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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—April, 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 April, 2019 was 108.3, representing a decrease of 0.3 point or 0.3% above the All Items Index for March, 2019.

The Rate of Inflation, as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January to April, 2019 over the period January to April, 2018, was 1.3%. This rate is more than that observed for the period January to April, 2018 over the period January to April, 2017, which was 0.9%.

SECTION INDICES

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages decreased from 116.0 in March, 2019 to 113.9 in April, 2019, reflecting a decrease of 1.8%. Contributing significantly to this decrease was the general downward movement in the prices of whole chickens—fresh, pumpkin, chive, carite—fresh, king fish—fresh, pimento, cucumber, melongene, green (sweet) pepper and oranges. However, the full impact of these price decreases was offset by the general increases in the prices of eddoes, irish potatoes, tomatoes, garlic, sweet potatoes, onions, beef sausages, eggs, carrots and milk based beverages. Price changes in this section for the month of April, 2019 accounted for 0.4 point decrease in the All Items Index.

OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for April, 2019, compared with March, 2019, reflected increases in the sub-indices for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of 0.6%, clothing and footwear 0.2%, furnishings, household equipment, and routine maintenance of the house 1.2%, recreation and culture 0.1%, hotels, cafes and restaurants 1.2% and miscellaneous goods and services 0.7%. However, decreases were noted in the sub-indices for housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels 0.1%, health 0.5% and transport 0.3%.

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

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

Sections	Percentage Change April, 2018–April, 2019
All Items	0.9
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	-0.3
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	1.0
Clothing and Footwear	-1.9
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.7
Home Ownership	0.7
Rent	1.9
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.0
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	0.1
Health	5.2
Transport	2.3
Communication	0.4
Recreation and Culture	0.7
Education	0.0
Hotels, Cafés and Restaurants	2.2
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	2.9

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES
Figures for April, 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
Average	1000														
January - April 2017	106.1	112.3	107.0	107.2	99.9	99.6	102.2	100.7	103.6	120.7	104.4	108.4	102.5	109.5	107.1
January - April 2018	107.1	115.1	107.4	100.4	101.4	103.7	100.7	100.7	104.0	123.6	105.8	106.5	102.5	112.1	108.0
January - April 2019	108.5	115.3	108.1	98.3	103.4	103.6	104.8	100.7	102.9	130.5	108.4	106.9	102.5	114.3	110.2
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	102.5	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	102.5	109.2	106.9
March	106.1	112.6	106.5	107.4	99.9	99.6	102.0	100.7	103.6	120.8	104.3	108.4	102.5	109.2	106.9
April	106.1	111.2	107.2	106.1	100.0	99.6	102.8	100.7	103.7	123.2	104.5	108.4	102.5	110.4	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	102.5	110.4	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	102.5	110.4	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	102.5	110.5	107.4
August	106.3	113.3	108.0	103.6	100.0	99.6	103.1	100.7	104.8	125.6	103.7	108.4	102.5	110.5	107.4
September	106.3	113.5	107.9	103.4	100.0	99.6	103.1	100.7	104.8	125.6	103.7	108.4	102.5	110.5	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	102.5	110.6	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	102.5	110.6	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	102.5	110.6	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	102.5	111.8	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	102.5	111.8	108.1
March	107.0	115.0	107.6	100.3	101.0	100.9	103.6	100.7	104.1	123.7	105.8	106.5	102.5	111.8	108.1
April	107.3	114.2	107.7	100.2	103.5	102.7	103.8	100.7	103.5	124.1	105.8	106.5	102.5	112.8	107.7
May	107.1	113.1	107.1	99.8	102.6	102.7	103.8	100.7	103.7	124.6	105.8	106.5	102.5	112.8	107.7
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	102.5	112.8	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	102.5	113.9	108.2
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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	102.5	113.9	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	102.5	113.9	110.0
April	108.3	113.9	108.8	98.3	103.3	103.4	105.8	100.7	103.8	130.5	108.2	106.9	102.5	113.8	110.8

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.