



CONSUMER PRICE INDEX MONTHLY STATISTICAL BULLETIN



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JULY 2016

The consumer price index registered a decrease of 0.1 percent for the month of July. The “All Items” index was recorded at 106.3 for the month of July 2016, in contrast to 106.4 registered for June 2016. The “point to point” inflation rate was recorded at 0.0 percent.

Four (4) groups recorded increases during the month: “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” (0.4 percent), “Furnishings, Household Equipment” and Household Maintenance” (0.4 percent), “Recreation and Culture” (0.3 percent) and “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics” (0.2 percent).

Four (4) groups recorded decreases during the month, namely: “Communication” (1.7 percent), “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels” (0.2 percent), “Health” (0.2 percent) and “Miscellaneous Goods and Services (0.1 percent). Four (4) groups remained unchanged during the month, namely: “Clothing and Footwear”, “Transport”, “Education” and “Restaurants and Hotels”

The 0.4 percent increase in the group index “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” was due mainly to increases in the prices for a number of food items such as; garlic (23.1 percent), eddoes (14.6 percent), carrots (6.8 percent) , chicken – leg quarters (5.4 percent), watermelon (4.6 percent) and wheat cereal (3.8 percent).

Similarly, the index for the group “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” increased by 0.4 percent as a result of higher prices for a three piece living room suite (32.9 percent) and a mattress (5.6 percent).

The increase of 0.3 percent in the “Recreation and Culture” group index was attributed mainly to a 10.6 percent increase in the cost for a can of dog food.

Meanwhile, the index for the group “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics” increased by 0.2 percent because of higher prices for whiskey – black (2.9 percent) and whiskey – red (2.0 percent).

The group “Communication” recorded the largest decline of 1.7 percent which was due mainly to a 10.7 percent decrease in the price of mobile cellular phone calls to local fixed line.

Correspondingly, the “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other fuels” group index fell by 0.2 percent as a result of lower prices for paint (4.5 percent) and the cost of electricity (1.4 percent).

The 0.2 percent decline in the “Health” group index was attributed to decreases in the price of drugs for diabetes (4.6 percent) and asthma drugs (2.3 percent).

Meanwhile, the index for the group “Miscellaneous Goods and Services” fell by 0.1 percent due to an 11.3 percent decrease in the cost of sanitary napkin (11.3 percent) and mouthwash (2.9 percent).

TABLE 1
AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF SELECTED ITEMS

ITEMS	UNIT OF QUANTITY	AVERAGE PRICE ECS		CHANGE IN PRICE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN PRICE
		JULY 2016	JUNE 2016		
INCREASED					
Rice - Loose	Lb	1.90	1.87	0.03	1.60
Wheat cereal	14oz Box	11.18	10.77	0.41	3.81
Chicken - Leg Quarters	Lb	2.73	2.59	0.14	5.41
Chicken - Whole Legs	Lb	2.98	2.89	0.09	3.11
Canned Fish - Tuna	170g Tin	3.76	3.70	0.06	1.62
Smoke Herring	Lb	8.28	8.17	0.11	1.35
Vegetable Oil	1 Litre Bot	12.42	12.31	0.11	0.89
Eddoes	Lb	3.29	2.87	0.42	14.63
Dasheens	Lb	1.88	1.82	0.06	3.30
Watermelon	Lb	3.65	3.49	0.16	4.58
Carrots	Lb	3.95	3.70	0.25	6.76
Garlic	Head	0.80	0.65	0.15	23.08
Whiskey - Black	750ml Bot	108.96	105.85	3.11	2.94
Whiskey - Red	750ml Bot	53.70	52.63	1.07	2.03
Nails Galvanize	Lb	6.28	5.85	0.43	7.35
Living room suite 3Pc	Each	5176.78	3894.58	1282.20	32.92
Mattress Size - Queen	Each	1350.00	1278.75	71.25	5.57
Electric Bulbs 5W	Each	2.42	2.20	0.22	10.00
Dog Food	375g Tin	5.20	4.70	0.50	10.64
Mustard	16oz Bot	6.43	6.37	0.06	0.94
Pig tail - Salted	Lb	7.68	7.45	0.23	3.09
DECREASED					
Cabbage	Lb	3.70	4.03	-0.33	-8.19
Broccoli	Lb	10.13	10.68	-0.55	-5.15
Cauliflower	Lb	7.53	7.76	-0.23	-2.96
Cream Cheese	8oz Tub	8.90	11.60	-2.70	-23.28
Cheddar - Coloured	Lb	10.03	10.32	-0.29	-2.81
Sliced Cheese	200g Pk	7.75	7.92	-0.17	-2.15
Electricity Consumption Charge	140KWH	105.31	106.82	-1.51	-1.41
Paint Emulsion	1 Gal	85.00	89.00	-4.00	-4.49
Drugs for Diabetes	Month's Supply	12.57	13.18	-0.61	-4.63
Drugs for Asthma	Month's Supply	30.94	31.67	-0.73	-2.31
Mobile to Fixed Line - Domestic phone	Minute	0.92	1.03	-0.11	-10.68
Mouthwash	500ml Bot	20.24	20.84	-0.60	-2.88
Sanitary Napkin -18pk	Each	17.20	19.40	-2.20	-11.34

TABLE 2
AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF SELECTED ITEMS
JULY 2016 COMPARED WITH JULY 2015

ITEMS	UNIT OF QUANTITY	AVERAGE ECS		CHANGE IN PRICE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN PRICE
		JULY 2016	JULY 2015		
FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES					
Beef - Fresh	Lb.	8.00	8.00	0.00	0.00
Chicken - Whole	Lb.	6.71	6.22	0.49	7.88
Chicken - Leg Quarters	Lb.	2.73	2.53	0.20	7.91
Chicken -backs	Lb.	1.62	1.66	-0.04	-2.41
Chicken - Wings	Lb.	4.60	4.83	-0.23	-4.76
Turkey Wings	Lb.	2.72	3.48	-0.76	-21.84
Fish - Fresh (Deep Sea)	Lb.	9.00	9.00	0.00	0.00
Fish - Fresh (Jacks)	Lb.	4.00	4.00	0.00	0.00
Fish - Fresh (Robins)	Lb.	4.00	4.00	0.00	0.00
Chicken Franks	340 g Pk	5.26	5.27	-0.01	-0.19
Luncheon Meat (pork)	340 g	7.74	7.59	0.15	1.98
Codfish	Lb.	14.01	14.74	-0.73	-4.95
Cornflakes	12 oz	13.17	12.69	0.48	3.78
Pasta - Elbows	340 g	4.64	4.60	0.04	0.87
Milk - Evaporated	410g Tin	3.14	3.38	-0.24	-7.10
Milk - Condensed	397g Tin	3.29	3.29	0.00	0.00
Bread- Small Loaf, white	5 Pk	2.02	1.99	0.03	1.51
Bread - Large Sliced Pan Loaf (white)	Each	4.25	4.25	0.00	0.00
Eggs	Doz	8.96	8.64	0.32	3.70
Orange Juice	19 oz Tin	8.50	8.27	0.23	2.78
Sugar - Brown (loose)	Lb.	1.54	1.37	0.17	12.41
Sugar - White (loose)	Lb.	1.72	1.72	0.00	0.00
Flour - Loose	Lb.	1.40	1.40	0.00	0.00
Flour - Packaged (white)	2 kg	6.75	6.75	0.00	0.00
Flour - Packaged (wholewheat)	2 kg	7.39	7.39	0.00	0.00
Rice - Loose	Lb.	1.90	1.78	0.12	6.74
Rice - Packaged	2Kg	10.54	9.24	1.30	14.07
Bananas	Lb.	1.39	1.19	0.20	16.81
Breadfruit	Lb.	2.63	2.66	-0.03	-1.13
Eddoes	Lb.	3.29	2.66	0.63	23.68
Dasheens	Lb.	1.88	1.83	0.05	2.73
Sweet Potatoes	Lb.	2.24	2.09	0.15	7.18
Oranges	Each	0.79	0.77	0.02	2.60
Tomatoes	Lb.	4.47	5.38	-0.91	-16.91
Cooking Margarine	445g Tub	8.81	7.83	0.98	12.52
Vegetable Oil	Litre	12.42	10.61	1.81	17.06
Powdered Chocolate	300g Pk	10.66	10.59	0.07	0.66
Hairoun Fruit Cocktail (not cold)	280 ml Bottle	2.31	2.25	0.06	2.67
Vitamalt	310 ml Bottle	5.65	5.61	0.04	0.71

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ITEMS	UNIT OF QUANTITY	AVERAGE PRICE		CHANGE IN PRICE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN PRICE
		ECS			
		JULY 2016	JULY 2015		
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO & NARCOTICS					
Rum - Local (White)	750 ml Bot.	29.02	29.02	0.00	0.00
Beer - Local	280 ml Bot.	4.61	4.51	0.10	2.22
Cigarettes	Pkt. (10)	4.12	3.77	0.35	9.28
Table wine (local)	26 oz Bot.	18.98	18.77	0.21	1.12
CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR					
Textile material - Terelyne	Yd.	47.95	47.95	0.00	0.00
Textile material - Linen	Yd.	17.95	17.95	0.00	0.00
Men's Shirts - Long Sleeve	Each	69.95	69.95	0.00	0.00
Men's Jeans (long) - size 30	Each	49.95	39.95	10.00	25.03
Men's Shoes -Formal	Pair	79.79	79.95	-0.16	-0.20
Women's Shoes - Formal	Pair	89.77	110.00	-20.23	-18.39
Women's 2Pc Skirtsuit (polyester) large	Each	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
Women's Blouse (cotton/Spandex)	Each	29.95	25.00	4.95	19.80
HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY GAS AND OTHER FUELS					
Rent :					
Unfurnished House -2 Bedrooms	Month	567.86	546.43	21.43	3.92
Unfurnished House -3 Bedrooms	Month	612.50	612.50	0.00	0.00
Furnished Apartment - 2 Bedrooms	Month	791.67	791.67	0.00	0.00
Cement - Portland (grey)	94 Lbs	24.90	24.90	0.00	0.00
Galvanise Sheets 10 ft.	Length	86.62	86.38	0.24	0.28
Oil Paint	Gallon	105.00	105.00	0.00	0.00
Lumber -Dressed Treated Yellow Pine (1x12x12)	Length	69.77	68.32	1.45	2.12
Water - Consumption Charge	5000 Gallons	37.50	37.50	0.00	0.00
Kerosene	One month	8.33	12.40	-4.07	-32.82
Charcoal	Sack	40.00	40.00	0.00	0.00
Cooking Gas	20 Lb. Cyl.	31.25	31.25	0.00	0.00
Electricity Consumption Charge	140 KWH	105.31	119.67	-14.36	-12.00
FURNISHING, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE					
Bed - Cherry 54"x75"	Each	1,162.50	1,162.50	0.00	0.00
Double size sheets - coloured/cotton	Each	125.00	88.80	36.20	40.77
Frying Pan - 12" - non-stick	Each	52.76	52.76	0.00	0.00
Laundry Soap	Each	1.15	1.16	-0.01	-0.86
Electrical Bulb - 60W	Each	6.35	5.94	0.41	6.90

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ITEMS	UNIT OF QUANTITY	AVERAGE PRICE ECS		CHANGE IN PRICE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN PRICE
		JULY 2016	JULY 2015		
HEALTH					
Doctor's Fee - Gynaecologist	Visit	60.00	60.00	0.00	0.00
Eye Care	Test	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
Hospitalisation (Private Ward)	Day	75.00	75.00	0.00	0.00
Drugs for Hypertension	Month supply	3.50	3.50	0.00	0.00
Drug for Diabetes	Month supply	12.57	13.16	-0.59	-4.48
Cough, Cold Preparation	125 ml.	15.09	15.58	-0.49	-3.15
Dental Care	Visit	123.33	123.33	0.00	0.00
Chest X- ray	Test	120.00	120.00	0.00	0.00
TRANSPORT					
Petrol - Unleaded	Gallon	10.30	12.05	-1.75	-14.52
Vehicle License (car) - not exd. 2000 lbs	Year	590.00	470.00	120.00	25.53
Bus Fare - Mesopotamia	One Way	3.00	3.00	0.00	0.00
Boat Fare - Bequia	One Way	25.00	25.00	0.00	0.00
COMMUNICATION					
Telephone Service - rental of line- domestic	Month	23.46	23.46	0.00	0.00
Telephone - Consumption Charge	226 Units	18.08	18.08	0.00	0.00
Internet Charge	Month	101.70	101.70	0.00	0.00
Fixed Line Domestic Rate - peak	Minute	0.08	0.08	0.00	0.00
Mobile to Mobile - domestic	Minute	0.91	0.83	0.08	9.64
RECREATION AND CULTURE					
Television 26 " Flat panel	Each	2,002.27	1,999.00	3.27	0.16
Cable TV Basic Charge	Month	74.75	74.75	0.00	0.00
Laptop Computer -13.3 " screen 2 GB	Each	3,838.51	3,832.24	6.27	0.16
Desktop Computer - 14" Monitor 3 GB	One month	2,074.84	2,071.45	3.39	0.16
Car Remote Control	Each	250.00	250.00	0.00	0.00
Dog Food (Canned)	374 g Tin	3.55	3.37	0.18	5.34
Dance Admission to Night Club	Per Person	20.00	20.00	0.00	0.00
Carnival costume and Band Fees (Adult)	Each	325.00	275.00	50.00	18.18

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JULY 2016 COMPARED WITH JULY 2015

ITEMS	UNIT OF QUANTITY	AVERAGE PRICE ECS		CHANGE IN PRICE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN PRICE
		JULY 2016	JULY 2015		
EDUCATION					
Pre-Primary - Private	Month	205.00	205.00	0.00	0.00
Primary School Fee - Private	Term	825.00	650.00	175.00	26.92
Secondary School Fee - Private	Term	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
Newspaper - Local	Each	1.50	1.50	0.00	0.00
Exercise Book - Primary - 24 leaves	Each	0.78	0.85	-0.07	-8.24
Lead Pencils	Each	0.83	0.92	-0.09	-9.78
Mathematics Textbook - From 4	Each	79.72	77.16	2.56	3.32
Tuition for local evening classes	Per Subject	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS					
Chicken Lunch - regular	Each	13.86	13.86	0.00	0.00
Fish Lunch - regular	Each	13.86	15.10	-1.24	-8.21
Fast Food - 2 Pc Chicken and Fries	Each	16.85	16.85	0.00	0.00
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES					
Toilet Soap	125g	3.51	3.46	0.05	1.45
Toothpaste	130g Tube	9.04	9.09	-0.05	-0.55
Men's Haircut	Visit	10.00	10.00	0.00	0.00
Women's Hairdressing (Relaxer)	Visit	64.81	64.81	0.00	0.00
Disposable Diapers (medium)	10 per Pk.	12.81	12.73	0.08	0.63
Health Insurance - Group (family)	≥3 Persons	307.00	307.00	0.00	0.00
Legal Expenses (Affidavit)	Fee	250.00	250.00	0.00	0.00

TABLE 3
THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX BY MAIN GROUPS
JANUARY 2010 = 100

	GROUPS	WEIGHT	JUNE 2016	JULY 2016	JULY 2015	PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER PREVIOUS:	
						MONTH JUNE	YEAR JULY
01.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	111.2	111.6	111.0	0.4	0.5
02.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	113.9	114.1	110.4	0.2	3.4
03.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	105.1	105.1	102.7	0.0	2.3
04.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	98.5	98.3	100.2	-0.2	-1.9
05.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	102.8	103.2	101.4	0.4	1.8
06.	Health	1.79	107.7	107.5	107.0	-0.2	0.5
07.	Transport	11.84	120.0	120.0	122.1	0.0	-1.7
08.	Communication	9.41	108.6	106.8	104.8	-1.7	1.9
09.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	104.0	104.3	102.4	0.3	1.9
10.	Education	1.32	108.5	108.5	109.0	0.0	-0.5
11.	Restaurants and Hotels	1.87	102.4	102.4	103.2	0.0	-0.8
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	101.4	101.3	101.1	-0.1	0.2
	ALL ITEMS	100.00	106.4	106.3	106.3	-0.1	0.0

Chart 1. COICOP Groups Percentage Change for July 2016

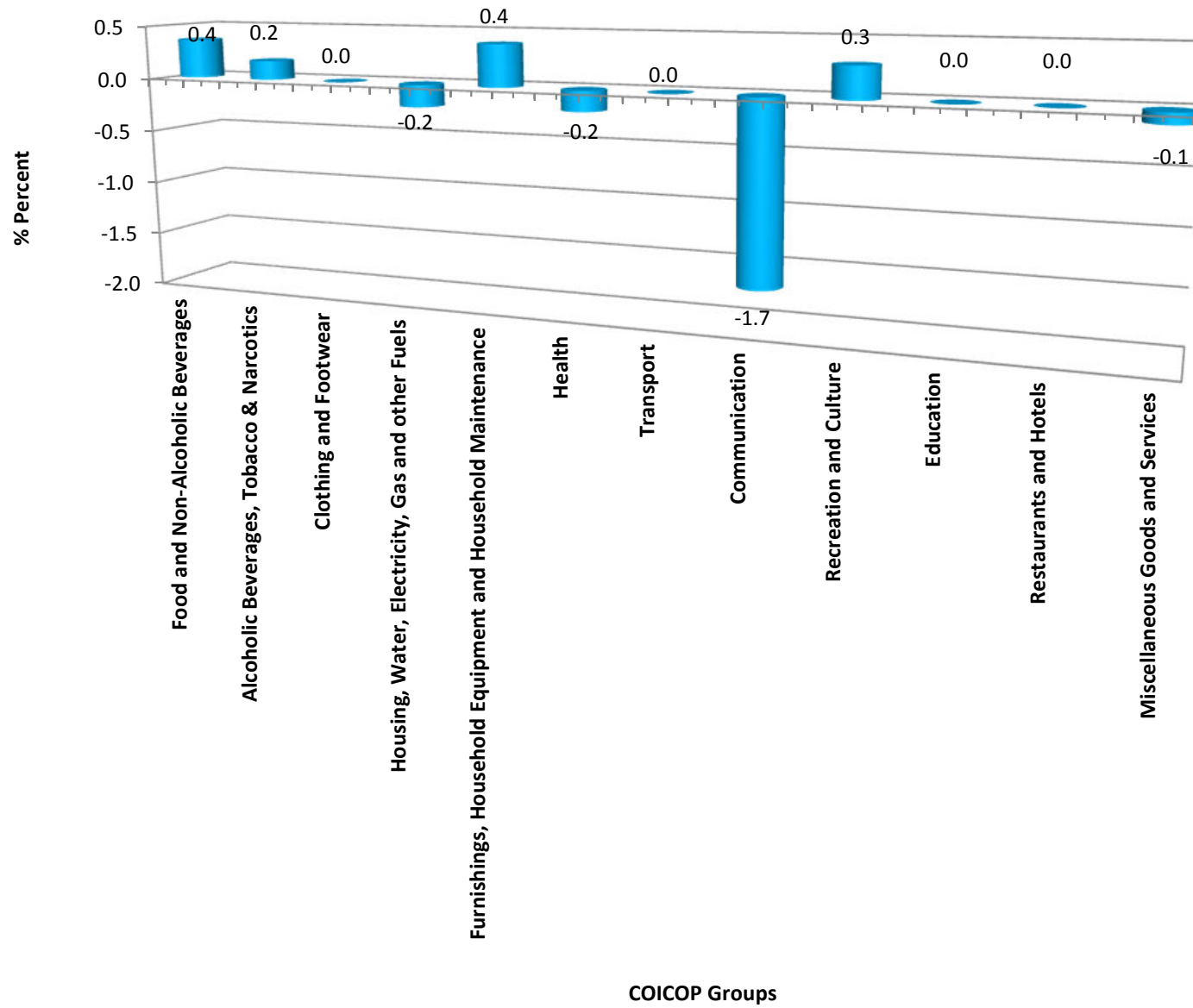


TABLE 4
THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX BY MAIN GROUPS
JANUARY 2010 = 100
CONTRIBUTION TO CHANGE

	GROUPS	WEIGHT	JUNE 2016	JULY 2016	Percentage Change	Cost Weight		Change in Cost Weight	Contribution to Change %
						JUNE 2016	JULY 2016		
1.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	111.2	111.6	0.4	2,436.39	2,445.16	8.8	-87.6
2.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	113.9	114.1	0.2	440.79	441.57	0.8	-7.7
3.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	105.1	105.1	0.0	338.42	338.42	0.0	0.0
4.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	98.5	98.3	-0.2	2,960.91	2,954.90	-6.0	60.1
5.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	102.8	103.2	0.4	677.45	680.09	2.6	-26.4
6.	Health	1.79	107.7	107.5	-0.2	192.78	192.43	-0.4	3.6
7.	Transport	11.84	120.0	120.0	0.0	1,420.80	1,420.80	0.0	0.0
8.	Communication	9.41	108.6	106.8	-1.7	1,021.93	1,004.99	-16.9	169.4
9.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	104.0	104.3	0.3	396.24	397.38	1.1	-11.4
10.	Education	1.32	108.5	108.5	0.0	143.22	143.22	0.0	0.0
11.	Restaurants and Hotels	1.87	102.4	102.4	0.0	191.49	191.49	0.0	0.0
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	101.4	101.3	-0.1	437.03	436.60	-0.4	4.3
	ALL ITEMS	100.00	106.4	106.3	-0.1	10,640.00	10,630.00	-10.0	100.0

MONTHLY INDEX - 2015
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	Communication	Recreation & Culture	Education	Restaurants & Hotels	Miscellaneous 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	104.7	110.0	112.3	104.1	96.9	102.1	108.0	115.8	106.3	103.3	108.5	102.1	101.2
February	104.6	109.6	112.5	104.5	96.7	102.2	108.0	115.9	106.3	103.1	108.5	102.4	101.3
March	104.8	109.2	112.6	104.5	97.3	102.2	107.8	116.3	106.3	103.2	108.5	102.4	101.3
April	104.5	109.4	112.7	104.8	97.7	102.5	107.8	114.5	103.5	103.3	108.5	102.4	101.3
May	105.3	111.0	113.0	105.1	97.7	102.8	107.8	118.7	103.5	103.0	108.5	102.4	101.4
June	106.4	111.2	113.9	105.1	98.5	102.8	107.7	120.0	108.6	104.0	108.5	102.4	101.4
July	106.3	111.6	114.1	105.1	98.3	103.2	107.5	120.0	106.8	104.3	108.5	102.4	101.3