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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—February, 2011 (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 February, 2011 was 180.9 representing a decrease of 1.2 points or 0.7% below the Index for January, 2011.

The annual rate of inflation as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January–February, 2011, over that for the period January–February, 2010 was 11.6%. This reflects an increase when compared with a rate of inflation of 4.2% observed in the average All Items Index for the period January–February, 2010 over the average All Items Index for the same period in 2009.

SECTION INDICES

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages decreased from 410.5 in January, 2011 to 403.4 in February, 2011, reflecting a decrease of 1.7%. Contributing significantly to this decrease was the general downward movement in the prices of whole chicken, tomatoes, cucumber, sweet pepper, bodie, sweet potatoes, dasheen, christophene, watercress, green pigeon peas, celery and chive. However, the full impact of these price decreases was offset by the general increase in the prices of carite fish, pork chops, irish potatoes, yams, ochroes, oranges, grapefruit, limes, hot peppers and refined (white) sugar.

Price changes in this section, for the month of February, 2011 accounted for a net overall decrease of 1.3 points in the All Items Index.

OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for February, 2011, compared with January, 2011, reflected increases in the sub-indices for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco 0.4%; and Clothing and Footwear 0.5%. However, a decline was noted in the sub-index for Health 0.1%.

Price changes in these sections for the month of February, 2011, accounted for a net overall increase of 0.1 point in the All Items Index.

Changes in consumer prices in February, 2011, compared with those of February, 2010, reflected in various sections of the Index are shown hereunder—

Sections	Percentage Change February, 2011–February, 2010
All Items	10.7
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	25.0
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	6.1
Clothing and Footwear	–0.2
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.7
Home Ownership	0.1
Rent	5.9
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.0
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	0.6
Health	3.7
Transport	1.9
Communication	0.0
Recreation and Culture	14.0
Education	1.9
Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	0.4
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	2.4

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES

Figures for February, 2011

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	
Annual Average																
2009	158.2	308.7	163.9	95.3	125.2	124.1	132.9	125.4	112.7	140.6	125.6	78.5	166.5	171.2	123.5	
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	171.0	174.3	128.7	
January - February 2009	156.1	304.6	156.4	96.3	124.2	123.2	131.3	124.5	112.2	135.6	125.8	78.5	164.0	168.8	120.3	
January - February 2010	162.7	318.2	178.6	94.9	125.6	123.0	139.8	128.1	113.3	144.3	137.8	78.5	169.2	173.8	127.4	
January - February 2011	181.5	407.0	189.6	94.0	126.5	123.1	148.0	128.1	114.0	149.7	140.4	78.5	172.4	174.5	130.5	
2009	156.2	305.6	156.3	96.3	124.2	123.2	131.3	124.5	112.2	135.5	125.8	78.5	164.0	168.8	120.3	
February	155.9	303.6	156.5	96.0	124.2	123.2	131.3	124.5	112.2	135.6	125.8	78.5	164.0	168.8	120.3	
March	156.4	305.9	159.4	95.2	125.7	125.2	132.0	124.5	113.3	141.3	125.6	78.5	166.4	170.8	123.1	
April	157.8	308.1	159.6	95.7	125.7	125.2	132.0	124.5	113.3	141.3	125.6	78.5	166.4	170.8	123.1	
May	157.8	306.0	159.8	94.3	125.7	125.2	132.0	124.5	113.3	141.3	125.6	78.5	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	141.5	125.6	78.5	166.4	172.2	124.9	
July	157.7	305.6	160.4	95.7	125.0	123.9	134.0	124.5	112.4	141.5	125.6	78.5	166.4	172.2	124.9	
August	158.3	305.1	160.4	95.6	125.0	123.9	134.0	124.5	112.4	141.5	125.6	78.5	166.4	172.2	124.9	
September	161.6	323.5	163.7	95.6	125.0	123.9	134.1	128.1	112.9	143.9	125.2	78.5	169.2	173.0	125.7	
October	160.5	318.4	176.3	94.8	125.8	123.9	134.1	128.1	112.9	143.9	125.2	78.5	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	144.1	125.2	78.5	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	78.5	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	78.5	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	78.5	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	78.5	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	78.5	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	78.5	171.2	174.3	128.2	
May	179.2	400.6	179.1	94.6	125.4	122.3	142.0	128.1	113.1	148.0	140.4	78.5	171.2	174.3	128.2	
June	180.0	402.8	178.7	93.7	125.4	122.3	142.0	128.1	113.1	148.0	140.4	78.5	171.2	174.3	128.2	
July	180.0	424.5	179.1	93.5	125.4	122.2	142.9	128.1	113.6	148.5	140.4	78.5	171.2	174.6	129.0	
August	182.9	418.1	179.0	94.0	125.4	122.2	142.9	128.1	113.6	148.5	140.4	78.5	171.2	174.6	129.0	
September	180.6	403.4	182.2	94.2	126.0	122.9	143.5	128.1	114.0	149.5	140.4	78.5	172.4	174.3	130.2	
October	179.3	395.6	185.5	94.0	126.0	122.9	143.5	128.1	114.0	149.6	140.4	78.5	172.4	174.3	130.2	
November	180.2	400.9	188.7	93.3	126.0	122.9	143.5	128.1	114.0	149.6	140.4	78.5	172.4	174.3	130.2	
December	182.1	410.5	189.2	93.7	126.5	123.1	148.0	128.1	114.0	149.7	140.4	78.5	172.4	174.5	130.5	
2011	180.9	403.4	189.9	94.2	126.5	123.1	148.0	128.1	114.0	149.6	140.4	78.5	172.4	174.5	130.5	

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.