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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—February, 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 February, 2021, was 109.8, representing a decrease of 0.1 point or 0.1% below the All Items Index for January, 2021.

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

SECTION INDICES

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages decreased from 120.2 in January, 2021, to 119.3 in February, 2021, reflecting a decrease of 0.7%. Contributing significantly to this decrease was the general downward movement in the prices of whole chicken—fresh, tomatoes, oranges, other chilled or frozen chicken, celery, chive, fresh, chilled, frozen or seasoned beef, bodi, mixed fresh seasoning, and other fruit drinks (not orange drink). However, the full impact of these price decreases was offset by the general increase in the prices of melongene, grapes, carite—fresh, parboiled rice, garlic, cucumber, king fish—fresh, potatoes, lettuce and canned tuna.

Price changes in this section for the month of February, 2021, accounted for a net overall decrease of 0.2 point in the All Items Index.

OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for February 2021, compared with January, 2021, reflected an increase in the sub-indices for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of 0.2% and Health of 0.1%. However a decrease was noted in the sub-index for Clothing and Footwear of 0.5%. All other sections remained unchanged.

Price changes in the Other Sections for the month of February, 2021, accounted for a net overall increase of 0.1 point in the All Items Index.

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

Sections	Percentage Change February, 2020—February, 2021
All Items	0.8
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	2.3
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	3.0
Clothing and Footwear	-3.9
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	3.9
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 February, 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, Household 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																		
January - February 2019	108.5	115.7	107.8	98.4	103.4	103.6	104.5	100.7	102.6	130.1	108.5	106.9	110.2	102.5	113.9	110.0		
January - February 2020	108.9	116.6	111.3	94.9	104.2	104.4	107.0	100.7	104.3	132.3	107.0	106.8	109.5	102.5	116.4	112.1		
January - February 2021	109.9	119.8	114.8	91.0	104.8	105.1	107.3	100.7	104.4	137.6	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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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		

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.