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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—December, 2021 (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 December, 2021, was 113.3, representing a decrease of 0.3 point or 0.3% below the All Items Index for November, 2021.

The Rate of Inflation, as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January to December, 2021, over the period January to December, 2020, was 2.0%. This rate is greater than that observed for the period January to December, 2020, over the period January to December, 2019, which was 0.6%.

SECTION INDICES

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages decreased from 128.2 in November, 2021 to 127.0 in December, 2021, reflecting a decrease of 0.9%. Contributing significantly to this decrease was the general downward movement in the prices of pumpkin, whole chickens—fresh, powdered milk—full cream, chive, celery, green (sweet) pepper, melongene, mixed fresh seasoning, hot pepper and salted pig tail. The full impact of these price decreases was offset by the general increases in the prices of whole chickens—frozen, tomatoes, other chilled or frozen chicken (parts), white flour, table margarine, pimento, low fat milk, oranges, sweet potatoes and fresh, chilled, frozen or seasoned beef.

Price changes in this section for the month of December, 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 December, 2021 compared with November, 2021, reflected decreases in the sub-indices for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of 0.3%, Clothing and Footwear of 0.1% and Health of 0.6%. All other sections remained unchanged.

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

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

Sections	Percentage Change December, 2020—December, 2021
All Items	3.5
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	5.7
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	1.9
Clothing and Footwear	-1.2
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	6.2
Home Ownership	7.7
Rent	0.6
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.0
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	2.7
Health	2.2
Transport	3.1
Communication	0.5
Recreation and Culture	0.5
Education	0.0
Hotels, Cafés and Restaurant	1.2
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	0.2

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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES
(Base: January, 2015 =100)
GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES
Figures for December, 2021

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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 - December 2019	108.5	115.0	109.5	97.4	103.5	103.7	100.7	103.7	131.1	108.0	106.9	110.0	102.5	115.4	111.1	
January - December 2020	109.2	118.2	112.1	93.7	104.1	104.2	107.3	100.7	104.4	106.9	106.7	109.5	102.5	117.4	112.2	
January - December 2021	111.4	123.4	115.7	91.1	107.4	108.3	107.9	100.7	105.3	108.8	106.9	109.8	102.5	118.5	112.1	
2019 January	108.5	116.0	107.9	98.6	103.4	103.6	104.5	100.7	102.6	108.5	106.9	110.2	102.5	113.9	110.0	
February	108.4	115.4	107.7	98.1	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	103.6	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	103.4	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	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	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	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	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	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	131.7	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	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	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	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	132.4	107.0	106.8	109.5	102.5	116.4	112.1	
March	109.0	117.4	111.8	94.7	104.3	104.4	107.0	100.7	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	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	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	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	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	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	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	136.7	106.8	106.7	109.6	102.5	118.0	112.3	
November	109.6	120.8	114.6	92.3	104.0	104.1	107.3	100.7	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	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	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	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	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	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	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	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	138.1	108.4	106.6	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	138.2	108.4	106.6	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	138.7	108.4	106.6	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	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	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	140.2	110.1	107.2	109.9	102.5	119.4	112.4	

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.