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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—December, 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 December, 2017 was 107.1, representing a decrease of 0.1 point or 0.1% below the All Items Index for November, 2017.

The Rate of Inflation, as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January to December, 2017 over the period January to December, 2016 was 1.9%. This rate is less than that observed for the period January to December, 2016 over the period January to December, 2015, which was 3.1%.

SECTION INDICES

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages decreased from 116.4 in November, 2017 to 116.0 in December, 2017, reflecting a decrease of 0.3%. Contributing significantly to this decrease was the general downward movement in the prices of cucumbers; melongene; table margarine; chive; celery; cabbage; green sweet peppers; oranges; other chilled or frozen chicken (parts); and eddoes. However, the full impact of these price decreases was offset by the general increase in the prices of fresh whole chickens; powered full cream milk; fresh carite; parboiled rice; fresh king fish; pumpkin; pimento; tomatoes; melon and fresh, chilled, frozen or seasoned beef.

Price changes in this section for the month of December, 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 December, 2017, compared with November, 2017, reflected decreases in the sub-indices for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of 1.2% and Clothing and Footwear of 1.3%. All other sections remained unchanged.

Price changes in the Other Sections for the month of December, 2017, had a negligible effect on the All Items Index.

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

| Sections | Percentage Change December, 2017–December, 2016 |
|---|--|
| All Items | 1.3 |
| Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages | 3.6 |
| Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco | 1.1 |
| Clothing and Footwear | -5.9 |
| Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels | 0.8 |
| Home Ownership | 0.8 |
| Rent | 1.7 |
| Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels | 0.0 |
| Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House | 1.8 |
| Health | 6.4 |
| Transport | 1.4 |
| Communication | -1.5 |
| Recreation and Culture | 0.6 |
| Education | 0.0 |
| Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants | 2.7 |
| Miscellaneous Goods and Services | 1.6 |

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES
Figures for December, 2017

| Period | Section Indices | | | | | | | | | | | Miscellaneous Goods and Services | | | | | |
|--------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|---|--|--------|-----------|---------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|-------|
| | All Items Jan 2015 =100 | Food and Beverage | Alcohol and Tobacco | Clothing and Footwear | Housing, Water, Electricity, Fuels | Home-owners/Rent | Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels | Furnishing Household Equipment Routine Gas and Maintenance the House | Health | Transport | Communication | | Recreation and Culture | Education | Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants | | |
| Weights | 1000 | 173 | 9 | 57 | 275 | 193 | 22 | 60 | 67 | 41 | 147 | 45 | 66 | 10 | 25 | 85 | |
| Average | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January - December | 2015 101.3 | 102.3 | 100.7 | 101.0 | 100.4 | 100.5 | 100.4 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.3 | 100.3 | 100.1 | 99.2 | 105.0 | 111.9 | 101.7 | 103.1 |
| January - December | 2016 104.4 | 109.9 | 102.3 | 104.7 | 100.99.9 | 101.5 | 100.5 | 102.5 | 102.5 | 104.8 | 103.3 | 105.3 | 105.8 | 108.0 | 102.5 | 106.4 | 105.1 |
| January - December | 2017 106.4 | 113.1 | 107.6 | 104.7 | 100.99.8 | 102.9 | 100.7 | 104.3 | 123.3 | 144.5 | 108.0 | 108.0 | 108.0 | 108.8 | 102.5 | 110.2 | 107.1 |
| 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 | 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 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| March | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.1 | 99.5 | 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 |
| April | 100.7 | 99.8 | 99.9 | 99.3 | 100.4 | 100.5 | 100.0 | 99.7 | 99.9 | 99.9 | 99.9 | 99.9 | 100.0 | 106.0 | 102.5 | 101.8 | 103.0 |
| May | 100.8 | 99.5 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.4 | 100.5 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 99.9 | 99.9 | 99.9 | 100.0 | 106.0 | 102.5 | 101.8 | 103.0 |
| June | 101.0 | 100.9 | 100.1 | 99.2 | 100.4 | 100.5 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 99.9 | 99.9 | 99.9 | 100.0 | 106.0 | 102.5 | 101.8 | 103.0 |
| July | 101.7 | 103.6 | 101.5 | 102.8 | 100.5 | 100.7 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.5 | 100.5 | 100.5 | 100.0 | 106.2 | 102.5 | 101.0 | 104.1 |
| August | 101.7 | 103.6 | 101.1 | 101.8 | 100.5 | 100.7 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.4 | 100.4 | 98.5 | 98.5 | 106.2 | 102.5 | 101.0 | 104.1 |
| September | 101.9 | 103.0 | 101.8 | 102.0 | 100.5 | 100.7 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.7 | 99.5 | 98.5 | 98.5 | 106.2 | 102.5 | 101.0 | 104.1 |
| October | 102.5 | 105.2 | 102.0 | 102.3 | 100.7 | 100.7 | 101.7 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.7 | 101.0 | 98.4 | 98.4 | 107.7 | 102.5 | 104.0 | 105.1 |
| November | 102.5 | 104.7 | 102.2 | 102.7 | 100.7 | 100.7 | 101.7 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.8 | 101.0 | 98.4 | 98.4 | 107.7 | 102.5 | 104.0 | 105.1 |
| December | 102.5 | 105.0 | 101.1 | 102.2 | 100.7 | 100.7 | 101.7 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.7 | 101.0 | 98.4 | 98.4 | 107.7 | 102.5 | 104.0 | 105.1 |
| 2016 January | 102.4 | 104.5 | 102.1 | 103.3 | 100.6 | 100.6 | 101.4 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.9 | 101.0 | 98.4 | 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 | 100.0 | 101.5 | 101.0 | 98.4 | 98.4 | 107.9 | 102.5 | 104.0 | 105.1 |
| March | 103.8 | 108.6 | 101.5 | 104.7 | 100.6 | 100.6 | 101.4 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 102.3 | 101.0 | 98.4 | 98.4 | 107.9 | 102.5 | 104.0 | 105.1 |
| April | 104.2 | 109.2 | 101.4 | 103.2 | 100.99.8 | 101.6 | 100.7 | 102.5 | 102.5 | 103.1 | 104.0 | 108.3 | 108.3 | 107.8 | 102.5 | 106.7 | 105.1 |
| May | 104.2 | 109.0 | 101.7 | 103.5 | 100.99.8 | 101.6 | 100.7 | 102.5 | 102.5 | 103.4 | 104.0 | 108.3 | 108.3 | 107.8 | 102.5 | 106.7 | 105.1 |
| June | 104.4 | 110.4 | 101.5 | 102.9 | 100.99.8 | 101.6 | 100.7 | 102.5 | 102.5 | 104.2 | 104.0 | 108.3 | 108.3 | 107.8 | 102.5 | 106.7 | 105.1 |
| July | 104.5 | 110.7 | 101.4 | 103.2 | 99.99.5 | 101.2 | 100.7 | 102.5 | 102.5 | 104.0 | 104.0 | 108.2 | 108.2 | 108.1 | 102.5 | 107.0 | 106.1 |
| August | 104.9 | 111.2 | 101.4 | 103.4 | 99.99.5 | 101.2 | 100.7 | 102.5 | 102.5 | 107.6 | 104.0 | 108.2 | 108.2 | 108.1 | 102.5 | 107.0 | 106.1 |
| September | 105.0 | 111.4 | 101.4 | 104.6 | 99.99.5 | 101.2 | 100.7 | 102.5 | 102.5 | 106.7 | 104.0 | 108.2 | 108.2 | 108.1 | 102.5 | 107.0 | 106.1 |
| October | 105.2 | 110.7 | 101.2 | 107.1 | 99.89.5 | 101.8 | 100.7 | 103.1 | 103.1 | 112.8 | 104.0 | 108.2 | 108.2 | 108.1 | 102.5 | 107.7 | 106.1 |
| November | 105.4 | 111.4 | 106.3 | 107.0 | 99.89.5 | 101.8 | 100.7 | 103.1 | 103.1 | 114.4 | 104.0 | 108.2 | 108.2 | 108.1 | 102.5 | 107.7 | 106.1 |
| December | 105.7 | 112.0 | 105.8 | 107.9 | 99.89.5 | 101.8 | 100.7 | 103.1 | 103.1 | 116.3 | 104.0 | 108.2 | 108.2 | 108.1 | 102.5 | 107.7 | 106.1 |
| 2017 January | 106.1 | 112.5 | 107.2 | 107.8 | 99.99.5 | 102.0 | 100.7 | 103.5 | 103.5 | 119.8 | 104.3 | 108.4 | 108.4 | 108.5 | 102.5 | 109.2 | 106.1 |
| February | 106.1 | 112.8 | 107.1 | 107.4 | 99.99.5 | 102.0 | 100.7 | 103.5 | 103.5 | 119.8 | 104.3 | 108.4 | 108.4 | 108.5 | 102.5 | 109.2 | 106.1 |
| March | 106.1 | 112.6 | 106.5 | 107.4 | 99.99.5 | 102.0 | 100.7 | 103.5 | 103.5 | 120.8 | 104.3 | 108.4 | 108.4 | 108.5 | 102.5 | 109.2 | 106.1 |
| April | 106.1 | 111.2 | 107.2 | 106.1 | 100.99.5 | 102.8 | 100.7 | 103.7 | 103.7 | 122.2 | 104.5 | 108.4 | 108.4 | 108.9 | 102.5 | 110.4 | 107.1 |
| May | 106.0 | 110.9 | 107.5 | 105.7 | 100.99.5 | 102.8 | 100.7 | 103.7 | 103.7 | 123.4 | 104.5 | 108.4 | 108.4 | 108.9 | 102.5 | 110.4 | 107.1 |
| June | 106.0 | 111.0 | 108.4 | 105.1 | 100.99.5 | 102.8 | 100.7 | 103.7 | 103.7 | 122.7 | 104.5 | 108.4 | 108.4 | 108.9 | 102.5 | 110.4 | 107.1 |
| July | 106.1 | 112.3 | 108.1 | 103.7 | 100.99.5 | 103.1 | 100.7 | 104.8 | 104.8 | 122.8 | 103.7 | 108.4 | 108.4 | 108.9 | 102.5 | 110.5 | 107.1 |
| August | 106.3 | 113.3 | 108.0 | 103.6 | 100.99.5 | 103.1 | 100.7 | 104.8 | 104.8 | 122.9 | 103.7 | 108.4 | 108.4 | 108.9 | 102.5 | 110.5 | 107.1 |
| September | 106.8 | 113.5 | 107.9 | 103.4 | 100.99.5 | 103.1 | 100.7 | 104.8 | 104.8 | 123.2 | 103.7 | 108.4 | 108.4 | 108.9 | 102.5 | 110.5 | 107.1 |
| October | 106.9 | 114.7 | 108.0 | 102.4 | 100.6 | 100.3 | 103.5 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 123.8 | 103.7 | 108.4 | 108.4 | 108.9 | 102.5 | 110.5 | 108.1 |
| November | 107.2 | 116.4 | 108.3 | 102.8 | 100.6 | 100.3 | 103.5 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 123.7 | 103.7 | 108.4 | 108.4 | 108.9 | 102.5 | 110.5 | 108.1 |
| December | 107.1 | 116.0 | 107.0 | 101.5 | 100.6 | 100.3 | 103.5 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 123.7 | 103.7 | 108.4 | 108.4 | 108.9 | 102.5 | 110.5 | 108.1 |

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