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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—January, 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 January, 2019 was 108.5, representing an increase of 0.3 point or 0.3% above the All Items Index for December, 2018.

The Rate of Inflation, as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January 2019 over the period January 2018, was 1.4%. This rate is greater than that observed for the period January 2018 over the period January 2017, which was 0.8%.

SECTION INDICES

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages decreased from 116.1 in December, 2018 to 116.0 in January, 2019, reflecting a decrease of 0.1%. Contributing significantly to this decrease was the general downward movement in the prices of, tomatoes, celery melongene, ochros, chive, eggs, mixed fresh seasoning, cucumber, Irish potatoes and patchoi. However, the full impact of these price decreases was offset by the general increase in the prices of whole chickens—fresh, carite—fresh, king fish—fresh, whole chickens—frozen, pumpkin, evaporated milk, hot peppers, salmon—fresh, plantains and pimento.

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

OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for January, 2019, compared with December, 2018, reflected increases in the sub-indices for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco 0.5% Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels of 0.1%, Health of 3.9%, Communication of 0.4%, Recreation and Culture of 0.2%, Hotels, Cafés and Restaurants of 0.2% and Miscellaneous Goods and Services of 1.4%. However, decreases were noted in the sub-indices for Clothing and Footwear of 0.2%, and Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of 0.7%.

Price changes in the Other Sections for the month of January, 2019 accounted for a net overall increase of 0.3 points in the All Items Index.

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

Sections	Percentage Change January, 2018–January, 2019
All Items	1.4
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	0.5
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	0.5
Clothing and Footwear	-1.7
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	2.4
Home Ownership	2.7
Rent	0.9
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.0
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	-1.4
Health	5.3
Transport	2.6
Communication	0.4
Recreation and Culture	0.8
Education	0.0
Hotels, Cafés and Restaurants	1.9
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	1.8

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES
Figures for January, 2019

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	Total	Home-ownership	Rent	Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	67	41	147	45	66	10	25	85	
Average																	
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	
January 2019	108.5	116.0	107.9	98.6	103.4	103.6	104.5	100.7	102.6	129.7	108.5	106.9	110.2	102.5	113.9	110.0	
2017	102.4	104.5	102.1	103.3	100.6	100.6	101.4	100.0	101.5	108.9	109.0	98.4	107.9	102.3	104.0	105.1	
February	103.4	108.6	101.9	104.3	100.6	100.6	101.4	100.0	101.5	102.5	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	103.4	104.0	108.3	107.8	102.5	106.7	105.2	
May	104.4	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	
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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.