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## September 2024

The Consumer Price Index increased by 1.0 percent for the month of September 2024 compared to a decrease of 0.6 percent for the month of August 2024, (*see table 3*).

During the month of September 2024, the “All Items” index was registered at 129.9 in comparison to 128.6 for the month of August 2024. Nine (9) groups recorded an increase during the period; “Education” (5.6%), “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” (2.6%), “Miscellaneous Goods and Services” (1.9%), “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” (1.6%), “Hotels and Restaurants” (1.3%), “Clothing and Footwear” (0.5%), “Recreation and Culture” (0.2%), “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics” (0.1%) and “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” (0.1%). One (1) group recorded a decrease’ “Transport” (2.2%), while two (2) groups remained unchanged; “Health” and “Communication”.

The “Education” index grew by 5.6 percent due mainly to an increase in educational fees. Private tutoring increased by 62.5 percent, pre-primary school fees by 5.6 percent, while tuition fees for foreign tertiary institution increased by 4.8 percent.

The 2.6 percent increase in the index for “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” resulted from an increase of 14.5 percent in the cost of electricity and 4.7 percent in the price of LPG (cooking gas).

“Miscellaneous Goods and Services” grew by 1.9 percent due to a 22.3 percent increase in the cost of day care services.

The 1.6 percent increase in the index for “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” is accounted for by higher prices for several food items which included: tomatoes (62.8%), tea bags (31.5%), oranges (16.3%), condensed milk (16.1%), ripe bananas (10.9%), ice cream (10.7%), broccoli (7.5%) and red delicious apples (6.6%).

A higher cost of 28.8 percent for on-campus accommodation at overseas tertiary educational institutions is responsible for the 1.3 percent growth in the index for “Hotels and Restaurants”.

The upward movement of 0.5 percent in the group index for “Clothing and Footwear” was due to higher prices for men’s jacket (11.1%), men’s sneakers (5.2%) and textile material – tetrex (3.8%).

“Recreation and Culture” grew by 0.2% percent due mainly to an increase in the price of mathematics textbook for secondary and primary schools. The textbook for secondary school increased by 7.7 percent while that for primary schools increased by 5.3 percent.

The index for “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics” increased by 0.1 percent as a result of an increase of 3.5 percent in the price of an imported brandy and 1.1 percent in the price of a local wine.

Similarly, the 0.1 percent growth in the index for Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” is due to an increase in the price for powder detergent (9.3%) and a washing machine (3.9%).

Meanwhile, the “Transport” index declined by 2.2 percent due to a reduction in the cost of passenger airfare from St Vincent and the Grenadines to several destinations which included: London, United Kingdom (30.9%), Grenada (20.1%), Toronto, Canada (17.9%) and Trinidad and Tobago (15.7%).

The point-to-point inflation rate stood at 3.8 percent for the month of September 2024 compared to 3.0 percent for the month of September 2023. The groups that represented the largest increases during the period were, “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” (7.1%), “Hotels and Restaurants” (7.1%), “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” (6.2%), “Education” (5.6%), “Recreation and Culture” (5.0%) and “Clothing and Footwear” (4.8%).

**The consumer price index increased for September 2024. The point-to-point inflation rate stood at 3.8 percent due to relative price changes during the month of September 2024 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 2024	August 2024		
<b>INCREASED</b>					
Condensed milk	397g Tin	6.99	6.02	0.97	16.1
Oranges	Each	2.00	1.72	0.28	16.3
Ripe bananas	Lb	2.04	1.84	0.20	10.9
Broccoli	Lb	20.04	18.64	1.40	7.5
Red delicious apples	Lb	7.28	6.83	0.45	6.6
Tomatoes - local	Lb	11.41	7.01	4.40	62.8
Ice cream	1 Litre Tub	21.16	19.12	2.04	10.7
Tea	Pkt of 100	36.30	27.60	8.70	31.5
Brandy	700ml Bottle	134.47	129.86	4.61	3.5
Wine - local	26oz Bottle	34.93	34.54	0.39	1.1
Men's jacket	Each	200.00	180.00	20.00	11.1
Men's sneaker	1 Pair	139.00	132.18	6.82	5.2
Textile material - Tetrex, 60"	1 Yard	13.44	12.95	0.49	3.8
Electricity consumption	150Kwh	164.84	143.91	20.93	14.5
LPG Cooking Gas:					
<i>20Lb Cylinder</i>	Each	39.70	37.95	1.75	4.6
<i>25Lb Cylinder</i>	Each	48.65	46.45	2.20	4.7
<i>100Lb Cylinder</i>	Each	189.05	180.25	8.80	4.9
Powder detergent	2Kg Pkt	24.20	22.15	2.05	9.3
Washing machine	Each	6142.20	5910.20	232.00	3.9
Oil filter	Each	45.00	40.00	5.00	12.5
Mathematic Textbook:					
<i>Secondary School</i>	Each	94.93	88.17	6.76	7.7
<i>Primary School</i>	Each	46.07	43.76	2.31	5.3
Pre-Primary School fees	1 Month	330.00	312.50	17.50	5.6
Foreign Tertiary Education - tuition fees	Annual	6663.84	6357.05	306.79	4.8
Private Classes	1 Hour	32.50	20.00	12.50	62.5
Accommodation - On-campus	1 Semester	2939.92	2281.85	658.07	28.8
Day care services	1Month	342.50	280.00	62.50	22.3
<b>DECREASED</b>					
Corned beef	340g Tin	8.92	9.44	-0.52	-5.5
Men's Tshirt	Each	32.95	36.62	-3.67	-10.0
Girls' school shoes	1 Pair	52.00	64.00	-12.00	-18.8
Passenger airfare for St Vincent and the Grenadines to:					
<i>New York, U.S.A</i>	1 Month	2968.48	3284.19	-315.71	-9.6
<i>Toronto, Canada</i>	1 Month	2749.03	3347.30	-598.27	-17.9
<i>London, United Kingdom</i>	1 Month	2869.70	4151.10	-1281.40	-30.9
<i>Trinidad and Tobago</i>	1-Way	506.16	600.16	-94.00	-15.7
<i>Grenada</i>	1-Way	266.12	333.10	-66.98	-20.1

**Table 2.1**  
**Average Retail Price of Selected Items**  
**September 2024 Compared With September 2023**

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		September 2024	September 2023		
<b>FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES</b>					
Rice - Loose	1lb	2.33	2.19	0.14	6.39
Rice - Packaged	2kg	9.62	9.73	-0.11	-1.13
Flour - Loose	1 lb	1.93	1.92	0.01	0.52
Flour - Packaged ( white)	2kg	9.26	9.13	0.13	1.42
Flour - Packaged ( wholewheat)	2kg	9.62	9.62	0.00	0.00
Cornflakes	510g Box	16.15	15.59	0.56	3.59
Bread - Large Sandwich Loaf (white)	Each	5.42	5.42	0.00	0.00
Bread- Small Loaf, white	5 pk	2.91	2.91	0.00	0.00
Bread - Large Sandwich Loaf (whole wheat)	Each	6.26	6.26	0.00	0.00
Crix - salted crackers, White	288g (3 pk)	6.57	6.57	0.00	0.00
Pasta - Elbows	340 g	5.85	5.58	0.27	4.84
Beef - Fresh	1 lb	12.00	10.00	2.00	20.00
Pigtail - salted	1 lb	10.24	12.29	-2.05	-16.68
Chicken - Leg Quarters	1 lb	3.86	3.73	0.13	3.49
Chicken - Backs	1 lb	2.73	2.66	0.07	2.63
Chicken - Wings	1 lb	6.80	5.91	0.89	15.06
Turkey Wings	1 lb	5.11	5.03	0.08	1.59
Luncheon Meat (pork)	340 g	9.60	9.54	0.06	0.63
Corned beef	340g	8.92	9.97	-1.05	-10.53
Fish - Fresh (Deep Sea)	1 lb	12.00	12.00	0.00	0.00
Fish - Fresh (Jacks)	1 lb	6.67	5.00	1.67	33.40
Fish - Fresh (Robin)	1 lb	6.67	5.00	1.67	33.40
Codfish	1 lb	14.60	16.18	-1.58	-9.77
Sardine in soya oil	106g Tin	5.65	5.33	0.32	6.00
Milk - Evaporated	410g Tin	4.11	4.17	-0.06	-1.44
Powdered milk - full cream	1 lb	8.17	8.43	-0.26	-3.08
Eggs	1 Doz	13.21	12.54	0.67	5.34
Margarine	445g Tub	13.52	13.63	-0.11	-0.81
Soya bean oil	1Litre	15.50	17.48	-1.98	-11.33
Coconut oil	750ml Bottle	39.95	36.92	3.03	8.21
Bananas (ripe)	1 lb	2.04	1.55	0.49	31.61
Limes	1 lb	4.91	4.81	0.10	2.08
Tomatoes	1 lb	9.91	8.41	1.50	17.84
Sweet Potatoes	1 lb	4.33	4.67	-0.34	-7.28
Yams	1 lb	4.81	3.73	1.08	28.95
Sugar - Brown ( loose)	1 lb	2.31	2.27	0.04	1.76
Sugar - White ( loose)	1 lb	2.67	2.62	0.05	1.91
Ice cream	1 Litre Tub	19.08	18.06	1.02	5.65
Tomato Ketchup	750ml Bottle	10.03	9.43	0.60	6.36
Orange Juice	1 Litre box	9.60	9.46	0.14	1.48
Vitamalt	310 ml Bottle	5.90	5.95	-0.05	-0.84

**Table 2.2**  
**Average Retail Price of Selected Items**  
**September 2024 Compared With September 2023**

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		September 2024	September 2023		
<b>ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO &amp; NARCOTICS</b>					
Rum - Local (White)	750 ml Bot.	46.38	45.74	0.64	1.40
Beer - Local	280 ml Bot.	5.00	4.95	0.05	1.01
Cigarettes	Pkt. (10)	4.47	3.88	0.59	15.21
Table wine (local)	26 oz Bot.	34.93	30.55	4.38	14.34
Vodka	750ml Bot.	53.47	51.94	1.53	2.95
<b>CLOTHING &amp; FOOTWEAR</b>					
Textile material - Cotton	1Yd.	16.07	14.09	1.98	14.05
Textile material - Tetrex	1Yd.	13.44	11.32	2.12	18.73
Men's Shirts - Long Sleeve	Each	79.48	75.98	3.50	4.61
Men's Jeans ( long)	Pair	69.76	68.98	0.78	1.13
Men's Shoes -Formal	Pair	130.00	127.62	2.38	1.86
Women's Shoes - Formal	Pair	79.00	73.19	5.81	7.94
Women's Blouse	Each	44.95	36.84	8.11	22.01
School shirt - white, size 10	Each	17.45	17.62	-0.17	-0.96
School overal , navy blue, size 8	Each	49.95	46.95	3.00	6.39
<b>HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY</b>					
<b>GAS AND OTHER FUELS</b>					
Rent :					
Unfurnished House - 2 Bedrooms	Month	785.00	785.00	0.00	0.00
Unfurnished House - 3 Bedrooms	Month	750.00	750.00	0.00	0.00
Furnished Apartment - 2 Bedrooms	Month	812.50	812.50	0.00	0.00
Water - Consumption Charge	5000 Gallons	35.00	35.00	0.00	0.00
Electricity Consumption Charge	300 KWH	333.67	316.57	17.10	5.40
Cooking Gas	20 Lb. Cyl.	39.70	37.95	1.75	4.61
<b>FURNISHING, HOUSEHOLD</b>					
<b>EQUIPMENT AND HOUSEHOLD</b>					
<b>MAINTENANCE</b>					
Bed - queen size	Each	2436.83	2,866.61	-429.78	-14.99
Sheets - queen size, 300 thread count, 100% cotton	Each	194.95	194.95	0.00	0.00
Dinner forks	Each	6.93	6.95	-0.02	-0.29
Powder detergent	500g Pk	5.19	5.38	-0.19	-3.53
Toilet tissue, 280 sheets per roll	1 Roll	1.56	1.53	0.03	1.96



**Table 2.3**  
**Average Retail Price of Selected Items**  
**September 2024 Compared With September 2023**

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		September 2024	September 2023		
<b>HEALTH</b>					
Doctor's Fee - Gynaecologist	Visit	80.00	80.00	0.00	0.00
Doctor's Fee - General Practitioner	Visit	60.00	60.00	0.00	0.00
Blood test - CBC	Test	27.39	27.39	0.00	0.00
Drugs for Hypertension	Month supply	6.00	6.64	-0.64	-9.64
Drug for Diabetes	Month supply	5.10	5.25	-0.15	-2.86
Dental Care	Visit	149.47	149.47	0.00	0.00
<b>TRANSPORT</b>					
Petrol - Unleaded	Gallon	15.91	15.68	0.23	1.47
Vehicle License (car) - not exd. 3000 lbs	Year	765.00	680.00	85.00	12.50
Bus Fare - Mesopotamia	1-Way	3.50	3.50	0.00	0.00
Boat Fare - Bequia	1-Way	25.00	25.00	0.00	0.00
Parking fees	1 Hour	2.50	2.50	0.00	0.00
Airfare - SVG to Barbados	1-Way	696.09	477.09	219.00	45.90
<b>COMMUNICATION</b>					
Fixed Line Domestic Rate - peak	1 Minute	0.08	0.08	0.00	0.00
Telephone - Consumption Charge	226 Units	18.08	18.08	0.00	0.00
Mobile to Mobile - domestic (off network)	1 Minute	1.02	1.02	0.00	0.00
Internet	1 month	125.00	122.86	2.14	1.74
Cable TV charges (basic)	1 month	69.00	69.00	0.00	0.00
<b>RECREATION AND CULTURE</b>					
Television 43 " (smart TV)	Each	1,396.38	1,381.48	14.90	1.08
Tablet - 10.1"	Each	341.52	291.54	49.98	17.14
Laptop Computer - 8 GB	Each	1,612.10	1,448.58	163.52	11.29
Dog Food (Canned)	375 g Tin	14.00	13.86	0.14	1.01
Carnival costume and Band Fees (Adult)	Each	600.00	500.00	100.00	20.00
Mathematics textbook	Each	94.93	88.17	6.76	7.67
Newspapers	Each	1.50	1.50	0.00	0.00

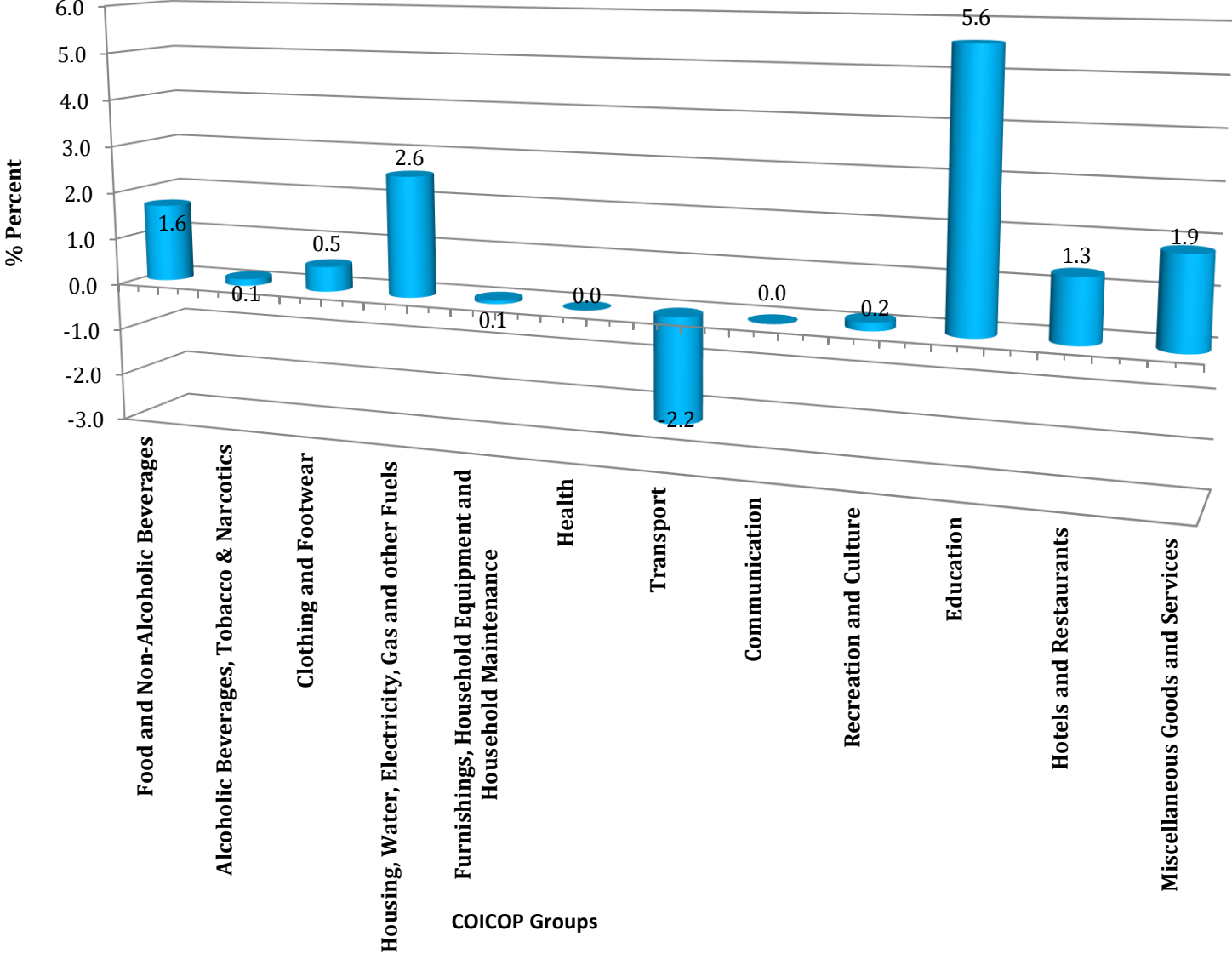
**Table 2.4**  
**Average Retail Price of Selected Items**  
**September 2024 Compared With September 2023**

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		September 2024	September 2023		
<b>EDUCATION</b>					
Pre-Primary - Private	Month	330.00	312.40	17.60	5.63
Primary School Fee - Private	Term	1400.00	1400.00	0.00	0.00
Secondary School Fee - Private	Term	150.00	150.00	0.00	0.00
Tertiary Education Tuition - undergraduate, social sciences	Annual	8412.03	8276.48	135.55	1.64
Private tutor	Per Session	32.50	20.00	12.50	62.50
<b>HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS</b>					
Pizza, pepperoni	Each	21.75	21.75	0.00	0.00
Chicken Lunch - regular	Each	15.00	15.00	0.00	0.00
Fish Lunch - regular	Each	20.00	20.00	0.00	0.00
Fast Food - 2 Pc Chicken and Fries	Each	26.75	21.85	4.90	22.43
Roti - Beef	Each	13.96	12.49	1.47	11.77
School meals - Bread and Chicken	Each	4.33	4.00	0.33	8.25
<b>MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES</b>					
Women's Hairdressing ( Relaxer )	Visit	72.46	72.46	0.00	0.00
Men's Haircut, Regular	Visit	15.00	15.00	0.00	0.00
Disposable diapers, Medium, 22pcs	1 pack	22.31	23.70	-1.39	-5.86
Toothpaste	170g Tube	15.10	13.43	1.67	12.43
Roll -on	75ml bottle	6.93	8.32	-1.39	-16.71
Sanitary napkins, regular, with wings	10 per pack	8.35	8.73	-0.38	-4.35
Toilet Soap	110g	5.20	4.97	0.23	4.63
Elderly care Services	Month	1800.00	1800.00	0.00	0.00
Day care services (children < 2 years)	Month	360.00	275.00	85.00	30.91
Health Insurance - Group (family) ≥3 Persons	Month	307.00	307.00	0.00	0.00
Motor Vehicle Insurance - 3rd party	Annual	471.49	459.28	12.21	2.66

**Table 3**  
**The Consumer Price Index by Main Groups**  
**January 2010 = 100**

	Groups	Weight	August 2024	September 2024	September 2023	Percentage Change Over Previous:	
						Month August	Year September
01.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	158.2	160.8	150.2	1.6	7.1
02.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	138.0	138.2	135.1	0.1	2.3
03.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	112.7	113.3	108.1	0.5	4.8
04.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	105.6	108.3	107.1	2.6	1.1
05.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	139.5	139.6	131.5	0.1	6.2
06.	Health	1.79	126.3	126.3	123.1	0.0	2.6
07.	Transport	11.84	149.5	146.2	144.5	-2.2	1.2
08.	Communication	9.41	114.8	114.8	113.4	0.0	1.2
09.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	120.0	120.2	114.5	0.2	5.0
10.	Education	1.32	114.5	120.9	114.5	5.6	5.6
11.	Hotels and Restaurants	1.87	144.6	146.5	136.8	1.3	7.1
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	118.0	120.2	117.0	1.9	2.7
	<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>128.6</b>	<b>129.9</b>	<b>125.2</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>3.8</b>

**Chart 1. COICOP Groups Percentage Change for September 2024**



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

	Groups	Weight	August 2024	September 2024	Percentage Change	Cost Weight		Change in Cost Weight	% Contribution to Change
						August 2024	September 2024		
1.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	158.2	160.8	1.6	3,466.16	3,523.13	57.0	43.8
2.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	138.0	138.2	0.1	534.06	534.83	0.8	0.6
3.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	112.7	113.3	0.5	362.89	364.83	1.9	1.5
4.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	105.6	108.3	2.6	3,174.34	3,255.50	81.2	62.4
5.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	139.5	139.6	0.1	919.31	919.96	0.7	0.5
6.	Health	1.79	126.3	126.3	0.0	226.08	226.08	0.0	0.0
7.	Transport	11.84	149.5	146.2	-2.2	1,770.08	1,731.01	-39.1	-30.1
8.	Communication	9.41	114.8	114.8	0.0	1,080.27	1,080.27	0.0	0.0
9.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	120.0	120.2	0.2	457.20	457.96	0.8	0.6
10.	Education	1.32	114.5	120.9	5.6	151.14	159.59	8.4	6.5
11.	Hotels and Restaurants	1.87	144.6	146.5	1.3	270.40	273.96	3.6	2.7
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	118.0	120.2	1.9	508.58	518.06	9.5	7.3
	<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>128.6</b>	<b>129.9</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>12,860.00</b>	<b>12,990.00</b>	<b>130.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**TABLE 5**  
**Monthly Index - 2024**  
**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	127.2	155.7	136.7	113.8	107.8	131.7	124.9	143.5	114.5	118.7	114.5	136.5	118.5
February	127.2	156.8	137.1	114.8	107.0	131.5	125.0	142.0	114.4	120.3	114.5	138.4	118.6
March	127.8	157.5	136.9	115.0	108.1	140.1	123.3	140.2	114.4	118.6	114.5	138.4	118.4
April	128.9	158.8	137.5	114.0	109.1	139.9	123.6	143.5	114.8	121.0	114.5	139.8	118.7
May	129.1	158.2	137.7	114.4	108.7	140.1	123.2	146.8	114.8	119.9	114.5	144.3	118.1
June	129.0	157.6	137.8	114.3	108.9	140.3	123.2	147.1	114.8	118.0	114.5	144.3	117.7
July	129.4	158.2	138.4	112.6	108.9	139.6	124.8	148.9	114.8	119.2	114.5	144.3	118.1
August	128.6	158.2	138.0	112.7	105.6	139.5	126.3	149.5	114.8	120.0	114.5	144.6	118.0
September	129.9	160.8	138.2	113.3	108.3	139.6	126.3	146.2	114.8	120.2	120.9	146.5	120.2