



# CONSUMER PRICE INDEX MONTHLY STATISTICAL BULLETIN



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## NOVEMBER 2011

The Consumer Price Index registered a 0.2 percent increase during the month of November 2011. The “All Items” index stood at 105.9 for the month of November compared with 105.7 for the month of October 2011. The “point-to-point” inflation rate was 4.6 percent.

Five (5) groups recorded increases during the month: “Transport” (1.2 percent), “Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages” (0.6 percent), “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics” (0.1 percent) “Clothing & Footwear” (0.1 percent) and “Miscellaneous Goods & Services” (0.1 percent).

Four (4) groups recorded decreases during the month, “Housing, Water, Gas, and Electricity & Other Fuels” (0.3 percent), “Recreation & Culture” (0.2 percent), “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” (0.1 percent) and “Communication” (0.1 percent). Three (3) groups remained unchanged, “Health”, “Education” and “Restaurants & Hotels”.

The group index “Transport” registered a 1.2 percent increase due to increase in price for new car tyres (8.1 percent) and passenger transport by air from St.Vincent to Toronto (53.4 percent).

The “Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages” index grew by 0.6 percent due to increases in several food items namely, chicken - necks (25.4 percent), fresh - fish (jacks) (20.0 percent), bananas - ripe (8.6 percent) , pig tail – salted (6.6 percent), sweet peppers (3.7 percent), white sugar (3.4 percent), chicken - drumsticks ( 3.1 percent) , cornmeal (2.7 percent), vegetable oil (2.2 percent) and corned beef (1.1 percent).

The (0.1 percent) increase in the group index “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics was attributed to a (2.4 percent) increase in the price of whiskey (black). Meanwhile the “Clothing & Footwear” group index registered a 0.1 percent increase due to a higher price for men’s T-shirt (6.5 percent). The (0.1 percent) upward movement in the “Miscellaneous Goods & Services” index was as a result of an increase of (7.2 percent) in the price of mouthwash and (2.2 percent) increase in antibacterial soap.

The “Housing, Water ,Electricity Gas & Other Fuels” group index recorded a 0.3 percent decline due a decrease in the fuel surcharge rate for the month of November, which was 47.9 cents per kilowatt hour in November compared to 49.1 cents per kilowatt hour in October, this resulted in a 1.3 percent reduction in the cost of electricity. Meanwhile the “Recreation & Culture” group index fell by 0.2 percent due to a 12.9 percent decrease in the price of canned dog food.

The “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” group index registered a 0.1 percent decline because of lower prices in items such as a queen size mattress (8.3 percent), bleach (1.4 percent) and air freshener (2.3 percent). The “Communications” group index recorded a 0.1 percent fall due to a (1.2 percent) decline in the cost per minute of mobile to fixed line calls.

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

ITEM	UNIT OF QUANTITY	AVERAGE PRICE EC\$		CHANGE IN PRICE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN PRICE
		NOVEMBER	OCTOBER		
		2011	2011		
<b>INCREASED</b>					
Loose flour - whole wheat	1lb	1.97	1.80	0.17	9.44
Cornmeal	1lb	2.64	2.57	0.07	2.72
Pig - tail salted	1lb	6.18	5.80	0.38	6.55
Fish - Fresh (Jacks)	1lb	3.00	2.50	0.50	20.00
Sardines in tomato sauce	155g Tin	2.51	2.43	0.08	3.29
Codfish	1lb	13.81	13.76	0.05	0.36
Red Kidney beans	454g Pk	6.25	5.85	0.40	6.84
Sugar - White ( loose)	1lb	2.12	2.05	0.07	3.41
Chicken - Necks	1lb	1.68	1.34	0.34	25.37
Chicken - Leg quarters	1lb	2.84	2.79	0.05	1.79
Chicken - Drumsticks	1lb	3.35	3.25	0.10	3.08
Corned Beef	340g Tin	6.41	6.34	0.07	1.10
Mayonnaise	500ml Bot.	10.85	10.54	0.31	2.94
Evaporated Milk	340g Tin	3.36	3.28	0.08	2.44
Cooking Margarine	445g Tub	7.32	7.24	0.08	1.10
Peanut Butter	18oz Bot	12.15	11.98	0.17	1.42
Vegetable Oil	1 Litre	10.24	10.02	0.22	2.20
Lentil peas - packaged	400g Pk	3.57	3.52	0.05	1.42
Bananas - Ripe	1lb	1.14	1.05	0.09	8.57
Sweet Peppers	1lb	6.94	6.69	0.25	3.74
Cabbage	1lb	4.39	3.75	0.64	17.07
Ice-cream	1.89 Litre Tub	13.99	12.88	1.11	8.62
Grape juice	1 Litre	13.05	12.54	0.51	4.07
Whiskey - Black	750ml Bot	89.77	87.71	2.06	2.35
Mens T-shirt (size medium)	Each	24.94	23.42	1.52	6.49
New Car tyres (175/70/13)	Each	199.22	184.31	14.91	8.09
Passenger transport by Air St.Vincent to Toronto	1 month	4698.00	3062.00	1636.00	53.43
Passenger transport by Air St.Vincent to New York	1 month	3010.50	2834.30	176.20	6.22
Passenger transport by Air St.Vincent to St.Lucia	one way	399.79	371.44	28.35	7.63
Mouthwash	500ml Bot.	18.97	17.70	1.27	7.18
Toilet soap	125g	3.33	3.29	0.04	1.22
Antibacterial Soap	125g	3.72	3.64	0.08	2.20
<b>DECREASED</b>					
Electricity consumption charge	140KWH	136.99	138.78	-1.79	-1.29
Mattress size queen	Each	1099.00	1199.00	-100.00	-8.34
Bleach	96oz Bot.	9.85	9.99	-0.14	-1.40
Air freshener	9oz Bot.	6.47	6.62	-0.15	-2.27
Disinfectant	30oz Bot	4.55	4.65	-0.10	-2.15
Mobile to fixed line (domestic)	1 Minute	0.85	0.86	-0.01	-1.16
Dog food	625g Tin	6.02	6.91	-0.89	-12.88

**TABLE 2**  
**AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF SELECTED ITEMS**  
**NOVEMBER 2011 COMPARED WITH NOVEMBER 2010**

TABLE 2

ITEMS	UNIT OF QUANTITY	AVERAGE EC\$		CHANGE IN PRICE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN PRICE
		NOVEMBER 2011	NOVEMBER 2010		
<b>FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES</b>					
Beef - Fresh	Lb.	8.00	8.00	0.00	0.00
Chicken - Whole	Lb.	6.73	5.99	0.74	12.35
Chicken - Leg Quarters	Lb.	2.84	2.57	0.27	10.51
Chicken - Backs	Lb.	1.65	1.53	0.12	7.84
Chicken - Wings	Lb.	4.88	4.48	0.40	8.93
Turkey Wings	Lb.	3.79	3.38	0.41	12.13
Fish - Fresh (Deep Sea)	Lb.	9.00	9.00	0.00	0.00
Fish - Fresh (Jacks)	Lb.	3.00	3.71	-0.71	-19.14
Fish - Fresh (Robins)	Lb.	5.00	4.00	1.00	25.00
Chicken Franks	340 g Pk	5.09	4.96	0.13	2.62
Luncheon Meat (pork)	340 g	7.40	7.38	0.02	0.27
Codfish	Lb.	13.81	12.19	1.62	13.29
Cornflakes	12 oz	12.16	11.66	0.50	4.29
Pasta - Elbows	340 g	4.07	3.65	0.42	11.51
Milk - Evaporated	410g Tin	3.04	2.86	0.18	6.29
Milk - Condensed	397g Tin	3.57	3.25	0.32	9.85
Bread- Small Loaf, white	5 Pk	2.04	1.84	0.20	10.87
Bread - Large Sliced Pan Loaf (white)	Each	4.20	4.10	0.10	2.44
Eggs	Doz	9.11	8.10	1.01	12.47
Orange Juice	19 oz Tin	6.97	6.62	0.35	5.29
Brown Sugar	Lb.	1.42	1.29	0.13	10.08
Sugar - White ( loose)	Lb.	2.12	1.82	0.30	16.48
Flour - Loose	Lb.	1.30	1.18	0.12	10.17
Flour - Packaged ( white)	2 kg	6.67	6.75	-0.08	-1.19
Flour - Packaged ( wholewheat)	2 kg	6.92	7.13	-0.21	-2.95
Rice - Loose	Lb.	1.79	1.79	0.00	0.00
Rice - Package	2 kg	9.25	9.23	0.02	0.22
Bananas	Lb.	1.14	1.04	0.10	9.62
Breadfruit	Lb.	1.95	1.60	0.35	21.88
Eddoes	Lb.	2.31	2.23	0.08	3.59
Dasheens	Lb.	2.28	2.04	0.24	11.76
Sweet Potatoes	Lb.	2.21	2.41	-0.20	-8.30
Oranges	Each	0.77	0.72	0.05	6.94
Tomatoes	Lb.	5.26	6.49	-1.23	-18.95
Cooking Margarine	445g Tub	7.32	6.99	0.33	4.72
Vegetable Oil	1 Litre	10.24	9.34	0.90	9.64
Powdered Chocolate	300g Pk	9.41	8.89	0.52	5.85
Hairoun Fruit Cocktail ( not cold)	280 ml Bottle	2.25	2.06	0.19	9.22
Vitamalt	310 ml Bottle	5.09	5.11	-0.02	-0.39

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		EC\$			
		NOVEMBER 2011	NOVEMBER 2010		
<b>ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO &amp; NARCOTICS</b>					
Rum - Local (white)	750 ml Bot.	26.87	26.77	0.10	0.37
Beer - Local	280ml Bottle	4.05	4.09	-0.04	-0.98
Cigarettes - Local	Pkt. (10)	2.65	2.73	-0.08	-2.93
Gonsalves Black Wine	26 oz Bottle	16.55	16.26	0.29	1.78
<b>CLOTHING &amp; FOOTWEAR</b>					
Textile material - Terelyne	Yd.	47.95	49.95	-2.00	-4.00
Textile material - Linen	Yd.	17.95	15.95	2.00	12.54
Men's Shirts - Long Sleeve	Each	64.95	64.95	0.00	0.00
Men's Jeans ( long) - size 30	Each	36.36	45.00	-8.64	-19.20
Men's Shoes -Formal	Pair	69.95	70.00	-0.05	-0.07
Women's Shoes - Formal	Pair	89.95	79.95	10.00	12.51
Women's 2Pc Skirtsuit ( polyester) large	Each	100.00	89.95	10.05	11.17
Women's Blouse ( cotton/Spandex)	Each	16.19	26.95	-10.76	-39.93
<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	21.83	21.97	-0.14	-0.64
Galvanise Sheets 10 ft.	1 Length	80.56	80.53	0.03	0.04
Oil Paint	1 Gal.	97.00	97.00	0.00	0.00
Lumber -Dressed Treated Yellow Pine (1x12x12)	1 Length	69.70	68.76	0.94	1.37
Water - Consumption Charge	5000 Gals.	32.50	32.50	0.00	0.00
Kerosene	1 Gal.	13.03	10.10	2.93	29.01
Charcoal	1 Sack	40.00	40.00	0.00	0.00
Cooking Gas	20 Lb. Cyl.	44.56	37.75	6.81	18.04
Electricity consumption charge	140 KWH	136.99	120.58	16.41	13.61
<b>FURNISHING, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE</b>					
Bed - Cherry 54"x75"	Each	1,150.00	1,150.00	0.00	0.00
Sheets -double - coloured/cotton	Each	88.65	88.80	-0.15	-0.17
Frying Pan - 12" - non-stick	Each	52.76	49.95	2.81	5.63
Laundry soap	Each	1.19	1.25	-0.06	-4.80
Electrical Bulb - 60W	Each	4.87	4.48	0.39	8.71

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		EC\$			
		NOVEMBER 2011	NOVEMBER 2010		
<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	3.74	-0.24	-6.42
Drug for Diabetes	1 Mth supply	14.18	14.86	-0.68	-4.58
Cough, cold preparation	125 ml.	15.37	16.41	-1.04	-6.34
Dental Care	1 Visit	99.17	98.33	0.84	0.85
Chest X- ray	1 Test	100.00	90.00	10.00	11.11
<b>TRANSPORT</b>					
Petrol - Unleaded	1 Gal.	15.10	12.20	2.90	23.77
Vehicle License (car) - not exd. 2000 lbs	1 Year	470.00	410.00	60.00	14.63
Bus Fare - Mesopotamia	One Way	3.00	2.50	0.50	20.00
Boat Fare - Bequia	One Way	20.00	20.00	0.00	0.00
<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	1,999.00	1,999.00	0.00	0.00
Cable TV Basic Charge	1 Month	74.75	74.75	0.00	0.00
Laptop Computer -13.3 " screen 2 GB	Each	4,640.48	4,399.00	241.48	5.49
Desktop Computer - 14" Monitor 3 GB	Each	1,899.00	1,999.00	-100.00	-5.00
Car Remote Control	Each	308.45	395.00	-86.55	-21.91
Dog Food (Canned)	374 g Tin	2.94	2.95	-0.01	-0.34
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



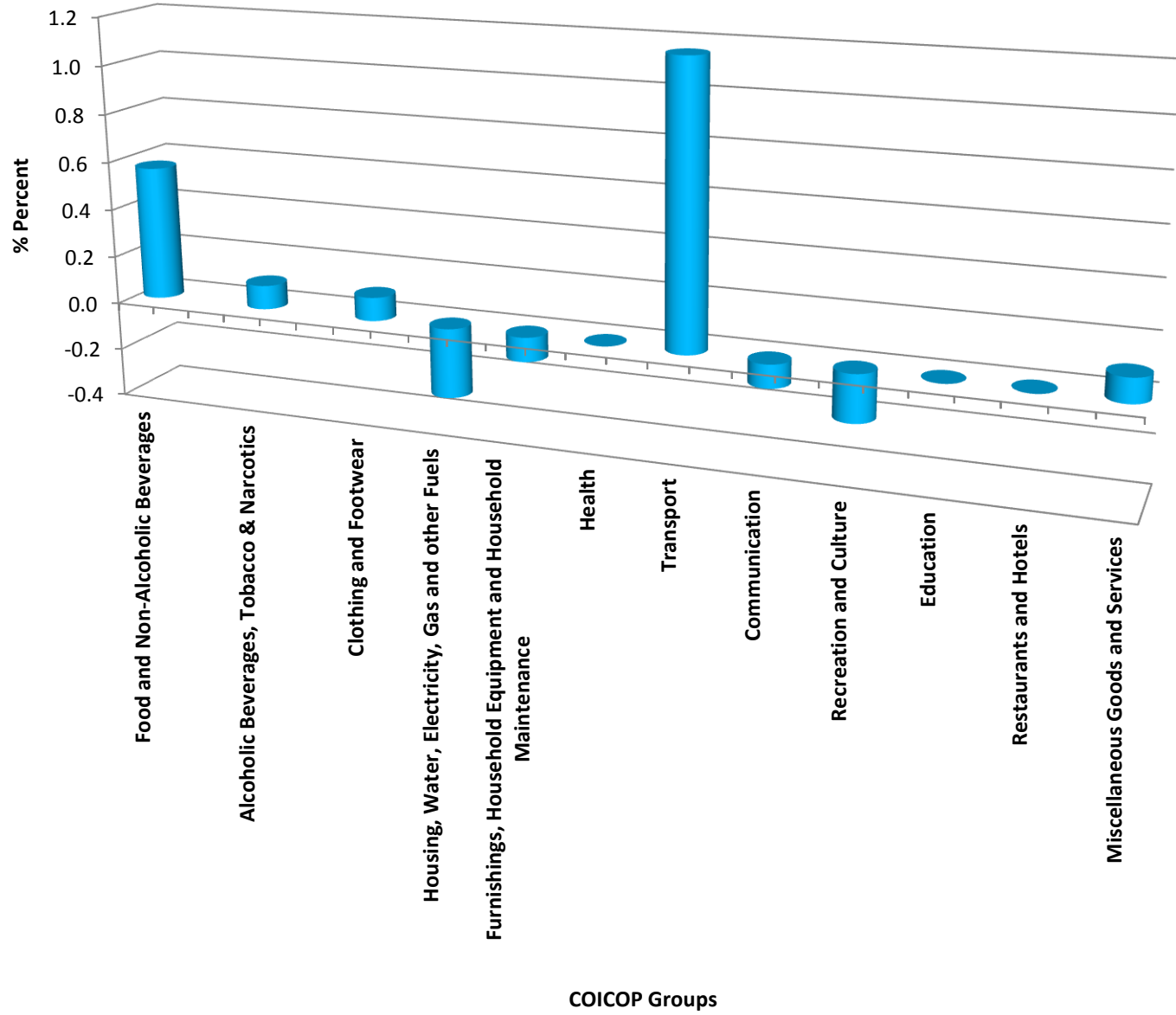
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**AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF SELECTED ITEMS**  
**NOVEMBER 2011 COMPARED WITH NOVEMBER 2010**

ITEMS	UNIT OF QUANTITY	AVERAGE PRICE		CHANGE IN PRICE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN PRICE
		EC\$			
		NOVEMBER 2011	NOVEMBER 2010		
<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	125.00	-25.00	-20.00
Newspaper - Local	Each	1.33	1.00	0.33	33.00
Exercise Book - Primary - 24 leaves	Each	0.60	0.60	0.00	0.00
Lead Pencils	Each	0.42	0.42	0.00	0.00
Mathematics Textbook - From 4	Each	76.59	73.53	3.06	4.16
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	3.33	3.30	0.03	0.91
Toothpaste	130g tube	8.87	9.11	-0.24	-2.63
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	12.45	0.45	3.49
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	OCTOBER 2011	NOVEMBER 2011	NOVEMBER 2010	PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER PREVIOUS:	
						MONTH OCTOBER	YEAR NOVEMBER
01.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	107.9	108.5	103.1	0.6	5.2
02.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	100.6	100.7	100.6	0.1	0.1
03.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	102.3	102.4	100.5	0.1	1.9
04.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	103.6	103.3	99.9	-0.3	3.4
05.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	99.2	99.1	100.0	-0.1	-0.9
06.	Health	1.79	98.2	98.2	99.9	0.0	-1.7
07.	Transport	11.84	120.7	122.1	102.9	1.2	18.7
08.	Communication	9.41	104.1	104.0	100.7	-0.1	3.3
09.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	101.7	101.5	100.5	-0.2	1.0
10.	Education	1.32	108.6	108.6	106.0	0.0	2.5
11.	Restaurants and Hotels	1.87	102.8	102.8	101.5	0.0	1.3
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	100.3	100.4	99.9	0.1	0.5
	<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>105.7</b>	<b>105.9</b>	<b>101.2</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>4.6</b>

COICOP Groups Percentage Change for November 2011



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

	GROUP	WEIGHT	OCTOBER 2011	NOVEMBER 2011	Percentage Change	Cost Weight		Change in Cost Weight	Contribution to Change %
						OCTOBER 2011	NOVEMBER 2011		
1.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	107.9	108.5	0.6	2,364.09	2,377.24	13.1	65.7
2.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	100.6	100.7	0.1	389.32	389.71	0.4	1.9
3.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	102.3	102.4	0.1	329.41	329.73	0.3	1.6
4.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	103.6	103.3	-0.3	3,114.22	3,105.20	-9.0	-45.1
5.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	99.2	99.1	-0.1	653.73	653.07	-0.7	-3.3
6.	Health	1.79	98.2	98.2	0.0	175.78	175.78	0.0	0.0
7.	Transport	11.84	120.7	122.1	1.2	1,429.09	1,445.66	16.6	82.9
8.	Communication	9.41	104.1	104.0	-0.1	979.58	978.64	-0.9	-4.7
9.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	101.7	101.5	-0.2	387.48	386.72	-0.8	-3.8
10.	Education	1.32	108.6	108.6	0.0	143.35	143.35	0.0	0.0
11.	Restaurants and Hotels	1.87	102.8	102.8	0.0	192.24	192.24	0.0	0.0
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	100.3	100.4	0.1	432.29	432.72	0.4	2.2
	ALL ITEMS	100.00	105.7	105.9	0.2	10570.00	10590.00	20.0	100.0

**TABLE 5**  
**MONTHLY INDEX - 2011**  
**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	Communi-cation	Recreation and Culture	Education	Restaurants and Hotels	Miscell-aneous 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	101.7	103.5	100.3	100.3	100.0	99.6	99.5	105.5	101.6	100.9	106.0	102.3	100.0
February	101.8	103.5	100.2	100.0	100.6	99.7	99.1	104.6	102.1	101.0	106.0	101.8	100.1
March	102.0	102.7	100.2	100.2	100.8	99.5	98.7	107.5	102.1	100.6	106.0	101.7	100.0
April	102.7	102.3	100.3	100.2	102.9	99.9	99.1	109.0	102.1	100.9	106.0	101.7	99.8
May	103.0	103.5	100.7	100.4	102.5	99.2	99.1	110.0	102.1	100.9	106.0	102.0	99.9
June	103.7	104.9	100.9	100.5	103.6	99.1	99.0	110.2	102.1	101.4	106.0	102.0	99.9
July	103.9	105.2	100.8	100.9	103.0	99.0	98.6	113.5	102.1	101.6	106.0	103.1	100.1
August	105.0	106.5	101.5	101.5	102.9	99.2	98.1	119.3	103.2	101.6	106.0	103.1	100.2
September	105.4	107.1	101.5	101.5	103.4	99.2	98.2	120.7	103.2	101.3	108.6	103.0	100.0
October	105.7	107.9	100.6	102.3	103.6	99.2	98.2	120.7	104.1	101.7	108.6	102.8	100.3
November	105.9	108.5	100.7	102.4	102.3	99.1	98.2	122.1	104.0	101.5	108.6	102.8	100.4