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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—September, 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 September, 2009 was 161.6 representing an increase of 3.3 points or 2.1% above the Index for August, 2009.

The annual rate of inflation as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January–September, 2009 over that for the period January–September, 2008 was 8.8%. This reflects a reduction when compared with an increase of 11.2% observed in the average All Items Index for the period January–September, 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 305.1 in August, 2009 to 323.5 in September, 2009, reflecting an increase of 6.0%. Contributing significantly to this increase was the general upward movement in the prices of whole chicken, fish, celery, chive, hot peppers, oranges, melongene, cucumber, sweet pepper, watercress, tomatoes, avocado, plantain 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, sweet potatoes, christophene, carrots, pawpaw and limes.

Price changes in this section, for the month of September, 2009 accounted for a net overall increase of 3.3 points in the All Items Index.

OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for September, 2009 compared with August, 2009 reflected an increase in the sub-index for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco by 2.1%. However, declines were noted in the sub-indices for Clothing and Footwear 0.1% and Health 0.1%.

Price changes in these sections for the month of September, 2009 had a negligible net overall effect on the All Items Index.

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

Sections	Percentage Change September, 2009–September, 2008
All Items	4.9
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	6.8
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	6.3
Clothing and Footwear	-1.0
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	2.7
Home Ownership	3.3
Rent	4.2
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.0
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	3.5
Health	5.2
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 September, 2009

Period	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
					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																
2007	132.0	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	147.9	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 - September 2007	130.4	211.7	131.4	93.0	113.1	114.6	119.9	105.4	105.8	124.0	113.9	78.5	122.6	133.1	124.7	110.1
January - September 2008	145.0	262.4	149.6	95.7	118.4	118.2	126.2	115.8	112.3	131.8	117.1	78.5	132.4	153.9	148.9	115.1
January - September 2009	157.7	307.3	159.5	95.5	125.0	124.1	132.4	124.5	112.6	139.5	125.7	78.5	129.9	165.6	170.6	122.8
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	105.6	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	124.3	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	133.2	222.7	132.7	93.6	113.8	115.4	121.5	105.7	105.5	126.1	115.8	78.5	129.4	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	129.4	133.8	126.9	111.4
October	135.5	230.5	136.4	94.1	114.9	118.8	123.2	105.8	108.1	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	118.8	123.2	105.7	108.1	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	116.6	123.2	105.9	106.1	127.3	115.8	78.5	119.1	150.2	136.9	112.8
2008	139.9	242.7	148.1	95.0	115.2	117.2	123.3	105.8	106.6	128.9	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	106.6	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	128.2	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	108.6	133.0	117.8	78.5	135.4	155.8	159.1	116.5
July	148.9	274.6	149.2	96.1	122.5	119.9	128.6	128.3	108.6	133.0	117.8	78.5	135.4	155.8	159.1	116.5
August	151.8	290.0	154.1	96.4	122.5	119.9	128.6	128.3	108.6	134.0	117.8	78.5	135.4	155.8	159.1	116.5
September	154.0	302.9	154.0	96.6	124.1	119.9	130.5	124.5	110.5	134.7	120.0	78.5	134.5	164.0	166.7	118.8
October	156.3	307.5	156.6	96.3	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	156.7	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
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	155.9	303.6	156.5	96.2	124.2	123.2	131.3	124.5	112.2	135.5	125.8	78.5	122.6	164.0	168.8	120.3
February	156.4	305.9	156.4	96.0	124.2	123.2	131.3	124.5	112.2	135.5	125.8	78.5	122.6	164.0	168.8	120.3
March	158.1	308.1	159.6	95.2	125.7	125.2	132.0	124.5	113.3	141.3	125.6	78.5	129.4	166.4	170.8	123.1
April	157.8	308.1	159.6	95.2	125.7	125.2	132.0	124.5	113.3	141.3	125.6	78.5	129.4	166.4	170.8	123.1
May	157.7	305.6	159.8	94.3	125.7	125.2	132.0	124.5	113.3	141.3	125.6	78.5	129.4	166.4	170.8	123.1
June	157.7	305.6	159.8	94.3	125.7	125.2	132.0	124.5	113.3	141.3	125.6	78.5	129.4	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	168.4	172.2	124.9
August	157.7	305.1	160.4	95.7	125.0	123.9	134.0	124.5	112.4	141.4	125.6	78.5	137.7	168.4	172.2	124.9
September	161.6	323.5	163.7	95.6	125.0	123.9	134.0	124.5	112.4	141.4	125.6	78.5	137.7	168.4	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.