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February 2026

The Consumer Price Index increased by 0.2 percent in February 2026, compared to a 0.5 increase recorded in January 2026 (*see table 3*). This is attributable to upward price movements during the month.

During the month of February 2026, the “All Items” index increased to 130.7 from 130.4 for the month of January 2026. Six (6) of the twelve major CPI groups recorded increases, namely: “Miscellaneous Goods and Services” (1.3%), “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” (0.9%), “Transport” (0.8%), “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” (0.5%), “Recreation and Culture” (0.2%) and “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics” (0.1%). Conversely, two (2) groups recorded declines: “Health” (1.4%) and “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” (0.5%). Four (4) groups remained unchanged; “Clothing and Footwear”, “Communication”, “Education” and “Hotels and Restaurants”.

The increase of 1.3 percent in the “Miscellaneous Goods and Services” index was primarily driven by higher prices for roll-on (36.4%), mouthwash (14.9%) and panty liners (10.6%).

The “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” group index rose by 0.9 percent reflecting increases in the price of toilet paper (12.8%) and queen-sized mattress (5.7%).

Prices within the “Transport” group index increased by 0.8 percent, mainly attributable to higher costs for motor vehicle parts including spark plugs (67.2%), front disc pads (61.7%),

and oil filter (21.5 percent). Additionally, increases in passenger airfares from St Vincent and the Grenadines to several destinations such as Toronto (14.5%), Antigua and Barbuda (13.5%), Miami (10.3%), Grenada (9.5%) and New York (7.3%) contributed to the upward movement.

The “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” index grew by 0.3 percent due to higher prices for items such as green bananas (33.6%), chicken sausage (28.6%), imported cabbage (27.2%), pasta (penne - 22.3% and elbows 19.4%), Tuna - chunk (10.7%), red seedless grapes (8.9%) and turkey wings (1.2%).

The 0.2 percent increase in the index for “Recreation and Culture” was due mainly to a 13.6 percent increase in the cost of an English textbook.

The index for the group “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics” increased by 0.1 percent due to higher prices for tequila (21.4%) and gin (4.1%).

Meanwhile, the “Health” index declined by 1.4 percent, primarily due to lower prices for medications used in the treatment of diabetes (13.4%).

“Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” group index fell by 0.5 percent as a result of a decrease in the cost of electricity (3.4%). This was associated with a decrease in the fuel surcharge rate, which moved from 67.81 cents per kilowatt hour in January 2026 to 63.77 cents per kilowatt hour in February 2026.

The Point-to-Point Inflation Rate stood at 1.0 percent for the month of February 2026 compared to 1.7 percent for the month of February 2025. The groups that represented the largest increases during the period were, “Miscellaneous Goods and Services” (3.2%), “Clothing and Footwear” (3.1%), “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” (2.4%), “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels” (2.3%) and “Hotels and Restaurants” (2.3%).

The consumer price index increased by 0.2 percent for February 2026. The point-to-point inflation rate stood at 1.0 percent due to relative price changes during the month of February 2026 compared to 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
		February 2026	January 2026		
INCREASED					
Pasta - Penne	300g Pk	3.73	3.05	0.68	22.3
Pasta - Elbow	454g Pk	8.80	7.37	1.43	19.4
Turkey wings	1Lb	6.62	6.54	0.08	1.2
Chicken sausage	130g Tin	4.95	3.85	1.10	28.6
Tuna - chunk	142g Tin	4.86	4.39	0.47	10.7
Green banana	1Lb	1.71	1.28	0.43	33.6
Red seedless grapes	1Lb	18.08	16.61	1.47	8.9
Cabbage - imported	1Lb	5.66	4.45	1.21	27.2
Gin	750ml Bottle	56.02	53.81	2.21	4.1
Tequila	750ml Bottle	68.78	56.65	12.13	21.4
Mattress - Queen	Each	849.00	803.38	45.62	5.7
Toilet paper	280 Sheets	1.76	1.56	0.20	12.8
Oil filter	Each	19.66	16.18	3.48	21.5
Spark plugs	Each	29.00	17.34	11.66	67.2
Front disc pads	Each	107.50	66.48	41.02	61.7
Passenger airfare from St. Vincent and the Grenadines to:					
<i>Toronto</i>	One Month	3038.58	2654.45	384.13	14.5
<i>Antigua and Barbuda</i>	One Way	879.81	774.95	104.86	13.5
<i>Miami</i>	One Month	2892.49	2621.62	270.87	10.3
<i>Grenada</i>	One Way	361.30	329.89	31.41	9.5
<i>New York</i>	One Month	1685.92	1570.99	114.93	7.3
English Textbook	Each	106.12	93.40	12.72	13.6
Mouthwash	500ml Bottle	32.21	28.03	4.18	14.9
Roll-on	75ml Bottle	10.42	7.64	2.78	36.4
Panty liners	20 Pieces per Pack	7.30	6.60	0.70	10.6
DECREASED					
Cornflakes	510g Box	18.42	19.68	-1.26	-6.4
Margarine	445g Tub	18.84	19.53	-0.69	-3.5
Sweet pepper	1Lb	12.21	12.86	-0.65	-5.1
Pigtail - frozen	1Lb	7.82	7.95	-0.13	-1.6
Lentils	454g Pk	6.62	7.09	-0.47	-6.6
Electricity Consumption	150 kWh	170.66	176.72	-6.06	-3.4
Drugs for Diabetes	1 Month's Supply	4.65	5.37	-0.72	-13.4

Table 2.1
Average Retail Price of Selected Items
February 2026 Compared With February 2025

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		February 2026	February 2025		
FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES					
Rice - Loose	1lb	2.29	2.32	-0.03	-1.44
Rice - Packaged	2kg	10.64	9.57	1.07	11.22
Flour - Loose	1 lb	1.88	1.91	-0.03	-1.62
Flour - Packaged (white)	2kg	8.90	9.24	-0.34	-3.64
Flour - Packaged (wholewheat)	2kg	9.47	9.62	-0.15	-1.58
Cornflakes	510g Box	16.00	16.04	-0.04	-0.23
Bread - Large Sandwich Loaf (white)	Each	5.53	5.42	0.11	2.12
Bread- Small Loaf, white	5 pk	2.99	3.07	-0.08	-2.54
Bread - Large Sandwich Loaf (whole wheat)	Each	6.26	6.18	0.08	1.24
Crix - salted crackers, White	288g (3 pk)	6.57	6.57	0.00	0.04
Pasta - Elbows	340 g	5.89	5.91	-0.02	-0.33
Beef - Fresh	1 lb	15.00	13.00	2.00	15.38
Pigtail - salted	1 lb	10.90	10.90	0.00	-0.04
Chicken - Leg Quarters	1 lb	4.02	3.91	0.11	2.94
Chicken - Backs	1 lb	2.74	2.65	0.09	3.30
Chicken - Wings	1 lb	6.42	6.69	-0.27	-4.08
Turkey Wings	1 lb	6.62	5.20	1.42	27.19
Luncheon Meat (pork)	340 g	10.02	9.61	0.41	4.25
Corned beef	340g	9.70	9.04	0.66	7.32
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	16.75	15.01	1.74	11.62
Sardine in soya oil	106g Tin	5.50	6.01	-0.51	-8.47
Milk - Evaporated	410g Tin	4.23	4.18	0.05	1.26
Powdered milk - full cream	1 lb	8.81	8.58	0.23	2.72
Eggs	1 Doz	13.60	12.81	0.79	6.18
Margarine	445g Tub	14.34	13.55	0.79	5.85
Soya bean oil	1Litre	14.81	14.81	0.00	-0.03
Coconut oil	750ml Bottle	43.75	39.95	3.80	9.51
Bananas (ripe)	1 lb	2.16	2.58	-0.42	-16.18
Limes	1 lb	5.44	7.00	-1.56	-22.29
Tomatoes	1 lb	7.65	8.79	-1.14	-12.93
Sweet Potatoes	1 lb	4.86	5.75	-0.89	-15.53
Yams	1 lb	4.93	4.64	0.29	6.22
Sugar - Brown (loose)	1 lb	2.37	2.34	0.03	1.44
Sugar - White (loose)	1 lb	2.76	2.64	0.12	4.38
Ice cream	1 Litre Tub	19.06	19.06	0.00	-0.01
Tomato Ketchup	750ml Bottle	11.00	10.19	0.81	7.91
Orange Juice	1 Litre box	9.74	9.71	0.03	0.28
Vitamalt	310 ml Bottle	5.85	5.90	-0.05	-0.90

Table 2.2
Average Retail Price of Selected Items
February 2026 Compared With February 2025

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		February 2026	February 2025		
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO & NARCOTICS					
Rum - Local (White)	750 ml Bot.	46.86	46.38	0.48	1.04
Beer - Local	280 ml Bot.	5.08	5.00	0.08	1.50
Cigarettes	Pkt. (10)	4.38	4.40	-0.02	-0.54
Table wine (local)	26 oz Bot.	35.42	35.25	0.17	0.48
Vodka	750ml Bot.	55.49	53.49	2.00	3.73
CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR					
Textile material - Cotton	1Yd.	16.07	16.07	0.00	-0.02
Textile material - Tetrex	1Yd.	13.44	13.44	0.00	-0.01
Men's Shirts - Long Sleeve	Each	85.48	79.48	6.01	7.56
Men's Jeans (long)	Pair	71.45	64.95	6.50	10.01
Men's Shoes -Formal	Pair	145.50	134.50	11.00	8.18
Women's Shoes - Formal	Pair	79.00	79.00	0.00	0.00
Women's Blouse	Each	53.95	44.34	9.61	21.67
School shirt - white, size 10	Each	20.18	17.45	2.73	15.64
School overal , 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	345.31	303.58	41.73	13.75
Cooking Gas	20 Lb. Cyl.	39.70	39.70	0.00	0.00
FURNISHING, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE					
Bed - queen size	Each	2571.79	2372.49	199.30	8.40
Sheets - queen size, 300 thread count, 100% cotton	Each	144.95	194.95	-50.00	-25.65
Dinner forks	Each	5.95	5.95	0.00	0.00
Powder detergent	500g Pk	5.44	5.20	0.24	4.55
Toilet tissue, 280 sheets per roll	1 Roll	1.76	1.56	0.20	13.01

Table 2.3
Average Retail Price of Selected Items
February 2026 Compared With February 2025

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		February 2026	February 2025		
HEALTH					
Doctor's Fee - Gynaecologist	Visit	100.00	100.00	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	0.01
Drugs for Hypertension	Month supply	6.78	6.59	0.19	2.83
Drug for Diabetes	Month supply	4.65	4.87	-0.22	-4.55
Dental Care	Visit	149.47	149.47	0.00	0.00
TRANSPORT					
Petrol - Unleaded	Gallon	13.22	14.40	-1.18	-8.19
Vehicle License (car) - not exd. 3000 lbs	Year	765.00	765.00	0.00	0.00
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	578.67	519.98	58.69	11.29
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	-0.46
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	1,408.45	1,396.38	12.07	0.86
Tablet - 10.1"	Each	358.54	355.43	3.11	0.87
Laptop Computer - 8 GB	Each	1,691.99	1,677.27	14.72	0.88
Dog Food (Canned)	375 g Tin	14.70	14.72	-0.02	-0.12
Carnival costume and Band Fees (Adult)	Each	600.00	600.00	0.00	0.00
Mathematics textbook	Each	104.57	94.93	9.64	10.15
Newspapers	Each	1.50	1.50	0.00	0.00

Table 2.4
Average Retail Price of Selected Items
February 2026 Compared With February 2025

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		February 2026	February 2025		
EDUCATION					
Pre-Primary - Private	Month	330.00	330.00	0.00	0.00
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	8547.84	8412.03	135.81	1.61
Private tutor	Per Session	32.50	32.50	0.00	0.00
HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS					
Pizza, pepperoni	Each	23.30	23.30	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	26.75	0.00	0.00
Roti - Beef	Each	16.12	15.06	1.06	7.04
School meals - Bread and Chicken	Each	4.33	4.33	0.00	-0.08
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES					
Women's Hairdressing (Relaxer)	Visit	77.46	77.46	0.00	0.00
Men's Haircut, Regular	Visit	15.00	15.00	0.00	0.00
Disposable diapers, Medium, 22pcs	1 pack	22.50	22.31	0.19	0.86
Toothpaste	170g Tube	15.67	15.10	0.57	3.80
Roll -on	75ml bottle	10.42	7.64	2.78	36.32
Sanitary napkins, regular, with wings	10 per pack	8.13	8.36	-0.23	-2.75
Toilet Soap	110g	5.18	4.89	0.29	5.91
Elderly care Services	Month	1800.00	1800.00	0.00	0.00
Day care services (children < 2 years)	Month	360.00	360.00	0.00	0.00
Health Insurance - Group (family) ≥3 Persons	Month	307.00	307.00	0.00	0.00
Motor Vehicle Insurance - 3rd party	Annual	508.67	471.67	37.00	7.85

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

	Groups	Weight	January 2026	February 2026	February 2025	Percentage Change Over Previous:	
						Month January	Year February
01.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	162.4	163.2	163.3	0.5	-0.1
02.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	141.2	141.3	138.6	0.1	1.9
03.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	117.1	117.1	113.6	0.0	3.1
04.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	109.6	109.0	106.5	-0.5	2.3
05.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	140.3	141.5	138.2	0.9	2.4
06.	Health	1.79	128.8	127.0	127.4	-1.4	-0.3
07.	Transport	11.84	139.1	140.2	140.4	0.8	-0.1
08.	Communication	9.41	114.6	114.6	114.1	0.0	0.4
09.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	118.8	119.0	118.6	0.2	0.3
10.	Education	1.32	120.4	120.4	120.9	0.0	-0.4
11.	Hotels and Restaurants	1.87	151.8	151.8	148.4	0.0	2.3
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	126.1	127.7	123.8	1.3	3.2
	ALL ITEMS	100.00	130.4	130.7	129.4	0.2	1.0

Chart 1. COICOP Groups Percentage Change for February 2026

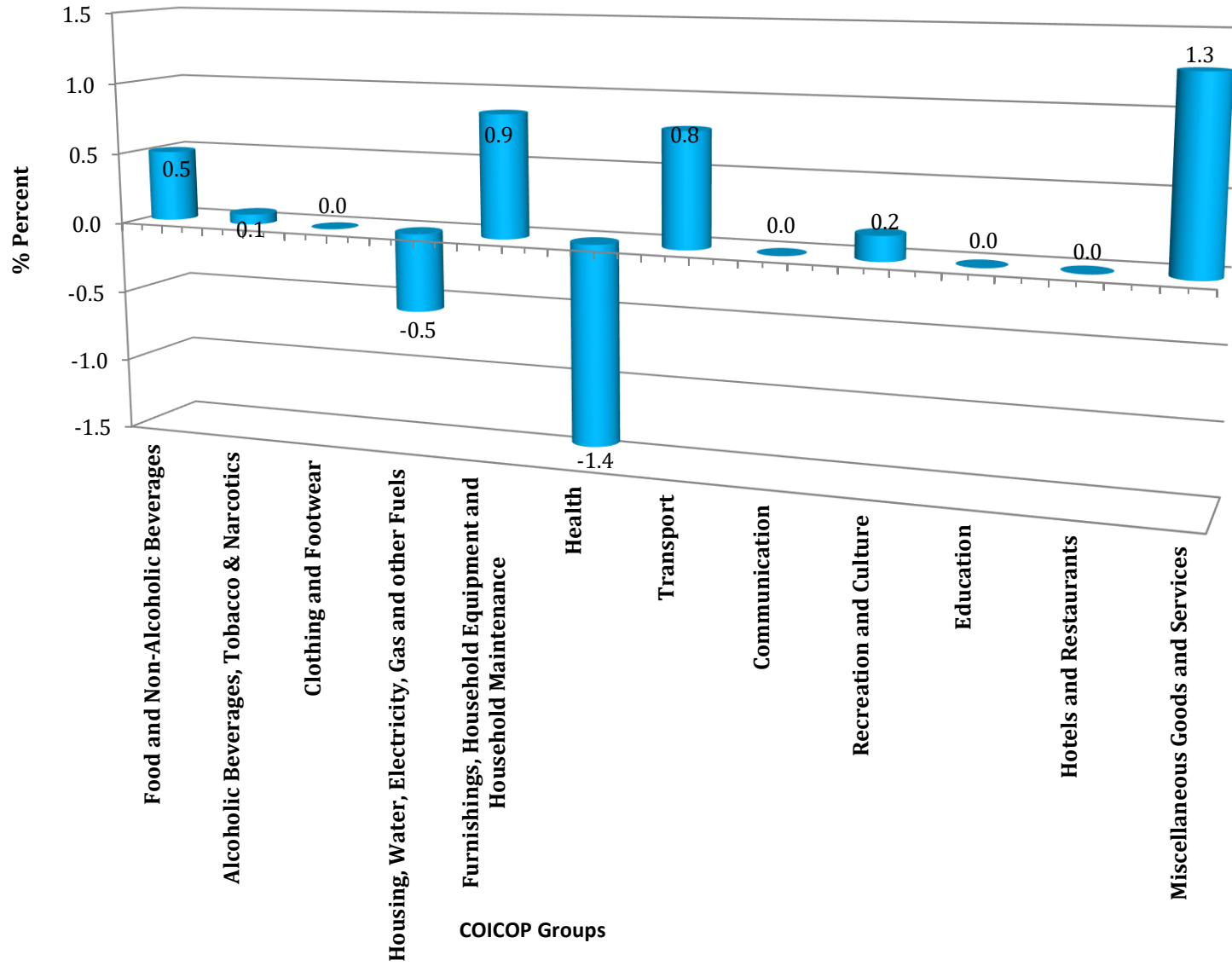


Table 4
The Consumer Price Index by Main Groups
January 2010 = 100
Contribution to Change

	Groups	Weight	January 2026	February 2026	Percentage Change	Cost Weight		Change in Cost Weight	% Contribution to Change
						January 2026	February 2026		
1.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	162.4	163.2	0.5	3,558.18	3,575.71	17.5	58.4
2.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	141.2	141.3	0.1	546.44	546.83	0.4	1.3
3.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	117.1	117.1	0.0	377.06	377.06	0.0	0.0
4.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	109.6	109.0	-0.5	3,294.58	3,276.54	-18.0	-60.1
5.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	140.3	141.5	0.9	924.58	932.49	7.9	26.4
6.	Health	1.79	128.8	127.0	-1.4	230.55	227.33	-3.2	-10.7
7.	Transport	11.84	139.1	140.2	0.8	1,646.94	1,659.97	13.0	43.4
8.	Communication	9.41	114.6	114.6	0.0	1,078.39	1,078.39	0.0	0.0
9.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	118.8	119.0	0.2	452.63	453.39	0.8	2.5
10.	Education	1.32	120.4	120.4	0.0	158.88	158.88	0.0	0.0
11.	Hotels and Restaurants	1.87	151.8	151.8	0.0	283.87	283.87	0.0	0.0
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	126.1	127.7	1.3	543.49	550.39	6.9	23.0
	ALL ITEMS	100.00	130.4	130.7	0.2	13,040.00	13,070.00	30.0	100.0

TABLE 5
Monthly Index - 2026
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	130.4	162.4	141.2	117.1	109.6	140.3	128.8	139.1	114.6	118.8	120.4	151.8	126.1
February	130.7	163.2	141.3	117.1	109.0	141.5	127.0	140.2	114.6	119.0	120.4	151.8	127.7