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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—January, 2020 (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 January, 2020 was 108.9 representing an increase of 0.3 point or 0.3% above the All Items Index for December, 2019.

The Rate of Inflation, as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January, 2020 over the period January, 2019 was 0.4%. This rate is less than that observed for the period January, 2019 over the period January, 2018 which was 1.4%.

SECTION INDICES

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 114.9 in December, 2019 to 116.5 in January, 2020 reflecting an increase of 1.4%. Contributing significantly to this increase was the general upward movement in the prices of whole chickens—fresh; carite—fresh; cucumber; melongene; chive; cabbage; onions; brown sugar; king fish—fresh and bodi. However, the full impact of these price increases was offset by the general decrease in the prices of sweet potatoes; oranges; shrimp—fresh; grapes; bananas—ripe; orange drink; cheddar cheese; fresh, chilled frozen or seasoned beef; ketchup and mangoes.

Price changes in this section for the month of January, 2020 accounted for a net overall increase of 0.3 points in the All Items Index.

OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for January, 2020 compared with December, 2019 reflected increases in the sub-indices for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of 0.5%; Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels of 0.2%; Health of 1.0%; and Miscellaneous Goods and Services of 0.2%. However, decreases were noted in sub-indices for Clothing and Footwear of 0.8%; Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of 0.1%; Transport of 0.3%; Recreation and Culture of 0.2%; and Hotels, Cafés and Restaurant of 0.1%.

Price changes in the Other Sections for the month of January, 2020, had a negligible effect on the All Items Index.

Changes in consumer prices in January, 2020 compared with those of January, 2019 reflected in various sections of the Index are shown hereunder:

Sections	Percentage Change January, 2020—January, 2019
All Items	0.4
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	0.4
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	3.0
Clothing and Footwear	-3.3
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.8
Home Ownership	0.8
Rent	2.4
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.0
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	1.7
Health	1.9
Transport	-1.4
Communication	-0.1
Recreation and Culture	-0.6
Education	0.0
Hotels, Cafés and Restaurants	2.2
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	1.9

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES
Figures for January, 2020

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 2018	107.0	115.4	107.4	100.3	101.0	100.9	105.6	100.7	104.1	123.2	105.8	106.5	109.3	102.5	111.8	108.1
January 2019	108.5	116.0	107.9	98.6	103.4	105.6	104.5	100.7	105.6	129.7	108.5	106.9	110.2	102.5	113.9	110.0
January 2020	108.9	116.5	111.1	95.3	104.2	104.4	107.0	100.7	104.3	132.2	107.0	106.8	109.5	102.5	116.4	112.1
2018 January	107.0	115.4	107.4	100.3	101.0	100.9	105.6	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	105.6	100.7	104.1	123.2	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	105.6	100.7	104.1	123.7	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	105.8	100.7	105.7	124.1	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	105.8	100.7	105.7	124.6	105.8	106.5	109.5	102.5	112.8	107.7
June	107.0	112.5	107.4	100.1	102.6	102.7	105.8	100.7	105.7	124.4	105.8	106.5	109.5	102.5	112.8	107.7
July	107.4	113.0	107.2	100.1	103.3	105.6	104.1	100.7	104.1	124.5	105.8	106.5	109.8	102.5	113.9	108.2
August	107.4	113.2	107.5	100.3	103.3	105.6	104.1	100.7	104.1	124.8	105.8	106.5	109.8	102.5	113.9	108.2
September	107.5	113.5	107.9	101.0	103.3	105.6	104.1	100.7	104.1	124.9	105.8	106.5	109.8	102.5	113.9	108.2
October	108.0	114.4	107.8	99.7	103.3	105.6	104.4	100.7	105.3	124.7	108.5	106.5	110.0	102.5	113.7	108.5
November	108.3	116.2	108.0	99.2	103.3	105.6	104.4	100.7	105.3	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	105.6	104.4	100.7	105.3	124.8	108.5	106.5	110.0	102.5	113.7	108.5
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March	108.6	116.0	108.1	98.1	103.4	105.6	104.5	100.7	105.6	131.2	108.5	106.9	110.2	102.5	113.9	110.0
April	108.3	113.9	108.8	98.5	103.3	105.4	104.5	100.7	105.6	130.5	108.2	106.9	110.3	102.5	115.3	110.8
May	108.3	114.3	108.8	97.4	103.3	105.4	105.8	100.7	105.8	130.4	108.2	106.9	110.3	102.5	115.3	110.8
June	108.2	114.1	109.5	96.5	103.3	105.4	105.8	100.7	105.8	130.5	108.2	106.9	110.3	102.5	115.3	110.8
July	108.6	114.7	109.9	97.6	103.4	105.6	106.2	100.7	104.1	132.7	107.9	106.8	109.8	102.5	115.7	111.6
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December	108.6	114.9	110.6	96.1	104.0	104.2	106.3	100.7	104.4	130.9	107.3	106.8	109.7	102.5	116.5	111.9
2020 January	108.9	116.5	111.1	95.3	104.2	104.4	107.0	100.7	104.3	132.2	107.0	106.8	109.5	102.5	116.4	112.1

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.