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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—October, 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 October, 2019 was 108.7. This resulted in no change in the All Items Index from September, 2019.

The Rate of Inflation, as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January to October, 2019 over the period January to October, 2018, was 1.1%. This rate is greater than that observed for the period January to October, 2018 over the period January to October, 2017, which was 1.0%.

SECTION INDICES

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 115.2 in September, 2019 to 115.3 in October, 2019, reflecting an increase of 0.1%. Contributing significantly to this increase was the general upward movement in the prices of celery, sweet potato, chive, bodi, frozen whole chicken, mixed fresh seasoning, fresh carite, fresh, chilled, frozen or seasoned beef, pimento and cucumber. However, the full impact of these price increases was offset by the general decreases in the prices of tomatoes, onion, irish potatoes, eddoes, pumpkin, hot peppers, carrot, grapes; other chilled or frozen lamb and brown sugar.

Price changes in this section for the month of October, 2019, had a negligible effect on the All Items Index.

OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for October, 2019, compared with September, 2019, reflected increases in the sub-indices for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco 0.2%, Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels of 0.6%, Hotels, Cafés and Restaurants of 0.7% and Miscellaneous Goods and Services of 0.3%. However decreases were noted in the sub-indices for Clothing and Footwear of 1.3%, Health of 1.7%, Transport of 0.6% and Recreation and Culture of 0.1%. All other sections remained unchanged.

Price changes in the Other Sections for the month of October, 2019, had a negligible effect on the All Items Index.

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

Sections	Percentage Change October, 2019—October, 2018
All Items	0.6
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	0.8
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	2.7
Clothing and Footwear	-3.0
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.7
Home Ownership	0.6
Rent	1.8
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.0
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	1.1
Health	4.8
Transport	-1.1
Communication	0.3
Recreation and Culture	-0.3
Education	0.0
Hotels, Cafés and Restaurants	2.5
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	3.1

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES
Figures for October, 2019

Period	All Items Jan 2015 =100	Section Indices															
		Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverage	Alcohol and Tobacco	Clothing and Footwear	Housing, Water, Electricity, Fuels			Furnishing, Household Equipment, Furniture, Gas and Maintenance of the Home	Health	Transport	Communication	Recreation and Culture	Hotels, Restaurants and Services	Miscellaneous Goods and Services			
					Total	Home-ownership	Rent								Electricity	Gas	Other Fuels
Weights	1000	173	9	57	275	193	22	60	67	41	147	45	56	10	25	85	
Average																	
January - October 2017	106.2	112.5	107.5	105.3	100.0	99.7	102.7	100.7	104.1	122.0	144.3	108.2	108.8	102.5	110.1	107.4	
January - October 2018	107.3	114.0	107.4	100.2	102.4	102.5	103.9	100.7	103.9	124.2	146.1	106.5	109.5	102.5	112.9	108.1	
January - October 2019	108.5	115.0	109.2	97.7	103.4	101.8	105.6	100.7	103.6	131.2	148.1	106.9	110.1	102.5	115.1	110.1	
2017																	
January	106.1	112.5	107.2	107.8	99.9	99.5	102.0	100.7	103.5	119.8	144.3	108.4	108.5	102.5	109.2	106.1	
February	106.1	112.5	107.1	107.4	99.9	99.5	102.0	100.7	103.5	119.8	144.3	108.4	108.5	102.5	109.2	106.1	
March	106.1	112.5	107.4	107.4	99.9	99.5	102.0	100.7	103.5	119.8	144.3	108.4	108.5	102.5	109.2	106.1	
April	106.1	111.2	107.2	106.1	100.0	99.5	102.8	100.7	103.7	122.2	144.5	108.4	108.9	102.5	110.4	107.1	
May	106.0	110.9	107.5	105.7	100.0	99.5	102.8	100.7	103.7	122.4	144.5	108.4	108.9	102.5	110.4	107.1	
June	106.0	111.0	108.4	105.1	100.0	99.5	102.8	100.7	103.7	122.7	144.5	108.4	108.9	102.5	110.4	107.1	
July	106.1	112.3	108.1	103.7	100.0	99.5	103.1	100.7	104.8	122.8	143.7	108.4	108.9	102.5	110.5	107.1	
August	106.3	113.3	108.0	103.5	100.0	99.5	103.1	100.7	104.8	122.9	143.7	108.4	108.9	102.5	110.5	107.1	
September	106.3	113.3	107.9	103.4	100.0	99.5	103.1	100.7	104.8	123.2	143.7	108.4	108.9	102.5	110.5	107.1	
October	106.5	114.7	108.0	102.4	100.6	100.8	103.5	100.7	105.0	123.8	145.5	106.5	108.7	102.5	110.5	108.1	
November	107.2	116.4	108.3	102.3	100.6	100.3	103.5	100.7	105.0	123.7	145.5	106.5	108.7	102.5	110.5	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 1