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## INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—April, 2018 (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 April, 2018 was 107.3, representing an increase of 0.3 point or 0.3% above the All Items Index for March, 2018.

The Rate of Inflation, as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January to April, 2018 over the period January to April, 2017 was 0.9%. This rate is less than that observed for the period January to April, 2017 over the period January to April, 2016, which was 2.7%.

### SECTION INDICES

#### FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages decreased from 115.0 in March, 2018 to 114.2 in April, 2018 reflecting a decrease of 0.7%. Contributing significantly to this decrease was the general downward movement in the prices of fresh carite fish, pumpkin, melongene, hot peppers, bodi, fresh king fish, pimento, cucumber, white flour and green (sweet) pepper. However, the full impact of these price decreases was offset by the general increase in the prices of eggs, carbonated soft drinks, eddoes, ripe bananas, sweet potatoes, oranges, frozen whole chickens, cabbage, parboiled rice, and canned tuna.

Price changes in this section for the month of April, 2018 accounted for a net overall decrease of 0.1 point in the All Items Index.

#### OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for April, 2018, compared with March, 2018, reflected increases in the sub-index for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of 0.1%, Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels of 1.6%, Health 0.3%, Recreation and Culture of 0.2%, and Hotels, Cafés and Restaurants of 0.9%. However, decrease were noted in the sub-index for Clothing and Footwear of 0.1%, Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House of 0.4%, and Miscellaneous Goods and Services 0.4%. All other sections remained unchanged.

Price changes in the Other Sections for the month of April, 2018 accounted for a net overall increase of 0.4 point in the All Items Index.

Changes in consumer prices in April, 2018 compared with those of April, 2017 reflected in various sections of the Index are shown hereunder—

Sections	Percentage Change April, 2018–April, 2017
All Items	1.1
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	2.7
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	0.5
Clothing and Footwear	-5.6
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	2.6
Home Ownership	3.1
Rent	1.0
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.0
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	0.0
Health	1.6
Transport	1.2
Communication	-1.8
Recreation and Culture	0.6
Education	0.0
Hotels, Cafés and Restaurants	2.2
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	0.0

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES  
Figures for April, 2018

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				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
<b>Average</b>	103.3	108.0	101.7	103.9	100.4	101.5	100.2	101.8	102.0	101.8	100.9	107.9	102.5	104.7	105.1
January - April 2016	1061	112.3	107.0	107.2	99.6	102.2	100.7	103.6	120.7	104.4	108.4	108.6	102.5	109.5	107.1
January - April 2017	1071	115.1	107.4	100.4	101.4	103.7	100.7	104.0	123.6	105.8	106.5	109.4	102.5	112.1	108.0
2016 January	102.4	104.5	102.1	103.3	100.6	101.4	100.0	101.5	100.9	101.0	98.4	107.9	102.5	104.0	105.1
February	103.4	109.6	101.9	104.3	100.6	101.4	100.0	101.5	101.5	101.0	98.4	107.9	102.5	104.0	105.1
March	103.3	108.6	101.5	104.7	100.6	101.4	100.0	101.5	102.3	101.0	98.4	107.9	102.5	104.0	105.1
April	104.2	109.2	101.4	103.2	100.0	99.8	101.6	102.5	103.1	104.0	108.3	107.8	102.5	106.7	105.2
May	104.2	109.0	101.7	103.5	100.0	99.8	101.6	100.7	103.4	104.0	108.3	107.8	102.5	106.7	105.2
June	104.4	110.4	101.5	102.9	100.0	99.8	101.6	100.7	104.2	104.0	108.3	107.8	102.5	106.7	105.2
July	104.6	110.7	101.4	103.2	99.9	99.6	101.2	100.7	105.8	104.0	108.2	108.1	102.5	107.0	106.1
August	104.9	111.2	101.4	104.3	99.9	99.6	101.2	100.7	107.6	104.0	108.2	108.1	102.5	107.0	106.1
September	105.0	111.4	101.4	104.6	99.9	99.6	101.2	100.7	109.7	104.0	108.2	108.1	102.5	107.0	106.1
October	105.2	110.7	101.2	107.1	99.8	99.5	101.8	100.7	112.8	104.0	108.2	108.1	102.5	107.7	106.4
November	105.4	111.4	106.3	107.0	99.8	99.5	101.8	100.7	114.4	104.0	108.2	108.1	102.5	107.7	106.4
December	105.7	112.0	105.8	107.9	99.8	99.5	101.8	100.7	116.3	104.0	108.2	108.1	102.5	107.7	106.4
2017 January	1061	112.5	107.2	107.8	99.9	99.6	102.0	100.7	119.8	104.3	108.4	108.5	102.5	109.2	106.9
February	1061	112.8	107.1	107.4	99.9	99.6	102.0	100.7	119.8	104.3	108.4	108.5	102.5	109.2	106.9
March	1061	112.6	106.5	107.4	99.9	99.6	102.0	100.7	120.8	104.3	108.4	108.5	102.5	109.2	106.9
April	1061	111.2	107.2	106.1	100.0	99.6	102.8	100.7	122.4	104.5	108.4	108.9	102.5	110.4	107.7
May	1060	110.9	107.5	105.7	100.0	99.6	102.8	100.7	122.4	104.5	108.4	108.9	102.5	110.4	107.7
June	1060	111.0	108.4	105.1	100.0	99.6	102.8	100.7	122.7	104.5	108.4	108.9	102.5	110.4	107.7
July	1061	112.3	108.1	103.7	100.0	99.6	103.1	100.7	122.8	103.7	108.4	108.9	102.5	110.5	107.4
August	1063	113.3	108.0	103.6	100.0	99.6	103.1	100.7	122.9	103.7	108.4	108.9	102.5	110.5	107.4
September	1063	113.5	107.9	103.4	100.0	99.6	103.1	100.7	123.2	103.7	108.4	108.9	102.5	110.5	107.4
October	1069	114.7	108.0	102.4	100.6	100.3	103.5	100.7	123.7	105.5	106.6	108.7	102.5	110.6	108.1
November	107.2	116.4	108.3	102.8	100.6	100.3	103.5	100.7	125.0	105.5	106.6	108.7	102.5	110.6	108.1
December	1071	116.0	107.0	101.5	100.6	100.3	103.5	100.7	125.7	105.5	106.6	108.7	102.5	110.6	108.1
2018 January	1070	115.4	107.4	100.3	101.0	100.9	103.6	100.7	123.2	105.8	106.5	109.3	102.5	111.8	108.1
February	1071	115.8	106.8	100.6	101.0	100.9	103.6	100.7	123.2	105.8	106.5	109.3	102.5	111.8	108.1
March	1070	115.0	107.6	100.3	101.0	100.9	103.6	100.7	123.7	105.8	106.5	109.3	102.5	111.8	108.1
April	1073	114.2	107.7	100.2	102.6	102.7	103.8	100.7	124.1	105.8	106.5	109.5	102.5	112.8	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.