



TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO GAZETTE (EXTRAORDINARY)

VOL. 59

Caroni, Trinidad, Monday 3rd February, 2020—Price \$1.00

No. 13

130

INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—December, 2019 (Base: January, 2015 = 100)

THE following Memorandum on the Index of Retail Prices is published for general information.

SEAN O'BRIEN
Acting Director of Statistics

GENERAL INDEX

The All Items Index of Retail Prices calculated from the prices collected for the month of December, 2019, was 108.6, representing no change in the All Items Index for November, 2019.

The Rate of Inflation, as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January to December, 2019, over the period January to December, 2018, was 1.0%. This rate is greater than that observed for the period January to December, 2018, over the period January to December, 2017, which was 0.9%.

SECTION INDICES

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages remained at 114.9 in December, 2019. However, there were general downward movements in the prices of onions, Irish potatoes, hot peppers, chive, sweet potatoes, cucumber, eddoes, celery, green (sweet) pepper and plantains. The full impact of these price decreases was offset by the general increases in the prices of carite—fresh, other chilled or frozen chicken (parts), King Fish—fresh, Whole chickens—fresh, Salmon—fresh, ochroes, bodi, fresh, chilled frozen or seasoned beef, grapes and mangoes.

Price changes in this section for the month of December, 2019, had no overall effect in the All Items Index.

OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for December, 2019, compared with November, 2019, reflected decreases in the sub-indices for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of 0.4%, Clothing and Footwear of 0.3% and Health of 0.2%. All other sections remained unchanged.

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

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

Sections	Percentage Change December, 2019—December, 2018
All Items	0.4
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	-1.0
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	3.0
Clothing and Footwear	-2.7
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	4.9
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

130—Continued

SEAN O'BRIEN
Acting Director of Statistics

INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES
(Base: January, 2015 =100)

The following memorandum on the Index of Retail Prices is published for general information:

GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES
Figures for December, 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	23	60	67	41	147	45	66	10	25	85
Average	106.4	113.1	107.6	104.7	100.1	99.8	102.9	104.3	122.3	104.5	108.0	108.8	102.5	110.2	107.5
January - December 2017	107.4	114.4	107.5	100.0	102.6	102.7	104.0	103.8	124.3	106.5	106.5	109.7	102.5	113.1	108.1
January - December 2018	108.5	115.0	109.5	97.4	103.3	103.7	105.7	103.7	131.1	108.0	106.9	110.0	102.5	115.4	111.1
2017	106.1	112.5	107.2	107.8	99.9	99.6	102.0	103.6	119.8	104.3	108.4	108.5	102.5	109.2	106.9
January	106.1	112.8	107.1	107.4	99.9	99.6	102.0	103.6	119.8	104.3	108.4	108.5	102.5	109.2	106.9
February	106.1	112.6	106.5	107.4	99.9	99.6	102.0	103.6	120.8	104.3	108.4	108.5	102.5	109.2	106.9
March	106.1	112.2	107.2	106.1	100.0	99.6	102.8	103.7	122.2	104.5	108.4	108.9	102.5	110.4	107.7
April	106.0	110.9	107.5	105.7	100.0	99.6	102.8	103.7	123.4	104.5	108.4	108.9	102.5	110.4	107.7
May	106.0	111.0	108.4	105.1	100.0	99.6	102.8	103.7	122.7	104.5	108.4	108.9	102.5	110.4	107.7
June	106.1	112.3	108.1	103.7	100.0	99.6	103.1	104.8	122.8	103.7	108.4	108.9	102.5	110.5	107.4
July	106.3	113.3	108.0	103.6	100.0	99.6	103.1	104.8	122.9	103.7	108.4	108.9	102.5	110.5	107.4
August	106.3	113.5	107.9	103.4	100.0	99.6	103.1	104.8	122.9	103.7	108.4	108.9	102.5	110.5	107.4
September	106.9	114.7	108.0	102.4	100.6	100.3	103.5	105.0	123.8	105.5	106.6	108.7	102.5	110.6	108.1
October	107.2	116.4	108.3	102.8	100.6	100.3	103.5	105.0	123.7	105.5	106.6	108.7	102.5	110.6	108.1
November	107.1	116.0	107.0	101.5	100.6	100.3	103.5	105.0	123.7	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	105.0	123.7	105.5	106.6	108.7	102.5	110.6	108.1
2018	107.0	115.4	107.4	100.3	101.0	100.9	103.6	104.1	123.2	105.8	106.5	109.3	102.5	111.8	108.1
January	107.1	115.8	106.8	100.6	101.0	100.9	103.6	104.1	123.2	105.8	106.5	109.3	102.5	111.8	108.1
February	107.0	115.0	107.6	100.3	101.0	100.9	103.6	104.1	123.7	105.8	106.5	109.3	102.5	111.8	108.1
March	107.3	114.2	107.7	100.2	102.6	102.7	103.8	103.7	124.1	105.8	106.5	109.5	102.5	112.8	107.7
April	107.1	113.1	107.1	99.8	102.6	102.7	103.8	103.7	124.6	105.8	106.5	109.5	102.5	112.8	107.7
May	107.0	112.5	107.4	100.1	102.6	102.7	103.8	103.7	124.4	105.8	106.5	109.5	102.5	112.8	107.7
June	107.4	113.0	107.2	100.1	103.3	103.6	104.1	104.1	124.5	105.8	106.5	109.8	102.5	113.9	108.2
July	107.4	113.2	107.5	100.3	103.3	103.6	104.1	104.1	124.8	105.8	106.5	109.8	102.5	113.9	108.2
August	107.5	113.5	107.9	101.0	103.3	103.6	104.1	104.1	124.9	105.8	106.5	109.8	102.5	113.9	108.2
September	108.0	114.4	107.8	99.7	103.3	103.6	104.4	103.3	124.7	108.5	106.5	110.0	102.5	113.7	108.5
October	108.3	116.2	108.0	99.2	103.3	103.6	104.4	103.3	124.8	108.5	106.5	110.0	102.5	113.7	108.5
November	108.2	116.1	107.4	98.8	103.3	103.6	104.4	103.3	124.8	108.5	106.5	110.0	102.5	113.7	108.5
December	108.2	116.1	107.4	98.8	103.3	103.6	104.4	103.3	124.8	108.5	106.5	110.0	102.5	113.7	108.5
2019	108.5	116.0	107.9	98.6	103.4	103.6	104.5	102.6	120.7	108.5	106.9	110.2	102.5	113.9	110.0
January	108.4	115.8	107.7	98.1	103.4	103.6	104.5	102.6	120.6	108.5	106.9	110.2	102.5	113.9	110.0
February	108.6	116.0	108.1	98.1	103.4	103.6	104.5	102.6	120.6	108.5	106.9	110.2	102.5	113.9	110.0
March	108.3	115.9	108.8	98.3	103.3	103.4	104.5	102.7	131.2	108.5	106.9	110.2	102.5	113.9	110.0
April	108.3	114.3	108.8	97.4	103.3	103.4	104.5	102.7	130.5	108.2	106.9	110.3	102.5	115.3	110.8
May	108.2	114.1	109.5	96.5	103.3	103.4	104.5	102.7	130.5	108.2	106.9	110.3	102.5	115.3	110.8
June	108.6	114.7	109.9	97.6	103.4	103.4	104.5	102.7	130.5	108.2	106.9	110.3	102.5	115.3	110.8
July	108.7	115.5	110.4	97.2	103.4	103.4	104.5	102.7	130.5	108.2	106.9	110.3	102.5	115.3	110.8
August	108.7	115.2	110.5	98.0	103.4	103.4	104.5	102.7	130.5	108.2	106.9	110.3	102.5	115.3	110.8
September	108.7	115.2	110.5	98.0	103.4	103.4	104.5	102.7	130.5	108.2	106.9	110.3	102.5	115.3	110.8
October	108.7	115.3	110.7	96.7	104.0	104.2	106.3	102.7	130.7	107.3	106.8	109.7	102.5	116.5	111.9
November	108.6	114.9	111.0	96.4	104.0	104.2	106.3	102.7	131.2	107.3	106.8	109.7	102.5	116.5	111.9
December	108.6	114.9	111.0	96.4	104.0	104.2	106.3	102.7	131.2	107.3	106.8	109.7	102.5	116.5	111.9

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.