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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—January, 2022 (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 January, 2022, was 114.1, representing an increase of 0.8 point or 0.7% above the All Items Index for December, 2021.

The Rate of Inflation, as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January, 2022, over the period January, 2021, was 3.8%. This rate is greater than that observed for the period January 2021 over the period January, 2020, which was 0.9%.

SECTION INDICES

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 127.0 in December, 2021, to 128.1 in January, 2022, reflecting an increase of 0.9%. Contributing significantly to this increase was the general upward movement in the prices of carite—fresh, powdered milk—full cream, parboiled rice, white flour, king fish—fresh, carrots, eddoes, snacks (corn curls, cheese balls, tortilla chips etc.), other chilled or frozen chicken (parts), and cucumber. The full impact of these price decreases was offset by the general decreases in the prices of tomatoes, pumkin, chive, other fruit drinks (not orange), fresh beef, steak—fresh beef, carbonated soft drinks, potatoes, apples, and salted pig tail.

Price changes in this section for the month of January, 2022, accounted for a net overall increase of 0.2 point in the All Items Index.

OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for January, 2022, compared with December, 2021, reflected increases in the sub-indices for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of 2.0%, Clothing and Footwear of 0.3%, Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels of 1.3%, Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House of 0.7%, Health of 1.1%, Transport of 0.5%, Communication of 2.5%, Hotels, Cafes and Restaurant of 1.0%, and Miscellaneous Goods and Services of 0.7%. However decreases were noted in the sub-indices for Recreation and Culture of 2.7%. All other sections remained unchanged.

Price changes in the Other Sections for the month of January, 2022, accounted for a net overall increase of 0.6 point in the All Items Index.

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

Sections	Percentage Change January, 2021—January, 2022
All Items	3.8
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	6.6
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	2.8
Clothing and Footwear	0.1
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	6.7
Home Ownership	8.3
Rent	0.4
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.0
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	3.4
Health	3.1
Transport	2.2
Communication	3.1
Recreation and Culture	-2.6
Education	0.0
Hotels, Cafés and Restaurant	2.2
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	1.0

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES
Figures for January, 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	173	9	57	275	193	22	60	67	41	147	45	66	10	25	85	
Average	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
January 2020	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
February	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
March	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
April	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
May	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
June	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
July	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
August	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
September	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
October	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
November	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
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
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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

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.