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The consumer price index recorded an increase of 0.1 percent for the month of September 2021 compared to 0.2 percent for August 2021 (*see table 3*).

During the month, the “All Items” index was recorded at 113.2 compared to 113.1 for August 2021. Four (4) groups recorded increases, namely; “Hotels and Restaurants” (1.1%), “Transport” (0.6%), “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages: (0.5%) and “Recreation and Culture” (0.4%). Two (2) groups recorded decreases; “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” (0.6%) and “Education” (0.5%). Six (6) groups remained unchanged; “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics”, “Clothing and Footwear”, “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance”, “Health”, “Communication” and “Miscellaneous Goods and Services”.

The “Hotels and Restaurants” group index recorded the largest increase of 1.1 percent. This was on account of increases in the price of a 5 piece meal (11.9%), 3 piece meal (11.0%) and 2 piece meal (10.0%).

The 0.6 percent increase in the “Transport” index was mainly as a result of higher prices for petrol and diesel fuel (4.2%).

Similarly, the “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” group index increased by 0.5 percent due mainly increases in the price of several food items; tomatoes (14.1%), chicken necks (9.6%), evaporated milk (9.0%), margarine (8.9%), cornmeal (8.5%), corned beef (7.9%) and limes (4.2%).

The 0.4 percent increase in the index for “Recreation and Culture” was on account of increases in the prices for a mathematics textbook (13.1%), dictionary (6.3%) and language arts textbook (3.1%).

The group index for “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” declined by 0.6 percent as a result of a decrease in the price of galvanise sheets (7.2%) and the cost of electricity (2.9%).

Meanwhile, the “Education” group index recorded a decrease of 0.5 percent on account of lower tuition fees at UWI - Mona Campus (2.7%).

The point-to-point inflation rate stood at 2.7 percent for September 2021 compared to negative 1.2 for September 2020. The groups that accounted for the largest increases during the period were, “Transport” (6.3%), “Housing, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” (4.7%), “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” (2.8%) and “Health” (2.3%), (*see table 3*).

The consumer price index increased by 0.1 percent for September 2021. The point-to-point inflation rate stood at 2.7 percent due to relative price changes during the month of September 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
		September 2021	August 2021		
INCREASED					
Cornmeal	Lb	3.05	2.81	0.24	8.5
Chicken - neck	Lb	2.50	2.28	0.22	9.6
Corned beef	340g Tin	7.69	7.13	0.56	7.9
Evaporated milk	405g Tin	3.26	2.99	0.27	9.0
Margarine	445g Tub	14.65	13.45	1.20	8.9
Limes	Lb	3.97	3.81	0.16	4.2
Tomatoes	Lb	5.89	5.16	0.73	14.1
Petrol	Gal	13.75	13.20	0.55	4.2
Diesel fuel	1Gal	11.20	10.75	0.45	4.2
Mathematics Textbook, Form 4	Each	86.65	76.63	10.02	13.1
Language Arts Textbook, Book 4	Each	24.25	23.51	0.74	3.1
Student Dictionary	Each	53.02	49.86	3.16	6.3
2 piece chicken and fries meal	1 Box	18.75	17.05	1.70	10.0
3 piece chicken and fries meal	1 Box	23.25	20.95	2.30	11.0
5 piece chicken and fries meal	1 Box	42.00	37.55	4.45	11.9
DECREASED					
Turkey neck	Lb	2.46	3.15	-0.69	-21.9
Golden apple	Lb	1.74	1.81	-0.07	-3.9
Watermelon	Lb	3.86	4.04	-0.18	-4.5
Electricity	140Kwh	121.70	125.34	-3.64	-2.9
Galvanise sheets, 10 ft	1 length	105.06	113.16	-8.10	-7.2
Tuition fee : UWI - Mona Campus	Annual	5309.38	5455.94	-146.56	-2.7

Table 2.1					
Average Retail Price of Selected Items					
September 2021 Compared With September 2020					
Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		September 2021	September 2020		
FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES					
Beef - Fresh	Lb.	9.00	9.00	0.00	0.00
Chicken - Whole	Lb.	7.41	6.77	0.64	9.45
Chicken - Leg Quarters	Lb.	3.13	2.72	0.41	15.07
Chicken - Backs	Lb.	1.93	1.72	0.21	12.21
Chicken - Wings	Lb.	5.07	4.75	0.32	6.74
Turkey Wings	Lb.	3.65	3.01	0.64	21.26
Fish - Fresh (Deep Sea)	Lb.	9.00	9.00	0.00	0.00
Fish - Fresh (Jacks)	Lb.	5.00	5.00	0.00	0.00
Fish - Fresh (Robin)	Lb.	5.00	5.00	0.00	0.00
Chicken Franks	340 g Pk	6.47	6.33	0.14	2.21
Luncheon Meat (pork)	340 g	8.33	8.38	-0.05	-0.60
Codfish	Lb.	14.71	16.11	-1.40	-8.69
Cornflakes	12 oz	15.14	14.52	0.62	4.27
Pasta - Elbows	340 g	4.74	4.70	0.04	0.85
Milk - Evaporated	410g Tin	3.42	3.38	0.04	1.18
Milk - Condensed	397g Tin	3.92	3.92	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	9.75	8.94	0.81	9.06
Orange Juice	19 oz Tin	9.36	9.30	0.06	0.65
Sugar - Brown (loose)	Lb.	1.69	1.67	0.02	1.20
Sugar - White (loose)	Lb.	1.79	1.79	0.00	0.00
Flour - Loose	Lb.	1.36	1.35	0.01	0.74
Flour - Packaged (white)	2 kg	6.85	6.85	0.00	0.00
Flour - Packaged (wholewheat)	2 kg	7.18	7.18	0.00	0.00
Rice - Loose	Lb.	1.85	1.89	-0.04	-2.12
Rice - Packaged	2Kg	10.88	10.89	-0.01	-0.09
Bananas (ripe)	Lb.	1.50	1.43	0.07	4.90
Breadfruit	Lb.	2.58	2.51	0.07	2.79
Eddoes	Lb.	3.09	3.35	-0.26	-7.76
Dasheens	Lb.	1.95	2.27	-0.32	-14.10
Sweet Potatoes	Lb.	2.94	2.95	-0.01	-0.34
Oranges	Each	0.88	0.87	0.01	1.15
Tomatoes	Lb.	5.89	7.09	-1.20	-16.93
Cooking Margarine	445g Tub	9.79	9.67	0.12	1.24
Vegetable Oil	Litre	14.11	12.46	1.65	13.24
Powdered Chocolate	300g Pk	10.68	10.59	0.09	0.85
Hairoun Fruit Cocktail (not cold)	280 ml Bottle	2.91	2.90	0.01	0.34
Vitamalt	310 ml Bottle	5.84	5.80	0.04	0.69

Table 2.2					
Average Retail Price of Selected Items					
September 2021 Compared With September 2020					
Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		September 2021	September 2020		
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO & NARCOTICS					
Rum - Local (White)	750 ml Bot.	32.88	32.85	0.03	0.09
Beer - Local	280 ml Bot.	5.09	5.05	0.04	0.79
Cigarettes	Pkt. (10)	3.49	3.49	0.00	0.00
Table wine (local)	26 oz Bot.	24.08	23.90	0.18	0.75
CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR					
Textile material - Terelyne	Yd.	35.00	47.95	-12.95	-27.01
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	78.31	78.83	-0.52	-0.66
Women's Shoes - Formal	Pair	88.10	88.69	-0.59	-0.67
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	20.66	0.00	0.00
Galvanise Sheets 10 ft.	Length	105.06	96.68	8.38	8.67
Oil Paint	Gallon	134.83	134.43	0.40	0.30
Lumber - Dressed Treated Yellow Pine (1x12x12)	Length	81.99	74.68	7.31	9.79
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.	40.10	33.85	6.25	18.46
Electricity Consumption Charge	140 KWH	121.70	99.01	22.69	22.92
FURNISHING, HOUSEHOLD					
EQUIPMENT AND HOUSEHOLD					
MAINTENANCE					
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	1.19	1.22	-0.03	-2.46
Electrical Bulb - 60W	Each	7.77	6.37	1.40	21.98

Table 2.3					
Average Retail Price of Selected Items					
September 2021 Compared With September 2020					
Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		September 2021	September 2020		
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	4.17	3.50	0.67	19.14
Drug for Diabetes	Month supply	13.99	10.49	3.51	33.43
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
TRANSPORT					
Petrol - Unleaded	Gallon	13.75	10.11	3.64	36.00
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	0.93	1.00	-0.06	-6.53
RECREATION AND CULTURE					
Television 26 " Flat panel	Each	2005.31	2017.42	-12.11	-0.60
Cable TV Basic Charge	Month	79.33	79.33	0.00	0.00
Laptop Computer -13.3 " screen 2 GB	Each	3874.06	3897.44	-23.38	-0.60
Desktop Computer - 14" Monitor 3 GB	Each	2094.05	2106.69	-12.64	-0.60
Remote Control Car	Each	267.97	266.46	1.51	0.57
Dog Food (Canned)	374 g Tin	4.03	3.90	0.13	3.33
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					
September 2021 Compared With September 2020					
Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		September 2021	September 2020		
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	0.85	0.78	0.07	8.97
Lead Pencils	Each	0.75	0.87	-0.12	-13.79
Mathematics Textbook - Form 4	Each	86.65	75.45	11.20	14.84
Tuition for local evening classes	Per Subject	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS					
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	18.75	17.05	1.70	9.97
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES					
Toilet Soap	125g	3.72	3.63	0.09	2.48
Toothpaste	130g Tube	9.91	9.88	0.03	0.30
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.	13.98	13.91	0.07	0.54
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 2021	September 2021	September 2020	Percentage Over Pr
						Month August
01.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	122.0	122.6	119.3	0.5
02.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	126.1	126.1	126.6	0.0
03.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	104.6	104.6	104.5	0.0
04.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	103.8	103.2	98.6	-0.6
05.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	113.1	113.1	113.4	0.0
06.	Health	1.79	115.6	115.6	113.0	0.0
07.	Transport	11.84	126.0	126.8	119.3	0.6
08.	Communication	9.41	112.0	112.0	113.3	0.0
09.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	108.6	109.0	108.4	0.4
10.	Education	1.32	109.6	109.1	109.6	-0.5
11.	Hotels and Restaurants	1.87	114.0	115.2	113.9	1.1
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	106.2	106.2	106.2	0.0
	ALL ITEMS	100.00	113.1	113.2	110.2	0.1

Percentage Change from Previous:
Year September
2.8
-0.4
0.1
4.7
-0.3
2.3
6.3
-1.1
0.6
-0.5
1.1
0.0
2.7

Chart 1. COICOP Groups Percentage Change for September 2021

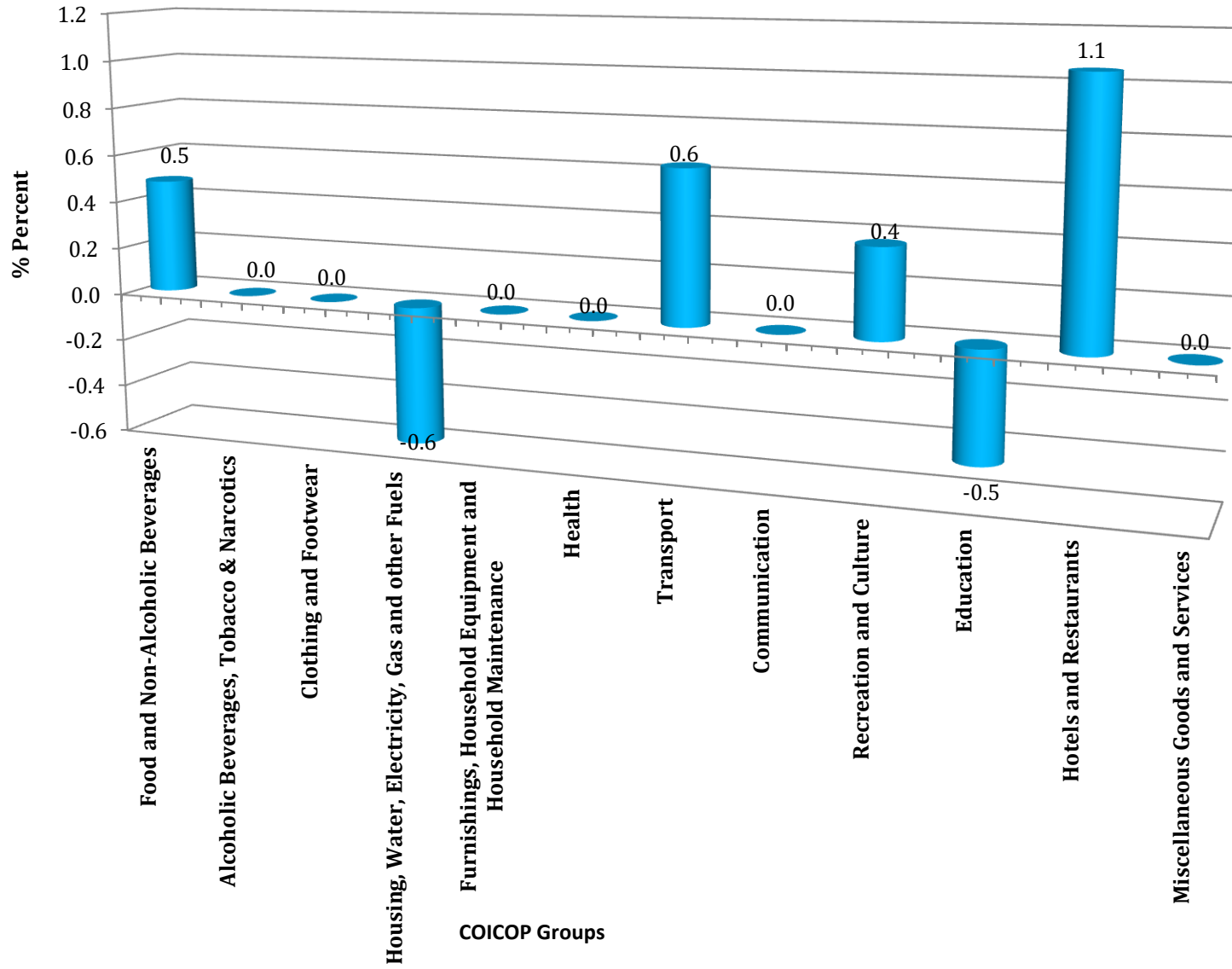


Table 4
The Consumer Price Index by Main Groups
January 2010 = 100
Contribution to Change

	Groups	Weight	August 2021	September 2021	Percentage Change	Cost Weight		Change in Cost Weight	% Contribution to Change
						August 2021	September 2021		
1.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	122.0	122.6	0.5	2,673.02	2,686.17	13.1	131.5
2.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	126.1	126.1	0.0	488.01	488.01	0.0	0.0
3.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	104.6	104.6	0.0	336.81	336.81	0.0	0.0
4.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	103.8	103.2	-0.6	3,120.23	3,102.19	-18.0	-180.4
5.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	113.1	113.1	0.0	745.33	745.33	0.0	0.0
6.	Health	1.79	115.6	115.6	0.0	206.92	206.92	0.0	0.0
7.	Transport	11.84	126.0	126.8	0.6	1,491.84	1,501.31	9.5	94.7
8.	Communication	9.41	112.0	112.0	0.0	1,053.92	1,053.92	0.0	0.0
9.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	108.6	109.0	0.4	413.77	415.29	1.5	15.2
10.	Education	1.32	109.6	109.1	-0.5	144.67	144.01	-0.7	-6.6
11.	Hotels and Restaurants	1.87	114.0	115.2	1.1	213.18	215.42	2.2	22.4
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	106.2	106.2	0.0	457.72	457.72	0.0	0.0
	ALL ITEMS	100.00	113.1	113.2	0.1	11,310.00	11,320.00	10.0	100.0

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	Hotels & Restaurants	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	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
May	111.9	120.5	126.9	104.7	101.9	113.8	115.2	121.3	113.3	108.4	109.6	114.0	106.3
June	112.8	121.3	126.9	104.7	103.8	113.6	115.4	122.7	113.3	108.6	109.6	114.0	106.1
July	112.9	121.5	126.1	104.9	103.3	113.2	116.1	124.6	113.3	108.6	109.6	114.0	106.2
August	113.1	122.0	126.1	104.6	103.8	113.1	115.6	126.0	112.0	108.6	109.6	114.0	106.2
September	113.2	122.6	126.1	104.6	103.2	113.1	115.6	126.8	112.0	109.0	109.1	115.2	106.2