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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—July, 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 July, 2012 was 202.3 representing an increase of 1.7 point or 0.8% above the All Items Index for June, 2012.

The percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January to July, 2012 over the period January to July, 2011 was 10.2%. This reflects an increase when compared with the rate of inflation of 6.3% observed in the average All Items Index for the period January to July, 2011 over the average All Items Index for January to July, 2010.

SECTION INDICES

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 497.4 in June, 2012 to 501.6 in July, 2012, reflecting an increase of 0.8%. Contributing significantly to this increase was the general upward movement in the prices of ochroes, hot peppers, dasheen, green pigeon peas, watercress, tomatoes, pawpaw, oranges, whole chickens and limes. However, the full impact of these price increases was offset by the general decrease in the prices of cucumbers, sweet potatoes, celery, chive/thyme, melongenes, yams, melon, plantains, carite and irish potatoes.

Price changes in this section, for the month of July, 2012, accounted for a net overall increase of 0.8 points in the All Items Index.

OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for July, 2012 compared with June, 2012 reflected increases in the sub-indices for Recreation and Culture 3.0%, Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants 2.4%, Clothing and Footwear 2.3%, Health 1.4%, Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House 1.2%, Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of 0.5% and Housing, Water, Electricity and Gas 0.3%. However a decline was noted in the sub-index for Miscellaneous Goods and Services of 0.2%.

Price changes in the Other Sections, for the month of July, 2012 accounted for a net overall increase of 0.9 points in the All Items Index.

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

Sections	Percentage Change July, 2012–July, 2011
All Items	10.8
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	22.6
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	4.8
Clothing and Footwear	3.4
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	2.7
Home Ownership	2.9
Rent	6.5
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.1
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	2.2
Health	2.6
Transport	1.5
Communication	0.1
Recreation and Culture	6.0
Education	1.7
Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	3.5
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	1.6

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES
Figures for July, 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																	
2010	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	
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	
January - July 2010	170.2	354.2	178.9	94.8	125.5	122.6	141.2	128.1	113.3	146.4	139.3	78.5	134.5	170.3	174.1	128.0	
January - July 2011	180.9	402.2	189.5	94.2	126.6	123.1	148.8	128.1	114.2	150.5	140.5	78.5	144.1	174.3	176.5	131.5	
January - July 2012	199.3	491.4	195.4	96.9	130.0	126.7	158.4	128.2	116.0	152.8	142.5	78.6	147.3	177.2	181.4	135.1	
2010 January	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	
February	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	
March	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	
April	169.6	347.1	179.0	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	
May	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	
June	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	129.0	
July	180.0	402.8	178.7	93.7	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	184.0	424.5	179.1	93.7	125.4	122.2	142.9	128.1	113.6	148.5	140.4	78.5	144.0	171.2	174.6	129.0	
September	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	
October	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	
November	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	
December	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	
2011 January	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	
February	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	
March	179.7	396.6	190.0	94.1	126.5	123.1	148.0	128.1	114.0	149.8	140.4	78.5	144.1	172.4	174.5	130.5	
April	180.4	399.2	189.7	93.8	126.6	123.1	148.8	128.1	114.2	150.9	140.4	78.5	144.2	175.7	177.6	132.0	
May	179.7	395.3	189.4	94.2	126.6	123.1	148.8	128.1	114.2	150.9	140.4	78.5	144.2	175.7	177.6	132.0	
June	180.7	400.9	188.8	94.0	126.6	123.1	148.8	128.1	114.2	151.5	140.4	78.5	144.2	175.7	177.6	132.0	
July	182.6	409.2	189.6	95.5	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	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	
September	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	
October	187.3	431.3	190.5	96.8	129.1	125.7	157.0	128.1	115.8	151.3	141.3	78.5	143.4	175.4	179.6	134.2	
November	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	
December	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	
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	96.7	130.3	126.9	161.4	128.2	117.1	155.4	143.4	78.6	152.3	178.6	185.3	135.4	

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.