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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—March, 2012 (Base: January, 2003 = 100)

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GENERAL INDEX

The All Items Index of Retail Prices calculated from the prices collected for the month of March, 2012 was 196.1 representing a decrease of 1.4 points or 0.7% below the All Items Index for February, 2012.

The percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January to March, 2012, over the period January to March, 2011 was 8.3%. This reflects a decrease when compared with the rate of inflation of 10.8% observed in the average All Items Index for the period January to March, 2011, over the average All Items Index for January to March, 2010.

SECTION INDICES

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages decreased from 484.8 in February, 2012 to 477.0 in March, 2012, reflecting a decrease of 1.6%. Contributing significantly to this decrease was the general downward movement in the prices of tomatoes, chive/thyme, cucumbers, christophene, hot peppers, sweet peppers, green pigeon peas, celery, watercress and irish potatoes. However, the full impact of these price decreases was offset by the general increase in the prices of limes, ochroes, sweet potatoes, oranges, whole chickens, carite, king fish, plantains, ripe bananas and other vegetable oils and salad dressing.

Price changes in this section, for the month of March, 2012, accounted for a net overall decrease of 1.4 points in the All Items Index.

OTHER SECTIONS

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

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

| Sections | Percentage Change March, 2012–March, 2011 |
|---|--|
| All Items | 9.1 |
| Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages | 20.3 |
| Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco | 2.4 |
| Clothing and Footwear | 2.9 |
| 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 March, 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 | | | | Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House | Health | Transport | Communication | Recreation and Culture | Education | Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants | Miscellaneous Goods and Services | |
| Weights | 1000 | 180 | 25 | 53 | Total | Home- ownership | Rent | Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels | 54 | 51 | 167 | 41 | 85 | 16 | 30 | 36 | |
| Annual Average | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2010 | 174.9 | 376.8 | 180.8 | 94.4 | 125.6 | 122.6 | 142.1 | 128.1 | 113.5 | 147.6 | 139.8 | 78.5 | 138.5 | 171.0 | 174.3 | 128.7 | |
| 2011 | 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 - March 2010 | 163.2 | 321.1 | 178.7 | 95.1 | 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 - March 2011 | 180.9 | 403.5 | 189.7 | 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 - March 2012 | 196.0 | 476.5 | 194.2 | 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 | 148.0 | 128.1 | 114.2 | 150.5 | 140.4 | 78.5 | 144.2 | 175.7 | 176.6 | 132.0 | |
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| 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 | |
| March | 196.1 | 477.0 | 194.6 | 96.8 | 129.9 | 126.7 | 157.9 | 128.2 | 116.0 | 151.1 | 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.