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### INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—April, 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 April, 2011 was 180.4 representing an increase of 0.7 point or 0.4% above the Index for March, 2011.

The annual rate of inflation as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January—April, 2011 over that for the period January—April, 2010 was 9.7%. This reflects an increase when compared with a rate of inflation of 5.2% observed in the average All Items Index for the period January—April, 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 increased from 396.6 in March, 2011 to 396.6 in April, 2011, reflecting an increase of 0.7%. Contributing significantly to this increase was the general upward movement in the prices of fish—cavalli and carite, whole chicken, yams, cucumber, ochros, sweet potatoes, lettuce, limes, celery, garlic and crack corn. However, the full impact of these price increases was offset by the general decrease in the prices of tomatoes, christophene, melongene, dasheen, carrots, watercress, oranges, paw paw, chive and hot peppers.

Price changes in this section, for the month of April, 2011 accounted for a net overall increase of 0.5 point in the All Items Index.

##### OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for April, 2011, compared with March, 2011, reflected increases in the sub-indices for Rent 0.5%, Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House 0.2%, Health 0.5%, Recreation and Culture 0.1%, Education 1.9%, Hotels Cafes and Restaurants 1.8% and Miscellaneous Goods and Services 1.1%. However, declines were noted in the sub-indices for Clothing and Footwear 0.3% and Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco 0.2%.

Price changes in these sections for the month of April, 2011, accounted for a net overall increase of 0.2% point in the All Items Index.

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

Sections	Percentage Change April, 2011—April, 2010
All Items	6.4
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	15.0
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	6.0
Clothing and Footwear	-1.5
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	1.0
Home Ownership	0.7
Rent	4.8
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.0
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	1.0
Health	2.0
Transport	0.0
Communication	0.0
Recreation and Culture	3.4
Education	2.6
Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	1.9

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**GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES**  
Figures for April, 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
					Total	Home- ownership	Rent	Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels								
Weights	180	25	53	262	180	24	58	54	51	167	41	85	16	30	36	
<b>Annual Average</b>																
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	129.1	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	138.5	171.0	174.3	128.7
January - April 2009	156.7	305.8	158.0	95.9	124.6	123.7	131.5	124.5	112.5	137.1	125.8	78.5	124.3	164.6	169.3	121.0
January - April 2010	164.8	327.6	178.8	95.1	125.6	122.8	140.4	128.1	113.3	145.1	138.5	78.5	129.7	169.7	173.9	127.6
January - April 2011	180.8	402.4	189.7	94.0	126.5	123.1	148.2	128.1	114.1	149.9	140.4	78.5	144.1	173.2	175.3	130.9
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	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	78.5	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	78.5	122.6	164.0	168.8	120.3
March	158.1	308.1	159.6	95.2	125.7	125.2	132.0	124.5	113.3	141.3	125.6	78.5	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	78.5	129.4	166.4	170.8	123.1
May	157.8	306.0	159.8	95.7	125.7	125.2	132.0	124.5	113.3	141.3	125.6	78.5	129.4	166.4	170.8	123.1
June	157.7	305.6	159.7	94.3	125.7	125.2	132.0	124.5	113.3	141.3	125.6	78.5	129.4	166.4	170.8	123.1
July	157.7	302.3	160.5	94.9	125.0	123.9	134.0	124.5	112.4	141.4	125.6	78.5	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	78.5	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	78.5	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	78.5	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	78.5	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	78.5	126.8	169.2	173.0	125.7
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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	139.5	171.2	174.3	128.2
June	180.0	402.8	178.7	93.7	125.4	122.2	142.9	128.1	113.6	148.4	140.4	78.5	144.0	171.2	174.6	129.0
July	184.0	424.5	179.1	93.5	125.4	122.2	142.9	128.1	113.6	148.5	140.4	78.5	144.0	171.2	174.6	129.0
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October	179.3	395.6	188.5	94.0	126.0	122.9	143.5	128.1	114.0	149.6	140.4	78.5	144.2	172.4	174.3	130.2
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