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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—August, 2007 (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 August, 2007 was 133.8 representing an increase of 0.7 point or 0.5% over the Index for July, 2007.

The annual rate of inflation as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January–August, 2007 over that for the period January–August, 2006 was 8.1%. This compares with an increase of 7.7% observed in the average All Items Index for January–August, 2006 over the average All Items Index for the same period in 2005.

SECTION INDICES

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 219.1 in July, 2007, to 222.7 in August, 2007, reflecting an increase of 1.6%. Contributing significantly to this increase was a general rise in the prices of white bread, biscuits, oranges, limes, onions, ripe bananas, carrots, pawpaw, apples, avocado and cavalli. Partly offsetting these increases were general price decreases in christophene, celery, tomatoes, ochroes, chive, bodie, cucumber and cabbage.

Price changes in this section, for the month of August, 2007 accounted for a net overall increase of 0.6 point in the All Items Index.

OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for August, 2007 compared with July, 2007 indicated an increase in the general price level for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco 0.5%; Clothing and Footwear 0.2%; and Health 0.2%.

Price changes in these sections, for the month of August 2007, accounted for a net overall increase of 0.1 point in the All Items Index.

Growth in consumer prices in August, 2007 compared with those of August, 2006 reflected in various sections of the Index is shown hereunder:

Sections	Percentage Change August, 2007–August, 2006
All Items	7.9
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	16.7
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	8.3
Clothing and Footwear	2.5
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	3.9
Home Ownership	4.5
Rent	4.1
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	1.7
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	1.3
Health	4.6
Transport	5.6
Communication	0.0
Recreation and Culture	5.3
Education	11.5
Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	7.5
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	5.6

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES
Figures for August, 2007

Point	All Items Jan 2003 =100	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	Alcoholic Beverages (Excl. 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, Cakes and Restaurants	Miscellaneous Goods and Services
					Total	Home ownership	Rent								
Weights	1000	180	25	53	232	100	24	38	34	31	167	46	16	30	35
Annual Average															
2005	112.9	130.4	106.3	91.0	105.0	106.2	111.9	102.3	100.9	100.1	100.3	105.1	110.4	103.0	
2006	122.3	165.3	119.5	81.3	108.8	105.8	118.0	103.7	104.0	118.5	118.5	122.8	117.3	105.3	
January	111.7	145.7	105.9	91.0	105.6	105.9	111.3	102.3	100.7	107.2	109.0	105.7	109.4	102.6	
January - August 2006	120.3	178.1	115.8	81.5	108.1	108.5	115.8	103.8	103.4	117.0	108.4	115.5	118.3	104.8	
January August 2007	130.0	210.0	131.2	92.9	113.0	114.3	119.7	105.3	105.0	123.7	113.6	123.1	124.4	107.9	
2006	108.4	135.4	105.1	81.8	105.4	108.0	110.2	101.8	100.8	105.4	107.7	105.1	108.4	101.7	
January	110.5	141.5	105.0	81.5	105.1	105.0	110.2	101.8	100.8	105.4	107.7	105.1	108.4	101.7	
February	111.2	144.9	105.0	82.0	105.1	105.0	110.2	102.5	100.6	105.4	107.7	105.1	108.4	101.7	
March	111.6	147.0	105.8	82.1	105.6	105.0	111.5	102.4	100.5	107.6	108.2	107.1	108.5	103.1	
April	111.7	146.0	105.8	81.6	105.8	105.8	111.5	102.5	100.5	107.8	108.2	107.1	108.5	103.1	
May	112.1	147.0	105.1	81.6	105.7	105.9	111.5	102.6	100.5	107.6	108.2	107.1	108.5	103.1	
June	112.3	147.0	105.2	81.6	105.7	105.9	111.5	102.6	100.5	107.6	108.2	107.1	108.5	103.1	
July	112.3	147.0	105.2	81.6	105.7	105.9	111.5	102.6	100.5	107.6	108.2	107.1	108.5	103.1	
August	113.8	153.0	105.5	82.0	105.8	105.9	111.7	102.4	101.0	105.9	108.1	111.9	112.0	103.2	
September	114.1	154.0	105.8	82.1	105.8	105.9	111.7	102.4	101.0	105.9	108.1	111.9	112.0	103.2	
October	114.0	153.0	105.8	82.2	105.4	105.0	113.2	102.4	101.0	108.9	108.1	110.0	111.7	103.0	
November	115.7	161.0	107.2	81.6	105.4	105.0	113.2	102.4	101.6	109.0	109.0	110.0	111.7	103.0	
December	115.7	161.0	107.0	81.3	105.4	105.8	113.2	102.4	101.6	109.0	109.0	110.0	111.7	103.8	
2006	117.1	185.3	108.7	81.6	108.9	107.4	114.0	102.4	102.0	112.2	108.1	114.4	115.9	103.9	
January	117.7	189.6	109.4	81.6	109.0	107.4	114.0	102.4	102.0	112.2	108.1	114.4	115.9	103.9	
February	118.5	192.8	110.1	81.4	107.2	107.4	114.0	103.8	102.8	114.9	109.1	114.4	115.4	103.9	
March	118.3	193.1	111.3	81.5	108.2	108.5	114.4	104.0	103.7	115.8	108.4	114.4	115.4	103.9	
April	120.0	198.1	118.2	81.4	108.2	108.5	114.4	104.0	103.7	115.8	108.4	114.4	115.4	103.9	
May	121.0	200.0	121.0	81.4	108.2	108.5	114.4	104.0	103.7	115.8	108.4	114.4	115.4	103.9	
June	121.0	200.0	121.0	81.4	108.2	108.5	114.4	104.0	103.7	115.8	108.4	114.4	115.4	103.9	
July	121.0	200.0	121.0	81.4	108.2	108.5	114.4	104.0	103.7	115.8	108.4	114.4	115.4	103.9	
August	121.0	200.0	121.0	81.4	108.2	108.5	114.4	104.0	103.7	115.8	108.4	114.4	115.4	103.9	
September	121.0	200.0	121.0	81.4	108.2	108.5	114.4	104.0	103.7	115.8	108.4	114.4	115.4	103.9	
October	121.0	200.0	121.0	81.4	108.2	108.5	114.4	104.0	103.7	115.8	108.4	114.4	115.4	103.9	
November	121.0	200.0	121.0	81.4	108.2	108.5	114.4	104.0	103.7	115.8	108.4	114.4	115.4	103.9	
December	121.0	200.0	121.0	81.4	108.2	108.5	114.4	104.0	103.7	115.8	108.4	114.4	115.4	103.9	
2007	121.2	201.0	121.2	81.5	111.3	113.2	116.3	103.0	103.0	121.6	112.2	119.0	123.5	104.4	
January	121.6	203.0	121.6	81.5	111.3	113.2	116.3	103.0	103.0	121.6	112.2	119.0	123.5	104.4	
February	121.6	203.0	121.6	81.5	111.3	113.2	116.3	103.0	103.0	121.6	112.2	119.0	123.5	104.4	
March	121.6	203.0	121.6	81.5	111.3	113.2	116.3	103.0	103.0	121.6	112.2	119.0	123.5	104.4	
April	121.6	203.0	121.6	81.5	111.3	113.2	116.3	103.0	103.0	121.6	112.2	119.0	123.5	104.4	
May	121.6	203.0	121.6	81.5	111.3	113.2	116.3	103.0	103.0	121.6	112.2	119.0	123.5	104.4	
June	121.6	203.0	121.6	81.5	111.3	113.2	116.3	103.0	103.0	121.6	112.2	119.0	123.5	104.4	
July	121.6	203.0	121.6	81.5	111.3	113.2	116.3	103.0	103.0	121.6	112.2	119.0	123.5	104.4	
August	121.6	203.0	121.6	81.5	111.3	113.2	116.3	103.0	103.0	121.6	112.2	119.0	123.5	104.4	

NOTE: To link the previous or old base (September 1983 = 100) to the new base (January 2003 = 100), at the All Items level, multiply the All Items Index of the new base by 1.508.