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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—March, 2015 (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 March, 2015 was 233.7 representing an increase of 0.2 points or 3.2 points or 1.4% above the All Items Index for March, 2015.

The percentage change in the All Items Index for the period January to March, 2015 over the period January to March, 2015 was 6.8%. This reflects an increase when compared with the rate of inflation of 3.8% observed in the All Items Index for the period January to March, 2014 over the period January to March, 2013.

SECTION INDICES

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 629.5 in February, 2015 to 647.0 in March 2015, reflecting an increase of 2.8%. Contributing significantly to this increase was the general upward movement in the prices of cucumber, hot pepper, green pigeon peas, carite, watercress, avocado, ochroes, bodie, processed cheese, and dasheen. However, the full impact of these price increases was offset by the general decrease in the prices of tomatoes, yams, limes, melongene, celery, oranges, whole chicken, sweet potatoes, chive, tyme and pumpkin.

Price changes in this section, for the month of March, 2015 accounted for a net overall increase of 3.1 points in the All Items Index.

OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for March, 2015 compared with February, 2015 reflected a increase in the sub-indices for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco 0.3%, Clothing and Footwear of 0.7% and Health 0.3%.

Price changes in the Other Sections, for the month of March, 2015 accounted for a net overall increase of 0.1 points in the All Items Index.

Changes in consumer prices in March, 2015 compared with those of March, 2014 reflected in various sections of the Index are shown hereunder—

Sections	Percentage Change March, 2015—March, 2014
All Items	6.7
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	12.6
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	3.2
Clothing and Footwear	1.4
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.8
Home Ownership	0.9
Rent	1.4
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.0
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	0.6
Health	1.3
Transport	2.2
Communication	0.0
Recreation and Culture	-1.4
Education	11.9
Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	1.0
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	3.0

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES
Figures for March, 2015

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 Maintenance of the House	Health	Transport	Communication	Recreation and Culture	Education	Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	
Weights	1000	180	25	53	Total	Home- ownership	Rent	Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	54	51	167	41	85	16	30	36	
Annual Average																	
2012	200.8	495.8	196.9	97.8	130.3	127.0	159.9	128.2	116.6	154.8	143.6	78.6	149.0	179.8	183.5	135.7	
2013	211.3	539.1	203.2	98.2	130.5	127.0	161.5	128.2	117.7	162.9	148.5	78.6	154.5	188.6	189.9	145.1	
2014	223.3	593.2	209.8	100.1	131.4	128.1	163.8	128.2	117.9	167.8	152.6	78.6	155.5	202.9	196.8	153.5	
January - March 2013	209.1	535.8	199.8	98.8	130.0	126.4	161.1	128.2	117.5	160.2	146.7	78.6	148.0	186.4	187.7	136.4	
January - March 2014	216.9	562.8	209.5	99.6	131.0	127.6	163.3	128.2	117.5	166.2	150.7	78.6	155.1	192.2	196.1	151.1	
January - March 2015	231.6	635.4	215.5	102.4	132.0	128.7	165.6	128.2	118.2	168.7	154.0	78.6	152.9	215.1	198.0	155.6	
2013 January	208.5	532.4	198.8	99.5	130.0	126.4	161.1	128.2	117.5	160.2	146.7	78.6	148.0	186.4	187.7	136.4	
February	209.1	536.4	197.9	98.4	130.0	126.4	161.1	128.2	117.5	160.2	146.7	78.6	148.0	186.4	187.7	136.4	
March	209.6	538.5	202.6	98.4	130.0	126.4	161.1	128.2	117.5	160.2	146.7	78.6	148.0	186.4	187.7	136.4	
April	212.7	550.7	203.7	98.6	130.4	127.0	160.6	128.2	117.7	161.8	146.7	78.6	152.3	187.9	188.8	144.2	
May	213.7	556.1	203.6	98.1	130.4	127.0	160.6	128.2	117.7	161.7	146.7	78.6	152.3	187.9	188.8	144.2	
June	214.3	560.0	203.1	98.8	130.4	127.0	160.6	128.2	117.7	161.7	146.7	78.6	152.3	187.9	188.8	144.2	
July	210.0	525.8	203.7	99.3	130.6	127.2	162.0	128.2	117.8	165.3	150.4	78.6	160.7	187.9	189.9	148.7	
August	210.6	528.1	203.7	99.3	130.6	127.2	162.0	128.2	117.8	165.3	150.4	78.6	160.7	187.9	189.9	148.7	
September	208.0	515.0	203.3	98.4	130.6	127.2	162.0	128.2	117.8	164.1	150.4	78.6	160.7	187.9	189.9	148.7	
October	210.5	528.9	203.9	98.7	130.8	127.4	162.2	128.2	117.6	164.5	150.3	78.6	156.8	192.2	193.1	151.2	
November	213.9	547.6	206.8	97.9	130.8	127.4	162.2	128.2	117.6	164.7	150.3	78.6	156.8	192.2	193.1	151.2	
December	214.7	552.0	207.8	97.4	130.8	127.4	162.2	128.2	117.6	164.8	150.3	78.6	156.8	192.2	193.1	151.2	
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February	215.1	551.1	209.3	99.4	131.0	127.6	163.3	128.2	117.5	166.2	150.7	78.6	155.1	192.2	196.1	151.1	
March	219.1	574.6	210.3	100.7	131.0	127.6	163.3	128.2	117.5	168.6	150.7	78.6	155.1	192.2	196.1	151.1	
April	219.7	573.4	210.3	99.4	131.3	127.9	163.5	128.2	117.9	168.3	151.7	78.6	157.4	202.2	197.6	151.9	
May	220.3	579.3	209.4	99.2	131.3	127.9	163.5	128.2	117.9	168.3	151.7	78.6	157.4	202.2	197.6	151.9	
June	220.7	579.5	208.6	98.5	131.3	127.9	163.5	128.2	117.9	169.0	151.7	78.6	157.4	202.2	197.6	151.9	
July	222.3	585.5	208.5	100.9	131.3	128.0	163.9	128.2	118.2	168.8	153.9	78.6	156.6	202.2	196.8	155.2	
August	225.6	603.8	208.6	101.5	131.3	128.0	163.9	128.2	118.2	169.2	153.9	78.6	156.6	202.2	196.8	155.2	
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November	233.2	645.3	214.0	100.4	131.8	128.7	164.3	128.2	118.1	167.6	154.0	78.6	152.9	215.1	196.5	155.6	
December	232.9	644.2	213.5	100.0	131.8	128.7	164.3	128.2	118.1	167.3	154.0	78.6	152.9	215.1	196.5	155.6	
2015 January	230.7	629.8	215.2	103.6	132.0	128.7	165.6	128.2	118.2	169.0	154.0	78.6	152.9	215.1	198.0	155.6	
February	230.5	629.5	215.3	101.4	132.0	128.7	165.6	128.2	118.2	168.3	154.0	78.6	152.9	215.1	198.0	155.6	
March	233.7	647.0	216.0	102.1	132.0	128.7	165.6	128.2	118.2	168.7	154.0	78.6	152.9	215.1	198.0	155.6	

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.