

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX 2010 = 100

JANUARY 2018

Code	Description	WEIGHTS	JAN 2018	JAN 2017	JAN 2016	DEC 2017	% CHANGE		
							JAN 2018/ JAN 2017	JAN 2017/ JAN 2016	JAN 2018/ DEC 2017
0	ALL PRODUCTS	100	110.59	110.09	108.66	110.46	0.45	1.31	0.12
11.01	FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	20.35	115.79	114.27	115.48	115.61	1.34	-1.05	0.15
11.02	ALCOHOL BEVERAGES, TOBACCO & NARCOTICS	1.83	125.67	125.54	124.02	125.34	0.10	1.23	0.26
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	103.21	102.38	101.72	102.99	0.81	0.65	0.21
11.05	FURNISHING, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE	4.5	110.99	111.58	109.96	110.94	-0.53	1.48	0.05
11.06	HEALTH	1.94	134.09	133.63	132.99	133.98	0.34	0.48	0.08
11.07	TRANSPORT	18.72	108.53	111.04	106.80	108.46	-2.27	3.98	0.06
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	112.92	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	106.78	106.71	106.51	106.70	0.07	0.19	0.08

The above table shows the computation of the Consumer Price Index for the month of January 2018 with comparison for the previous month December 2017 and the corresponding month of last year January 2017. The overall index moved from 110.46 index points in December 2017 to 110.59 index points in January 2018 representing an increase of 0.12%. An examination of the various groups revealed the following.

**“Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages”** increased by 0.15% resulting from increases in the price of Pasta Products of 0.44%, Beef 0.34%, Pork 0.08%, Delicatessen and Other Meat Preparations 0.22%, Fresh Fish 1.24%, Preserved Fish 1.54%, Preserved Milk 1.63%, Cheese 0.61%, Eggs 1.06%, Butter 2.68%, Margarine 0.44%, Edible Oil 0.30%, Fresh Vegetables 0.12%, Potatoes 1.73%, Sugar 0.09%, Jams Marmalades and Honey 1.89%, Soft Drinks and Concentrates 0.36% and Fruit Juices 0.39%. **“Alcohol Beverage and Tobacco”** increased by 0.26% due to an increase in the price of Whiskey by 0.86% and Wine 0.35%. **“Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels”** increased by 0.21%, resulting from price increase of Electricity 0.53% and the one hundred pound cylinder of Cooking Gas 1.76%. **“Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance”** increased by 0.05% due to an increase in the price of Non-durable Household Goods 0.11%. **“Health”** increased by 0.08% as a result of an increase in the price of Pharmaceutical Products by 0.18%. **“Transport”** increased by 0.06% due to an increase in the price of Motor Vehicle Fuel 0.35%. **“Miscellaneous Goods and Services”** increased by 0.08% due to price increase of Personal Care Service by 0.15% and Personal Care Products 0.18%. All the other groups remained relatively constant.

Relative to the corresponding month of last year the Consumer Price Index moved from 110.09 index points in January 2017 to 110.59 index points in January 2018 representing an increase of 0.45%. The following groups recorded these increases; **“Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages”** 1.34%, **“Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco”** 0.10%, **“Housing, Water, electricity, Gas and Other Fuels”** 0.81%, **“Health”** 0.34%, **“Communication”** 3.16%, **“Recreation and Culture”** 1.09%, **“Education”** 6.31% and **“Miscellaneous Goods and Services”** 0.07%. The following items contributed to these increases; Rice 0.13%, Bakery Products excluding Bread 0.24%, Mutton 10.99%, Poultry 3.09%, Delicatessen and Other Meat Preparations 0.25%, Fresh Fish 1.65%, Preserved Fish 3.38%, Preserved Milk 1.13%, Cheese 8.44%, Eggs 0.38%, Butter 5.42%, Margarine 0.27%, Edible Oils 0.62%, Fresh Fruits 1.30%, Fresh Vegetables 0.93%, Potatoes 0.54% Jams and Honey 3.46%, Ice Cream 0.99%, Hot Beverages 0.33%, Soft Drinks and Concentrates 1.66%, Fruit Juices 1.95%, Wine 0.99%, Cigarette 0.75%, Rental for Housing 0.38%, Electricity 2.50% one hundred pound cylinder of Cooking Gas 4.35%, 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%.

Despite the overall increase of the index the following groupings recorded decreases **“Clothing and Footwear”** 0.10%, **“Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance”** 0.53%, and **“Transport”** 2.27%. The following items contributed the these decline, Men’s Clothing 2.32%, Bedroom Furniture 12.44%, Household Textiles 1.33%, Major Household Appliances 0.24%, Motor Vehicle 8.67%, Spare Parts and Accessories for Vehicles 6.89% and Passenger Transport by Air 0.26%.

Accordingly the inflation rate for the period January 2018 is 0.45%. This can be compared to an increase of 1.31% for the same period in 2017.

