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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—January, 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 January, 2018 was 107.0, representing a decrease of 0.1 point or 0.1% below the All Items Index for December, 2017.

The Rate of Inflation, as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January, 2018 over the period January, 2017 was 0.8%. This rate is less than that observed for the period January, 2017 over the period January, 2016, which was 3.6%.

SECTION INDICES

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages decreased from 116.0 in December, 2017 to 115.4 in January, 2018, reflecting a decrease of 0.5%. Contributing significantly to this decrease was the general downward movement in the prices of fresh whole chickens, tomatoes, chive, fresh duck, frozen whole chickens, hot peppers, celery, oranges, lettuce and mixed fresh seasoning. However, the full impact of these price decreases was offset by the general increase in the prices of fresh carite, table margarine, parboiled rice, powdered full cream milk, pimento, cocoa and chocolate based preparations (beverage), irish potatoes, eddoes, corn curls, cheese balls, tortilla chips, etc. (snacks) and peas and carrots.

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

OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for January, 2018, compared with December, 2017, reflected increases in the sub-indices for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of 0.4%, Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels of 0.4%, Transport of 0.3%, Recreation and Culture of 0.6% and Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants of 1.1%. However decreases were noted in the sub indices for Clothing and Footwear of 1.2%, Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House of 0.9%, Health of 0.4% and Communication of 0.1%. All other sections remained unchanged.

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

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

Sections	Percentage Change January, 2018—January, 2017
All Items	0.8
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	2.6
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	0.2
Clothing and Footwear	-7.0
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	1.1
Home Ownership	1.3
Rent	1.6
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.0
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	0.5
Health	2.8
Transport	1.4
Communication	-1.8
Recreation and Culture	0.7
Education	0.0
Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	2.4
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	1.1

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES
Figures for January, 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	275	193	22	60	67	41	147	45	66	10	25	85	
Average																	
January 2016	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	
January 2017	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	
January 2018	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	
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	
February	100.0	100.2	99.8	99.2	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	99.6	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	
April	100.7	99.3	99.9	99.8	100.4	100.5	100.0	100.0	100.6	99.7	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	100.6	100.0	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	100.6	100.0	99.9	100.0	106.0	102.5	101.8	103.0	
July	101.7	103.6	100.5	102.8	100.5	100.7	100.0	100.0	101.4	100.2	99.5	101.8	106.2	102.5	101.0	104.3	
August	101.9	103.6	101.1	101.8	100.5	100.7	100.0	100.0	101.4	100.7	99.5	101.0	106.2	102.5	101.0	104.3	
September	101.9	105.0	101.8	102.0	100.5	100.7	100.0	100.0	101.4	100.7	99.5	101.0	106.2	102.5	101.0	104.3	
October	102.6	105.2	102.0	102.3	100.7	100.7	101.7	100.0	101.7	100.7	101.0	98.4	107.7	102.5	104.0	105.5	
November	102.5	104.7	102.2	102.7	100.7	100.7	101.7	100.0	101.7	100.8	101.0	98.4	107.7	102.5	104.0	105.5	
December	102.5	105.0	101.1	102.2	100.7	100.7	101.7	100.0	101.7	100.7	101.0	98.4	107.7	102.5	104.0	105.5	
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	99.8	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	99.9	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	
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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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July	106.1	112.3	108.1	103.7	100.0	99.6	103.1	100.7	104.8	122.8	104.8	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	123.0	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	
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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	
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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.