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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—August, 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 August, 2021 was 111.6, representing an increase of 0.2 point or 0.2% above the All Items Index for July, 2021.

The Rate of Inflation, as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January to August, 2021 over the period January to August, 2020, was 1.4%. This rate is greater than that observed for the period January to August, 2020 over the period January to August, 2019, which was 0.5%.

SECTION INDICES

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 123.1 in July, 2021 to 124.6 in August, 2021, reflecting an increase of 1.2%. Contributing significantly to this increase was the general upward movement in the prices of brown sugar, parboiled rice, potatoes, whole chickens—frozen, peas and carrots, powdered milk—full cream, other chilled or frozen goat (any cut), full cream milk, evaporated milk and table margarine. However, the full impact of these price increases was offset by the general decrease in the prices of oranges, garlic, white flour, grapes, green (sweet) pepper, beef sausages, other chilled or frozen chicken (parts), cabbage, mauby and biscuits.

Price changes in this section for the month of August, 2021, represented a 0.3 point increase in the All Items Index.

OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for August, 2021, compared with July, 2021, reflected an increase in the sub-index for Health of 0.1%. However, a decrease was noted in the sub-index for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of 0.7%. All other sections remained unchanged.

Price changes in the Other Sections for the month of August, 2021, represented a 0.1 decrease in the All Items Index.

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

Sections	Percentage Change August, 2020—August, 2021
All Items	2.2
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	5.7
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	2.9
Clothing and Footwear	-2.6
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	3.8
Home Ownership	4.5
Rent	0.8
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.0
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	0.0
Health	1.8
Transport	1.5
Communication	0.5
Recreation and Culture	0.1
Education	0.0
Hotels, Cafés and Restaurants	0.2
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	-0.3

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(Base: January, 2015 =100)
GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES
Figures for August, 2021

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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	173	9	57	275	193	22	60	67	41	147	45	66	10	25	85	
Average																
January - August 2019	108.5	115.0	108.9	97.7	103.4	103.5	105.4	100.7	103.4	131.0	108.2	106.9	110.1	102.5	114.9	110.7
January - August 2020	109.0	117.2	111.5	94.3	104.1	104.2	107.2	100.7	104.4	133.6	106.9	106.7	109.5	102.5	117.1	112.2
January - August 2021	110.5	121.2	115.5	91.0	106.2	106.8	107.8	100.7	104.6	137.8	108.3	106.8	109.7	102.5	118.1	112.0
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
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
February	108.9	116.6	111.5	94.4	104.2	104.4	107.0	100.7	104.3	132.4	107.0	106.8	109.5	102.5	116.4	112.1
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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
May	109.0	117.6	111.2	94.3	104.0	104.1	107.5	100.7	104.2	133.7	106.9	106.7	109.5	102.5	117.2	112.3
June	108.8	116.6	111.5	94.3	104.0	104.1	107.5	100.7	104.2	133.7	106.9	106.7	109.5	102.5	117.2	112.3
July	109.0	117.3	111.1	93.3	104.0	104.1	107.2	100.7	104.2	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
November	109.6	120.8	114.6	92.3	104.0	104.1	107.3	100.7	104.4	137.0	106.8	106.7	109.4	102.5	118.0	112.2
December	109.5	120.1	113.4	92.1	104.0	104.1	107.3	100.7	104.4	137.2	106.8	106.7	109.4	102.5	118.0	112.2
2021 January	109.9	120.2	114.7	91.2	104.8	105.1	107.3	100.7	104.4	137.5	108.2	106.6	109.7	102.5	118.0	112.1
February	109.8	119.3	114.9	90.7	104.8	105.1	107.3	100.7	104.4	137.6	108.2	106.6	109.7	102.5	118.0	112.1
March	109.9	119.8	115.5	91.2	104.8	105.1	107.3	100.7	104.4	137.6	108.2	106.6	109.7	102.5	118.0	112.1
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
May	110.5	120.6	116.1	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
June	110.8	122.5	116.2	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
July	111.4	123.1	115.9	91.0	107.9	108.8	108.1	100.7	104.7	138.1	108.4	106.6	109.7	102.5	118.2	112.0
August	111.6	124.6	115.1	91.0	107.9	108.8	108.1	100.7	104.7	138.2	108.4	107.2	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.