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### INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—April, 2012 (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 April, 2012 was 201.6 representing an increase of 5.5 points or 2.8% above the All Items Index for March, 2012.

The percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January to April, 2012, over the period January to April, 2011 was 9.2%. This reflects a decrease when compared with the rate of inflation of 9.7% observed in the average All Items Index for the period January to April, 2011, over the average All Items Index for January to April, 2010.

#### SECTION INDICES

##### FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 477.0 in March, 2012 to 503.6 in April, 2012, reflecting an increase of 5.6%. Contributing significantly to this increase was the general upward movement in the prices of ochroes, hot peppers, cucumbers, limes, sweet potatoes, oranges, avocados, carite, green bananas and whole chickens. However, the full impact of these price increases was offset by the general decrease in the prices of celery, chive, thyme, tomatoes, melongene, yams, irish potatoes, christophene, mangoes, sweet pepper and garlic.

Price changes in this other section, for the month of April, 2012, accounted for a net overall increase of 4.8 points in the All Items Index.

##### OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for April, 2012, compared with March, 2012, reflected increases in the sub-indices for Health 2.0%, Recreation and Culture 2%, Education 1.8%, Transport 1.5%, Miscellaneous Goods and Services 0.4%, Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants 0.3% and Communication 0.1%. However, a decline was noted in the sub-indices for Clothing and Footwear of 0.4%, and Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House of 0.3%.

Price changes in the Other Sections for the month of April, 2012, accounted for a net overall increase of 0.7 points in the All Items Index.

Changes in consumer prices in April, 2012, compared with those of April, 2011, reflected in various sections of the Index are shown hereunder—

Sections	Percentage Change April, 2012–April, 2011
All Items	11.8
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	26.2
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	2.3
Clothing and Footwear	2.8
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	2.6
Home Ownership	2.9
Rent	6.1
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.1
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	1.3
Health	2.4
Transport	2.1
Communication	–5.9
Recreation and Culture	2.6
Education	1.7
Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	1.9
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	2.6

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## GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES

Figures for April, 2012

Period	All Items Jan 2003 =100	Section Indices															
		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																	
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	
2011	183.8	416.2	190.0	95.0	127.3	123.8	151.3	128.1	114.6	150.7	140.9	78.5	143.9	174.8	177.7	132.5	
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	
January - April 2012	197.4	483.3	194.2	96.7	129.9	126.7	157.9	128.2	115.9	151.8	141.8	78.5	145.7	176.2	180.6	135.0	
2010 January	161.9	313.7	178.2	95.3	125.6	123.0	139.8	128.1	113.3	144.4	137.8	78.5	126.4	169.2	173.8	127.4	
February	163.4	322.6	179.0	94.4	125.6	123.0	139.8	128.1	113.3	144.2	137.8	78.5	126.4	169.2	173.8	127.4	
March	164.3	326.9	178.9	95.5	125.6	123.0	139.8	128.1	113.3	144.4	137.8	78.5	126.4	169.2	173.8	127.4	
April	169.6	347.1	186.4	95.2	125.4	122.3	142.0	128.1	113.1	147.5	140.4	78.5	129.5	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	78.5	139.5	171.2	174.3	128.2	
June	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	
July	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	
August	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	
September	182.9	418.1	179.0	94.0	125.4	122.2	142.9	128.1	113.6	149.0	140.4	78.5	144.0	171.2	174.6	129.0	
October	180.6	403.4	182.2	94.2	126.0	122.9	143.5	128.1	114.0	149.5	140.4	78.5	144.2	172.4	174.3	130.2	
November	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	
December	180.2	400.9	188.7	93.3	126.0	122.9	143.5	128.1	114.0	149.6	140.4	78.5	144.2	172.4	174.3	130.2	
2011 January	182.1	410.5	189.2	93.7	126.5	123.1	148.0	128.1	114.0	149.7	140.4	78.5	144.1	172.4	174.5	130.5	
February	180.9	403.4	189.9	94.2	126.5	123.1	148.0	128.1	114.0	149.6	140.4	78.5	144.1	172.4	174.5	130.5	
March	179.7	396.6	190.0	94.1	126.5	123.1	148.0	128.1	114.0	149.8	140.4	78.5	144.1	172.4	174.5	130.5	
April	180.4	399.2	189.7	93.8	126.6	123.1	148.0	128.1	114.0	150.5	140.4	78.5	144.2	175.7	177.6	132.0	
May	179.7	395.3	189.4	94.2	126.6	123.1	148.0	128.1	114.2	150.9	140.4	78.5	144.2	175.7	177.6	132.0	
June	180.7	400.9	188.8	94.0	126.6	123.1	148.0	128.1	114.2	151.5	140.4	78.5	144.2	175.7	177.6	132.0	
July	182.6	409.2	189.6	95.5	126.9	123.3	151.5	128.1	114.6	151.5	141.3	78.5	143.7	175.7	179.1	133.0	
August	185.1	423.3	189.8	95.1	126.9	123.3	151.5	128.1	114.6	151.5	141.3	78.5	143.7	175.7	179.1	133.0	
September	187.5	436.1	190.1	96.8	126.9	123.3	151.5	128.1	114.6	151.5	141.3	78.5	143.7	175.7	179.1	133.0	
October	187.3	431.3	190.5	96.0	129.1	125.7	157.0	128.1	115.8	151.3	141.3	78.5	143.4	175.4	179.6	134.2	
November	189.6	444.2	190.1	96.3	129.1	125.7	157.0	128.2	115.8	150.3	141.3	78.5	143.4	175.4	179.6	134.2	
December	189.7	444.5	193.1	95.7	129.1	125.7	157.0	128.2	115.8	151.0	141.3	78.5	143.5	175.4	179.6	134.2	
2012 January	194.4	467.8	194.0	96.7	129.9	126.7	157.9	128.2	116.0	151.0	141.3	78.5	145.0	175.4	180.4	134.8	
February	197.5	484.8	194.1	96.8	129.9	126.7	157.9	128.2	116.0	151.0	141.3	78.5	145.0	175.4	180.4	134.8	
March	196.1	477.0	194.6	96.8	129.9	126.7	157.9	128.2	116.0	151.1	141.3	78.5	145.0	175.4	180.4	134.8	
April	201.6	503.6	194.1	96.4	129.9	126.7	157.9	128.2	115.7	154.1	143.4	78.6	147.9	178.6	181.0	135.4	

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.