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GENERAL INDEX

The All Items Index of Retail Prices calculated from the prices collected for the month of May, 2022 was 115.9, representing no change in the All Items Index for April, 2022.

The Rate of Inflation, as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January to May, 2022 over the period January to May, 2021, was 4.4%. This rate is greater than that observed for the period January to May, 2021 over the period January to May, 2020, which was 1.0%.

SECTION INDICES

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 130.0 in April, 2022, to 130.4 in May, 2022, reflecting an increase of 0.3%. Contributing significantly to this increase was the general upward movement in the prices of table margarine, potatoes, brown sugar, powdered milk—full cream, other fruit drinks (not orange), oranges, other chilled or frozen chicken (parts), chilled or frozen beef, orange drinks and orange juice. However, the full impact of these price increases was offset by the general decreases in the prices of carite—fresh, king fish—fresh, whole chicken—fresh, cucumber, ochroes, salmon—fresh, melongene other edible oil (not soya bean oil), melon and sweet potatoes.

Price changes in this section for the month of May, 2022 had accounted for a net overall increase of 0.1 point in the All Items Index.

OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for May, 2022, compared with April, 2022, reflected an increase in the sub-index for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of 0.3%. However, a decrease was noted in the sub-index for Health of 0.1%. All other sections remained unchanged.

Price changes in the Other Sections for the month of May, 2022 had accounted for a net overall decrease of 0.1 point in the All Items Index.

Changes in consumer prices in May, 2022 compared with those of May, 2021 reflected in various sections of the Index are shown hereunder:

| Sections | Percentage Change May, 2021—May, 2022 |
|---|--|
| All Items | 4.9 |
| Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages | 8.1 |
| Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco | 3.1 |
| Clothing and Footwear | -0.1 |
| Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels | 6.6 |
| Home Ownership | 8.4 |
| Rent | -0.3 |
| Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels | 0.0 |
| Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House | 4.4 |
| Health | 1.5 |
| Transport | 5.9 |
| Communication | 2.3 |
| Recreation and Culture | -0.2 |
| Education | 0.0 |
| Hotels, Cafés and Restaurants | 4.5 |
| Miscellaneous Goods and Services | 1.8 |

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES Figures for May, 2022

| 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 |
| | | | | | 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 - May 2020 | 109.0 | 117.2 | 111.5 | 94.6 | 104.1 | 104.3 | 107.2 | 100.7 | 104.3 | 132.9 | 107.0 | 106.8 | 109.5 | 102.5 | 116.7 | 112.2 |
| January - May 2021 | 110.1 | 119.9 | 115.3 | 91.0 | 105.5 | 105.9 | 107.6 | 100.7 | 104.5 | 137.7 | 108.3 | 106.6 | 109.7 | 102.5 | 118.1 | 112.1 |
| January - May 2022 | 114.9 | 129.5 | 119.1 | 91.2 | 112.5 | 114.7 | 107.7 | 100.7 | 108.5 | 140.9 | 112.3 | 109.5 | 107.9 | 102.5 | 121.8 | 113.5 |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| June | 108.8 | 116.6 | 111.5 | 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 |
| July | 109.0 | 117.3 | 111.1 | 93.3 | 104.0 | 104.1 | 107.2 | 100.7 | 104.7 | 134.5 | 106.8 | 106.7 | 109.6 | 102.5 | 118.0 | 112.3 |
| 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 | 107.2 | 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 | 107.3 | 100.7 | 104.4 | 136.7 | 106.8 | 106.7 | 109.4 | 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 |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| March | 109.9 | 119.8 | 115.5 | 91.2 | 104.8 | 105.1 | 107.3 | 100.7 | 104.4 | 137.6 | 108.2 | 106.6 | 109.7 | 102.5 | 118.0 | 112.1 |
| April | 110.3 | 119.6 | 115.5 | 91.0 | 106.5 | 107.1 | 108.1 | 100.7 | 104.7 | 137.9 | 108.4 | 106.6 | 109.7 | 102.5 | 118.2 | 112.0 |
| May | 110.5 | 120.6 | 116.1 | 91.0 | 106.5 | 107.1 | 108.1 | 100.7 | 104.7 | 137.9 | 108.4 | 106.6 | 109.7 | 102.5 | 118.2 | 112.0 |
| June | 110.8 | 122.5 | 116.2 | 91.0 | 106.5 | 107.1 | 108.1 | 100.7 | 104.7 | 137.9 | 108.4 | 106.6 | 109.7 | 102.5 | 118.2 | 112.0 |
| July | 111.4 | 123.1 | 115.9 | 91.0 | 107.9 | 108.8 | 108.1 | 100.7 | 104.7 | 138.1 | 108.4 | 107.2 | 109.7 | 102.5 | 118.2 | 112.0 |
| August | 111.6 | 124.6 | 115.1 | 91.0 | 107.9 | 108.8 | 108.1 | 100.7 | 104.7 | 138.2 | 108.4 | 107.2 | 109.7 | 102.5 | 118.2 | 112.0 |
| September | 112.1 | 126.8 | 116.3 | 91.5 | 107.9 | 108.8 | 108.1 | 100.7 | 104.7 | 138.7 | 108.4 | 107.2 | 109.7 | 102.5 | 118.2 | 112.0 |
| October | 113.8 | 129.6 | 116.0 | 91.2 | 110.4 | 112.1 | 107.9 | 100.7 | 107.2 | 139.9 | 110.1 | 107.2 | 109.9 | 102.5 | 119.4 | 112.4 |
| November | 113.6 | 128.2 | 116.0 | 91.1 | 110.4 | 112.1 | 107.9 | 100.7 | 107.2 | 141.0 | 110.1 | 107.2 | 109.9 | 102.5 | 119.4 | 112.4 |
| December | 113.3 | 127.0 | 115.6 | 91.0 | 110.4 | 112.1 | 107.9 | 100.7 | 107.2 | 140.2 | 110.1 | 107.2 | 109.9 | 102.5 | 119.4 | 112.4 |
| 2022 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 114.1 | 128.1 | 117.9 | 91.3 | 111.8 | 113.8 | 107.7 | 100.7 | 108.0 | 141.7 | 110.6 | 109.9 | 106.9 | 102.5 | 120.6 | 113.2 |
| February | 114.4 | 129.6 | 118.7 | 91.2 | 111.8 | 113.8 | 107.7 | 100.7 | 108.0 | 141.8 | 110.6 | 109.9 | 106.9 | 102.5 | 120.6 | 113.2 |
| March | 114.4 | 129.3 | 119.6 | 91.8 | 111.8 | 113.8 | 107.7 | 100.7 | 108.0 | 140.8 | 110.6 | 109.9 | 106.9 | 102.5 | 120.6 | 113.2 |
| April | 115.9 | 130.0 | 119.4 | 90.9 | 113.5 | 116.1 | 107.8 | 100.7 | 109.3 | 140.2 | 114.8 | 109.0 | 109.5 | 102.5 | 123.5 | 114.0 |
| May | 115.9 | 130.4 | 119.7 | 90.9 | 113.5 | 116.1 | 107.8 | 100.7 | 109.3 | 140.0 | 114.8 | 109.0 | 109.5 | 102.5 | 123.5 | 114.0 |

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.