



# CONSUMER PRICE INDEX MONTHLY STATISTICAL BULLETIN



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## **APRIL 2012**

The Consumer Price Index registered an increase of 0.4 percent for the month of April 2012. The “All Items” index stood at 106.4 compared with 106.0 recorded in March 2012. The “point-to-point” inflation rate was recorded as 3.6 percent.

Four (4) groups recorded increases during the month: “Transport” (2.2 percent), “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels” (0.7 percent), “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics” (0.5 percent) and “Recreation & Culture” (0.1 percent). One (1) group recorded a decrease during the month; “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” (0.6 percent). Seven (7) groups remained unchanged: “Clothing & Footwear”, “Furnishing, Household Equipment & Household Maintenance” “Health”, “Communication”, “Education”, “Restaurants and Hotels” and “Miscellaneous Goods & Services”.

The group index “Transport” registered a 2.2 percent increase due to an increase in a several items, passenger airfare from St.Vincent & the Grenadines to Barbados (72.0 percent) and airfare from St.Vincent & the Grenadines to Trinidad & Tobago (68.0 percent), boat fare from St.Vincent to Bequia (25.0 percent) and new truck tyres (18.7 percent).”

“Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels” index showed an increase of 0.7 percent due to an increase in the fuel surcharge rate, which was recorded as 56.6 cents per kilowatt hour in the month of April compared to 52.7 cents per kilowatt hour in the month of March. This movement resulted in a 3.8 percent rise in the cost of electricity.

The group index “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics”, showed an upward movement of 0.5 percent due to increases in the price of cigarettes (28.3 percent) and brandy (3.7 percent).

“Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” group index recorded a 0.6 percent. This decline was contributed by reduction in the price of several food items namely; fish - robin (50.0 percent), chive (19.0 percent), turkey – necks (17.0 percent), pineapple (10.9 percent), cucumber (9.5 percent), pig-tail–salted (7.9 percent), plums (6.3 percent) and white sugar – loose (2.2 percent).

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

ITEM	UNIT OF QUANTITY	AVERAGE PRICE		CHANGE IN PRICE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN PRICE
		EC\$			
		APRIL 2012	MARCH 2012		
<b>INCREASED</b>					
Flour - Loose	Lb.	1.38	1.32	0.06	4.55
Flour - Packaged ( wholewheat)	2 kg	7.36	7.10	0.26	3.66
Flour - Packaged ( white)	2 kg	6.76	6.67	0.09	1.35
Chicken - whole legs	Lb.	3.48	3.31	0.17	5.14
Corned Beef	340g Tin	6.59	6.41	0.18	2.81
Limes	Lb.	2.23	1.74	0.49	28.16
Peanut Butter	12 oz Bot.	9.82	9.06	0.76	8.39
Cigarettes - Local	Pkt. (10)	3.47	2.78	0.69	24.82
Cigarettes	Pkt. (20)	6.81	6.58	0.23	3.50
Brandy	700 ml Bot.	62.17	59.98	2.19	3.65
Electricity consumption charge	140 KWH	149.27	143.82	5.45	3.79
Truck tyres New- 750/16	Each	723.12	609.50	113.62	18.64
Passenger airfare -St.Vincent to :					
St.Lucia	One way	275.05	235.30	39.75	16.89
Barbados	One way	397.85	231.30	166.55	72.01
Trinidad & Tobago	One way	441.35	262.70	178.65	68.01
Boat fare - St. Vincent to Bequia	One way	25.00	20.00	5.00	25.00
Cat Food	4.4 Lb	25.05	23.65	1.40	5.92
<b>DECREASED</b>					
Pork Ribs	Lb.	5.36	5.70	-0.34	-5.96
Pig-Tail Salted	Lb.	6.28	6.82	-0.54	-7.92
Chicken - Backs	Lb.	1.67	1.71	-0.04	-2.34
Turkey Necks	Lb.	2.48	2.99	-0.51	-17.06
Pig-Feet Frozen	Lb.	3.88	4.08	-0.20	-4.90
Fish - Fresh (Robins)	Lb.	2.50	5.00	-2.50	-50.00
Pineapple	Lb.	4.09	4.59	-0.50	-10.89
Wax apple	Lb.	1.93	2.02	-0.09	-4.46
Plums	Lb.	0.90	0.96	-0.06	-6.25
Cabbage	Lb.	3.29	3.44	-0.15	-4.36
Cucumber	Lb.	2.66	2.94	-0.28	-9.52
Chive	Bundle	2.35	2.90	-0.55	-18.97
Red Kidney Beans	454g	6.57	6.64	-0.07	-1.05
Sugar - White ( loose)	Lb.	2.16	2.21	-0.05	-2.26
Mouthwash	1 litre Bot.	10.07	11.59	-1.52	-13.11
Ginger wine	750 ml Bot.	17.65	18.02	-0.37	-2.05

**TABLE 2**  
**AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF SELECTED ITEMS**  
**APRIL 2012 COMPARED WITH APRIL 2011**

ITEMS	UNIT OF QUANTITY	AVERAGE ECS		CHANGE IN PRICE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN PRICE
		APRIL 2012	APRIL 2011		
<b>FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES</b>					
Beef - Fresh	Lb.	8.00	8.00	0.00	0.00
Chicken - Whole	Lb.	6.16	6.32	-0.16	-2.53
Chicken - Leg Quarters	Lb.	3.01	2.70	0.31	11.48
Chicken - Backs	Lb.	1.67	1.57	0.10	6.37
Chicken - Wings	Lb.	4.88	4.59	0.29	6.32
Turkey Wings	Lb.	3.72	3.61	0.11	3.05
Fish - Fresh (Deep Sea)	Lb.	9.00	7.00	2.00	28.57
Fish - Fresh (Jacks)	Lb.	3.50	2.50	1.00	40.00
Fish - Fresh (Robins)	Lb.	2.50	3.00	-0.50	-16.67
Chicken Franks	340 g Pk	5.07	5.05	0.02	0.40
Luncheon Meat (pork)	340 g	7.56	7.21	0.35	4.85
Codfish	Lb.	14.14	12.63	1.51	11.96
Cornflakes	12 oz	12.10	11.80	0.30	2.54
Pasta - Elbows	340 g	4.19	3.75	0.44	11.73
Milk - Evaporated	410g Tin	3.19	2.76	0.43	15.58
Milk - Condensed	397g Tin	3.57	3.25	0.32	9.85
Bread- Small Loaf, white	5 Pk	1.93	1.84	0.09	4.89
Bread - Large Sliced Pan Loaf (white)	Each	4.20	4.10	0.10	2.44
Eggs	Doz	8.89	8.66	0.23	2.66
Orange Juice	19 oz Tin	6.73	6.70	0.03	0.45
Brown Sugar	Lb.	1.42	1.29	0.13	10.08
Sugar - White ( loose)	Lb.	2.16	1.92	0.24	12.50
Flour - Loose	Lb.	1.38	1.18	0.20	16.95
Flour - Packaged ( white)	2 kg	6.76	6.75	0.01	0.15
Flour - Packaged ( wholewheat)	2 kg	7.36	7.13	0.23	3.23
Rice - Loose	Lb.	1.79	1.79	0.00	0.00
Rice - Package	2 kg	9.20	9.23	-0.03	-0.33
Bananas	Lb.	1.11	1.27	-0.16	-12.60
Breadfruit	Lb.	2.23	1.99	0.24	12.06
Eddoes	Lb.	2.03	2.28	-0.25	-10.96
Dasheens	Lb.	1.79	2.15	-0.36	-16.74
Sweet Potatoes	Lb.	2.15	2.22	-0.07	-3.15
Oranges	Each	0.70	0.70	0.00	0.00
Tomatoes	Lb.	3.66	3.05	0.61	20.00
Cooking Margarine	445g Tub	7.40	7.03	0.37	5.26
Vegetable Oil	1 Litre	10.74	9.77	0.97	9.93
Powdered Chocolate	300g Pk	9.57	9.00	0.57	6.33
Hairoun Fruit Cocktail ( not cold)	280 ml Bottle	2.26	2.15	0.11	5.12
Vitamalt	310 ml Bottle	5.10	5.11	-0.01	-0.20

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ITEMS	UNIT OF QUANTITY	AVERAGE PRICE EC\$		CHANGE IN PRICE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN PRICE
		APRIL 2012	APRIL 2011		
<b>ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO &amp; NARCOTICS</b>					
Rum - Local (white)	750 ml Bot.	28.79	26.95	1.84	6.83
Beer - Local	280ml Bottle	4.00	4.04	-0.04	-0.99
Cigarettes - Local	Pkt. (10)	2.78	2.73	0.05	1.83
Gonsalves Black Wine	26 oz Bottle	17.18	16.26	0.92	5.66
<b>CLOTHING &amp; FOOTWEAR</b>					
Textile material - Terelyne	Yd.	47.95	47.95	0.00	0.00
Textile material - Linen	Yd.	17.95	16.95	1.00	5.90
Men's Shirts - Long Sleeve	Each	64.95	64.95	0.00	0.00
Men's Jeans ( long) - size 30	Each	35.73	35.00	0.73	2.09
Men's Shoes -Formal	Pair	79.95	69.95	10.00	14.30
Women's Shoes - Formal	Pair	89.95	89.95	0.00	0.00
Women's 2Pc Skirtsuit ( polyester) large	Each	100.00	89.95	10.05	11.17
Women's Blouse ( cotton/Spandex)	Each	25.00	20.00	5.00	25.00
<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	24.62	21.74	2.88	13.25
Galvanise Sheets 10 ft.	1 Length	86.38	80.56	5.82	7.22
Oil Paint	1 Gal.	97.00	97.00	0.00	0.00
Lumber -Dressed Treated Yellow Pine (1x12x12)	1 Length	69.69	67.75	1.94	2.86
Water - Consumption Charge	5000 Gals.	37.50	32.50	5.00	15.38
Kerosene	1 Gal.	12.59	10.40	2.19	21.06
Charcoal	1 Sack	40.00	40.00	0.00	0.00
Cooking Gas	20 Lb. Cyl.	44.56	37.50	7.06	18.83
Electricity consumption charge	140 KWH	149.27	141.95	7.32	5.16
<b>FURNISHING, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE</b>					
Bed - Cherry 54"x75"	Each	1,162.50	1,150.00	12.50	1.09
Sheets -double - coloured/cotton	Each	88.80	88.80	0.00	0.00
Frying Pan - 12" - non-stick	Each	52.76	49.95	2.81	5.63
Laundry soap	Each	1.16	1.24	-0.08	-6.45
Electrical Bulb - 60W	Each	5.10	4.47	0.63	14.09

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ITEMS	UNIT OF QUANTITY	AVERAGE PRICE EC\$		CHANGE IN PRICE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN PRICE
		APRIL 2012	APRIL 2011		
<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	14.18	14.18	0.00	0.00
Cough, cold preparation	125 ml.	15.41	15.69	-0.28	-1.78
Dental Care	1 Visit	99.17	99.17	0.00	0.00
Chest X- ray	1 Test	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TRANSPORT</b>					
Petrol - Unleaded	1 Gal.	13.90	12.50	1.40	11.20
Vehicle License (car) - not exd. 2000 lbs	1 Year	470.00	470.00	0.00	0.00
Bus Fare - Mesopotamia	One Way	3.00	2.50	0.50	20.00
Boat Fare - Bequia	One Way	25.00	20.00	5.00	25.00
<b>COMMUNICATION</b>					
Telephone service - rental of line- domestic	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	0.81	0.75	0.06	8.00
<b>RECREATION AND CULTURE</b>					
Television 26 " Flat panel	Each	1,999.93	1,999.00	0.93	0.05
Cable TV Basic Charge	1 Month	74.75	74.75	0.00	0.00
Laptop Computer -13.3 " screen 2 GB	Each	4,642.65	4,178.94	463.71	11.10
Desktop Computer - 14" Monitor 3 GB	Each	1,899.89	1,899	0.89	0.05
Car Remote Control	Each	250.00	308.15	-58.15	-18.87
Dog Food (Canned)	374 g Tin	2.94	2.92	0.02	0.68
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



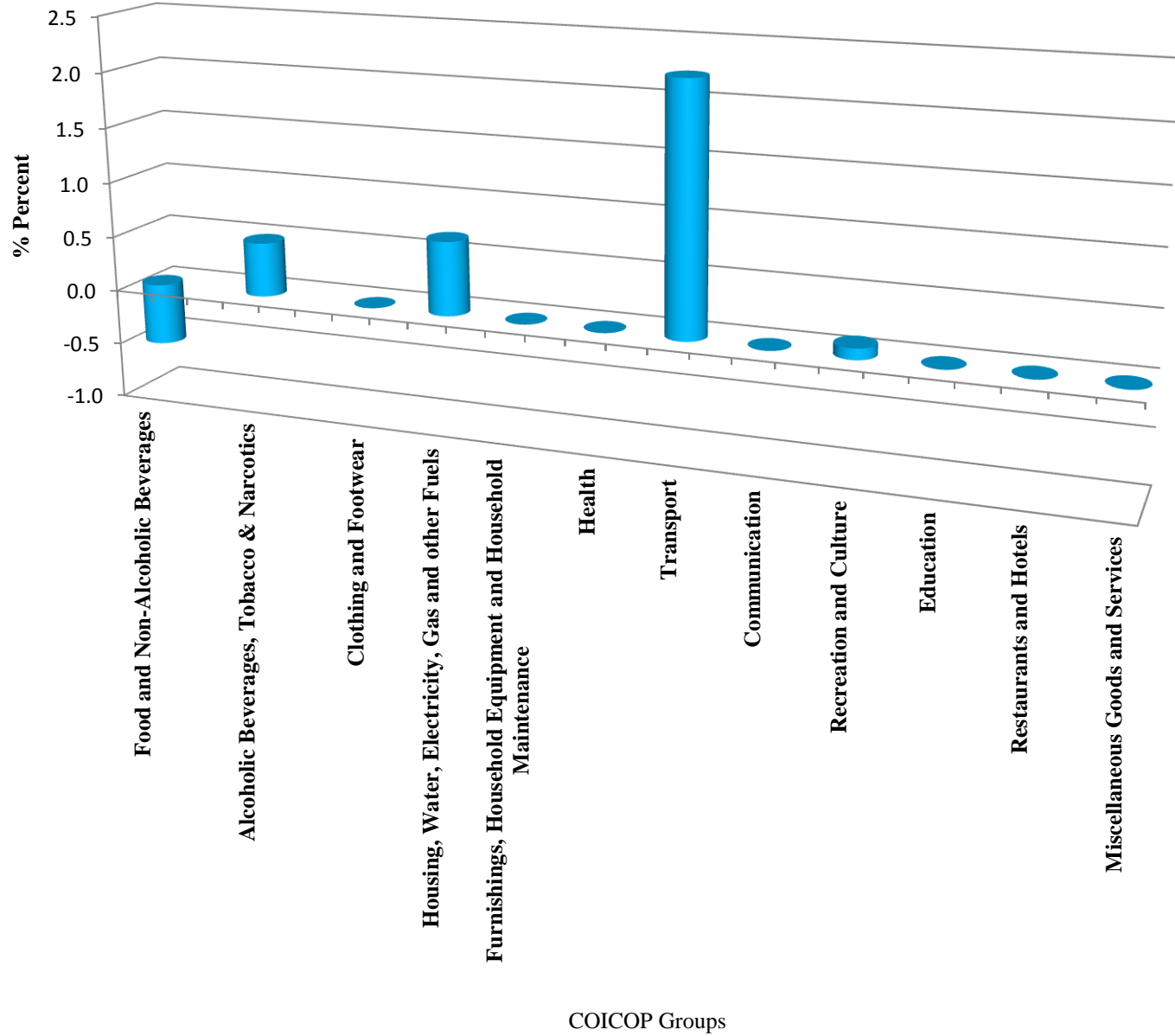
**TABLE 2 Cont'd**  
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**APRIL 2012 COMPARED WITH APRIL 2011**

ITEMS	UNIT OF QUANTITY	AVERAGE PRICE EC\$		CHANGE IN PRICE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN PRICE
		APRIL 2012	APRIL 2011		
<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	1.33	1.33	0.00	0.00
Exercise Book - Primary - 24 leaves	Each	0.60	0.50	0.10	20.00
Lead Pencils	Each	0.55	0.42	0.13	30.95
Mathematics Textbook - From 4	Each	77.00	71.33	5.67	7.95
Tuition for local evening classes	1 Subject	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
<b>RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS</b>					
Chicken Lunch - regular	Each	14.28	13.39	0.89	6.65
Fish Lunch - regular	Each	15.87	15.32	0.55	3.59
Fast Food - 2 Pc Chicken and Fries	Each	15.45	15.45	0.00	0.00
<b>MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES</b>					
Toilet Soap	125g	3.34	3.30	0.04	1.21
Toothpaste	130g tube	8.97	8.90	0.07	0.79
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.	12.90	12.70	0.20	1.55
Health Insurance - group (family)	≥3 Ppersons	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	MARCH 2012	APRIL 2012	APRIL 2011	PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER PREVIOUS:	
						MONTH MARCH	YEAR APRIL
01.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	108.1	107.5	102.3	-0.6	5.1
02.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	102.0	102.5	100.3	0.5	2.2
03.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	103.3	103.3	100.2	0.0	3.1
04.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	105.1	105.8	102.9	0.7	2.8
05.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	99.3	99.3	99.2	0.0	0.1
06.	Health	1.79	98.3	98.3	99.1	0.0	-0.8
07.	Transport	11.84	117.0	119.6	109.0	2.2	9.7
08.	Communication	9.41	104.0	104.0	102.1	0.0	1.9
09.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	102.0	102.1	100.9	0.1	1.2
10.	Education	1.32	108.6	108.6	106.0	0.0	2.5
11.	Restaurants and Hotels	1.87	102.6	102.6	101.7	0.0	0.9
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	101.0	101.0	99.8	0.0	1.2
	<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>100.00</b>	106.0	106.4	102.7	0.4	3.6

COICOP Groups Percentage Change for April 2012



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

	GROUP	WEIGHT	MARCH 2012	APRIL 2012	Percentage Change	Cost Weight		Change in Cost Weight	Contribution to Change %
						MARCH 2012	APRIL 2012		
1.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	108.1	107.5	-0.6	2,368.47	2,355.33	-13.1	-32.9
2.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	102.0	102.5	0.5	394.74	396.68	1.9	4.8
3.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	103.3	103.3	0.0	332.63	332.63	0.0	0.0
4.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	105.1	105.8	0.7	3,159.31	3,180.35	21.0	52.6
5.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	99.3	99.3	0.0	654.39	654.39	0.0	0.0
6.	Health	1.79	98.3	98.3	0.0	175.96	175.96	0.0	0.0
7.	Transport	11.84	117.0	119.6	2.2	1,385.28	1,416.06	30.8	77.0
8.	Communication	9.41	104.0	104.0	0.0	978.64	978.64	0.0	0.0
9.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	102.0	102.1	0.1	388.62	389.00	0.4	1.0
10.	Education	1.32	108.6	108.6	0.0	143.35	143.35	0.0	0.0
11.	Restaurants and Hotels	1.87	102.6	102.6	0.0	191.86	191.86	0.0	0.0
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	101.0	101.0	0.0	435.31	435.31	0.0	0.0
	<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>106.0</b>	<b>106.4</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>10,600.00</b>	<b>10,640.00</b>	<b>40.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**TABLE 5**  
**MONTHLY INDEX - 2012**  
**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	106.1	109.0	101.2	102.5	104.0	99.2	98.2	120.0	104.0	102.0	108.6	102.6	100.9
February	105.9	108.4	101.6	103.2	103.9	99.4	98.3	118.8	104.0	102.1	108.6	102.6	100.9
March	106.0	108.1	102.0	103.3	105.1	99.3	98.3	117.0	104.0	102.0	108.6	102.6	101.0
April	106.4	107.5	102.5	103.3	105.8	99.3	98.3	119.6	104.0	102.1	108.6	102.6	101.0