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## January 2025

The Consumer Price Index increased by 0.4 percent for the month of January 2025 compared to a decrease of 0.4 percent for the month of December 2024. (*see table 3*).

During the month of January 2025, the “All Items” index was registered at 129.6 in comparison to 129.1 for the month of December 2024. Six (6) groups recorded an increase during the period; “Miscellaneous Goods and Services” (2.7%), “Hotels and Restaurants” (1.5%), “Health” (1.5%), “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” (1.2%), “Transport” (0.4%) and “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics” (0.1%). Four (4) groups recorded a decrease during the month; “Clothing and Footwear” (1.0%), “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” (0.8%), “Recreation and Culture” (0.6%), and “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” (0.1%). Two (2) groups remained unchanged; “Communication” and “Education”.

“Miscellaneous Goods and Services” group index increased by 2.7 percent due to higher prices for a basic funeral package (20.7%), mouthwash (12.1%), women’s hair treatment (11.8%) and roll-on (10.2%).

The 1.5 percent increase in the group index for “Health” is due to an increase in the price of anti-inflammatory medication (22.4%), spectacles (16.4%) and anti-histamine medication. (11.8%).

Similarly, the index for “Hotels and Restaurants” increased by 1.5 percent due to higher prices for meals at schools and restaurants. The school meals that increased were roti (60.0%) and chicken lunch (14.3%). Meals at restaurant included a sandwich (14.3%), beef roti (7.9%) and pizza (7.3%).

The group index for “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” increased by 1.2 percent on account of a 7.5 increase in the price of electricity. This increase is due to a higher fuel surcharge rate which moved from 43.12 cents per kilowatt hour for the month of December 2024 to 50.25 cents per kilowatt hour for January 2025.

“Transport” grew by 0.4 percent due to increased prices for pickup trucks (35.6%), passenger airfare from St Vincent and the Grenadines to New York, USA (32.1%) and car tires (20.8%).

“Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics” group index recorded an increase of 0.1 percent due to an increase of 2.7% for a red wine and 2.6% for a stout.

The index for the group “Clothing and Footwear” decreased by 1.0 percent as result of a decrease in the price for men’s neck ties (16.7%), Children panties (14.9%), men’s dress shoes (14.5%) and men’s long jeans (11.0%).

“Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” declined by 0.8 percent due to lower prices for a mattress (39.5%), a 4-burner gas stove (17.1%) and dinner forks (14.1%).

The 0.6 percent decrease in the group index for “Recreation and Culture” is due to a reduction of 27.4% in the price of a 55” inch television.

The “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” group index decreased by 0.1 percent due to a reduction in the price of several food items which included: tomatoes (28.1%), cabbage (11.7%), corned beef (9.3%), yams (7.9%), small loaf, wholewheat (6.7%), pumpkin (6.4%), eggs (5.8%) and package rice (5.2%).

The point-to-point inflation rate stood at 1.9 percent for the month of January 2025 compared to 4.8 percent for the month of January 2024. The groups that represented the largest increases during the period were, “Hotels and Restaurants” (8.9%), “Education” (5.6%), “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” (5.3%) “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” (4.8%) and “Miscellaneous Goods and Services” (4.5%).

**The consumer price index increased by 0.4 percent for January 2025. The point-to-point inflation rate stood at 1.9 percent due to relative price changes during the month of January 2025 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
		January 2025	December 2024		
<b>INCREASED</b>					
Small loaf - white	5, pk	3.07	2.91	0.16	5.5
Pasta	400g, pk	4.99	4.63	0.36	7.8
Green Bananas	Lb	2.04	1.50	0.54	36.0
Limes	Lb	7.00	4.81	2.19	45.5
Carrots	Lb	7.00	5.33	1.67	31.3
Red wine	750ml bottle	34.06	33.15	0.91	2.7
Stout	275ml bottle	5.83	5.68	0.15	2.6
Electricity - Domestic Consumption	300 kWh	304.75	283.36	21.39	7.5
Anti-Inflammatory Medicine	20 Tablets	6.93	5.66	1.27	22.4
Spectacles	1 pair	708.00	608.00	100.00	16.4
Anti-Histamine Medicine	20 Tablets	30.00	26.83	3.17	11.8
Pick-up truck	Each	201040.80	148277.70	52763.10	35.6
Car Tires	Each	222.35	184.00	38.35	20.8
Passenger airfare fom St Vincent to New York, U.S.A	1 month	2718.56	2058.62	659.94	32.1
School meals: Roti	Each	8.00	5.00	3.00	60.0
Chicken lunch	Each	8.00	7.00	1.00	14.3
Restaurant meals: Sandwich	Each	35.14	30.75	4.39	14.3
Beef Roti	Each	15.06	13.96	1.10	7.9
Pizza	Each	22.81	21.25	1.56	7.3
Women Hairdress - Treatment	1 Visit	52.44	46.90	5.54	11.8
Mouthwash	500ml Bottle	27.64	24.65	2.99	12.1
Roll on	75ml Bottle	7.64	6.93	0.71	10.2
Funeral package, basic	Each	3500.00	2900.00	600.00	20.7
<b>DECREASED</b>					
Package rice	2kg	9.70	10.23	-0.53	-5.2
Small Loaf - Whole Wheat	5, pk	2.92	3.13	-0.21	-6.7
Corned Beef	340g Tin	6.76	7.45	-0.69	-9.3
Eggs	Dozen	13.08	13.88	-0.80	-5.8
Tomatoes	Lb	9.57	13.31	-3.74	-28.1
Cabbage	Lb	6.13	6.94	-0.81	-11.7
Pumpkin	Lb	4.54	4.85	-0.31	-6.4
Yams	Lb	4.64	5.04	-0.40	-7.9
Men's Long Jeans	Each	64.95	72.95	-8.00	-11.0
Ties	Each	15.00	18.00	-3.00	-16.7
Panties	Each	3.31	3.89	-0.58	-14.9
Men's dress shoes	1 pair	130.00	152.00	-22.00	-14.5
Mattress , queen size, 8" foam	Each	500.00	826.14	-326.14	-39.5
Gas Stove - 4 Burner	Each	1871.13	2256.20	-385.07	-17.1
Dinner Forks	Each	5.95	6.93	-0.98	-14.1
Tablets for Diabetes	30 Tablets	5.00	5.18	-0.18	-3.5
Engine Coolant	1 Gallon	45.00	60.00	-15.00	-25.0
Accomodation, overseas university	Per semester	2281.14	2836.49	-555.35	-19.6
Television - 55 inch	Each	2499.00	3440.51	-941.51	-27.4

**Table 2.1**  
**Average Retail Price of Selected Items**  
**January 2025 Compared With January 2024**

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		January 2025	January 2024		
<b>FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES</b>					
Rice - Loose	1lb	2.32	2.23	0.09	4.06
Rice - Packaged	2kg	9.57	9.73	-0.17	-1.71
Flour - Loose	1 lb	1.91	1.92	-0.01	-0.65
Flour - Packaged ( white)	2kg	9.24	9.17	0.06	0.70
Flour - Packaged ( wholewheat)	2kg	9.62	9.62	0.00	0.00
Cornflakes	510g Box	16.18	15.89	0.28	1.79
Bread - Large Sandwich Loaf (white)	Each	5.42	5.42	0.00	0.00
Bread- Small Loaf, white	5 pk	3.07	2.91	0.15	5.27
Bread - Large Sandwich Loaf (whole wheat)	Each	6.18	6.26	-0.08	-1.28
Crix - salted crackers, White	288g (3 pk)	6.57	6.57	0.00	0.00
Pasta - Elbows	340 g	5.92	5.57	0.35	6.36
Beef - Fresh	1 lb	13.00	12.00	1.00	8.33
Pigtail - salted	1 lb	10.90	10.44	0.46	4.45
Chicken - Leg Quarters	1 lb	3.93	3.84	0.09	2.41
Chicken - Backs	1 lb	2.65	2.66	0.00	-0.11
Chicken - Wings	1 lb	6.71	6.22	0.48	7.78
Turkey Wings	1 lb	5.20	4.92	0.29	5.85
Luncheon Meat (pork)	340 g	9.61	9.58	0.02	0.23
Corned beef	340g	9.33	9.55	-0.22	-2.33
Fish - Fresh (Deep Sea)	1 lb	12.00	12.00	0.00	0.00
Fish - Fresh (Jacks)	1 lb	6.67	5.12	1.55	30.27
Fish - Fresh (Robin)	1 lb	6.67	5.12	1.55	30.27
Codfish	1 lb	15.01	14.67	0.34	2.31
Sardine in soya oil	106g Tin	5.96	5.62	0.34	6.05
Milk - Evaporated	410g Tin	4.18	4.16	0.02	0.47
Powdered milk - full cream	1 lb	8.28	8.35	-0.08	-0.93
Eggs	1 Doz	13.08	14.26	-1.17	-8.23
Margarine	445g Tub	13.59	13.60	-0.01	-0.06
Soya bean oil	1Litre	15.48	15.86	-0.39	-2.44
Coconut oil	750ml Bottle	39.95	36.92	3.03	8.19
Bananas (ripe)	1 lb	2.60	1.79	0.82	45.88
Limes	1 lb	7.00	5.18	1.82	35.14
Tomatoes	1 lb	9.63	9.15	0.48	5.28
Sweet Potatoes	1 lb	4.99	3.93	1.06	26.97
Yams	1 lb	4.64	4.66	-0.02	-0.38
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	10.02	9.10	0.92	10.07
Orange Juice	1 Litre box	9.64	9.67	-0.04	-0.40
Vitamalt	310 ml Bottle	5.90	5.95	-0.05	-0.78

**Table 2.2**  
**Average Retail Price of Selected Items**  
**January 2025 Compared With January 2024**

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		January 2025	January 2024		
<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	4.19	0.28	6.57
Table wine (local)	26 oz Bot.	34.93	33.27	1.65	4.96
Vodka	750ml Bot.	53.50	53.83	-0.33	-0.61
<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	64.95	69.76	-4.80	-6.89
Men's Shoes -Formal	Pair	134.50	123.12	11.38	9.24
Women's Shoes - Formal	Pair	79.00	89.00	-10.00	-11.24
Women's Blouse	Each	44.34	44.95	-0.61	-1.36
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	304.75	328.57	-23.82	-7.25
Cooking Gas	20 Lb. Cyl.	39.70	37.95	1.75	4.61
<b>FURNISHING, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE</b>					
Bed - queen size	Each	2372.49	2882.52	-510.03	-17.69
Sheets - queen size, 300 thread count, 100% cotton	Each	194.95	194.95	0.00	0.00
Dinner forks	Each	5.95	6.95	-1.00	-14.39
Powder detergent	500g Pk	5.20	5.19	0.02	0.34
Toilet tissue, 280 sheets per roll	1 Roll	1.56	1.55	0.01	0.76



**Table 2.3**  
**Average Retail Price of Selected Items**  
**January 2025 Compared With January 2024**

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		January 2025	January 2024		
<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	4.75	5.25	-0.50	-9.52
Dental Care	Visit	149.47	149.47	0.00	0.00
<b>TRANSPORT</b>					
Petrol - Unleaded	Gallon	14.61	16.06	-1.45	-9.03
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	601.36	501.54	99.82	19.90
<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	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	1,429.08	-32.70	-2.29
Tablet - 10.1"	Each	355.43	368.18	-12.75	-3.46
Laptop Computer - 8 GB	Each	1,677.27	1,679.07	-1.80	-0.11
Dog Food (Canned)	375 g Tin	14.72	14.00	0.72	5.14
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

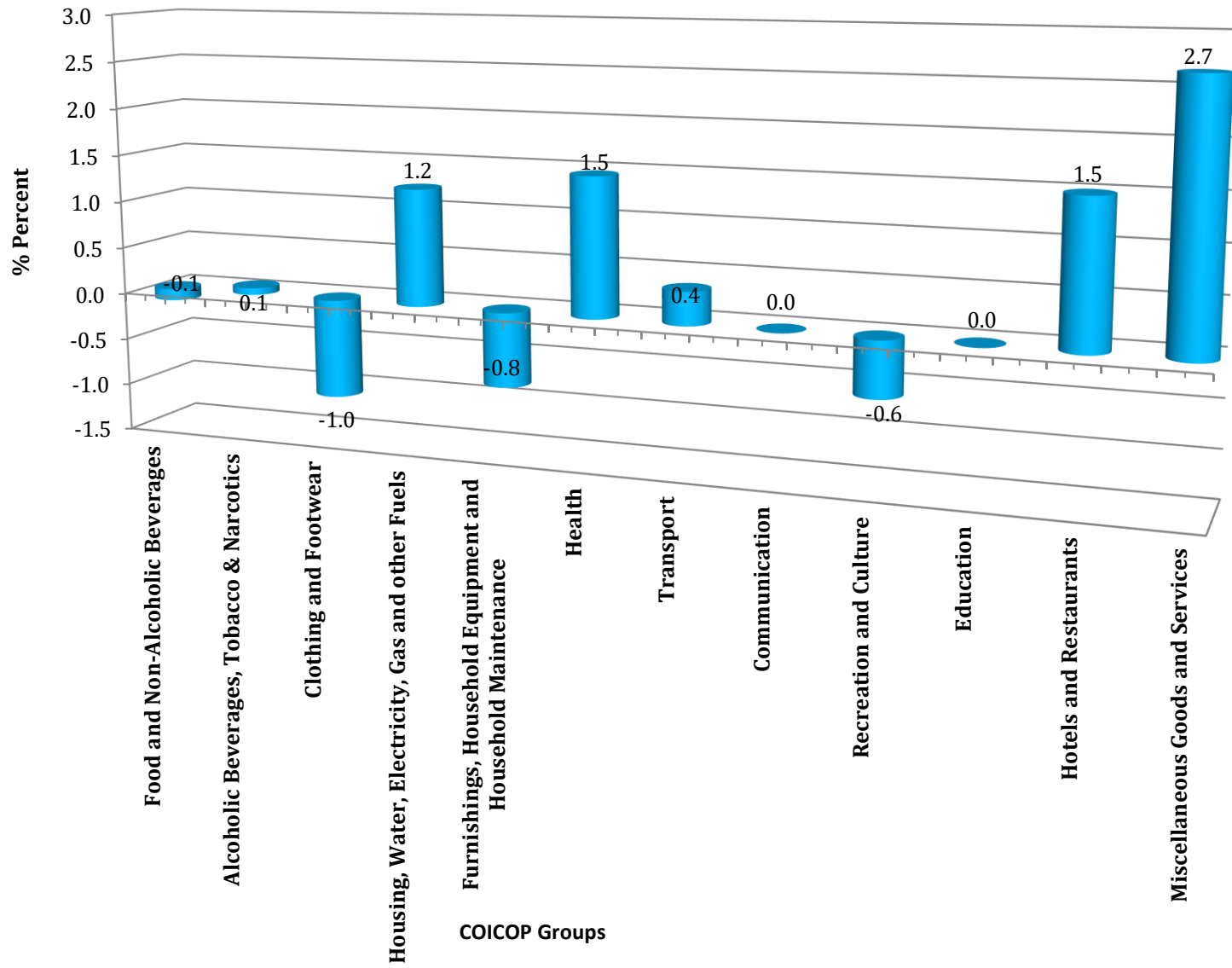
**Table 2.4**  
**Average Retail Price of Selected Items**  
**January 2025 Compared With January 2024**

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		January 2025	January 2024		
<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	23.30	21.75	1.55	7.13
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	15.06	13.96	1.10	7.85
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	77.46	72.46	5.00	6.90
Men's Haircut, Regular	Visit	15.00	15.00	0.00	0.00
Disposable diapers, Medium, 22pcs	1 pack	22.31	22.31	0.00	0.00
Toothpaste	170g Tube	15.10	15.17	-0.07	-0.49
Roll -on	75ml bottle	7.64	8.26	-0.62	-7.51
Sanitary napkins, regular, with wings	10 per pack	8.35	8.39	-0.04	-0.48
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	471.67	471.49	0.17	0.04

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

	Groups	Weight	December 2024	January 2025	January 2024	Percentage Change Over Previous:	
						Month December	Year January
01.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	163.4	163.2	155.7	-0.1	4.8
02.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	138.4	138.5	136.7	0.1	1.3
03.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	114.8	113.6	113.8	-1.0	-0.2
04.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	105.3	106.6	107.8	1.2	-1.1
05.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	139.8	138.7	131.7	-0.8	5.3
06.	Health	1.79	123.1	124.9	124.9	1.5	0.0
07.	Transport	11.84	142.2	142.7	143.5	0.4	-0.6
08.	Communication	9.41	114.1	114.1	114.5	0.0	-0.3
09.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	119.3	118.6	118.7	-0.6	-0.1
10.	Education	1.32	120.9	120.9	114.5	0.0	5.6
11.	Hotels and Restaurants	1.87	146.5	148.7	136.5	1.5	8.9
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	120.6	123.8	118.5	2.7	4.5
	<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>129.1</b>	<b>129.6</b>	<b>127.2</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>1.9</b>

**Chart 1. COICOP Groups Percentage Change for January 2025**



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

	Groups	Weight	December 2024	January 2025	Percentage Change	Cost Weight		Change in Cost Weight	% Contribution to Change
						December 2024	January 2025		
1.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	163.4	163.2	-0.1	3,580.09	3,575.71	-4.4	-8.8
2.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	138.4	138.5	0.1	535.61	536.00	0.4	0.8
3.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	114.8	113.6	-1.0	369.66	365.79	-3.9	-7.7
4.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	105.3	106.6	1.2	3,165.32	3,204.40	39.1	78.2
5.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	139.8	138.7	-0.8	921.28	914.03	-7.2	-14.5
6.	Health	1.79	123.1	124.9	1.5	220.35	223.57	3.2	6.4
7.	Transport	11.84	142.2	142.7	0.4	1,683.65	1,689.57	5.9	11.8
8.	Communication	9.41	114.1	114.1	0.0	1,073.68	1,073.68	0.0	0.0
9.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	119.3	118.6	-0.6	454.53	451.87	-2.7	-5.3
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	148.7	1.5	273.96	278.07	4.1	8.2
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	120.6	123.8	2.7	519.79	533.58	13.8	27.6
	<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 - 2025**  
**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	129.6	163.2	138.5	113.6	106.6	138.7	124.9	142.7	114.1	118.6	120.9	148.7	123.8