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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—December, 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 December, 2011 was 189.7 representing an increase of 0.1 points or 0.1% above the Index for November, 2011.

The annual rate of inflation as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January–December, 2011, over that for the period January–December, 2010 was 5.1%. This reflects a decrease when compared with a rate of inflation of 10.6% observed in the average All Items Index for the period January–December, 2010 over the average All Items Index for January–December in 2009.

SECTION INDICES

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 444.2 in November, 2011 to 444.5 in December, 2011, reflecting an increase of 0.1%. Contributing significantly to this increase was the general upward movement in the prices of limes, sweet potatoes, yams, carite, dasheen, canned vegetables, oranges, bodi, king fish and chive/thyme. However, the full impact of these price increases was offset by the general decrease in the prices of cucumber, celery, christophene, hot peppers, ochros, mangoes, melongene, plantain, carrots and paw paw.

Price changes in this section, for the month of December, 2011 accounted for a net overall increase of 0.1 point in the All Items Index.

OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for December, 2011, compared with November, 2011, reflected increases in the sub-indices for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco 1.6%, Health 0.5% and Recreation and Culture 0.1%. However, a decline was noted in the sub-index for Clothing and Footwear 0.6%.

Price changes in these sections for the month of December, 2011, had a negligible impact on the All Items Index.

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

Sections	Percentage Change December, 2011–December, 2010
All Items	5.3
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	10.9
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	2.3
Clothing and Footwear	2.6
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	2.5
Home Ownership	2.3
Rent	9.4
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.1
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	1.6
Health	0.9
Transport	0.6
Communication	0.0
Recreation and Culture	–0.5
Education	1.7
Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	3.0
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	3.1

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES
Figures for December, 2011

Period	All Items Jan 2003 =100	Section Indices										Miscellaneous Goods and Services					
		Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	Clothing and Footwear	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels				Health	Transport	Communication		Recreation and Culture	Education	Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants		
Weights	1000	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	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	
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	
2009 January	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	
February	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	
March	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	
April	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	
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	156.3	305.1	160.4	95.7	125.0	123.9	134.0	124.5	112.4	141.4	125.6	78.5	137.7	166.4	172.2	124.9	
September	161.6	323.5	167.3	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	177.0	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	
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	179.0	95.2	125.4	122.3	142.0	128.1	113.1	147.5	140.4	78.5	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	78.5	139.5	171.2	174.3	128.2	
June	179.2	400.6	178.7	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	179.1	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	148.5	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	148.8	128.1	114.2	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	148.8	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	148.8	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	95.0	126.9	123.1	148.8	128.1	114.2	151.5	141.3	78.5	143.7	175.7	177.6	133.0	
August	185.1	423.3	189.8	95.5	126.9	123.3	151.5	128.1	114.6	151.5	141.3	78.5	143.7	175.7	177.6	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	177.6	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	

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.