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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—January, 2015 (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 January, 2015 was 230.7 representing a decrease of 2.2 points or 0.9% below the All Items Index for December, 2014.

The percentage change in the All Items Index for the period January, 2015 over the period January, 2014 was 7.6%. This reflects an increase when compared with the rate of inflation of 2.9% observed in the All Items Index for the period January, 2014 over the period January, 2013.

SECTION INDICES

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages decreased from 644.2 in December, 2014 to 629.8 in January, 2015, reflecting a decrease of 2.2%. Contributing significantly to this decrease was the general downward movement in the prices of cucumber, green pigeon peas, christophene, melongene, celery, watercress, yams, tomatoes, chive, thyme and bodie. However, the full impact of these price decreases was offset by the general increase in the prices of hot peppers, sweet potatoes, oranges, limes, mangoes, pumkin, carite, irish potatoes, ochroes and whole chickens.

Price changes in this section, for the month of January, 2015 accounted for a net overall decrease of 2.6 points in the All Items Index.

OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for January, 2015 compared with December, 2014 reflected an increases in the sub-indicies for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco 0.8%, Clothing and Footwear 3.6%, Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels 0.1%, Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House 0.1%, Health 1.0% and Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants 0.8%.

Price changes in the Other Sections, for the month of January, 2015 accounted for a net overall increase of 0.4 points in the All Items Index.

Changes in consumer prices in January, 2015 compared with those of January, 2014 reflected in various sections of the Index are shown hereunder—

Sections	Percentage Change January, 2015—January, 2014
All Items	7.6
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	14.6
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	2.7
Clothing and Footwear	4.2
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.7
Home Ownership	0.9
Rent	1.4
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.0
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	0.6
Health	1.9
Transport	2.2
Communication	0.0
Recreation and Culture	-1.4
Education	11.9
Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	1.0
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	3.0

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES
Figures for January, 2015

Period	All Items Jan. 2003 =100	Section Indices											Miscellaneous Goods and Services				
		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	
Weights	1000	180	25	53	262	180	24	58	54	51	167	41	85	16	30	36	
Annual Average																	
2012	200.8	495.8	196.9	97.8	130.3	127.0	159.9	128.2	116.6	154.8	143.6	78.6	149.0	179.8	183.5	135.7	
2013	211.3	539.1	203.2	98.2	130.5	127.0	161.5	128.2	117.7	162.9	148.5	78.6	154.5	188.6	189.9	145.1	
2014	223.3	593.2	209.8	100.1	131.4	128.1	163.8	128.2	117.9	167.8	152.6	78.6	155.5	202.9	196.8	153.5	
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	151.0	141.3	78.5	145.0	175.4	180.4	134.8	
April	201.6	503.6	194.1	96.4	129.9	126.7	157.9	128.2	115.7	154.1	143.4	78.6	147.9	178.6	181.0	135.4	
May	202.3	507.3	194.3	96.7	129.9	126.7	157.9	128.2	115.7	153.5	143.4	78.6	147.9	178.6	181.0	135.4	
June	200.6	497.4	197.8	96.5	129.9	126.7	157.9	128.2	115.7	153.5	143.4	78.6	147.9	178.6	181.0	135.4	
July	202.3	501.6	198.7	96.7	130.3	126.9	161.4	128.2	117.1	155.3	143.4	78.6	152.3	178.6	185.3	135.1	
August	199.8	488.4	198.5	96.0	130.3	126.9	161.4	128.2	117.1	155.2	143.4	78.6	152.3	178.6	185.3	135.1	
September	202.0	500.0	199.0	98.8	130.3	126.9	161.4	128.2	117.1	155.3	143.4	78.6	152.3	178.6	185.3	135.1	
October	204.9	509.9	199.2	99.4	131.0	127.8	162.4	128.2	117.4	159.0	146.4	78.6	150.9	186.4	187.3	137.4	
November	204.9	510.2	199.1	99.5	131.0	127.8	162.4	128.2	117.4	159.4	146.4	78.6	150.9	186.4	187.3	137.4	
December	203.3	501.1	199.2	98.7	131.0	127.8	162.4	128.2	117.4	158.4	146.4	78.6	150.9	186.4	187.3	137.4	
2013 January	208.5	532.4	198.8	98.5	130.0	126.4	161.1	128.2	117.5	160.2	146.7	78.6	148.0	186.4	187.7	136.4	
February	209.1	536.4	197.9	98.4	130.0	126.4	161.1	128.2	117.5	160.2	146.7	78.6	148.0	186.4	187.7	136.4	
March	209.6	538.5	202.6	98.4	130.0	126.4	161.1	128.2	117.5	160.2	146.7	78.6	148.0	186.4	187.7	136.4	
April	212.7	550.7	203.7	98.6	130.4	127.0	160.6	128.2	117.7	161.8	146.7	78.6	152.3	187.9	188.8	144.2	
May	213.7	556.1	203.6	98.1	130.4	127.0	160.6	128.2	117.7	161.7	146.7	78.6	152.3	187.9	188.8	144.2	
June	214.3	560.0	203.1	96.8	130.4	127.0	160.6	128.2	117.7	161.7	146.7	78.6	152.3	187.9	188.8	144.2	
July	210.0	525.8	203.4	98.3	130.6	127.2	162.0	128.2	117.8	165.3	150.4	78.6	160.7	187.9	189.9	148.7	
August	210.0	525.9	203.4	97.7	130.6	127.2	162.0	128.2	117.8	165.4	150.4	78.6	160.7	187.9	189.9	148.7	
September	208.0	515.0	203.3	98.4	130.6	127.2	162.0	128.2	117.8	164.1	150.4	78.6	160.7	187.9	189.9	148.7	
October	210.5	529.9	203.9	98.7	130.8	127.4	162.2	128.2	117.6	164.5	150.3	78.6	156.8	192.2	193.1	151.2	
November	213.9	547.6	206.8	97.9	130.8	127.4	162.2	128.2	117.6	164.7	150.3	78.6	156.8	192.2	193.1	151.2	
December	214.7	552.0	207.8	97.4	130.8	127.4	162.2	128.2	117.6	164.8	150.3	78.6	156.8	192.2	193.1	151.2	
2014 January	214.5	549.5	209.5	99.4	131.0	127.6	163.3	128.2	117.5	165.9	150.7	78.6	155.1	192.2	196.1	151.1	
February	217.2	564.3	209.6	98.7	131.0	127.6	163.3	128.2	117.5	166.2	150.7	78.6	155.1	192.2	196.1	151.1	
March	219.1	574.6	209.3	100.7	131.0	127.6	163.3	128.2	117.5	166.6	150.7	78.6	155.1	192.2	196.1	151.1	
April	220.3	573.4	210.3	99.4	131.3	127.9	163.5	128.2	117.9	168.3	151.7	78.6	157.4	202.2	197.6	151.9	
May	220.3	577.3	209.4	99.2	131.3	127.9	163.5	128.2	117.9	168.3	151.7	78.6	157.4	202.2	197.6	151.9	
June	220.7	579.5	208.6	98.5	131.3	127.9	163.5	128.2	117.9	169.0	151.7	78.6	157.4	202.2	197.6	151.9	
July	222.3	585.5	208.5	100.9	131.3	128.0	163.9	128.2	118.2	168.8	153.9	78.6	156.6	202.2	196.8	155.2	
August	225.6	603.8	208.6	101.5	131.3	128.0	163.9	128.2	118.2	169.2	153.9	78.6	156.6	202.2	196.8	155.2	
September	224.2	595.8	208.2	102.0	131.3	128.0	163.9	128.2	118.2	168.8	153.9	78.6	156.6	202.2	196.8	155.2	
October	229.4	625.0	208.6	100.9	131.8	128.7	164.3	128.2	118.1	167.3	154.0	78.6	152.9	215.1	196.5	155.6	
November	233.2	646.3	214.0	100.4	131.8	128.7	164.3	128.2	118.1	167.6	154.0	78.6	152.9	215.1	196.5	155.6	
December	232.9	644.2	213.5	100.0	131.8	128.7	164.3	128.2	118.1	167.3	154.0	78.6	152.9	215.1	196.5	155.6	
2015 January	230.7	629.8	215.2	103.6	132.0	128.7	165.6	128.2	118.2	169.0	154.0	78.6	152.9	215.1	198.0	155.6	

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.