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### INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—February, 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 February, 2015 was 230.5 representing a decrease of 0.2 points or 0.1% below the All Items Index for January, 2015.

The percentage change in the All Items Index for the period January to February, 2015 over the period January to February, 2014 was 6.8%. This reflects an increase when compared with the rate of inflation of 3.4% observed in the All Items Index for the period January to February, 2014 over the period January to February, 2013.

#### SECTION INDICES

##### FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages decreased from 629.8 in January, 2015 to 629.5 in February, 2015, reflecting a decrease of 0.1%. Contributing significantly to this decrease was the general downward movement in the prices of tomatoes, oranges, mangoes, dasheen, avocado, chive, thyme, sweet potatoes, ochroes, sweet pepper and melon. However, the full impact of these price decreases was offset by the general increase in the prices of limes, green pigeon peas, hot peppers, cucumber, watercress, melongene, pumpkin, yams, whole chickens and king fish.

Price changes in this section, for the month of February, 2015 accounted for a net overall decrease of 0.1 points in the All Items Index.

##### OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for February, 2015 compared with January, 2015 reflected decreases in the sub-indices for Clothing and Footwear 2.1% and Health 0.4%. However an increase was noted in the sub-index for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco 0.1%.

Price changes in the Other Sections, for the month of February, 2015 accounted for a net overall decrease of 0.1 points in the All Items Index.

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

Sections	Percentage Change November, 2014—November, 2013
All Items	6.1
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	11.6
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	2.7
Clothing and Footwear	2.8
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.8
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	1.2
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 February, 2015

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								
1000	180	25	53	262	180	24	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	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	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	202.9	196.8	153.5	
January - February 2013	208.8	534.4	198.4	99.0	130.0	126.4	161.1	128.2	117.5	160.2	146.7	186.4	187.7	136.4	
January - February 2014	215.9	556.9	209.6	99.1	131.0	127.6	163.3	128.2	117.5	166.1	150.7	192.2	196.1	151.1	
January - February 2015	230.6	629.7	215.3	102.5	132.0	128.7	165.6	128.2	118.2	168.7	154.0	215.1	198.0	155.6	
2013 January	208.5	532.4	198.8	99.5	130.0	126.4	161.1	128.2	117.5	160.2	146.7	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	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	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	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	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	187.9	188.8	144.2	
July	210.0	525.8	203.7	98.3	130.6	127.2	162.0	128.2	117.8	165.3	150.4	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	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	187.9	189.9	148.7	
October	210.5	528.9	203.9	98.7	130.8	127.4	162.2	128.2	117.6	164.5	150.3	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	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	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	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	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	192.2	196.1	151.1	
April	219.7	573.4	210.3	99.4	131.3	127.9	163.5	128.2	117.9	168.3	151.7	197.6	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	197.6	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	197.6	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	202.2	197.6	151.9	
August	225.6	603.8	208.6	101.5	131.3	128.0	163.9	128.2	118.2	169.2	153.9	202.2	197.6	151.9	
September	224.2	595.8	208.2	102.0	131.3	128.0	163.9	128.2	118.2	168.8	153.9	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	215.1	196.5	155.6	
November	233.2	645.3	214.0	100.4	131.8	128.7	164.3	128.2	118.1	167.6	154.0	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	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	215.1	198.0	155.6	
February	230.5	629.5	215.3	101.4	132.0	128.7	165.6	128.2	118.2	168.3	154.0	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.