



# CONSUMER PRICE INDEX MONTHLY STATISTICAL BULLETIN



**THE STATISTICAL OFFICE  
CENTRAL PLANNING DIVISION  
MINISTRY OF FINANCE & PLANNING  
ST VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES**

*Tel: 784 457 2921, 456 1111 Ext 592/377,*

*Fax: 784 456 2430,*

*Email: [svg.stats@mail.gov.vc](mailto:svg.stats@mail.gov.vc)*

*Website: <http://www.stats.gov.vc>*

**Vol. 4 No. 8**

**August 2014**

## TABLE OF CONTENTS

### Page No.

Analysis – 1

#### Table No.

1	Average Retail Price of Selected Items	3
2	Average Retail Price of Selected Items AUGUST 2013 compared With AUGUST 2014	4
3	The Consumer Price Index by main groups	8
4	The Consumer Price Index contribution to change by Groups	10
5	Monthly Items by Group	11

#### Chart No.

1	COICOP Percentage Change for the Month of AUGUST 2014	9
---	---	---

\* \* \*

## AUGUST 2014

The Consumer Price Index recorded an increase of 0.4 percent for the month of August 2014. The “All Items Index” was registered as 108.4 for the month of August 2014 compared to 108.0 for the month of July 2014. The “Point-to-Point” inflation rate was recorded at 0.8 percent.

Seven (7) groups recorded increases for the month: “Transport” (1.6 percent), “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” (1.1 percent), “Miscellaneous Goods and Services” (0.3 percent), “Recreation and Culture” (0.3 percent), “Health” (0.2 percent), “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics” (0.2 percent) and “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” (0.1 percent). Two (2) groups recorded decreases during the period “Clothing and Footwear” (2.2 percent) and “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” (0.1 percent). Three (3) groups remained unchanged: “Communication”, “Education” and “Restaurants and Hotels”.

The group index “Transport” showed an increase of 1.6 percent due to higher prices for passenger airfares from St.Vincent and the Grenadines to a few destinations such as; New York (27.8 percent) and Toronto (25.7 percent) as well as an increase in the price of petrol (1.6 percent).

The 1.1 percent increase in the index for the group “Food & Non Alcoholic Beverages”, is attributed to a rise in the price for a number of food items namely; Tannias (29.6 percent), fresh fish -robins (25.0 percent), callaloo (24.8 percent), cabbage (18.4 percent), tomatoes (15.0 percent), mixed vegetables - canned (7.0 percent), chicken – backs (4.2 percent) and chicken – whole (4.0 percent).

The group index “Miscellaneous Goods and Services” recorded a 0.3 percent increase because of an increase in the price of a few items such as toothpaste (10.0 percent) and mouthwash (8.5 percent) .

The “Recreation & Culture” index registered a 0.3 percent increase because of higher costs for a bicycle (30.0 percent) and an 8.7 percent rise in the cost for a mathematics textbook.

The “Health” group index climbed by 0.2 percent as a result of higher cost for a chest X-ray of 9.1 percent. “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics” group index increased by 0.2 percent because of a 1.6 percent increase in the cost of wine - black. The 0.1 percent upward movement of the “Furnishings, Household Equipment & Household Maintenance” group index was attributed to a rise in the cost of a pillow case (36.9 percent), a three piece living room set (6.1 percent) and bleach (3.0 percent).

The “Clothing & Footwear” group index registered a decline of 2.2 percent because of a reduction in the price of several items namely; girl’s undergarments (25.3 percent), men’s sneakers (24.0 percent), men’s dress shoes (21.4 percent), ladies’ casual dresses (13.2 percent) and ladies’ evening bags (9.2 percent).

The “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels” group index fell by 0.1 percent due to a 0.6 percent reduction in the cost of electricity. A lower fuel surcharge rate of 58.7 cents per kilowatt hour for the month of August compared to 59.3 cents per kilowatt hour for the month of July accounts for this decline. Also a 14.3 percent decrease in the price of a pitch – pine door, contributed to the decline in this group index.

**TABLE 1**  
**AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF SELECTED ITEMS**

ITEM	UNIT OF QUANTITY	AVERAGE PRICE		CHANGE IN PRICE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN PRICE
		EC\$			
		AUGUST 2014	JULY 2014		
<b>INCREASED</b>					
Chicken - Whole	Lb	3.40	3.27	0.13	3.98
Chicken - Leg Quarters	Lb	2.91	2.86	0.05	1.75
Chicken - Backs	Lb	1.72	1.65	0.07	4.24
Fish - Fresh (Robins)	Lb	5.00	4.00	1.00	25.00
Callaloo	Lb	3.22	2.58	0.64	24.81
Cabbage	Lb	4.96	4.19	0.77	18.38
Celery	Lb	8.04	6.67	1.37	20.54
Pawpaw	Lb	1.86	1.61	0.25	15.53
Pumpkins	Lb	2.57	2.20	0.37	16.82
Tannias	Lb	3.72	2.87	0.85	29.62
Tomatoes	Lb	4.68	4.07	0.61	14.99
Eddoes	Lb	2.44	2.08	0.36	17.31
Mixed Vegetables	15oz tin	4.60	4.30	0.30	6.98
Bleach	950ml Bot	6.51	6.32	0.19	3.01
Living room set	3Pc	3499.00	3299.00	200.00	6.06
Pillow case	1 pair	25.95	18.95	7.00	36.94
Wine - Black	26oz Bot	18.52	18.22	0.30	1.65
Chest X- ray	1 test	120.00	110.00	10.00	9.09
Petrol unleaded	1 Gal.	15.28	15.04	0.24	1.60
Repair of Vehicle Air conditioning	1 Visit	299.50	290.29	9.21	3.17
Transport by Air					
St.Vincent to New York	1 month	3727.90	2916.30	811.60	27.83
St.Vincent to Toronto	1 month	3871.00	3080.90	790.10	25.65
Mathematics Textbook - Form 4	Each	80.16	73.72	6.44	8.74
Bicycle 16"	Each	325.00	250.00	75.00	30.00
Hair dress	5.25oz Bot	7.39	7.00	0.39	5.57
Toothpaste	130g tube	9.82	8.93	0.89	9.97
Mouthwash	1 litre Bot	12.75	11.75	1.00	8.51
Perfume	125ml Bot	159.94	155.74	4.20	2.70
<b>DECREASED</b>					
Sliced Bacon	12oz Pk	13.64	15.14	-1.50	-9.91
Lentils	454g Pk	3.67	4.28	-0.61	-14.25
Men's Sneaker	1 pair	95.00	125.00	-30.00	-24.00
Men's dress shoes	1 pair	110.00	140.00	-30.00	-21.43
Women's sneaker	1 pair	60.00	69.95	-9.95	-14.22
Ladies evening bag	Each	49.95	55.00	-5.05	-9.18
Ladies casual dress	Each	35.00	40.31	-5.31	-13.17
Girl's undergarment	Each	2.95	3.95	-1.00	-25.32
Men's Socks	1 pair	3.95	4.95	-1.00	-20.20
Boy's Sneaker	1 pair	40.00	50.00	-10.00	-20.00
Door - pitch pine (36" x 80")	Each	345.00	402.50	-57.50	-14.29
Electricity consumption charge	140KWH	152.14	153.02	-0.88	-0.58

**TABLE 2**  
**AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF SELECTED ITEMS**  
**AUGUST 2014 COMPARED WITH AUGUST 2013**

ITEMS	UNIT OF QUANTITY	AVERAGE EC\$		CHANGE IN PRICE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN PRICE
		AUGUST 2014	AUGUST 2013		
<b>FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES</b>					
Beef - Fresh	Lb.	8.00	8.00	0.00	0.00
Chicken - Whole	Lb.	6.15	6.00	0.15	2.50
Chicken - Leg Quarters	Lb.	2.91	3.04	-0.13	-4.28
Chicken - Backs	Lb.	1.72	1.70	0.02	1.18
Chicken - Wings	Lb.	5.02	4.02	1.00	24.88
Turkey Wings	Lb.	3.77	3.23	0.54	16.72
Fish - Fresh (Deep Sea)	Lb.	9.00	9.00	0.00	0.00
Fish - Fresh (Jacks)	Lb.	5.00	4.00	1.00	25.00
Fish - Fresh (Robins)	Lb.	5.00	4.00	1.00	25.00
Chicken Franks	340 g Pk	5.21	5.38	-0.17	-3.16
Luncheon Meat (pork)	340 g	7.62	7.91	-0.29	-3.67
Codfish	Lb.	14.20	14.73	-0.53	-3.60
Cornflakes	12 oz	12.40	12.36	0.04	0.32
Pasta - Elbows	340 g	4.19	4.08	0.11	2.70
Milk - Evaporated	410g Tin	3.21	3.22	-0.01	-0.31
Milk - Condensed	397g Tin	3.54	3.31	0.23	6.95
Bread- Small Loaf, white	5 Pk	1.99	1.99	0.00	0.00
Bread - Large Sliced Pan Loaf (white)	Each	4.25	4.25	0.00	0.00
Eggs	Doz	8.64	8.67	-0.03	-0.35
Orange Juice	19 oz Tin	7.91	7.46	0.45	6.03
Brown Sugar	Lb.	1.43	1.54	-0.11	-7.14
Sugar - White ( loose)	Lb.	1.76	2.00	-0.24	-12.00
Flour - Loose	Lb.	1.40	1.43	-0.03	-2.10
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.	1.78	1.78	0.00	0.00
Rice - Package	2 kg	9.20	9.20	0.00	0.00
Bananas	Lb.	1.30	1.18	0.12	10.17
Breadfruit	Lb.	2.63	2.27	0.36	15.86
Eddoes	Lb.	2.64	2.71	-0.07	-2.58
Dasheens	Lb.	2.03	1.20	0.83	69.17
Sweet Potatoes	Lb.	2.24	2.19	0.05	2.28
Oranges	Each	0.95	0.78	0.17	21.79
Tomatoes	Lb.	4.68	4.10	0.58	14.15
Cooking Margarine	445g Tub	7.90	8.05	-0.15	-1.86
Vegetable Oil	1 Litre	10.47	10.54	-0.07	-0.66
Powdered Chocolate	300g Pk	10.46	9.87	0.59	5.98
Hairoun Fruit Cocktail ( not cold)	280 ml Bottle	2.26	2.24	0.02	0.89
Vitamalt	310 ml Bottle	5.60	5.76	-0.16	-2.78

**TABLE 2 Cont'd**  
**AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF SELECTED ITEMS**  
**AUGUST 2014 COMPARED WITH AUGUST 2013**

ITEMS	UNIT OF QUANTITY	AVERAGE PRICE EC\$		CHANGE IN PRICE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN PRICE
		AUGUST 2014	AUGUST 2013		
<b>ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO &amp; NARCOTICS</b>					
Rum - Local (white)	750 ml Bot.	29.02	28.53	0.49	1.72
Beer - Local	280ml Bottle	4.49	4.51	-0.02	-0.44
Cigarettes - Local	Pkt. (10)	3.47	3.47	0.00	0.00
Gonsalves Black Wine	26 oz Bottle	18.52	17.63	0.89	5.05
<b>CLOTHING &amp; FOOTWEAR</b>					
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	39.95	34.28	5.67	16.54
Men's Shoes -Formal	Pair	79.95	79.95	0.00	0.00
Women's Shoes - Formal	Pair	110.00	110.00	0.00	0.00
Women's 2Pc Skirtsuit ( polyester) large	Each	101.89	100.00	1.89	1.89
Women's Blouse ( cotton/Spandex)	Each	25.00	24.51	0.49	2.00
<b>HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY GAS AND OTHER FUELS</b>					
Rent :					
Unfurnished house -2 Bedroom	1Month	546.43	546.43	0.00	0.00
Unfurnished house -3 Bedroom	1Month	612.50	612.50	0.00	0.00
Furnished Apartment- 2 Bedroom	1Month	791.67	791.67	0.00	0.00
Cement - Portland ( grey)	94 Lbs	24.90	24.75	0.15	0.61
Galvanise Sheets 10 ft.	1 Length	86.38	86.38	0.00	0.00
Oil Paint	1 Gal.	110.00	110.00	0.00	0.00
Lumber -Dressed Treated Yellow Pine (1x12x12)	1 Length	67.61	69.69	-2.08	-2.98
Water - Consumption Charge	5000 Gals.	37.50	37.50	0.00	0.00
Kerosene	1 Gal.	13.93	13.79	0.14	1.02
Charcoal	1 Sack	40.00	40.00	0.00	0.00
Cooking Gas	20 Lb. Cyl.	44.56	44.56	0.00	0.00
Electricity consumption charge	140 KWH	152.14	148.34	3.80	2.56
<b>FURNISHING, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE</b>					
Bed - Cherry 54"x75"	Each	1,162.50	1,162.50	0.00	0.00
Sheets -double - coloured/cotton	Each	88.80	88.80	0.00	0.00
Frying Pan - 12" - non-stick	Each	52.76	52.76	0.00	0.00
Laundry soap	Each	1.10	1.13	-0.03	-2.65
Electrical Bulb - 60W	Each	5.53	5.45	0.08	1.47

**TABLE 2 Cont'd**  
**AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF SELECTED ITEMS**  
**AUGUST 2014 COMPARED WITH AUGUST 2013**

ITEMS	UNIT OF QUANTITY	AVERAGE PRICE		CHANGE IN PRICE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN PRICE
		EC\$			
		AUGUST 2014	AUGUST 2013		
<b>HEALTH</b>					
Doctor's Fee - Gynaecologist	1 Visit	50.00	50.00	0.00	0.00
Eye Care	1 Test	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
Hospitalisation (Private Ward)	1 Day	75.00	75.00	0.00	0.00
Drug for Hypertension	1 Mth supply	3.50	3.50	0.00	0.00
Drug for Diabetes	1 Mth supply	13.70	13.90	-0.20	-1.44
Cough, cold preparation	125 ml.	15.57	15.52	0.05	0.32
Dental Care	1 Visit	114.17	114.17	0.00	0.00
Chest X- ray	1 Test	120.00	110.00	10.00	9.09
<b>TRANSPORT</b>					
Petrol - Unleaded	1 Gal.	15.28	15.12	0.16	1.06
Vehicle License (car) - ≤ 2000 cc	1 Year	470.00	470.00	0.00	0.00
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
<b>COMMUNICATION</b>					
Telephone service - rental of domestic line	1 Month	23.46	23.46	0.00	0.00
Telephone - Consumption Charge	226 Units	18.08	18.08	0.00	0.00
Internet charge	1 Month	101.70	101.70	0.00	0.00
Fixed Line domestic rate- peak	1 Minute	0.08	0.08	0.00	0.00
Mobile to mobile- domestic	1 Minute	0.73	0.73	0.00	0.00
<b>RECREATION AND CULTURE</b>					
Television 26 " Flat panel	Each	1,999.00	1,999.03	-0.03	0.00
Cable TV Basic Charge	1 Month	74.75	74.75	0.00	0.00
Laptop Computer	Each	3,499.00	4,621.70	-1122.70	-24.29
Desktop Computer	Each	1,891.32	1,891.32	0.00	0.00
Car Remote Control	Each	250.00	250.00	0.00	0.00
Dog Food (Canned)	374 g Tin	3.20	3.81	-0.61	-16.01
Dance Admission to Night Club	Per Person	20.00	20.00	0.00	0.00
Carnival costume and Band Fees (Adult)	Each	300.00	300.00	0.00	0.00



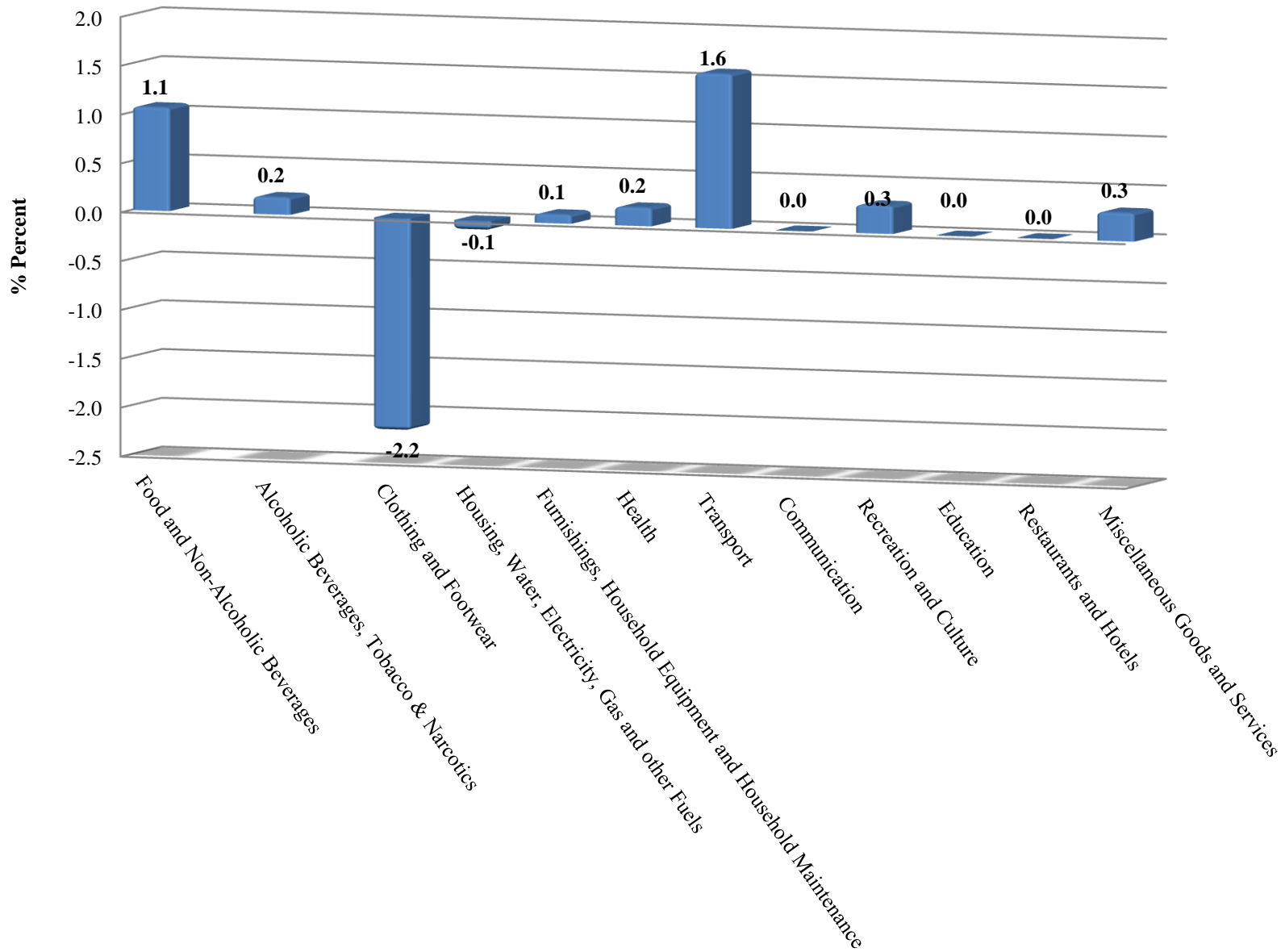
**TABLE 2 Cont'd**  
**AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF SELECTED ITEMS**  
**AUGUST 2014 COMPARED WITH AUGUST 2013**

ITEMS	UNIT OF QUANTITY	AVERAGE PRICE EC\$		CHANGE IN PRICE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN PRICE
		AUGUST 2014	AUGUST 2013		
<b>EDUCATION</b>					
Pre-Primary - Private	1 Month	205.00	205.00	0.00	0.00
Primary School Fee - Private	1 Term	650.00	650.00	0.00	0.00
Secondary School Fee - Private	1 Term	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
Newspaper - Local	Each	1.50	1.33	0.17	12.78
Exercise Book - Primary - 24 leaves	Each	0.85	0.85	0.00	0.00
Lead Pencils	Each	0.92	0.92	0.00	0.00
Mathematics Textbook - Form 4	Each	80.16	74.02	6.14	8.30
Tuition for local evening classes	1 Subject	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
<b>RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS</b>					
Chicken Lunch - regular	Each	13.86	13.86	0.00	0.00
Fish Lunch - regular	Each	15.10	15.10	0.00	0.00
Fast Food - 2 Pc Chicken and Fries	Each	16.85	15.45	1.40	9.06
<b>MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES</b>					
Toilet Soap	125g	3.43	3.40	0.03	0.88
Toothpaste	130g tube	9.82	9.10	0.72	7.91
Men's Haircut	1 Visit	10.00	10.00	0.00	0.00
Women's Hairdressing ( Relaxer)	1 Visit	64.81	64.81	0.00	0.00
Disposable Diapers medium	10 per Pk.	12.92	12.87	0.05	0.39
Health Insurance - group (family)	≥3 Persons	278.70	278.70	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**

	GROUP	WEIGHT	JULY 2014	AUGUST 2014	AUGUST 2013	PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER PREVIOUS:	
						MONTH JULY	YEAR AUGUST
01.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	112.7	113.9	111.0	1.1	2.6
02.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	109.0	109.2	107.6	0.2	1.5
03.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	106.0	103.7	105.8	-2.2	-2.0
04.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	106.1	106.0	105.8	-0.1	0.2
05.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	101.1	101.2	101.2	0.1	0.0
06.	Health	1.79	102.7	102.9	103.7	0.2	-0.8
07.	Transport	11.84	125.8	127.8	125.5	1.6	1.8
08.	Communication	9.41	96.5	96.5	96.5	0.0	0.0
09.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	102.2	102.5	103.7	0.3	-1.2
10.	Education	1.32	109.3	109.3	109.6	0.0	-0.3
11.	Restaurants and Hotels	1.87	103.0	103.0	101.2	0.0	1.8
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	100.7	101.0	101.1	0.3	-0.1
	<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>100.00</b>	108.0	108.4	107.5	0.4	0.8

### COICOP Groups Percentage Change for August 2014



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

	GROUP	WEIGHT	JULY 2014	AUGUST 2014	Percentage Change	Cost Weight		Change in Cost Weight	Contribution to Change %
						JULY 2014	AUGUST 2014		
1.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	112.7	113.9	1.1	2,469.26	2,495.55	26.3	65.7
2.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	109.0	109.2	0.2	421.83	422.60	0.8	1.9
3.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	106.0	103.7	-2.2	341.32	333.91	-7.4	-18.5
4.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	106.1	106.0	-0.1	3,189.37	3,186.36	-3.0	-7.5
5.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	101.1	101.2	0.1	666.25	666.91	0.7	1.6
6.	Health	1.79	102.7	102.9	0.2	183.83	184.19	0.4	0.9
7.	Transport	11.84	125.8	127.8	1.6	1,489.47	1,513.15	23.7	59.2
8.	Communication	9.41	96.5	96.5	0.0	908.07	908.07	0.0	0.0
9.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	102.2	102.5	0.3	389.38	390.53	1.1	2.9
10.	Education	1.32	109.3	109.3	0.0	144.28	144.28	0.0	0.0
11.	Restaurants and Hotels	1.87	103.0	103.0	0.0	192.61	192.61	0.0	0.0
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	100.7	101.0	0.3	434.02	435.31	1.3	3.2
	<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>108.0</b>	<b>108.4</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>10,800.00</b>	<b>10,840.00</b>	<b>40.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**TABLE 5**  
**MONTHLY INDEX - 2014**  
**JANUARY 2010 = 100**

GROUP	ALL ITEMS	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	Alcoholic Beverages Tobacco & Narcotics	Clothing & Footwear	Housing Water Electricity Gas and Fuels	Furnishings Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	Health	Transport	Communication	Recreation and Culture	Education	Restaurants and 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	107.7	113.0	109.2	105.5	105.7	101.1	103.9	123.3	96.5	102.9	109.3	103.0	100.8
February	107.2	112.7	109.1	105.5	104.4	101.1	103.4	122.8	96.5	102.9	109.3	103.0	100.7
March	107.4	112.8	109.1	105.5	104.9	101.1	103.6	122.3	96.5	102.9	109.3	103.0	100.8
April	108.0	111.5	109.6	105.5	106.6	101.0	103.1	126.4	96.5	102.8	109.3	103.0	100.8
May	107.3	111.5	108.8	105.5	105.5	101.0	103.1	123.3	96.5	102.9	109.3	103.0	100.7
June	107.4	113.3	108.8	105.6	105.1	101.0	103.0	122.6	96.5	101.4	109.3	103.0	100.7
July	108.0	112.7	109.0	106.0	106.1	101.1	102.7	125.8	96.5	102.2	109.3	103.0	100.7
August	108.4	113.9	109.2	103.7	106.0	101.2	102.9	127.8	96.5	102.5	109.3	103.0	101.0