

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX 2010 = 100

APRIL 2018

Code	Description	WEIGHTS	% CHANGE						
			Apr 2018	Apr 2017	Apr 2016	Mar 2018	Apr 18/ Apr 17	Apr 17/ Apr16	Apr 18/ Mar 18
0	ALL PRODUCTS	100	110.75	110.06	108.79	110.56	0.62	1.17	0.17
11.01	FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	20.35	115.94	114.20	114.24	115.86	1.52	-0.04	0.06
11.02	ALCOHOL BEVERAGES, TOBACCO AND NARCOTICS	1.83	125.77	125.14	124.44	125.67	0.50	0.57	0.08
11.03	CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	3.66	102.64	102.89	102.02	102.64	-0.24	0.86	0.00
11.04	HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS & OTHER FUELS	29.05	103.66	102.28	101.05	103.48	1.35	1.22	0.17
11.05	FURNISHING, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT & ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE	4.5	111.14	111.77	110.88	111.16	-0.56	0.80	-0.01
11.06	HEALTH	1.94	134.01	133.84	133.80	133.99	0.12	0.03	0.01
11.07	TRANSPORT	18.72	108.41	110.73	109.65	107.83	-2.10	0.99	0.54
11.08	COMMUNICATION	10.03	124.72	120.90	114.41	124.72	3.16	5.67	0.00
11.09	RECREATION AND CULTURE	2.71	112.07	111.00	110.30	112.07	0.96	0.64	0.00
11.10	EDUCATION	0.83	141.92	132.07	124.34	141.92	7.46	6.22	0.00
11.11	RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	1.81	99.32	99.32	107.25	99.32	0.00	-7.39	0.00
11.12	MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES	4.59	106.78	108.11	106.44	106.77	-1.23	1.57	0.01

The above table shows the computation of the Consumer Price Index for the month of April 2018 with changes for the previous month March 2018 and the corresponding month of last year April 2017. The overall index moved from 110.56 index points in March 2018 to 110.75 index points in April 2018 representing an increase of 0.17%. An examination of the various groups revealed the following.

The group **“Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels”** increased by 0.17%, resulting from an increase in the price of Electricity Fuel charge by 0.41%, Materials for maintenance of dwellings 0.27% and the one hundred pound cylinder of Cooking Gas by 1.27%. **“Transportation”** increased by 0.54% due to an increase in the price of Motor Vehicle Fuel by 3.14%. In addition, the groupings **“Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages”**, **“Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco”**, **“Health”** and **“Miscellaneous Goods and Services”** showed increases of 0.06%, 0.08%, 0.01% and 0.01% respectively. The following items contributed to the increases: Delicatessen and Other Meat Preparations 0.25%, Preserved Fish 0.49%, Milk 0.13%, Cooking Oil 0.05%, Butter 0.47%, Fresh Fruits 0.34%, Fresh Vegetables 0.20%, Jams, Marmalades and Honey 0.08%, Mineral Water 0.12% and Fruit and Vegetable Juices 0.12%, Beer 0.30%, Pharmaceutical Products 0.03% and Personal Care Products 0.02%.

Despite the overall increase, the group **“Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance”** recorded a decrease of 0.01% due to decline in the price of Non-durable household goods by 0.03%. The other groupings remained comparatively constant.

Relative to the corresponding month of last year, the index moved from 110.06 index points in April 2017 to 110.75 index points in April 2018 representing an increase of 0.62%. The following groups recorded these increases **“Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages”** 1.52%, **“Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco”** 0.50%, **“Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels”** 1.35%, **“Health”** 0.12%, **“Communication”** 3.16%, **“Recreation and Culture”** 0.96% and **“Education”** 7.46%. The following items contributed to these increases: Rice 0.13%, Other Cereals 0.10%, Mutton 7.93%, Poultry 3.55%, Delicatessen and Other Meat preparations 0.87%, Fresh Fish 1.65%, Preserved Fish 3.45%, Preserved Milk 1.74%, Cheese 5.06%, Eggs 0.60%, Butter 10.08%, Margarine 0.69%, Cooking Oil 0.74%, Fresh Fruits 4.78%, Fresh Vegetables 0.45%, Potatoes 3.63%, Jams and Honey 3.81%, Ice cream 0.99%, Hot Beverages 0.19%, Mineral Water 0.12%, Soft Drinks and Concentrates 1.56%, Fruit Juices 1.91%, Spirits 0.08%, Wine 1.36%, Cigarette 0.75%, Actual Rentals for Housing 0.38%, Electricity 3.80%, the one hundred pound cylinder of Cooking Gas 6.50%, Pharmaceutical Products 0.30%, Telephone Equipment 54.26%, Telephone Services 0.83%, Television 3.51%, Books 0.89%, Pre-primary and Primary Education 4.62% and Tertiary Education 8.79%.

On the other hand, these groupings recorded the following decreases: **“Clothing and Footwear”** 0.24%, **“Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance”** 0.56%, **“Transport”** 2.10% and **“Miscellaneous Goods and Services”** 1.23%. The following items resulted in the decline: Men’s Clothing 2.32%, Children and Infant’s Footwear 8.16%, Bedroom Furniture 12.44%, Household Textiles 1.00%, Household Utensils 1.62%, Motor Vehicle 8.33%, Motor Vehicle Spare Parts and Accessories 7.49%, Passenger Transport by Air 6.43%, Personal Care Products 2.87% and Motor Vehicle Insurance 0.05%.

Accordingly, the inflation rate for the period April 2018 is 0.62%. This can be compared to an increase of 1.17% for the same period in 2017.