0	157.4	96.2	124.2	123.2	131.3	124.5	112.2	135.7	125.8	78.5	164.0	168.8	120.3	
January - March 2010	163.2	321.1	178.7	95.1	125.6	123.0	139.8	128.1	113.3	144.3	137.8	78.5	169.2	173.8	127.4	
January - March 2011	180.9	403.5	189.7	94.0	126.5	123.1	148.0	128.1	114.0	149.7	140.4	78.5	172.4	174.5	130.5	
2009 January	156.2	305.6	156.3	96.3	124.2	123.2	131.3	124.5	112.2	135.5	125.8	78.5	164.0	168.8	120.3	
February	155.9	303.6	156.5	96.2	124.2	123.2	131.3	124.5	112.2	135.6	125.8	78.5	164.0	168.8	120.3	
March	156.4	305.9	159.4	96.0	124.2	123.2	131.3	124.5	112.2	135.6	125.8	78.5	164.0	168.8	120.3	
April	158.1	308.1	159.6	95.2	125.7	125.2	132.0	124.5	113.3	141.3	125.6	78.5	166.4	170.8	123.1	
May	157.8	306.0	159.8	95.7	125.7	125.2	132.0	124.5	113.3	141.3	125.6	78.5	166.4	170.8	123.1	
June	157.7	305.6	159.7	94.3	125.7	125.2	132.0	124.5	113.3	141.3	125.6	78.5	166.4	170.8	123.1	
July	157.7	302.3	160.5	94.9	125.0	123.9	134.0	124.5	112.4	141.4	125.6	78.5	166.4	172.2	124.9	
August	158.3	305.1	160.4	95.7	125.0	123.9	134.0	124.5	112.4	141.5	125.6	78.5	166.4	172.2	124.9	
September	161.6	323.5	163.7	95.6	125.8	123.9	134.1	128.1	112.9	143.9	125.2	78.5	166.4	172.2	124.9	
October	160.5	318.4	176.3	94.8	125.8	123.9	134.1	128.1	112.9	143.9	125.2	78.5	169.2	173.0	125.7	
November	159.0	310.5	177.0	94.6	125.8	123.9	134.1	128.1	112.9	143.9	125.2	78.5	169.2	173.0	125.7	
December	158.9	309.6	178.0	94.7	125.8	123.9	134.1	128.1	112.9	144.1	125.2	78.5	169.2	173.0	125.7	
2010 January	161.9	313.7	178.2	95.3	125.6	123.0	139.8	128.1	113.3	144.4	137.8	78.5	169.2	173.8	127.4	
February	163.4	322.6	179.0	94.4	125.6	123.0	139.8	128.1	113.3	144.2	137.8	78.5	169.2	173.8	127.4	
March	164.3	326.9	178.9	95.5	125.6	123.0	139.8	128.1	113.3	144.4	137.8	78.5	169.2	173.8	127.4	
April	169.6	347.1	179.0	95.1	125.4	122.3	142.0	128.1	113.1	147.5	140.4	78.5	171.2	174.3	128.2	
May	172.9	365.4	179.1	95.2	125.4	122.3	142.0	128.1	113.1	147.6	140.4	78.5	171.2	174.3	128.2	
June	179.2	400.6	179.1	94.6	125.4	122.3	142.0	128.1	113.1	148.0	140.4	78.5	171.2	174.3	128.2	
July	180.0	402.8	178.7	93.7	125.4	122.2	142.9	128.1	113.6	148.4	140.4	78.5	171.2	174.6	129.0	
August	184.0	424.5	179.1	93.5	125.4	122.2	142.9	128.1	113.6	148.5	140.4	78.5	171.2	174.6	129.0	
September	182.9	418.1	179.0	94.0	125.4	122.2	142.9	128.1	113.6	149.0	140.4	78.5	171.2	174.6	129.0	
October	180.6	403.4	182.2	94.2	126.0	122.9	143.5	128.1	114.0	149.0	140.4	78.5	172.4	174.3	130.2	
November	179.3	395.6	188.5	94.0	126.0	122.9	143.5	128.1	114.0	149.6	140.4	78.5	172.4	174.3	130.2	
December	180.2	400.9	188.7	93.3	126.0	122.9	143.5	128.1	114.0	149.6	140.4	78.5	172.4	174.3	130.2	
2011 January	182.1	410.5	189.2	93.7	126.5	123.1	148.0	128.1	114.0	149.7	140.4	78.5	172.4	174.5	130.5	
February	180.9	403.4	189.9	94.2	126.5	123.1	148.0	128.1	114.0	149.6	140.4	78.5	172.4	174.5	130.5	
March	179.7	396.6	190.0	94.1	126.5	123.1	148.0	128.1	114.0	149.8	140.4	78.5	172.4	174.5	130.5	

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.