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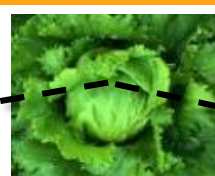
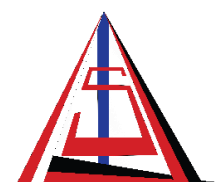
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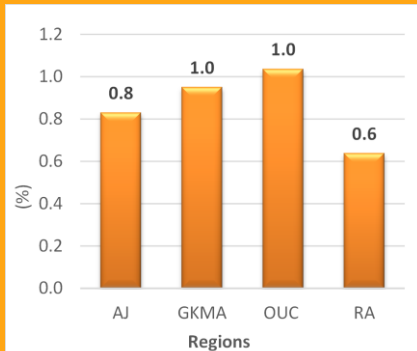
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INFLATION AT A GLANCE

MARCH 2019

All Jamaica	+0.8%
Greater Kingston Metropolitan Area	+1.0%
Other Urban Centres	+1.0%
Rural Areas	+0.6%

ALL JAMAICA MOVEMENTS



MARCH 2019

All Jamaica Monthly Movements:

2018-2019

MONTH	YEAR	(%)
March	2019	+0.8
February	2019	+0.1
January	2019	-0.2
December	2018	-1.0
November	2018	0.0
October	2018	+0.7
September	2018	+1.1
August	2018	+0.9
July	2018	+1.0
June	2018	+0.4
May	2018	0.0
April	2018	-0.4
March	2018	-0.1

MARCH 2019

The inflation rate for March 2019 was 0.8 per cent as the Consumer Price Index moved from 254.3 in the previous month to 256.5 in March 2019. This increase was largely as a result of the 0.9 per cent increase in the heavily weighted 'Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages' division. Higher prices for vegetables such as sweet pepper, cabbage and carrot resulted in the index for the class 'Vegetables and Starchy Foods' moving up by 3.0 per cent. In addition, the 'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' division had a 1.5 per cent increase in its index. This was due mainly to higher electricity rates, which resulted in a 2.7 per cent rise in the index for the group 'Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels'. Also contributing to March's inflation rate was an increase of 1.1 per cent in the index for the 'Transport' division. Higher petrol prices contributed to this increase.

For the calendar-year-to-date the inflation rate was 0.7 per cent, while the fiscal year 2018/2019 was 3.4 per cent.

Table I. ALL JAMAICA 'ALL DIVISIONS' AND DIVISION INDICES AND MOVEMENTS

(Base period December 2006 = 100)

DIVISIONS, GROUPS AND CLASSES	MAR 2019 Index	FEB 2019 Index	Past Month	Year to Date	Point to Point	Fiscal Year 18/19
ALL DIVISIONS - ALL ITEMS	256.5	254.3	0.8	0.7	3.4	3.4
01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	324.5	321.5	0.9	1.2	5.3	5.3
02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	317.2	315.5	0.5	0.6	1.5	1.5
03 Clothing and Footwear	246.7	245.3	0.6	0.7	2.3	2.3
04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	247.4	243.8	1.5	-1.1	0.2	0.2
05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	248.7	248.2	0.2	0.5	4.6	4.6
06 Health	150.1	150.0	0.1	0.4	1.6	1.6
07 Transport	213.6	211.2	1.1	0.7	1.7	1.7
08 Communication	67.1	67.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1
09 Recreation and Culture	196.0	195.8	0.1	0.5	1.7	1.7
10 Education	203.7	203.7	0.0	1.5	4.2	4.2
11 Restaurants and Accommodation Services	199.7	199.2	0.3	0.6	1.6	1.6
12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services	240.0	239.2	0.3	0.8	2.1	2.1

Table II. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: MAIN INDICATORS

		All Jamaica	Greater KMA	Other Urban Centres	Rural Areas
Month	March 2019	0.8	1.0	1.0	0.6
	February 2019	0.1	0.7	-0.3	-0.3
Fiscal Year	March 2018 – March 2019	3.4	4.4	3.8	2.3
Calendar Year to date	December 2018 – March 2019	0.7	1.4	0.7	0.1

Figure I. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: MONTHLY PERCENTAGE CHANGE ALL JAMAICA, ALL DIVISIONS: JANUARY 2018 - MARCH 2019

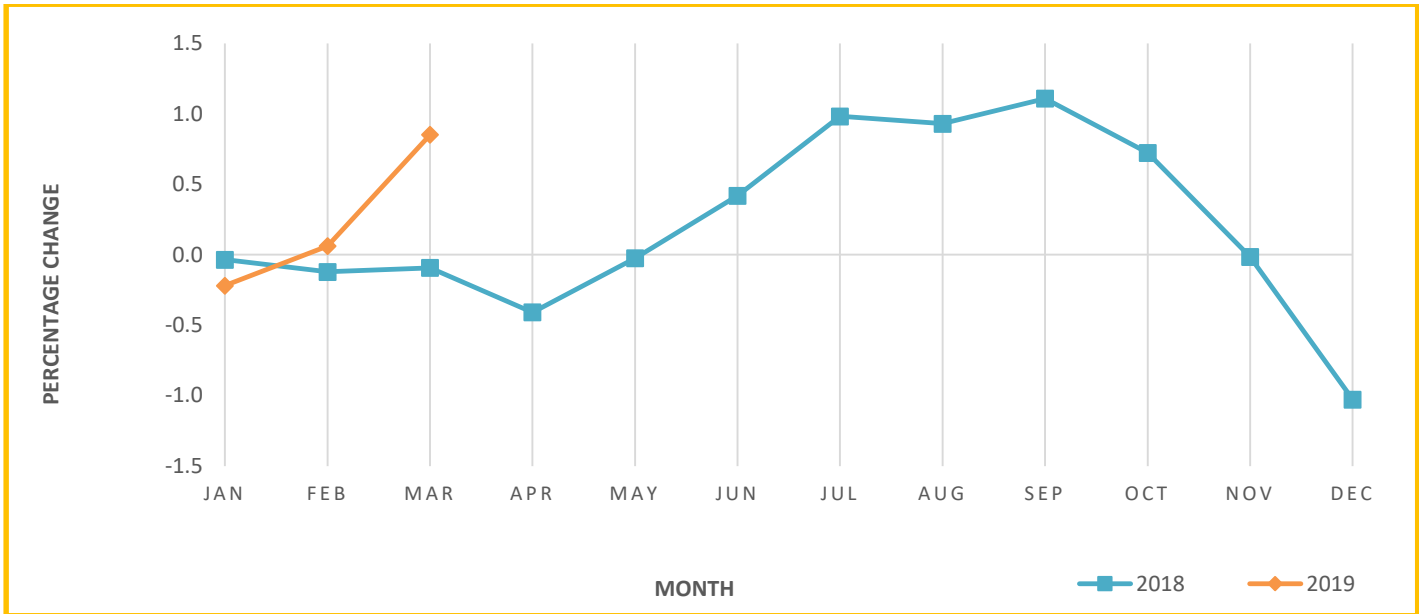
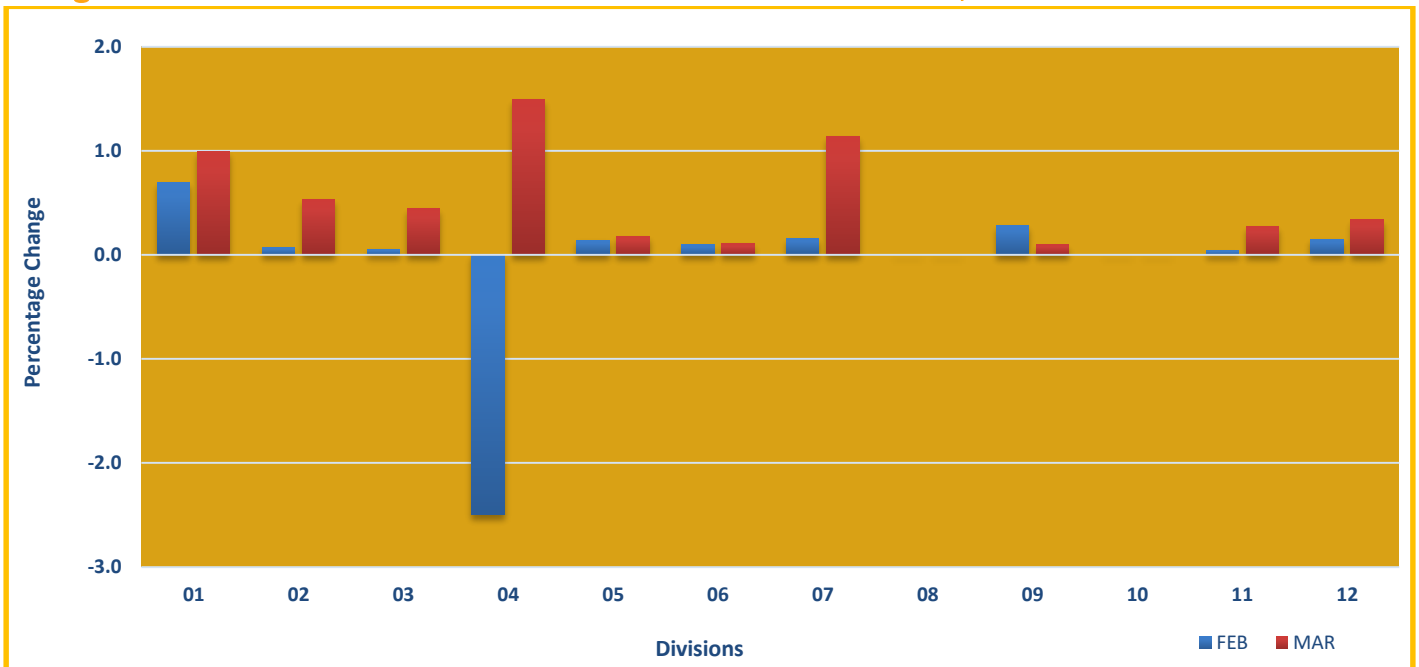


Figure II. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: ALL JAMAICA DIVISION MOVEMENTS, FEB 2019 - MARCH 2019



CPI DIVISION MOVEMENTS

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES



+0.9%

The index for the division 'Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages' increased by 0.9 per cent for March 2019. This was the largest increase recorded for this division since October 2018 when prices moved upwards by 1.7 per cent. The two groups 'Food' and 'Non-Alcoholic Beverages' registered increases of 1.0 and 0.2 per cent respectively. For 'Food', higher prices for produce such as sweet pepper, cabbage, carrot resulted in the index for 'Vegetables' moving upwards by 4.1 per cent. 'Starchy Foods' on the other hand, fell by 0.8 per cent. For 'Non-Alcoholic Beverages', the index for 'Coffee, Tea and Cocoa' rose by 0.3 per cent, while 'Mineral Waters', Soft Drinks, Fruit and Vegetable Juices' went up by 0.2 per cent for March 2019.

For this division, the calendar year-to-date inflation was 1.2 per cent, and the fiscal year movement was 5.3 per cent.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES



+0.5%

A 0.5 per cent increase was recorded in the index for the division 'Alcoholic Beverages' for the period under review. This increase was mainly as a result of the upward movements in the price for stout and beers.

For this division, the calendar year-to-date movement was 0.6 per cent, while the fiscal year inflation was 1.5 per cent.

CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR



+0.4%

The index for the division 'Clothing and Footwear' rose by 0.4 per cent for the month of March 2019. This movement was 0.3 percentage point above the 0.1 per cent that was recorded for the previous period, February 2019. The two groups 'Clothing and Footwear' recorded increases of 0.4 per cent and 0.5 per cent respectively.

For this division, the calendar year-to-date movement was 0.6 per cent, while the fiscal year movement was 2.2 per cent.

HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS



+1.5%

The 'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' division recorded a 1.5 per cent increase in its index for March 2019. This was largely as a result of an increase in the rates for electricity. This was reflected in the group 'Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' which recorded a 2.7 per cent rise in its index. The other group to record an increase in its index was 'Maintenance and Repair of Dwellings' which registered an increase of 0.1 per cent.

This division had a -1.1 per cent rate of inflation for the calendar-year-to-date, while the fiscal year rate was 0.2 per cent.

FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT & ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE



+0.2%

The 'Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance' division recorded an inflation rate of 0.2 per cent for March 2019. The main contributor was the 0.1 per cent increase in the index for the group 'Goods and Services for Routine Household Maintenance' as a result of increased prices for some household durables. This was followed by the groups 'Furniture and Furnishings' and 'Household Appliances' each moving up by 0.4 per cent.

For this division, as at March 2019 the calendar-year-to-date inflation rate was 0.5 per cent, while the fiscal year inflation rate was 4.6 per cent.

HEALTH



+0.1%

A 0.1 per cent upward movement was recorded in the index for the division 'Health' for March 2019. The index for the two groups within the division, the 'Medical Products, Appliances and Equipment' and 'Health Services' each recorded a 0.1 per cent increase their index.

For this division, as at March 2019 the calendar-year-to-date inflation rate was 0.4 per cent, while the fiscal year was 1.6 per cent.

TRANSPORT



+1.1%

The 'Transport' division recorded a 1.1 per cent rise in its index for the period under review. This increase was mainly attributed to higher petrol and air travel costs.

For this division, the calendar year-to-date movement was 0.7 per cent and the fiscal year movement was 1.7 per cent for the period under review.

RECREATION AND CULTURE



+0.1%

An inflation rate of 0.1 per cent was recorded for the 'Recreation and Culture' division for March 2019. This movement was mainly influenced by the increase in the cost for 'Information processing equipment' and 'Equipment for sport, camping and open-air recreation.'

The calendar year-to-date movement was 0.5 per cent, while the fiscal year movement was 1.7 per cent for this division.

RESTAURANTS AND ACCOMMODATION SERVICES



+0.3%

The 'Restaurants and Accommodation Services' division recorded a 0.3 per cent increase for March 2019, mainly as a result of an increase in prices for alcoholic beverages.

For this division, the calendar year-to-date movement was 0.6 per cent, while the fiscal year movement was 1.6 per cent.

MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES

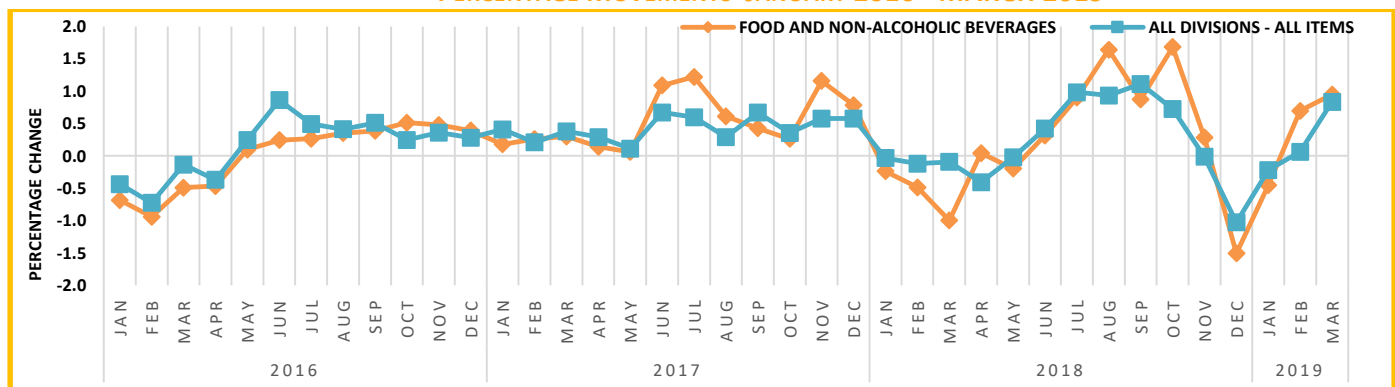


+0.3%

The 'Miscellaneous Goods and Services' division recorded a 0.3 per cent rise in its index for March 2019. The main contributors to this movement were increased prices for some personal care items and the increase in administrative fees associated with insurance services.

For this division, the calendar year-to-date movement was 0.8 per cent while the fiscal year movement was 2.1 per cent.

Figure III. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: ALL DIVISIONS - ALL ITEMS AND FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
PERCENTAGE MOVEMENTS JANUARY 2016 - MARCH 2019



REGIONAL CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

GREATER KINGSTON METROPOLITAN AREA

+1.0%



The Greater Kingston Metropolitan Area (GKMA) recorded an index of 286.9, indicating an inflation rate of 1.0 per cent for March 2019. This increase was mainly attributable to the 1.2 per cent increase that was registered for 'Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages' division, the 1.3 percent increase recorded for 'Transport and the 1.1 percent increase in the index for 'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels'.

The two groups 'Food' and 'Non-Alcoholic Beverages' registered increases of 1.3 and 0.2 per cent respectively. Within the group 'Food', higher prices for the produce sweet pepper, cabbage and carrot led to the 3.8 per cent upward movement in the index for the class 'Vegetables'. This increase was slightly tempered by the 0.2 per cent fall in prices for 'Starchy Foods' namely, yam and irish potato. The 0.2 per cent increase for 'Non-Alcoholic Beverages' was influenced by the 0.5 per cent rise in the index for the class 'Coffee, Tea and Cocoa' and the 0.1 per cent increase for 'Mineral Waters, Soft Drinks, Fruit and Vegetable Juices'. For the division 'Transport', the cost for petrol continued to trend upwards with prices for air travel also moving upwards for the review period. For the 'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' division, a negligible downward movement in the rates for water was offset by the increase in the rates for electricity and resulted in the index for the group 'Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' moving upwards by 2.8 per cent.

For the GKMA region, the calendar-year-to-date movement was 1.4 per cent while the fiscal year registered an increase of 4.4 per cent for the GKMA region. (See Table VI).

OTHER URBAN CENTRES

+1.0%



The Other Urban Centres recorded an inflation rate of 1.0 per cent for March 2019. The index for the heaviest weighted division 'Food, Beverages and Tobacco' registered an increase of 1.3 per cent. This was mainly due to the increase in the index for both groups within the division, 'Food' up 1.3 per cent and 'Non-Alcoholic Beverages' up by 0.3 per cent. The upward movement for the 'Food' group, resulted mainly from the class 'Vegetable and Starchy Foods' going up by 4.3 per cent. Higher prices for vegetables namely tomato, carrot and cabbage contributed to this movement. However, the movement within this group was moderated by the 0.6 per cent fall in the index for the sub-class 'Starchy Foods'. This was due to the fall in price of some produce such as yam and irish potato. Also contributing to the upward movement for the region was the 'Transport' division going up by 1.5 per cent. This was mainly as a result of higher petrol prices. Similarly, The 'Housing, Water Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' division recorded an upward movement in its index of 1.5 per cent due largely to an increase in electricity rates.

The calendar year-to-date inflation was 0.7 per cent for the OUC region, while the fiscal year movement was 3.8 per cent. (See Table VII).

RURAL AREAS

+0.6%



The Rural Areas recorded a 0.6 per cent rate of inflation for March 2019. This was due mainly to the 0.5 per cent increase in the index for the division 'Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages' due largely to higher prices for vegetables such as cabbage, lettuce and onion. As a result the index for the class 'Vegetables and Starchy Foods' rose by 2.1 per cent despite lower prices for starchy foods such as yam and irish potato. Additionally, the division 'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' registered a 1.9 per cent increase in its index due mainly to increased electricity rates, which resulted in the index for the group 'Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' moving up by 2.7 per cent. The division 'Transport' had a 0.9 per cent increase in its index influenced by higher petrol prices.

Other notable increases were registered for the divisions: 'Clothing and Footwear' 0.7 per cent, 'Restaurant and Accommodation Services' 0.5 per cent and 'Miscellaneous Goods and Services' 0.2 per cent.

For the Rural Areas, the calendar year-to-date inflation rate was 0.1 per cent, while the fiscal year movement was 2.3 per cent. (See Table VIII).

Figure I. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: MONTHLY PERCENTAGE CHANGE - GREATER KINGSTON METROPOLITAN AREA

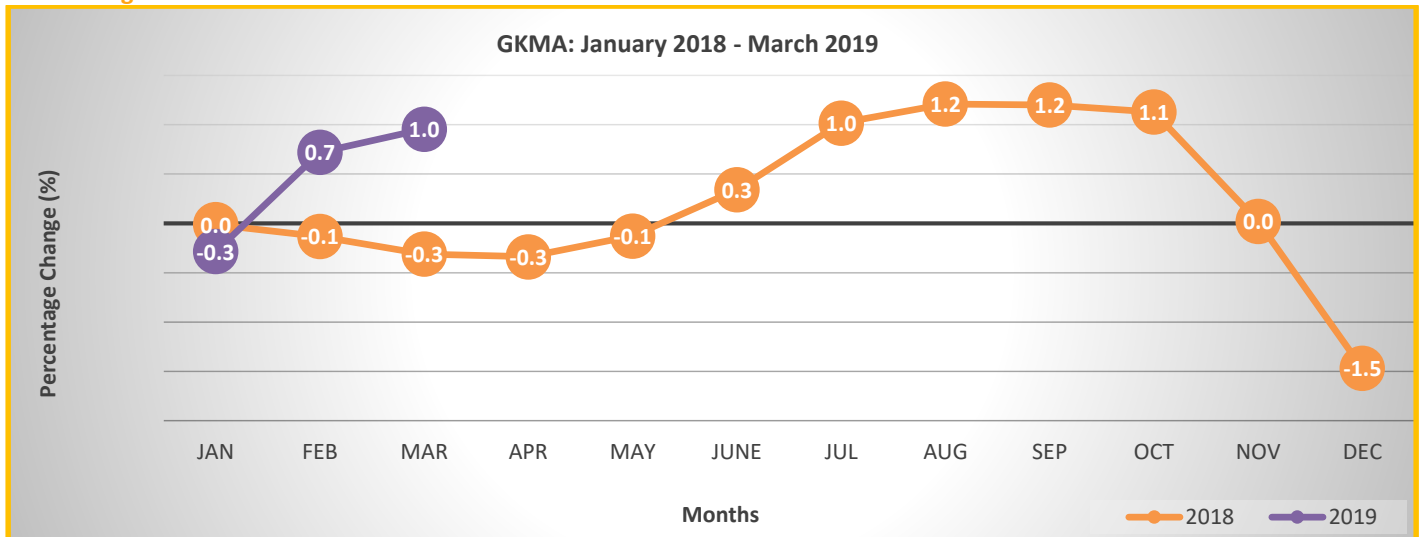


Figure II. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: MONTHLY PERCENTAGE CHANGE - OTHER URBAN CENTRES

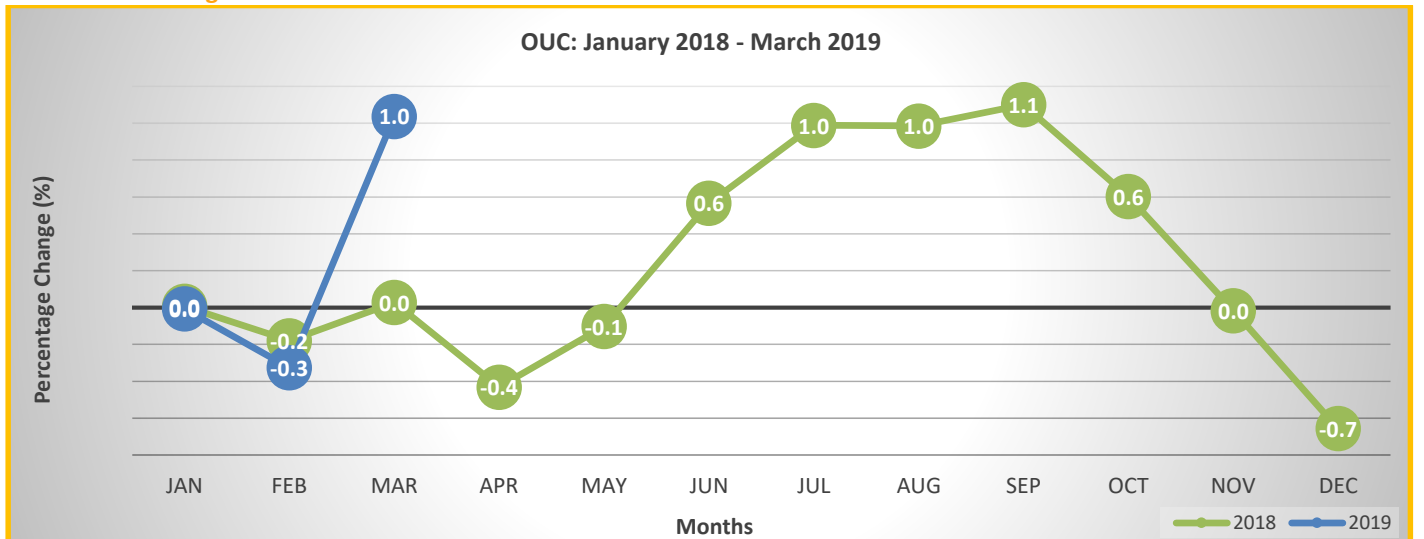


Figure III. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: MONTHLY PERCENTAGE CHANGE - RURAL AREAS

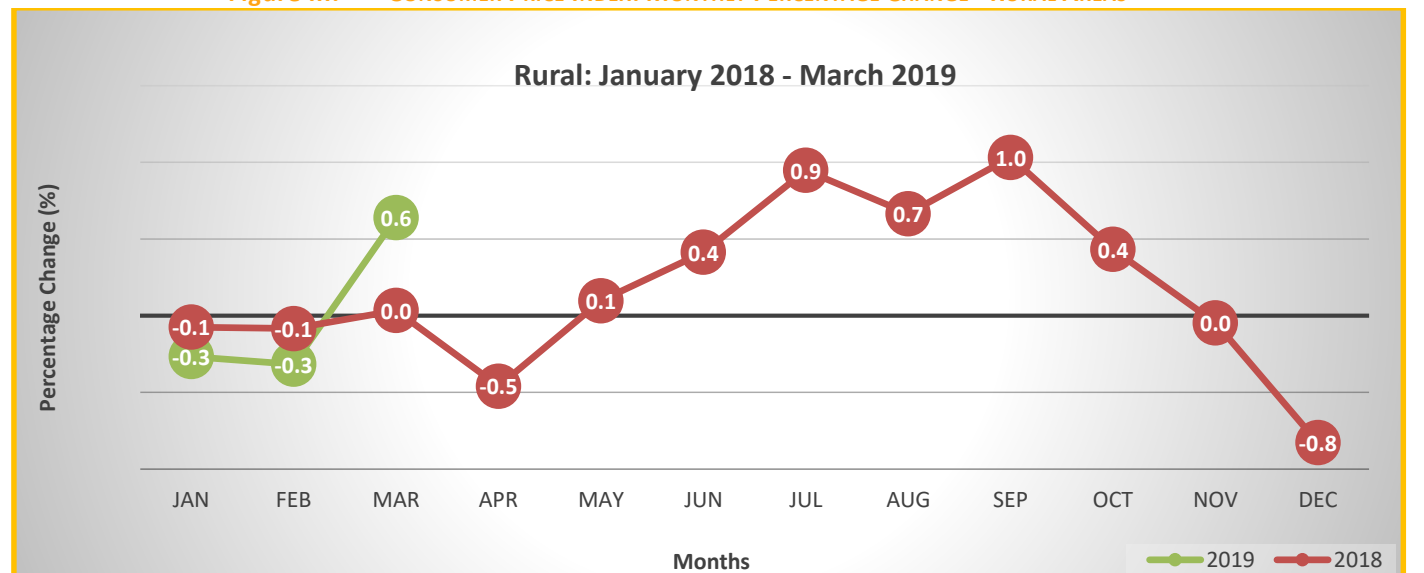


Table III. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: ALL REGIONS MARCH 2019 — PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER PAST MONTH AND YEAR-TO-DATE

Divisions	Greater Kingston Metropolitan Area		Other Urban Centres		Rural Areas	
	Past Month	Year to Date	Past Month	Year to Date	Past Month	Year to Date
All Divisions - All Items	1.0	1.4	1.0	0.7	0.6	0.1
01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	1.2	2.5	1.3	1.2	0.5	0.0
02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.8
03 Clothing and Footwear	0.5	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.7
04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	1.1	-1.0	1.5	-1.0	1.9	-1.3
05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	0.0	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.5
06 Health	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.3
07 Transport	1.3	1.0	1.5	1.0	0.9	0.3
08 Communication	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
09 Recreation and Culture	0.1	0.5	0.2	0.6	0.1	0.4
10 Education	0.0	2.1	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
11 Restaurants and Accommodation Services	0.1	0.5	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.7
12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services	0.5	1.1	0.3	0.9	0.2	0.5

Table IV. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: ALL DIVISIONS MEAN AND POINT-TO-POINT QUARTERLY MOVEMENTS: 2017 - 2018

Quarters		Mean				Point-to-Point			
		AJ	GKMA	OUC	RA	AJ	GKMA	OUC	RA
2018	March	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.3	-0.3	-0.5	-0.2	-0.1
	June	-0.4	-0.6	-0.4	-0.3	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.1
	September	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.1	3.0	3.5	3.1	2.7
	December	1.4	1.9	1.4	1.0	-0.3	-0.3	-0.1	-0.4
2019	March	-0.6	-0.5	-0.3	-0.8	0.7	1.4	0.7	0.1

Figure IV. POINT-TO-POINT QUARTERLY MOVEMENTS: 2015 – 2019

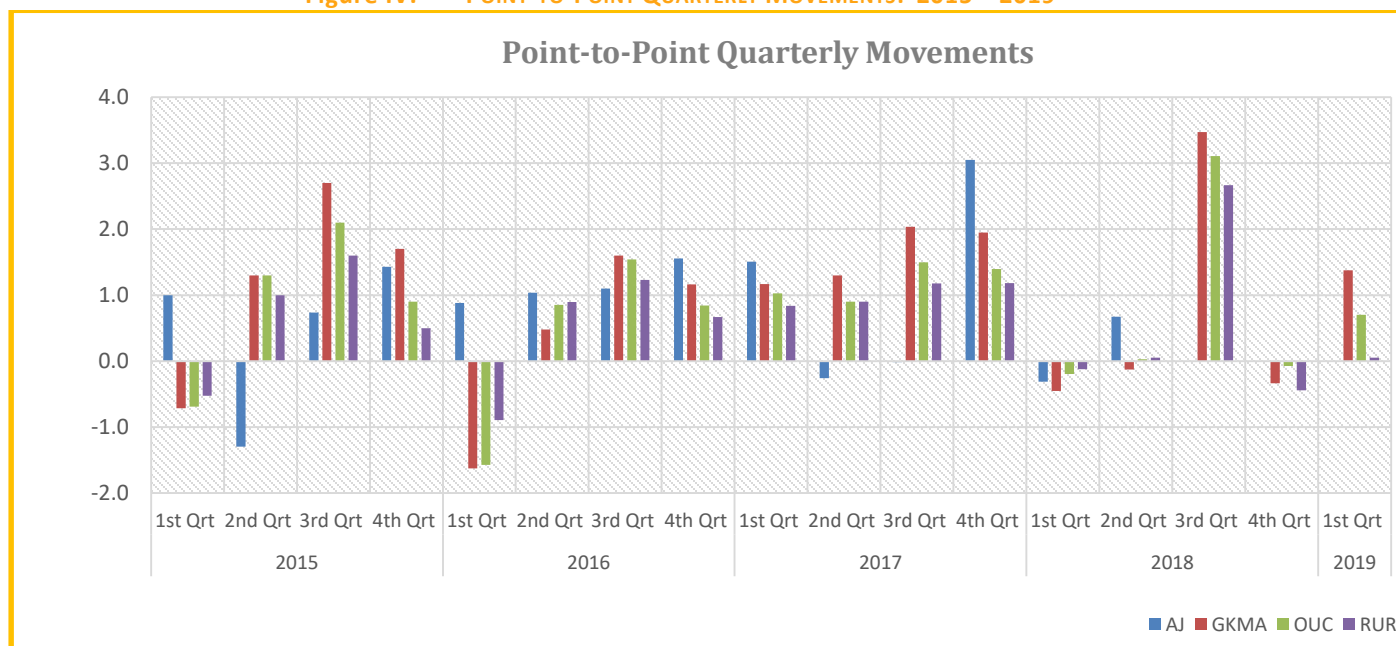


TABLE IV. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: ALL JAMAICA, MARCH 2019

DIVISIONS, GROUPS AND CLASSES		MAR 2019 INDEX	FEB 2019 INDEX	PAST MONTH	YEAR TO DATE	POINT TO POINT	FISCAL YEAR 18/19
All Divisions - All Items		256.5	254.3	0.8	0.7	3.4	3.4
01	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	324.5	321.5	0.9	1.2	5.3	5.3
	Food	328.9	325.7	1.0	1.2	5.4	5.4
	Bread and Cereals (ND)	294.8	294.4	0.1	0.3	2.1	2.1
	Meat (ND)	270.9	270.1	0.3	0.9	3.2	3.2
	Fish and Seafood (ND)	270.0	269.5	0.2	0.5	1.8	1.8
	Milk, Cheese and Eggs (ND)	311.3	310.8	0.2	0.7	2.1	2.1
	Oils and Fats (ND)	333.1	331.7	0.4	0.9	3.6	3.6
	Fruit (ND)	443.1	439.1	0.9	2.2	10.8	10.8
	Vegetables and Starchy Foods (ND)	463.5	450.1	3.0	2.4	12.1	12.1
	Vegetables	543.0	521.6	4.1	4.4	12.6	12.6
	Starchy Foods	321.0	323.4	-0.8	-2.9	10.7	10.7
	Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate and Confectionery (ND)	327.6	327.0	0.2	1.0	4.2	4.2
	Food Products n.e.c. (ND)	306.6	305.5	0.3	0.5	3.5	3.5
	Non-Alcoholic Beverages	258.2	257.6	0.2	0.9	2.7	2.7
	Coffee, Tea and Cocoa (ND)	282.1	281.4	0.3	1.1	2.8	2.8
	Mineral Waters, Soft Drinks, Fruit and Vegetable Juices (ND)	248.8	248.4	0.2	0.7	2.6	2.6
02	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	317.2	315.5	0.5	0.6	1.5	1.5
03	Clothing and Footwear	246.4	245.3	0.4	0.6	2.2	2.2
	Clothing	235.8	234.8	0.4	0.6	2.3	2.3
	Footwear	265.0	263.7	0.5	0.6	2.0	2.0
04	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	247.4	243.8	1.5	-1.1	0.2	0.2
	Rentals for Housing	222.5	222.5	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.4
	Maintenance and Repair of Dwelling	279.8	279.4	0.1	2.7	4.0	4.0
	Water Supply and Miscellaneous Services Related to the Dwelling	319.8	319.9	0.0	-2.6	3.6	3.6
	Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	242.6	236.2	2.7	-1.8	-1.2	-1.2
05	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	248.7	248.2	0.2	0.5	4.6	4.6
	Furniture and Furnishings (including Floor Coverings)	253.5	252.5	0.4	0.8	2.0	2.0
	Household Textiles	215.4	214.8	0.3	0.6	2.1	2.1
	Household Appliances	252.6	251.7	0.4	0.7	3.1	3.1
	Glassware, Tableware and Household Utensils	230.8	230.1	0.3	0.4	1.9	1.9
	Tools and Equipment for House and Garden	210.1	209.6	0.3	0.4	1.7	1.7
	Goods and Services for Routine Household Maintenance	252.4	252.2	0.1	0.4	5.9	5.9
06	Health	150.1	150.0	0.1	0.4	1.6	1.6
	Medical Products, Appliances and Equipment	161.2	161.1	0.1	0.5	1.8	1.8
	Health Services	143.6	143.4	0.1	0.3	1.4	1.4
07	Transport	213.6	211.2	1.1	0.7	1.7	1.7
08	Communication	67.1	67.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1
09	Recreation and Culture	196.0	195.8	0.1	0.5	1.7	1.7
10	Education	203.7	203.7	0.0	1.5	4.2	4.2
11	Restaurants and Accommodation Services	199.7	199.2	0.3	0.6	1.6	1.6
12	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	240.0	239.2	0.3	0.8	2.1	2.1

Table V. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: GREATER KINGSTON METROPOLITAN AREA, MARCH 2019

DIVISIONS, GROUPS AND CLASSES		MAR 2019 INDEX	FEB 2019 INDEX	PAST MONTH	YEAR TO DATE	POINT TO POINT	FISCAL YEAR 18/19
All Divisions - All Items		286.9	284.2	1.0	1.4	4.4	4.4
01	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	413.0	407.9	1.2	2.5	7.2	7.2
	Food	419.4	414.1	1.3	2.6	7.4	7.4
	Bread and Cereals (ND)	303.9	303.5	0.1	0.6	2.3	2.3
	Meat (ND)	321.1	320.2	0.3	1.3	3.9	3.9
	Fish and Seafood (ND)	284.0	283.3	0.2	0.6	2.6	2.6
	Milk, Cheese and Eggs (ND)	356.5	355.7	0.2	1.3	3.4	3.4
	Oils and Fats (ND)	398.8	397.0	0.4	1.7	5.6	5.6
	Fruit (ND)	523.8	518.8	1.0	2.4	13.0	13.0
	Vegetables and Starchy Foods (ND)	715.9	695.2	3.0	5.2	12.9	12.9
	Vegetables	865.5	833.8	3.8	7.5	13.4	13.4
	Starchy Foods	423.0	423.9	-0.2	-3.3	11.3	11.3
	Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate and Confectionery (ND)	398.5	397.3	0.3	0.9	4.3	4.3
	Food Products n.e.c. (ND)	382.6	380.0	0.7	0.4	5.2	5.2
	Non-Alcoholic Beverages	304.5	303.8	0.2	1.0	3.3	3.3
	Coffee, Tea and Cocoa (ND)	328.2	326.5	0.5	1.3	4.1	4.1
	Mineral Waters, Soft Drinks, Fruit and Vegetable Juices (ND)	296.3	295.9	0.1	0.9	3.0	3.0
02	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	355.9	354.7	0.3	0.4	1.2	1.2
03	Clothing and Footwear	280.0	278.6	0.5	0.7	1.8	1.8
	Clothing	248.8	247.3	0.6	0.8	1.7	1.7
	Footwear	336.5	335.3	0.3	0.5	1.9	1.9
04	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	235.1	232.5	1.1	-1.0	0.2	0.2
	Rentals for Housing	203.5	203.5	0.0	0.1	0.6	0.6
	Maintenance and Repair of Dwelling	297.1	297.1	0.0	2.9	3.9	3.9
	Water Supply and Miscellaneous Services Related to the Dwelling	319.3	319.3	0.0	-2.6	3.6	3.6
	Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	239.5	233.1	2.8	-2.0	-1.9	-1.9
05	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	270.2	270.1	0.0	0.5	5.4	5.4
	Furniture and Furnishings (including Floor Coverings)	254.1	253.9	0.1	0.4	1.8	1.8
	Household Textiles	229.4	228.9	0.2	0.2	1.5	1.5
	Household Appliances	240.2	240.2	0.0	0.3	2.6	2.6
	Glassware, Tableware and Household Utensils	247.6	247.5	0.0	0.2	2.0	2.0
	Tools and Equipment for House and Garden	237.9	237.6	0.1	0.5	2.8	2.8
	Goods and Services for Routine Household Maintenance	283.7	283.6	0.0	0.5	7.0	7.0
06	Health	135.1	134.9	0.1	0.3	1.3	1.3
	Medical Products, Appliances and Equipment	145.5	145.5	0.1	0.6	1.6	1.6
	Health Services	127.9	127.8	0.1	0.1	1.0	1.0
07	Transport	226.0	223.1	1.3	1.0	2.1	2.1
08	Communication	78.9	78.9	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1
09	Recreation and Culture	185.2	185.0	0.1	0.5	2.2	2.2
10	Education	204.8	204.8	0.0	2.1	3.7	3.7
11	Restaurants and Accommodation Services	202.9	202.7	0.1	0.5	1.5	1.5
12	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	252.5	251.3	0.5	1.1	2.3	2.3

Table VI. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: OTHER URBAN CENTRES, MARCH 2019

DIVISIONS, GROUPS AND CLASSES		MAR 2019 INDEX	FEB 2019 INDEX	PAST MONTH	YEAR TO DATE	POINT TO POINT	FISCAL YEAR 18/19
All Divisions - All Items		255.5	252.8	1.0	0.7	3.8	3.8
01	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	308.6	304.7	1.3	1.2	6.0	6.0
	Food	313.1	308.9	1.3	1.3	6.2	6.2
	Bread and Cereals (ND)	294.1	293.6	0.2	0.4	2.2	2.2
	Meat (ND)	256.5	256.0	0.2	0.6	3.1	3.1
	Fish and Seafood (ND)	249.9	249.4	0.2	0.5	1.9	1.9
	Milk, Cheese and Eggs (ND)	306.1	305.5	0.2	0.6	1.9	1.9
	Oils and Fats (ND)	329.3	327.5	0.5	0.9	3.5	3.5
	Fruit (ND)	501.5	496.7	1.0	2.0	9.2	9.2
	Vegetables and Starchy Foods (ND)	410.1	393.0	4.3	2.8	16.0	16.0
	Vegetables	459.6	433.3	6.1	5.1	18.7	18.7
	Starchy Foods	309.1	310.9	-0.6	-3.8	8.5	8.5
	Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate and Confectionery (ND)	305.3	304.5	0.3	1.1	4.7	4.7
	Food Products n.e.c. (ND)	286.2	285.8	0.1	1.0	2.8	2.8
	Non-Alcoholic Beverages	251.5	250.7	0.3	0.8	2.4	2.4
	Coffee, Tea and Cocoa (ND)	272.6	271.9	0.2	1.2	2.3	2.3
	Mineral Waters, Soft Drinks, Fruit and Vegetable Juices (ND)	244.9	244.1	0.3	0.7	2.4	2.4
02	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	313.3	311.4	0.6	0.7	1.9	1.9
03	Clothing and Footwear	238.0	236.9	0.5	0.6	2.8	2.8
	Clothing	255.8	254.5	0.5	0.7	2.9	2.9
	Footwear	208.2	207.3	0.5	0.6	2.5	2.5
04	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	262.9	259.0	1.5	-1.0	0.9	0.9
	Rentals for Housing	258.3	258.3	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1
	Maintenance and Repair of Dwelling	274.1	273.9	0.1	2.4	3.7	3.7
	Water Supply and Miscellaneous Services Related to the Dwelling	321.3	321.3	0.0	-2.6	3.6	3.6
	Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	250.9	243.9	2.9	-1.5	0.2	0.2
05	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	256.6	255.8	0.3	0.5	4.4	4.4
	Furniture and Furnishings (including Floor Coverings)	260.5	259.0	0.6	1.0	2.2	2.2
	Household Textiles	261.0	259.4	0.6	0.9	2.3	2.3
	Household Appliances	267.4	265.8	0.6	0.9	3.5	3.5
	Glassware, Tableware and Household Utensils	233.8	232.5	0.6	0.8	2.6	2.6
	Tools and Equipment for House and Garden	212.3	211.7	0.3	0.5	1.7	1.7
	Goods and Services for Routine Household Maintenance	255.0	254.5	0.2	0.3	5.3	5.3
06	Health	155.7	155.4	0.2	0.4	1.6	1.6
	Medical Products, Appliances and Equipment	163.7	163.2	0.3	0.5	1.6	1.6
	Health Services	151.1	150.9	0.2	0.4	1.6	1.6
07	Transport	217.3	214.2	1.5	1.0	2.1	2.1
08	Communication	65.9	65.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
09	Recreation and Culture	206.8	206.3	0.2	0.6	1.9	1.9
10	Education	201.8	201.8	0.0	1.0	4.6	4.6
11	Restaurants and Accommodation Services	219.6	219.2	0.2	0.4	1.6	1.6
12	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	244.3	243.6	0.3	0.9	2.2	2.2

Table VII. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: RURAL AREAS, MARCH 2019

DIVISIONS, GROUPS AND CLASSES		MAR 2019 INDEX	FEB 2019 INDEX	PAST MONTH	YEAR TO DATE	POINT TO POINT	FISCAL YEAR 18/19
All Divisions - All Items		235.2	233.7	0.6	0.1	2.3	2.3
01	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	276.4	275.0	0.5	0.0	3.3	3.3
	Food	279.1	277.6	0.5	-0.1	3.3	3.3
	Bread and Cereals (ND)	290.2	289.9	0.1	0.2	2.0	2.0
	Meat (ND)	244.8	244.2	0.3	0.6	2.7	2.7
	Fish and Seafood (ND)	269.7	269.3	0.2	0.4	1.2	1.2
	Milk, Cheese and Eggs (ND)	285.9	285.6	0.1	0.4	1.2	1.2
	Oils and Fats (ND)	303.4	302.2	0.4	0.4	2.4	2.4
	Fruit (ND)	302.6	300.4	0.7	2.1	7.4	7.4
	Vegetables and Starchy Foods (ND)	300.1	294.0	2.1	-2.3	8.2	8.2
	Vegetables	320.9	310.4	3.4	-2.5	7.2	7.2
	Starchy Foods	253.5	257.3	-1.5	-2.0	11.2	11.2
	Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate and Confectionery (ND)	302.8	302.6	0.1	1.0	3.9	3.9
	Food Products n.e.c. (ND)	270.4	270.0	0.2	0.3	2.5	2.5
	Non-Alcoholic Beverages	235.8	235.5	0.2	0.8	2.3	2.3
	Coffee, Tea and Cocoa (ND)	264.8	264.4	0.1	1.1	2.3	2.3
	Mineral Waters, Soft Drinks, Fruit and Vegetable Juices (ND)	222.5	222.2	0.2	0.6	2.4	2.4
02	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	297.9	296.0	0.6	0.8	1.5	1.5
03	Clothing and Footwear	233.0	231.5	0.7	0.7	2.5	2.5
	Clothing	222.2	220.9	0.6	0.7	2.7	2.7
	Footwear	251.7	249.8	0.8	0.8	2.1	2.1
04	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	251.7	247.2	1.9	-1.3	-0.3	-0.3
	Rentals for Housing	256.6	256.6	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1
	Maintenance and Repair of Dwelling	272.9	272.2	0.3	2.8	4.2	4.2
	Water Supply and Miscellaneous Services Related to the Dwelling	319.3	319.4	0.0	-2.6	3.6	3.6
	Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	240.8	234.6	2.7	-1.8	-1.5	-1.5
05	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	228.8	228.3	0.2	0.5	4.0	4.0
	Furniture and Furnishings (including Floor Coverings)	250.4	249.0	0.6	1.1	2.1	2.1
	Household Textiles	186.5	186.4	0.1	0.8	2.5	2.5
	Household Appliances	256.0	254.7	0.5	0.8	3.3	3.3
	Glassware, Tableware and Household Utensils	218.5	217.6	0.4	0.5	1.6	1.6
	Tools and Equipment for House and Garden	205.3	204.8	0.3	0.4	1.5	1.5
	Goods and Services for Routine Household Maintenance	226.1	225.9	0.1	0.2	5.1	5.1
06	Health	156.6	156.5	0.1	0.3	1.7	1.7
	Medical Products, Appliances and Equipment	170.6	170.5	0.0	0.4	1.9	1.9
	Health Services	149.1	149.0	0.1	0.3	1.5	1.5
07	Transport	204.0	202.3	0.9	0.3	1.2	1.2
08	Communication	58.0	58.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
09	Recreation and Culture	200.1	200.0	0.1	0.4	1.3	1.3
10	Education	203.2	203.2	0.0	1.0	4.6	4.6
11	Restaurants and Accommodation Services	187.7	186.8	0.5	0.7	1.7	1.7
12	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	229.3	228.8	0.2	0.5	2.0	2.0



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