

# TRINIDAD AND TOBAG0 GAZETTE (EXTRAORDINARY) 

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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES-July, 2010
(Base: January, \(2003=100\) )
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## GENERAL INDEX

The All Items Index of Retail Prices calculated from prices collected for the month of July, 2010 was 180.0 representing an increase of 0.8 point or $0.4 \%$ above the Index for June, 2010.

The annual rate of inflation as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January-July, 2010 over that for the period January-July, 2009 was $8.3 \%$. This reflects a reduction when compared with a rate of inflation of $10.1 \%$ observed in the average All Items Index for the period January-July, 2009 over the average All Items Index for the same period in 2008.

## SECTION INDICES

## FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 400.6 in June, 2010 to 402.8 in July, 2010, reflecting an increase of $0.5 \%$. Contributing significantly to this increase was the general upward movement in the prices of whole chicken, sweet pepper, green bananas, ripe bananas, carrots, avocado, yams, sweet potatoes, dasheen, ochroes, oranges, chive, hot peppers and canned vegetables. However, the full impact of these price increases was dampened by a general decline in the prices of fish-carite, tomatoes, cucumber, lettuce, watercress, christophene, plantain, limes, celery, garlic and other vegetable oils and salad dressings.

Price changes in this section, for the month of July, 2010 accounted for a net overall increase of 0.4 point in the All Items Index.

## OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for July, 2010 compared with June, 2010 reflected increases in the sub-indices for Rent $0.6 \%$; Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House $0.4 \%$; Health $0.3 \%$; Recreation and Culture $3.2 \%$; Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants $0.2 \%$; and Miscellaneous Goods and Services $0.6 \%$. However, declines were noted in the sub-indices for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco 0.2\%; Clothing and Footwear 1.0\%; and Home Ownership 0.1\%.

Price changes in these sections for the month of July, 2010 had a negligible net overall effect on the All Items Index.
Changes in consumer prices in July, 2010 compared with those of July, 2009 reflected in various sections of the Index are shown hereunder:

## Sections

| All Items | 14.1 |
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| Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages | 33.2 |
| Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco | 1.3 |
| Clothing and Footwear | -1.3 |
| Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels | 0.3 |
| Home, Ownership | -1.4 |
| Rent | 6.6 |
| Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels | 2.9 |
| Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House | 1.1 |
| Health | 5.0 |
| Transport | 11.8 |
| Communication | 0.0 |
| Recreation and Culture | 4.6 |
| Education | 2.9 |
| Hotels, Cafes and Restaurant | 1.4 |
| Miscellaneous Goods and Services | 3.3 |

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Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels ..... 0.3
Ownership ..... 6.6
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels ..... 2.9Health5.0
Transport ..... 0
Recreation and Culture ..... 4.6
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