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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—May, 2017 (Base: January, 2015 = 100)

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GENERAL INDEX

The All Items Index of Retail Prices calculated from the prices collected for the month of May, 2017 was 106.0 representing a decrease of 0.1 point or 0.1% below All Items Index for April, 2017.

The Rate of Inflation, as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January to May, 2017 over the period January to May, 2016 was 2.5%. This rate is less than that observed for the period January to May, 2016 over the period January to May, 2015, which was 3.2%.

SECTION INDICES

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages decreased from 111.2 in April, 2017 to 110.9 in May, 2017, reflecting a decrease of 0.3%. Contributing significantly to this decrease was the general downward movement in the prices of fresh whole chickens, fresh carite, fresh king fish, fresh shrimp, tea in bags, fresh salmon, other chilled or frozen chicken parts, irish potatoes, white flour and carbonated soft drinks. however, the full impact of these price decreases was offset by the general increase in the prices of garlic, eddoes, fresh duck, table margarine, frozen whole chickens, tomatoes, chive carrots cheddar cheese and grapes.

Price changes in this section for the month of May, 2017 accounted for a net overall decrease of 0.1 point in the All Items Index.

OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for May, 2017, compared with April, 2017, reflected an increase in the sub-indices for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of 0.3% and Health of 0.2%. However, a decrease was noted in the sub-index for Clothing and Footwear of 0.4%. All other sections remained unchanged.

Price changes in the Other Sections for the month of May, 2017 were negligible in the All Items Index.

Changes in consumer prices in May, 2017, compared with those of May, 2016, reflected in various sections of the Index are shown hereunder—

Sections	Percentage Change May, 2017—May, 2016
All Items	1.7
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	1.7
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	5.7
Clothing and Footwear	2.1
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.0
Home Ownership	-0.2
Rent	1.2
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.0
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	1.2
Health	18.4
Transport	0.5
Communication	0.1
Recreation and Culture	1.0
Education	0.0
Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	3.5
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	2.4

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES
Figures for May, 2017

Period	Section Indices															
	All Items Jan 2015 = 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	
Weights	173	9	57	275	193	22	60	67	41	147	45	66	10	25	85	
Average																
January - May 2015	100.3	99.8	100.0	99.7	100.2	100.2	100.0	100.0	100.2	100.0	100.0	102.4	101.0	100.7	101.2	
January - May 2016	103.5	108.2	101.7	103.8	100.4	100.3	101.5	100.3	101.9	102.2	102.2	102.4	102.5	105.1	105.1	
January - May 2017	106.1	112.0	107.1	106.9	99.9	99.6	102.3	100.7	103.6	121.0	104.4	108.4	102.5	109.7	107.2	
2015 January	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	
February	100.0	100.2	99.8	99.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	
March	100.0	100.0	100.1	99.6	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	
April	100.7	99.3	99.9	99.8	100.4	100.5	100.0	100.0	100.6	99.7	99.9	100.0	102.5	101.8	103.0	
May	100.8	99.5	100.0	100.0	100.4	100.5	100.0	100.0	100.6	100.0	99.9	100.0	102.5	101.8	103.0	
June	101.0	100.9	100.1	99.2	100.4	100.5	100.0	100.0	100.6	100.0	99.9	100.0	102.5	101.8	103.0	
July	101.7	103.6	100.5	102.8	100.5	100.7	100.0	100.0	101.4	100.2	99.5	106.2	102.5	101.0	104.3	
August	101.7	103.6	101.1	101.8	100.5	100.7	100.0	100.0	101.4	100.5	99.5	106.2	102.5	101.0	104.3	
September	101.9	105.0	101.8	102.0	100.5	100.7	100.0	100.0	101.4	100.7	99.5	106.2	102.5	101.0	104.3	
October	102.6	105.2	102.0	102.3	100.7	100.7	101.7	100.0	101.7	100.7	101.0	107.7	102.5	104.0	105.5	
November	102.5	104.7	102.2	102.7	100.7	100.7	101.7	100.0	101.7	100.8	101.0	107.7	102.5	104.0	105.5	
December	102.5	105.0	101.1	102.2	100.7	100.7	101.7	100.0	101.7	100.7	101.0	107.7	102.5	104.0	105.5	
2016 January	102.4	104.5	102.1	103.3	100.6	100.6	101.4	100.0	101.5	100.9	101.0	107.9	102.5	104.0	105.1	
February	103.4	109.6	101.9	104.3	100.6	100.6	101.4	100.0	101.5	101.5	101.0	107.9	102.5	104.0	105.1	
March	103.3	108.6	101.5	104.7	100.6	100.6	101.4	100.0	101.5	102.3	101.0	107.9	102.5	104.0	105.1	
April	104.2	109.2	101.4	103.2	100.0	99.8	101.6	100.7	102.5	103.1	104.0	108.3	102.5	106.7	105.2	
May	104.2	109.0	101.7	103.5	100.0	99.8	101.6	100.7	102.5	103.4	104.0	108.3	102.5	106.7	105.2	
June	104.4	110.4	101.5	102.9	100.0	99.8	101.6	100.7	102.5	104.2	104.0	108.3	102.5	106.7	105.2	
July	104.6	110.7	101.4	103.2	99.9	99.6	101.2	100.7	102.7	105.8	104.0	108.2	102.5	106.7	106.1	
August	104.9	111.2	101.4	104.3	99.9	99.6	101.2	100.7	102.7	107.6	104.0	108.2	102.5	107.0	106.1	
September	105.0	111.4	101.4	104.6	99.9	99.5	101.2	100.7	102.7	109.7	104.0	108.2	102.5	107.0	106.1	
October	105.2	110.7	101.2	107.1	99.8	99.5	101.8	100.7	103.1	112.8	104.0	108.2	102.5	107.7	106.4	
November	105.4	111.4	106.3	107.0	99.8	99.5	101.8	100.7	103.1	114.4	104.0	108.2	102.5	107.7	106.4	
December	105.7	112.0	105.8	107.9	99.8	99.5	101.8	100.7	103.1	116.3	104.0	108.2	102.5	107.7	106.4	
2017 January	106.1	112.5	107.2	107.8	99.9	99.6	102.0	100.7	103.6	119.8	104.3	108.4	102.5	109.2	106.9	
February	106.1	112.8	107.1	107.4	99.9	99.6	102.0	100.7	103.6	119.8	104.3	108.4	102.5	109.2	106.9	
March	106.1	112.6	106.5	107.4	99.9	99.6	102.0	100.7	103.6	120.8	104.3	108.4	102.5	109.2	106.9	
April	106.1	111.2	107.2	106.1	100.0	99.6	102.8	100.7	103.7	122.4	104.5	108.9	102.5	110.4	107.7	
May	106.0	110.9	107.5	105.7	100.0	99.6	102.8	100.7	103.7	122.4	104.5	108.9	102.5	110.4	107.7	

NOTE: To link the previous or old base (January 2003 = 100) to the new base (January 2015 = 100), at the All Items level, multiply the All Items Index of the new base by 2.307.