



RETAIL PRICE MONITORING BULLETIN

Recorded retail prices Aug 16, 2026

42 of 4,919 observed products were priced differently from their most recent recorded price (0.9%)

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RETAIL BUSINESS

1

STORE LOCATION

4,919

PRODUCTS OBSERVED

42

CHANGED

37

INCREASED

5

DECREASED

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

What this edition shows

- This edition covers **1 retail business at 1 store location**, observed online. It is not a survey of prices across Saint Lucia.
- **42 of 4,919 observed products changed price** (0.9%). Of the 4,874 comparable products, 4,832 held the price already recorded for them.
- Increases and decreases split **37 up, 5 down**.
- The typical increase was **+8.2%**, and **34 of the 42 changes set a new recorded high** for that product.
- Increases clustered: **1 brand line accounts for 5 of the 37 increases**, which a category view alone would not reveal.
- The fixed basket of 2,386 continuously observed products cost **+0.41%** relative to the first qualifying observation.
- Comparisons span **3 windows of 15 to 45 days**, so the changes here are not measured over one uniform period.

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1 Coverage and comparability

What was observed, and what it does not cover

This edition draws on prices published online by **1 retail business, 1 store location**. It is not a survey of retail prices across Saint Lucia, and nothing here should be read as describing what a product costs anywhere else on the island.

1 Retail business observed	1 Store location	4,919 Products observed
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HOW THE TOTAL RECONCILES

Every observed product falls into exactly one of three groups. Products seen for the first time are kept out of the unchanged count, because there is no earlier price to compare them with.

Group	Products	Share of observed
Comparable, price unchanged	4,832	98.2%
Comparable, price changed	42	0.9%
Observed for the first time	45	0.9%
All products observed	4,919	100.0%

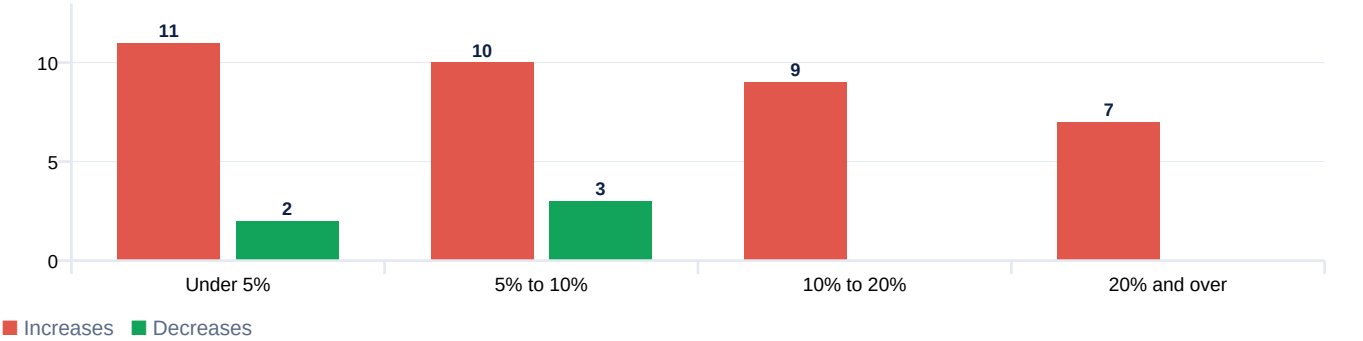
So **42** of the **4,874** products that could be compared changed price - 0.86% of comparable products. The remaining **4,832** held the price already recorded for them.

Prices are read from public pages that anyone can view in a browser. Because they come from a single business at a single location, they describe that shopfront only - not a market, a parish, or the country. This is not inflation, a consumer price index, a cost-of-living measure, or an official statistic.

2 How prices moved

The distribution, and movement against each product's own record

Ranking the biggest movers makes any update look dramatic. The middle of the set is calmer: the typical increase was **+8.2%** and the typical decrease **-6.7%**. Half of all increases fell between **+3.5%** and **+13.7%**.



Measure	Increases	Decreases
Products	37	5
Median move	8.2%	6.7%
Middle half	3.5% to 13.7%	3.2% to 8.7%
Largest move	53.8%	8.7%

NEW RECORDED HIGHS AND LOWS

Counting increases against decreases treats a small rise the same as a move past everything previously recorded. Of the 42 products that changed, **34** finished at the highest price this tracker has recorded for them and **5** at the lowest.



New recorded high: 34

New recorded low: 5

“Recorded high” means the highest price this tracker has observed, not an all-time shelf price. A product observed only a few times reaches a new recorded extreme easily.

3 Largest recorded movements

The biggest increases and decreases

Ranked by percentage change, with the dollar move as a tie-break so a large percentage on a low-priced item still shows what it costs in cash.

LARGEST INCREASES

Product	Category	Previous	Latest	Change
Viking Nutmeg 16G	Pantry & Canned Goods	\$9.30	\$14.30	+53.8%
Scott Value Napkins Deco 100X (Each)	Household	\$4.99	\$7.60	+52.3%
Imported Baking Potatoes (per KG)	Produce	\$4.14	\$6.06	+46.4%
Kraft Ital 5 Ches Shred 227G	Dairy & Eggs	\$14.95	\$19.95	+33.4%
Waitrose Quinoa 500G	Pantry & Canned Goods	\$24.00	\$32.00	+33.3%
Viking Lime Juice 784ML	Pantry & Canned Goods	\$9.65	\$12.25	+26.9%
Imported Onions White Jumbo (per KG)	Produce	\$7.18	\$9.08	+26.5%
Imported Onion Red 907G	Produce	\$8.16	\$9.57	+17.3%
Imported Onion Red Med (per KG)	Produce	\$3.32	\$3.89	+17.2%
Starburst Original Fruit Chews 189G	Snacks	\$8.79	\$9.99	+13.7%

LARGEST DECREASES

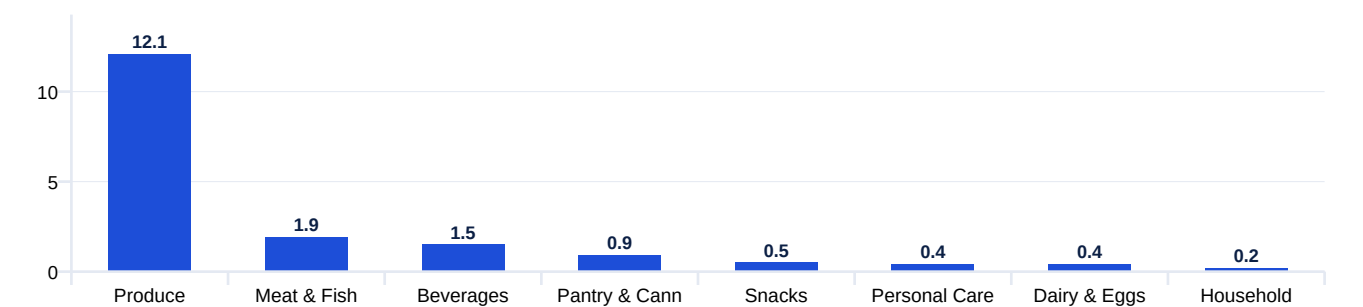
Product	Category	Previous	Latest	Change
Imported Broccoli (per KG)	Produce	\$45.99	\$41.99	-8.7%
Imported Lettuce Iceberg (per KG)	Produce	\$22.99	\$20.99	-8.7%
Imported Zuchinni (per KG)	Produce	\$29.95	\$27.95	-6.7%
Colgate Toothbrush Plus Soft (Each)	Personal Care	\$7.75	\$7.50	-3.2%
Vo5 Shampoo Strawberry N Cream 370ML	Personal Care	\$8.15	\$7.95	-2.5%

Ranking is by size of movement only. This report records that a price changed; it does not establish why.

4 Categories and brands

Compare rates first, then look for concentration

Read the rate column first. A raw count is driven by how many products a category holds, so changes per 100 observed products is what makes categories of different sizes comparable with each other.



Changed products per 100 observed in each category

Category	Observed	Changed	Up	Down	Per 100
Produce	143	17	14	3	12.1
Meat & Fish	108	2	2	0	1.9
Beverages	275	4	4	0	1.5
Pantry & Canned Goods	1,203	11	11	0	0.9
Snacks	584	3	3	0	0.5
Personal Care	730	3	1	2	0.4
Dairy & Eggs	251	1	1	0	0.4
Household	474	1	1	0	0.2

BRAND CONCENTRATION AMONG INCREASES

Increases did not spread evenly. **Viking** alone accounts for 5 of the 37 increases (13.5%), and 5 increases (13.5%) come from just 1 brand lines. A category view alone would report this as one category moving.

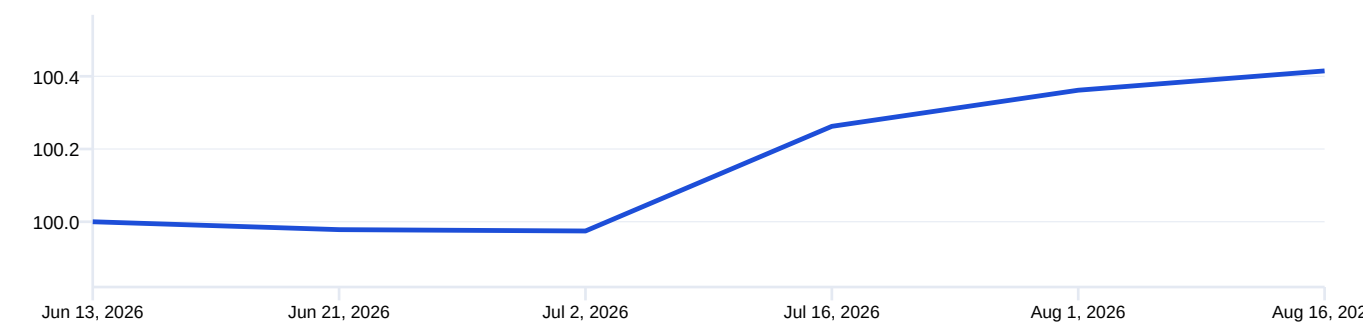
Brand line	Products	Share	Median move	Main category
Viking	5	13.5%	+2.6%	Pantry & Canned Goods

Brands are matched from a curated list of product-name prefixes, never split automatically - words such as “Imported” and “Local” describe origin, not a brand. A shared prefix shows products branded alike; it is not evidence about what any manufacturer, distributor, or retailer decided.

5 Fixed basket

The same products across every qualifying observation

Counting how many products changed says nothing about what the changes cost. This basket holds the **2,386** products with a recorded price in every qualifying observation, so the same items are compared at every point and the total cannot move because the product mix changed. Its combined cost has risen **0.41%** since Jun 13, 2026.



Basket cost indexed to the first qualifying observation = 100

Observation	Basket cost	Index	Change from first
Jun 13, 2026	\$40,310.68	100.00	0.00%
Jun 21, 2026	\$40,301.94	99.98	−0.02%
Jul 2, 2026	\$40,300.45	99.97	−0.03%
Jul 16, 2026	\$40,416.43	100.26	+0.26%
Aug 1, 2026	\$40,456.46	100.36	+0.36%
Aug 16, 2026	\$40,477.87	100.41	+0.41%

An unweighted total of recorded shelf prices from a single retail business. It is a continuity measure for this tracker - not inflation, not a consumer price index, and not a household cost-of-living measure. It applies no spending weights and covers only continuously observed products.

6 Not observed in this update

Products that did not appear this time

An update also changes which products appear at all. **45** products were observed here for the first time, while **452** products with an earlier recorded price were not observed in this update.

Category	Not observed this update	Share of not observed
Pantry & Canned Goods	117	25.9%
Personal Care	71	15.7%
Snacks	46	10.2%
Beverages	40	8.8%
Produce	37	8.2%
Dairy & Eggs	34	7.5%
Household	25	5.5%
Meat & Fish	20	4.4%
Health & Pharmacy	17	3.8%
Grains & Cereals	17	3.8%

This section says “not observed” rather than that a product was discontinued. A missing product may be unavailable, renamed, repackaged, or simply absent from the pages read that day. Products keep their last recorded price until they are observed again.

7 Comparison timing

Why there is no single comparison date

There is no single comparison date for every product. Each is compared with its own most recent recorded price, so the changes in this edition are measured over **3** different windows spanning **15 to 45 days**. A longer gap gives a product more time to record a different price, so the windows are not directly comparable with each other.

Previous observation	Products	Share	Elapsed
Aug 1, 2026	29	69.0%	15 days
Jul 16, 2026	5	11.9%	31 days
Jul 2, 2026	8	19.0%	45 days

8 Methodology and publication controls

How each edition is prepared and checked

HOW EACH EDITION IS PREPARED

- 1. Calculate the facts** Every headline figure, table, and chart value is computed from the validated price data. Nothing is typed by hand.
- 2. Check the numbers** The edition is blocked if totals, movement ranges, basket membership, or coverage labels do not reconcile.
- 3. Build the evidence** Tables and charts are built from the same validated facts that feed the written commentary.
- 4. Write the commentary** The commentary summarises validated facts. It does not recalculate headline figures and does not assert why a price moved.
- 5. Keep an audit trail** The facts, source fingerprint, template version, and final PDF are stored together so any edition can be reproduced.

CHECKS REQUIRED BEFORE PUBLICATION

- Increases and decreases must together account for every changed product.
- Unchanged comparable, changed comparable, and first-observed products must add up to all products observed.
- The movement buckets must account for every increase and every decrease.
- New recorded highs and lows cannot exceed the number of changed products.
- Any statement about brand concentration must use the values shown in the brand table.
- A change list may be called complete only when every changed product is included.
- The fixed basket must hold the same products across the whole series shown.
- The number of businesses and locations observed must be stated wherever coverage could be misread as island-wide.

WHAT THIS EDITION DOES NOT SHOW

- Prices at any business or location other than those listed under coverage.
- Official inflation, a consumer price index, or a cost-of-living measure.
- Why a price changed, or whether it was a promotion, a pass-through, or an error.
- Household spending weights, or availability beyond the pages observed.

EDITION RECORD

Field	Value
Coverage	1 retail business, 1 store location
Observation date	Aug 16, 2026
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9 Appendix: every price change

Every product whose price changed in this edition

All 42 products whose price differed from their own previous recorded price, listed alphabetically.

Product	Category	Previous	Latest	Change	Previous observation
Caribbean Cool Mauby Drink 500ML	Beverages	\$3.75	\$4.25	+13.3%	Jul 2, 2026
Caribbean Cool Orange Drink 500ML	Beverages	\$3.75	\$4.25	+13.3%	Jul 2, 2026
Chubby Classic Cola 250ML	Beverages	\$1.75	\$1.80	+2.9%	Jul 2, 2026
Chubby Reggae Red 250ML	Beverages	\$1.75	\$1.80	+2.9%	Jul 2, 2026
Colgate Toothbrush Plus Soft (Each)	Personal Care	\$7.75	\$7.50	−3.2%	Aug 1, 2026
Comstock More fruit Cherry Pie Filling 595G	Pantry & Canned Goods	\$27.69	\$29.99	+8.3%	Aug 1, 2026
Dove Apa Invisible Dry 150ML	Personal Care	\$11.70	\$12.50	+6.8%	Aug 1, 2026
Ground Pork Sausage Hot 454G	Meat & Fish	\$21.99	\$24.95	+13.5%	Aug 1, 2026
Ground Pork Sausage Mild 454G	Meat & Fish	\$23.20	\$24.95	+7.5%	Aug 1, 2026
Imported Apple Granny Smith 1.4KG	Produce	\$34.99	\$35.99	+2.9%	Aug 1, 2026
Imported Baking Potatoes (per KG)	Produce	\$4.14	\$6.06	+46.4%	Aug 1, 2026
Imported Broccoli (per KG)	Produce	\$45.99	\$41.99	−8.7%	Aug 1, 2026
Imported Lettuce Iceberg (per KG)	Produce	\$22.99	\$20.99	−8.7%	Aug 1, 2026
Imported Onion Red 907G	Produce	\$8.16	\$9.57	+17.3%	Aug 1, 2026
Imported Onion Red Med (per KG)	Produce	\$3.32	\$3.89	+17.2%	Aug 1, 2026
Imported Onion White 907G	Produce	\$8.80	\$9.30	+5.7%	Aug 1, 2026
Imported Onion Yellow Prepack 1.4Kg	Produce	\$4.09	\$4.60	+12.5%	Aug 1, 2026
Imported Onions White Jumbo (per KG)	Produce	\$7.18	\$9.08	+26.5%	Aug 1, 2026
Imported Peach (per KG)	Produce	\$42.99	\$43.99	+2.3%	Aug 1, 2026
Imported Pear Bosc (Each)	Produce	\$3.50	\$3.75	+7.1%	Aug 1, 2026
Imported Potato Idaho 2.3KG	Produce	\$9.06	\$9.57	+5.6%	Jul 2, 2026
Imported Yellow Onions (per KG)	Produce	\$2.75	\$3.04	+10.5%	Aug 1, 2026
Imported Yellow Squash Yellow (per KG)	Produce	\$32.99	\$34.99	+6.1%	Jul 2, 2026
Imported Zucchini (per KG)	Produce	\$29.95	\$27.95	−6.7%	Aug 1, 2026
Kraft Ital 5 Ches Shred 227G	Dairy & Eggs	\$14.95	\$19.95	+33.4%	Jul 2, 2026
Local Produce Green Bananas (per KG)	Produce	\$3.50	\$3.63	+3.7%	Aug 1, 2026
Local Produce Tomato (per KG)	Produce	\$13.99	\$15.18	+8.5%	Aug 1, 2026
Scott Value Napkins Deco 100X (Each)	Household	\$4.99	\$7.60	+52.3%	Aug 1, 2026
Skittles Original Flavour 61.5G	Snacks	\$5.50	\$5.95	+8.2%	Aug 1, 2026
Skittles Wild Berry 61.5G	Snacks	\$5.50	\$5.95	+8.2%	Aug 1, 2026

Product	Category	Previous	Latest	Change	Previous observation
Starburst Original Fruit Chews 189G	Snacks	\$8.79	\$9.99	+13.7%	Aug 1, 2026
Sunshine Corn Flakes 340G	Pantry & Canned Goods	\$7.03	\$7.04	+0.1%	Aug 1, 2026
Valrico Corned Beef 198G	Pantry & Canned Goods	\$5.18	\$5.36	+3.5%	Aug 1, 2026
Valrico Corned Beef 340G	Pantry & Canned Goods	\$9.68	\$9.99	+3.2%	Jul 2, 2026
Viking Almond Essence 140G	Pantry & Canned Goods	\$7.85	\$7.99	+1.8%	Jul 16, 2026
Viking Essence Cake 140G	Pantry & Canned Goods	\$7.85	\$7.99	+1.8%	Jul 16, 2026
Viking Gravy Browning 150ML	Pantry & Canned Goods	\$6.60	\$6.77	+2.6%	Jul 16, 2026
Viking Lime Juice 784ML	Pantry & Canned Goods	\$9.65	\$12.25	+26.9%	Jul 16, 2026
Viking Nutmeg 16G	Pantry & Canned Goods	\$9.30	\$14.30	+53.8%	Jul 16, 2026
Vo5 Shampoo Strawberry N Cream 370ML	Personal Care	\$8.15	\$7.95	-2.5%	Aug 1, 2026
Waitrose Quinoa 500G	Pantry & Canned Goods	\$24.00	\$32.00	+33.3%	Aug 1, 2026
Wraitrose Infusion Peppermint 40G	Pantry & Canned Goods	\$6.49	\$7.25	+11.7%	Aug 1, 2026