



# CONSUMER PRICE INDEX MONTHLY STATISTICAL BULLETIN



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## SEPTEMBER 2013

The Consumer Price Index registered a decline of 0.2 percent for the month of September 2013. The “All Items” index was recorded at 107.3 in comparison to 107.5 for the month of August 2013. The “point-to-point” inflation rate was recorded as 0.9 percent.

Seven (7) groups recorded decreases during the month: “Transport” (2.5 percent) , “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels” (0.5 percent) , “Clothing & Footwear” (0.4 percent) , “Education” (0.3 percent), “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” (0.2 percent) , “Health” (0.2 percent) and “Miscellaneous Goods & Services” (0.2 percent). Three (3) groups recorded increases for the month; “Restaurants & Hotels” (2.1 percent), “Food & Non Alcoholic Beverages” (0.8 percent) and “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics” (0.2 percent). Two (2) groups remained unchanged “Communication” and “Recreation & Culture”.

The group index “Transport” registered a decline of 2.5 percent due to lower prices for the following; air fares from St.Vincent to New York (35.0 percent), St.Vincent to Toronto (31.8 percent), St.Vincent to London (18.5 percent) and petrol (2.7 percent).

The index for the group “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels”, decreased by 0.5 percent as a result of a 2.4 percent decline in the cost of electricity. The decline in the price of electricity was due to a reduction in the fuel surcharge rate from 55.96 cents per kilowatt hour for the month of August to 53.40 cents per kilowatt hour for the month of September. Meanwhile, the “Clothing & Footwear” group index recorded a decline of 0.4 percent due to lower prices for women’s stocking (10.3 percent) and brassiere (10.3 percent).

The “Education” group index showed a decrease of 0.3 percent as a result of lower tuition fees at the university level (pure & applied sciences). The group index “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” registered a decline of 0.2 percent due to a 14.5 percent price reduction for a three (3) piece dressing table set.

Meanwhile the “Health” index decreased by 0.2 percent due mainly to a 2.8 percent decline in the cost of pain relievers. The 0.2 percent decline in “Miscellaneous Goods & Services” is attributed to a 5.4 percent reduction in the price of shampoo.

“Restaurants & Hotels” group index showed a rise of 2.1 percent because of higher prices for schools meals. “Food & Non Alcoholic Beverages” group index registered an increase of 0.8 percent which was contributed by increases in a number of items; pineapple (19.7 percent), limes (15.7 percent), powdered milk –skimmed (15.5 percent), pigtail –fresh (13.8 percent) ,coffee (13.6 percent), turkey wings (11.7 percent), green seasoning (7.6 percent), smoked herring (6.2 percent) and powdered milk –full cream (4.8 percent).

The 0.2 percent decrease in the group index “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics” was due to increases in the price for stout (2.7 percent) and whiskey – black (0.9 percent).

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

ITEM	UNIT OF QUANTITY	AVERAGE PRICE		CHANGE IN PRICE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN PRICE
		EC\$			
		SEPTEMBER 2013	AUGUST 2013		
<b>INCREASED</b>					
Pigtail - fresh	Lb	5.40	4.75	0.65	13.68
Turkey wings	Lb	2.00	1.79	0.21	11.73
Drumsticks	Lb	3.41	3.29	0.12	3.65
Smoked Herring	Lb	8.40	7.91	0.49	6.19
Canned fish -Tuna	142g tin	5.08	4.88	0.20	4.10
Powdered Milk - Full cream	Lb	9.35	8.92	0.43	4.82
Powdered Milk - Skimmed	Lb	8.72	7.55	1.17	15.50
Pineapple	Lb	4.61	3.85	0.76	19.74
Broccoli	Lb	9.46	8.52	0.94	11.03
Limes	Lb	2.80	2.42	0.38	15.70
Tomatoes	Lb	4.34	4.10	0.24	5.85
Cocoa	250g tin	14.71	13.76	0.95	6.90
Green seasoning	750ml Bot	10.94	10.17	0.77	7.57
Tomato Ketchup	36oz Bot	9.29	8.37	0.92	10.99
Coffee	113g Bot	17.69	15.57	2.12	13.62
School meal - Pizza	Each	2.75	2.38	0.37	15.55
School meal - Bakes & chicken	Each	2.38	2.00	0.38	19.00
Whiskey - Black	750ml Bot	97.67	96.77	0.90	0.93
Stout	275ml Bot	4.45	4.33	0.12	2.77
Diesel	1 Gal	13.32	13.00	0.32	2.46
Accommodation -University halls of residence	Single room	2762.33	2324.82	437.51	18.82
<b>DECREASED</b>					
Electricity consumption charge	140KWH	144.76	148.34	-3.58	-2.41
Petrol -Unleaded	1 Gal	14.72	15.12	-0.40	-2.65
Brake shoes	1 set	300.25	335.75	-35.50	-10.57
Passenger air transport					
St.Vincent - London	One month	3497.30	4291.40	-794.10	-18.50
St.Vincent - Toronto	One month	2807.70	4119.40	-1311.70	-31.84
St.Vincent - New York	One month	2389.00	3675.18	-1286.18	-35.00
Flourescent bulb	Each	8.01	8.41	-0.40	-4.76
Shampoo	15oz Bot	7.23	7.64	-0.41	-5.37
Pain relievers	200mg	14.57	14.99	-0.42	-2.80
Tuition Fees - University	Per semester	7089.69	7174.55	-84.86	-1.18
Dressing Table cherry 3pcs	Set	1725.00	2016.24	-291.24	-14.44
Women's brassiere	Each	14.30	15.95	-1.65	-10.34
Women's stockings (size queen)	Each	4.35	4.85	-0.50	-10.31

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

ITEMS	UNIT OF QUANTITY	AVERAGE EC\$		CHANGE IN PRICE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN PRICE
		SEPTEMBER 2013	SEPTEMBER 2012		
<b>FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES</b>					
Beef - Fresh	Lb.	8.00	8.00	0.00	0.00
Chicken - Whole	Lb.	6.04	6.12	-0.08	-1.31
Chicken - Leg Quarters	Lb.	3.04	3.05	-0.01	-0.33
Chicken - Backs	Lb.	1.70	1.65	0.05	3.03
Chicken - Wings	Lb.	4.90	4.92	-0.02	-0.41
Turkey Wings	Lb.	3.28	3.34	-0.06	-1.80
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 (Robins)	Lb.	4.00	4.00	0.00	0.00
Chicken Franks	340 g Pk	5.41	5.18	0.23	4.44
Luncheon Meat (pork)	340 g	7.87	7.68	0.19	2.47
Codfish	Lb.	14.69	14.25	0.44	3.09
Cornflakes	12 oz	12.38	12.04	0.34	2.82
Pasta - Elbows	340 g	4.10	4.28	-0.18	-4.21
Milk - Evaporated	410g Tin	3.22	3.22	0.00	0.00
Milk - Condensed	397g Tin	3.31	3.57	-0.26	-7.28
Bread- Small Loaf, white	5 Pk	1.99	2.03	-0.04	-1.97
Bread - Large Sliced Pan Loaf (white)	Each	4.25	4.20	0.05	1.19
Eggs	Doz	8.77	8.76	0.01	0.11
Orange Juice	19 oz Tin	7.48	6.79	0.69	10.16
Brown Sugar	Lb.	1.53	1.53	0.00	0.00
Sugar - White ( loose)	Lb.	1.96	2.17	-0.21	-9.68
Flour - Loose	Lb.	1.43	1.38	0.05	3.62
Flour - Packaged ( white)	2 kg	6.75	6.75	0.00	0.00
Flour - Packaged ( wholewheat)	2 kg	7.39	7.39	0.00	0.00
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.	1.20	1.10	0.10	9.09
Breadfruit	Lb.	2.27	1.96	0.31	15.82
Eddoes	Lb.	2.70	2.21	0.49	22.17
Dasheens	Lb.	2.01	2.09	-0.08	-3.83
Sweet Potatoes	Lb.	2.21	2.36	-0.15	-6.36
Oranges	Each	0.80	0.82	-0.02	-2.44
Tomatoes	Lb.	4.34	4.63	-0.29	-6.26
Cooking Margarine	445g Tub	8.05	7.93	0.12	1.51
Vegetable Oil	1 Litre	10.54	10.73	-0.19	-1.77
Powdered Chocolate	300g Pk	10.00	9.72	0.28	2.88
Hairoun Fruit Cocktail ( not cold)	280 ml Bottle	2.24	2.21	0.03	1.36
Vitamalt	310 ml Bottle	5.70	5.10	0.60	11.76

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		SEPTEMBER 2013	SEPTEMBER 2012		
<b>ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO &amp; NARCOTICS</b>					
Rum - Local (white)	750 ml Bot.	28.53	28.50	0.03	0.11
Beer - Local	280ml Bottle	4.51	4.00	0.51	12.75
Cigarettes - Local	Pkt. (10)	3.47	3.47	0.00	0.00
Gonsalves Black Wine	26 oz Bottle	17.71	17.35	0.36	2.07
<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	64.95	5.00	7.70
Men's Jeans ( long) - size 30	Each	34.28	35.73	-1.45	-4.06
Men's Shoes -Formal	Pair	79.95	80.00	-0.05	-0.06
Women's Shoes - Formal	Pair	110.00	89.95	20.05	22.29
Women's 2Pc Skirtsuit ( polyester) large	Each	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
Women's Blouse ( cotton/Spandex)	Each	24.13	25.00	-0.87	-3.48
<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	24.75	24.62	0.13	0.53
Galvanise Sheets 10 ft.	1 Length	86.38	86.38	0.00	0.00
Oil Paint	1 Gal.	110.00	97.00	13.00	13.40
Lumber -Dressed Treated Yellow Pine (1x12x12)	1 Length	67.98	69.69	-1.71	-2.45
Water - Consumption Charge	5000 Gals.	37.50	37.50	0.00	0.00
Kerosene	1 Gal.	13.79	13.33	0.46	3.45
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	144.76	134.40	10.36	7.71
<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	1.13	1.16	-0.03	-2.59
Electrical Bulb - 60W	Each	5.46	5.39	0.07	1.30

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		SEPTEMBER 2013	SEPTEMBER 2012		
<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	13.90	14.18	-0.28	-1.97
Cough, cold preparation	125 ml.	15.52	15.41	0.11	0.71
Dental Care	1 Visit	114.17	99.17	15.00	15.13
Chest X- ray	1 Test	110.00	110.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TRANSPORT</b>					
Petrol - Unleaded	1 Gal.	14.72	14.56	0.16	1.10
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	25.00	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	0.73	0.81	-0.08	-9.88
<b>RECREATION AND CULTURE</b>					
Television 26 " Flat panel	Each	1,999.03	1,999.93	-0.90	-0.05
Cable TV Basic Charge	1 Month	74.75	74.75	0.00	0.00
Laptop Computer -13.3 " screen 2 GB	Each	4,621.70	4,642.65	-20.95	-0.45
Desktop Computer - 14" Monitor 3 GB	Each	1,891.32	1,899.89	-8.57	-0.45
Car Remote Control	Each	250.00	250.00	0.00	0.00
Dog Food (Canned)	374 g Tin	3.80	2.94	0.86	29.25
Dance Admission to Night Club	Per Person	20.00	20.00	0.00	0.00
Carnival costume and Band Fees (Adult)	Each	300.00	250.00	50.00	20.00



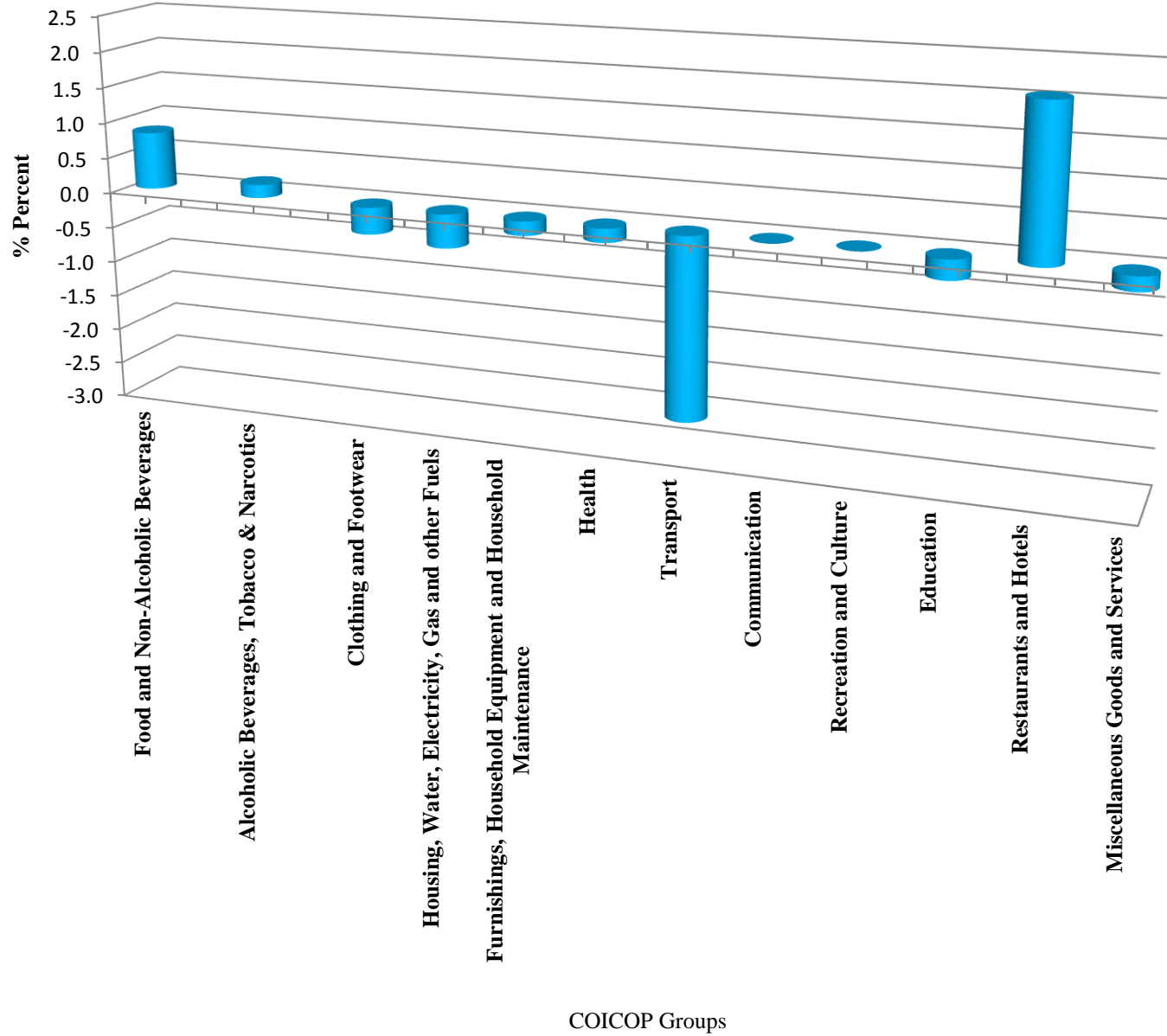
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**AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF SELECTED ITEMS**  
**SEPTEMBER 2013 COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 2012**

ITEMS	UNIT OF QUANTITY	AVERAGE PRICE EC\$		CHANGE IN PRICE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN PRICE
		SEPTEMBER 2013	SEPTEMBER 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	73.97	69.87	4.10	5.87
Tuition for local evening classes	1 Subject	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
<b>RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS</b>					
Chicken Lunch - regular	Each	13.86	14.28	-0.42	-2.94
Fish Lunch - regular	Each	15.10	15.87	-0.77	-4.85
Fast Food - 2 Pc Chicken and Fries	Each	16.85	15.45	1.40	9.06
<b>MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES</b>					
Toilet Soap	125g	3.40	3.34	0.06	1.80
Toothpaste	130g tube	9.10	8.96	0.14	1.56
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.	12.87	12.89	-0.02	-0.16
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	AUGUST 2013	SEPTEMBER 2013	SEPTEMBER 2012	PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER PREVIOUS:	
						MONTH AUGUST	YEAR SEPTEMBER
01.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	111.0	111.9	109.5	0.8	2.2
02.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	107.6	107.8	102.2	0.2	5.5
03.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	105.8	105.4	105.6	-0.4	-0.2
04.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	105.8	105.3	103.9	-0.5	1.3
05.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	101.2	101.0	99.3	-0.2	1.7
06.	Health	1.79	103.7	103.5	98.6	-0.2	5.0
07.	Transport	11.84	125.5	122.3	119.8	-2.5	2.1
08.	Communication	9.41	96.5	96.5	104.0	0.0	-7.2
09.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	103.7	103.7	101.2	0.0	2.5
10.	Education	1.32	109.6	109.3	109.6	-0.3	-0.3
11.	Restaurants and Hotels	1.87	101.2	103.3	103.2	2.1	0.1
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	101.1	100.9	100.6	-0.2	0.3
	<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>100.00</b>	107.5	107.3	106.3	-0.2	0.9

COICOP Groups Percentage Change for September 2013



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

	GROUP	WEIGHT	AUGUST 2013	SEPTEMBER 2013	Percentage Change	Cost Weight		Change in Cost Weight	Contribution to Change %
						AUGUST 2013	SEPTEMBER 2013		
1.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	111.0	111.9	0.8	2,432.01	2,451.73	19.7	-98.6
2.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	107.6	107.8	0.2	416.41	417.19	0.8	-3.9
3.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	105.8	105.4	-0.4	340.68	339.39	-1.3	6.4
4.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	105.8	105.3	-0.5	3,180.35	3,165.32	-15.0	75.2
5.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	101.2	101.0	-0.2	666.91	665.59	-1.3	6.6
6.	Health	1.79	103.7	103.5	-0.2	185.62	185.27	-0.4	1.8
7.	Transport	11.84	125.5	122.3	-2.5	1,485.92	1,448.03	-37.9	189.4
8.	Communication	9.41	96.5	96.5	0.0	908.07	908.07	0.0	0.0
9.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	103.7	103.7	0.0	395.10	395.10	0.0	0.0
10.	Education	1.32	109.6	109.3	-0.3	144.67	144.28	-0.4	2.0
11.	Restaurants and Hotels	1.87	101.2	103.3	2.1	189.24	193.17	3.9	-19.6
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	101.1	100.9	-0.2	435.74	434.88	-0.9	4.3
	ALL ITEMS	100.00	107.5	107.3	-0.2	10,750.00	10,730.00	-20.0	100.0

**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
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
February	107.4	110.4	106.3	105.0	104.8	100.3	101.4	123.1	104.0	102.7	109.6	103.0	100.4
March	107.8	110.1	106.0	105.0	105.9	100.3	102.7	124.0	104.0	102.7	109.6	103.0	100.4
April	108.3	110.5	106.6	105.8	107.4	101.3	102.7	122.2	104.0	102.8	109.6	103.0	100.4
May	107.8	110.8	106.9	105.7	105.7	101.3	102.8	122.1	104.0	102.7	109.6	100.3	100.7
June	107.6	110.4	107.0	105.8	105.0	101.2	102.8	122.8	104.0	103.4	109.6	100.3	100.7
July	107.0	110.6	107.4	105.9	104.9	101.2	102.9	124.9	96.5	103.7	109.6	100.3	100.8
August	107.5	111.0	107.6	105.8	105.8	101.2	103.7	125.5	96.5	103.7	109.6	101.2	101.1
September	107.3	111.9	107.8	105.4	105.3	101.0	103.5	122.3	96.5	103.7	109.3	103.3	100.9