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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—February 2014 (Base: February 2003 = 100)

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GENERAL INDEX

The All Items Index of Retail Prices calculated from the prices collected for the month of February, 2014 was 217.2 representing an increase of 2.7 points or 1.3% above the All Items Index for January, 2014.

The percentage change in the All Items Index for the period January to February, 2014 over the period January to February, 2013 was 3.4%. This reflects a decrease when compared with the rate of inflation of 6.5% observed in the All Items Index for the period January to February, 2013 over the period January to February, 2012.

SECTION INDICES

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 549.5 in January, 2014 to 564.3 in February, 2014, reflecting an increase of 2.7%. Contributing significantly to this increase was the general upward movement in the prices of ochros, hot peppers, yams, limes, pumpkin, melongene, avocado, whole chickens, canned vegetables and mangoes. However, the full impact of these price increases was offset by the general decrease in the prices of tomatoes, cucumbers, christophene, green pigeon peas, chive/thyme, oranges, watercress, dasheen, carrots and pawpaw.

Price changes in this section for the month of February, 2014 accounted for a net overall increase of 2.7 points in the All Items Index.

OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for February, 2014 compared with January, 2013 reflected increases in the sub-index for Health of 0.2%. However a decrease was noted in the sub-index for Clothing and Footwear of 0.7%.

Price changes in the Other Sections for the month of February, 2014 was negligible.

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

Sections	Percentage Change February, 2014–February, 2013
All Items	3.9
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	5.2
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	5.9
Clothing and Footwear	0.3
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.8
Home Ownership	0.9
Rent	1.4
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.0
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	0.0
Health	3.7
Transport	2.7
Communication	0.0
Recreation and Culture	4.8
Education	3.1
Hotels, Cafes and Restaurant	4.5
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	10.8

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES
Figures for February, 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				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																
2011	163.8	416.2	190.0	95.0	127.3	123.8	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	
2013	211.3	539.1	203.2	98.2	130.5	127.0	128.2	117.7	162.9	148.5	78.6	154.5	188.6	189.9	145.1	
January - February 2012	196.0	476.3	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	
January - February 2013	208.8	534.4	198.4	99.0	130.0	126.4	128.2	117.5	160.2	146.7	78.6	148.0	186.4	187.7	136.4	
January - February 2014	215.9	556.9	209.6	99.1	131.0	127.6	128.2	117.5	166.1	150.7	78.6	155.1	192.2	196.1	151.1	
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	154.1	143.4	78.6	147.9	178.6	181.0	135.4	
May	202.3	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	200.6	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	131.0	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	
2013 January	208.5	532.4	198.8	99.5	130.0	126.4	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	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	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	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	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	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	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	128.2	117.8	165.4	150.4	78.6	160.7	187.9	189.9	148.7	
September	208.0	515.0	203.3	98.4	130.6	127.2	128.2	117.8	164.1	150.4	78.6	160.7	187.9	189.9	148.7	
October	210.5	528.9	203.9	98.7	130.8	127.4	128.2	117.6	164.5	150.3	78.6	156.8	192.2	193.1	151.2	
November	213.9	547.6	206.8	97.9	130.8	127.4	128.2	117.6	164.7	150.3	78.6	156.8	192.2	193.1	151.2	
December	214.7	552.0	207.8	97.4	130.8	127.4	128.2	117.6	164.8	150.3	78.6	156.8	192.2	193.1	151.2	
2014 January	214.5	549.5	209.5	99.4	131.0	127.6	128.2	117.5	165.9	150.7	78.6	155.1	192.2	196.1	151.1	
February	217.2	564.3	209.6	98.7	131.0	127.6	128.2	117.5	166.2	150.7	78.6	155.1	192.2	196.1	151.1	

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.