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GENERAL INDEX

The All Items Index of Retail Prices calculated from the prices collected for the month of September, 2018 was 107.5, representing an increase of 0.1 point or 0.1% above the All Items Index for August, 2018.

The Rate of Inflation, as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January to September, 2018 over the period January to September, 2017 was 1.0%. This rate is less than that observed for the period January to September, 2017 over the period January to September, 2016, which was 2.0%.

SECTION INDICES

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 113.2 in August, 2018 to 113.5 in September, 2018, reflecting an increase of 0.3%. Contributing significantly to this increase was the general upward movement in the prices of Irish potatoes, fresh whole chicken, onions, celery, carrots, cucumber, ochros, carbonated soft drinks, other chilled or frozen chicken (parts) and melongene. However, the full impact of these price increases was offset by the general decrease in the prices of cabbage, eddoes, tomatoes, cheddar cheese, garlic, dasheen, sweet potatoes, orange drink, other non-alcoholic specialty drinks and fresh King fish.

Price changes in this section for the month of September, 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 September, 2018, compared with August, 2018, reflected an increase in the sub-index for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of 0.4%, Clothing and Footwear of 0.7% and Health of 0.1%. All other sections remained unchanged.

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

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

| Sections | Percentage Change September, 2018—September, 2017 |
|---|--|
| All Items | 1.1 |
| Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages | 0.0 |
| Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco | 0.0 |
| Clothing and Footwear | -2.3 |
| 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 September, 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 | |
| | | | | | Total | Home- ownership | Rent | | | | | | | | | Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels |
| Weights | 173 | 9 | 57 | 275 | 193 | 22 | 60 | 67 | 41 | 147 | 45 | 66 | 10 | 25 | 85 | |
| Average | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 |
| January - September 2016 | 104.0 | 109.4 | 101.6 | 103.8 | 100.2 | 100.0 | 101.4 | 100.5 | 102.2 | 104.3 | 103.0 | 105.0 | 107.9 | 102.5 | 105.9 | 105.5 |
| January - September 2017 | 106.1 | 112.2 | 107.5 | 105.6 | 100.0 | 99.6 | 102.6 | 100.7 | 104.0 | 121.8 | 104.2 | 108.4 | 108.8 | 102.5 | 110.0 | 107.3 |
| January - September 2018 | 107.2 | 114.0 | 107.4 | 100.3 | 102.3 | 102.4 | 103.8 | 100.7 | 104.0 | 124.2 | 105.8 | 106.5 | 109.5 | 102.5 | 112.8 | 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 |
| 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 |
| July | 106.1 | 112.3 | 108.1 | 103.7 | 100.0 | 99.6 | 103.1 | 100.7 | 104.8 | 122.8 | 104.5 | 108.4 | 108.9 | 102.5 | 110.5 | 107.4 |
| August | 106.3 | 113.3 | 108.0 | 103.6 | 100.0 | 99.6 | 103.1 | 100.7 | 104.8 | 122.9 | 103.7 | 108.4 | 108.9 | 102.5 | 110.5 | 107.4 |
| September | 106.3 | 113.5 | 107.9 | 103.4 | 100.0 | 99.6 | 103.1 | 100.7 | 104.8 | 123.2 | 103.7 | 108.4 | 108.9 | 102.5 | 110.5 | 107.4 |
| October | 106.9 | 114.7 | 108.0 | 102.4 | 100.6 | 100.3 | 103.5 | 100.7 | 105.0 | 123.8 | 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 | 105.0 | 123.7 | 105.5 | 106.6 | 108.7 | 102.5 | 110.6 | 108.1 |
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| 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 | 107.0 | 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 |
| June | 107.0 | 112.5 | 107.4 | 100.1 | 102.6 | 102.7 | 103.8 | 100.7 | 103.7 | 124.6 | 105.8 | 106.5 | 109.5 | 102.5 | 112.8 | 107.7 |
| July | 107.4 | 113.0 | 107.2 | 100.1 | 103.3 | 103.6 | 104.1 | 100.7 | 103.7 | 124.5 | 105.8 | 106.5 | 109.8 | 102.5 | 112.8 | 107.7 |
| 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 |
| September | 107.5 | 113.5 | 107.9 | 101.0 | 103.3 | 103.6 | 104.1 | 100.7 | 104.1 | 124.9 | 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.