



New weights for CPI Caribbean Netherlands

From the first quarter of 2014, the CPIs of Bonaire, St Eustatius and Saba are based on newly calculated weights for products and services included in the indices. The weights are based on the Budget Survey conducted in 2013, and thus reflect the situation in 2013. Previously, the weights had mainly been based on spending patterns as measured in 2005. In addition, at the main level, the weighting schemes did not differ between the individual islands. The schemes have now been adjusted for each island separately.

The main changes are:

- Food and non-alcoholic drinks now account for more on all three islands
- The weight of housing and energy has been increased for Bonaire and St Eustatius
- The share of telephone and the internet has been increased
- Recreation and culture have been reduced on all islands
- The weights of clothing and of soft furnishings, household appliances etc. have been slightly lowered for all three islands

Weights of products and services in the consumer price index

	Bonaire	St Eustatius	Saba	CPI 2013 (all islands)
	<i>% of total</i>			
Food and non-alcoholic drinks	18,4	22,1	25,5	16,4
Alcoholic drinks and tobacco	1,4	1,3	1,5	2,5
Clothes and shoes	3,5	4,5	4,2	6,9
Home maintenance and repairs, water and energy	17,8	14,5	10,9	13,3
Furnishings, household appliances and daily home m	5,3	5,8	5,6	8,1
Health	1,8	1,4	1,7	2,8
Transport	19,1	14,8	14,4	17,0
Communication	8,8	10,7	8,7	5,8
Recreation and culture	3,5	5,4	3,4	9,3
Education	0,6	1,5	2,2	0,6
Hotels and restaurants etc.	6,5	8,2	7,3	6,2
Miscellaneous goods and services	13,4	9,6	14,4	11,1
TOTAL CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0