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A note to the reader

The following report presents the price statistics for March 2026.

- At the end of March 2026, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) shows an increase of 0.7% compared to the index of February 2026. The sector which affected the CPI the most was “Household operation” (-5.2%), which led with an effect of -0.46 percentage points (ppts) on the Δ CPI of March 2026 (0.7%).
- Compared to March 2025 the CPI increased by 1.1%. The sector which affected the CPI the most, during this period, was “Household operation” (-4.4%), which led to an effect of -0.38 ppts.
- The period average inflation for the periods March 2023 to March 2024 and March 2025 to March 2026 is 0.2%, which is 1.2 ppts lower compared to the period average inflation for the periods March 2022 to March 2023 and March 2023 to March 2024 (1.4%). The sector which affected the CPI the most, during this period, was “Transport” (-2.2%), which led to an effect of -0.29 ppts.
- The monthly subsistence level for a household consisting of two (2) adults and two (2) children (aged 0-14 years) increased by Afl. 95, from Afl. 5,507 in March 2025 to Afl. 5,602 in March 2026.
- Utilities (Water and Electricity) did not register price changes in March 2026. The price of gasoline registered an increase of 4.6% and had an effect of 0.18 ppts on the Δ CPI of March 2026. The price of diesel registered an increase of 4.4% in March 2026 and had an effect of 0.01 ppt on the Δ CPI of March 2026.

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 March 2026 is 110.70; an increase of 0.7% compared to the CPI of February 2026 (109.89). 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 1.1, while the inflation over a period of 24 months (period average inflation) is 0.2%.

Table 1: Overview of Δ CPI

Period	% Changes		Index		
	2025	2026	Last	Current	
Monthly	Feb-26 vs Mar-26	0.4	0.7	109.89	110.70
Year-to-date	Dec-25 vs Mar-26	0.4	1.1	109.47	110.70
Last 12 months ¹	Mar-25 vs Mar-26	0.1	1.1	109.50	110.70
Last 24 months ²	Mar 24/25 vs Mar 25/26	1.4	0.2	109.26	109.48

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 March 2025, whereas the Δ CPI for the month March 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 March 2026. The percentage change in index is further denoted as Δ I. The largest Δ I is observed for the “Clothing and footwear” sector with an increase of 12.5%.

1.3 Changes in categories and subcategories

The largest positive and negative Δ I is seen in the categories “Telephone and telefax equipment” (29.5%) and “Tools and equipment for house and garden” (-18.4%). In the “Food and non-alcoholic beverages” sector, an increase of 0.2% was observed for the category “Food”, while the “Non-alcoholic beverages” category showed a decrease of 0.2%. In the “Housing” sector the major Δ I is observed for the category “Maintenance and repair of the dwelling” (3.1%). In the “Transport” sector the major Δ I is observed for the category “Transport services” (7.1%). In the “Recreation and culture” sector the major Δ I is observed for the category “Holidays” (9.9%).

The categories which influenced the CPI calculation the most are “Household appliances”, “Holidays” and “Operation of personal transport equipment”, which had an effect of respectively, -0.31, 0.22 and 0.20 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 March 2025, December 2025, February

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.

2026 and March 2026 together with corresponding weights per sector and the monthly, year-to-date (ytd), end of period and period average percentage changes for March 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 March 2026 is presented. The course of indices for 2013 - up to March 2026 is illustrated in Appendix 5.

Figure 1: Monthly Δ CPI, 2025 - 2026

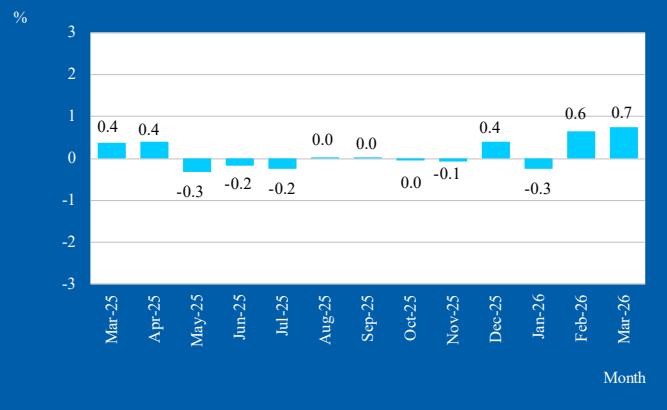


Figure 2: Monthly Δ CPI for March, 2017 - 2026

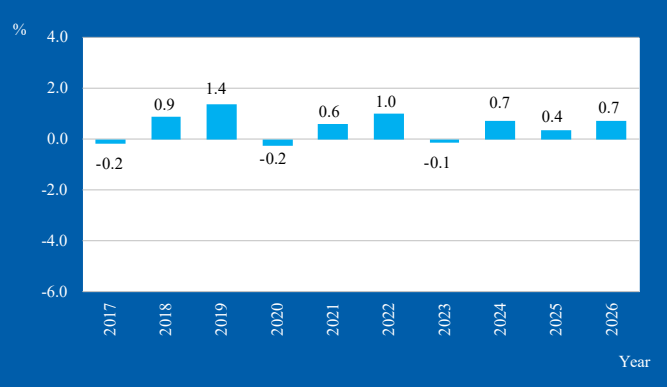
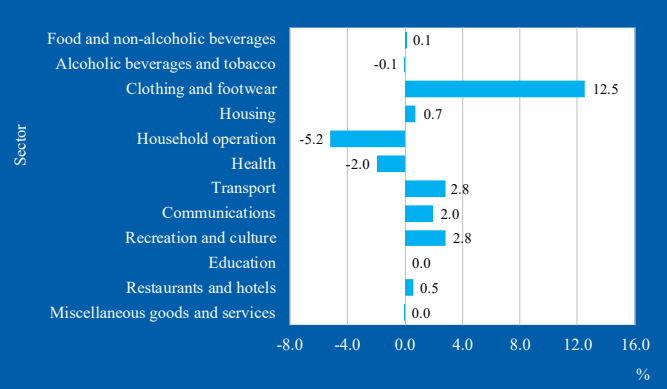


Figure 3: Δ I per sector, March 2026



2 End of period change of the CPI

2.1 End of period change CPI for March 2026

The CPI increased from 109.50 in March 2025 to 110.70 in March 2026, an increase of 1.1%. This Δ CPI is the third lowest registered over a period of 6 years for the month of March and is 1.0 ppt higher than the Δ CPI registered in 2025 (0.1%) (see table 2).

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

March

Period	Δ CPI	Index
2020-2021	-1.1	97.60
2021-2022	4.0	101.47
2022-2023	5.9	107.47
2023-2024	1.8	109.37
2024-2025	0.1	109.50
2025-2026	1.1	110.70

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

2.2 Changes in sector

An overview of the percentage change and effect per sector over the period March 2025 - March 2026 is presented in table 3. The largest increase is observed for the sector “Restaurants and hotels” (5.3%). Furthermore, other significant increases are observed for the “Communications” (3.4%), “Food and non-alcoholic beverages” (3.1%) and “Miscellaneous goods and services” (2.4%) 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:

March 2026

Sector	% Change	Effect
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	3.1	0.36
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	1.1	0.01
Clothing and footwear	0.4	0.01
Housing	0.9	0.23
Household operation	-4.4	-0.38
Health	-4.1	-0.09
Transport	-0.5	-0.07
Communications	3.4	0.30
Recreation and culture	1.8	0.16
Education	2.2	0.03
Restaurants and hotels	5.3	0.27
Miscellaneous goods and services	2.4	0.28
CPI	1.1	1.10

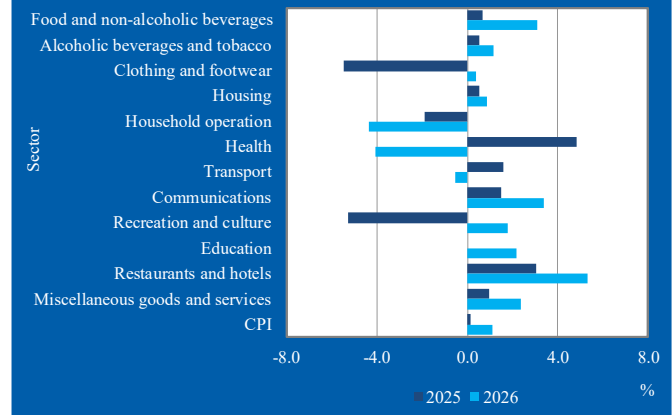
Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

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” (73.1%) and “Household textiles” (-27.1%). For an overview of the

end of period percentage changes per category refer to table 16 in Appendix 1.

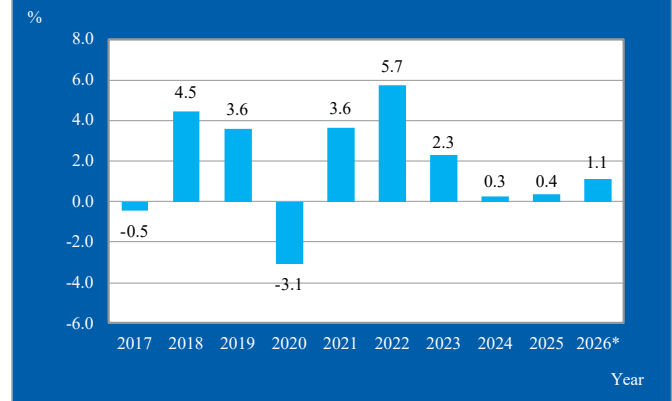
Figure 4: Δ I per sector for March, 2025 - 2026



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 March 2026 with the CPI of February 2026. The ytd Δ CPI for March 2026 is 1.1%.

Figure 5: End of year Δ CPI 2017 - 2026



*ytd

2.5 Period average change CPI for March 2026

The period average change CPI (Δ ACPI) for March 2026 is 0.2%. Table 4 provides an overview of the Δ ACPI for the month March for the years 2022 to 2026. The Δ ACPI for 2026 decreased by 1.2 ppts compared to 2025 (1.4%).

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

March

Period	Δ ACPI	Index
2021-2022	2.1	101.47
2022-2023	6.2	107.47
2023-2024	2.1	109.37
2024-2025	1.4	109.50
2025-2026	0.2	110.70

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 March 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 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:

March 2025 - March 2026

Month	Crude oil per barrel ¹	Total energy charge ²		Electricity ³	Water ⁴	Gasoline ⁵	Diesel ⁵
		≤ 500 kWh	501-1000 kWh				
Mar-25	68.06	34.31	35.31	263.67	168.73	241.00	216.10
Apr-25	64.22	34.31	35.31	263.67	168.73	239.90	206.20
May-25	62.08	34.31	35.31	263.67	168.73	224.50	188.00
Jun-25	68.60	34.31	35.31	263.67	168.73	226.70	185.60
Jul-25	67.94	34.31	35.31	263.67	168.73	229.00	196.70
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

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 March 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 March 2026, it stayed at Afl. 34.31 cents per kWh. The total energy charge per kWh for the usage of electricity between 501 - 1000 kWh did not change in March 2026, it stayed at Afl. 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 March 2026, it remained at Afl. 168.73.

3.4 Gasoline and Diesel

The retail price of gasoline registered an increase of 4.6% from 213.6 in February 2026 to 223.4 in March 2026. The retail price of diesel registered an increase of 4.4% from 192.9 cents per liter in February 2026 to 201.4 cents per liter in March 2026.

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

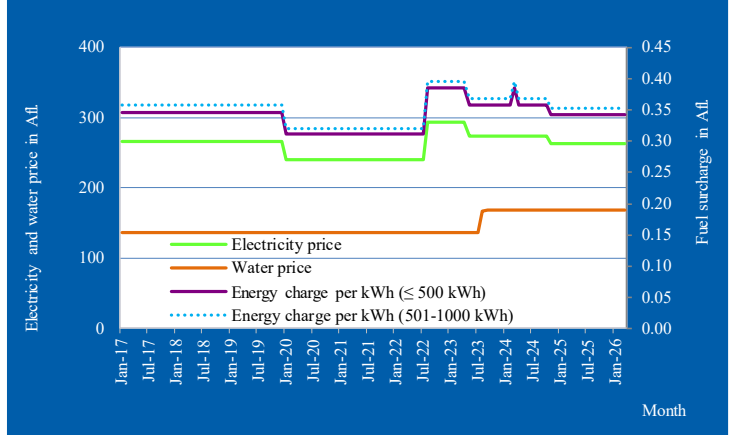
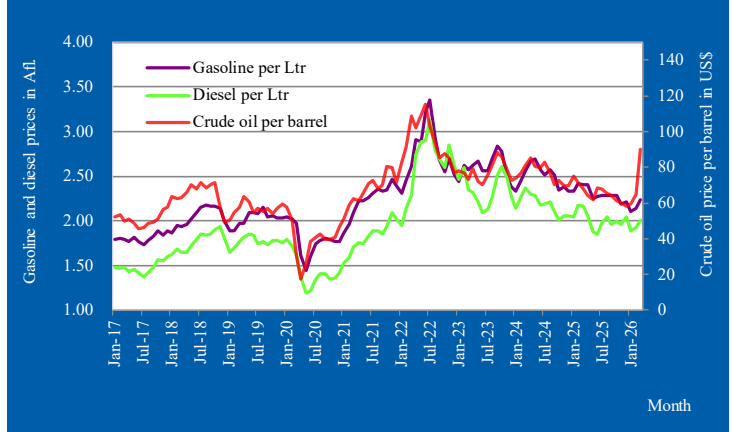


Figure 6-2 Gasoline, diesel and crude oil prices, 2017 - 2026



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 March 2025. In March 2026 the Δ CPI of the USA and the Netherlands were 1.0% and 0.7%, respectively. The Δ CPI of Curaçao for March 2026 is not yet available.

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

Period	Aruba	USA	Curaçao	Netherlands
Mar-25	0.4	0.2	0.6	0.4
Apr-25	0.4	0.3	0.0	1.0
May-25	-0.3	0.2	0.2	-0.6
Jun-25	-0.2	0.3	0.5	0.0
Jul-25	-0.2	0.2	0.3	1.4
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	n.a.	0.7

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 March 2026. Aruba's monthly Δ CPI for March 2026 is 0.3 ppts lower than the Δ CPI of the USA.

Table 7: Overview of Δ CPI March 2026

Period	Aruba	USA
Monthly Feb-26 vs Mar-26	0.7	1.0
Year-to-date Dec-25 vs Mar-26	1.1	1.9
Last 12 months ¹ Mar-25 vs Mar-26	1.1	3.3
Last 24 months ² Mar 24/25 vs Mar 25/26	0.2	2.7

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

¹ End of period inflation

The Δ CPI of Aruba over the last 12 months is 2.2 ppts lower than the USA's 12-month Δ CPI. The Δ CPI over the last 24 months for Aruba is 2.5 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*	1.1	1.9

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

* ytd

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

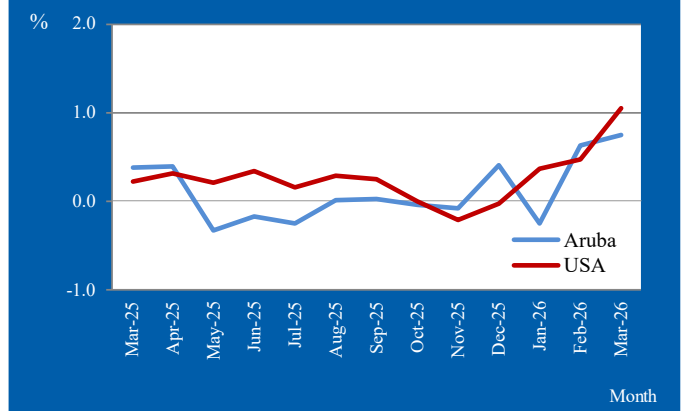
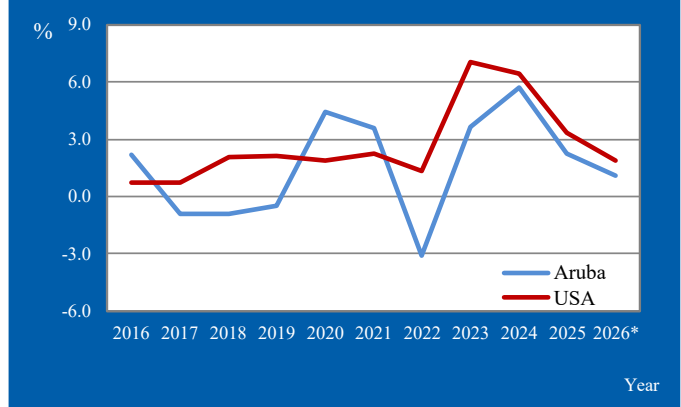


Figure 8: End of year Δ CPI, 2015 - 2025



*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 March 2026 the core inflation (measured over the period March 2024 - 2026) was 1.1%. In March 2026 the food index was 0.7%, while the energy index shows a decrease of 3.9%.

Table 9: Monthly inflation¹ and core inflation

March 2025 - March 2026

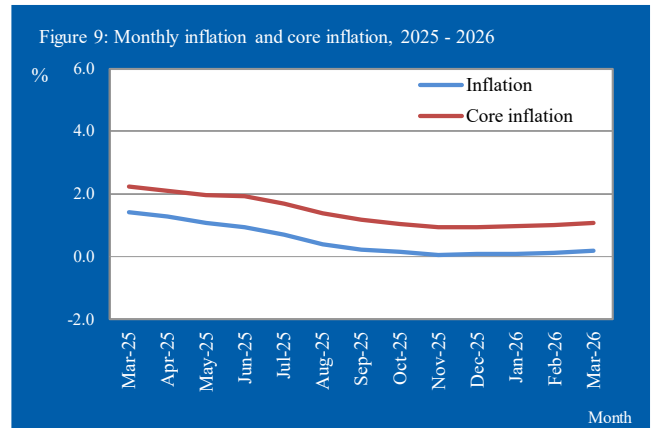
Period	Inflation	Food	Energy ²	Core Inflation
Mar-25	1.4	1.9	-2.2	2.2
Apr-25	1.3	1.7	-2.4	2.1
May-25	1.1	1.6	-3.0	2.0
Jun-25	0.9	1.4	-3.5	1.9
Jul-25	0.7	1.2	-3.8	1.7
Aug-25	0.4	1.0	-4.2	1.4
Sep-25	0.2	0.8	-4.2	1.2
Oct-25	0.2	0.7	-4.0	1.0
Nov-25	0.1	0.5	-3.9	0.9
Dec-25	0.1	0.3	-3.8	1.0
Jan-26	0.1	0.4	-3.9	1.0
Feb-26	0.1	0.5	-4.0	1.0
Mar-26	0.2	0.7	-3.9	1.1

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 March 2025.



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

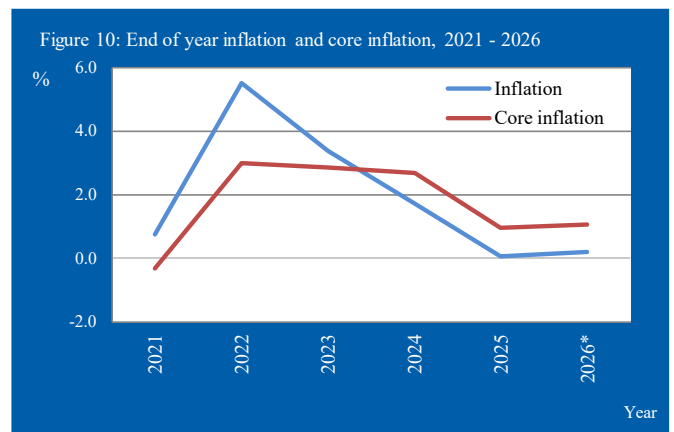
The end of year core inflation of the total population of Aruba for the year 2026 (up to March) is 1.1%, an increase of 0.1 ppt compared to the core inflation of 2025 (1.0%). Table 10 provides an overview of the end of year inflation and core inflation over the period 2021 - 2026.

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	0.2
Food	-0.3	10.5	6.3	2.3	0.3	0.7
Electricity	0.0	9.5	7.0	-3.0	-3.3	-2.4
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	-9.4
Core inflation	-0.3	3.0	2.9	2.7	1.0	1.1

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba



6 Development of Food & catering services

6.1 Monthly change of Food & catering services for March 2026

The “Food & catering services” index showed an increase of 0.3% in March 2026, after having increased 0.2% in February 2026. The index for “Food at home” showed an increase of 0.1% in March, as six (6) of the eleven (11) “Food at home” indices increased in March 2026. The “Vegetables” index registered the largest increase (1.6%) in March 2026. Furthermore, other significant increases were posted in the indices for “Meat” (0.7%) and “Food products n.e.c.” (0.4%).

The largest decrease in March 2026 was registered for the index of “Potatoes and other tubers” (-3.2%).

The index for “Food away from home” shows an increase of 0.7% in March 2026.

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

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

March 2026

Food	Weight	Monthly		Yearly	
		% Change	Effect	% Change	Effect
Food & catering services	1,492.8	0.3	0.050	3.3	0.538
<i>Food at home</i>	1,125.3	0.1	0.017	3.1	0.361
Bread and cereals	205.2	0.0	-0.001	2.8	0.056
Meat	229.8	0.7	0.019	3.1	0.082
Fish and other seafood	56.4	0.2	0.001	-2.6	-0.013
Milk, cheese and eggs	140.0	0.0	0.000	-0.6	-0.009
Oils and fats	31.6	-0.2	-0.001	2.6	0.010
Fruit	72.0	-1.3	-0.012	3.7	0.034
Potatoes and other tubers	18.5	-3.2	-0.005	-7.2	-0.011
Vegetables	75.7	1.6	0.013	9.1	0.067
Sugar, jam, honey and other confectionery	49.6	0.2	0.001	6.2	0.031
Food products n.e.c.	82.7	0.4	0.003	3.7	0.034
Non-alcoholic beverages	163.9	-0.2	-0.002	5.8	0.026
<i>Food away from home</i>	367.5	0.7	0.034	3.6	0.177
Other goods and services	8,507.2	0.8	0.693	0.7	0.553
Other goods	5,147.2	1.0	0.455	-0.5	-0.210
Other services	3,360.0	0.6	0.237	2.1	0.763
CPI	10,000.0	0.7	0.743	1.1	1.092

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

In March 2026, “Food at home” and “Food away from home” as a group showed an increase in price of 0.3% compared to February 2026 and had an effect of 0.05 pts on the CPI, while the remaining goods and services, as a group, experienced an increase in price of 0.8%, causing an effect of 0.69 pts on the CPI.

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

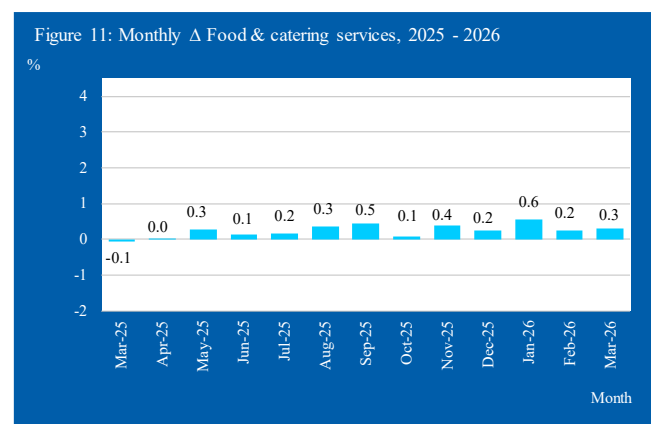
Table 12: Effect of “Food at home” and “Food away from home” on the CPI of:

March 2026

Category	Weight	Monthly		Yearly	
		% Change	Effect	% Change	Effect
Food at home	1,087.7	0.1	0.02	3.1	0.36
Food away from home	429.8	0.7	0.03	3.6	0.18
Total group	1,517.5	0.3	0.05	3.3	0.54
Remaining goods and services	8,482.5	0.8	0.69	0.7	0.55
CPI	10,000.0	0.7	0.74	1.1	1.09

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

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



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

Over the last 12 months, the “Food & catering services” increased by 3.3%. The “Food at home” index showed an increase of 3.1%, where eight (8) of the “Food at home” food groups increased over this period.

The “Vegetables” index increased by 9.1%, the largest increase among the “Food at home” food groups. Furthermore, other significant increases were posted in the indices for “Sugar, jam, honey and other confectionery” (6.2%), “Non-alcoholic beverages” (5.8%), “Fruit” (3.7%), “Food products n.e.c.” (3.7%) and “Meat” (3.1%). The largest decrease during this period was registered in the index for “Potatoes and other tubers” (-7.2%).

The index for “Food away from home” increased by 3.6% over the last 12 months.

Table 18 provides an overview of the monthly and end of period percentage changes and effect for March 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. 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 March 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 March. Over a period of one year the subsistence level increased by Afl. 95, from Afl. 5,507 in March 2025 to Afl. 5,602 in March 2026. The "Food and non-alcoholic beverages" (Afl. 71) sector shows the largest increase over this period. The largest decrease in March 2026 was registered for the "Household operation" 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:

Sector	March					Change in Afl. Mar-25 - Mar-26
	Mar-22	Mar-23	Mar-24	Mar-25	Mar-26	
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	2,011	2,224	2,282	2,297	2,368	71
Clothing and footwear	274	251	259	245	245	0
Housing	1,457	1,632	1,648	1,657	1,671	14
Household operation	111	114	117	114	109	-5
Health	79	85	84	88	84	-4
Transport	327	357	324	329	327	-2
Communications	149	141	171	173	179	6
Recreation and culture	165	166	165	157	160	3
Education	78	78	97	97	99	2
Miscellaneous goods and services	331	338	347	350	358	8
Total	4,980	5,386	5,494	5,507	5,602	95

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

An overview of the subsistence level, for the most common family types, over the period March 2025 - March 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:

March 2025 - March 2026

Period	Equivalence scales				
	1 1 adult	1.3 1 adult + 1 child	1.5 2 adults	1.8 2 adults + 1 child	2.1 2 adults + 2 children
Mar-25	2,622	3,409	3,933	4,720	5,507
Apr-25	2,625	3,413	3,938	4,726	5,513
May-25	2,624	3,411	3,935	4,723	5,510
Jun-25	2,624	3,411	3,935	4,722	5,509
Jul-25	2,617	3,403	3,926	4,711	5,496
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

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

7.3 Comparison of the subsistence level and minimum wage

In March 2026 the subsistence level for a single adult household is Afl. 2,668, which represents an income deficit of Afl. 661, an increase of Afl. 25 compared to the deficit observed one year ago (Afl. 636). This deficit is the second highest registered over a period of six years for the month of March.

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

March

Period	Minimum		Surplus/deficit
	1 adult	wage	
2021	2,258	1,815	-443
2022	2,372	1,815	-557
2023	2,565	1,893	-672
2024	2,616	1,986	-630
2025	2,622	1,986	-636
2026	2,668	2,007	-661

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

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

DESCRIPTION	WEIGHT coefficient	2025	2025	2026	2026	Mar-25	Mar-26	Monthly	Ytd	End of period	Period average
		Mar	Dec	Feb	Mar	Average 12 months	Average 12 months	Feb 26 - Mar 26	Dec 25 - Mar 26	Mar 25 - Mar 26 12 months	Mar 24/25 - Mar 25/26 24 months
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	1,087.7	117.62	119.88	121.10	121.27	117.99	119.24	0.1	1.2	3.1	1.1
Food	964.1	116.70	118.70	119.68	119.90	117.26	118.03	0.2	1.0	2.7	0.7
Non-alcoholic beverages	123.6	124.76	129.08	132.18	131.96	123.70	128.67	-0.2	2.2	5.8	4.0
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	78.2	110.97	111.71	112.34	112.24	110.63	111.60	-0.1	0.5	1.1	0.9
Alcoholic beverages for consumption at home	62.2	108.06	108.87	109.15	108.99	108.40	108.68	-0.1	0.1	0.9	0.3
Tobacco	16.0	122.29	122.70	124.73	124.85	119.27	122.93	0.1	1.7	2.1	3.1
Clothing and footwear	276.8	89.63	84.24	79.93	89.95	88.37	85.66	12.5	6.8	0.4	-3.1
Clothing	212.8	91.38	85.87	83.19	93.22	90.24	87.63	12.1	8.6	2.0	-2.9
Footwear	64.0	83.83	78.82	69.09	79.08	82.13	79.11	14.5	0.3	-5.7	-3.7
Housing	2,522.2	112.19	112.64	112.37	113.18	111.68	112.53	0.7	0.5	0.9	0.8
Actual rentals for housing	666.7	108.93	110.15	110.42	110.56	108.19	109.81	0.1	0.4	1.5	1.5
Imputed rentals for housing	34.4	94.59	94.59	94.82	94.94	94.59	94.65	0.1	0.4	0.4	0.1
Maintenance and repair of the dwelling	517.0	124.69	125.29	123.60	127.38	122.21	125.22	3.1	1.7	2.2	2.5
Water supply and miscellaneous services relating to the dwelling	463.6	122.92	122.92	122.92	122.92	122.10	122.92	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7
Electricity, gas and other fuels	840.4	101.89	101.89	101.89	101.89	102.91	101.89	0.0	0.0	0.0	-1.0
Household operation	929.2	102.75	98.89	103.68	98.26	102.87	101.28	-5.2	-0.6	-4.4	-1.5
Furniture, furnishings, carpets and other floor coverings	128.8	86.10	76.51	73.04	76.43	84.60	73.90	4.6	-0.1	-11.2	-12.6
Household textiles	58.6	61.04	47.38	49.39	44.47	63.29	49.21	-10.0	-6.1	-27.1	-22.2
Household appliances	246.0	96.34	91.25	101.77	87.85	98.05	96.80	-13.7	-3.7	-8.8	-1.3
Glassware, tableware and household utensils	17.2	54.41	51.59	53.22	50.34	58.09	55.33	-5.4	-2.4	-7.5	-4.8
Tools and equipment for house and garden	58.2	142.65	136.55	173.68	141.68	137.65	154.68	-18.4	3.8	-0.7	12.4
Goods and services for routine household maintenance and cleaning	420.5	113.87	114.11	114.12	114.47	113.82	114.04	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.2
Health	223.1	106.81	100.06	104.51	102.46	103.65	103.22	-2.0	2.4	-4.1	-0.4
Medical products, appliances and equipment	152.3	105.73	97.81	103.19	100.21	101.46	101.84	-2.9	2.4	-5.2	0.4
Out-patient services	52.4	109.11	105.06	106.22	107.51	109.14	106.48	1.2	2.3	-1.5	-2.4
Other treatments	7.8	101.01	97.08	98.84	98.19	101.09	98.49	-0.7	1.1	-2.8	-2.6
Health products and services n.e.c.	10.5	115.19	109.80	119.23	112.97	109.84	110.37	-5.3	2.9	-1.9	0.5
Transport	1,257.4	112.97	111.87	109.31	112.37	113.71	111.21	2.8	0.4	-0.5	-2.2
Purchase of vehicles	442.6	109.57	110.53	108.43	111.24	109.40	110.57	2.6	0.6	1.5	1.1
Operation of personal transport equipment	763.3	116.98	112.62	109.75	112.63	118.18	112.45	2.6	0.0	-3.7	-4.9
Transport services	51.5	82.82	112.26	110.32	118.10	84.35	98.48	7.1	5.2	42.6	16.7
Communications	849.6	113.53	114.41	115.10	117.35	112.11	114.83	2.0	2.6	3.4	2.4
Telephone and telefax equipment	43.8	117.22	134.25	147.80	191.40	90.04	142.48	29.5	42.6	63.3	58.2
Telephone and telefax services	805.8	113.33	113.33	113.33	113.33	113.31	113.33	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Recreation and culture	1,013.3	93.86	91.66	92.94	95.55	94.14	92.00	2.8	4.2	1.8	-2.3
Audio-visual, photographic and information processing equipment	58.5	70.50	56.63	61.73	65.66	72.93	65.01	6.4	15.9	-6.9	-10.9
Other major durables for recreation and culture	20.0	109.04	99.95	114.34	115.71	97.86	114.42	1.2	15.8	6.1	16.9
Other recreational items and equipment; gardens and pets	266.6	107.79	110.36	105.55	104.88	109.28	107.65	-0.6	-5.0	-2.7	-1.5
Recreational and cultural services	309.1	104.45	106.21	106.62	106.52	102.91	106.27	-0.1	0.3	2.0	3.3
Newspapers, books and stationery	43.7	75.04	83.94	69.92	74.51	80.24	79.75	6.6	-11.2	-0.7	-0.6
Holidays	315.4	77.70	68.66	76.50	84.11	78.38	70.07	9.9	22.5	8.2	-10.6
Education	98.0	131.23	134.11	134.11	134.11	131.23	133.39	0.0	0.0	2.2	1.6
Pre primary and primary education	24.0	142.86	154.62	154.62	154.62	142.86	151.68	0.0	0.0	8.2	6.2
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	124.76	130.65	130.70	131.41	122.58	128.44	0.5	0.6	5.3	4.8
Catering services	429.8	125.13	128.43	128.79	129.65	123.47	127.41	0.7	0.9	3.6	3.2
Accommodation services	12.2	111.83	208.78	198.01	193.59	91.30	164.91	-2.2	-7.3	73.1	80.6
Miscellaneous goods and services	1,222.6	106.11	108.22	108.66	108.63	106.43	107.32	0.0	0.4	2.4	0.8
Personal care	427.1	104.76	107.31	108.67	108.83	105.60	106.45	0.1	1.4	3.9	0.8
Personal effects n.e.c.	106.6	123.94	137.86	137.50	136.47	124.23	131.00	-0.8	-1.0	10.1	5.4
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	100.46	100.46	100.46	100.46	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CPI	10,000.0	109.50	109.47	109.89	110.70	109.26	109.48	0.7	1.1	1.1	0.2

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

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

DESCRIPTION	WEIGHT coefficient	Monthly	Ytd	End of period	Period average
		Feb 26 - Mar 26	Dec 25 - Mar 26	Mar 25 - Mar 26 12 months	Mar 24/25 - Mar 25/26 24 months
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	1,087.7	0.02	0.14	0.36	0.12
Food	964.1	0.02	0.11	0.28	0.07
Non-alcoholic beverages	123.6	0.00	0.03	0.08	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	0.01	0.00
Tobacco	16.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01
Clothing and footwear	276.8	0.25	0.14	0.01	-0.07
Clothing	212.8	0.19	0.14	0.04	-0.05
Footwear	64.0	0.06	0.00	-0.03	-0.02
Housing	2,522.2	0.19	0.12	0.23	0.20
Actual rentals for housing	666.7	0.01	0.02	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	0.18	0.10	0.13	0.14
Water supply and miscellaneous services relating to the dwelling	463.6	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03
Electricity, gas and other fuels	840.4	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.08
Household operation	929.2	-0.46	-0.05	-0.38	-0.14
Furniture, furnishings, carpets and other floor coverings	128.8	0.04	0.00	-0.11	-0.13
Household textiles	58.6	-0.03	-0.02	-0.09	-0.08
Household appliances	246.0	-0.31	-0.08	-0.19	-0.03
Glassware, tableware and household utensils	17.2	0.00	0.00	-0.01	0.00
Tools and equipment for house and garden	58.2	-0.17	0.03	-0.01	0.09
Goods and services for routine household maintenance and cleaning	420.5	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.01
Health	223.1	-0.04	0.05	-0.09	-0.01
Medical products, appliances and equipment	152.3	-0.04	0.03	-0.08	0.01
Out-patient services	52.4	0.01	0.01	-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	-0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
Transport	1,257.4	0.35	0.06	-0.07	-0.29
Purchase of vehicles	442.6	0.11	0.03	0.07	0.05
Operation of personal transport equipment	763.3	0.20	0.00	-0.30	-0.40
Transport services	51.5	0.04	0.03	0.17	0.07
Communications	849.6	0.17	0.23	0.30	0.21
Telephone and telefax equipment	43.8	0.17	0.23	0.30	0.21
Telephone and telefax services	805.8	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Recreation and culture	1,013.3	0.24	0.36	0.16	-0.20
Audio-visual, photographic and information processing equipment	58.5	0.02	0.05	-0.03	-0.04
Other major durables for recreation and culture	20.0	0.00	0.03	0.01	0.03
Other recreational items and equipment; gardens and pets	266.6	-0.02	-0.13	-0.07	-0.04
Recreational and cultural services	309.1	0.00	0.01	0.06	0.09
Newspapers, books and stationery	43.7	0.02	-0.04	0.00	0.00
Holidays	315.4	0.22	0.45	0.18	-0.24
Education	98.0	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.02
Pre primary and primary education	24.0	0.00	0.00	0.03	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	0.03	0.03	0.27	0.24
Catering services	429.8	0.03	0.05	0.18	0.15
Accommodation services	12.2	0.00	-0.02	0.09	0.08
Miscellaneous goods and services	1,222.6	0.00	0.05	0.28	0.10
Personal care	427.1	0.01	0.06	0.16	0.03
Personal effects n.e.c.	106.6	-0.01	-0.01	0.12	0.07
Social protection	78.2	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Insurance	610.7	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CPI	10,000.0	0.74	1.13	1.10	0.20

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

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

DESCRIPTION	WEIGHT coefficient	% Change		Effect	
		Monthly	End of period	Monthly	End of period
		Feb 26 - Mar 26	Mar 25 - Mar 26 12 months	Feb 26 - Mar 26	Mar 25 - Mar 26 12 months
Food & catering services	1,517.5	0.3	3.3	0.050	0.538
Food at home	1,087.7	0.1	3.1	0.017	0.361
Bread and cereals	178.1	0.0	2.8	-0.001	0.056
Rice	23.5	0.3	0.1	0.001	0.000
Bread	72.1	-0.2	4.5	-0.002	0.036
Pasta products	9.2	0.2	0.7	0.000	0.001
Other cereals and cereal products	73.3	0.0	2.5	0.000	0.019
Meat	242.5	0.7	3.1	0.019	0.082
Bovine	67.3	0.4	8.6	0.003	0.062
Swine	25.5	0.0	5.2	0.000	0.014
Poultry	75.7	-0.3	-5.0	-0.002	-0.043
Other meat and meat preparations	74.0	2.1	6.3	0.018	0.049
Fish and other seafood	49.0	0.2	-2.6	0.001	-0.013
Fish and seafood preparations	49.0	0.2	-2.6	0.001	-0.013
Milk, cheese and eggs	135.3	0.0	-0.6	0.000	-0.009
Cheese	55.4	0.2	4.4	0.002	0.027
Eggs	16.6	2.1	-28.5	0.004	-0.082
Milk	40.0	-0.1	9.5	-0.001	0.041
Other milk products	23.3	-2.1	2.1	-0.005	0.005
Oils and fats	32.2	-0.2	2.6	-0.001	0.010
Corn oil	2.8	0.4	1.3	0.000	0.000
Butter and margarine	9.2	0.0	2.8	0.000	0.003
Other oils and fats	20.1	-0.4	2.7	-0.001	0.007
Fruit	97.6	-1.3	3.7	-0.012	0.034
Oranges	9.4	-4.0	11.9	-0.006	0.014
Bananas and plantains	19.9	1.6	-0.4	0.002	-0.001
Apples	9.3	-3.6	3.0	-0.003	0.003
Avocado	5.0	2.9	-4.4	0.001	-0.002
Grapes	9.2	-8.5	8.6	-0.009	0.008
Nuts	11.9	2.1	1.5	0.002	0.002
Lemons and mandarins	6.0	7.8	6.4	0.003	0.003
Cherries and strawberries	8.8	-4.3	7.3	-0.005	0.007
Melons and watermelons	7.7	1.6	-2.9	0.001	-0.002
Papayas and pineapples	6.9	0.0	-1.4	0.000	-0.001
Other fruits and fruit products	3.5	1.9	8.9	0.001	0.003
Potatoes and other tubers	18.2	-3.2	-7.2	-0.005	-0.011
Potatoes	12.2	-5.7	-9.9	-0.005	-0.008
Other tubers	2.0	1.3	-0.5	0.000	0.000
Sweet potatoes and yucca	4.0	-1.2	-6.4	0.000	-0.003
Vegetables	89.1	1.6	9.1	0.013	0.067
Lettuce	6.8	-15.7	35.6	-0.004	0.005
Tomatoes	9.7	14.7	25.0	0.013	0.021
Onions and garlic	18.7	-1.8	6.4	-0.003	0.009
Celery and broccoli	15.3	3.8	25.1	0.005	0.028
Other vegetables	15.3	0.6	-2.3	0.001	-0.003
Other preserved or processed vegetables	8.4	-0.4	3.5	0.000	0.003
Frozen vegetable mixtures	14.8	0.4	2.0	0.001	0.003
Sugar, jam, honey and other confectionery	42.0	0.2	6.2	0.001	0.031
Sugar	12.1	0.1	2.2	0.000	0.004
Jams and jellies	2.5	0.1	4.2	0.000	0.001
Other confectionery products	27.5	0.3	8.6	0.001	0.026
Food products n.e.c.	80.1	0.4	3.7	0.003	0.034
Other food products	80.1	0.4	3.7	0.003	0.034
Non-alcoholic beverages	123.6	-0.2	5.8	-0.002	0.081
Coffee and tea	20.9	0.1	13.1	0.000	0.031
Other non-alcoholic beverages	14.6	0.6	3.8	0.001	0.006
Soft and sports drinks	31.0	0.1	1.4	0.000	0.005
Fruit juices	57.1	-0.6	5.8	-0.004	0.039
Food away from home	429.8	0.7	3.6	0.034	0.177
Food and beverage consumption away from home	429.8	0.7	3.6	0.034	0.177
Other goods and services	8,482.5	0.8	0.7	0.693	0.553
Other goods	4,735.8	1.0	-0.5	0.455	-0.210
Other services	3,746.7	0.6	2.1	0.237	0.763
CPI	10,000	0.7	1.1	0.743	1.092

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

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

DESCRIPTION	WEIGHT coefficient	2025	2025	2026	2026	Mar-25	Mar-26	Monthly	Ytd	End of period	Period average
		Mar	Dec	Feb	Mar	Average 12 months	Average 12 months	Feb 26 - Mar 26	Dec 25 - Mar 26	Mar 25 - Mar 26 12 months	Mar 24/25 - Mar 25/26 24 months
CPI for "All items"	10,000.0	109.50	109.47	109.89	110.70	109.26	109.48	0.7	1.1	1.1	0.2
CPI for "Goods"	5,823.4	109.08	108.06	108.47	109.36	109.09	108.67	0.8	1.2	0.3	-0.4
CPI for "Durable goods"	1,294.8	110.47	109.38	113.19	111.94	108.79	111.52	-1.1	2.3	1.3	2.5
CPI for "Semi-durable goods"	635.9	86.66	81.78	80.11	83.43	86.97	83.00	4.1	2.0	-3.7	-4.6
CPI for "Non-durable goods"	3,892.8	112.28	111.91	111.54	112.74	112.79	111.91	1.1	0.7	0.4	-0.8
CPI for "Services"	4,176.6	110.10	111.43	111.86	112.57	109.51	110.61	0.6	1.0	2.2	1.0
CPI for "Gasoline" and "Diesel"	460.6	115.21	105.95	102.16	106.83	118.32	107.18	4.6	0.8	-7.3	-9.4
CPI for "Energy"	1,638.1	109.09	106.49	105.42	106.74	111.15	106.83	1.2	0.2	-2.2	-3.9
CPI for "Food at home"	1,087.7	117.62	119.88	121.10	121.27	117.99	119.24	0.1	1.2	3.1	1.1
CPI excluding "Food and non-alcoholic beverages"	8,912.3	108.51	108.20	108.52	109.41	108.19	108.29	0.8	1.1	0.8	0.1
CPI excluding "Gasoline" and "Diesel"	9,539.4	109.23	109.64	110.26	110.89	108.82	109.59	0.6	1.1	1.5	0.7
CPI excluding "Food and non-alcoholic beverages", "Gasoline" and "Diesel"	8,451.7	108.15	108.32	108.87	109.55	107.64	108.35	0.6	1.1	1.3	0.7
CPI excluding "Rentals actually paid by tenants or subtenants"	9,333.3	109.54	109.42	109.85	110.71	109.34	109.45	0.8	1.2	1.1	0.1
CPI excluding "Housing"	7,477.8	108.60	108.40	109.05	109.87	108.45	108.45	0.8	1.4	1.2	0.0
CPI excluding "Gasoline", "Diesel", "Water" and "Electricity"	8,361.9	109.58	110.05	110.76	111.48	108.89	110.00	0.6	1.3	1.7	1.0

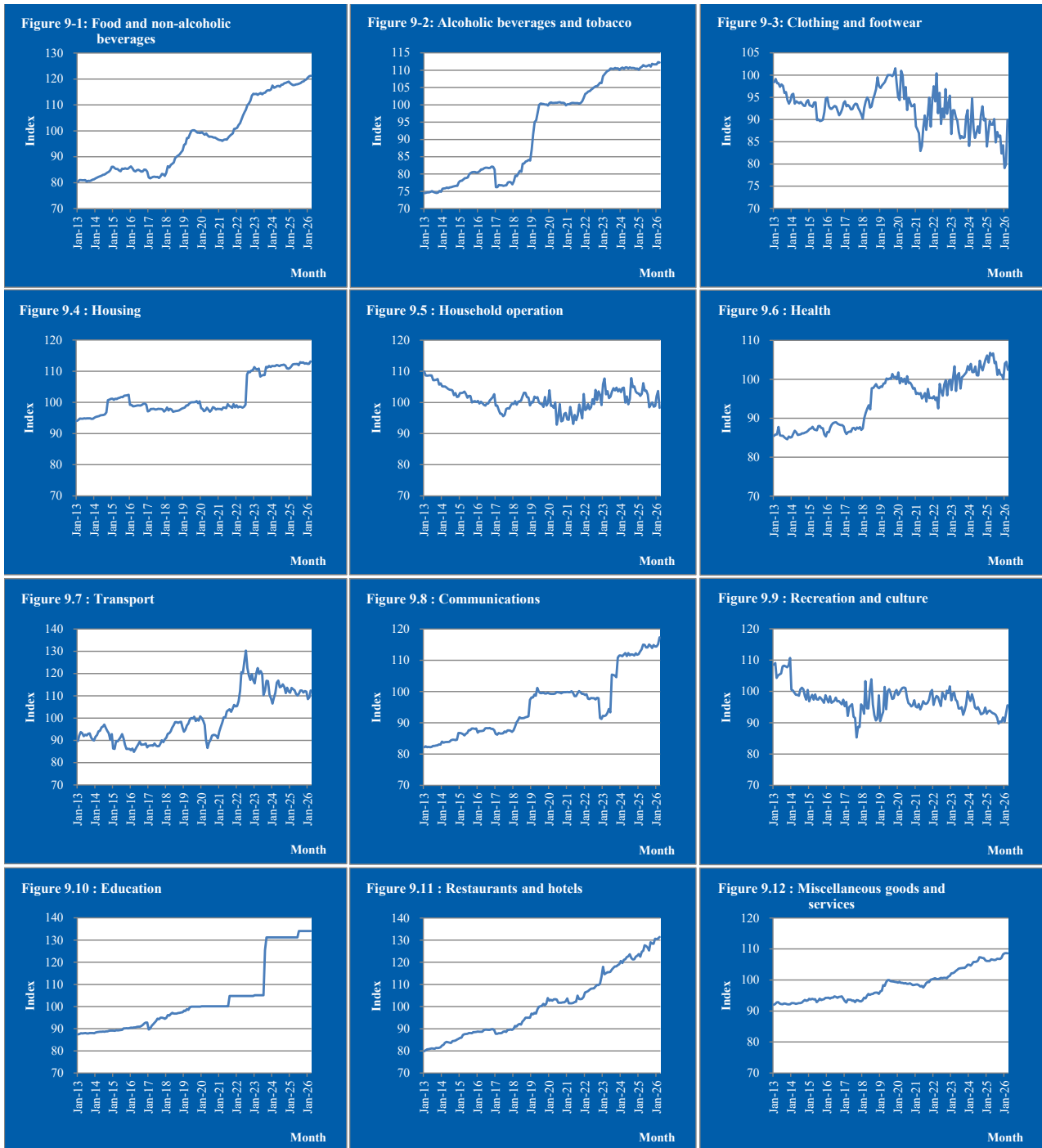
Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

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

DESCRIPTION	WEIGHT coefficient	Monthly	Ytd	End of period	Period average
		Feb 26 - Mar 26	Dec 25 - Mar 26	Mar 25 - Mar 26 12 months	Mar 24/25 - Mar 25/26 24 months
CPI for "All items"	10,000.0	0.74	1.13	1.10	0.20
CPI for "Goods"	5,823.4	0.47	0.69	0.15	-0.22
CPI for "Durable goods"	1,294.8	-0.15	0.30	0.17	0.32
CPI for "Semi-durable goods"	635.9	0.19	0.10	-0.19	-0.23
CPI for "Non-durable goods"	3,892.8	0.43	0.30	0.17	-0.31
CPI for "Services"	4,176.6	0.27	0.43	0.94	0.42
CPI for "Gasoline" and "Diesel"	460.6	0.20	0.04	-0.35	-0.47
CPI for "Energy"	1,638.1	0.20	0.04	-0.35	-0.65
CPI for "Food at home"	1,087.7	0.02	0.11	0.28	0.07
CPI excluding "Food and non-alcoholic beverages"	8,912.3	0.73	0.99	0.73	0.07
CPI excluding "Gasoline" and "Diesel"	9,539.4	0.55	1.09	1.45	0.67
CPI excluding "Food and non-alcoholic beverages", "Gasoline" and "Diesel"	8,451.7	0.53	0.95	1.09	0.54
CPI excluding "Rentals actually paid by tenants or subtenants"	9,333.3	0.73	1.10	1.00	0.10
CPI excluding "Housing"	7,477.8	0.56	1.00	0.87	0.00
CPI excluding "Gasoline", "Diesel", "Water" and "Electricity"	8,361.9	0.55	1.09	1.45	0.85

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

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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 is a measure of inflation that excludes certain items which face volatile price movements. Core inflation eliminates the inflation of certain products that can have temporary price shocks because these shocks can diverge from the overall trend of inflation and give a false measure of inflation. The core rate of inflation is calculated by: total inflation excluding food and energy prices. In part, that is because the core is less volatile and reflects better the relationship of supply and demand in domestic product markets. The core usually is a better measure of the basic rate of inflation that will tend to emerge in the absence of supply shocks.

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

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". The subsistence level is monthly updated for inflation using the monthly CPI.