



Consumer Price Index

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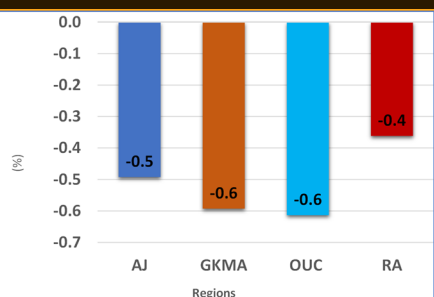


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MARCH 2024

The inflation rate for March 2024 was -0.5 per cent, the third consecutive month in which there was a decline in the All Jamaica Consumer Price Index (CPI). The main contributor was a 1.8 per cent fall in the index of the 'Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages' division. This was attributed to the continued decrease in the prices of some agricultural produce, which resulted in an 8.6 per cent decline in the index of the class 'Vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas and pulses'. The overall rate of inflation was however moderated by a 0.9 per cent rise in the index of the 'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' division due to higher electricity rates. There was also an increase of 0.2 per cent in the index of the 'Transport' division, largely due to higher petrol prices.

INFLATION AT A GLANCE



All Jamaica

-0.5 %

Greater Kingston Metropolitan Area

-0.6 %

Other Urban Centres

-0.6 %

Rural Areas

-0.4 %

ALL JAMAICA MONTHLY MOVEMENTS:

MONTH	YEAR	(%)
March	2024	-0.5
February	2024	-0.6
January	2024	-0.1
December	2023	+0.5
November	2023	+1.6
October	2023	+0.8
September	2023	+0.5
August	2023	+1.0
July	2023	+1.1
June	2023	+1.0
May	2023	+0.6
April	2023	-0.4
March	2023	+0.1

The point-to-point inflation rate for March 2024 was 5.6 per cent.

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

DIVISIONS, GROUPS AND CLASSES	MAR 2024	FEB 2024	Past Month	Point to Point	Fiscal Year 23/24	Calendar Year 2024
ALL DIVISIONS - ALL ITEMS	135.1	135.8	-0.5	5.6	6.0	-1.2
01 - FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	144.9	147.6	-1.8	4.8	4.2	-3.6
02 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO AND NARCOTICS	127.9	127.5	0.3	4.4	4.1	0.7
03 CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	124.5	124.3	0.2	3.7	3.2	0.6
04 HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS	124.7	123.6	0.9	2.9	7.5	0.1
05 FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE	136.7	136.5	0.2	9.8	9.2	0.6
06 HEALTH	122.8	122.1	0.5	4.2	3.8	1.6
07 TRANSPORT	130.0	129.7	0.2	10.0	10.2	-0.7
08 INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION	101.9	102.3	-0.4	5.2	5.1	-0.4
09 RECREATION, SPORT AND CULTURE	125.8	125.8	0.0	5.0	4.8	1.6
10 EDUCATION	145.1	145.1	0.0	15.6	15.6	2.6
11 RESTAURANTS AND ACCOMMODATION SERVICES	161.7	161.7	0.0	7.1	7.0	0.3
12 INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	110.3	110.3	0.0	1.6	1.6	1.6
13 PERSONAL CARE, SOCIAL PROTECTION AND MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES	127.1	126.9	0.2	4.1	3.7	0.9

CPI Point-to-Point, March 2024

The All Items, All Jamaica Consumer Price Index rose by 5.6 per cent from March 2023 to March 2024. This was 0.6 percentage points lower than the 6.2 per cent point-to-point inflation rate for the period February 2023 to February 2024. The main contributor was the lower rate of increase for the heaviest weighted division ‘Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages’. The division ‘Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages’ rose by 4.8 per cent in March compared to 7.7 per cent in February.

The inflation rate for the period March 2023 to March 2024 was largely a result of increases in the index for the following divisions: ‘Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages’ (4.8%), ‘Transport’ (10.0%) and ‘Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels’ (2.9%).

Within the division ‘Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages’, the group ‘Food’ was the chief contributor, increasing by 4.6 per cent. This was mainly attributed to increases in the classes ‘Fruit and Nut’(12.7%); ‘Cereal and Cereal products’(4.1%) and ‘Vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas and pulses’(3.2%). Impacting these classes were higher prices for products, such as watermelon, pineapples, cornflakes, biscuits and other pastries, as well as tomatoes.

The upward movement in the index for the ‘Transport’ division was mainly impacted by the 14.5 per cent increase in the index for the group ‘Passenger Transport Services’. This was largely the result of the class ‘Passenger transport by road’ which rose by 14.6 per cent. This was due to the 19.0 per cent increase in fares for route taxi and hackney carriage taxi on October 15, 2023.

The increase in the index for the ‘Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels’ division was primarily impacted by a 4.3 per cent rise in the index for the group ‘Imputed Rent’. This movement was moderated by a fall of 0.2 per cent in the index for the group ‘Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels’ over the review period.



All Jamaica, Point-to-Point Inflation Rate, March 2022 – March 2024

CPI Division Movements, March 2024

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES



-1.8%

There was a decrease of 1.8 per cent in the index of the 'Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages' division. This was mainly attributed to a 2.0 per cent fall in the 'Food' group. The index for the class 'Vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas and pulses' declined by 8.6 per cent, mainly due to decreases in prices of tomato, yam, sweet potato, cabbage and carrot. This decrease was moderated by increases in the index of the classes 'Cereal and cereal products'(0.2%) and 'Meat and other parts of slaughtered land animals'(0.3%).

The 'Non-Alcoholic Beverages' group index increased by 0.4 per cent due to increases in all classes: 'Fruit and Vegetable Juices' (0.6%), 'Coffee, Tea & Cocoa' (0.4%) and 'Water, Soft Drinks & Other Non-Alcoholic Beverages' (0.3%).

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

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO AND NARCOTICS



+0.3%

For the review period, the index for the '**Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics**' division increased by 0.3 per cent. This was mainly due to a 0.3 per cent rise in the 'Alcoholic Beverages' group as a result of increased prices in wine, beer, spirits and liquors. In addition, there was a 0.2 per cent increase in the 'Tobacco' group.

The point-to-point inflation rate was 4.4 per cent.

CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR



+0.2%

The index for the division '**Clothing and Footwear**' moved upwards by 0.2 per cent. The groups 'Clothing' and 'Footwear' each increased by 0.2 per cent.

The point-to-point inflation rate for the division was 3.7 per cent.

HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS



+0.9%

The index for the '**Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels**' division rose by 0.9 per cent. This was mainly due to a 2.6 per cent increase in the index for the group 'Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels', influenced by higher electricity rates. However, there was a 0.2 per cent decrease in the index for the group 'Water Supply and Miscellaneous Services Relating to the Dwelling' as a result of lower water and sewage rates.

The point-to-point inflation rate was 2.9 per cent.

FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE



+0.2%

The index for the **'Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance'** division increased by 0.2 per cent. This was mainly influenced by a 0.2 per cent increase in the index for the group **'Goods and Services for Routine Household Maintenance'** due to higher prices for detergents, soaps, and disinfectants.

The point-to-point inflation rate was 9.8 per cent.

HEALTH



+0.5%

There was a 0.5 per cent increase in the index for the **'Health'** division. This was mainly attributed to a 0.4 per cent increase in the group **'Medicines and Health Products'**. In addition, the **'Outpatient Care Services'** and **'Other Health Services'** groups increased by 1.2 per cent and 0.6 per cent, respectively.

The point-to-point inflation rate was 4.2 per cent.

TRANSPORT



+0.2%

The index for the **'Transport'** division increased by 0.2 per cent. This was influenced by a 0.7 per cent increase in the group **'Operation of Personal Transport Equipment'** due largely to higher petrol prices.

The point-to-point inflation rate was 10.0 per cent.

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION



-0.4%

The index for the **'Information and Communication'** division fell by 0.4 per cent. This fall was a result of a 0.5 per cent decline in the index for **'Information and Communication Services'** during the month.

The point-to-point inflation rate was 5.2 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. This was due primarily to increased prices for some personal care products and services.

The point-to-point inflation rate was 4.1 per cent.

TABLE II. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: ALL JAMAICA, MARCH 2024

DIVISIONS, GROUPS AND CLASSES	MAR 2024 Index	FEB 2024 Index	Past Month	Point to Point	Fiscal Year 23/24	Calendar Year to Date
ALL DIVISIONS - ALL ITEMS	135.1	135.8	-0.5	5.6	6.0	-1.2
01 - FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	144.9	147.6	-1.8	4.8	4.2	-3.6
01.1 FOOD	145.0	147.9	-2.0	4.6	4.0	-3.9
01.1.1 Cereals and cereal products (ND)	145.4	145.1	0.2	4.1	3.9	0.6
01.1.2 Meat and other parts of slaughtered land animals (ND)	152.2	151.7	0.3	3.5	3.2	1.1
01.1.3 Fish and Seafood (ND)	139.0	138.8	0.2	3.0	2.6	0.5
01.1.4 Milk, other dairy products and eggs (ND)	139.5	139.2	0.3	4.0	3.5	0.6
01.1.5 Oils and Fats (ND)	146.2	146.0	0.1	2.4	2.1	0.4
01.1.6 Fruits and nuts (ND)	147.7	148.6	-0.6	12.7	14.8	3.1
01.1.7 Vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas and pulses (ND)	142.6	155.9	-8.6	3.2	0.7	-17.3
<i>Tubers, Plantains and cooking Banana (Starchy Foods)</i>	148.8	156.8	-5.1	7.6	4.7	-11.4
<i>Vegetables</i>	139.8	155.4	-10.0	1.5	-0.8	-19.7
01.1.8 Sugar, confectionery and desserts (ND)	147.7	147.0	0.5	7.8	7.1	1.5
01.1.9 Ready-made food and other food products n.e.c. (ND)	141.4	145.8	-3.0	8.4	7.8	-7.9
01.2 NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	143.2	142.6	0.4	8.0	6.8	1.5
01.2.1 Fruit and vegetable juices (ND)	144.0	143.1	0.6	8.9	7.7	1.9
01.2.2, 01.2.3, 01.2.4 Coffee, Tea, Cocoa	148.0	147.5	0.4	7.7	6.6	1.2
01.2.5, 01.2.6, 01.2.9 Water, Soft drinks and Other non-alcoholic beverages	140.9	140.5	0.3	7.6	6.4	1.5
02 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO AND NARCOTICS	127.9	127.5	0.3	4.4	4.1	0.7
03 CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	124.5	124.3	0.2	3.7	3.2	0.6
03.1 CLOTHING	126.2	125.9	0.2	4.3	3.7	0.7
03.2 FOOTWEAR	121.3	121.1	0.2	2.5	2.1	0.5
04 HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS	124.7	123.6	0.9	2.9	7.5	0.1
04.1 ACTUAL RENTALS FOR HOUSING	131.6	131.6	0.0	4.4	4.4	0.0
04.2 IMPUTED RENTALS FOR HOUSING	111.1	111.1	0.0	4.3	4.3	0.0
04.3 MAINTENANCE, REPAIR AND SECURITY OF THE DWELLING	139.2	138.5	0.5	7.3	7.2	2.3
04.4 WATER SUPPLY AND MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES RELATING TO THE DWELLING	120.1	120.3	-0.2	5.5	2.9	1.0
04.5 ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS	144.1	140.5	2.6	-0.2	14.1	-0.3
05 FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE	136.7	136.5	0.2	9.8	9.2	0.6
05.1 FURNITURE, FURNISHINGS, AND LOOSE CARPETS	129.6	129.5	0.1	3.7	2.9	0.6
05.2 HOUSEHOLD TEXTILES	128.0	127.7	0.2	5.1	3.8	1.0
05.3 HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES	123.3	123.3	0.0	1.8	1.7	0.2
05.5 TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT FOR HOUSE AND GARDEN	120.3	120.1	0.2	3.2	3.0	0.7
05.6 GOODS AND SERVICES FOR ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE	141.0	140.7	0.2	12.2	11.8	0.6
06 HEALTH	122.8	122.1	0.5	4.2	3.8	1.6
06.1 MEDICINES AND HEALTH PRODUCTS	122.9	122.4	0.4	3.8	3.3	1.2
06.2 OUTPATIENT CARE SERVICES	128.9	127.4	1.2	7.6	7.0	4.2
06.4 OTHER HEALTH SERVICES	109.7	109.0	0.6	3.2	3.2	0.6
07 TRANSPORT	130.0	129.7	0.2	10.0	10.2	-0.7
08 INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION	101.9	102.3	-0.4	5.2	5.1	-0.4
09 RECREATION, SPORT AND CULTURE	125.8	125.8	0.0	5.0	4.8	1.6
10 EDUCATION	145.1	145.1	0.0	15.6	15.6	2.6
11 RESTAURANTS AND ACCOMMODATION SERVICES	161.7	161.7	0.0	7.1	7.0	0.3
12 INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	110.3	110.3	0.0	1.6	1.6	1.6
13 PERSONAL CARE, SOCIAL PROTECTION AND MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES	127.1	126.9	0.2	4.1	3.7	0.9

TABLE III. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: GREATER KINGSTON METROPOLITAN AREA, MARCH 2024

DIVISIONS, GROUPS AND CLASSES	MAR 2024 Index	FEB 2024 Index	Past Month	Point to Point	Fiscal Year 23/24	Calendar Year to Date
ALL DIVISIONS - ALL ITEMS	133.1	133.9	-0.6	5.4	5.9	-1.4
01 - FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	147.7	151.0	-2.2	5.3	4.5	-4.0
01.1 FOOD	147.8	151.4	-2.4	5.1	4.4	-4.4
01.1.1 Cereals and cereal products (ND)	147.1	146.8	0.2	4.7	4.6	0.7
01.1.2 Meat and other parts of slaughtered land animals (ND)	158.5	157.5	0.6	3.7	3.4	1.3
01.1.3 Fish and Seafood (ND)	145.4	144.9	0.3	4.0	3.7	0.8
01.1.4 Milk, other dairy products and eggs (ND)	141.3	141.0	0.3	4.8	4.4	0.9
01.1.5 Oils and Fats (ND)	150.8	150.4	0.2	2.9	2.7	0.6
01.1.6 Fruits and nuts (ND)	143.9	144.0	0.0	16.1	18.1	4.5
01.1.7 Vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas and pulses (ND)	145.2	162.6	-10.7	2.7	-0.4	-19.9
<i>Tubers, Plantains and cooking Banana (Starchy Foods)</i>	164.9	174.5	-5.5	8.3	5.3	-11.6
<i>Vegetables</i>	137.0	157.8	-13.2	0.1	-3.1	-23.6
01.1.8 Sugar, confectionery and desserts (ND)	150.2	149.6	0.4	7.7	6.9	1.6
01.1.9 Ready-made food and other food products n.e.c. (ND)	139.1	145.1	-4.1	8.3	8.1	-8.5
01.2 NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	146.0	145.4	0.4	8.3	7.1	1.7
01.2.1 Fruit and vegetable juices (ND)	147.1	146.3	0.5	9.8	8.4	2.4
01.2.2, 01.2.3, 01.2.4 Coffee, Tea, Cocoa	150.2	149.8	0.2	7.1	6.6	0.8
01.2.5, 01.2.6, 01.2.9 Water, Soft drinks and Other non-alcoholic beverages	145.2	144.7	0.3	8.0	6.5	1.7
02 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO AND NARCOTICS	128.2	128.0	0.1	4.6	4.4	0.9
03 CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	123.3	123.1	0.2	3.5	3.2	0.6
<i>03.1 CLOTHING</i>	124.6	124.4	0.2	3.9	3.6	0.6
<i>03.2 FOOTWEAR</i>	120.8	120.6	0.2	2.6	2.3	0.4
04 HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS	120.5	119.7	0.7	4.6	8.2	0.1
<i>04.1 ACTUAL RENTALS FOR HOUSING</i>	128.3	128.3	0.0	7.3	7.3	0.0
<i>04.2 IMPUTED RENTALS FOR HOUSING</i>	108.1	108.1	0.0	6.8	6.8	0.0
<i>04.3 MAINTENANCE, REPAIR AND SECURITY OF THE DWELLING</i>	139.5	138.8	0.5	8.0	8.0	2.9
<i>04.4 WATER SUPPLY AND MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES RELATING TO THE DWELLING</i>	122.1	122.3	-0.2	5.5	2.9	1.0
<i>04.5 ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS</i>	143.6	140.0	2.6	-1.0	13.7	-0.5
05 FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE	139.7	139.5	0.1	10.7	10.4	0.7
<i>05.1 FURNITURE, FURNISHINGS, AND LOOSE CARPETS</i>	133.0	132.5	0.3	4.2	3.8	0.9
<i>05.2 HOUSEHOLD TEXTILES</i>	128.5	127.7	0.7	5.1	4.9	1.7
<i>05.3 HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES</i>	130.4	130.3	0.1	2.4	2.4	0.2
<i>05.5 TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT FOR HOUSE AND GARDEN</i>	120.7	120.7	0.0	2.2	1.9	0.7
<i>05.6 GOODS AND SERVICES FOR ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE</i>	143.0	142.8	0.1	13.0	12.7	0.7
06 HEALTH	129.3	129.1	0.2	3.7	3.5	1.4
<i>06.1 MEDICINES AND HEALTH PRODUCTS</i>	132.4	132.2	0.2	3.8	3.5	1.3
<i>06.2 OUTPATIENT CARE SERVICES</i>	128.7	128.6	0.0	5.1	5.1	2.9
<i>06.4 OTHER HEALTH SERVICES</i>	100.5	100.5	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0
07 TRANSPORT	119.5	119.3	0.2	3.1	3.4	-3.6
08 INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION	99.6	100.0	-0.3	4.5	4.4	-0.3
09 RECREATION, SPORT AND CULTURE	125.7	125.7	0.0	5.3	5.2	2.0
10 EDUCATION	154.7	154.7	0.0	16.6	16.6	1.3
11 RESTAURANTS AND ACCOMMODATION SERVICES	160.1	160.0	0.1	6.8	6.8	0.5
12 INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	109.7	109.7	0.0	1.6	1.6	1.6
13 PERSONAL CARE, SOCIAL PROTECTION AND MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES	129.7	129.5	0.2	5.1	4.8	1.3

TABLE IV. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: OTHER URBAN CENTRES, MARCH 2024

DIVISIONS, GROUPS AND CLASSES	MAR 2024 Index	FEB 2024 Index	Past Month	Point to Point	Fiscal Year 23/24	Calendar Year to Date
ALL DIVISIONS - ALL ITEMS	138.4	139.3	-0.6	5.9	6.5	-1.2
01 - FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	145.4	148.6	-2.2	5.4	4.8	-4.1
01.1 FOOD	145.5	148.9	-2.3	5.2	4.6	-4.4
01.1.1 Cereals and cereal products (ND)	145.8	145.5	0.2	4.3	4.0	0.5
01.1.2 Meat and other parts of slaughtered land animals (ND)	153.1	152.6	0.3	3.6	3.2	1.1
01.1.3 Fish and Seafood (ND)	141.8	141.5	0.2	2.8	2.5	0.6
01.1.4 Milk, other dairy products and eggs (ND)	139.8	139.2	0.4	3.7	3.2	0.8
01.1.5 Oils and Fats (ND)	147.6	147.2	0.2	3.1	2.4	0.6
01.1.6 Fruits and nuts (ND)	150.4	153.1	-1.7	13.7	15.4	2.1
01.1.7 Vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas and pulses (ND)	141.5	156.5	-9.6	5.2	3.2	-18.9
<i>Tubers, Plantains and cooking Banana (Starchy Foods)</i>	146.4	155.3	-5.7	4.6	1.9	-14.4
<i>Vegetables</i>	139.5	157.0	-11.1	5.6	3.9	-20.7
01.1.8 Sugar, confectionery and desserts (ND)	146.1	145.6	0.4	7.6	6.7	1.2
01.1.9 Ready-made food and other food products n.e.c. (ND)	141.7	146.3	-3.1	9.8	9.3	-6.0
01.2 NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	144.3	143.7	0.4	7.9	6.9	1.3
01.2.1 Fruit and vegetable juices (ND)	149.3	148.5	0.5	9.1	7.6	1.5
01.2.2, 01.2.3, 01.2.4 Coffee, Tea, Cocoa	147.7	147.2	0.3	7.2	6.7	1.3
01.2.5, 01.2.6, 01.2.9 Water, Soft drinks and Other non-alcoholic beverages	139.3	138.8	0.4	7.6	6.7	1.2
02 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO AND NARCOTICS	127.8	127.5	0.3	4.5	4.2	0.7
03 CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	129.1	128.8	0.2	4.3	3.7	0.7
<i>03.1 CLOTHING</i>	133.0	132.7	0.2	5.1	4.4	0.8
<i>03.2 FOOTWEAR</i>	120.7	120.5	0.2	2.5	2.0	0.5
04 HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS	132.2	131.1	0.9	1.4	6.0	0.1
<i>04.1 ACTUAL RENTALS FOR HOUSING</i>	149.1	149.1	0.0	1.3	1.3	0.0
<i>04.2 IMPUTED RENTALS FOR HOUSING</i>	125.7	125.7	0.0	1.1	1.1	0.0
<i>04.3 MAINTENANCE, REPAIR AND SECURITY OF THE DWELLING</i>	137.7	136.8	0.7	7.0	6.8	2.3
<i>04.4 WATER SUPPLY AND MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES RELATING TO THE DWELLING</i>	119.2	119.5	-0.2	5.5	2.9	1.0
<i>04.5 ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS</i>	140.9	137.5	2.4	-0.1	14.8	-0.4
05 FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE	140.4	140.2	0.1	11.0	10.4	0.5
<i>05.1 FURNITURE, FURNISHINGS, AND LOOSE CARPETS</i>	127.3	127.2	0.1	3.6	2.7	0.6
<i>05.2 HOUSEHOLD TEXTILES</i>	127.8	127.7	0.1	5.0	3.5	0.8
<i>05.3 HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES</i>	123.9	123.9	0.0	1.5	1.4	0.2
<i>05.5 TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT FOR HOUSE AND GARDEN</i>	113.2	113.0	0.1	3.1	2.8	0.9
<i>05.6 GOODS AND SERVICES FOR ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE</i>	146.9	146.6	0.2	14.0	13.5	0.6
06 HEALTH	121.3	120.5	0.7	4.3	3.9	1.6
<i>06.1 MEDICINES AND HEALTH PRODUCTS</i>	120.8	120.2	0.5	3.8	3.3	1.2
<i>06.2 OUTPATIENT CARE SERVICES</i>	131.1	128.8	1.7	8.7	7.8	4.7
<i>06.4 OTHER HEALTH SERVICES</i>	111.6	110.5	1.0	4.9	4.9	1.0
07 TRANSPORT	135.4	135.2	0.2	13.4	13.4	0.3
08 INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION	102.7	103.2	-0.4	5.2	5.1	-0.4
09 RECREATION, SPORT AND CULTURE	125.2	125.1	0.0	4.5	4.4	1.3
10 EDUCATION	138.3	138.3	0.0	15.7	15.7	3.8
11 RESTAURANTS AND ACCOMMODATION SERVICES	160.4	160.4	0.0	7.5	7.4	0.3
12 INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	110.3	110.3	0.0	1.6	1.6	1.6
13 PERSONAL CARE, SOCIAL PROTECTION AND MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES	126.5	126.3	0.2	4.0	3.6	0.7

TABLE V. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: RURAL AREAS, MARCH 2024

DIVISIONS, GROUPS AND CLASSES	MAR 2024 Index	FEB 2024 Index	Past Month	Point to Point	Fiscal Year 23/24	Calendar Year to Date
ALL DIVISIONS - ALL ITEMS	134.9	135.4	-0.4	5.5	5.9	-1.1
01 - FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	143.1	145.2	-1.5	4.3	3.7	-3.2
01.1 FOOD	143.2	145.5	-1.6	4.1	3.5	-3.5
01.1.1 Cereals and cereal products (ND)	144.3	144.0	0.2	3.7	3.4	0.5
01.1.2 Meat and other parts of slaughtered land animals (ND)	148.0	147.9	0.1	3.4	3.1	0.9
01.1.3 Fish and Seafood (ND)	134.6	134.6	0.0	2.5	2.1	0.3
01.1.4 Milk, other dairy products and eggs (ND)	138.4	138.1	0.2	3.8	3.1	0.3
01.1.5 Oils and Fats (ND)	143.1	143.1	0.0	1.9	1.7	0.1
01.1.6 Fruits and nuts (ND)	148.8	149.4	-0.4	10.2	12.6	2.8
01.1.7 Vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas and pulses (ND)	141.6	151.9	-6.8	2.5	0.2	-15.0
<i>Tubers, Plantains and cooking Banana (Starchy Foods)</i>	141.6	148.4	-4.5	8.6	5.6	-9.8
<i>Vegetables</i>	141.6	153.3	-7.6	0.4	-1.6	-16.8
01.1.8 Sugar, confectionery and desserts (ND)	146.9	146.1	0.6	7.9	7.4	1.5
01.1.9 Ready-made food and other food products n.e.c. (ND)	142.5	146.1	-2.4	7.8	7.1	-8.3
01.2 NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	140.7	140.1	0.5	7.7	6.6	1.5
01.2.1 Fruit and vegetable juices (ND)	139.2	138.3	0.7	8.1	7.3	1.7
01.2.2, 01.2.3, 01.2.4 Coffee, Tea, Cocoa	147.1	146.5	0.4	8.3	6.6	1.4
01.2.5, 01.2.6, 01.2.9 Water, Soft drinks and Other non-alcoholic beverages	138.1	137.6	0.3	7.1	6.1	1.4
02 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO AND NARCOTICS	127.7	127.3	0.4	4.3	3.8	0.6
03 CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	123.1	122.9	0.2	3.5	3.0	0.6
<i>03.1 CLOTHING</i>	123.7	123.5	0.2	4.1	3.5	0.6
<i>03.2 FOOTWEAR</i>	121.8	121.6	0.2	2.4	2.0	0.5
04 HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS	124.7	123.3	1.1	2.3	7.7	0.1
<i>04.1 ACTUAL RENTALS FOR HOUSING</i>	121.9	121.9	0.0	1.7	1.7	0.0
<i>04.2 IMPUTED RENTALS FOR HOUSING</i>	106.9	106.9	0.0	3.5	3.5	0.0
<i>04.3 MAINTENANCE, REPAIR AND SECURITY OF THE DWELLING</i>	139.8	139.4	0.3	6.7	6.6	1.6
<i>04.4 WATER SUPPLY AND MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES RELATING TO THE DWELLING</i>	118.9	119.1	-0.2	5.5	2.9	1.0
<i>04.5 ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS</i>	146.1	142.3	2.6	0.2	13.9	-0.2
05 FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE	133.4	133.2	0.2	8.7	8.1	0.6
<i>05.1 FURNITURE, FURNISHINGS, AND LOOSE CARPETS</i>	129.5	129.5	0.0	3.6	2.7	0.6
<i>05.2 HOUSEHOLD TEXTILES</i>	127.9	127.8	0.1	5.1	3.4	0.8
<i>05.3 HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES</i>	119.3	119.3	0.0	1.6	1.5	0.2
<i>05.5 TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT FOR HOUSE AND GARDEN</i>	122.6	122.3	0.2	3.6	3.3	0.6
<i>05.6 GOODS AND SERVICES FOR ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE</i>	137.1	136.8	0.2	10.9	10.4	0.6
06 HEALTH	119.8	118.9	0.7	4.4	3.9	1.6
<i>06.1 MEDICINES AND HEALTH PRODUCTS</i>	118.9	118.3	0.5	3.8	3.3	1.2
<i>06.2 OUTPATIENT CARE SERVICES</i>	128.2	125.9	1.8	9.0	8.0	4.9
<i>06.4 OTHER HEALTH SERVICES</i>	115.9	114.9	0.9	4.6	4.6	0.9
07 TRANSPORT	133.7	133.5	0.2	12.5	12.6	0.4
08 INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION	103.1	103.6	-0.5	5.8	5.7	-0.5
09 RECREATION, SPORT AND CULTURE	126.4	126.4	0.0	4.8	4.6	1.2
10 EDUCATION	139.0	139.0	0.0	14.5	14.5	3.4
11 RESTAURANTS AND ACCOMMODATION SERVICES	163.5	163.5	0.0	7.0	6.9	0.1
12 INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	110.9	110.9	0.0	1.7	1.7	1.7
13 PERSONAL CARE, SOCIAL PROTECTION AND MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES	125.8	125.5	0.2	3.6	3.0	0.6



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