

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

1. The **Consumer Price Index (CPI)** increased by 0.9 point or 0.8% from 107.0 in January 2021 to 107.9 in February 2021. The main contributors to the change in the index between January 2021 and February 2021 were:

Commodity	Change in index point
Vegetables	+0.3
Cooking oil	+0.1
Other food products	+0.1
Washing materials and Softeners	+0.1
Goods for personal care	+0.1
Other goods and services	+0.2
Total	+0.9

2. **Year-on-year (Y-o-y)** inflation worked out to 1.2% in February 2021, compared to 2.1% in February 2020. **Headline inflation** for the 12-months ending February 2021 worked out to 2.4%, compared to 0.8% for the 12-months ending February 2020.
3. **Y-o-y CORE1 inflation** stood at 3.1% in February 2021, compared to 0.9% in February 2020 while, **y-o-y CORE2 inflation** worked out to 4.5% in February 2021, compared to 2.1% in February 2020.
4. **CORE1 inflation for the 12-months ending February 2021** stood at 2.2%, compared to 0.3% in February 2020. Similarly, **CORE2 inflation for the 12-months ending February 2021**, worked out to 3.4%, compared to 1.7% in February 2020.

Month	Consumer Price Index	Inflation Rate (%)					
		Annual Average			Year-on-Year		
		Headline	CORE1	CORE2	Headline	CORE1	CORE2
February 2020	106.6	0.8	0.3	1.7	2.1	0.9	2.1
January 2021	107.0	2.5	2.0	3.2	1.0	2.6	3.8
February 2021	107.9	2.4	2.2	3.4	1.2	3.1	4.5

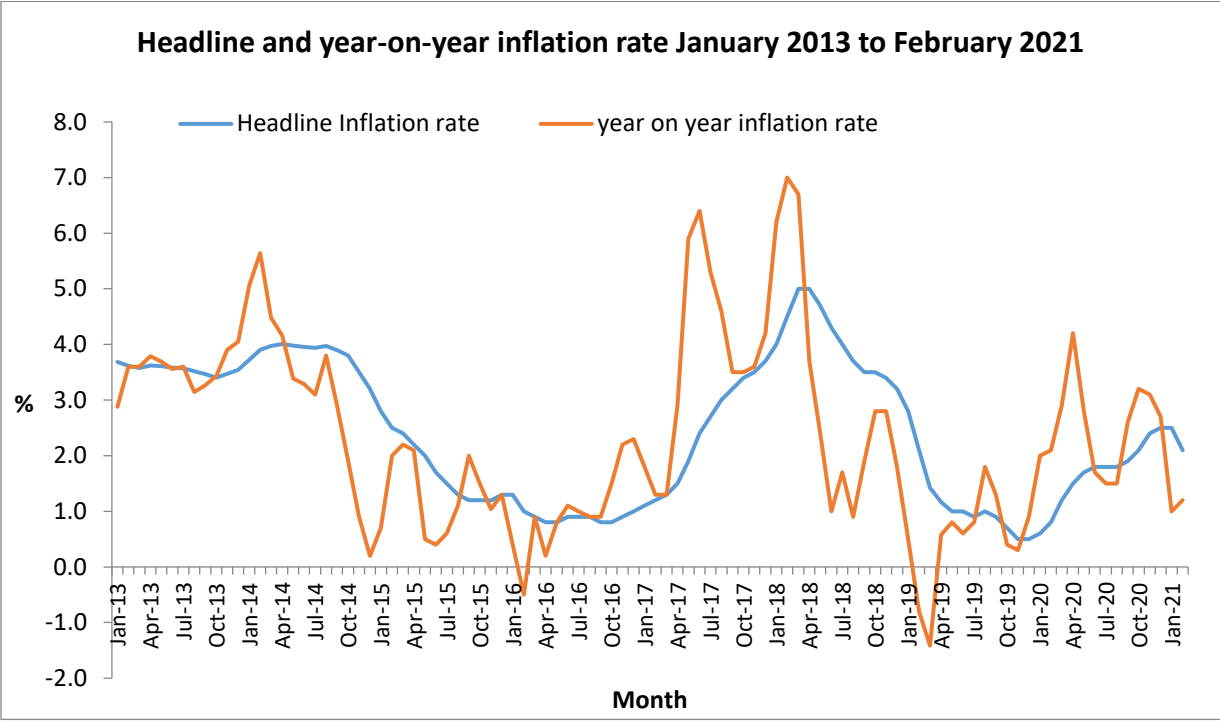
5. Sub-indices for the twelve divisions of consumption expenditure for the month of February 2021 compared to January 2021 are shown below:

Division	January 2021	February 2021	% change¹ in index between January 2021 and February 2021
1. Food and non-alcoholic beverages	112.0	114.2	+1.9
2. Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	107.5	107.7	+0.2
3. Clothing and footwear	108.2	108.2	-
4. Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	92.7	92.7	-
5. Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	109.5	111.5	+1.8
6. Health	112.7	113.1	+0.3
7. Transport	107.3	107.5	+0.2
8. Communication	98.5	98.8	+0.2
9. Recreation and culture	105.9	106.4	+0.4
10. Education	107.6	107.6	-
11. Restaurants and hotels	110.1	110.3	+0.2
12. Miscellaneous goods and services	108.6	110.0	+1.3
All Divisions	<u>107.0</u>	<u>107.9</u>	+0.8
<i>All Divisions, excluding "Alcoholic beverages and tobacco"</i>	<i><u>107.0</u></i>	<i><u>107.9</u></i>	<i>+0.9</i>

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

Notes :

- a) 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.
- b) 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.
- c) **CORE1** excludes "Food, beverages and tobacco" components and mortgage interest on housing loan from headline inflation.
- d) **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

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