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### INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—January, 2021 (Base: January, 2015 = 100)

THE following Memorandum on the Index of Retail Prices is published for general information.

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#### GENERAL INDEX

The All Items Index of Retail Prices calculated from the prices collected for the month of January, 2021, was 109.9, representing an increase of 0.4 point or 0.4% above the All Items Index for December, 2020.

The Rate of Inflation, as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January, 2021, over the period January, 2020, was 0.9%. This rate is more than that observed for the period January 2020 over the period January, 2019, which was 0.4%.

#### SECTION INDICES

##### FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 120.1 in December, 2020, to 120.2 in January, 2021, reflecting an increase of 0.1%. Contributing significantly to this increase was the general upward movement in the prices of whole chicken—fresh, carite—fresh, carrots, cucumber, tea-in-bag, potatoes, grapes, evaporated milk, powdered milk—full cream, and bodi. The full impact of these price decreases was offset by the general decreases in the prices of tomatoes, cabbage, oranges, fresh, chilled, frozen or seasoned beef, chive, fresh beef, steak—fresh beef, melongene, other fresh pork, and mixed fresh seasoning.

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

##### OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for January, 2021, compared with December, 2020, reflected increases in the sub-indices for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of 1.1%, Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels of 0.8%, Health of 0.2%, Transport of 1.3%, and Recreation and Culture of 0.3%. However, decreases were noted in the sub-indices for Clothing and Footwear of 1.0%, Communication of 0.1%, and Miscellaneous Goods and Services of 0.1%. All other sections remained unchanged.

Price changes in the Other Sections for the month of January, 2021, accounted for a net overall increase of 0.4 point in the All Items Index.

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

Sections	Percentage Change January, 2020—January, 2021
All Items	0.9
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	3.2
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	3.2
Clothing and Footwear	-4.3
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.6
Home Ownership	0.7
Rent	0.3
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.0
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	0.1
Health	4.0
Transport	1.1
Communication	-0.2
Recreation and Culture	0.2
Education	0.0
Hotels, Cafés and Restaurant	1.4
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	0.0

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES  
Figures for January, 2021

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, 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	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
January 2019	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
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
January 2021	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
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
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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
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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	107.3	100.7	104.7	136.2	106.8	106.7	109.6	102.5	118.0	112.3
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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

NOTE: To link the previous or old base (January 2015 = 100) to the new base (January 2020 = 100), at the All Items level, multiply the All Items Index of the new base by 2.307.