



CONSUMER PRICE INDEX MONTHLY STATISTICAL BULLETIN



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SEPTEMBER 2016

The consumer price index registered a 0.1 percent increase for the month of September 2016. The “All Items” index was recorded at 106.4 for September 2016 compared to 106.3 for August 2016. The “point to point” inflation rate was recorded as 0.6 percent.

Six (6) groups recorded increases for the month: “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” (1.2 percent), “Education” (0.7 percent), “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics” (0.4 percent), “Restaurants and Hotels” (0.3 percent), “Health” (0.2 percent) and “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” (0.1 percent). Three (3) groups recorded decreases during the month: “Transport” (2.4 percent), “Clothing and Footwear” (0.3 percent) and “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” (0.1 percent). Three (3) groups remained unchanged for the month: “Communication”, “Recreation and Culture” and “Miscellaneous Goods and Services”.

The group index for “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” grew by 1.2 percent due mainly to an increase in the cost of electricity and the price of Liquid Petroleum Gas (LPG). The cost of electricity increased by 5.9 percent which resulted from a higher fuel surcharge rate of 28.60 cents per unit for the month of September 2016 compared to 24.22 cents per unit for August 2016. The average increase for LPG across all zones and cylinder sizes amounts to approximately 8.0 percent.

The 0.7 percent increase in the “Education” index is due to a 4.9 percent increase in the fee for pre-primary education.

The index for “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics” grew by 0.4 percent due mainly to an increase of 11.5 percent in the price of imported red rum, 6.3 percent for a scotch and 4.9 percent for dry gin.

The 0.2 percent increase in the index for “Health” is due mainly to an increase of 1.8 percent in the price of a bottle of pain relievers.

“Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” grew by 0.1 percent due to price increases for several items: cauliflower (11.7 percent), drumsticks (8.7 percent), pig snout (7.8 percent), garlic (7.1 percent), carrots (5.8 percent), green seasoning (5.5 percent), cabbage (4.1 percent), pepper sauce (4.0 percent) and pig snout (3.2 percent).

The “Transport” index declined by 2.4 percent due mainly to a reduction in the cost of passenger transport by air from St. Vincent and the Grenadines to several destinations. The airfare to New York declined by 31.0 percent, to St. Lucia by 29.2 percent, to Toronto by 15.1 percent, to London by 15.0 percent and to Trinidad and Tobago by 11.0 percent.

The index for “Clothing and Footwear” decreased by 0.3 percent due mainly to a reduction in the cost of a pair of men’s short jeans by 14.3 percent and textile material (Khaki) by 11.1 percent.

The group index for “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” declined by 0.1 percent due to a reduction in the price of a sheet set (16.0 percent) and carbon battery (AA size) (6.7 percent).

TABLE 1
AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF SELECTED ITEMS

ITEMS	UNIT OF QUANTITY	AVERAGE PRICE ECS		CHANGE IN PRICE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN PRICE
		SEPTEMBER 2016	AUGUST 2016		
INCREASED					
Pig feet	Lb	3.99	3.67	0.32	8.72
Pig snout	Lb	6.50	6.30	0.20	3.17
Drumsticks	Lb	2.90	2.69	0.21	7.81
Chicken necks	Lb	1.63	1.57	0.06	3.82
Cabbage	Lb	4.03	3.87	0.16	4.13
Cauliflower	Lb	8.32	7.45	0.87	11.68
Carrots	Lb	4.02	3.80	0.22	5.79
Garlic	per head	0.75	0.70	0.05	7.14
Pepper sauce	300ml bottle	5.25	5.05	0.20	3.96
Green seasoning	750ml bottle	12.36	11.72	0.64	5.46
Chocolate bar	40g pack	3.98	2.98	1.00	33.56
Scotch	750ml bottle	58.55	55.10	3.45	6.26
Dry gin	750ml bottle	53.72	51.21	2.51	4.90
Red rum (imported)	750ml bottle	20.32	18.23	2.09	11.46
Electricity	140Kwh	110.04	103.91	6.13	5.90
LPG : 100lb cylinder	Each	160.44	148.50	11.94	8.04
25lb cylinder	Each	40.49	37.75	2.74	7.26
20lb cylinder	Each	34.00	31.25	2.75	8.80
Pain relievers	24 per bottle	14.99	14.73	0.26	1.77
Pre-primary school fees	per month	215.00	205.00	10.00	4.88
School meals - bakes and chicken	Each	2.50	2.00	0.50	25.00
DECREASED					
Textile material - Khaki - 60"	1 yard	15.95	17.95	-2.00	-11.14
Men's short jeans	1 pair	30.00	35.00	-5.00	-14.29
Bed sheet (double)	1 set	105.00	125.00	-20.00	-16.00
Carbon battery AA	4-pack	5.60	6.00	-0.40	-6.67
Passenger airfare from St Vincent and the Grenadines to:					
St. Lucia	1 way	322.97	456.22	-133.25	-29.21
Trinidad and Tobago	1 month	436.05	489.93	-53.88	-11.00
New York	1 month	3,486.90	5,050.70	-1,563.80	-30.96
Toronto	1 month	2,670.70	3,145.60	-474.90	-15.10
London	1 month	3,910.80	4,602.10	-691.30	-15.02
Skimmed milk powder	Lb	6.58	7.28	-0.70	-9.62
Currants	Lb	12.53	13.11	-0.58	-4.42
Tannias	Lb	2.95	3.06	-0.11	-3.59
Tomatoes	Lb	3.90	4.19	-0.29	-6.92
Cucumber	Lb	2.12	2.21	-0.09	-4.07
Sweet pepper	Lb	6.31	6.68	-0.37	-5.54
Onions	Lb	2.68	2.89	-0.21	-7.27

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

ITEMS	UNIT OF QUANTITY	AVERAGE ECS		CHANGE IN PRICE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN PRICE
		SEPTEMBER 2016	SEPTEMBER 2015		
FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES					
Beef - Fresh	Lb.	8.00	8.00	0.00	0.00
Chicken - Whole	Lb.	6.55	6.15	0.40	6.50
Chicken - Leg Quarters	Lb.	2.68	2.23	0.45	20.18
Chicken - Backs	Lb.	1.62	1.60	0.02	1.25
Chicken - Wings	Lb.	4.53	4.81	-0.28	-5.82
Turkey Wings	Lb.	2.44	3.50	-1.06	-30.29
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 (Robin)	Lb.	5.00	4.00	1.00	25.00
Chicken Franks	340 g Pk	5.28	5.26	0.02	0.38
Luncheon Meat (pork)	340 g	7.95	7.74	0.21	2.71
Codfish	Lb.	14.04	14.91	-0.87	-5.84
Cornflakes	12 oz	13.03	12.81	0.22	1.72
Pasta - Elbows	340 g	4.60	4.62	-0.02	-0.43
Milk - Evaporated	410g Tin	3.08	3.36	-0.28	-8.33
Milk - Condensed	397g Tin	3.29	3.29	0.00	0.00
Bread- Small Loaf, white	5 Pk	2.02	1.99	0.03	1.51
Bread - Large Sliced Pan Loaf (white)	Each	4.25	4.25	0.00	0.00
Eggs	Doz	8.96	8.82	0.14	1.59
Orange Juice	19 oz Tin	8.83	8.16	0.67	8.21
Sugar - Brown (loose)	Lb.	1.54	1.35	0.19	14.07
Sugar - White (loose)	Lb.	1.72	1.73	-0.01	-0.58
Flour - Loose	Lb.	1.39	1.40	-0.01	-0.71
Flour - Packaged (white)	2 kg	6.67	6.75	-0.08	-1.19
Flour - Packaged (wholewheat)	2 kg	7.29	7.39	-0.10	-1.35
Rice - Loose	Lb.	1.92	1.78	0.14	7.87
Rice - Packaged	2Kg	10.53	9.22	1.31	14.21
Bananas (ripe)	Lb.	1.34	1.34	0.00	0.00
Breadfruit	Lb.	2.54	2.66	-0.12	-4.51
Eddoes	Lb.	3.13	3.04	0.09	2.96
Dasheens	Lb.	2.15	2.13	0.02	0.94
Sweet Potatoes	Lb.	2.19	1.93	0.26	13.47
Oranges	Each	0.79	0.79	0.00	0.00
Tomatoes	Lb.	3.90	5.05	-1.15	-22.77
Cooking Margarine	445g Tub	8.81	7.85	0.96	12.23
Vegetable Oil	Litre	12.42	10.61	1.81	17.06
Powdered Chocolate	300g Pk	10.66	10.59	0.07	0.66
Hairoun Fruit Cocktail (not cold)	280 ml Bottle	2.31	2.26	0.05	2.21
Vitamalt	310 ml Bottle	5.65	5.61	0.04	0.71

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ITEMS	UNIT OF QUANTITY	AVERAGE PRICE		CHANGE IN PRICE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN PRICE
		SEPTEMBER 2016	SEPTEMBER 2015		
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO & NARCOTICS					
Rum - Local (White)	750 ml Bot.	29.14	29.02	0.12	0.41
Beer - Local	280 ml Bot.	4.61	4.51	0.10	2.22
Cigarettes	Pkt. (10)	4.12	3.68	0.44	11.96
Table wine (local)	26 oz Bot.	19.00	18.79	0.21	1.12
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	Pair	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	89.95	-0.18	-0.20
Women's 2Pc Skirtsuit (polyester) large	Each	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
Women's Blouse (cotton/Spandex)	Each	29.95	24.00	5.95	24.79
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	62.07	68.32	-6.25	-9.15
Water - Consumption Charge	5000 Gallons	37.50	37.50	0.00	0.00
Kerosene	1 Gallon	8.33	10.58	-2.25	-21.27
Charcoal	Sack	40.00	40.00	0.00	0.00
Cooking Gas	20 Lb. Cyl.	34.00	31.25	2.75	8.80
Electricity Consumption Charge	140 KWH	110.04	110.63	-0.59	-0.53
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	105.00	88.80	16.20	18.24
Frying Pan - 12" - non-stick	Each	52.76	52.76	0.00	0.00
Laundry Soap	Each	1.15	1.16	-0.01	-0.86
Electrical Bulb - 60W	Each	6.34	5.94	0.40	6.73

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ITEMS	UNIT OF QUANTITY	AVERAGE PRICE ECS		CHANGE IN PRICE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN PRICE
		SEPTEMBER 2016	SEPTEMBER 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
Drugs 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.	15.09	15.58	-0.49	-3.15
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	12.73	-2.43	-19.09
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	0.91	0.83	0.08	9.64
RECREATION AND CULTURE					
Television 26 " Flat panel	Each	1,992.64	1,999.00	-6.36	-0.32
Cable TV Basic Charge	Month	74.75	74.75	0.00	0.00
Laptop Computer -13.3 " screen 2 GB	Each	3,830.12	3,832.24	-2.12	-0.06
Desktop Computer - 14" Monitor 3 GB	Each	2,070.30	2,071.45	-1.15	-0.06
Remote Control Car	Each	250.00	250.00	0.00	0.00
Dog Food (Canned)	374 g Tin	3.56	3.37	0.19	5.64
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 Cont'd
AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF SELECTED ITEMS
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ITEMS	UNIT OF QUANTITY	AVERAGE PRICE ECS		CHANGE IN PRICE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN PRICE
		SEPTEMBER 2016	SEPTEMBER 2015		
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	0.82	0.92	-0.10	-10.87
Mathematics Textbook - Form 4	Each	79.72	77.16	2.56	3.32
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	3.46	0.05	1.45
Toothpaste	130g Tube	9.07	9.15	-0.08	-0.87
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.	12.88	12.75	0.13	1.02
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	AUGUST 2016	SEPTEMBER 2016	SEPTEMBER 2015	PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER PREVIOUS:	
						MONTH AUGUST	YEAR SEPTEMBER
01.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	111.3	111.4	110.4	0.1	0.9
02.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	114.4	114.9	110.5	0.4	4.0
03.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	105.1	104.8	102.5	-0.3	2.2
04.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	98.1	99.3	98.8	1.2	0.5
05.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	103.2	103.1	101.4	-0.1	1.7
06.	Health	1.79	107.4	107.6	107.0	0.2	0.6
07.	Transport	11.84	121.3	118.4	120.8	-2.4	-2.0
08.	Communication	9.41	106.8	106.8	106.2	0.0	0.6
09.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	104.0	104.0	102.5	0.0	1.5
10.	Education	1.32	108.5	109.3	110.2	0.7	-0.8
11.	Restaurants and Hotels	1.87	102.4	102.7	103.5	0.3	-0.8
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	101.4	101.4	101.1	0.0	0.3
	ALL ITEMS	100.00	106.3	106.4	105.8	0.1	0.6

Chart 1. COICOP Groups Percentage Change for September 2016

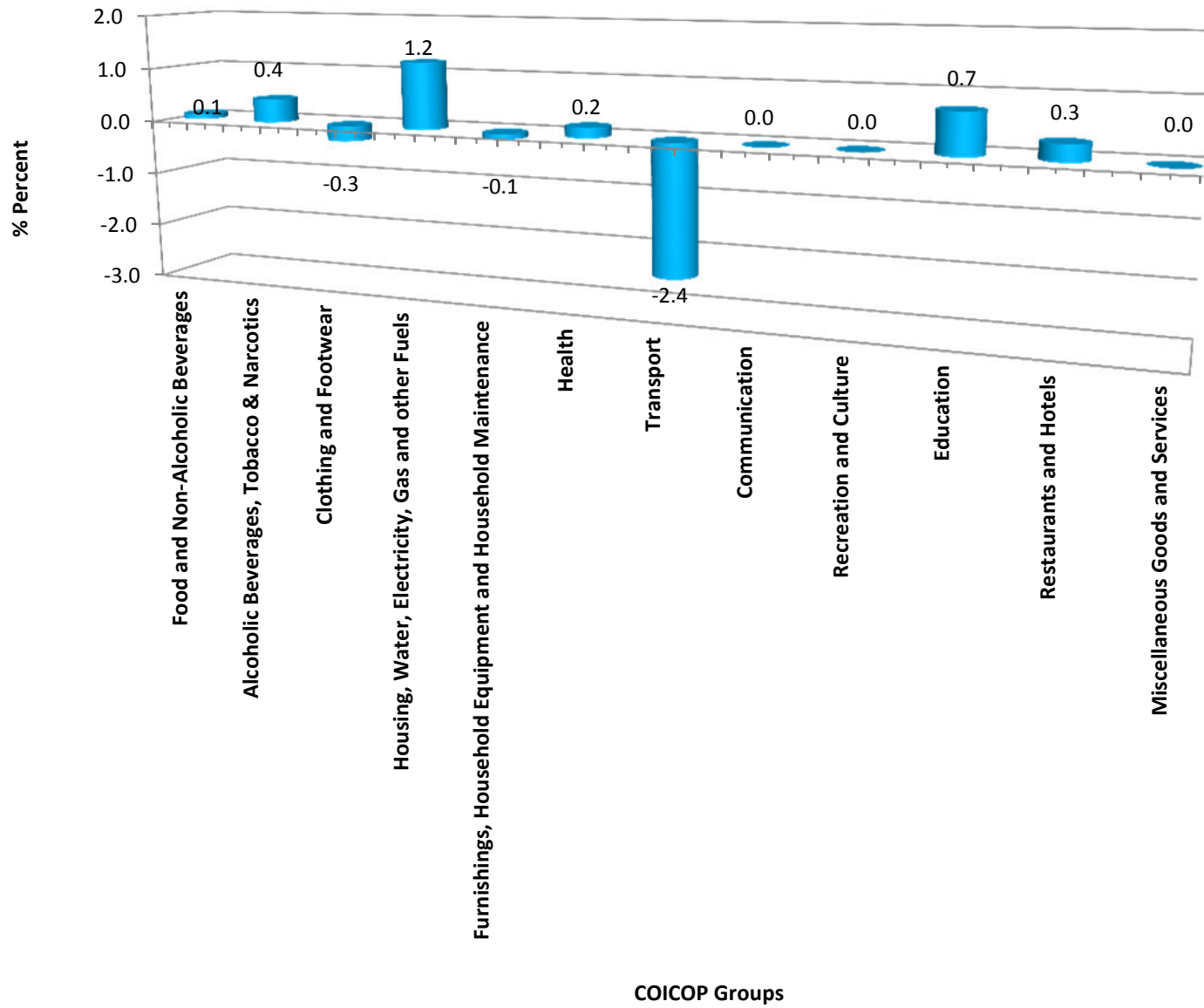


TABLE 4
THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX BY MAIN GROUPS
JANUARY 2010 = 100
CONTRIBUTION TO CHANGE

	GROUPS	WEIGHT	AUGUST 2016	SEPTEMBER 2016	Percentage Change	Cost Weight		Change in Cost Weight	Contribution to Change %
						AUGUST 2016	SEPTEMBER 2016		
1.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	111.3	111.4	0.1	2,438.58	2,440.77	2.2	21.9
2.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	114.4	114.9	0.4	442.73	444.66	1.9	19.4
3.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	105.1	104.8	-0.3	338.42	337.46	-1.0	-9.7
4.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	98.1	99.3	1.2	2,948.89	2,984.96	36.1	360.7
5.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	103.2	103.1	-0.1	680.09	679.43	-0.7	-6.6
6.	Health	1.79	107.4	107.6	0.2	192.25	192.60	0.4	3.6
7.	Transport	11.84	121.3	118.4	-2.4	1,436.19	1,401.86	-34.3	-343.4
8.	Communication	9.41	106.8	106.8	0.0	1,004.99	1,004.99	0.0	0.0
9.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	104.0	104.0	0.0	396.24	396.24	0.0	0.0
10.	Education	1.32	108.5	109.3	0.7	143.22	144.28	1.1	10.6
11.	Restaurants and Hotels	1.87	102.4	102.7	0.3	191.49	192.05	0.6	5.6
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	101.4	101.4	0.0	437.03	437.03	0.0	0.0
	ALL ITEMS	100.00	106.3	106.4	0.1	10,630.00	10,640.00	10.0	100.0

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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	Communi-cation	Recreation & Culture	Education	Restaurants & Hotels	Miscell-aneous 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
May	105.3	111.0	113.0	105.1	97.7	102.8	107.8	118.7	103.5	103.0	108.5	102.4	101.4
June	106.4	111.2	113.9	105.1	98.5	102.8	107.7	120.0	108.6	104.0	108.5	102.4	101.4
July	106.3	111.6	114.1	105.1	98.3	103.2	107.5	120.0	106.8	104.3	108.5	102.4	101.3
August	106.3	111.3	114.4	105.1	98.1	103.2	107.4	121.3	106.8	104.0	108.5	102.4	101.4
September	106.4	111.4	114.9	104.8	99.3	103.1	107.6	118.4	106.8	104.0	109.3	102.7	101.4