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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—December, 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 December, 2020, was 109.5, representing a decrease of 0.1 point or 0.1% below the All Items Index for November, 2020.

The Rate of Inflation, as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January to December, 2020, over the period January to December, 2019, was 0.6%. This rate is less than that observed for the period January to December, 2019, over the period January to December, 2018, which was 1.0%.

SECTION INDICES

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages decreased from 120.8 in November, 2020 to 120.1 in December, 2020, reflecting a decrease of 0.6%. Contributing significantly to this decrease was the general downward movement in the prices of tomatoes, whole chickens—fresh, celery, eddoes, chive, cabbage, sports and energy drinks, tea-in bags, ochroes and grapes. The full impact of these price decreases was offset by the general increases in the prices of pumpkin, other chilled or frozen chicken (parts), potatoes, carrots, carite—fresh, cocoa and chocolate based preparations, salmon—fresh, shrimp—fresh, melongene and brown sugar.

Price changes in this section for the month of December, 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 December, 2020 compared with November, 2020, reflected decreases in the sub-indices for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of 1.0% and Clothing and Footwear of 0.2%. However, an increase was noted in the sub-index for Health of 1.0%. All other sections remained unchanged.

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

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

Sections	Percentage Change December, 2019—December, 2020
All Items	0.8
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	4.5
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	2.5
Clothing and Footwear	-4.2
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	4.8
Transport	-0.5
Communication	-0.1
Recreation and Culture	-0.3
Education	0.0
Hotels, Cafés and Restaurant	1.3
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	0.3

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES
Figures for December, 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	1000	173	9	57	Total	Home-ownership	Rent	Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	67	41	147	45	66	10	25	85	
Average																	
January - December 2018	107.4	114.4	107.5	100.0	102.6	102.7	104.0	100.7	103.8	124.3	106.5	106.5	109.7	102.5	113.1	108.1	
January - December 2019	108.5	115.0	109.5	97.4	103.5	103.7	105.7	100.7	103.7	131.1	108.0	106.9	110.0	102.5	115.4	111.1	
January - December 2020	109.2	118.2	112.1	93.7	104.1	104.2	107.3	100.7	104.4	134.6	106.9	106.7	109.5	102.5	117.4	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	107.8	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	104.1	100.7	103.3	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	103.6	104.1	100.7	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	104.1	100.7	103.3	124.8	108.5	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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September	109.5	119.9	112.5	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	107.2	100.7	104.7	136.2	106.8	106.7	109.6	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	

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.