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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—May, 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 May, 2019 was 108.3. This resulted in no change in the Index (All Items) from April, 2019.

The Rate of Inflation, as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January to May, 2019 over the period January to May, 2018, was 1.2%. This rate is greater than that observed for the period January to May, 2018 over the period January to May, 2017, which was 0.9%.

SECTION INDICES

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 113.9 in April, 2019 to 114.3 in May, 2019, reflecting an increase of 0.4%. Contributing significantly to this increase was the general upward movement in the prices of tomatoes, cabbage, oranges, eddoes, cucumber, parboiled rice, celery, onions, chicken franks and melongene. However, the full impact of these price increases was offset by the general decreases in the prices of carite—fresh, whole chickens—fresh, king fish—fresh, whole chickens—frozen, pumpkin, grapes, hot peppers, chive, cake mixes and white sugar.

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

OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for May, 2019, compared with April, 2019, reflected decreases in the Sub-indices for clothing and footwear 0.9% and health 0.1%.

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

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

Sections	Percentage Change May, 2018—May, 2019
All Items	1.1
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	1.1
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	1.6
Clothing and Footwear	-2.4
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	4.7
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 May, 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 - May 2017	106.1	112.0	107.1	106.9	99.9	99.6	102.3	100.7	103.6	104.4	108.4	108.7	102.5	109.7	107.2	
January - May 2018	107.1	114.7	107.3	100.2	101.6	101.6	103.7	100.7	103.9	105.8	106.5	109.4	102.5	112.2	107.9	
January - May 2019	108.4	115.1	108.3	98.1	103.4	103.5	105.0	100.7	103.1	108.4	106.9	110.2	102.5	114.5	110.3	
2017 January	106.1	112.5	107.2	107.8	99.9	99.6	102.0	100.7	103.6	104.3	108.4	108.5	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	104.3	108.4	108.5	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	104.3	108.4	108.5	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	104.5	108.4	108.9	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	104.5	108.4	108.9	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	104.5	108.4	108.9	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	103.7	108.4	108.9	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	103.7	108.4	108.9	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	103.7	108.4	108.9	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	105.5	106.6	108.7	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	105.5	106.6	108.7	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	105.5	106.6	108.7	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	105.8	106.5	109.3	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	105.8	106.5	109.3	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	105.8	106.5	109.3	102.5	111.8	108.1	
April	107.3	114.2	107.7	100.2	102.6	102.7	103.8	100.7	103.7	105.8	106.5	109.5	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	105.8	106.5	109.5	102.5	112.8	107.7	
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2019 January	108.5	116.0	107.9	98.6	103.4	103.6	104.5	100.7	102.6	108.5	106.9	110.2	102.5	113.9	110.0	
February	108.4	115.4	107.7	98.1	103.4	103.6	104.5	100.7	102.6	108.5	106.9	110.2	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	108.5	106.9	110.2	102.5	113.9	110.0	
April	108.3	115.9	108.8	98.3	103.4	103.6	104.5	100.7	102.6	108.5	106.9	110.3	102.5	115.3	110.8	
May	108.3	114.3	108.8	97.4	103.3	103.4	105.8	100.7	103.8	108.2	106.9	110.3	102.5	115.3	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.