

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

| March 2019 | February 2020 | March 2020 |
|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| 104.4 | 106.6 | 107.4 |

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

| Commodity | Change in index point |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| Vegetables | +0.3 |
| Trader's rice | +0.1 |
| Culinary herbs | +0.1 |
| Other food products | +0.2 |
| Other goods and services | +0.1 |
| Total | +0.8 |

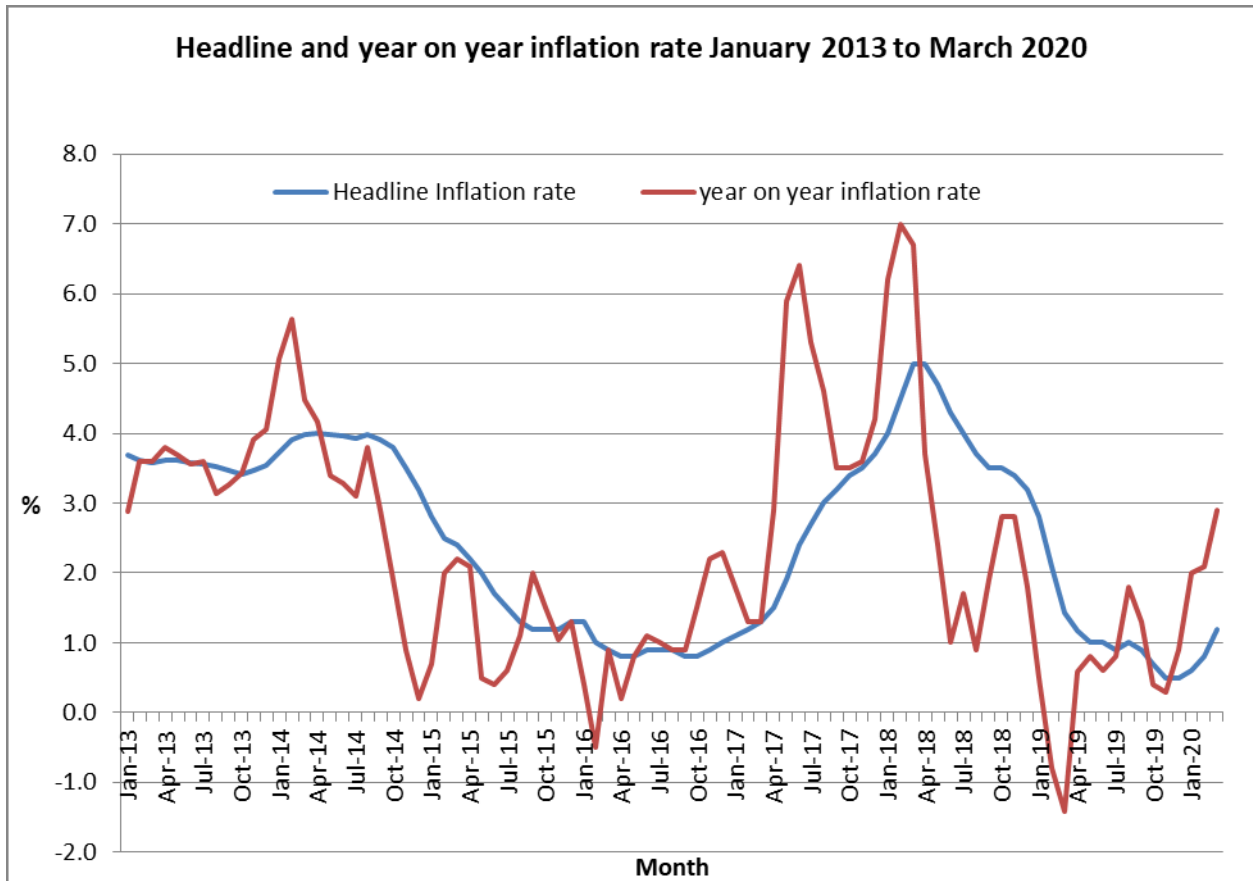
Sub-indices for the twelve divisions of consumption expenditure for the month of March 2020 compared to February 2020 are shown below:

| Division | February 2020 | March 2020 | % change¹ in index between February and March 2020 |
|---|----------------------|---------------------|--|
| 1. Food and non-alcoholic beverages | 116.0 | 118.7 | +2.3 |
| 2. Alcoholic beverages and tobacco | 105.4 | 105.5 | +0.2 |
| 3. Clothing and footwear | 105.9 | 105.9 | - |
| 4. Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels | 98.3 | 98.2 | -0.1 |
| 5. Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance | 105.0 | 106.1 | +1.0 |
| 6. Health | 106.7 | 106.7 | - |
| 7. Transport | 104.5 | 104.5 | - |
| 8. Communication | 98.7 | 98.6 | -0.1 |
| 9. Recreation and culture | 103.0 | 103.6 | +0.7 |
| 10. Education | 102.2 | 102.2 | - |
| 11. Restaurants and hotels | 106.4 | 106.4 | - |
| 12. Miscellaneous goods and services | 104.7 | 105.3 | +0.6 |
| All Divisions | <u>106.6</u> | <u>107.4</u> | +0.8 |
| <i>All Divisions, excluding "Alcoholic beverages and tobacco"</i> | <u>106.8</u> | <u>107.6</u> | +0.7 |

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

The **headline** inflation rate for the twelve months ending March 2020 works out to 1.2%, compared to 1.4% for the twelve months ending March 2019.

The **year-on-year** inflation rate for March 2020, as measured by the change in the CPI for March 2020 relative to March 2019 works out to 2.9%.



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

Source: **Statistics Mauritius**
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