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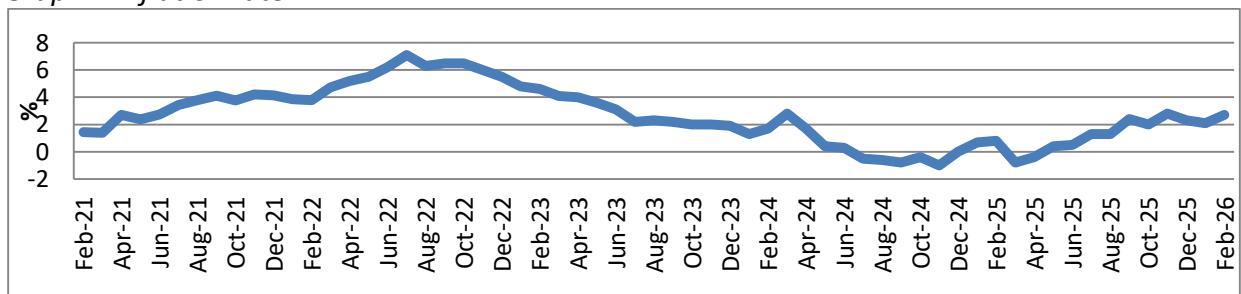
The Bahamas National Statistical Institute (BNSI) is pleased to announce the release of its Consumer Price Index (CPI) Report for February 2026. The inflation rate is measured as the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) between two periods and reflects the average change in prices of goods and services purchased by households over time.

The monthly inflation rate in The Bahamas increased by 0.95 percent in February 2026 compared to January 2026, reflecting changes in the average prices of goods and services purchased by consumers during the period. This follows a decrease of 0.1 percent recorded between December 2025 and January 2026.

On a month-to-month basis (February 2026 compared to January 2026), the largest increases were recorded in Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels (2.7 percent), Transport (0.6 percent), and Health (0.5 percent) categories. In contrast, the largest decrease was observed in the Alcoholic beverages, tobacco and narcotics category (0.7 percent).

On a year-over-year basis (February 2026 compared to February 2025), as illustrated in Graph 1 below, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for February 2026 increased by 2.7 percent compared to the same period in 2025. The primary categories contributing to the year-over-year increase were Restaurant and Hotels 17.1 percent; Furnishings, Household Equipment, and Routine Household Maintenance 8.5 percent; along with Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels category, which rose by 5.1 percent. In contrast, the category Alcoholic beverages, tobacco and narcotics declined by 5.1 percent over the same period.

Graph1: Inflation rate



It should also be noted that between January 2026 and February 2026, petroleum prices increased by 1.8 percent, while diesel prices declined by 1.1 percent. Compared to January 2025, petroleum prices were 4.9 percent lower, while diesel prices increased by 0.7 percent.

Table 1: Monthly Petroleum and Diesel Prices 2025-2026
Average Price of Petroleum & Diesel

Month	Gas(\$)	% change 1 year ago	Diesel (\$)	% change 1 year ago
Jan-25	5.42	1.88	4.82	-5.86
Feb-25	5.5	3.38	4.82	-12.99
Mar-25	5.47	-1.44	5.02	-4.2
Apr-25	5.51	-4.84	4.98	-5.5
May-25	5.44	-7.8	4.82	-7.31
Jun-25	5.50	-4.18	4.86	-6.54
Jul-25	5.56	-1.1	4.97	-1.4
Aug-25	5.50	-1.6	5.06	-0.4
Sep-25	5.54	1.1	5.07	1.0
Oct-25	5.5	0.0	4.99	-0.4
Nov-25	5.33	-3.3	4.95	-2.0
Dec-25	5.36	0.2	4.94	1.4
Jan-26	5.14	-5.2	4.90	1.7
Feb-26	5.23	-4.9	4.85	0.7

Source: Bahamas National Statistical Institute: Prices Section (CPI)

Table 2: 2026 Consumer Price Index Major Indices
November 2014=100
Major Groups CPI Index 2026

Items	Weights	2025					2026	
		Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	
CPI All Items	100.0	124.39	124.38	124.52	124.55	124.43	125.61	
FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	102.39	134.64	134.04	133.86	133.76	134.96	135.07	
ALCOHOL BEVERAGES, TOBACCO AND NARCOTICS	5.94	133.3	133.42	133.82	133.82	134.6	133.67	
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	44.99	111.2	111.2	111.64	111.64	111.64	111.62	
HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS, AND OTHER FUELS	321.69	116.84	116.84	116.84	116.84	116.89	120.02	
FURNISHING, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE	45.7	145.58	147.49	147.68	147.65	147.11	146.72	
HEALTH	43.99	171.48	170.35	168.31	168.31	167.12	167.94	
TRANSPORT	124.97	118.81	118.54	120.49	120.82	120.83	121.54	
COMMUNICATION	40.9	109.4	109.4	109.15	109.15	108.44	108.44	
RECREATION AND CULTURE	24.59	129.82	129.82	130.32	130.32	127.06	127.06	
EDUCATION	42.36	106.84	106.84	106.84	107.2	107.15	107.15	
RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	56.84	172.14	172.18	172.18	172.18	172.25	172.24	
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES	145.64	118.89	119.17	118.74	118.64	117.99	118.05	

Source: Bahamas National Statistical Institute: Prices Section (CPI)

All Items Indices
Monthly and Annual Percentage Changes
(November 2014 = 100)
All Bahamas

Year	Month	CPI	Percentage Change		
		Index	1 month Ago	1 Year Ago	
2023	June	121.13	0.1	3.1	
	July	121.91	0.6	2.2	
	August	122.12	0.2	2.3	
	September	122.36	0.2	2.2	
	October	122.51	0.1	2	
	November	122.3	-0.2	2	
	December	121.71	-0.5	1.9	
	2024	January	120.98	-0.6	1.3
		February	121.34	0.3	1.7
		March	123.23	1.6	2.8
		April	122.6	-0.5	1.7
		May	121.56	-0.8	0.4
June		121.45	-0.1	0.3	
July		121.27	-0.1	-0.5	
August		121.41	0.1	-0.6	
September		121.43	0	-0.8	
October		121.99	0.5	-0.4	
November		121.13	-0.7	-1	
December		121.75	0.5	0	
2025	January	121.87	0.1	0.7	
	February	122.32	0.4	0.8	
	March	122.23	-0.1	-0.8	
	April	122.11	-0.1	-0.4	
	May	122.04	-0.1	0.4	
	June	122.1	0.1	0.5	
	July	122.8	0.6	1.3	
	August	123.02	0.18	1.3	
	September	124.39	1.12	2.4	
	October	124.38	0.0	2	
	November	124.52	0.11	2.8	
	December	124.55	0.02	2.3	
2026	January	124.43	-0.1	2.1	
	February	125.61	0.95	2.7	

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