



# CONSUMER PRICE INDEX MONTHLY STATISTICAL BULLETIN



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## SEPTEMBER 2014

The Consumer Price Index recorded a decrease of 0.7 percent for the month of September 2014. The “All Items Index” was registered as 107.6 for the month of September 2014 compared to 108.4 for the month of August 2014. The “Point-to-Point” inflation rate was recorded at 0.3 percent.

Six (6) groups recorded decreases for the month: “Transport” (3.6 percent), “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” (1.1 percent), “Education” (0.3 percent), “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” (0.1 percent), “Recreation and Culture” (0.1 percent) and “Miscellaneous Goods and Services” (0.1 percent). Four (4) groups recorded increases during the period, “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics” (0.4 percent), “Restaurants and Hotels” (0.2 percent), “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” (0.1 percent) and “Health” (0.1 percent). Two (2) groups remained unchanged: “Clothing and Footwear” and “Communication”.

The group index “Transport” decreased by 3.6 percent due to lower prices for passenger airfares from St.Vincent and the Grenadines to a few destinations such as; New York (41.3 percent), Toronto (40.6 percent), London (25.1 percent), Barbados (17.5 percent), St. Lucia (13.4 percent) and Trinidad and Tobago (12.7 percent).

The “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels” group index registered a decrease of 1.1 percent as a result of a 6.3 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 58.7 cents per kilowatt hour for the month of August to 51.9 cents per kilowatt hour for the month of September.

The 0.3 percent decrease in the “Education” group index was due mainly to a 6.2 percent decline in tuition fees at the university level.

“Food & Non Alcoholic Beverages” group index showed a decrease of 0.1 percent as a result of lower prices for a number of items, namely: sweet pepper (35.8 percent), cucumber (20.7 percent), callaloo leaves (15.8 percent), tomatoes (14.7 percent), turkey bacon (11.8 percent), dry coconuts (9.3 percent), pig feet, frozen (4.7 percent) and powdered milk - full cream (1.0 percent).

The 0.1 percent decline in “Miscellaneous Goods & Services” is attributed to a reduction in the prices of shampoo (46.7 percent) and combs (2.6 percent).

The group index “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics” increased by 0.4 percent because of an increase in the price for stout (1.5 percent), whiskey (1.3 percent) and wine - red (0.2 percent).

The 0.1 percent increase in “Furnishings, Household Equipment & Household Maintenance” group index is attributed to an increase in the prices of toilet tissue (8.3 percent), batteries (4.4 percent), electric bulbs (2.7 percent) and washing powder (1.8 percent).

Meanwhile, the “Health” index registered a 0.1 percent increase because of higher prices for cough - cold preparation (2.2 percent) and pain relievers (1.6 percent).

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

ITEM	UNIT OF QUANTITY	AVERAGE PRICE		CHANGE IN PRICE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN PRICE
		EC\$			
		SEPTEMBER 2014	AUGUST 2014		
<b>INCREASED</b>					
Whiskey	750 ml bottle	51.29	50.65	0.64	1.26
Wine - Red	750 ml bottle	18.49	18.45	0.04	0.22
Stout	275 ml bottle	5.36	5.28	0.08	1.52
Electric bulbs	Each	5.68	5.53	0.15	2.71
Battery, Alkaline AA	2 Pk	7.32	7.01	0.31	4.42
Washing powder	500g Pk	4.97	4.88	0.09	1.84
Toilet tissue	1 roll	1.30	1.20	0.10	8.33
Pain relievers	500mg	5.79	5.70	0.09	1.58
Cough, cold preparation	125ml	13.95	13.65	0.30	2.20
Accommodation - University Halls of Residence	Single room	3144.48	2864.91	279.57	9.76
Open Campus - Distance Programme	Per semester	972.00	810.00	162.00	20.00
<b>DECREASED</b>					
Pig feet, frozen	1Lb	4.09	4.29	-0.20	-4.66
Turkey bacon	12oz Pk	11.27	12.77	-1.50	-11.75
Callaloo leaves	1Lb	2.71	3.22	-0.51	-15.84
Dry coconuts	Each	1.27	1.40	-0.13	-9.29
Tomatoes	1Lb	3.99	4.68	-0.69	-14.74
Sweet pepper	1Lb	5.22	8.13	-2.91	-35.79
Cucumber	1Lb	2.37	2.99	-0.62	-20.74
Powdered milk - full cream	1Lb	9.37	9.46	-0.09	-0.95
Electricity consumption charge	140KWH	142.59	152.14	-9.55	-6.28
Passenger transport by air from St Vincent to:					
St. Lucia	1-way	329.72	380.75	-51.03	-13.40
Barbados	1-way	373.42	452.52	-79.10	-17.48
Trinidad and Tobago	1-way	427.95	490.32	-62.37	-12.72
New York	1 month	2187.70	3727.90	-1540.20	-41.32
Toronto	1 month	2299.00	3871.00	-1572.00	-40.61
London	1 month	3843.00	5132.00	-1289.00	-25.12
Dog food	625g Tin	3.12	3.20	-0.08	-2.50
Shampoo	400ml bottle	4.58	8.59	-4.01	-46.68
Combs	Each	2.26	2.32	-0.06	-2.59
Tuition Fees - University	Per semester	6240.10	6650.15	-410.05	-6.17

**TABLE 2**  
**AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF SELECTED ITEMS**  
**SEPTEMBER 2014 COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 2013**

ITEMS	UNIT OF QUANTITY	AVERAGE EC\$		CHANGE IN PRICE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN PRICE
		SEPTEMBER 2014	SEPTEMBER 2013		
<b>FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES</b>					
Beef - Fresh	Lb.	8.00	8.00	0.00	0.00
Chicken - Whole	Lb.	6.12	6.04	0.08	1.32
Chicken - Leg Quarters	Lb.	2.90	3.04	-0.14	-4.61
Chicken - Backs	Lb.	1.67	1.70	-0.03	-1.76
Chicken - Wings	Lb.	4.97	4.90	0.07	1.43
Turkey Wings	Lb.	3.86	3.28	0.58	17.68
Fish - Fresh (Deep Sea)	Lb.	9.00	9.00	0.00	0.00
Fish - Fresh (Jacks)	Lb.	5.00	4.00	1.00	25.00
Fish - Fresh (Robins)	Lb.	5.00	4.00	1.00	25.00
Chicken Franks	340 g Pk	5.24	5.41	-0.17	-3.14
Luncheon Meat (pork)	340 g	7.58	7.87	-0.29	-3.68
Codfish	Lb.	14.66	14.69	-0.03	-0.20
Cornflakes	12 oz	12.40	12.38	0.02	0.16
Pasta - Elbows	340 g	4.18	4.10	0.08	1.95
Milk - Evaporated	410g Tin	3.28	3.22	0.06	1.86
Milk - Condensed	397g Tin	3.54	3.31	0.23	6.95
Bread- Small Loaf, white	5 Pk	1.99	1.99	0.00	0.00
Bread - Large Sliced Pan Loaf (white)	Each	4.25	4.25	0.00	0.00
Eggs	Doz	8.64	8.77	-0.13	-1.48
Orange Juice	19 oz Tin	7.91	7.48	0.43	5.75
Brown Sugar	Lb.	1.43	1.53	-0.10	-6.54
Sugar - White ( loose)	Lb.	1.74	1.96	-0.22	-11.22
Flour - Loose	Lb.	1.40	1.43	-0.03	-2.10
Flour - Packaged ( white)	2 kg	6.75	6.75	0.00	0.00
Flour - Packaged ( wholewheat)	2 kg	7.38	7.39	-0.01	-0.14
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.	1.30	1.20	0.10	8.33
Breadfruit	Lb.	2.49	2.27	0.22	9.69
Eddoes	Lb.	2.79	2.70	0.09	3.33
Dasheens	Lb.	2.41	2.01	0.40	19.90
Sweet Potatoes	Lb.	2.54	2.21	0.33	14.93
Oranges	Each	0.95	0.80	0.15	18.75
Tomatoes	Lb.	3.99	4.34	-0.35	-8.06
Cooking Margarine	445g Tub	7.90	8.05	-0.15	-1.86
Vegetable Oil	1 Litre	10.81	10.54	0.27	2.56
Powdered Chocolate	300g Pk	10.46	10.00	0.46	4.60
Hairoun Fruit Cocktail ( not cold)	280 ml Bottle	2.26	2.24	0.02	0.89
Vitamalt	310 ml Bottle	5.60	5.70	-0.10	-1.75

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ITEMS	UNIT OF QUANTITY	AVERAGE PRICE		CHANGE IN PRICE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN PRICE
		EC\$			
		SEPTEMBER 2014	SEPTEMBER 2013		
<b>ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO &amp; NARCOTICS</b>					
Rum - Local (white)	750 ml Bot.	29.02	28.53	0.49	1.72
Beer - Local	280ml Bottle	4.49	4.51	-0.02	-0.44
Cigarettes - Local	Pkt. (10)	3.47	3.47	0.00	0.00
Gonsalves Black Wine	26 oz Bottle	18.52	17.71	0.81	4.57
<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	Each	39.95	34.28	5.67	16.54
Men's Shoes -Formal	Pair	79.95	79.95	0.00	0.00
Women's Shoes - Formal	Pair	110.00	110.00	0.00	0.00
Women's 2Pc Skirtsuit ( polyester) large	Each	101.89	100.00	1.89	1.89
Women's Blouse ( cotton/Spandex)	Each	25.00	24.13	0.87	3.61
<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	24.90	24.75	0.15	0.61
Galvanise Sheets 10 ft.	1 Length	86.38	86.38	0.00	0.00
Oil Paint	1 Gal.	110.00	110.00	0.00	0.00
Lumber -Dressed Treated Yellow Pine (1x12x12)	1 Length	67.61	67.98	-0.37	-0.54
Water - Consumption Charge	5000 Gals.	37.50	37.50	0.00	0.00
Kerosene	1 Gal.	13.93	13.79	0.14	1.02
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	142.59	144.76	-2.17	-1.50
<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	1.10	1.13	-0.03	-2.65
Electrical Bulb - 60W	Each	5.68	5.46	0.22	4.03

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ITEMS	UNIT OF QUANTITY	AVERAGE PRICE		CHANGE IN PRICE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN PRICE
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		SEPTEMBER 2014	SEPTEMBER 2013		
<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	13.70	13.90	-0.20	-1.44
Cough, cold preparation	125 ml.	15.67	15.52	0.15	0.97
Dental Care	1 Visit	114.17	114.17	0.00	0.00
Chest X- ray	1 Test	120.00	110.00	10.00	9.09
<b>TRANSPORT</b>					
Petrol - Unleaded	1 Gal.	15.28	14.72	0.56	3.80
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 domestic line	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	0.73	0.00	0.00
<b>RECREATION AND CULTURE</b>					
Television 26 " Flat panel	Each	1,999.00	1,999.03	-0.03	0.00
Cable TV Basic Charge	1 Month	74.75	74.75	0.00	0.00
Laptop Computer	Each	3,499.00	4,621.70	-1122.70	-24.29
Desktop Computer	Each	1,891.32	1,891.32	0.00	0.00
Car Remote Control	Each	250.00	250.00	0.00	0.00
Dog Food (Canned)	374 g Tin	3.20	3.80	-0.60	-15.79
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



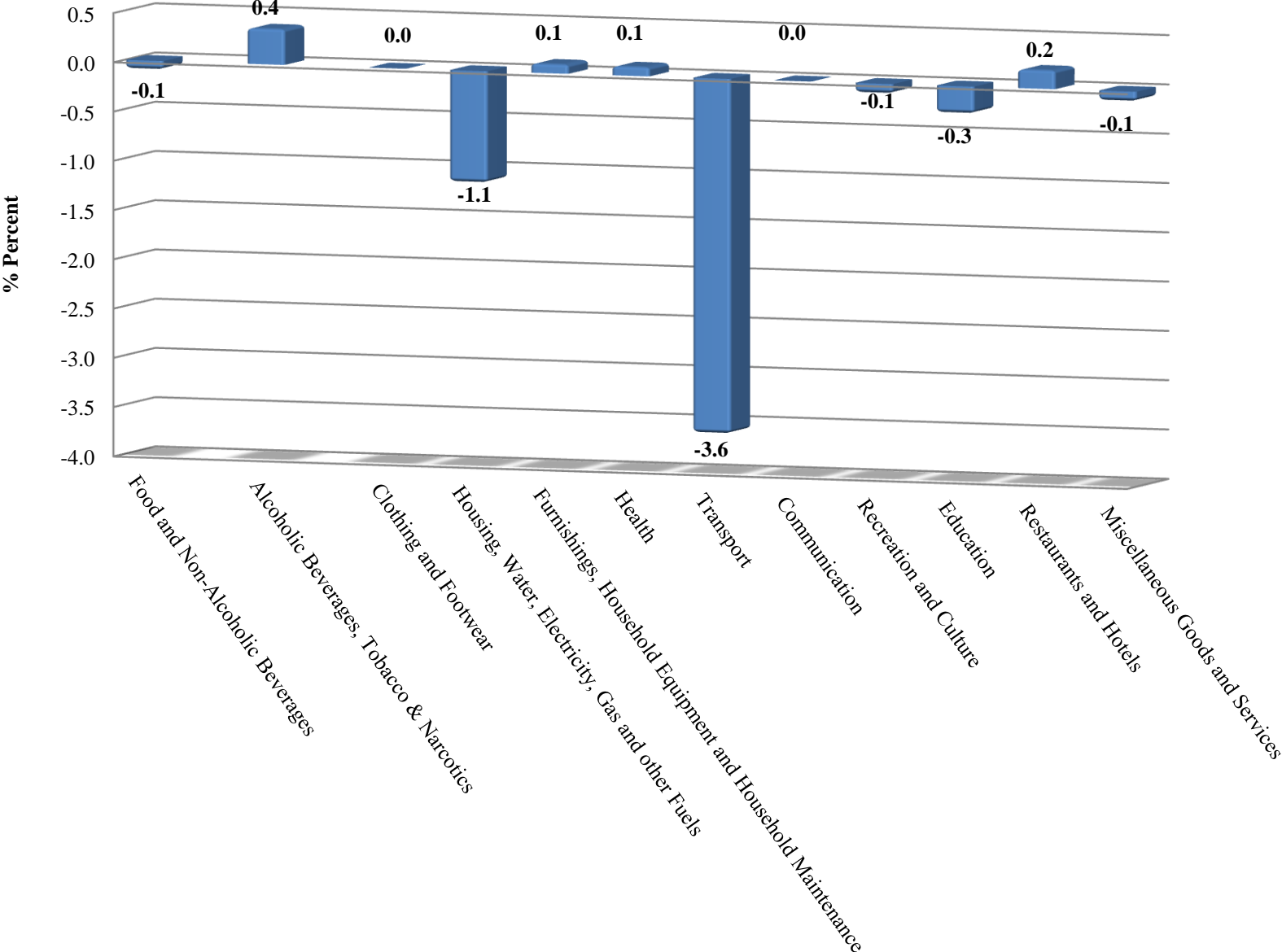
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**SEPTEMBER 2014 COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 2013**

ITEMS	UNIT OF QUANTITY	AVERAGE PRICE EC\$		CHANGE IN PRICE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN PRICE
		SEPTEMBER 2014	SEPTEMBER 2013		
<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	1.50	1.33	0.17	12.78
Exercise Book - Primary - 24 leaves	Each	0.85	0.85	0.00	0.00
Lead Pencils	Each	0.92	0.92	0.00	0.00
Mathematics Textbook - Form 4	Each	80.16	73.97	6.19	8.37
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	13.86	0.00	0.00
Fish Lunch - regular	Each	15.10	15.10	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	3.42	3.40	0.02	0.59
Toothpaste	130g tube	9.82	9.10	0.72	7.91
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.	12.92	12.87	0.05	0.39
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 2014	SEPTEMBER 2014	SEPTEMBER 2013	PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER PREVIOUS:	
						MONTH AUGUST	YEAR SEPTEMBER
01.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	113.9	113.8	111.9	-0.1	1.7
02.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	109.2	109.6	107.8	0.4	1.7
03.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	103.7	103.7	105.4	0.0	-1.6
04.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	106.0	104.8	105.3	-1.1	-0.5
05.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	101.2	101.3	101.0	0.1	0.3
06.	Health	1.79	102.9	103.0	103.5	0.1	-0.5
07.	Transport	11.84	127.8	123.2	122.3	-3.6	0.7
08.	Communication	9.41	96.5	96.5	96.5	0.0	0.0
09.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	102.5	102.4	103.7	-0.1	-1.3
10.	Education	1.32	109.3	109.0	109.3	-0.3	-0.3
11.	Restaurants and Hotels	1.87	103.0	103.2	103.3	0.2	-0.1
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	101.0	100.9	100.9	-0.1	0.0
	<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>100.00</b>	108.4	107.6	107.3	-0.7	0.3

### COICOP Groups Percentage Change for September 2014



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

	GROUP	WEIGHT	AUGUST 2014	SEPTEMBER 2014	Percentage Change	Cost Weight		Change in Cost Weight	Contribution to Change %
						AUGUST 2014	SEPTEMBER 2014		
1.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	113.9	113.8	-0.1	2,495.55	2,493.36	-2.2	2.7
2.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	109.2	109.6	0.4	422.60	424.15	1.5	-1.9
3.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	103.7	103.7	0.0	333.91	333.91	0.0	0.0
4.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	106.0	104.8	-1.1	3,186.36	3,150.29	-36.1	45.1
5.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	101.2	101.3	0.1	666.91	667.57	0.7	-0.8
6.	Health	1.79	102.9	103.0	0.1	184.19	184.37	0.2	-0.2
7.	Transport	11.84	127.8	123.2	-3.6	1,513.15	1,458.69	-54.5	68.1
8.	Communication	9.41	96.5	96.5	0.0	908.07	908.07	0.0	0.0
9.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	102.5	102.4	-0.1	390.53	390.14	-0.4	0.5
10.	Education	1.32	109.3	109.0	-0.3	144.28	143.88	-0.4	0.5
11.	Restaurants and Hotels	1.87	103.0	103.2	0.2	192.61	192.98	0.4	-0.5
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	101.0	100.9	-0.1	435.31	434.88	-0.4	0.5
	ALL ITEMS	100.00	108.4	107.6	-0.7	10,840.00	10,760.00	-80.0	100.0

**MONTHLY INDEX - 2014**  
**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	107.7	113.0	109.2	105.5	105.7	101.1	103.9	123.3	96.5	102.9	109.3	103.0	100.8
February	107.2	112.7	109.1	105.5	104.4	101.1	103.4	122.8	96.5	102.9	109.3	103.0	100.7
March	107.4	112.8	109.1	105.5	104.9	101.1	103.6	122.3	96.5	102.9	109.3	103.0	100.8
April	108.0	111.5	109.6	105.5	106.6	101.0	103.1	126.4	96.5	102.8	109.3	103.0	100.8
May	107.3	111.5	108.8	105.5	105.5	101.0	103.1	123.3	96.5	102.9	109.3	103.0	100.7
June	107.4	113.3	108.8	105.6	105.1	101.0	103.0	122.6	96.5	101.4	109.3	103.0	100.7
July	108.0	112.7	109.0	106.0	106.1	101.1	102.7	125.8	96.5	102.2	109.3	103.0	100.7
August	108.4	113.9	109.2	103.7	106.0	101.2	102.9	127.8	96.5	102.5	109.3	103.0	101.0
September	107.6	113.8	109.6	103.7	104.8	101.3	103.0	123.2	96.5	102.4	109.0	103.2	100.9