

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

April 2019	March 2020	April 2020
104.4	107.4	108.8

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

Commodity	Change in index point
Vegetables	+0.3
Culinary herbs	+0.2
Powdered milk	+0.1
Trader's rice	+0.1
Fish	+0.1
Pulses	+0.1
Fruits	+0.1
Other food products	+0.1
Washing materials and softener	+0.1
Motor vehicles	+0.1
Other goods and services	+0.1
Total	+1.4

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

Division	March 2020	April 2020	% change¹ in index between March and April 2020
1. Food and non-alcoholic beverages	118.7	123.1	+3.7
2. Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	105.5	106.0	+0.5
3. Clothing and footwear	105.9	106.6	+0.6
4. Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	98.2	98.0	-0.2
5. Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	106.1	107.4	+1.2
6. Health	106.7	107.2	+0.5
7. Transport	104.5	105.1	+0.5
8. Communication	98.6	98.6	-
9. Recreation and culture	103.6	103.6	-
10. Education	102.2	102.2	-
11. Restaurants and hotels	106.4	107.1	+0.6
12. Miscellaneous goods and services	105.3	105.6	+0.3
All Divisions	<u>107.4</u>	<u>108.8</u>	+1.3
<i>All Divisions, excluding "Alcoholic beverages and tobacco"</i>	<u>107.6</u>	<u>109.1</u>	+1.4

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

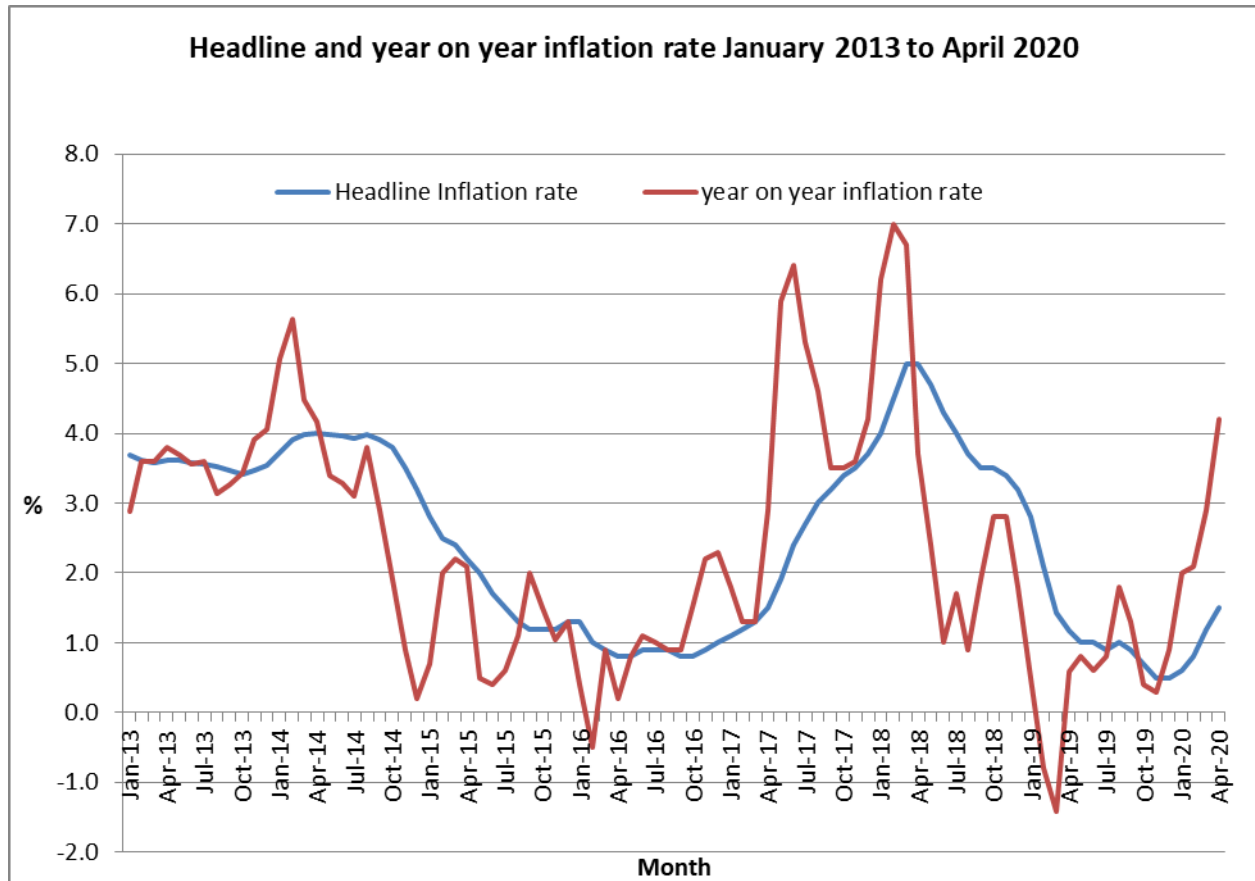
Note:

1. Due to national lockdown, the pricing exercise was disrupted. Prices were collected in supermarkets by staffs during their shopping, vegetable prices were collected in small market stalls by various staffs residing in different regions and other prices were obtained via internet, phone and administrative sources.

2. Imputation method for missing prices by COICOP Division are based on international recommendations.

The **headline** inflation rate for the twelve months ending April 2020 works out to 1.5%, compared to 1.2% for the twelve months ending April 2019.

The **year-on-year** inflation rate for April 2020, as measured by the change in the CPI for April 2020 relative to April 2019 works out to 4.2%.



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Source: **Statistics Mauritius**
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