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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—December, 2011 (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 December, 2011 was 189.7 representing an increase of 0.1 point or 0.1% above the Index for November, 2011.

The annual rate of inflation as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January–December, 2011, over that for the period January–December, 2010 was 5.1%. This reflects a decrease when compared with a rate of inflation of 10.6% observed in the average All Items Index for the period January–December, 2010 over the average All Items Index for January–December, in 2009.

SECTION INDICES

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 444.2 in November, 2011 to 444.5 in December, 2011, reflecting an increase of 0.1%. Contributing significantly to this increase was the general upward movement in the prices of limes, sweet potatoes, yams, carite, dasheen, canned vegetables, oranges, bodi, king fish and chive/thyme. However, the full impact of these price increases was offset by the general decrease in the prices of cucumber, celery, christophene, hot peppers, ochroes, mangoes, melongene, plantain, carrots and paw paw.

Price changes in this section, for the month of December, 2011 accounted for a net overall increase of 0.1 point in the All Items Index.

OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for December, 2011, compared with November, 2011, reflected increases in the sub-indices for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco 1.6%, Health 0.5% and Recreation and Culture 0.1%. However, a decline was noted in the sub-index for Clothing and Footwear 0.6%.

Price changes in these sections for the month of December, 2011, had a negligible impact on the All Items Index.

Changes in consumer prices in December, 2011, compared with those of December, 2010, reflected in various sections of the Index are shown hereunder—

Sections	Percentage Change December, 2011–December, 2010
All Items	5.3
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	10.9
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	2.3
Clothing and Footwear	2.6
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	2.5
Home Ownership	2.3
Rent	9.4
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.1
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	1.6
Health	0.9
Transport	0.6
Communication	0.0
Recreation and Culture	-0.5
Education	1.7
Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	3.0
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	3.1

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES
Figures for December, 2011

Period	General Index		Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	Clothing and Footwear	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels				Section Indices			Transport	Communication	Recreation and Culture	Education	Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	Miscellaneous Goods and Services
	All Items Sept 1993 = 100	All Items Jan 2003 = 100				Total	Home-ownership	Rent	Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	Furnishings, Household equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	Health							
Weights	1000	1000	180	25	53	262	180	24	38	54	51	167	41	85	16	30	36	
Annual Average																		
2005	170.4	112.9	150.4	106.3	91.8	105.6	106.1	111.9	102.4	100.9	108.1	108.3	87.4	108.3	109.1	110.4	103.0	
2006	164.6	122.3	165.3	119.4	91.3	108.9	109.6	116.0	103.7	104.0	118.5	110.1	78.5	118.5	122.7	117.3	105.3	
2007	198.2	132.0	217.6	134.2	93.3	113.5	115.2	120.7	105.5	105.8	124.8	114.3	78.5	121.7	137.4	127.8	110.7	
2008	223.1	147.9	274.0	151.3	95.8	119.8	119.4	127.3	118.0	111.9	132.5	117.8	78.5	132.9	156.5	153.4	116.0	
2009	238.7	158.2	308.7	163.9	95.3	125.2	124.1	132.9	125.4	112.7	140.6	125.6	78.5	129.1	166.5	171.2	123.5	
2010	263.9	174.8	376.8	180.8	94.4	126.6	122.6	142.1	128.1	113.5	147.6	139.8	78.5	138.5	171.0	174.3	128.7	
January - December 2005	170.4	112.9	150.4	106.3	91.8	105.6	106.1	111.9	102.4	100.9	108.1	108.3	87.4	108.3	109.1	110.4	103.0	
January - December 2006	164.6	122.3	165.3	119.4	91.3	108.9	109.6	116.0	103.7	104.0	118.5	110.1	78.5	118.5	122.7	117.3	105.3	
January - December 2007	198.2	132.0	217.6	134.2	93.3	113.5	115.2	120.7	105.5	105.8	124.8	114.3	78.5	121.7	137.4	127.8	110.7	
January - December 2008	223.1	147.9	274.0	151.3	95.8	119.8	119.4	127.3	118.0	111.9	132.5	117.8	78.5	132.9	156.5	153.4	116.0	
January - December 2009	238.7	158.2	308.7	163.9	95.3	125.2	124.1	132.9	125.4	112.7	140.6	125.6	78.5	129.1	166.5	171.2	123.5	
January - December 2010	263.9	174.8	376.8	180.8	94.4	126.6	122.6	142.0	128.1	113.5	147.6	139.8	78.5	138.5	171.0	174.3	128.7	
January - December 2011	277.3	183.8	418.2	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	
2005 January	165.1	109.4	135.4	105.1	91.8	105.4	106.0	110.2	101.8	100.6	105.4	107.7	87.4	105.1	103.3	108.4	101.7	
February	166.7	110.5	141.5	105.8	91.5	105.4	106.0	110.2	101.8	100.6	105.6	107.7	87.4	105.1	103.3	108.4	101.7	
March	167.8	111.2	144.9	106.8	92.0	105.6	106.0	110.2	102.5	100.8	105.7	107.7	87.4	105.1	103.3	108.4	101.7	
April	168.3	111.7	145.8	107.1	91.6	105.6	106.0	110.2	102.5	100.8	105.7	107.7	87.4	105.1	103.3	108.4	101.7	
May	168.6	111.7	145.9	105.8	91.6	105.6	105.9	111.5	102.5	100.5	107.6	108.2	87.4	105.1	107.1	108.5	103.1	
June	169.2	112.1	147.8	106.1	91.6	105.7	105.9	111.5	102.6	100.5	107.8	108.2	87.4	106.1	107.1	108.5	103.1	
July	171.2	113.5	151.8	106.2	91.4	105.8	105.9	112.7	102.5	101.0	108.7	108.1	87.4	111.9	107.1	112.0	103.2	
August	171.7	113.8	153.0	106.5	92.0	105.8	105.9	112.7	102.4	101.0	109.2	108.1	87.4	111.9	107.1	112.0	103.2	
September	172.2	114.1	154.9	106.5	92.1	105.9	105.9	112.7	102.4	101.0	109.1	108.1	87.4	111.9	107.1	112.0	103.2	
October	173.3	115.9	156.4	106.9	92.2	106.4	106.8	113.2	102.4	101.8	109.0	109.0	87.4	111.9	107.1	112.0	103.2	
November	173.3	115.9	156.4	106.9	92.2	106.4	106.8	113.2	102.4	101.8	109.0	109.0	87.4	111.9	107.1	112.0	103.2	
December	176.1	116.7	166.7	107.6	91.3	108.4	108.8	113.2	102.4	101.6	110.4	109.0	87.4	110.0	118.7	112.7	103.8	
2006 January	176.7	117.1	166.3	109.7	91.6	108.9	107.4	114.0	102.4	102.8	112.2	109.1	78.5	114.4	118.7	115.4	108.9	
February	177.7	117.7	169.6	109.4	91.6	108.9	107.4	114.0	102.4	102.8	113.3	109.1	78.5	114.4	118.7	115.4	108.9	
March	178.8	118.5	172.8	110.1	92.4	107.2	107.4	114.0	103.8	102.8	114.9	109.1	78.5	114.4	118.7	115.4	108.9	
April	180.3	119.3	176.3	110.3	91.5	108.2	107.4	114.0	104.0	103.7	118.9	109.4	78.5	114.4	118.7	115.4	108.9	
May	181.9	120.6	175.1	111.3	91.5	108.2	107.4	114.0	104.0	103.7	118.9	109.4	78.5	114.4	118.7	115.4	108.9	
June	183.8	121.8	185.6	120.7	93.4	108.2	108.5	118.4	104.0	103.7	118.5	109.4	78.5	116.2	120.0	115.9	104.6	
July	186.0	123.3	187.0	121.8	91.3	109.6	110.4	116.7	104.0	104.1	120.7	109.7	78.5	122.9	120.0	118.0	105.5	
August	187.1	124.0	190.8	122.5	91.3	109.5	110.4	116.7	103.9	104.1	120.6	109.7	78.5	122.9	120.0	118.0	105.5	
September	188.8	125.1	197.4	122.6	91.1	109.5	110.4	116.7	103.8	104.1	120.8	109.7	78.5	122.9	120.0	118.0	105.5	
October	190.6	126.3	197.8	127.1	91.1	110.8	112.2	116.9	104.0	105.4	122.3	112.2	78.5	120.3	131.8	119.7	107.3	
November	191.4	127.3	200.4	128.1	90.9	111.3	113.2	118.9	104.0	105.4	122.3	112.2	78.5	120.3	131.8	119.7	107.3	
December	192.1	127.3	203.4	129.7	90.5	110.9	112.2	118.9	104.0	105.4	121.5	112.2	78.5	120.3	131.8	119.7	107.3	
2007 January	191.9	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	192.5	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	193.2	128.0	205.3	130.4	92.8	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	195.2	129.3	208.8	131.6	92.9	113.9	116.3	120.8	105.5	106.2	124.2	113.6	78.5	120.3	133.8	123.7	110.4	
May	196.3	130.7	210.1	132.1	93.4	114.3	117.3	121.8	105.9	106.2	124.5	113.6	78.5	120.3	133.8	123.7	110.4	
June	197.3	130.7	213.1	131.6	93.4	113.7	116.3	120.8	105.9	106.2	124.5	113.6	78.5	120.3	133.8	123.7	110.4	
July	200.9	133.1	219.1	132.0	93.4	113.8	116.4	121.5	105.7	105.5	125.8	115.8	78.5	129.4	133.8	126.9	111.4	
August	201.9	133.8	222.7	132.7	93.6	113.8	115.4	121.5	105.7	105.5	126.1	115.8	78.5	129.4	133.8	126.9	111.4	
September	202.6	134.2	225.0	132.9	93.5	113.8	115.4	121.5	105.7	105.5	126.1	115.8	78.5	129.4	133.8	126.9	111.4	
October	204.4	135.5	230.5	136.4	94.1	114.9	116.8	123.2	105.8	106.1	127.0	115.8	78.5	129.4	133.8	126.9	111.4	
November	206.9	137.1	238.4	145.1	94.2	114.9	116.8	123.2	105.8	106.1	127.0	115.8	78.5	129.4	133.8	126.9	111.4	
December	208.6	137.0	237.9	146.5	94.7	115.0	116.8	123.2	105.9	106.1	127.3	115.8	78.5	129.4	133.8	126.9	111.4	

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 1.508.