

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX 2010 = 100

July 2018

Code	Description	WEIGHTS	JUL 2018	JUL 2017	JUL 2016	JUN 2018	% CHANGE		
							JUL 2018/ JUL 2017	JUL 2017/ JUL 2016	JUL 2018/ JUN 2018
0	ALL PRODUCTS	100	111.29	110.59	110.01	111.34	0.63	0.53	-0.05
11.01	FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	20.35	116.21	114.75	113.66	116.27	1.27	0.96	-0.06
11.02	ALCOHOL BEVERAGES, TOBACCO AND NARCOTICS	1.83	125.56	125.28	124.75	125.53	0.23	0.42	0.03
11.03	CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	3.66	102.60	102.78	102.54	102.60	-0.17	0.22	0.00
11.04	HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS & OTHER FUELS	29.05	103.97	102.06	101.98	104.00	1.87	0.08	-0.03
11.05	FURNISHING, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT & ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE	4.5	111.51	111.15	111.50	111.45	0.33	-0.31	0.06
11.06	HEALTH	1.94	134.09	133.95	134.73	133.97	0.10	-0.58	0.09
11.07	TRANSPORT	18.72	110.31	112.83	111.60	110.49	-2.23	1.10	-0.17
11.08	COMMUNICATION	10.03	124.72	121.85	120.90	124.72	2.36	0.78	0.00
11.09	RECREATION AND CULTURE	2.71	111.68	111.00	110.41	111.68	0.61	0.53	0.00
11.10	EDUCATION	0.83	142.05	139.58	124.34	142.05	1.77	12.26	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	107.43	108.09	106.53	107.43	-0.61	1.46	0.00

The above table shows the computation of the Consumer Price Index for the month of July 2018 with changes for the previous month June 2018 and the corresponding month of last year July 2017. The overall index moved from 111.34 index points in June 2018 to 111.29 index points in July 2018 representing a decrease of 0.05%. An examination of the various groups revealed the following:

These groupings recorded the following decreases: **“Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages”** 0.06%, **“Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels”** 0.03% and **“Transport”** 0.17%, The following items contributed to these decreases: Rice 0.13%, Other Cereals 0.12%, Poultry 0.08%, Eggs 0.57%, Fresh Fruits 0.15%, Fresh Vegetables 1.12%, Hot Beverages 0.05%, Electricity 0.04%, the one hundred pound cylinder of Cooking Gas 1.10% and Motor Vehicle Fuel 0.95%

On the other hand, the following groupings recorded these increases: **“Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco”** 0.03%, **“Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance”** 0.06% and **“Health”** 0.09%. These items contributed to the increases: Brandy 0.13%, Non-durable Household Goods 0.14% and Pharmaceutical Products 0.18%. The other groupings remained comparatively constant.

Relative to the corresponding month of last year, the index moved from 110.59 index points in July 2017 to 111.29 index points in July 2018 representing an increase of 0.63%. The following groups recorded these increases: **“Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages”** 1.27%, **“Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco”** 0.23%, **“Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels”** 1.87%, **“Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance”** 0.33%. **“Health”** 0.10%, **“Communication”** 2.36%, **“Recreation and Culture”** 0.61% and **“Education”** 1.77%. The following items contributed to these increases: Pork 1.58%, Mutton 6.27%, Poultry 2.27%, Delicatessen and Other Meat preparations 0.78%, Fresh Fish 1.65%, Preserved Fish 2.72%, Preserved Milk 3.63%, Cheese 3.32%, Eggs 0.63%, Butter 5.90%, Cooking Oil 1.84%, Fresh Fruits 2.30%, Fresh Vegetables 0.29%, Potatoes 0.87%, Sugar 0.05%, Jams and Honey 2.30%, Ice Cream 0.76%, Bottle Water 0.12%, Soft Drinks and Concentrates 0.55%, Fruit Juices 0.92%, Wine 1.00%, Beer 0.19%, Materials for Maintenance and Repair of Dwelling 1.27%, Electricity 6.06%, the one hundred pound cylinder of Cooking Gas 10.57%, Bedroom Furniture 4.47%, Glassware and Household Utensils 0.10%, Non-durable Household goods 0.85%, Pharmaceutical Products 0.23%, Telephone Equipment 54.26%, Television 3.51%, Books 0.89%, Pre-primary and Primary Education 4.10% and Tertiary Education 0.71%.

On the other hand, the groupings **“Clothing and Footwear”**, **“Transport”** and **“Miscellaneous Goods and Services”** recorded decreases of 0.17%, 2.23% and 0.61% respectively, due to a decline in the price of these items: Men’s Clothing 5.58%, Women's Footwear 1.76%, Motor Vehicle 10.14%, Motor Vehicle Spare Parts and Accessories 7.49%, Passenger Transport by Air 8.07%, Personal Care Products 2.74% and Motor Vehicle Insurance 0.05%.

Accordingly, the inflation rate for the period July 2018 is 0.63%. This can be compared to an increase of 0.53 % for the same period in 2017.