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## INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—May, 2012 (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, 2012 was 202.3 representing an increase of 0.7 points or 0.3% above the All Items Index for April, 2012.

The percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January to May, 2012 over the period January to May, 2011, was 9.9%. This reflects an increase when compared with the rate of inflation of 8.5% observed in the average All Items Index for the period January to May, 2011 over the average All Items Index for January to May, 2010.

### SECTION INDICES

#### FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 503.6 in April, 2012 to 507.3 in May, 2012, reflecting an increase of 0.7%. Contributing significantly to this increase was the general upward movement in the prices of tomatoes, celery, cucumbers, green pigeon peas, chive, thyme, water cress, mangoes, melongene, bodie and avocado. However, the full impact of these price increases was offset by the general decrease in the prices of hot peppers, sweet potatoes, carite, limes, christophene, green bananas, king fish, canned vegetables, sweet pepper and other fish.

Price changes in this section, for the month of May, 2012 accounted for a net overall increase of 0.7 points in the All Items Index.

#### OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for May, 2012 compared with April, 2012 reflected increases in the sub-indices for Clothing and Footwear of 0.3% and Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of 0.1%. However a decline was noted in the sub-index for Health 0.4%.

Price changes in the Other Sections were negligible in the All Items Index for the month of May, 2012.

Changes in consumer prices in May, 2012 compared with those of May, 2011 reflected in various sections of the Index are shown hereunder—

Sections	Percentage Change May, 2012—May, 2011
All Items	12.6
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	28.3
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	2.6
Clothing and Footwear	2.7
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	2.6
Home Ownership	2.9
Rent	6.1
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.1
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	1.3
Health	1.7
Transport	2.1
Communication	0.1
Recreation and Culture	2.6
Education	1.7
Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	1.9
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	2.6

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES  
Figures for May, 2012

Period	All Items Jan 2003 =100	Section Indices														
		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	174.9	376.8	180.8	94.4	125.6	122.6	142.1	128.1	113.5	147.6	139.8	78.5	138.5	171.0	174.3	128.7
2010	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
January - May 2010	166.4	335.1	178.8	95.1	125.5	122.7	140.7	128.1	113.2	145.6	138.8	78.5	131.6	170.0	174.0	127.7
January - May 2011	180.6	401.0	189.6	94.0	126.5	123.1	148.3	128.1	114.1	150.1	140.4	78.5	144.1	173.7	175.7	131.1
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
2010	161.9	313.7	178.2	95.3	125.6	123.0	139.8	128.1	113.3	144.4	137.8	78.5	126.4	169.2	173.8	127.4
January	163.4	322.6	179.0	94.4	125.6	123.0	139.8	128.1	113.3	144.2	137.8	78.5	126.4	169.2	173.8	127.4
February	164.3	326.9	178.9	95.5	125.6	123.0	139.8	128.1	113.3	144.4	137.8	78.5	126.4	169.2	173.8	127.4
March	169.6	347.1	184.1	95.2	125.4	122.3	142.0	128.1	113.1	147.5	140.4	78.5	139.5	171.2	174.3	128.2
April	172.9	365.4	179.1	95.1	125.4	122.3	142.0	128.1	113.1	147.6	140.4	78.5	139.5	171.2	174.3	128.2
May	179.2	400.6	179.1	94.6	125.4	122.3	142.0	128.1	113.1	148.0	140.4	78.5	139.5	171.2	174.3	128.2
June	180.0	402.8	178.7	93.7	125.4	122.2	142.9	128.1	113.6	148.4	140.4	78.5	144.0	171.2	174.6	129.0
July	184.0	424.5	179.1	93.5	125.4	122.2	142.9	128.1	113.6	148.5	140.4	78.5	144.0	171.2	174.6	129.0
August	182.9	418.1	179.0	94.0	125.4	122.2	142.9	128.1	113.6	149.0	140.4	78.5	144.0	171.2	174.6	129.0
September	180.6	403.4	182.2	94.2	126.0	122.9	143.5	128.1	114.0	149.5	140.4	78.5	144.2	172.4	174.3	130.2
October	179.3	395.6	188.5	94.0	126.0	122.9	143.5	128.1	114.0	149.6	140.4	78.5	144.2	172.4	174.3	130.2
November	180.2	400.9	188.7	93.3	126.0	122.9	143.5	128.1	114.0	149.6	140.4	78.5	144.2	172.4	174.3	130.2
December	182.1	410.5	189.2	93.7	126.5	123.1	148.0	128.1	114.0	149.7	140.4	78.5	144.1	172.4	174.5	130.5
2011	180.9	403.4	189.9	94.2	126.5	123.1	148.0	128.1	114.0	149.6	140.4	78.5	144.1	172.4	174.5	130.5
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June	185.1	423.3	189.8	95.1	126.9	123.3	151.5	128.1	114.6	151.5	141.3	78.5	143.7	175.7	179.1	133.0
July	187.5	436.1	190.1	96.8	126.9	123.3	151.5	128.1	114.6	151.5	141.3	78.5	143.7	175.7	179.1	133.0
August	187.3	431.3	190.5	96.0	129.1	125.7	157.0	128.1	115.8	151.3	141.3	78.5	143.4	175.4	179.6	134.2
September	189.6	444.2	190.1	96.3	129.1	125.7	157.0	128.2	115.8	150.3	141.3	78.5	143.4	175.4	179.6	134.2
October	189.7	444.5	193.1	95.7	129.1	125.7	157.0	128.2	115.8	151.0	141.3	78.5	143.5	175.4	179.6	134.2
November	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
December	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
2012	196.1	477.0	194.6	96.4	129.9	126.7	157.9	128.2	116.0	151.1	141.3	78.5	145.0	175.4	180.4	134.8
January	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
February	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
March																
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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.