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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—March, 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 March, 2013 was 209.6 representing an increase of 0.5 points or 0.2% above the All Items Index for February, 2013.

The percentage change in the All Items Index for the period January to March, 2013 over the period January to March, 2012 was 6.7%. This reflects a decrease when compared with the rate of inflation of 8.3% observed in the All Items Index for the period January to March, 2012 over the period January to March, 2011.

SECTION INDICES

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 536.4 in February, 2013 to 538.5 in March, 2013, reflecting an increase of 0.4%. Contributing significantly to this increase was the general upward movement in the prices of lime, hot peppers, oranges, sweet potatoes, king fish, mango, celery, avocado, ripe bananas and grapefruit. However, the full impact of these price increases was offset by the general decrease in the prices of tomatoes, cucumber, melongene, dasheen, chive/thyme, christophene, green pigeon peas, watercress, yams and carite.

Price changes in this section, for the month of March, 2013 accounted for a net overall increase of 0.4 points in the All Items Index.

OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for March, 2013 compared with February, 2013 reflected increases in the sub-indices for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of 2.4% and Health 0.4%.

Price changes in the Other Sections, for the month of March, 2013 accounted for a net overall increase of 0.1 points in the All Items Index.

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

Sections	Percentage Change March, 2013–March, 2012
All Items	6.9
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	12.9
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	4.1
Clothing and Footwear	1.7
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.1
Home Ownership	–0.2
Rent	2.0
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.0
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	1.3
Health	6.0
Transport	3.8
Communication	0.1
Recreation and Culture	2.1
Education	6.3
Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	4.0
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	1.2

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES
Figures for March, 2013

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	Total	Home-ownership	Rent	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	1000																	
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	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	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	179.8	183.5	135.7			
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			
January - March 2012	196.0	476.5	194.2	96.8	129.9	126.7	157.9	128.2	116.0	151.0	141.3	78.5	175.4	180.4	134.8			
January - March 2013	209.1	535.8	199.8	98.8	130.0	126.4	161.1	128.2	117.5	160.2	146.7	78.6	186.4	187.7	136.4			
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	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			
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	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	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	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	151.5	141.3	78.5	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	151.5	141.3	78.5	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	151.5	141.3	78.5	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	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	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	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	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	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	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	178.6	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	178.6	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	178.6	181.0	135.4			
July	202.3	501.6	198.7	96.7	130.3	126.9	161.4	128.2	117.1	155.4	143.4	78.6	178.6	185.3	135.1			
August	199.8	488.4	198.5	98.0	130.3	126.9	161.4	128.2	117.1	155.2	143.4	78.6	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	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	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	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	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	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	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	186.4	187.7	136.4			

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.