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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX—March, 2026 (Base: January, 2015 = 100)

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GENERAL INDEX

The Rate of Inflation, which measures the percentage change in the All Items Index for the month of March, 2026 over March, 2025, was 0.7%. This rate is less than observed for the period March, 2025 over the period March, 2024 of 1.0%.

The All Items Index calculated from the prices collected for the month of March, 2026 was 125.9, representing an increase of 0.1 points or 0.1 % above the All Items Index for February, 2026.

SECTION INDICES

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 153.6 in February 2026 to 154.6 in March 2026, reflecting an increase of 0.7%. Contributing significantly to this increase was the general upward movement in the prices of cucumber, parboiled rice, fresh carite, fresh king fish, frozen whole chicken, soya bean oil, table margarine, eddoes, oranges and corned beef. However, the full impact of these price increases was offset by the general decrease in the prices of tomatoes, melon, cabbage, white flour, canned tuna, sports and energy drinks, onions, pumpkin, lettuce and hot peppers.

Price changes in this section for the month of March, 2026, accounted for a net overall increase of 0.2 points in the All Items Index.

OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for March 2026 compared with February 2026 reflected an increase in the sub index for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of 0.9%. This period also showed a decrease in the sub-index for Clothing and Footwear of 0.6%. All other sections remained unchanged.

Changes in consumer prices in March, 2026, compared with those of March, 2025, reflected in various sections of the Index are shown hereunder—

Sections	Percentage Change March, 2025—March, 2026
All Items	0.7
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	0.8
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	25.4
Clothing and Footwear	-1.2
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.8
Home Ownership	1.0
Rent	1.1
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.0
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	-0.2
Health	1.3
Transport	-1.6
Communication	-0.1
Recreation and Culture	4.0
Education	0.0
Hotels, Cafés and Restaurants	1.4
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	1.5

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES
Figures for March, 2026

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Period	Section Indices											Education	Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	Miscellaneous Goods and Services		
	All Items Jan 2015 =100	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	Clothing and Footwear	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels			Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	Health	Transport	Communication				Recreation and Culture	
Weights	173	9	57	275	223	22	30	67	41	147	45	66	10	25	86	
Average																
2024																
January - March 2024	1240	147.2	124.8	89.1	113.7	116.0	111.1	100.7	113.4	154.9	117.8	122.5	102.5	138.6	124.2	
January - March 2025	1250	153.4	129.2	88.8	112.7	114.7	112.0	100.7	112.5	157.5	120.2	121.0	102.5	140.1	126.3	
January - March 2026	125.8	153.9	161.1	87.8	113.6	115.8	113.2	100.7	112.3	159.6	120.1	125.9	102.5	142.1	128.2	
2024																
January	1240	147.4	124.2	89.2	113.7	116.0	111.1	100.7	113.4	154.9	117.8	122.5	102.5	138.6	124.2	
February	1241	147.9	124.4	89.1	113.7	116.0	111.1	100.7	113.4	154.8	117.8	122.5	102.5	138.6	124.2	
March	123.8	146.2	125.7	88.9	113.7	116.0	111.1	100.7	113.4	154.9	117.8	122.5	102.5	138.6	124.2	
April	123.4	146.1	125.9	88.7	112.4	114.4	111.5	100.7	113.8	155.9	119.8	118.6	102.5	138.5	125.1	
May	125.6	147.4	125.8	88.4	112.4	114.4	111.5	100.7	113.8	156.0	119.8	118.6	102.5	138.5	125.1	
June	123.7	148.6	126.0	87.6	112.4	114.4	111.5	100.7	113.8	156.0	119.8	118.6	102.5	138.5	125.1	
July	123.9	149.6	128.1	87.7	113.1	115.2	111.6	100.7	111.3	156.1	119.9	119.1	102.5	139.7	125.2	
August	123.9	149.2	128.7	87.7	113.1	115.2	111.6	100.7	111.3	156.4	119.9	119.1	102.5	139.7	125.2	
September	124.1	150.2	129.1	87.5	113.1	115.2	111.6	100.7	111.3	156.7	119.9	119.1	102.5	139.7	125.2	
October	124.4	150.8	129.7	88.3	112.7	114.7	112.0	100.7	112.9	156.8	120.2	120.6	102.5	139.9	125.8	
November	124.6	151.6	129.5	88.5	112.7	114.7	112.0	100.7	112.9	157.0	120.2	120.6	102.5	139.9	125.8	
December	124.7	152.4	128.9	88.6	112.7	114.7	112.0	100.7	112.9	157.3	120.2	120.6	102.5	139.9	125.8	
2025																
January	124.9	153.2	129.3	88.9	112.7	114.7	112.0	100.7	112.5	157.4	120.2	121.0	102.5	140.1	126.3	
February	125.0	153.7	129.2	88.8	112.7	114.7	112.0	100.7	112.5	157.5	120.2	121.0	102.5	140.1	126.3	
March	125.0	153.4	129.1	88.6	112.7	114.7	112.0	100.7	112.5	157.5	120.2	121.0	102.5	140.1	126.3	
April	125.2	152.9	130.0	88.6	113.4	115.5	112.8	100.7	112.1	158.0	120.2	121.1	102.5	141.0	126.5	
May	125.3	153.4	129.6	88.5	113.4	115.5	112.8	100.7	112.1	157.9	120.2	121.1	102.5	141.0	126.5	
June	125.6	155.5	129.8	88.4	113.4	115.5	112.8	100.7	112.1	157.9	120.2	121.1	102.5	141.0	126.5	
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October	124.9	152.2	130.5	88.1	113.6	115.7	112.9	100.7	113.2	159.3	120.2	121.9	102.5	141.9	127.6	
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NOTE: To link the previous or old base (January 2003 = 100) to the new base (January 2015 = 100), at the All Items level, multiply the All Items Index of the new base by 2.307. The Index values previously published are unaffected by the name change.