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## INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—July, 2023 (Base: January, 2015 = 100)

THE following Memorandum on the Index of Retail Prices is published for general information.

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### GENERAL INDEX

The All Items Index of Retail Prices calculated from the prices collected for the month of July, 2023 was 123.5, representing an increase of 0.6 points or 0.5% above the All Items Index for June, 2023.

The Rate of Inflation, as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January to July, 2023 over the period January to July, 2022 was 6.4%. This rate is greater than that observed for the period January to July, 2022 over the period January to July, 2021, which was 4.7%.

### SECTION INDICES

#### FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 145.3 in June, 2023 to 147.5 in July, 2023, reflecting an increase of 1.5%. Contributing significantly to this increase was the general upward movement in the prices of chilled or frozen beef, whole chickens—fresh, fresh beef, chilled or frozen pork, celery, pumpkin, tomatoes, mixed fresh seasoning, grapes and cabbage. However, the full impact of these price increases was offset by the general decreases in the prices of carite—fresh, king fish—fresh, cheddar cheese, pimento, bodi, white flour, salmon—fresh, cucumber, steak—fresh and soya bean oil.

Price changes in this section for the month of July, 2023 accounted for a net overall increase of 0.4 points in the All Items Index.

#### OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for July, 2023 compared with June, 2023 reflected an increase in the sub-index for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of 0.5%, Clothing and Footwear of 1.2%, Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Maintenance of the House of 0.6%, Health of 0.3%, Communication of 0.2%, Recreation and Culture of 0.9%, Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants of 0.4% and Miscellaneous Goods and Services of 0.4%. Also, this period showed a decrease in the sub-index for Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels of 0.1% and Transport of 0.2%. All other sections remained unchanged.

Changes in consumer prices in July, 2023 compared with those of July, 2022 reflected in various sections of the Index are shown hereunder:

Sections	Percentage Change July, 2022—July, 2023
All Items	4.7
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	8.6
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	3.7
Clothing and Footwear	-0.5
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.0
Home Ownership	-0.1
Rent	1.5
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.0
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	3.5
Health	2.5
Transport	7.8
Communication	1.5
Recreation and Culture	10.6
Education	0.0
Hotels, Cafés and Restaurant	8.2
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	6.7

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(Base: January, 2015 =100)  
GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES  
Figures for July, 2023

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Period	All Items Jan 2015 =100	Section Indices										Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	Miscellaneous Goods and Services				
		Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	Clothing and Footwear	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels			Section Indices						Transport	Communication	Recreation and Culture	Education
Weights	1000	173	9	57	275	193	22	60	67	41	147	45	66	10	25	85	
<b>Average</b>																	
January - July 2021	110.4	120.7	115.5	91.0	106.0	106.5	107.8	100.7	104.6	137.8	108.3	106.7	109.7	102.5	118.1	112.0	
January - July 2022	115.6	130.7	119.0	91.1	112.9	115.2	107.9	100.7	109.2	140.9	113.4	109.4	108.5	102.5	122.5	113.8	
January - July 2023	123.0	146.4	121.5	90.9	114.6	117.3	109.6	100.7	115.8	144.3	126.6	110.3	120.1	102.5	134.0	122.1	
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	118.3	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	108.9	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	109.3	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	
June	116.2	132.0	118.6	90.2	113.5	116.1	107.8	100.7	109.3	140.1	114.8	109.0	109.5	102.5	123.5	114.0	
July	118.0	135.8	119.4	91.2	114.2	116.9	108.8	100.7	112.8	141.6	117.7	109.0	110.3	102.5	125.2	115.1	
August	118.6	139.2	119.3	91.0	114.2	116.9	108.8	100.7	112.8	142.3	117.7	109.0	110.3	102.5	125.2	115.1	
September	119.0	141.5	118.8	91.1	114.2	116.9	108.8	100.7	112.8	142.6	117.7	109.0	110.3	102.5	125.2	115.1	
October	122.5	144.5	115.9	93.2	115.9	119.0	109.7	100.7	117.2	142.9	126.2	110.1	114.5	102.5	130.7	119.8	
November	122.7	145.9	116.7	92.7	115.9	119.0	109.7	100.7	117.2	142.7	126.2	110.1	114.5	102.5	130.7	119.8	
December	123.2	149.0	116.5	92.7	115.9	119.0	109.7	100.7	117.2	142.7	126.2	110.1	114.5	102.5	130.7	119.8	
2023 January	123.6	150.3	118.2	92.1	115.0	117.9	109.6	100.7	115.2	143.5	126.1	110.1	118.7	102.5	132.6	121.6	
February	123.1	147.8	118.6	91.9	115.0	117.9	109.6	100.7	115.2	143.9	126.1	110.1	118.7	102.5	132.6	121.6	
March	122.8	146.1	121.1	91.9	115.0	117.9	109.6	100.7	115.2	143.5	126.1	110.1	118.7	102.5	132.6	121.6	
April	122.8	144.5	122.6	90.4	114.3	116.8	109.4	100.7	116.1	144.5	127.1	110.4	120.9	102.5	134.9	123.3	
May	122.5	145.0	123.1	89.9	114.3	116.8	109.4	100.7	116.1	144.6	127.1	110.4	120.9	102.5	134.9	123.3	
June	122.9	145.3	123.2	89.6	114.3	116.8	109.4	100.7	116.1	144.8	127.1	110.4	120.9	102.5	134.9	123.3	
July	123.5	147.5	123.8	90.7	114.2	116.8	110.4	100.7	116.8	145.2	126.9	110.6	122.0	102.5	135.5	122.8	

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.