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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—May, 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 May, 2014 was 220.3 representing an increase of 0.6 points or 0.3% above the All Items Index for April, 2014.

The percentage change in the All Items Index for the period January to May, 2014 over the period January to May, 2013 was 3.6%. This reflects a decrease when compared with the rate of inflation of 6.2% observed in the All Items Index for the period January to May, 2013 over the period January to May, 2012.

SECTION INDICES

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 573.4 in April, 2014 to 577.3 in May, 2014 reflecting an increase of 0.7%. Contributing significantly to this increase was the general upward movement in the prices of limes, sweet potatoes, oranges, mangoes, christophene, green pigeon peas, watercress, tomatoes, spices and avacado. However, the full impact of these price increases was offset by the general decrease in the prices of ochroes, cucumbers, hot peppers, sweet potatoes, yams, pumpkin, whole chickens, dasheen, celery, chive/thyme and irish potatoes.

Price changes in this section for the month of May, 2014 accounted for a net overall increase of 0.7 point in the All Items Index.

OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for May, 2014 compared with April, 2014 reflected decreases in the sub-indices for Alcoholic Drinks and Tobacco of 0.4% and Clothing and Footwear 0.2%.

Price changes in the Other Sections for the month of December, 2013 were negligible.

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

Sections	Percentage Change May, 2014—May, 2013
All Items	3.1
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	3.8
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	2.8
Clothing and Footwear	1.1
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	4.1
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 May, 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 - May 2012	198.4	488.1	194.2	96.7	129.9	126.7	157.9	128.2	115.9	152.1	142.1	78.5	146.2	176.7	180.6	135.0
January - May 2013	210.7	542.8	201.3	98.6	130.2	126.6	160.9	128.2	117.6	160.8	146.7	78.6	149.7	187.0	188.1	139.5
January - May 2014	218.2	567.8	209.6	99.5	131.1	127.7	163.4	128.2	117.7	167.1	151.1	78.6	156.0	196.2	196.7	151.4
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
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	160.7	187.9	189.9	148.7
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	160.7	187.9	189.9	148.7
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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
May	220.3	577.3	209.4	99.2	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.