

Consumer Price Index, base period December 2006 March 2010

The Central Bureau of Statistics presents the most important findings for the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the month of March 2010.

Overview Consumer Price Indices

Mar-09	Dec-09	Feb-10	Mar-10
108.96	115.19	114.10	114.39

- The CPI for March 2010 is 114.39, an increase of 0.25% compared to the index of February 2010 (114.10).
- The percentage change for the first 3 months of 2010 (January to March) of the CPI is -0.69, 1.70 percentage points (ppts) lower compared to 1.01 for the same period of last year.
- The percentage change of the CPI over the last 12 months (March 2009 to March 2010) is 4.98, an increase of 7.92 ppts compared to the percentage change for the same period of last year (-2.94).
- The period average percentage change of the CPI for the period March 2009 - March 2010 is -0.09, a decrease of 5.80 ppts compared to the period average percentage change for the period March 2008 - March 2009 (5.71).

Table 1 Overview percentage change CPI

Period		2010	2009
Monthly	Feb - Mar	0.25	0.65
Year-to-date	Dec - Mar	-0.69	1.01
Last 12 months ¹	Mar - Mar	4.98	-2.94
Last 24 months ²	Mar - Mar	-0.09	5.71

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

¹ End of period inflation

² Period average inflation

In March 2010 the sectors that show the highest percentage changes in the CPI are:

CPI	0.25
• Housing	2.74
• Clothing and footwear	-2.06
• Transport	-1.49
• Restaurants and hotels	-1.03
• Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	0.58

Table 2 Percentage change by sector

Sector	Weight coefficient	Effect Feb - Mar	Percentage changes			
			Monthly Feb - Mar	Year-to-date Dec - Mar	End of period Mar 09 - Mar 10	Period average Mar 09 - Mar 10
CPI	10,000	0.25	0.25	-0.69	4.98	-0.09
01. Food and non-alcoholic beverages	1,125.3	-0.03	-0.25	-1.61	-3.39	1.24
02. Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	81.9	0.00	0.58	-0.80	-1.33	3.48
03. Clothing and footwear	625.9	-0.13	-2.06	-4.86	-3.70	-0.06
04. Housing	2,553.3	0.78	2.74	2.89	18.80	-0.94
05. Household operation	741.3	-0.03	-0.40	-2.10	-0.22	1.89
06. Health	235.8	0.00	-0.07	-0.59	-1.15	0.81
07. Transport	1,815.4	-0.26	-1.49	-2.57	4.22	-3.76
08. Communications	706.3	-0.01	-0.18	-0.69	1.06	-0.55
09. Recreation and culture	891.2	-0.01	-0.17	-2.03	0.95	2.55
10. Education	83.0	0.00	0.09	0.26	0.69	-3.72
11. Restaurants and hotels	373.7	-0.04	-1.03	-1.65	2.03	5.97
12. Miscellaneous goods and services	767.0	-0.02	-0.33	-1.42	-0.68	2.09

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

Monthly Percentage Change

The consumption basket of the CPI consists of 452 goods and services. Compared to February 2010, 22.8% of these products had an increase in price, while 46.2% showed a decrease and the remaining 31.0% had no change in price.

The prices of all products (goods and services) in the consumption basket of the CPI show an increase of 0.25% for the month of March 2010 compared to the prices observed in February 2010.

The prices of goods increased by 0.34% and caused an influence of 0.22 pts on the CPI. The prices of services show also an increase (0.09%) and had an influence of 0.03 pts on the CPI.

Table 3 Overview percentage change and effect on the CPI of March 2010 by type of products

Period	Index		Monthly change	Effect
	Feb-10	Mar-10		
CPI	114.10	114.39	0.25	0.25
Goods	119.03	119.44	0.34	0.22
Services	105.81	105.90	0.09	0.03

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

In March 2010, the sectors that had the greatest influence on the percentage change of the CPI are:

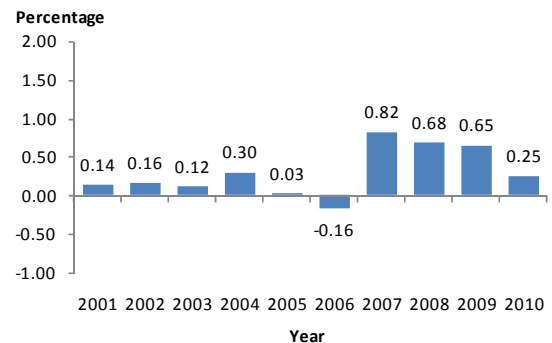
- Housing (0.78), where increases in prices were registered in the categories "Electricity, gas and other fuels", "Water supply and miscellaneous services relating to the dwelling" and "Actual rentals for housing".
- Transport (-0.26), where decreases in prices were registered in the categories "Purchase of vehicles" and "Operation of personal transport equipment".
- Clothing and footwear (-0.13), where a decrease in prices was mainly registered in the category "Clothing".
- Restaurants and hotels (-0.04), where a decrease in prices was mainly registered in the category "Catering services".

Table 4 Categories with the greatest effect on the CPI of March 2010

Category	Monthly change	Effect
Electricity, gas and other fuels	6.23	0.55
Purchase of vehicles	-2.93	-0.21
Water supply and miscellaneous services relating to the dwelling	3.33	0.20
Clothing	-2.26	-0.13
Operation of personal transport equipment	-0.75	-0.07
Actual rentals for housing	0.45	0.04
Catering services	-0.96	-0.04

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

Graph 1 Monthly percentage change of the CPI for March, 2001 - 2010



Graph 1 shows that the monthly percentage change of the CPI decreased by 0.40 pts to 0.25 in March of 2010 from 0.65 in March of 2009.

Table 5 Percentage changes by month, 2008 - 2010

Month	Percentage changes											
	2008				2009				2010			
	Monthly	Year-to-date	End of period	Period average	Monthly	Year-to-date	End of period	Period average	Monthly	Year-to-date	End of period	Period average
January	0.96	0.96	9.13	5.83	-0.40	-0.40	-3.19	7.88	-0.80	-0.80	6.35	-1.39
February	0.47	1.44	9.87	6.41	0.76	0.36	-2.91	6.79	-0.14	-0.94	5.40	-0.72
March	0.68	2.13	9.72	6.89	0.65	1.01	-2.94	5.71	0.25	-0.69	4.98	-0.09
April	0.58	2.73	10.05	7.42	0.28	1.29	-3.23	4.59				
May	0.94	3.70	9.82	7.93	0.54	1.84	-3.62	3.46				
June	1.78	5.54	9.30	8.23	2.42	4.30	-3.02	2.42				
July	1.70	7.33	11.64	8.79	1.91	6.29	-2.81	1.23				
August	1.82	9.29	12.66	9.39	-0.13	6.15	-4.68	-0.20				
September	-0.58	8.66	12.45	10.00	0.40	6.58	-3.74	-1.50				
October	-0.85	7.74	10.90	10.33	-0.36	6.20	-3.26	-2.62				
November	-4.61	2.77	4.40	9.98	0.31	6.53	1.73	-2.81				
December	-4.51	-1.86	-1.86	8.96	0.24	6.78	6.78	-2.14				

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

Note: 2008 has been revised

Table 6 Prices of crude oil, utilities, gasoline and diesel, 2009 - 2010

Month	2009						2010					
	Crude oil ¹	Fuel surcharge ²	Electricity ³	Water ⁴	Gasoline ⁵	Diesel ⁵	Crude oil	Fuel surcharge	Electricity	Water	Gasoline	Diesel
January	39.93	14.20	217.09	116.13	141.40	128.10	76.01	25.56	299.51	156.40	186.00	156.60
February	41.23	14.20	217.09	116.13	153.80	133.70	73.04	25.56	299.51	156.40	191.80	160.30
March	45.19	15.42	225.94	120.24	156.80	125.60	77.56	28.20	318.66	162.26	189.70	158.00
April	49.36	15.42	225.94	120.24	161.70	125.40						
May	54.91	16.23	231.82	122.86	166.30	132.30						
June	67.70	21.10	267.15	141.19	182.40	137.30						
July	64.62	25.56	299.51	156.40	192.90	151.50						
August	71.42	25.56	299.51	156.40	184.90	147.30						
September	67.87	25.56	299.51	156.40	193.80	157.30						
October	71.16	25.56	299.51	156.40	183.30	150.10						
November	76.19	25.56	299.51	156.40	191.30	160.00						
December	73.11	25.56	299.51	156.40	193.20	161.80						

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

¹ Average world crude oil price per barrel in US\$ (Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration)

² Fuel surcharge in Afl. cents per kWh

³ Electricity price in Afl. is based on an average household usage of 725.5 kWh (Revised figures)

⁴ Water price in Afl. is based on an average household usage (Revised figures)

⁵ Gasoline and diesel prices in Afl. cents per liter

Change in prices of crude oil, utilities, gasoline and diesel in March 2010

The prices of utilities (electricity and water supply), gasoline and diesel are for the greater part determined by international crude oil prices. In March 2010 the average price of crude oil per barrel (US\$ 77.56) increased by US\$ 4.52 (+6.19%) compared to February 2010 (US\$ 73.04).

Fuel surcharge shows in March an increase of Afl. 2.64 cents per kWh. The prices of electricity and water show also increases in price compared to February 2010. The average electricity price per household increased to Afl. 318.66 (+6.39%) causing an effect of 0.55 pts on the CPI, while the average price of water per household increased to Afl. 162.26 (+3.75%) causing an effect of 0.20 pts on the CPI.

In March 2010 the price of gasoline decreased by Afl. 0.02 (-1.09%) causing an effect of -0.06 pts on the CPI. The price of diesel registered an insignificant decrease (-1.43%) in March 2010.

In March 2010, utilities, gasoline and diesel as a group show an increase in price of 3.45% compared to February 2010, and had an influence of 0.69 pts on the CPI, while the remaining 448 goods and services, as a group, experienced a decrease in price (0.54%), causing an effect of -0.43 pts on the CPI.

Table 7 Effect on the CPI of March 2010 of goods and services which are dependent on crude oil prices

Category	Weight	Monthly change	Effect
Electricity	721.0	6.39	0.55
Gasoline	530.6	-1.09	-0.06
Water supply	437.4	3.75	0.20
Diesel	21.8	-1.43	0.00
Total group	1,710.8	3.45	0.69
Remaining goods and services	8,289.2	-0.54	-0.43
CPI	10,000.0	0.25	0.25

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

APPENDIX 1

Monthly & Yearly Changes (%) in the Consumer Price Index for March 2010, Total Population (Dec 2006 = 100)

DESCRIPTION	WEIGHT coefficient	2009 Mar	2009 Dec	2010 Feb	2010 Mar	Monthly Feb - Mar	Ytd Dec - Mar	End of period Mar 09 - Mar 10	Period average Mar 09 - Mar 10
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	1,125.3	135.9	133.5	131.6	131.3	-0.25	-1.61	-3.39	1.24
Food	961.4	139.0	135.7	133.9	133.5	-0.27	-1.60	-3.96	0.85
Non-alcoholic beverages	163.9	117.7	120.4	118.4	118.3	-0.09	-1.72	0.52	3.90
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	81.9	113.2	112.6	111.0	111.7	0.58	-0.80	-1.33	3.48
Alcoholic beverages for consumption at home	59.3	109.7	108.7	107.3	108.3	0.90	-0.41	-1.31	2.79
Tobacco	22.6	122.2	122.6	120.7	120.5	-0.17	-1.69	-1.38	5.13
Clothing and footwear	625.9	118.2	119.6	116.2	113.8	-2.06	-4.86	-3.70	-0.06
Clothing	550.4	120.6	122.1	118.5	115.8	-2.26	-5.15	-4.02	-0.11
Footwear	75.5	100.3	101.8	99.7	99.3	-0.34	-2.41	-0.96	0.35
Housing	2,553.3	110.3	127.4	127.6	131.1	2.74	2.89	18.80	-0.94
Actual rentals for housing	854.2	120.4	125.3	126.5	127.0	0.45	1.36	5.56	5.06
Maintenance and repair of the dwelling	444.6	106.7	109.1	108.3	107.9	-0.33	-1.05	1.09	1.97
Water supply and miscellaneous services relating to the dwelling	505.7	106.6	134.3	134.4	138.9	3.33	3.44	30.23	-6.00
Electricity, gas and other fuels	748.8	103.6	136.0	135.7	144.2	6.23	6.01	39.24	-4.75
Household operation	741.3	106.0	108.1	106.2	105.8	-0.40	-2.10	-0.22	1.89
Furniture, furnishings, carpets and other floor coverings	142.1	88.8	88.8	86.7	86.3	-0.38	-2.75	-2.75	2.23
Household textiles	69.5	148.1	152.4	148.7	148.8	0.09	-2.34	0.48	3.71
Household appliances	111.3	83.0	85.7	84.8	82.3	-2.90	-3.93	-0.87	3.45
Glassware, tableware and household utensils	31.8	110.3	107.5	102.6	102.7	0.09	-4.46	-6.89	1.78
Tools and equipment for house and garden	40.0	103.9	100.8	99.2	98.6	-0.59	-2.25	-5.16	-1.11
Goods and services for routine household maintenance and cleaning	346.6	111.9	115.2	113.7	113.8	0.04	-1.18	1.70	1.28
Health	235.8	93.4	92.9	92.4	92.3	-0.07	-0.59	-1.15	0.81
Medical products, appliances and equipment	140.3	97.5	96.7	96.1	96.0	-0.07	-0.76	-1.58	0.92
Out-patient services	57.2	83.0	83.6	83.6	83.6	0.00	0.00	0.71	0.47
Hospital services	3.0	93.9	92.7	92.1	92.0	-0.12	-0.76	-1.95	0.86
Other treatments	20.6	93.9	92.7	92.1	92.0	-0.12	-0.76	-1.95	0.86
Health products and services n.e.c.	0.5	93.9	92.7	92.1	92.0	-0.12	-0.76	-1.95	0.86
Other health related incurred costs	14.1	93.9	92.7	92.1	92.0	-0.12	-0.76	-1.95	0.86
Transport	1,815.4	102.4	109.6	108.4	106.7	-1.49	-2.57	4.22	-3.76
Purchase of vehicles	811.4	104.7	103.9	102.7	99.7	-2.93	-4.03	-4.78	1.64
Operation of personal transport equipment	840.1	103.4	119.4	118.1	117.2	-0.75	-1.88	13.35	-8.24
Transport services	163.8	86.2	87.0	86.5	88.1	1.88	1.20	2.23	-1.88
Communications	706.3	82.0	83.4	83.0	82.8	-0.18	-0.69	1.06	-0.55
Postal services	6.1	103.6	105.2	105.2	105.2	0.00	0.00	1.59	0.49
Telephone and telefax equipment	29.6	40.1	44.6	41.1	37.4	-8.85	-16.12	-6.54	-26.67
Telephone and telefax services	670.6	83.6	84.9	84.6	84.6	0.00	-0.34	1.21	0.25
Recreation and culture	891.2	111.1	114.4	112.3	112.1	-0.17	-2.03	0.95	2.55
Audio-visual, photographic and information processing equipment	123.8	109.2	105.8	104.5	103.7	-0.70	-1.93	-4.99	3.52
Other major durables for recreation and culture	19.2	89.9	92.9	92.7	93.0	0.37	0.08	3.52	1.93
Other recreational items and equipment; gardens and pets	260.1	129.1	134.1	133.9	133.0	-0.69	-0.81	3.03	3.89
Recreational and cultural services	335.0	101.7	101.9	102.0	101.9	-0.06	0.05	0.17	2.07
Newspapers, books and stationery	82.1	110.5	111.6	109.3	108.7	-0.53	-2.60	-1.64	2.73
Holidays	71.0	98.4	125.8	104.2	107.3	3.00	-14.71	9.04	-2.81
Education	83.0	109.1	109.5	109.7	109.8	0.09	0.26	0.69	-3.72
Pre primary and primary education	30.4	109.1	109.1	109.1	109.1	0.00	0.00	0.00	-3.97
Secondary education	25.2	109.1	110.1	110.5	110.8	0.20	0.59	1.55	-3.42
Post-secondary non-tertiary education	4.6	109.1	109.8	110.1	110.2	0.13	0.40	1.07	-3.58
Tertiary education	10.4	109.1	109.1	109.1	109.1	0.00	0.00	0.00	-3.97
Education not definable by level	12.4	109.1	109.8	110.1	110.3	0.14	0.41	1.09	-3.57
Restaurants and hotels	373.7	114.8	119.1	118.3	117.1	-1.03	-1.65	2.03	5.97
Catering services	367.5	114.8	119.4	118.6	117.5	-0.96	-1.63	2.30	6.36
Accommodation services	6.2	109.9	96.8	99.5	93.9	-5.69	-3.06	-14.59	-16.64
Miscellaneous goods and services	767.0	99.5	100.3	99.2	98.9	-0.33	-1.42	-0.68	2.09
Personal care	262.0	110.0	112.3	109.7	109.2	-0.54	-2.80	-0.79	4.38
Personal effects n.e.c.	67.3	114.2	112.0	111.1	111.0	-0.08	-0.91	-2.81	0.40
Social protection	28.7	116.5	128.1	130.9	132.3	1.10	3.29	13.59	8.32
Insurance	289.1	85.1	85.1	85.1	85.1	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01
Financial services n.e.c.	26.9	99.1	97.4	95.9	94.7	-1.17	-2.73	-4.44	0.34
Other services n.e.c.	93.0	99.1	97.4	95.9	94.7	-1.17	-2.73	-4.44	0.34
CPI	10,000	109.0	115.2	114.1	114.4	0.25	-0.69	4.98	-0.09

APPENDIX 2

Effect on the Consumer Price Index per sector and category for March 2010 (Dec 2006 = 100)

DESCRIPTION	WEIGHT coefficient	Monthly	Ytd	End of period	Period average
		Feb - Mar	Dec - Mar	Mar 09 - Mar 10	Mar 09 - Mar 10
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	1,125.3	-0.03	-0.21	-0.48	0.16
Food	961.4	-0.03	-0.18	-0.49	0.10
Non-alcoholic beverages	163.9	0.00	-0.03	0.01	0.06
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	81.9	0.00	-0.01	-0.01	0.03
Alcoholic beverages for consumption at home	59.3	0.01	0.00	-0.01	0.02
Tobacco	22.6	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01
Clothing and footwear	625.9	-0.13	-0.32	-0.25	0.00
Clothing	550.4	-0.13	-0.30	-0.24	-0.01
Footwear	75.5	0.00	-0.02	-0.01	0.00
Housing	2,553.3	0.78	0.82	4.86	-0.26
Actual rentals for housing	854.2	0.04	0.13	0.52	0.45
Maintenance and repair of the dwelling	444.6	-0.01	-0.04	0.05	0.08
Water supply and miscellaneous services relating to the dwelling	505.7	0.20	0.20	1.50	-0.37
Electricity, gas and other fuels	748.8	0.55	0.53	2.79	-0.43
Household operation	741.3	-0.03	-0.15	-0.02	0.13
Furniture, furnishings, carpets and other floor coverings	142.1	0.00	-0.03	-0.03	0.02
Household textiles	69.5	0.00	-0.02	0.00	0.03
Household appliances	111.3	-0.02	-0.03	-0.01	0.03
Glassware, tableware and household utensils	31.8	0.00	-0.01	-0.02	0.01
Tools and equipment for house and garden	40.0	0.00	-0.01	-0.02	0.00
Goods and services for routine household maintenance and cleaning	346.6	0.00	-0.04	0.06	0.04
Health	235.8	0.00	-0.01	-0.02	0.02
Medical products, appliances and equipment	140.3	0.00	-0.01	-0.02	0.01
Out-patient services	57.2	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hospital services	3.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other treatments	20.6	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Health products and services n.e.c.	0.5	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other health related incurred costs	14.1	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Transport	1,815.4	-0.26	-0.44	0.72	-0.67
Purchase of vehicles	811.4	-0.21	-0.30	-0.37	0.12
Operation of personal transport equipment	840.1	-0.07	-0.16	1.06	-0.77
Transport services	163.8	0.02	0.01	0.03	-0.02
Communications	706.3	-0.01	-0.04	0.06	-0.03
Postal services	6.1	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Telephone and telefax equipment	29.6	-0.01	-0.02	-0.01	-0.04
Telephone and telefax services	670.6	0.00	-0.02	0.06	0.01
Recreation and culture	891.2	-0.01	-0.18	0.09	0.22
Audio-visual, photographic and information processing equipment	123.8	-0.01	-0.02	-0.06	0.04
Other major durables for recreation and culture	19.2	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00
Other recreational items and equipment; gardens and pets	260.1	-0.02	-0.02	0.09	0.11
Recreational and cultural services	335.0	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.06
Newspapers, books and stationery	82.1	0.00	-0.02	-0.01	0.02
Holidays	71.0	0.02	-0.11	0.06	-0.02
Education	83.0	0.00	0.00	0.01	-0.03
Pre primary and primary education	30.4	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.01
Secondary education	25.2	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.01
Post-secondary non-tertiary education	4.6	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tertiary education	10.4	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Education not definable by level	12.4	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Restaurants and hotels	373.7	-0.04	-0.06	0.08	0.22
Catering services	367.5	-0.04	-0.06	0.09	0.23
Accommodation services	6.2	0.00	0.00	-0.01	-0.01
Miscellaneous goods and services	767.0	-0.02	-0.09	-0.05	0.14
Personal care	262.0	-0.01	-0.07	-0.02	0.11
Personal effects n.e.c.	67.3	0.00	-0.01	-0.02	0.00
Social protection	28.7	0.00	0.01	0.04	0.02
Insurance	289.1	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Financial services n.e.c.	26.9	0.00	-0.01	-0.01	0.00
Other services n.e.c.	93.0	-0.01	-0.02	-0.04	0.00
CPI	10,000	0.25	-0.69	4.98	-0.09

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba