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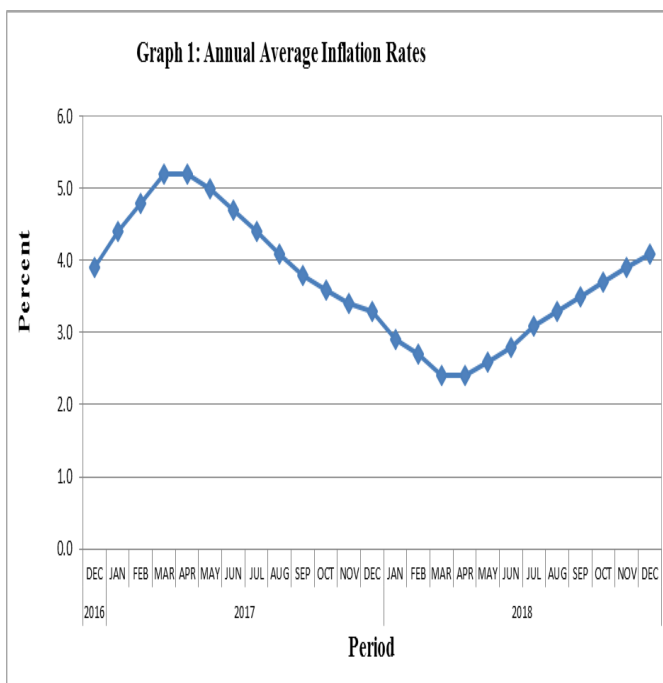
31<sup>st</sup> December 2018

## CONSUMER PRICE INDEX – DECEMBER 2018

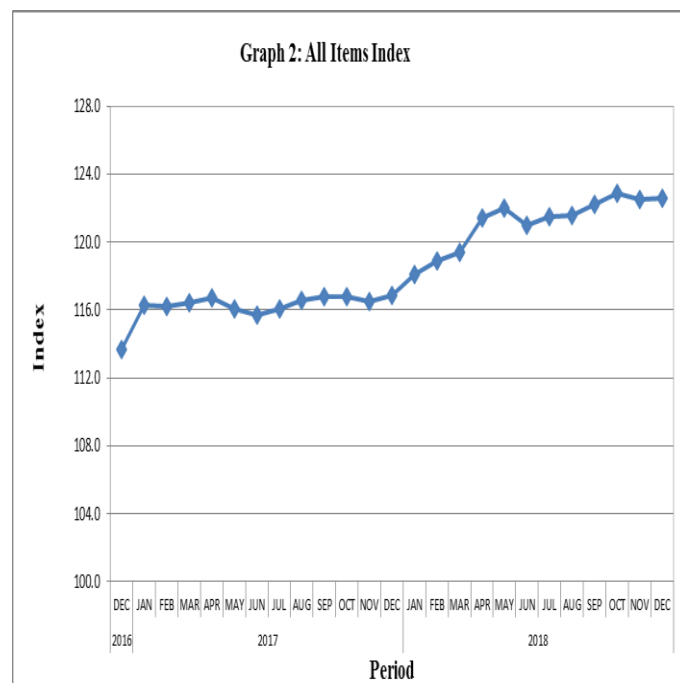
[Base: Average 12 months 2011 = 100.0]

The Consumer Price Index [CPI] is compiled to indicate average changes in the prices of goods and services purchased by households nationwide with monthly price collections carried out in the urban areas [Suva, Lami, Nasinu, Nausori, Lautoka, Nadi, Ba and Labasa]. The index is currently taken to represent price changes in the rural areas as well. The CPI weights are derived from the Household Income and Expenditure Survey [HIES] of 2008/2009.

### December 2018 Highlights



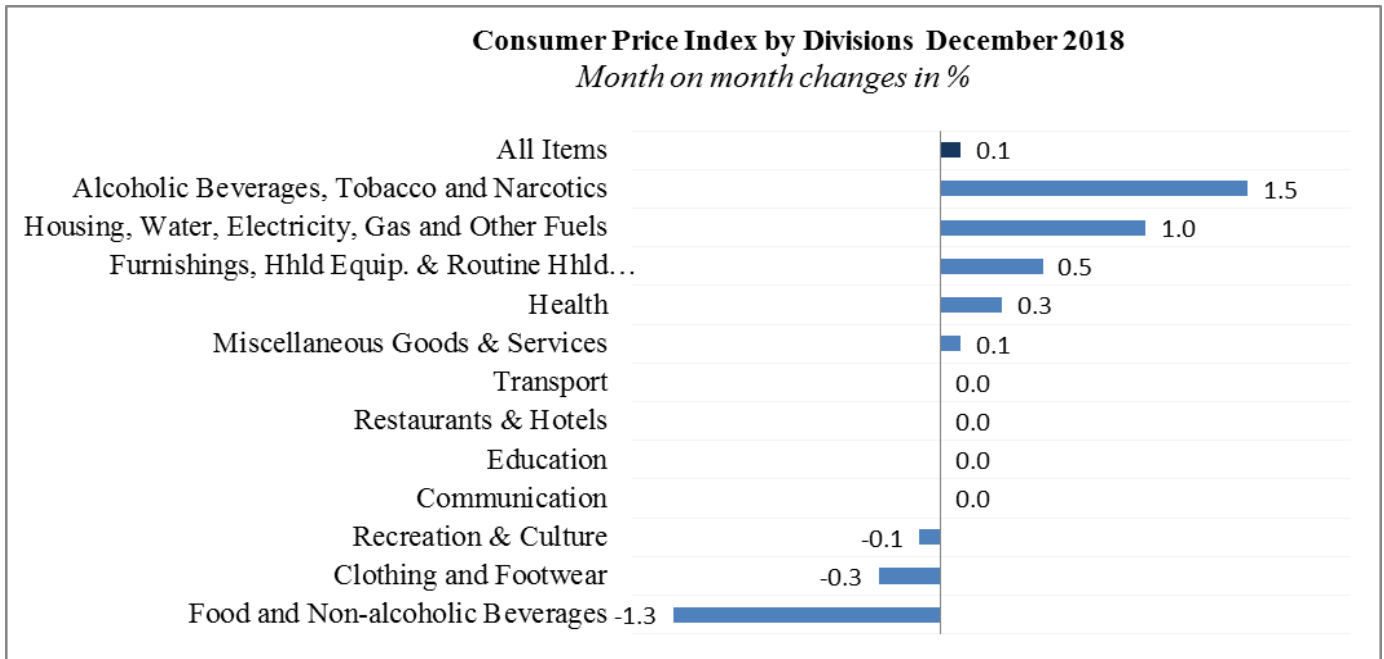
The average annual rate of inflation for the twelve months to December 2018 [i.e. comparing the average CPI for the 12 months from January 2018 – December 2018; with the average for the 12 months from January 2017 – December 2017] stands at 4.1 percent while the month- on- month inflation rate [compared with December 2017] stands at 4.9 percent.



The All Items CPI for the month of December registered an increase of 0.1 percent over November 2018 [122.5] and stands at 122.6.

There are two measures of inflation used in Fiji. One compares the average CPI over the past twelve months with the average CPI over the previous twelve months while the other compares the CPI in the current month with the CPI in the comparable month of the previous year.

Details of price changes between November 2018 and December 2018 by expenditure class are as follows:



**FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES: -1.3%**

*Lower prices were recorded for bread & cereals, milk, cheese & eggs, fruits, vegetables and non-alcoholic beverages such as mineral water.*

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO AND NARCOTICS: +1.5%**

*Higher prices were recorded for spirits, cigarettes and yaqona.*

**CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR: -0.3%**

*Lower prices were recorded for garments and footwear.*

**HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS: +1.0%**

*Higher prices were recorded for gas.*

**FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE: +0.5%**

*Higher prices were recorded for carpets & other floor coverings and non-durable household goods.*

**HEALTH: +0.3%**

*Higher prices were recorded for pharmaceutical products.*

**TRANSPORT: 0.0%**

*There were some price changes recorded in this division but these changes balanced out.*

**COMMUNICATION: 0.0%**

*There were some price changes recorded in this division but these changes balanced out.*

**RECREATION AND CULTURE: -0.1%**

*Lower prices were recorded for information processing equipment and equipment for sport, camping & open air recreation.*

**EDUCATION: 0.0%**

*No price changes were recorded in this division.*

**RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS: 0.0%**

*No price changes were recorded in this division.*

**MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES: +0.1%**

*Higher prices were recorded for other appliance, articles & products for personal care.*

	<b>DEC 2018</b>	<b>NOV 2018</b>	<b>% Change DEC 2018/ NOV 2018</b>	<b>DEC 2017</b>	<b>% Change DEC 2018/ DEC 2017</b>
All items unadjusted	122.6	122.5	0.1	116.9	4.9
Seasonally adjusted	122.5	122.6	-0.1	116.8	4.9
Average inflation rate for 12 months to:	4.1	3.9	-	3.3	-

**Attached are the following tables:**

**Table 1:** National percentage change on corresponding period in previous year;

**Table 2:** National consumer price index;

**Table 3:** Central division consumer price index;

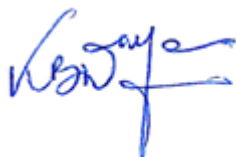
**Table 4:** Western division consumer price index;

**Table 5:** Northern division consumer price index; and

**2018 Annual Summary.**

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The Consumer Price Index for January 2019 will be released at the end of January, 2019.



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Table 1

**CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: NATIONAL**  
**PERCENTAGE CHANGE ON CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN PREVIOUS YEAR**

Division		All Items	Food and Non-alcoholic Beverages	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	Clothing and Footwear	Housing, Water, Elec., Gas and Other Fuels	Furnishings, Hhld Equip. & Routine Hhld Maint.	Health	Transport	Communication	Recreation & Culture	Education	Restaurants & Hotels	Miscellaneous Goods & Services
Weight		1000.0	283.2	77.1	18.7	117.3	58.8	13.8	144.6	54.2	29.2	102.4	23.8	76.9
Annual	2012	3.4	4.3	9.1	-0.2	1.6	1.9	3.4	6.0	-0.3	-0.3	1.0	7.7	-0.7
Average	2013	2.9	3.5	9.0	3.0	0.8	-0.5	5.1	0.0	0.0	5.7	6.0	10.6	-0.4
	2014	0.5	1.9	9.0	1.8	0.2	4.1	3.4	-0.2	0.1	3.2	-15.2	4.0	0.6
	2015	1.4	4.7	9.8	2.1	-4.5	0.3	2.8	-3.7	0.1	0.6	-1.7	1.5	4.1
	2016	3.9	6.0	27.2	1.2	-5.0	-0.4	4.2	-3.9	-1.5	-1.6	8.2	3.5	-0.7
	2017	3.3	-2.1	31.7	0.2	1.9	0.8	-0.5	1.9	-0.3	-0.4	0.7	2.9	-0.6
	2018	4.1	3.4	19.4	0.6	2.0	-0.3	-1.3	2.0	0.1	0.3	0.0	1.6	0.0
2015	January	0.2	2.7	13.5	1.1	-2.1	1.2	5.7	-2.7	-0.1	1.6	-17.1	3.1	4.7
	February	2.1	4.6	10.7	1.5	-2.1	-0.1	2.7	-2.8	0.1	0.6	0.0	2.4	5.0
	March	2.4	5.6	10.9	2.3	-2.1	0.3	3.0	-2.5	0.3	0.3	0.0	1.8	5.0
	April	1.5	5.5	11.5	2.2	-6.1	-0.1	3.4	-5.4	0.3	-0.3	0.0	1.8	3.9
	May	0.6	4.2	6.7	2.4	-6.1	-0.1	2.9	-5.4	0.2	-0.4	0.0	0.8	3.5
	June	0.8	4.9	8.0	2.5	-6.1	0.0	3.1	-5.4	0.1	0.2	0.0	1.3	3.1
	July	1.4	5.1	8.7	1.0	-4.6	0.0	1.9	-3.6	0.1	0.3	0.0	1.3	3.6
	August	1.3	4.7	7.6	2.4	-4.7	0.3	3.5	-3.3	0.1	0.0	0.0	1.3	3.8
	September	1.5	5.3	8.6	2.2	-4.7	0.2	2.1	-3.3	0.1	0.5	0.0	1.4	3.9
	October	1.4	4.8	9.8	3.1	-5.3	0.9	2.4	-3.9	0.1	0.6	0.0	1.4	4.6
	November	1.8	4.8	14.3	2.2	-5.3	0.9	2.2	-3.9	0.1	1.8	0.0	1.4	4.0
	December	1.6	5.0	7.3	2.5	-4.3	0.8	1.1	-2.6	0.2	2.2	0.0	0.0	3.8
2016	January	0.2	2.6	5.9	1.4	-5.6	-0.3	4.2	-4.4	-1.4	-3.8	0.0	3.3	0.0
	February	1.2	2.9	9.3	0.8	-5.6	-0.9	4.0	-4.4	-1.6	-3.0	9.0	3.0	-1.1
	March	0.8	1.6	9.2	0.4	-5.6	-1.7	3.1	-4.4	-1.5	-2.2	9.0	3.3	-1.0
	April	3.8	9.6	13.7	2.5	-5.5	-0.9	3.0	-3.4	-1.5	-2.3	9.0	3.3	-0.6
	May	5.2	9.9	27.5	2.1	-5.5	0.9	2.9	-3.4	-1.5	-1.8	9.0	3.3	-0.5
	June	5.3	9.5	32.0	1.2	-5.5	0.3	4.7	-3.5	-1.5	-1.0	9.0	3.7	-0.6
	July	5.5	10.0	32.1	1.6	-5.0	0.0	4.8	-4.2	-1.5	0.7	9.0	3.7	-0.7
	August	5.9	9.8	37.4	0.8	-4.7	-0.8	4.4	-4.2	-1.5	-0.2	9.0	3.7	-0.9
	September	5.6	7.0	42.8	0.4	-4.7	-0.5	4.9	-4.3	-1.5	-0.3	9.0	3.8	-0.7
	October	4.7	3.6	41.4	0.9	-4.2	-0.5	4.3	-3.6	-1.5	-0.9	9.0	3.8	-0.8
	November	4.3	2.7	37.4	0.8	-4.2	0.0	4.5	-3.6	-1.6	-1.7	9.0	3.8	-0.9
	December	3.9	2.9	35.3	0.8	-4.2	-0.6	4.5	-3.6	-1.7	-2.6	9.0	3.9	-0.9
2017	January	6.8	7.1	41.5	1.2	-0.7	1.3	-0.4	0.5	-0.3	-0.3	9.0	2.5	-0.8
	February	5.5	4.3	42.9	1.3	-0.7	2.9	-0.3	0.5	-0.2	0.1	0.0	2.7	-0.4
	March	5.6	3.0	48.4	2.0	-0.7	3.4	0.1	0.4	-0.3	0.0	0.0	2.8	-0.6
	April	4.1	-3.5	44.1	-0.4	4.5	2.2	0.5	3.4	-0.3	0.0	0.0	2.8	-0.5
	May	2.5	-4.8	28.9	-0.5	4.5	0.4	0.4	3.2	-0.3	-0.2	0.0	2.8	-0.2
	June	2.0	-6.0	25.8	-0.3	4.5	0.1	-1.3	3.3	-0.3	-0.4	0.0	2.2	-0.3
	July	2.0	-6.2	30.5	-0.3	2.3	0.4	-1.2	1.8	-0.3	-2.1	0.0	3.3	-0.4
	August	1.9	-5.2	27.7	-0.8	1.9	0.5	-1.2	1.8	-0.3	-1.0	0.0	3.3	-0.5
	September	2.0	-4.2	23.5	-0.1	1.9	0.4	-1.2	1.9	-0.3	-1.1	0.0	2.9	-0.8
	October	2.6	-3.7	27.5	-0.9	2.3	-0.3	-0.7	1.9	-0.3	-0.6	0.0	2.9	-0.9
	November	2.6	-3.0	25.4	0.8	2.3	-0.5	-0.6	1.9	-0.2	-0.3	0.0	3.0	-0.9
	December	2.8	-2.8	26.1	0.7	2.3	-0.9	0.6	1.8	-0.2	0.5	0.0	3.1	-1.0
2018	January	1.5	-6.0	23.5	0.5	3.0	-1.5	2.0	1.4	0.0	0.6	0.0	1.6	-0.6
	February	2.3	-2.1	21.3	0.5	3.0	-1.7	-0.7	1.3	0.1	0.2	0.0	2.4	-0.4
	March	2.6	0.2	16.3	0.2	3.0	-1.9	0.0	1.3	0.1	0.1	0.0	2.3	0.0
	April	4.0	6.1	17.2	0.2	0.1	-1.6	-0.9	0.6	0.1	0.2	0.0	2.3	0.0
	May	5.1	6.4	23.3	0.5	0.1	-0.4	-0.7	0.8	0.1	0.2	0.0	2.3	-0.5
	June	4.6	5.1	22.3	0.6	0.1	-0.1	-1.3	0.8	0.1	0.2	0.0	2.2	-0.3
	July	4.7	4.2	21.6	0.4	2.2	-0.1	-2.5	2.4	0.1	0.4	0.0	1.1	0.0
	August	4.3	3.3	20.2	1.4	2.2	0.2	-2.3	2.4	0.1	0.3	0.0	1.1	0.1
	September	4.6	4.9	18.6	0.9	2.2	0.2	-2.2	2.4	0.1	0.4	0.0	1.1	0.3
	October	5.2	7.7	16.1	1.5	2.5	0.9	-2.3	3.3	0.1	0.4	0.0	1.1	0.3
	November	5.2	7.3	16.6	0.2	2.5	0.7	-2.1	3.3	0.1	0.3	0.0	1.0	0.5
	December	4.9	5.1	17.2	0.2	3.6	2.0	-2.2	3.4	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.8	0.7

Table 2

**CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: NATIONAL**  
**(BASE: AVERAGE 12 MONTHS 2011 =100.0)**

Division	Annual Average Inflation Rate %	All Items	Food and Non-alcoholic Beverages	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	Clothing and Footwear	Housing, Water, Elec., Gas and Other Fuels	Furnishings, Hhhd Equip. & Routine Hhhd Maint.	Health	Transport	Communi- cation	Recreation & Culture	Education	Restaurants & Hotels	Miscellane- ous Goods & Services	Seasonally Adjusted	
																Weight
Weight		1000.0	283.2	77.1	18.7	117.3	58.8	13.8	144.6	54.2	29.2	102.4	23.8	76.9		
Annual Average	2011	0.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
	2012	3.4	103.4	104.3	109.1	99.8	101.6	101.9	103.4	106.0	99.7	99.7	101.0	107.7	99.3	103.4
	2013	2.9	106.4	108.0	119.0	102.8	102.4	101.4	108.7	106.0	99.7	105.3	107.0	119.1	98.9	106.4
	2014	0.5	107.0	110.1	129.6	104.6	102.6	105.6	112.4	105.7	99.8	108.7	90.7	123.9	99.4	107.0
	2015	1.4	108.5	115.3	142.3	106.8	98.0	106.0	115.5	101.8	99.9	109.4	89.2	125.7	103.5	108.5
	2016	3.9	112.7	122.2	181.0	108.1	93.1	105.6	120.3	97.8	98.4	107.6	96.5	130.1	102.8	112.7
	2017	3.3	116.4	119.6	238.4	108.3	94.9	106.5	119.7	99.6	98.1	107.1	97.2	133.8	102.1	116.4
	2018	4.1	121.2	123.7	284.7	108.9	96.8	106.2	118.2	101.6	98.2	107.4	97.2	136.0	102.2	121.2
2015	January	0.4	108.7	115.0	141.7	105.1	100.4	105.6	114.8	103.3	99.8	111.1	89.2	125.6	103.2	108.3
	February	0.5	108.8	115.6	138.7	105.9	100.4	105.3	115.9	103.3	99.9	110.2	89.2	125.6	103.8	108.0
	March	0.7	109.3	117.1	140.5	106.3	100.4	105.9	115.8	103.4	99.9	109.5	89.2	125.3	103.7	108.8
	April	0.8	108.0	115.4	139.8	106.5	97.2	105.6	115.8	100.4	99.9	109.5	89.2	125.3	103.3	107.8
	May	0.8	107.7	114.5	139.7	107.0	97.2	105.5	116.0	100.4	99.9	109.4	89.2	125.3	103.2	108.1
	June	0.8	107.7	114.3	140.0	107.3	97.2	105.9	115.6	100.4	99.9	108.8	89.2	125.7	103.2	108.2
	July	0.9	107.9	113.6	141.0	107.1	97.6	106.1	115.7	102.1	99.9	108.6	89.2	125.7	103.3	108.0
	August	0.9	108.0	113.9	140.5	107.3	97.6	106.9	115.9	102.1	99.9	108.6	89.2	125.7	103.6	108.3
	September	1.0	108.4	115.0	142.2	107.5	97.6	106.6	115.4	102.1	99.9	108.7	89.2	126.0	103.5	108.7
	October	1.1	108.7	116.7	143.1	107.5	96.7	106.5	115.4	101.2	99.9	108.8	89.2	126.0	103.7	109.1
	November	1.3	108.9	116.3	148.8	107.2	96.7	106.2	115.4	101.2	99.9	109.5	89.2	126.0	103.6	109.0
	December	1.4	109.4	116.6	151.9	107.0	96.7	106.4	114.6	101.2	100.0	109.6	89.2	126.1	103.6	109.3
2016	January	1.4	108.9	118.0	150.0	106.6	94.8	105.3	119.7	98.8	98.4	106.9	89.2	129.7	103.2	108.5
	February	1.3	110.1	118.9	151.6	106.8	94.8	104.3	120.5	98.8	98.3	106.9	97.2	129.4	102.7	109.3
	March	1.2	110.2	119.0	153.4	106.7	94.8	104.1	119.4	98.9	98.4	107.1	97.2	129.4	102.7	109.7
	April	1.4	112.1	126.5	158.9	109.2	91.9	104.7	119.3	97.0	98.4	107.0	97.2	129.4	102.7	111.9
	May	1.7	113.3	125.8	178.1	109.3	91.9	106.5	119.4	97.0	98.4	107.4	97.2	129.4	102.7	113.7
	June	2.1	113.4	125.2	184.8	108.6	91.9	106.2	121.0	96.9	98.4	107.7	97.2	130.3	102.6	113.9
	July	2.5	113.8	125.0	186.2	108.8	92.7	106.1	121.2	97.8	98.4	109.4	97.2	130.3	102.6	113.9
	August	2.8	114.4	125.1	193.0	108.2	93.0	106.0	121.0	97.8	98.4	108.4	97.2	130.3	102.7	114.8
	September	3.2	114.5	123.1	203.1	107.9	93.0	106.1	121.0	97.7	98.4	108.4	97.2	130.8	102.8	114.9
	October	3.5	113.8	120.9	202.3	108.5	92.6	106.0	120.4	97.6	98.4	107.8	97.2	130.8	102.9	114.2
	November	3.7	113.6	119.4	204.5	108.1	92.6	106.2	120.6	97.6	98.3	107.6	97.2	130.8	102.7	113.7
	December	3.9	113.7	120.0	205.5	107.9	92.6	105.8	119.8	97.6	98.3	106.8	97.2	131.0	102.7	113.6
2017	January	4.4	116.3	126.4	212.2	107.9	94.1	106.7	119.2	99.3	98.1	106.6	97.2	132.9	102.4	115.9
	February	4.8	116.2	124.0	216.6	108.2	94.1	107.3	120.1	99.3	98.1	107.0	97.2	132.9	102.3	115.4
	March	5.2	116.4	122.6	227.6	108.8	94.1	107.6	119.5	99.3	98.1	107.1	97.2	133.0	102.1	115.8
	April	5.2	116.7	122.1	229.0	108.8	96.0	107.0	119.9	100.3	98.1	107.0	97.2	133.0	102.2	116.4
	May	5.0	116.1	119.8	229.5	108.7	96.0	106.9	119.9	100.1	98.1	107.2	97.2	133.0	102.5	116.5
	June	4.7	115.7	117.7	232.4	108.3	96.0	106.3	119.4	100.1	98.1	107.3	97.2	133.2	102.3	116.2
	July	4.4	116.1	117.3	243.0	108.5	94.8	106.5	119.7	99.6	98.1	107.1	97.2	134.6	102.2	116.2
	August	4.1	116.6	118.6	246.5	107.3	94.8	106.5	119.5	99.6	98.1	107.3	97.2	134.6	102.2	117.0
	September	3.8	116.8	117.9	250.9	107.8	94.8	106.5	119.5	99.6	98.1	107.2	97.2	134.6	102.0	117.2
	October	3.6	116.8	116.4	257.9	107.5	94.7	105.7	119.6	99.5	98.1	107.2	97.2	134.6	102.0	117.3
	November	3.4	116.5	115.8	256.5	109.0	94.7	105.7	119.9	99.5	98.1	107.3	97.2	134.7	101.8	116.6
	December	3.3	116.9	116.7	259.2	108.7	94.7	104.8	120.5	99.4	98.1	107.3	97.2	135.0	101.7	116.8
2018	January	2.9	118.1	118.8	262.1	108.4	96.9	105.1	121.6	100.7	98.1	107.2	97.2	135.0	101.8	117.7
	February	2.7	118.9	121.4	262.8	108.7	96.9	105.5	119.2	100.6	98.2	107.2	97.2	136.1	101.9	118.1
	March	2.4	119.4	122.8	264.8	109.0	96.9	105.6	119.5	100.6	98.2	107.2	97.2	136.1	102.1	118.8
	April	2.4	121.4	129.6	268.4	109.0	96.1	105.3	118.8	100.9	98.2	107.2	97.2	136.1	102.2	121.1
	May	2.6	122.0	127.5	282.9	109.2	96.1	106.5	119.1	100.9	98.2	107.4	97.2	136.1	102.0	122.4
	June	2.8	121.0	123.7	284.2	108.9	96.1	106.2	117.9	100.9	98.2	107.5	97.2	136.1	102.0	121.5
	July	3.1	121.5	122.2	295.4	108.9	96.9	106.4	116.7	102.0	98.2	107.5	97.2	136.1	102.2	121.6
	August	3.3	121.6	122.5	296.4	108.8	96.9	106.7	116.8	102.0	98.2	107.6	97.2	136.1	102.3	122.0
	September	3.5	122.2	123.7	297.6	108.8	96.9	106.7	116.9	102.0	98.2	107.6	97.2	136.1	102.3	122.6
	October	3.7	122.9	125.4	299.4	109.1	97.1	106.7	116.9	102.8	98.2	107.6	97.2	136.1	102.3	123.4
	November	3.9	122.5	124.2	299.1	109.2	97.1	106.4	117.4	102.8	98.2	107.6	97.2	136.1	102.3	122.6
	December	4.1	122.6	122.6	303.7	108.9	98.1	106.9	117.8	102.8	98.2	107.5	97.2	136.1	102.4	122.5

Table 3

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: CENTRAL DIVISION  
(BASE: AVERAGE 12 MONTHS 2011 =100.0)

Division		Annual Average Inflation Rate %	All Items	Food and Non- alcoholic Beverages	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	Clothing and Footwear	Housing, Water, Elec., Gas and Other Fuels	Furnishings, Hhld Equip. & Routine Hhld Maint.	Health	Transport	Communi- cation	Recreation & Culture	Education	Restaurants & Hotels	Miscella- neous Goods & Services
Weight			1000.0	245.2	63.7	16.4	135.1	61.9	13.0	148.4	56.3	33.9	120.8	29.9	75.4
Annual Average	2011	0.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
	2012	3.6	103.6	105.0	110.5	99.3	101.6	101.3	104.7	106.6	99.6	100.9	102.5	98.6	99.9
	2013	3.0	106.7	108.8	123.7	100.9	102.2	101.9	115.3	106.6	99.6	107.2	106.7	113.7	99.4
	2014	0.4	107.1	110.8	132.8	103.2	102.3	109.0	121.3	106.0	99.5	116.4	92.0	118.6	99.5
	2015	2.4	109.0	118.4	145.8	105.7	99.4	109.5	128.4	101.6	99.6	113.8	90.7	118.4	105.4
	2016	4.0	113.4	127.3	188.2	107.3	95.5	110.1	128.7	97.6	98.1	111.3	98.7	126.3	104.9
	2017	2.3	116.0	123.0	250.8	107.4	96.7	110.5	124.2	98.2	98.1	112.8	99.4	129.2	103.8
	2018	4.0	120.6	129.7	297.8	107.8	97.9	110.7	123.7	100.5	98.1	113.2	99.4	131.3	103.8
2015	January	0.3	109.3	117.8	146.4	104.2	101.3	108.7	126.5	103.3	99.6	114.7	90.7	118.4	105.4
	February	0.4	109.4	118.5	142.4	104.5	101.3	109.1	129.2	103.3	99.6	114.7	90.7	118.4	105.3
	March	0.6	110.3	122.4	142.3	105.2	101.3	109.4	129.2	103.4	99.6	114.3	90.7	118.4	106.1
	April	0.8	108.8	119.7	142.7	105.4	98.8	109.5	128.8	99.9	99.6	114.2	90.7	118.4	105.6
	May	0.8	108.4	118.2	143.8	105.6	98.8	109.1	128.7	99.9	99.6	114.1	90.7	118.4	105.0
	June	0.9	108.2	117.1	143.8	105.5	98.8	109.2	128.7	99.9	99.6	113.7	90.7	118.4	105.2
	July	1.0	108.5	116.3	146.8	105.5	99.1	109.6	128.7	102.1	99.6	113.3	90.7	118.4	105.2
	August	1.1	108.5	116.7	143.4	106.3	99.1	109.7	129.2	102.1	99.6	113.1	90.7	118.4	105.6
	September	1.3	108.7	117.6	144.9	106.8	99.1	109.8	127.9	102.1	99.6	113.1	90.7	118.4	105.2
	October	1.4	109.3	120.0	147.2	106.9	98.5	110.3	127.9	101.0	99.6	113.3	90.7	118.4	105.6
	November	1.6	109.2	118.6	152.8	106.7	98.5	109.6	127.9	101.0	99.6	113.6	90.7	118.4	105.6
	December	2.4	109.2	118.5	153.5	106.3	98.5	109.7	128.2	101.0	99.6	113.6	90.7	118.4	105.5
2016	January	1.6	108.8	119.9	151.8	106.5	96.6	109.0	127.9	98.8	98.1	111.0	90.7	126.3	105.9
	February	1.6	111.0	124.0	152.8	106.8	96.6	107.8	129.8	98.8	98.1	110.8	99.4	126.3	105.0
	March	1.4	110.9	122.3	157.0	106.6	96.6	107.6	128.2	98.9	98.1	111.2	99.4	126.3	105.0
	April	1.6	112.9	131.9	162.8	107.2	94.7	108.0	128.3	96.8	98.1	110.0	99.4	126.3	104.7
	May	2.0	114.5	131.6	189.6	107.3	94.7	112.0	128.4	96.7	98.1	111.0	99.4	126.3	104.9
	June	2.4	115.2	134.0	194.3	107.4	94.7	111.5	128.6	96.7	98.1	111.2	99.4	126.3	104.9
	July	2.7	115.1	133.7	189.7	107.4	95.4	111.4	129.9	97.7	98.1	111.0	99.4	126.3	104.6
	August	3.1	115.7	133.5	200.0	107.4	95.5	111.0	128.9	97.6	98.1	112.1	99.4	126.3	104.6
	September	3.4	114.9	128.3	210.7	107.6	95.5	110.9	130.1	97.4	98.1	112.0	99.4	126.3	104.7
	October	3.6	114.1	124.5	214.2	107.8	95.2	111.0	128.3	97.3	98.1	111.7	99.4	126.3	104.8
	November	3.8	113.4	121.3	215.3	107.8	95.2	110.8	128.6	97.3	98.1	111.7	99.4	126.3	104.5
	December	4.0	114.0	123.1	219.6	107.9	95.2	110.3	127.0	97.3	98.1	111.9	99.4	126.3	104.6
2017	January	4.7	117.0	133.5	222.5	107.9	96.1	110.3	122.7	97.9	98.1	112.6	99.4	129.2	104.2
	February	4.9	115.6	127.0	224.8	108.1	96.1	110.9	125.0	97.9	98.1	112.9	99.4	129.2	104.0
	March	5.3	116.4	127.1	242.3	107.5	96.1	111.5	123.5	97.9	98.1	112.9	99.4	129.2	103.9
	April	5.2	116.5	126.2	242.2	107.1	97.5	111.0	124.4	99.0	98.1	112.9	99.4	129.2	103.7
	May	4.9	116.2	124.1	244.8	106.7	97.5	111.0	124.4	98.7	98.1	112.8	99.4	129.2	104.1
	June	4.3	114.9	119.9	241.9	106.8	97.5	110.2	124.5	98.7	98.1	112.8	99.4	129.2	103.9
	July	3.8	115.1	118.8	254.9	106.7	96.6	110.6	124.2	98.2	98.1	112.8	99.4	129.2	104.0
	August	3.3	116.0	121.5	260.8	106.4	96.6	110.4	124.0	98.2	98.1	112.9	99.4	129.2	103.4
	September	2.9	115.9	120.5	261.1	107.6	96.6	110.3	123.9	98.2	98.1	112.8	99.4	129.2	103.4
	October	2.6	115.8	117.5	274.5	108.0	96.5	110.2	124.0	98.0	98.1	112.8	99.4	129.2	103.6
	November	2.5	115.8	119.0	268.1	107.8	96.5	110.1	124.9	98.0	98.1	112.9	99.4	129.2	103.5
	December	2.3	116.4	120.9	271.3	107.9	96.5	109.9	124.9	98.0	98.1	112.9	99.4	129.2	103.4
2018	January	1.7	117.6	122.9	275.4	107.8	98.1	110.3	124.8	99.3	98.1	112.9	99.4	129.2	103.4
	February	1.6	118.4	126.0	276.4	108.1	98.1	110.4	122.6	99.3	98.1	112.9	99.4	131.5	103.6
	March	1.4	119.1	128.1	279.4	108.0	98.1	110.2	122.7	99.3	98.1	112.9	99.4	131.5	103.6
	April	1.5	121.4	136.8	285.8	108.0	97.3	110.1	122.7	99.6	98.1	112.9	99.4	131.5	103.9
	May	1.7	121.4	134.2	296.7	108.0	97.3	110.9	123.2	99.6	98.1	113.3	99.4	131.5	103.6
	June	2.1	120.4	129.7	296.8	107.5	97.3	111.0	123.5	99.6	98.1	113.3	99.4	131.5	103.8
	July	2.5	120.7	127.6	307.7	107.5	97.8	111.3	123.4	100.8	98.1	113.4	99.4	131.5	104.0
	August	2.9	121.2	129.3	308.4	107.2	97.8	111.4	123.7	100.8	98.1	113.4	99.4	131.5	104.0
	September	3.2	121.4	130.1	309.7	107.3	97.8	111.0	123.9	100.8	98.1	113.4	99.4	131.5	103.9
	October	3.5	122.0	131.4	311.3	107.8	97.9	110.0	124.0	102.1	98.1	113.5	99.4	131.5	103.8
	November	3.8	122.1	131.8	310.8	107.9	97.9	110.9	124.9	102.1	98.1	113.5	99.4	131.5	103.7
	December	4.0	121.5	127.9	315.4	107.9	98.9	111.1	124.6	102.1	98.1	113.5	99.4	131.5	103.8

Table 4

**CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: WESTERN DIVISION**  
(BASE: AVERAGE 12 MONTHS 2011 =100.0)

Division	Annual Average Inflation Rate %	All Items	Food and Non- alcoholic Beverages	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	Clothing and Footwear	Housing, Water, Elec., Gas and Other Fuels	Furnishings, Hhld Equip. & Routine Hhld Maint.	Health	Transport	Communi- cation	Recreation & Culture	Education	Restaurants & Hotels	Miscella- neous Goods & Services
Weight		1000.0	343.0	87.0	18.3	102.5	50.8	15.7	143.9	52.5	21.2	74.1	13.0	78.0
Annual Average	2011	0.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
	2012	3.7	103.7	104.9	108.3	100.2	101.4	102.0	111.1	104.7	100.1	100.1	100.7	116.5
	2013	2.5	106.3	108.6	115.7	103.4	102.2	99.3	114.7	104.6	100.2	107.3	106.1	121.8
	2014	1.5	107.8	110.1	128.4	105.6	102.4	99.6	117.5	104.6	100.5	110.3	100.0	124.4
	2015	1.3	109.2	113.7	140.2	107.7	97.1	100.5	118.1	100.4	100.5	117.1	99.4	128.1
	2016	3.8	113.4	120.5	172.4	110.2	92.2	98.8	125.7	96.3	100.8	116.2	107.9	127.8
	2017	2.6	116.4	119.1	214.9	110.6	94.0	99.2	128.7	97.1	100.2	113.5	108.7	131.3
	2018	3.5	120.5	121.1	254.5	112.3	96.2	97.9	130.6	99.1	100.3	113.9	108.7	133.1
2015	January	1.5	109.7	114.2	138.5	106.0	99.5	99.3	118.3	102.0	100.6	119.3	99.4	128.4
	February	1.6	109.7	114.5	136.7	107.3	99.5	99.3	118.4	102.0	100.6	118.7	99.4	128.4
	March	1.8	109.8	113.8	140.3	107.5	99.5	100.7	118.2	102.0	100.5	117.8	99.4	127.9
	April	1.8	108.5	112.9	139.4	107.6	96.5	99.9	118.4	98.8	100.5	117.3	99.4	127.9
	May	1.7	108.2	112.3	137.6	108.1	96.5	99.7	119.1	98.8	100.5	117.2	99.4	127.9
	June	1.5	108.4	113.0	136.8	108.4	96.5	100.5	118.0	98.8	100.5	116.1	99.4	128.1
	July	2.9	108.4	112.2	136.0	108.0	96.8	100.6	118.1	100.7	100.5	116.0	99.4	128.1
	August	1.2	108.6	112.2	138.6	107.9	96.8	101.5	118.2	100.7	100.5	116.1	99.4	128.1
	September	1.2	109.1	113.0	140.7	107.9	96.8	101.6	118.2	100.8	100.5	116.0	99.4	128.1
	October	1.2	109.5	114.9	140.7	107.7	95.8	101.0	118.2	99.9	100.5	115.9	99.4	128.1
	November	1.3	110.0	115.5	145.5	107.7	95.8	100.9	118.0	99.9	100.5	117.7	99.4	128.1
	December	1.3	110.7	116.0	151.3	107.8	95.8	101.3	115.5	99.9	100.5	117.6	99.4	128.1
2016	January	1.2	110.4	117.7	149.2	107.9	94.1	99.4	124.8	97.2	100.7	114.2	99.4	127.7
	February	1.1	110.9	116.7	152.3	108.0	94.1	98.4	124.9	97.3	100.7	114.8	108.7	127.8
	March	1.0	111.7	118.7	152.7	108.2	94.1	98.3	123.7	97.3	100.7	114.9	108.7	127.8
	April	1.3	113.8	125.7	157.4	113.6	90.9	98.9	123.3	95.4	100.7	116.2	108.7	127.8
	May	1.8	114.3	124.6	167.9	113.6	90.9	98.9	123.6	95.4	100.7	115.8	108.7	127.8
	June	2.1	113.4	119.7	179.0	110.6	90.9	98.9	127.6	95.4	100.7	116.0	108.7	127.8
	July	2.5	114.0	119.8	183.2	111.0	91.4	99.0	127.2	96.3	100.8	121.6	108.7	127.8
	August	2.9	114.3	120.8	181.9	109.8	92.2	99.0	127.5	96.3	100.9	116.9	108.7	127.8
	September	3.3	115.2	121.5	191.1	109.8	92.2	98.6	126.3	96.3	100.9	116.8	108.7	127.8
	October	3.5	114.4	120.5	184.9	111.3	91.8	98.5	126.8	96.1	100.9	116.5	108.7	127.8
	November	3.7	114.4	120.1	187.7	109.7	91.8	99.1	126.3	96.1	100.7	116.2	108.7	127.8
	December	3.8	113.8	120.1	181.5	109.2	91.8	98.9	125.9	96.1	100.7	114.1	108.7	127.8
2017	January	4.2	116.1	123.0	195.0	108.5	93.1	99.8	128.9	96.7	100.2	113.0	108.7	129.2
	February	4.5	116.6	123.7	199.2	108.7	93.1	100.2	128.9	96.7	100.2	113.1	108.7	129.2
	March	4.7	116.0	120.6	204.0	111.3	93.1	100.3	129.0	96.7	100.2	113.7	108.7	129.2
	April	4.5	116.8	121.1	206.2	112.0	95.2	99.8	128.9	97.7	100.2	113.3	108.7	129.2
	May	4.1	115.6	118.1	203.2	112.0	95.2	100.1	129.0	97.7	100.2	113.9	108.7	129.2
	June	3.9	116.0	117.7	213.4	111.4	95.2	99.5	127.4	97.7	100.2	113.6	108.7	129.2
	July	3.7	116.1	117.7	218.9	111.9	93.9	99.0	128.8	97.2	100.2	113.6	108.7	133.3
	August	3.4	116.5	117.9	222.9	109.4	93.9	99.0	128.4	97.0	100.2	113.5	108.7	133.3
	September	3.1	117.1	118.3	227.7	109.8	93.9	99.1	128.3	97.0	100.2	113.5	108.7	133.3
	October	2.9	117.1	118.3	229.0	108.7	93.9	98.1	128.8	97.1	100.2	113.6	108.7	133.3
	November	2.7	116.3	116.3	228.0	112.1	93.9	98.3	128.4	97.1	100.2	113.6	108.7	133.3
	December	2.6	116.4	116.3	231.0	111.2	93.9	96.6	129.9	96.9	100.2	113.6	108.7	133.3
2018	January	2.3	117.6	118.1	232.6	110.8	96.3	96.2	133.0	98.3	100.2	113.6	108.7	133.3
	February	2.0	118.4	119.2	235.9	111.2	96.3	97.1	133.0	98.3	100.3	113.7	108.7	133.1
	March	1.9	118.9	120.5	237.6	111.8	96.3	97.3	133.7	98.3	100.3	113.7	108.7	133.1
	April	2.0	121.0	126.4	239.2	111.6	95.3	96.9	131.8	98.4	100.3	113.7	108.7	133.1
	May	2.3	121.6	125.1	253.7	112.5	95.3	98.3	131.8	98.4	100.3	114.0	108.7	133.1
	June	2.5	120.1	120.6	254.2	112.2	95.3	98.0	128.8	98.4	100.3	114.0	108.7	133.1
	July	2.6	120.9	120.0	264.7	112.7	96.2	97.9	128.9	99.6	100.3	114.1	108.7	133.1
	August	2.8	120.7	118.9	265.5	113.0	96.2	98.6	128.9	99.6	100.3	114.2	108.7	133.1
	September	3.0	121.6	121.4	266.8	113.1	96.2	98.8	128.8	99.6	100.3	114.2	108.7	133.1
	October	3.1	122.4	123.4	267.1	113.3	96.4	99.1	128.8	100.0	100.3	114.1	108.7	133.1
	November	3.4	121.2	120.0	267.3	113.3	96.4	98.1	128.9	100.1	100.2	114.0	108.7	133.1
	December	3.5	121.6	120.0	269.7	112.5	97.6	98.9	130.4	100.1	100.2	114.0	108.7	133.1

Table 5

**CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: NORTHERN DIVISION**  
(BASE: AVERAGE 12 MONTHS 2011 =100.0)

Division		Annual	Food and	Alcoholic	Clothing	Housing,	Furnishings,	Health	Transport	Commun-	Recreation &	Education	Restaurants &	Miscella-	
		Average	Non-	Beverages,	and	Water, Elec.,	Hhld Equip. &			ication	Culture		Hotels	neous Goods	
		Inflation	alcoholic	Tobacco and	Footwear	Gas and Other	Routine Hhld							& Services	
		Rate %	Beverages	Narcotics		Fuels	Maint.								
Weight			All												
			Items												
			1000.0	292.2	115.4	32.3	71.8	67.8	11.9	126.6	49.3	29.5	96.0	26.0	81.2
Annual	2011	0.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Average	2012	2.3	102.3	101.1	107.3	100.3	102.3	103.7	83.6	107.4	99.2	95.9	97.4	111.0	100.0
	2013	3.6	106.0	104.6	114.1	104.7	103.6	105.4	76.8	107.7	99.1	96.6	110.0	127.6	99.8
	2014	-1.5	104.5	107.8	124.3	106.1	103.2	110.4	75.1	107.8	98.7	87.5	66.3	136.8	100.0
	2015	0.8	105.3	110.5	138.0	108.0	95.3	108.9	74.3	105.4	98.9	83.6	62.2	140.9	100.9
	2016	3.7	109.3	112.3	181.5	105.0	87.8	108.9	81.7	101.8	93.5	82.0	65.7	146.3	100.1
	2017	8.0	118.0	111.4	259.3	105.5	91.4	112.2	82.6	109.6	93.4	81.5	66.0	153.4	99.5
	2018	5.5	124.5	113.1	318.6	103.9	95.1	112.9	74.6	110.7	93.5	81.2	66.0	156.1	99.4
2015	January	-2.0	105.3	109.4	136.4	105.7	99.2	111.0	74.1	106.5	98.7	86.1	62.2	139.4	100.1
	February	-1.8	105.3	110.6	133.6	106.4	99.3	108.5	74.1	106.7	99.4	83.1	62.2	139.4	101.0
	March	-1.5	105.2	109.9	136.3	106.4	99.3	107.6	73.8	106.7	99.4	81.9	62.2	139.3	100.6
	April	-1.3	104.4	109.7	133.6	107.5	93.7	107.5	74.4	104.9	99.4	83.1	62.2	139.3	100.3
	May	-1.2	104.5	109.3	134.1	108.9	93.7	108.8	74.3	104.9	99.4	83.1	62.2	139.3	100.8
	June	-1.0	104.8	109.3	137.0	109.7	93.7	108.8	74.4	104.9	99.4	82.9	62.2	140.7	100.9
	July	-0.8	104.9	109.1	137.1	109.7	94.9	108.7	74.4	105.3	94.4	83.0	62.2	140.7	100.7
	August	-0.6	105.2	110.0	137.3	109.0	94.9	110.6	74.4	105.3	99.4	83.2	62.2	140.7	100.9
	September	-0.4	105.9	112.1	138.1	109.0	94.9	109.2	74.5	105.3	99.4	84.0	62.2	143.0	101.2
	October	0.0	105.6	111.7	137.8	108.9	93.3	109.0	74.5	104.7	99.4	84.4	62.2	143.0	101.4
	November	0.4	106.2	111.9	145.3	107.7	93.3	108.7	74.5	104.7	99.4	83.6	62.2	143.0	101.4
	December	0.8	106.9	112.7	149.6	107.1	93.3	108.5	74.5	104.7	99.4	84.4	62.2	143.5	101.3
2016	January	1.1	105.9	113.4	146.9	104.1	90.7	108.5	81.9	102.4	93.5	82.4	62.2	143.8	99.5
	February	1.0	105.7	110.6	147.4	104.3	90.7	108.6	81.9	102.4	93.5	82.0	66.0	141.8	99.7
	March	0.9	105.5	110.7	145.5	103.4	90.7	107.7	81.7	102.4	93.5	81.9	66.0	141.8	99.7
	April	1.0	106.5	113.4	152.2	104.6	85.9	108.8	81.9	101.2	93.5	81.6	66.0	141.8	100.4
	May	1.3	108.0	112.4	170.5	105.1	85.9	108.9	81.9	101.2	93.5	82.1	66.0	141.8	99.8
	June	1.6	108.8	113.8	173.1	106.8	85.9	108.9	82.0	101.2	93.5	83.0	66.0	147.2	99.8
	July	1.9	110.1	113.4	185.7	107.6	87.7	108.0	81.1	102.0	93.5	81.3	66.0	147.2	100.0
	August	2.3	111.1	112.2	199.7	106.4	87.7	108.6	81.1	101.8	93.5	82.8	66.0	147.2	99.9
	September	2.7	112.1	112.0	209.8	104.6	87.7	109.9	81.1	101.8	93.5	82.8	66.0	150.2	100.4
	October	3.1	112.0	112.2	210.1	103.9	86.9	109.5	81.1	101.8	93.5	81.7	66.0	150.2	100.5
	November	3.4	112.6	112.2	214.1	104.8	86.9	110.1	82.5	101.8	93.5	81.7	66.0	150.2	100.7
	December	3.7	113.2	111.4	222.8	104.9	86.9	109.7	82.5	101.8	93.5	80.8	66.0	152.2	100.7
2017	January	4.5	115.5	114.7	223.4	106.7	90.1	112.7	82.5	109.4	93.4	80.7	66.0	152.3	99.8
	February	5.3	117.0	116.3	234.1	107.1	90.0	113.5	82.4	109.4	93.3	81.3	66.0	152.3	99.8
	March	6.2	117.2	114.5	241.9	106.8	90.0	114.0	82.5	109.4	93.3	80.8	66.0	153.0	99.5
	April	6.9	117.2	112.6	246.0	106.2	93.2	112.5	82.7	110.1	93.4	80.8	66.0	153.0	99.0
	May	7.3	117.1	111.7	248.5	106.4	93.2	110.8	82.8	110.1	93.4	81.1	66.0	153.0	99.0
	June	7.6	117.3	111.4	250.2	105.2	93.2	111.4	82.8	110.1	93.4	82.3	66.0	153.5	99.5
	July	7.9	118.9	112.1	266.1	105.2	91.3	112.5	82.5	109.5	93.4	81.3	66.0	153.5	99.8
	August	8.0	118.8	112.4	262.2	104.9	91.3	113.5	82.6	109.6	93.4	82.4	66.0	153.5	100.5
	September	8.0	119.4	110.3	276.9	103.7	91.3	113.6	82.5	109.4	93.4	81.9	66.0	153.5	99.3
	October	8.0	119.1	108.8	279.9	103.4	91.2	110.9	82.5	109.5	93.4	81.5	66.0	153.5	99.5
	November	8.0	119.3	106.0	290.7	104.9	91.2	110.8	82.7	109.5	93.4	81.7	66.0	153.5	99.4
	December	8.0	119.5	106.3	291.3	105.1	91.2	110.4	82.7	109.5	93.4	81.9	66.0	155.8	99.2
2018	January	7.6	121.1	109.5	293.7	104.4	94.5	111.6	82.7	110.3	93.4	81.3	66.0	155.8	99.2
	February	7.1	121.5	113.8	287.6	104.2	94.5	111.5	76.7	110.1	93.4	81.0	66.0	156.3	99.3
	March	6.4	121.5	113.2	288.0	105.2	94.5	112.4	76.7	110.1	93.4	81.0	66.0	156.1	99.3
	April	6.0	122.5	117.0	287.8	105.5	94.4	111.9	76.7	110.3	93.4	81.0	66.0	156.1	99.2
	May	5.8	124.4	114.7	313.1	104.8	94.5	113.4	76.7	110.3	93.6	80.9	66.0	156.1	99.3
	June	5.7	124.8	114.4	319.0	104.9	94.5	112.6	76.6	110.3	93.6	81.3	66.0	156.1	99.4
	July	5.5	125.4	112.1	332.2	103.6	95.2	113.4	71.6	110.9	93.6	81.3	66.0	156.1	99.2
	August	5.4	125.8	112.0	335.0	103.3	95.2	113.4	71.6	111.0	93.6	81.2	66.0	156.1	99.2
	September	5.3	125.5	111.2	335.3	103.0	95.2	113.9	71.6	111.0	93.6	81.3	66.0	156.1	99.4
	October	5.3	126.7	113.0	341.1	103.1	96.1	113.0	71.5	111.3	93.6	81.3	66.0	156.1	99.4
	November	5.3	126.6	112.8	340.8	102.0	96.1	113.5	71.4	111.1	93.6	81.3	66.0	156.1	99.4
	December	5.5	127.9	114.0	350.0	103.0	96.9	113.7	71.3	111.2	93.5	81.3	66.0	156.1	99.9



## **ANNUAL INFLATION RATE SUMMARY – 2018**

The annual average rate of inflation as measured by the changes in the Consumer Price Index for 2018 stands at 4.1 percent compared to 3.3 percent in 2017.

The detailed sectional changes over the previous year are as follows:

### **FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES: +3.4%**

*The Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverage index recorded an increase of 3.4% during 2018 compared to a decrease of 2.1% in 2017. This accounted for 1.0 of a percentage point to the overall inflation rate.*

### **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO AND NARCOTICS: +19.4%**

*The Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics index increased by 19.4% in 2018 compared to an increase of 31.7% in 2017. This accounted for 1.5 of a percentage point to the overall inflation rate.*

### **CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR: +0.6%**

*The Clothing and Footwear index recorded an increase of 0.6% in 2018 compared to an increase of 0.2% in 2017. This accounted for 0.0 of a percentage point to the overall inflation rate.*

### **HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS: +2.0%**

*The Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels index increased by 2.0% in 2018 compared to an increase of 1.9% in 2017. This accounted for 0.2 of a percentage point to the overall inflation rate.*

### **FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE: -0.3%**

*The Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance index recorded a decrease of 0.3% in 2018 compared to an increase of 0.8% in 2017. This accounted for 0.0 of a percentage point to the overall inflation rate.*

### **HEALTH: -1.3%**

*The Health index recorded a decrease of 1.3% in 2018 compared to a decrease of 0.5% in 2017. This accounted for 0.0 of a percentage point to the overall inflation rate.*

### **TRANSPORT: +2.0%**

*The Transport index recorded an increase of 2.0% in 2018 compared to an increase of 1.9% in 2017. This accounted for 0.3 of a percentage point to the overall inflation rate.*

### **COMMUNICATION: +0.1%**

*The Communication index recorded an increase of 0.1% in 2018 when compared to a decrease of 0.3% in 2017. This accounted for 0.0 of a percentage point to the overall inflation rate.*

### **RECREATION AND CULTURE: +0.3%**

*The Recreation and Culture index recorded an increase of 0.3% in 2018 compared to a decrease of 0.4% in 2017. This accounted for 0.0 of a percentage point to the overall inflation rate.*

### **EDUCATION: 0.0%**

*The Education index recorded no change in 2018 compared to an increase of 0.7% in 2017. This accounted for 0.0 of a percentage point to the overall inflation rate.*

### **RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS: +1.6%**

*The Restaurants and Hotels index recorded an increase of 1.6% in 2018 compared to an increase of 2.9% in 2017. This accounted for 0.0 of a percentage point to the overall inflation rate.*

### **MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES: 0.0%**

*The Miscellaneous Goods and Services index recorded no change in 2018 compared to a decrease of 0.6% in 2017. This accounted for 0.0 of a percentage point to the overall inflation rate.*