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## INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—November, 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 November, 2019, was 108.6, representing a decrease of 0.1 point or 0.1% below the All Items Index for October, 2019.

The Rate of Inflation, as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January to November, 2019, over the period January to November, 2018, was 1.0%. This rate is the same as observed for the period January to November, 2018, over the period January to November, 2017.

### SECTION INDICES

#### FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages decreased from 115.3 in October, 2019, to 114.9 in November, 2019, reflecting a decrease of 0.3%. Contributing significantly to this decrease was the general downward movement in the prices of fresh whole chickens, cucumbers, oranges, chive, grapes, onions, Irish potatoes, sweet potatoes, ochros and other pasta products (not macaroni). However, the full impact of these price decreases was offset by the general increases in the prices of tomatoes, garlic, fresh shrimp, condensed milk, full cream powdered milk, eggs, parboiled rice, plantains, fresh crab and white flour.

Price changes in this section for the month of November, 2019, accounted for a net overall decrease of 0.1 point in the All Items Index.

#### OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for November, 2019, compared with October, 2019, reflected an increase in the sub-indices for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of 0.3% and Health of 0.4%. However, a decrease was noted in the sub-index for Clothing and Footwear of 0.3%. All other sections remained unchanged.

Price changes in the Other Sections for the month of November, 2019, had a negligible effect on the All Items Index.

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

Sections	Percentage Change November, 2019—November, 2018
All Items	0.3
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	-1.1
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	2.8
Clothing and Footwear	-2.8
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.7
Home Ownership	0.6
Rent	1.8
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.0
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	1.1
Health	5.1
Transport	-1.1
Communication	0.3
Recreation and Culture	-0.3
Education	0.0
Hotels, Cafés and Restaurants	2.5
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	3.1

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES  
Figures for November, 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
Weights	1000	173	9	57	Total ownership	Rent	Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	Total	Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	Health	Transport	Communication	Recreation and Culture	Education	Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	Miscellaneous Goods and Services
Average	1000	173	9	57	275	193	22	60	67	41	147	45	66	10	25	85
January - November 2017	106.3	112.8	107.7	105.0	100.1	99.7	102.8	100.7	104.2	122.2	104.4	108.1	108.8	102.5	110.1	107.5
January - November 2018	107.4	114.2	107.5	100.1	102.5	102.6	103.9	100.7	105.8	124.3	106.3	106.5	109.6	102.5	113.0	108.1
January - November 2019	108.5	115.0	109.4	97.5	105.5	103.7	105.6	100.7	103.7	131.2	108.0	106.9	110.0	102.5	115.2	111.0
2017 January	106.1	112.5	107.2	107.6	99.9	99.6	102.0	100.7	103.6	119.8	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	119.8	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	120.8	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	122.2	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	122.4	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	122.7	104.5	108.4	108.9	102.5	110.4	107.7
July	106.1	112.3	108.1	105.7	100.0	99.6	102.8	100.7	103.7	122.8	104.5	108.4	108.9	102.5	110.5	107.4
August	106.3	113.3	108.0	103.6	100.0	99.6	105.1	100.7	104.8	122.9	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	105.1	100.7	104.8	122.9	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	123.8	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	133.7	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	123.7	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	123.2	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	123.2	105.8	106.5	109.3	102.5	111.8	108.1
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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	113.9	108.2
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April	108.3	115.9	108.8	98.3	103.3	103.4	105.8	100.7	103.8	130.5	108.2	106.9	110.3	102.5	115.3	110.8
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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.