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GENERAL INDEX

The All Items Index of Retail Prices calculated from prices collected for the month of June, 2006 was 121.8 representing an increase of 1.2 points or 1.0 % over the Index for May, 2006.

The annual rate of inflation as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January–June, 2006 over that for the period January - June, 2005 was 7.3%. This compares with an increase of 6.7 % observed in the average All Items Index for January - June 2005 over the average All Items Index for the same period in 2004.

SECTION INDICES

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 179.1 in May, 2006 to 185.8 in June 2006, an increase of 3.7%. Contributing to this increase was a general rise in the prices of whole chicken, red fish, carite, king fish, shrimp, powered whole cream milk, dasheen, sweet potatoes, yams, christophene, tomatoes, ochroes, celery, chive/thyme, canned vegetables, mangoes, oranges and ripe bananas. Partly offsetting these increases were general price decreases in lime, cucumber, pawpaw and melongene.

Price changes in this section, for the month of June, 2006 accounted for a net overall increase of 1.2 points in the All Items Index.

OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for June, 2006 compared with May, 2006 indicated increases in Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco, 1.3% and Health 0.4%. However, a general price decrease was noted for Clothing and Footwear, 0.1%.

Price changes in these sections, for the month of June, 2006 accounted for a negligible overall increase in the All Items Index.

Growth in consumer prices in June, 2006, compared with those of June, 2005 reflected in various sections of the Index is shown hereunder:

Sections	Percentage Change June 2006–June 2005
All Items	8.7
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	25.7
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	13.8
Clothing and Footwear	-0.3
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels	2.4
Home Ownership	2.5
Rent	4.4
Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels	1.4
Furnishings, Household Equipment &	3.2
Routine Maintenance of the House	
Health	9.9
Transport	1.1
Communication	-10.2
Recreation and Culture	9.5
Education	12.0
Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	6.8
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	1.5

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Figures for June, 2006

Period	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	1000	180	25	53	262	180	24	58	54	51	167	41	85	16	30	36
Annual Average																
2004	105.7	122.3	102.8	93.4	103.2	103.4	105.9	101.7	100.1	103.9	105.3	93.9	100.5	103.1	104.1	100.9
2005	112.9	150.4	106.3	91.8	105.8	106.2	111.9	102.3	100.9	108.1	108.3	87.4	108.3	109.1	110.4	103.0
Average																
January - June 2004	104.1	117.1	101.9	94.4	102.0	101.8	105.0	101.5	100.1	103.0	103.7	96.1	100.1	103.0	102.9	100.6
January - June 2005	111.1	143.4	105.7	91.8	105.6	106.0	110.9	102.3	100.6	106.6	108.0	87.4	105.6	105.2	108.5	102.4
January - June 2006	119.2	174.5	113.4	91.6	107.6	108.0	115.2	103.4	103.3	115.8	109.3	78.5	115.3	119.4	115.7	104.3
2004																
January	103.3	114.5	100.8	94.9	101.0	100.5	104.8	100.8	100.2	102.5	103.7	96.1	100.1	103.0	101.5	100.9
February	103.4	114.8	101.6	94.7	101.1	100.5	104.8	101.4	100.2	102.8	103.7	96.1	100.1	103.0	101.5	100.9
March	103.6	115.4	102.0	94.4	101.2	100.5	104.8	102.0	100.2	102.7	103.7	96.1	100.1	103.0	101.5	100.9
April	104.3	116.4	102.2	94.4	102.9	103.0	105.2	101.7	99.9	103.0	103.7	96.1	100.1	103.0	101.5	100.3
May	104.9	119.9	102.3	94.3	102.8	103.0	105.2	101.4	99.9	103.2	103.7	96.1	100.1	103.0	101.5	100.3
June	105.2	121.7	102.4	93.8	102.8	103.0	105.2	101.4	99.9	103.7	103.7	96.1	100.1	103.0	101.5	100.3
July	105.8	121.1	102.5	93.3	102.8	103.0	106.2	102.0	99.6	103.8	106.9	96.1	100.7	103.0	101.5	100.9
August	106.1	122.7	103.0	93.1	103.9	104.2	106.2	102.0	99.6	104.1	106.9	96.1	100.7	103.0	101.5	100.9
September	106.7	125.8	103.7	93.3	103.9	104.2	106.2	101.9	99.6	104.3	106.9	96.1	100.7	103.0	101.5	100.9
October	107.5	127.9	104.3	92.6	106.1	105.9	107.2	101.8	100.7	105.2	107.7	87.4	101.1	103.3	106.0	101.3
November	108.1	131.8	104.4	91.4	106.1	105.9	107.2	101.8	100.7	105.3	107.7	87.4	101.1	103.3	106.0	101.3
December	108.8	136.0	104.0	91.0	105.1	105.9	107.2	101.8	100.7	105.3	107.7	87.4	101.1	103.3	106.0	101.3
2005																
January	108.4	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	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	111.2	144.9	105.8	92.0	105.6	106.0	110.2	102.5	100.6	105.7	107.7	87.4	105.1	103.3	108.4	101.7
April	111.6	146.0	105.8	92.1	105.6	105.9	111.5	102.4	100.5	107.6	108.2	87.4	106.1	107.1	108.5	103.1
May	111.7	146.9	105.8	91.9	105.6	105.9	111.5	102.5	100.5	107.6	108.2	87.4	106.1	107.1	108.5	103.1
June	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	113.5	151.8	106.2	91.4	106.8	105.9	112.7	102.6	101.0	108.1	108.2	87.4	111.9	107.1	112.0	103.2
August	113.8	153.0	106.5	92.0	106.8	105.9	112.7	102.4	101.0	108.1	108.1	87.4	111.9	107.1	112.0	103.2
September	114.1	154.9	106.5	92.1	106.8	105.9	112.7	102.4	101.0	109.1	108.1	87.4	111.9	107.1	112.0	103.2
October	114.8	156.4	106.6	92.2	106.4	106.8	113.2	102.4	101.6	109.9	109.0	87.4	110.0	118.7	112.7	103.8
November	115.7	161.6	107.2	91.8	106.4	106.8	113.2	102.4	101.6	109.7	109.0	87.4	110.0	118.7	112.7	103.8
December	116.7	166.7	107.9	91.3	106.4	106.8	113.2	102.4	101.6	110.4	109.0	87.4	110.0	118.7	112.7	103.8
2006																
January	117.1	166.3	109.7	91.6	106.9	107.4	114.0	102.4	102.8	112.2	109.1	78.5	114.4	118.7	115.4	103.9
February	117.7	169.6	109.4	91.6	106.9	107.4	114.0	102.4	102.8	113.3	109.1	78.5	114.4	118.7	115.4	103.9
March	118.5	172.8	110.1	92.4	107.2	107.4	114.0	103.8	103.8	114.9	108.1	78.5	114.4	118.7	115.4	103.9
April	119.3	173.1	111.3	91.5	108.2	108.5	116.4	104.0	103.7	117.9	109.4	78.5	116.2	120.0	116.9	104.6
May	120.6	179.1	119.2	91.4	108.2	108.5	116.4	104.0	103.7	118.0	108.4	78.5	116.2	120.0	116.9	104.6
June	121.8	185.8	120.7	91.3	109.2	108.5	116.4	104.0	103.7	119.5	108.4	78.5	116.2	120.0	116.9	104.6

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 1.503.