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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—December, 2012 (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 December, 2012 was 203.3 representing a decrease of 1.6 points or 0.8% below the All Items Index for November, 2012.

The percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January to December, 2012 over the period January to December, 2011 was 9.2%. This reflects an increase when compared with the rate of inflation of 5.1% observed in the average All Items Index for the period January to December, 2011 over the average All Items Index for January to December, 2010.

SECTION INDICES

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages decreased from 510.2 in November, 2012 to 501.1 in December, 2012, reflecting a decrease of 1.8%. Contributing significantly to this decrease was the general downward movement in the prices of cucumber, celery, tomatoes, oranges, green pigeon peas, yams, christophene, watercress, sweet pepper and chive/thyme. However, the full impact of these price decreases was offset by the general increase in the prices of limes, ochroes, sweet potatoes, irish potatoes, hot peppers, king fish, canned vegetables, carite, mangoes and bodi.

Price changes in this section, for the month of December, 2012 accounted for a net overall decrease of 1.6 points in the All Items Index.

OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for December, 2012 compared with November, 2012 reflected increases in the sub-indices for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of 0.1% and Health 0.4%. However a decrease was noted in the sub-index for Clothing and Footwear of 0.8%.

Price changes in the Other Sections, for the month of December, 2012 was negligible.

Changes in consumer prices in December, 2012 compared with those of December, 2011 reflected in various sections of the Index are shown hereunder—

Sections	Percentage Change December, 2012–December, 2011
All Items	7.2
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	12.7
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	3.2
Clothing and Footwear	3.1
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	1.5
Home Ownership	1.7
Rent	3.4
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.0
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	1.4
Health	5.6
Transport	3.6
Communication	0.1
Recreation and Culture	5.2
Education	6.3
Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	4.3
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	2.4

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES
Figures for December, 2012

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	
Annual Average																
2010	174.9	376.8	180.8	94.4	125.6	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	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	128.2	116.6	154.8	143.6	78.6	149.0	179.8	183.5	135.7	
2010 January	161.9	313.7	178.2	95.3	125.6	123.0	128.1	113.3	144.4	137.8	78.5	126.4	169.2	173.8	127.4	
February	163.4	322.6	179.0	94.4	125.6	123.0	128.1	113.3	144.2	137.8	78.5	126.4	169.2	173.8	127.4	
March	164.3	326.9	178.9	95.5	125.6	123.0	128.1	113.3	144.4	137.8	78.5	126.4	169.2	173.8	127.4	
April	169.6	347.1	179.0	95.2	125.4	122.3	128.1	113.1	147.5	140.4	78.5	139.5	171.2	174.3	128.2	
May	172.9	365.4	179.1	95.1	125.4	122.3	128.1	113.1	147.6	140.4	78.5	139.5	171.2	174.3	128.2	
June	179.2	400.6	179.1	94.6	125.4	122.3	128.1	113.1	148.0	140.4	78.5	139.5	171.2	174.3	128.2	
July	180.0	402.8	178.7	93.7	125.4	122.2	128.1	113.6	148.4	140.4	78.5	144.0	171.2	174.6	129.0	
August	184.0	424.5	179.1	93.5	125.4	122.2	128.1	113.6	148.5	140.4	78.5	144.0	171.2	174.6	129.0	
September	182.9	418.1	179.0	94.0	125.4	122.2	128.1	113.6	149.0	140.4	78.5	144.0	171.2	174.6	129.0	
October	180.6	403.4	182.2	94.2	126.0	122.9	128.1	114.0	149.5	140.4	78.5	144.2	172.4	174.3	130.2	
November	179.3	395.6	188.5	94.0	126.0	122.9	128.1	114.0	149.6	140.4	78.5	144.2	172.4	174.3	130.2	
December	180.2	400.9	188.7	93.3	126.0	122.9	128.1	114.0	149.6	140.4	78.5	144.2	172.4	174.3	130.2	
2011 January	182.1	410.5	189.2	93.7	126.5	123.1	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	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	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	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	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	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	128.1	114.6	151.5	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	128.1	114.6	151.5	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	128.1	114.6	151.5	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	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	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	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	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	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	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	128.2	115.7	151.1	143.4	78.6	147.9	178.6	181.0	135.4	
May	200.3	507.3	194.3	96.7	129.9	126.7	128.2	115.7	153.5	143.4	78.6	147.9	178.6	181.0	135.4	
June	202.6	497.4	197.8	96.5	129.9	126.7	128.2	115.7	153.3	143.4	78.6	147.9	178.6	181.0	135.4	
July	202.3	501.6	198.7	98.7	130.3	126.9	128.2	117.1	155.4	143.4	78.6	152.3	178.6	185.3	135.1	
August	199.8	488.4	198.5	98.0	130.3	126.9	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	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	127.8	127.8	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	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	128.2	117.4	159.4	146.4	78.6	150.9	186.4	187.3	137.4	

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.