



# CONSUMER PRICE INDEX MONTHLY STATISTICAL BULLETIN



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## **JANUARY 2013**

The Consumer Price Index registered an increase of 0.4 percent for the month of January 2013. The “All Items” index stood at 107.6 compared with 107.2 for the month of December 2012. The “point-to-point” inflation rate was recorded as 1.4 percent.

Five (5) groups recorded an increase during the month: “Transport” (1.6 percent), “Health” (1.0 percent), “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” (0.9 percent), “Recreation and Culture” (0.3 percent), “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” (0.2 percent). Four (4) groups recorded a decrease during the month: “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” (0.5 percent), “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics” (0.2 percent), “Clothing and Footwear” (0.2 percent), and “Restaurants and Hotels” (0.2 percent). Three groups remained unchanged: “Communication”, “Education”, and “Miscellaneous Goods & Services”.

The “Transport” group index increased by 1.6 percent due mainly to increase in passenger air fare from St. Vincent and the Grenadines to several destinations; namely Trinidad and Tobago (30.5 percent), Toronto (17.4 percent), London (13.0 percent), Barbados (12.9 percent), New York (6.3 percent) and St. Lucia (1.6 percent).

The group index for “Health” increased by 1.0 percent due mainly to an increase in the price of cancer drugs (100.0 percent).

The increase of 0.9 percent in the group index for “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” was influenced by an increase in the prices of paint brush (18.3 percent), steel rods (5.7

percent) and electricity (5.0 percent). The higher price for electricity resulted from an increase in the fuel surcharge rate from 49.3 cents per kilowatt hour for the month of December 2012 to 54.2 cents per kilowatt hour for the month of January 2013.

The “Recreation and Culture” group index grew by 0.3 percent mainly to increases in dog food (22.4 percent) and cat food (7.7 percent) .

The group index for “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” recorded a 0.2 percent increase due mainly to increases in the price of fluorescent lighting tubes (8.1) and drape material (6.3 percent).

The group index for “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” decreased by 0.5 percent mainly as a result of decreases in the price of spinach (24.7 percent), yams (18.8 percent), instant baby food (15.3 percent), turkey necks (14.1 percent), powdered milk, skimmed (9.0 percent), cornflakes (5.0 percent), canned fish (4.5 percent), pasta products (3.2 percent) and smoked herring (3.1 percent).

The group index for “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics” decreased by 0.2 percent due mainly to decrease in the price for stout (2.2 percent).

The group index for “Clothing and Footwear” decreased by 0.2 percent mainly as a result of a decrease in the price of women's bra (13.7 percent).

The “Restaurants and Hotels” group index fell by 0.2 percent as a result of a reduction in accommodation services - halls of residence: Mona Campus (28.0 percent) and St. Augustine Campus (12.0 percent).

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

ITEM	UNIT OF QUANTITY	AVERAGE PRICE		CHANGE IN PRICE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN PRICE
		EC\$			
		JANUARY 2013	DECEMBER 2012		
<b>INCREASED</b>					
Other cereal	14oz Box	9.32	9.14	0.18	1.97
Peanut butter	12oz Bottle	10.25	8.48	1.77	20.87
Rum - imported	750 ml Bottle	29.66	27.83	1.83	6.58
Steel rods, rough	1 Length	18.97	17.94	1.03	5.74
Electricity - domestic consumption	140 Kwh	145.94	139.06	6.88	4.95
Drape material	1 Yard	16.95	15.95	1.00	6.27
Fluorenscent lighting tubes	Each	9.20	8.51	0.69	8.11
Cancer drugs	1 mth. supply	45.00	22.50	22.50	100.00
Passenger airfare - St. Vincent to:					
St. Lucia	One Way	377.38	371.44	5.94	1.60
Barbados	One Way	449.15	397.85	51.30	12.89
Trinidad	One Way	486.95	373.28	113.67	30.45
New York	1 Month	2327.10	2188.30	138.80	6.34
Toronto	2 Month	3798.70	3234.70	564.00	17.44
London	3 Month	4024.80	3561.70	463.10	13.00
Dog food (canned)	374g Tin	3.83	3.13	0.70	22.36
Cat food	5.5oz Tin	2.80	2.60	0.20	7.69
<b>DECREASED</b>					
Cornflakes	12oz Box	16.45	17.32	-0.87	-5.02
Pasta products	340g Pk	4.26	4.40	-0.14	-3.18
Turkey necks	1 Lb	2.13	2.48	-0.35	-14.11
Turkey bacon	12oz Pk	12.25	12.82	-0.57	-4.45
Chicken franks	340g Pk	5.07	5.14	-0.07	-1.36
Canned fish	106g Tin	2.78	2.91	-0.13	-4.47
Smoked Herrings	1 Lb	7.94	8.19	-0.25	-3.05
Baby formula	400g Tin	18.63	19.19	-0.56	-2.92
Powdered milk - skimmed	1 Lb	6.67	7.33	-0.66	-9.00
Spinach	1 Lb	2.07	2.75	-0.68	-24.73
Yams	1 Lb	2.60	3.20	-0.60	-18.75
Instant baby food	4oz Bottle	3.59	4.24	-0.65	-15.33
Textile material - 60 inches	1 Yard	13.95	18.95	-5.00	-26.39
Stout	275 ml	5.67	5.81	-0.14	-2.41
Paint brush	4" / 100mm	16.92	20.70	-3.78	-18.26
Bra, size 28A	Each	6.00	6.95	-0.95	-13.67
Accommodation Services:					
Mona Campus	Semester	2208.69	3065.31	-856.62	-27.95
St. Augustine Campus	Semester	2324.82	2642.33	-317.51	-12.02

**TABLE 2**  
**AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF SELECTED ITEMS**  
**JANUARY 2013 COMPARED WITH JANUARY 2012**

ITEMS	UNIT OF QUANTITY	AVERAGE EC\$		CHANGE IN PRICE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN PRICE
		JANUARY 2013	JANUARY 2012		
<b>FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES</b>					
Beef - Fresh	Lb.	8.00	8.00	0.00	0.00
Chicken - Whole	Lb.	6.05	6.19	-0.14	-2.26
Chicken - Leg Quarters	Lb.	3.04	3.00	0.04	1.33
Chicken - Backs	Lb.	1.65	1.67	-0.02	-1.20
Chicken - Wings	Lb.	4.91	4.88	0.03	0.61
Turkey Wings	Lb.	3.08	3.78	-0.70	-18.52
Fish - Fresh (Deep Sea)	Lb.	9.00	9.00	0.00	0.00
Fish - Fresh (Jacks)	Lb.	5.00	3.50	1.50	42.86
Fish - Fresh (Robins)	Lb.	4.00	5.00	-1.00	-20.00
Chicken Franks	340 g Pk	5.27	5.03	0.24	4.77
Luncheon Meat (pork)	340 g	7.72	7.43	0.29	3.90
Codfish	Lb.	14.48	13.55	0.93	6.86
Cornflakes	12 oz	11.71	11.75	-0.04	-0.34
Pasta - Elbows	340 g	4.21	4.12	0.09	2.18
Milk - Evaporated	410g Tin	3.25	3.09	0.16	5.18
Milk - Condensed	397g Tin	3.57	3.57	0.00	0.00
Bread- Small Loaf, white	5 Pk	1.99	2.04	-0.05	-2.45
Bread - Large Sliced Pan Loaf (white)	Each	4.25	4.20	0.05	1.19
Eggs	Doz	8.80	9.14	-0.34	-3.72
Orange Juice	19 oz Tin	7.05	6.80	0.25	3.68
Brown Sugar	Lb.	1.54	1.43	0.11	7.69
Sugar - White ( loose)	Lb.	2.16	2.21	-0.05	-2.26
Flour - Loose	Lb.	1.43	1.29	0.14	10.85
Flour - Packaged ( white)	2 kg	6.75	6.66	0.09	1.35
Flour - Packaged ( wholewheat)	2 kg	7.39	6.90	0.49	7.10
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.	1.13	1.19	-0.06	-5.04
Breadfruit	Lb.	2.34	2.23	0.11	4.93
Eddoes	Lb.	2.37	2.29	0.08	3.49
Dasheens	Lb.	2.06	2.26	-0.20	-8.85
Sweet Potatoes	Lb.	2.26	2.18	0.08	3.67
Oranges	Each	0.77	0.68	0.09	13.24
Tomatoes	Lb.	4.63	4.70	-0.07	-1.49
Cooking Margarine	445g Tub	8.05	7.37	0.68	9.23
Vegetable Oil	1 Litre	10.90	10.21	0.69	6.76
Powdered Chocolate	300g Pk	10.25	9.26	0.99	10.69
Hairoun Fruit Cocktail ( not cold)	280 ml Bottle	2.19	2.25	-0.06	-2.67
Vitamalt	310 ml Bottle	5.73	5.09	0.64	12.57

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<b>ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO &amp; NARCOTICS</b>					
Rum - Local (white)	750 ml Bot.	28.53	26.89	1.64	6.10
Beer - Local	280ml Bottle	4.52	4.01	0.51	12.72
Cigarettes - Local	Pkt. (10)	3.47	2.65	0.82	30.94
Gonsalves Black Wine	26 oz Bottle	17.52	17.06	0.46	2.70
<b>CLOTHING &amp; FOOTWEAR</b>					
Textile material - Terelyne	Yd.	47.95	47.95	0.00	0.00
Textile material - Linen	Yd.	17.95	17.73	0.22	1.24
Men's Shirts - Long Sleeve	Each	69.95	64.95	5.00	7.70
Men's Jeans ( long) - size 30	Each	35.73	35.73	0.00	0.00
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	100.00	0.00	0.00
Women's Blouse ( cotton/Spandex)	Each	25.00	16.19	8.81	54.42
<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	22.07	2.55	11.55
Galvanise Sheets 10 ft.	1 Length	86.38	80.56	5.82	7.22
Oil Paint	1 Gal.	110.00	97.00	13.00	13.40
Lumber -Dressed Treated Yellow Pine (1x12x12)	1 Length	69.69	69.70	-0.01	-0.01
Water - Consumption Charge	5000 Gals.	37.50	32.50	5.00	15.38
Kerosene	1 Gal.	13.38	12.59	0.79	6.27
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	145.94	141.92	4.02	2.83
<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	1.14	1.19	-0.05	-4.20
Electrical Bulb - 60W	Each	5.26	4.97	0.29	5.84

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<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.	15.46	15.37	0.09	0.59
Dental Care	1 Visit	110.83	99.17	11.66	11.76
Chest X- ray	1 Test	110.00	100.00	10.00	10.00
<b>TRANSPORT</b>					
Petrol - Unleaded	1 Gal.	15.47	14.66	0.81	5.53
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	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	0.81	0.00	0.00
<b>RECREATION AND CULTURE</b>					
Television 26 " Flat panel	Each	1,999.03	1,999.00	0.03	0.00
Cable TV Basic Charge	1 Month	74.75	74.75	0.00	0.00
Laptop Computer -13.3 " screen 2 GB	Each	4,640.55	4,640.48	0.07	0.00
Desktop Computer - 14" Monitor 3 GB	Each	1,899.03	1,899.00	0.03	0.00
Car Remote Control	Each	250.00	308.45	-58.45	-18.95
Dog Food (Canned)	374 g Tin	3.83	2.93	0.90	30.72
Dance Admission to Night Club	Per Person	20.00	20.00	0.00	0.00
Carnival costume and Band Fees (Adult)	Each	250.00	300.00	-50.00	-16.67



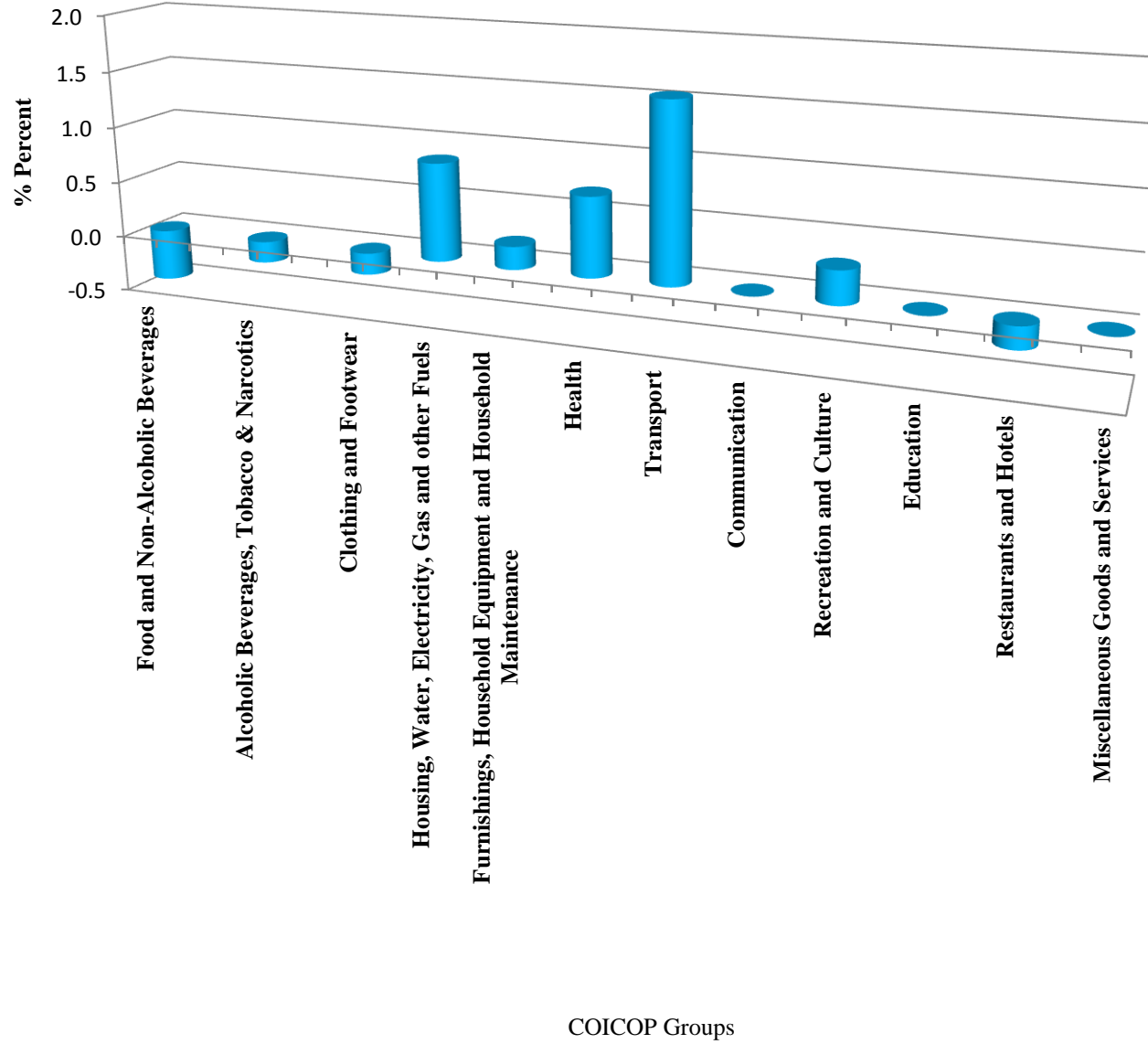
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ITEMS	UNIT OF QUANTITY	AVERAGE PRICE EC\$		CHANGE IN PRICE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN PRICE
		JANUARY 2013	JANUARY 2012		
<b>EDUCATION</b>					
Pre-Primary - Private	1 Month	205.00	205.00	0.00	0.00
Primary School Fee - Private	1 Term	650.00	650.00	0.00	0.00
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	0.85	0.60	0.25	41.67
Lead Pencils	Each	0.92	0.55	0.37	67.27
Mathematics Textbook - From 4	Each	69.87	76.59	-6.72	-8.77
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	14.28	0.00	0.00
Fish Lunch - regular	Each	15.87	15.87	0.00	0.00
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	3.39	3.34	0.05	1.50
Toothpaste	130g tube	8.98	8.82	0.16	1.81
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.	12.94	12.90	0.04	0.31
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	DECEMBER 2012	JANUARY 2013	JANUARY 2012	PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER PREVIOUS:	
						MONTH DECEMBER	YEAR JANUARY
01.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	110.4	109.9	109.0	-0.5	0.8
02.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	106.3	106.1	101.2	-0.2	4.8
03.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	105.2	105.0	102.5	-0.2	2.4
04.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	104.6	105.5	104.0	0.9	1.4
05.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	99.4	99.6	99.2	0.2	0.4
06.	Health	1.79	100.4	101.1	98.2	0.7	3.0
07.	Transport	11.84	122.4	124.3	120.0	1.6	3.6
08.	Communication	9.41	104.0	104.0	104.0	0.0	0.0
09.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	102.4	102.7	102.0	0.3	0.7
10.	Education	1.32	109.6	109.6	108.6	0.0	0.9
11.	Restaurants and Hotels	1.87	103.2	103.0	102.6	-0.2	0.4
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	100.5	100.5	100.9	0.0	-0.4
	<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>100.00</b>	107.2	107.6	106.1	0.4	1.4

### COICOP Groups Percentage Change for January 2013



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

	GROUP	WEIGHT	DECEMBER 2012	JANUARY 2013	Percentage Change	Cost Weight		Change in Cost Weight	Contribution to Change %
						DECEMBER 2012	JANUARY 2013		
1.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	110.4	109.9	-0.5	2,418.86	2,407.91	-11.0	-27.4
2.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	106.3	106.1	-0.2	411.38	410.61	-0.8	-1.9
3.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	105.2	105.0	-0.2	338.74	338.10	-0.6	-1.6
4.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	104.6	105.5	0.9	3,144.28	3,171.33	27.1	67.6
5.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	99.4	99.6	0.2	655.05	656.36	1.3	3.3
6.	Health	1.79	100.4	101.1	0.7	179.72	180.97	1.3	3.1
7.	Transport	11.84	122.4	124.3	1.6	1,449.22	1,471.71	22.5	56.2
8.	Communication	9.41	104.0	104.0	0.0	978.64	978.64	0.0	0.0
9.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	102.4	102.7	0.3	390.14	391.29	1.1	2.9
10.	Education	1.32	109.6	109.6	0.0	144.67	144.67	0.0	0.0
11.	Restaurants and Hotels	1.87	103.2	103.0	-0.2	192.98	192.61	-0.4	-0.9
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	100.5	100.5	0.0	433.16	433.16	0.0	0.0
	<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>107.2</b>	<b>107.6</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>10,720.00</b>	<b>10,760.00</b>	<b>40.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**TABLE 5**  
**MONTHLY INDEX - 2013**  
**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	107.6	109.9	106.1	105.0	105.5	99.6	101.1	124.3	104.0	102.7	109.6	103.0	100.5