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### INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—February, 2012 (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, 2012 was 197.5 representing an increase of 3.1 points or 1.6% above the All Items Index for January, 2012.

The percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January to February, 2012, over the period January to February, 2011 was 8.0%. This reflects a decrease when compared with the rate of inflation of 11.6% observed in the average All Items Index for the period January to February, 2011 over the average All Items Index for January to February, 2010.

#### SECTION INDICES

##### FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 467.8 in January, 2012 to 484.8 in February, 2012, reflecting an increase of 3.6%. Contributing significantly to this increase was the general upward movement in the prices of ochroes, cucumbers, limes, sweet potatoes, hot peppers, carite, dasheen, whole chickens, green pigeon peas and mangoes. However, the full impact of these price increases was offset by the general decrease in the prices of celery, tomatoes, christophene, chive/thyme, sweet peppers, yams, irish potatoes, oranges, canned vegetables and garlic.

Price changes in this section, for the month of February, 2012, accounted for a net overall increase of 3.1 points in the All Items Index.

##### OTHER SECTIONS

Price changes in the Other Sections had a negligible impact on the the All Items Index for the month of February, 2012.

Changes in consumer prices in February, 2012, compared with those of February, 2011, reflected in various sections of the Index are shown hereunder—

Sections	Percentage Change February, 2012–February, 2011
All Items	9.2
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	20.2
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	2.2
Clothing and Footwear	2.8
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	2.7
Home Ownership	2.9
Rent	6.7
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.1
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	1.8
Health	0.9
Transport	0.6
Communication	0.0
Recreation and Culture	0.6
Education	1.7
Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	3.4
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	3.3

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES  
Figures for February, 2012

Period	All Items Jan 2003 =100	Section Indices															
		Food and Non- Alcoholic Beverages	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	Clothing and Footwear	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels				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	Home- ownership, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels									
Weights	180	25	53	262	180	24	58	54	51	167	41	85	16	30	36		
<b>Annual Average</b>	<b>174.9</b>	<b>376.8</b>	<b>180.8</b>	<b>94.4</b>	<b>125.6</b>	<b>122.6</b>	<b>142.1</b>	<b>128.1</b>	<b>113.5</b>	<b>147.6</b>	<b>139.8</b>	<b>78.5</b>	<b>138.5</b>	<b>171.0</b>	<b>174.3</b>	<b>128.7</b>	
2010	183.8	416.2	190.0	95.0	127.3	123.8	151.3	128.1	114.6	150.7	140.9	78.5	143.9	174.8	177.7	132.5	
January - February 2010	162.7	316.2	178.6	94.9	125.6	123.0	139.8	128.1	113.3	144.3	137.8	78.5	126.4	169.2	173.8	127.4	
January - February 2011	181.5	407.0	189.6	94.0	126.5	123.1	148.0	128.1	114.0	149.7	140.4	78.5	144.1	172.4	174.5	130.5	
January - February 2012	196.0	476.3	194.1	96.8	129.9	126.7	157.9	128.2	116.0	151.0	141.3	78.5	145.0	175.4	180.4	134.8	
2010 January	161.9	313.7	178.2	95.3	125.6	123.0	139.8	128.1	113.3	144.4	137.8	78.5	126.4	169.2	173.8	127.4	
February	163.4	322.6	179.0	94.4	125.6	123.0	139.8	128.1	113.3	144.2	137.8	78.5	126.4	169.2	173.8	127.4	
March	164.3	326.9	178.9	95.5	125.6	123.0	139.8	128.1	113.3	144.4	137.8	78.5	126.4	169.2	173.8	127.4	
April	169.6	347.1	179.0	95.2	125.4	122.3	142.0	128.1	113.1	147.5	140.4	78.5	139.5	171.2	174.3	128.2	
May	172.9	365.4	179.1	95.1	125.4	122.3	142.0	128.1	113.1	147.6	140.4	78.5	139.5	171.2	174.3	128.2	
June	179.2	400.6	179.1	94.6	125.4	122.3	142.0	128.1	113.1	148.0	140.4	78.5	139.5	171.2	174.3	128.2	
July	180.0	402.8	178.7	93.7	125.4	122.2	142.9	128.1	113.6	148.4	140.4	78.5	144.0	171.2	174.6	129.0	
August	184.0	424.5	179.1	93.5	125.4	122.2	142.9	128.1	113.6	148.5	140.4	78.5	144.0	171.2	174.6	129.0	
September	182.9	418.1	179.0	94.0	125.4	122.2	142.9	128.1	113.6	149.0	140.4	78.5	144.0	171.2	174.6	129.0	
October	180.6	403.4	182.2	94.2	126.0	122.9	143.5	128.1	114.0	149.5	140.4	78.5	144.2	172.4	174.3	130.2	
November	179.3	395.6	188.5	94.0	126.0	122.9	143.5	128.1	114.0	149.6	140.4	78.5	144.2	172.4	174.3	130.2	
December	180.2	400.9	188.7	93.3	126.0	122.9	143.5	128.1	114.0	149.6	140.4	78.5	144.2	172.4	174.3	130.2	
2011 January	182.1	410.5	189.2	93.7	126.5	123.1	148.0	128.1	114.0	149.7	140.4	78.5	144.1	172.4	174.5	130.5	
February	180.9	403.4	189.9	94.2	126.5	123.1	148.0	128.1	114.0	149.6	140.4	78.5	144.1	172.4	174.5	130.5	
March	179.7	396.6	190.0	94.1	126.5	123.1	148.0	128.1	114.0	149.8	140.4	78.5	144.1	172.4	174.5	130.5	
April	180.4	399.2	189.7	93.8	126.6	123.1	148.8	128.1	114.2	150.5	140.4	78.5	144.2	175.7	177.6	132.0	
May	179.7	395.3	189.4	94.2	126.6	123.1	148.8	128.1	114.2	150.9	140.4	78.5	144.2	175.7	177.6	132.0	
June	180.7	400.9	188.8	94.0	126.6	123.1	148.8	128.1	114.2	151.5	140.4	78.5	144.2	175.7	177.6	132.0	
July	182.6	409.2	189.6	95.5	126.9	123.3	151.5	128.1	114.6	151.5	141.3	78.5	143.7	175.7	179.1	133.0	
August	185.1	423.3	189.8	95.1	126.9	123.3	151.5	128.1	114.6	151.5	141.3	78.5	143.7	175.7	179.1	133.0	
September	187.5	436.1	190.1	96.8	126.9	123.3	151.5	128.1	114.6	151.5	141.3	78.5	143.7	175.7	179.1	133.0	
October	187.3	431.3	190.5	96.0	129.1	125.7	157.0	128.1	115.8	151.3	141.3	78.5	143.4	175.4	179.6	134.2	
November	189.6	444.2	190.1	96.3	129.1	125.7	157.0	128.2	115.8	150.3	141.3	78.5	143.4	175.4	179.6	134.2	
December	189.7	444.5	193.1	95.7	129.1	125.7	157.0	128.2	115.8	151.0	141.3	78.5	143.5	175.4	179.6	134.2	
2012 January	194.4	467.8	194.0	96.7	129.9	126.7	157.9	128.2	116.0	151.0	141.3	78.5	145.0	175.4	180.4	134.8	
February	197.5	484.8	194.1	96.8	129.9	126.7	157.9	128.2	116.0	151.0	141.3	78.5	145.0	175.4	180.4	134.8	

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.