

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR MARCH 2026

(Base: January – December 2023 = 100)

- The **Consumer Price Index (CPI)** increased by +0.1 point or 0.1 % from 109.5 in February 2026 to 109.6 in March 2026. The main contributors to the change in the index between February 2026 and March 2026 were:

Commodity	Change in index point
Vegetables	-0.1
Other food products	+0.1
Other goods and services	+0.1
Total	+0.1

- Year-on-year (Y-o-y)** inflation worked out to 2.7% in March 2026, compared to 1.8% in March 2025. **Headline** inflation for the 12-months ending March 2026 worked out to 4.2%, compared to 2.5% for the 12-months ending March 2025.
- Y-o-y CORE1 inflation** stood at 4.2% in March 2026, compared to 3.4% in March 2025 while, **y-o-y CORE2 inflation** worked out to 5.5% in March 2026, compared to 6.0% in March 2025.
- CORE1 inflation for the 12-months ending March 2026** stood at 4.3%, compared to 2.3% in March 2025. Similarly, **CORE2 inflation for the 12-months ending March 2026** worked out to 6.3%, compared to 4.2% in March 2025.

Month	Consumer Price Index	Inflation Rate (%)					
		Annual Average			Year-on-Year		
		Headline	CORE1	CORE2	Headline	CORE1	CORE2
March 2025	106.8	2.5	2.3	4.2	1.8	3.4	6.0
February 2026	109.5	4.1	4.2	6.3	3.5	4.2	5.5
March 2026	109.6	4.2	4.3	6.3	2.7	4.2	5.5

5. Sub-indices for the thirteen divisions of consumption expenditure for the month of March 2026 compared to February 2026 are shown below:

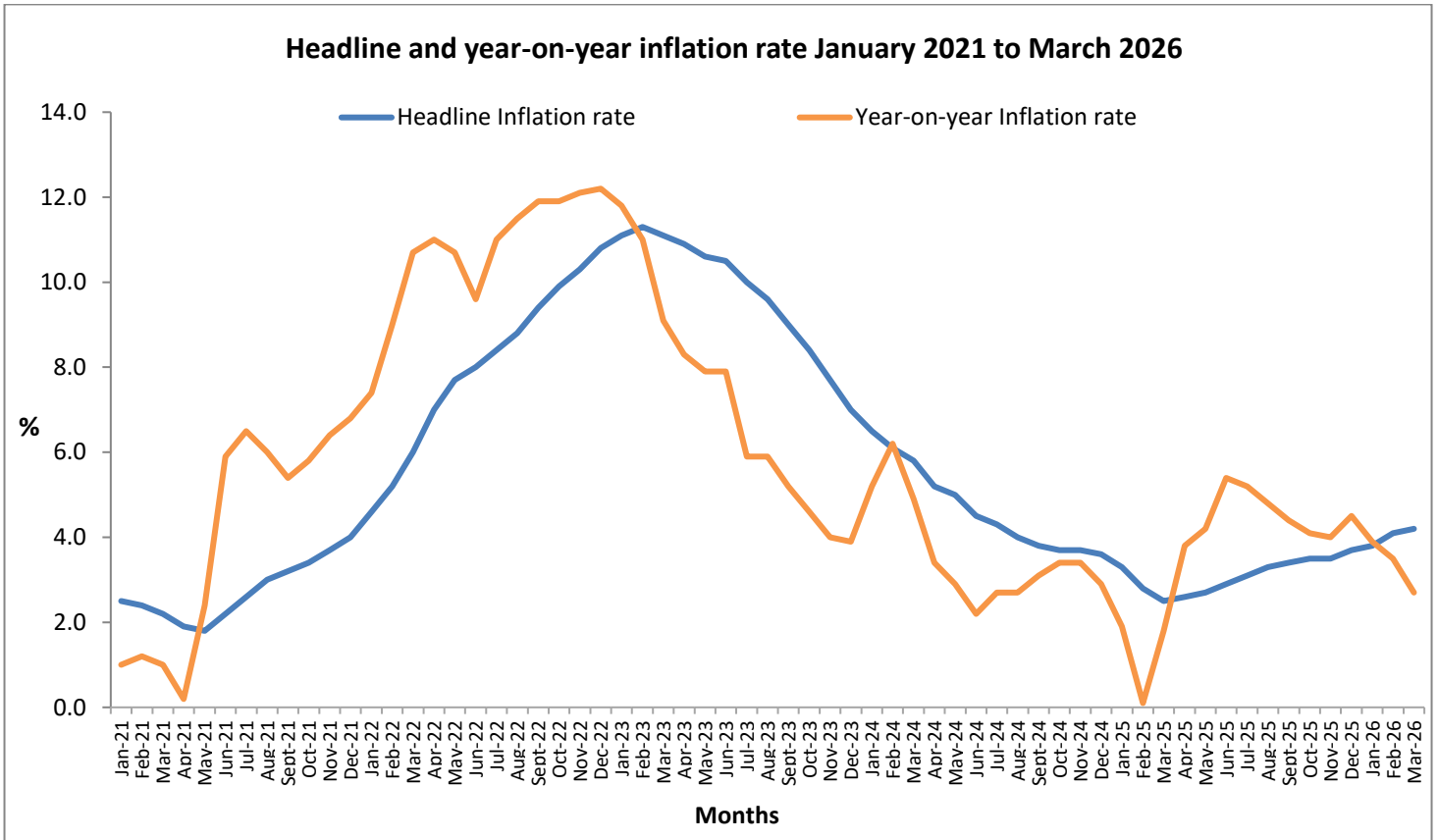
Division	February 2026	March 2026	% change¹ in index between February 2026 and March 2026
1. Food and non-alcoholic beverages	110.6	110.8	+0.1
2. Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	113.1	113.4	+0.2
3. Clothing and footwear	107.4	107.5	+0.1
4. Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	103.0	102.9	-
5. Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	111.3	112.0	+0.7
6. Health	118.1	118.1	-
7. Transport	102.0	102.3	+0.3
8. Information and Communication	100.7	100.7	-
9. Recreation, sports and culture	109.0	109.3	+0.2
10. Education services	116.1	116.1	-
11. Restaurants and accommodation services	122.5	122.7	+0.2
12. Insurance and financial services	119.1	119.1	-
13. Personal care, social protection and miscellaneous goods and services	111.0	111.8	+0.7
All Divisions	<u>109.5</u>	<u>109.6</u>	+0.1
<i>All Divisions, excluding “Alcoholic beverages and tobacco”</i>	<u>109.0</u>	<u>109.2</u>	+0.2

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

- Nil or negligible

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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