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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—June, 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 June, 2009 was 157.7 representing a decrease of 0.1 point or 0.1% below the Index for May, 2009.

The annual rate of inflation as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January–June, 2009 over that for the period January–June, 2008 was 10.8%. This compares with a percentage increase of 10.0% observed in the average All Items Index for the period January–June, 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 306.0 in May, 2009 to 305.6 in June, 2009, reflecting a decrease of 0.1%. Contributing significantly to this decrease was the general downward movement in the prices of fish—carite and king fish, whole chicken, tomatoes, sweet potatoes, irish potatoes, plantain, limes, hot peppers and melon. However, the full impact of these price decreases was offset by the general rise in the prices of cucumber, pumpkin, ochroes, christophene, yams, avocado, chive, celery, pawpaw and oranges.

Price changes in this section, for the month of June, 2009, accounted for a net overall decrease of 0.1 point in the All Items Index.

OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for June, 2009 compared with May, 2009, reflected decreases in the sub-indices for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco 0.1%; and Clothing and Footwear 1.5%.

Price changes in these sections for the month of June, 2009 had a negligible net overall effect on the All Items Index.

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

Sections	Percentage Change June, 2009–June, 2008
All Items	8.4
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	16.5
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	7.6
Clothing and Footwear	-1.4
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	4.2
Home Ownership	6.6
Rent	4.2
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	-2.9
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	-7.0
Health	7.0
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 June, 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	1000	180	25	53	282	180	24	56	54	51	167	41	85	16	30	36	
Annual Average																	
2007	1320	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	1479.9	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 - June 2007	128.8	206.4	130.8	92.7	112.7	114.3	119.2	105.2	105.9	123.0	112.9	78.5	119.2	132.8	123.6	109.4	
January - June 2008	141.7	249.0	148.2	95.4	116.4	117.3	125.0	110.3	114.2	130.8	116.8	78.5	131.0	153.0	143.8	114.4	
January - June 2009	157.0	305.8	158.6	95.6	125.0	124.2	131.7	124.5	112.8	138.5	125.7	78.5	126.0	185.2	169.8	121.7	
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	106.2	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	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	124.5	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	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	128.1	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	105.5	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	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	1399	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	96.2	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	108.2	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	106.8	133.0	117.8	78.5	135.4	156.8	159.1	116.5	
July	151.8	280.0	154.1	96.4	122.5	119.9	128.6	128.3	106.8	133.0	117.8	78.5	135.4	156.8	159.1	116.5	
August	154.0	302.9	156.6	96.6	122.7	119.9	128.6	124.5	106.6	134.4	117.8	78.5	135.4	156.8	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	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	
February	156.2	303.6	156.5	96.2	124.2	123.2	131.3	124.5	112.2	136.1	125.6	78.5	122.6	164.0	168.8	120.3	
March	156.4	305.9	159.4	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	
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	123.4	166.4	170.8	123.1	
June	157.7	305.6	159.7	94.3	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 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.