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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—April, 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 April, 2009, was 158.1 representing an increase of 1.7 points or 1.1% above the Index for March, 2009.

The annual rate of inflation as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January–April, 2009, over that for the period January–April, 2008, was 11.7%. This compares with a percentage increase of 9.6% observed in the average All Items Index for the period January–April, 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 305.9 in March, 2009, to 308.1 in April, 2009, reflecting an increase of 0.7%. Contributing significantly to this increase was the general upward movement in the prices of yams, ochros, tomatoes, cucumber, limes, oranges, irish potatoes, green bananas and apples. However, the full impact of these price increases was offset by the general decline in the prices of fish—carite, sweet potatoes, celery, chive, hot peppers, cheddar cheese, melongene, sweet pepper, lettuce, bodie and pumpkin.

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

OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for April, 2009, compared with March, 2009, reflected increases in the sub-indices for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco 0.1%; Home Ownership 1.6%; Rent 0.5%; Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House 1.0%; Health 3.8%; Recreation and Culture 5.5%; Education 1.5%; Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants 1.2%; and Miscellaneous Goods and Services 2.3%. However, declines were noted in the sub-indices for Clothing and Footwear 0.8% and Transport 0.2%.

Price changes in these sections for the month of April, 2009, accounted for a net overall increase of 1.3 points in the All Items Index.

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

Sections	Percentage Change April, 2009–April, 2008
All Items	11.9
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	25.2
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	7.6
Clothing and Footwear	-0.5
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	8.4
Home Ownership	6.6
Rent	4.2
Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	16.2
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	-7.0
Health	7.7
Transport	7.5
Communication	0.0
Recreation and Culture	1.6
Education	6.8
Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	15.9
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	7.4

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES
Figures for April, 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 - April 2007	128.0	203.8	130.7	92.7	112.2	113.7	118.3	104.9	105.8	122.3	112.6	78.5	118.6	132.3	123.6	108.9
January - April 2008	140.3	243.9	148.1	95.2	115.5	117.3	124.2	106.6	110.4	130.4	116.7	78.5	132.8	151.6	141.9	114.2
January - April 2009	156.7	305.8	158.0	95.9	124.6	123.7	131.5	124.5	112.5	137.1	125.8	78.5	124.3	164.6	189.3	121.0
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
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	206.8	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	124.3	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	113.6	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	125.1	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	125.1	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	116.4	117.4	126.7	107.0	121.8	131.0	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	300.0	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	134.0	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	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	155.9	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	156.4	305.9	159.4	96.0	123.2	123.2	131.3	124.5	112.2	136.1	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	123.4	166.4	170.8	123.1
April	158.1	308.1	159.6	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

NOTE: To link the previous or old base (September 1983 = 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.