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## INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—March, 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 March, 2019 was 108.6, representing an increase of 0.2 point or 0.2% above the All Items Index for February, 2019.

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

### SECTION INDICES

#### FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 115.4 in February, 2019 to 116.0 in March, 2019, reflecting an increase of 0.5%. Contributing significantly to this increase was the general upward movement in the prices of whole chicken—fresh, carite—fresh, king fish—fresh, grapes, salmon—fresh, chive, shrimp—fresh, carbonated soft drink, shark—fresh and oranges. However, the full impact of these price increases was offset by the general decrease in the prices of tomatoes, melongene, cabbage, cucumber, pumpkin, green (sweet) pepper, cheddar cheese, low fat milk, pimento and full cream milk.

Price changes in this section for the month of March, 2019, accounted for 0.1 point increase in the All Items Index.

#### OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for March, 2019, compared with February, 2019, reflected an increase in the sub-indices for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of 0.4% and Health of 0.5%.

Price changes in the Other Sections for the month of March, 2019 had a 0.1 point increase in the All Items Index.

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

Sections	Percentage Change March, 2018—March, 2019
All Items	1.5
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	0.9
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	0.5
Clothing and Footwear	-2.2
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	6.1
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 March, 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	173	9	57	275	193	22	60	67	41	147	45	66	10	25	85	
<b>Average</b>	1000															
January - March 2017	106.1	112.6	106.9	107.5	99.9	99.6	102.0	100.7	103.6	120.1	104.3	108.4	108.5	109.2	106.9	
January - March 2018	107.0	115.4	107.3	100.4	101.0	100.9	103.6	100.7	104.1	123.4	105.8	106.5	109.3	102.5	108.1	
January - March 2019	108.5	115.8	107.9	98.3	103.4	103.6	104.5	100.7	102.6	130.5	108.5	106.9	110.2	102.5	110.0	
2017 January	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	109.2	106.9	
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	109.2	106.9	
March	106.1	112.9	107.2	107.4	99.9	99.6	102.0	100.7	103.6	120.9	104.3	108.4	108.5	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	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	107.7	
June	106.0	111.0	108.4	105.1	100.0	99.6	102.8	100.7	103.7	122.7	104.5	108.4	108.9	102.5	107.7	
July	106.1	112.3	108.1	103.7	100.0	99.6	103.1	100.7	104.8	122.8	103.7	108.4	108.9	102.5	107.4	
August	106.3	113.3	108.0	103.6	100.0	99.6	103.1	100.7	104.8	122.8	103.7	108.4	108.9	102.5	107.4	
September	106.3	113.5	107.9	103.4	100.0	99.6	103.1	100.7	104.8	123.2	103.7	108.4	108.9	102.5	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	108.1	
November	107.2	116.4	108.3	102.8	100.6	100.3	103.5	100.7	105.0	123.7	105.5	106.6	108.7	102.5	108.1	
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	108.1	
2018 January	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	108.1	
February	107.1	115.8	106.8	100.6	101.0	100.9	103.6	100.7	104.1	123.2	105.8	106.5	109.3	102.5	108.1	
March	107.0	115.9	107.6	100.3	101.3	100.9	103.6	100.7	104.1	123.3	105.8	106.5	109.3	102.5	108.1	
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June	107.0	112.5	107.4	100.1	102.6	102.7	103.8	100.7	103.7	124.4	105.8	106.5	109.5	102.5	107.7	
July	107.4	113.0	107.2	100.1	103.3	103.6	104.1	100.7	104.1	124.5	105.8	106.5	109.8	102.5	108.2	
August	107.4	113.2	107.5	100.3	103.3	103.6	104.1	100.7	104.1	124.8	105.8	106.5	109.8	102.5	108.2	
September	107.5	113.5	107.9	101.0	103.3	103.6	104.1	100.7	104.1	124.9	105.8	106.5	109.8	102.5	108.2	
October	108.0	114.4	107.8	99.7	103.3	103.6	104.4	100.7	103.3	124.7	108.5	106.5	110.0	102.5	108.5	
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February	108.4	115.4	107.7	98.1	103.4	103.6	104.5	100.7	102.6	130.5	108.5	106.9	110.2	102.5	110.0	
March	108.6	116.0	108.1	98.1	103.4	103.6	104.5	100.7	102.6	131.2	108.5	106.9	110.2	102.5	110.0	

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.