

Consumer Price Index

August 2026



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A note to the reader

The following report presents the price statistics for August 2026.

- At the end of August 2026, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) shows an increase of 0.5% compared to the index of July 2026. The sector which affected the CPI the most was “Transport” (3.4%), which led with an effect of 0.46 percentage points (ppts) on the Δ CPI of August 2026 (0.5%).
- Compared to August 2025, the CPI increased by 2.7%. The sector which affected the CPI the most, during this period, was “Transport” (10.7%), which led to an effect of 1.39 ppts.
- The period average inflation for the periods August 2023 to August 2024 and August 2025 to August 2026 is 1.0%, the same as the period average inflation recorded for the periods August 2022 to August 2023 and August 2023 to August 2024 (1.0%). The sector which affected the CPI the most, during this period, was “Household operation” (-4.6%), which led to an effect of -0.40 ppts.
- The monthly subsistence level for a household consisting of two (2) adults and two (2) children (aged 0-14 years) increased by Afl. 144, from Afl. 5,519 in August 2025 to Afl. 5,663 in August 2026.
- Utilities (Water and Electricity) did not register price changes in August 2026. The price of gasoline increased by 9.4%, contributing 0.46 ppts to the change in the CPI in August 2026. The price of diesel increased by 11.6%, contributing 0.04 ppts.

This report is divided in 7 sections. An overview of the monthly percentage changes in the CPI and index per sector is presented in section 1. Section 2 provides the yearly percentage changes in the CPI and index per sector. The development of indices of main sectors and utilities is outlined in section 3. Section 4 presents the percentage change in the CPI of Aruba’s major trading partners and compares the CPI of Aruba and the USA. Section 5 presents an overview of the monthly and yearly percentage changes of the core inflation. Section 6 presents the price movements in food & catering services. The development of the subsistence level is presented in section 7 and is followed by the appendices.

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1 Monthly change of the CPI

1.1 CPI and Inflation

The CPI of the total population of Aruba for the month of August 2026 (June 2019 = 100) is 112.12; an increase of 0.5% compared to the CPI of July 2026 (111.53). An overview of the percentage change in the CPI (Δ CPI) for different periods during 2025 and 2026 is shown in Table 1. The terms percentage change in the CPI and “inflation” (deflation) are considered similar and are used interchangeably. The inflation over the last 12 months (end of period inflation) is 2.7, while the inflation over a period of 24 months (period average inflation) is 1.0%.

Table 1: Overview of Δ CPI

	Period	% Changes		Index	
		2025	2026	Last	Current
Monthly	Jul-26 vs Aug-26	0.0	0.5	111.53	112.12
Year-to-date	Dec-25 vs Aug-26	0.1	2.4	109.47	112.12
Last 12 months ¹	Aug-25 vs Aug-26	-0.8	2.7	109.14	112.12
Last 24 months ²	Aug 24/25 vs Aug 25/26	0.4	1.0	109.29	110.41

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

¹ End of period inflation

² Period average inflation

Figure 1 depicts the monthly Δ CPI over a period of one year starting from August 2025, whereas the Δ CPI for the month August for the years 2017 to 2026 is illustrated in Figure 2.

1.2 Changes in sector

Figure 3 provides an overview of the percentage changes for the indices per sector for August 2026. The percentage change in index is further denoted as Δ I. The largest Δ I is observed for the “Transport” sector with an increase of 3.4%.

1.3 Changes in categories and subcategories

The largest positive and negative Δ I is seen in the categories “Newspapers, books and stationery” (31.3%) and “Transport services” (-20.7%). In the “Food and non-alcoholic beverages” sector, prices in the “Food” category increased by 0.5%, while prices for “Non-alcoholic beverages” increased by 0.6%. In the “Housing” sector the major Δ I is observed for the category “Maintenance and repair of the dwelling” (1.0%). In the “Transport” sector the major Δ I is observed for the category “Transport services” (-20.7%). In the “Recreation and culture” sector the major Δ I is observed for the category “Newspapers, books and stationery” (31.3%)¹.

The categories which influenced the CPI calculation the most are “Operation of personal transport equipment”, “Holidays” and “Telephone and telefax equipment”, which had an effect of respectively, 0.49, -0.26 and -0.16 ppts on the Δ CPI. Reference is made to tables 16 and 17 in Appendices 1 and 2. Table 16 provides an overview of the indices for the months August 2025, December 2025, July 2026 and August 2026 together with corresponding weights per sector and the monthly, year-to-date (ytd), end of

period and period average percentage changes for August 2026. In table 17 an overview of the effect on the monthly, year-to-date (ytd), end of period and period average CPI per sector and category for August 2026 is presented. The course of indices for 2013 - up to August 2026 is illustrated in Appendix 5.

Figure 1: Monthly Δ CPI, 2025 - 2026

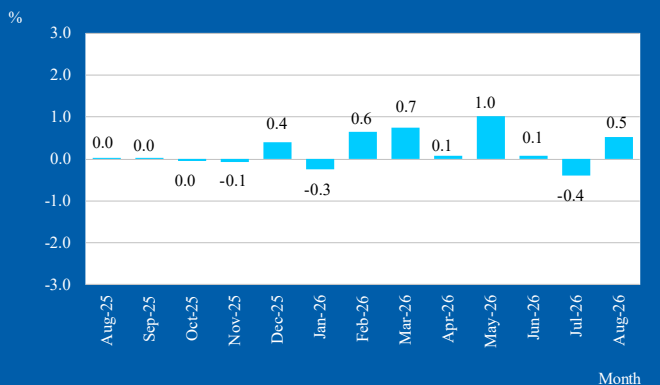


Figure 2: Monthly Δ CPI for August, 2017 - 2026

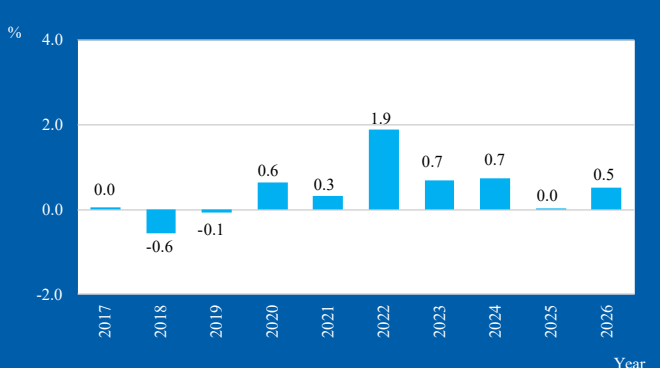
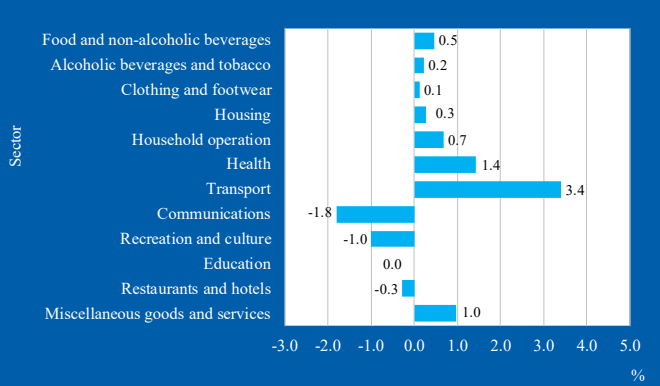


Figure 3: Δ I per sector, August 2026



¹ The focus is on the four major sectors which are: Housing, Transport, Food and non-alcoholic beverages and Recreation and culture. Together these sectors form 59% of the total weight of the basket of goods and services.

2 End of period change of the CPI

2.1 End of period change CPI for August 2026

The CPI increased from 109.14 in August 2025 to 112.12 in August 2026, an increase of 2.7%. This Δ CPI is the third highest registered over a period of 6 years for the month of August and is 3.5 ppts higher than the Δ CPI registered in 2025 (-0.8%) (see table 2).

Table 2: End of period Δ CPI, 2021 - 2026, for the month:

August

Period	Δ CPI	Index
2020-2021	1.4	98.84
2021-2022	7.7	106.43
2022-2023	0.5	106.94
2023-2024	2.9	110.01
2024-2025	-0.8	109.14
2025-2026	2.7	112.12

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

2.2 Changes in sector

An overview of the percentage change and effect per sector over the period August 2025 - August 2026 is presented in table 3. The largest increase is observed for the sector "Transport" (10.7%). Furthermore, other notable increases are observed for the "Restaurants and hotels" (5.6%), "Miscellaneous goods and services" (4.0%) and "Food and non-alcoholic beverages" (3.8%) sectors. A comparison of the Δ I's for the years 2025 and 2026 is provided in figure 4.

Table 3: Percentage change and effect for the month of:

August 2026

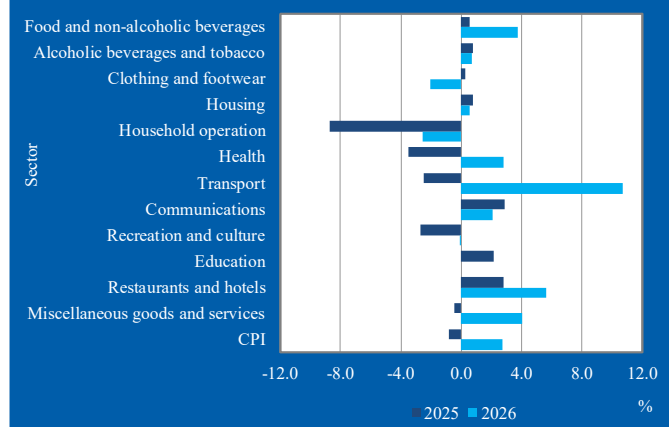
Sector	% Change	Effect
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	3.8	0.44
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	0.7	0.01
Clothing and footwear	-2.1	-0.05
Housing	0.6	0.15
Household operation	-2.6	-0.22
Health	2.8	0.06
Transport	10.7	1.39
Communications	2.1	0.19
Recreation and culture	0.0	0.00
Education	0.0	0.00
Restaurants and hotels	5.6	0.29
Miscellaneous goods and services	4.0	0.48
CPI	2.7	2.73

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

2.3 Changes in categories

The largest positive and negative Δ I in categories observed over a period of one year are respectively, "Accommodation services" (169.2%) and "Glassware, tableware and household utensils" (-20.5%). For an overview of the end of period percentage changes per category refer to table 16 in Appendix 1.

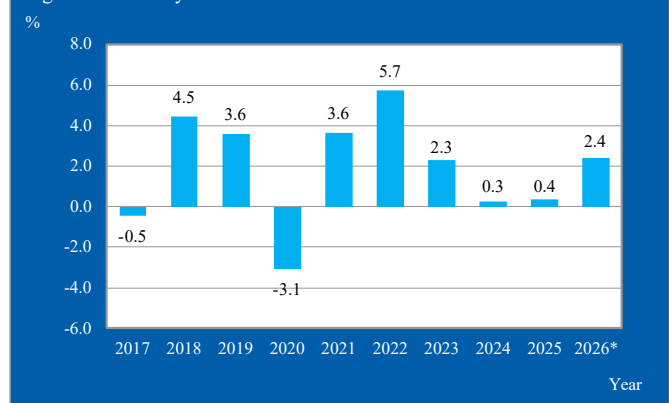
Figure 4: Δ I per sector for August, 2025 - 2026



2.4 End of year change CPI 2017 - 2026

The end of year Δ CPI for the period 2017 - 2026 is shown in figure 5. The Δ CPI for 2026 is calculated by comparing the CPI of August 2026 with the CPI of December 2025. The ytd Δ CPI for August 2026 is 2.4%.

Figure 5: End of year Δ CPI 2017 - 2026



*ytd

2.5 Period average change CPI for August 2026

The period average change in the CPI (Δ ACPI) for August 2026 is 1.0%. Table 4 provides an overview of the Δ ACPI for the month of August for the years 2022 to 2026. The Δ ACPI for 2026 increased by 0.6 ppts compared to 2025 (0.4%).

Table 4: Overview of Δ ACPI, 2022 - 2026, for the month:

August

Period	Δ ACPI	Index
2021-2022	4.3	106.43
2022-2023	4.9	106.94
2023-2024	2.0	110.01
2024-2025	0.4	109.14
2025-2026	1.0	112.12

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

3 Development of indices of main sectors and utilities

3.1 Indices main sectors

The four major sectors, “Housing”, “Transport”, “Food and non-alcoholic beverages” and “Recreation and culture”, constitute 58% of the total weight of the basket of goods and services, which are observed on a monthly basis. An overview of the course of indices for 2013 – up to August 2026 per sector and for the CPI is provided in figures 9-1 to 9-12 in Appendix 5.

Changes in the indices of the sectors “Housing” and “Transport” are mainly the result of changes in the international oil prices and prices of utilities during the respective months. The development of crude oil, fuel surcharge, electricity, water, gasoline and diesel prices is provided in table 5 and in the adjoining figures 6-1 and 6-2.

Table 5: Prices of utilities, gasoline and diesel for the period:
August 2025 - August 2026

Month	Crude oil per barrel ¹	Total energy charge ²		Electricity ³	Water ⁴	Gasoline ⁵	Diesel ⁵
		≤ 500 kWh	501-1000 kWh				
Aug-25	65.67	34.31	35.31	263.67	168.73	228.90	204.60
Sep-25	63.99	34.31	35.31	263.67	168.73	228.90	196.40
Oct-25	61.04	34.31	35.31	263.67	168.73	228.70	200.00
Nov-25	60.00	34.31	35.31	263.67	168.73	219.20	195.60
Dec-25	58.02	34.31	35.31	263.67	168.73	221.20	204.10
Jan-26	59.66	34.31	35.31	263.67	168.73	210.70	188.50
Feb-26	64.55	34.31	35.31	263.67	168.73	213.60	192.90
Mar-26	90.15	34.31	35.31	263.67	168.73	223.40	201.40
Apr-26	99.87	34.31	35.31	263.67	168.73	248.00	246.50
May-26	102.34	34.31	35.31	263.67	168.73	265.20	257.00
Jun-26	86.00	34.31	35.31	263.67	168.73	276.50	257.00
Jul-26	79.32	34.31	35.31	263.67	168.73	265.80	256.60
Aug-26	83.74	34.31	35.31	263.67	168.73	290.90	286.30

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

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

² Total energy charge in Afl. cents per kWh

³ Electricity price in Afl.

⁴ Water price in Afl.

⁵ Gasoline and diesel prices in Afl. cents per liter

3.2 Electricity

The price of electricity is determined in Aruban florins (Afl.) for an average usage by households. The average usage is 725.5 kWh per month. The electricity price for an average consumption of 725.5 kWh did not change in August 2026, it remained at Afl. 263.67. Figure 6-1 provides an overview of the course of changes in the electricity price for the period 2017 to 2026.

The total energy charge per kWh for the usage of electricity up to 500 kWh did not change in August 2026, it stayed at 34.31 cents per kWh. The total energy charge per kWh for the usage of electricity between 501 - 1000 kWh did not change in August 2026, it stayed at 35.31 cents per kWh.

3.3 Water

The price of water is determined in Afl. for an average usage (water consumption) by households. Figure 6-1 provides an overview of the course of changes in the water price for the period 2017 to 2026. The water price for an average usage by households did not change in August 2026, it remained at Afl. 168.73.

3.4 Gasoline and Diesel

The retail price of gasoline per liter registered an increase of 9.4% from 265.8 cents in July 2026 to 290.9 cents in August 2026. The retail price of diesel per liter registered an increase of 11.6% from 256.6 cents in July 2026 to 286.3 cents in August 2026.

Figure 6-1 Electricity price, water price and energy charge in Afl., 2017 - 2026

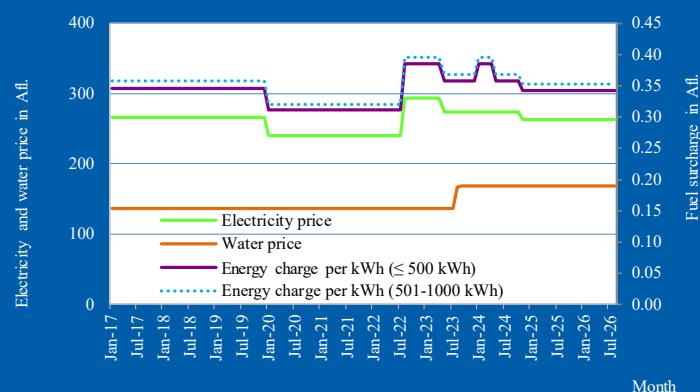
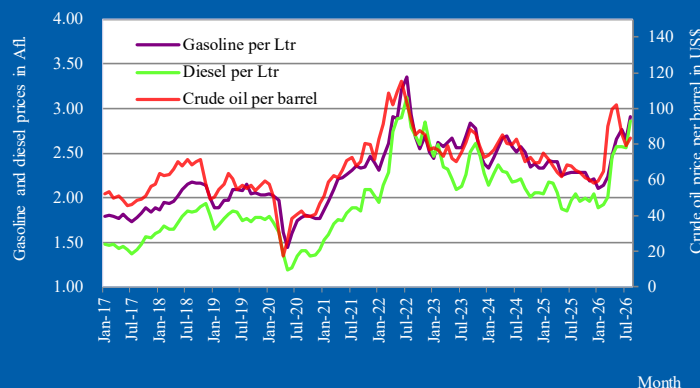


Figure 6-2 Gasoline, diesel and crude oil prices, 2017 - 2026



4 Percentage change CPI of Aruba's major trading partners

4.1 Comparison of the CPI of Aruba and the USA

Table 6 provides an overview of the Δ CPI of Aruba's major trading partners starting from August 2025. In August 2026, the Δ CPI was 0.3 % for both the USA and the Netherlands. The Δ CPI of Curaçao for August 2026 is not yet available.

Table 6: Monthly Δ CPI per Country for the period:
August 2025 - August 2026

Period	Aruba	USA	Curaçao	Netherlands
Aug-25	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.2
Sep-25	0.0	0.3	-0.4	-0.1
Oct-25	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.4
Nov-25	-0.1	-0.2	-0.1	-0.8
Dec-25	0.4	0.0	-0.4	0.2
Jan-26	-0.3	0.4	0.0	-0.7
Feb-26	0.6	0.5	0.0	1.0
Mar-26	0.7	1.0	0.4	0.7
Apr-26	0.1	0.9	0.6	1.1
May-26	1.0	0.6	0.5	0.1
Jun-26	0.1	-0.3	0.8	-0.6
Jul-26	-0.4	0.0	-0.1	1.6
Aug-26	0.5	0.3	n.a.	0.3

Source: CBS Aruba, Bureau of Labor Statistics (USA),
CBS Curaçao and CBS Netherlands

The USA is considered Aruba's largest trading partner². Table 7 provides an overview of the Δ CPI for Aruba and the USA in August 2026. Aruba's monthly Δ CPI for August 2026 is 0.2 ppts higher than the Δ CPI of the USA.

Table 7: Overview of Δ CPI
August 2026

Period		Aruba	USA
Monthly	Jul-26 vs Aug-26	0.5	0.3
Year-to-date	Dec-25 vs Aug-26	2.4	3.4
Last 12 months ¹	Aug-25 vs Aug-26	2.7	3.4
Last 24 months ²	Aug 24/25 vs Aug 25/26	1.0	3.1

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

¹ End of period inflation

The Δ CPI of Aruba over the last 12 months is 0.7 ppts lower than the USA's 12-month Δ CPI. The Δ CPI over the last 24 months for Aruba is 2.1 ppts lower than the Δ CPI of the USA. The monthly inflation for both Aruba and the USA is depicted in figure 7 over a period of one year. Furthermore, an overview of the end of year Δ CPI over the period 2016 - 2026 for Aruba and the USA is provided in table 8 and figure 8.

Table 8: End of year Δ CPI

2016 - 2026*

Period	Aruba	USA
2016	-0.9	2.1
2017	-0.5	2.1
2018	4.5	1.9
2019	3.6	2.3
2020	-3.1	1.4
2021	3.6	7.0
2022	5.7	6.5
2023	2.3	3.4
2024	0.3	2.9
2025	0.4	2.7
2026*	2.4	3.4

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

* ytd

Figure 7: Monthly Δ CPI for Aruba and the USA, 2024 - 2025

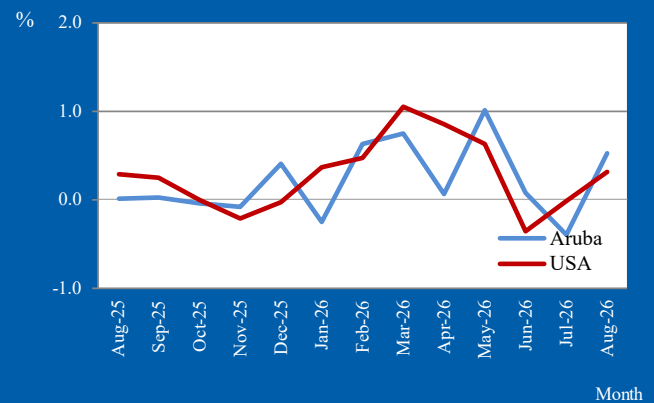
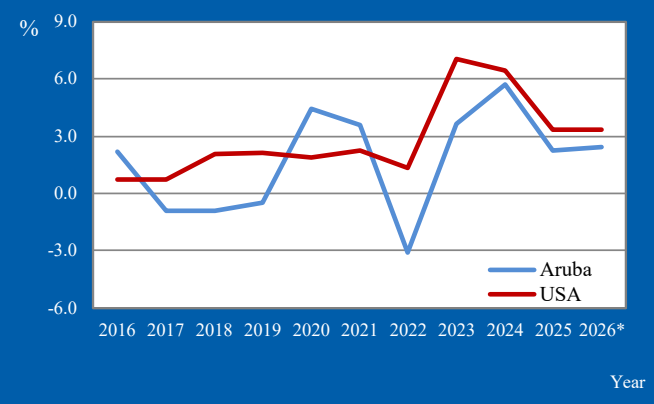


Figure 8: End of year Δ CPI, 2015 - 2025



*ytd

² In 2024 (up to and including December, 49% of Aruba's total Import by sea and air originated from the USA" (Source: Foreign Trade Statistics, Month in review Report, December 2024).

5 Core inflation

5.1 Core inflation

Core inflation is a measure of inflation which excludes certain items that face volatile price movements e.g. food products and energy. By calculating the core inflation these more volatile components are eliminated from the inflation. Core inflation indices serve to assess the mid- and long-term trend of the overall price level. For the purpose of adjusting monetary policy, many economists focus more intently on the core rate of inflation, as this allows for an in-depth assessment of inflationary processes ongoing in the economy.

5.2 Monthly change of the core inflation

In August 2026 the core inflation (measured over the period August 2024 - 2026) was 1.0%. In August 2026 the food index was 2.0%, while the energy index shows an increase of 0.5%.

**Table 9: Monthly inflation¹ and core inflation
August 2025 - August 2026**

Period	Inflation	Food	Energy ²	Core Inflation
Aug-25	0.4	1.0	-4.2	1.4
Sep-25	0.2	0.8	-4.2	1.2
Oct-25	0.2	0.7	-4.0	1.0
Nov-25	0.1	0.5	-3.9	0.9
Dec-25	0.1	0.3	-3.8	1.0
Jan-26	0.1	0.4	-3.9	1.0
Feb-26	0.1	0.5	-4.0	1.0
Mar-26	0.2	0.7	-3.9	1.1
Apr-26	0.2	0.9	-3.4	0.9
May-26	0.4	1.2	-2.3	0.9
Jun-26	0.5	1.5	-1.4	0.8
Jul-26	0.7	1.7	-0.6	0.9
Aug-26	1.0	2.0	0.5	1.0

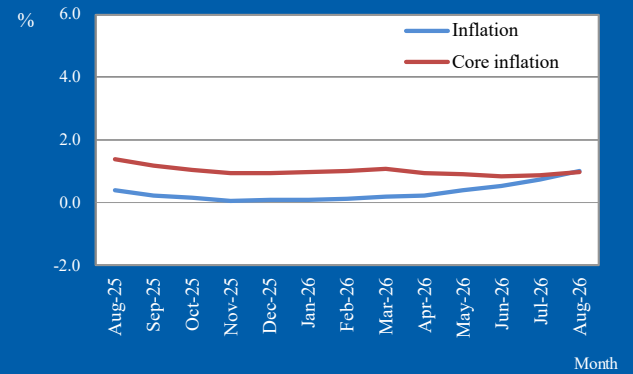
Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

¹ Period average inflation

² Energy : Electricity, water, gasoline and diesel

The monthly inflation and core inflation for Aruba is shown in figure 9 over a period of one year starting from August 2025.

Figure 9: Monthly inflation and core inflation, 2025 - 2026



5.3 End of year change of the core inflation, 2021 - 2026

As of August 2026, the core inflation rate for the total population of Aruba was 1.0%, equal to the end-of-year core inflation rate recorded in December 2025. Table 10 provides an overview of inflation and core inflation for the period 2021–2026, with the 2026 figures covering the period up to August.

The end of year inflation and core inflation is presented in figure 10 over the period 2021 - 2026.

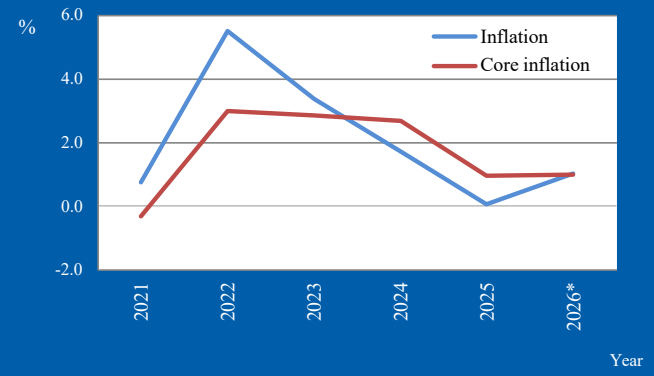
**Table 10: End of year core inflation
2021 - 2026**

Period	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026*
Inflation	0.7	5.5	3.4	1.7	0.1	1.0
Food	-0.3	10.5	6.3	2.3	0.3	2.0
Electricity	0.0	9.5	7.0	-3.0	-3.3	-0.7
Water	0.0	9.6	12.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
Gasoline and diesel	25.6	24.8	-6.0	-4.3	-7.7	2.9
Core inflation	-0.3	3.0	2.9	2.7	1.0	1.0

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

*2026 (up to August)

Figure 10: End of year inflation and core inflation, 2021 - 2026



6 Development of Food & catering services

6.1 Monthly change of Food & catering services for August 2026

The “Food & catering services” index increased by 0.3% in August 2026, following a 0.1% increase in July 2026. The “Food at home” index rose by 0.5% in August, with seven (7) of its eleven (11) sub-indices recording increases. The largest increase was observed in the “Potatoes and other tubers” index (16.8%). Other notable increases were recorded in the indices for “Fruit” (2.2%), “Sugar, jam, honey and other confectionery” (0.9%), and “Food products n.e.c.” (0.7%).

The “Fish and other seafood” index recorded the largest decrease, declining by 2.9% in August 2026.

The “Food away from home” index recorded a slight increase of 0.02% in August 2026.

Table 11 provides an overview of the corresponding weights per food group together with the percentage changes and effect for August 2026.

Table 11: Percentage change of Food for the month of:
August 2026

Food	Weight	Monthly		Yearly	
		% Change	Effect	% Change	Effect
Food & catering services	1,492.8	0.3	0.057	3.6	0.601
<i>Food at home</i>	<i>1,125.3</i>	<i>0.5</i>	<i>0.056</i>	<i>3.8</i>	<i>0.443</i>
Bread and cereals	205.2	-0.1	-0.003	1.9	0.039
Meat	229.8	0.6	0.016	4.9	0.130
Fish and other seafood	56.4	-2.9	-0.014	-3.6	-0.018
Milk, cheese and eggs	140.0	0.5	0.008	0.4	0.006
Oils and fats	31.6	-0.4	-0.001	3.2	0.012
Fruit	72.0	2.2	0.021	10.8	0.100
Potatoes and other tubers	18.5	16.8	0.024	9.6	0.015
Vegetables	75.7	-1.9	-0.015	1.1	0.009
Sugar, jam, honey and other confectionery	49.6	0.9	0.005	7.6	0.038
Food products n.e.c.	82.7	0.7	0.006	5.4	0.049
Non-alcoholic beverages	163.9	0.6	0.008	4.4	0.063
<i>Food away from home</i>	<i>367.5</i>	<i>0.02</i>	<i>0.001</i>	<i>3.2</i>	<i>0.158</i>
Other goods and services	8,507.2	0.6	0.469	2.6	2.126
Other goods	5,147.2	1.9	0.867	3.6	1.682
Other services	3,360.0	-1.1	-0.398	1.2	0.443
CPI	10,000.0	0.5	0.526	2.7	2.727

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

In August 2026, the combined indices of “Food at home” and “Food away from home” increased by 0.3% compared with July 2026, contributing 0.06 ppts to the CPI. The remaining goods and services increased by 0.6%, contributing 0.47 ppts to the CPI.

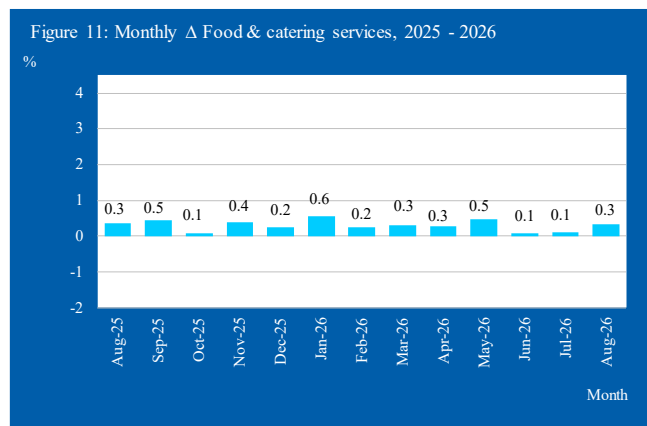
An overview of the percentage change and effect for “Food at home” and “Food away from home” for August 2026 is presented in table 12.

Table 12: Effect of “Food at home” and “Food away from home” on the CPI of:
August 2026

Category	Weight	Monthly		Yearly	
		% Change	Effect	% Change	Effect
Food at home	1,087.7	0.5	0.06	3.8	0.44
Food away from home	429.8	0.0	0.00	3.2	0.16
Total group	1,517.5	0.3	0.06	3.6	0.60
Remaining goods and services	8,482.5	0.6	0.47	2.6	2.13
CPI	10,000.0	0.5	0.53	2.7	2.73

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

Figure 11 depicts the monthly Δ Food and catering services over a period of one year starting from August 2025.



6.2 End of Period change of Food & catering services for August 2026

Over the last 12 months, the “Food & catering services” index increased by 3.6%. The “Food at home” index increased by 3.8%, as ten (10) of the eleven (11) food groups within this category registered price increases during this period.

The “Fruit” index increased by 10.8%, the largest increase among the “Food at home” food groups. Other notable increases were recorded in the indices for “Potatoes and other tubers” (9.6%), “Sugar, jam, honey and other confectionery” (7.6%), “Food products n.e.c.” (5.4%), “Meat” (4.9%), and “Non-alcoholic beverages” (4.4%). The only food group to record a decrease during this period was “Fish and other seafood”, which declined by 3.6%.

The index for “Food away from home” increased by 3.2% over the last 12 months.

Over the last 12 months, the combined indices of “Food at home” and “Food away from home” increased by 3.6%, contributing 0.60 ppts to the CPI. The remaining goods and services increased by 2.6%, contributing 2.13 ppts to the CPI.

Table 18 provides an overview of the monthly and end of period percentage changes and effect for August 2026 for the food groups.

7 Subsistence level

7.1 Subsistence level

The subsistence level is the minimum level of income which is perceived necessary to achieve an adequate standard of living in a given country. The subsistence level is usually determined by estimating the cost of all the essential resources that an average adult consumes in one month or year. This is commonly called a basic needs index, and varies according to the price of food, clothing, housing, transport and other items in the "basket". Equivalence scales are used to adjust for the assumed standard of living, of households of different sizes and composition. The scale assigns a weight of 1.0 for the first adult and 0.5 for each additional adult in the household (aged 15+) and a weight of 0.3 for each child (aged 0-14 years). The subsistence level is based on figures of the report "Bestaansminimum 2010" published by the CBS in December 2010 and is monthly updated for inflation using the monthly CPI. Unlike the CPI, which covers 12 consumption sectors, the subsistence level excludes expenditure on "Alcoholic beverages and tobacco" and "Restaurants and hotels", as these are not considered essential components of the basic needs basket. The reference unit used in this report is one of a household consisting of two adults and two children (aged 0-14 years).

7.2 Monthly change of the subsistence level for August 2026

Table 13 provides an overview of the subsistence level for a family of two adults and two children (aged 0-14 years) by sector registered over a period of 5 years for the month of August. Over a period of one year the subsistence level increased by Afl. 144, from Afl. 5,519 in August 2025 to Afl. 5,663 in August 2026. The "Food and non-alcoholic beverages" (Afl. 86) sector shows the largest increase over this period. The largest decrease in August 2026 was registered for the "Clothing and footwear" sector (Afl. -5).

Table 13: Monthly subsistence level in Aruba (in Afl.) by sector for a family of 2 adults and 2 children (aged 0-14 years), 2022 - 2026, for the month: August

Sector	Change in Afl.				
	Aug-22	Aug-23	Aug-24	Aug-25	Aug-26
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	2,147	2,241	2,301	2,314	2,400
Clothing and footwear	247	235	237	238	233
Housing	1,608	1,607	1,655	1,667	1,677
Household operation	116	116	120	110	107
Health	81	83	86	83	86
Transport	357	327	335	327	362
Communications	149	161	171	176	179
Recreation and culture	165	159	157	153	153
Education	78	93	97	99	99
Miscellaneous goods and services	332	342	354	352	366
Total	5,278	5,364	5,514	5,519	5,663

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

An overview of the subsistence level, for the most common family types, over the period August 2025 - August 2026 is presented in table 14.

Table 14: Subsistence level in Aruba (in Afl.) by family size and composition, (Base period October 2010) for the period:

August 2025 - August 2026

Period	Equivalence scales				
	1	1.3	1.5	1.8	2.1
	1 adult	1 adult + 1 child	2 adults	2 adults + 1 child	2 adults + 2 children
Aug-25	2,628	3,417	3,942	4,731	5,519
Sep-25	2,629	3,418	3,944	4,732	5,521
Oct-25	2,630	3,419	3,945	4,734	5,523
Nov-25	2,628	3,417	3,942	4,731	5,519
Dec-25	2,636	3,427	3,955	4,746	5,537
Jan-26	2,633	3,423	3,949	4,739	5,529
Feb-26	2,643	3,436	3,965	4,758	5,551
Mar-26	2,668	3,468	4,002	4,802	5,602
Apr-26	2,661	3,459	3,991	4,790	5,588
May-26	2,686	3,492	4,029	4,835	5,641
Jun-26	2,685	3,491	4,028	4,834	5,639
Jul-26	2,683	3,488	4,024	4,829	5,634
Aug-26	2,697	3,505	4,045	4,854	5,663

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

7.3 Comparison of the subsistence level and minimum wage

In August 2026 the subsistence level for a single adult household is Afl. 2,697, which represents an income deficit of Afl. 690, an increase of Afl. 48 compared to the deficit observed one year ago (Afl. 642). This deficit is the highest registered over a period of six years for the month of August.

For clarification, two columns were added to Table 15: (1) the income supplement ("reparatietoeslag"), which provides additional support to eligible workers; and (2) the estimated income deficit, which is reduced by this supplement, thereby improving the financial position of minimum-wage earners. The current approach will be maintained to ensure consistency and comparability.

Table 15: Monthly income surplus/deficit (in Afl.) for a single adult household, 2021 - 2026, for the month:

August

		Minimum	Surplus/	(1) Income	(2) Surplus/
Period	1 adult	wage	deficit	supplement	deficit
2021	2,294	1,815	-479	125	-354
2022	2,513	1,815	-698	125	-573
2023	2,554	1,893	-661	125	-536
2024	2,626	1,986	-640	175	-465
2025	2,628	1,986	-642	175	-467
2026	2,697	2,007	-690	175	-515

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

Table 16: Monthly & Yearly Changes (%) in the Consumer Price Index, Total Population (Jun 2019 = 100)
August 2026

DESCRIPTION	Weight coefficient	2025 Aug	2025 Dec	2026 Jul	2026 Aug	Aug-25 Average 12 months	Aug-26 Average 12 months	Monthly Jul 26 - Aug 26	Ytd Dec 25 - Aug 26	End of period Aug 25 - Aug 26 12 months	Period average Aug 24/25 - Aug 25/26 24 months
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	1,087.7	118.47	119.88	122.35	122.92	118.25	120.97	0.5	2.5	3.8	2.3
Food	964.1	117.30	118.70	121.05	121.60	117.32	119.70	0.5	2.4	3.7	2.0
Non-alcoholic beverages	123.6	127.64	129.08	132.48	133.24	125.50	130.88	0.6	3.2	4.4	4.3
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	78.2	111.52	111.71	112.02	112.28	110.88	111.97	0.2	0.5	0.7	1.0
Alcoholic beverages for consumption at home	62.2	108.69	108.87	108.64	108.96	108.33	108.84	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.5
Tobacco	16.0	122.49	122.70	125.17	125.17	120.81	124.12	0.0	2.0	2.2	2.7
Clothing and footwear	276.8	87.20	84.24	85.29	85.39	88.68	84.17	0.1	1.4	-2.1	-5.1
Clothing	212.8	88.02	85.87	89.51	88.55	90.69	87.07	-1.1	3.1	0.6	-4.0
Footwear	64.0	84.45	78.82	71.22	74.88	81.96	74.53	5.1	-5.0	-11.3	-9.1
Housing	2,522.2	112.91	112.64	113.24	113.54	111.87	112.96	0.3	0.8	0.6	1.0
Actual rentals for housing	666.7	109.61	110.15	111.11	111.25	108.86	110.49	0.1	1.0	1.5	1.5
Imputed rentals for housing	34.4	94.59	94.59	95.06	95.53	94.59	94.88	0.5	1.0	1.0	0.3
Maintenance and repair of the dwelling	517.0	127.32	125.29	126.98	128.21	123.51	126.41	1.0	2.3	0.7	2.3
Water supply and miscellaneous services relating to the dwelling	463.6	122.92	122.92	122.92	122.92	122.56	122.92	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3
Electricity, gas and other fuels	840.4	101.89	101.89	101.89	101.89	101.90	101.89	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Household operation	929.2	98.45	98.89	95.26	95.91	103.24	98.51	0.7	-3.0	-2.6	-4.6
Furniture, furnishings, carpets and other floor coverings	128.8	72.22	76.51	63.92	68.12	81.75	70.30	6.6	-11.0	-5.7	-14.0
Household textiles	58.6	46.62	47.38	43.71	45.73	57.10	46.48	4.6	-3.5	-1.9	-18.6
Household appliances	246.0	87.25	91.25	80.30	76.07	99.62	87.93	-5.3	-16.6	-12.8	-11.7
Glassware, tableware and household utensils	17.2	58.67	51.59	46.76	46.67	57.41	52.09	-0.2	-9.5	-20.5	-9.3
Tools and equipment for house and garden	58.2	154.46	136.55	154.33	170.37	149.67	157.35	10.4	24.8	10.3	5.1
Goods and services for routine household maintenance and cleaning	420.5	114.15	114.11	114.61	114.74	113.82	114.36	0.1	0.5	0.5	0.5
Health	223.1	101.16	100.06	102.57	104.02	104.53	102.99	1.4	4.0	2.8	-1.5
Medical products, appliances and equipment	152.3	99.55	97.81	99.81	102.20	103.09	101.19	2.4	4.5	2.7	-1.8
Out-patient services	52.4	106.47	105.06	109.08	108.53	108.41	106.99	-0.5	3.3	1.9	-1.3
Other treatments	7.8	98.15	97.08	98.95	98.48	100.32	98.23	-0.5	1.5	0.3	-2.1
Health products and services n.e.c.	10.5	100.22	109.80	112.80	112.03	109.28	112.55	-0.7	2.0	11.8	3.0
Transport	1,257.4	112.33	111.87	120.26	124.37	112.11	115.00	3.4	11.2	10.7	2.6
Purchase of vehicles	442.6	112.85	110.53	110.79	113.19	110.08	111.01	2.2	2.4	0.3	0.8
Operation of personal transport equipment	763.3	113.51	112.62	125.38	132.52	114.86	117.97	5.7	17.7	16.8	2.7
Transport services	51.5	90.32	112.26	125.77	99.69	88.69	105.30	-20.7	-11.2	10.4	18.7
Communications	849.6	115.09	114.41	119.63	117.48	113.25	116.60	-1.8	2.7	2.1	3.0
Telephone and telefax equipment	43.8	147.60	134.25	235.51	193.89	111.98	176.85	-17.7	44.4	31.4	57.9
Telephone and telefax services	805.8	113.33	113.33	113.33	113.33	113.32	113.33	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Recreation and culture	1,013.3	91.48	91.66	92.38	91.43	93.11	92.02	-1.0	-0.2	0.0	-1.2
Audio-visual, photographic and information processing equipment	58.5	63.24	56.63	61.06	63.65	69.67	62.52	4.2	12.4	0.6	-10.3
Other major durables for recreation and culture	20.0	97.87	99.95	91.26	110.84	108.63	108.36	21.5	10.9	13.3	-0.2
Other recreational items and equipment; gardens and pets	266.6	107.88	110.36	107.74	108.90	108.29	108.19	1.1	-1.3	0.9	-0.1
Recreational and cultural services	309.1	106.19	106.21	106.36	106.36	104.51	106.39	0.0	0.1	0.2	1.8
Newspapers, books and stationery	43.7	88.38	83.94	77.03	101.14	78.85	80.20	31.3	20.5	14.4	1.7
Holidays	315.4	68.46	68.66	73.71	64.63	74.46	70.36	-12.3	-5.9	-5.6	-5.5
Education	98.0	134.11	134.11	134.11	134.11	131.71	134.11	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.8
Pre primary and primary education	24.0	154.62	154.62	154.62	154.62	144.82	154.62	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.8
Secondary education	43.4	145.73	145.73	145.73	145.73	145.73	145.73	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Post-secondary non-tertiary education	4.6	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Tertiary education	23.6	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Education not definable by level	2.5	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Restaurants and hotels	442.0	125.34	130.65	132.77	132.40	124.27	131.45	-0.3	1.3	5.6	5.8
Catering services	429.8	126.97	128.43	130.95	130.97	124.81	129.43	0.0	2.0	3.2	3.7
Accommodation services	12.2	67.84	208.78	196.86	182.62	105.19	202.73	-7.2	-12.5	169.2	92.7
Miscellaneous goods and services	1,222.6	106.85	108.22	110.08	111.14	106.59	108.66	1.0	2.7	4.0	1.9
Personal care	427.1	105.62	107.31	111.75	111.89	105.35	108.66	0.1	4.3	5.9	3.1
Personal effects n.e.c.	106.6	128.91	137.86	140.06	151.67	127.03	137.19	8.3	10.0	17.7	8.0
Social protection	78.2	133.33	133.33	133.33	133.33	133.33	133.33	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Insurance	610.7	100.46	100.46	100.70	100.70	100.46	100.52	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.1
CPI	10,000.0	109.14	109.47	111.53	112.12	109.29	110.41	0.5	2.4	2.7	1.0

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

Table 17: Monthly & Yearly Effect on the Consumer Price Index per sector and category (Jun 2019 = 100)
August 2026

DESCRIPTION	Weight coefficient	Monthly Jul 26 - Aug 26	Ytd Dec 25 - Aug 26	End of period Aug 25 - Aug 26 12 months	Period average Aug 24/25 - Aug 25/26 24 months
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	1,087.7	0.06	0.30	0.44	0.27
Food	964.1	0.05	0.26	0.38	0.21
Non-alcoholic beverages	123.6	0.01	0.05	0.06	0.06
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	78.2	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01
Alcoholic beverages for consumption at home	62.2	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tobacco	16.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Clothing and footwear	276.8	0.00	0.03	-0.05	-0.11
Clothing	212.8	-0.02	0.05	0.01	-0.07
Footwear	64.0	0.02	-0.02	-0.06	-0.04
Housing	2,522.2	0.07	0.21	0.15	0.25
Actual rentals for housing	666.7	0.01	0.07	0.10	0.10
Imputed rentals for housing	34.4	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Maintenance and repair of the dwelling	517.0	0.06	0.14	0.04	0.14
Water supply and miscellaneous services relating to the dwelling	463.6	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02
Electricity, gas and other fuels	840.4	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Household operation	929.2	0.05	-0.25	-0.22	-0.40
Furniture, furnishings, carpets and other floor coverings	128.8	0.05	-0.10	-0.05	-0.13
Household textiles	58.6	0.01	-0.01	0.00	-0.06
Household appliances	246.0	-0.09	-0.34	-0.25	-0.26
Glassware, tableware and household utensils	17.2	0.00	-0.01	-0.02	-0.01
Tools and equipment for house and garden	58.2	0.08	0.18	0.08	0.04
Goods and services for routine household maintenance and cleaning	420.5	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.02
Health	223.1	0.03	0.08	0.06	-0.03
Medical products, appliances and equipment	152.3	0.03	0.06	0.04	-0.03
Out-patient services	52.4	0.00	0.02	0.01	-0.01
Other treatments	7.8	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Health products and services n.e.c.	10.5	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00
Transport	1,257.4	0.46	1.44	1.39	0.33
Purchase of vehicles	442.6	0.10	0.11	0.01	0.04
Operation of personal transport equipment	763.3	0.49	1.39	1.33	0.22
Transport services	51.5	-0.12	-0.06	0.04	0.08
Communications	849.6	-0.16	0.24	0.19	0.26
Telephone and telefax equipment	43.8	-0.16	0.24	0.19	0.26
Telephone and telefax services	805.8	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Recreation and culture	1,013.3	-0.09	-0.02	0.00	-0.10
Audio-visual, photographic and information processing equipment	58.5	0.01	0.04	0.00	-0.04
Other major durables for recreation and culture	20.0	0.04	0.02	0.02	0.00
Other recreational items and equipment; gardens and pets	266.6	0.03	-0.04	0.02	0.00
Recreational and cultural services	309.1	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.05
Newspapers, books and stationery	43.7	0.09	0.07	0.05	0.01
Holidays	315.4	-0.26	-0.12	-0.11	-0.12
Education	98.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02
Pre primary and primary education	24.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02
Secondary education	43.4	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Post-secondary non-tertiary education	4.6	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tertiary education	23.6	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Education not definable by level	2.5	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Restaurants and hotels	442.0	-0.01	0.07	0.29	0.29
Catering services	429.8	0.00	0.10	0.16	0.18
Accommodation services	12.2	-0.02	-0.03	0.13	0.11
Miscellaneous goods and services	1,222.6	0.12	0.33	0.48	0.23
Personal care	427.1	0.01	0.18	0.25	0.13
Personal effects n.e.c.	106.6	0.11	0.13	0.22	0.10
Social protection	78.2	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Insurance	610.7	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00
CPI	10,000.0	0.53	2.42	2.73	1.02

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

**Table 18: Monthly & Yearly Changes (%) and effect in the Food & catering services, Total Population (Jun 2019 = 100)
August 2026**

DESCRIPTION	Weight coefficient	% Change		Effect	
		Monthly Jul 26 - Aug 26	End of period Aug 25 - Aug 26 12 months	Monthly Jul 26 - Aug 26	End of period Aug 25 - Aug 26 12 months
Food & catering services	1,517.5	0.3	3.6	0.057	0.601
Food at home	1,087.7	0.5	3.8	0.056	0.443
Bread and cereals	178.1	-0.1	1.9	-0.003	0.039
Rice	23.5	0.8	1.7	0.002	0.005
Bread	72.1	-0.3	3.3	-0.003	0.026
Pasta products	9.2	0.1	1.3	0.000	0.001
Other cereals and cereal products	73.3	-0.3	0.8	-0.003	0.006
Meat	242.5	0.6	4.9	0.016	0.130
Bovine	67.3	1.1	10.9	0.009	0.082
Swine	25.5	1.8	4.4	0.005	0.012
Poultry	75.7	0.1	-1.2	0.001	-0.010
Other meat and meat preparations	74.0	0.2	5.8	0.002	0.046
Fish and other seafood	49.0	-2.9	-3.6	-0.014	-0.018
Fish and seafood preparations	49.0	-2.9	-3.6	-0.014	-0.018
Milk, cheese and eggs	135.3	0.5	0.4	0.008	0.006
Cheese	55.4	0.3	3.4	0.002	0.021
Eggs	16.6	1.0	-21.2	0.002	-0.051
Milk	40.0	0.6	4.8	0.003	0.022
Other milk products	23.3	0.5	5.9	0.001	0.014
Oils and fats	32.2	-0.4	3.2	-0.001	0.012
Corn oil	2.8	-0.8	0.1	0.000	0.000
Butter and margarine	9.2	-0.8	1.2	-0.001	0.001
Other oils and fats	20.1	-0.1	4.4	0.000	0.011
Fruit	97.6	2.2	10.8	0.021	0.100
Oranges	9.4	3.8	9.0	0.005	0.012
Bananas and plantains	19.9	3.2	4.1	0.005	0.006
Apples	9.3	3.3	24.9	0.003	0.021
Avocado	5.0	-0.4	3.3	0.000	0.001
Grapes	9.2	-0.9	5.0	-0.001	0.005
Nuts	11.9	0.9	3.3	0.001	0.004
Lemons and mandarins	6.0	2.0	22.1	0.001	0.008
Cherries and strawberries	8.8	2.3	28.0	0.003	0.028
Melons and watermelons	7.7	0.2	14.0	0.000	0.008
Papayas and pineapples	6.9	1.6	-2.7	0.001	-0.002
Other fruits and fruit products	3.5	9.0	22.3	0.003	0.008
Potatoes and other tubers	18.2	16.8	9.6	0.024	0.015
Potatoes	12.2	35.2	18.3	0.025	0.015
Other tubers	2.0	1.2	1.7	0.000	0.000
Sweet potatoes and yucca	4.0	-3.2	-1.7	-0.001	-0.001
Vegetables	89.1	-1.9	1.1	-0.015	0.009
Lettuce	6.8	-41.4	-30.6	-0.012	-0.008
Tomatoes	9.7	-0.1	-0.4	0.000	0.000
Onions and garlic	18.7	0.8	7.3	0.001	0.011
Celery and broccoli	15.3	-2.2	1.4	-0.003	0.002
Other vegetables	15.3	-1.0	-3.3	-0.001	-0.004
Other preserved or processed vegetables	8.4	0.8	5.0	0.001	0.005
Frozen vegetable mixtures	14.8	-0.3	2.0	0.000	0.003
Sugar, jam, honey and other confectionery	42.0	0.9	7.6	0.005	0.038
Sugar	12.1	-0.1	4.7	0.000	0.008
Jams and jellies	2.5	0.0	2.8	0.000	0.001
Other confectionery products	27.5	1.5	9.4	0.005	0.030
Food products n.e.c.	80.1	0.7	5.4	0.006	0.049
Other food products	80.1	0.7	5.4	0.006	0.049
Non-alcoholic beverages	123.6	0.6	4.4	0.008	0.063
Coffee and tea	20.9	0.8	4.7	0.002	0.012
Other non-alcoholic beverages	14.6	0.0	1.6	0.000	0.002
Soft and sports drinks	31.0	0.2	3.6	0.001	0.012
Fruit juices	57.1	0.8	5.3	0.005	0.036
Food away from home	429.8	0.0	3.2	0.001	0.158
Food and beverage consumption away from home	429.8	0.0	3.2	0.001	0.158
Other goods and services	8,482.5	0.6	2.6	0.469	2.126
Other goods	4,735.8	1.9	3.6	0.867	1.682
Other services	3,746.7	-1.1	1.2	-0.398	0.443
CPI	10,000	0.5	2.7	0.526	2.727

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

Note: "Food at Home" refers to the sector "Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages", while "Food Away from Home" refers to the category "Catering Services".
These terms are used to simplify the presentation of the results.

**Table 19: CPI: Main indices, Total Population (Jun 2019 = 100)
August 2026**

DESCRIPTION	Weight	2025	2025	2026	2026	Aug-25	Aug-26	Monthly	Ytd	End of period	Period average
	coefficient	Aug	Dec	Jul	Aug	Average	Average	Jul 26 - Aug 26	Dec 25 - Aug 26	Aug 25 - Aug 26	Aug 24/25 - Aug 25/26
						12 months	12 months			12 months	24 months
CPI for "All items"	10,000.0	109.14	109.47	111.53	112.12	109.29	110.41	0.5	2.4	2.7	1.0
CPI for "Goods"	5,823.4	108.60	108.06	110.81	112.58	108.94	109.60	1.6	4.2	3.7	0.6
CPI for "Durable goods"	1,294.8	109.73	109.38	110.88	112.13	110.93	111.32	1.1	2.5	2.2	0.3
CPI for "Semi-durable goods"	635.9	83.70	81.78	81.27	82.62	86.08	81.57	1.7	1.0	-1.3	-5.2
CPI for "Non-durable goods"	3,892.8	112.29	111.91	115.62	117.63	112.01	113.61	1.7	5.1	4.8	1.4
CPI for "Services"	4,176.6	109.90	111.43	112.54	111.47	109.78	111.53	-0.9	0.0	1.4	1.6
CPI for "Gasoline" and "Diesel"	460.6	109.40	105.95	127.71	139.97	112.21	115.48	9.6	32.1	27.9	2.9
CPI for "Energy"	1,638.1	107.46	106.49	112.61	116.05	108.59	109.17	3.1	9.0	8.0	0.5
CPI for "Food at home"	1,087.7	118.47	119.88	122.35	122.92	118.25	120.97	0.5	2.5	3.8	2.3
CPI excluding "Food and non-alcoholic beverages"	8,912.3	108.00	108.20	110.21	110.80	108.20	109.12	0.5	2.4	2.6	0.8
CPI excluding "Gasoline" and "Diesel"	9,539.4	109.13	109.64	110.75	110.77	109.15	110.16	0.0	1.0	1.5	0.9
CPI excluding "Food and non-alcoholic beverages", "Gasoline" and "Diesel"	8,451.7	107.93	108.32	109.26	109.21	107.98	108.77	0.0	0.8	1.2	0.7
CPI excluding "Rentals actually paid by tenants or subtenants"	9,333.3	109.11	109.42	111.56	112.18	109.32	110.40	0.6	2.5	2.8	1.0
CPI excluding "Housing"	7,477.8	107.87	108.40	110.96	111.64	108.42	109.54	0.6	3.0	3.5	1.0
CPI excluding "Gasoline", "Diesel", "Water" and "Electricity"	8,361.9	109.47	110.05	111.32	111.35	109.43	110.65	0.0	1.2	1.7	1.1

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

**Table 20: CPI: Effect on main indices, Total Population (Jun 2019 = 100)
August 2026**

DESCRIPTION	Weight	Monthly	Ytd	End of period	Period average
	coefficient	Jul 26 - Aug 26	Dec 25 - Aug 26	Aug 25 - Aug 26	Aug 24/25 - Aug 25/26
				12 months	24 months
CPI for "All items"	10,000.0	0.53	2.42	2.73	1.02
CPI for "Goods"	5,823.4	0.92	2.41	2.13	0.35
CPI for "Durable goods"	1,294.8	0.15	0.33	0.29	0.05
CPI for "Semi-durable goods"	635.9	0.08	0.05	-0.06	-0.26
CPI for "Non-durable goods"	3,892.8	0.70	2.03	1.90	0.57
CPI for "Services"	4,176.6	-0.40	0.02	0.60	0.67
CPI for "Gasoline" and "Diesel"	460.6	0.51	1.43	1.29	0.14
CPI for "Energy"	1,638.1	0.51	1.43	1.29	0.09
CPI for "Food at home"	1,087.7	0.06	0.26	0.38	0.21
CPI excluding "Food and non-alcoholic beverages"	8,912.3	0.47	2.12	2.28	0.75
CPI excluding "Gasoline" and "Diesel"	9,539.4	0.02	0.99	1.44	0.88
CPI excluding "Food and non-alcoholic beverages", "Gasoline" and "Diesel"	8,451.7	-0.04	0.69	0.99	0.61
CPI excluding "Rentals actually paid by tenants or subtenants"	9,333.3	0.52	2.36	2.63	0.92
CPI excluding "Housing"	7,477.8	0.46	2.21	2.58	0.77
CPI excluding "Gasoline", "Diesel", "Water" and "Electricity"	8,361.9	0.02	0.99	1.44	0.93

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

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Figure 9-1: Food and non-alcoholic beverages



Figure 9-2: Alcoholic beverages and tobacco

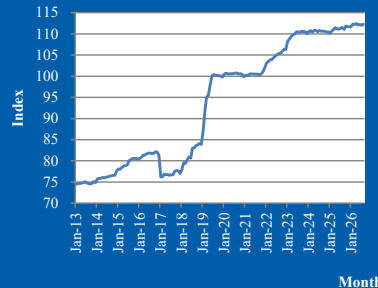


Figure 9-3: Clothing and footwear

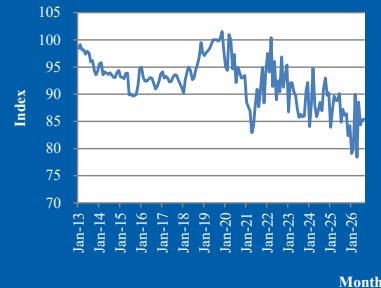


Figure 9.4 : Housing

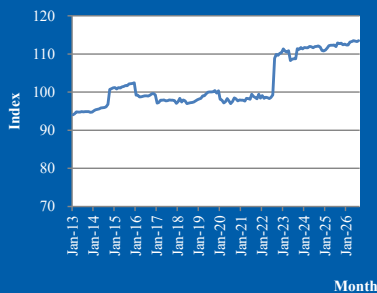


Figure 9.5 : Household operation

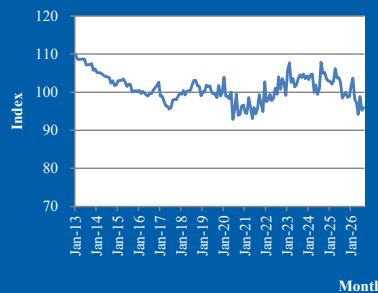


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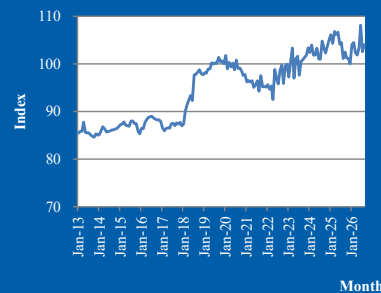


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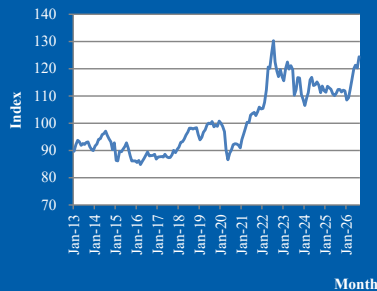


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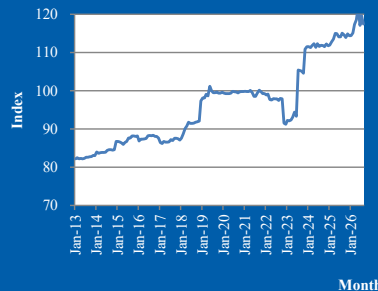


Figure 9.9 : Recreation and culture



Figure 9.10 : Education

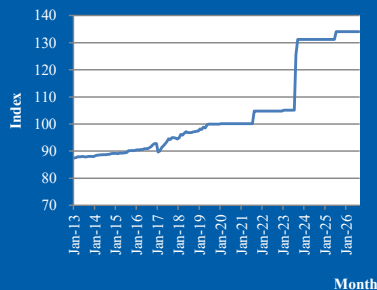


Figure 9.11 : Restaurants and hotels

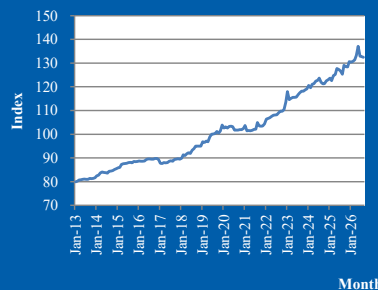
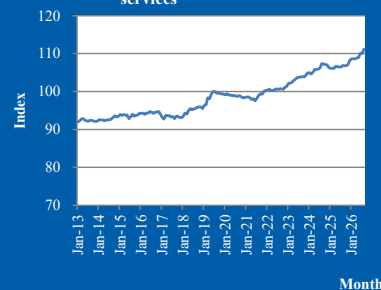


Figure 9.12 : Miscellaneous goods and services



Glossary

The Consumer Price Index and Inflation

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) measures changes in prices of consumer goods and services by households. Consumer price indices can be intended to measure either the rate of price inflation or deflation as perceived by households or changes in their cost of living. In case of inflation, the percentage change is positive, and it indicates a decrease in the purchasing power of the consumers.

Monthly percentage change

Percentage change in price indices of any aggregates of the CPI in relation to the respective price indices of the previous month.

Year-to-date (ytd)

Percentage change in price indices of any aggregates of the CPI in relation to the respective price indices of December prior to the year under review.

End of period inflation (last 12 months)

Percentage change in price indices of any aggregates of the CPI in relation to the respective price indices of the same month of the previous year.

Period average inflation (last 24 months)

Period average inflation is the percentage change between the annual average CPI for the reference period and the annual average CPI for the same period in the previous year. The annual average CPI is calculated as the arithmetic mean of the monthly CPI indices over the period.

Effect

Contribution of all percentage changes (of all respective aggregates) to the CPI.

Core inflation

Core inflation measures underlying inflation by excluding food and energy prices, which are often subject to temporary and volatile price changes. As a result, it provides a more stable and reliable indication of inflation trends and underlying supply and demand conditions in the economy.

Food & catering services

The “Food & catering services” index is composed of the indices for the “Food & Non-alcoholic beverages” sector (“Food at home”) and the “Catering services” (“Food away from home”) category.

Subsistence level

Subsistence level refers to the minimum income required to maintain an adequate standard of living in a given country. It is estimated based on the cost of a basket of essential goods and services, including food, clothing, housing, and transportation. The subsistence level is updated monthly using changes in the CPI to account for inflation. Unlike the CPI, which covers 12 consumption sectors, the subsistence level excludes expenditure on “Alcoholic beverages and tobacco” and “Restaurants and hotels”, as these are not considered essential components of the basic needs basket.

Reparatietoeslag

The “*reparatietoeslag*” is a monthly government allowance provided to eligible low-income individuals in Aruba to help compensate for increases in the cost of living and to support their purchasing power. The amount received depends on the individual's income level and eligibility criteria.