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## INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—December, 2015 (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, 2015 was 102.5 which was also recorded in the previous month (November 2015).

The percentage change in the All Items Index for the period January to December, 2015 over the period January to December, 2014 was 4.6%. This reflects a decrease when compared with the rate of inflation of 5.7% observed in the All Items Index for the period January to December, 2014 over the period January to December, 2013.

### SECTION INDICES

#### FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 104.7 in November, 2015 to 105.0 in December, 2015, reflecting an increase of 0.3%. Contributing significantly to this increase was the general upward movement in the prices of fresh carite, fresh king fish, green pigeon peas, ochroes, pumpkin, carrots, fresh steak, fresh crab, other fresh pork and garlic. However, the full impact of these price increases was offset by the general decrease in the prices of cucumber, cheddar cheese, tomatoes, eddoes, macaroni, celery, ripe bananas, melongene, table margarine and green sweet peppers.

Price changes in this section for the month of December, 2015 accounted for a net overall increase of 0.1 points in the All Items Index.

#### OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for December, 2015 compared with November, 2015 reflected a decrease in the sub-indices for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of 1.1%, Clothing and Footwear of 0.5%, and Health of 0.1%. All other sections remained unchanged.

Price changes in the Other Sections for the month of December, 2015 accounted for a net overall decrease of 0.1 points in the All Items Index.

Changes in consumer prices in December, 2015 compared with those of December, 2014 reflected in various sections of the Index are shown hereunder—

Sections	Percentage Change December, 2015—December, 2014
All Items	1.5
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	2.6
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	1.9
Clothing and Footwear	5.9
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.9
Home Ownership	0.7
Rent	2.5
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.0
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	1.8
Health	1.7
Transport	1.0
Communication	-1.6
Recreation and Culture	7.7
Education	2.5
Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	4.8
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	5.5

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**GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES**  
Figures for December, 2015

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	Communica tion	Recreation and Culture	Education	Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	Miscellaneo us 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	1000	173	9	57	275	193	22	60	67	41	147	45	66	10	25	85
January - December 2014	96.8	94.2	97.5	96.7	99.5	99.5	98.9	100.0	99.8	99.3	99.1	100.0	101.7	94.3	99.4	98.6
January - December 2015	101.3	102.3	100.7	101.0	100.4	100.5	100.4	100.0	100.9	100.3	100.1	99.2	105.0	101.9	101.7	103.2
2015 January	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
February	100.0	100.2	99.8	99.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
March	100.0	100.0	100.1	99.6	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
April	100.7	99.3	99.9	99.8	100.4	100.5	100.0	100.0	100.6	99.7	99.9	100.0	106.0	102.5	101.8	103.0
May	100.8	99.5	100.0	100.0	100.4	100.5	100.0	100.0	100.6	100.0	99.9	100.0	106.0	102.5	101.8	103.0
June	101.0	100.9	100.1	99.2	100.4	100.5	100.0	100.0	100.6	100.0	99.9	100.0	106.0	102.5	101.8	103.0
July	101.7	103.6	100.5	102.8	100.5	100.7	100.0	100.0	101.4	100.2	99.5	98.5	106.2	102.5	101.0	104.3
August	101.7	103.6	101.1	101.8	100.5	100.7	100.0	100.0	101.4	100.5	99.5	98.5	106.2	102.5	101.0	104.3
September	101.9	105.0	101.8	102.0	100.5	100.7	100.0	100.0	101.4	100.7	99.5	98.5	106.2	102.5	101.0	104.3
October	102.6	105.2	102.0	102.3	100.7	100.7	101.7	100.0	101.7	100.7	101.0	98.4	107.7	102.5	104.0	105.5
November	102.5	104.7	102.2	102.7	100.7	100.7	101.7	100.0	101.7	100.8	101.0	98.4	107.7	102.5	104.0	105.5
December	102.5	105.0	101.1	102.2	100.7	100.7	101.7	100.0	101.7	100.7	101.0	98.4	107.7	102.5	104.0	105.5

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.