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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—July, 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 July, 2018 was 107.4, representing an increase of 0.4 point or 0.4% above the All Items Index for June, 2018.

The Rate of Inflation, as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January to July, 2018 over the period January to July, 2017 was 0.9%. This rate is less than that observed for the period January to July, 2017 over the period January to July, 2016, which was 2.2%.

SECTION INDICES

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 112.5 in June, 2018 to 113.0 in July, 2018, reflecting an increase of 0.4%. Contributing significantly to this increase was the general upward movement in the prices of chilled or frozen chicken (parts), eddoes, full cream powdered milk, cucumber, Irish potatoes, tomatoes, green sweet pepper, ochroes, white flour, and grapes. However, the full impact of these price increases was offset by the general decrease in the prices of fresh carite, garlic, yogurt, sweet potatoes, cabbage, melon, parboiled rice, fresh salmon, hot peppers, and other pasta products (not macaroni).

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

OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for July, 2018, compared with June, 2018, reflected an increase in the sub-index for Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels of 0.7%, Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House of 0.4%, Health of 0.1%, Recreation and Culture of 0.3%, Hotels, Cafés and Restaurants of 1.0%, and Miscellaneous Goods and Services of 0.5%. However, a decrease was noted in the sub-index for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of 0.2%. All other sections remained unchanged.

Price changes in the Other Sections for the month of July, 2018 accounted for a net overall increase of 0.3 point in the All Items Index.

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

Sections	Percentage Change July, 2018–July, 2017
All Items	1.2
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	0.6
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	-0.8
Clothing and Footwear	-3.5
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	3.3
Home Ownership	4.0
Rent	1.0
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.0
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	-0.7
Health	1.4
Transport	2.0
Communication	-1.8
Recreation and Culture	0.8
Education	0.0
Hotels, Cafés and Restaurants	3.1
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	0.7

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES
Figures for July, 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	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	1000	173	9	57	Total	Home-ownership	Rent	Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	67	41	147	45	66	10	25	85	
Average					275	193	22	60									
January - July 2016	103.8	108.9	101.6	103.6	100.2	100.1	101.5	100.4	102.1	103.0	102.7	104.0	107.9	102.5	105.6	105.3	
January - July 2017	106.1	111.9	107.4	106.2	100.0	99.6	102.5	100.7	103.8	121.5	104.3	108.4	108.7	102.5	109.9	107.3	
January - July 2018	107.1	114.1	107.3	100.2	102.0	102.1	103.8	100.7	103.9	124.0	105.8	106.5	109.5	102.5	112.5	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	102.7	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	102.5	105.8	104.0	108.1	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	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	103.1	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	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	
June	106.0	111.0	108.4	105.1	100.0	99.6	102.8	100.7	103.7	122.7	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	
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July	107.4	113.0	107.2	100.1	103.3	103.6	104.1	100.7	104.1	124.5	105.8	106.5	109.8	102.5	113.9	108.2	

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.