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DECEMBER 2019

During the month of December 2019, the consumer price index recorded a decrease of 0.5 percent in contrast to an increase of 0.4 percent for the month of November 2019 (*see table 3*).

The “All Items” index was recorded at 111.3 for the month of December compared to 111.9 for the month of November 2019. Three (3) groups recorded decreases during the month, namely, “Transport” (2.5%), “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” (0.9%) and “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” (0.1%). Meanwhile, three (3) groups recorded increases for the month, “Miscellaneous Goods and Services” (0.4%), “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics” (0.3%) and “Furnishing, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” (0.1%). Six (6) groups remained unchanged, “Clothing and Footwear”, “Health”, “Communication”, “Recreation and Culture”, “Education” and “Restaurants and Hotels” (*see table 3*).

Lower passenger airfares from St. Vincent and the Grenadines to several destinations: New York (39.8%), Barbados (24.4%), London (14.0%), Trinidad and Tobago (11.5%), St. Lucia (8.9%) and Toronto (8.8%) led to the decline in the “Transport” index (*see table 1*).

“Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” index fell by 0.9 percent due to a reduction in the price of cooking gas; 100lb cylinder (3.7%), 25lb cylinder (3.7%) and 20lb cylinder (3.5%) and a 4.7 percent reduction in the cost of electricity.

Similarly, the group index for “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” decreased by 0.1 percent due to lower prices for several items, namely, chicken leg quarters (28.2%), chicken neck (23.8%), garlic - loose (21.6%), christophene (4.3%), eggs (1.6%), whole chicken (1.3%) and whole wheat flour (0.4%).

The “Miscellaneous Goods & Services” group index increased by 0.4 percent which was on account of higher prices for disposable diapers (5.6%), mouthwash (7.2%), sanitary napkins (7.2%) and toothpaste (1.2%).

“Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics” index increased by 0.3 percent as a result of higher prices for items such as ginger wine (3.3%), brandy (1.2%), local black wine (1.1%) and local white rum (0.5%).

Meanwhile, the increase of 0.1 percent in the “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” group index was due to higher prices for candles (0.5%) and clothes pegs (0.2%) (*see table 1*).

The point-to-point inflation rate stood at 0.5 percent. The groups that accounted for the largest increases during the period are, “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics” (3.4%), “Restaurants and Hotels” (2.1%), “Furnishing, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” (2.0%), “Education” (1.8%) and “Miscellaneous Goods and Services” (1.5%). The groups “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” and “Health” recorded declines of (1.0%) and (0.8%) respectively (*see table 3*).

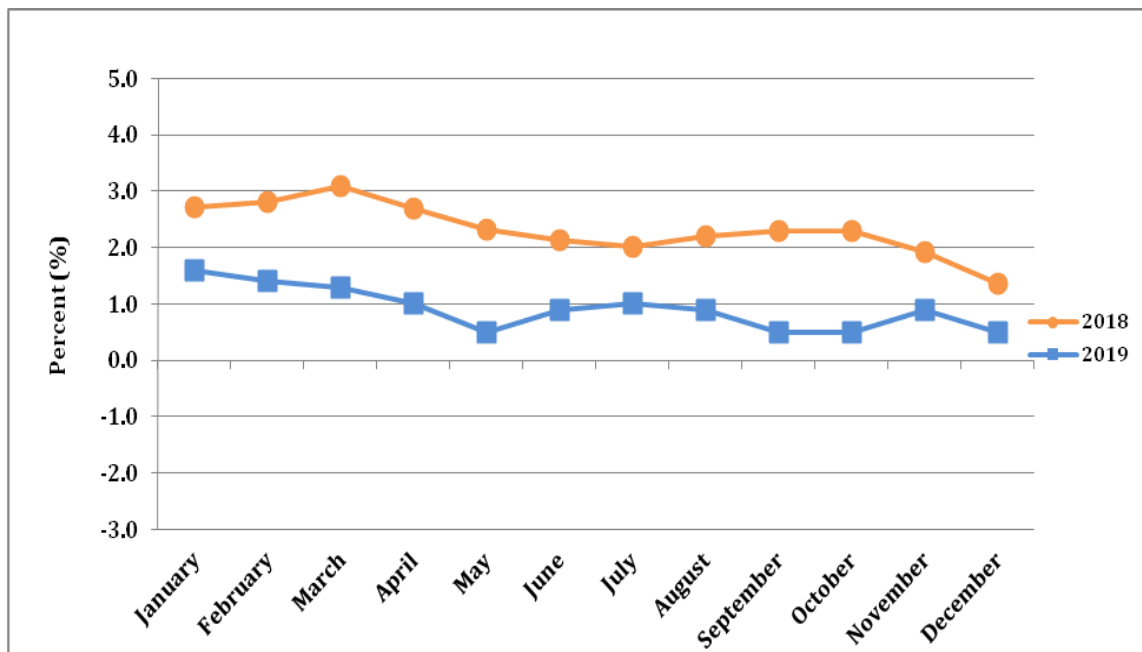
The average price of the basket fell by 0.5 percent for the month of December 2019 compared to November 2019 but was 0.5 percent less costly than December 2018.

REVIEW OF 2019

A review of the Consumer Price Index for the year 2019 showed that the annual average “point-to-point” inflation rate was 0.9 percent compared to 2.3 percent for the year 2018 (see table 9). The accumulated inflation rate for the end of 2019 was recorded at negative 0.5 percent in contrast to 1.4 percent for the year 2018 (see table 8). The average “All Items” index was recorded at 111.4 compared to 110.4 for 2018 (see table 6).

During the year, positive values were recorded for the point-to-point inflation rates. The months of June, August and November recorded inflation rates of 0.9 percent. The lowest inflation rate of 0.5 percent was recorded for the months of May, September, October and December while the highest rate of 1.6 percent was recorded for January (see table 9).

Point to Point of Inflation, January to December 2018-2019



The monthly inflation rates fluctuated throughout the year with the lowest rate registering at negative 0.5 percent in December and the highest of 0.5 percent for the months of January, April and June (see table 7).

The average “All Items” index moved from 111.4 in January to 111.3 in December. The highest level for the year was recorded in the month of November (111.9) while the lowest was recorded in February (110.9). The greatest movement between the months was 0.6 points which occurred between May to June and November to December (*see table 6*).

Eight (8) groups recorded increases for the year, “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics” (3.4%), “Restaurants and Hotels” (2.1%), “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” (2.0%), “Education” (1.8%), “Miscellaneous Goods and Services” (1.5%), “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” (0.9%), “Transport” (0.9%) and “Clothing and Footwear” (0.1%). Meanwhile, two (2) groups recorded decreases, “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” (1.0%) and Health” (0.8%). Two (2) groups remained unchanged, “Communication” and “Recreation and Culture” (*see table 3*).

“Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics” group index recorded growth of 3.4 percent due mainly to higher prices for; ginger wine (13.0%), whiskey (7.5%), red rum (5.8%), local rum (4.7%), white wine (4.1%) and red wine (3.0%) (*see table 10.2*).

“Restaurant and Hotels” group recorded a growth of 2.1 percent due to increased cost for school meals, namely, chicken lunch (25.0%), bread and chicken (4.5%) pizza (3.6%), other restaurant meals such as mutton lunch (3.1%) and chicken roti (1.1%), Halls of residence fees at Mona (8.0%), St. Augustine (3.9%) and Cave Hill (0.7%) (*see table 10.4*).

The group index for “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” grew by 2.0 percent. This growth was on account of an increase for several items which include, gas stove (27.2%), matches (20.7%), dining set (14.0%), refrigerator (12.0%), dressing table (5.7%) and air freshener (5.3%) (*see table 10.2*).

Higher cost for primary school fees (8.8%), tuition fees for foreign education tertiary education Mona (1.6%) and St. Augustine (0.8%) resulted in a 1.8 percent rise in the “Education” index (*see table 10.4*).

The “Miscellaneous Goods and Services” group index increased by 1.5 percent on account of higher prices for hair relaxers (18.5%), body lotion (11.1%), combs (7.7%), hair grease (6.3%), toothpaste (5.3%), disposable diapers (5.0%) and wedding band for women (3.5%) (*see table 10.4*).

“Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” group index grew by 0.9 percent. This upward movement was due to higher prices for several food items, namely, barbecue sauce (40.6%), canned mix vegetables (21.4%), sweet pepper (20.8%), string beans (19.6%), ground cinnamon (17.1%), chicken sausage (17.0%), cabbage (16.0%), yeast (14.7%) and packaged whole wheat flour (10.3%) (*see table 10.1*).

The 0.9 percent growth in the “Transport” index was as a result of higher prices for diesel (12.4%), pick-up truck tyres (9.4%), engine coolant (4.1%), petrol (1.5%) and increased cost for passenger airfare from St Vincent to Mustique (18.2) and St. Vincent and the Grenadines to New York (8.4%), Barbados (6.1%) and London (1.5%) (*see table 10.3*).

Meanwhile, the increase of 0.1 percent in the group “Clothing and Footwear” was due to a increase in the prices of textiles material – Jacquard cotton (15.4%) and wool polystripe suiting (8.5%), bra (15.8%), vest (12.3%) and school blouse (6.9%) (*see table 10.2*).

A downward movement of 1.0 percent was recorded for the group index “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” due mainly to a lower price for cooking gas (4.4%) (*see table 10.2*).

The 0.8 percent decline in the “Health” index was on account of a decrease in the price of a drug that is used for the treatment of cancer (17.8%) and diabetes (12.7%), pain relievers (4.9%) and laxatives (1.8%) (*see table 10.3*).

Table 1: Average Retail Price of Selected Items

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average Price		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price	
		EC\$				
		December 2019	November 2019			
INCREASED						
Ginger wine	750ml	25.01	24.20	0.81	3.3	
Black wine - local	26oz	23.04	22.80	0.24	1.1	
Brandy	700ml	116.67	115.28	1.39	1.2	
White rum - local	750ml	32.34	32.17	0.17	0.5	
Clothes pegs	24pk	6.38	6.37	0.01	0.2	
Candles	4pk	6.65	6.62	0.03	0.5	
Disposable diapers	12pk	20.91	19.80	1.11	5.6	
Toothpaste	130g tube	9.59	9.48	0.11	1.2	
Mouthwash	250ml	16.43	15.33	1.10	7.2	
Sanitary napkins	14pk	20.72	19.33	1.39	7.2	
DECREASED						
Flour - whole wheat	2kg	7.18	7.21	-0.03	-0.4	
Chicken - whole	lb	3.09	3.13	-0.04	-1.3	
Chicken - neck	lb	1.60	2.10	-0.50	-23.8	
Chicken - leg quarters	lb	2.82	3.93	-1.11	-28.2	
Eggs	Dozen	8.44	8.58	-0.14	-1.6	
Christophene	lb	3.37	3.52	-0.15	-4.3	
Garlic - loose	500g	3.52	4.49	-0.97	-21.6	
Electricity consumption	140Kwh	117.17	122.92	-5.75	-4.7	
Cooking gas:						
	20lb Cylinder	34.85	36.13	-1.28	-3.5	
	25lb Cylinder	41.56	43.16	-1.60	-3.7	
	100lb Cylinder	164.73	171.13	-6.40	-3.7	
Passenger airfare from St. Vincent and the Grenadines to:						
	<i>St. Lucia</i>	1 way	437.72	480.25	-42.53	-8.9
	<i>Barbados</i>	1 way	455.63	603.05	-147.42	-24.4
	<i>Trinidad and Tobago</i>	1 way	437.40	494.10	-56.70	-11.5
	<i>New York, U.S.A</i>	1 month	2620.00	4355.00	-1735.00	-39.8
	<i>Toronto, Canada</i>	1 month	2745.00	3011.00	-266.00	-8.8
	<i>London, United Kingdom</i>	1 month	4032.00	4691.00	-659.00	-14.0

**Table 2.1: Average Retail Price of Selected Items
December 2019 Compared With December 2018**

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		December 2019	December 2018		
FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES					
Beef - Fresh	Lb.	8.00	8.00	0.00	0.00
Chicken - Whole	Lb.	6.85	6.62	0.23	3.47
Chicken - Leg Quarters	Lb.	2.82	2.74	0.08	2.92
Chicken - Backs	Lb.	1.71	1.60	0.11	6.87
Chicken - Wings	Lb.	4.78	4.56	0.22	4.82
Turkey Wings	Lb.	3.42	3.11	0.31	9.97
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	6.20	6.11	0.09	1.47
Luncheon Meat (pork)	340 g	8.13	8.34	-0.21	-2.52
Codfish	Lb.	15.47	15.18	0.29	1.91
Cornflakes	12 oz	13.84	13.72	0.12	0.87
Pasta - Elbows	340 g	4.67	4.71	-0.04	-0.85
Milk - Evaporated	410g Tin	3.18	3.29	-0.11	-3.34
Milk - Condensed	397g Tin	4.00	4.00	0.00	0.00
Bread- Small Loaf, white	5 Pk	1.89	1.89	0.00	0.00
Bread - Large Sliced Pan Loaf (white)	Each	4.19	4.19	0.00	0.00
Eggs	Doz	8.44	9.97	-1.53	-15.35
Orange Juice	19 oz Tin	9.09	8.94	0.15	1.68
Sugar - Brown (loose)	Lb.	1.62	1.66	-0.04	-2.41
Sugar - White (loose)	Lb.	1.78	1.79	-0.01	-0.56
Flour - Loose	Lb.	1.35	1.36	-0.01	-0.74
Flour - Packaged (white)	2 kg	6.84	6.77	0.07	1.03
Flour - Packaged (wholewheat)	2 kg	7.18	7.18	0.00	0.00
Rice - Loose	Lb.	1.89	1.90	-0.01	-0.53
Rice - Packaged	2Kg	10.83	10.55	0.28	2.65
Bananas (ripe)	Lb.	1.43	1.42	0.01	0.70
Breadfruit	Lb.	2.35	2.37	-0.02	-0.84
Eddoes	Lb.	2.72	2.56	0.16	6.25
Dasheens	Lb.	1.88	2.06	-0.18	-8.74
Sweet Potatoes	Lb.	2.43	2.08	0.35	16.83
Oranges	Each	0.85	0.88	-0.03	-3.41
Tomatoes	Lb.	6.17	5.32	0.85	15.98
Cooking Margarine	445g Tub	9.17	9.17	0.00	0.00
Vegetable Oil	Litre	12.41	12.43	-0.02	-0.16
Powdered Chocolate	300g Pk	10.88	10.81	0.07	0.65
Hairoun Fruit Cocktail (not cold)	280 ml Bottle	2.86	2.86	0.00	0.00
Vitamalt	310 ml Bottle	5.78	5.73	0.05	0.87

**Table 2.2: Average Retail Price of Selected Items
December 2019 Compared With December 2018**

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		December 2019	December 2018		
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO & NARCOTICS					
Rum - Local (White)	750 ml Bot.	32.34	30.00	2.34	7.80
Beer - Local	280 ml Bot.	5.09	5.09	0.00	0.00
Cigarettes	Pkt. (10)	4.01	3.96	0.05	1.26
Table wine (local)	26 oz Bot.	23.04	21.24	1.80	8.47
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	49.95	0.00	0.00
Men's Shoes -Formal	Pair	79.85	79.79	0.06	0.08
Women's Shoes - Formal	Pair	89.83	89.77	0.06	0.07
Women's 2Pc Skirtsuit (polyester) large	Each	102.48	102.48	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	20.66	20.89	-0.23	-1.10
Galvanise Sheets 10 ft.	Length	96.68	96.69	-0.01	-0.01
Oil Paint	Gallon	134.43	134.43	0.00	0.00
Lumber - Dressed Treated Yellow Pine (1x12x12)	Length	72.03	69.24	2.79	4.03
Water - Consumption Charge	5000 Gallons	37.50	37.50	0.00	0.00
Kerosene	1 Gallon	6.61	6.61	0.00	0.00
Charcoal	Sack	40.00	40.00	0.00	0.00
Cooking Gas	20 Lb. Cyl.	35.49	40.46	-4.97	-12.28
Electricity Consumption Charge	140 KWH	117.17	123.90	-6.73	-5.43
FURNISHING, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE					
Bed - Cherry 54"x75"	Each	1,181.73	1,162.88	18.85	1.62
Double size sheets - coloured/cotton	Each	105.05	105.00	0.05	0.05
Frying Pan - 12" - non-stick	Each	55.98	55.84	0.14	0.25
Laundry Soap	Each	1.25	1.24	0.01	0.81
Electrical Bulb - 60W	Each	6.40	6.29	0.11	1.75

**Table 2.3: Average Retail Price of Selected Items
December 2019 Compared With December 2018**

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		December 2019	December 2018		
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	10.49	11.53	-1.04	-9.02
Cough, Cold Preparation	125 ml.	15.18	15.41	-0.23	-1.49
Dental Care	Visit	134.17	130.83	3.34	2.55
Chest X- ray	Test	150.00	150.00	0.00	0.00
TRANSPORT					
Petrol - Unleaded	Gallon	12.97	12.83	0.14	1.09
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
COMMUNICATION					
Telephone Service - rental of line- domestic	Month	23.66	23.66	0.00	0.00
Telephone - Consumption Charge	226 Units	18.08	18.08	0.00	0.00
Internet Charge	Month	104.00	104.00	0.00	0.00
Fixed Line Domestic Rate - peak	Minute	0.08	0.08	0.00	0.00
Mobile to Mobile - domestic	Minute	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00
RECREATION AND CULTURE					
Television 26 " Flat panel	Each	2,004.58	2,001.25	3.33	0.17
Cable TV Basic Charge	Month	79.33	79.33	0.00	0.00
Laptop Computer -13.3 " screen 2 GB	Each	3,872.65	3,846.68	25.97	0.68
Desktop Computer - 14" Monitor 3 GB	Each	2,093.29	2,079.25	14.04	0.68
Remote Control Car	Each	258.45	250.00	8.45	3.38
Dog Food (Canned)	374 g Tin	3.84	3.83	0.01	0.26
Dance Admission to Night Club	Per Person	20.00	20.00	0.00	0.00
Carnival costume and Band Fees (Adult)	Each	375.00	375.00	0.00	0.00

**Table 2.4: Average Retail Price of Selected Items
December 2019 Compared With December 2018**

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		December 2019	December 2018		
EDUCATION					
Pre-Primary - Private	Month	217.50	217.50	0.00	0.00
Primary School Fee - Private	Term	850.00	850.00	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	0.75	1.00	-0.25	-25.00
Mathematics Textbook - Form 4	Each	75.12	76.43	-1.31	-1.71
Tuition for local evening classes	Per Subject	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS					
Chicken Lunch - regular	Each	14.49	14.39	0.10	0.69
Fish Lunch - regular	Each	15.49	15.51	-0.02	-0.13
Fast Food - 2 Pc Chicken and Fries	Each	17.05	17.05	0.00	0.00
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES					
Toilet Soap	125g	3.49	3.48	0.01	0.29
Toothpaste	130g Tube	9.60	9.12	0.48	5.26
Men's Haircut	Visit	10.00	10.00	0.00	0.00
Women's Hairdressing (Relaxer)	Visit	68.82	69.82	-1.00	-1.43
Disposable Diapers (medium)	10 per Pk.	13.65	13.00	0.65	5.00
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	November 2019	December 2019	December 2018	Percentage Change Over Previous:	
						Month November	Year December
01.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	117.3	117.2	116.2	-0.1	0.9
02.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	125.9	126.3	122.1	0.3	3.4
03.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	105.0	105.0	104.9	0.0	0.1
04.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	102.6	101.7	102.7	-0.9	-1.0
05.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	113.5	113.6	111.4	0.1	2.0
06.	Health	1.79	109.4	109.4	110.3	0.0	-0.8
07.	Transport	11.84	127.9	124.7	123.6	-2.5	0.9
08.	Communication	9.41	113.3	113.3	113.3	0.0	0.0
09.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	107.4	107.4	107.4	0.0	0.0
10.	Education	1.32	112.3	112.3	110.3	0.0	1.8
11.	Restaurants and Hotels	1.87	110.6	110.6	108.3	0.0	2.1
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	104.8	105.2	103.6	0.4	1.5
	ALL ITEMS	100.00	111.9	111.3	110.8	-0.5	0.5

Chart 1. COICOP Groups Percentage Change for December 2019

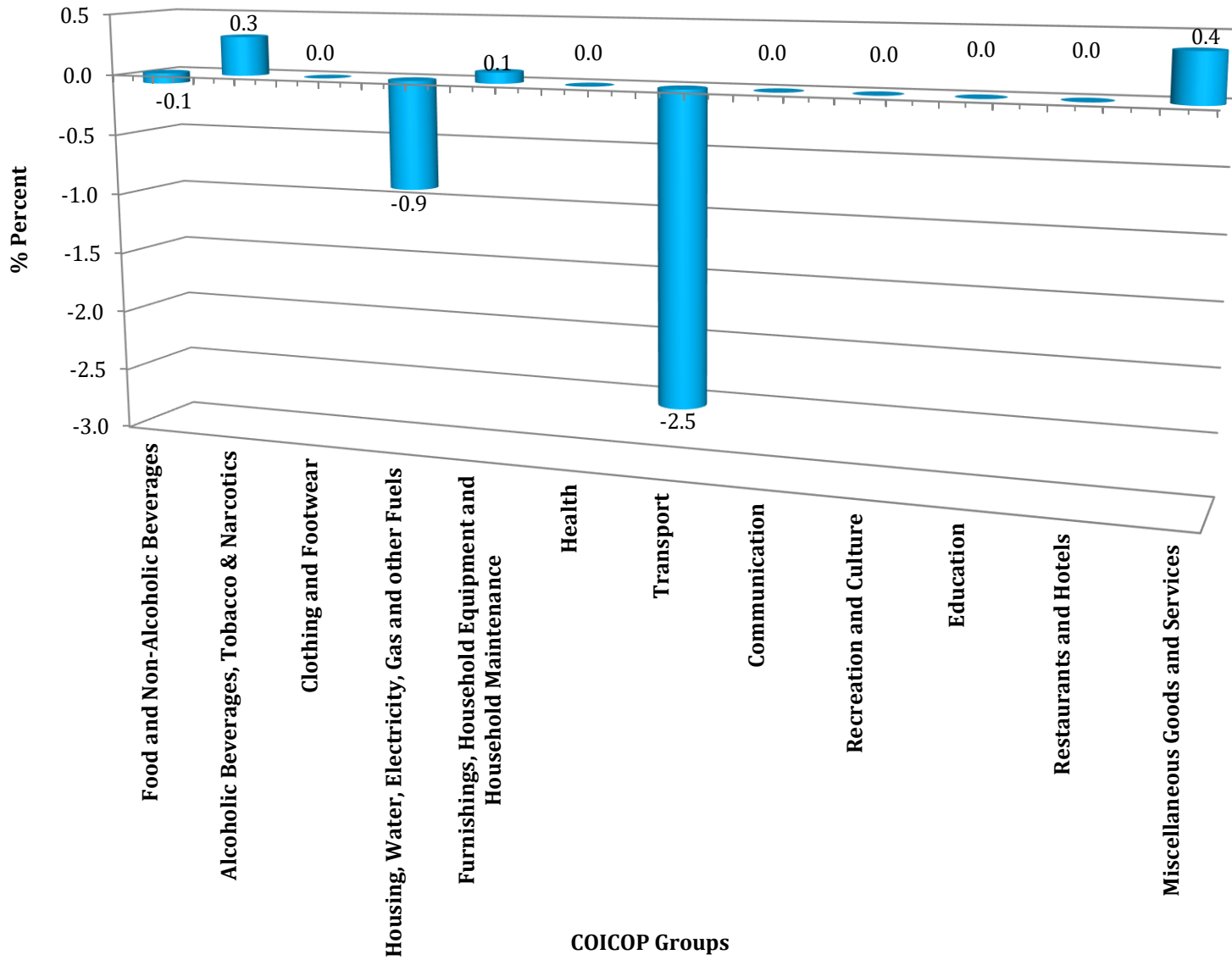


Table 4: The Consumer Price Index by Main Groups
January 2010 = 100
Contribution to Change

	Groups	Weight	November 2019	December 2019	Percentage Change	Cost Weight		Change in Cost Weight	% Contribution to Change
						November 2019	December 2019		
1.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	117.3	117.2	-0.1	2,570.04	2,567.85	-2.2	3.7
2.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	125.9	126.3	0.3	487.23	488.78	1.5	-2.6
3.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	105.0	105.0	0.0	338.10	338.10	0.0	0.0
4.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	102.6	101.7	-0.9	3,084.16	3,057.10	-27.1	45.1
5.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	113.6	113.6	0.0	748.62	748.62	0.0	0.0
6.	Health	1.79	109.4	109.4	0.0	195.83	195.83	0.0	0.0
7.	Transport	11.84	127.9	124.7	-2.5	1,514.34	1,476.45	-37.9	63.1
8.	Communication	9.41	113.3	113.3	0.0	1,066.15	1,066.15	0.0	0.0
9.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	107.4	107.4	0.0	409.19	409.19	0.0	0.0
10.	Education	1.32	112.3	112.3	0.0	148.24	148.24	0.0	0.0
11.	Hotels and Restaurants	1.87	110.6	110.6	0.0	206.82	206.82	0.0	0.0
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	104.8	105.2	0.4	451.69	453.41	1.7	-2.9
	ALL ITEMS	100.00	111.9	111.3	-0.5	11,190.00	11,130.00	-60.0	100.0

Table 5: Monthly Index - 2018
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	Hotels & Restaurants	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	111.4	116.1	122.5	105.0	103.0	113.6	110.9	126.3	113.3	107.4	110.3	108.6	103.9
February	110.9	115.9	122.5	105.0	103.1	113.5	110.5	122.3	113.3	107.5	110.3	108.6	103.9
March	111.0	116.1	122.7	105.0	102.8	113.3	110.5	123.7	113.3	107.5	110.3	108.6	103.9
April	111.5	116.3	122.8	105.0	103.7	113.3	109.9	125.0	113.3	107.5	110.3	108.6	103.9
May	111.0	116.2	123.7	105.0	103.0	113.3	109.9	122.2	113.3	107.5	110.3	108.6	104.1
June	111.6	116.9	124.2	105.0	104.0	113.4	109.9	123.2	113.3	107.2	110.3	108.6	104.0
July	111.8	117.3	125.0	105.0	103.2	113.5	109.1	126.8	113.3	106.6	110.3	109.6	103.8
August	111.8	117.3	125.6	105.0	102.3	113.5	109.2	128.5	113.3	107.4	110.3	109.6	103.8
September	111.5	117.8	125.7	105.0	102.3	113.5	109.6	124.9	113.3	107.4	112.3	110.0	104.1
October	111.5	117.6	125.9	105.0	102.4	113.5	109.0	124.9	113.3	107.4	112.3	110.6	104.9
November	111.9	117.3	125.9	105.0	102.6	113.5	109.4	127.9	113.3	107.4	112.3	110.6	104.9
December	111.3	117.2	126.3	105.0	101.7	113.6	109.4	124.7	113.3	107.4	112.3	110.6	105.2

Table 6: Monthly All Items Index, January to December 2014 - 2019

Months	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
January	107.7	107.5	104.7	106.7	109.6	111.4
February	107.2	106.0	104.6	106.4	109.4	110.9
March	107.4	105.5	104.8	106.3	109.6	111.0
April	108.0	105.6	104.5	107.5	110.4	111.5
May	107.3	105.4	105.3	108.0	110.5	111.0
June	107.4	105.4	106.4	108.3	110.6	111.6
July	108.0	106.3	106.3	108.5	110.7	111.8
August	108.4	106.3	106.3	108.4	110.8	111.8
September	107.6	105.8	106.4	108.4	110.9	111.5
October	107.6	105.4	106.1	108.5	111.0	111.5
November	108.2	105.4	106.3	108.8	110.9	111.9
December	107.3	105.1	106.1	109.3	110.8	111.3
Average	107.7	105.8	105.7	107.9	110.4	111.4

Chart 2: Monthly All Items Index, January to December 2018 - 2019

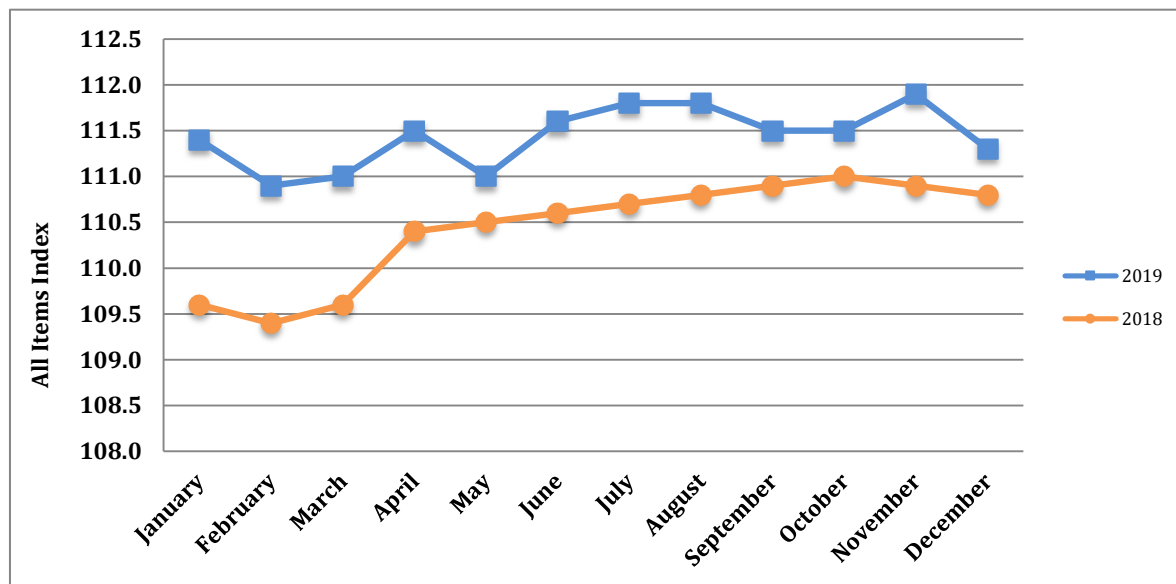


Table 7: Monthly Rate of Inflation, January to December 2014 - 2019

Months	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
January	0.5	0.2	-0.4	0.6	0.3	0.5
February	-0.5	-1.4	-0.1	-0.3	-0.2	-0.4
March	0.2	-0.5	0.2	-0.1	0.2	0.1
April	0.6	0.1	-0.3	1.1	0.7	0.5
May	-0.7	-0.2	0.8	0.5	0.1	-0.4
June	0.1	0.0	1.0	0.3	0.1	0.5
July	0.6	0.8	-0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2
August	0.4	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.1	0.0
September	-0.7	-0.5	0.1	0.0	0.1	-0.3
October	0.0	-0.4	-0.3	0.1	0.1	0.0
November	0.6	0.0	0.2	0.3	-0.1	0.4
December	-0.8	-0.3	-0.2	0.5	-0.1	-0.5

Chart 3: Monthly Rate of Inflation, January to December 2018 - 2019

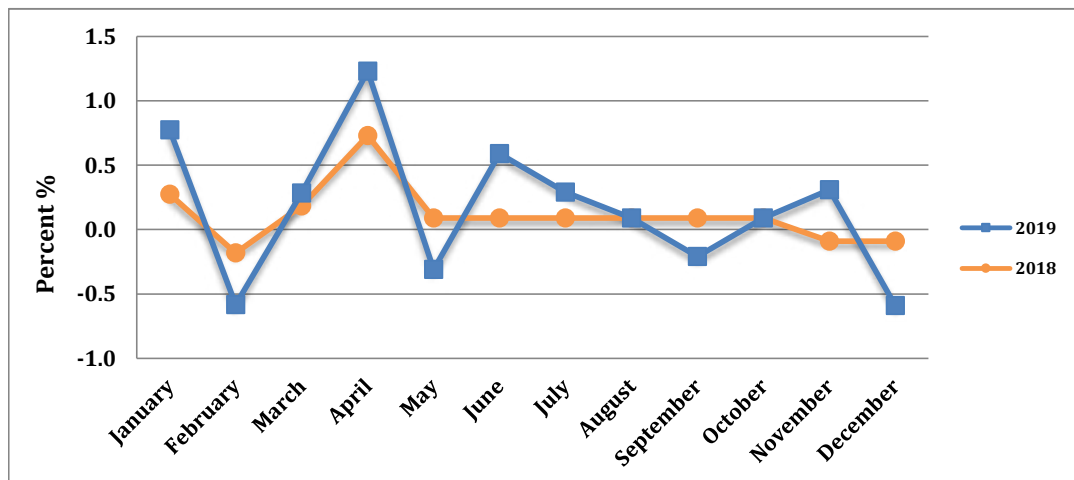


Table 8: Accumulated Inflation, January to December 2014 - 2019

Months	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
January	0.5	0.2	-0.4	0.6	0.3	0.5
February	0.0	-1.2	-0.5	0.3	0.1	-0.4
March	0.2	-1.7	-0.3	0.2	0.3	0.1
April	0.8	-1.6	-0.6	1.3	1.0	0.5
May	0.1	-1.8	0.2	1.8	1.1	-0.4
June	0.2	-1.8	1.2	2.1	1.2	0.5
July	0.8	-0.9	1.1	2.2	1.3	0.2
August	1.1	-0.9	1.1	2.2	1.4	0.0
September	0.4	-1.4	1.2	2.2	1.5	-0.3
October	0.4	-1.8	1.0	2.2	1.5	0.0
November	1.0	-1.8	1.1	2.5	1.5	0.4
December	0.1	-2.1	1.0	3.0	1.4	-0.5

Chart 4: Accumulated Inflation, January to December 2018 - 2019

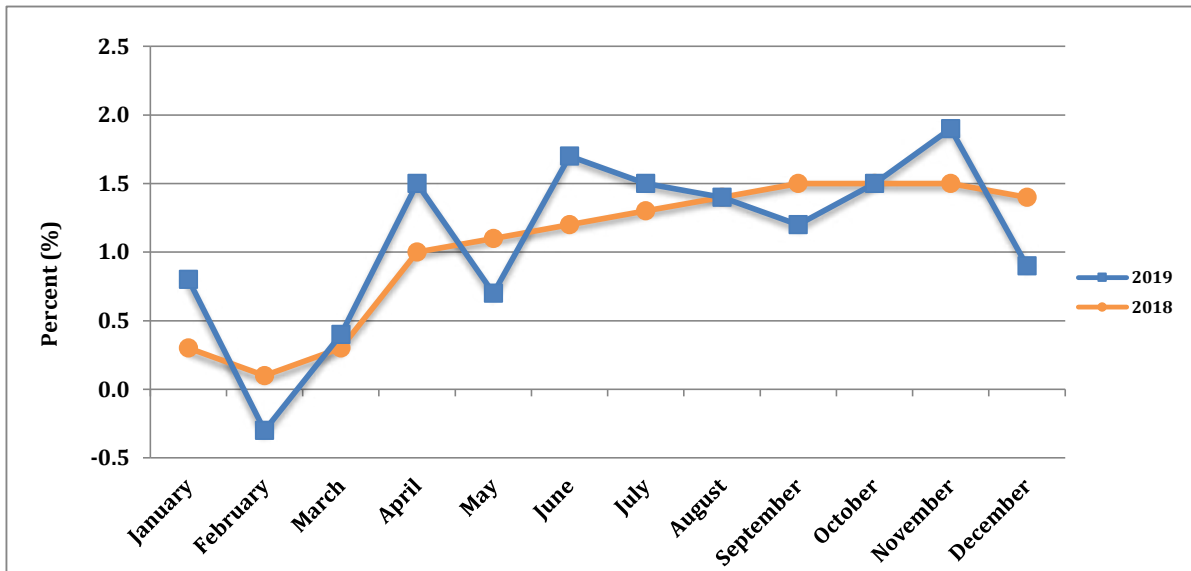
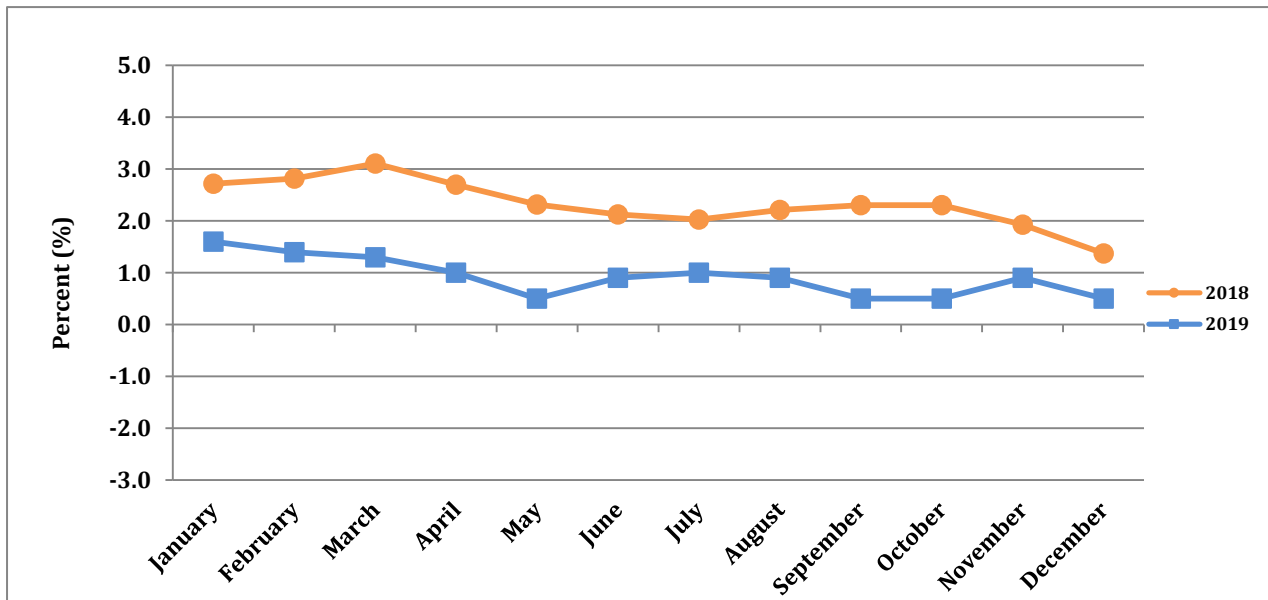


Table 9: Point to Point Rate of Inflation, January to December 2014 - 2019

Months	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
January	0.1	-0.2	-2.6	1.9	2.7	1.6
February	-0.2	-1.1	-1.3	1.7	2.8	1.4
March	-0.4	-1.8	-0.7	1.4	3.1	1.3
April	-0.3	-2.2	-1.0	2.9	2.7	1.0
May	-0.5	-1.8	-0.1	2.6	2.3	0.5
June	-0.2	-1.9	0.9	1.8	2.1	0.9
July	0.9	-1.6	0.0	2.1	2.0	1.0
August	0.8	-1.9	0.0	2.0	2.2	0.9
September	0.3	-1.7	0.6	1.9	2.3	0.5
October	0.1	-2.0	0.7	2.3	2.3	0.5
November	1.0	-2.6	0.9	2.4	1.9	0.9
December	0.1	-2.1	1.0	3.0	1.4	0.5
Average	0.2	-1.7	-0.1	2.2	2.3	0.9

Chart 5: Point to Point Rate of Inflation, January to December 2018 - 2019



**Table 10.1: Average Annual Retail Price
Selected Items 2019 Compared With 2018**

Items	Unit Of Quantity	Average Retail Price EC\$		Percentage Change Over Previous Year 2018
		2019	2018	
FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC				
Chicken - Backs	Lb.	1.66	1.64	1.2
Chicken - Wings	Lb.	4.68	4.60	1.7
Turkey Wings	Lb.	3.30	3.28	0.6
Fish - Fresh (Robins)	Lb.	4.82	4.55	5.9
Chicken Franks	340 g Pk	6.14	5.84	5.1
Chicken Sausage	5oz Tin	3.56	3.04	17.1
Codfish	Lb.	15.31	15.08	1.5
Cornflakes	12 oz	13.80	13.66	1.0
Eggs	Doz	9.48	9.18	3.3
Yeast	500g Tin	17.84	15.56	14.7
Flour - Packaged (white)	2 kg	6.83	6.76	1.0
Flour - Packaged (wholewheat)	1kg	4.39	3.98	10.3
Rice - Package	2 kg	10.58	10.56	0.2
Bananas	Lb.	1.42	1.41	0.7
Cabbage	Lb.	4.35	3.75	16.0
Sweet Pepper	Lb.	7.21	5.97	20.8
Eddoes	Lb.	2.76	2.55	8.2
String Bean	Lb.	4.25	3.55	19.7
Sweet Potatoes	Lb.	2.33	2.26	3.1
Ground Cinnamon	3.37oz	3.78	3.23	17.0
Tomatoes	Lb.	4.80	4.35	10.3
Canned Mixed Vegetables	432g	8.95	7.37	21.4
Barbecue Sauce	510g	12.95	9.21	40.6
Vegetable Oil	1 Litre	12.40	12.38	0.2
Powdered Chocolate	300g Pk	10.82	10.80	0.2
Hairoun Fruit Cocktail (not cold)	280 ml Bottle	2.82	2.80	0.7
Vitamalt	310 ml Bottle	5.76	5.69	1.2

**Table 10.2: Average Annual Retail Price
Selected Items 2019 Compared With 2018**

Items	Unit Of Quantity	Average Retail Price EC\$		Percentage Change Over Previous Year
		2019	2018	2018
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO & NARCOTICS				
Ginger wine	750 ml Bottle	22.06	19.52	13.0
Whiskey	750 ml Bottle	131.03	121.90	7.5
Red rum	750 ml Bottle	29.13	27.53	5.8
Rum - Local (White)	750 ml Bottle	31.38	29.96	4.7
White wine	750 ml Bottle	34.84	33.46	4.1
Red wine	750 ml Bottle	31.06	30.16	3.0
CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR				
Textile Material:				
Jacquard Cotton	Per yard	14.95	12.95	15.4
Polystripe Suiting Wool	Per yard	25.95	23.95	8.4
Bra	Each	15.95	13.77	15.8
Vest	Each	9.95	8.86	12.3
School Blouse	Each	20.95	19.59	6.9
Wedding band for women	Each	974.19	941.61	3.5
Women's 2Pc Skirtsuit (polyester) large	Each	102.48	102.25	0.2
HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS				
Galvanise Sheets 10 ft.	1 Length	96.68	93.68	3.2
Oil Paint	1 Gal.	134.43	118.60	13.3
Lumber -Dressed Treated Yellow Pine (1x12x1	1 Length	69.63	69.14	0.7
Water - Consumption Charge	5000 Gals.	37.50	37.50	0.0
Cooking Gas	20 Lb. Cyl.	37.81	39.55	-4.4
Electricity Consumption Charge	140 KWH	124.97	121.94	2.5
FURNISHING, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE				
Gas Stove - 4 Burner	Each	1850.20	1454.27	27.2
Dining Set	5 Pieces	2140.39	1878.27	14.0
Refrigerator - 10 cu. ft.	Each	2299.11	2052.43	12.0
Dressing Table	3 Pieces	1858.98	1758.84	5.7
Matches - large	Box	1.81	1.50	20.7
Air Freshener	9oz	7.97	7.57	5.3
Electrical Bulb - 60W	Each	6.35	6.28	1.1

**Table 10.3: Average Annual Retail Price
Selected Items 2019 Compared With 2018**

Items	Unit Of Quantity	Average Retail Price EC\$		Percentage Change Over Previous Year
		2019	2018	2018
HEALTH				
Drug for Cancer	1 Month's supply	18.50	22.50	-17.8
Drug for Diabetes	2 Month's supply	10.95	12.55	-12.7
Pain Relievers	100 tablets per pk	6.75	7.10	-4.9
Laxatives	60 tablets per pk	9.20	9.37	-1.8
Cough, Cold Preparation	125 ml.	15.22	15.13	0.6
Dental Care	1 Visit	132.78	130.83	1.5
TRANSPORT				
Petrol - Unleaded	1 Gal.	12.44	12.25	1.6
Diesel	1 Gal.	11.68	10.39	12.4
Pick-up Tyres 265/70/16	Each	387.95	354.46	9.4
Engine Coolant	1 Gal.	9.60	9.22	4.1
Passenger airfare from St. Vincent to:				
Mustique	1 Way	118.18	100.00	18.2
New York, U.S.A	1 Month	3482.73	3213.02	8.4
Barbados	1 Way	546.35	514.89	6.1
London, United Kingdom	1 Month	4291.04	4222.67	1.6
COMMUNICATION				
Internet Charge	1 Month	104.00	103.32	0.7
Mobile to Mobile- domestic	1 Minute	1.00	0.99	1.0
RECREATION AND CULTURE				
Television 26 " Flat panel	Each	1998.83	1997.55	0.1
Cable TV Basic Charge	1 Month	79.33	77.25	2.7
Laptop Computer -13.3 " screen 2 GB	Each	3856.20	3839.57	0.4
Desktop Computer - 14" Monitor 3 GB	Each	2084.40	2075.41	0.4
Car - Remote Control	Each	253.17	250.00	1.3
Dog Food (Canned)	374g Tin	3.84	3.83	0.3
Dance Admission to Night Club	Per Person	20.00	20.00	0.0
Carnival costume and Band Fees (Adult)	Each	375.00	363.64	3.1

**Table 10.4: Average Annual Retail Price
Selected Items 2019 Compared With 2018**

ITEMS	Unit Of Quantity	Average Retail Price EC\$		Percentage Change Over Previous Year 2018
		2019	2018	
EDUCATION				
Primary School Fee - Private	1 Term	450.00	413.64	8.8
Lead Pencils	Each	0.89	0.80	11.3
Mathematics Textbook - Form 4	Each	75.72	73.37	3.2
Tuition Fees for Foreign Education:				
Mona	Annual	5878.49	5784.99	1.6
St. Augustine	Annual	4829.85	4791.26	0.8
RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS				
School Meals:				
Chicken Lunch	Each	10.00	8.00	25.0
Bread and Chicken	Each	4.18	4.00	4.5
Pizza	Each	2.59	2.50	3.6
Other Restaurant Meals:				
Mutton Lunch	Each	18.82	18.25	3.1
Chicken Roti	Each	9.16	9.06	1.1
Halls of Residence Fees:				
Mona	Semester 1	2426.49	2335.85	3.9
St. Augustine	Semester 1	2366.66	2190.70	8.0
Cave Hill	Semester 1	4132.84	4102.16	0.7
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES				
Hair Relaxers	1.8kg	95.10	80.27	18.5
Body Lotion	474ml	26.92	24.23	11.1
Combs	Each	2.39	2.22	7.7
Hair Grease	113g	5.95	5.60	6.3
Toothpaste	181g	11.97	11.37	5.3
Disposable Diapers	10pk	15.06	14.34	5.0