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## **JULY 2017**

The consumer price index recorded an increase of 0.2 percent for the month of July 2017. The “All Items” index was registered at 108.5 for the month of July 2017 compared to 108.3 for the month of June 2017. The “point-to-point” inflation rate stood at 2.1 percent.

Four (4) groups recorded increases for the month, namely; “Restaurants and Hotels” (2.5 %), “Food and Non- Alcoholic Beverages” (1.0%), “Transport” (0.7%) and “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” (0.4%). Three (3) groups recorded decreases for the month, “Miscellaneous Goods and Services” (0.7%), “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other fuels” (0.6%) and “Health” (0.4%). Five (5) groups remained unchanged “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics”, “Clothing and Footwear”, “Communication”, “Recreation and Culture” and “Education”.

The Restaurants and Hotels index registered the largest increase during the month (2.5%) due to higher prices for a fish lunch (11.8%), a glass of fruit juice (9.5%) and a chicken lunch (0.7%).

The 1.0 percent growth in the “Food and Non – Alcoholic Beverages index” resulted from an increase in the prices for several items namely; tomatoes (59.7%), eddoes (18.7%), turkey neck (15.0%), garlic (11.1%), cornflakes (3.2%), chicken franks (3.1%), mild cheddar cheese (2.7%), chicken - drumsticks (2.4%) and cooking margarine (1.6%).

The “Transport” index also registered an increase of 0.7 percent due to a rise in the price for passenger airfare from St Vincent and the Grenadines to Trinidad and Tobago (46.4%), Barbados (36.2%) and St. Lucia (12.4%). Similarly, the group index for Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance grew by 0.4 percent due to a higher price for a living room set (29.0%), washing powder (5.3%), washing soap (1.6%) and candles (1.1%).

The “Miscellaneous Goods & Services” group index registered a 0.7 percent decline as a result of a 10.4 percent decline in the price for vehicle insurance.

The 0.6 percent fall in the group index for Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels resulted from a decline in the price of electricity (3.0%). This decline is due to a decrease in the fuel surcharge rate from 30.07 cents per kilowatt hour for the month of June 2017 to 27.65 cents per kilowatt hour for the month of July 2017.

Meanwhile, the index for the group “Health” decreased by 0.4 percent due to a lower cost for cough medication (13.4%).

**Table 1**  
**Average Retail Price of Selected Items**

Items	Unit Of Quantity	Average Price EC\$		Change In Price	Percentage Change In Price
		July 2017	June 2017		
<b>INCREASED</b>					
Cornflakes	12oz box	14.00	13.56	0.44	3.24
Other cereals	Lb	2.42	2.38	0.04	1.68
Crackers - Salted White	5oz Pk	3.40	3.36	0.04	1.19
Crackers - Salted Whole Wheat	5oz Pk	4.53	4.50	0.03	0.67
Chicken - drumsticks	Lb	3.03	2.96	0.07	2.36
Turkey neck	Lb	2.69	2.34	0.35	14.96
Bacon	200g Pk	9.34	9.04	0.30	3.32
Pork ribs	Lb	6.06	5.75	0.31	5.39
Pig feet - frozen	Lb	3.93	3.80	0.13	3.42
Chicken franks	340g Pk	5.95	5.77	0.18	3.12
Cooking margarine	445g Tub	8.97	8.83	0.14	1.59
Eddoes	Lb	3.05	2.57	0.48	18.68
Yams	Lb	3.67	3.19	0.48	15.05
Tomatoes	Lb	5.43	3.40	2.03	59.71
Sweet Potatoes	Lb	2.22	2.09	0.13	6.22
Garlic - loose	500g	7.69	6.92	0.77	11.13
Mild cheddar	Lb	13.49	13.14	0.35	2.66
Fruit punch	16fl oz bottle	6.95	5.73	1.22	21.29
Living room set	5 seater	3367.83	2611.39	756.44	28.97
Washing soap	Each	1.24	1.22	0.02	1.64
Washing powder	400g Pk	4.95	4.70	0.25	5.32
Candles	4 Pk	6.60	6.53	0.07	1.07
Passenger Airfare from St.Vincent and the Grenadines to:					
St. Lucia	one way	458.65	408.16	50.49	12.37
Barbados	one way	581.45	427.00	154.45	36.17
Trinidad & Tobago	one way	597.24	407.84	189.40	46.44
Chicken lunch	Each	13.96	13.86	0.10	0.72
Fish lunch	Each	15.49	13.86	1.63	11.76
Fruit juice	Large	3.35	3.06	0.29	9.48
<b>DECREASED</b>					
Rice, loose	Lb	1.96	1.99	-0.03	-1.51
Pasta products	206g Pk	3.25	3.44	-0.19	-5.52
Pig tail, fresh	Lb	5.65	5.78	-0.13	-2.25
Codfish	Lb	14.37	14.55	-0.18	-1.24
Powered milk - full cream	Lb	6.55	6.65	-0.10	-1.50
Limes	Lb	3.38	3.51	-0.13	-3.70
Cauliflower	Lb	7.49	8.09	-0.60	-7.42
Door - wooden, without glass	6 panels	281.18	290.13	-8.95	-3.08
Electricity	140Kwh	108.71	112.10	-3.39	-3.02
Cough medication	120 ml	12.95	14.95	-2.00	-13.38
Third party insurance	1 year	430.00	480.00	-50.00	-10.42

**Table 2.1**  
**Average Retail Price of Selected Items**  
**July 2017 Compared With July 2016**

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		July 2017	July 2016		
<b>FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES</b>					
Beef - Fresh	Lb.	8.00	8.00	0.00	0.00
Chicken - Whole	Lb.	6.60	6.71	-0.11	-1.64
Chicken - Leg Quarters	Lb.	2.79	2.73	0.06	2.20
Chicken - Backs	Lb.	1.57	1.62	-0.05	-3.09
Chicken - Wings	Lb.	4.48	4.60	-0.12	-2.61
Turkey Wings	Lb.	2.89	2.72	0.17	6.25
Fish - Fresh (Deep Sea)	Lb.	9.00	9.00	0.00	0.00
Fish - Fresh (Jacks)	Lb.	4.00	4.00	0.00	0.00
Fish - Fresh (Robins)	Lb.	4.00	4.00	0.00	0.00
Chicken Franks	340 g Pk	5.64	5.26	0.38	7.22
Luncheon Meat (pork)	340 g	8.16	7.74	0.42	5.43
Codfish	Lb.	14.37	14.01	0.36	2.57
Cornflakes	12 oz	14.00	13.17	0.83	6.30
Pasta - Elbows	340 g	4.71	4.64	0.07	1.51
Milk - Evaporated	410g Tin	3.29	3.14	0.15	4.67
Milk - Condensed	397g Tin	3.48	3.29	0.19	5.78
Bread- Small Loaf, white	5 Pk	2.02	2.02	0.00	0.00
Bread - Large Sliced Pan Loaf (white)	Each	4.25	4.25	0.00	0.00
Eggs	Doz	8.52	8.96	-0.44	-4.91
Orange Juice	19 oz Tin	9.14	8.50	0.64	7.53
Sugar - Brown ( loose)	Lb.	1.56	1.54	0.02	1.30
Sugar - White ( loose)	Lb.	2.04	1.72	0.32	18.60
Flour - Loose	Lb.	1.36	1.40	-0.04	-2.86
Flour - Packaged ( white)	2 kg	6.75	6.75	0.00	0.00
Flour - Packaged ( wholewheat)	2 kg	7.29	7.39	-0.10	-1.35
Rice - Loose	Lb.	1.96	1.90	0.06	3.16
Rice - Package	2 kg	10.55	10.54	0.01	0.09
Bananas	Lb.	1.36	1.39	-0.03	-2.16
Breadfruit	Lb.	2.58	2.63	-0.05	-1.90
Eddoes	Lb.	3.05	3.29	-0.24	-7.29
Dasheens	Lb.	1.88	1.88	0.00	0.00
Sweet Potatoes	Lb.	2.22	2.24	-0.02	-0.89
Oranges	Each	0.79	0.79	0.00	0.00
Tomatoes	Lb.	5.43	4.47	0.96	21.48
Cooking Margarine	445g Tub	9.03	8.81	0.22	2.50
Vegetable Oil	Litre	12.36	12.42	-0.06	-0.48
Powdered Chocolate	300g Pk	10.78	10.66	0.12	1.13
Hairoun Fruit Cocktail ( not cold)	280 ml Bottle	2.55	2.31	0.24	10.39
Vitamalt	310 ml Bottle	5.68	5.65	0.03	0.53

**Table 2.2**  
**Average Retail Price of Selected Items**  
**July 2017 Compared With July 2016**

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		July 2017	July 2016		
<b>ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO &amp; NARCOTICS</b>					
Rum - Local (White)	750 ml Bot.	29.94	29.02	0.92	3.17
Beer - Local	280 ml Bot.	4.55	4.61	-0.06	-1.30
Cigarettes	Pkt. (10)	4.18	4.12	0.06	1.46
Table wine ( local )	26 oz Bot.	21.24	18.98	2.26	11.91
<b>CLOTHING &amp; FOOTWEAR</b>					
Textile material - Terelyne	Yd.	47.95	47.95	0.00	0.00
Textile material - Linen	Yd.	17.95	17.95	0.00	0.00
Men's Shirts - Long Sleeve	Each	69.95	69.95	0.00	0.00
Men's Jeans ( long) - size 30	Each	49.95	49.95	0.00	0.00
Men's Shoes -Formal	Pair	79.79	79.79	0.00	0.00
Women's Shoes - Formal	Pair	89.77	89.77	0.00	0.00
Women's 2Pc Skirtsuit ( polyester) large	Each	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
Women's Blouse ( cotton/Spandex)	Each	29.95	29.95	0.00	0.00
<b>HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY GAS AND OTHER FUELS</b>					
Rent :					
Unfurnished House -2 Bedrooms	Month	567.86	567.86	0.00	0.00
Unfurnished House -3 Bedrooms	Month	612.50	612.50	0.00	0.00
Furnished Apartment - 2 Bedrooms	Month	791.67	791.67	0.00	0.00
Cement - Portland ( grey)	94 Lbs	20.89	24.90	-4.01	-16.10
Galvanise Sheets 10 ft.	Length	94.24	86.62	7.62	8.80
Oil Paint	Gallon	112.87	105.00	7.87	7.50
Lumber -Dressed Treated Yellow Pine (1x12x12)	Length	69.27	69.77	-0.50	-0.72
Water - Consumption Charge	5000 Gallons	37.50	37.50	0.00	0.00
Kerosene	Gallon	6.61	8.33	-1.72	-20.65
Charcoal	Sack	40.00	40.00	0.00	0.00
Cooking Gas	20 Lb. Cyl.	39.60	31.25	8.35	26.72
Electricity Consumption Charge	140 KWH	112.10	105.31	6.79	6.45
<b>FURNISHING, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE</b>					
Bed - Cherry 54"x75"	Each	1,162.88	1,162.50	0.38	0.03
Double size sheets - coloured/cotton	Each	105.00	125.00	-20.00	-16.00
Frying Pan - 12" - non-stick	Each	55.84	52.76	3.08	5.84
Laundry Soap	Each	1.24	1.15	0.09	7.83
Electrical Bulb - 60W	Each	6.17	6.35	-0.18	-2.83

**Table 2.3**  
**Average Retail Price of Selected Items**  
**July 2017 Compared With July 2016**

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		July 2017	July 2016		
<b>HEALTH</b>					
Doctor's Fee - Gynaecologist	Visit	60.00	60.00	0.00	0.00
Eye Care	Test	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
Hospitalisation (Private Ward)	Day	75.00	75.00	0.00	0.00
Drug for Hypertension	Month supply	3.50	3.50	0.00	0.00
Drug for Diabetes	Month supply	12.57	12.57	0.00	0.00
Cough, Cold Preparation	125 ml.	14.42	15.09	-0.67	-4.44
Dental Care	Visit	123.33	123.33	0.00	0.00
Chest X- ray	Test	150.00	120.00	30.00	25.00
<b>TRANSPORT</b>					
Petrol - Unleaded	Gallon	11.08	10.30	0.78	7.57
Vehicle License (car) - not exd. 2000 lbs	Year	590.00	590.00	0.00	0.00
Bus Fare - Mesopotamia	One Way	3.00	3.00	0.00	0.00
Boat Fare - Bequia	One Way	25.00	25.00	0.00	0.00
<b>COMMUNICATION</b>					
Telephone Service - rental of line- domestic	Month	23.66	23.46	0.20	0.85
Telephone - Consumption Charge	226 Units	18.08	18.08	0.00	0.00
Internet Charge	Month	102.14	101.70	0.44	0.43
Fixed Line Domestic Rate - peak	Minute	0.08	0.08	0.00	0.00
Mobile to Mobile - domestic	Minute	0.97	0.91	0.06	6.59
<b>RECREATION AND CULTURE</b>					
Television 26 " Flat panel	Each	1993.82	2,002.27	-8.45	-0.42
Cable TV Basic Charge	Month	74.75	74.75	0.00	0.00
Laptop Computer -13.3 " screen 2 GB	Each	3832.40	3,838.51	-6.11	-0.16
Desktop Computer - 14" Monitor 3 GB	Each	2071.53	2,074.84	-3.31	-0.16
Car Remote Control	Each	250.00	250.00	0.00	0.00
Dog Food (Canned)	374 g Tin	3.82	3.55	0.27	7.61
Dance Admission to Night Club	Per Person	20.00	20.00	0.00	0.00
Carnival costume and Band Fees (Adult)	Each	350.00	325.00	25.00	7.69



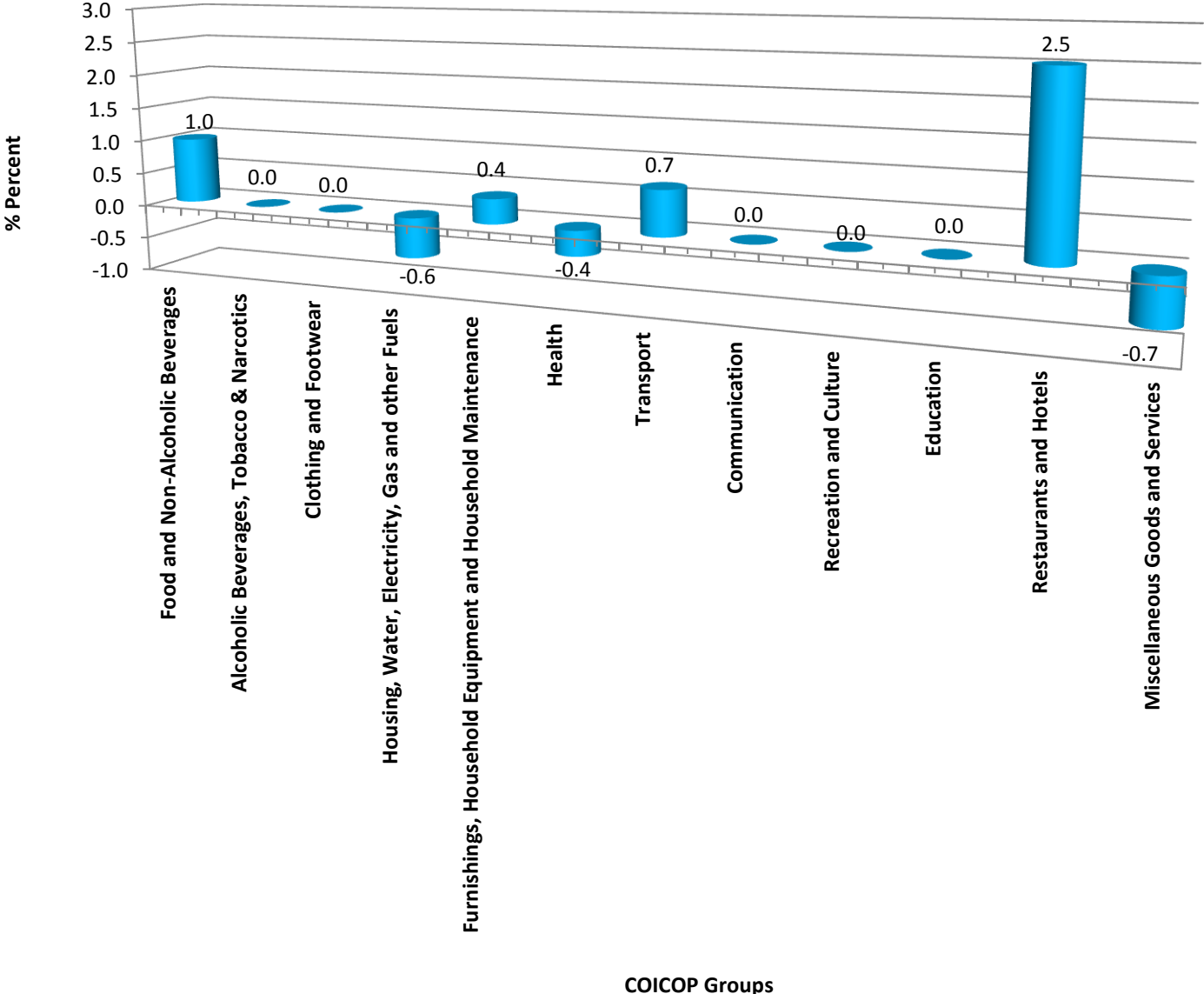
**Table 2.4**  
**Average Retail Price of Selected Items**  
**July 2017 Compared With July 2016**

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		July 2017	July 2016		
<b>EDUCATION</b>					
Pre-Primary - Private	Month	215.00	205.00	10.00	4.88
Primary School Fee - Private	Term	825.00	825.00	0.00	0.00
Secondary School Fee - Private	Term	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
Newspaper - Local	Each	1.50	1.50	0.00	0.00
Exercise Book - Primary - 24 leaves	Each	0.78	0.78	0.00	0.00
Lead Pencils	Each	0.87	0.83	0.04	4.82
Mathematics Textbook - From 4	Each	79.72	79.72	0.00	0.00
Tuition for local evening classes	Per Subject	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
<b>RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS</b>					
Chicken Lunch - regular	Each	13.96	13.86	0.10	0.72
Fish Lunch - regular	Each	15.49	13.86	1.63	11.76
Fast Food - 2 Pc Chicken and Fries	Each	17.05	16.85	0.20	1.19
<b>MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES</b>					
Toilet Soap	125g	3.57	3.51	0.06	1.71
Toothpaste	130g Tube	9.02	9.04	-0.02	-0.22
Men's Haircut	Visit	10.00	10.00	0.00	0.00
Women's Hairdressing ( Relaxer )	Visit	67.45	64.81	2.64	4.07
Disposable Diapers ( medium )	10 per Pk.	12.96	12.81	0.15	1.17
Health Insurance - Group (family)	≥3 Persons	307.00	307.00	0.00	0.00
Legal Expenses (Affidavit)	Fee	250.00	250.00	0.00	0.00

**Table 3**  
**The Consumer Price Index by Main Groups**  
**January 2010 = 100**

	Groups	Weight	June 2017	July 2017	July 2016	Percentage Change Over Previous:	
						Month June	Year July
01.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	113.1	114.2	111.6	1.0	2.3
02.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	117.6	117.6	114.1	0.0	3.1
03.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	104.9	104.9	105.1	0.0	-0.2
04.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	100.4	99.8	98.3	-0.6	1.5
05.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	108.3	108.7	103.2	0.4	5.3
06.	Health	1.79	107.8	107.4	107.5	-0.4	-0.1
07.	Transport	11.84	120.8	121.6	120.0	0.7	1.3
08.	Communication	9.41	111.2	111.2	106.8	0.0	4.1
09.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	104.1	104.1	104.3	0.0	-0.2
10.	Education	1.32	109.3	109.3	108.5	0.0	0.7
11.	Restaurants and Hotels	1.87	103.2	105.8	102.4	2.5	3.3
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	103.3	102.6	101.3	-0.7	1.3
	<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>100.00</b>	108.3	108.5	106.3	<b>0.2</b>	<b>2.1</b>

Chart 1. COICOP Groups Percentage Change for July 2017



**Table 4**  
**The Consumer Price Index By Main Groups**  
**January 2010 = 100**  
**Contribution To Change**

	Groups	Weight	June 2017	July 2017	Percentage Change	Cost Weight		Change in Cost Weight	Contribution to Change %
						June 2017	July 2017		
1.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	113.1	114.2	1.0	2,478.02	2,502.12	24.1	120.5
2.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	117.6	117.6	0.0	455.11	455.11	0.0	0.0
3.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	104.9	104.9	0.0	337.78	337.78	0.0	0.0
4.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	100.4	99.8	-0.6	3,018.02	2,999.99	-18.0	-90.2
5.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	108.3	108.7	0.4	713.70	716.33	2.6	13.2
6.	Health	1.79	107.8	107.4	-0.4	192.96	192.25	-0.7	-3.6
7.	Transport	11.84	120.8	121.6	0.7	1,430.27	1,439.74	9.5	47.4
8.	Communication	9.41	111.2	111.2	0.0	1,046.39	1,046.39	0.0	0.0
9.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	104.1	104.1	0.0	396.62	396.62	0.0	0.0
10.	Education	1.32	109.3	109.3	0.0	144.28	144.28	0.0	0.0
11.	Restaurants and Hotels	1.87	103.2	105.8	2.5	192.98	197.85	4.9	24.3
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	103.3	102.6	-0.7	445.22	442.21	-3.0	-15.1
	<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>108.3</b>	<b>108.5</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>10,830.00</b>	<b>10,850.00</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 5**  
**Monthly Index - 2017**  
**January 2010 = 100**

<b>Groups</b>	<b>All Items</b>	<b>Food &amp; Non-Alcoholic Beverages</b>	<b>Alcoholic Beverages Tobacco &amp; Narcotics</b>	<b>Clothing &amp; Footwear</b>	<b>Housing Water Electricity Gas and Fuels</b>	<b>Furnishings Household Equipment &amp; Household Maintenance</b>	<b>Health</b>	<b>Transport</b>	<b>Communi-cation</b>	<b>Recreation &amp; Culture</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Restaurants &amp; Hotels</b>	<b>Miscell-aneous Goods and Services</b>
WEIGHT	100.00	21.91	3.87	3.22	30.06	6.59	1.79	11.84	9.41	3.81	1.32	1.87	4.31
MONTH													
January	106.7	112.1	116.8	104.8	99.5	103.1	107.6	118.7	106.8	103.9	109.3	102.7	101.5
February	106.4	111.5	116.5	104.9	98.8	102.9	107.3	119.5	106.8	104.0	109.3	102.7	101.5
March	106.3	111.0	116.6	104.9	99.1	102.5	107.3	118.6	106.9	104.5	109.3	102.3	101.5
April	107.5	111.5	116.8	104.9	100.0	102.6	108.8	123.1	111.1	104.4	109.3	102.3	100.2
May	108.0	112.6	117.4	104.9	99.3	108.1	107.6	122.7	111.1	104.1	109.3	103.2	103.1
June	108.3	113.1	117.6	104.9	100.4	108.3	107.8	120.8	111.2	104.1	109.3	103.2	103.3
July	108.5	114.2	117.6	104.9	99.8	108.7	107.4	121.6	111.2	104.1	109.3	105.8	102.6