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### INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—January, 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 January, 2012 was 194.4 representing an increase of 4.7 points or 2.5% above the All Items Index for December, 2011.

The percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January, 2012, over the period January, 2011 was 6.8%. This reflects a decrease when compared with the rate of inflation of 12.5% observed in the average All Items Index for the period January, 2011 over the average All Items Index for January, 2010.

#### SECTION INDICES

##### FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 444.5 in December, 2011 to 467.8 in January, 2012, reflecting an increase of 5.2%. Contributing significantly to this increase was the general upward movement in the prices of limes, hot peppers, cucumber, sweet potatoes, ochros, celery, melongene, canned vegetables, yams and dasheen. However, the full impact of these price increases was offset by the general decrease in the prices of mangoes, apples, whole chickens, callalo bush, bodi, eggs, lettuce, beer, ale (local), chive, thyme and chicken breasts, thighs, legs.

Price changes in this section, for the month of January, 2012, accounted for a net overall increase of 4.2 points in the All Items Index.

##### OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for January, 2012, compared with December, 2011, reflected increases in the sub-indices for Clothing and Footwear of 1.0%, Recreation and Culture 1.0%, Housing, Water, Electricity and Gas of 0.6%, Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of 0.5%, Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants of 0.4% and Miscellaneous Goods and Services of 0.4%.

Price changes in these sections, for the month of January, 2012, accounted for a net overall increase of 0.5 points in the All Items Index.

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

Sections	Percentage Change January, 2012–January, 2011
All Items	6.8
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	14.0
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	2.5
Clothing and Footwear	3.2
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 January, 2012

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	
<b>Annual Average</b>																
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 - December 2010	174.9	376.9	180.8	94.4	125.6	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	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
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
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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	128.2	115.8	150.3	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

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.