



# Consumer Price Index

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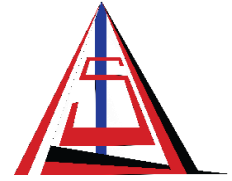
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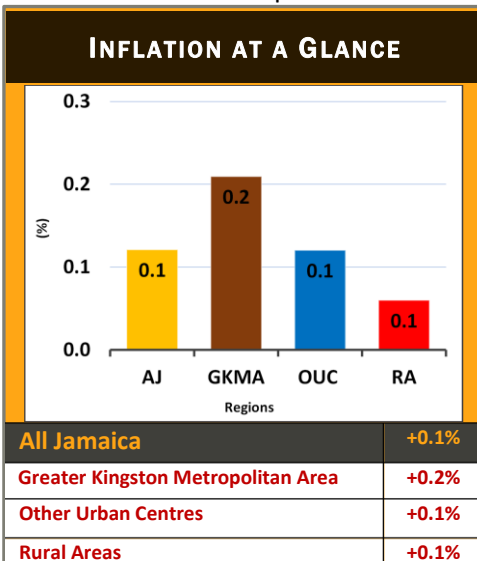
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### MARCH 2023

The All Jamaica Consumer Price Index (CPI) increased by 0.1 per cent for March 2023. The main contributor to this movement was a 0.8 per cent increase in the index for the **'Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages'** division, influenced primarily by a 2.5 per cent rise in the index of the class *'Vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas and pulses'*. This was attributed mainly to lower supplies for some agricultural produce resulting from dry weather conditions. The rise in the CPI was also influenced by the 1.1 per cent increase in the index for the **'Restaurant and Accommodation Services'** division due to higher prices for meals consumed away from home. The overall rate of inflation was however tempered by a 1.8 per cent fall in the index for the **'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels'** division and a 0.2 per cent decline in that of the **'Transport'** division. The movement in the former was due to lower electricity, water and sewage rates, while the latter was impacted by lower petrol prices.



The point-to-point inflation rate was 6.2 per cent, while the rate for fiscal year 2022/2023 was 6.3 per cent.

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

#### ALL JAMAICA MONTHLY MOVEMENTS:

MONTH	YEAR	(%)
March	2023	+0.1
February	2023	+0.5
January	2023	-0.6
December	2022	-0.0
November	2022	+0.4
October	2022	+1.5
September	2022	+1.4
August	2022	+0.9
July	2022	+0.7
June	2022	+0.8
May	2022	+0.3
April	2022	-0.1
March	2022	+1.6

DIVISIONS, GROUPS AND CLASSES	MAR 2023	FEB 2023	Past Month	Point to Point	Fiscal Year 22/23	Calendar Year to Date
<b>ALL DIVISIONS - ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>128.0</b>	<b>127.8</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>
01 - FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	138.2	137.1	0.8	10.1	9.6	-0.1
02 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO AND NARCOTICS	122.5	122.0	0.4	10.2	9.0	2.0
03 CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	120.1	119.6	0.5	5.9	5.5	1.1
04 HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS	121.1	123.3	-1.8	-1.9	1.2	-1.6
05 FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE	124.6	124.1	0.4	9.2	5.0	1.3
06 HEALTH	117.8	117.2	0.5	4.8	4.5	1.7
07 TRANSPORT	118.1	118.3	-0.2	1.4	0.5	-0.2
08 INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION	96.8	96.8	0.0	-2.5	-2.6	-2.7
09 RECREATION, SPORT AND CULTURE	119.9	119.4	0.4	6.7	5.7	0.9
10 EDUCATION	125.4	125.4	0.0	8.8	8.8	1.4
11 RESTAURANTS AND ACCOMMODATION SERVICES	151.0	149.4	1.1	16.9	16.7	2.5
12 INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	108.5	108.5	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.3
13 PERSONAL CARE, SOCIAL PROTECTION AND MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES	122.1	121.8	0.2	7.3	6.6	1.2

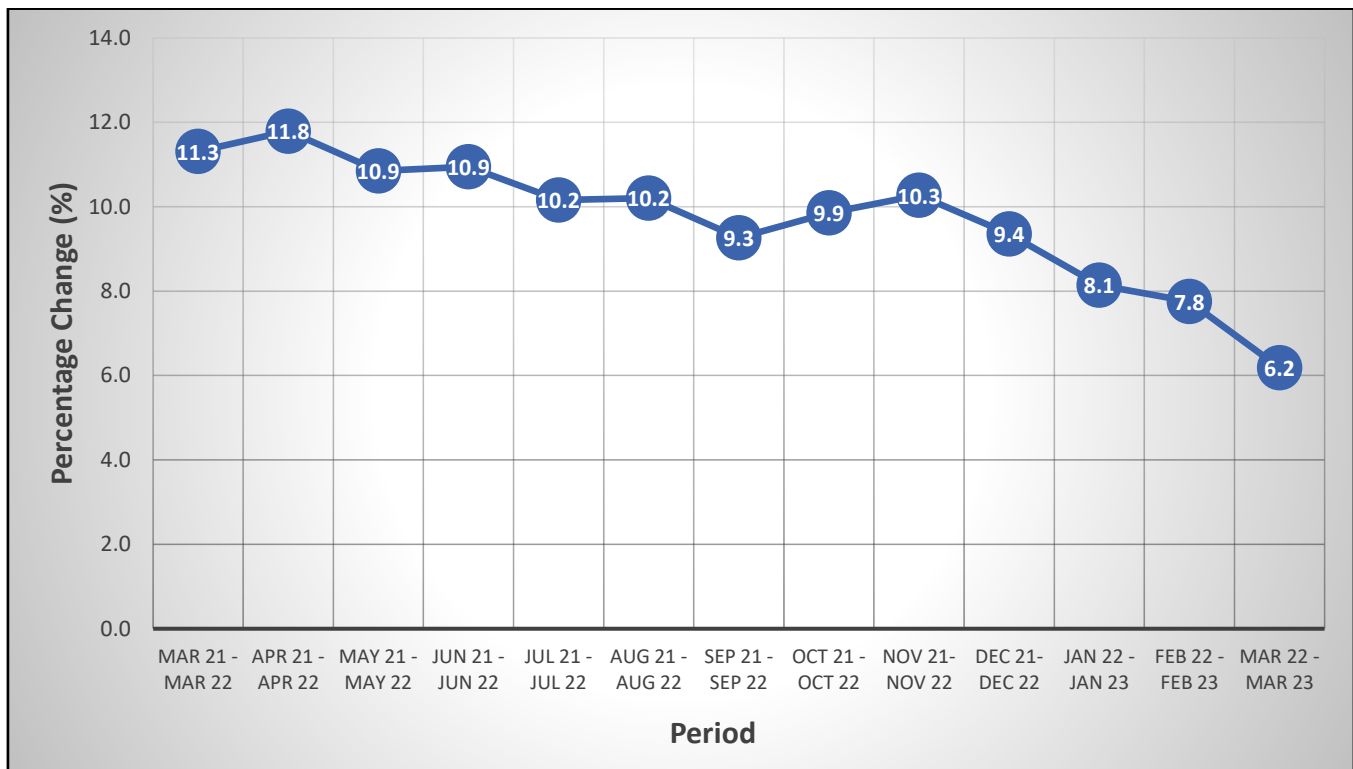
## CPI Point-to-Point, March 2023

The All Jamaica Consumer Price Index (CPI) increased by 6.2 per cent for the period ending March 2023. This increase was the smallest point-to-point movement since the period ending August 2021. The index for the division **'Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages'** was the largest contributor, with an increase of 10.1 per cent. Also contributing to the point-to-point inflation rate was the division **'Restaurants and Accommodation Services,'** which increased by 16.9 per cent. These upward movements were however tempered by a 1.9 per cent decline in the index for the group **'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels.'**

Within the division **'Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages,'** the following classes were the chief contributors to the inflation rate: *'Cereal and cereal products'* (12.5%), *'Meat and other parts of slaughtered land animals'* (9.8%) and *'Vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas and pulses'* (8.3%). Upward movements in prices for flour, cornmeal, bread, and rice impacted the class *'Cereals and cereal products.'* Higher prices for turkey neck, beef, chicken, and other meat products contributed to the rise in the index for the class *'Meat and other parts of slaughtered land animals.'* For the class, *'Vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas and pulses,'* increased prices for sweet potato, Irish potato, and yellow yam were the key contributors.

The index for **'Restaurants and Accommodation Services'** was impacted by a 16.9 per cent increase in the index for the group *'Food and Beverage Serving Services.'* This increase was due to higher prices for meals consumed away from home at cook shops, fast food restaurants, and other dining establishments.

These upward movements were, however, moderated by a 9.2 per cent decline in the index for the group *'Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels.'* The decline in the index for this group was the main factor contributing to the fall in the index for the division **'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels'** for the period.



All Jamaica, Point-to-Point Inflation rate, March 2021 – March 2023

# CPI Division Movements, March 2023

## FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES



+0.8%

The index for the **'Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages'** division increased by 0.8 per cent for March 2023. This increase was the first for this division since November 2022 when a 2.0 per cent increase was recorded. For the review period, the two groups **'Food'** and **'Non-Alcoholic Beverages'** increased by 0.8 per cent and 0.7 per cent respectively. Higher prices for agricultural produce such as cabbage, Irish potato and sweet potato were the main contributors to the 2.5 per cent increase in the index for the class *'Vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas and pulses'*. Other classes with notable increases were: **'Milk, other dairy products and eggs'** (0.6 per cent) and **'Meat and other parts of slaughtered land animals'** (0.5 per cent). For the **'Non-Alcoholic Beverages'** group, all three classes increased as follows: **'Coffee, Tea and Cocoa'** (1.3%), **'Fruit and Vegetable Juices'** (0.8%) and **'Water, Soft drinks, and Other non-alcoholic beverages'** (0.4%).

The point-to-point inflation rate was 10.1 per cent.

## ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO AND NARCOTICS



+0.4%

The index for the division **'Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics'** increased by 0.4 per cent for March 2023. This was attributed to the **'Alcoholic Beverages'** group which had a 0.5 per cent increase in its index. All classes in the group recorded increases in their index with **'Spirits and Liquors'** (0.6 per cent) having the largest increase followed by **'Wines'** and **'Beers'** each with a 0.5 per cent movement.

The point-to-point inflation rate was 10.2 per cent.

## CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR



+0.5%

The index for the **'Clothing and Footwear'** division rose by 0.5 per cent for March 2023. The two groups, **'Clothing'** and **'Footwear'**, registered increases of 0.4 per cent and 0.6 per cent respectively. Higher prices for **'Garments'** was the main contributor to the increase in the index of the **'Clothing'** group, while higher costs for **'Shoes and other footwear'** impacted the index for the **'Footwear'** group.

The point-to-point inflation rate was 5.9 per cent.

## HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS



-1.8%

The index for the **'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels'** division fell by 1.8 per cent for the period under review. Lower rates for electricity led to a 4.2 per cent decline in the index for the group **'Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels'**, while decreased rates for water and sewage resulted in a 2.5 per cent fall in the index for the group **'Water Supply and Miscellaneous Services related to the Dwelling'**. These declines, however, were tempered by a 0.2 per cent increase in the index for the group **'Maintenance, Repair and Security of the Dwelling'**.

The point-to-point inflation rate was -1.9 per cent.

## FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE



+0.4%

The index for the division **'Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance'** increased by 0.4 per cent for March 2023. Increases were registered in the index for all five groups that comprise this division. The groups **'Furniture, Furnishings and Loose Carpets'** and **'Household Textiles'** had the largest increase of 0.5 per cent each, followed by **'Goods and Services for Routine Household Maintenance'** (0.4%), **'Household Appliances'** (0.3%) and **'Tools and Equipment for House and Garden'** (0.2%).

The point-to-point inflation rate was 9.2 per cent.

## HEALTH



+0.5%

For March 2023, there was a 0.5 per cent increase in the index of the division **'Health'**. This was due primarily to a 0.6 per cent increase in the index for the group **'Medicines and Health Products'** as a result of higher costs for medicines.

The point-to-point inflation rate was 4.8 per cent.

## TRANSPORT



-0.2%

There was a 0.2 per cent decrease in the index for the **'Transport'** division. This was due to a 1.4 per cent fall in the index for the class **'Fuels and Lubricants for personal transport equipment'** as a result of lower petrol prices.

The point-to-point inflation rate was 1.4 per cent.

## RECREATION, SPORT AND CULTURE



+0.4%

The index for the **'Recreation, Sport and Culture'** division increased by 0.4 per cent for the review period. Higher prices for stationery supplies and pet food were the chief contributors.

The point-to-point inflation rate was 6.7 per cent.

## RESTAURANTS AND ACCOMMODATION SERVICES



+1.1%

The index for the **'Restaurants and Accommodation Services'** division rose by 1.1 per cent. Higher prices for some meals consumed away from home were the main contributing factor to this increase.

The point-to-point inflation rate was 16.9 per cent.

## PERSONAL CARE, SOCIAL PROTECTION AND MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES



+0.2%

The index for the division **'Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous Goods and Services'** increased by 0.2 per cent for the period under review. This was due primarily to higher prices for some personal care products.

The point-to-point inflation rate was 7.3 per cent.

**TABLE II. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: ALL JAMAICA, MARCH 2023**

DIVISIONS, GROUPS AND CLASSES	MAR 2023 Index	FEB 2023 Index	Past Month	Point to Point	Fiscal Year 22/23	Calendar Year to Date
<b>ALL DIVISIONS - ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>128.0</b>	<b>127.8</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>01 - FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES</b>	<b>138.2</b>	<b>137.1</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>10.1</b>	<b>9.6</b>	<b>-0.1</b>
<b>01.1 FOOD</b>	<b>138.6</b>	<b>137.4</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>-0.2</b>
01.1.1 Cereals and cereal products (ND)	139.7	139.4	0.2	12.5	10.9	0.9
01.1.2 Meat and other parts of slaughtered land animals (ND)	147.0	146.3	0.5	9.8	8.1	1.3
01.1.3 Fish and Seafood (ND)	135.0	134.6	0.3	9.5	6.3	1.2
01.1.4 Milk, other dairy products and eggs (ND)	134.1	133.3	0.6	11.7	9.9	2.3
01.1.5 Oils and Fats (ND)	142.7	142.5	0.2	12.7	11.6	1.2
01.1.6 Fruits and nuts (ND)	131.1	130.7	0.3	5.2	6.4	1.6
<b>01.1.7 Vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas and pulses (ND)</b>	<b>138.2</b>	<b>134.8</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>-5.8</b>
<i>Tubers, Plantains and cooking Banana (Starchy Foods)</i>	138.3	133.6	3.5	19.2	20.3	3.3
<i>Vegetables</i>	137.8	135.0	2.1	4.4	9.0	-8.7
01.1.8 Sugar, confectionery and desserts (ND)	137.0	135.4	1.2	12.0	10.9	2.9
01.1.9 Ready-made food and other food products n.e.c. (ND)	130.5	129.8	0.5	10.8	9.2	1.1
<b>01.2 NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES</b>	<b>132.6</b>	<b>131.7</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>12.9</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>2.6</b>
01.2.1 Fruit and vegetable juices (ND)	132.2	131.3	0.8	11.7	10.7	1.9
01.2.2, 01.2.3, 01.2.4 Coffee, Tea, Cocoa	137.4	135.7	1.3	16.0	15.0	4.8
01.2.5, 01.2.6, 01.2.9 Water, Soft drinks and Other non-alcoholic beverages	131.0	130.5	0.4	12.5	10.9	2.0
<b>02 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO AND NARCOTICS</b>	<b>122.5</b>	<b>122.0</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>2.0</b>
<b>03 CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR</b>	<b>120.1</b>	<b>119.6</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>1.1</b>
<i>03.1 CLOTHING</i>	121.0	120.5	0.4	6.4	5.9	1.0
<i>03.2 FOOTWEAR</i>	118.3	117.6	0.6	5.1	4.9	1.2
<b>04 HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS</b>	<b>121.1</b>	<b>123.3</b>	<b>-1.8</b>	<b>-1.9</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>-1.6</b>
<i>04.1 ACTUAL RENTALS FOR HOUSING</i>	126.0	126.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	0.0
<i>04.2 IMPUTED RENTALS FOR HOUSING</i>	106.4	106.4	0.0	2.3	2.3	0.0
<i>04.3 MAINTENANCE, REPAIR AND SECURITY OF THE DWELLING</i>	129.8	129.6	0.2	8.5	7.7	2.6
<i>04.4 WATER SUPPLY AND MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES RELATING TO THE DWELLING</i>	113.8	116.7	-2.5	3.6	2.5	-4.4
<i>04.5 ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS</i>	144.4	150.7	-4.2	-9.2	-1.1	-3.2
<b>05 FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>124.6</b>	<b>124.1</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>1.3</b>
<i>05.1 FURNITURE, FURNISHINGS, AND LOOSE CARPETS</i>	125.0	124.3	0.5	5.0	4.7	1.5
<i>05.2 HOUSEHOLD TEXTILES</i>	121.8	121.3	0.5	5.6	5.3	1.3
<i>05.3 HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES</i>	121.1	120.8	0.3	5.5	4.2	1.1
<i>05.5 TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT FOR HOUSE AND GARDEN</i>	116.5	116.4	0.2	4.4	4.2	0.9
<i>05.6 GOODS AND SERVICES FOR ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE</i>	125.6	125.2	0.4	10.9	5.2	1.3
<b>06 HEALTH</b>	<b>117.8</b>	<b>117.2</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>1.7</b>
<i>06.1 MEDICINES AND HEALTH PRODUCTS</i>	118.5	117.7	0.6	4.7	4.3	1.9
<i>06.2 OUTPATIENT CARE SERVICES</i>	119.8	119.7	0.1	7.3	7.2	1.5
<i>06.4 OTHER HEALTH SERVICES</i>	106.3	106.3	0.0	1.1	1.1	0.0
<b>07 TRANSPORT</b>	<b>118.1</b>	<b>118.3</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>-0.2</b>
<b>08 INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION</b>	<b>96.8</b>	<b>96.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-2.5</b>	<b>-2.6</b>	<b>-2.7</b>
<b>09 RECREATION, SPORT AND CULTURE</b>	<b>119.9</b>	<b>119.4</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>0.9</b>
<b>10 EDUCATION</b>	<b>125.4</b>	<b>125.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>1.4</b>
<b>11 RESTAURANTS AND ACCOMMODATION SERVICES</b>	<b>151.0</b>	<b>149.4</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>16.9</b>	<b>16.7</b>	<b>2.5</b>
<b>12 INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES</b>	<b>108.5</b>	<b>108.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.3</b>
<b>13 PERSONAL CARE, SOCIAL PROTECTION AND MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES</b>	<b>122.1</b>	<b>121.8</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>1.2</b>

TABLE III. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: GREATER KINGSTON METROPOLITAN AREA, MARCH 2023

DIVISIONS, GROUPS AND CLASSES	MAR 2023 Index	FEB 2023 Index	Past Month	Point to Point	Fiscal Year 22/23	Calendar Year to Date
<b>ALL DIVISIONS - ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>126.3</b>	<b>126.0</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>0.6</b>
<b>01 - FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES</b>	<b>140.2</b>	<b>138.7</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>9.8</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>0.8</b>
<b>01.1 FOOD</b>	<b>140.6</b>	<b>139.1</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>0.7</b>
01.1.1 Cereals and cereal products (ND)	140.5	139.8	0.5	12.4	10.9	0.7
01.1.2 Meat and other parts of slaughtered land animals (ND)	152.9	151.7	0.7	11.2	10.0	1.3
01.1.3 Fish and Seafood (ND)	139.7	138.9	0.6	10.6	7.3	0.9
01.1.4 Milk, other dairy products and eggs (ND)	134.9	133.9	0.8	12.2	10.1	1.0
01.1.5 Oils and Fats (ND)	146.5	146.2	0.2	12.6	11.5	0.5
01.1.6 Fruits and nuts (ND)	124.0	123.9	0.1	4.7	5.1	2.8
<b>01.1.7 Vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas and pulses (ND)</b>	<b>141.4</b>	<b>137.1</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>-0.9</b>
<i>Tubers, Plantains and cooking Banana (Starchy Foods)</i>	152.2	147.5	3.2	20.3	21.4	6.4
<i>Vegetables</i>	136.9	133.1	2.8	-2.3	2.8	-4.0
01.1.8 Sugar, confectionery and desserts (ND)	139.5	138.3	0.8	13.5	12.2	1.3
01.1.9 Ready-made food and other food products n.e.c. (ND)	128.4	127.6	0.6	12.3	11.1	1.1
<b>01.2 NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES</b>	<b>134.7</b>	<b>133.3</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>15.0</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>2.2</b>
01.2.1 Fruit and vegetable juices (ND)	133.9	131.9	1.5	14.2	12.8	1.9
01.2.2, 01.2.3, 01.2.4 Coffee, Tea, Cocoa	140.2	137.9	1.7	17.8	16.5	4.3
01.2.5, 01.2.6, 01.2.9 Water, Soft drinks and Other non-alcoholic beverages	134.4	133.8	0.5	15.1	12.8	1.5
<b>02 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO AND NARCOTICS</b>	<b>122.5</b>	<b>121.8</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>1.8</b>
<b>03 CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR</b>	<b>119.2</b>	<b>118.4</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>0.9</b>
<i>03.1 CLOTHING</i>	120.0	119.5	0.4	6.3	5.8	0.6
<i>03.2 FOOTWEAR</i>	117.7	116.5	1.1	5.8	5.4	1.4
<b>04 HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS</b>	<b>115.2</b>	<b>116.9</b>	<b>-1.5</b>	<b>-1.4</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>0.6</b>
<i>04.1 ACTUAL RENTALS FOR HOUSING</i>	119.5	119.5	0.0	-2.4	-2.4	0.0
<i>04.2 IMPUTED RENTALS FOR HOUSING</i>	101.3	101.3	0.0	1.9	1.9	0.0
<i>04.3 MAINTENANCE, REPAIR AND SECURITY OF THE DWELLING</i>	129.1	129.1	0.0	9.7	8.2	2.1
<i>04.4 WATER SUPPLY AND MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES RELATING TO THE DWELLING</i>	115.7	118.6	-2.5	3.6	2.5	-2.4
<i>04.5 ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS</i>	145.1	151.5	-4.2	-9.0	-0.6	2.7
<b>05 FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>126.2</b>	<b>125.6</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>0.9</b>
<i>05.1 FURNITURE, FURNISHINGS, AND LOOSE CARPETS</i>	127.6	125.7	1.5	8.0	7.5	1.8
<i>05.2 HOUSEHOLD TEXTILES</i>	122.2	121.9	0.3	5.2	5.0	0.4
<i>05.3 HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES</i>	127.3	126.8	0.4	5.6	4.4	0.7
<i>05.5 TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT FOR HOUSE AND GARDEN</i>	118.1	118.0	0.1	2.3	1.9	0.2
<i>05.6 GOODS AND SERVICES FOR ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE</i>	126.5	126.0	0.4	11.2	5.0	0.9
<b>06 HEALTH</b>	<b>124.7</b>	<b>124.2</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>0.9</b>
<i>06.1 MEDICINES AND HEALTH PRODUCTS</i>	127.6	127.1	0.4	4.8	4.1	1.0
<i>06.2 OUTPATIENT CARE SERVICES</i>	122.4	122.1	0.2	6.3	6.1	1.1
<i>06.4 OTHER HEALTH SERVICES</i>	100.4	100.4	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
<b>07 TRANSPORT</b>	<b>115.9</b>	<b>116.1</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>08 INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION</b>	<b>95.4</b>	<b>95.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-2.0</b>	<b>-2.0</b>	<b>-2.2</b>
<b>09 RECREATION, SPORT AND CULTURE</b>	<b>119.4</b>	<b>119.2</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>0.3</b>
<b>10 EDUCATION</b>	<b>132.6</b>	<b>132.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>11 RESTAURANTS AND ACCOMMODATION SERVICES</b>	<b>149.9</b>	<b>148.1</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>17.5</b>	<b>17.4</b>	<b>1.2</b>
<b>12 INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES</b>	<b>108.0</b>	<b>108.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>13 PERSONAL CARE, SOCIAL PROTECTION AND MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES</b>	<b>123.5</b>	<b>123.0</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>1.0</b>



**TABLE IV. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: OTHER URBAN CENTRES, MARCH 2023**

DIVISIONS, GROUPS AND CLASSES	MAR 2023 Index	FEB 2023 Index	Past Month	Point to Point	Fiscal Year 22/23	Calendar Year to Date
<b>ALL DIVISIONS - ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>130.7</b>	<b>130.5</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>0.6</b>
<b>01 - FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES</b>	<b>138.0</b>	<b>136.7</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>10.8</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>0.8</b>
<b>01.1 FOOD</b>	<b>138.2</b>	<b>137.0</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>0.8</b>
01.1.1 Cereals and cereal products (ND)	139.8	139.5	0.2	12.7	11.1	0.6
01.1.2 Meat and other parts of slaughtered land animals (ND)	147.8	147.2	0.4	9.2	7.8	0.9
01.1.3 Fish and Seafood (ND)	137.9	137.5	0.3	12.1	7.6	0.7
01.1.4 Milk, other dairy products and eggs (ND)	134.7	134.1	0.5	10.1	8.6	1.2
01.1.5 Oils and Fats (ND)	143.2	142.9	0.3	13.3	12.2	0.6
01.1.6 Fruits and nuts (ND)	132.3	132.0	0.2	6.0	7.9	3.6
<b>01.1.7 Vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas and pulses (ND)</b>	<b>134.5</b>	<b>130.8</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>15.5</b>	<b>-0.6</b>
<i>Tubers, Plantains and cooking Banana (Starchy Foods)</i>	140.0	135.1	3.6	21.9	27.1	5.5
<i>Vegetables</i>	132.2	129.1	2.4	5.8	11.2	-3.1
01.1.8 Sugar, confectionery and desserts (ND)	135.8	133.7	1.6	12.0	10.8	2.4
01.1.9 Ready-made food and other food products n.e.c. (ND)	129.0	127.9	0.9	12.6	11.2	1.0
<b>01.2 NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES</b>	<b>133.7</b>	<b>132.6</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>12.8</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>1.8</b>
01.2.1 Fruit and vegetable juices (ND)	136.9	136.1	0.6	12.2	10.8	1.3
01.2.2, 01.2.3, 01.2.4 Coffee, Tea, Cocoa	137.7	136.1	1.2	15.1	14.1	3.1
01.2.5, 01.2.6, 01.2.9 Water, Soft drinks and Other non-alcoholic beverages	129.5	128.6	0.7	12.3	10.7	1.4
<b>02 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO AND NARCOTICS</b>	<b>122.3</b>	<b>121.6</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>1.0</b>
<b>03 CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR</b>	<b>123.8</b>	<b>123.3</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>0.7</b>
<i>03.1 CLOTHING</i>	126.6	126.0	0.5	7.6	7.0	0.8
<i>03.2 FOOTWEAR</i>	117.8	117.4	0.4	4.8	4.6	0.5
<b>04 HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS</b>	<b>130.3</b>	<b>132.9</b>	<b>-2.0</b>	<b>-1.7</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>0.7</b>
<i>04.1 ACTUAL RENTALS FOR HOUSING</i>	147.2	147.2	0.0	4.6	4.6	0.0
<i>04.2 IMPUTED RENTALS FOR HOUSING</i>	124.4	124.4	0.0	3.7	3.7	0.0
<i>04.3 MAINTENANCE, REPAIR AND SECURITY OF THE DWELLING</i>	128.7	127.9	0.6	9.6	8.7	3.1
<i>04.4 WATER SUPPLY AND MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES RELATING TO THE DWELLING</i>	113.0	115.8	-2.5	3.6	2.5	-2.4
<i>04.5 ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS</i>	141.0	147.8	-4.6	-10.7	-2.3	2.6
<b>05 FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>126.5</b>	<b>125.8</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>1.0</b>
<i>05.1 FURNITURE, FURNISHINGS, AND LOOSE CARPETS</i>	122.9	122.5	0.3	4.2	4.0	1.0
<i>05.2 HOUSEHOLD TEXTILES</i>	121.7	121.0	0.5	5.8	5.4	1.0
<i>05.3 HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES</i>	122.1	121.8	0.2	5.6	4.0	0.5
<i>05.5 TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT FOR HOUSE AND GARDEN</i>	109.8	108.9	0.8	3.4	3.2	1.3
<i>05.6 GOODS AND SERVICES FOR ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE</i>	128.8	128.0	0.6	12.3	5.6	1.1
<b>06 HEALTH</b>	<b>116.3</b>	<b>115.6</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>1.5</b>
<i>06.1 MEDICINES AND HEALTH PRODUCTS</i>	116.4	115.6	0.7	4.6	4.4	1.7
<i>06.2 OUTPATIENT CARE SERVICES</i>	120.6	120.5	0.0	7.8	7.7	0.1
<i>06.4 OTHER HEALTH SERVICES</i>	106.4	106.4	0.0	1.7	1.7	0.0
<b>07 TRANSPORT</b>	<b>119.4</b>	<b>119.7</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>-0.1</b>
<b>08 INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION</b>	<b>97.6</b>	<b>97.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-2.5</b>	<b>-2.6</b>	<b>-2.7</b>
<b>09 RECREATION, SPORT AND CULTURE</b>	<b>119.7</b>	<b>119.2</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>0.6</b>
<b>10 EDUCATION</b>	<b>119.6</b>	<b>119.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>11 RESTAURANTS AND ACCOMMODATION SERVICES</b>	<b>149.3</b>	<b>147.6</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>17.0</b>	<b>16.8</b>	<b>1.2</b>
<b>12 INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES</b>	<b>108.5</b>	<b>108.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>13 PERSONAL CARE, SOCIAL PROTECTION AND MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES</b>	<b>121.6</b>	<b>121.3</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>0.6</b>

**TABLE V. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: RURAL AREAS, MARCH 2023**

DIVISIONS, GROUPS AND CLASSES	MAR 2023 Index	FEB 2023 Index	Past Month	Point to Point	Fiscal Year 22/23	Calendar Year to Date
<b>ALL DIVISIONS - ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>127.9</b>	<b>127.8</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>0.6</b>
<b>01 - FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES</b>	<b>137.2</b>	<b>136.3</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>0.8</b>
<b>01.1 FOOD</b>	<b>137.5</b>	<b>136.6</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>0.8</b>
01.1.1 Cereals and cereal products (ND)	139.2	139.1	0.1	12.4	10.8	0.5
01.1.2 Meat and other parts of slaughtered land animals (ND)	143.1	142.6	0.4	9.1	7.0	0.7
01.1.3 Fish and Seafood (ND)	131.3	131.1	0.1	7.7	5.1	0.6
01.1.4 Milk, other dairy products and eggs (ND)	133.4	132.6	0.6	12.2	10.3	1.3
01.1.5 Oils and Fats (ND)	140.5	140.3	0.1	12.5	11.4	0.7
01.1.6 Fruits and nuts (ND)	135.0	134.4	0.4	5.1	6.5	1.0
<b>01.1.7 Vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas and pulses (ND)</b>	<b>138.2</b>	<b>135.4</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>12.8</b>	<b>0.9</b>
<i>Tubers, Plantains and cooking Banana (Starchy Foods)</i>	130.4	125.8	3.6	17.2	16.6	3.3
<i>Vegetables</i>	141.0	138.9	1.5	8.0	11.8	0.3
01.1.8 Sugar, confectionery and desserts (ND)	136.2	134.5	1.2	11.1	10.3	1.7
01.1.9 Ready-made food and other food products n.e.c. (ND)	132.2	131.8	0.4	9.3	7.3	0.3
<b>01.2 NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES</b>	<b>130.7</b>	<b>130.1</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>1.7</b>
01.2.1 Fruit and vegetable juices (ND)	128.8	128.5	0.3	9.6	9.2	0.7
01.2.2, 01.2.3, 01.2.4 Coffee, Tea, Cocoa	135.9	134.5	1.1	15.5	14.7	4.5
01.2.5, 01.2.6, 0.1.2.9 Water, Soft drinks and Other non-alcoholic beverages	128.9	128.6	0.2	10.4	9.3	0.7
<b>02 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO AND NARCOTICS</b>	<b>122.5</b>	<b>122.2</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>10.1</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>0.6</b>
<b>03 CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR</b>	<b>118.9</b>	<b>118.5</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>0.5</b>
<i>03.1 CLOTHING</i>	118.9	118.5	0.4	5.8	5.3	0.5
<i>03.2 FOOTWEAR</i>	118.9	118.4	0.4	4.8	4.6	0.5
<b>04 HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS</b>	<b>121.9</b>	<b>124.5</b>	<b>-2.0</b>	<b>-2.5</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.2</b>
<i>04.1 ACTUAL RENTALS FOR HOUSING</i>	119.8	119.8	0.0	4.3	4.3	0.0
<i>04.2 IMPUTED RENTALS FOR HOUSING</i>	103.3	103.3	0.0	2.0	2.0	0.0
<i>04.3 MAINTENANCE, REPAIR AND SECURITY OF THE DWELLING</i>	131.0	131.0	0.0	6.8	6.8	2.4
<i>04.4 WATER SUPPLY AND MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES RELATING TO THE DWELLING</i>	112.6	115.5	-2.5	3.6	2.5	-2.4
<i>04.5 ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS</i>	145.8	151.7	-3.9	-8.5	-0.8	3.2
<b>05 FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>122.8</b>	<b>122.5</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>0.9</b>
<i>05.1 FURNITURE, FURNISHINGS, AND LOOSE CARPETS</i>	125.0	124.7	0.3	4.2	4.0	1.0
<i>05.2 HOUSEHOLD TEXTILES</i>	121.7	121.1	0.5	5.7	5.4	1.0
<i>05.3 HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES</i>	117.4	117.1	0.2	5.5	4.2	0.6
<i>05.5 TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT FOR HOUSE AND GARDEN</i>	118.3	118.3	0.0	5.3	5.2	0.8
<i>05.6 GOODS AND SERVICES FOR ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE</i>	123.6	123.3	0.2	10.0	5.1	0.9
<b>06 HEALTH</b>	<b>114.7</b>	<b>114.0</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>1.5</b>
<i>06.1 MEDICINES AND HEALTH PRODUCTS</i>	114.6	113.8	0.7	4.6	4.4	1.8
<i>06.2 OUTPATIENT CARE SERVICES</i>	117.7	117.6	0.0	7.9	7.9	0.1
<i>06.4 OTHER HEALTH SERVICES</i>	110.8	110.8	0.0	1.6	1.6	0.0
<b>07 TRANSPORT</b>	<b>118.8</b>	<b>119.1</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>-0.2</b>
<b>08 INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION</b>	<b>97.5</b>	<b>97.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-2.9</b>	<b>-3.0</b>	<b>-3.1</b>
<b>09 RECREATION, SPORT AND CULTURE</b>	<b>120.7</b>	<b>120.0</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>0.7</b>
<b>10 EDUCATION</b>	<b>121.4</b>	<b>121.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>11 RESTAURANTS AND ACCOMMODATION SERVICES</b>	<b>152.8</b>	<b>151.2</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>16.3</b>	<b>16.2</b>	<b>1.1</b>
<b>12 INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES</b>	<b>109.0</b>	<b>109.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>13 PERSONAL CARE, SOCIAL PROTECTION AND MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES</b>	<b>121.4</b>	<b>121.3</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>0.7</b>





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