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### INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—April, 2007 (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 April, 2007, was 129.3 representing an increase of 1.3 points or 1.0% over the Index for March, 2007.

The annual rate of inflation as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January–April, 2007, over that for the period January–April, 2006, was 8.4%. This compares with an increase of 6.7% observed in the average All Items Index for January–April, 2006, over the average All Items Index for the same period in 2005.

#### SECTION INDICES

##### FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 205.3 in March, 2007 to 205.8 in April, 2007, reflecting an increase of 0.2%. Contributing significantly to this increase was a general rise in the prices of bread, powdered milk, instant baby food, fish (carite), shrimp, sweet potatoes, yam, carrots, dasheen, melongene, oranges and pumpkin. Partly offsetting these increases were general price decreases in ochroes, cucumber, limes, tomatoes, Irish potatoes, sweet pepper, chive, celery and corn flakes.

Price changes in this section, for the month of April, 2007, accounted for a net overall increase of 0.1 point in the All Items Index.

##### OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for April, 2007, compared with March, 2007, indicated increases in the general price level for Rent 2.8%, Health 2.1%, Recreation and Culture 1.9%, Home Ownership 1.9%, Miscellaneous Goods and Services 1.8%, Education 1.5%, Transport 1.2%, Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco 0.9%, Clothing and Footwear 0.8%, Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House 0.6% and Hotels, Cafes, and Restaurants 0.2%.

Contributing significantly to the increase in these sections was a general rise in the prices of the following items: Doctors' Fees (Health); Tuition Fees (Education); prices of Building Materials (Home Ownership) and Hair Dressing Services (Miscellaneous Goods and Services).

Price changes in these sections, for the month of April, 2007, accounted for a net overall increase of 1.2 points in the All Items Index.

Growth in consumer prices in April, 2007, compared with those of April, 2006, reflected in various sections of the Index is shown hereunder:

Sections	Percentage Change April, 2007–April, 2006
All Items	8.4
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	18.9
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	18.2
Clothing and Footwear	1.5
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	5.0
Home Ownership	6.3
Rent	3.8
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	1.4
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	2.4
Health	5.3
Transport	3.8
Communication	0.0
Recreation and Culture	3.5
Education	11.5
Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	6.7
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	5.5

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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—APRIL, 2007  
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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES  
Figures for April, 2007

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	262	180	24	58	54	51	167	41	85	16	30	36
<b>Annual Average</b>	112.9	150.4	106.3	91.8	105.8	106.2	111.9	102.3	100.9	108.1	108.3	87.4	109.1	110.4	103.0
2005	122.3	185.3	119.5	91.3	108.9	109.6	116.0	103.7	104.0	118.5	118.5	78.5	122.6	117.3	105.3
January - April 2005	110.7	141.7	105.6	91.9	105.5	106.0	110.5	102.1	100.6	106.1	107.8	87.4	104.3	108.4	102.1
January - April 2006	118.1	170.4	110.1	91.8	107.3	107.7	114.6	103.2	103.0	114.6	109.2	78.5	119.0	115.6	104.1
January - April 2007	128.0	203.8	130.7	92.7	112.2	113.7	118.3	104.9	105.7	122.3	112.5	78.5	132.3	123.6	108.9
2005 January	109.4	135.4	105.1	91.8	105.4	106.0	110.2	101.8	100.6	105.4	107.7	87.4	103.3	108.4	101.7
February	110.5	141.5	105.8	91.5	105.4	106.0	110.2	101.8	100.6	105.6	107.7	87.4	103.3	108.4	101.7
March	111.2	144.9	105.8	92.0	105.6	106.0	110.2	102.5	100.6	105.7	107.7	87.4	103.3	108.4	101.7
April	111.6	145.0	105.8	92.1	105.6	105.9	111.5	102.4	100.5	107.6	108.2	87.4	106.1	108.5	103.1
May	111.7	145.9	105.8	91.9	105.6	105.9	111.5	102.5	100.5	107.6	108.2	87.4	107.1	108.5	103.1
June	112.1	147.8	106.1	91.6	105.7	105.9	111.5	102.6	100.5	107.8	108.2	87.4	107.1	108.5	103.1
July	113.5	151.8	106.2	91.4	105.8	105.9	112.7	102.5	101.0	108.7	108.1	87.4	107.1	108.5	103.2
August	113.8	153.0	106.5	92.0	105.8	105.9	112.7	102.4	101.0	108.2	108.1	87.4	107.1	112.0	103.2
September	114.1	154.9	106.5	92.1	105.8	105.9	112.7	102.4	101.0	109.1	108.1	87.4	107.1	112.0	103.2
October	114.8	156.4	106.6	92.2	106.4	106.8	113.2	102.4	101.6	109.9	109.0	87.4	118.7	112.7	103.8
November	115.7	161.6	107.2	91.8	106.4	106.8	113.2	102.4	101.6	109.7	109.0	87.4	118.7	112.7	103.8
December	116.7	166.7	107.9	91.3	106.4	106.8	113.2	102.4	101.6	110.4	109.0	87.4	118.7	112.7	103.8
2006 January	117.1	166.3	109.7	91.6	106.9	107.4	114.0	102.4	102.8	112.2	109.1	78.5	114.4	115.4	103.9
February	117.7	169.6	109.4	91.6	106.9	107.4	114.0	102.4	102.8	113.3	109.1	78.5	114.4	115.4	103.9
March	118.5	172.8	110.1	92.4	107.2	107.4	114.0	103.8	102.8	114.9	109.1	78.5	114.4	115.4	103.9
April	119.3	173.1	111.3	91.5	108.2	108.5	116.4	104.0	103.7	117.9	109.4	78.5	116.2	115.9	104.6
May	120.6	179.1	112.2	91.4	108.2	108.5	116.4	104.0	103.7	118.0	109.4	78.5	116.2	115.9	104.6
June	121.8	185.8	120.7	91.3	108.2	108.5	116.4	104.0	103.7	118.5	109.4	78.5	116.2	115.9	104.6
July	123.3	187.0	121.8	91.3	109.6	110.4	116.7	104.0	104.1	120.7	109.7	78.5	120.0	118.0	105.5
August	124.0	190.8	122.5	91.3	109.5	110.4	116.7	103.9	104.1	120.6	109.7	78.5	120.0	118.0	105.5
September	125.1	197.4	122.6	91.1	109.5	110.4	116.7	103.8	104.1	120.8	109.7	78.5	120.0	118.0	105.5
October	126.3	197.8	122.7	91.1	110.8	112.2	116.9	104.0	105.4	122.3	112.2	78.5	120.0	119.7	107.3
November	126.8	200.8	129.4	90.7	110.8	112.2	116.9	104.0	105.4	121.4	112.2	78.5	120.3	119.7	107.3
December	127.3	203.4	129.7	90.5	110.8	112.2	116.9	104.0	105.4	121.5	112.2	78.5	120.3	119.7	107.3
2007 January	127.2	201.0	130.2	92.9	111.5	113.2	117.5	103.8	105.6	121.6	112.2	78.5	118.0	123.5	108.4
February	127.6	203.0	130.5	92.8	111.7	113.2	117.5	104.8	105.6	121.8	112.2	78.5	118.0	123.5	108.4
March	128.0	205.3	130.4	92.2	111.9	113.2	117.5	105.5	105.6	121.6	112.2	78.5	118.0	123.5	108.4
April	129.3	205.8	131.6	92.9	113.6	115.3	120.8	105.5	106.2	124.2	113.6	78.5	120.3	123.7	110.4

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.