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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—April, 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 April, 2014 was 219.7 representing an increase of 0.6 points or 0.3% above the All Items Index for March, 2014.

The percentage change in the All Items Index for the period January to April, 2014 over the period January to April, 2013 was 3.6%. This reflects a decrease when compared with the rate of inflation of 6.4% observed in the All Items Index for the period January to April, 2013 over the period January to April, 2012.

SECTION INDICES

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages decreased from 574.6 in March, 2014 to 573.4 in April, 2014, reflecting a decrease of 0.2%. Contributing significantly to this decrease was the general downward movement in the prices of melongene, ochroes, yams, tomatoes, pumpkin, oranges, sweet peppers, sweet potatoes, mangoes and avocado. However, the full impact of these price decreases was offset by the general increase in the prices of cucumbers, dasheen, celery, hot peppers, chive/thyme, limes, irish potatoes, canned vegetables, carrots and ripe bananas.

Price changes in this section for the month of April, 2014 accounted for a net overall decrease of 0.2 points in the All Items Index.

OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for April, 2014 compared with March, 2014 reflected increases in the sub-indices for Alcoholic Drinks and Tobacco of 0.5%, Housing, Water, Electricity, and Gas 0.2%, Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of House of 0.3%, Health 1.0%, Transport 0.7%. Recreation and Culture 1.5%, Education 5.2%, Hotels, Restaurants and Cafes 1.6%, and Miscellaneous Goods and Services 0.5%. However a decrease was noted in the sub-index for Clothing and Footwear of 1.3%.

Price changes in the Other Sections for the month of April, 2014 accounted for a net overall increase of 0.8 points in the All Items Index.

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

Sections	Percentage Change January, 2014–January, 2013
All Items	3.3
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	4.1
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	3.2
Clothing and Footwear	0.8
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.7
Home Ownership	0.7
Rent	1.8
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.0
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	0.2
Health	4.0
Transport	3.4
Communication	0.0
Recreation and Culture	3.3
Education	7.6
Hotels, Cafes and Restaurant	4.7
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	5.3

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES
Figures for April, 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
					Total	Home- ownership	Rent	Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels								
Weights	1000	180	25	53	262	180	24	58	54	51	167	41	85	16	30	36
Annual Average																
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
2013	211.3	539.1	203.2	98.2	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 - April 2012	197.4	483.3	194.2	96.7	129.9	126.7	157.9	128.2	115.9	151.8	141.8	78.5	145.7	176.2	180.6	135.0
January - April 2013	210.0	539.5	200.8	98.7	130.1	126.6	161.0	128.2	117.6	160.6	146.7	78.6	149.1	186.8	188.0	138.4
January - April 2014	217.6	565.5	209.7	99.6	131.1	127.7	163.4	128.2	117.6	166.8	151.0	78.6	155.7	194.7	196.5	151.3
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	202.3	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	200.6	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	198.7	98.7	130.3	126.9	161.4	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	161.4	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	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	99.4	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	99.5	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	98.7	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	99.5	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	203.7	98.6	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	98.1	130.4	127.0	160.6	128.2	117.7	161.7	146.7	78.6	152.3	187.9	188.8	144.2
June	214.3	560.0	203.1	96.8	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	98.3	130.6	127.2	162.0	128.2	117.8	165.3	150.4	78.6	160.7	187.9	189.9	148.7
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October	210.5	528.9	203.9	98.7	130.8	127.4	162.2	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	162.2	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	162.2	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	163.3	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	163.3	128.2	117.5	166.2	150.7	78.6	155.1	192.2	196.1	151.1
March	219.1	574.6	209.3	100.7	131.0	127.6	163.3	128.2	117.5	166.6	150.7	78.6	155.1	192.2	196.1	151.1
April	219.7	573.4	210.3	99.4	131.3	127.9	163.5	128.2	117.9	168.3	151.7	78.6	157.4	202.2	197.6	151.9

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.