

Dominica

A: Identification

Title of the CPI: Consumer Price Index

Organisation responsible: Central Statistical Office

Periodicity: Quarterly

Index reference period: June 2010 = 100

Weights reference period: 2008/2009 Household Income and Expenditure Survey.

Main uses of CPI: Indexation of wages, pensions and/or social security payment, indexation of rents, contracts and/or other payments, main inflation indicator used for monetary policy and computation of purchasing power of households.

B: CPI Coverage

Geographical Coverage

Weights: Nation-wide

Price collection: Nation-wide

Population coverage: Resident households of nationals.

C: Concepts, definitions, classifications and weights

Classification: COICOP (Classification of individual consumption by purpose) with groups and sub-groups up to seventh level.

Sources of weights: Household expenditure surveys.

Frequency of weight updates: Above 5 years

D: Sample design

Criteria used for selecting an item variety in the outlet in case of loose specifications provided by the central office: Detailed specifications are maintained for describing the items in the index to assure comparison of the prices of like goods from month to month.

E: Data Collection

Frequency with which prices are collected: Prices are collected monthly.

Reference period for data collection: Prices are collected between the 8th – 20th of each month.

Methods of Price Collection

- Personal data collection

Treatment of seasonal items and seasonality

Treatment of housing

F: Computation

Formula used for calculation of elementary indices: The ratio of geometric mean prices (Jevons index) (Direct form)

Formula to aggregate elementary indices to higher level indices: Aggregation is by Laspeyres formula.

G: Editing and validation procedures

H: Documentation and dissemination

Timeliness of dissemination of the CPI data: Monthly CPI is released by the 15th of the following month.

Level of detailed CPI published

Paper publication: All items CPI, Division-level (12 Divisions), Group-level app. 40 groups

Online: All items CPI, Division-level (12 Divisions), Group-level app. 40 groups

Documentation

Publications and websites where indices can be found: Quarterly: CSO's "Quarterly Consumer Price Index"; Other: CSO "Annual CPI Report", CSO "Statistical Digest"

I: Other Information

Completed by ILO in 2013.