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### INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—July, 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 July, 2009 was 157.7 representing no change from the Index for June, 2009.

The annual rate of inflation as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January–July, 2009 over that for the period January–July, 2008 was 10.1%. This reflects a slight reduction when compared with a percentage increase of 10.3% observed in the average All Items Index for the period January–July, 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 declined from 305.6 in June, 2009 to 302.3 in July, 2009, reflecting a decrease of 1.1%. Contributing significantly to this decrease was the general downward movement in the prices of processed cheese, refined (yellow) sugar, ochros, tomatoes, bodie, sweet potatoes, yams, melongene, avocado, green bananas, oranges, grapefruit, apples and mangoes. However, the full impact of these price decreases was offset by the general rise in the prices of packaged rice, fish—carite, other fish and king fish, whole chicken, irish potatoes, canned vegetables, pumpkin, sweet pepper, christophene, limes, celery, chive, spices and hot peppers.

Price changes in this section, for the month of July, 2009, accounted for a net overall decrease of 0.6 point in the All Items Index.

##### OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for July, 2009 compared with June, 2009 reflected increases in the sub-indices for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco 0.5%; Clothing and Footwear 0.6%; Rent 1.5%; Health 0.1%; Recreation and Culture 6.4%; Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants 0.8%; and Miscellaneous Goods and Services 1.5%. However, declines were noted in the sub-indices for Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels 0.6%; and Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House 0.8%.

Price changes in these sections for the month of July, 2009 accounted for a net overall increase of 0.6 point in the All Items Index.

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

Sections	Percentage Change July, 2009–July, 2008
All Items	5.9
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	10.1
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	7.6
Clothing and Footwear	-1.2
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	2.0
Home Ownership	3.3
Rent	4.2
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	-2.9
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	3.5
Health	6.3
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 July, 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	105.9	124.8	114.4	78.5	121.7	137.4	127.8	110.8
2008	1479	274.0	151.3	95.8	119.8	119.4	127.3	118.0	111.9	132.5	117.8	78.5	133.0	156.5	153.3	116.0
January - July 2007	1294	208.2	131.0	92.8	112.8	114.4	119.5	105.3	105.8	123.4	113.3	78.5	120.6	132.9	124.1	109.7
January - July 2008	1427	252.6	148.4	95.5	117.3	117.7	125.5	112.8	113.4	131.1	116.9	78.5	131.6	153.4	145.9	114.7
January - July 2009	1571	305.3	158.8	95.5	125.0	124.2	132.0	124.5	112.7	138.9	125.7	78.5	127.7	185.4	170.1	122.2
2007	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	131.8	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	131.8	123.5	108.4
March	128.0	205.3	130.4	92.2	111.9	113.2	117.5	105.5	106.2	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	105.5	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	106.2	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	106.2	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	105.7	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	105.5	126.1	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	105.5	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	106.1	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	106.1	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	106.1	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	106.6	129.9	116.7	78.5	134.6	150.2	140.1	114.1
January	139.6	241.1	147.9	95.3	115.3	117.2	123.3	106.4	106.6	130.1	116.7	78.5	134.6	150.2	140.1	114.1
February	140.5	245.8	148.2	94.8	115.5	117.2	123.3	107.0	106.6	130.2	116.7	78.5	134.6	150.2	140.1	114.1
March	141.3	246.0	148.3	95.7	116.0	117.4	126.7	107.1	121.8	131.2	116.8	78.5	127.3	155.8	147.4	114.6
April	143.1	255.8	148.4	96.0	115.9	117.4	126.7	107.0	121.8	131.0	116.8	78.5	127.3	155.8	147.4	114.6
May	145.5	262.3	148.4	95.6	120.6	117.4	126.7	121.8	121.8	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	106.6	133.0	117.8	78.5	135.4	156.8	159.1	116.5
July	151.8	280.0	154.1	96.4	122.5	119.9	128.6	128.3	106.6	133.0	117.8	78.5	135.4	156.8	159.1	116.5
August	154.0	302.9	156.6	96.6	121.7	119.9	128.6	124.5	106.6	134.4	117.8	78.5	134.5	158.4	159.1	116.5
September	156.3	307.5	156.6	96.3	124.1	123.1	130.5	124.5	110.5	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	110.5	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	110.5	135.0	120.0	78.5	134.5	164.0	166.7	118.8
December	156.8	310.2	156.2	96.1	124.1	123.1	130.5	124.5	110.5	135.0	120.0	78.5	134.5	164.0	166.7	118.8
2009	156.2	305.6	156.3	96.3	124.2	123.2	131.3	124.5	112.2	135.5	125.8	78.5	122.6	164.0	168.8	120.3
January	156.2	303.6	156.5	96.2	124.2	123.2	131.3	124.5	112.2	135.6	125.8	78.5	122.6	164.0	168.8	120.3
February	155.9	305.9	156.4	95.4	124.2	123.2	131.3	124.5	112.2	136.1	125.8	78.5	122.6	164.0	168.8	120.3
March	156.1	308.1	156.6	95.2	125.7	125.2	132.0	124.5	113.3	141.3	125.6	78.5	123.4	166.4	170.8	123.1
April	157.8	306.0	156.8	95.7	125.7	125.2	132.0	124.5	113.3	141.3	125.6	78.5	123.4	166.4	170.8	123.1
May	157.7	305.6	156.7	94.3	125.7	125.2	132.0	124.5	113.3	141.3	125.6	78.5	123.4	166.4	170.8	123.1
June	157.8	305.6	156.7	94.3	125.7	125.2	132.0	124.5	113.3	141.3	125.6	78.5	123.4	166.4	170.8	123.1
July	157.7	302.3	160.5	94.9	125.0	123.9	134.0	124.5	112.4	141.4	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.