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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—December, 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 December, 2018 was 108.2, representing a decrease of 0.1 point or 0.1% below the All Items Index for November, 2018.

The Rate of Inflation, as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January to December, 2018 over the period January to December, 2017 was 0.9%. This rate is less than that observed for the period January to December, 2017 over the period January to November, 2016, which was 1.9%.

SECTION INDICES

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages decreased from 116.2 in November, 2018 to 116.1 in December, 2018, reflecting a decrease of 0.1%. Contributing significantly to this decrease was the general downward movement in the prices of whole chickens—fresh, cucumber, whole chickens—frozen, oranges, bodi, garlic, eggs, carrots, table margarine and melongene. However, the full impact of these decreases was offset by the general upward movement in the prices of tomatoes, pumpkin, carite—fresh, pimento, hot peppers, king fish—fresh, cabbage, onions, chive and steak—fresh.

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

OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for December, 2018, compared with November, 2018, reflected decreases in the sub-indices for alcoholic beverages and tobacco of 0.6% and clothing and footwear of 0.4%. All other sections remained unchanged.

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

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

| Sections | Percentage Change December, 2018—December, 2017 |
|---|--|
| All Items | 1.0 |
| Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages | 0.1 |
| Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco | 0.4 |
| Clothing and Footwear | -2.7 |
| Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels | 2.7 |
| Home Ownership | 3.3 |
| Rent | 0.9 |
| Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels | 0.0 |
| Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House | -1.6 |
| Health | 0.9 |
| Transport | 2.8 |
| Communication | -0.1 |
| Recreation and Culture | 1.2 |
| Education | 0.0 |
| Hotels, Cafés and Restaurants | 2.8 |
| Miscellaneous Goods and Services | 0.4 |

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES
Figures for December, 2018

| Period | Section Indices | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|---|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|---|--------------------|---|---|--------|---------|--------------|----------------------|----------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | All Item Jan 2015 =100 | Food and Non- Alcohol Beverage | Alcohol and Tobacco | Clothing and Footwear | Total | Housing, Water, Electricity, Rent ownership | Home- ownership | Rent Gas and Other Fuels the House | Furniture, Household Equipment Maintenance | Health | Transpo | Communicatio | Recreati and Cult | Educatio | Hotels, Ca and Restauran | Miscellaneo Goods and Services |
| Average | 1000 | 173 | 9 | 57 | 275 | 193 | 22 | 60 | 67 | 41 | 147 | 45 | 66 | 10 | 25 | 85 |
| January - December 2016 | 104.4 | 105.9 | 142.3 | 104.7 | 100.999.9 | 101.5 | 140.5 | 102.5 | 106.8 | 143.3 | 105.3 | 104.0 | 142.5 | 106.4 | 105.1 | |
| January - December 2017 | 106.8 | 113.1 | 147.6 | 104.7 | 100.999.8 | 102.9 | 140.7 | 104.3 | 122.3 | 144.5 | 108.0 | 104.8 | 142.5 | 110.2 | 107.1 | |
| January - December 2018 | 107.4 | 114.4 | 147.5 | 100.0 | 102.6 | 102.7 | 104.0 | 108.07.8 | 124.3 | 146.5 | 106.5 | 104.7 | 142.5 | 113.1 | 108.1 | |
| 2016 January | 102.4 | 104.5 | 142.1 | 103.3 | 100.6 | 100.6 | 101.4 | 100.00.5 | 100.9 | 141.0 | 98.4 | 107.9 | 142.5 | 104.0 | 105.1 | |
| February | 103.4 | 105.6 | 141.9 | 104.3 | 100.6 | 100.6 | 101.4 | 100.00.5 | 100.5 | 141.0 | 98.4 | 107.9 | 142.5 | 104.0 | 105.1 | |
| March | 103.3 | 105.6 | 141.5 | 104.7 | 100.6 | 100.6 | 101.4 | 100.00.5 | 102.3 | 141.0 | 98.4 | 107.9 | 142.5 | 104.0 | 105.1 | |
| April | 104.2 | 105.2 | 141.4 | 103.2 | 100.999.8 | 101.6 | 140.7 | 102.5 | 103.1 | 144.0 | 108.8 | 107.8 | 142.5 | 106.7 | 105.1 | |
| May | 104.4 | 105.0 | 141.7 | 103.5 | 100.999.8 | 101.6 | 140.7 | 102.5 | 103.4 | 144.0 | 108.8 | 107.8 | 142.5 | 106.7 | 105.1 | |
| June | 104.4 | 110.4 | 141.5 | 102.9 | 100.999.8 | 101.2 | 140.7 | 102.5 | 104.2 | 144.0 | 108.8 | 107.8 | 142.5 | 106.7 | 105.1 | |
| July | 104.5 | 110.7 | 141.4 | 103.2 | 99.999.5 | 101.2 | 140.7 | 102.7 | 105.8 | 144.0 | 108.8 | 108.1 | 142.5 | 107.0 | 106.1 | |
| August | 104.9 | 113.2 | 141.4 | 104.3 | 99.999.5 | 101.2 | 140.7 | 102.7 | 105.7 | 144.0 | 108.8 | 108.1 | 142.5 | 107.0 | 106.1 | |
| September | 105.0 | 113.4 | 141.4 | 104.6 | 99.899.5 | 101.8 | 140.7 | 103.1 | 112.8 | 144.0 | 108.8 | 108.1 | 142.5 | 107.0 | 106.1 | |
| October | 105.2 | 116.7 | 141.2 | 107.1 | 99.899.5 | 101.8 | 140.7 | 103.1 | 114.4 | 144.0 | 108.8 | 108.1 | 142.5 | 107.0 | 106.1 | |
| November | 105.8 | 114.4 | 146.3 | 107.0 | 97.9 | 99.899.5 | 101.8 | 140.7 | 103.1 | 114.4 | 108.8 | 108.1 | 142.5 | 107.0 | 106.1 | |
| December | 105.7 | 114.0 | 145.8 | 107.9 | 99.899.5 | 101.8 | 140.7 | 103.1 | 116.3 | 144.0 | 108.8 | 108.1 | 142.5 | 107.0 | 106.1 | |
| 2017 January | 106.1 | 114.5 | 147.2 | 107.8 | 99.899.5 | 102.0 | 140.7 | 103.5 | 115.8 | 144.3 | 108.4 | 108.5 | 142.5 | 109.2 | 106.1 | |
| February | 106.1 | 114.6 | 147.4 | 107.4 | 99.899.5 | 102.0 | 140.7 | 103.5 | 115.8 | 144.3 | 108.4 | 108.5 | 142.5 | 109.2 | 106.1 | |
| March | 106.1 | 114.7 | 147.4 | 107.4 | 99.899.5 | 102.0 | 140.7 | 103.5 | 115.8 | 144.3 | 108.4 | 108.5 | 142.5 | 109.2 | 106.1 | |
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| October | 106.9 | 114.7 | 148.0 | 102.4 | 100.6 | 100.3 | 103.5 | 104.07.0 | 123.8 | 145.5 | 106.5 | 108.7 | 142.5 | 110.5 | 108.1 | |
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| 2018 January | 107.0 | 115.4 | 147.4 | 100.3 | 101.0 | 100.9 | 103.6 | 104.07.1 | 123.2 | 145.8 | 106.5 | 104.3 | 142.5 | 111.8 | 108.1 | |
| February | 107.1 | 115.8 | 146.8 | 100.6 | 101.0 | 100.9 | 103.6 | 104.07.1 | 123.2 | 145.8 | 106.5 | 104.3 | 142.5 | 111.8 | 108.1 | |
| March | 107.0 | 115.0 | 147.6 | 100.3 | 101.0 | 100.9 | 103.6 | 104.07.1 | 123.7 | 145.8 | 106.5 | 104.3 | 142.5 | 111.8 | 108.1 | |
| April | 107.3 | 114.2 | 147.7 | 100.2 | 102.6 | 102.0 | 103.8 | 104.07.7 | 124.1 | 145.8 | 106.5 | 104.5 | 142.5 | 112.8 | 107.1 | |
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| July | 107.4 | 113.0 | 147.2 | 100.1 | 103.3 | 103.6 | 104.1 | 104.07.1 | 124.5 | 145.8 | 106.5 | 104.8 | 142.5 | 113.9 | 108.1 | |
| August | 107.4 | 113.2 | 147.5 | 100.3 | 103.3 | 103.6 | 104.1 | 104.07.1 | 124.8 | 145.8 | 106.5 | 104.8 | 142.5 | 113.9 | 108.1 | |
| September | 107.5 | 113.5 | 147.9 | 101.0 | 103.3 | 103.6 | 104.1 | 104.07.1 | 124.9 | 145.8 | 106.5 | 104.8 | 142.5 | 113.9 | 108.1 | |
| October | 108.0 | 114.4 | 147.8 | 99.7 | 103.3 | 103.6 | 104.4 | 100.7 | 103.9 | 148.5 | 106.5 | 110.0 | 142.5 | 113.7 | 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.