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April 2025

The Consumer Price Index increased by 0.5 percent for the month of April 2025 in comparison to a decline of 0.1 percent for the month of March 2025 (*see table 3*).

During the month of April 2025, the “All Items” index was registered at 129.9 in comparison to 129.3 for the month of March 2025. Four (4) groups recorded an increase during the month; “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” (2.3%), “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” (0.7%), “Health” (0.2%), and “Miscellaneous Goods and Services” (0.2%). Four (4) groups recorded a decrease during the period; “Clothing and Footwear” (0.5%), “Transport” (0.4%), “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics” (0.2%), and “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” (0.1%). Four (4) groups remained unchanged; “Communication”, “Recreation and Culture”, “Education”, and “Hotels and Restaurants”.

The group index for “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” rose by 2.3 percent. This was attributable to a 13.6 percent increase in the price of electricity which resulted from an increase in the fuel surcharge rate which moved from 45.06 cents per kilowatt hour for the month of March 2025 to 57.99 cents per kilowatt hour for April 2025.

“Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” group index grew by 0.7 percent due mainly to price increases for dinner forks (16.8%), dinner plates (13.7%) and drinking glass (5.2%).

The index for the group, “Health” recorded 0.2 percent growth as a result of higher prices for drugs used for the treatment of diabetes (9.7%) and hypertension (9.6%).

The “Miscellaneous Goods and Services” group index recorded a 0.2 percent growth. This growth was fuelled mainly by higher prices for toothpaste (3.0%) and toilet soap (2.5%).

“Clothing and Footwear” recorded a 0.5 percent downward movement due to a reduction in the cost of men’s suits (33.7%), men’s T-shirts (18.2%), children panties (16.9%), men’s long jeans (14.8%) and men’s long pants (10.9%).

The group index “Transport” fell by 0.4 percent due to lower prices for passenger airfare to a few destinations from St. Vincent and the Grenadines; including St. Lucia (35.3%) and Miami (15.0%), along with car tyres (11.7%) and petrol (1.4%).

Meanwhile The “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics” group index declined by 0.2 percent as a result of a reduction in the price of cigarettes (7.0%) and stout (4.4%).

The index for the group “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” recorded a decline of 0.1 percent as a result of lower prices for a number of food items namely; imported tomatoes (33.6%), watermelon (33.3%), broccoli (22.7%), imported cabbage (16.0%), black tea (15.0%), onion (5.3%) and small loaf (5.2%).

The point-to-point inflation rate stood at 0.8percent for the month of April 2025 compared to 4.8 percent for the month of April 2024. The groups that represented the largest increases during the period were, “Hotels and Restaurants” (6.2%), “Education” (5.6%), “Miscellaneous Goods and Services” (4.4%), “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” (2.7%) and “Health” (2.6%).

The consumer price index increased by 0.5 percent for April 2025. The point-to-point inflation rate stood at 0.8 percent due to relative price changes during the month of April 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
		April 2025	March 2025		
INCREASED					
Green pigeon peas	1lb	15.00	10.00	5.00	50.0
Chicken thighs	1lb	4.80	3.35	1.45	43.3
Packaged rice	2Kg	11.95	9.11	2.84	31.2
Kidney beans, packaged	454g	11.25	8.61	2.64	30.7
Garlic, packaged	250g	8.00	6.15	1.85	30.1
Red wine	750ml bottle	35.16	34.06	1.10	3.2
Boxer briefs	Each	29.95	16.95	13.00	76.7
Ties	Each	18.00	15.00	3.00	20.0
Electricity- Domestic Consumption	150Kwh	161.99	142.59	19.40	13.6
Dinner forks	Each	6.95	5.95	1.00	16.8
Plates	Each	14.29	12.57	1.72	13.7
Drinking glass	Each	11.95	11.36	0.59	5.2
Diabetes medication, 5mg	28 tablets	5.20	4.74	0.46	9.7
Drugs for hypertension, 5mg	28 tablets	5.48	5.00	0.48	9.6
Spark plugs	Each	25.00	15.00	10.00	66.7
Oil filter	Each	65.00	45.00	20.00	44.4
Toothpaste	170g tube	15.55	15.10	0.45	3.0
Toilet soap	110g	4.89	4.77	0.12	2.5
DECREASED					
Small loaf	5 per Pack	2.91	3.07	-0.16	-5.2
Broccoli, imported	1lb	11.01	14.24	-3.23	-22.7
Tomatoes, imported, round	1lb	7.40	11.15	-3.75	-33.6
Watermelon	1lb	4.00	6.00	-2.00	-33.3
Cabbage, imported	1lb	4.98	5.93	-0.95	-16.0
Onion	1lb	3.72	3.93	-0.21	-5.3
Black tea	Pkt 25	8.38	9.86	-1.48	-15.0
Cigarette	Pkt 20	9.03	9.71	-0.68	-7.0
Stout	275ml bottle	5.62	5.88	-0.26	-4.4
Men's suit	Each	369.95	557.84	-187.89	-33.7
T-Shirts	Each	18.00	22.00	-4.00	-18.2
Men's long jeans	Each	51.05	59.95	-8.90	-14.8
Men's pants	Each	106.61	119.61	-13.00	-10.9
Children panties	Each	2.75	3.31	-0.56	-16.9
Dishwashing liquid	725ml bottle	8.00	9.00	-1.00	-11.1
Spectacles, single vision lens	Each	608.00	708.00	-100.00	-14.1
Passenger airfare from St. Vincent and the Grenadines to:					
<i>St. Lucia</i>	one way	488.25	754.12	-265.87	-35.3
<i>Miami</i>	1 month	2503.92	2945.96	-442.04	-15.0
Car Tyres	Each	462.50	524.00	-61.50	-11.7
Petrol	1 Gallon	14.20	14.40	-0.20	-1.4
Women's wedding band	Each	1250.00	1285.99	-35.99	-2.8

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

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		April 2025	April 2024		
FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES					
Rice - Loose	1lb	2.33	2.24	0.08	3.72
Rice - Packaged	2kg	10.48	9.71	0.78	8.00
Flour - Loose	1 lb	1.90	1.92	-0.02	-1.22
Flour - Packaged (white)	2kg	9.22	9.22	0.00	-0.04
Flour - Packaged (wholewheat)	2kg	9.71	9.62	0.09	0.94
Cornflakes	510g Box	16.61	16.08	0.53	3.32
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	-0.02
Crix - salted crackers, White	288g (3 pk)	6.57	6.57	0.00	0.00
Pasta - Elbows	340 g	5.92	5.60	0.32	5.68
Beef - Fresh	1 lb	13.00	12.00	1.00	8.33
Pigtail - salted	1 lb	10.84	10.56	0.28	2.69
Chicken - Leg Quarters	1 lb	3.95	3.95	0.00	0.06
Chicken - Backs	1 lb	2.68	2.66	0.02	0.93
Chicken - Wings	1 lb	6.67	6.73	-0.07	-0.98
Turkey Wings	1 lb	5.87	4.88	0.99	20.29
Luncheon Meat (pork)	340 g	9.72	9.64	0.09	0.92
Corned beef	340g	9.20	9.90	-0.70	-7.04
Fish - Fresh (Deep Sea)	1 lb	12.00	12.00	0.00	0.00
Fish - Fresh (Jacks)	1 lb	6.67	6.67	0.00	0.00
Fish - Fresh (Robin)	1 lb	6.67	6.67	0.00	0.00
Codfish	1 lb	15.01	14.48	0.53	3.68
Sardine in soya oil	106g Tin	5.99	5.76	0.23	3.99
Milk - Evaporated	410g Tin	4.18	4.10	0.08	1.87
Powdered milk - full cream	1 lb	8.57	8.15	0.41	5.08
Eggs	1 Doz	13.09	12.46	0.62	5.01
Margarine	445g Tub	13.56	13.64	-0.07	-0.53
Soya bean oil	1Litre	14.96	15.80	-0.85	-5.35
Coconut oil	750ml Bottle	42.38	37.00	5.38	14.53
Bananas (ripe)	1 lb	2.58	1.79	0.79	44.32
Limes	1 lb	8.00	5.05	2.95	58.42
Tomatoes	1 lb	7.49	9.15	-1.66	-18.14
Sweet Potatoes	1 lb	5.55	5.06	0.48	9.56
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	2.60	0.05	1.74
Ice cream	1 Litre Tub	19.06	18.06	1.00	5.54
Tomato Ketchup	750ml Bottle	10.27	9.58	0.69	7.24
Orange Juice	1 Litre box	9.80	9.49	0.30	3.21
Vitamalt	310 ml Bottle	5.90	5.96	-0.06	-1.02

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

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		April 2025	April 2024		
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO & NARCOTICS					
Rum - Local (White)	750 ml Bot.	46.38	46.52	-0.14	-0.31
Beer - Local	280 ml Bot.	5.08	5.00	0.08	1.51
Cigarettes	Pkt. (10)	4.40	4.21	0.19	4.52
Table wine (local)	26 oz Bot.	37.70	34.49	3.21	9.31
Vodka	750ml Bot.	53.60	53.35	0.25	0.47
CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR					
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	60.50	68.25	-7.75	-11.35
Men's Shoes -Formal	Pair	134.50	141.00	-6.50	-4.61
Women's Shoes - Formal	Pair	79.00	79.00	0.00	0.00
Women's Blouse	Each	44.95	44.95	0.00	0.00
School shirt - white, size 10	Each	17.45	17.45	0.00	0.00
School overall , navy blue, size 8	Each	49.95	49.95	0.00	0.00
HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY					
GAS AND OTHER FUELS					
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	327.97	350.83	-22.86	-6.52
Cooking Gas	20 Lb. Cyl.	39.70	37.95	1.75	4.61
FURNISHING, HOUSEHOLD					
EQUIPMENT AND HOUSEHOLD					
MAINTENANCE					
Bed - queen size	Each	2372.49	2,641.17	-268.68	-10.17
Sheets - queen size, 300 thread count, 100% cotton	Each	194.95	193.97	0.98	0.51
Dinner forks	Each	6.95	6.93	0.02	0.29
Powder detergent	500g Pk	5.46	4.56	0.90	19.77
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
April 2025 Compared With April 2024

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		April 2025	April 2024		
HEALTH					
Doctor's Fee - Gynaecologist	Visit	100.00	80.00	20.00	25.00
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	6.78	-0.09	-1.35
Drug for Diabetes	Month supply	5.10	4.99	0.11	2.19
Dental Care	Visit	149.47	149.47	0.00	0.00
TRANSPORT					
Petrol - Unleaded	Gallon	14.20	16.73	-2.53	-15.12
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	594.88	434.40	160.48	36.94
COMMUNICATION					
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	125.00	0.00	0.00
Cable TV charges (basic)	1 month	69.00	69.00	0.00	0.00
RECREATION AND CULTURE					
Television 43 " (smart TV)	Each	1,397.42	1,429.08	-31.66	-2.22
Tablet - 10.1"	Each	355.67	513.13	-157.46	-30.69
Laptop Computer - 8 GB	Each	1,678.38	1,897.90	-219.52	-11.57
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
April 2025 Compared With April 2024

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		April 2025	April 2024		
EDUCATION					
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
HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS					
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	4.33	0.00	0.00
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES					
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	22.35	22.31	0.05	0.20
Toothpaste	170g Tube	15.55	15.17	0.38	2.50
Roll -on	75ml bottle	7.64	8.26	-0.62	-7.51
Sanitary napkins, regular, with wings	10 per pack	8.37	8.47	-0.10	-1.18
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	March 2025	April 2025	April 2024	Percentage Change Over Previous:	
						Month March	Year April
01.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	163.2	163.1	158.8	-0.1	2.7
02.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	139.1	138.8	137.5	-0.2	0.9
03.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	113.8	113.2	114.0	-0.5	-0.7
04.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	105.6	108.0	109.1	2.3	-1.0
05.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	140.5	141.4	139.9	0.6	1.1
06.	Health	1.79	126.5	126.8	123.6	0.2	2.6
07.	Transport	11.84	140.7	140.2	143.5	-0.4	-2.3
08.	Communication	9.41	114.1	114.1	114.8	0.0	-0.6
09.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	118.6	118.6	121.0	0.0	-2.0
10.	Education	1.32	120.9	120.9	114.5	0.0	5.6
11.	Hotels and Restaurants	1.87	148.4	148.4	139.8	0.0	6.2
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	123.7	123.9	118.7	0.2	4.4
	ALL ITEMS	100.00	129.3	129.9	128.9	0.5	0.8

Chart 1. COICOP Groups Percentage Change for April 2025

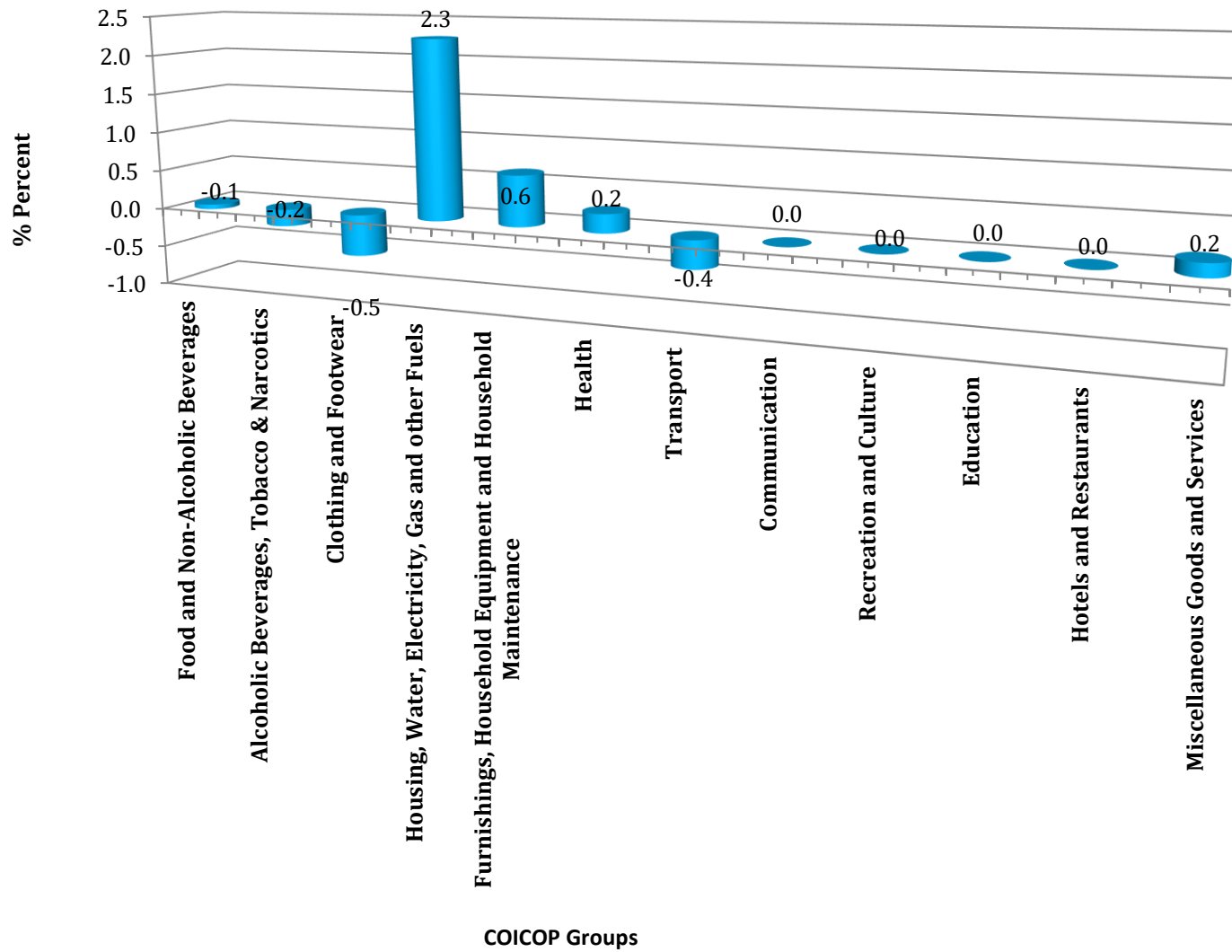


Table 4
The Consumer Price Index by Main Groups
January 2010 = 100
Contribution to Change

	Groups	Weight	March 2025	April 2025	Percentage Change	Cost Weight		Change in Cost Weight	% Contribution to Change
						March 2025	April 2025		
1.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	163.2	163.1	-0.1	3,575.71	3,573.52	-2.2	-4.4
2.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	139.1	138.8	-0.2	538.32	537.16	-1.2	-2.3
3.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	113.8	113.2	-0.5	366.44	364.50	-1.9	-3.9
4.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	105.6	108.0	2.3	3,174.34	3,246.48	72.1	144.3
5.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	140.5	141.4	0.6	925.90	931.83	5.9	11.9
6.	Health	1.79	126.5	126.8	0.2	226.44	226.97	0.5	1.1
7.	Transport	11.84	140.7	140.2	-0.4	1,665.89	1,659.97	-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	118.6	118.6	0.0	451.87	451.87	0.0	0.0
10.	Education	1.32	120.9	120.9	0.0	159.59	159.59	0.0	0.0
11.	Hotels and Restaurants	1.87	148.4	148.4	0.0	277.51	277.51	0.0	0.0
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	123.7	123.9	0.2	533.15	534.01	0.9	1.7
	ALL ITEMS	100.00	129.4	129.9	0.4	12,940.00	12,990.00	50.0	100.0

TABLE 5
Monthly Index - 2025
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	Communi- cation	Recreation & Culture	Education	Hotels & Restaurants	Miscell- aneous 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	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
February	129.4	163.3	138.6	113.6	106.5	138.2	127.4	140.4	114.1	118.6	120.9	148.4	123.8
March	129.3	163.2	139.1	113.8	105.6	140.5	126.5	140.7	114.1	118.6	120.9	148.4	123.7
April	129.8	163.1	138.8	113.2	108.0	141.4	126.8	140.2	114.1	118.6	120.9	148.4	123.9