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The consumer price index recorded an increase of 1.1 percent for the month of April 2017. The “All Items” index was registered at 107.5 for the month of April 2017 compared to 106.3 for the month of March 2017. The “point-to-point” inflation rate stood at 2.9 percent.

Seven (7) groups recorded increases for the month, “Communication” (3.9 percent), “Transport” (3.8 percent), “Health” (1.4 percent), “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other fuels” (0.9 percent), “Food and Non- Alcoholic Beverages” (0.5 percent), “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics” (0.2 percent) and “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” (0.1 percent). Two (2) groups recorded decreases for the month, “Miscellaneous Goods and Services” (1.3 percent) and “Recreation and Culture” (0.1 percent). Three (3) groups remained unchanged “Clothing and Footwear”, “Education” and “Hotels and Restaurants”.

The “Communication” group index recorded a 3.9 percent increase as a result of increases in call rates: mobile to mobile, domestic (6.6 percent), mobile to fixed line, domestic (6.6 percent) and domestic mobile to fixed line phones for the rest of the world (2.0 percent).

The “Transport” index increased by 3.8 percent as a result of increases in the prices for passenger airfare from St Vincent and the Grenadines to Trinidad and Tobago (35.2 percent) and Barbados (5.7 percent), petrol - unleaded (3.9 percent) and diesel fuel (1.8 percent).

Similarly, the “Health” index registered a 1.4 percent growth due to increases in the price for a chest xray (25.0 percent), pain relievers (15.6 percent) and drugs for diabetes (9.5 percent). The group index for “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” increased by 0.9 percent due to higher prices for nails (21.4 percent), oil paint (10.5 percent), electricity (5.0 percent) and galvanise sheets (2.0 percent).

The 0.5 percent increase in the index for “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” is due mainly to higher prices for several food items which include: christophene (9.0 percent), tannias (7.1 percent), turkey (5.5 percent), powdered milk (3.6 percent), evaporated milk (3.2 percent), chicken salami (2.9 percent), chicken-whole legs (2.7 percent) and rice (1.6 percent).

The “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics” index grew by 0.2 percent due to increases in the prices for whiskey (1.8 percent), imported rum (1.5 percent) and local beers (1.1 percent).

The “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” group grew by 0.1 percent due to higher prices for pillow cases (9.6 percent), fluorescent lighting tubes (6.3 percent) and candles (0.3 percent).

The decrease of 0.1 percent in the group index for “Recreation and Culture” is attributed to lower prices for a lead pencil (17.9 percent) and an english textbook (1.5 percent). Meanwhile, the index for the group “Miscellaneous Goods & Services” decreased by 1.3 percent due mainly to a 20.0 percent decline in the price for vehicle insurance.

Table 1
Average Retail Price of Selected Items

Items	Unit Of Quantity	Average Price EC\$		Change In Price	Percentage Change In Price
		April 2017	March 2017		
INCREASED					
Rice	Lb	1.95	1.92	0.03	1.56
Chicken, whole legs	Lb	3.03	2.95	0.08	2.71
Turkey	Lb	2.67	2.53	0.14	5.53
Chicken salami	850g tin	24.87	24.17	0.70	2.90
Evaporated milk	Lb	2.91	2.82	0.09	3.19
Powdered milk, full cream	Lb	6.36	6.14	0.22	3.58
Christophene	Lb	3.51	3.22	0.29	9.01
Tannias	Lb	3.15	2.94	0.21	7.14
Beers - local	280 ml	4.52	4.47	0.05	1.12
Whiskey	750 ml bot.	116.96	114.89	2.07	1.80
Rum - imported	751 ml bot.	22.94	22.61	0.33	1.46
Oil paints	1gal	105.00	95.00	10.00	10.53
Nails, wall	Lb	8.34	6.87	1.47	21.40
Galvanise sheets, 10ft	1 length	93.43	91.60	1.83	2.00
Electricity Consumption Charge	140Kwh	113.34	107.90	5.44	5.04
Pillow cases	1 pair	14.19	12.95	1.24	9.58
Fluorescent lighting tubes	Each	8.14	7.66	0.48	6.27
Candles	4 pk	6.51	6.49	0.02	0.31
Drug for diabetes	month supply	21.15	19.31	1.84	9.53
Pain relievers	100 per pk	7.43	6.43	1.00	15.55
Chest Xray - basic with report	Each	150.00	120.00	30.00	25.00
Petrol, unleaded	1 gal	11.08	10.66	0.42	3.94
Diesel fuel	1 gal	8.68	8.53	0.15	1.76
Passenger Airfares from St Vincent & the Grenadines to:					
St. Lucia	1-way	435.02	251.42	183.60	73.03
Barbados	1-way	515.30	487.62	27.68	5.68
Trinidad and Tobago	1-way	531.09	392.82	138.27	35.20
Mobile call rates:					
Mobile to fixed line, rest of the world	Per min	1.61	1.58	0.03	1.90
Mobile to mobile, domestic	Per min	0.97	0.91	0.06	6.59
Mobile to fixed lines, domestic	Per min	0.97	0.91	0.06	6.59
DECREASED					
Condensed milk	397g tin	3.48	4.00	-0.52	-13.00
Cabbage	Lb	3.78	4.06	-0.28	-6.90
Garlic, loose	500g	6.77	7.51	-0.74	-9.85
Tomatoes	Lb	3.63	4.29	-0.66	-15.38
Eggs	Doz	8.33	8.52	-0.19	-2.23
English textbook - form 4	Form 4	63.00	63.97	-0.97	-1.52
Lead pencil	Each	0.87	1.06	-0.19	-17.92
Vehicle insurance	1 year	451.00	562.00	-111.00	-19.75

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

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		April 2017	April 2016		
FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES					
Beef - Fresh	Lb.	8.00	8.00	0.00	0.00
Chicken - Whole	Lb.	6.46	6.06	0.40	6.60
Chicken - Leg Quarters	Lb.	2.58	2.34	0.24	10.26
Chicken - Backs	Lb.	1.57	1.60	-0.03	-1.88
Chicken - Wings	Lb.	4.37	4.65	-0.28	-6.02
Turkey Wings	Lb.	2.67	3.08	-0.41	-13.31
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	5.45	5.27	0.18	3.42
Luncheon Meat (pork)	340 g	8.07	7.75	0.32	4.13
Codfish	Lb.	14.37	14.20	0.17	1.20
Cornflakes	12 oz	13.26	13.16	0.10	0.76
Pasta - Elbows	340 g	4.61	4.62	-0.01	-0.22
Milk - Evaporated	410g Tin	3.07	3.05	0.02	0.66
Milk - Condensed	397g Tin	3.48	3.29	0.19	5.78
Bread- Small Loaf, white	5 Pk	2.02	1.99	0.03	1.51
Bread - Large Sliced Pan Loaf (white)	Each	5.29	4.25	1.04	24.47
Eggs	Doz	8.33	8.79	-0.46	-5.23
Orange Juice	19 oz Tin	8.90	8.51	0.39	4.58
Sugar - Brown (loose)	Lb.	1.56	1.35	0.21	15.56
Sugar - White (loose)	Lb.	2.02	1.72	0.30	17.44
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.	1.95	1.78	0.17	9.55
Rice - Package	2 kg	10.51	9.14	1.37	14.99
Bananas	Lb.	1.34	1.34	0.00	0.00
Breadfruit	Lb.	2.54	2.62	-0.08	-3.05
Eddoes	Lb.	2.68	3.04	-0.36	-11.84
Dasheens	Lb.	1.79	1.86	-0.07	-3.76
Sweet Potatoes	Lb.	2.14	2.14	0.00	0.00
Oranges	Each	0.76	0.80	-0.04	-5.00
Tomatoes	Lb.	3.63	4.34	-0.71	-16.36
Cooking Margarine	445g Tub	8.95	7.85	1.10	14.01
Vegetable Oil	Litre	12.26	10.73	1.53	14.26
Powdered Chocolate	300g Pk	10.68	10.65	0.03	0.28
Hairoun Fruit Cocktail (not cold)	280 ml Bottle	2.53	2.30	0.23	10.00
Vitamalt	310 ml Bottle	5.64	5.64	0.00	0.00

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

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		April 2017	April 2016		
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO & NARCOTICS					
Rum - Local (White)	750 ml Bot.	29.71	29.02	0.69	2.38
Beer - Local	280 ml Bot.	4.52	4.61	-0.09	-1.95
Cigarettes	Pkt. (10)	4.12	3.88	0.24	6.19
Table wine (local)	26 oz Bot.	20.91	18.79	2.12	11.28
CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR					
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
HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY GAS AND OTHER FUELS					
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	20.73	24.90	-4.17	-16.75
Galvanise Sheets 10 ft.	Length	93.43	86.62	6.81	7.86
Oil Paint	Gallon	105.00	105.00	0.00	0.00
Lumber -Dressed Treated Yellow Pine (1x12x12)	Length	68.94	68.30	0.64	0.94
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.	35.90	31.25	4.65	14.88
Electricity Consumption Charge	140 KWH	113.34	101.49	11.85	11.68
FURNISHING, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE					
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	1.20	1.18	0.02	1.69
Electrical Bulb - 60W	Each	6.35	6.32	0.03	0.47

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

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		April 2017	April 2016		
HEALTH					
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	13.18	12.57	0.61	4.85
Cough, Cold Preparation	125 ml.	15.09	15.42	-0.33	-2.14
Dental Care	Visit	123.33	123.33	0.00	0.00
Chest X- ray	Test	150.00	120.00	30.00	25.00
TRANSPORT					
Petrol - Unleaded	Gallon	11.08	10.30	0.78	7.57
Vehicle License (car) - not exd. 2000 lbs	Year	590.00	470.00	120.00	25.53
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
COMMUNICATION					
Telephone Service - rental of line- domestic	Month	23.46	23.46	0.00	0.00
Telephone - Consumption Charge	226 Units	18.08	18.08	0.00	0.00
Internet Charge	Month	101.70	101.70	0.00	0.00
Fixed Line Domestic Rate - peak	Minute	0.08	0.08	0.00	0.00
Mobile to Mobile - domestic	Minute	0.97	0.83	0.14	16.87
RECREATION AND CULTURE					
Television 26 " Flat panel	Each	1,993.82	1,989.25	4.57	0.23
Cable TV Basic Charge	Month	74.75	74.75	0.00	0.00
Laptop Computer -13.3 " screen 2 GB	Each	3,832.40	3,813.54	18.86	0.49
Desktop Computer - 14" Monitor 3 GB	Each	2,071.53	2,061.34	10.19	0.49
Car Remote Control	Each	250.00	250.00	0.00	0.00
Dog Food (Canned)	374 g Tin	3.79	3.52	0.27	7.67
Dance Admission to Night Club	Per Person	20.00	20.00	0.00	0.00
Carnival costume and Band Fees (Adult)	Each	325.00	275.00	50.00	18.18

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

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		April 2017	April 2016		
EDUCATION					
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	0.86	-0.08	-9.30
Lead Pencils	Each	0.87	0.87	0.00	0.00
Mathematics Textbook - From 4	Each	80.95	79.72	1.23	1.54
Tuition for local evening classes	Per Subject	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS					
Chicken Lunch - regular	Each	13.86	13.86	0.00	0.00
Fish Lunch - regular	Each	13.86	13.86	0.00	0.00
Fast Food - 2 Pc Chicken and Fries	Each	16.85	16.85	0.00	0.00
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES					
Toilet Soap	125g	3.63	3.51	0.12	3.42
Toothpaste	130g Tube	9.04	9.11	-0.07	-0.77
Men's Haircut	Visit	10.00	10.00	0.00	0.00
Women's Hairdressing (Relaxer)	Visit	64.81	64.81	0.00	0.00
Disposable Diapers (medium)	10 per Pk.	12.92	12.82	0.10	0.77
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	March 2017	April 2017	April 2016	Percentage Change Over Previous:	
						Month March	Year April
01.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	111.0	111.5	109.4	0.5	1.9
02.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	116.6	116.8	112.7	0.2	3.6
03.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	104.9	104.9	104.8	0.0	0.1
04.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	99.1	100.0	97.7	0.9	2.4
05.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	102.5	102.6	102.5	0.1	0.1
06.	Health	1.79	107.3	108.8	107.8	1.4	0.9
07.	Transport	11.84	118.6	123.1	114.5	3.8	7.5
08.	Communication	9.41	106.9	111.1	103.5	3.9	7.3
09.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	104.5	104.4	103.3	-0.1	1.1
10.	Education	1.32	109.3	109.3	108.5	0.0	0.7
11.	Restaurants and Hotels	1.87	102.3	102.3	102.4	0.0	-0.1
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	101.5	100.2	101.3	-1.3	-1.1
	ALL ITEMS	100.00	106.3	107.5	104.5	1.1	2.9

Chart 1. COICOP Groups Percentage Change for April 2017

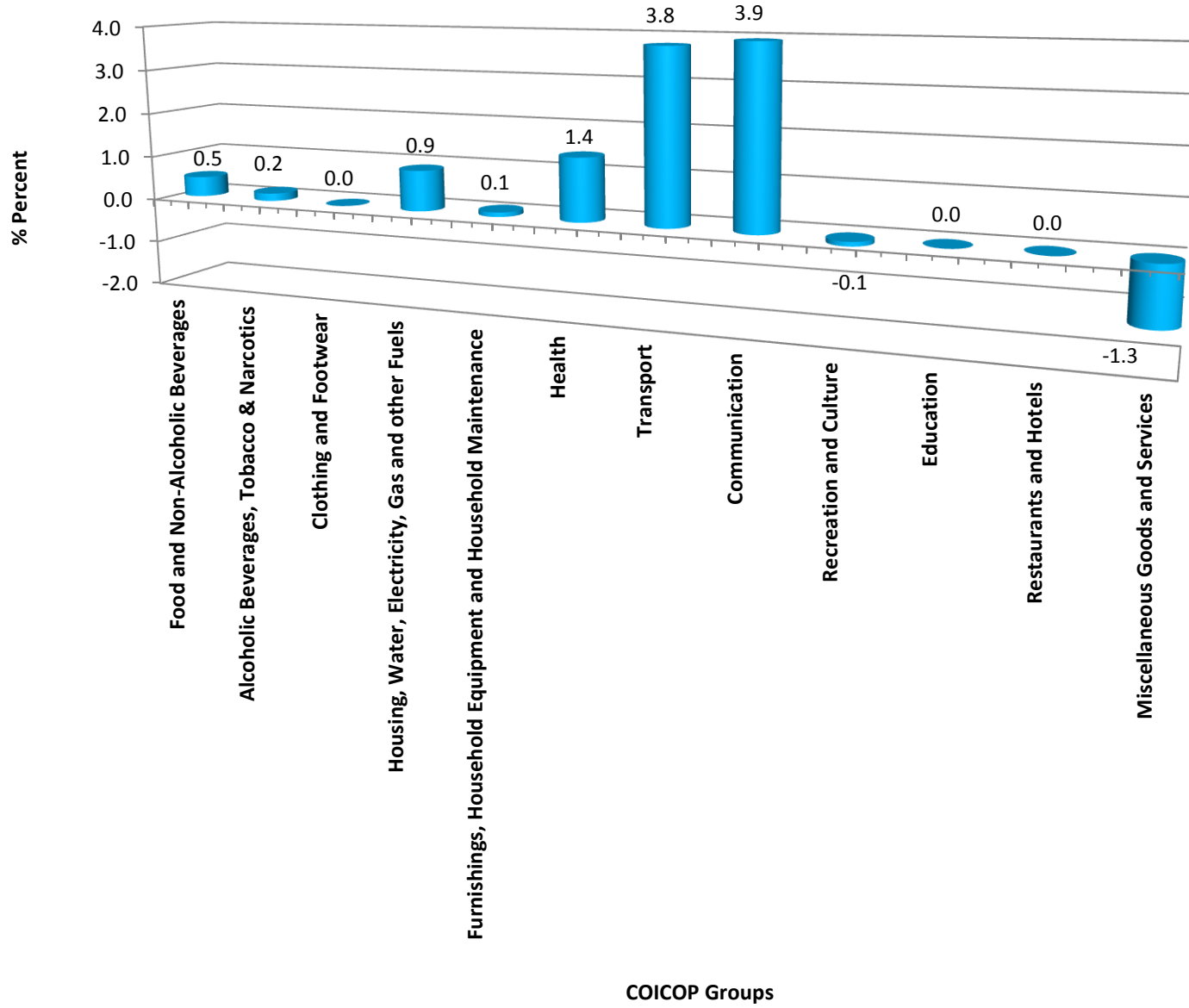


Table 4
The Consumer Price Index By Main Groups
January 2010 = 100
Contribution To Change

	Groups	Weight	March 2017	April 2017	Percentage Change	Cost Weight		Change in Cost Weight	Contribution to Change %
						March 2017	April 2017		
1.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	111.0	111.5	0.5	2,432.01	2,442.97	11.0	9.1
2.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	116.6	116.8	0.2	451.24	452.02	0.8	0.6
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	99.1	100.0	0.9	2,978.95	3,006.00	27.1	22.5
5.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	102.5	102.6	0.1	675.48	676.13	0.7	0.5
6.	Health	1.79	107.3	108.8	1.4	192.07	194.75	2.7	2.2
7.	Transport	11.84	118.6	123.1	3.8	1,404.22	1,457.50	53.3	44.4
8.	Communication	9.41	106.9	111.1	3.9	1,005.93	1,045.45	39.5	32.9
9.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	104.5	104.4	-0.1	398.15	397.76	-0.4	-0.3
10.	Education	1.32	109.3	109.3	0.0	144.28	144.28	0.0	0.0
11.	Restaurants and Hotels	1.87	102.3	102.3	0.0	191.30	191.30	0.0	0.0
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	101.5	100.2	-1.3	437.47	431.86	-5.6	-4.7
	ALL ITEMS	100.00	106.3	107.5	1.1	10,630.00	10,750.00	120.0	100.0

Table 5
Monthly Index - 2017
January 2010 = 100

Groups	All Items	Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	Alcoholic Beverages Tobacco & Narcotics	Clothing & Footwear	Housing Water Electricity Gas and Fuels	Furnishings Household Equipment & Household Maintenance	Health	Transport	Communication	Recreation & Culture	Education	Restaurants & Hotels	Miscellaneous Goods and Services
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