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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—August, 2014 (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, 2014 was 225.6 representing an increase of 3.3 points or 1.5% above the All Items Index for July, 2014.

The percentage change in the All Items Index for the period January to August, 2014 over the period January to August, 2013 was 4.2%. This reflects a decrease when compared with the rate of inflation of 5.9% observed in the All Items Index for the period January to August, 2013 over the period January to August, 2012.

SECTION INDICES

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 585.5 in July, 2014 to 603.8 in August, 2014 reflecting an increase of 3.1%. Contributing significantly to this increase was the general upward movement in the prices of ochroes, celery, hot peppers, mangoes, sweet potatoes, melongene, yams, whole chickens, oranges and paw paw. However, the full impact of these price increases was offset by the general decrease in the prices of limes, cucumber, chive, thyme, avocado, carite, christophene, cavalli, sweet pepper, king fish and bodi.

Price changes in this section for the month of August, 2014 accounted for a net overall increase of 3.3 points in the All Items Index.

OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for August, 2014 compared with July, 2014 reflected increases in the sub-indices for Clothing and Footwear 0.6% and Health 0.2%. All other sections remained unchanged.

Price changes in the Other Sections for the month of August, 2014 were negligible in the All Items Index.

Changes in consumer prices in August, 2014 compared with those of August, 2013 reflected in various sections of the Index are shown hereunder—

Sections	Percentage Change August, 2014—August, 2013
All Items	7.4
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	14.8
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	2.6
Clothing and Footwear	3.9
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.5
Home Ownership	0.6
Rent	1.2
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.0
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	0.3
Health	2.3
Transport	2.3
Communication	0.0
Recreation and Culture	-2.6
Education	7.6
Hotels, Cafes and Restaurant	3.6
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.4

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES
Figures for August, 2014

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	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	183.8	416.2	190.0	127.3	123.8	151.3	128.1	114.6	150.7	140.9	78.5	143.9	174.8	177.7	132.5
2011	200.8	495.8	196.9	130.3	127.0	159.9	128.2	116.6	154.8	143.6	78.6	149.0	179.8	183.5	135.7
2012	211.3	539.1	203.2	130.5	127.0	161.5	128.2	117.7	162.9	148.5	78.6	154.5	188.6	189.9	145.1
January - August 2012	199.3	491.0	195.8	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	130.3	126.8	161.1	128.2	117.7	162.1	147.6	78.6	152.8	187.3	188.7	142.4
January - August 2014	219.9	576.0	209.2	131.2	127.8	163.5	128.2	117.8	167.8	151.9	78.6	156.3	198.5	196.8	152.4
2012 January	194.4	467.8	194.0	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	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	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	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	202.3	507.3	194.3	129.9	126.7	157.9	128.2	115.7	153.3	143.4	78.6	147.9	178.6	181.0	135.4
June	200.6	497.4	197.8	129.9	126.7	157.9	128.2	115.7	155.4	143.4	78.6	147.9	178.6	181.0	135.4
July	202.3	501.6	198.7	130.3	126.9	161.4	128.2	117.1	155.2	143.4	78.6	152.3	178.6	185.3	135.1
August	199.8	488.4	198.5	130.3	126.9	161.4	128.2	117.1	155.3	143.4	78.6	152.3	178.6	185.3	135.1
September	202.0	500.0	199.0	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	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	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	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	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	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	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	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	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	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	130.6	127.2	162.0	128.2	117.8	165.4	150.4	78.6	160.7	187.9	189.9	148.7
August	208.0	515.0	203.3	130.6	127.2	162.0	128.2	117.8	164.1	150.4	78.6	160.7	187.9	189.9	148.7
September	210.5	528.9	203.9	130.8	127.4	162.2	128.2	117.6	164.5	150.3	78.6	156.8	192.2	193.1	151.2
October	213.9	547.6	206.8	130.8	127.4	162.2	128.2	117.6	164.7	150.3	78.6	156.8	192.2	193.1	151.2
November	214.7	552.0	207.8	130.8	127.4	162.2	128.2	117.6	164.8	150.3	78.6	156.8	192.2	193.1	151.2
December	214.5	549.5	209.5	131.0	127.6	163.3	128.2	117.5	165.9	150.7	78.6	155.1	192.2	196.1	151.1
2014 January	217.2	564.3	209.6	131.0	127.6	163.3	128.2	117.5	166.2	150.7	78.6	155.1	192.2	196.1	151.1
February	219.1	574.6	209.3	131.0	127.6	163.3	128.2	117.5	166.6	150.7	78.6	155.1	192.2	196.1	151.1
March	219.7	573.4	210.3	131.3	127.9	163.5	128.2	117.9	168.3	151.7	78.6	157.4	202.2	197.6	151.9
April	220.3	577.3	209.4	131.3	127.9	163.5	128.2	117.9	168.3	151.7	78.6	157.4	202.2	197.6	151.9
May	220.7	579.5	208.6	131.3	127.9	163.5	128.2	117.9	169.0	151.7	78.6	157.4	202.2	197.6	151.9
June	222.3	585.5	208.5	131.3	128.0	163.9	128.2	118.2	168.8	153.9	78.6	156.6	202.2	196.8	155.2
July	225.6	603.8	208.6	131.3	128.0	163.9	128.2	118.2	169.2	153.9	78.6	156.6	202.2	196.8	155.2
August	225.6	603.8	208.6	131.3	128.0	163.9	128.2	118.2	169.2	153.9	78.6	156.6	202.2	196.8	155.2

NOTE: To link the previous or old base (September 1983 = 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.