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April 2026

The Consumer Price Index recorded an increase of 0.5 percent for the month of April 2026, reversing the decline of 0.5 decrease recorded for the month of March 2026 (*see table 3*).

The “All Items” index was registered at 130.6 in April, compared to 130.0 in March 2026. Five (5) of the twelve major CPI groups recorded price declines during the month. “Health” (1.8%), “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics” (0.4%), “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” (0.1%), “Clothing and Footwear” (0.1%), and “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” (0.1%). Conversely, three (3) groups recorded price increase: “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels” (1.9%), “Miscellaneous Goods and Services” (1.3%) and “Transport” (0.5%). Four groups remain unchanged, “Communication”, “Recreation and Culture”, “Education” and “Hotels and Restaurants”

The “Health” group index recorded the largest decrease of 1.8 percent, mainly due to lower prices for drugs used in the treatment of hypertension (16.7%) and pain relief (14.5%).

The Index for “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics” declined by 0.4 percent, mainly on account of lower prices for imported beer (6.3%) and liqueur (0.3%).

The “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” declined by 0.1 percent driven by lower prices for several food items, namely; imported cabbage (24.5%), green plantain (19.8%), flaked tuna in water (12.5%), mayonnaise (11.1%), green banana (10.5%), dasheen (9.4%), gala apple (8.9%), sweet pepper (8.3%), cucumber (8.1%), and apple juice (4.4%).

Similarly, the “Clothing and Footwear” index decreased by 0.1 percent largely due to a 34.8 percent fall in the price of a brassiere.

The 0.1 percent decline in the index for “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” was attributed to a lower price for bleach (2.1%).

Meanwhile, the “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” index increased by 1.8 percent, primarily reflecting an increase of 10.9% in the price of electricity. This increase was associated with a higher fuel surcharge rate, which moved from 54.90 cents per kilowatt hour for the month of March 2026 to 66.50 cents per kilowatt hour for the month of April 2026.

Higher prices for care of the elderly away from home (12.1%), hand soap (7.4%) and sanitary napkins (3.3%) contributed to the 1.3 percent increase in the group index for “Miscellaneous Goods and Services”.

The “Transport” index increased by 0.5 percent due to higher passenger airfare from St Vincent and the Grenadines to a few destinations, namely: Miami (9.1%), Toronto (1.2%) and London (1.1%).

The Point-to-Point Inflation Rate stood at 0.5 percent for the month of April 2026, compared to 0.8 percent for the month of April 2025. The groups recording the largest year on year increases were, “Miscellaneous Goods and Services” (4.2%), “Clothing and Footwear” (3.4%), “Hotels and Restaurants” (2.3%) and “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels” (1.3%).

The consumer price index increased by 0.5 percent for April 2026. The point-to-point inflation rate stood at 0.5 percent due to relative price changes during the month of April 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	
		April 2026	March 2026			
INCREASED						
Cocoa powder	115g Tin	19.48	16.31	3.17	19.4	
Yogurt	170g Cup	7.05	6.15	0.90	14.6	
Tomato - local	1Lb	8.28	7.65	0.63	8.2	
Plantain - ripe	1Lb	2.74	2.56	0.18	7.0	
Turkey wings	1Lb	7.22	6.89	0.33	4.8	
Carrots - imported	454g Pk	6.78	6.51	0.27	4.1	
Orange juice	1 litre Box	9.24	9.06	0.18	2.0	
Sweet potatoes	1Lb	4.94	4.86	0.08	1.6	
Pasta	400g Pk	6.94	6.83	0.11	1.6	
Pumpkin - local	1Lb	4.53	4.50	0.03	0.7	
Electricity consumption charge	150kWh	174.56	157.35	17.21	10.9	
Brake Fluid	12oz Bottle	12.33	10.42	1.91	18.3	
Engine Oil	1Qt	20.31	19.69	0.62	3.1	
Passenger airfare from St. Vincent and the Grenadines to:						
	<i>Miami</i>	One Month	2978.08	2730.02	248.06	9.1
	<i>Toronto</i>	One Month	2334.42	2307.43	26.99	1.2
	<i>London</i>	One Month	3499.10	3460.10	39.00	1.1
Elderly Homes	One Month	1850.00	1650.00	200.00	12.1	
Hand soap	80g Bar	2.91	2.71	0.20	7.4	
Sanitary napkins	10pcs	7.85	7.60	0.25	3.3	
DECREASED						
Cabbage - imported	1Lb	4.31	5.71	-1.40	-24.5	
Green plantains	1Lb	1.70	2.12	-0.42	-19.8	
Flaked Tuna in water	142g	3.65	4.17	-0.52	-12.5	
Mayonnaise	473ml Bottle	16.46	18.51	-2.05	-11.1	
Green bananas	1Lb	1.53	1.71	-0.18	-10.5	
Dasheen	1Lb	2.71	2.99	-0.28	-9.4	
Gala apple	1Lb	6.82	7.49	-0.67	-8.9	
Sweet pepper	1Lb	12.97	14.14	-1.17	-8.3	
Cucumber	1Lb	5.76	6.27	-0.51	-8.1	
Apple juice	1L, Box	8.90	9.31	-0.41	-4.4	
Beer - imported	275ml Bottle	4.56	4.87	-0.31	-6.3	
Liqueur	750ml Bottle	54.25	54.42	-0.18	-0.3	
Brassiere	Each	15.00	23.02	-8.02	-34.8	
Bleach	950ml Bottle	6.10	6.24	-0.13	-2.1	
Hypertensive drugs	10mg, 28 tablets	5.00	6.00	-1.00	-16.7	
Painkiller	500mg, 32 tablets	3.00	3.51	-0.51	-14.5	
Antihistamine	10mg, 20 tablets	56.75	60.00	-3.25	-5.4	

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

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		April 2026	April 2025		
FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES					
Rice - Loose	1lb	2.29	2.33	-0.04	-1.67
Rice - Packaged	2kg	10.64	10.48	0.15	1.46
Flour - Loose	1 lb	1.88	1.90	-0.02	-0.86
Flour - Packaged (white)	2kg	8.90	9.22	-0.32	-3.48
Flour - Packaged (wholewheat)	2kg	9.47	9.71	-0.24	-2.44
Cornflakes	510g Box	15.51	16.61	-1.11	-6.66
Bread - Large Sandwich Loaf (white)	Each	5.53	5.42	0.12	2.20
Bread- Small Loaf, white	5 pk	2.99	2.91	0.08	2.70
Bread - Large Sandwich Loaf (whole wheat)	Each	6.26	6.26	0.00	0.02
Crix - salted crackers, White	288g (3 pk)	6.58	6.57	0.02	0.26
Pasta - Elbows	340 g	5.88	5.92	-0.04	-0.59
Beef - Fresh	1 lb	15.00	13.00	2.00	15.38
Pigtail - salted	1 lb	10.96	10.84	0.12	1.10
Chicken - Leg Quarters	1 lb	3.98	3.95	0.02	0.58
Chicken - Backs	1 lb	2.77	2.68	0.09	3.33
Chicken - Wings	1 lb	6.47	6.67	-0.20	-3.00
Turkey Wings	1 lb	7.22	5.87	1.35	23.04
Luncheon Meat (pork)	340 g	10.00	9.72	0.27	2.79
Corned beef	340g	9.72	9.20	0.52	5.61
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	23.16
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	13.09	-0.52	-3.96
Margarine	445g Tub	14.31	13.56	0.74	5.49
Soya bean oil	1Litre	14.73	14.96	-0.23	-1.53
Coconut oil	750ml Bottle	43.75	42.38	1.37	3.23
Bananas (ripe)	1 lb	2.16	2.58	-0.42	-16.14
Limes	1 lb	5.22	8.00	-2.78	-34.75
Tomatoes	1 lb	8.28	7.49	0.79	10.57
Sweet Potatoes	1 lb	4.94	5.55	-0.61	-10.92
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	10.71	10.27	0.44	4.27
Orange Juice	1 Litre box	9.77	9.80	-0.03	-0.32
Vitamalt	310 ml Bottle	5.85	5.90	-0.06	-0.97

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

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		April 2026	April 2025		
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO & NARCOTICS					
Rum - Local (White)	750 ml Bot.	47.04	46.38	0.66	1.43
Beer - Local	280 ml Bot.	5.16	5.08	0.08	1.51
Cigarettes	Pkt. (10)	4.38	4.40	-0.02	-0.45
Table wine (local)	26 oz Bot.	35.67	37.70	-2.02	-5.37
Vodka	750ml Bot.	56.00	53.60	2.40	4.48
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	60.50	10.95	18.10
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	44.95	9.00	20.02
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	353.50	327.97	25.53	7.78
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	6.95	-1.00	-14.39
Powder detergent	500g Pk	5.44	5.46	-0.02	-0.40
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
April 2026 Compared With April 2025

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		April 2026	April 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	5.67	6.69	-1.02	-15.30
Drug for Diabetes	Month supply	4.65	5.10	-0.45	-8.84
Dental Care	Visit	156.50	149.47	7.03	4.70
TRANSPORT					
Petrol - Unleaded	Gallon	13.22	14.20	-0.98	-6.90
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	582.52	594.88	-12.36	-2.08
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	1,397.42	11.03	0.79
Tablet - 10.1"	Each	358.54	355.67	2.87	0.81
Laptop Computer - 8 GB	Each	1,691.99	1,678.38	13.61	0.81
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	104.75	94.93	9.82	10.34
Newspapers	Each	1.50	1.50	0.00	0.00

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

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		April 2026	April 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	4.33	4.33	0.00	0.00
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	22.35	0.80	3.59
Toothpaste	170g Tube	16.25	15.55	0.70	4.52
Roll -on	75ml bottle	10.44	7.64	2.79	36.53
Sanitary napkins, regular, with wings	10 per pack	7.97	8.37	-0.40	-4.78
Toilet Soap	110g	5.18	4.89	0.29	5.90
Elderly care Services	Month	2000.00	1800.00	200.00	11.11
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	March 2026	April 2026	April 2025	Percentage Change Over Previous:	
						Month March	Year April
01.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	163.3	163.2	163.1	-0.1	0.1
02.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	139.8	139.3	138.8	-0.4	0.4
03.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	117.1	117.0	113.2	-0.1	3.4
04.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	107.4	109.4	108.0	1.9	1.3
05.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	141.3	141.2	141.4	-0.1	-0.1
06.	Health	1.79	127.7	125.4	126.8	-1.8	-1.1
07.	Transport	11.84	138.8	139.5	140.2	0.5	-0.5
08.	Communication	9.41	114.6	114.6	114.1	0.0	0.4
09.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	119.1	119.1	118.6	0.0	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	127.5	129.1	123.9	1.3	4.2
	ALL ITEMS	100.00	130.0	130.6	129.9	0.5	0.5

Chart 1. COICOP Groups Percentage Change for April 2026

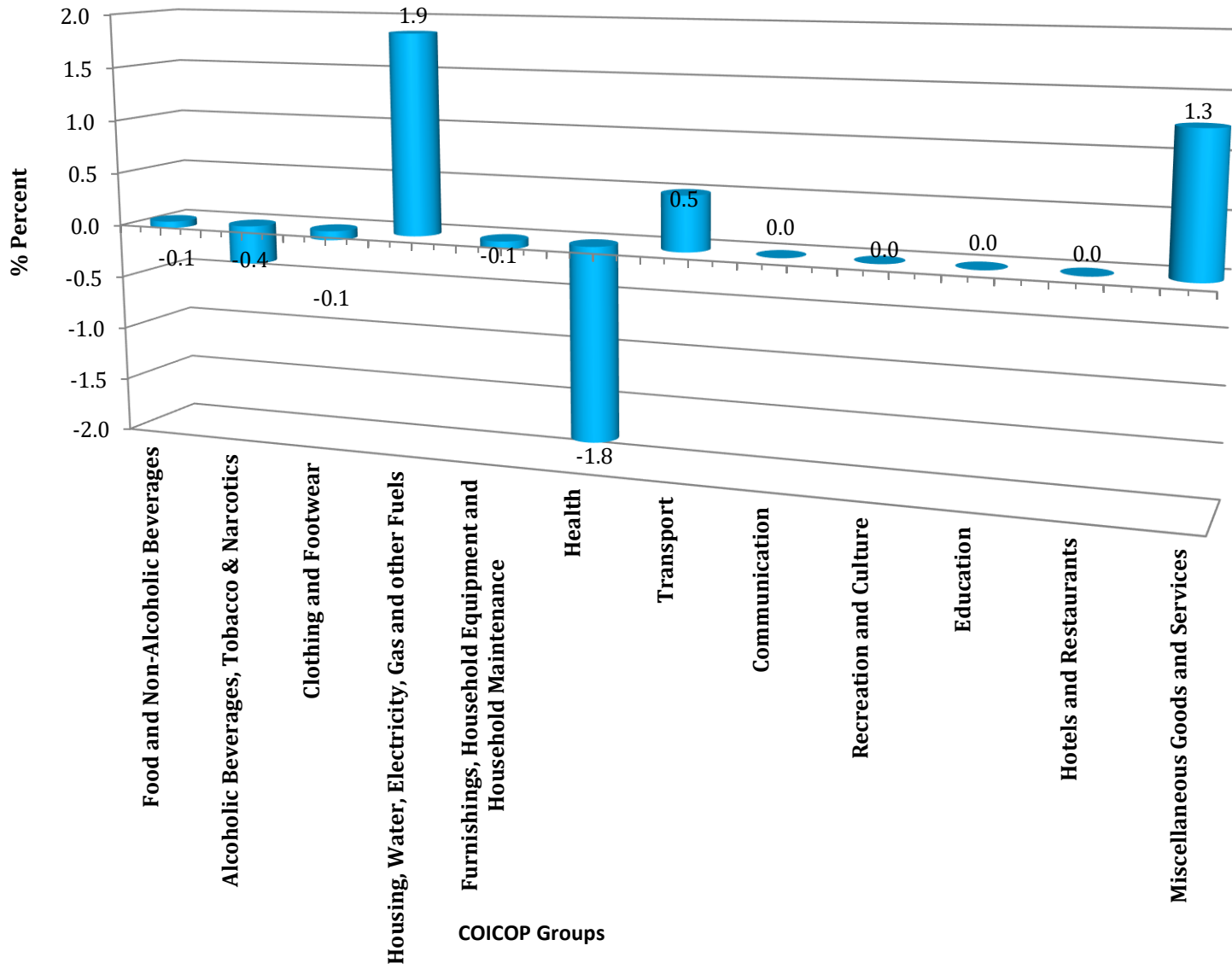


Table 4
The Consumer Price Index by Main Groups
January 2010 = 100
Contribution to Change

	Groups	Weight	March 2026	April 2026	Percentage Change	Cost Weight		Change in Cost Weight	% Contribution to Change
						March 2026	April 2026		
1.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	163.3	163.2	-0.1	3,577.90	3,575.71	-2.2	-3.7
2.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	139.8	139.3	-0.4	541.03	539.09	-1.9	-3.2
3.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	117.1	117.0	-0.1	377.06	376.74	-0.3	-0.5
4.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	107.4	109.4	1.9	3,228.44	3,288.56	60.1	100.2
5.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	141.3	141.2	-0.1	931.17	930.51	-0.7	-1.1
6.	Health	1.79	127.7	125.4	-1.8	228.58	224.47	-4.1	-6.9
7.	Transport	11.84	138.8	139.5	0.5	1,643.39	1,651.68	8.3	13.8
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	119.1	119.1	0.0	453.77	453.77	0.0	0.0
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	127.5	129.1	1.3	549.53	556.42	6.9	11.5
	ALL ITEMS	100.00	130.0	130.6	0.5	13,000.00	13,060.00	60.0	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
April	130.6	163.2	139.3	117.0	109.4	141.2	125.4	139.5	114.6	119.1	120.4	151.8	129.1