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### INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—August, 2009 (Base: January, 2003 = 100)

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#### GENERAL INDEX

The All Items Index of Retail Prices calculated from prices collected for the month of August, 2009 was 158.3 representing an increase of 0.6 point or 0.4% above the Index for July, 2009.

The annual rate of inflation as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January–August, 2009 over that for the period January–August, 2008 was 9.4%. This reflects a reduction when compared with an increase of 10.6% observed in the average All Items Index for the period January–August, 2008 over the average All Items Index for the same period in 2007.

#### SECTION INDICES

##### FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 302.3 in July, 2009 to 305.1 in August, 2009, reflecting an increase of 0.9%. Contributing significantly to this increase was the general upward movement in the prices of canned vegetables, oranges, mangoes, tomatoes, melongene, christophene, irish potatoes, sweet potatoes, yams and ochros. However, the full impact of these price increases was offset by the general decline in the prices of packaged rice, powered whole cream milk, whole chicken, hot peppers, celery, chive, limes, watercress, ripe bananas and pumpkin.

Price changes in this section for the month of August, 2009 accounted for a net overall increase of 0.5 point in the All Items Index.

##### OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for August, 2009 compared with July, 2009 reflected increases in the sub-indices for Clothing and Footwear 0.8% and Health 0.1%. However, the sub-index for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco declined by 0.1%.

Price changes in these sections for the month of August, 2009 accounted for a net overall increase of 0.1 point in the All Items Index.

Growth in consumer prices in August, 2009 compared with those of August, 2008 reflected in various sections of the Index is shown hereunder:

Sections	Percentage Change August, 2009–August, 2008
All Items	4.3
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	5.2
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	4.1
Clothing and Footwear	–0.7
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	2.0
Home Ownership	3.3
Rent	4.2
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	–3.0
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	3.5
Health	5.6
Transport	6.6
Communication	0.0
Recreation and Culture	1.7
Education	6.8
Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	8.2
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	7.2

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES  
Figures for August, 2009

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	282	180	24	56	54	51	167	41	85	16	30	36	
<b>Annual Average</b>																
2007	1320	217.6	134.2	93.3	113.5	115.2	120.8	105.5	124.8	114.4	78.5	121.7	137.4	127.8	110.8	
2008	1479.9	274.0	151.3	95.8	119.8	119.4	127.3	118.0	132.5	117.8	78.5	133.0	156.5	153.3	116.0	
January - August 2007	1300	210.0	131.2	92.9	113.0	114.5	119.7	105.4	123.7	113.6	78.5	121.7	133.1	124.4	109.9	
January - August 2008	1438	257.3	149.1	95.6	117.9	118.0	125.9	114.8	131.4	117.0	78.5	132.1	153.7	147.6	114.9	
January - August 2009	1573	305.3	159.0	95.5	125.0	124.1	132.2	124.5	139.3	125.7	78.5	128.9	185.5	170.4	122.5	
2007	127.2	201.0	130.2	92.9	111.5	113.2	117.5	103.8	121.6	112.2	78.5	118.0	131.8	123.5	108.4	
February	127.6	203.0	130.5	92.8	111.7	113.2	117.5	104.8	121.8	112.2	78.5	118.0	131.8	123.5	108.4	
March	128.0	205.3	130.4	92.2	111.9	113.2	117.5	105.5	121.6	112.2	78.5	118.0	131.8	123.5	108.4	
April	129.3	205.8	131.6	92.9	113.6	115.3	120.8	106.2	124.2	113.6	78.5	120.3	133.8	123.7	110.4	
May	130.1	210.0	130.7	92.1	113.7	115.3	120.8	105.9	124.3	113.6	78.5	120.3	133.8	123.7	110.4	
June	130.7	213.1	131.6	93.4	113.7	115.3	120.8	105.9	124.5	113.6	78.5	120.3	133.8	123.7	110.4	
July	133.1	219.1	132.0	93.4	113.8	115.4	121.5	105.5	125.8	115.8	78.5	129.4	133.8	126.9	111.4	
August	133.8	222.7	132.7	93.6	113.8	115.4	121.5	105.7	128.1	115.8	78.5	128.4	133.8	126.9	111.4	
September	134.2	225.0	132.9	93.5	113.8	115.4	121.5	105.7	126.1	115.8	78.5	128.4	133.8	126.9	111.4	
October	135.5	230.5	136.4	94.1	114.9	116.8	123.2	105.8	127.0	115.8	78.5	119.1	150.2	136.9	112.8	
November	137.1	238.4	145.1	94.2	114.9	116.8	123.2	105.7	127.4	115.8	78.5	119.1	150.2	136.9	112.8	
December	137.0	237.5	146.5	94.7	115.0	116.8	123.2	105.9	127.3	115.8	78.5	119.1	150.2	136.9	112.8	
2008	1399	242.7	148.1	95.0	115.2	117.2	123.3	105.8	129.9	116.7	78.5	134.6	150.2	140.1	114.1	
January	1396	241.1	147.9	95.3	115.3	117.2	123.3	106.6	130.1	116.7	78.5	134.6	150.2	140.1	114.1	
February	140.5	245.8	148.2	96.2	115.5	117.2	123.3	107.0	130.2	116.7	78.5	134.6	150.2	140.1	114.1	
March	141.3	246.0	148.3	96.7	116.0	117.4	126.7	107.1	131.2	116.8	78.5	137.9	155.8	147.4	114.6	
April	143.1	255.8	148.4	96.0	115.9	117.4	126.7	107.0	131.0	116.8	78.5	137.9	155.8	147.4	114.6	
May	145.5	262.3	148.4	96.6	120.6	117.4	126.7	108.2	132.1	116.8	78.5	127.3	155.8	147.4	114.6	
June	148.9	274.6	149.2	96.1	122.5	119.9	128.6	128.2	133.0	117.8	78.5	135.4	155.8	159.1	116.5	
July	151.8	280.0	154.1	96.4	122.5	119.9	128.6	128.3	133.0	117.8	78.5	135.4	155.8	159.1	116.5	
August	154.0	302.9	156.6	96.6	121.7	119.9	128.6	124.5	134.4	117.8	78.5	135.4	155.8	159.1	116.5	
September	156.3	307.5	156.6	96.3	124.1	123.1	130.5	124.5	134.7	120.0	78.5	134.5	164.0	166.7	118.8	
October	156.7	309.4	156.7	96.2	124.1	123.1	130.5	124.5	134.8	120.0	78.5	134.5	164.0	166.7	118.8	
November	156.8	310.2	156.2	96.1	124.1	123.1	130.5	124.5	135.0	120.0	78.5	134.5	164.0	166.7	118.8	
December	156.2	305.6	156.3	96.3	124.2	123.2	131.3	124.5	135.5	125.8	78.5	122.6	164.0	166.8	120.3	
2009	156.2	303.6	156.5	96.2	124.2	123.2	131.3	124.5	135.6	125.8	78.5	122.6	164.0	166.8	120.3	
January	156.2	303.6	156.5	96.2	124.2	123.2	131.3	124.5	135.6	125.8	78.5	122.6	164.0	166.8	120.3	
February	156.4	305.9	159.4	95.2	125.7	125.2	132.0	124.5	136.1	125.6	78.5	123.4	166.4	170.8	120.3	
March	158.1	308.1	159.6	95.2	125.7	125.2	132.0	124.5	136.1	125.6	78.5	123.4	166.4	170.8	120.3	
April	157.8	306.0	159.8	96.7	125.7	125.2	132.0	124.5	136.1	125.6	78.5	123.4	166.4	170.8	120.3	
May	157.7	305.6	159.7	94.3	125.7	125.2	132.0	124.5	136.1	125.6	78.5	123.4	166.4	170.8	120.3	
June	157.7	302.3	160.5	94.3	125.7	125.2	132.0	124.5	136.1	125.6	78.5	123.4	166.4	170.8	120.3	
July	157.7	302.3	160.5	94.3	125.7	125.2	132.0	124.5	136.1	125.6	78.5	123.4	166.4	170.8	120.3	
August	158.3	305.1	160.4	95.7	125.0	123.9	134.0	124.5	137.2	125.6	78.5	137.7	166.4	172.2	124.9	

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.