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## APRIL 2021

The consumer price index recorded an increase of 0.5 percent for the month of April 2021, similar to the change recorded for the month of March 2021 (*see table 3*).

During the month of April 2021, the “All Items” index was recorded at 112.0 compared to 111.4 for the month of March 2021. Four (4) groups recorded increases during the month, namely, “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” (1.6%), “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” (0.4%), “Clothing and Footwear” (0.2%) and “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” (0.2%). Eight (8) groups remained unchanged, “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics”, “Health”, “Transport”, “Communication”, “Recreation and Culture”, “Education”, “Hotels and Restaurants” and “Miscellaneous Goods and Services”.

The group index for “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” grew by 1.6 percent on account of a 50.0 percent increase in the price of a sack of charcoal and 8.1 percent in the cost of electricity. The change in the price of electricity is due to a higher fuel surcharge rate of 34.77 cents per kilowatt hour for the month of April 2021 compared to 28.42 cents per kilowatt hour for the month of March 2021.

The 0.4 percent growth in the “Furnishing, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” is due to higher prices for bath towels (50.5%), an aluminium pot (22.0%) and a kitchen knife (7.7%).

“Clothing and Footwear” increased by 0.2 percent as a result of an increase in the price for khaki material (12.5%).

Similarly, the index for “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” grew by 0.2 percent. This was due to an increase in the prices of several food items, including, pork chops (7.5%), carrots (6.4%), pumpkin (6.3%), chicken necks (6.0%), sweet peppers (5.8%), pineapple (5.7%) and leg quarters (5.0%).

The point-to-point inflation rate stood at 0.4 percent for the month of April 2021 compared to 0.1 percent for April 2020. The groups that accounted for the largest increase during the period were, “Health” (3.6%), “Hotels and Restaurants” (2.2%) and “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” (2.0%) (See table 3).

**The consumer price index increased by 0.5 percent for April 2021. The point-to-point inflation rate stood at 0.4 percent due to relative price changes during the month of April 2021 compared with the same period in the previous year.**

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

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average Price EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		April 2021	March 2021		
<b>INCREASED</b>					
Pork chops	Lb	13.94	12.97	0.97	7.5
Leg quarters	Lb	2.96	2.82	0.14	5.0
Chicken necks	Lb	2.48	2.34	0.14	6.0
Pineapple	Lb	6.28	5.94	0.34	5.7
Pumpkins	Lb	2.19	2.06	0.13	6.3
Carrots	Lb	3.51	3.30	0.21	6.4
Sweet peppers	Lb	7.67	7.25	0.42	5.8
Textile material -Khaki, 60"	Lb	17.95	15.95	2.00	12.5
Electricity	140Kwh	118.68	109.79	8.89	8.1
Charcoal	1 sack	60.00	40.00	20.00	50.0
Bath towel	Each	35.00	23.26	11.74	50.5
Kitchen knife	Each	7.95	7.38	0.57	7.7
Aluminum pot, 10"	Each	110.00	90.20	19.80	22.0
<b>DECREASED</b>					
Tomatoes	Lb	4.31	5.91	-1.60	-27.1
Cream cheese	8oz tub	9.57	10.05	-0.48	-4.8
Crackers, salted	4oz pk	2.15	2.20	-0.05	-2.3
Eddoes	Lb	3.08	3.11	-0.03	-1.0

**Table 2.1**  
**Average Retail Price of Selected Items**  
**April 2021 Compared With April 2020**

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		April 2021	April 2020		
<b>FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES</b>					
Beef - Fresh	Lb.	9.00	9.00	0.00	0.00
Chicken - Whole	Lb.	7.14	6.94	0.20	2.88
Chicken - Leg Quarters	Lb.	2.96	3.00	-0.04	-1.33
Chicken - Backs	Lb.	1.79	1.70	0.09	5.29
Chicken - Wings	Lb.	4.92	4.86	0.06	1.23
Turkey Wings	Lb.	3.59	3.56	0.03	0.84
Fish - Fresh (Deep Sea)	Lb.	9.00	9.00	0.00	0.00
Fish - Fresh (Jacks)	Lb.	5.00	4.00	1.00	25.00
Fish - Fresh (Robin)	Lb.	5.00	5.00	0.00	0.00
Chicken Franks	340 g Pk	6.41	6.24	0.17	2.78
Luncheon Meat (pork)	340 g	8.14	8.24	-0.09	-1.15
Codfish	Lb.	15.08	15.88	-0.80	-5.04
Cornflakes	12 oz	14.84	14.16	0.69	4.84
Pasta - Elbows	340 g	4.76	4.67	0.09	2.04
Milk - Evaporated	410g Tin	3.40	3.02	0.38	12.46
Milk - Condensed	397g Tin	3.92	4.00	-0.08	-2.00
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	9.88	8.03	1.85	23.04
Orange Juice	19 oz Tin	9.30	9.24	0.06	0.65
Sugar - Brown ( loose)	Lb.	1.67	1.62	0.05	3.09
Sugar - White ( loose)	Lb.	1.79	1.78	0.01	0.56
Flour - Loose	Lb.	1.35	1.35	0.00	0.00
Flour - Packaged ( white)	2 kg	6.85	6.83	0.03	0.37
Flour - Packaged ( wholewheat)	2 kg	7.15	7.18	-0.03	-0.42
Rice - Loose	Lb.	1.85	1.89	-0.04	-2.12
Rice - Packaged	2Kg	10.74	10.76	-0.02	-0.15
Bananas (ripe)	Lb.	1.43	1.43	0.00	0.00
Breadfruit	Lb.	2.58	2.39	0.19	7.95
Eddoes	Lb.	3.08	2.83	0.25	8.83
Dasheens	Lb.	2.32	1.97	0.35	17.77
Sweet Potatoes	Lb.	2.88	2.52	0.36	14.29
Oranges	Each	0.90	0.86	0.04	4.65
Tomatoes	Lb.	4.31	4.96	-0.65	-13.10
Cooking Margarine	445g Tub	9.67	9.38	0.29	3.09
Vegetable Oil	Litre	12.40	12.41	0.00	-0.04
Powdered Chocolate	300g Pk	10.64	10.57	0.07	0.71
Hairoun Fruit Cocktail ( not cold)	280 ml Bottle	2.90	2.90	0.00	0.00
Vitamalt	310 ml Bottle	5.83	5.78	0.05	0.87

**Table 2.2**  
**Average Retail Price of Selected Items**  
**April 2021 Compared With April 2020**

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		April 2021	April 2020		
<b>ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO &amp; NARCOTICS</b>					
Rum - Local (White)	750 ml Bot.	32.85	32.37	0.48	1.48
Beer - Local	280 ml Bot.	5.06	5.09	-0.03	-0.59
Cigarettes	Pkt. (10)	3.49	4.01	-0.52	-12.97
Table wine (local)	26 oz Bot.	23.89	23.44	0.45	1.92
<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	69.92	69.95	-0.03	-0.04
Men's Jeans ( long) - size 30	Pair	49.95	49.95	0.00	0.00
Men's Shoes -Formal	Pair	79.03	78.81	0.22	0.28
Women's Shoes - Formal	Pair	88.92	88.67	0.25	0.28
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
<b>HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY</b>					
<b>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	20.66	20.66	0.00	0.00
Galvanise Sheets 10 ft.	Length	110.43	96.68	13.75	14.22
Oil Paint	Gallon	134.83	134.43	0.40	0.30
Lumber - Dressed Treated Yellow Pine (1x12x12)	Length	79.66	81.89	-2.23	-2.72
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	60.00	40.00	20.00	50.00
Cooking Gas	20 Lb. Cyl.	36.62	35.49	1.13	3.18
Electricity Consumption Charge	140 KWH	118.68	120.55	-1.87	-1.55
<b>FURNISHING, HOUSEHOLD</b>					
<b>EQUIPMENT AND HOUSEHOLD</b>					
<b>MAINTENANCE</b>					
Bed - Cherry 54"x75"	Each	1167.61	1167.61	0.00	0.00
Double size sheets - coloured/cotton	Each	105.11	105.11	0.00	0.00
Frying Pan - 12" - non-stick	Each	55.98	55.98	0.00	0.00
Laundry Soap	Each	1.22	1.24	-0.02	-1.61
Electrical Bulb - 60W	Each	7.42	6.37	1.05	16.48

**Table 2.3**  
**Average Retail Price of Selected Items**  
**April 2021 Compared With April 2020**

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		April 2021	April 2020		
<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
Drugs for Hypertension	Month supply	3.95	3.37	0.58	17.21
Drug for Diabetes	Month supply	10.49	10.09	0.40	4.02
Cough, Cold Preparation	125 ml.	15.18	15.18	0.00	-0.02
Dental Care	Visit	145.83	145.83	0.00	0.00
Chest X- ray	Test	150.00	150.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TRANSPORT</b>					
Petrol - Unleaded	Gallon	11.25	11.97	-0.72	-6.02
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	23.66	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
<b>RECREATION AND CULTURE</b>					
Television 26 " Flat panel	Each	2001.26	2011.54	-10.28	-0.51
Cable TV Basic Charge	Month	79.33	79.33	0.00	0.00
Laptop Computer -13.3 " screen 2 GB	Each	3866.22	3886.08	-19.86	-0.51
Desktop Computer - 14" Monitor 3 GB	Each	2089.81	2100.55	-10.74	-0.51
Remote Control Car	Each	267.97	262.64	5.33	2.03
Dog Food (Canned)	374 g Tin	3.95	3.90	0.05	1.28
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



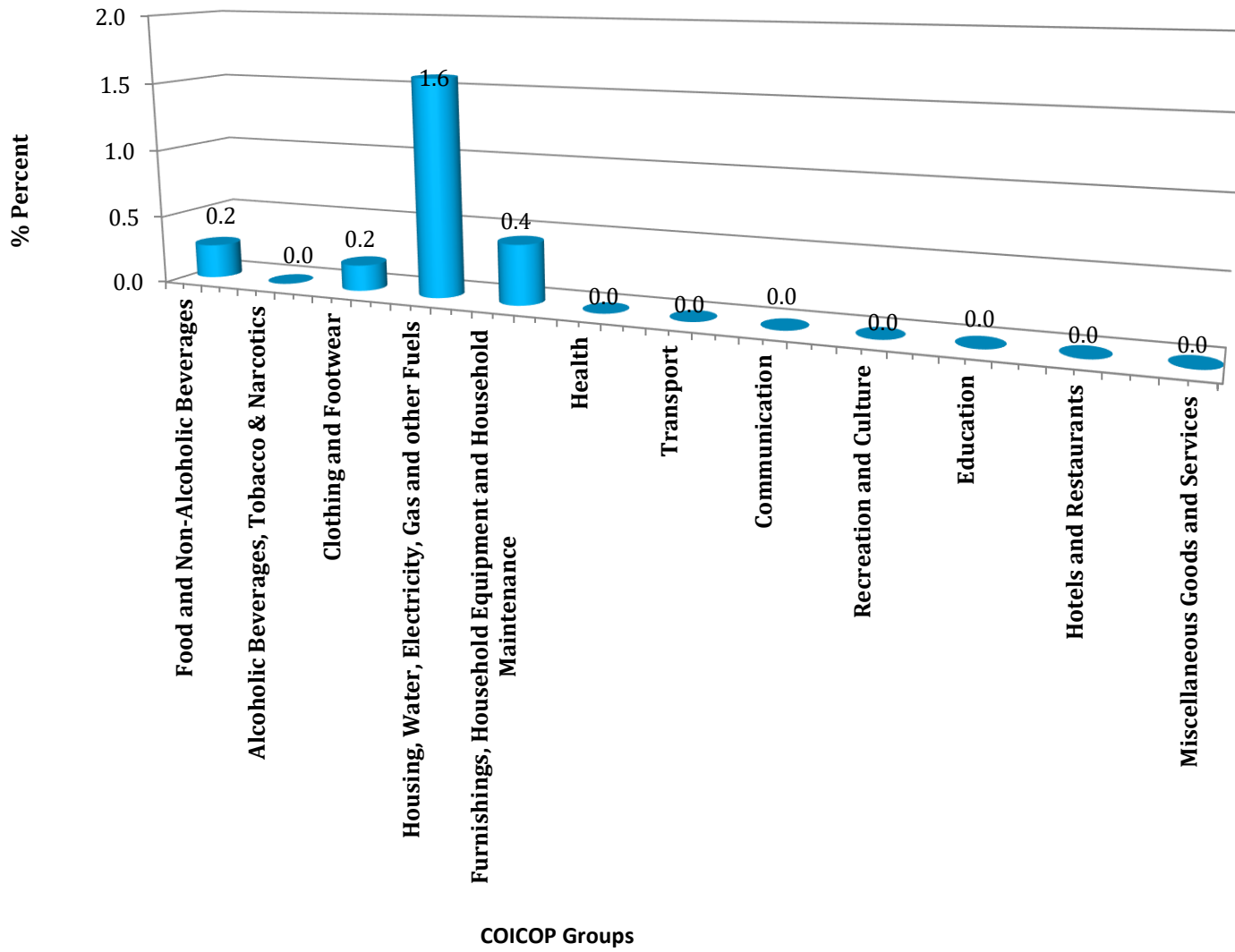
**Table 2.4**  
**Average Retail Price of Selected Items**  
**April 2021 Compared With April 2020**

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		April 2021	April 2020		
<b>EDUCATION</b>					
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	0.75	0.00	0.00
Mathematics Textbook - Form 4	Each	74.92	75.12	-0.20	-0.27
Tuition for local evening classes	Per Subject	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
<b>HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS</b>					
Chicken Lunch - regular	Each	14.49	14.49	0.00	0.00
Fish Lunch - regular	Each	17.32	17.32	0.00	0.00
Fast Food - 2 Pc Chicken and Fries	Each	17.05	17.05	0.00	0.00
<b>MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES</b>					
Toilet Soap	125g	3.77	3.59	0.18	5.01
Toothpaste	130g Tube	9.88	9.67	0.21	2.17
Men's Haircut	Visit	10.00	10.00	0.00	0.00
Women's Hairdressing ( Relaxer )	Visit	69.82	69.82	0.00	0.00
Disposable Diapers (medium)	10 per Pk.	14.02	13.84	0.18	1.30
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 2021	April 2021	April 2020	Percentage Change Over Previous:	
						Month March	Year April
01.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	120.2	120.5	118.1	0.2	2.0
02.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	126.8	126.8	126.3	0.0	0.4
03.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	104.5	104.7	104.5	0.2	0.2
04.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	100.8	102.4	102.4	1.6	0.0
05.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	113.4	113.9	113.7	0.4	0.2
06.	Health	1.79	114.6	114.6	110.6	0.0	3.6
07.	Transport	11.84	121.0	121.0	123.3	0.0	-1.9
08.	Communication	9.41	113.3	113.3	113.3	0.0	0.0
09.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	108.3	108.3	107.9	0.0	0.4
10.	Education	1.32	109.6	109.6	112.3	0.0	-2.4
11.	Hotels and Restaurants	1.87	114.0	114.0	111.6	0.0	2.2
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	106.4	106.4	106.0	0.0	0.4
	<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>111.4</b>	<b>112.0</b>	<b>111.6</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.4</b>

**Chart 1. COICOP Groups Percentage Change for April 2021**



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

	Groups	Weight	March 2021	April 2021	Percentage Change	Cost Weight		Change in Cost Weight	% Contribution to Change
						March 2021	April 2021		
1.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	120.2	120.5	0.2	2,633.58	2,640.16	6.6	11.0
2.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	126.8	126.8	0.0	490.72	490.72	0.0	0.0
3.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	104.5	104.7	0.2	336.49	337.13	0.6	1.1
4.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	100.8	102.4	1.6	3,030.05	3,078.14	48.1	80.2
5.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	113.4	113.9	0.4	747.31	750.60	3.3	5.5
6.	Health	1.79	114.6	114.6	0.0	205.13	205.13	0.0	0.0
7.	Transport	11.84	121.0	121.0	0.0	1,432.64	1,432.64	0.0	0.0
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	108.3	108.3	0.0	412.62	412.62	0.0	0.0
10.	Education	1.32	109.6	109.6	0.0	144.67	144.67	0.0	0.0
11.	Hotels and Restaurants	1.87	114.0	114.0	0.0	213.18	213.18	0.0	0.0
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	106.4	106.4	0.0	458.58	458.58	0.0	0.0
	<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>111.4</b>	<b>112.0</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>11,140.00</b>	<b>11,200.00</b>	<b>60.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 5**  
**Monthly Index - 2021**  
**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>Hotels &amp; Restaurants</b>	<b>Miscell-aneous Goods and Services</b>
<b>WEIGHT</b>	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
<b>MONTH</b>													
January	110.5	119.7	126.7	104.5	99.6	112.6	114.2	118.3	113.3	108.7	109.6	114.0	106.4
February	110.8	120.0	126.9	104.5	99.9	113.3	114.6	118.8	113.3	108.3	109.6	114.0	106.4
March	111.4	120.2	126.8	104.5	100.8	113.4	114.6	121.0	113.3	108.3	109.6	114.0	106.4
April	112.0	120.5	126.8	104.7	102.4	113.9	114.6	121.0	113.3	108.3	109.6	114.0	106.4