

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX 2010 = 100

September 2018

Code	Description	WEIGHTS	SEPT 2018	SEPT 2017	SEPT 2016	AUG 2018	% CHANGE		
							SEPT 2018/ SEPT 2017	SEPT 2017/ SEPT 2016	SEPT 2018/ AUG 2018
0	ALL PRODUCTS	100	111.84	110.49	109.84	111.35	1.22	0.59	0.44
11.01	FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	20.35	116.40	115.36	113.88	116.27	0.90	1.30	0.11
11.02	ALCOHOL BEVERAGES, TOBACCO AND NARCOTICS	1.83	124.81	125.29	124.96	125.13	-0.39	0.26	-0.26
11.03	CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	3.66	102.74	102.62	102.54	102.60	0.12	0.07	0.13
11.04	HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS & OTHER FUELS	29.05	104.14	102.43	102.17	104.07	1.67	0.26	0.07
11.05	FURNISHING, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT & ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE	4.5	111.56	111.42	111.62	111.59	0.13	-0.18	-0.02
11.06	HEALTH	1.94	134.28	133.89	136.18	134.09	0.29	-1.68	0.14
11.07	TRANSPORT	18.72	112.48	109.90	110.45	110.37	2.34	-0.49	1.91
11.08	COMMUNICATION	10.03	124.72	124.72	120.90	124.72	0.00	3.16	0.00
11.09	RECREATION AND CULTURE	2.71	111.68	111.17	110.71	111.68	0.45	0.42	0.00
11.10	EDUCATION	0.83	148.82	140.41	132.39	142.05	5.99	6.05	4.76
11.11	RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	1.81	99.32	99.32	99.32	99.32	0.00	0.00	0.00
11.12	MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES	4.59	107.57	106.67	106.53	107.51	0.85	0.13	0.05

The above table shows the computation of the Consumer Price Index for the month of September 2018 with changes for the previous month August 2018 and the corresponding month of last year September 2017. The overall index moved from 111.35 index points in August 2018 to 111.84 index points in September 2018 representing an increase of 0.44%. An examination of the various groups revealed the following:

These groupings recorded the following increases: **"Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages"** 0.11%, **"Clothing and Footwear"** 0.13%, **"Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels"** 0.07% **"Health"** 0.14%, **"Transport"** 1.91%, **"Education"** 4.76% and **"Miscellaneous Goods and Services"** 0.05%. The following items contributed to these increases: Bakery Products 0.37%, Beef 0.40%, Pork 0.14%, Poultry 0.02%, Delicatessen and Other Meat Preparation 0.91%, Preserved Milk 0.59%, Cheese 0.05%, Eggs 0.65%, Margarine 0.10%, Cooking Oil 0.04%, Fresh Vegetables 0.53%, Potatoes 0.71%, Ice Cream 1.05%, Hot Beverages 0.11%, Men's Clothing 1.32%, Children's Clothing 0.49%, Electricity 0.19%, the one hundred pound cylinder of Cooking Gas 0.55%, Pharmaceutical Products 0.30%, Motor Vehicle 0.05%, Passenger Transport by Air 17.15%, Tertiary Education 7.04% and Personal Care Products 0.13%.

On the other hand, the groupings **"Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco"** and **"Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance"** recorded a decline of 0.26% and 0.02% respectively, resulting from a decrease in the price of Wine 0.01%, Cigarette 0.81%, Major Tools and Equipment 17.36% and Non-durable Household Goods 0.03%. All the other groupings remained comparatively constant.

Relative to the corresponding month of last year, the index moved from 110.49 index points in September 2017 to 111.84 index points in September 2018 signifying an increase of 1.22%. The following groupings showed the following increases: **"Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages"** 0.90%, **"Clothing and Footwear"** 0.12%, **"Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels"** 1.67%, **"Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance"** 0.13%. **"Health"** 0.29%, **"Transport"** 2.34%, **"Recreation and Culture"** 0.45%, **"Education"** 5.99% and **"Miscellaneous Goods and Services"** 0.85%. The following items contributed to these increases: Other Cereals 0.01%, Bakery Products 0.22%, Pasta Products 0.89%, Beef 1.06%, Pork 1.77%, Poultry 0.02%, Delicatessen and Other Meat preparations 1.88%, Fresh Fish 1.65%, Preserved Fish 2.23%, Preserved Milk 4.16%, Cheese 1.23%, Eggs 0.58%, Butter 3.18%, Cooking Oil 1.94%, Fresh Fruits 0.96%, Potatoes 3.52%, Sugar 0.09%, Jams and Honey 2.47%, Ice Cream 2.42%, Soft Drinks and Concentrates 0.33%, Fruit Juices 0.37%, Children's Clothing 2.25%, Men's Footwear 1.24%, Children's Footwear 5.77%, Materials for Maintenance and Repair of Dwelling 0.97%, Electricity 6.56%, the one hundred pound cylinder of Cooking Gas 5.93%, Bedroom Furniture 4.47%, Small Tools 0.60%, Non-durable Household goods 0.62%, Pharmaceutical Products 0.63%, Motor Vehicle Fuel 6.22%, Passenger Transport by Air 26.27%, Television 3.51%, Pre-primary and Primary Education 2.19%, Tertiary Education 7.79%, Personal Care Products 0.65% and Insurance for Dwellings 9.92%.

On the other hand, the grouping **"Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco"**, recorded a decrease of 0.39%, due to decline in the price of Cigarettes of 1.86%,

Accordingly, the inflation rate for the period September 2018 is 1.22%. This can be compared to an increase of 0.59% for the same period in 2017.