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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—August, 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 August, 2020, was 109.2, representing an increase of 0.2 point or 0.2% above the All Items Index for July, 2020.

The Rate of Inflation, as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January to August, 2020, over the period January to August, 2019, was 0.5%. This rate is less than that observed for the period January to August, 2019, over the period January to August, 2018, which was 1.2%.

SECTION INDICES

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 117.3 in July, 2020, to 117.9 in August, 2020, reflecting an increase of 0.5%. Contributing significantly to this increase was the general upward movement in the prices of whole chicken—fresh, potatoes, oranges, carite—fresh, onions, cabbage, carrots, other chilled or frozen chickens, dasheen and brown sugar. However, the full impact of these price increases was offset by the general decrease in the prices of pumpkin, crab—fresh, hot peppers, garlic, green (sweet) pepper, shrimp—fresh, parboiled rice, lettuce, pimento, and cocoa and chocolate based preparations.

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

OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for August, 2020, compared with July, 2020, reflected an increase in the sub-index for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of 0.7%, Clothing and Footwear of 0.1%, and Health of 0.9%. All other sections remained unchanged.

Price changes in the Other Sections for the month of August, 2020, represented a 0.1 point increase in the All Items Index.

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

Sections	Percentage Change August, 2019—August, 2020
All Items	0.5
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	2.1
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	1.4
Clothing and Footwear	-3.9
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.6
Home Ownership	0.5
Rent	0.9
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.0
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	0.6
Health	2.5
Transport	-1.0
Communication	-0.1
Recreation and Culture	-0.2
Education	0.0
Hotels, Cafés and Restaurants	2.0
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	0.6

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES
Figures for August, 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	275	193	22	60	67	41	147	45	66	10	25	85	
Average																	
January - August 2018	107.2	114.0	107.3	100.2	102.2	102.3	103.8	100.7	104.0	124.1	105.8	106.5	109.5	102.5	112.7	108.0	
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	
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	107.9	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	
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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	

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.