

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

1. The **Consumer Price Index (CPI)** increased by 2.5 points or 2.1% from 117.6 in February 2022 to 120.1 in March 2022. The main contributors to the change in the index between February 2022 and March 2022 were:

Commodity	Change in index point
Vegetables	+1.0
Meat	+0.1
Trader's rice	+0.1
Fish	+0.1
Other food products	+0.1
Interest rates on housing loan	+0.1
Furniture	+0.1
Gasolene	+0.5
Motor Vehicles	+0.1
Other goods and services	+0.3
Total	+2.5

2. **Year-on-year (Y-o-y)** inflation worked out to 10.7% in March 2022, compared to 1.0% in March 2021. **Headline** inflation for the 12-months ending March 2022 worked out to 6.0%, compared to 2.2% for the 12-months ending March 2021.
3. **Y-o-y CORE1 inflation** stood at 7.6% in March 2022, compared to 3.0% in March 2021 while, **y-o-y CORE2 inflation** worked out to 6.6% in March 2022, compared to 4.3% in March 2021.
4. **CORE1 inflation for the 12-months ending March 2022** stood at 4.8%, compared to 2.3% in March 2021. Similarly, **CORE2 inflation for the 12-months ending March 2022** worked out to 5.0%, compared to 3.5% in March 2021.

Month	Consumer Price Index	Inflation Rate (%)					
		Annual Average			Year-on-Year		
		Headline	CORE1	CORE2	Headline	CORE1	CORE2
March 2021	108.5	2.2	2.3	3.5	1.0	3.0	4.3
February 2022	117.6	5.2	4.4	4.8	9.0	6.1	5.8
March 2022	120.1	6.0	4.8	5.0	10.7	7.6	6.6

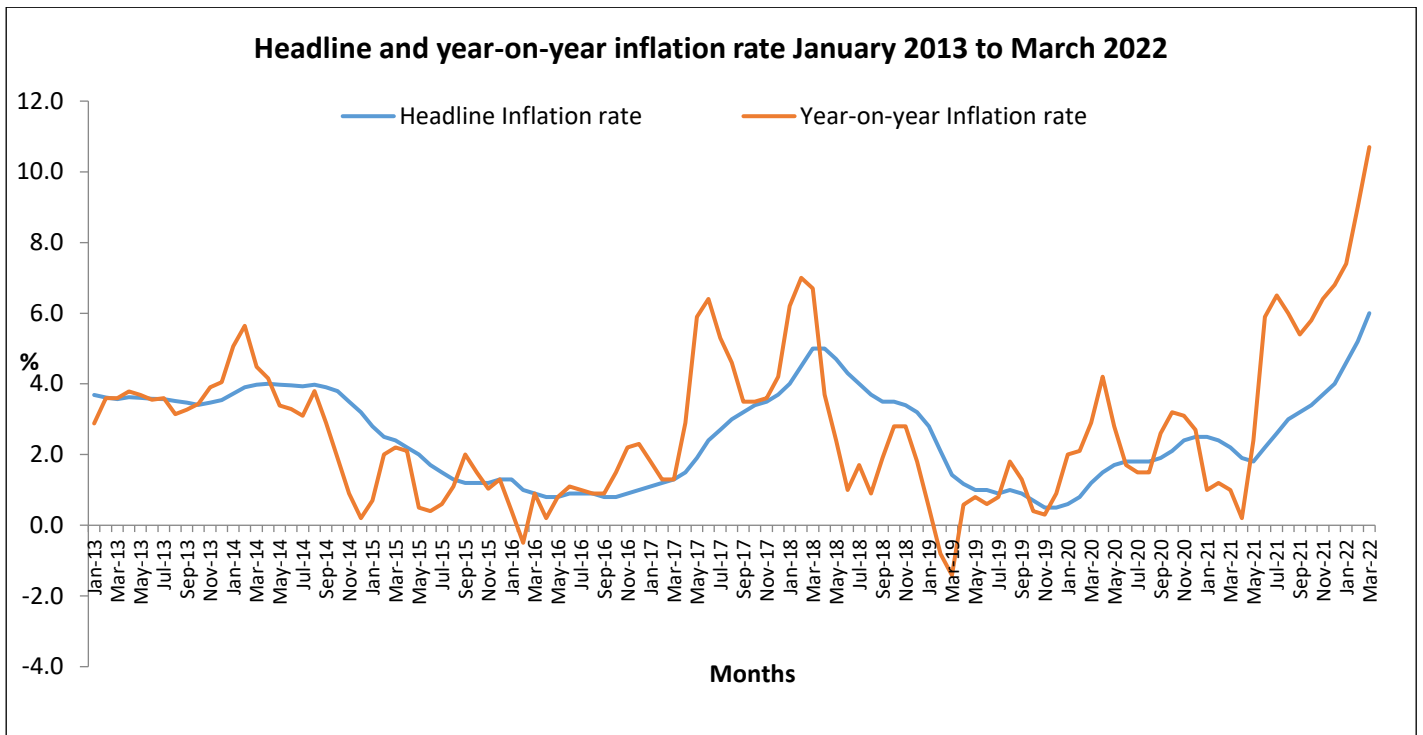
5. Sub-indices for the twelve divisions of consumption expenditure for the month of March 2022 compared to February 2022 are shown below:

Division	February 2022	March 2022	% change¹ in index between February 2022 and March 2022
1. Food and non-alcoholic beverages	132.7	138.2	+4.2
2. Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	118.4	118.4	-
3. Clothing and footwear	110.7	111.1	+0.3
4. Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	92.4	93.4	+1.1
5. Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	122.5	124.4	+1.5
6. Health	122.6	122.7	+0.1
7. Transport	119.8	125.0	+4.4
8. Communication	98.8	98.8	-
9. Recreation and culture	112.7	113.0	+0.3
10. Education	111.9	111.9	-
11. Restaurants and hotels	116.4	117.1	+0.6
12. Miscellaneous goods and services	116.1	117.4	+1.1
All Divisions	<u>117.6</u>	<u>120.1</u>	<u>+2.1</u>
<i>All Divisions, excluding "Alcoholic beverages and tobacco"</i>	<i><u>117.5</u></i>	<i><u>120.3</u></i>	<i><u>+2.4</u></i>

^{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-months period with the average level during the corresponding previous twelve-months 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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