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## November 2024

The Consumer Price Index increased by 0.4 percent for the month of November 2024 compared to a decline of 0.6 percent for the month of October 2024. (*see table 3*).

During the month of November 2024, the “All Items” index was registered at 129.6 in comparison to 129.1 for the month of October 2024. Four (4) groups recorded an increase during the period; “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” (1.5%), “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” (0.9%), “Recreation and Culture” (0.5%) and “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” (0.1%). Three (3) groups recorded a decrease during the month; “Transport” (1.3%), “Communication” (0.5%) and “Miscellaneous Goods and Services” (0.1%). Five (5) groups remained unchanged; “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics”, “Clothing and Footwear”, “Health”, “Education” and “Hotels and Restaurants”.

The “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” group index recorded an increase of 1.5 percent on account of an 8.9 percent increase in the cost of electricity. This was as a result of a higher fuel surcharge rate which moved from 52.01 cents per kilowatt hour for October 2024 to 61.08 cents per kilowatt hour for the month of November 2024.

The index for the group “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” grew by 0.9 percent because of a rise in the cost for a number of items such as; chicken – thighs (39.7%), tomatoes -imported (33.8%), tannia (21.8%), sweet pepper (13.6%), sweet potatoes (7.9%), teabags (4.7%), cornflakes (1.9%), powdered milk (1.3%) and English potatoes (1.2%).

“Recreation and Culture” group index recorded a 0.5 percent growth due to an increase in the cost of a laptop computer - 4GB ram (5.0%).

The “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” group index rose by 0.1 percent because of a higher price for a dishwashing liquid (28.5%).

The downward movement for the “Transport” group index of 1.3 percent was as a consequence of a reduction in the cost of pick-up truck tyres (6.1%) and passenger airfare from St Vincent and the Grenadines to destinations such as: New York (18.3%), Miami (5.8%) and Barbados (4.8%).

The index for the group “Communication” fell by 0.5 percent due a lower price for a mobile phone (8.3%).

“Miscellaneous Goods and Services” group index declined by 0.1 percent due to lower prices for a wedding band -10 karat (7.9%) and a mouthwash (7.3%).

The point-to-point inflation rate stood at 2.5 percent for the month of November 2024 compared to 3.4 percent for the month of November 2023. The groups that represented the largest increases during the period were, “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” (6.2%), “Hotels and Restaurants” (6.2%), “Education” (5.6%), “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” (5.3%), and “Clothing and Footwear” (3.0%).

**The consumer price index increased for November 2024. The point-to-point inflation rate stood at 2.5 percent due to relative price changes during the month of November 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	
		November 2024	October 2024			
<b>INCREASED</b>						
Instant Oats	510g Tin	10.05	9.82	0.23	2.3	
Cornflakes	510g Box	17.40	17.07	0.33	1.9	
Powdered Milk	Lb	8.28	8.17	0.11	1.3	
Sardine in vegetable oil	106g Tin	5.80	5.71	0.09	1.6	
Chicken -Thighs	Lb	4.43	3.17	1.26	39.7	
Chicken -Wings	Lb	6.82	6.76	0.06	0.9	
Tomatoes - Local	Lb	10.50	8.59	1.91	22.2	
Tomatoes - imported	Lb	15.00	11.21	3.79	33.8	
Tannia	Lb	5.82	4.78	1.04	21.8	
Sweet Pepper	Lb	14.89	13.11	1.78	13.6	
Cabbage Imported	Lb	5.39	5.22	0.17	3.3	
Soya bean oil	1 Litre Bot	15.61	15.33	0.28	1.8	
Sweet Potatoes	Lb	4.51	4.18	0.33	7.9	
English Potatoes	Lb	3.39	3.35	0.04	1.2	
Curry loose	Lb	17.22	16.98	0.24	1.4	
Teabags	Pkt 25	7.61	7.27	0.34	4.7	
Electricity Consumption Charge	150KWH	166.62	153.02	13.60	8.9	
Dishwashing liquid	425ml Bot	11.50	8.95	2.55	28.5	
Laptop computer - 4 GB Ram	Each	1367.54	1302.62	64.92	5.0	
<b>DECREASED</b>						
Pork chops	Lb	12.76	13.36	-0.60	-4.5	
Chicken Vienna Sausage	130g Tin	4.67	4.79	-0.12	-2.5	
Gala apples	Lb	5.41	6.76	-1.35	-20.0	
Red Seedless Grape	Lb	18.57	21.82	-3.25	-14.9	
Cocktail Peanuts	454g Bot	19.75	20.45	-0.70	-3.4	
Onion -yellow	Lb	3.88	3.95	-0.07	-1.8	
Pigeon Peas	425g Tin	7.71	7.88	-0.17	-2.2	
Green Seasoning	750ml Bot	13.52	13.85	-0.33	-2.4	
Orange Juice	1 Litre Box	9.39	9.60	-0.21	-2.2	
Passenger Airfare from SVG to:						
	<i>New York</i>	Month	2474.58	3029.91	-555.33	-18.3
	<i>Miami</i>	Month	2840.82	3016.08	-175.26	-5.8
	<i>Barbados</i>	One way	535.66	562.39	-26.73	-4.8
New tyres size 17"- Pick-up Truck	Each	460.00	490.00	-30.00	-6.1	
Mobile Phone - 8 GB Ram	Each	1542.27	1682.44	-140.17	-8.3	
Wedding Band 10 karat	Each	1285.00	1395.00	-110.00	-7.9	
Mouthwash	500ml Bot	19.35	20.88	-1.53	-7.3	

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

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		November 2024	November 2023		
<b>FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES</b>					
Rice - Loose	1lb	2.32	2.23	0.09	4.06
Rice - Packaged	2kg	9.75	9.73	0.01	0.14
Flour - Loose	1 lb	1.93	1.92	0.01	0.49
Flour - Packaged ( white)	2kg	9.24	9.19	0.05	0.51
Flour - Packaged ( wholewheat)	2kg	9.62	9.71	-0.09	-0.93
Cornflakes	510g Box	16.48	15.78	0.70	4.46
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	5.82	5.55	0.26	4.76
Beef - Fresh	1 lb	12.14	10.00	2.14	21.40
Pigtail - salted	1 lb	10.24	10.44	-0.20	-1.89
Chicken - Leg Quarters	1 lb	3.94	3.82	0.13	3.35
Chicken - Backs	1 lb	2.65	2.57	0.08	3.12
Chicken - Wings	1 lb	6.82	6.13	0.69	11.23
Turkey Wings	1 lb	5.08	4.77	0.32	6.61
Luncheon Meat (pork)	340 g	9.64	9.56	0.08	0.79
Corned beef	340g	9.01	8.89	0.12	1.40
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	15.22	14.67	0.55	3.75
Sardine in soya oil	106g Tin	5.80	5.54	0.25	4.59
Milk - Evaporated	410g Tin	4.17	4.16	0.01	0.22
Powdered milk - full cream	1 lb	8.28	8.35	-0.08	-0.93
Eggs	1 Doz	12.82	12.44	0.38	3.05
Margarine	445g Tub	13.55	13.59	-0.05	-0.34
Soya bean oil	1Litre	15.61	15.76	-0.15	-0.97
Coconut oil	750ml Bottle	39.95	36.92	3.03	8.19
Bananas (ripe)	1 lb	2.00	1.58	0.43	26.96
Limes	1 lb	4.92	5.00	-0.08	-1.60
Tomatoes	1 lb	10.50	10.07	0.43	4.27
Sweet Potatoes	1 lb	4.51	3.48	1.03	29.63
Yams	1 lb	4.81	4.66	0.15	3.18
Sugar - Brown ( loose)	1 lb	2.34	2.29	0.05	2.17
Sugar - White ( loose)	1 lb	2.64	2.62	0.03	1.09
Ice cream	1 Litre Tub	19.06	18.06	1.00	5.54
Tomato Ketchup	750ml Bottle	10.16	9.10	1.06	11.64
Orange Juice	1 Litre box	9.39	9.57	-0.18	-1.91
Vitamalt	310 ml Bottle	5.90	5.95	-0.05	-0.78

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

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		November 2024	November 2023		
<b>ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO &amp; NARCOTICS</b>					
Rum - Local (White)	750 ml Bot.	46.38	45.24	1.14	2.51
Beer - Local	280 ml Bot.	5.00	5.00	0.00	0.00
Cigarettes	Pkt. (10)	4.47	3.88	0.59	15.11
Table wine (local)	26 oz Bot.	34.93	30.55	4.38	14.33
Vodka	750ml Bot.	53.52	52.23	1.28	2.45
<b>CLOTHING &amp; FOOTWEAR</b>					
Textile material - Cotton	1Yd.	16.07	16.07	0.00	0.00
Textile material - Tetrex	1Yd.	13.44	12.95	0.49	3.79
Men's Shirts - Long Sleeve	Each	79.48	75.98	3.50	4.61
Men's Jeans ( long)	Pair	76.26	68.98	7.29	10.56
Men's Shoes -Formal	Pair	141.00	127.62	13.38	10.48
Women's Shoes - Formal	Pair	79.00	73.19	5.82	7.95
Women's Blouse	Each	44.95	37.34	7.61	20.38
School shirt - white, size 10	Each	17.45	16.45	1.00	6.08
School overal , navy blue, size 8	Each	49.95	49.95	0.00	0.00
<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	337.24	356.35	-19.11	-5.36
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	2,882.52	-445.69	-15.46
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	5.37	-0.18	-3.28
Toilet tissue, 280 sheets per roll	1 Roll	1.56	1.56	0.00	0.00



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

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		November 2024	November 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	6.69	6.69	0.00	0.00
Drug for Diabetes	Month supply	4.84	4.75	0.09	1.86
Dental Care	Visit	149.47	149.47	0.00	0.00
<b>TRANSPORT</b>					
Petrol - Unleaded	Gallon	14.61	17.06	-2.45	-14.36
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	535.66	477.09	58.57	12.28
<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	123.00	2.00	1.63
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	355.43	324.86	30.57	9.41
Laptop Computer - 8 GB	Each	1,677.27	1,779.04	-101.77	-5.72
Dog Food (Canned)	375 g Tin	14.00	14.00	0.00	0.00
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

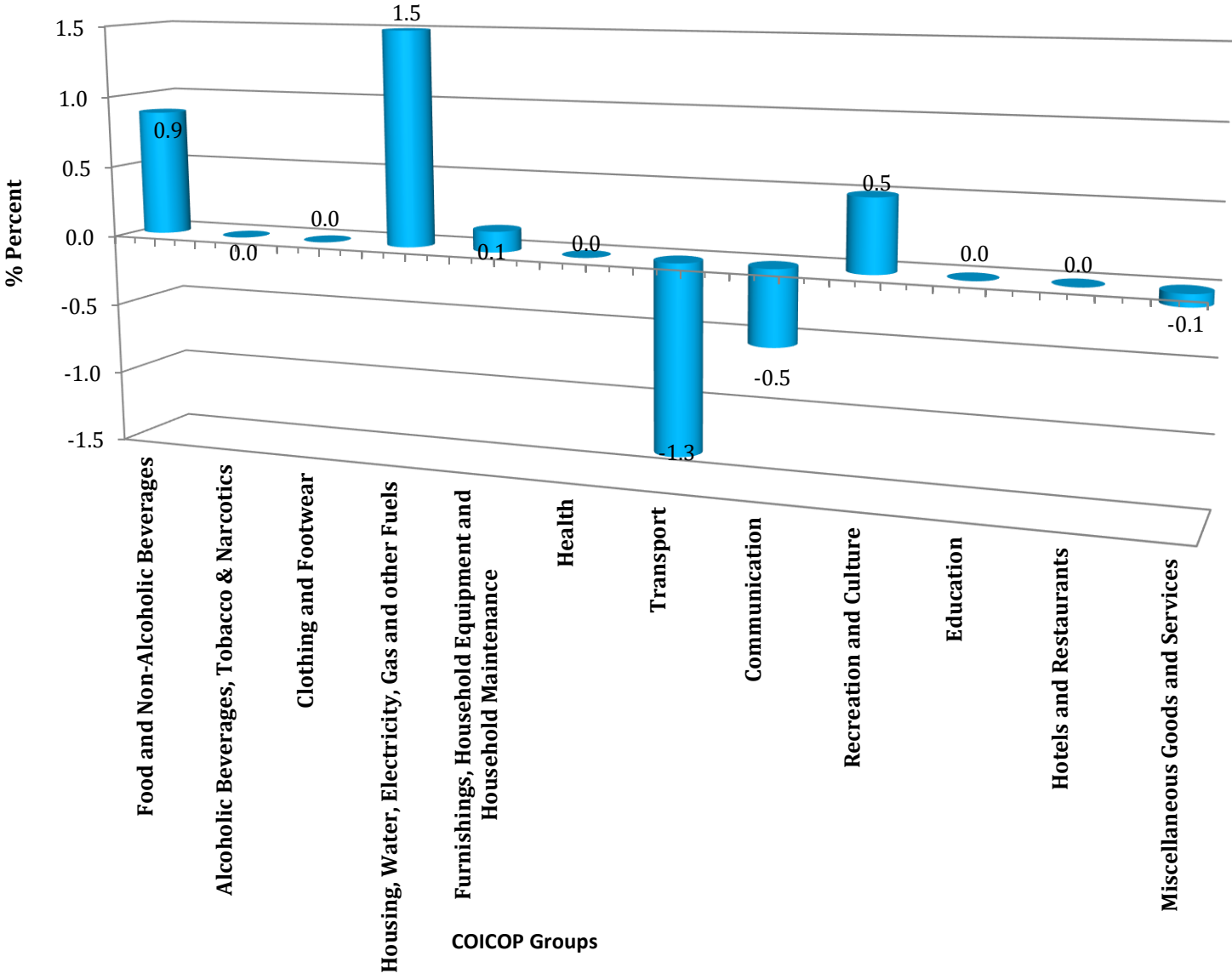
**Table 2.4**  
**Average Retail Price of Selected Items**  
**November 2024 Compared With November 2023**

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		November 2024	November 2023		
<b>EDUCATION</b>					
Pre-Primary - Private	Month	330.00	312.50	17.50	5.60
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	13.96	0.00	0.00
School meals - Bread and Chicken	Each	4.33	4.00	0.33	8.33
<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	14.87	0.23	1.52
Roll -on	75ml bottle	6.93	8.34	-1.42	-16.99
Sanitary napkins, regular, with wings	10 per pack	8.35	8.73	-0.38	-4.35
Toilet Soap	110g	4.89	5.20	-0.31	-5.90
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	October 2024	November 2024	November 2023	Percentage Change Over Previous:	
						Month October	Year November
01.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	160.3	161.7	152.3	0.9	6.2
02.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	138.2	138.2	135.3	0.0	2.1
03.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	114.8	114.8	111.5	0.0	3.0
04.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	106.9	108.5	109.4	1.5	-0.8
05.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	139.7	139.9	132.9	0.1	5.3
06.	Health	1.79	125.0	125.0	123.9	0.0	0.9
07.	Transport	11.84	143.9	142.0	143.3	-1.3	-0.9
08.	Communication	9.41	114.7	114.1	114.5	-0.5	-0.3
09.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	119.8	120.4	117.1	0.5	2.8
10.	Education	1.32	120.9	120.9	114.5	0.0	5.6
11.	Hotels and Restaurants	1.87	146.5	146.5	137.9	0.0	6.2
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	120.0	119.9	117.5	-0.1	2.0
	<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>129.1</b>	<b>129.6</b>	<b>126.5</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>2.5</b>

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



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

	Groups	Weight	October 2024	November 2024	Percentage Change	Cost Weight		Change in Cost Weight	% Contribution to Change
						October 2024	November 2024		
1.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	160.3	161.7	0.9	3,512.17	3,542.85	30.7	61.3
2.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	138.2	138.2	0.0	534.83	534.83	0.0	0.0
3.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	114.8	114.8	0.0	369.66	369.66	0.0	0.0
4.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	106.9	108.5	1.5	3,213.41	3,261.51	48.1	96.2
5.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	139.7	139.9	0.1	920.62	921.94	1.3	2.6
6.	Health	1.79	125.0	125.0	0.0	223.75	223.75	0.0	0.0
7.	Transport	11.84	143.9	142.0	-1.3	1,703.78	1,681.28	-22.5	-45.0
8.	Communication	9.41	114.7	114.1	-0.5	1,079.33	1,073.68	-5.6	-11.3
9.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	119.8	120.4	0.5	456.44	458.72	2.3	4.6
10.	Education	1.32	120.9	120.9	0.0	159.59	159.59	0.0	0.0
11.	Hotels and Restaurants	1.87	146.5	146.5	0.0	273.96	273.96	0.0	0.0
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	120.0	119.9	-0.1	517.20	516.77	-0.4	-0.9
	<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>129.1</b>	<b>129.6</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>12,910.00</b>	<b>12,960.00</b>	<b>50.0</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
October	129.1	160.3	138.2	114.8	106.9	139.7	125.0	143.9	114.7	119.8	120.9	146.5	120.0
November	129.6	161.7	138.2	114.8	108.5	139.9	125.0	142.0	114.1	120.4	120.9	146.5	119.9