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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—April, 2021 (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 April, 2021, was 110.3, representing an increase of 0.4 point or 0.4% above the All Items Index for March, 2021.

The Rate of Inflation, as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January to April, 2021 over the period January to April, 2020 was 0.9%. This rate is greater than that observed for the period January to April, 2020 over the period January to April, 2019, which was 0.5%.

SECTION INDICES

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages decreased from 119.8 in March, 2021 to 119.6 in April, 2021, reflecting a decrease of 0.2%. Contributing significantly to this decrease was the general downward movement in the prices of table margarine, carite—fresh, pumpkin, garlic, potatoes, cucumber, pimento, melongene, powdered milk—full cream and fresh, chilled frozen or seasoned beef. However, the full impact of these price decreases was offset by the general increases in the prices of whole chicken—fresh, cabbage, tomatoes, eddoes, soya bean oil, cocoa and chocolate based preparations, carbonated soft drinks, corn, pizzas (frozen, precooked and ready to serve meals) and macaroni.

Price changes in this section for the month of April, 2021, had a negligible effect on the All Items Index.

OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for April, 2021, compared with March, 2021, reflected increases in the sub-indices for Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels of 1.6%, Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House of 0.3%, Health of 0.2%, Transport of 0.2% and Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants of 0.2%. However, decreases were noted in sub-indices for Clothing and Footwear 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 April, 2021 accounted for a 0.4 point increase in the All Items Index.

Changes in consumer prices in April, 2021 compared with those of April, 2020 reflected in various sections of the Index are shown hereunder:

Sections	Percentage Change April, 2020—April, 2021
All Items	1.1
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	1.5
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	3.1
Clothing and Footwear	-3.5
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	2.4
Home Ownership	2.9
Rent	0.6
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.0
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	0.5
Health	3.3
Transport	1.4
Communication	-0.1
Recreation and Culture	0.2
Education	0.0
Hotels, Cafés and Restaurant	0.9
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	-0.3

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES
Figures for April, 2021

Period	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
					Total	Home- ownership	Rent	Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels								
Weights	1000	173	9	57	275	193	22	60	67	41	147	45	66	10	25	85
Average																
January - April 2019	108.5	115.3	108.1	98.3	103.4	103.6	104.8	100.7	102.9	130.5	108.4	106.9	110.2	102.5	114.3	110.2
January - April 2020	109.0	117.1	111.6	94.7	104.2	104.3	107.1	100.7	104.3	132.7	107.0	106.8	109.5	102.5	116.6	112.2
January - April 2021	110.0	119.7	115.2	91.0	105.2	105.6	107.5	100.7	104.5	137.7	108.3	106.6	109.7	102.5	118.1	112.1
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
August	108.7	115.5	110.4	97.2	103.4	103.6	106.2	100.7	104.1	132.4	107.9	106.8	109.8	102.5	115.7	111.6
September	108.7	115.2	110.5	98.0	103.4	103.6	106.2	100.7	104.1	133.0	107.9	106.8	109.8	102.5	115.7	111.6
October	108.7	115.3	110.7	96.7	104.0	104.2	106.3	100.7	104.4	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	100.7	104.4	131.2	107.3	106.8	109.7	102.5	116.5	111.9
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April	109.1	117.8	112.0	94.3	104.0	104.1	107.5	100.7	104.2	133.5	106.9	106.7	109.5	102.5	117.2	112.3
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April	110.3	119.6	115.5	91.0	106.5	107.1	108.1	100.7	104.7	137.9	108.4	106.6	109.7	102.5	118.2	112.0

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.