



# CONSUMER PRICE INDEX MONTHLY STATISTICAL BULLETIN



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## DECEMBER 2016

The consumer price index recorded a 0.2 percent decrease for the month of December 2016. The “All Items” index was registered at 106.1 for December 2016 compared to 106.3 for the month of November 2016. The “point to point” inflation rate stood at 1.0 percent.

Four (4) groups recorded increases during the month: “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” (0.3 percent), “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics” (0.3 percent), “Health” (0.2 percent) and “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” (0.1 percent).

Two (2) groups recorded decreases during the period: “Transport” (0.9 percent) and “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” (0.5 percent).

Six (6) groups remained unchanged: “Clothing and Footwear”, “Communication”, “Recreation and Culture”, “Education”, “Restaurants and Hotels” and “Miscellaneous Goods and Services”.

The group index for “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” grew by 0.3 percent due to increases in the price for a number of items namely: eddoes (23.4 percent), crushed pineapple (9.6 percent), green pigeon peas (8.9 percent), dasheens (7.9 percent), mild cheddar cheese (7.5 percent), pig feet - frozen (7.0 percent), eggs (6.9 percent) and powdered milk – full cream (4.9 percent).

The “Alcoholic Beverages, Narcotics and Tobacco”, group index increased by 0.3 percent as a result of a 5.5 percent increase in the price of imported rum, ginger wine (2.8 percent) and whiskey-red (2.6 percent).

The group index “Health” recorded an increase of 0.2 percent due to a 9.1 percent increase in the cost of drugs for diabetes.

Similarly, increases in the prices of toilet tissue (5.6 percent) and bleach (1.6 percent) contributed to the 0.1 percent increase in the “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” group index.

Meanwhile, lower cost for passenger airfare from St. Vincent and the Grenadines to Barbados (36.1 percent) and Trinidad and Tobago (14.4 percent) accounted for the 0.9 percent decline in the group “Transport”.

Whereas, the 0.5 percent decline in the group index for “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” is due mainly to reductions in the cost of a pine door (3.7 percent), electricity (3.0 percent) and yellow pine - lumber (2.0 percent).

## REVIEW OF 2016

An analysis of the Consumer Price Index for the year 2016 shows that the annual average “point-to-point” inflation rate was negative 0.1 percent compared to negative 1.7 percent for the year 2015. The accumulated inflation rate for the year 2016 was recorded at 1.0 percent in contrast to negative 2.1 percent for the year 2015. The “All Items” index moved from 104.7 in January 2016 to 106.1 in December 2016.

Further analysis reveals that the monthly “All Items” index remained moderately constant throughout the first quarter of the year before rising in May and June, then remaining fairly constant thereafter. The Index recorded the highest levels of (106.4) for the months of June and September and the lowest of (104.5) for the month of April (*see chart 2*).

The monthly inflation rates fluctuated throughout 2016 with the lowest rate registered at negative 0.4 percent in January and the highest at 1.0 percent in the month of June (*see chart 3*). Additionally, the “point to point” inflation rate trended upwards throughout the year, recording negative values during the first half of the year, then recording positive values in the second half of the year (*see chart 5*). The highest inflation rate for the period under review was in the month of December (1.0 percent) and the lowest in the month of January at negative 2.6 percent.

During the year, ten (10) groups recorded increases, while two (2) groups recorded decreases. The groups that recorded increases were “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics” (4.6 percent), “Clothing and Footwear” (2.1 percent), “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” (1.8 percent), “Recreation and Culture” (1.5 percent), “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” (1.3 percent), “Transport” (0.7 percent), “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” (0.5 percent), “Restaurants and Hotels” (0.5 percent), “Communication” (0.5 percent) and “Miscellaneous Goods & Services” (0.2 percent). The groups that recorded decreases were “Health” (1.6 percent) and “Education” (0.8 percent).

The 4.6 percent increase in the group “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics” is attributed to increases in the price for red rum (18.5 percent), cigarettes (14.0 percent), whiskey – black (6.1 percent), white wine (6.0 percent), brandy (5.4 percent), stout (4.0 percent), vodka (4.0 percent), beer (2.4 percent) and whiskey – red (2.1 percent).

Meanwhile, the “Clothing and Footwear” group grew by 2.1 percent as a result of higher prices for ladies undergarment (33.9 percent), men’s jeans (25.0 percent), women’s sleepwear (23.4 percent), women’s blouse (21.8 percent), girl’s dress (25.0 percent) and boy’s jeans (16.5 percent).

Similarly, the group “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” rose by 1.8 percent due to increases in the prices for several food items such as; limes (22.3 percent) , cabbage (16.3 percent), lentils – packaged (14.8 percent), fresh fish - robin (14.5 percent), carrots (13.5 percent), vegetable oil (11.4 percent), tomatoes (10.1 percent), rice - packaged (9.1 percent), salt -loose (8.8 percent), onion (8.7 percent), cooking margarine (8.1 percent), brown sugar - loose (7.2 percent), orange juice (6.8 percent), mustard (6.6 percent), watermelon (6.4 percent), sweet peppers (6.0 percent), eddoes (4.9 percent), eggs (3.1 percent) and whole chicken (2.2 percent),

The 1.5 percent upward movement in the group “Recreation and Culture” was due to increases in the price for items such as; bicycle (7.7 percent), carnival costumes (7.4 percent), canned dog food (5.4 percent) and dry cat food (3.0 percent).

The main contributors to the 1.3 percent increase in the “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” index were: bed sheets (33.3 percent), electric fan (22.7 percent), living room set (8.8 percent), electric bulbs (5.6 percent), gas stove (5.5 percent) and washing machine (4.8 percent).

The group “Transport” registered an increase of 0.7 percent. This was accounted for higher prices for items such as; driver’s license (22.2 percent), motor vehicle licenses for motor omnibus (17.0 percent), private vehicle (17.0 percent), goods vehicle (16.1 percent), engine oil

(5.8 percent), car battery (3.2 percent) and passenger airfare from St. Vincent and the Grenadines to New York (12.4 percent).

Higher costs for masonry nails (21.9 percent), tiles (4.2 percent), house rent (3.6 percent) and pine door (2.1 percent), contributed to the 0.5 percent increase in the group, “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels”.

The “Restaurants and Hotels” group index showed an increase of 0.5 percent due to higher prices for school meals; pizza (22.9 percent) and bakes & chicken (13.0 percent).

Similarly, the “Communication” group grew by 0.5 percent as a result of increases in the costs of the following mobile phone call rates; mobile to mobile phone within the caribbean (8.7 percent), local mobile to mobile call rates (7.4 percent), international call rates; mobile to mobile United States and United Kingdom (5.4 percent) and mobile to mobile to the rest of the world (2.2 percent).

Meanwhile, the “Miscellaneous Goods and Services” group registered a 0.2 percent rise due to increase in the price of deodorant (7.1 percent), women hairdress treatment (5.9 percent), body lotion (1.5 percent), toothpaste (1.4 percent), shampoo (1.1 percent), and mouthwash (1.0 percent).

The 1.6 percent decline in the “Health” group index was attributed to lower prices for, cancer drugs (55.0 percent), asthma drugs (26.3 percent), general doctor consultation fee (12.0 percent), pain relievers (4.5 percent), gynaecologist consultation fee (1.4 percent) and dental service (1.4 percent).

Meanwhile, the “Education” group index registered a decline of 0.8 percent due to a 4.8 percent fall off in the cost for university tuition fees.



**Table 1**  
**Average Retail Price of Selected Items**

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average Price ECS		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		December 2016	November 2016		
<b>INCREASED</b>					
Powdered Milk - Full cream	Lb	6.42	6.12	0.30	4.90
Mild cheddar cheese	Lb	13.10	12.19	0.91	7.47
Eggs	Doz	10.07	9.42	0.65	6.90
Eddoes	Lb	2.48	2.01	0.47	23.38
Dasheens	Lb	2.18	2.02	0.16	7.92
Tomatoes	Lb	5.78	5.42	0.36	6.64
Broccoli	Lb	10.17	9.79	0.38	3.88
Green Pigeon Peas	Lb	10.98	10.08	0.90	8.93
Tuna	142g Tin	5.61	5.35	0.26	4.86
Pig Feet - Frozen	Lb	3.84	3.59	0.25	6.96
Crushed Pineapple	565g Tin	10.23	9.33	0.90	9.65
Rum - Imported	750ml Bot	21.53	20.40	1.13	5.54
Ginger wine	750ml Bot	19.41	18.88	0.53	2.81
Whiskey - Black	750ml Bot	111.47	109.69	1.78	1.62
Whiskey - Red	750ml Bot	55.52	54.10	1.42	2.62
Toilet Tissue - 300 sheets	1 Roll	1.50	1.42	0.08	5.63
Bleach	96oz Bot	13.64	13.42	0.22	1.64
Drug for Diabetes	1 month	12.26	11.24	1.02	9.07
<b>DECREASED</b>					
Fish - Robin	Lb	4.00	5.00	-1.00	-20.00
Dried Currants	Lb	9.40	11.03	-1.63	-14.78
Cabbage	Lb	3.81	4.24	-0.43	-10.14
Black - eyed Peas Packaged	400g	5.84	6.30	-0.46	-7.30
Macaroni & Cheese	206g Box	4.84	5.17	-0.33	-6.38
Electricity Consumption	140KWH	103.88	107.11	-3.23	-3.02
Pine Door	Each	260.00	270.00	-10.00	-3.70
Lumber - Yellow Pine 1x12x12	1 Length	69.07	70.49	-1.42	-2.01
Passenger airfare from St. Vincent and the Grenadines to:					
Barbados	One Way	311.85	487.62	-175.77	-36.05
Trinidad & Tobago	One Way	336.15	392.85	-56.70	-14.43

**Table 2.1**  
**Average Retail Price of Selected Items**  
**December 2016 Compared With December 2015**

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		December 2016	December 2015		
<b>FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES</b>					
Beef - Fresh	Lb.	8.00	8.00	0.00	0.00
Chicken - Whole	Lb.	6.49	6.10	0.39	6.39
Chicken - Leg Quarters	Lb.	2.59	2.20	0.39	17.73
Chicken - Backs	Lb.	1.57	1.61	-0.04	-2.48
Chicken - Wings	Lb.	4.64	4.70	-0.06	-1.28
Turkey Wings	Lb.	2.46	3.30	-0.84	-25.45
Fish - Fresh (Deep Sea)	Lb.	9.00	9.00	0.00	0.00
Fish - Fresh (Jacks)	Lb.	4.00	4.00	0.00	0.00
Fish - Fresh (Robin)	Lb.	4.00	4.00	0.00	0.00
Chicken Franks	340 g Pk	5.34	5.29	0.05	0.95
Luncheon Meat (pork)	340 g	7.96	7.74	0.22	2.84
Codfish	Lb.	14.45	14.92	-0.47	-3.15
Cornflakes	12 oz	13.09	12.95	0.14	1.08
Pasta - Elbows	340 g	4.65	4.59	0.06	1.31
Milk - Evaporated	410g Tin	3.07	3.31	-0.24	-7.25
Milk - Condensed	397g Tin	3.29	3.29	0.00	0.00
Bread- Small Loaf, white	5 Pk	2.02	1.99	0.03	1.51
Bread - Large Sliced Pan Loaf (white)	Each	4.25	4.25	0.00	0.00
Eggs	Doz	10.07	9.23	0.84	9.10
Orange Juice	19 oz Tin	8.86	8.35	0.51	6.11
Sugar - Brown ( loose)	Lb.	1.56	1.35	0.21	15.56
Sugar - White ( loose)	Lb.	1.87	1.73	0.14	8.09
Flour - Loose	Lb.	1.36	1.39	-0.03	-2.16
Flour - Packaged ( white)	2 kg	6.75	6.75	0.00	0.00
Flour - Packaged ( wholewheat)	2 kg	7.29	7.39	-0.10	-1.35
Rice - Loose	Lb.	1.95	1.78	0.17	9.55
Rice - Packaged	2Kg	10.51	9.22	1.29	13.99
Bananas (ripe)	Lb.	1.33	1.34	-0.01	-0.75
Breadfruit	Lb.	2.61	2.66	-0.05	-1.88
Eddoes	Lb.	2.48	2.62	-0.14	-5.34
Dasheens	Lb.	2.18	2.19	-0.01	-0.46
Sweet Potatoes	Lb.	2.12	1.97	0.15	7.61
Oranges	Each	0.74	0.78	-0.04	-5.13
Tomatoes	Lb.	5.78	5.95	-0.17	-2.86
Cooking Margarine	445g Tub	8.92	7.85	1.07	13.63
Vegetable Oil	Litre	12.35	10.70	1.65	15.42
Powdered Chocolate	300g Pk	10.68	11.22	-0.54	-4.81
Hairoun Fruit Cocktail ( not cold)	280 ml Bottle	2.35	2.26	0.09	3.98
Vitamalt	310 ml Bottle	5.65	5.61	0.04	0.71

**Table 2.2**  
**Average Retail Price of Selected Items**  
**December 2016 Compared With December 2015**

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average ECS		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		December 2016	December 2015		
<b>ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO &amp; NARCOTICS</b>					
Rum - Local (White)	750 ml Bot.	29.52	29.02	0.50	1.72
Beer - Local	280 ml Bot.	4.53	4.51	0.02	0.44
Cigarettes	Pkt. (10)	4.12	3.74	0.38	10.16
Table wine (local)	26 oz Bot.	20.78	18.79	1.99	10.59
<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	Pair	49.95	39.95	10.00	25.03
Men's Shoes -Formal	Pair	79.79	79.79	0.00	0.00
Women's Shoes - Formal	Pair	89.77	89.77	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	29.95	24.00	5.95	24.79
<b>HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY</b>					
<b>GAS AND OTHER FUELS</b>					
Rent :					
Unfurnished House - 2 Bedrooms	Month	567.86	546.43	21.43	3.92
Unfurnished House - 3 Bedrooms	Month	612.50	612.50	0.00	0.00
Furnished Apartment - 2 Bedrooms	Month	791.67	791.67	0.00	0.00
Cement - Portland ( grey)	94 Lbs	24.90	24.90	0.00	0.00
Galvanise Sheets 10 ft.	Length	86.62	86.62	0.00	0.00
Oil Paint	Gallon	95.00	105.00	-10.00	-9.52
Lumber - Dressed Treated Yellow Pine (1x12x12)	Length	69.07	68.33	0.74	1.08
Water - Consumption Charge	5000 Gallons	37.50	37.50	0.00	0.00
Kerosene	1 Gallon	6.61	9.07	-2.46	-27.12
Charcoal	Sack	40.00	40.00	0.00	0.00
Cooking Gas	20 Lb. Cyl.	34.00	31.25	2.75	8.80
Electricity Consumption Charge	140 KWH	103.88	103.66	0.22	0.21
<b>FURNISHING, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE</b>					
Bed - Cherry 54"x75"	Each	1,162.50	1,162.50	0.00	0.00
Double size sheets - coloured/cotton	Each	105.00	88.80	16.20	18.24
Frying Pan - 12" - non-stick	Each	52.76	52.76	0.00	0.00
Laundry Soap	Each	1.15	1.16	-0.01	-0.86
Electrical Bulb - 60W	Each	6.36	5.96	0.40	6.71

**Table 2.3**  
**Average Retail Price of Selected Items**  
**December 2016 Compared With December 2015**

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average ECS		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		December 2016	December 2015		
<b>HEALTH</b>					
Doctor's Fee - Gynaecologist	Visit	60.00	60.00	0.00	0.00
Eye Care	Test	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
Hospitalisation (Private Ward)	Day	75.00	75.00	0.00	0.00
Drugs for Hypertension	Month supply	3.50	3.50	0.00	0.00
Drug for Diabetes	Month supply	12.26	13.75	-1.49	-10.84
Cough, Cold Preparation	125 ml.	15.09	15.58	-0.49	-3.15
Dental Care	Visit	123.33	123.33	0.00	0.00
Chest X- ray	Test	120.00	120.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TRANSPORT</b>					
Petrol - Unleaded	Gallon	10.66	10.80	-0.14	-1.30
Vehicle License (car) - not exd. 2000 lbs	Year	590.00	470.00	120.00	25.53
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 line- domestic	Month	23.46	23.46	0.00	0.00
Telephone - Consumption Charge	226 Units	18.08	18.08	0.00	0.00
Internet Charge	Month	101.70	101.70	0.00	0.00
Fixed Line Domestic Rate - peak	Minute	0.08	0.08	0.00	0.00
Mobile to Mobile - domestic	Minute	0.91	0.83	0.08	9.64
<b>RECREATION AND CULTURE</b>					
Television 26 " Flat panel	Each	1,993.82	1,999.00	-5.18	-0.26
Cable TV Basic Charge	Month	74.75	74.75	0.00	0.00
Laptop Computer -13.3 " screen 2 GB	Each	3,832.40	3,832.24	0.16	0.00
Desktop Computer - 14" Monitor 3 GB	Each	2,071.53	2,071.45	0.08	0.00
Remote Control Car	Each	250.00	250.00	0.00	0.00
Dog Food (Canned)	374 g Tin	3.66	3.37	0.29	8.61
Dance Admission to Night Club	Per Person	20.00	20.00	0.00	0.00
Carnival costume and Band Fees (Adult)	Each	325.00	275.00	50.00	18.18

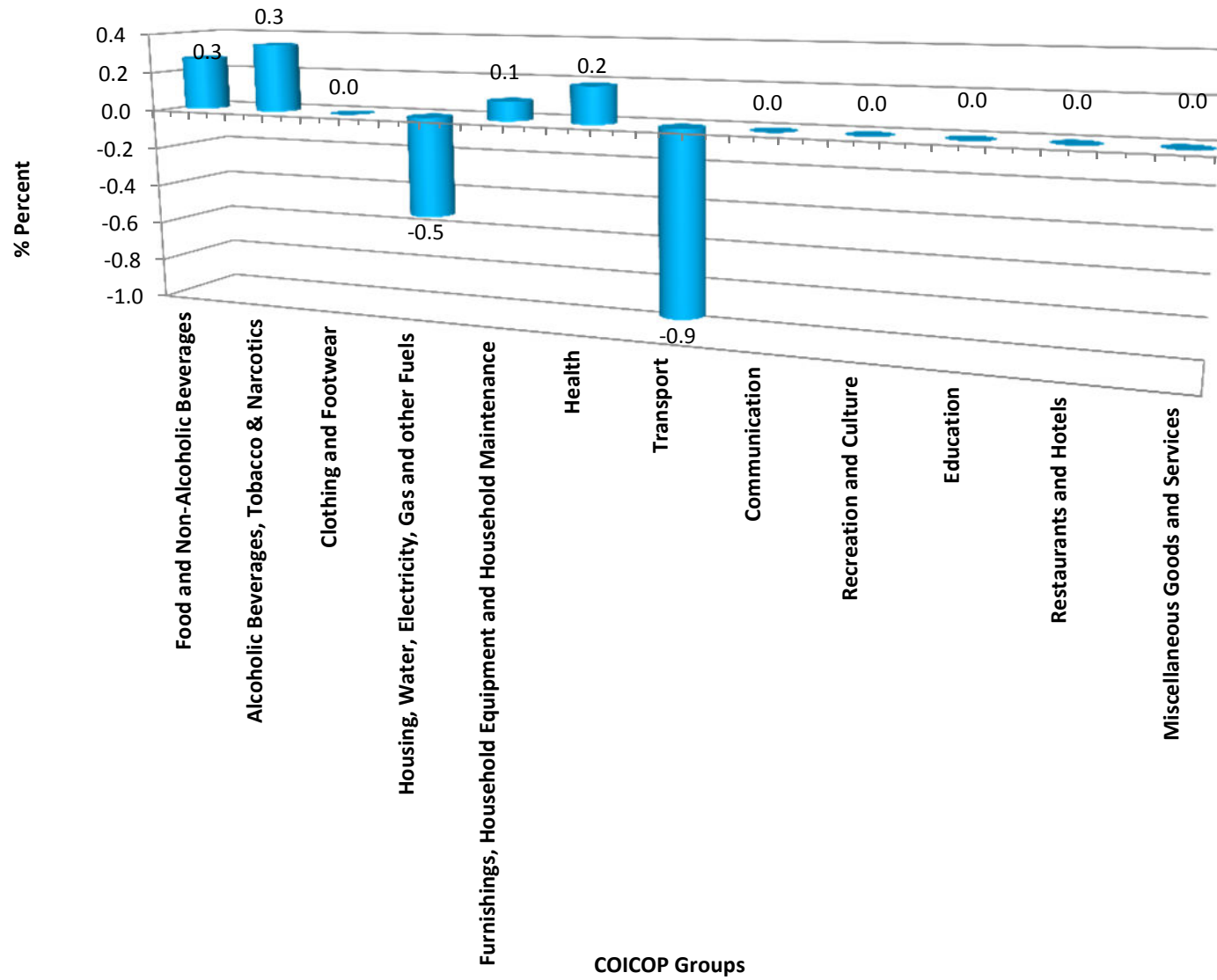
**Table 2.4**  
**Average Retail Price of Selected Items**  
**December 2016 Compared With December 2015**

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average ECS		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		December 2016	December 2015		
<b>EDUCATION</b>					
Pre-Primary - Private	Month	215.00	205.00	10.00	4.88
Primary School Fee - Private	Term	825.00	825.00	0.00	0.00
Secondary School Fee - Private	Term	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
Newspaper - Local	Each	1.50	1.50	0.00	0.00
Exercise Book - Primary - 24 leaves	Each	0.78	1.00	-0.22	-22.00
Lead Pencils	Each	0.82	0.87	-0.05	-5.75
Mathematics Textbook - Form 4	Each	79.72	80.12	-0.40	-0.50
Tuition for local evening classes	Per 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	13.86	13.86	0.00	0.00
Fast Food - 2 Pc Chicken and Fries	Each	16.85	16.85	0.00	0.00
<b>MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES</b>					
Toilet Soap	125g	3.51	3.47	0.04	1.15
Toothpaste	130g Tube	9.04	9.13	-0.09	-0.99
Men's Haircut	Visit	10.00	10.00	0.00	0.00
Women's Hairdressing ( Relaxer )	Visit	64.81	64.81	0.00	0.00
Disposable Diapers (medium)	10 per Pk.	12.88	12.80	0.08	0.63
Health Insurance - Group (family)	≥3 Persons	307.00	307.00	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**

	Groups	Weight	November 2016	December 2016	December 2015	Percentage Change Over Previous:	
						Month November	Year December
01.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	111.8	112.1	110.1	0.3	1.8
02.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	115.8	116.2	111.1	0.3	4.6
03.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	104.8	104.8	102.6	0.0	2.1
04.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	98.7	98.2	97.7	-0.5	0.5
05.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	103.0	103.1	101.8	0.1	1.3
06.	Health	1.79	107.3	107.5	109.3	0.2	-1.6
07.	Transport	11.84	118.9	117.8	117.0	-0.9	0.7
08.	Communication	9.41	106.8	106.8	106.3	0.0	0.5
09.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	104.1	104.1	102.6	0.0	1.5
10.	Education	1.32	109.3	109.3	110.2	0.0	-0.8
11.	Restaurants and Hotels	1.87	102.9	102.9	102.4	0.0	0.5
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	101.4	101.4	101.2	0.0	0.2
	<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>106.3</b>	<b>106.1</b>	<b>105.1</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>1.0</b>

Chart 1. COICOP Groups Percentage Change for December 2016



**Table 4**  
**The Consumer Price Index by Main Groups**  
**January 2010 = 100**  
**Contribution to Change**

	Groups	Weight	November 2016	December 2016	Percentage Change	Cost Weight		Change in Cost Weight	% Contribution to Change
						November 2016	December 2016		
1.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	111.8	112.1	0.3	2,449.54	2,456.11	6.6	-32.9
2.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	115.8	116.2	0.3	448.15	449.69	1.5	-7.7
3.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	104.8	104.8	0.0	337.46	337.46	0.0	0.0
4.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	98.7	98.2	-0.5	2,966.92	2,951.89	-15.0	75.2
5.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	103.0	103.1	0.1	678.77	679.43	0.7	-3.3
6.	Health	1.79	107.3	107.5	0.2	192.07	192.43	0.4	-1.8
7.	Transport	11.84	118.9	117.8	-0.9	1,407.78	1,394.75	-13.0	65.1
8.	Communication	9.41	106.8	106.8	0.0	1,004.99	1,004.99	0.0	0.0
9.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	104.1	104.1	0.0	396.62	396.62	0.0	0.0
10.	Education	1.32	109.3	109.3	0.0	144.28	144.28	0.0	0.0
11.	Restaurants and Hotels	1.87	102.9	102.9	0.0	192.42	192.42	0.0	0.0
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	101.4	101.4	0.0	437.03	437.03	0.0	0.0
	<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>106.3</b>	<b>106.1</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>10,630.00</b>	<b>10,610.00</b>	<b>-20.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>



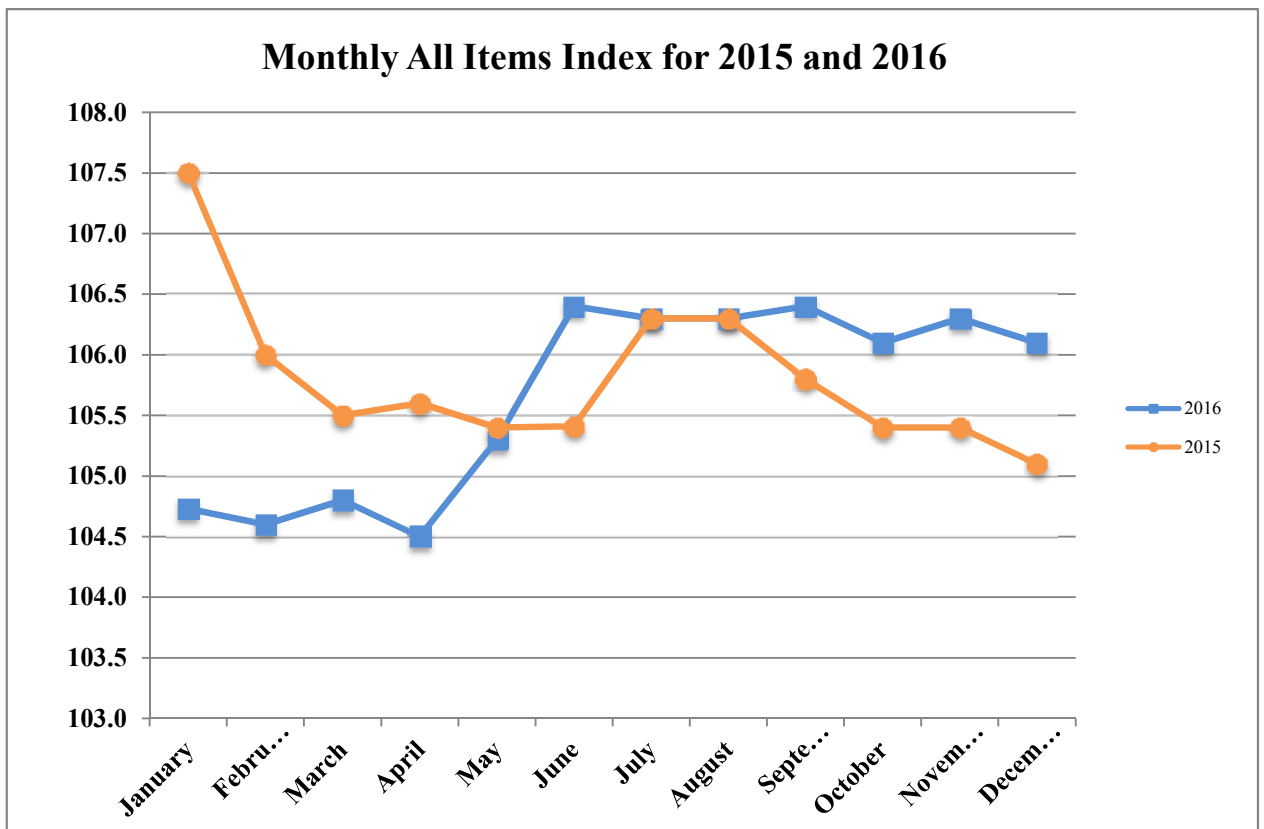
**Monthly Index - 2016**  
**January 2010 = 100**

<b>Groups</b>	<b>All Items</b>	<b>Food &amp; Non-Alcoholic Beverages</b>	<b>Alcoholic Beverages Tobacco &amp; Narcotics</b>	<b>Clothing &amp; Footwear</b>	<b>Housing Water Electricity Gas and Fuels</b>	<b>Furnishings Household Equipment &amp; Household Maintenance</b>	<b>Health</b>	<b>Transport</b>	<b>Communi-cation</b>	<b>Recreation &amp; Culture</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Restaurants &amp; Hotels</b>	<b>Miscell-aneous Goods and Services</b>
<b>WEIGHT</b>	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
<b>MONTH</b>													
January	104.7	110.0	112.3	104.1	96.9	102.1	108.0	115.8	106.3	103.3	108.5	102.1	101.2
February	104.6	109.6	112.5	104.5	96.7	102.2	108.0	115.9	106.3	103.1	108.5	102.4	101.3
March	104.8	109.2	112.6	104.5	97.3	102.2	107.8	116.3	106.3	103.2	108.5	102.4	101.3
April	104.5	109.4	112.7	104.8	97.7	102.5	107.8	114.5	103.5	103.3	108.5	102.4	101.3
May	105.3	111.0	113.0	105.1	97.7	102.8	107.8	118.7	103.5	103.0	108.5	102.4	101.4
June	106.4	111.2	113.9	105.1	98.5	102.8	107.7	120.0	108.6	104.0	108.5	102.4	101.4
July	106.3	111.6	114.1	105.1	98.3	103.2	107.5	120.0	106.8	104.3	108.5	102.4	101.3
August	106.3	111.3	114.4	105.1	98.1	103.2	107.4	121.3	106.8	104.0	108.5	102.4	101.4
September	106.4	111.4	114.9	104.8	99.3	103.1	107.6	118.4	106.8	104.0	109.3	102.7	101.4
October	106.1	111.2	115.3	104.8	98.8	103.0	107.3	118.0	106.8	104.1	109.3	102.9	101.4
November	106.3	111.8	115.8	104.8	98.7	103.0	107.3	118.9	106.8	104.1	109.3	102.9	101.4
December	106.1	112.1	116.2	104.8	98.2	103.1	107.5	117.8	106.8	104.1	109.3	102.9	101.4

**Table 6**  
**Monthly All Items Index**  
**January to December**

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
January	101.7	106.1	107.6	107.7	107.5	104.7
February	101.8	105.9	107.4	107.2	106.0	104.6
March	102.0	106.0	107.8	107.4	105.5	104.8
April	102.7	106.4	108.3	108.0	105.6	104.5
May	103.0	106.7	107.8	107.3	105.4	105.3
June	103.6	106.6	107.6	107.4	105.4	106.4
July	103.9	107.3	107.0	108.0	106.3	106.3
August	105.0	107.0	107.5	108.4	106.3	106.3
September	105.4	106.3	107.3	107.6	105.8	106.4
October	105.7	106.6	107.5	107.6	105.4	106.1
November	105.9	107.2	107.1	108.2	105.4	106.3
December	106.1	107.2	107.2	107.3	105.1	106.1
<b>Average</b>	<b>103.9</b>	<b>106.6</b>	<b>107.5</b>	<b>107.7</b>	<b>105.8</b>	<b>105.7</b>

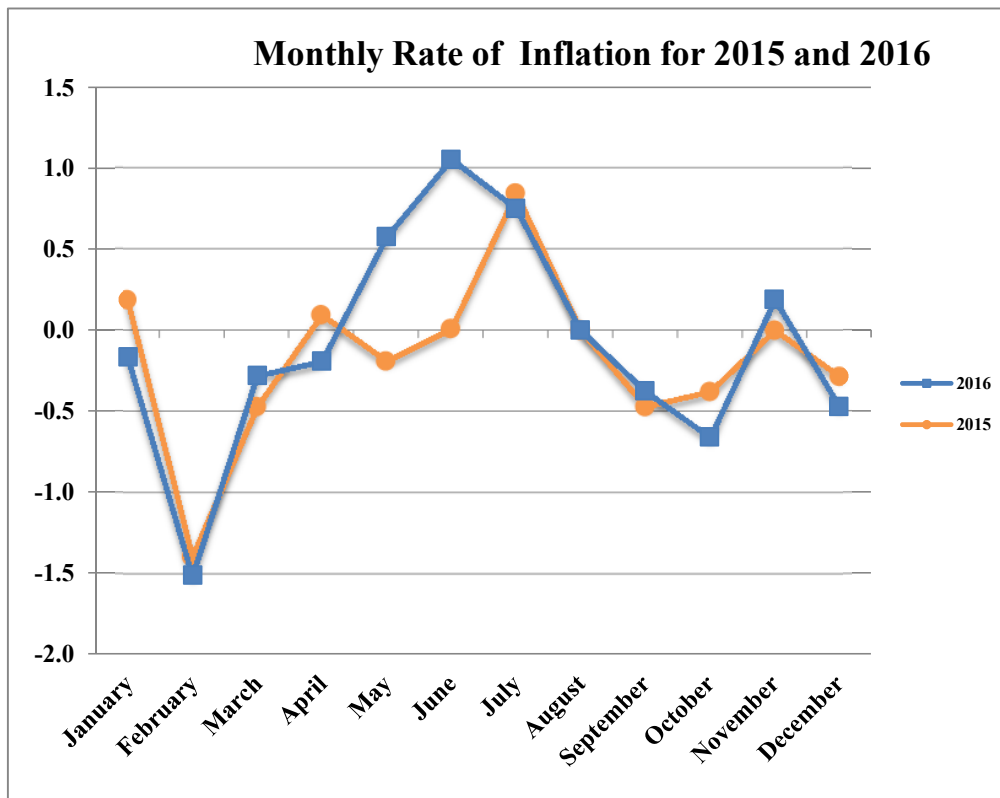
**Chart 2**



**Table 7**  
**Monthly Rate Of Inflation**  
**January To December**

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
January	0.4	0.0	0.4	0.5	0.2	-0.4
February	0.1	-0.2	-0.2	-0.5	-1.4	-0.1
March	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.2	-0.5	0.2
April	0.7	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.1	-0.3
May	0.3	0.3	-0.5	-0.7	-0.2	0.8
June	0.6	-0.1	-0.2	0.1	0.0	1.0
July	0.3	0.7	-0.6	0.6	0.8	-0.1
August	1.1	-0.3	0.5	0.4	0.0	0.0
September	0.4	-0.7	-0.2	-0.7	-0.5	0.1
October	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.0	-0.4	-0.3
November	0.2	0.6	-0.4	0.6	0.0	0.2
December	0.2	0.0	0.1	-0.8	-0.3	-0.2

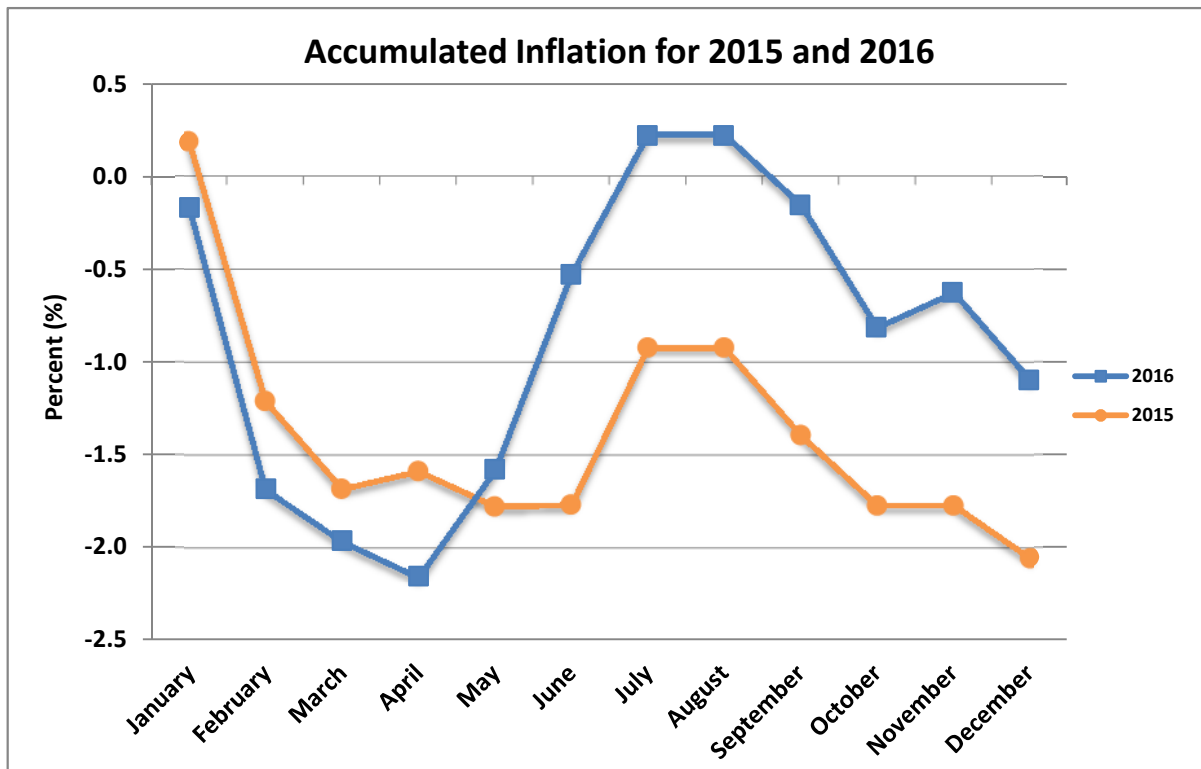
**Chart 3**



**Table 8**  
**Accumulated Inflation**  
**January To December**

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
January	0.4	0.0	0.4	0.5	0.2	-0.4
February	0.5	-0.2	0.2	0.0	-1.2	-0.5
March	0.7	-0.1	0.6	0.2	-1.7	-0.3
April	1.4	0.3	1.0	0.8	-1.6	-0.6
May	1.7	0.6	0.6	0.1	-1.8	0.2
June	2.3	0.5	0.4	0.2	-1.8	1.2
July	2.5	1.1	-0.2	0.8	-0.9	1.1
August	3.6	0.9	0.3	1.1	-0.9	1.1
September	4.0	0.2	0.1	0.4	-1.4	1.2
October	4.3	0.5	0.3	0.4	-1.8	1.0
November	4.5	1.0	-0.1	1.0	-1.8	1.1
December	4.7	1.0	0.0	0.1	-2.1	1.0

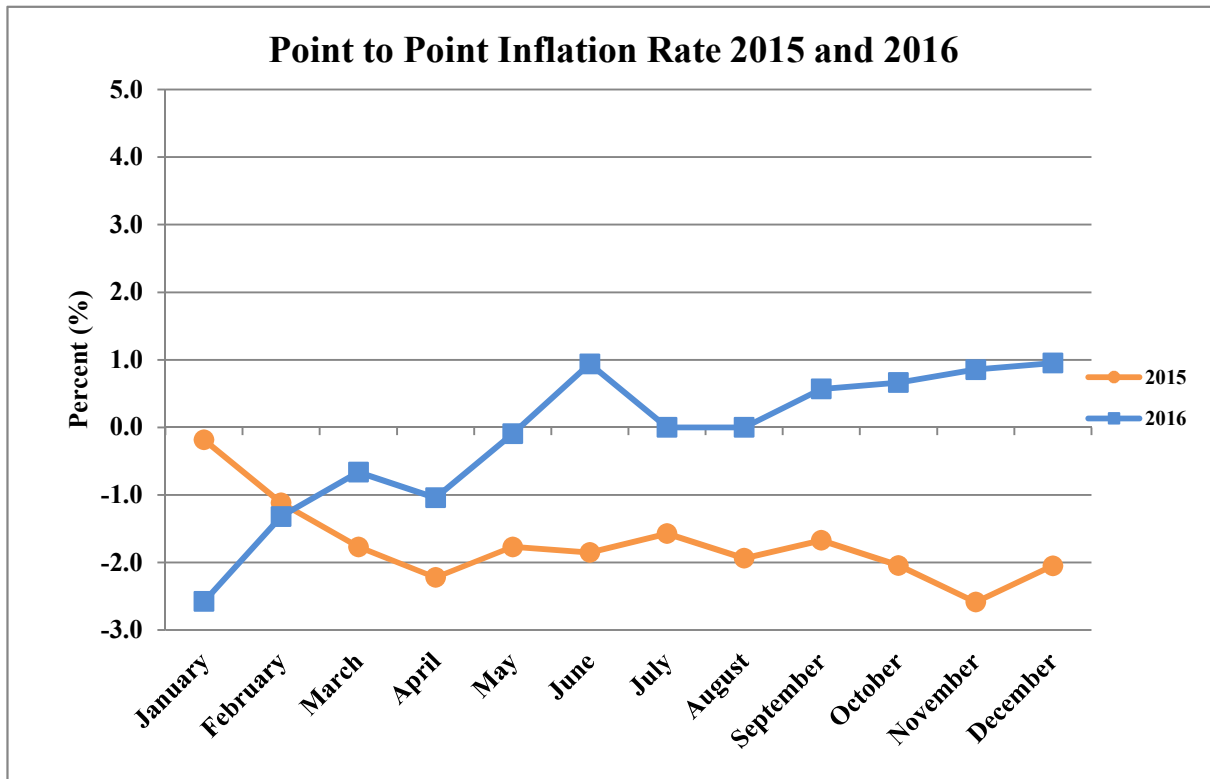
**Chart 4**



**Table 9**  
**Point To Point Rate Of Inflation**  
**January To December**

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
January	1.7	4.3	1.4	0.1	-0.2	-2.6
February	1.7	4.0	1.4	-0.2	-1.1	-1.3
March	1.8	3.9	1.7	-0.4	-1.8	-0.7
April	1.8	3.6	1.8	-0.3	-2.2	-1.0
May	2.2	3.6	1.0	-0.5	-1.8	-0.1
June	3.0	2.8	0.9	-0.2	-1.9	0.9
July	3.1	3.3	-0.3	0.9	-1.6	0.0
August	4.4	1.9	0.5	0.8	-1.9	0.0
September	4.6	0.9	0.9	0.3	-1.7	0.6
October	4.5	0.9	0.8	0.1	-2.0	0.7
November	4.6	1.2	-0.1	1.0	-2.6	0.9
December	4.7	1.0	0.0	0.1	-2.1	1.0
<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>-1.7</b>	<b>-0.1</b>

**Chart 5**



**Table 10.1**  
**Average Annual Retail Price**  
**Selected Items 2016 Compared With 2015**

Items	Unit Of Quantity	Average Retail Price EC\$		Percentage Change Over Previous Year
		2016	2015	2015
<b>FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES</b>				
Beef - Fresh	Lb.	8.00	8.00	0.0
Chicken - Whole	Lb.	6.38	6.24	2.2
Chicken - Leg Quarters	Lb.	2.50	2.50	0.0
Chicken - Backs	Lb.	1.60	1.63	-1.8
Chicken - Wings	Lb.	4.63	4.78	-3.1
Turkey Wings	Lb.	2.77	3.52	-21.3
Fish - Fresh (Deep Sea)	Lb.	9.00	9.00	0.0
Fish - Fresh (Jacks)	Lb.	4.00	4.33	-7.6
Fish - Fresh (Robins)	Lb.	4.58	4.00	14.5
Chicken Franks	340 g Pk	5.28	5.29	-0.2
Luncheon Meat (pork)	340 g	7.82	7.63	2.5
Codfish	Lb.	14.24	14.84	-4.0
Cornflakes	12 oz	13.10	12.77	2.6
Pasta - Elbows	340 g	4.63	4.52	2.4
Milk - Evaporated	410g Tin	3.11	3.37	-7.7
Milk - Condensed	397g Tin	3.30	3.39	-2.7
Bread- Small Loaf, white	5 Pk	2.01	1.99	1.0
Bread - Large Sliced Pan Loaf (white)	Each	4.25	4.25	0.0
Eggs	Doz	9.11	8.84	3.1
Orange Juice	19 oz Tin	8.62	8.07	6.8
Sugar - Brown ( loose)	Lb.	1.48	1.38	7.2
Sugar - White ( loose)	Lb.	1.74	1.73	0.6
Flour - Loose	Lb.	1.39	1.40	-0.7
Flour - Packaged ( white)	2 kg	6.73	6.75	-0.3
Flour - Packaged ( wholewheat)	2 kg	7.35	7.39	-0.5
Rice - Loose	Lb.	1.87	1.78	5.1
Rice - Package	2 kg	10.05	9.21	9.1
Bananas	Lb.	1.34	1.32	1.5
Breadfruit	Lb.	2.60	2.66	-2.3
Eddoes	Lb.	2.78	2.65	4.9
Dasheens	Lb.	2.00	1.95	2.6
Sweet Potatoes	Lb.	2.15	2.01	7.0
Oranges	Each	0.78	0.78	0.0
Tomatoes	Lb.	4.78	4.34	10.1
Cooking Margarine	445g Tub	8.50	7.86	8.1
Vegetable Oil	1 Litre	11.82	10.61	11.4
Powdered Chocolate	300g Pk	10.67	10.63	0.4
Hairoun Fruit Cocktail ( not cold)	280 ml Bottle	2.32	2.26	2.7
Vitamalt	310 ml Bottle	5.65	5.61	0.7

**Table 10.2**  
**Average Annual Retail Price**  
**Selected Items 2016 Compared With 2015**

Items	Unit Of Quantity	Average Retail Price EC\$		Percentage Change Over Previous Year 2015
		2016	2015	
<b>ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO &amp; NARCOTICS</b>				
Rum - Local (White)	750 ml Bot.	29.14	29.02	0.4
Beer - Local	280ml Bottle	4.60	4.50	2.2
Cigarettes	Pkt. (10)	4.00	3.64	9.9
Table wine ( Local )	26 oz Bottle	19.19	18.70	2.6
<b>CLOTHING &amp; FOOTWEAR</b>				
Textile material - Terelyne	Yd.	47.95	47.95	0.0
Textile material - Linen	Yd.	17.95	17.95	0.0
Men's Shirts - Long Sleeve	Each	69.95	69.95	0.0
Men's Jeans ( long) - size 30	Each	49.95	39.95	25.0
Men's Shoes -Formal	Pair	79.79	79.94	-0.2
Women's Shoes - Formal	Pair	89.77	103.30	-13.1
Women's 2Pc Skirtsuit ( polyester) large	Each	100.00	100.00	0.0
Women's Blouse ( cotton/Spandex)	Each	29.95	24.58	21.8
<b>HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS</b>				
Rent :				
Unfurnished House -2 Bedroom	1Month	566.07	546.43	3.6
Unfurnished House -3 Bedroom	1Month	612.50	612.50	0.0
Furnished Apartment- 2 Bedroom	1Month	791.67	791.67	0.0
Cement - Portland ( grey)	94 Lbs	24.90	24.90	0.0
Galvanise Sheets 10 ft.	1 Length	86.62	86.42	0.2
Oil Paint	1 Gal.	102.50	104.17	-1.6
Lumber -Dressed Treated Yellow Pine (1x12x12)	1 Length	68.91	68.20	1.0
Water - Consumption Charge	5000 Gals.	37.50	37.50	0.0
Kerosene	1 Gal.	8.04	11.39	-29.4
Charcoal	1 Sack	40.00	40.00	0.0
Cooking Gas	20 Lb. Cyl.	32.17	32.36	-0.6
Electricity Consumption Charge	140 KWH	103.44	114.72	-9.8
<b>FURNISHING, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE</b>				
Bed - Cherry 54"x75"	Each	1162.50	1162.50	0.0
Double size sheets - coloured/cotton	Each	118.33	88.80	33.3
Frying Pan - 12" - non-stick	Each	52.76	52.76	0.0
Laundry Soap	Each	1.16	1.16	0.0
Electrical Bulb - 60W	Each	6.25	5.92	5.6

**Table 10.3**  
**Average Annual Retail Price**  
**Selected Items 2016 Compared With 2015**

Items	Unit Of Quantity	Average Retail Price EC\$		Percentage Change Over Previous Year
		2016	2015	2015
<b>HEALTH</b>				
Doctor's Fee - Gynaecologist	1 Visit	60.00	59.17	1.4
Eye Care	1 Test	100.00	100.00	0.0
Hospitalisation (Private Ward)	1 Day	75.00	75.00	0.0
Drug for Hypertension	1 Mth supply	3.50	3.50	0.0
Drug for Diabetes	1 Mth supply	12.54	13.37	-6.2
Cough, Cold Preparation	125 ml.	15.22	15.58	-2.3
Dental Care	1 Visit	123.33	121.67	1.4
Chest X- ray	1 Test	120.00	120.00	0.0
<b>TRANSPORT</b>				
Petrol - Unleaded	1 Gal.	10.36	11.65	-11.1
Vehicle License (car) - not exd. 2000 lbs	1 Year	550.00	470.00	17.0
Bus Fare - Mesopotamia	One Way	3.00	3.00	0.0
Boat Fare - Bequia	One Way	25.00	25.00	0.0
<b>COMMUNICATION</b>				
Telephone Service - rental of line- domestic	1 Month	23.46	23.46	0.0
Telephone - Consumption Charge	226 Units	18.08	18.08	0.0
Internet Charge	1 Month	101.70	101.70	0.0
Fixed Line domestic Rate- peak	1 Minute	0.08	0.08	0.0
Mobile to Mobile- domestic	1 Minute	0.87	0.81	7.4
<b>RECREATION AND CULTURE</b>				
Television 26 " Flat panel	Each	1993.74	1999.00	-0.3
Cable TV Basic Charge	1 Month	74.75	74.75	0.0
Laptop Computer -13.3 " screen 2 GB	Each	3825.52	3832.24	-0.2
Desktop Computer - 14" Monitor 3 GB	Each	2067.82	2071.45	-0.2
Car - Remote Control	Each	250.00	250.00	0.0
Dog Food (Canned)	374 g Tin	3.52	3.34	5.4
Dance Admission to Night Club	Per Person	20.00	20.00	0.0
Carnival costume and Band Fees (Adult)	Each	304.17	283.33	7.4



**Table 10.4**  
**Average Annual Retail Price**  
**Selected Items 2016 Compared With 2015**

ITEMS	Unit	Average Retail Price		Percentage Change
	Of	ECS		Over Previous Year
	Quantity	2016	2015	2015
<b>EDUCATION</b>				
Pre-Primary - Private	1 Month	208.33	205.00	1.6
Primary School Fee - Private	1 Term	825.00	708.33	16.5
Secondary School Fee - Private	1 Term	100.00	100.00	0.0
Newspaper - Local	Each	1.50	1.50	0.0
Exercise Book - Primary - 24 leaves	Each	0.81	0.85	-4.7
Lead Pencils	Each	0.84	0.91	-7.7
Mathematics Textbook - Form 4	Each	79.72	79.11	0.8
Tuition for local evening classes	1 Subject	100.00	100.00	0.0
<b>RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS</b>				
Chicken Lunch - regular	Each	13.86	13.86	0.0
Fish Lunch - regular	Each	14.89	14.89	0.0
Fast Food - 2 Pc Chicken and Fries	Each	16.85	16.85	0.0
<b>MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES</b>				
Toilet Soap	125g	3.50	3.47	0.9
Toothpaste	130g tube	9.07	9.12	-0.5
Men's Haircut	1 Visit	10.00	10.00	0.0
Women's Hairdressing ( Relaxer)	1 Visit	64.81	64.81	0.0
Disposable Diapers ( medium )	10 per Pk.	12.83	12.76	0.5
Health Insurance - Group (family)	≥3 Persons	307.00	307.00	0.0
Legal Expenses (Affidavit)	Fee	250.00	250.00	0.0