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## INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—September, 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 September, 2013 was 208.0 representing an decrease of 2.0 points or 1.0% below the All Items Index for August, 2013.

The percentage change in the All Items Index for the period January to September, 2013 over the period January to September, 2012 was 5.6%. This reflects a decrease when compared with the rate of inflation of 9.6% observed in the All Items Index for the period January to September, 2012 over the period January to September, 2011.

### SECTION INDICES

#### FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 525.9 in August, 2013 to 515.0 in September, 2013, reflecting a decrease of 2.1%. Contributing significantly to this decrease was the general downward movement in the prices of limes, ochroes, hot peppers, oranges, sweet potatoes, celery, tomatoes, chive/thyme, sweet pepper and garlic. However, the full impact of these price decreases was offset by the general increase in the prices of dasheen, yams, cucumbers, irish potatoes, canned vegetables, carrots, melongene, carite, christophene and cassava.

Price changes in this section, for the month of September, 2013 accounted for a net overall decrease of 2.0 points in the All Items Index.

#### OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for September, 2013 compared with August, 2013 reflected a decrease in the sub-index for Health of 0.8%. However an increase was noted in the sub-index for Clothing and Footwear of 0.7%.

Price changes in the Other Sections, for the month of September, 2013 was negligible.

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

Sections	Percentage Change September, 2013–September, 2012
All Items	3.0
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	3.0
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	2.2
Clothing and Footwear	−0.4
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	5.7
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 September, 2013

Period	All Items Jan 2003 =100	Section Indices														
		Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	Clothing and Footwear	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	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	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 - September 2011	182.1	408.3	189.6	94.6	126.7	123.2	149.4	128.1	114.3	150.7	140.7	78.5	144.0	174.6	177.1	131.8
January - September 2012	199.6	492.0	196.1	97.3	130.0	126.8	159.1	128.2	116.3	153.3	142.7	78.6	148.4	177.5	182.2	135.1
January - September 2013	210.7	537.9	202.2	98.2	130.3	126.9	161.2	128.2	117.7	162.3	147.9	78.6	153.7	187.4	188.8	143.1
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	151.3	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	151.5	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	151.5	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	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	178.6	181.0	135.4
May	200.6	507.3	194.3	96.7	129.9	126.7	157.9	128.2	115.7	153.5	143.4	78.6	147.9	178.6	181.0	135.4
June	202.3	497.4	197.8	96.5	129.9	126.7	157.9	128.2	115.7	153.3	143.4	78.6	147.9	178.6	181.0	135.4
July	202.3	501.6	196.7	96.7	130.3	126.9	161.4	128.2	117.1	155.4	143.4	78.6	147.9	178.6	181.0	135.4
August	199.8	488.4	196.5	96.0	130.3	126.9	161.4	128.2	117.1	155.2	143.4	78.6	147.9	178.6	181.0	135.4
September	202.0	500.9	196.0	96.8	130.3	126.9	161.4	128.2	117.1	155.3	143.4	78.6	147.9	178.6	181.0	135.4
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	147.9	186.4	187.3	137.4
November	204.9	510.2	199.1	98.5	131.0	127.8	162.4	128.2	117.4	158.8	146.4	78.6	147.9	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	147.9	186.4	187.3	137.4
2013 January	208.5	532.4	198.8	98.5	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	203.6	98.6	130.4	127.0	160.6	128.2	117.7	161.8	146.7	78.6	148.0	186.4	187.7	136.4
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	148.0	186.4	187.7	136.4
June	214.3	560.0	203.6	96.8	130.4	127.0	160.6	128.2	117.7	161.7	146.7	78.6	148.0	186.4	187.7	136.4
July	210.0	525.8	203.4	98.3	130.6	127.2	162.0	128.2	117.8	165.3	150.4	78.6	148.0	186.4	187.7	136.4
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	148.0	186.4	187.7	136.4
September	208.0	515.0	203.3	98.4	130.6	127.2	162.0	128.2	117.8	164.1	150.4	78.6	148.0	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.