

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX 2010 = 100

FEBRUARY 2018

Code	Description	WEIGHTS	FEB 2018	FEB 2017	FEB 2016	JAN 2018	%CHANGE		
							FEB 2018/ FEB 2017	FEB 2017/ FEB 2016	FEB 2018/ JAN 2018
0	ALL PRODUCTS	100.00	110.75	110.07	108.20	110.59	0.62	1.73	0.15
11.01	FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	20.35	115.85	114.42	114.56	115.79	1.25	-0.13	0.05
11.02	ALCOHOL BEVERAGES, TOBACCO & NARCOTICS	1.83	125.67	125.12	124.11	125.67	0.44	0.81	0.00
11.03	CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	3.66	102.78	102.89	102.25	102.78	-0.10	0.63	0.00
11.04	HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS & OTHER FUELS	29.05	103.44	102.42	101.28	103.21	0.99	1.13	0.22
11.05	FURNISHING, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE	4.5	111.09	111.61	109.95	110.99	-0.47	1.51	0.09
11.06	HEALTH	1.94	134.09	133.31	133.02	134.09	0.58	0.22	0.00
11.07	TRANSPORT	18.72	108.93	111.03	105.98	108.53	-1.89	4.76	0.37
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	112.02	110.81	110.57	112.02	1.09	0.22	0.00
11.10	EDUCATION	0.83	140.41	132.07	124.34	140.41	6.31	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	106.77	105.69	106.51	106.78	1.02	-0.76	-0.01

The above table shows the computation of the Consumer Price Index for the month of February 2018 with changes for the previous month January 2018 and the corresponding month of last year February 2017. The overall index moved from 110.59 index points in January 2018 to 110.75 index point in February 2018 representing an increase of 0.15%. An examination of the various groups revealed the following.

The group **“Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages”** increased by 0.05% resulting from increases in the price of Other Cereals excluding Rice 0.03%, Pasta Products 0.27%, Poultry 0.83%, Eggs 0.15%, Fresh Fruit 0.86%, Potatoes 1.18% and Soft Drink and Concentrates 0.13%. **“Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels”** which has the second highest weight share increased by 0.22% due to increases in the price of Electricity and the one hundred pound cylinder of Cooking Gas by 0.81% and 1.01% respectively. **“Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance”** increased by 0.09% due to an increase in the price of Non-durable Household Goods by 0.21%. **“Transport”** increased by 0.37% due to increase in the price of Motor Vehicle Fuel by 2.18%.

Despite the overall increase of the index the group **“Miscellaneous Goods and Services”** declined marginally by 0.01% due to decrease in the price of Personal Care Products by 0.01%. The other groups remained relatively constant.

Relative to the corresponding month of last year the index moved from 110.07 index points in February 2017 to 110.75 index points in February 2018 representing an increase of 0.62%. The various groups recorded the following increases. **“Food and Non-alcoholic Beverages”** 1.25%, **“Alcohol Beverages and Tobacco”** 0.44%, **“Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels”** 0.99%, **“Health”** 0.58%, **“Communication”** 3.16%, **“Recreation and Culture”** 1.09%, **“Education”** 6.31% and **“Miscellaneous Goods and Services”** 1.02%. The following items contributed to these increases, Rice 0.13%, Other Cereals 0.08%, Other Bakery Products 0.15%, Mutton 7.93%, Poultry 3.03%, Delicatessen and other Meat Preparations 0.62%, Fresh Fish 1.65%, Preserved Fish 3.02%, Preserved Milk 0.91%, Cheese 4.67%, Eggs 0.53%, Butter 9.86%, Margarine 0.82%, Cooking Oil 0.71%, Fresh Fruit 2.08%, Potatoes 4.07%, Jams Marmalades and Honey 3.45%, Ice cream 0.99%, Hot Beverage 0.31%, Soft Drink and Concentrates 1.59%, Fruit Juice 1.79%, Wine 1.64%, Tobacco 0.75%, Rental for Housing 0.38%, Electricity 3.08%, One hundred pound cylinder of Cooking Gas 5.48%, Pharmaceutical Products 0.43%, Other Medical Products 5.18%, Telephone Equipment 54.26%. Telephone Services 0.83%, personal Computers 0.78%, Television 3.51%, Books 0.63%, Pre-primary and Primary Education 2.69%, Tertiary Education 8.03% and Health Insurance 20.14%.

The following groups recorded decreases, **“Clothing and Footwear”** 0.10%, **“Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance”** 0.47% and **“Transport”** 1.89%. The following items recorded these declines, Men’s Clothing 2.32%, Bedroom Furniture 12.44%, Household Textiles 1.33%, Major Household Appliances 0.24%, Motor Vehicle 8.67%, Spare Parts for Transport Equipment 6.89%, and Passenger Transport by Air 0.26%.

Accordingly, the inflation rate for the period February 2018 is 0.62%. This can be compared to an increase of 1.73% for the same period in 2017.