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## INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—May, 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 May, 2018 was 107.1, representing a decrease of 0.2 point or 0.2% below the All Items Index for April, 2018.

The Rate of Inflation, as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January to May, 2018 over the period January to May, 2017 was 0.9%. This rate is less than that observed for the period January to May, 2017 over the period January to May, 2016, which was 2.5%.

### SECTION INDICES

#### FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages decreased from 114.2 in April, 2018 to 113.1 in May, 2018 reflecting a decrease of 0.1%. Contributing significantly to this decrease was the general downward movement in the prices of fresh whole chickens, fresh carite, full cream powdered milk, tomatoes, cucumber, fresh goat parts (any cut), pimento, Irish potatoes, brown sugar, and hot peppers. However, the full impact of these price decreases was offset by the general increase in the prices of melongene, pumpkin, callaloo bush, canned tuna, other chilled or frozen chicken, oranges, ochroes, parboiled rice, celery and fresh crab.

Price changes in this section for the month of May, 2018 accounted for a net overall decrease of 0.2 point in the All Items Index.

#### OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for May, 2018, compared with April, 2018, reflected an increase in the sub-index for Health of 0.4%. However, decreases were noted in the sub-index for Clothing and Footwear of 0.4% and Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of 0.6%. All other sections remained unchanged.

Price changes in the Other Sections for the month of May, 2018 had a negligible effect on the All Items Index.

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

Sections	Percentage Change May, 2018—May, 2017
All Items	1.0
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	2.0
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	-0.4
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	1.8
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 May, 2018

Period	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, Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	Health	Transport	Communication	Recreation and Culture	Education	Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	Miscellaneous Goods and Services		
					Total	Home- ownership	Rent									Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	
Weights	1000	173	9	57	275	193	22	60	67	41	147	45	66	10	25	85	
<b>Average</b>																	
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	107.9	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	104.4	104.4	108.4	108.7	102.5	109.7	107.2	
January - May 2018	107.1	114.7	107.3	100.2	101.6	101.6	103.7	100.7	103.9	105.8	105.8	106.5	109.4	102.5	112.2	107.9	
2016 January	102.4	104.5	102.1	103.3	100.6	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	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	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	100.7	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	102.5	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	102.5	104.0	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	102.5	104.0	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	102.7	105.8	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	102.7	107.6	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	103.1	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	103.1	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	103.1	116.3	104.0	108.2	108.1	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	108.5	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	108.5	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	108.5	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	122.2	104.5	108.4	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	108.4	108.9	102.5	110.4	107.7	
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December	107.1	116.0	107.0	101.5	100.6	100.3	103.5	100.7	105.0	123.7	105.5	106.6	108.7	102.5	110.6	108.1	
2018 January	107.0	115.4	107.4	100.3	101.0	100.9	103.6	100.7	104.1	123.2	105.8	106.5	109.3	102.5	111.8	108.1	
February	107.1	115.8	106.8	100.6	101.0	100.9	103.6	100.7	104.1	123.2	105.8	106.5	109.3	102.5	111.8	108.1	
March	107.0	115.0	107.6	100.3	101.0	100.9	103.6	100.7	104.1	123.7	105.8	106.5	109.3	102.5	111.8	108.1	
April	107.3	114.2	107.7	100.2	102.6	102.7	103.8	100.7	103.7	124.1	105.8	106.5	109.5	102.5	112.8	107.7	
May	107.1	113.1	107.1	99.8	102.6	102.7	103.8	100.7	103.7	124.6	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.