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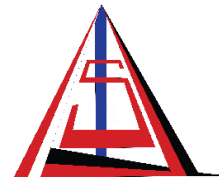
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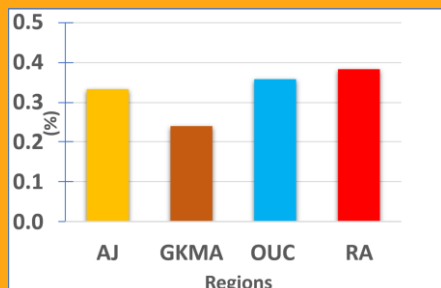
MARCH 2026

For March 2026, the All Jamaica Consumer Price Index (CPI) increased by 0.3 per cent. This was largely attributed to a 2.3 per cent rise in the index for the **'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels'** division, driven by higher electricity rates. Additionally, there was a 0.6 per cent increase in the index of the **'Transport'** division mainly due to increased petrol prices.

The overall increase in the CPI was, however, tempered by a 0.6 per cent decline in the index of the **'Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages'** division. This fall primarily resulted from a 4.9 per cent decline in the *'Vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas and pulses'* class, due to lower prices for some agricultural produce, such as tomato, carrot, cabbage, Irish potato and pumpkin.

The point-to-point inflation rate as at March 2026 was 4.3 per cent.

INFLATION AT A GLANCE



All Jamaica	0.3%
Greater Kingston Metropolitan Area	0.2%
Other Urban Centres	0.4%
Rural Areas	0.4%

ALL JAMAICA MONTHLY MOVEMENTS:

MONTH	YEAR	(%)
March	2026	+0.3
February	2026	-0.9
January	2026	-0.8
December	2025	+1.3
November	2025	+2.4
October	2025	+0.7
September	2025	+0.8
August	2025	+0.3
July	2025	+0.3
June	2025	-0.3
May	2025	+0.4
April	2025	-0.4
March	2025	0.0

Table I: All Jamaica, Divisional Indices and Movement (Base period 2019 = 100)

DIVISIONS	INDEX		INFLATION RATE			
	MAR 2026	FEB 2026	MAR 2026	Point to Point	Fiscal Year 25/26	Calendar Year 2026
ALL DIVISIONS - ALL ITEMS	147.9	147.4	0.3	4.3	4.7	-1.4
01 - FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	164.3	165.3	-0.6	5.6	6.1	-5.6
02 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO AND NARCOTICS	139.0	138.6	0.3	2.2	1.9	0.6
03 CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	132.5	132.4	0.1	2.8	2.7	0.5
04 HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS	137.5	134.4	2.3	4.9	6.4	3.3
05 FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE	148.0	147.8	0.1	3.3	3.1	0.6
06 HEALTH	133.6	133.0	0.5	3.8	3.4	1.3
07 TRANSPORT	131.4	130.6	0.6	1.2	1.2	0.6
08 INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION	95.9	95.2	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.8
09 RECREATION, SPORT AND CULTURE	134.7	134.6	0.1	3.4	3.3	1.0
10 EDUCATION	170.8	170.8	0.0	8.1	8.1	1.0
11 RESTAURANTS AND ACCOMMODATION SERVICES	175.2	175.0	0.1	2.1	2.0	0.5
12 INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	116.1	110.3	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.3
13 PERSONAL CARE, SOCIAL PROTECTION AND MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES	136.8	136.6	0.1	4.0	3.8	1.2

CPI Divisional Monthly Movements March 2026

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES



The index for the division **'Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages'** fell by 0.6 per cent for March 2026. While the index of the group **'Food'** declined by 0.7 per cent, the **'Non-Alcoholic Beverages'** group rose by 0.2 per cent. The decline in the **'Food'** group was primarily due to a 4.9 per cent fall in the index for the class *'Vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas and pulses'* and a 2.8 per cent decline in the index for the class *'Ready-made foods and other food products n.e.c.'* This was due to lower prices for agricultural produce such as cabbage, carrot, escallion, pumpkin, tomato and Irish potato. The decrease in the index for the division was, however, tempered by increases in the index for the other classes, notably **'Fruits and nuts'** (4.2%) and **'Meat and other parts of slaughtered land animals'** (0.5%).

For the Non-Alcoholic Beverages group, the classes *'Fruit and vegetable juices'*, *'Coffee, tea and cocoa'*, and *'Water, soft drinks and other non-alcoholic beverages'* all recorded a 0.2 per cent increase in their index.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO AND NARCOTICS



There was an increase of 0.3 per cent in the index for the **'Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics'** division for the review period. This was impacted by a 0.2 per cent increase in the index for the group **'Alcoholic Beverages'** and a 0.6 per cent rise in the index for the **'Tobacco'** group.

CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR



The **'Clothing and Footwear'** division showed a 0.1 per cent upward movement in its index. Within this division, the index for groups **'Clothing'** and **'Footwear'** increased by 0.1 per cent and 0.2 per cent, respectively.

HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS



The index for the **'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels'** division rose by 2.3 per cent. The primary contributor to this movement was higher electricity rates, which led to a 5.1 per cent rise in the index for the group **'Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels'**. Additionally, the groups **'Imputed Rentals for Housing'** and **'Actual Rentals for Housing'** showed increases in their index of 1.7 per cent and 0.8 per cent respectively. This was due to higher household rental costs. However, the overall movement of the division was tempered by a 1.4 per cent decline in the index for the group **'Water Supply and Miscellaneous Services Relating to the Dwelling'** due to lower water supply and sewage rates.

FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE



+0.1%

The index for the **'Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance'** division increased by 0.1 per cent. The 0.3 per cent increase in the index for the 'Household Textiles' group represented the largest increase of all the groups followed by the 0.1 per cent increase in the index for the group, 'Goods and Services for Routine Household Maintenance'.

HEALTH



+0.5%

There was a 0.5 per cent increase in the index for the **'Health'** division. This was mainly due to a 0.5 per cent increase in the index for the group 'Medicines and Health Products' as a result of higher prices for pain relievers, antibiotics and asthma inhalers. Also, the index for the 'Outpatient Care Services' group increased by 0.4 per cent mostly due to higher fees for dental services.

TRANSPORT



+0.6%

The index for the **'Transport'** division went up by 0.6 per cent. This was chiefly influenced by a 2.5 per cent rise in the index for the group 'Operation of Personal Transport Equipment' due to higher petrol prices. Additionally, there was a 0.1 per cent increase in the index for the group 'Purchase of Vehicles' due to increased motor vehicle prices.

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION



+0.8%

The index for the **'Information and Communication'** division went up by 0.8 per cent. This was influenced by a 0.9 per cent rise in the index for the group 'Information and Communication Services' resulting from price increases for mobile communication plans.

RECREATION, SPORT AND CULTURE



+0.1%

There was a 0.1 per cent increase in the index of the **'Recreation, Sport and Culture'** division. This was chiefly influenced by a 0.1 per cent increase in the index for the 'Newspapers, Books and Stationery' group, due to price increases for books and stationery items.

RESTAURANTS AND ACCOMMODATION SERVICES



+0.1%

There was a 0.1 per cent increase in the index for the **'Restaurants and Accommodation Services'** division. This movement was mainly due to higher prices for meals consumed away from home.

INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES



+5.3%

The index for the '**Insurance and Financial Services**' division rose by 5.3 per cent for the review period. This was influenced by increases in premiums for third-party and comprehensive motor vehicle insurance.

PERSONAL CARE, SOCIAL PROTECTION AND MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES



+0.1%

The index for the '**Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous Goods and Services**' division increased by 0.1 per cent. This was largely attributable to higher prices for several personal care products and services.

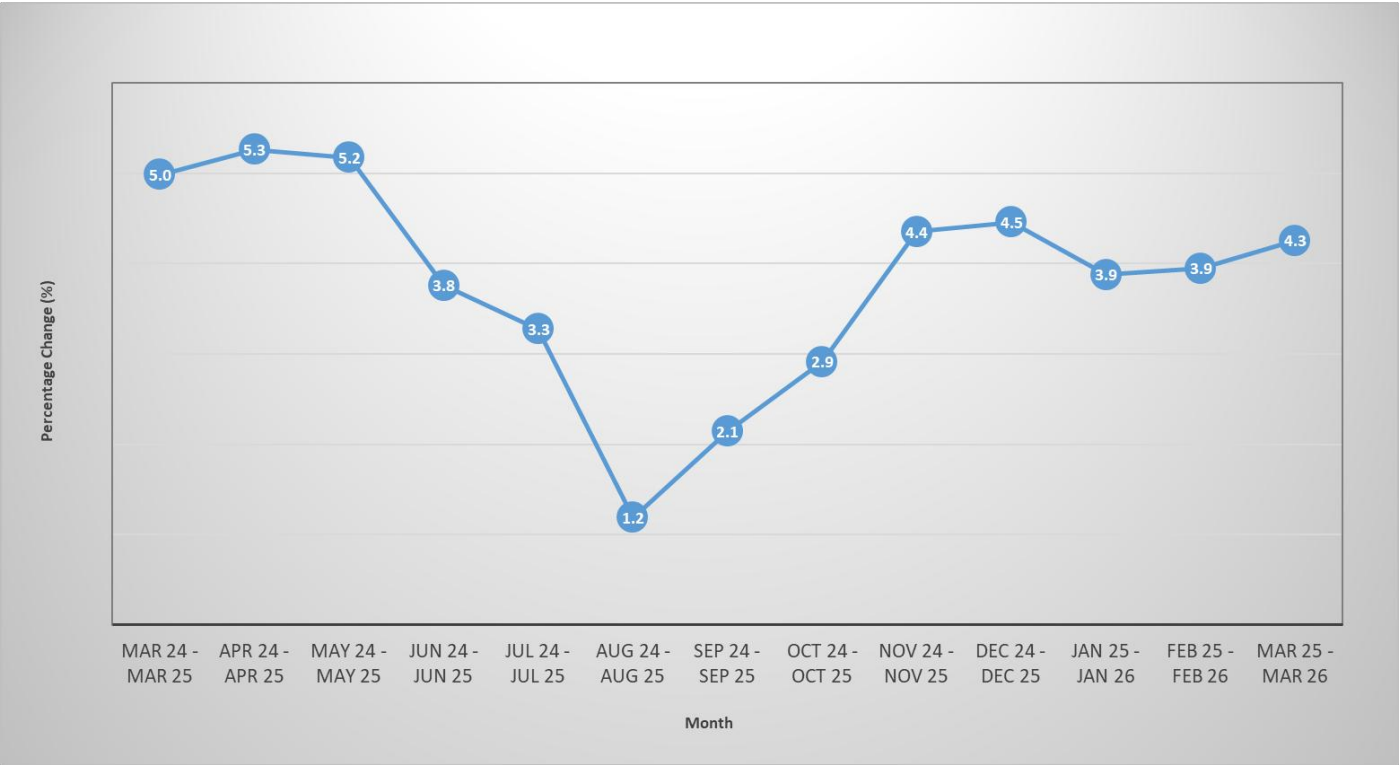
CPI Point-to-Point, March 2025 - March 2026

For the period March 2025 to March 2026, the All-Jamaica Consumer Price Index increased by 4.3 per cent. The main contributors to this upward movement were the divisions: **‘Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages’** which increased by 5.6 per cent; **‘Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels’** which moved up by 4.9 per cent; and **‘Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous Goods and Services’** which moved up by 4.0 per cent.

The increase in the index for the **‘Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages’** division was largely driven by a 17.9 per cent rise in the *‘Fruits and Nuts’* class and a 12.1 per cent increase in the *‘Fish and other seafood’* class. For the *‘Fruits and Nuts’* class, price increases were recorded for ripe banana, orange, pineapple and dried coconut, while for the *‘Fish and other seafood’* class, there were higher prices for salted fish, sardines, canned mackerel and sliced fish.

The main contributors to the increase in the index of the **‘Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels’** division were the groups: **‘Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels’** (7.2%) and **‘Imputed Rentals for Housing’** (3.2%). These increases were influenced by higher electricity rates and higher household rent, respectively.

The upward movement in the index for the **‘Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous Goods and Services’** division was primarily influenced by a 4.0 per cent increase in the index of the group **‘Personal Care’**, mainly due to higher costs for services at hairdressing salons and barbershops.



All Jamaica, Point-to-Point Inflation Rate, March 2024 – March 2026

TABLE II. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: ALL JAMAICA, MARCH 2026

DIVISIONS, GROUPS AND CLASSES	INDEX		INFLATION RATE			
	Mar-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Point to Point	Fiscal Year 25/26	Calendar Year to Date
ALL DIVISIONS - ALL ITEMS	147.9	147.4	0.3	4.3	4.7	-1.4
01 - FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	164.3	165.3	-0.6	5.6	6.1	-5.6
01.1 FOOD	165.0	166.0	-0.7	5.7	6.3	-6.0
01.1.1 Cereals and cereal products (ND)	156.6	156.5	0.1	2.7	2.5	0.6
01.1.2 Meat and other parts of slaughtered land animals (ND)	168.5	167.7	0.5	5.3	5.0	1.5
01.1.3 Fish and Seafood (ND)	163.0	162.5	0.3	12.1	10.9	1.8
01.1.4 Milk, other dairy products and eggs (ND)	154.5	153.9	0.4	6.5	6.1	2.4
01.1.5 Oils and Fats (ND)	158.6	158.1	0.3	6.8	6.0	1.0
01.1.6 Fruits and nuts (ND)	205.7	197.3	4.2	17.9	19.0	2.9
01.1.7 Vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas and pulses (ND)	166.6	175.1	-4.9	2.6	5.6	-23.9
<i>Tubers, Plantains and cooking Banana (Starchy Foods)</i>	251.0	240.0	4.6	28.3	33.2	14.5
<i>Vegetables</i>	132.1	148.1	-10.9	-10.7	-8.5	-39.1
01.1.8 Sugar, confectionery and desserts (ND)	160.7	160.3	0.3	2.9	2.8	0.6
01.1.9 Ready-made food and other food products n.e.c. (ND)	148.4	152.7	-2.8	0.5	2.5	-12.3
01.2 NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	153.6	153.3	0.2	3.2	2.9	0.8
01.2.1 Fruit and vegetable juices (ND)	154.0	153.7	0.2	3.0	2.5	0.7
01.2.2, 01.2.3, 01.2.4 Coffee, Tea, Cocoa	158.3	158.0	0.2	3.4	3.0	0.8
01.2.5, 01.2.6, 01.2.9 Water, Soft drinks and Other non-alcoholic beverages	151.7	151.4	0.2	3.2	3.0	0.8
02 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO AND NARCOTICS	139.0	138.6	0.3	2.2	1.9	0.6
03 CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	132.5	132.4	0.1	2.8	2.7	0.5
03.1 CLOTHING	134.6	134.5	0.1	2.8	2.7	0.4
03.2 FOOTWEAR	128.2	128.0	0.2	2.8	2.6	0.8
04 HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS	137.5	134.4	2.3	4.9	6.4	3.3
04.1 ACTUAL RENTALS FOR HOUSING	146.8	145.6	0.8	5.2	5.2	0.8
04.2 IMPUTED RENTALS FOR HOUSING	124.7	122.7	1.7	3.2	3.2	1.7
04.3 MAINTENANCE, REPAIR AND SECURITY OF THE DWELLING	152.9	152.7	0.2	6.1	5.8	2.3
04.4 WATER SUPPLY AND MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES RELATING TO THE DWELLING	125.8	127.7	-1.4	4.1	4.0	1.5
04.5 ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS	157.7	150.0	5.1	7.2	11.7	6.8
05 FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE	148.0	147.8	0.1	3.3	3.1	0.6
05.1 FURNITURE, FURNISHINGS, AND LOOSE CARPETS	135.2	135.2	0.0	2.1	1.9	0.8
05.2 HOUSEHOLD TEXTILES	135.3	134.9	0.3	3.0	2.8	0.8
05.3 HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES	128.3	128.2	0.0	2.3	2.2	0.3
05.5 TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT FOR HOUSE AND GARDEN	123.8	123.7	0.0	1.8	1.7	0.3
05.6 GOODS AND SERVICES FOR ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE	154.6	154.4	0.1	3.6	3.4	0.6
06 HEALTH	133.6	133.0	0.5	3.8	3.4	1.3
06.1 MEDICINES AND HEALTH PRODUCTS	134.1	133.4	0.5	3.9	3.5	1.3
06.2 OUTPATIENT CARE SERVICES	143.4	142.8	0.4	5.0	4.1	1.8
06.4 OTHER HEALTH SERVICES	111.1	111.1	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.0
07 TRANSPORT	131.4	130.6	0.6	1.2	1.2	0.6
08 INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION	95.9	95.2	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.8
09 RECREATION, SPORT AND CULTURE	134.7	134.6	0.1	3.4	3.3	1.0
10 EDUCATION	170.8	170.8	0.0	8.1	8.1	1.0
11 RESTAURANTS AND ACCOMMODATION SERVICES	175.2	175.0	0.1	2.1	2.0	0.5
12 INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	116.1	110.3	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.3
13 PERSONAL CARE, SOCIAL PROTECTION AND MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES	136.8	136.6	0.1	4.0	3.8	1.2

TABLE III. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: GREATER KINGSTON METROPOLITAN AREA, MARCH 2026

DIVISIONS, GROUPS AND CLASSES	INDEX		Mar-26	INFLATION RATE		
	Mar-26	Feb-26		Point to Point	Fiscal Year 25/26	Calendar Year to Date
ALL DIVISIONS - ALL ITEMS	146.8	146.4	0.2	4.9	5.2	-0.8
01 - FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	169.8	170.6	-0.5	5.5	7.6	-4.4
01.1 FOOD	170.7	171.6	-0.5	5.6	7.9	-4.7
01.1.1 Cereals and cereal products (ND)	157.5	157.3	0.1	2.8	2.3	0.5
01.1.2 Meat and other parts of slaughtered land animals (ND)	173.4	172.5	0.5	5.0	4.4	1.2
01.1.3 Fish and Seafood (ND)	174.5	174.2	0.2	15.0	13.4	1.5
01.1.4 Milk, other dairy products and eggs (ND)	157.0	156.4	0.4	7.4	6.4	2.8
01.1.5 Oils and Fats (ND)	166.9	166.8	0.1	8.5	7.3	0.6
01.1.6 Fruits and nuts (ND)	207.5	196.2	5.8	19.7	22.7	5.0
01.1.7 Vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas and pulses (ND)	178.6	188.4	-5.2	-0.6	10.1	-19.6
<i>Tubers, Plantains and cooking Banana (Starchy Foods)</i>	301.8	289.4	4.3	27.8	42.7	20.6
<i>Vegetables</i>	129.0	146.9	-12.2	-16.8	-8.3	-37.8
01.1.8 Sugar, confectionery and desserts (ND)	165.7	165.1	0.3	4.8	4.3	1.0
01.1.9 Ready-made food and other food products n.e.c. (ND)	147.4	150.4	-2.0	1.5	4.8	-13.7
01.2 NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	156.7	156.3	0.3	3.6	3.2	0.8
01.2.1 Fruit and vegetable juices (ND)	156.3	155.9	0.3	3.2	2.6	0.5
01.2.2, 01.2.3, 01.2.4 Coffee, Tea, Cocoa	163.4	162.9	0.3	4.6	3.7	0.7
01.2.5, 01.2.6, 01.2.9 Water, Soft drinks and Other non-alcoholic beverages	156.5	155.9	0.4	3.6	3.5	1.1
02 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO AND NARCOTICS	138.6	138.4	0.1	2.9	2.1	0.3
03 CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	130.2	130.2	0.0	3.0	2.6	0.2
<i>03.1 CLOTHING</i>	131.4	131.4	0.0	2.8	2.4	0.2
<i>03.2 FOOTWEAR</i>	128.0	128.0	0.0	3.4	3.0	0.2
04 HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS	131.9	130.4	1.2	7.3	5.7	2.0
<i>04.1 ACTUAL RENTALS FOR HOUSING</i>	140.2	140.2	0.0	8.7	6.3	0.0
<i>04.2 IMPUTED RENTALS FOR HOUSING</i>	119.1	119.1	0.0	6.7	3.1	0.0
<i>04.3 MAINTENANCE, REPAIR AND SECURITY OF THE DWELLING</i>	153.8	153.8	0.0	6.8	6.1	2.0
<i>04.4 WATER SUPPLY AND MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES RELATING TO THE DWELLING</i>	127.9	129.7	-1.4	2.9	4.0	1.5
<i>04.5 ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS</i>	158.2	150.2	5.3	9.6	11.2	6.9
05 FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE	151.7	151.5	0.1	3.5	3.2	0.5
<i>05.1 FURNITURE, FURNISHINGS, AND LOOSE CARPETS</i>	140.5	140.4	0.1	2.7	2.2	0.4
<i>05.2 HOUSEHOLD TEXTILES</i>	137.7	137.5	0.2	5.1	4.5	1.2
<i>05.3 HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES</i>	134.7	134.6	0.1	1.6	1.3	0.2
<i>05.5 TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT FOR HOUSE AND GARDEN</i>	124.0	124.0	0.1	1.6	1.2	0.2
<i>05.6 GOODS AND SERVICES FOR ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE</i>	156.8	156.6	0.1	3.7	3.4	0.5
06 HEALTH	140.9	140.2	0.5	4.7	3.4	1.3
<i>06.1 MEDICINES AND HEALTH PRODUCTS</i>	145.3	144.5	0.6	5.2	3.8	1.4
<i>06.2 OUTPATIENT CARE SERVICES</i>	139.3	138.9	0.3	3.8	2.9	1.8
<i>06.4 OTHER HEALTH SERVICES</i>	100.7	100.7	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0
07 TRANSPORT	122.7	121.8	0.8	1.1	1.4	0.7
08 INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION	94.8	94.2	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
09 RECREATION, SPORT AND CULTURE	136.9	136.8	0.1	4.4	4.1	1.3
10 EDUCATION	186.2	186.2	0.0	9.7	9.7	1.1
11 RESTAURANTS AND ACCOMMODATION SERVICES	172.9	172.6	0.1	1.8	1.7	0.6
12 INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	115.1	109.7	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
13 PERSONAL CARE, SOCIAL PROTECTION AND MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES	139.9	139.6	0.2	4.1	3.7	1.6

TABLE IV. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: OTHER URBAN CENTRES, MARCH 2026

DIVISIONS, GROUPS AND CLASSES	INDEX		Mar-26	INFLATION RATE		
	Mar-26	Feb-26		Point to Point	Fiscal Year 25/26	Calendar Year to Date
ALL DIVISIONS - ALL ITEMS	152.0	151.5	0.4	4.6	5.0	-1.1
01 - FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	166.1	167.6	-0.9	5.2	7.0	-5.4
01.1 FOOD	166.7	168.3	-1.0	5.3	7.2	-5.7
01.1.1 Cereals and cereal products (ND)	157.6	157.3	0.2	3.2	2.9	0.6
01.1.2 Meat and other parts of slaughtered land animals (ND)	168.6	167.5	0.7	6.1	5.3	1.7
01.1.3 Fish and Seafood (ND)	170.4	169.3	0.7	15.2	13.5	2.5
01.1.4 Milk, other dairy products and eggs (ND)	157.6	156.8	0.5	7.9	6.8	2.5
01.1.5 Oils and Fats (ND)	162.0	161.5	0.3	7.8	6.7	1.1
01.1.6 Fruits and nuts (ND)	211.0	206.4	2.2	13.3	16.8	0.7
01.1.7 Vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas and pulses (ND)	165.1	175.7	-6.0	-1.2	7.1	-23.1
<i>Tubers, Plantains and cooking Banana (Starchy Foods)</i>	<i>255.3</i>	<i>247.5</i>	<i>3.1</i>	<i>30.6</i>	<i>39.1</i>	<i>17.1</i>
<i>Vegetables</i>	<i>127.3</i>	<i>145.5</i>	<i>-12.5</i>	<i>-17.9</i>	<i>-10.2</i>	<i>-40.2</i>
01.1.8 Sugar, confectionery and desserts (ND)	161.7	160.8	0.6	4.5	3.8	1.2
01.1.9 Ready-made food and other food products n.e.c. (ND)	149.9	153.2	-2.2	0.2	3.6	-11.1
01.2 NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	155.6	155.2	0.3	3.6	3.2	0.7
01.2.1 Fruit and vegetable juices (ND)	160.6	160.3	0.2	3.2	2.9	0.9
01.2.2, 01.2.3, 01.2.4 Coffee, Tea, Cocoa	159.1	158.9	0.1	4.1	3.6	0.5
01.2.5, 01.2.6, 01.2.9 Water, Soft drinks and Other non-alcoholic beverages	150.8	150.2	0.4	3.8	3.5	0.7
02 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO AND NARCOTICS	140.5	140.1	0.3	2.8	2.2	0.7
03 CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	137.7	137.5	0.1	3.1	2.7	0.6
<i>03.1 CLOTHING</i>	<i>142.5</i>	<i>142.4</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>3.2</i>	<i>2.9</i>	<i>0.5</i>
<i>03.2 FOOTWEAR</i>	<i>127.5</i>	<i>127.2</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>2.9</i>	<i>2.4</i>	<i>1.1</i>
04 HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS	145.7	141.3	3.1	7.3	5.9	4.1
<i>04.1 ACTUAL RENTALS FOR HOUSING</i>	<i>167.6</i>	<i>166.7</i>	<i>0.5</i>	<i>6.6</i>	<i>3.3</i>	<i>0.5</i>
<i>04.2 IMPUTED RENTALS FOR HOUSING</i>	<i>140.3</i>	<i>135.4</i>	<i>3.6</i>	<i>6.5</i>	<i>2.4</i>	<i>3.6</i>
<i>04.3 MAINTENANCE, REPAIR AND SECURITY OF THE DWELLING</i>	<i>151.6</i>	<i>151.4</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>5.9</i>	<i>5.3</i>	<i>2.9</i>
<i>04.4 WATER SUPPLY AND MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES RELATING TO THE DWELLING</i>	<i>124.9</i>	<i>126.7</i>	<i>-1.4</i>	<i>2.9</i>	<i>4.0</i>	<i>1.5</i>
<i>04.5 ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS</i>	<i>155.2</i>	<i>147.4</i>	<i>5.3</i>	<i>10.3</i>	<i>11.9</i>	<i>6.8</i>
05 FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE	153.3	153.0	0.2	3.7	3.4	0.6
<i>05.1 FURNITURE, FURNISHINGS, AND LOOSE CARPETS</i>	<i>132.4</i>	<i>132.3</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>2.0</i>	<i>1.8</i>	<i>0.7</i>
<i>05.2 HOUSEHOLD TEXTILES</i>	<i>134.5</i>	<i>134.1</i>	<i>0.3</i>	<i>3.0</i>	<i>2.4</i>	<i>0.7</i>
<i>05.3 HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES</i>	<i>129.1</i>	<i>129.1</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>2.8</i>	<i>2.6</i>	<i>0.4</i>
<i>05.5 TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT FOR HOUSE AND GARDEN</i>	<i>116.6</i>	<i>116.5</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>1.6</i>	<i>1.5</i>	<i>0.4</i>
<i>05.6 GOODS AND SERVICES FOR ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE</i>	<i>162.8</i>	<i>162.5</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>4.1</i>	<i>3.8</i>	<i>0.7</i>
06 HEALTH	132.0	131.4	0.5	4.5	3.4	1.3
<i>06.1 MEDICINES AND HEALTH PRODUCTS</i>	<i>131.4</i>	<i>130.7</i>	<i>0.5</i>	<i>4.4</i>	<i>3.4</i>	<i>1.3</i>
<i>06.2 OUTPATIENT CARE SERVICES</i>	<i>147.5</i>	<i>146.8</i>	<i>0.5</i>	<i>6.9</i>	<i>4.7</i>	<i>1.7</i>
<i>06.4 OTHER HEALTH SERVICES</i>	<i>113.4</i>	<i>113.4</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>0.0</i>
07 TRANSPORT	136.2	135.4	0.5	0.9	1.1	0.5
08 INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION	96.8	96.0	0.8	1.0	1.0	0.8
09 RECREATION, SPORT AND CULTURE	132.3	132.1	0.1	3.0	2.8	1.0
10 EDUCATION	160.6	160.6	0.0	7.1	7.1	1.1
11 RESTAURANTS AND ACCOMMODATION SERVICES	173.3	173.1	0.1	1.8	1.7	0.3
12 INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	116.1	110.3	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.3
13 PERSONAL CARE, SOCIAL PROTECTION AND MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES	139.8	139.4	0.3	6.1	5.3	1.7

TABLE V. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: RURAL AREAS, MARCH 2026

DIVISIONS, GROUPS AND CLASSES	INDEX		Mar-26	INFLATION RATE		
	Mar-26	Feb-26		Point to Point	Fiscal Year 25/26	Calendar Year to Date
ALL DIVISIONS - ALL ITEMS	146.6	146.1	0.4	3.7	4.1	-1.9
01 - FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	160.4	161.3	-0.6	3.6	4.9	-6.5
01.1 FOOD	161.0	161.9	-0.6	3.6	5.0	-6.8
01.1.1 Cereals and cereal products (ND)	155.8	155.7	0.1	2.8	2.4	0.6
01.1.2 Meat and other parts of slaughtered land animals (ND)	165.5	164.9	0.4	6.3	5.3	1.6
01.1.3 Fish and Seafood (ND)	153.8	153.5	0.2	9.9	8.3	1.7
01.1.4 Milk, other dairy products and eggs (ND)	151.7	151.2	0.3	6.3	5.7	2.1
01.1.5 Oils and Fats (ND)	152.6	152.0	0.4	5.5	5.0	1.2
01.1.6 Fruits and nuts (ND)	202.0	193.7	4.3	15.3	17.7	2.8
01.1.7 Vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas and pulses (ND)	160.5	167.4	-4.1	-4.0	2.4	-26.8
<i>Tubers, Plantains and cooking Banana (Starchy Foods)</i>	223.1	211.2	5.6	17.7	24.7	9.3
<i>Vegetables</i>	136.1	150.1	-9.4	-13.9	-7.9	-39.3
01.1.8 Sugar, confectionery and desserts (ND)	157.6	157.5	0.1	2.1	1.5	0.2
01.1.9 Ready-made food and other food products n.e.c. (ND)	148.3	153.7	-3.5	-3.5	0.8	-12.2
01.2 NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	150.5	150.3	0.1	3.1	2.4	0.7
01.2.1 Fruit and vegetable juices (ND)	149.3	149.0	0.2	3.3	2.3	0.8
01.2.2, 01.2.3, 01.2.4 Coffee, Tea, Cocoa	155.5	155.3	0.1	2.9	2.5	0.9
01.2.5, 01.2.6, 01.2.9 Water, Soft drinks and Other non-alcoholic beverages	148.1	148.1	0.0	3.0	2.4	0.6
02 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO AND NARCOTICS	138.6	138.0	0.4	2.4	1.6	0.7
03 CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	131.3	131.1	0.1	3.1	2.7	0.6
<i>03.1 CLOTHING</i>	132.6	132.5	0.1	3.2	2.8	0.4
<i>03.2 FOOTWEAR</i>	128.6	128.3	0.2	2.9	2.4	1.1
04 HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS	138.5	134.5	3.0	7.7	7.2	4.2
<i>04.1 ACTUAL RENTALS FOR HOUSING</i>	141.1	137.1	2.9	7.5	4.8	2.9
<i>04.2 IMPUTED RENTALS FOR HOUSING</i>	123.5	120.4	2.6	7.3	3.7	2.6
<i>04.3 MAINTENANCE, REPAIR AND SECURITY OF THE DWELLING</i>	152.9	152.4	0.3	5.7	5.7	2.2
<i>04.4 WATER SUPPLY AND MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES RELATING TO THE DWELLING</i>	124.6	126.4	-1.4	2.9	4.0	1.5
<i>04.5 ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS</i>	158.7	151.2	4.9	9.6	11.9	6.7
05 FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE	143.6	143.5	0.1	3.3	2.8	0.6
<i>05.1 FURNITURE, FURNISHINGS, AND LOOSE CARPETS</i>	134.6	134.6	0.0	2.1	1.9	0.9
<i>05.2 HOUSEHOLD TEXTILES</i>	134.7	134.2	0.3	3.0	2.3	0.7
<i>05.3 HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES</i>	124.4	124.4	0.0	2.8	2.5	0.4
<i>05.5 TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT FOR HOUSE AND GARDEN</i>	126.0	126.0	0.0	2.0	1.8	0.3
<i>05.6 GOODS AND SERVICES FOR ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE</i>	149.5	149.3	0.1	3.6	3.1	0.6
06 HEALTH	130.3	129.7	0.5	4.5	3.4	1.3
<i>06.1 MEDICINES AND HEALTH PRODUCTS</i>	129.3	128.7	0.5	4.4	3.4	1.3
<i>06.2 OUTPATIENT CARE SERVICES</i>	144.5	143.9	0.4	7.0	4.7	1.7
<i>06.4 OTHER HEALTH SERVICES</i>	118.2	118.1	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.1
07 TRANSPORT	134.4	133.7	0.5	0.8	1.1	0.5
08 INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION	96.3	95.4	0.9	1.1	1.1	0.9
09 RECREATION, SPORT AND CULTURE	133.0	132.9	0.1	2.5	2.4	0.6
10 EDUCATION	160.6	160.6	0.0	6.7	6.7	1.0
11 RESTAURANTS AND ACCOMMODATION SERVICES	178.0	177.8	0.1	2.4	2.4	0.6
12 INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	117.0	110.9	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
13 PERSONAL CARE, SOCIAL PROTECTION AND MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES	133.5	133.4	0.0	3.4	3.0	0.7



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