

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
(Base: January – December 2017 = 100)

A new CPI series, based on an updated basket of goods and services derived from the 2017 Household Budget Survey, has been introduced as from April 2018. The base period is January to December 2017 (i.e. Base: January – December 2017 = 100). The new series is not strictly comparable with the previous one based on the 2012 Household Budget Survey because of different consumption pattern of households. If needed, a rough comparison with the previous series can be obtained by multiplying the new index by the linking factor 1.133.

The CPI for April 2018 based on the updated basket was 103.8, indicating an increase of 3.8% over the base period January to December 2017.

Sub-indices for the twelve divisions of consumption expenditure for the month of April 2018 compared to base period are shown below:

Division	Base : January to December 2017 = 100	April 2018	% change ¹ in index between base period and April 2018
1. Food and non alcoholic beverages	100.0	109.4	+ 9.4
2. Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	100.0	103.9	+ 3.9
3. Clothing and footwear	100.0	101.4	+1.4
4. Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	100.0	98.5	-1.5
5. Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	100.0	102.2	+2.2
6. Health	100.0	102.8	+2.8
7. Transport	100.0	103.2	+3.2
8. Communication	100.0	102.6	+2.6
9. Recreation and culture	100.0	100.9	+0.9
10. Education	100.0	103.3	+3.3
11. Restaurants and hotels	100.0	101.3	+1.3
12. Miscellaneous goods and services	100.0	101.6	+1.6
All Divisions	<u>100.0</u>	<u>103.8</u>	+3.8
<i>All Divisions, excluding “Alcoholic beverages and tobacco”</i>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>103.8</u>	+3.8

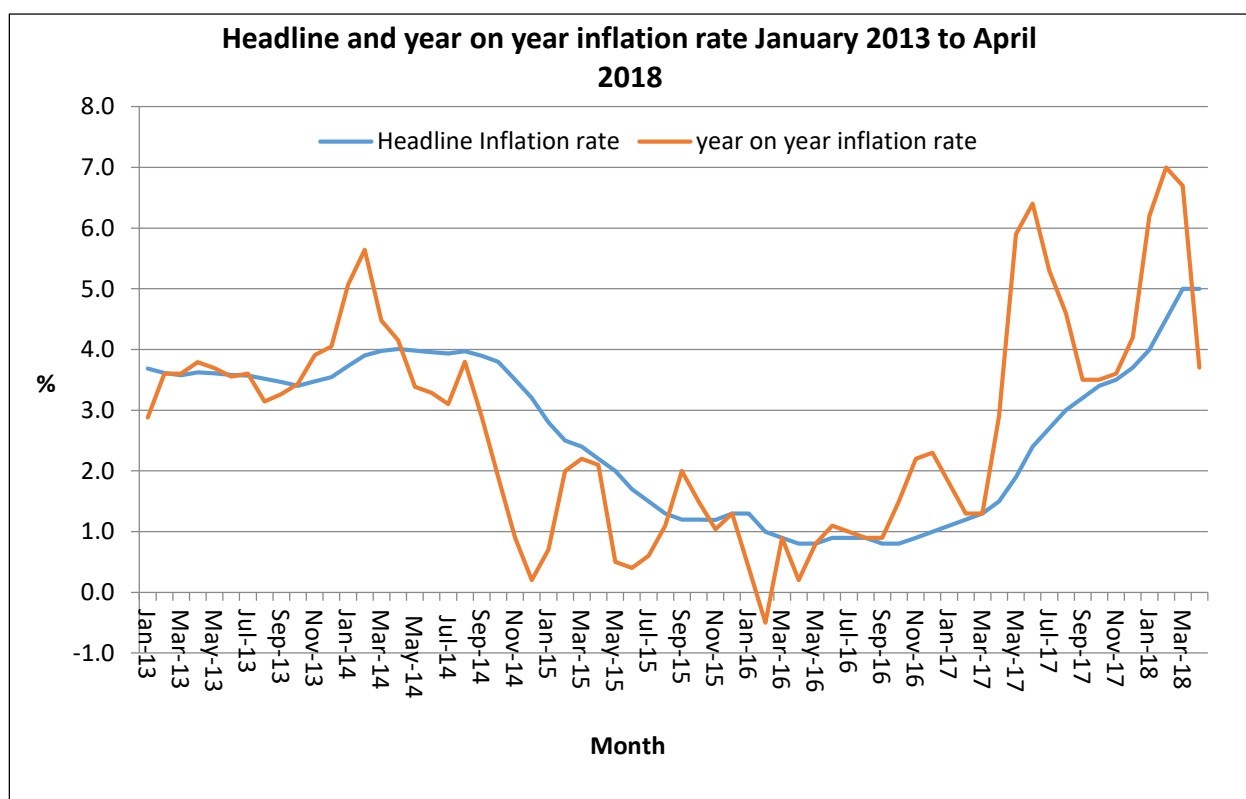
^{1/} % change has been computed from unrounded indices and hence may vary slightly from the change in rounded indices

As mentioned above, it is not possible to compare the detailed movement of the CPI from March to April 2018 because of the different base periods and weighting systems. However, using the linking factor 1.133 to convert the new index to the old base, it is estimated that the level of prices between March and April 2018 decreased by 2.0%.

January – December 2017	April 2018
100.0	103.8

The **headline** inflation rate for the twelve months ending April 2018 is thus estimated at 5.0% compared to 1.5% for the twelve months ending April 2017.

Using the linking factor, the **year-on-year** inflation rate for April 2018, as measured by the change in the CPI for April 2018 relative to April 2017, is estimated at 3.7%.



Detailed CPI series available at <http://statsmauriti.us.govmu.org> **CPI and Inflation**

Source: **Statistics Mauritius**
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