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

1. The **Consumer Price Index (CPI)** increased by 0.4 point or 0.3% from 124.0 in July 2022 to 124.4 in August 2022. The main contributors to the change in the index between July 2022 and August 2022 were:

Commodity	Change in index point
Meat	+0.1
Vegetables	+0.1
Powdered milk	+0.1
Other food products	+0.1
Whisky	-0.1
Other goods and services	+0.1
Total	+0.4

- 2. Year-on-year (Y-o-y) inflation worked out to 11.5% in August 2022, compared to 6.0% in August 2021. Headline inflation for the 12-months ending August 2022 worked out to 8.8%, compared to 3.0% for the 12-months ending August 2021.
- 3. **Y-o-y CORE1 inflation** stood at 10.6% in August 2022, compared to 4.4% in August 2021 while, **y-o-y CORE2 inflation** worked out to 8.3% in August 2022, compared to 4.3% in August 2021.
- 4. **CORE1 inflation for the 12-months ending August 2022** stood at 7.6%, compared to 3.2% in August 2021. Similarly, **CORE2 inflation for the 12-months ending August 2022** worked out to 6.4%, compared to 4.1% in August 2021.

	Consumer Price Index	Inflation Rate (%)						
Month		Annual Average			Year-on-Year			
		Headline	CORE1	CORE2	Headline	CORE1	CORE2	
August 2021	111.6	3.0	3.2	4.1	6.0	4.4	4.3	
July 2022	124.0	8.4	7.1	6.1	11.0	10.5	8.3	
August 2022	124.4	8.8	7.6	6.4	11.5	10.6	8.3	

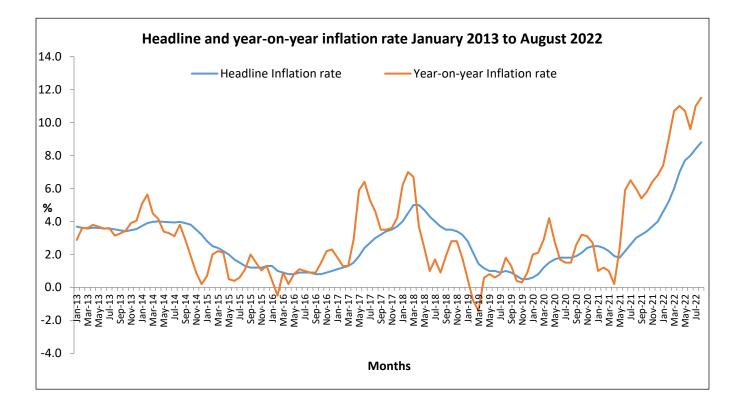
5. Sub-indices for the twelve divisions of consumption expenditure for the month of August 2022 compared to July 2022 are shown below:

Division	July 2022	August 2022	% change <sup>1</sup> in index between July 2022 and August 2022
1. Food and non-alcoholic beverages	134.7	136.1	+1.0
2. Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	129.3	128.3	-0.7
3. Clothing and footwear	112.4	112.6	+0.2
<ol> <li>Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels</li> </ol>	95.4	95.5	+0.1
5. Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	127.3	127.9	+0.5
6. Health	123.7	123.9	+0.1
7. Transport	140.6	140.8	+0.1
8. Communication	98.8	98.9	+0.1
9. Recreation and culture	115.0	115.5	+0.4
10. Education	111.9	111.9	-
11. Restaurants and hotels	127.6	127.7	+0.1
12. Miscellaneous goods and services	119.8	120.2	+0.4
All Divisions	<u>124.0</u>	<u>124.4</u>	<u>+0.3</u>
All Divisions, excluding "Alcoholic beverages and tobacco"	<u>123.4</u>	<u>123.9</u>	<u>+0.4</u>

<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-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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