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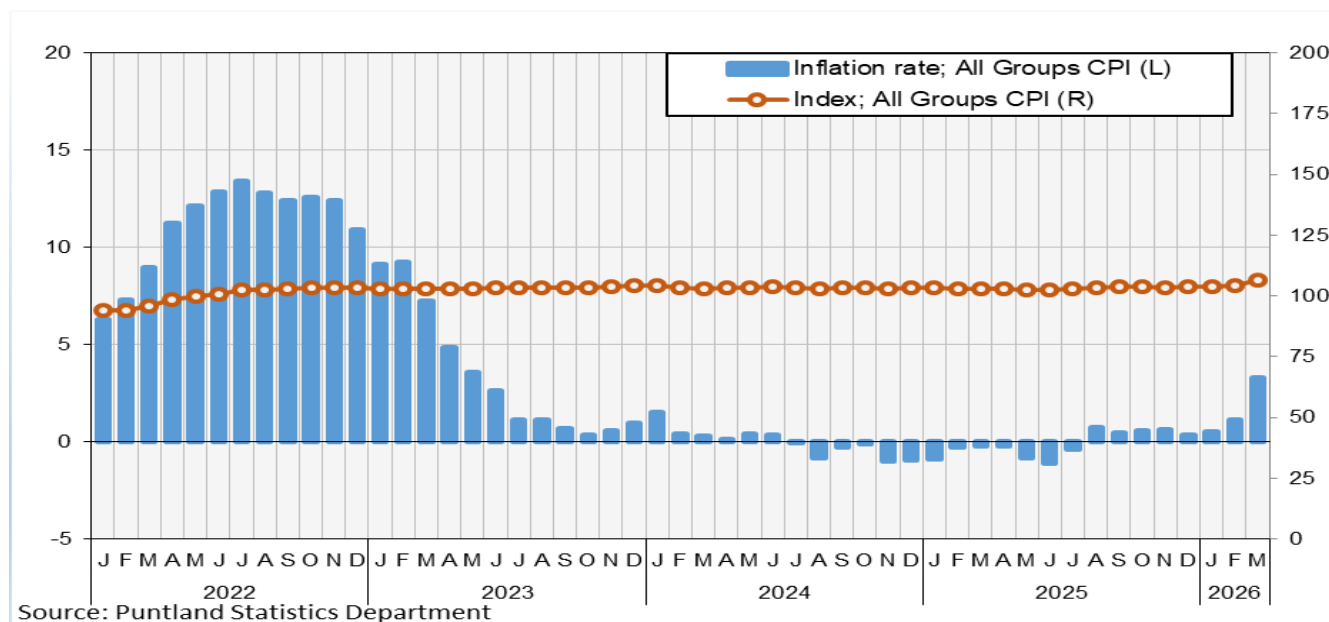
Consumer Price Index March 2026

Consumer Price Index: All Groups CPI, March 2026.

Puntland basket of consumer goods and services sample contains 12 categories based on the standard classification of individual consumption by purpose. These 12 categories consist of 387 individual items of goods and services, and the price per item is collected from the markets of all the major cities in Puntland on weekly basis.

The All-Groups CPI increased from 104.15 to 106.29 in March 2026. The monthly change in March 2026 was an increase of 2.06 percent compared to an increase of 0.21 percent in the previous month of February 2026. The most significant monthly price increase was in housing, Water, Electricity, Gas (3.24%), food & beverages (2.61%), transport (2.53%), clothing & footwear (1.76%), health (1.51%). These positive movements led to a price increase at the All-Groups CPI level.

Figure 1: All Groups CPI - Combination inflation rate and index graph.



The annual change (or inflation rate) over the twelve months to March 2026 was an increase of 3.30 percent. This change is compared to an increase of 1.11 percent over the twelve months to February 2026. The most significant price increase was Miscellaneous Goods & Services (16.92%), Education (8.54%), Food & Beverages (4.10%), Transport (3.90%), Clothing & Footwear (3.22%) In general, there has been a well-grounded positive price development.

Table 1: Inflation rate according to CPI – March 2026 (2015 = 100)

Consumer Price Index, March 2026	
Index (current month) = March 2026	106.29
Index (previous month) = February 2026	104.15
Index (previous year, same month) = March 2025	102.90
Monthly % change = February 2026 / March 2026	2.06%
Annual % change (inflation rate) = March 2025 / March 2026	3.30%

Consumer Price Index: Selected Groups in March 2026.

Food & Beverages and Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and Other Fuels are currently the most significant items in the consumer basket regarding household expenditure and therefore have the largest weighted influence on the All-Groups CPI.

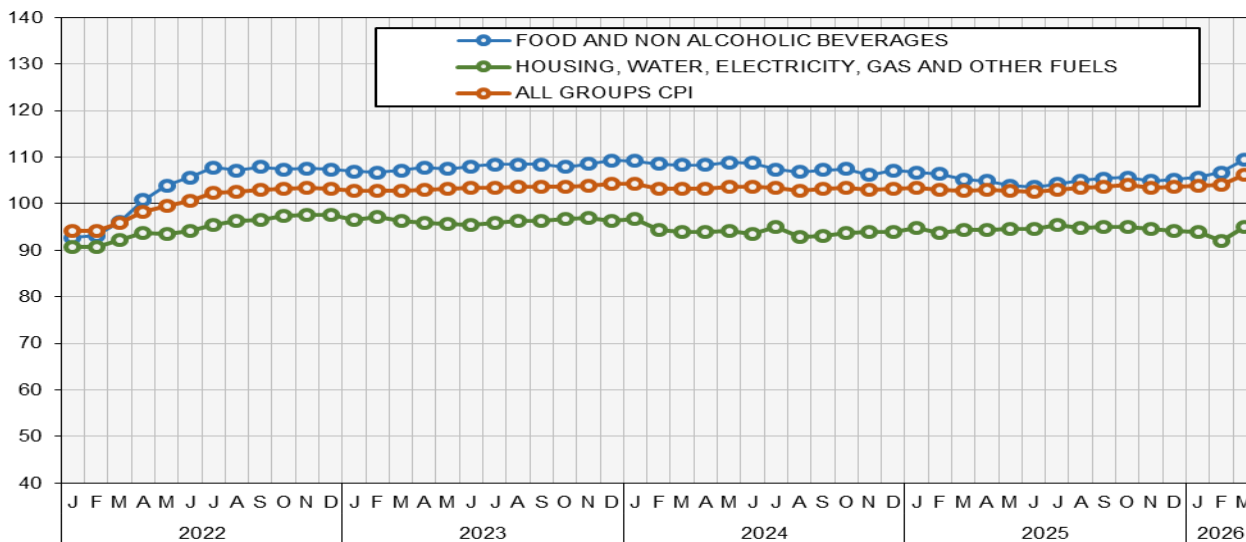
Food & Beverages experienced a monthly increase of 2.61% percent in March 2026, compared to a price increase of 1 percent recorded in February 2026. Year-on-year inflation increased by 4.10% percent in March 2026, this change is compared to the year-on-year inflation of 0.26 percent increase experienced in February 2026.

Table 2: Monthly Price percentage changes for some selected food Items

Item name	January (%)	February(%)	March (%)
Food and Beverages	0.45%	1.00%	2.61%
Food	0.50%	1.04%	2.71%
Bread, Rice, Flour, and Cereals	0.27%	1.02%	2.82%
Sugar	-0.39%	0.00%	1.14%
Meat (non-durable)	0.15%	0.04%	0.45%
Fish (non-durable)	6.26%	-2.13%	2.17%
Milk, Cheese, and Eggs (Non-Durable)	0.15%	0.19%	6.76%
Oils and Fats (Non-Durable)	-0.11%	2.46%	5.27%
Fruit (non-durable)	-0.21%	3.76%	1.91%
Vegetables (non-durable)	0.63%	2.38%	1.87%

Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and Other Fuels experienced a monthly increase of 3.24 percent in March 2026 compared to a price decrease of -2.01 percent recorded in February 2026. The year-on-year inflation rate increased by 0.77 percent in March 2026; this change is compared to year-on-year inflation decrease of -1.73 percent experienced in February 2026.

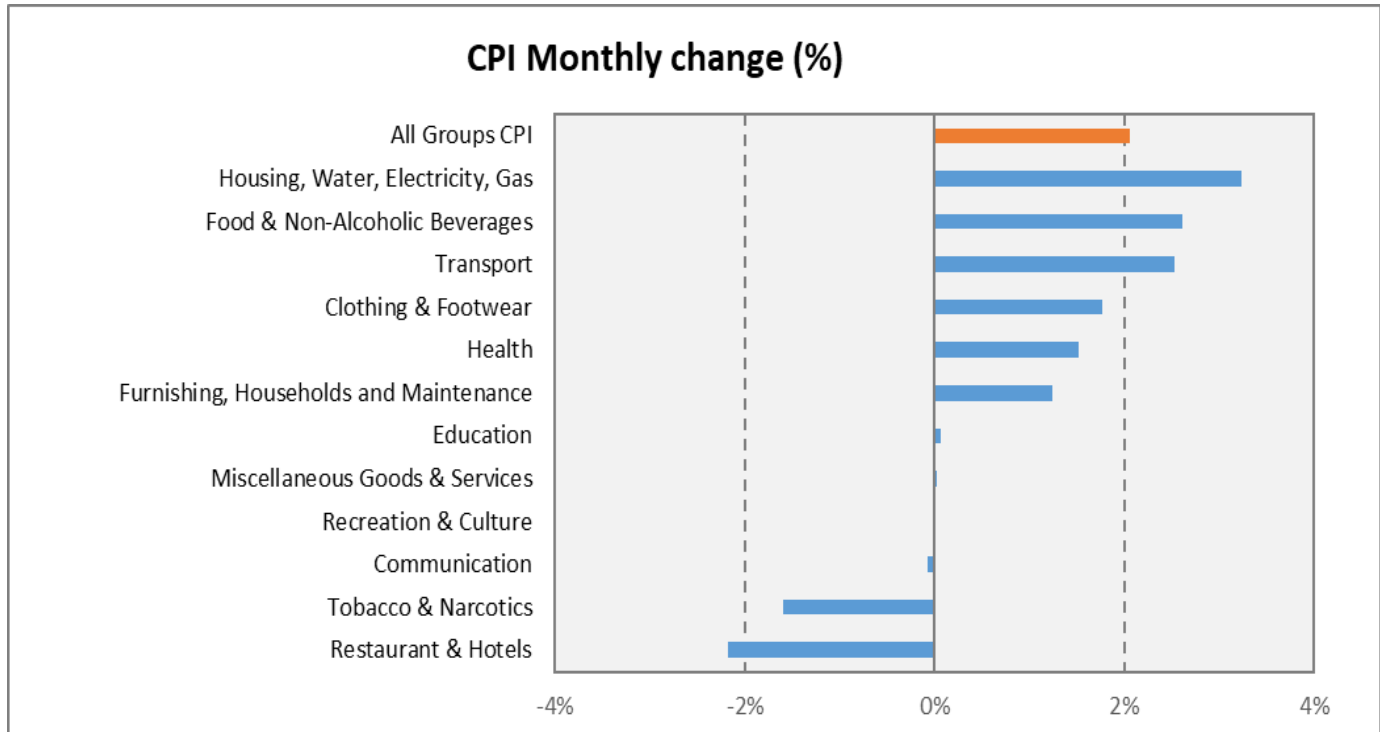
Figure 2: All Groups CPI comparison with selected groups.



Source: Puntland Statistics Department

Consumer Price Index: Major Movements by COICOP Group – Monthly Change

Figure 3: CPI indices, monthly inflation rate by COICOP groups; March 2026.

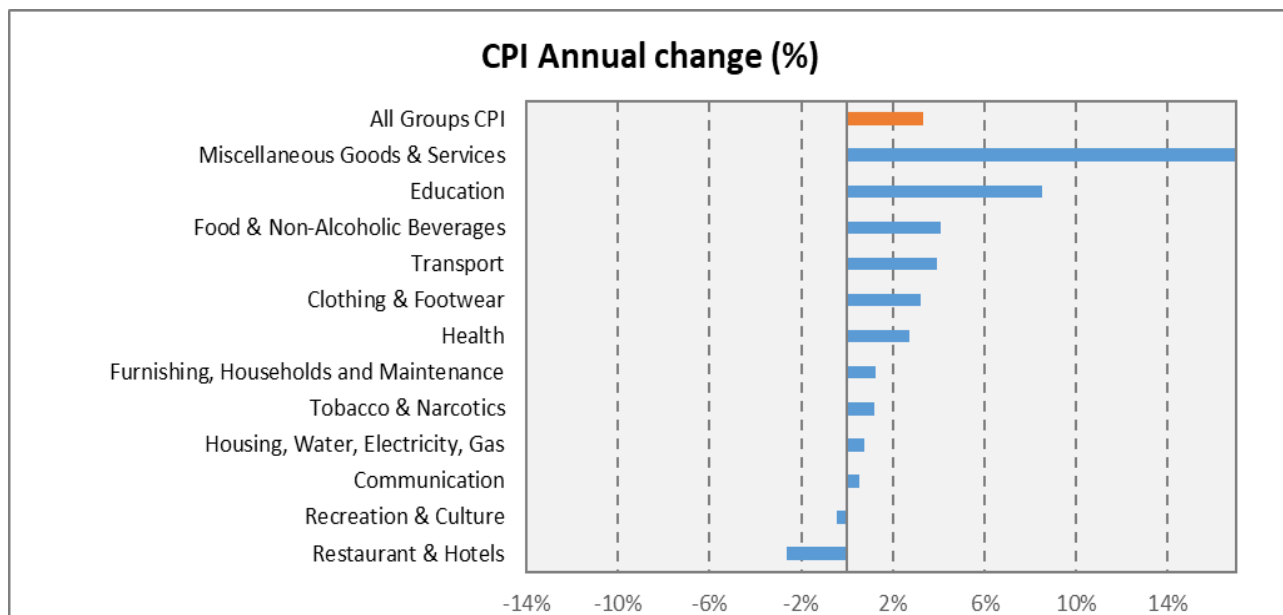


- **Major contributors (Positive).**

- **Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels** prices increased by (3.24%) in March 2026 compared to a price of (-2.01%) in February 2026. This increase was mainly attributed to actual rentals for electricity, gas and other fuels (5.68%) and Maintenance and repair of the dwelling (3.09%).
- **Food & Beverages** prices increased by (2.61%) in March 2026 compared to a price of (1%) in February 2026. This increase was mainly attributed to food (2.71%).
- **Transport** prices increased by (2.53%) in March 2026 compared to a price of (2.09%) in February 2026. This increase was mainly attributed to operation of personal transport equipment (13.82%) and transport services (0.89%).
- **Clothing & Footwear** prices increased by (1.76%) in March 2026 compared to a price of (1.28%) in February 2026. This increase was mainly attributed to clothing (1.08%).
- **Health** prices increased by (1.51%) in March 2026 compared to a price of (-0.11%) in February 2026. This increase was mainly attributed to medical products, appliances and equipment (3.02%).

Consumer Price Index: Major Movements by COICOP Group – Annual Change.

Figure 4: CPI indices, annual inflation rate by COICOP groups; March 2026.



Major contributors (positive).

- **Miscellaneous goods and services** category showed an annual price development of (16.92%) for the year ending in March 2026, compared to an increase of (16.97%) recorded for the year ending in February 2026. This was mainly due to personal effect (52.44%).
- **Education** category showed an annual price development of (8.54%) for the year ending in March 2026 compared to an increase of (8.47%) recorded for the year ending February 2026. This was mainly due to Secondary education (7.66%) and pre primary and primary education (9.92%).
- **Food & Beverages** category showed an annual price development of (4.10%) for the year ending in March 2026, compared to an increase of (0.26%) recorded for the year ending February 2026. This was mainly due to food (4.36%).
- **Transport** category showed an annual price development of (3.90%) for the year ending in March 2025, compared to an increase of (1.41%) recorded for the year ending February 2026. This was mainly due to Operation of personal transport equipment (10.05%).
- **Clothing & Footwear** category showed an annual price development of (3.22%) for the year ending in February 2026, compared to an increase of (5.47%) recorded for the year ending February 2026. This was mainly due to clothing (5.35%) and Footwear (6.24%).

Major contributors (Negative).

- **Restaurants and hotels** showed a negative annual price development of (-2.66%) for the year ending in March 2026, compared to a decrease of (-0.49%) recorded for the year ending February 2026. This was mainly due to catering services (-2.88%).

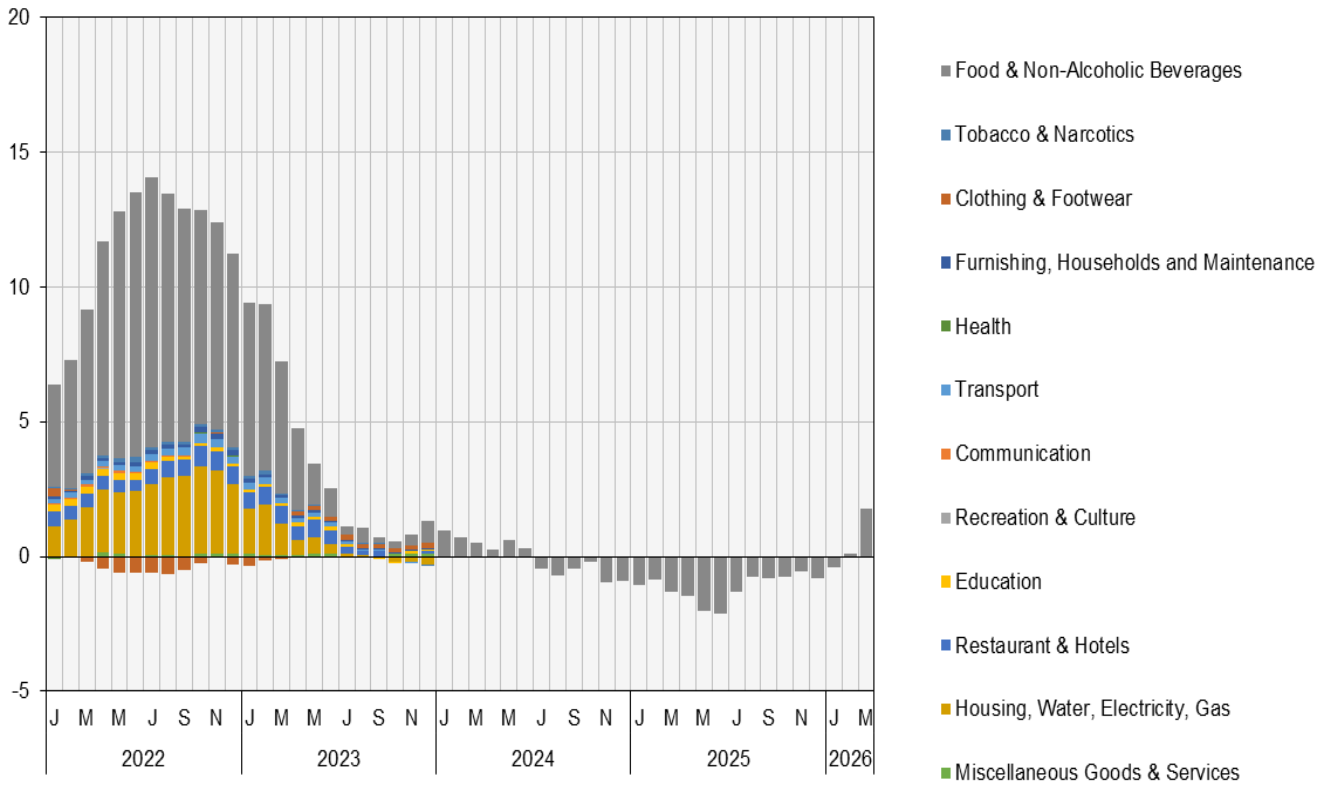
Consumer Price Index: Summary Table and Inflation Contribution by COICOP Group
Summary Table. Key Figures.

Table 3: Key Figures, March 2026 by main COICOP groups (Index = 100 at 2015)

COICOP Classification Group	Mar-25	Feb-26	Mar-26	Feb-26	Mar-25
	Index	Index	Index	to Mar-26 (monthly) % change	to Mar-26 (annual) % change
All Groups CPI	102.90	104.15	106.29	2.06	3.30
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	105.20	106.72	109.51	2.61	4.10
Tobacco & Khad	114.65	117.88	116.00	-1.60	1.18
Clothing & Footwear	96.30	97.67	99.40	1.76	3.22
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas	94.33	92.08	95.06	3.24	0.77
Furnishings, Household Equipment, and routine maintenance of the house	103.28	103.31	104.59	1.24	1.27
Health	97.72	98.89	100.39	1.51	2.73
Transport	112.18	113.69	116.56	2.53	3.90
Communication	88.95	89.47	89.40	-0.08	0.51
Recreation & Culture	105.45	105.01	105.00	-0.01	-0.43
Education	110.34	119.68	119.76	0.07	8.54
Restaurant & Hotels	128.15	127.52	124.74	-2.18	-2.66
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	135.06	157.87	157.91	0.02	16.92

Annual Inflation. Contribution by COICOP Group.

Figure 5: Point contribution (weighted %) by COICOP Group to the All-Groups CPI; March 2026.



Source: Puntland Statistics Department

Figure 5 provides an additional analysis of the All-Groups CPI inflation result. The All-Groups movement is broken into a cross-section of COICOP Groups displaying their respective impact (contribution) to the All.