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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—July, 2019 (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, 2019 was 108.6, representing an increase of 0.4 point or 0.3% above the Index (All Items) for June, 2019.

The Rate of Inflation, as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January to July, 2019 over the period January to July, 2018, was 1.2%. This rate was greater than that observed for the period January to July, 2018 over the period January to July, 2017, which was 0.9%.

SECTION INDICES

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 114.1 in June, 2019 to 114.7 in July, 2019, reflecting an increase of 0.5%. Contributing significantly to this increase was the general upward movement in the prices of onions, cabbage, tomatoes, oranges, carrots, garlic, sweet potato, grapes, bodi and pumpkin. However, the full impact of these price increases was offset by the general decreases in the prices of whole chicken—fresh, carite—fresh, other chilled or frozen chicken (parts), king fish—fresh, powdered milk—full cream, white flour, duck—fresh, eddoes, red fish—fresh and salmon—fresh.

Price changes in this section for the month of July, 2019 represented a 0.1 point increase in the All Items Index.

OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for July, 2019, compared with June, 2019, reflected increases in the sub-indices for alcoholic beverages and tobacco 0.4%, clothing and footwear 1.1%, housing, water, electricity, gas, and other fuels 0.1%, furnishings, household equipment and routine maintenance of the house 0.3%, health 1.7%, hotels, cafes and restaurants 0.3% and miscellaneous goods and services 0.8%. However, decreases were noted in the sub-indices for transport 0.3%, communication 0.1% and recreation and culture 0.5%.

Price changes in the Other Sections for the month of July, 2019 represented a 0.3 point increase in the All Items Index.

Changes in consumer prices in July, 2019 compared with those of July, 2018 reflected in various sections of the Index are shown hereunder:

Sections	Percentage Change July, 2018—July, 2019
All Items	1.1
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	1.5
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	2.6
Clothing and Footwear	-2.5
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.1
Home Ownership	0.0
Rent	2.0
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.0
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	0.0
Health	6.6
Transport	1.9
Communication	0.3
Recreation and Culture	0.0
Education	0.0
Hotels, Cafés and Restaurants	1.6
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	3.2

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES
Figures for July, 2019

Period	Section Indices															
	All Items Jan 2015=100	Food and Non-Alcohol Beverage	Alcohol and Tobacco	Clothing and Footwear	Housing, Water, Electricity Other Fuels	Home- rent ownership	Water, Electricity Gas and Other Fuels	Furnishings Household Equipment and Routines Maintenance of the Home	Health Transpo	Communicatio	Recreati and Culture	Hotels, Ca and Restaurant	Miscellaneo Goods and Services			
Weights	1000	173	9	57	275	193	22	60	67	41	147	45	56	10	25	85
Average	106.1	111.9	107.4	106.2	100.0	99.6	102.5	100.7	103.8	124.5	104.3	108.4	108.7	102.5	109.9	107.1
January - July 2017	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	107.1
January - July 2018	108.4	114.9	108.7	97.8	103.4	103.5	105.3	100.7	103.8	130.8	108.3	106.9	110.2	102.5	114.8	110.1
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	106.1
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	106.1
March	106.1	112.5	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	106.1
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	107.1
May	106.0	110.9	107.5	105.7	100.0	99.6	102.8	100.7	103.7	124.4	104.5	108.4	108.9	102.5	110.4	107.1
June	106.0	111.0	108.4	105.1	100.0	99.6	102.8	100.7	103.7	124.7	104.5	108.4	108.9	102.5	110.4	107.1
July	106.1	112.8	108.1	103.7	100.0	99.6	103.1	100.7	104.8	124.8	103.7	108.4	108.9	102.5	110.5	107.1
August	106.3	113.3	108.0	103.6	100.0	99.6	103.1	100.7	104.8	124.9	103.7	108.4	108.9	102.5	110.5	107.1
September	106.3	113.5	107.9	103.4	100.0	99.6	103.1	100.7	104.8	124.2	103.7	108.4	108.9	102.5	110.5	107.1
October	106.9	114.7	108.0	102.4	100.6	100.9	103.5	100.7	105.0	123.8	105.5	106.5	108.7	102.5	110.6	108.1
November	107.2	116.4	108.3	102.8	100.6	100.9	103.5	100.7	105.0	123.7	105.5	106.5	108.7	102.5	110.6	108.1
December	107.1	116.0	107.0	101.5	100.6	100.9	103.5	100.7	105.0	123.7	105.5	106.5	108.7	102.5	110.6	108.1
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	111.3	108.1
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January	108.4	115.4	107.7	98.1	103.4	103.6	104.5	100.7	102.5	130.5	108.5	106.9	110.2	102.5	113.9	110.4
February	108.5	116.0	108.1	98.1	103.4	103.6	104.5	100.7	102.5	131.2	108.5	106.9	110.2	102.5	113.9	110.4
March	108.6	116.0	108.1	98.1	103.4	103.6	104.5	100.7	102.5	130.5	108.5	106.9	110.2	102.5	113.9	110.4
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July	108.5	114.7	109.9	97.5	103.4	103.5	106.2	100.7	104.1	132.7	107.9	106.8	109.8	102.5	115.7	111.4

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