

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

1. The **Consumer Price Index (CPI)** increased by 0.7 point or 0.6% from 107.9 in February 2021 to 108.5 in March 2021. The main contributors to the change in the index between February 2021 and March 2021 were:

Commodity	Change in index point
Vegetables	+0.4
Culinary herbs	+0.1
Other food products	+0.1
Other goods and services	+0.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>+0.7</b>

2. **Year-on-year (Y-o-y) inflation** worked out to 1.0% in March 2021, compared to 2.9% in March 2020. **Headline inflation** for the 12-months ending March 2021 worked out to 2.2%, compared to 1.2% for the 12-months ending March 2020.
3. **Y-o-y CORE1 inflation** stood at 3.0% in March 2021, compared to 1.3% in March 2020 while, **y-o-y CORE2 inflation** worked out to 4.3% in March 2021, compared to 2.7% in March 2020.
4. **CORE1 inflation for the 12-months ending March 2021** stood at 2.3%, compared to 0.3% in March 2020. Similarly, **CORE2 inflation for the 12-months ending March 2021**, worked out to 3.5%, compared to 1.8% in March 2020.

Month	Consumer Price Index	Inflation Rate (%)					
		Annual Average			Year-on-Year		
		Headline	CORE1	CORE2	Headline	CORE1	CORE2
March 2020	107.4	1.2	0.3	1.8	2.9	1.3	2.7
February 2021	107.9	2.4	2.2	3.4	1.2	3.1	4.5
March 2021	108.5	2.2	2.3	3.5	1.0	3.0	4.3

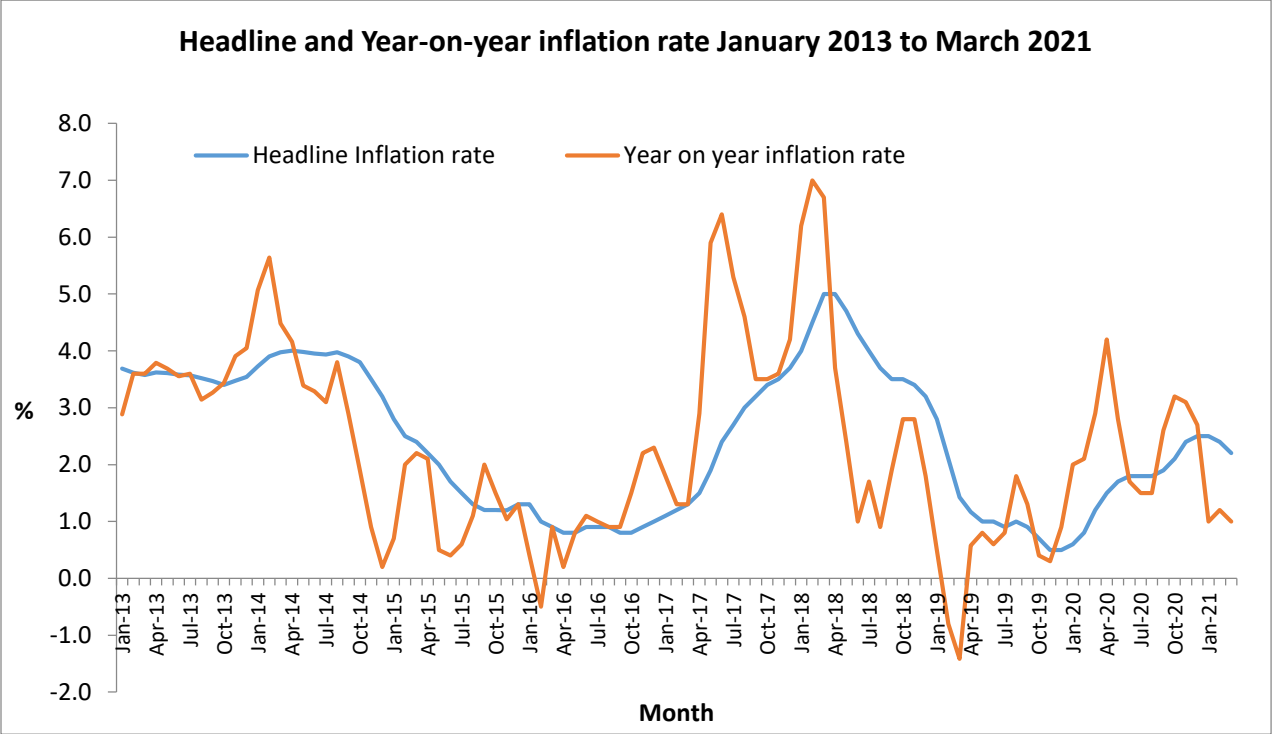
5. Sub-indices for the twelve divisions of consumption expenditure for the month of March 2021 compared to February 2021 are shown below:

<b>Division</b>	<b>February 2021</b>	<b>March 2021</b>	<b>% change<sup>1</sup> in index between February 2021 and March 2021</b>
1. Food and non-alcoholic beverages	114.2	116.8	+2.2
2. Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	107.7	107.7	-
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	111.5	111.9	+0.3
6. Health	113.1	113.2	+0.1
7. Transport	107.5	107.5	-
8. Communication	98.8	98.8	-
9. Recreation and culture	106.4	106.3	-
10. Education	107.6	107.6	-
11. Restaurants and hotels	110.3	110.6	+0.3
12. Miscellaneous goods and services	110.0	110.2	+0.1
<b>All Divisions</b>	<b><u>107.9</u></b>	<b><u>108.5</u></b>	<b><u>+0.6</u></b>
<i>All Divisions, excluding "Alcoholic beverages and tobacco"</i>	<i><u>107.9</u></i>	<i><u>108.6</u></i>	<i><u>+0.7</u></i>

<sup>1/</sup> % 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.
5. Since the lockdown, the pricing exercise was affected to some extent. Most prices were obtained (through outlets - supermarkets, pharmacies and others, online brochures, outlets' websites and administrative sources).
6. Some imputation was done based on international recommendations.



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

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