



CONSUMER PRICE INDEX MONTHLY STATISTICAL BULLETIN



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The consumer price index declined by 0.3 percent for the month of April. The "All Items" was registered at 104.5 for the month of April 2016, compared to 104.8 for March 2016. The "point-to-point" inflation rate was recorded as negative 1.0 percent.

Two (2) groups recorded decreases during the month: "Communication" (2.6 percent) and "Transport" (1.5 percent). Six (6) groups recorded increases during the month: "Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels" (0.4 percent), "Clothing and Footwear" (0.3 percent), "Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance" (0.3 percent), "Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages" (0.2 percent), "Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics" (0.1 percent) and "Recreation and Culture" (0.1 percent). Four (4) groups remained unchanged: "Health", "Education", "Restaurants & Hotels", "Miscellaneous Goods and Services".

The group index for "Communication" showed a 2.6 percent decline due to a decrease in the fixed line rate charges (33.3 percent). Similarly, the reduction in the cost of passenger airfares from St. Vincent and the Grenadines to several destinations, namely, New York, U.S.A (25.4 percent), Toronto, Canada (22.7 percent), Trinidad and Tobago (22.6 percent) and St. Lucia (10.6 percent) is the main reason for the 1.5 percent decline in the "Transport" index.

The "Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels" index grew by 0.4 percent as a result of increases in the cost of electricity (2.1 percent) and a paint brush (3.3 percent).

The group "Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance" registered a 0.3 percent growth as a result of increased prices for an electric bulb (6.0 percent), a pack of candles (5.0 percent), carbon batteries (4.3 percent) and a window cleaner (4.4 percent).

The "Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages" group index increased by 0.2 percent due to an increase in the price for the following food items: cucumbers (26.1 percent), chive (22.2 percent), split peas (15.4 percent), grapefruit juice (13.9 percent), cinnamon (13.9 percent), watermelon (11.3 percent), eddoes (11.0 percent), sweet peppers (10.9 percent) and lentils (8.2 percent).

Meanwhile, the increase of 0.1 percent in the "Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics" index resulted from a 7.9 percent increase in the price of a packet of cigarettes. Whereas, the index for "Recreation and Culture" increased by 0.1 percent as a result of an increase of 13.0 percent in the price of a pack of dominoes.

TABLE 1
AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF SELECTED ITEMS

ITEMS	UNIT OF QUANTITY	AVERAGE PRICE EC\$		CHANGE IN PRICE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN PRICE
		APRIL 2016	MARCH 2016		
INCREASED					
Chicken - leq quarters	Lb	2.34	2.20	0.14	6.36
Salami	150g pk	4.95	4.69	0.26	5.54
Watermelon	Lb	3.46	3.11	0.35	11.25
Eddoes	Lb	3.04	2.74	0.30	10.95
Cucumbers	Lb	3.82	3.03	0.79	26.07
Sweet peppers	Lb	7.33	6.61	0.72	10.89
Chive	Bundle	2.59	2.12	0.47	22.17
Lentils	Lb	2.91	2.69	0.22	8.18
Split peas	Lb	5.70	4.94	0.76	15.38
Cinnamon	Lb	27.78	24.40	3.38	13.85
Grapefruit juice	19oz tin	8.18	7.18	1.00	13.93
Cigarettes	pk of 10	5.08	4.71	0.37	7.86
Half-slip	Each	12.95	8.07	4.88	60.47
Electricity	140Kwh	101.49	99.41	2.08	2.09
Paint brush 3"	Each	14.90	14.43	0.47	3.26
Electric bulb 60 watts	Each	6.32	5.96	0.36	6.04
Carbon battery size D	2 pk	4.81	4.61	0.20	4.34
Candles	4 pk	6.25	5.95	0.30	5.04
Window cleaner	768ml bottle	27.25	26.10	1.15	4.41
Dominoes	28 pieces	16.95	15.00	1.95	13.00
DECREASED					
Garlic	Per head	0.50	0.75	-0.25	-33.33
Tomatoes	Lb	4.34	4.90	-0.56	-11.43
Fish -robin	Lb	4.00	5.00	-1.00	-20.00
Pork ribs	Lb	3.95	6.95	-3.00	-43.17
Disinfectant	30oz bottle	4.65	4.90	-0.25	-5.10
Carbon batteries size AA	4 pk	5.60	6.00	-0.40	-6.67
Passenger Airfares from St Vincent to:					
St. Lucia	1-way	408.02	456.22	-48.20	-10.57
Trinidad and Tobago	1-way	379.35	489.92	-110.57	-22.57
New York, U.S.A	1 month	2113.90	2833.60	-719.70	-25.40
Toronto, Canada	1 month	2450.70	3170.00	-719.30	-22.69
Fixed line charges	1 min	0.08	0.12	-0.04	-33.33
Cat food	5.5oz tine	3.45	3.60	-0.15	-4.17

TABLE 2
AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF SELECTED ITEMS
APRIL 2016 COMPARED WITH APRIL 2015

ITEMS	UNIT OF QUANTITY	AVERAGE ECS		CHANGE IN PRICE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN PRICE
		APRIL 2016	APRIL 2015		
FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES					
Beef - Fresh	Lb.	8.00	8.00	0.00	0.00
Chicken - Whole	Lb.	6.06	6.20	-0.14	-2.26
Chicken - Leg Quarters	Lb.	2.34	2.68	-0.34	-12.69
Chicken - Backs	Lb.	1.60	1.66	-0.06	-3.61
Chicken - Wings	Lb.	4.65	4.73	-0.08	-1.69
Turkey Wings	Lb.	3.08	3.48	-0.40	-11.49
Fish - Fresh (Deep Sea)	Lb.	9.00	9.00	0.00	0.00
Fish - Fresh (Jacks)	Lb.	4.00	5.00	-1.00	-20.00
Fish - Fresh (Robins)	Lb.	4.00	4.00	0.00	0.00
Chicken Franks	340 g Pk	5.27	5.34	-0.07	-1.31
Luncheon Meat (pork)	340 g	7.75	7.59	0.16	2.11
Codfish	Lb.	14.20	14.99	-0.79	-5.27
Cornflakes	12 oz	13.16	12.79	0.37	2.89
Pasta - Elbows	340 g	4.62	4.51	0.11	2.44
Milk - Evaporated	410g Tin	3.05	3.39	-0.34	-10.03
Milk - Condensed	397g Tin	3.29	3.54	-0.25	-7.06
Bread- Small Loaf, white	5 Pk	1.99	1.99	0.00	0.00
Bread - Large Sliced Pan Loaf (white)	Each	4.25	4.25	0.00	0.00
Eggs	Doz	8.79	8.64	0.15	1.74
Orange Juice	19 oz Tin	8.51	7.93	0.58	7.31
Sugar - Brown (loose)	Lb.	1.35	1.40	-0.05	-3.57
Sugar - White (loose)	Lb.	1.72	1.72	0.00	0.00
Flour - Loose	Lb.	1.40	1.40	0.00	0.00
Flour - Packaged (white)	2 kg	6.75	6.75	0.00	0.00
Flour - Packaged (wholewheat)	2 kg	7.39	7.39	0.00	0.00
Rice - Loose	Lb.	1.78	1.78	0.00	0.00
Rice - Package	2 kg	9.14	9.20	-0.06	-0.65
Bananas	Lb.	1.34	1.31	0.03	2.29
Breadfruit	Lb.	2.62	2.66	-0.04	-1.50
Eddoes	Lb.	3.04	2.57	0.47	18.29
Dasheens	Lb.	1.86	1.77	0.09	5.08
Sweet Potatoes	Lb.	2.14	1.99	0.15	7.54
Oranges	Each	0.80	0.79	0.01	1.27
Tomatoes	Lb.	4.34	3.36	0.98	29.17
Cooking Margarine	445g Tub	7.85	7.86	-0.01	-0.13
Vegetable Oil	Litre	10.73	10.54	0.19	1.80
Powdered Chocolate	300g Pk	10.65	10.58	0.07	0.66
Hairoun Fruit Cocktail (not cold)	280 ml Bottle	2.30	2.26	0.04	1.77
Vitamalt	310 ml Bottle	5.64	5.60	0.04	0.71

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ITEMS	UNIT OF QUANTITY	AVERAGE PRICE		CHANGE IN PRICE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN PRICE
		ECS			
		APRIL 2016	APRIL 2015		
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO & NARCOTICS					
Rum - Local (White)	750 ml Bot.	29.02	29.02	0.00	0.00
Beer - Local	280 ml Bot.	4.61	4.48	0.13	2.90
Cigarettes	Pkt. (10)	3.88	3.47	0.41	11.82
Table wine (local)	26 oz Bot.	18.79	18.58	0.21	1.13
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	39.95	10.00	25.03
Men's Shoes -Formal	Pair	79.79	79.95	-0.16	-0.20
Women's Shoes - Formal	Pair	89.77	110.00	-20.23	-18.39
Women's 2Pc Skirtsuit (polyester) large	Each	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
Women's Blouse (cotton/Spandex)	Each	29.95	25.00	4.95	19.80
HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY GAS AND OTHER FUELS					
Rent :					
Unfurnished House -2 Bedrooms	Month	567.86	546.43	21.43	3.92
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	24.90	24.90	0.00	0.00
Galvanise Sheets 10 ft.	Length	86.62	86.38	0.24	0.28
Oil Paint	Gallon	105.00	105.00	0.00	0.00
Lumber -Dressed Treated Yellow Pine (1x12x12)	Length	68.30	68.08	0.22	0.32
Water - Consumption Charge	5000 Gallons	37.50	37.50	0.00	0.00
Kerosene	Gallon	8.33	12.40	-4.07	-32.82
Charcoal	Sack	40.00	40.00	0.00	0.00
Cooking Gas	20 Lb. Cyl.	31.25	31.25	0.00	0.00
Electricity Consumption Charge	140 KWH	101.49	118.26	-16.77	-14.18
FURNISHING, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE					
Bed - Cherry 54"x75"	Each	1,162.50	1,162.50	0.00	0.00
Double size sheets - coloured/cotton	Each	125.00	88.80	36.20	40.77
Frying Pan - 12" - non-stick	Each	52.76	52.76	0.00	0.00
Laundry Soap	Each	1.18	1.14	0.04	3.51
Electrical Bulb - 60W	Each	6.32	5.94	0.38	6.40

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ITEMS	UNIT OF QUANTITY	AVERAGE PRICE ECS		CHANGE IN PRICE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN PRICE
		APRIL 2016	APRIL 2015		
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	12.57	13.16	-0.59	-4.48
Cough, Cold Preparation	125 ml.	15.42	15.58	-0.16	-1.03
Dental Care	Visit	123.33	123.33	0.00	0.00
Chest X- ray	Test	120.00	120.00	0.00	0.00
TRANSPORT					
Petrol - Unleaded	Gallon	10.30	10.84	-0.54	-4.98
Vehicle License (car) - not exd. 2000 lbs	Year	470.00	470.00	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
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	0.83	0.80	0.03	3.75
RECREATION AND CULTURE					
Television 26 " Flat panel	Each	1,989.25	1,999.00	-82.20	-4.11
Cable TV Basic Charge	Month	74.75	74.75	-175.25	-234.45
Laptop Computer -13.3 " screen 2 GB	Each	3,813.54	3,832.24	3810.22	99.43
Desktop Computer - 14" Monitor 3 GB	Each	2,061.34	2,071.45	2041.34	98.55
Car Remote Control	Each	250.00	250.00	0.00	0.00
Dog Food (Canned)	374 g Tin	3.52	3.32	3.52	106.02
Dance Admission to Night Club	Per Person	20.00	20.00	20.00	100.00
Carnival costume and Band Fees (Adult)	Each	275.00	250.00	275.00	110.00

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ITEMS	UNIT OF QUANTITY	AVERAGE PRICE		CHANGE IN PRICE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN PRICE
		EC\$			
		APRIL 2016	APRIL 2015		
EDUCATION					
Pre-Primary - Private	Month	205.00	205.00	0.00	0.00
Primary School Fee - Private	Term	825.00	650.00	175.00	26.92
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	0.86	0.85	0.01	1.18
Lead Pencils	Each	0.87	0.92	-0.05	-5.43
Mathematics Textbook - From 4	Each	79.72	80.16	-0.44	-0.55
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	15.10	-1.24	-8.21
Fast Food - 2 Pc Chicken and Fries	Each	16.85	16.85	0.00	0.00
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES					
Toilet Soap	125g	3.51	3.48	0.03	0.86
Toothpaste	130g Tube	9.11	9.05	0.06	0.66
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.	12.82	12.77	0.05	0.39
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 2016	APRIL 2016	APRIL 2015	PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER PREVIOUS:	
						MONTH MARCH	YEAR APRIL
01.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	109.2	109.4	110.6	0.2	-1.1
02.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	112.6	112.7	109.3	0.1	3.1
03.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	104.5	104.8	102.8	0.3	1.9
04.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	97.3	97.7	100.0	0.4	-2.3
05.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	102.2	102.5	101.6	0.3	0.9
06.	Health	1.79	107.8	107.8	105.0	0.0	2.7
07.	Transport	11.84	116.3	114.5	119.5	-1.5	-4.2
08.	Communication	9.41	106.3	103.5	102.0	-2.6	1.5
09.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	103.2	103.3	102.6	0.1	0.7
10.	Education	1.32	108.5	108.5	109.0	0.0	-0.5
11.	Restaurants and Hotels	1.87	102.4	102.4	103.3	0.0	-0.9
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	101.3	101.3	101.1	0.0	0.2
	ALL ITEMS	100.00	104.8	104.5	105.6	-0.3	-1.0

Chart 1. COICOP Groups Percentage Change for April 2016

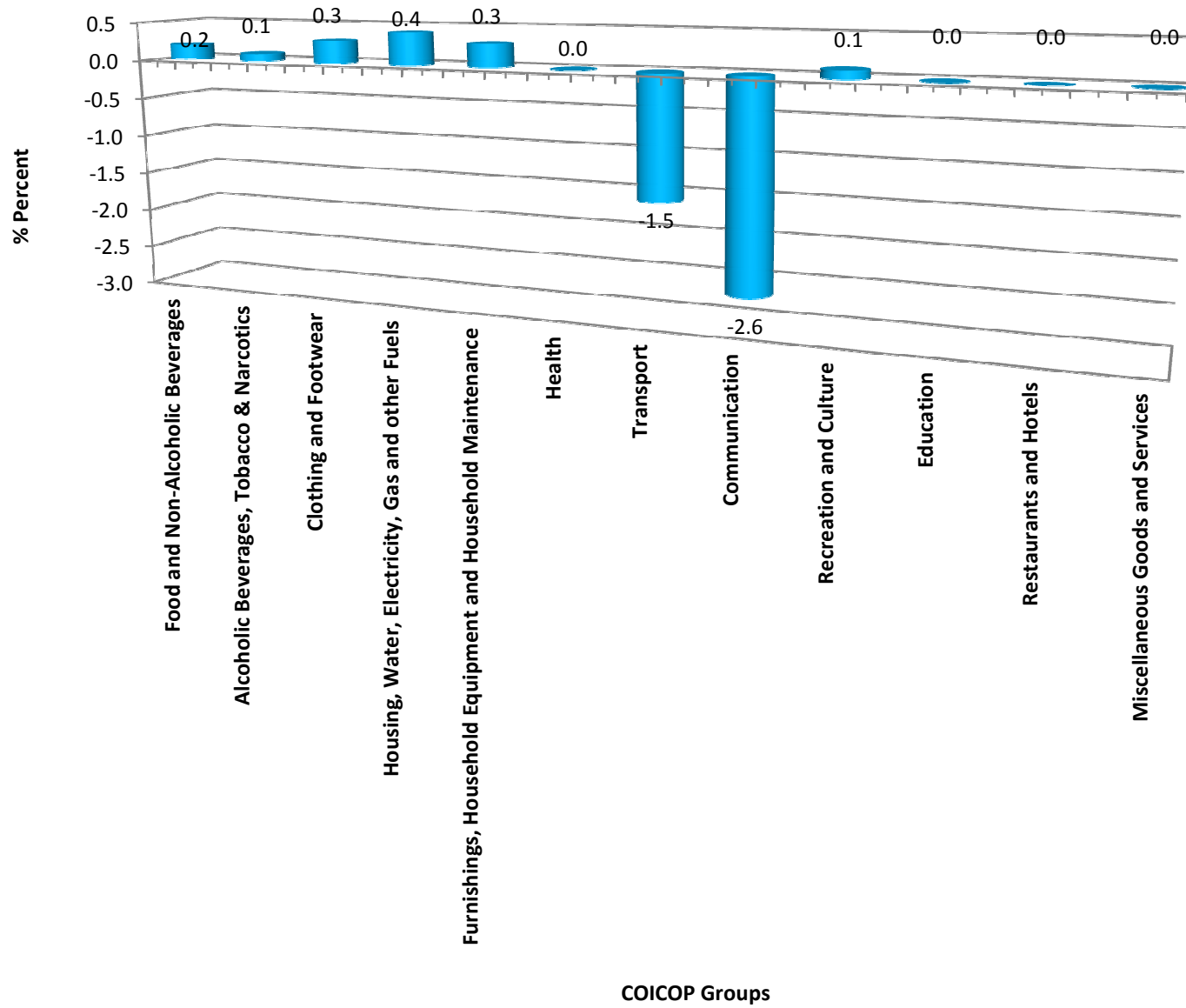


TABLE 4
THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX BY MAIN GROUPS
JANUARY 2010 = 100
CONTRIBUTION TO CHANGE

	GROUPS	WEIGHT	MARCH 2016	APRIL 2016	Percentage Change	Cost Weight		Change in Cost Weight	Contribution to Change %
						MARCH 2016	APRIL 2016		
1.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	109.2	109.4	0.2	2,392.57	2,396.95	4.4	-14.6
2.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	112.6	112.7	0.1	435.76	436.15	0.4	-1.3
3.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	104.5	104.8	0.3	336.49	337.46	1.0	-3.2
4.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	97.3	97.7	0.4	2,924.84	2,936.86	12.0	-40.1
5.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	102.2	102.5	0.3	673.50	675.48	2.0	-6.6
6.	Health	1.79	107.8	107.8	0.0	192.96	192.96	0.0	0.0
7.	Transport	11.84	116.3	114.5	-1.5	1,376.99	1,355.68	-21.3	71.0
8.	Communication	9.41	106.3	103.5	-2.6	1,000.28	973.94	-26.3	87.8
9.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	103.2	103.3	0.1	393.19	393.57	0.4	-1.3
10.	Education	1.32	108.5	108.5	0.0	143.22	143.22	0.0	0.0
11.	Restaurants and Hotels	1.87	102.4	102.4	0.0	191.49	191.49	0.0	0.0
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	101.3	101.3	0.0	436.60	436.60	0.0	0.0
	ALL ITEMS	100.00	104.8	104.5	-0.3	10,480.00	10,450.00	-30.0	100.0

TABLE 5
MONTHLY INDEX - 2015
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	104.7	110.0	112.3	104.1	96.9	102.1	108.0	115.8	106.3	103.3	108.5	102.1	101.2
February	104.6	109.6	112.5	104.5	96.7	102.2	108.0	115.9	106.3	103.1	108.5	102.4	101.3
March	104.8	109.2	112.6	104.5	97.3	102.2	107.8	116.3	106.3	103.2	108.5	102.4	101.3
April	104.5	109.4	112.7	104.8	97.7	102.5	107.8	114.5	103.5	103.3	108.5	102.4	101.3