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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—November, 2008 (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 November, 2008 was 156.7 representing an increase of 0.4 point or 0.3% over the Index for October, 2008.

The annual rate of inflation as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January–November, 2008 over that for the period January–November, 2007 was 11.9%. This compares with an increase of 7.9% observed in the average All Items Index for the period January–November, 2007 over the average All Items Index for the same period in 2006.

SECTION INDICES

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 307.5 in October, 2008 to 309.4 in November, 2008, reflecting an increase of 0.6%. Contributing significantly to this increase was the general upward movement in the prices of packaged rice, fish—king fish, carite, cavalli and other fish, cucumber, celery, chive, tomatoes, melongene, christophene, sweet potatoes, bodie and apples. However, the full impact of these price increases was dampened by the general fall in the prices of oranges, grapefruit, limes, ochroes, yams, dasheen, irish potatoes, eddoes, plantain, lettuce, hot peppers, onions, spices and canned vegetables.

Price changes in this section, for the month of November, 2008 accounted for a net overall increase of 0.3 point in the All Items Index.

OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for November, 2008 compared with October, 2008 indicated increases in the sub-indices for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco 0.1% and Health 0.1%. However, the sub-index for Clothing and Footwear declined by 0.1%.

Price changes in these sections, for the month of November, 2008, accounted for a net overall increase of 0.1 point in the All Items Index.

Growth in consumer prices in November, 2008 compared with those of November, 2007 reflected in various sections of the Index is shown hereunder:

Sections	Percentage Change November, 2008–November, 2007
All Items	14.3
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	29.8
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	8.0
Clothing and Footwear	2.1
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	8.0
Home Ownership	5.4
Rent	5.9
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	17.8
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	4.1
Health	5.8
Transport	3.6
Communication	0.0
Recreation and Culture	12.9
Education	9.2
Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	21.8
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	5.3

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES
Figures for November, 2008

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																
2006	122.3	185.3	119.4	91.3	108.9	109.6	116.0	103.7	104.0	118.5	110.1	78.5	118.5	122.7	117.3	105.3
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
January - November 2006	121.9	183.7	118.5	91.4	108.7	109.4	115.9	103.7	103.9	118.2	109.9	78.5	118.3	121.8	117.0	105.1
January - November 2007	131.5	215.8	133.1	93.2	113.4	115.0	120.5	105.5	105.8	124.6	114.2	78.5	121.9	136.2	126.9	110.6
January - November 2008	147.1	270.7	150.9	95.8	119.4	119.1	127.0	117.4	112.0	132.3	117.6	78.5	132.8	155.8	152.1	115.7
2006	117.1	166.3	108.7	91.6	106.9	107.4	114.0	102.4	102.8	112.2	109.1	78.5	114.4	118.7	115.4	103.9
February	117.7	169.6	108.4	91.6	106.9	107.4	114.0	102.4	102.8	112.2	109.1	78.5	114.4	118.7	115.4	103.9
March	118.5	172.8	110.1	92.4	107.2	107.4	114.0	103.8	102.8	113.3	109.1	78.5	114.4	118.7	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	120.0	115.9	104.6
May	120.6	179.1	119.2	91.4	108.2	108.5	116.4	104.0	103.7	118.0	109.4	78.5	116.2	120.0	115.9	104.6
June	121.8	185.8	120.7	91.3	108.2	108.5	116.4	104.0	103.7	118.4	109.4	78.5	116.2	120.0	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	122.9	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	122.9	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	122.9	120.0	118.0	105.5
October	126.3	197.8	127.1	91.1	110.8	112.2	116.9	104.0	105.4	122.3	112.2	78.5	120.3	131.8	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	131.8	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	131.8	119.7	107.3
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	106.2	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	105.9	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	124.3	113.6	78.5	120.3	133.8	123.7	110.4
June	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
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	129.4	133.8	126.9	111.4
September	134.2	235.0	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	105.5	108.1	127.0	115.8	78.5	119.1	150.2	136.9	112.8
November	137.1	236.4	145.1	94.2	114.9	116.8	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	116.8	123.2	105.9	108.1	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	108.6	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	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	106.6	131.2	116.8	78.5	127.3	155.8	147.4	114.6
May	145.5	262.3	148.4	96.6	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	151.8	290.0	154.1	96.4	122.5	119.9	128.6	128.2	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	155.3	307.5	156.6	96.3	124.1	123.1	130.5	124.5	110.5	134.4	120.0	78.5	135.4	154.0	159.1	116.5
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	135.4	154.0	159.1	116.5
November	157.0	309.4	156.7	96.2	124.1	123.1	130.5	124.5	110.5	134.8	120.0	78.5	135.4	154.0	159.1	116.5

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.