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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX—August, 2024 (Base: January, 2015 = 100)

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GENERAL INDEX

The Rate of Inflation, which measures the percentage change in the All Items Index for the month of August 2024 over August 2023, was 0.4%. This rate is less than that observed for the period August 2023 over the period August 2022, which was 4.0%.

The All Items Index calculated from the prices collected for the month of August 2024 was 123.9, which remained unchanged from the All Items Index for July 2024.

# SECTION INDICES

### FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages decreased from 149.6 in July 2024 to 149.2 in August 2024, reflecting a decrease of 0.3%. Contributing significantly to this decrease was the general downward movement in the prices of tomatoes, celery, pumpkin, bodi, green sweet peppers, fresh carite, eddoes, soya bean oil, mixed fresh seasoning and pimento. However, the full impact of these price decreases were offset by the general increase in the prices of parboiled rice, fresh whole chicken, irish potatoes, onions, sweet potatoes, eggs, white flour, dasheen, carrots and oranges.

Price changes in this section for the month of August 2024 accounted for a net overall decrease of 0.1 points.

## OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for August 2024 compared with July 2024 reflected increases in the sub-indices for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of 0.5~% and Health of 0.2%. All other sections remained unchanged.

Changes in consumer prices in August 2024 compared with those of August 2023 reflected in various sections of the Index are shown hereunder: Percentage Change Sections

Sections	August, 2023—August, 2024
	August, 2020–August, 2024
All Items	0.4
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	1.5
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	4.2
Clothing and Footwear	-3.2
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	-1.0
Home Ownership	-1.4
Rent	1.1
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.0
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	-4.7
Health	7.5
Transport	-0.7
Communication	8.4
Recreation and Culture	-2.4
Education	0.0
Hotels, Cafés and Restaurants	3.1
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	2.0

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES Figures for August. 2024

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Period	All Items Jan 2015 =100	r ood and Non- Alcoholic Beverages	Auconouc Beverages and Tobacco	Clothing and Footwear	Total	Home- ownership	Rent	Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	Health	Transport	Communication	Recreation and Culture	Education	Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	Miscellaneous Goods and Services
Weights	1000	173	6	57	275	193	22	60	67	41	147	45	66	10	25	85
Average																
January - August 2022	115.9	131.8	119.1	91.1	113.0	115.4	108.0	100.7	109.7	141.1	114.0	109.3	108.7	102.5	122.8	114.0
January - August 2023	123.1	146.4	121.8	9.06	114.5	117.2	109.7	100.7	115.9	144.4	126.7	110.3	120.4	102.5	134.2	122.2
January - August 2024	123.8	147.8	126.1	88.4	113.1	115.2	111.4	100.7	113.0	155.6	126.5	119.1	120.2	102.5	138.8	124.8
2022 January	114.1	128.1	117.9	91.3	111.8	113.8	107.7	100.7		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		141.8	110.6	109.9		102.5		113.2
April	114.4	130.0	119.4	5.12 90.9	111.8			100.7			114.8		109.5	102.5		114.0
May	115.9	130.4	119.7	9.09	113.5		107.8	100.7			114.8			102.5		114.0
June	116.2	132.0	118.6	90.2	113.5	116.1	107.8	100.7		140.1	114.8	109.0		102.5		114.0
Anonst	118.6	139.2	119.3	91.0	114.2		108.8	100.7			117.7			102.5		1.511
September	119.0	141.5	118.8	91.1	114.2		108.8	100.7			117.7			102.5		115.1
October	122.5	144.5	115.9	93.2	115.9		109.7	100.7			126.2		114.5			119.8
December	122.7	149.0	116.7	92.7	9.011 9.115.9	119.0	109.7	100.7	117.2	142.7	126.2	110.1		102.5	130.7	119.8
2023 January February	123.6	150.3	118.6	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
March	122.8	146.1	121.1	91.9	115.0	117.9	109.6	100.7			126.1	110.1		102.5		121.6
April	122.8	144.5	122.6	90.4	114.3	116.8	109.4	100.7			127.1	110.4		102.5		122.3
May	122.5	143.0	123.1	89.9 80.6	114.3	116.8	109.4	100.7	116.1	144.6 144.8	127.1	110.4	120.9	102.5	134.9	122.3
July	123.5	147.5		90.7	114.2	116.8	110.4	100.7								122.8
August	123.4	147.0		90.6	114.2	116.8	110.4	100.7				110				122.8
September October	123.6	147.2	123.9	90.0	114.2	116.8	110.4	100.7	116.8	145.4	126.9	110.6	122.0	102.5	135.5	122.8
November	124.0	147.0	1251	88.5	114.4	116.8	110.9	100 7			127.2			102.5		123.8
December	124.1	147.3	124.4	88.3	114.4	116.8	110.9	100.7	115.7		127.2		123.0	102.5		123.8
2024 January	124.0	147.4	124.2	89.2	113.7	116.0	1111.1	100.7	113.4	154.9	126.8		122.5	102.5	138.6	124.2
February	124.1	147.9	124.4	89.1	113.7	116.0	1111.1	100.7						102.5		124.2
March	123.8	146.2	125.7	88.9	113.7	116.0	1.111	100.7			126.8					124.2
April Mav	123.4	146.1	125.9	88.7	112.4	114.4	111.5	100.7		156.0	126.6	119.8	118.6			125.1
June	123.7	148.6	126.0	87.6	112.4	114.4	111.5	100.7						102.5	138.5	125.1
July	123.9	149.6	128.1	87.7	113.1	115.2	111.6	100.7			126.0					125.2
August	123.9	149.2	128.7	87.7	113.1	115.2	111.6	100.7		156.4	126.0		119.1	102.5	139.7	125.2

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