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## May 2026

The Consumer Price Index recorded an increase of 0.4 percent for the month of May 2026, compared to a 0.5 increase recorded for the month of April 2026 (*see table 3*).

During the month of May 2026, the “All Items” index was registered at 131.1, compared to 130.6 in April 2026. Six (6) of the twelve major CPI groups registered price increases during the month; “Transport” (2.2%), “Recreation and Culture” (1.8%), “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” (0.5%), “Clothing and Footwear” (0.3%), “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” (0.1%) and “Miscellaneous Goods and Services” (0.1%). Conversely two groups recorded declines; “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels” (0.4%), and “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics” (0.1%). Four groups remain unchanged; “Health”, “Communication”, “Education” and “Hotels and Restaurants”.

The “Transport” group index registered the largest growth of 2.2 percent. This was largely due to higher prices for passenger airfare from St. Vincent and the Grenadines to several destinations, namely: Toronto (61.0%), Barbados (32.5%), New York (28.7%), Antigua (24.9%), London (12.1%) and Trinidad (5.0%).

“Recreation and Culture” recorded 1.8 percent growth on account of increases in the price of carnival costumes: children (18.8%) and adults (12.5%).

The 0.5 percent increase in the group index for “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” was fuelled mainly by higher prices for several food items, including; watermelon (75.0%), green

plantains (17.3%), cabbage (15.7%), broccoli (12.2%), black tea (12.1%), sweet potatoes (6.8%), turkey wings (4.4%), black eye peas (4.2%), imported carrots (3.8%) and evaporated milk (3.6%).

“Clothing and Footwear” grew by 0.3 percent as a result of an increase in the price of a girl’s school blouse (15.0%) and overalls (6.4%).

Meanwhile, the “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” group index rose by 0.1 percent on account of an increase in the cost of bleach (14.6%).

Similarly, “Miscellaneous Goods and Services” also recorded 0.1 percent growth mainly as a result of an increase in the price of toilet soap (15.6%).

The index for “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” fell by 0.4 percent, primarily reflecting a decrease in the price of electricity (1.9%). This lower cost for electricity resulted from a reduction in the fuel surcharge rate, which moved from 66.50 cents per kilowatt hour for the month of April 2026 to 64.24 cents per kilowatt hour for the month of May 2026.

The downward movement of 0.1 percent in the group index for “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics” was due mainly to a reduction in the price of imported beer (2.1%) and cigarettes (1.5%).

The Point-to-Point Inflation Rate stood at 1.0 percent for the month of May 2026, compared to 0.5 percent for the month of May 2025. The groups recording the largest increases during the period were, “Miscellaneous Goods and Services” (4.4%), “Clothing and Footwear” (3.6%), “Hotels and Restaurants” (2.3%), “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels” (2.2%) and “Recreation and Culture” (2.2%).

**The consumer price index increased by 0.4 percent for May 2026. The point-to-point inflation rate stood at 1.0 percent due to relative price changes during the month of May 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
		May 2026	April 2026		
<b>INCREASED</b>					
Watermelon	1Lb	7.00	4.00	3.00	75.0
Cabbage	1Lb	5.52	4.77	0.75	15.7
Green plantains	1Lb	1.99	1.70	0.29	17.3
Broccoli - imported	1Lb	16.57	14.77	1.80	12.2
Black tea	50 Pkt	20.04	17.89	2.16	12.1
Sweet potatoes	1Lb	5.28	4.94	0.34	6.8
Turkey Wings	1Lb	7.54	7.22	0.32	4.4
Black-eye peas - loose	1Lb	7.20	6.91	0.29	4.2
Carrots - imported	454g, Pk	7.03	6.78	0.25	3.8
Evaporated Milk	395g, Tin	6.34	6.12	0.22	3.6
Irish Cream	1 Litre Bottle	149.89	136.38	13.52	9.9
Girl's school blouse	Each	22.95	19.95	3.00	15.0
Girl's school overalls	Each	50.95	47.89	3.06	6.4
Bleach	3.78L Bottle	14.55	12.70	1.85	14.6
Passenger airfare from St. Vincent and the Grenadines to:					
<i>Toronto</i>	One Month	3759.34	2334.42	1424.92	61.0
<i>Barbados</i>	One Way	771.61	582.52	189.09	32.5
<i>New York</i>	One Month	2198.87	1708.74	490.13	28.7
<i>Antigua</i>	One Way	1048.51	839.29	209.22	24.9
<i>London</i>	One Month	3922.50	3499.10	423.40	12.1
<i>Trinidad</i>	One Way	531.70	506.16	25.54	5.0
Carnival costumes - Child	Each	237.50	200.00	37.50	18.8
Carnival costumes - Adult	Each	675.00	600.00	75.00	12.5
Toilet soap	110g, Each	7.80	6.75	1.05	15.6
<b>DECREASED</b>					
Carrots - local	1Lb	5.00	7.00	-2.00	-28.6
Sweet Pepper	1Lb	11.24	12.97	-1.73	-13.3
Cucumber	1Lb	5.23	5.76	-0.53	-9.2
Lentils - loose	1Lb	4.72	5.05	-0.32	-6.4
Pigtail- frozen	1Lb	7.95	8.44	-0.49	-5.8
Eggs	1Dozen	12.11	12.57	-0.46	-3.7
Tomatoes - local	1Lb	8.06	8.28	-0.22	-2.7
Beer - imported	250ml Bottle	4.87	4.97	-0.10	-2.1
Cigarette - regular	20 Pkt	9.68	9.83	-0.15	-1.5
Electricity consumption charge	150kWh	171.36	174.75	-3.39	-1.9
Passenger airfare from St. Vincent and the Grenadines to:					
<i>Grenada</i>	One Way	301.30	414.90	-113.60	-27.4
<i>St. Lucia</i>	One Way	594.60	647.47	-52.87	-8.2

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

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		May 2026	May 2025		
<b>FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES</b>					
Rice - Loose	1lb	2.29	2.33	-0.04	-1.67
Rice - Packaged	2kg	9.90	10.65	-0.74	-6.98
Flour - Loose	1 lb	1.88	1.90	-0.02	-0.86
Flour - Packaged ( white)	2kg	8.90	9.01	-0.12	-1.30
Flour - Packaged ( wholewheat)	2kg	9.49	9.54	-0.05	-0.52
Cornflakes	510g Box	15.86	16.65	-0.79	-4.74
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	5.71	5.92	-0.21	-3.55
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	3.97	3.95	0.02	0.41
Chicken - Backs	1 lb	2.76	2.68	0.08	2.93
Chicken - Wings	1 lb	6.44	6.65	-0.21	-3.14
Turkey Wings	1 lb	7.54	5.87	1.67	28.51
Luncheon Meat (pork)	340 g	10.00	9.71	0.29	2.97
Corned beef	340g	9.87	9.28	0.59	6.32
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	18.49	15.01	3.48	23.16
Sardine in soya oil	106g Tin	5.27	5.99	-0.72	-12.07
Milk - Evaporated	410g Tin	4.23	4.18	0.06	1.34
Powdered milk - full cream	1 lb	8.82	8.57	0.25	2.92
Eggs	1 Doz	12.11	13.09	-0.98	-7.47
Margarine	445g Tub	14.45	13.56	0.89	6.53
Soya bean oil	1Litre	14.74	14.96	-0.22	-1.48
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	6.28	8.00	-1.72	-21.50
Tomatoes	1 lb	8.06	7.06	1.00	14.23
Sweet Potatoes	1 lb	5.28	5.24	0.03	0.63
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	2.68	0.08	3.01
Ice cream	1 Litre Tub	19.06	19.06	0.00	0.00
Tomato Ketchup	750ml Bottle	10.81	10.27	0.54	5.23
Orange Juice	1 Litre box	9.96	9.98	-0.02	-0.19
Vitamalt	310 ml Bottle	5.85	5.90	-0.06	-0.97

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

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		May 2026	May 2025		
<b>ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO &amp; NARCOTICS</b>					
Rum - Local (White)	750 ml Bot.	47.04	46.37	0.67	1.44
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.	35.59	37.70	-2.11	-5.59
Vodka	750ml Bot.	56.00	53.60	2.40	4.48
<b>CLOTHING &amp; FOOTWEAR</b>					
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	19.96	17.45	2.51	14.36
School overal , navy blue, size 8	Each	55.08	49.95	5.13	10.27
<b>HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY</b>					
<b>GAS AND OTHER FUELS</b>					
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	346.72	305.89	40.83	13.35
Cooking Gas	20 Lb. Cyl.	39.70	39.70	0.00	0.00
<b>FURNISHING, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE</b>					
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**  
**May 2026 Compared With May 2025**

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		May 2026	May 2025		
<b>HEALTH</b>					
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
<b>TRANSPORT</b>					
Petrol - Unleaded	Gallon	13.22	14.06	-0.84	-5.97
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	771.61	557.63	213.98	38.37
<b>COMMUNICATION</b>					
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
<b>RECREATION AND CULTURE</b>					
Television 43 " (smart TV)	Each	1,408.45	1,397.80	10.65	0.76
Tablet - 10.1"	Each	358.54	355.76	2.78	0.78
Laptop Computer - 8 GB	Each	1,691.99	1,678.78	13.21	0.79
Dog Food (Canned)	375 g Tin	14.70	14.87	-0.17	-1.15
Carnival costume and Band Fees (Adult)	Each	675.00	600.00	75.00	12.50
Mathematics textbook	Each	104.75	94.93	9.82	10.34
Newspapers	Each	1.50	1.50	0.00	0.00

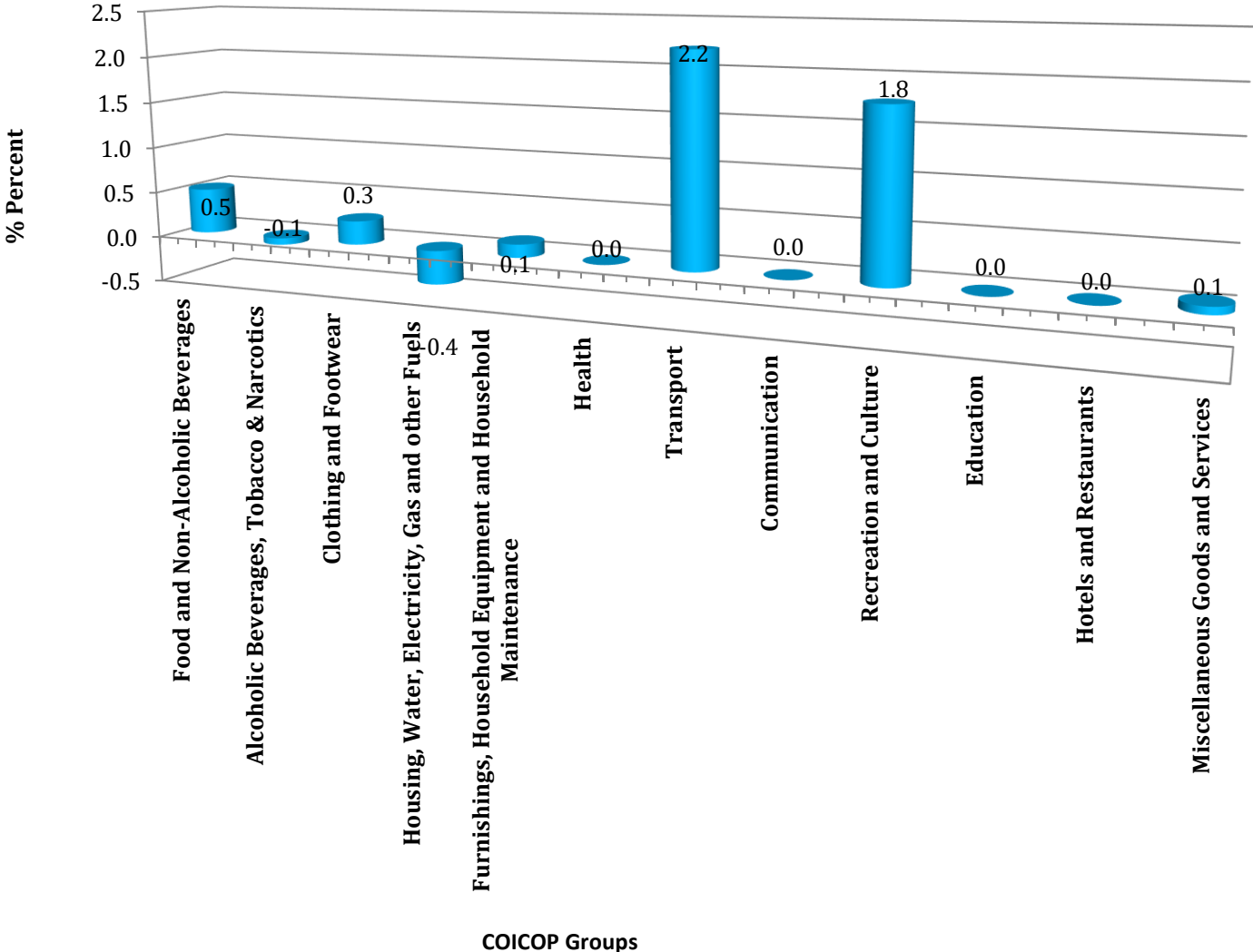
**Table 2.4**  
**Average Retail Price of Selected Items**  
**May 2026 Compared With May 2025**

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		May 2026	May 2025		
<b>EDUCATION</b>					
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
<b>HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS</b>					
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
<b>MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES</b>					
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	15.40	0.86	5.56
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	April 2026	May 2026	May 2025	Percentage Change Over Previous:	
						Month April	Year May
01.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	163.2	164.0	163.1	0.5	0.6
02.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	139.3	139.2	139.2	-0.1	0.0
03.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	117.0	117.3	113.2	0.3	3.6
04.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	109.4	109.0	106.7	-0.4	2.2
05.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	141.2	141.4	141.5	0.1	-0.1
06.	Health	1.79	125.4	125.4	126.8	0.0	-1.1
07.	Transport	11.84	139.5	142.6	142.6	2.2	0.0
08.	Communication	9.41	114.6	114.6	114.1	0.0	0.4
09.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	119.1	121.2	118.6	1.8	2.2
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	129.1	129.2	123.8	0.1	4.4
	<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>130.6</b>	<b>131.1</b>	<b>129.8</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>1.0</b>

Chart 1. COICOP Groups Percentage Change for May 2026



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

	Groups	Weight	April 2026	May 2026	Percentage Change	Cost Weight		Change in Cost Weight	% Contribution to Change
						April 2026	May 2026		
1.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	163.2	164.0	0.5	3,575.71	3,593.24	17.5	35.1
2.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	139.3	139.2	-0.1	539.09	538.70	-0.4	-0.8
3.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	117.0	117.3	0.3	376.74	377.71	1.0	1.9
4.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	109.4	109.0	-0.4	3,288.56	3,276.54	-12.0	-24.0
5.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	141.2	141.4	0.1	930.51	931.83	1.3	2.6
6.	Health	1.79	125.4	125.4	0.0	224.47	224.47	0.0	0.0
7.	Transport	11.84	139.5	142.6	2.2	1,651.68	1,688.38	36.7	73.4
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	119.1	121.2	1.8	453.77	461.77	8.0	16.0
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	129.1	129.2	0.1	556.42	556.85	0.4	0.9
	<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>130.6</b>	<b>131.1</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>13,060.00</b>	<b>13,110.00</b>	<b>50.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**TABLE 5**  
**Monthly Index - 2026**  
**January 2010 = 100**

<b>Groups</b>	<b>All Items</b>	<b>Food &amp; Non-Alcoholic Beverages</b>	<b>Alcoholic Beverages Tobacco &amp; Narcotics</b>	<b>Clothing &amp; Footwear</b>	<b>Housing Water Electricity Gas and Fuels</b>	<b>Furnishings Household Equipment &amp; Household Maintenance</b>	<b>Health</b>	<b>Transport</b>	<b>Communi-cation</b>	<b>Recreation &amp; Culture</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Hotels &amp; Restaurants</b>	<b>Miscell-aneous Goods and Services</b>
<b>WEIGHT</b>	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
<b>MONTH</b>													
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
May	131.1	164.0	139.2	117.3	109.0	141.4	125.4	142.6	114.6	121.2	120.4	151.8	129.2