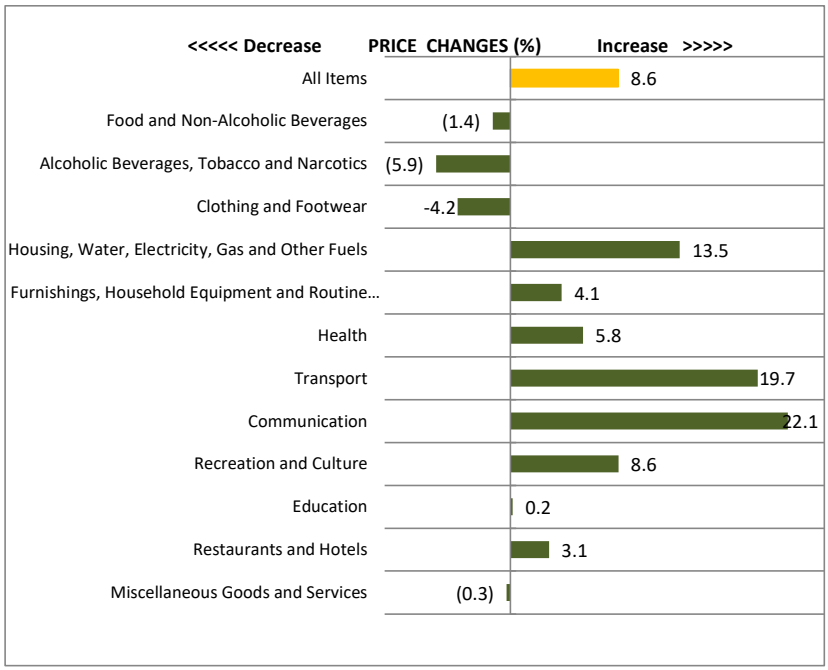
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

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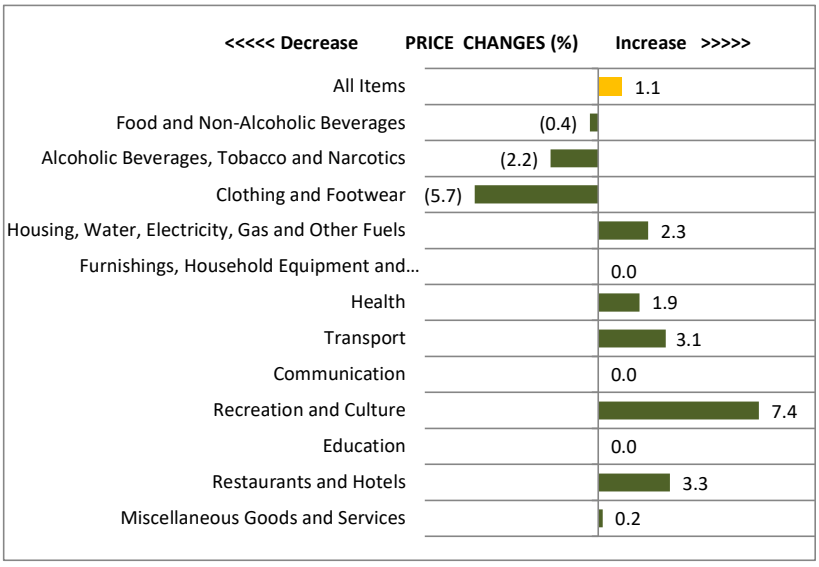
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Oct 2026 Inflation Rate 8.6%

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



Month-to-Month Changes for Oct 2026 compared to Sep 2026



The Consumer Price Index (CPI) rose 8.6%, driven by increases in Electricity, Transport and Communication, which combined accounted for almost fifty percent (49.3%) of the November 2026 inflation rate.

The index for Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels rose by 13.5%. The sub-category, Actual Rentals for Housing, increased by 9.3%, while Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels rose by 38.4.%. The Electricity Index increased by 44.3, while the Energy Index rose by 32.6%, reflecting an annual increase in the fuel variation charge from 61 cents to 88 cents in October 2026 and Gasoline at the pump from $14.25 to $18.83.

Conversely, the Food Index declined by 1.7%, reflecting downward movement in the indexes for Vegetables (-7.4%) and Fish and Seafood (-9.9%). The Fresh or Chilled Vegetables Index represented the largest decline of 8.8%. The average price for Broccoli declined from $15.91 to $9.93 and Cauliflower from $14.89 to $9.72.

The Fish and Seafood subcategory, Preserved or Processed Fish and Seafood declined by 12.2%. This was primarily due to reduction in the price of Sardine in water from $ 4.95 to $4.17, Sardine in Oil from $ 4.62 to $4.28, and similar price reductions for salted fish.

The All-Items Less Food and Energy index increased by 8.6%. This increase was influenced by increases in the indexes for Passenger Transport by Air (+41.6%), Communication (+22.1%), Actual Rentals for Housing (+9.3%), and Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance (+4.1%).

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) increased by 1.1% in October 2026, while the Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages index fell by 0.4%.

The Food index declined by 0.2%, driven mainly by lower prices for Fish and Seafood (-6.5%) and Milk, Cheese and Eggs (-2.7%). The decrease was largely attributed to declines in Fresh, Chilled or Frozen Fish and Seafood (-25.2%) and Preserved Milk and Other Milk Products (-5.7%).

The Energy index rose by 9.7%, reflecting increases in gasoline prices (from $16.50 to $17.99), diesel prices (from $14.25 to $18.83), and the fuel variation charge (from $0.80 to $0.88).

The All Items Less Food and Energy index increased by 0.1%. Growth in core inflation was moderated by declines in Clothing and Footwear (-5.7%), Alcoholic Beverages (-2.2%), and Transport Services (-1.0%).

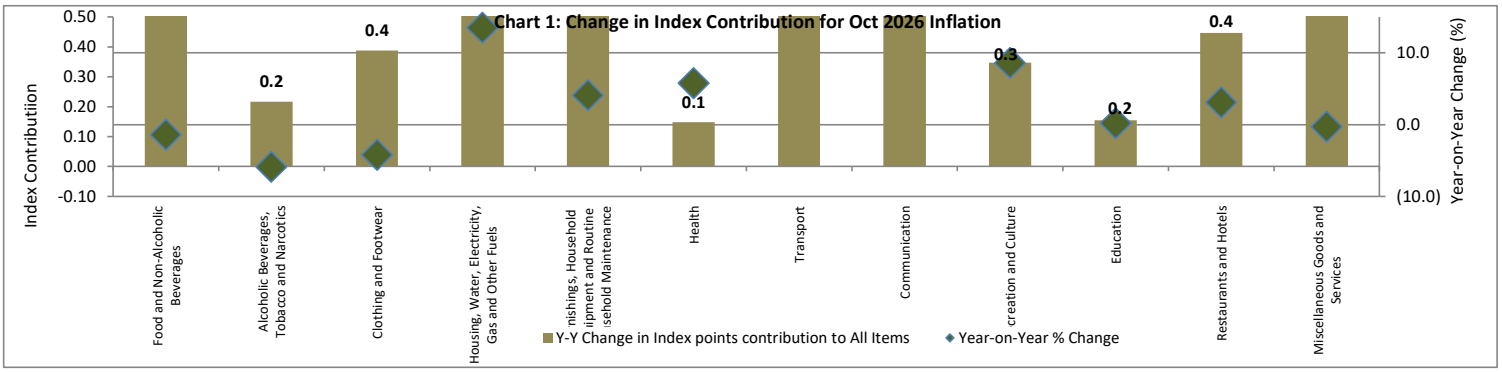


Table 1: Examples of Goods and Services in the 2019-based Consumer Shopping Basket

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
		Oct-2026	Sep-2026	Oct-2025	*Oct-2026* *Oct-2025*	*Oct-2026* *Sep-2026*
All Items	**100.00**	**136.49**	**135.05**	**125.72**	**8.6**	**1.1**
FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	**17.94**	**129.22**	**129.70**	**131.12**	**(1.4)**	**(0.4)**
FOOD	**15.85**	**128.50**	**128.72**	**130.66**	**(1.7)**	**(0.2)**
Bread and Cereals	2.63	**140.04**	**139.47**	**137.59**	**1.8**	**0.4**
Meat and Meat Products	2.60	**137.70**	**136.51**	**140.67**	**(2.1)**	**0.9**
Beef and Veal	0.28	**166.49**	**141.31**	**145.23**	**14.6**	**17.8**
Pork	0.32	**124.66**	**128.25**	**147.15**	**(15.3)**	**(2.8)**
Lamb, Mutton and Goat	0.11	**144.60**	**141.70**	**119.35**	**21.2**	**2.0**
Poultry	1.16	**138.62**	**144.01**	**145.44**	**(4.7)**	**(3.7)**
Other Meats and Edible Offal	0.19	**79.12**	**80.22**	**79.45**	**(0.4)**	**(1.4)**
Delicatessen and other Meat Preparations	0.54	**148.16**	**141.79**	**150.19**	**(1.4)**	**4.5**
Fish and Seafood	1.91	**102.82**	**110.00**	**114.15**	**(9.9)**	**(6.5)**
Milk, Cheese and Eggs	1.41	**133.06**	**136.77**	**131.28**	**1.4**	**(2.7)**
Preserved Milk and Other Milk Products/Powder/Evapo	0.89	**121.55**	**128.85**	**121.91**	**(0.3)**	**(5.7)**
Cheese	0.25	**128.72**	**123.30**	**121.20**	**6.2**	**4.4**
Eggs and Egg-based Products	0.27	**174.25**	**174.66**	**170.77**	**2.0**	**(0.2)**
Oils and Fats	0.48	**145.76**	**133.80**	**128.22**	**13.7**	**8.9**
Fruit	1.03	**124.92**	**120.70**	**120.40**	**3.8**	**3.5**
Vegetables	3.87	**116.19**	**117.63**	**125.43**	**(7.4)**	**(1.2)**
Sugars, Jam, Honey, Chocolate and Confectionery	0.67	**144.74**	**137.77**	**140.02**	**3.4**	**5.1**
Sugar	0.35	**141.50**	**143.29**	**146.27**	**(3.3)**	**(1.2)**
Jams, Marmalades and Honey/Syrup	0.09	**170.41**	**124.62**	**137.47**	**24.0**	**36.7**
Confectionery, Chocolate and Other Cocoa Preparations	0.07	**183.58**	**180.29**	**169.55**	**8.3**	**1.8**
Edible ice, ice cream and sorbet	0.16	**118.48**	**112.83**	**113.49**	**4.4**	**5.0**
Food Products n.e.c	1.25	**150.45**	**148.58**	**143.67**	**4.7**	**1.3**
Non-Alcoholic Beverages	**2.09**	**134.55**	**136.98**	**134.55**	**0.0**	**(1.8)**
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO AND NARCOTICS	**2.02**	**131.58**	**134.51**	**139.79**	**(5.9)**	**(2.2)**
Alcoholic Beverages	1.49	**122.57**	**120.84**	**128.65**	**(4.7)**	**1.4**
Tobacco	0.52	**157.35**	**173.59**	**171.61**	**(8.3)**	**(9.4)**
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	**3.60**	**128.20**	**136.01**	**133.89**	**(4.2)**	**(5.7)**
Clothing	2.83	**128.53**	**137.70**	**133.80**	**(3.9)**	**(6.7)**
Clothing Material	0.13	**124.22**	**123.43**	**123.71**	**0.4**	**0.6**
Garments	2.24	**124.67**	**137.16**	**123.65**	**0.8**	**(9.1)**
Other articles of Clothing and Clothing Accessories	0.45	**148.90**	**144.57**	**187.03**	**(20.4)**	**3.0**
Footwear	0.77	**127.01**	**129.79**	**134.20**	**(5.4)**	**(2.1)**
HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS	**28.06**	**119.89**	**117.16**	**105.59**	**13.5**	**2.3**
Actual Rentals for housing	19.81	**115.03**	**114.43**	**105.25**	**9.3**	**0.5**
Materials for the Maintenance and repair of dwelling	1.15	**130.73**	**128.14**	**131.37**	**(0.5)**	**2.0**
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**	**101.04**	**0.9**	**0.0**
Electricity	4.62	**146.67**	**133.33**	**101.67**	**44.3**	**10.0**
Gas	0.72	**100.00**	**100.00**	**100.00**	**0.0**	**0.0**
FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE	**6.84**	**137.12**	**137.18**	**131.78**	**4.1**	**0.0**
Furniture and furnishings, Carpets and other floor coverings	1.95	**139.92**	**138.62**	**154.85**	**(9.6)**	**0.9**
Household Textiles	0.43	**115.77**	**142.90**	**102.52**	**12.9**	**(19.0)**
Household Appliances	0.66	**113.42**	**118.93**	**124.56**	**(8.9)**	**(4.6)**
Glassware, Tableware and Household Utensils	0.17	**130.66**	**132.21**	**95.86**	**36.3**	**(1.2)**
Tools and Equipment for House and Garden	0.16	**199.93**	**189.10**	**173.18**	**15.4**	**5.7**
Goods and Services for routine Household Maintenance	3.46	**140.32**	**137.03**	**123.68**	**13.5**	**2.4**
HEALTH	**1.37**	**121.05**	**118.81**	**114.38**	**5.8**	**1.9**
Medical products, Appliances and Equipment	0.51	**128.14**	**122.17**	**110.36**	**16.1**	**4.9**
Outpatient Services	0.86	**116.79**	**116.79**	**116.79**	**0.0**	**0.0**
TRANSPORT	**15.11**	**139.21**	**135.06**	**116.27**	**19.7**	**3.1**
Purchase of Vehicles	4.02	**140.98**	**132.72**	**132.70**	**6.2**	**6.2**
Operations of Personal Transport Equipment	6.00	**131.20**	**124.45**	**117.41**	**11.7**	**5.4**
Transport Services	5.10	**147.47**	**149.08**	**104.14**	**41.6**	**(1.1)**
COMMUNICATION	**8.70**	**200.34**	**200.34**	**164.10**	**22.1**	**0.0**
RECREATION AND CULTURE	**3.23**	**94.61**	**88.12**	**87.12**	**8.6**	**7.4**
EDUCATION	**1.44**	**114.93**	**114.93**	**114.68**	**0.2**	**0.0**
RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	**4.15**	**161.85**	**156.74**	**156.93**	**3.1**	**3.3**
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES	**7.53**	**151.92**	**151.56**	**152.39**	**(0.3)**	**0.2**
All Items less Food		**138.07**	**136.21**	**124.50**	**10.9**	**1.4**
All Items less Energy		**135.95**	135.98	**127.59**	**6.6**	**0.0**
All Items less Food and Energy		137.60	137.52	126.72	**8.6**	**0.1**

Table 3: Distribution of Changes in the Inflation Rate

Oct 2026 compared to Oct 2025	No. of categories	No. of Decreases	No. of Increases	No. of No Changes
Main Expenditure Level	12	4	8	0
Sub Group Level	23	9	11	3
Section Level*	12	4	8	0
Sep 2026 compared to Sep 2025				
Main Expenditure Category Level	12	0	0	0
Sub Group Level	23	0	0	0
Section Level*	12	0	0	0
Oct 2026 compared to Sep 2026				
Main Expenditure Level	12	3	6	3
Sub Group Level	23	9	10	4
Section Level*	12	4	8	0

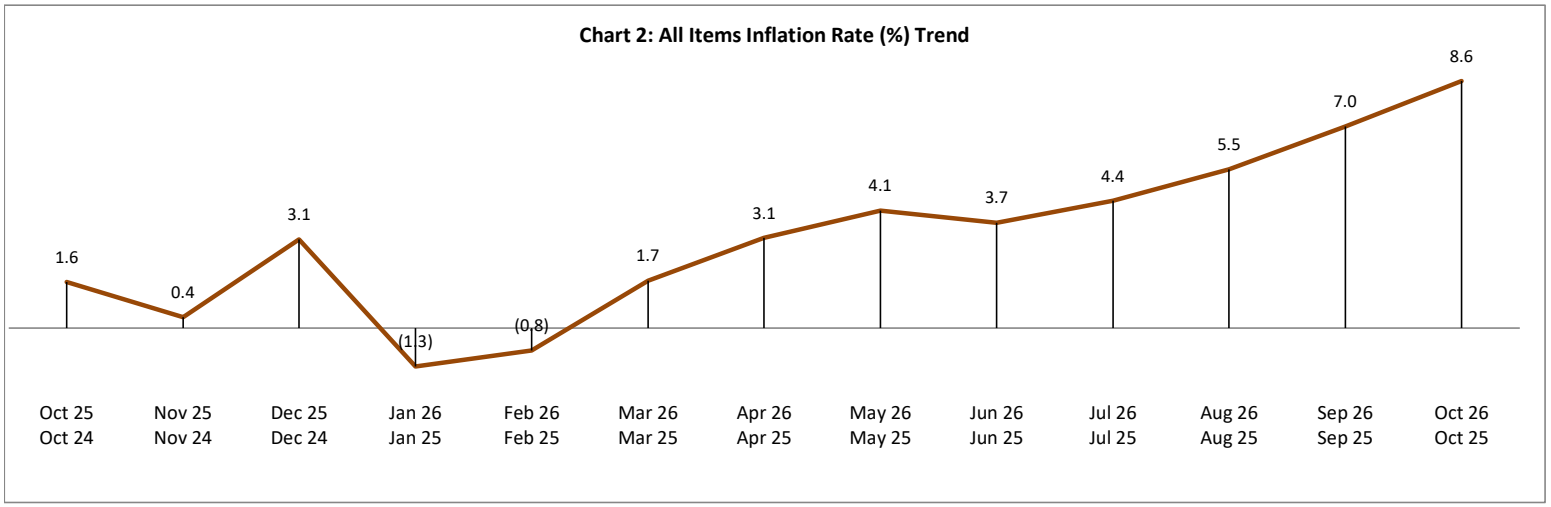
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Table 3 outlines the distribution of price movements for four inflation periods:

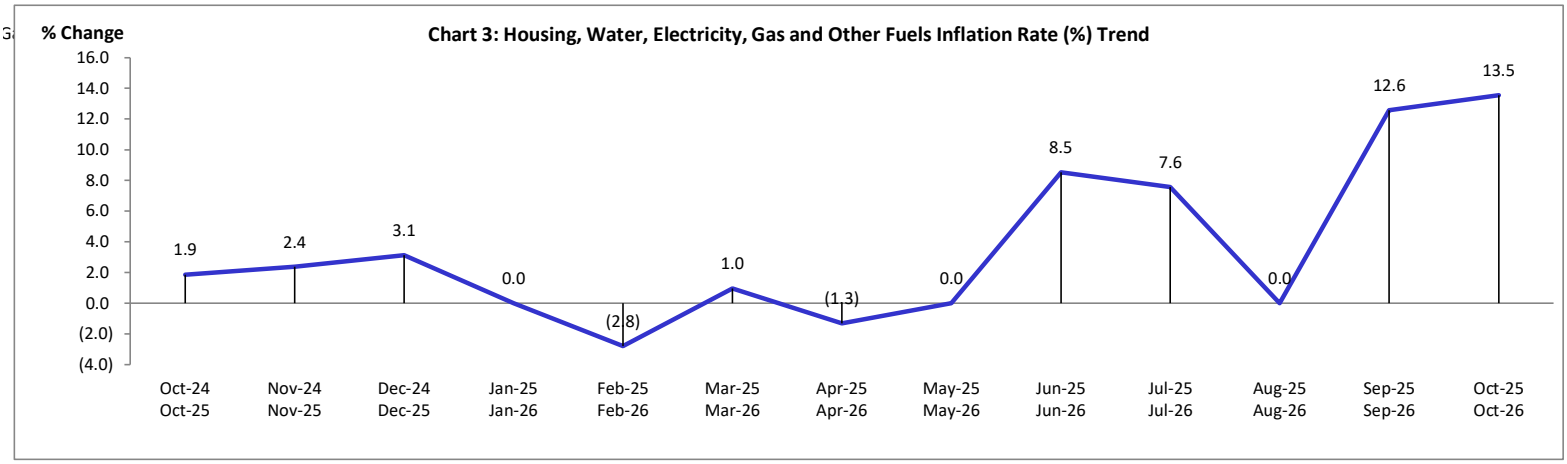
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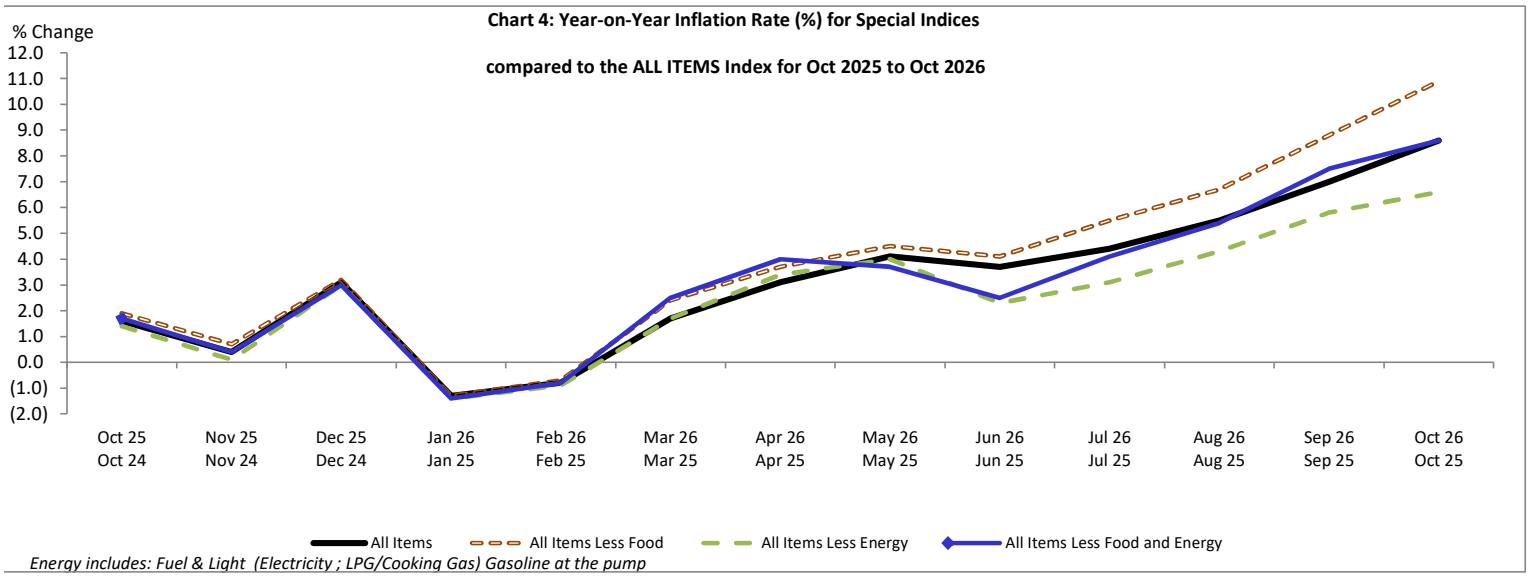
In Oct 2026 compared to Oct 2025, 4 of the 12 main expenditure categories recorded price decreases, while 8 recorded price increases. 11 of the 23 sub-group levels also recorded price increases for some of the items that fall in that level. These collective increases and decreases would account for the 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



Featured Expenditure Category





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

