

## Consumer Price Index, base period December 2006 April 2010

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

The CPI for April 2010 is 114.80, an increase of 0.36% compared to the index of March 2010 (114.39) and accumulating a decline of 0.33% up to and including April of this year.

The percentage change of the CPI over the last 12 months (April 2009 to April 2010) is 5.06, an increase of 8.29 percentage points (ppts) compared to the percentage change for the same period of last year (-3.23).

The period average percentage change of the CPI for the period April 2009 - April 2010 is 0.59, a decrease of 4.00 ppts compared to the period average percentage change over the period April 2008 - April 2009 (4.59).

During this month, seven of the twelve sectors registered increases in prices. The largest increases were registered for the sectors "Transport" (2.09%), "Food and non-alcoholic beverages" (0.94%) and "Health" (0.30%), causing an effect of respectively 0.35, 0.12 and 0.01 ppts. The increases in the four remaining sectors contributed to a total effect of 0.03 ppts.

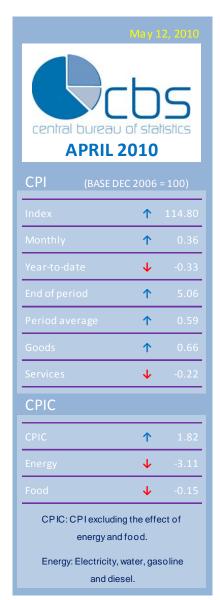
Aforementioned increases were partially offset by decreases in the indexes for the sectors "Restaurants and hotels", "Communications" and "Clothing and footwear", which altogether had an influence of -0.14 ppts. The decreases in the remaining sectors contributed to a total effect of -0.01 ppt.

The increase in the "Transport" sector was due to increases in the categories "Operation of personal transport equipment" (3.26%) and "Purchase of vehicles" (1.05%), which contributed to an effect of 0.28 and 0.07 ppts respectively. The increase in the "Food and non-alcoholic beverages" sector was mainly due to a rise of 1.01% in the category "Food", which had an effect of 0.11 ppts.

The decrease in the "Restaurants and hotels" sector was due to a 1.14% drop in the category "Catering services", which led to an effect of -0.04 ppts and a decrease of 20.82% in the category "Accommodation services", which had an effect of -0.01 ppt. The decrease in the "Communications" sector was primarily due to a 0.91% decline in the category "Telephone and telefax services", which led to an effect of -0.05 ppts.

The consumption basket of the CPI consists of 452 goods and services. Compared to March 2010, 29.9% of these products had an increase in price, while 38.3% showed a decrease and the remaining 31.8% had no change in price. The prices of goods increased by 0.66% and caused an influence of 0.43 ppts. The prices of services show a decrease of 0.22% and had an influence of -0.07 ppts.

The CPIC (core inflation) - CPI excluding the effect energy and food - registered in April 2010 an increase of 1.82%, a decrease of 2.71 ppts compared to the percentage change for the same period of last year (4.53%). The energy index - which consists of the products: electricity, water, gasoline and diesel - registered a decrease of 3.11%, which is 3.88 ppts lower compared to the percentage change for the same period of last year (0.77%). The food index shows a decrease of 0.15%, which is 12.61 ppts lower compared to the percentage change for the same period of last year (12.46%).





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Table 1 Overview pe	rcentage	cnange	of the C	PI									
	Apr-09	May-09	Jun-09	Jul-09	Aug-09	Sep-09	Oct-09	Nov-09	Dec-09	Jan-10	Feb-10	Mar-10	Apr-10
ndex	109.27	109.86	112.51	114.66	114.51	114.97	114.57	114.92	115.19	114.26	114.10	114.39	114.80
Monthly	0.28	0.54	2.42	1.91	-0.13	0.40	-0.36	0.31	0.24	-0.80	-0.14	0.25	0.36
Year-to-date	1.29	1.84	4.30	6.29	6.15	6.58	6.20	6.53	6.78	-0.80	-0.94	-0.69	-0.33
End of period	-3.23	-3.62	-3.02	-2.81	-4.68	-3.74	-3.26	1.73	6.78	6.35	5.40	4.98	5.06
Period average	4.59	3.46	2.42	1.23	-0.20	-1.50	-2.62	-2.81	-2.14	-1.39	-0.72	-0.09	0.59
Goods	0.41	0.62	3.39	2.99	-0.25	0.34	-0.64	0.14	0.17	-1.07	-0.12	0.34	0.66
Services	0.05	0.38	0.62	-0.13	0.10	0.52	0.18	0.63	0.37	-0.30	-0.17	0.09	-0.22
CPIC	4.53	4.32	4.15	3.89	3.65	3.37	3.03	2.75	2.65	2.52	2.31	2.07	1.82
Energy	0.77	-3.71	-7.73	-11.86	-16.68	-20.72	-23.81	-23.36	-19.90	-15.89	-11.85	-7.65	-3.11
Food	12.46	12.26	11.90	11.17	9.90	8.61	7.36	5.95	4.59	3.29	2.02	0.85	-0.15

Table 2 Percentage change by sector	or					
					End of period	
Sector	coefficient	Mar - Apr	Mar - Apr	Dec - Apr	Apr 09 - Apr 10	Apr 09 - Apr 10
СРІ	10,000.0	0.36	0.36	-0.33	5.06	0.59
01. Food and non-alcoholic beverages	1,125.3	0.12	0.94	-0.69	-2.78	0.28
02. Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	81.9	0.00	-0.04	-0.84	-1.55	2.92
03. Clothing and footwear	625.9	-0.04	-0.62	-5.45	-4.18	-0.24
04. Housing	2,553.3	0.01	0.03	2.92	18.60	1.56
05. Household operation	741.3	-0.01	-0.17	-2.27	-0.88	1.54
06. Health	235.8	0.01	0.30	-0.29	-0.80	0.62
07. Transport	1,815.4	0.35	2.09	-0.53	5.84	-2.69
08. Communications	706.3	-0.05	-0.97	-1.65	-0.24	-0.44
09. Recreation and culture	891.2	0.01	0.15	-1.88	1.07	2.47
10. Education	83.0	0.00	0.01	0.28	0.70	-3.41
11. Restaurants and hotels	373.7	-0.05	-1.41	-3.04	-0.75	5.05
12. Miscellaneous goods and services	767.0	0.01	0.11	-1.31	-0.54	1.78
Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Arubo	ד					

CPI of April 2010		
	Monthly	Effect
Category	change	
Operation of personal transport equipment	3.26	0.28
Food	1.01	0.11
Purchase of vehicles	1.05	0.07
Actual rentals for housing	0.45	0.04
Audio-visual, photographic and information		
processing equipment	2.39	0.03
Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba		

Table 3 Categories with the greatest positive effect on the

Table 4 Categories with the greatest negative effect on the CPI of April 2010								
on the Cri of April 2010	Monthly	Effect						
Category	change	Lilect						
Telephone and telefax services	-0.91	-0.05						
Catering services	-1.14	-0.04						
Maintenance and repair of the dwelling	-0.80	-0.03						
Clothing	-0.57	-0.03						
Holidays	-3.19	-0.02						
Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba								



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

The prices of utilities (electricity and water), gasoline and diesel are for the greater part determined by international crude oil prices. In April 2010 the average price of crude oil per barrel (US\$ 82.00) increased by US\$ 4.44 (+5.72%) compared to March 2010 (US\$ 77.56).

Fuel surcharge did not change in April, it stayed at Afl. 28.20 cents per kWh. The prices of electricity and water did not change either compared to March 2010. Subsequently, the average electricity price per household remained at Afl. 318.66, while the average price of water per household remained at Afl. 162.26.

In April 2010 the price of gasoline increased by Afl. 0.09 (4.96%) causing an effect of 0.28 ppts on the CPI. The price of diesel registered also an increase in April 2010. Compared to March 2010 it increased by Afl. 0.06 (3.86%) causing an effect of 0.01 ppt on the CPI.

In April 2010, utilities, gasoline and diesel as a group show an increase in price of 1.40% compared to March 2010, and had an influence of 0.29 ppts on the CPI, while the remaining 448 goods and services, as a group, experienced an increase in price of 0.09%, causing an effect of 0.07 ppts on the CPI.

## Table 6 Effect on the CPI of April 2010 of goods and services which are dependent on crude oil prices

		Monthly	
Category		change	
Electricity	721.0	0.00	0.00
Gasoline	530.6	4.96	0.28
Water	437.4	0.00	0.00
Diesel	21.8	3.86	0.01
Total group	1,710.8	1.40	0.29
Remaining goods and services	8,289.2	0.09	0.07
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Table 5 Price	es of crude	e oil, utilitie	s and gasol	ine, 2009	- 2010								
			2009	)			2010						
	Crude	Fuel					Crude	Fuel					
Month	oil <sup>1</sup>	surcharge <sup>2</sup>	Electricity <sup>3</sup>	Water⁴	Gasoline <sup>5</sup>	Diesel <sup>5</sup>	oil	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	82.00	28.20	318.66	162.26	199.10	164.10	
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	l Bureau of S	Statistics Aruba	1										

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Average world crude oil price per barrel in US\$ (Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Fuel surcharge in Afl. cents per kWh

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Electricty price in Afl. is based on an average household usage of 725.5 kWh

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Water price in Afl. is based on an average household usage

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Gasoline and diesel prices in Afl. cents per liter

APPENDIX 1

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

DESCRIPTION	WEIGHT		2009 Dec	2010 Mar	2010 Apr	Monthly Mar - Apr	Ytd Dec - Apr	End of period Apr 09 - Apr 10	Period ave
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Food and non-alcoholic beverages	1,125.3					0.94	-0.69	-2.78	0.28
Food		139.1				1.01	-0.61	-3.04	-0.15
Non-alcoholic beverages	163.9	120.2	120.4	118.3	118.9	0.50	-1.23	-1.04	3.28
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	81.9	113.4	112.6	111.7	111.6	-0.04	-0.84	-1.55	2.92
Alcoholic beverages for consumption at home	59.3	110.0	108.7	108.3	108.0	-0.27	-0.68	-1.83	2.24
Tobacco	22.6	122.2	122.6	120.5	121.1	0.48	-1.21	-0.90	4.55
Clothing and footwear		118.0				-0.62	-5.45	-4.18	-0.24
Clothing		120.4				-0.57	-5.68	-4.38	-0.30
Footwear	75.5	100.7	101.8	99.3	98.3	-1.02	-3.41	-2.38	0.24
Housing	2,553.3	110.6	127.4	131.1	131.1	0.03	2.92	18.60	1.56
Actual rentals for housing		120.9				0.45	1.82	5.56	5.17
Maintenance and repair of the dwelling	444.6	107.0	109.1	107.9	107.0	-0.80	-1.85	0.08	1.81
Water supply and miscellaneous services relating to the dwelling	505.7	106.6	134.3	138.9	138.9	0.00	3.44	30.23	-1.96
Electricity, gas and other fuels	748.8	103.6	136.0	144.2	144.2	0.00	6.01	39.24	0.18
Household operation		106.6				-0.17	-2.27	-0.88	1.54
Furniture, furnishings, carpets and other floor coverings		90.3 150.4				0.24	-2.51	-4.12	1.25
Household textiles Household appliances	69.5 111.3					0.52 -1.57	-1.84 -5.44	-0.58 -3.00	3.22 2.95
Glassware, tableware and household utensils		109.9				-0.46	-5.44 -4.90	-3.00 -7.00	0.74
Tools and equipment for house and garden		104.0				-0.20	-2.44	-5.44	-1.90
oods and services for routine household maintenance and cleaning		111.8				-0.12	-1.30	1.66	1.30
Health	235.8	93.4	92.9	92.3	92.6	0.30	-0.29	-0.80	0.62
Medical products, appliances and equipment	140.3	97.4	96.7	96.0	96.4	0.38	-0.38	-1.08	0.68
Out-patient services	57.2					0.00	0.00	0.71	0.53
Hospital services	3.0				92.4	0.40	-0.36	-1.74	0.53
Other treatments	20.6				92.4	0.40	-0.36	-1.74	0.53
Health products and services n.e.c. Other health related incurred costs	0.5 14.1	94.0 94.0	92.7	92.0 92.0	92.4 92.4	0.40 0.40	-0.36 -0.36	-1.74 -1.74	0.53 0.53
Other health related incurred costs	14.1	34.0	32.7	32.0	32.4	0.40	-0.30	-1.74	0.50
Transport	1,815.4	103.0	109.6	106.7	109.0	2.09	-0.53	5.84	-2.6
Purchase of vehicles	811.4	104.7	103.9	99.7	100.8	1.05	-3.03	-3.78	0.46
Operation of personal transport equipment	840.1	105.4	119.4	117.2	121.0	3.26	1.31	14.77	-5.49
Transport services	163.8	81.7	87.0	88.1	88.1	0.00	1.20	7.77	-0.6
Communications  Postal services		<b>82.2</b> 105.2				- <b>0.97</b> 0.00	- <b>1.65</b> 0.00	- <b>0.24</b> 0.00	- <b>0.4</b> 4
Telephone and telefax equipment	29.6			37.4		-4.50	-19.89	-21.85	-26.5
Telephone and telefax services		83.6				-0.91	-1.25	0.28	0.34
Recreation and culture	891.2	111.1	114.4	112.1	112.3	0.15	-1.88	1.07	2.47
Audio-visual, photographic and information processing equipment	123.8	110.8	105.8	103.7	106.2	2.39	0.42	-4.15	2.45
Other major durables for recreation and culture	19.2	89.9	92.9	93.0	92.6	-0.42	-0.34	3.05	1.97
Other recreational items and equipment; gardens and pets		129.3				0.30	-0.51	3.19	3.93
Recreational and cultural services		101.7				-0.10	-0.06	0.06	1.86
Newspapers, books and stationery		110.5				0.28	-2.33	-1.37	2.33
Holidays	71.0	95.3	125.8	107.3	103.9	-3.19	-17.43	8.99	-0.8
Education	83.0	109.1	109 5	109.8	109.8	0.01	0.28	0.70	-3.4
Pre primary and primary education		109.1				0.00	0.00	0.00	-3.7
Secondary education		109.1				0.00	0.59	1.55	-3.0
Post-secondary non-tertiary education		109.1				0.13	0.54	1.21	-3.2
Tertiary education	10.4	109.1	109.1	109.1	109.1	0.00	0.00	0.00	-3.7
Education not definable by level	12.4	109.1	109.8	110.3	110.3	0.04	0.45	1.13	-3.2
Restaurants and hotels		116.3				-1.41	-3.04	-0.75	5.05
Catering services		116.7				-1.14	-2.76	-0.47	5.43
Accommodation services	6.2	94.6	96.8	93.9	74.3	-20.82	-23.25	-21.41	-17.0
Miscellaneous goods and services	767.0	99.5	100 2	00.0	00.0	0.11	-1 21	-0.54	1 70
Miscellaneous goods and services  Personal care		109.9				<b>0.11</b> 0.01	- <b>1.31</b> -2.80	<b>-0.54</b> -0.67	<b>1.78</b> 3.79
Personal care Personal effects n.e.c.		113.7				0.01	-2.80 -0.86	-0.67	0.03
Social protection		117.5				1.12	4.44	13.82	9.11
Insurance		85.1				0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01
Financial services n.e.c.	26.9		97.4			0.30	-2.44	-4.27	-0.26
Other services n.e.c.	93.0	99.3	97.4	94.7	95.0	0.30	-2.44	-4.27	-0.26

APPENDIX 2

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

DESCRIPTION	WEIGHT coefficient	Monthly Mar - Apr	Ytd Dec - Apr	End of period Apr 09 - Apr 10	Period averag
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	1,125.3	0.12	-0.09	-0.39	0.04
Food	961.4	0.11	-0.07	-0.37	-0.02
Non-alcoholic beverages	163.9	0.01	-0.02	-0.02	0.06
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	81.9	0.00	-0.01	-0.01	0.02
Alcoholic beverages for consumption at home	59.3	0.00	0.00	-0.01	0.01
Tobacco	22.6	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01
Clothing and footwear	625.9	-0.04	-0.35	-0.28	-0.02
Clothing Footwear	550.4 75.5	-0.03 -0.01	-0.33 -0.02	-0.27 -0.02	-0.02 0.00
rootwear	75.5	-0.01	-0.02	-0.02	0.00
Housing	2,553.3	0.01	0.83	4.81	0.43
Actual rentals for housing	854.2	0.04	0.17	0.53	0.46
Maintenance and repair of the dwelling	444.6	-0.03	-0.08	0.00	0.08
Water supply and miscellaneous services relating to the dwelling	505.7	0.00	0.20	1.49	-0.12
Electricity, gas and other fuels	748.8	0.00	0.53	2.78	0.02
Household operation	741.3	-0.01	-0.16	-0.06	0.11
Furniture, furnishings, carpets and other floor coverings	142.1	0.00	-0.03	-0.05	0.01
Household textiles	69.5	0.00	-0.02	-0.01	0.03
Household appliances	111.3	-0.01	-0.05	-0.03	0.02
Glassware, tableware and household utensils  Tools and equipment for house and garden	31.8 40.0	0.00	-0.01 -0.01	-0.02 -0.02	0.00 -0.01
oods and services for routine household maintenance and cleaning	346.6	0.00	-0.01	0.02	0.04
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Health	235.8	0.01	-0.01	-0.02	0.01
Medical products, appliances and equipment	140.3	0.00	0.00	-0.01	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	0.35	-0.09	1.00	-0.48
Purchase of vehicles	811.4	0.07	-0.22	-0.29	0.03
Operation of personal transport equipment	840.1	0.28	0.11	1.20	-0.50
Transport services	163.8	0.00	0.01	0.10	-0.01
Communications	706.3	-0.05	-0.08	-0.01	-0.02
Postal services	6.1	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Telephone and telefax equipment	29.6	0.00	-0.02	-0.03	-0.04
Telephone and telefax services	670.6	-0.05	-0.06	0.01	0.02
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Recreation and culture	891.2	0.01	-0.17	0.10	0.21
Audio-visual, photographic and information processing equipment	123.8	0.03	0.00	-0.05	0.03
Other major durables for recreation and culture	19.2	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other recreational items and equipment; gardens and pets	260.1	0.01	-0.02	0.10	0.12
Recreational and cultural services	335.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.05
Newspapers, books and stationery	82.1	0.00	-0.02	-0.01	0.02
Holidays	71.0	-0.02	-0.14	0.06	-0.01
Education	83.0	0.00	0.00	0.01	-0.03
Pre primary and primary education	30.4 25.2	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.01 -0.01
Secondary education 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
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Restaurants and hotels	373.7	-0.05	-0.12	-0.03	0.19
Catering services	367.5	-0.04	-0.11	-0.02	0.20
Accommodation services	6.2	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01
Miscellaneous goods and services	767.0	0.01	-0.09	-0.04	0.12
Personal care	262.0	0.00	-0.07	-0.02	0.09
D	67.3	0.00	-0.01	-0.02	0.00
Personal effects n.e.c.	28.7	0.00	0.01	0.04	0.03
Social protection					
Social protection Insurance	289.1	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Social protection Insurance Financial services n.e.c.	289.1 26.9	0.00	-0.01	-0.01	0.00
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