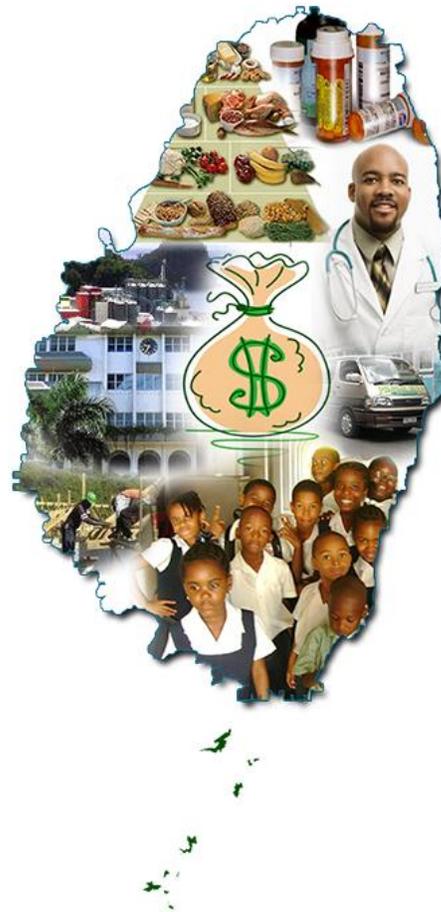




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January 2026

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) increased by 0.5 percent for the month of January 2026, compared to a 0.4 decrease recorded in the month December 2025 (*see table 3*).

During the month of January 2026, the “All Items” index was 130.4, compared with 129.7 for the month of December 2025. Price increases were recorded in seven (7) of the twelve major CPI groups. There were notable increases in; “Clothing and Footwear” (2.4%), “Miscellaneous Goods and Services” (1.4%), “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” (1.3%). Additional increases were observed in “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics” (0.9%), “Communication” (0.4%), “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” (0.3%) and “Transport” (0.1%). Conversely, two (2) groups recorded declines during the month; “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” fell by 1.1% and “Hotels and Restaurants” declined 0.4%. Prices remained unchanged in three (3) groups “Health”, “Recreation and Culture” and “Education”.

The “Clothing and Footwear” index recorded the largest increase of 2.4 percent, largely driven by higher prices for men’s apparel, including short pants (39.3%), long jeans (24.6%), polo shirts (15.0%) and dress shoes (13.4%). The price of a female blouse also increased by 20.0 percent.

The “Miscellaneous Goods and Services” index increased by 1.4 percent, primarily reflecting higher cost of funeral services (11.8%), third party car insurance (7.8%), and bath soap (7.6%).

“Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” group index rose by 1.3 percent as a result of an increase in the cost of electricity (7.7%). This increase was attributable to a rise in the fuel surcharge rate, which moved from 59.41 cents per kilowatt hour for the month of December 2025 to 67.81 cents per kilowatt hour in January 2026.

The index for “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics” increased by 0.9 percent, mainly due to higher prices for cigarettes (9.5%), red liqueur (7.7%) and vodka (7.2%).

The “Communication” group index rose by 0.4 percent, mainly on account of a 5.1 percent increase in the cost of a mobile data plan.

The “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” index grew by 0.3 percent, driven by higher prices for several food items, including local carrots (40.0%), cocoa (22.9%), chicken thighs (20.4%), pigeon peas (16.7%), dasheen (15%), sweet pepper (10.1%), fresh beef (7.1%) and ripe plantain (6.2%).

The “Transport” index rose marginally by 0.1 percent, reflecting higher passenger airfares from St Vincent and the Grenadines to several destinations namely: London (13.6%), Trinidad and Tobago (8.6%), Barbados (6.1%) and Miami (3.7%).

Meanwhile, the “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” group index registered the largest decline of 1.1 percent, reflecting lower price for a queen-sized sheet set (27.3%) and queen-sized mattresses (19.3%).

The group index for “Hotels and Restaurants” fell by 0.4 percent, primarily due to a decrease in the price of overseas university accommodation services by 14.5 percent.

The Point-to-Point Inflation Rate stood at 0.6 percent for the month of January 2026, compared to 1.9 percent for January 2025. The groups recording the largest increases over the twelve-month period were, “Clothing and Footwear” (3.1%), “Health” (3.1%), “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels” (2.8%), “Hotels and Restaurants” (2.1%), “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics” (1.9%) and “Miscellaneous Goods and Services” (1.9%).

The consumer price index increased by 0.5 percent for January 2026. The point-to-point inflation rate stood at 0.6 percent due to relative price changes during the month of January 2026 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 2026	December 2025			
INCREASED						
Carrots - Local	Lb	7.00	5.00	2.00	40.0	
Cocoa	250g, Tin	26.50	21.56	4.94	22.9	
Chicken Thighs	Lb	4.79	3.98	0.81	20.4	
Pigeon Peas	425g, Tin	8.30	7.11	1.19	16.7	
Dasheen	Lb	2.99	2.60	0.39	15.0	
Sweet Pepper	Lb	12.86	11.68	1.18	10.1	
Fresh Beef	Lb	15.00	14.00	1.00	7.1	
Plantain - Ripe	Lb	2.56	2.41	0.15	6.2	
Cigarettes	20 Pkt, Each	9.67	8.83	0.84	9.5	
Red liqueur	1L, Bottle	70.00	65.00	5.00	7.7	
Vodka	750ml, Bottle	66.17	61.72	4.45	7.2	
Men's Short Pants	Each	116.22	83.45	32.77	39.3	
Men's Long Jeans	Each	72.95	58.55	14.40	24.6	
Blouse	Each	53.95	44.95	9.00	20.0	
Polo Shirts	Each	55.95	48.64	7.31	15.0	
Men's Dress Shoes	Each	152.00	134.05	17.95	13.4	
Electricity Consumption Charge	150 kWh	176.72	164.12	12.60	7.7	
Toilet Paper	280 Sheets, Each	1.43	1.38	0.05	3.6	
Mobile Data Plan	7 Days	31.14	29.64	1.50	5.1	
Dog Food - Dry	17lbs	123.14	123.04	0.10	0.1	
School Meal - Roti	Each	10.00	8.00	2.00	25.0	
Passenger airfare from St. Vincent and the Grenadines to:						
	<i>London</i>	One Month	3561.00	3133.70	427.30	13.6
	<i>Trinidad and Tobago</i>	One Way	677.32	623.80	53.52	8.6
	<i>Barbados</i>	One Way	618.03	582.66	35.37	6.1
	<i>Miami</i>	One Month	1914.14	1846.46	67.68	3.7
Car Insurance - Third Party		1 Year	508.67	471.67	37.00	7.8
Funeral Package		Each	5030.00	4500.00	530.00	11.8
Soap		110g, 3 Pk	16.95	15.75	1.20	7.6
DECREASED						
Green Plantain	Lb	1.23	2.12	-0.89	-42.0	
Pigeon Peas	Lb	10.00	15.36	-5.36	-34.9	
Tomatoes - Local	Lb	7.40	9.75	-2.35	-24.1	
Black-eye Peas, Loose	Lb	6.91	8.25	-1.34	-16.2	
Pasta - Spaghetti	400g, Pk	4.92	5.76	-0.84	-14.6	
Chunk Tuna in Oil	142g, Tin	5.04	5.85	-0.81	-13.8	
Garlic - Loose	Lb	7.77	8.60	-0.83	-9.7	
Small Loaf - Whole Wheat	5 Pk	2.92	3.13	-0.21	-6.7	
Adult Dress Socks	2 Pairs	18.63	22.03	-3.40	-15.4	
Sheet Set - Queen Sized	Each	144.95	199.35	-54.40	-27.3	
Mattress - Queen Sized	Each	1212.20	1502.00	-289.80	-19.3	
Toothpaste	130g, Tube	13.25	16.51	-3.26	-19.7	
Accommodation at Overseas University	Per Semester	3094.68	3618.70	-524.02	-14.5	

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

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		January 2026	January 2025		
FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES					
Rice - Loose	1lb	2.29	2.32	-0.04	-1.54
Rice - Packaged	2kg	10.64	9.57	1.07	11.18
Flour - Loose	1 lb	1.88	1.91	-0.04	-1.85
Flour - Packaged (white)	2kg	8.88	9.24	-0.36	-3.91
Flour - Packaged (wholewheat)	2kg	9.47	9.62	-0.15	-1.53
Cornflakes	510g Box	16.40	16.18	0.22	1.36
Bread - Large Sandwich Loaf (white)	Each	5.53	5.42	0.12	2.20
Bread- Small Loaf, white	5 pk	2.99	3.07	-0.07	-2.44
Bread - Large Sandwich Loaf (whole wheat)	Each	6.26	6.18	0.08	1.30
Crix - salted crackers, White	288g (3 pk)	6.57	6.57	0.00	0.00
Pasta - Elbows	340 g	5.89	5.92	-0.03	-0.52
Beef - Fresh	1 lb	15.00	13.00	2.00	15.38
Pigtail - salted	1 lb	10.90	10.90	0.00	0.00
Chicken - Leg Quarters	1 lb	4.11	3.93	0.18	4.59
Chicken - Backs	1 lb	2.73	2.65	0.08	2.87
Chicken - Wings	1 lb	6.45	6.71	-0.26	-3.85
Turkey Wings	1 lb	6.54	5.20	1.33	25.59
Luncheon Meat (pork)	340 g	10.02	9.61	0.41	4.31
Corned beef	340g	9.70	9.33	0.37	3.91
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	16.36	15.01	1.35	9.02
Sardine in soya oil	106g Tin	5.47	5.96	-0.49	-8.24
Milk - Evaporated	410g Tin	4.23	4.18	0.06	1.34
Powdered milk - full cream	1 lb	8.81	8.28	0.53	6.44
Eggs	1 Doz	13.60	13.08	0.51	3.92
Margarine	445g Tub	14.43	13.59	0.84	6.16
Soya bean oil	1Litre	14.83	15.48	-0.65	-4.20
Coconut oil	750ml Bottle	43.75	39.95	3.80	9.50
Bananas (ripe)	1 lb	1.93	2.60	-0.67	-25.81
Limes	1 lb	5.43	7.00	-1.57	-22.43
Tomatoes	1 lb	7.40	9.63	-2.23	-23.17
Sweet Potatoes	1 lb	4.95	4.99	-0.04	-0.85
Yams	1 lb	4.93	4.64	0.29	6.27
Sugar - Brown (loose)	1 lb	2.37	2.34	0.03	1.47
Sugar - White (loose)	1 lb	2.74	2.64	0.10	3.77
Ice cream	1 Litre Tub	19.06	19.06	0.00	0.00
Tomato Ketchup	750ml Bottle	11.00	10.02	0.99	9.85
Orange Juice	1 Litre box	9.73	9.64	0.09	0.94
Vitamalt	310 ml Bottle	5.85	5.90	-0.06	-0.97

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

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		January 2026	January 2025		
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO & NARCOTICS					
Rum - Local (White)	750 ml Bot.	46.86	46.38	0.48	1.03
Beer - Local	280 ml Bot.	5.08	5.00	0.08	1.51
Cigarettes	Pkt. (10)	4.38	4.47	-0.08	-1.90
Table wine (local)	26 oz Bot.	35.42	34.93	0.49	1.41
Vodka	750ml Bot.	55.88	53.50	2.37	4.43
CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR					
Textile material - Cotton	1Yd.	16.07	16.07	0.00	0.00
Textile material - Tetrex	1Yd.	13.44	13.44	0.00	0.00
Men's Shirts - Long Sleeve	Each	85.48	79.48	6.00	7.55
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	357.43	304.75	52.68	17.29
Cooking Gas	20 Lb. Cyl.	39.70	39.70	0.00	0.00
FURNISHING, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE					
Bed - queen size	Each	2545.82	2372.49	173.33	7.31
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	4.57
Toilet tissue, 280 sheets per roll	1 Roll	1.56	1.56	0.01	0.40

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

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		January 2026	January 2025		
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	6.78	6.69	0.09	1.31
Drug for Diabetes	Month supply	5.37	4.75	0.62	13.13
Dental Care	Visit	149.47	149.47	0.00	0.00
TRANSPORT					
Petrol - Unleaded	Gallon	13.22	14.61	-1.39	-9.51
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	618.03	601.36	16.67	2.77
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	1,408.45	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	-0.14
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
January 2026 Compared With January 2025

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		January 2026	January 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	7.06
School meals - Bread and Chicken	Each	4.67	4.33	0.33	7.69
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	0.87
Toothpaste	170g Tube	16.89	15.10	1.79	11.89
Roll -on	75ml bottle	7.64	7.64	0.00	0.00
Sanitary napkins, regular, with wings	10 per pack	8.13	8.35	-0.22	-2.63
Toilet Soap	110g	5.18	4.89	0.29	5.90
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	7.84

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

	Groups	Weight	December 2025	January 2026	January 2025	Percentage Change Over Previous:	
						Month December	Year January
01.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	161.9	162.4	163.2	0.3	-0.5
02.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	139.9	141.2	138.5	0.9	1.9
03.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	114.3	117.1	113.6	2.4	3.1
04.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	108.2	109.6	106.6	1.3	2.8
05.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	141.8	140.3	138.7	-1.1	1.2
06.	Health	1.79	128.8	128.8	124.9	0.0	3.1
07.	Transport	11.84	139.0	139.1	142.7	0.1	-2.5
08.	Communication	9.41	114.1	114.6	114.1	0.4	0.4
09.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	118.8	118.8	118.6	0.0	0.2
10.	Education	1.32	120.4	120.4	120.9	0.0	-0.4
11.	Hotels and Restaurants	1.87	152.4	151.8	148.7	-0.4	2.1
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	124.3	126.1	123.8	1.4	1.9
	ALL ITEMS	100.00	129.7	130.4	129.6	0.5	0.6

Chart 1. COICOP Groups Percentage Change for January 2026

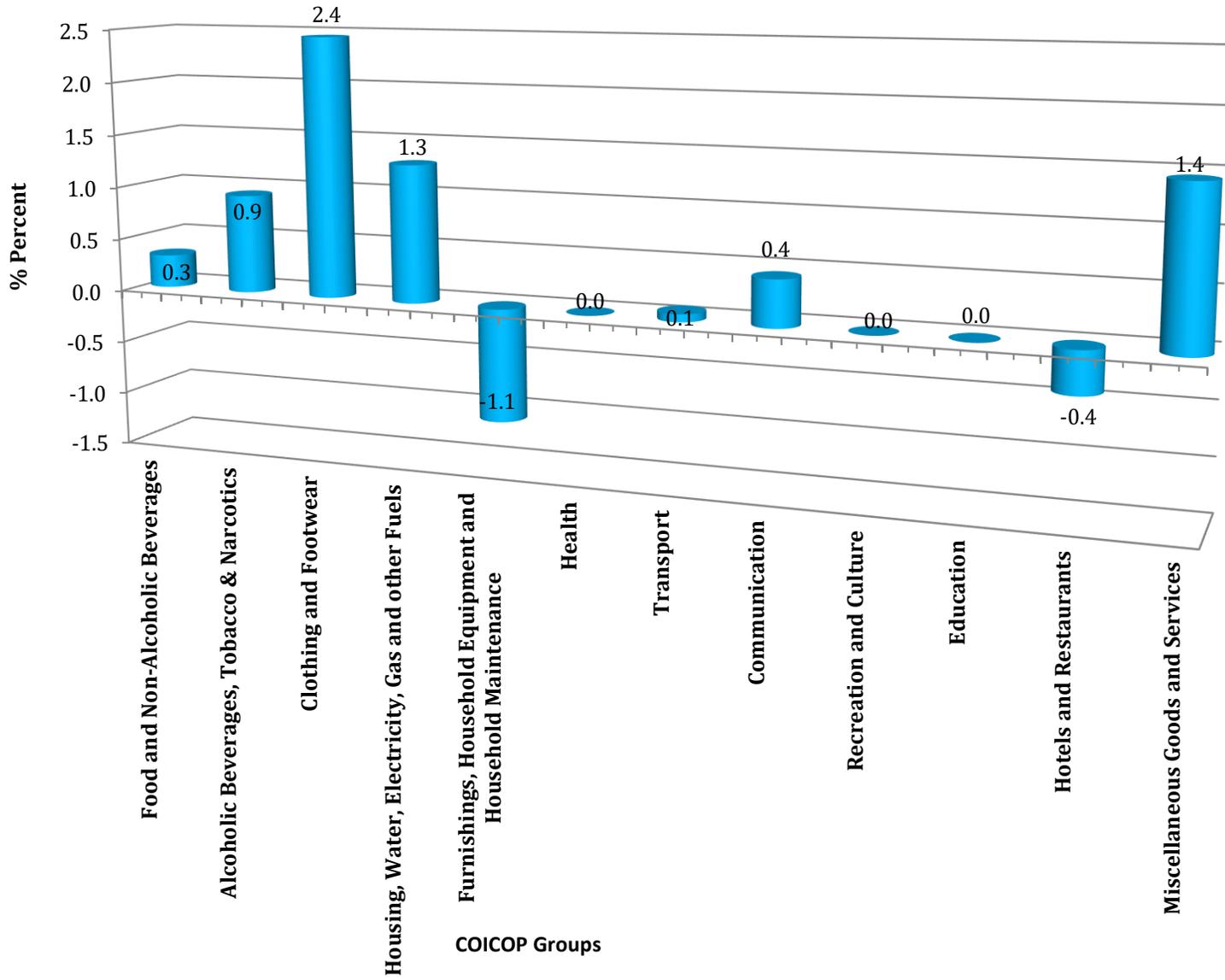


Table 4
The Consumer Price Index by Main Groups
January 2010 = 100
Contribution to Change

	Groups	Weight	December 2025	January 2026	Percentage Change	Cost Weight		Change in Cost Weight	% Contribution to Change
						December 2025	January 2026		
1.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	161.9	162.4	0.3	3,547.23	3,558.18	11.0	15.6
2.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	139.9	141.2	0.9	541.41	546.44	5.0	7.2
3.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	114.3	117.1	2.4	368.05	377.06	9.0	12.9
4.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	108.2	109.6	1.3	3,252.49	3,294.58	42.1	60.1
5.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	141.8	140.3	-1.1	934.46	924.58	-9.9	-14.1
6.	Health	1.79	128.8	128.8	0.0	230.55	230.55	0.0	0.0
7.	Transport	11.84	139.0	139.1	0.1	1,645.76	1,646.94	1.2	1.7
8.	Communication	9.41	114.1	114.6	0.4	1,073.68	1,078.39	4.7	6.7
9.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	118.8	118.8	0.0	452.63	452.63	0.0	0.0
10.	Education	1.32	120.4	120.4	0.0	158.93	158.88	0.0	-0.1
11.	Hotels and Restaurants	1.87	152.4	151.8	-0.4	284.99	283.87	-1.1	-1.6
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	124.3	126.1	1.4	535.73	543.49	7.8	11.1
	ALL ITEMS	100.00	129.7	130.4	0.5	12,970.00	13,040.00	70.0	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