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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—January, 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 January, 2009 was 156.2 representing a decrease of 0.6 point or 0.4% below the Index for December, 2008.

The percentage change in the All Items Index of January, 2009 when compared with January, 2008 was 11.7%. This compares with a percentage change of 10.0% observed between January, 2008 and January, 2007.

SECTION INDICES

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages decreased from 310.2 in December, 2008 to 305.6 in January, 2009, reflecting a decrease of 1.5%. Contributing significantly to this decrease was the general downward movement in the prices of packaged rice, packaged flour, tomatoes, melongene, cucumber, green pigeon peas, cabbage, watercress, christophene, yams, dasheen, celery, sweet pepper and hot peppers. However, the full impact of these price decreases was offset by the general rise in the prices of fish—carite, cavalli and king fish, whole chicken, oranges, grapefruit, mangoes, plantain, sweet potatoes, avocado, chive, onions, limes, refined sugar, canned vegetables and carbonated soft drinks.

Price changes in this section for the month of January, 2009, accounted for a net overall decrease of 0.8 point in the All Items Index.

OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for January, 2009 compared with December, 2008 reflected increases in the sub-indices for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco 0.1%; Clothing and Footwear 0.2%; Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels 0.1%; Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House 1.5%; Health 0.4%; Transport 4.8%; Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants 1.3%; Miscellaneous Goods and Services 1.3%. However, the sub-index for Recreation and Culture declined by 8.8% due largely to a general decline in airfares.

Price changes in these sections, for the month of January, 2009, accounted for a net overall increase of 0.2 point in the All Items Index.

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

Sections	Percentage Change January, 2009—January, 2008
All Items	11.7
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	25.9
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	5.5
Clothing and Footwear	1.4
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	7.8
Home Ownership	5.1
Rent	6.5
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	17.7
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	5.3
Health	4.3
Transport	7.8
Communication	0.0
Recreation and Culture	-8.9
Education	9.2
Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	20.5
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	5.4

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES
Figures for January, 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	
					Total	Home- ownership	Rent									Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels
Weights	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
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
January	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
February	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
March	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
April	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
May	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
June	131.0	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
July	133.1	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
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	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	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	139.9	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	128.2	121.8	132.1	116.8	78.5	127.3	155.8	147.4	114.6
June	146.9	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	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
August	154.0	302.9	154.0	96.6	121.7	119.9	128.6	124.5	108.6	134.4	117.8	78.5	135.4	155.8	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	158.8	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	158.8	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

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.