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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—April, 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 April, 2020 was 109.1, representing an increase of 0.1 point or 0.1% above the All Items Index for March, 2020.

The Rate of Inflation, as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January to April, 2020, over the period January to April, 2019, was 0.5%. This rate is less than that observed for the period January to April, 2019, over the period January to April, 2018, which was 1.3%.

SECTION INDICES

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 117.4 in March, 2020 to 117.8 in April, 2020, reflecting an increase of 0.3%. Contributing significantly to this increase was the general upward movement in the prices of garlic, tea-in bags, tomatoes, table margarine, full cream milk, split peas, oranges, carbonated soft drinks, brown sugar and evaporated milk. However, the full impact of these price increases was offset by the general decreases in the prices of apples, parboiled rice, other chilled or frozen chicken, pimento, coffee—instant, fresh, chilled frozen or seasoned beef, bodi, baby cereal, orange drink and minced beef—chilled or frozen.

Price changes in this section for the month of April, 2020, accounted a 0.1 point increase in the All Items Index.

OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for April, 2020, compared with March, 2020, reflected increases in the sub-indices for alcoholic beverages and tobacco 0.2%, health 0.6%, hotels, cafes and restaurants 0.7% and miscellaneous goods and services 0.2%. However, decreases were noted in sub-indices for clothing and footwear 0.4%, housing, water, electricity, gas, and other fuels 0.2%, furnishings, household equipment and routine maintenance of the house 0.1%, transport 0.1%, communication 0.1%. All other remained unchanged.

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

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

Sections	Percentage Change April, 2019—April, 2020
All Items	0.7
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	3.4
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	2.9
Clothing and Footwear	-4.1
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.7
Home Ownership	0.7
Rent	1.6
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.0
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	0.4
Health	2.3
Transport	-1.2
Communication	-0.2
Recreation and Culture	-0.7
Education	0.0
Hotels, Cafés and Restaurants	1.6
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	1.4

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES
Figures for April, 2020

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, 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 2018	107.1	115.1	107.4	100.4	101.4	101.4	103.7	100.7	104.0	123.6	105.8	106.5	109.4	102.5	112.1	108.0
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
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	109.3	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	109.3	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	109.3	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	107.9	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	104.4	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	104.4	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	104.4	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	103.6	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
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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
March	109.0	117.4	111.8	94.7	104.2	104.4	107.0	100.7	104.3	132.7	107.0	106.8	109.5	102.5	116.4	112.1
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

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.