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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—August, 2013 (Base: January, 2003 = 100)

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GENERAL INDEX

The All Items Index of Retail Prices calculated from the prices collected for the month of August, 2013 remained unchanged at 210.0 which was also recorded in the previous period July, 2013.

The percentage change in the All Items Index for the period January to August, 2013 over the period January to August, 2012 was 5.9%. This reflects a decrease when compared with the rate of inflation of 9.9% observed in the All Items Index for the period January to August, 2012 over the period January to August, 2011.

SECTION INDICES

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 525.8 in July, 2013 to 525.9 in August, 2013, reflecting a negligible increase 0.02%. Contributing significantly to this increase was the general upward movement in the prices of limes, mangoes, cucumbers, yams, hot peppers, celery, ochroes, irish potatoes, carrots and other fish. However, the full impact of these price increases was offset by the general decrease in the prices of tomatoes, dasheen, melongene, sweet potatoes, christophene, green pigeon peas, sweet peppers, water cress, oranges and avocado.

Price changes in this section, for the month of August, 2013 accounted for a net overall increase of 0.02 points in the All Items Index.

OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for August, 2013 compared with July, 2013 reflected decreases in the sub-indices for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of 0.1% and Clothing and Footwear of 0.6%. However an increase was noted in the sub-index for Health of 0.1%.

Price changes in the Other Sections for the month of August, 2013 accounted for a net overall decrease of 0.02 points in the All Items Index.

Changes in consumer prices in August, 2013 compared with those of August, 2012 reflected in various sections of the Index are shown hereunder—

Sections	Percentage Change August, 2013–August, 2012
All Items	5.1
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	7.7
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	2.5
Clothing and Footwear	-0.3
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.2
Home Ownership	0.2
Rent	0.4
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.0
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	0.6
Health	6.6
Transport	4.9
Communication	0.0
Recreation and Culture	5.5
Education	5.2
Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	2.5
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	10.1

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES
Figures for August, 2013

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																
2010	174.9	376.8	180.8	94.4	125.6	122.6	142.1	128.1	113.5	147.6	139.8	78.5	138.5	171.0	174.3	128.7
2011	183.8	416.2	190.0	95.0	127.3	123.8	151.3	128.1	114.6	150.7	140.9	78.5	143.9	174.8	177.7	132.5
2012	200.8	495.8	196.9	97.8	130.3	127.0	159.9	128.2	116.6	154.8	143.6	78.6	149.0	179.8	183.5	135.7
January - August 2011	181.4	404.8	189.6	94.3	126.6	123.2	149.2	128.1	114.2	150.6	140.6	78.5	144.0	174.5	176.8	131.7
January - August 2012	199.3	491.0	195.8	97.1	130.0	126.8	158.8	128.2	116.2	153.1	142.6	78.6	147.9	177.4	181.9	135.1
January - August 2013	211.0	540.7	202.1	98.2	130.3	126.8	161.1	128.2	117.7	162.1	147.6	78.6	152.8	187.3	188.7	142.4
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	144.1	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	144.1	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	144.1	172.4	174.5	130.5
April	180.4	399.2	189.7	93.8	126.6	123.1	148.8	128.1	114.2	150.5	140.4	78.5	144.2	175.7	177.6	132.0
May	179.7	395.3	189.4	94.2	126.6	123.1	148.8	128.1	114.2	150.9	140.4	78.5	144.2	175.7	177.6	132.0
June	180.7	400.9	188.8	94.0	126.6	123.1	148.8	128.1	114.2	151.5	140.4	78.5	144.2	175.7	177.6	132.0
July	182.6	409.2	189.6	95.5	126.9	123.3	151.5	128.1	114.6	151.3	141.3	78.5	143.7	175.7	179.1	133.0
August	185.1	423.3	189.8	95.1	126.9	123.3	151.5	128.1	114.6	151.3	141.3	78.5	143.7	175.7	179.1	133.0
September	187.5	436.1	190.1	96.8	126.9	123.3	151.5	128.1	114.6	151.3	141.3	78.5	143.7	175.7	179.1	133.0
October	187.3	431.3	190.5	96.0	129.1	125.7	157.0	128.1	115.8	151.3	141.3	78.5	143.4	175.4	179.6	134.2
November	189.6	444.2	190.1	96.3	129.1	125.7	157.0	128.2	115.8	150.3	141.3	78.5	143.4	175.4	179.6	134.2
December	189.7	444.5	193.1	95.7	129.1	125.7	157.0	128.2	115.8	151.0	141.3	78.5	143.5	175.4	179.6	134.2
2012 January	194.4	467.8	194.0	96.7	129.9	126.7	157.9	128.2	116.0	151.0	141.3	78.5	145.0	175.4	180.4	134.8
February	197.5	484.8	194.1	96.8	129.9	126.7	157.9	128.2	116.0	151.0	141.3	78.5	145.0	175.4	180.4	134.8
March	196.1	477.0	194.6	96.8	129.9	126.7	157.9	128.2	116.0	151.1	141.3	78.5	145.0	175.4	180.4	134.8
April	201.6	503.6	194.1	96.4	129.9	126.7	157.9	128.2	115.7	154.1	143.4	78.6	147.9	176.6	181.0	135.4
May	202.3	507.3	194.3	96.7	129.9	126.7	157.9	128.2	115.7	153.5	143.4	78.6	147.9	176.6	181.0	135.4
June	200.6	497.4	197.8	96.5	129.9	126.7	157.9	128.2	115.7	153.3	143.4	78.6	147.9	176.6	181.0	135.4
July	202.8	501.6	198.7	98.0	130.3	126.9	161.4	128.2	117.1	155.4	143.4	78.6	152.3	178.6	185.3	135.1
August	199.3	488.4	198.5	98.7	130.3	126.9	161.4	128.2	117.1	155.2	143.4	78.6	152.3	178.6	185.3	135.1
September	202.0	500.0	199.0	98.8	130.3	126.9	161.4	128.2	117.1	155.3	143.4	78.6	152.3	178.6	185.3	135.1
October	204.9	509.9	199.2	99.4	131.0	127.8	162.4	128.2	117.4	159.0	146.4	78.6	150.9	186.4	187.3	137.4
November	204.9	510.2	199.1	99.5	131.0	127.8	162.4	128.2	117.4	158.8	146.4	78.6	150.9	186.4	187.3	137.4
December	203.3	501.1	199.2	98.7	131.0	127.8	162.4	128.2	117.4	159.4	146.4	78.6	150.9	186.4	187.3	137.4
2013 January	208.5	532.4	198.8	99.5	130.0	126.4	161.1	128.2	117.5	160.2	146.7	78.6	148.0	186.4	187.7	136.4
February	209.1	536.4	197.9	98.4	130.0	126.4	161.1	128.2	117.5	160.2	146.7	78.6	148.0	186.4	187.7	136.4
March	209.6	538.5	202.6	98.4	130.0	126.4	161.1	128.2	117.5	160.2	146.7	78.6	148.0	186.4	187.7	136.4
April	212.7	550.7	203.7	98.6	130.4	127.0	160.6	128.2	117.7	161.8	146.7	78.6	152.3	187.9	188.8	144.2
May	213.7	556.1	203.6	98.1	130.4	127.0	160.6	128.2	117.7	161.7	146.7	78.6	152.3	187.9	188.8	144.2
June	214.3	560.0	203.1	96.8	130.4	127.0	160.6	128.2	117.7	161.7	146.7	78.6	152.3	187.9	188.8	144.2
July	210.0	525.8	203.7	98.3	130.6	127.2	162.0	128.2	117.8	165.3	150.4	78.6	160.7	187.9	189.9	148.7
August	210.0	525.9	203.4	97.7	130.6	127.2	162.0	128.2	117.8	165.4	150.4	78.6	160.7	187.9	189.9	148.7

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.