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### INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—May, 2010 (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 May, 2010 was 172.9 representing an increase of 3.3 points or 1.9% above the Index for April, 2010.

The annual rate of inflation as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January–May, 2010 over that for the period January–May, 2009 was 6.1%. This reflects a reduction when compared with a rate of inflation of 11.4% observed in the average All Items Index for the period January–May, 2009 over the average All Items Index for the same period in 2008.

#### SECTION INDICES

##### FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 347.1 in April, 2010 to 365.4 in May, 2010, reflecting an increase of 5.3%. Contributing significantly to this increase was the general upward movement in the prices of powdered whole cream milk, tomatoes, cucumber, christophene, dasheen, yams, sweet potatoes, irish potatoes, ochroes, avocado, limes, celery, oranges, mangoes and canned vegetables. However, the full impact of these price increases was dampened by a general decline in the prices of fish—king fish and carite, whole chickens, pawpaw and garlic.

Price changes in this section, for the month of May, 2010 accounted for a net overall increase of 3.3 points in the All Items Index.

##### OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for May, 2010 compared with April, 2010 reflected increases in the sub-indices for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco 0.1% and Health 0.1%. However, the sub-index for Clothing and Footwear declined by 0.1%.

Price changes in these sections for the month of May, 2010 had a negligible net overall effect on the All Items Index.

Changes in consumer prices in May, 2010 compared with those of May, 2009 reflected in various sections of the Index are shown hereunder:

Sections	Percentage Change May, 2010–May, 2009
All Items	9.6
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	19.4
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	12.1
Clothing and Footwear	–0.6
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	–0.2
Home Ownership	–2.3
Rent	7.6
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	2.9
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	–0.2
Health	4.5
Transport	11.8
Communication	0.0
Recreation and Culture	7.8
Education	2.9
Hotels, Cafes and Restaurant	2.0
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.1

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES  
Figures for May, 2010

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
Weights	180	25	53	262	180	24	58	54	51	167	41	85	16	30	36	
<b>Annual Average</b>																
2008	147.9	274.0	151.3	95.8	119.8	119.4	127.3	118.0	111.9	132.5	117.8	133.0	156.5	153.3	116.0	
2009	158.2	308.7	163.9	95.3	125.2	124.1	132.9	125.4	112.7	140.6	125.6	129.1	166.5	171.2	123.5	
January - May 2008	140.9	246.3	148.2	95.4	115.6	117.3	124.7	106.7	112.7	130.5	116.7	131.7	152.4	143.0	114.3	
January - May 2009	156.9	305.8	158.3	95.9	124.8	124.0	131.6	124.5	112.6	138.0	125.7	125.3	165.0	169.6	121.4	
January - May 2010	166.4	335.1	178.8	95.1	125.5	122.7	140.7	128.1	113.2	145.6	138.8	131.6	170.0	174.0	127.7	
2008	139.9	242.7	148.1	95.0	115.2	117.2	123.3	105.8	106.6	129.9	116.7	134.6	150.2	140.1	114.1	
February	139.6	241.1	147.9	95.3	115.3	117.2	123.3	106.4	106.6	130.2	116.7	134.6	150.2	140.1	114.1	
March	140.5	245.8	148.2	94.8	115.5	117.2	123.3	107.0	106.6	130.1	116.8	134.6	150.2	140.1	114.1	
April	141.3	246.0	148.3	95.7	116.0	117.4	126.7	107.1	121.8	131.2	116.8	127.3	155.8	147.4	114.6	
May	143.1	255.8	148.4	96.0	115.9	117.4	126.7	107.0	121.8	131.0	116.8	127.3	155.8	147.4	114.6	
June	145.5	262.3	148.4	95.6	120.6	117.4	126.7	128.2	121.8	132.1	116.8	127.3	155.8	147.4	114.6	
July	148.9	274.6	149.2	96.1	120.5	119.9	128.6	128.2	108.6	133.0	117.8	135.4	155.8	159.1	116.5	
August	151.8	290.0	154.1	96.4	122.5	119.9	128.6	128.3	108.6	134.0	117.8	135.4	155.8	159.1	116.5	
September	154.0	302.9	154.0	96.6	121.7	119.9	128.6	124.5	108.6	134.4	117.8	135.4	155.8	159.1	116.5	
October	156.3	307.5	156.6	96.3	124.1	123.1	130.5	124.5	110.5	134.7	120.0	134.5	164.0	166.7	118.8	
November	156.7	309.4	157.2	96.2	124.1	123.1	130.5	124.5	110.5	134.8	120.0	134.5	164.0	166.7	118.8	
December	156.8	310.2	158.2	96.1	124.1	123.1	130.5	124.5	110.5	135.0	120.0	134.5	164.0	166.7	118.8	
2009	156.2	305.6	156.3	96.3	124.2	123.2	131.3	124.5	112.2	135.5	125.8	122.6	164.0	168.8	120.3	
January	155.9	303.6	156.5	96.2	124.2	123.2	131.3	124.5	112.2	135.6	125.8	122.6	164.0	168.8	120.3	
February	156.4	305.9	159.4	96.0	124.2	123.2	131.3	124.5	112.2	136.1	125.8	122.6	164.0	168.8	120.3	
March	156.4	308.1	159.6	95.2	125.7	125.2	132.0	124.5	113.3	141.3	125.6	129.4	166.4	170.8	123.1	
April	157.8	306.0	159.8	95.7	125.7	125.2	132.0	124.5	113.3	141.3	125.6	129.4	166.4	170.8	123.1	
May	157.8	305.6	159.7	94.3	125.7	125.2	132.0	124.5	113.3	141.3	125.6	129.4	166.4	170.8	123.1	
June	157.7	302.3	160.5	94.9	125.0	123.9	134.0	124.5	112.4	141.4	125.6	137.7	166.4	172.2	124.9	
July	157.7	302.3	160.5	94.9	125.0	123.9	134.0	124.5	112.4	141.5	125.6	137.7	166.4	172.2	124.9	
August	158.3	305.1	160.4	95.7	125.0	123.9	134.0	124.5	112.4	141.5	125.6	137.7	166.4	172.2	124.9	
September	161.6	323.5	163.7	95.6	125.0	123.9	134.0	124.5	112.4	141.4	125.6	137.7	166.4	172.2	124.9	
October	160.5	318.4	176.3	94.8	125.8	123.9	134.1	128.1	112.9	143.9	125.2	126.8	169.2	173.0	125.7	
November	159.0	310.5	177.0	94.6	125.8	123.9	134.1	128.1	112.9	143.9	125.2	126.8	169.2	173.0	125.7	
December	158.9	309.6	178.0	94.7	125.8	123.9	134.1	128.1	112.9	144.1	125.2	126.8	169.2	173.0	125.7	
2010	161.9	313.7	178.2	95.3	125.6	123.0	139.8	128.1	113.3	144.4	137.8	126.4	169.2	173.8	127.4	
January	163.4	322.6	179.0	94.4	125.6	123.0	139.8	128.1	113.3	144.2	137.8	126.4	169.2	173.8	127.4	
February	164.3	326.9	178.9	95.5	125.6	123.0	139.8	128.1	113.3	144.4	137.8	126.4	169.2	173.8	127.4	
March	169.6	347.1	179.0	95.2	125.4	122.3	142.0	128.1	113.1	147.5	140.4	139.5	171.2	174.3	128.2	
April	172.9	365.4	179.1	95.1	125.4	122.3	142.0	128.1	113.1	147.6	140.4	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	139.5	171.2	174.3	128.2	

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.