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Inflation at 4.72% in Q3 2026

Philipsburg--The Department of Statistics (STAT) reports that the cost of everyday goods and services in St. Maarten rose to 4.72% in the third quarter (Q3) of 2026 than they did one year earlier. This rise in prices is called inflation.

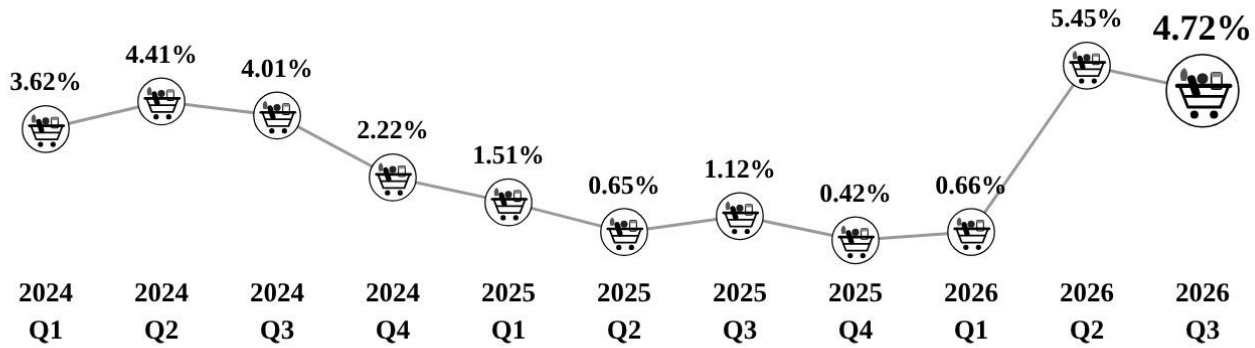
Quarter-on-Quarter (QoQ), between the second quarter (April to June) and the third quarter (July to September) of 2026, prices went up by 0.06%. That is about 6 cents for every 100 XCG.

↑ 4.72%
Q3 2026 versus Q3 2025
This is inflation

↑ 0.06%
Q3 over Q2
Quarter-on-Quarter (QoQ)

120.52
Price index (CPI)
2026 Q3 · 2018 = 100

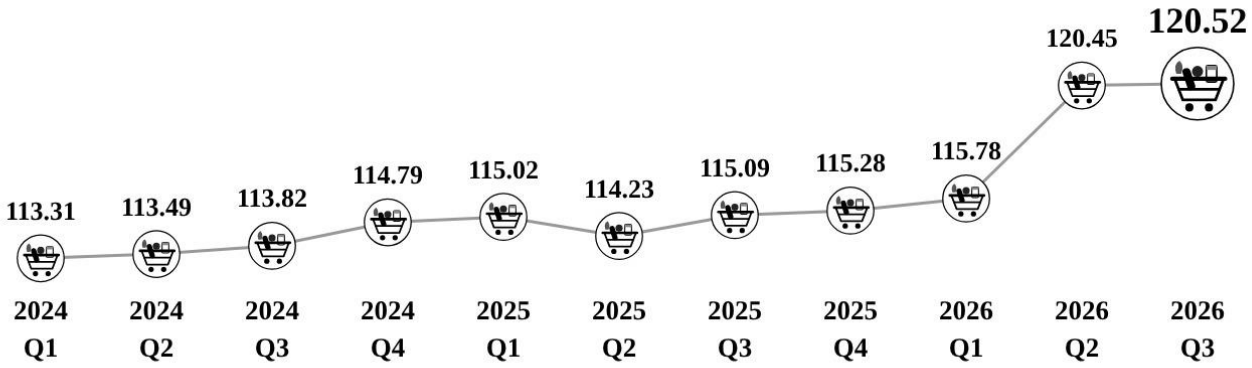
Figure 1. Inflation over time. Each cart is one quarter.



How much more the same shopping basket cost than the same quarter one year before.

Source: Department of Statistics (STAT), Sint Maarten. Q2 covers April to June, and Q3 covers July to September.

Figure 2. The shopping basket over time. Each cart is one quarter.



What the same shopping basket cost, quarter by quarter, where 2018 = 100.

Electricity and fuel

The GEBE fuel clause, the part of the electricity bill that changes with the price of fuel, went up 7.95% compared with Q2 and up by 34.26% compared with Q3 one year ago.

At the pump, gasoline went down 2.94% and diesel went down 6.26% compared with Q2. Compared with one year ago, gasoline is up 34.46% and diesel is up 43.60%.

	Q3 over Q2	Q3 2026 versus Q3 2025
GEBE fuel clause	↑ **7.95%**	↑ **34.26%**
Gasoline (pump price)	↓ **2.94%**	↑ **34.46%**
Diesel (pump price)	↓ **6.26%**	↑ **43.60%**

"Q3 over Q2" compares July, August and September with April, May and June. "Q3 2026 versus Q3 2025" compares July, August and September with the same three months one year ago.

Fuel prices and the war in the Middle East

The war involving Iran, the United States and Israel began on 28 February 2026 and pushed up world oil prices. St. Maarten imports its fuel, so this event has had an effect on prices here.

The figures show that the largest increases came in the second quarter of 2026 (April to June), the first full quarter after the war began. Compared with the first quarter of 2026, gasoline at the pump went up 40.27%, diesel went up 51.20% and the GEBE fuel clause went up 27.12%. Inflation went from 0.66% in Q1 2026 to 5.45% in Q2 2026.

In Q3 2026, pump prices went down slightly compared with Q2 but were still more than one-third higher than in Q3 2025. Transport costs were 19.03% higher than one year earlier.

The four biggest spending categories

The weight shows how much of a typical household's spending goes to each category. These four categories have the largest weights in the CPI.

Category	Weight	Q3 over Q2	Q3 2026 versus Q3 2025	What drove it Q3
Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	**36.13%**	↑ **0.70%**	↑ **2.48%**	Electricity (+4.61%)
Transport	**14.58%**	↓ **1.08%**	↑ **19.03%**	Fuel for vehicles (-3.91%)
Miscellaneous goods and services	**13.40%**	↓ **0.22%**	↓ **0.54%**	Personal care (-2.13%)

Source: Department of Statistics (STAT), Sint Maarten. Q2 covers April to June, and Q3 covers July to September.

Food and non-alcoholic beverages	**7.16%**	↑ **0.51%**	↑ **4.16%**	Meat (+2.64%)

To see the full report, including how the GEBE fuel clause and fuel prices have changed over time, please visit our website at stats.sintmaartengov.org or contact us at statinfo@sintmaartengov.org.

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