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March 2026

The Consumer Price Index recorded a decrease of 0.5 percent for the month of March 2026, compared to a 0.2 increase recorded for the month of February 2026 (*see table 3*).

During the month of March 2026, the “All Items” index was registered at 130.0, compared to 130.7 in February 2026. Five (5) of the twelve major CPI groups recorded price declines during the month. Notable decreases were observed in “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” (1.4%), “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics” (1.1%) and “Transport” (1.0%). Additionally, marginal declines were recorded in “Miscellaneous Goods and Services” (0.2%) and “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” (0.1%). Conversely, three (3) groups recorded increases during the period: “Health” (0.5%), “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” (0.1%) and “Recreation and Culture” (0.1%). Four (4) groups remained unchanged; “Clothing and Footwear”, “Communication”, “Education”, and “Hotels and Restaurants”.

The index for “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” fell by 1.4 percent, primarily reflecting a decrease in the price of electricity (7.8%). This lower cost for electricity resulted from a reduction in the fuel surcharge rate, which moved from 63.77 cents per kilowatt hour for the month of February 2026 to 54.90 cents per kilowatt hour for the month of March 2026.

The “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics” group index declined by 1.1 percent, mainly on account of lower prices for imported beer (9.7%) and stout (2.0%).

Meanwhile, the “Transport” index decreased by 1.0 percent due to lower passenger airfare from St Vincent and the Grenadines to a few destinations, namely: Toronto (25.2%), Trinidad and Tobago (10.1%), Miami (6.1%) and Antigua and Barbuda (4.6%).

Lower prices for sanitary napkins (23.8%) and toothpaste (13.5%) contributed to the 0.2 percent decrease in the group index for “Miscellaneous Goods and Services”.

The 0.1 percent decline in the index for “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” was attributed to lower prices for dishwashing liquid (4.8%).

The “Health” group index recorded the largest increase of 0.5 percent. This growth was primarily driven by higher prices for dental services; extraction (9.5%) and cleaning (6.1%).

The index for “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” grew by 0.1 percent as a result of higher prices for several food items, namely; green plantains (72.4%), cucumbers (20.5%), sweet peppers (15.9%), salted codfish (10.4%), frozen pigtail (7.8%), local cabbage (7.7%), frozen pork chops (6.1%), imported carrots (4.2%), turkey wings (3.9%), orange juice (2.3%), and English potatoes (2.1%).

Similarly, the “Recreation and Culture” index increased by 0.1 percent due to a rise in the cost of canned cat food (4.5%).

The Point-to-Point Inflation Rate stood at 0.5 percent for the month of March 2026, compared to 1.2 percent for the month of March 2025. The groups recording the largest increases

during the period were, “Miscellaneous Goods and Services” (3.1%), “Clothing and Footwear” (2.9%), “Hotels and Restaurants” (2.3%) and “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels” (1.7%).

The consumer price index decreased by 0.5 percent for March 2026. The point-to-point inflation rate stood at 0.5 percent due to relative price changes during the month of March 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
		March 2026	February 2026		
INCREASED					
Green plantains	1Lb	2.12	1.23	0.89	72.4
Cucumber	1Lb	6.27	5.20	1.07	20.5
Sweet Pepper	1Lb	14.14	12.21	1.94	15.9
Codfish - salted	1Lb	18.49	16.75	1.74	10.4
Pigtail - frozen	1Lb	8.44	7.82	0.61	7.8
Cabbage - local	1Lb	5.23	4.86	0.37	7.7
Pork chops- frozen	1Lb	13.11	12.36	0.76	6.1
Carrots - imported	454g Pk	6.51	6.25	0.26	4.2
Turkey wings	1Lb	6.89	6.62	0.26	3.9
Orange juice - unsweetened	1 litre Box	11.36	11.11	0.25	2.3
English Potatoes	1Lb	3.19	3.12	0.07	2.1
Brandy	700ml Bottle	47.64	46.25	1.38	3.0
Washing Machine -15Kg, Top loader	Each	6258.20	6142.20	116.00	1.9
Dental Service - Extraction	Visit	134.16	122.47	11.69	9.5
Dental Service - Cleaning	Visit	164.32	154.92	9.40	6.1
Passenger airfare from St. Vincent and the Grenadines to:					
<i>Grenada</i>	One Way	414.90	361.30	53.60	14.8
<i>New York</i>	One Month	1800.03	1685.92	114.11	6.8
<i>St.Lucia</i>	One Way	647.47	624.18	23.29	3.7
Cat food - canned	156g Tin	5.86	5.61	0.25	4.5
DECREASED					
Whole kernel corn	340g Tin	5.30	6.73	-1.43	-21.2
Pineapple - imported	1Lb	7.50	8.32	-0.82	-9.9
Broccoli - imported	1Lb	14.77	16.06	-1.29	-8.0
Eggs	1 Dozen	12.57	13.60	-1.03	-7.6
Evaporated milk	395g Tin	5.88	6.33	-0.45	-7.1
Cornflakes	510g Box	13.45	14.45	-1.00	-6.9
Chicken Drumsticks	1Lb	4.08	4.26	-0.18	-4.2
Beer - imported	250ml Bottle	5.01	5.55	-0.54	-9.7
Stout	275ml Bottle	5.56	5.67	-0.11	-2.0
Electricity Consumption	150 kWh	157.35	170.66	-13.31	-7.8
Dishwashing liquid	725ml Bottle	9.00	9.45	-0.45	-4.8
Passenger airfare from St. Vincent and the Grenadines to:					
<i>Toronto</i>	One Month	2307.43	3084.58	-777.15	-25.2
<i>Trinidad and Tobago</i>	One Way	506.16	563.21	-57.05	-10.1
<i>Miami</i>	One Month	2259.32	2406.17	-146.85	-6.1
<i>Antigua and Barbuda</i>	One Way	839.29	879.81	-40.52	-4.6
Sanitary Napkins, regular	24 Pieces per Pack	16.00	21.00	-5.00	-23.8
Toothpaste	130g Tube	11.45	13.23	-1.78	-13.5

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

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		March 2026	March 2025		
FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES					
Rice - Loose	1lb	2.29	2.33	-0.04	-1.67
Rice - Packaged	2kg	10.64	9.54	1.10	11.53
Flour - Loose	1 lb	1.88	1.91	-0.03	-1.43
Flour - Packaged (white)	2kg	8.90	9.24	-0.34	-3.67
Flour - Packaged (wholewheat)	2kg	9.47	9.71	-0.24	-2.44
Cornflakes	510g Box	15.56	16.64	-1.07	-6.46
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	5.84	5.92	-0.08	-1.35
Beef - Fresh	1 lb	15.00	13.00	2.00	15.38
Pigtail - salted	1 lb	10.90	10.84	0.06	0.55
Chicken - Leg Quarters	1 lb	3.92	3.90	0.02	0.48
Chicken - Backs	1 lb	2.76	2.65	0.11	4.04
Chicken - Wings	1 lb	6.45	6.75	-0.30	-4.42
Turkey Wings	1 lb	6.89	5.20	1.68	32.30
Luncheon Meat (pork)	340 g	10.04	9.61	0.43	4.46
Corned beef	340g	9.75	9.22	0.53	5.79
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	18.49	15.01	3.48	23.18
Sardine in soya oil	106g Tin	5.50	5.99	-0.49	-8.21
Milk - Evaporated	410g Tin	4.23	4.18	0.06	1.34
Powdered milk - full cream	1 lb	8.81	8.57	0.24	2.81
Eggs	1 Doz	12.57	13.14	-0.57	-4.35
Margarine	445g Tub	14.31	13.57	0.75	5.51
Soya bean oil	1Litre	14.81	14.96	-0.15	-0.97
Coconut oil	750ml Bottle	43.75	38.45	5.30	13.78
Bananas (ripe)	1 lb	2.16	2.58	-0.42	-16.14
Limes	1 lb	5.07	7.00	-1.93	-27.57
Tomatoes	1 lb	7.65	8.43	-0.78	-9.22
Sweet Potatoes	1 lb	4.86	5.55	-0.69	-12.37
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	2.76	2.64	0.11	4.30
Ice cream	1 Litre Tub	19.06	19.06	0.00	0.00
Tomato Ketchup	750ml Bottle	10.89	10.47	0.41	3.96
Orange Juice	1 Litre box	9.64	9.73	-0.09	-0.93
Vitamalt	310 ml Bottle	5.85	5.90	-0.06	-0.97

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

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		March 2026	March 2025		
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO & NARCOTICS					
Rum - Local (White)	750 ml Bot.	46.58	46.38	0.20	0.44
Beer - Local	280 ml Bot.	5.08	5.00	0.08	1.51
Cigarettes	Pkt. (10)	4.38	4.40	-0.02	-0.45
Table wine (local)	26 oz Bot.	35.67	38.92	-3.25	-8.34
Vodka	750ml Bot.	55.49	53.49	2.00	3.73
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	318.70	289.18	29.52	10.21
Cooking Gas	20 Lb. Cyl.	39.70	39.70	0.00	0.00
FURNISHING, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE					
Bed - queen size	Each	2555.99	2372.49	183.50	7.73
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	1.73	1.56	0.17	11.20

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

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		March 2026	March 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	0.00
Drugs for Hypertension	Month supply	6.78	6.59	0.18	2.78
Drug for Diabetes	Month supply	4.65	4.87	-0.22	-4.60
Dental Care	Visit	156.50	149.47	7.03	4.70
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	582.50	548.34	34.16	6.23
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
March 2026 Compared With March 2025

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		March 2026	March 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	23.16	22.31	0.85	3.79
Toothpaste	170g Tube	16.52	15.10	1.42	9.40
Roll -on	75ml bottle	10.44	7.64	2.79	36.53
Sanitary napkins, regular, with wings	10 per pack	7.95	8.37	-0.42	-5.02
Toilet Soap	110g	5.18	4.77	0.41	8.61
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
February 2010 = 100

	Groups	Weight	February 2026	March 2026	March 2025	Percentage Change Over Previous:	
						Month February	Year March
01.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	163.2	163.3	163.2	0.1	0.1
02.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	141.3	139.8	139.1	-1.1	0.5
03.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	117.1	117.1	113.8	0.0	2.9
04.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	109.0	107.4	105.6	-1.5	1.7
05.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	141.5	141.3	140.5	-0.1	0.6
06.	Health	1.79	127.0	127.7	126.5	0.6	0.9
07.	Transport	11.84	140.2	138.8	140.7	-1.0	-1.4
08.	Communication	9.41	114.6	114.6	114.1	0.0	0.4
09.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	119.0	119.1	118.6	0.1	0.4
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	127.7	127.5	123.7	-0.2	3.1
	ALL ITEMS	100.00	130.7	130.0	129.3	-0.5	0.5

Chart 1. COICOP Groups Percentage Change for March 2026

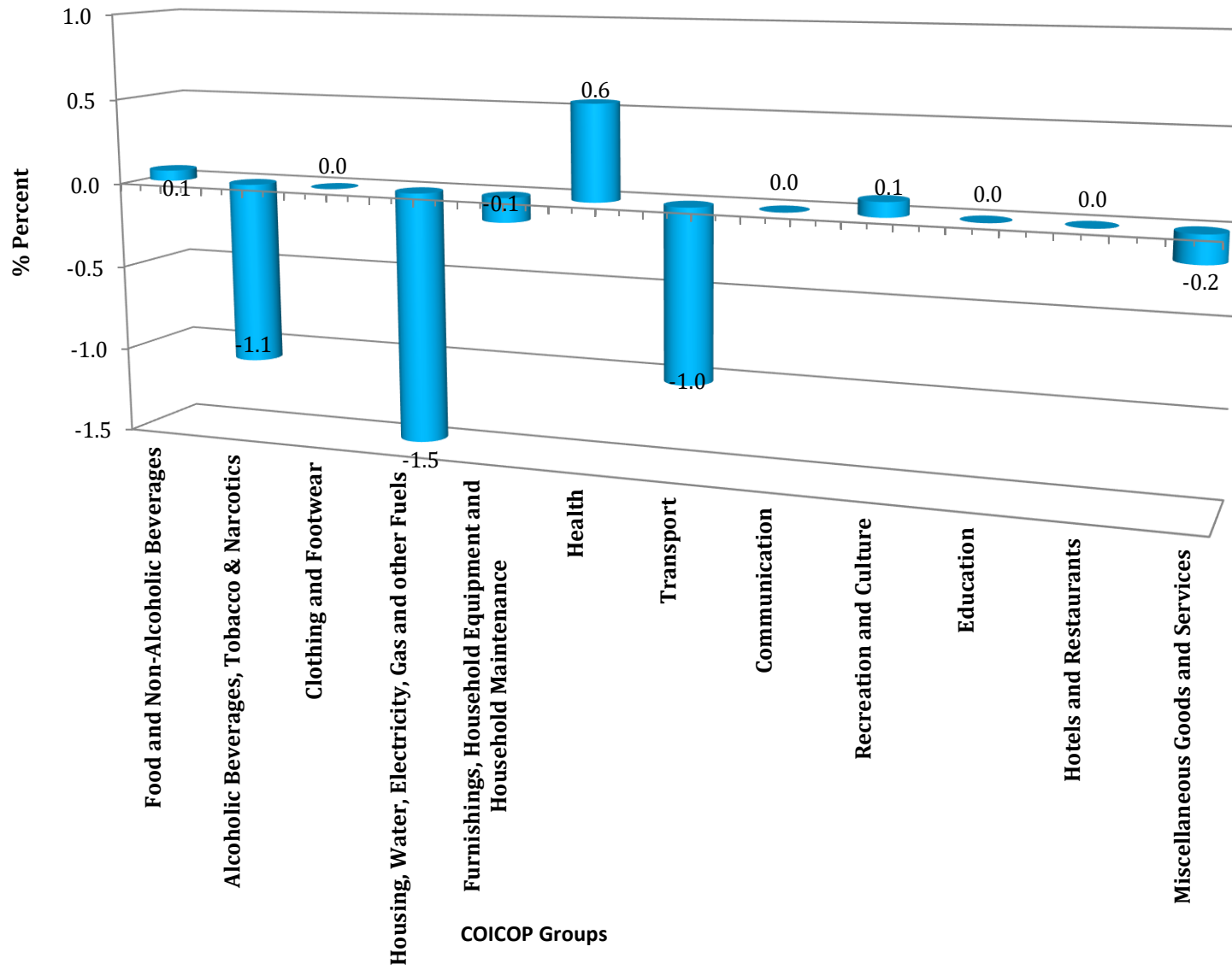


Table 4
The Consumer Price Index by Main Groups
January 2010 = 100
Contribution to Change

	Groups	Weight	February 2026	March 2026	Percentage Change	Cost Weight		Change in Cost Weight	% Contribution to Change
						February 2026	March 2026		
1.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	163.2	163.3	0.1	3,575.71	3,577.90	2.2	-3.1
2.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	141.3	139.8	-1.1	546.83	541.03	-5.8	8.3
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	109.0	107.4	-1.5	3,276.54	3,228.44	-48.1	68.7
5.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	141.5	141.3	-0.1	932.49	931.17	-1.3	1.9
6.	Health	1.79	127.0	127.7	0.6	227.33	228.58	1.3	-1.8
7.	Transport	11.84	140.2	138.8	-1.0	1,659.97	1,643.39	-16.6	23.7
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	119.0	119.1	0.1	453.39	453.77	0.4	-0.5
10.	Education	1.32	120.4	120.4	0.0	158.93	158.93	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	127.7	127.5	-0.2	550.39	549.53	-0.9	1.2
	ALL ITEMS	100.00	130.7	130.0	-0.5	13,070.00	13,000.00	-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
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
March	130.0	163.3	139.8	117.1	107.4	141.3	127.7	138.8	114.6	119.1	120.4	151.8	127.5