

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

1. The **Consumer Price Index (CPI)** increased by 0.8 point or 0.7% from 109.0 in April 2021 to 109.8 in May 2021. The main contributors to the change in the index between April 2021 and May 2021 were:

Commodity	Change in index point
Vegetables	+0.3
Culinary herbs	+0.1
Meat	+0.1
Cigarettes	+0.2
Other goods and services	+0.1
Total	+0.8

2. **Year-on-year (Y-o-y)** inflation worked out to 2.4% in May 2021, compared to 2.8% in May 2020. **Headline** inflation for the 12-months ending May 2021 worked out to 1.8%, compared to 1.7% for the 12-months ending May 2020.
3. **Y-o-y CORE1 inflation** stood at 2.7% in May 2021, compared to 1.6% in May 2020 while, **y-o-y CORE2 inflation** worked out to 4.1% in May 2021, compared to 3.1% in May 2020.
4. **CORE1 inflation for the 12-months ending May 2021** stood at 2.5%, compared to 0.5% in May 2020. Similarly, **CORE2 inflation for the 12-months ending May 2021**, worked out to 3.7%, compared to 2.1% in May 2020.

Month	Consumer Price Index	Inflation Rate (%)					
		Annual Average			Year-on-Year		
		Headline	CORE1	CORE2	Headline	CORE1	CORE2
May 2020	107.3	1.7	0.5	2.1	2.8	1.6	3.1
April 2021	109.0	1.9	2.4	3.6	0.2	2.7	4.1
May 2021	109.8	1.8	2.5	3.7	2.4	2.7	4.1

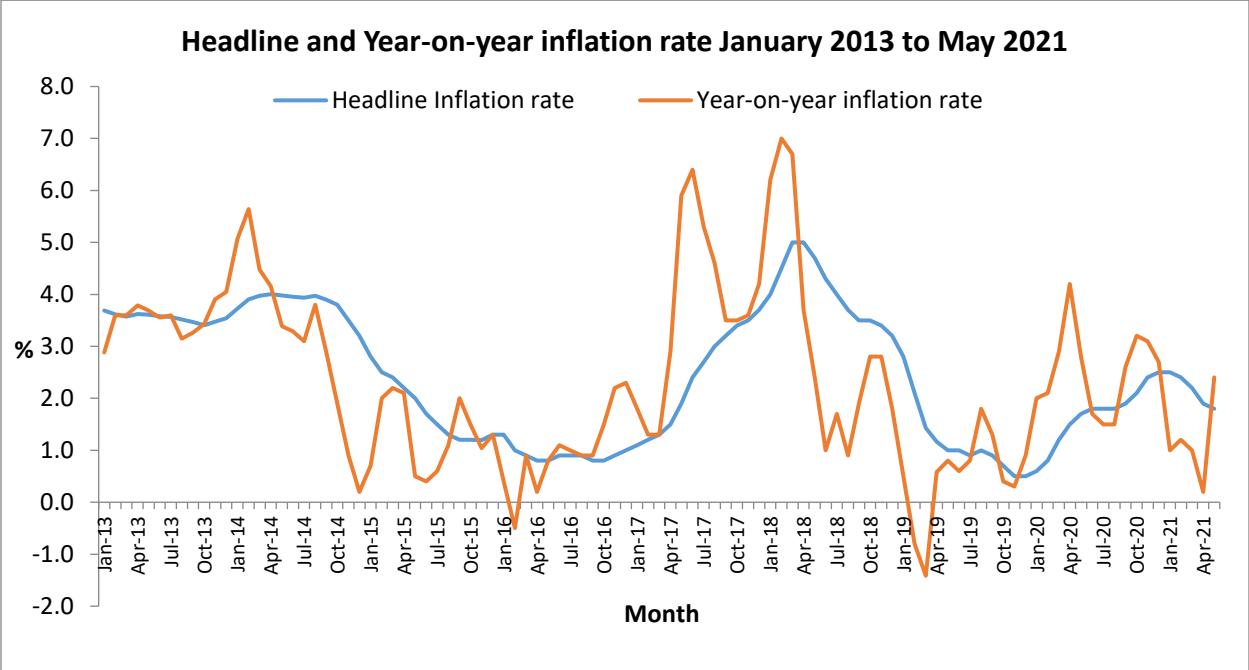
5. Sub-indices for the twelve divisions of consumption expenditure for the month of May 2021 compared to April 2021 are shown below:

Division	April 2021	May 2021	% change¹ in index between April 2021 and May 2021
1. Food and non-alcoholic beverages	118.2	120.4	+1.9
2. Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	108.0	109.1	+1.0
3. Clothing and footwear	108.5	108.7	+0.2
4. Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	87.6	87.7	+0.1
5. Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	112.4	112.5	+0.1
6. Health	113.3	113.7	+0.4
7. Transport	111.1	110.9	-0.2
8. Communication	98.8	98.8	-
9. Recreation and culture	107.2	107.9	+0.6
10. Education	107.6	107.6	-
11. Restaurants and hotels	110.8	111.3	+0.4
12. Miscellaneous goods and services	110.5	111.0	+0.5
All Divisions	<u>109.0</u>	<u>109.8</u>	<u>+0.7</u>
<i>All Divisions, excluding "Alcoholic beverages and tobacco"</i>	<u>109.1</u>	<u>109.8</u>	<u>+0.7</u>

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

Notes:

1. The headline inflation rate is calculated by using the annual average method, that is, by comparing the average level of prices during a twelve-month period with the average level during the corresponding previous twelve-month period.
2. The year-on-year inflation rate is calculated as the percentage change in the CPI for a given month with respect to the CPI for the corresponding month of the previous year.
3. CORE1 excludes "Food, beverages and tobacco" components and mortgage interest on housing loan from headline inflation.
4. CORE2 excludes Food, beverages and tobacco, mortgage interest on housing loan, electricity, gas, other fuels and items whose prices are controlled from headline inflation.



Detailed CPI series are available at the website of Statistics Mauritius:

Statistics > Statistics by Subject > Consumer Price Index

https://statsmauritius.govmu.org/Pages/Statistics/By_Subject/CPI/SB_CPI.aspx

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