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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—October, 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 October, 2020, was 109.5. This resulted in no change in the All Items Index from September, 2020.

The Rate of Inflation, as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January to October, 2020, over the period January to October, 2019, was 0.6%. This rate is less than that observed for the period January to October, 2019, over the period January to October, 2018, which was 1.1%.

SECTION INDICES

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 119.9 in September, 2020, to 120.4 in October, 2020, reflecting an increase of 0.4%. Contributing significantly to this increase was the general upward movement in the prices of tomatoes, whole chickens—fresh, carite—fresh, king fish—fresh, pimento, other chilled or frozen chickens, celery, salted pig tail, garlic and apples. However, the full impact of these price increases was offset by the general decreases in the prices of potatoes, eddoes, melongene, onions, carrots, cabbage, hot peppers, ochroes, oranges, and pumpkin.

Price changes in this section for the month of October, 2020, accounted for a net overall increase of 0.1 point in the All Items Index.

OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for October, 2020, compared with September, 2020, reflected increases in the sub-indices for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of 0.1% and Health of 0.4%. However, decreases were noted in the sub-indices for Clothing and Footwear of 0.1%, Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House of 0.3%, Recreation and Culture of 0.2% and Miscellaneous Goods and Services of 0.1%. All other sections remained unchanged.

Price changes in the Other Sections for the month of October, 2020, accounted for a net overall decrease of 0.1 point in the All Items Index.

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

Sections	Percentage Change October, 2019—October, 2020
All Items	0.7
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	4.4
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	1.6
Clothing and Footwear	-4.1
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.0
Home Ownership	-0.1
Rent	0.9
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.0
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	0.0
Health	4.6
Transport	-0.5
Communication	-0.1
Recreation and Culture	-0.3
Education	0.0
Hotels, Cafés and Restaurants	1.3
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	0.3

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES
Figures for October, 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	Home- ownership	Rent	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	1000	173	9	57	273	193	22	60	67	41	147	45	66	10	25	85	
Average																	
January - October 2018	107.3	114.0	107.4	100.2	102.4	102.5	103.9	100.7	103.9	124.2	106.1	106.5	109.6	102.5	112.9	108.1	
January - October 2019	108.5	115.0	109.2	97.7	103.4	103.6	105.6	100.7	103.6	131.2	108.1	106.9	110.1	102.5	115.1	110.9	
January - October 2020	109.1	117.8	111.7	94.0	104.1	104.2	107.2	100.7	104.4	134.1	106.9	106.7	109.5	102.5	117.3	112.2	
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	
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	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	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	103.8	100.7	103.7	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	103.8	100.7	103.7	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	103.6	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	103.6	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	103.6	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	103.6	104.4	100.7	103.3	124.7	106.5	106.5	110.0	102.5	113.7	108.5	
November	108.3	116.2	108.0	99.2	103.3	103.6	104.4	100.7	103.3	124.8	106.5	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	100.7	103.3	124.8	106.5	106.5	110.0	102.5	113.7	108.5	
2019 January	108.5	116.0	107.9	98.6	103.4	103.6	104.5	100.7	102.6	129.7	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	130.5	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	131.2	108.5	106.9	110.2	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	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	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	103.4	105.8	100.7	103.8	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	103.6	106.2	100.7	104.1	132.7	107.9	106.8	109.8	102.5	115.7	111.6	
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July	109.0	117.3	111.1	93.3	104.0	104.1	107.2	100.7	104.7	134.5	106.8	106.7	109.6	102.5	118.0	112.3	
August	109.2	117.9	111.9	93.4	104.0	104.1	107.2	100.7	104.7	135.7	106.8	106.7	109.6	102.5	118.0	112.3	
September	109.5	119.9	112.4	92.8	104.0	104.1	107.2	100.7	104.7	136.2	106.8	106.7	109.6	102.5	118.0	112.3	
October	109.5	120.4	112.5	92.7	104.0	104.1	107.3	100.7	104.4	136.7	106.8	106.7	109.4	102.5	118.0	112.2	

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.