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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—May, 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 May, 2009, was 157.8 representing a decrease of 0.3 point or 0.2% below the Index for April, 2009.

The annual rate of inflation as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January–May, 2009, over that for the period January–May, 2008, was 11.4%. This compares with a percentage increase of 9.7% observed in the average All Items Index for the period January–May, 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 308.1 in April, 2009, to 306.0 in May, 2009, reflecting a decrease of 0.7%. Contributing significantly to this decrease was the general downward movement in the prices of packaged rice, cheddar cheese, fish—king fish, carite, cavalli and other fish, canned vegetables, melongene, dasheen, ochros, cucumber, plantain, sweet pepper, cabbage, chive and apples. However, the full impact of these price decreases was offset by the general rise in the prices of whole chicken, tomatoes, sweet potatoes, yams, limes, grapefruit, mangoes, melon, ripe bananas, paw paw, watercress, christophene and green bananas.

Price changes in this section, for the month of May, 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 May, 2009, compared with April, 2009, reflected increases in the sub-indices for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco 0.1%; and Clothing and Footwear 0.5%.

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

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

Sections	Percentage Change May, 2009–May, 2008
All Items	10.3
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	19.6
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	7.7
Clothing and Footwear	–0.3
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	8.5
Home Ownership	6.6
Rent	4.2
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	16.4
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	–7.0
Health	7.9
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 May, 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	1000															
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	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	156.5	153.3	116.0	
January - May 2007	128.4	205.0	130.7	92.6	112.5	114.0	118.8	105.1	105.8	122.7	112.8	78.5	132.6	123.6	109.2	
January - May 2008	140.9	246.3	148.2	95.4	115.6	117.3	124.7	106.7	112.7	130.5	116.7	78.5	152.4	143.0	114.3	
January - May 2009	156.9	305.8	158.3	95.9	124.8	124.0	131.6	124.5	112.6	138.0	125.7	78.5	165.0	189.6	121.4	
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	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	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	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	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	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	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	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	133.8	126.9	111.4	
September	134.2	225.0	132.9	93.5	113.8	115.4	121.5	105.8	106.1	127.0	115.8	78.5	150.2	136.9	112.8	
October	135.5	230.5	136.4	94.1	114.9	116.8	123.2	105.7	106.1	127.4	115.8	78.5	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	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	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	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	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	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	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	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	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	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	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	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	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	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	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	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	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	164.0	168.8	120.3	
February	156.4	305.9	159.4	96.0	124.2	123.2	131.3	124.5	112.2	135.6	125.8	78.5	164.0	168.8	120.3	
March	156.1	308.1	159.6	95.2	125.7	125.2	132.0	124.5	113.3	141.3	125.6	78.5	166.4	170.8	123.1	
April	157.8	306.0	159.8	95.7	125.7	125.2	132.0	124.5	113.3	141.3	125.6	78.5	166.4	170.8	123.1	
May	157.8	306.0	159.8	95.7	125.7	125.2	132.0	124.5	113.3	141.3	125.6	78.5	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.