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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—February, 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 February, 2009 was 155.9 representing a decrease of 0.3 points or 0.2% below the Index for January, 2009.

The annual rate of inflation as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January–February, 2009 over that for the period January–February, 2008 was 11.7%. This compares with a percentage increase of 9.7% observed in the average All Items Index for the period January–February, 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 decreased from 305.6 in January, 2009 to 303.6 in February, 2009, reflecting a decrease of 0.7%. Contributing significantly to this decrease was the general downward movement in the prices of, tomatoes, cucumber, oranges, dasheen, sweet potatoes, hot peppers, grapefruit, chive, whole chickens, celery, onions, irish potatoes, christophene, sweet peppers, cheddar cheese, and packaged rice. However, the full impact of these price decreases was offset by the general rise in the prices of limes, ochroes, yams, fish—king fish, carite, cavalli, red fish and other fish, grapes, melongene and mangoes.

Price changes in this section, for the month of February, 2009 accounted for a net overall decrease of 0.4 point in the All Items Index.

OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for February, 2009 compared with January, 2009, reflected an increase in the sub-index for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco 0.1%. However, the sub-index for Clothing and Footwear declined by 0.1%.

Price changes in the other sections, for the month of February, 2009, accounted for a net overall increase of 0.1 point in the All Items Index.

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

Sections	Percentage Change February, 2009–February, 2008
All Items	11.7
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	25.9
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	5.8
Clothing and Footwear	0.9
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	7.7
Home Ownership	5.1
Rent	6.5
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	17.0
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	5.3
Health	4.2
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 February, 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	262	180	24	58	54	51	167	41	85	16	30	36	
Annual Average	1000															
2007	132.0	217.6	134.2	93.3	113.5	115.2	120.8	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	132.5	117.8	78.5	133.0	156.5	153.3	116.0	
January - February 2007	127.4	202.0	130.4	92.9	111.6	113.2	117.5	104.3	121.7	112.2	78.5	118.0	131.8	123.5	108.4	
January - February 2008	139.8	241.9	148.0	95.2	115.3	117.2	123.3	106.1	130.0	116.7	78.5	134.6	150.2	140.1	114.1	
2007 January	127.2	201.0	130.2	92.9	111.5	113.2	117.5	105.8	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	121.6	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	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	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	124.2	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	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	125.6	115.8	78.5	128.4	133.8	126.9	111.4	
August	133.8	222.7	132.7	93.6	113.8	115.4	121.5	105.7	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	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	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	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	127.3	115.8	78.5	119.1	150.2	136.9	112.8	
2008 January	139.9	242.7	148.1	95.0	115.2	117.2	123.3	105.8	128.9	116.7	78.5	134.6	150.2	140.1	114.1	
February	139.6	241.1	147.9	95.3	115.3	117.2	123.3	106.4	130.1	116.7	78.5	134.6	150.2	140.1	114.1	
March	140.5	245.8	148.2	94.8	115.5	117.2	123.3	107.0	130.2	116.7	78.5	134.6	150.2	140.1	114.1	
April	141.3	246.0	148.3	95.7	116.0	117.4	126.7	107.1	131.2	116.8	78.5	127.3	155.8	147.4	114.6	
May	143.1	255.8	148.4	96.0	116.9	117.4	126.7	107.0	131.0	116.8	78.5	127.3	155.8	147.4	114.6	
June	145.5	262.3	148.4	95.6	120.6	117.4	126.7	128.2	132.1	116.8	78.5	127.3	155.8	147.4	114.6	
July	148.9	274.6	148.2	96.1	122.5	119.9	126.6	128.2	133.0	117.8	78.5	135.4	155.8	158.1	116.5	
August	151.8	290.0	154.1	96.4	122.5	119.9	126.6	128.3	134.0	117.8	78.5	135.4	155.8	158.1	116.5	
September	154.0	302.9	154.0	96.6	121.7	119.9	126.6	124.5	134.4	117.8	78.5	135.4	155.8	158.1	116.5	
October	156.3	307.5	156.6	96.3	124.1	123.1	130.5	124.5	110.5	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	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	120.0	78.5	134.5	164.0	166.7	118.8	
2009 January	156.2	305.6	156.3	96.3	124.2	123.2	131.3	124.5	112.2	125.8	78.5	122.6	164.0	168.8	120.3	
February																

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.