

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

May 2019	April 2020	May 2020
104.4	108.8	107.3

The main contributors to the change in the index between April and May 2020 were:

Commodity	Change in index point
Vegetables	-1.5
Fruits	-0.1
Culinary herbs	-0.1
Meat	+0.1
Trader's rice	+0.1
Other food products	+0.2
Interest rates on housing loan	-0.3
Motor vehicles	+0.1
Total	-1.5

Sub-indices for the twelve divisions of consumption expenditure for the month of May 2020 compared to April 2020 are shown below:

Division	April 2020	May 2020	% change¹ in index between April and May 2020
1. Food and non-alcoholic beverages	123.1	117.7	-4.4
2. Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	106.0	105.9	-0.1
3. Clothing and footwear	106.6	106.6	-
4. Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	98.0	95.6	-2.5
5. Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	107.4	108.0	+0.6
6. Health	107.2	107.8	+0.6
7. Transport	105.1	105.6	+0.5
8. Communication	98.6	98.6	-
9. Recreation and culture	103.6	103.2	-0.4
10. Education	102.2	102.2	-
11. Restaurants and hotels	107.1	106.3	-0.7
12. Miscellaneous goods and services	105.6	106.1	+0.4
All Divisions	<u>108.8</u>	<u>107.3</u>	-1.4
<i>All Divisions, excluding "Alcoholic beverages and tobacco"</i>	<u>109.1</u>	<u>107.4</u>	-1.6

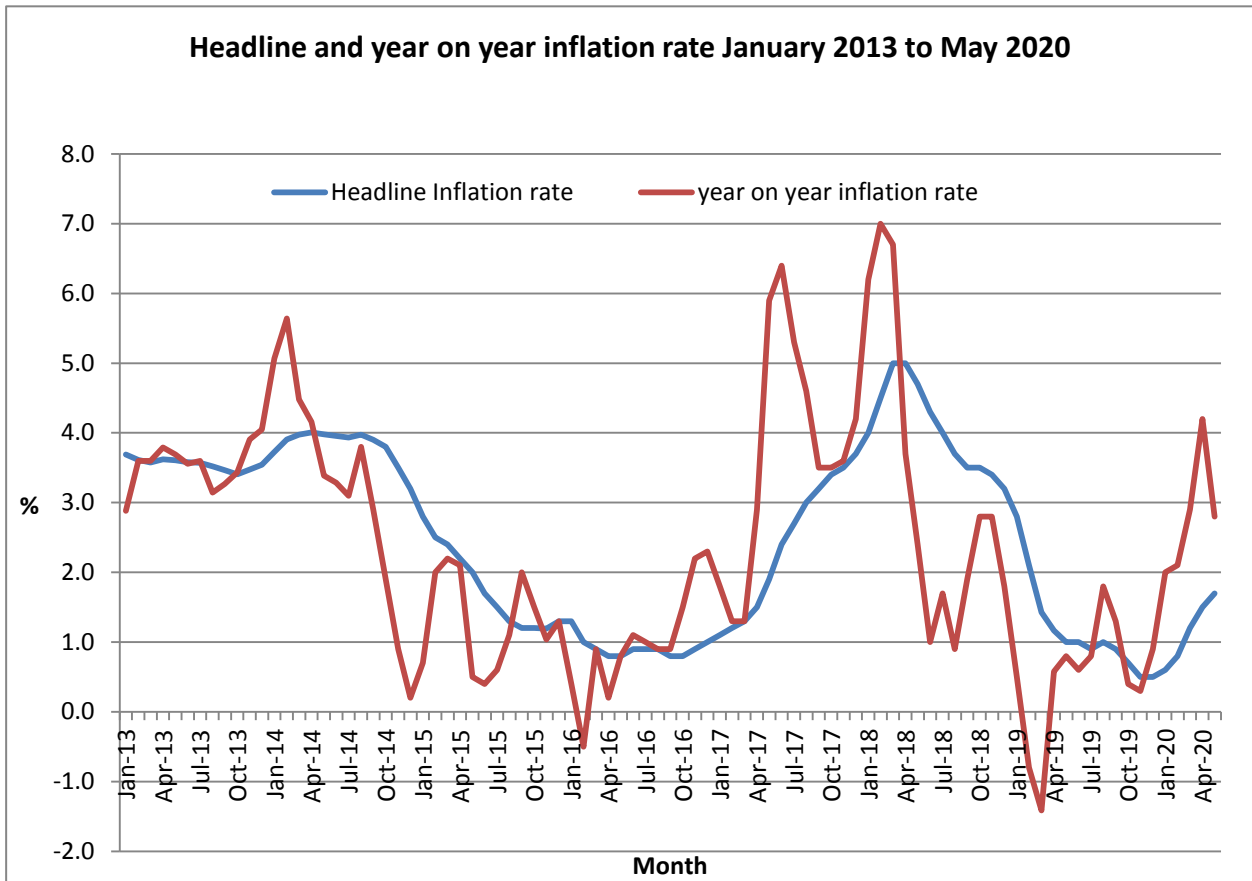
^{1/} % change has been computed from unrounded indices and hence may vary slightly from the change in rounded indices.

Note:

Further to national lockdown and closure of markets, vegetables were priced in supermarkets and small vegetable stalls around the island.

The **headline** inflation rate for the twelve months ending May 2020 works out to 1.7%, compared to 1.0% for the twelve months ending May 2019.

The **year-on-year** inflation rate for May 2020, as measured by the change in the CPI for May 2020 relative to May 2019 works out to 2.8%.



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

Source: **Statistics Mauritius**
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