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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—August, 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 August, 2018 was 107.4, representing no change in the All Items Index from July, 2018.

The Rate of Inflation, as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January to August, 2018 over the period January to August, 2017 was 1.0%. This rate is less than that observed for the period January to August, 2017 over the period January to August, 2016, which was 2.1%.

SECTION INDICES

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 113.0 in July, 2018 to 113.2 in August, 2018, reflecting an increase of 0.2%. Contributing significantly to this increase was the general upward movement in the prices of fresh whole chicken, cabbage, Irish potatoes, frozen whole chickens, onions, fresh shrimp, grapes, yogurt, carrot and full cream milk. However, the full impact of these price increases was offset by the general decrease in the prices of chive, eddoes, cheddar cheese, pumpkin, tomatoes, ochroes, fresh king fish, other fresh pork, other fresh goat (cut up) and fresh carite.

Price changes in this section for the month of August, 2018 had a negligible effect on the All Items Index.

OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for August, 2018, compared with July, 2018, reflected an increase in the sub-index for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of 0.3%, Clothing and Footwear of 0.2% and Health of 0.2%. All other sections remained unchanged.

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

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

Sections	Percentage Change August, 2018—August, 2017
All Items	1.0
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	-0.1
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	-0.5
Clothing and Footwear	-3.2
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	1.5
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 August, 2018

Period	All Items Jan 2015 =100	Section Indices										Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	Miscellaneous Goods and Services			
		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	
Weights	1000	173	9	57	275	193	22	60	67	41	147	45	66	10	25	85
Average																
January - August 2016	103.9	109.2	101.6	103.7	100.2	100.1	101.4	100.4	102.2	103.6	102.9	104.6	107.9	102.5	105.8	105.4
January - August 2017	106.1	112.1	107.5	105.9	100.0	99.6	102.6	100.7	103.9	121.7	104.2	108.4	108.8	102.5	110.0	107.3
January - August 2018	107.2	114.0	107.3	100.2	102.2	102.3	103.8	100.7	104.0	124.1	105.8	106.5	109.5	102.5	112.7	108.0
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	104.2	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	102.7	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	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	102.7	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	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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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
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August	107.4	113.2	107.5	100.3	103.3	103.6	104.1	100.7	104.1	124.8	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.