



# CONSUMER PRICE INDEX MONTHLY STATISTICAL BULLETIN



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## **JULY 2012**

The Consumer Price Index registered an increase of 0.7 percent for the month of July 2012. The “All Items” index stood at 107.3 compared with 106.6 recorded in June 2012. The “point-to-point” inflation rate was recorded as 3.3 percent.

Five (5) groups recorded increases during the month: “Transport” (2.8 percent), “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” (1.0 percent), “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” (0.4 percent), “Health” (0.3 percent) “Clothing and Footwear” (0.1 percent). Four (4) groups recorded decreases: “Recreation and Culture” (0.2 percent), “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics” (0.1 percent), “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” (0.1 percent), “Miscellaneous Goods and Services” (0.1 percent). Three (3) groups remained unchanged: “Communication”, “Education” and “Restaurants and Hotels”.

The group index “Transport” registered a 2.8 percent increase as a result of higher prices for passenger airfares mainly from St.Vincent & the Grenadines to St.Lucia (69.9 percent) and St.Vincent & the Grenadines to London (39.1 percent).

“Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” group index showed an increase of 1.0 percent, this was attributed to an increase in the fuel surcharge rate, which was recorded at 58.7 cents per kilowatt hour in the month of July compared with 52.7 cents per kilowatt hour in the month June. This movement resulted in a 5.8 percent rise in the cost of electricity.

The 0.4 percent rise in the “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” group index was due to higher prices in several items namely: oranges (36.8 percent), mozzarella cheese (25.4 percent), sweet biscuits (17.5 percent), soursop (15.5 percent), tomatoes (8.6 percent), sweet potatoes (7.3 percent), chicken franks (3.4 percent) and cabbage (2.5 percent).

The group index “Health” had a 0.3 percent upward movement, this was accounted for by a (10.0 percent) rise in the cost of a laboratory chest X-ray. Similarly “Clothing & Footwear” group index registered a 0.1 percent increase due to a (4.2 percent) increase in gabardine textile material.

“Recreation & Culture” group index showed a 0.2 percent decline due to a reduction in prices for items such as mathematics text book (9.3 percent) and a notebook (8.7 percent). The group “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” index showed a 0.1 percent decrease due to a (9.5 percent) reduction in the cost of an air freshener. Meanwhile the “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics” index recorded a 0.1 percent decline attributed by a (7.7 percent) reduction in the price of vodka.

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

ITEM	UNIT OF QUANTITY	AVERAGE PRICE		CHANGE IN PRICE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN PRICE
		EC\$			
		JULY 2012	JUNE 2012		
<b>INCREASED</b>					
Sweet Biscuits	110g Pk	1.95	1.66	0.29	17.47
Chicken - Franks	340g pk	5.21	5.04	0.17	3.37
Luncheon meat - Pork	340g Tin	7.68	7.61	0.07	0.92
Mozarella - cheese	Lb	12.42	9.89	2.53	25.58
Oranges	Each	0.82	0.60	0.22	36.67
Sour sop	Lb	1.12	0.97	0.15	15.46
Cabbage	Lb	3.72	3.63	0.09	2.48
Sweet Potatoes	Lb	2.33	2.17	0.16	7.37
Tomatoes	Lb	4.29	3.95	0.34	8.61
Textile material - Gabardine	Yd	24.95	23.95	1.00	4.18
Electricity consumption charge	140KWH	152.19	143.81	8.38	5.83
Chest X-ray	1 Test	110.00	100.00	10.00	10.00
Passenger Airfare					
St.Vincent - St.Lucia	One way	399.80	235.36	164.44	69.87
St.Vincent - London	One month	4678.60	3362.30	1316.30	39.15
Cement - Portland ( grey)	94 Lbs	24.95	24.62	0.33	1.34
Tea bags	Pkt 20	6.49	6.43	0.06	0.93
Grape Juice	1 Lt Box	13.90	13.05	0.85	6.51
Alkaline batteries 2pk	Each	6.12	5.98	0.14	2.34
<b>DECREASED</b>					
Vodka	750ml Bottle	30.38	32.90	-2.52	-7.66
Air freshener	9oz Bottle	5.99	6.62	-0.63	-9.52
Mathematics Text book form 4	Each	69.87	77.00	-7.13	-9.26
Notebook	Each	6.99	7.99	-1.00	-12.52
Deodorant	75ml Bottle	4.74	5.19	-0.45	-8.67
Smoked Herring	Lb	7.09	7.26	-0.17	-2.34
Cucumber	Lb	2.11	2.26	-0.15	-6.64
Carrots	Lb	3.76	3.88	-0.12	-3.09
Yams	Lb	2.77	2.98	-0.21	-7.05
Pasta sauce	14oz Bot	9.50	12.49	-2.99	-23.94
English (Irish) Potatoes	Lb	2.25	2.38	-0.13	-5.46
Steel rods rough 1/2"	1 Length	17.94	19.97	-2.03	-10.17
Flourescent tubes 2Ft	Each	7.52	7.83	-0.31	-3.96

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

ITEMS	UNIT OF QUANTITY	AVERAGE ECS		CHANGE IN PRICE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN PRICE
		JULY 2012	JULY 2011		
<b>FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES</b>					
Beef - Fresh	Lb.	8.00	8.00	0.00	0.00
Chicken - Whole	Lb.	6.19	6.56	-0.37	-5.64
Chicken - Leg Quarters	Lb.	3.13	2.93	0.20	6.83
Chicken - Backs	Lb.	1.70	1.59	0.11	6.92
Chicken - Wings	Lb.	4.88	4.76	0.12	2.52
Turkey Wings	Lb.	3.70	3.53	0.17	4.82
Fish - Fresh (Deep Sea)	Lb.	9.00	9.00	0.00	0.00
Fish - Fresh (Jacks)	Lb.	4.00	2.72	1.28	47.06
Fish - Fresh (Robins)	Lb.	3.50	3.50	0.00	0.00
Chicken Franks	340 g Pk	5.21	5.05	0.16	3.17
Luncheon Meat (pork)	340 g	7.68	7.20	0.48	6.67
Codfish	Lb.	14.23	12.89	1.34	10.40
Cornflakes	12 oz	12.04	11.60	0.44	3.79
Pasta - Elbows	340 g	4.22	3.84	0.38	9.90
Milk - Evaporated	410g Tin	3.23	2.82	0.41	14.54
Milk - Condensed	397g Tin	3.57	2.98	0.59	19.80
Bread- Small Loaf, white	5 Pk	2.03	1.89	0.14	7.41
Bread - Large Sliced Pan Loaf (white)	Each	4.20	4.15	0.05	1.20
Eggs	Doz	8.82	8.90	-0.08	-0.90
Orange Juice	19 oz Tin	6.80	6.77	0.03	0.44
Brown Sugar	Lb.	1.42	1.39	0.03	2.16
Sugar - White ( loose)	Lb.	2.15	2.08	0.07	3.37
Flour - Loose	Lb.	1.37	1.28	0.09	7.03
Flour - Packaged ( white)	2 kg	6.75	6.75	0.00	0.00
Flour - Packaged ( wholewheat)	2 kg	7.38	6.92	0.46	6.65
Rice - Loose	Lb.	1.78	1.79	-0.01	-0.56
Rice - Package	2 kg	9.20	9.23	-0.03	-0.33
Bananas	Lb.	1.10	1.05	0.05	4.76
Breadfruit	Lb.	1.92	2.22	-0.30	-13.51
Eddoes	Lb.	2.03	2.46	-0.43	-17.48
Dasheens	Lb.	1.78	2.05	-0.27	-13.17
Sweet Potatoes	Lb.	2.33	2.09	0.24	11.48
Oranges	Each	0.82	0.73	0.09	12.33
Tomatoes	Lb.	4.29	5.12	-0.83	-16.21
Cooking Margarine	445g Tub	7.43	7.16	0.27	3.77
Vegetable Oil	1 Litre	10.72	9.72	1.00	10.29
Powdered Chocolate	300g Pk	9.73	9.00	0.73	8.11
Hairoun Fruit Cocktail ( not cold)	280 ml Bottle	2.21	2.20	0.01	0.45
Vitamalt	310 ml Bottle	5.10	5.11	-0.01	-0.20

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**JULY 2012 COMPARED WITH JULY 2011**

ITEMS	UNIT OF QUANTITY	AVERAGE PRICE EC\$		CHANGE IN PRICE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN PRICE
		JULY 2012	JULY 2011		
<b>ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO &amp; NARCOTICS</b>					
Rum - Local (white)	750 ml Bot.	28.50	26.87	1.63	6.07
Beer - Local	280ml Bottle	4.00	4.09	-0.09	-2.20
Cigarettes - Local	Pkt. (10)	3.48	2.73	0.75	27.47
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.	14.95	16.95	-2.00	-11.80
Men's Shirts - Long Sleeve	Each	64.95	64.95	0.00	0.00
Men's Jeans ( long) - size 30	Each	35.73	36.56	-0.83	-2.27
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	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	24.95	21.83	3.12	14.29
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	70.28	67.75	2.53	3.73
Water - Consumption Charge	5000 Gals.	37.50	32.50	5.00	15.38
Kerosene	1 Gal.	13.33	13.25	0.08	0.60
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	152.19	140.69	11.50	8.17
<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	1.21	-0.05	-4.13
Electrical Bulb - 60W	Each	5.30	4.46	0.84	18.83

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ITEMS	UNIT OF QUANTITY	AVERAGE PRICE EC\$		CHANGE IN PRICE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN PRICE
		JULY 2012	JULY 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	13.61	0.57	4.19
Cough, cold preparation	125 ml.	15.41	15.37	0.04	0.26
Dental Care	1 Visit	99.17	99.17	0.00	0.00
Chest X- ray	1 Test	110.00	100.00	10.00	10.00
<b>TRANSPORT</b>					
Petrol - Unleaded	1 Gal.	14.90	15.30	-0.40	-2.61
Vehicle License (car) - ≤ 2000 cc	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	4,640.48	2.17	0.05
Desktop Computer - 14" Monitor 3 GB	Each	1,899.89	2,108.73	-208.84	-9.90
Car Remote Control	Each	250.00	308.45	-58.45	-18.95
Dog Food (Canned)	374 g Tin	2.94	2.99	-0.05	-1.67
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



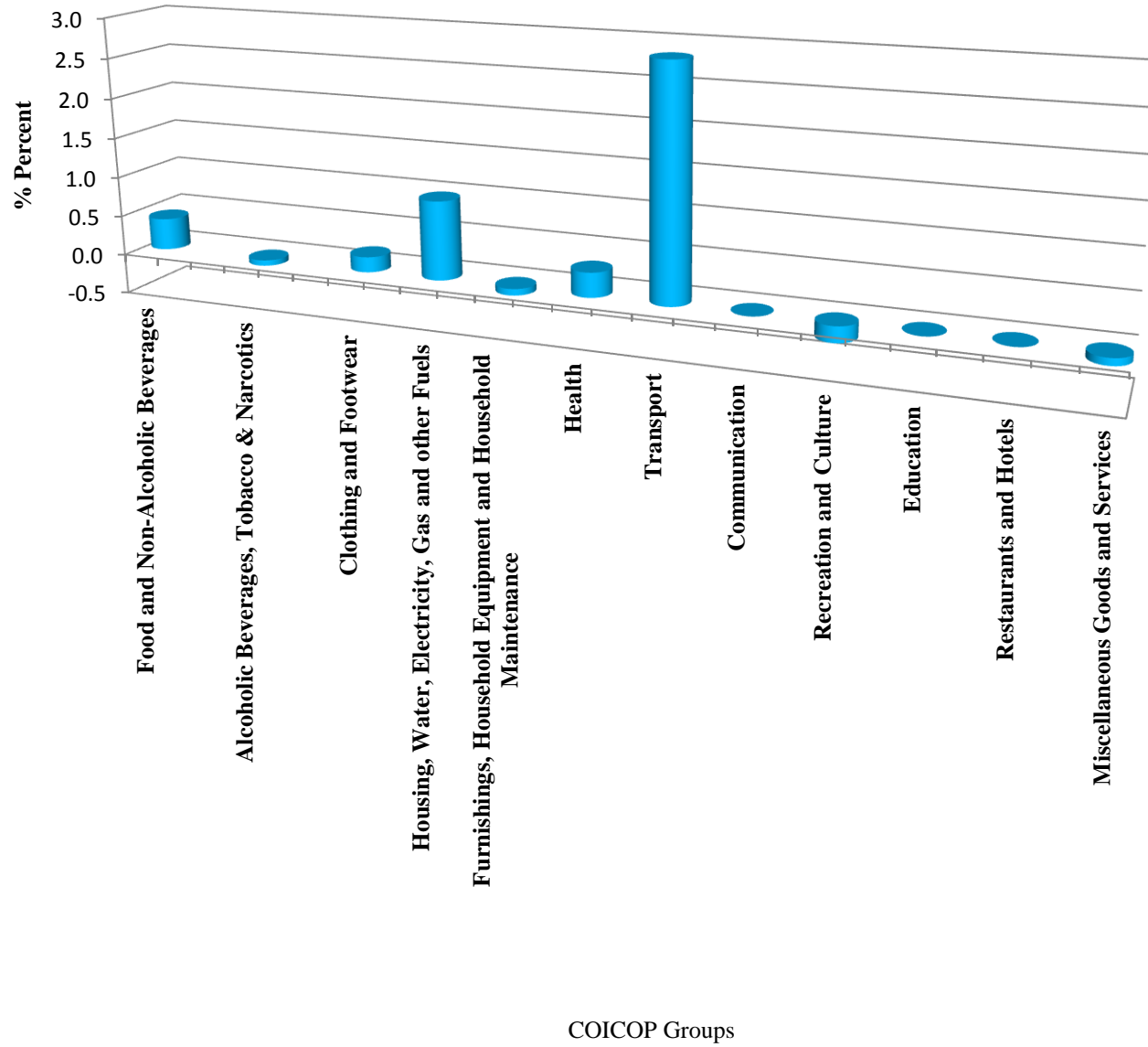
**TABLE 2 Cont'd**  
**AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF SELECTED ITEMS**  
**JULY 2012 COMPARED WITH JULY 2011**

ITEMS	UNIT OF QUANTITY	AVERAGE PRICE EC\$		CHANGE IN PRICE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN PRICE
		JULY 2012	JULY 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	69.87	73.53	-3.66	-4.98
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	15.29	0.58	3.79
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	3.23	0.11	3.41
Toothpaste	130g tube	8.95	8.92	0.03	0.34
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.	12.93	12.84	0.09	0.70
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	JUNE 2012	JULY 2012	JULY 2011	PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER PREVIOUS:	
						MONTH JUNE	YEAR JULY
01.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	108.5	108.9	105.2	0.4	3.5
02.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	102.3	102.2	100.8	-0.1	1.4
03.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	105.0	105.2	100.9	0.2	4.3
04.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	105.2	106.2	103.0	1.0	3.1
05.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	99.4	99.3	99.0	-0.1	0.3
06.	Health	1.79	98.3	98.6	98.6	0.3	0.0
07.	Transport	11.84	120.9	124.3	113.5	2.8	9.5
08.	Communication	9.41	104.0	104.0	102.1	0.0	1.9
09.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	101.5	101.3	101.6	-0.2	-0.3
10.	Education	1.32	108.6	108.6	106.0	0.0	2.4
11.	Restaurants and Hotels	1.87	102.6	102.6	103.1	0.0	-0.5
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	101.2	101.1	100.1	-0.1	1.0
	<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>100.00</b>	106.6	107.3	103.9	0.7	3.3

### COICOP Groups Percentage Change for July 2012



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

	GROUP	WEIGHT	JUNE 2012	JULY 2012	Percentage Change	Cost Weight		Change in Cost Weight	Contribution to Change %
						JUNE 2012	JULY 2012		
1.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	108.5	108.9	0.4	2,377.24	2,386.00	8.8	12.5
2.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	102.3	102.2	-0.1	395.90	395.51	-0.4	-0.6
3.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	105.0	105.2	0.2	338.10	338.74	0.6	0.9
4.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	105.2	106.2	1.0	3,162.31	3,192.37	30.1	42.9
5.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	99.4	99.3	-0.1	655.05	654.39	-0.7	-0.9
6.	Health	1.79	98.3	98.6	0.3	175.96	176.49	0.5	0.8
7.	Transport	11.84	120.9	124.3	2.8	1,431.46	1,471.71	40.3	57.5
8.	Communication	9.41	104.0	104.0	0.0	978.64	978.64	0.0	0.0
9.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	101.5	101.3	-0.2	386.72	385.95	-0.8	-1.1
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	101.2	101.1	-0.1	436.17	435.74	-0.4	-0.6
	<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>106.6</b>	<b>107.3</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>10,660.00</b>	<b>10,730.00</b>	<b>70.0</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
May	106.7	108.0	102.3	104.5	106.0	99.3	98.3	120.5	104.0	102.1	108.6	102.6	101.2
June	106.6	108.5	102.3	105.0	105.2	99.4	98.3	120.9	104.0	101.5	108.6	102.6	101.2
July	107.3	108.9	102.2	105.2	106.2	99.3	98.6	124.3	104.0	101.3	108.6	102.6	101.1