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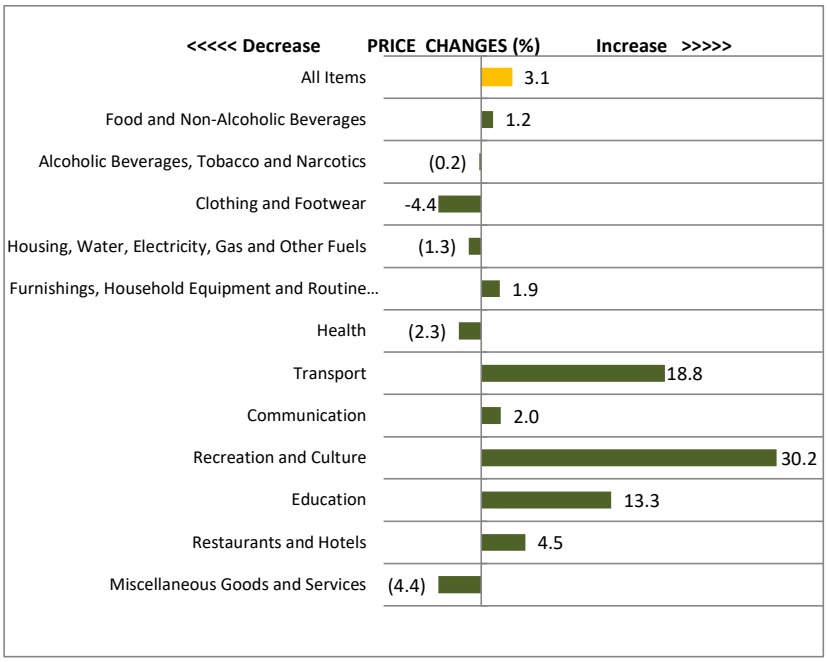
Apr 2026 Inflation Rate 3.1%

Headline Inflation: Year-on-Year Changes for Apr 2026 compared to Apr 2025

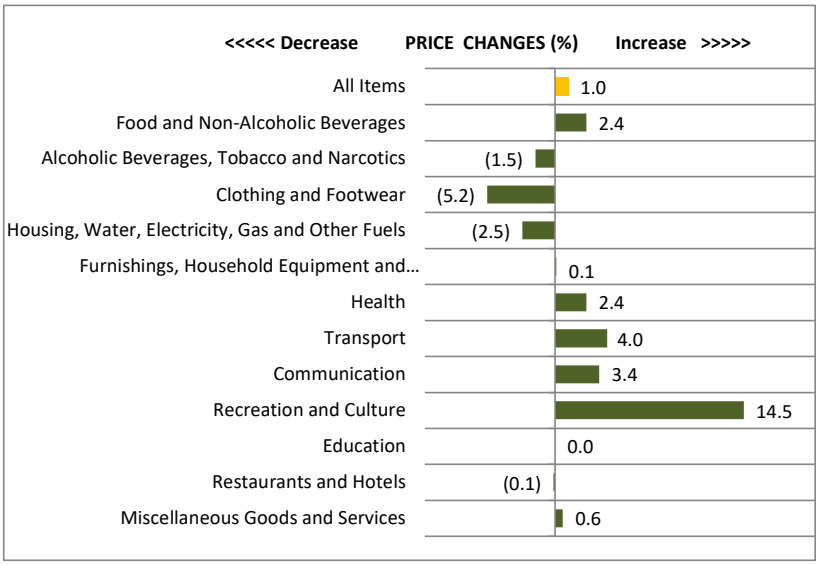


The Consumer Price Index (CPI) for April 2026 rose 3.1% over the period from April 2025 to April 2026. The All-Items Less Food and Energy index increased 4.0%, while the Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages index increased 1.2%.

Over the twelve months ending April 2026, the Food Index increased marginally by 0.3%. The Food index had mixed results, with fivecategories declining,three increasing and the index for Sugars, Jams, Honey, Chocolate, and Confectionery remained unchanged. The small increase in the Food Index was largely attributed to increases in the Indexes for Fish and Seafood (+11.0%) and Vegetables (+8.0%). Contrary to the increase, the index was negatively impacted by decreases in the indexes for Fruit (-12.9%), Milk, Cheese and Eggs (-6.5%), and Meat and Meat Products (-5.2%), resulting in a low food inflation rate.

The All-Items Less Food and Energy index increased by 4.0%. This increase was influenced primarily by a 60.3% increase in the Transport Services Index. The rise in the Transport Services index was attributed to rising costs of regional and international air fares. Additional indexes with notable increases over the one-year period include Recreation and Culture (+30.2%), Education (+13.3) and Restaurants and Hotels (+4.5%).

Month-to-Month Changes for Apr 2026 compared to Mar 2026



The monthly Consumer Price Index increased 1.0% in April 2026. The Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages index rose 2.4% over the month of March 2026.

The Food Index increased by 2.4% following a negative inflation rate of (-1.5%) in March 2026. The index for Vegetables increased 7.5% with increases in its three subcategories. The index for Fresh and Chilled Vegetables recorded its largest one-month increase of 13.3% since November 2024 increase of 19.4%. The index for Fruit rose 4.7% with increases in the indexes for Fresh or Chilled Fruit (+5.7%) and Frozen, Preserved or Processed Fruit and Fruit-based Products (+2.2%). The index for Fish and Seafood rose 3.9% as both of its subcategories increased.

The index for Non-Alcoholic Beverages rose 2.6%, primarily due to increases in the indexes for Fruit and Vegetable Juices (+8.2%) and Soft Drinks (+ 2.9%).

The index for All Items Less Food and Energy rose 0.9% in April 2026. The index for Transport Services rose 11.7%, resulting from a 14.0% increase in the average price of airline fares. Other notable index increases recorded were Recreation and Culture (+14.5%) and Health (+2.4%).

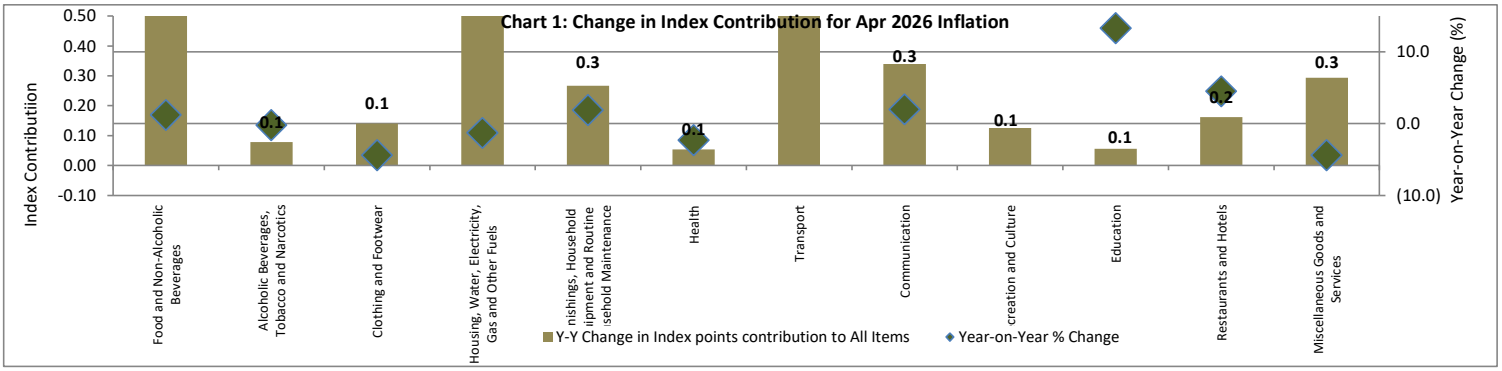


Table 1: Examples of Goods and Services in the 2019-based Consumer Shopping Basket

Main Expenditure Categories	No. of Items	Example of Goods and Services for which prices are collected to calculate the inflation rate	Frequency of price collection
Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages	192	*Bread, cereals, milk, coffee, juices, meats, fruits,vegetables, sugar, water*	Monthly
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	13	*Beer, stout, rum, vodka, wine,whisky,cigarettes*	Monthly
Clothing and Footwear	72	*Men's pants, boys shorts, women's dresses, brassieres, underwear, laundry services,footwear*	Quarterly
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	13	*Rent paid, repairs and maintenance, water supply, electricity, LPG cooking gas*	Monthly,Quarterly
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household	82	*Appliances, sofas, mattress, dressing table, glassware; detergent*	Quarterly
Health	8	*doctor's bill, medicines,vitamins*	Monthly
Transport	27	*cars, batteries, license, gasoline, tyres, airline fares,*	Monthly, Quarterly
Communication	6	*Cell phones, cell phone rates, internet rates*	Quarterly
Recreation and Culture	14	*Televisions, radio, computers, cable tv services, movie cinemas tickets*	Quarterly
Education	3	*School fees, exam fees*	Annual
Restaurants and Hotels	8	*Meal lunches, burgers, fried chicken, pizza, roti, accommodation*	Quarterly
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	28	*Hair cuts, manicure pedicure, saloons, body lotion, toothpaste, shampoo, jewellery*	Monthly, Quarterly
Total number of goods and services in the basket	**466**	**Prices are collected from the second Monday to the second Thursday of every month**	

[1] *Outlets refer to the businesses where prices are collected (e.g supermarkets). The same outlets are used for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages, Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics and some Miscellaneous Goods and Services*

What is the Consumer Price Index?

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a statistical indicator of changes in the general level of prices of consumer goods and services purchased by private households. The CPI measures price movements of a fixed quality and quantity of goods and services. The mix of these consumer goods and services comprising the CPI are referred to as a "shopping basket." In constructing this "shopping basket", the selected goods and services are organised first by commodity type. They are then divided into sections, then sub-groups and then assigned to a major expenditure category. The Antigua and Barbuda CPI has 26 sections, 30 sub-groups and 12 major categories.

What is the Base Period?

The base period (base year) is the time period that is used as a reference point for measuring the price change of goods and services. The base period for the Antigua and Barbuda CPI is January 2019.

The base period index is represented as 100.0. (Usually presented as 2019 = 100). So for instance, if the April 2020 CPI for chicken legs is 167.1, then it means that the price for chicken legs has gone up by 67.1% since 2019. Similarly, if the January 2020 CPI for bread is 93.1, then the price of bread has dropped by 6.9% compared to its price in 2019.

What is Inflation?

Inflation is the process of rising prices, resulting in diminishing purchasing power of a given amount of money. There are three expressions of price changes:

- year-on-year *(the inflation rate)*
- month-to-month
- annual average (or annualised average)

The annual average CPI is the arithmetic mean of the CPIs of the 12 months.

What are Weights?

Weights are "expenditure shares"' that is the proportion of total spending on various consumer goods and services, for example, 20% on rent, 25% food, 15% transport, 10% on utilities and so on. the CPI weights are a expression of household's spending on consumer goods and services.

The weights were drawn from a survey of a sample of households in each month of 2006 (the weight base period). Each household in thesample kept a record of their expenditure for one month. Once completed, the expenditures were added to determine expenditure shares per 1000; theseare the weights.

The current weights indicate that, households would spend the most on *Accommodation* (218.3 out of 1000) followed by *Food* (214.2) and *Transportation and Communication* (153.5). Households spend the least on *Alcoholic Drink and Tobacco* (1.6).

Year-on-Year Inflation

$$\frac{\text{June 2010 CPI} - \text{June 2009 CPI}}{\text{June 2009 CPI}} \times 100$$

Month-to-Month Price Changes

$$\frac{\text{June 2010 CPI} - \text{May 2010 CPI}}{\text{May 2010 CPI}} \times 100$$

Annualised Inflation Rate

$$\frac{\text{Average 2010 CPI} - \text{Average 2009 CPI}}{\text{Average 2009 CPI}} \times 100$$

The compilation of the CPI and the calculation of the inflation rate involve the processing of hundreds of price quotations. The National Bureau of Statistics wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the business community in supplying the required prices and accommodating the Statistical Officers on their premises.

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Table 2: CPI and Inflation Rate for Main Categories, Sub-groups and Sections

Expenditure Category and Sub Groups - means zero 0.0 means negligible	Jan 2006 weights	Consumer Price Indices			Change	% Change
		Apr-2026	Mar-2026	Apr-2025	*Apr-2026* *Apr-2025*	*Apr-2026* *Mar-2026*
All Items	**100.00**	**128.62**	**127.35**	**124.72**	**3.1**	**1.0**
FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	**17.94**	**131.27**	**128.19**	**129.70**	**1.2**	**2.4**
FOOD	**15.85**	**130.08**	**127.07**	**129.67**	**0.3**	**2.4**
Bread and Cereals	2.63	**133.55**	**131.11**	**137.74**	**(3.0)**	**1.9**
Meat and Meat Products	2.60	**131.02**	**128.94**	**138.19**	**(5.2)**	**1.6**
Beef and Veal	0.28	**137.28**	**164.04**	**148.22**	**(7.4)**	**(16.3)**
Pork	0.32	**128.26**	**133.93**	**135.57**	**(5.4)**	**(4.2)**
Lamb, Mutton and Goat	0.11	**142.49**	**154.72**	**124.92**	**14.1**	**(7.9)**
Poultry	1.16	**130.81**	**123.42**	**143.15**	**(8.6)**	**6.0**
Other Meats and Edible Offal	0.19	**97.08**	**90.03**	**84.13**	**15.4**	**7.8**
Delicatessen and other Meat Preparations	0.54	**139.73**	**128.74**	**145.73**	**(4.1)**	**8.5**
Fish and Seafood	1.91	**128.61**	**123.82**	**115.82**	**11.0**	**3.9**
Milk, Cheese and Eggs	1.41	**123.57**	**136.82**	**132.10**	**(6.5)**	**(9.7)**
Preserved Milk and Other Milk Products/Powder/Evapo	0.89	**110.73**	**129.81**	**121.58**	**(8.9)**	**(14.7)**
Cheese	0.25	**126.29**	**124.47**	**119.84**	**5.4**	**1.5**
Eggs and Egg-based Products	0.27	**162.56**	**170.77**	**177.33**	**(8.3)**	**(4.8)**
Oils and Fats	0.48	**126.62**	**133.83**	**132.90**	**(4.7)**	**(5.4)**
Fruit	1.03	**110.00**	**105.07**	**126.25**	**(12.9)**	**4.7**
Vegetables	3.87	**129.31**	**120.34**	**119.70**	**8.0**	**7.5**
Sugars, Jam, Honey, Chocolate and Confectionery	0.67	**136.58**	**137.78**	**136.58**	**0.0**	**(0.9)**
Sugar	0.35	**155.41**	**141.49**	**145.25**	**7.0**	**9.8**
Jams, Marmalades and Honey/Syrup	0.09	**134.20**	**134.20**	**126.48**	**6.1**	**0.0**
Confectionery, Chocolate and Other Cocoa Preparations	0.07	**171.94**	**169.55**	**158.20**	**8.7**	**1.4**
Edible ice, ice cream and sorbet	0.16	**110.54**	**117.34**	**112.80**	**(2.0)**	**(5.8)**
Food Products n.e.c	1.25	**147.09**	**142.82**	**146.23**	**0.6**	**3.0**
Non-Alcoholic Beverages	**2.09**	**140.16**	**136.55**	**129.95**	**7.9**	**2.6**
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO AND NARCOTICS	**2.02**	**133.74**	**135.83**	**134.00**	**(0.2)**	**(1.5)**
Alcoholic Beverages	1.49	**119.76**	**122.18**	**120.95**	**(1.0)**	**(2.0)**
Tobacco	0.52	**173.73**	**174.86**	**171.33**	**1.4**	**(0.6)**
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	**3.60**	**129.01**	**136.14**	**134.88**	**(4.4)**	**(5.2)**
Clothing	2.83	**130.96**	**138.78**	**135.28**	**(3.2)**	**(5.6)**
Clothing Material	0.13	**126.46**	**112.30**	**118.94**	**6.3**	**12.6**
Garments	2.24	**129.90**	**130.61**	**133.63**	**(2.8)**	**(0.5)**
Other articles of Clothing and Clothing Accessories	0.45	**137.49**	**186.98**	**148.27**	**(7.3)**	**(26.5)**
Footwear	0.77	**121.85**	**126.47**	**133.39**	**(8.7)**	**(3.7)**
HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS	**28.06**	**105.71**	**108.38**	**107.12**	**(1.3)**	**(2.5)**
Actual Rentals for housing	19.81	**108.02**	**111.14**	**109.60**	**(1.4)**	**(2.8)**
Materials for the Maintenance and repair of dwelling	1.15	**126.91**	**124.70**	**128.40**	**(1.2)**	**1.8**
Services for the Maintenance and repair of dwelling	0.60	**111.24**	**111.24**	**112.60**	**(1.2)**	**0.0**
Water Supply	1.14	**101.95**	**101.95**	**99.92**	**2.0**	**0.0**
Electricity	4.62	**91.67**	**95.00**	**93.33**	**(1.8)**	**(3.5)**
Gas	0.72	**100.00**	**100.00**	**100.00**	**0.0**	**0.0**
FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE	**6.84**	**132.30**	**132.20**	**129.80**	**1.9**	**0.1**
Furniture and furnishings, Carpets and other floor coverings	1.95	**137.79**	**144.88**	**148.83**	**(7.4)**	**(4.9)**
Household Textiles	0.43	**100.41**	**115.60**	**94.49**	**6.3**	**(13.1)**
Household Appliances	0.66	**121.29**	**128.50**	**122.02**	**(0.6)**	**(5.6)**
Glassware, Tableware and Household Utensils	0.17	**98.66**	**112.29**	**91.53**	**7.8**	**(12.1)**
Tools and Equipment for House and Garden	0.16	**225.72**	**205.04**	**211.73**	**6.6**	**10.1**
Goods and Services for routine Household Maintenance	3.46	**132.74**	**125.43**	**123.10**	**7.8**	**5.8**
HEALTH	**1.37**	**119.18**	**116.36**	**121.99**	**(2.3)**	**2.4**
Medical products, Appliances and Equipment	0.51	**123.15**	**115.63**	**107.19**	**14.9**	**6.5**
Outpatient Services	0.86	**116.79**	**116.79**	**130.87**	**(10.8)**	**0.0**
TRANSPORT	**15.11**	**131.72**	**126.64**	**110.90**	**18.8**	**4.0**
Purchase of Vehicles	4.02	**132.72**	**138.28**	**129.41**	**2.6**	**(4.0)**
Operations of Personal Transport Equipment	6.00	**119.95**	**117.55**	**117.98**	**1.7**	**2.0**
Transport Services	5.10	**144.92**	**129.69**	**90.38**	**60.3**	**11.7**
COMMUNICATION	**8.70**	**164.56**	**159.22**	**161.39**	**2.0**	**3.4**
RECREATION AND CULTURE	**3.23**	**111.33**	**97.23**	**85.52**	**30.2**	**14.5**
EDUCATION	**1.44**	**114.86**	**114.86**	**101.42**	**13.3**	**0.0**
RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	**4.15**	**156.74**	**156.93**	**150.05**	**4.5**	**(0.1)**
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES	**7.53**	**151.74**	**150.85**	**158.74**	**(4.4)**	**0.6**
All Items less Food		**128.08**	**127.17**	**123.55**	**3.7**	**0.7**
All Items less Energy		**131.23**	129.72	**126.89**	**3.4**	**1.2**
All Items less Food and Energy		131.23	130.09	126.20	**4.0**	**0.9**

Table 3: Distribution of Changes in the Inflation Rate

Apr 2026 compared to Apr 2025	No. of categories	No. of Decreases	No. of Increases	No. of No Changes
Main Expenditure Level	12	5	7	0
Sub Group Level	23	10	12	1
Section Level*	12	7	4	1
Mar 2026 compared to Mar 2025				
Main Expenditure Category Level	12	5	7	0
Sub Group Level	23	9	13	1
Section Level*	12	6	5	1
Apr 2026 compared to Mar 2026				
Main Expenditure Level	12	4	7	1
Sub Group Level	23	11	8	4
Section Level*	12	5	7	0

Section Level is 33 Sections however for comparative purposes between 2023 and 2022 data we are utilizing 12 section levels

Table 3 outlines the distribution of price movements for four inflation periods:

Apr 2026 compared to Apr 2025
Mar 2026 compared to Mar 2025
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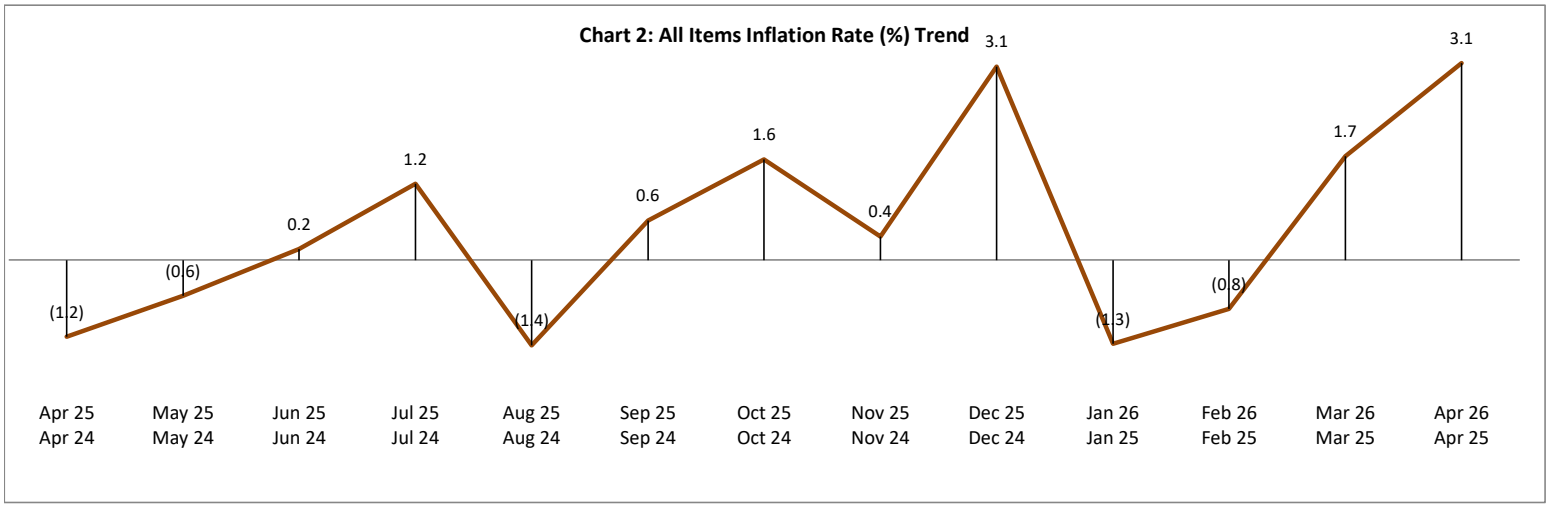
In Apr 2026 compared to Apr 2025, 5 of the 12 main expenditure categories recorded price decreases, while 7 recorded price increases. 12 of the 23 sub-group levels also recorded price increases for some of the items that fall in that level. These collective increases and decreases would account for the magnitude and direction of the current inflation rate. 0 of the 12 main expenditure categories recorded no price changes.

Graphical Analysis of the Consumer Price Index



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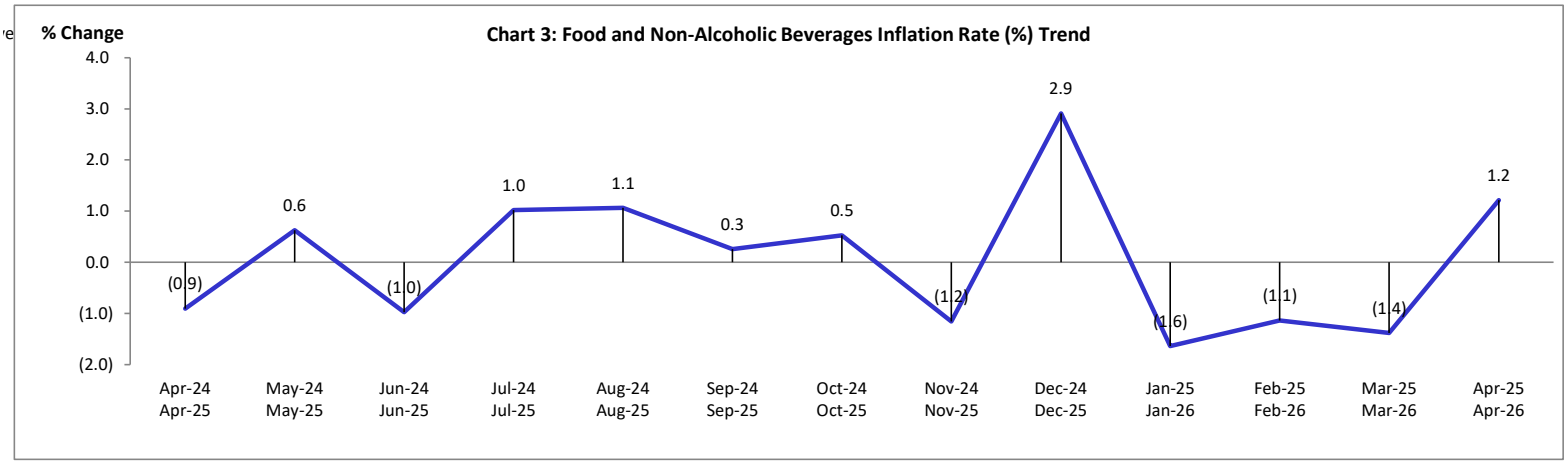

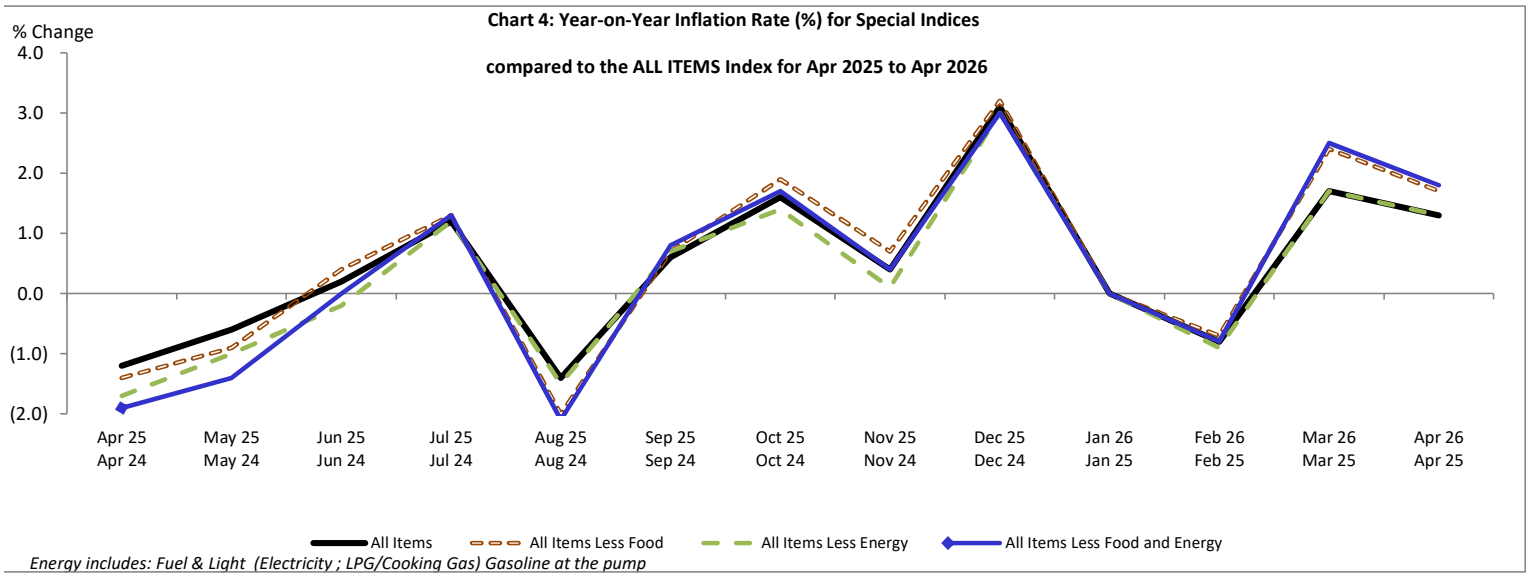
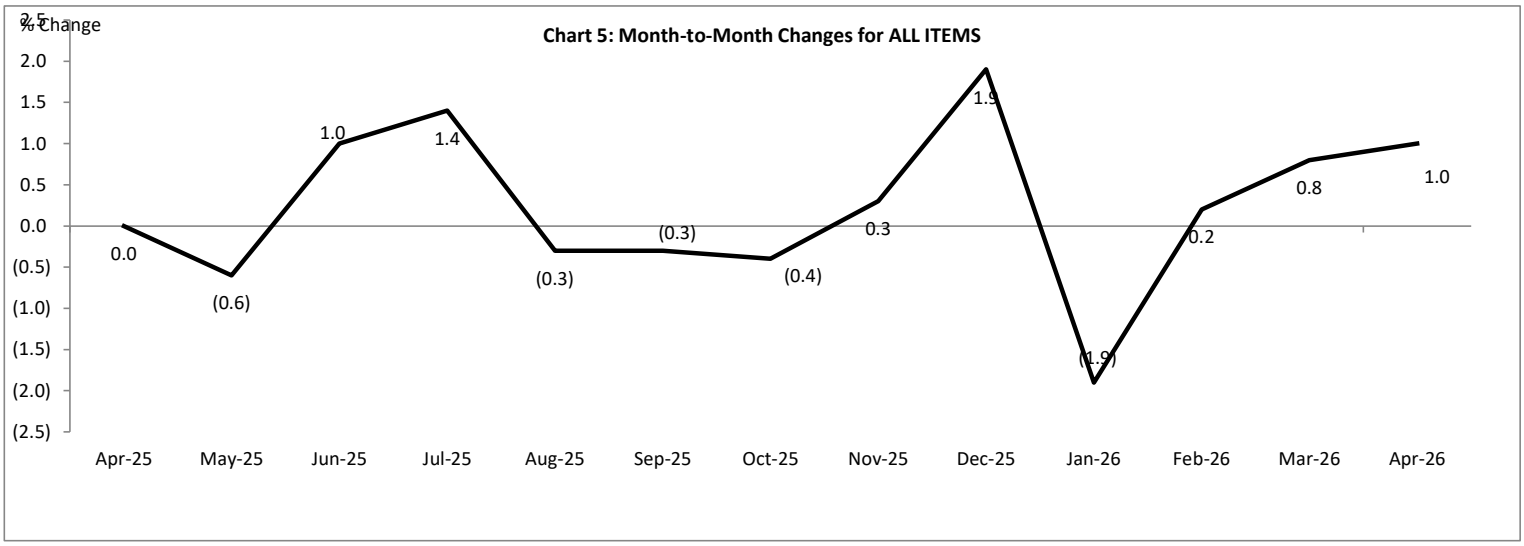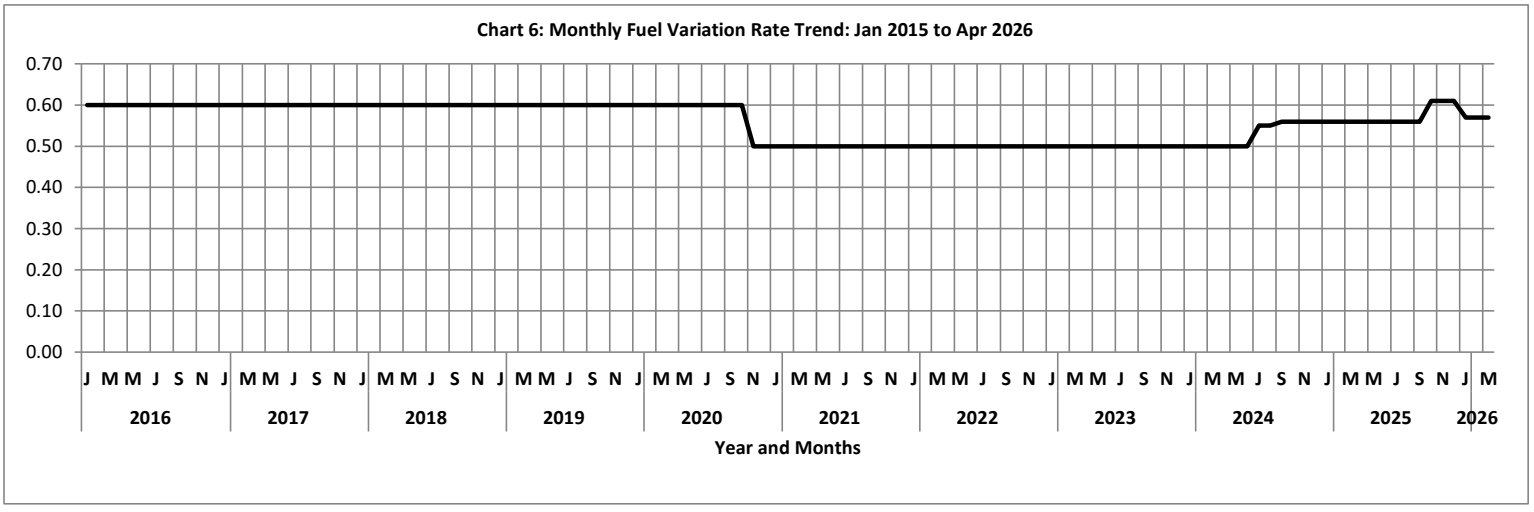
Energy includes: Fuel & Light (Electricity ; LPG/Cooking Gas) Gasoline at the pump