Consumer Price Index

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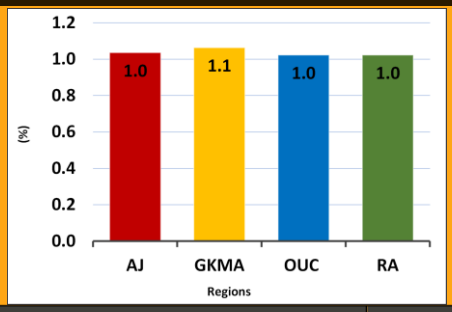
The All Jamaica Consumer Price Index (CPI) increased by 1.0 per cent for August 2023. The main contributor was a 1.4 per cent increase in the index for the heaviest weighted division **'Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages'**. This was impacted mainly by a 4.0 per cent increase in the index for the class *'Vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas and pulses'* as prices continued to trend upwards for some agricultural products such as: tomato, cabbage, Irish potato and yellow yam. The inflation rate for the month was also influenced by a 5.2 per cent increase in the index for the division **'Information and Communication'**, due to higher rates for mobile communication services. Additionally, there was a 0.8 per cent rise in the index for the division **'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels'**, resulting from increased rates for electricity, water and sewage and a 1.0 per cent rise in the index for the **'Transport'** division due to higher petrol prices.

The point-to-point inflation rate as at August 2023 was 6.8 per cent.

Inflation at a Glance



All Jamaica	+1.0%
Greater Kingston Metropolitan Area	+1.1%
Other Urban Centres	+1.0%
Rural Areas	+1.0%

All Jamaica Monthly Movements:

MONTH	YEAR	(%)
August	**2023**	**+1.0**
July	2023	+1.1
June	2023	+1.0
May	2023	+0.6
April	2023	-0.4
March	2023	+0.1
February	2023	+0.5
January	2023	-0.6
December	2022	-0.0
November	2022	+0.4
October	2022	+1.5
September	2022	+1.4
August	2022	+0.9

Table I: All Jamaica, Divisional Indices and Movement (Base period 2019 = 100)

DIVISIONS, GROUPS AND CLASSES	AUG 2023	JUL 2023	Past Month	Point to Point	Fiscal Year 23/24	Calendar Year to Date
ALL DIVISIONS - ALL ITEMS	132.2	130.8	1.0	6.8	3.8	3.9
01 - FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	147.1	145.2	1.4	10.9	5.8	7.3
02 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO AND NARCOTICS	124.6	124.0	0.5	7.4	1.4	2.8
03 CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	122.1	121.8	0.2	5.1	1.1	2.3
04 HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS	118.8	117.9	0.8	2.0	2.4	-1.1
05 FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE	134.3	134.1	0.2	11.1	7.3	8.8
06 HEALTH	119.8	119.5	0.3	4.6	1.2	3.0
07 TRANSPORT	118.8	117.7	1.0	-1.2	0.7	0.5
08 INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION	102.2	97.2	5.2	2.8	5.5	2.7
09 RECREATION, SPORT AND CULTURE	122.5	121.1	1.2	5.4	2.1	2.7
10 EDUCATION	125.5	125.5	0.0	8.6	0.0	0.0
11 RESTAURANTS AND ACCOMMODATION SERVICES	157.8	157.7	0.0	12.0	4.4	5.6
12 INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	108.5	108.5	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0
13 PERSONAL CARE, SOCIAL PROTECTION AND MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES	124.3	123.9	0.3	5.1	1.4	2.6

CPI Point-to-Point, August 2023

The All Jamaica Consumer Price Index for August 2023, increased by 6.8 per cent when compared to August 2022. The divisions **'Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages'** (10.9%), **'Restaurants and Accommodation Services'** (12.0%) and **'Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance**' (11.1%), were the largest contributors to this increase. Tempering these increases, however, was a fall of 1.2 per cent in the index for the **'Transport'** division.

All classes within the **'Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages'** division increased for the review period. The key contributor was the class 'Vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas and pulses', which rose by 30.2 per cent. Continued drought conditions led to higher prices for yam, sweet potato, Irish potato, tomato, carrot and cabbage. The index for the class, 'Cereals and cereal products' increased by 5.1 per cent, due to higher prices for bread, flour and rice. Increased prices for other meat products such as chicken, turkey neck, corned beef and other meat products, contributed to the 4.1 per cent rise in the index for 'Meat and Other parts of slaughtered land animals'.

The increase in the index of the **'Restaurants and Accommodation Services'** division was attributable to higher prices for 'Food and Beverage Serving Services' (12.1%). The index for the division **'Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance'** was largely impacted by the upward movement in the group 'Goods and Services for Routine Household Maintenance' (13.6%). This was a result of an increase in the National Minimum Wage for Jamaica on June 1, 2023.

Moderating these increases was a fall in the index for the **'Transport'** division. This was mainly due to lower prices for petrol products over the point-to-point period. The class 'Fuel & lubricants for personal transport equipment' declined by 10.2 per cent for this review period.

All Jamaica, Point-to-Point Inflation Rate, August 2021 – August 2023

CPI Division Movements, August 2023

Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages

+1.4%

The index for the '**Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages**' division rose by 1.4 per cent. There was a 1.4 per cent increase in the index for the 'Food' group, while 'Non-Alcoholic Beverages' rose by 0.5 per cent. The upward movement in the 'Food' group was mainly attributed to a 4.0 per cent increase in the index for the class 'Vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas and pulses'. This was influenced primarily by higher prices for agricultural produce such as cabbage, sweet pepper, Irish potato and yam. There were increases in the index of all the other classes within the group, with 'Ready-made food and other food products n.e.c' (2.5%), 'Fruit and nuts' (2.4%) and 'Sugar confectionery and desserts' (1.2%) having the highest price movements. For the group 'Non-Alcoholic Beverages', the class 'Coffee, Tea, Cocoa' (0.6%) had the highest increase followed by the classes 'Water, Soft drinks, and Other non-alcoholic beverages' and 'Fruit and vegetable juices', each with a 0.5 per cent increase in their index.

The point-to-point inflation rate was 10.9 per cent.

Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics

+0.5%

The index for the '**Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics'** division increased by 0.5 per cent. This was primarily as a result of a 1.0 per cent increase in the index for the group 'Tobacco'. The index for the 'Alcoholic Beverages' group rose by 0.3 per cent.

The point-to-point inflation rate was 7.4 per cent.

Clothing And Footwear

+0.2%

The index of the **'Clothing and Footwear'** division was 0.2 per cent higher than that in July 2023. The two groups comprising the division 'Clothing' and 'Footwear' had increases in their index of 0.3 per cent and 0.1 per cent respectively.

The point-to-point inflation rate was 5.1 per cent.

Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels

+0.8%

The index for the **'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels'** division rose by 0.8 per cent. This was mainly attributed to higher rates for electricity, which led to a 2.2 per cent increase in the index for the group 'Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels'. There was a 0.3 per cent increase in the index of the group 'Maintenance, Repair and Security of the Dwelling', while that of the 'Water Supply and Miscellaneous Services related to the Dwelling' went up by 0.2 per cent.

The point-to-point inflation rate was 2.0 per cent.

Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance

+0.2%

The index for the **'Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance'** division increased by 0.2 per cent. All groups within the division registered increases in their index with the group 'Goods and Services for Routine Household Maintenance' (0.2%) having the strongest impact. This was due to increased prices for some household cleaning products.

The point-to-point rate was 11.1 per cent.

Health

The index for the '**Health**' division rose by 0.3 per cent. This was due mainly to a 0.2 per cent increase in the index for the group 'Medicines and Health Products' as a result of higher prices for some over-the-counter and prescription drugs.

The point-to-point inflation rate was 4.6 per cent.

Transport

There was a 1.0 per cent rise in the index for the **'Transport'** division for the period under review. This was influenced mainly by higher costs for fuels and lubricants for personal transport equipment which resulted in a 3.7 per cent increase in the index for the group 'Operation of Personal Transport Equipment'.

The point-to-point inflation rate was -1.2 per cent.

Information and Communication

The index for the division **'Information and Communication'** increased by 5.2 per cent. This was primarily due to higher rates for mobile communication services.

The point-to-point inflation rate was 2.8 per cent.

Recreation, Sport and Culture

The index for the '**Recreation, Sport and Culture**' division rose by 1.2 per cent for August 2023. This was largely attributed to increased costs for textbooks, stationery and drawing materials. This led to a 1.5 per cent increase for the group 'Newspapers, Books and Stationery'.

The point-to-point inflation rate was 5.4 per cent.

Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous Goods and Services

The index for the division '**Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous Goods and Services**' increased by 0.3 per cent for August 2023 as prices continued to move upwards for some personal care and other personal effects items.

The point-to-point inflation rate was 5.1 per cent.

TABLE II. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: ALL JAMAICA, AUGUST 2023

DIVISIONS, GROUPS AND CLASSES	AUG 2023 Index	JUL 2023 Index	Past Month	Point to Point	Fiscal Year 23/24	Calendar Year to Date
ALL DIVISIONS - ALL ITEMS	**132.2**	**130.8**	**1.0**	**6.8**	**3.8**	**3.9**
01 - FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	**147.1**	**145.2**	**1.4**	**10.9**	**5.8**	**7.3**
01.1 FOOD	**147.7**	**145.6**	**1.4**	**10.9**	**6.0**	**7.4**
01.1.1 Cereals and cereal products (ND)	142.7	142.4	0.2	5.1	1.9	2.7
01.1.2 Meat and other parts of slaughtered land animals (ND)	148.7	148.6	0.1	4.1	0.9	2.1
01.1.3 Fish and Seafood (ND)	137.2	136.6	0.4	5.1	1.3	2.4
01.1.4 Milk, other dairy products and eggs (ND)	137.1	136.7	0.3	7.5	1.7	3.4
01.1.5 Oils and Fats (ND)	144.5	144.1	0.2	5.6	0.9	1.9
01.1.6 Fruits and nuts (ND)	129.6	126.6	2.4	5.1	0.8	0.9
01.1.7 Vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas and pulses (ND)	**172.7**	**166.1**	**4.0**	**30.2**	**22.0**	**25.0**
Tubers, Plantains and cooking Banana (Starchy Foods)	**175.0**	**168.7**	**3.8**	**32.3**	**23.1**	**32.5**
Vegetables	**171.6**	**164.8**	**4.1**	**29.3**	**21.7**	**22.4**
01.1.8 Sugar, confectionery and desserts (ND)	142.7	141.0	1.2	12.1	3.5	6.0
01.1.9 Ready-made food and other food products n.e.c. (ND)	136.8	133.5	2.5	10.6	4.3	5.6
01.2 NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	**137.8**	**137.1**	**0.5**	**10.8**	**2.8**	**5.8**
01.2.1 Fruit and vegetable juices (ND)	137.0	136.3	0.5	9.9	2.5	4.9
01.2.2, 01.2.3, 01.2.4 Coffee, Tea, Cocoa	142.9	142.1	0.6	13.5	3.0	8.4
01.2.5, 01.2.6, 0.1.2.9 Water, Soft drinks and Other non-alcoholic beverages	136.4	135.8	0.5	10.4	3.0	5.3
02 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO AND NARCOTICS	**124.6**	**124.0**	**0.5**	**7.4**	**1.4**	**2.8**
03 CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	**122.1**	**121.8**	**0.2**	**5.1**	**1.1**	**2.3**
03.1 CLOTHING	123.2	122.9	0.3	5.2	1.3	2.5
03.2 FOOTWEAR	119.7	119.6	0.1	4.7	0.8	2.0
04 HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS	**118.8**	**117.9**	**0.8**	**2.0**	**2.4**	**-1.1**
04.1 ACTUAL RENTALS FOR HOUSING	126.7	126.7	0.0	2.3	0.5	0.5
04.2 IMPUTED RENTALS FOR HOUSING	107.1	107.1	0.0	2.2	0.6	0.6
04.3 MAINTENANCE, REPAIR AND SECURITY OF THE DWELLING	130.8	130.4	0.3	4.7	0.7	3.3
04.4 WATER SUPPLY AND MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES RELATING TO THE DWELLING	112.8	112.5	0.2	-0.2	-3.4	-3.3
04.5 ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS	135.9	133.0	2.2	2.1	7.5	-3.2
05 FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE	**134.3**	**134.1**	**0.2**	**11.1**	**7.3**	**8.8**
05.1 FURNITURE, FURNISHINGS, AND LOOSE CARPETS	126.8	126.6	0.2	4.6	0.7	2.6
05.2 HOUSEHOLD TEXTILES	125.0	124.8	0.2	6.2	1.3	3.5
05.3 HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES	121.9	121.8	0.1	2.9	0.5	1.2
05.5 TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT FOR HOUSE AND GARDEN	118.7	118.2	0.5	4.7	1.6	2.7
05.6 GOODS AND SERVICES FOR ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE	138.6	138.3	0.2	13.6	9.9	11.4
06 HEALTH	**119.8**	**119.5**	**0.3**	**4.6**	**1.2**	**3.0**
06.1 MEDICINES AND HEALTH PRODUCTS	120.3	120.1	0.2	4.5	1.2	3.1
06.2 OUTPATIENT CARE SERVICES	122.1	121.9	0.1	6.2	1.3	2.4
06.4 OTHER HEALTH SERVICES	108.3	107.3	0.8	2.9	1.8	1.9
07 TRANSPORT	**118.8**	**117.7**	**1.0**	**-1.2**	**0.7**	**0.5**
08 INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION	**102.2**	**97.2**	**5.2**	**2.8**	**5.5**	**2.7**
09 RECREATION, SPORT AND CULTURE	**122.5**	**121.1**	**1.2**	**5.4**	**2.1**	**2.7**
10 EDUCATION	**125.5**	**125.5**	**0.0**	**8.6**	**0.0**	**0.0**
11 RESTAURANTS AND ACCOMMODATION SERVICES	**157.8**	**157.7**	**0.0**	**12.0**	**4.4**	**5.6**
12 INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	**108.5**	**108.5**	**0.0**	**0.3**	**0.0**	**0.0**
13 PERSONAL CARE, SOCIAL PROTECTION AND MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES	**124.3**	**123.9**	**0.3**	**5.1**	**1.4**	**2.6**

TABLE III. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: GREATER KINGSTON METROPOLITAN AREA, AUGUST 2023

DIVISIONS, GROUPS AND CLASSES	AUG 2023 Index	JUL 2023 Index	Past Month	Point to Point	Fiscal Year 23/24	Calendar Year to Date
ALL DIVISIONS - ALL ITEMS	**130.6**	**129.2**	**1.1**	**6.9**	**3.9**	**4.0**
01 - FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	**150.7**	**148.4**	**1.5**	**12.0**	**6.6**	**8.3**
01.1 FOOD	**151.4**	**149.0**	**1.6**	**11.9**	**6.9**	**8.4**
01.1.1 Cereals and cereal products (ND)	144.1	143.9	0.2	5.7	2.4	3.4
01.1.2 Meat and other parts of slaughtered land animals (ND)	154.8	154.7	0.1	5.0	1.0	2.6
01.1.3 Fish and Seafood (ND)	143.1	142.1	0.7	6.4	2.1	3.3
01.1.4 Milk, other dairy products and eggs (ND)	138.4	138.0	0.2	8.0	2.2	3.6
01.1.5 Oils and Fats (ND)	148.8	148.6	0.1	4.9	1.4	2.1
01.1.6 Fruits and nuts (ND)	124.2	120.8	2.9	6.7	1.9	3.0
01.1.7 Vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas and pulses (ND)	**181.5**	**173.6**	**4.5**	**32.0**	**24.5**	**27.2**
Tubers, Plantains and cooking Banana (Starchy Foods)	**191.4**	**183.4**	**4.3**	**35.4**	**22.3**	**33.8**
Vegetables	**177.5**	**169.4**	**4.8**	**30.5**	**25.5**	**24.4**
01.1.8 Sugar, confectionery and desserts (ND)	145.9	143.5	1.7	12.3	3.9	6.0
01.1.9 Ready-made food and other food products n.e.c. (ND)	135.1	131.7	2.6	11.7	5.0	6.4
01.2 NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	**140.6**	**140.1**	**0.4**	**12.5**	**3.2**	**6.6**
01.2.1 Fruit and vegetable juices (ND)	139.3	138.7	0.4	11.9	2.7	6.0
01.2.2, 01.2.3, 01.2.4 Coffee, Tea, Cocoa	146.4	145.7	0.5	14.7	3.9	8.9
01.2.5, 01.2.6, 0.1.2.9 Water, Soft drinks and Other non-alcoholic beverages	140.8	140.3	0.4	12.5	3.3	6.3
02 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO AND NARCOTICS	**124.7**	**124.2**	**0.5**	**7.5**	**1.7**	**3.6**
03 CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	**120.9**	**120.6**	**0.3**	**4.6**	**1.2**	**2.4**
03.1 CLOTHING	121.9	121.6	0.2	4.2	1.3	2.2
03.2 FOOTWEAR	119.3	118.9	0.3	5.2	0.9	2.7
04 HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS	**113.5**	**112.9**	**0.6**	**1.8**	**1.9**	**-0.9**
04.1 ACTUAL RENTALS FOR HOUSING	120.8	120.8	0.0	1.0	1.1	1.1
04.2 IMPUTED RENTALS FOR HOUSING	102.1	102.1	0.0	2.2	0.8	0.8
04.3 MAINTENANCE, REPAIR AND SECURITY OF THE DWELLING	129.8	129.6	0.1	4.3	0.5	2.6
04.4 WATER SUPPLY AND MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES RELATING TO THE DWELLING	114.6	114.4	0.2	-0.2	-3.4	-3.3
04.5 ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS	135.3	132.5	2.1	1.9	7.1	-4.1
05 FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE	**137.3**	**136.9**	**0.3**	**12.3**	**8.4**	**9.7**
05.1 FURNITURE, FURNISHINGS, AND LOOSE CARPETS	130.5	130.1	0.4	7.2	1.9	4.1
05.2 HOUSEHOLD TEXTILES	125.2	124.9	0.2	4.8	2.2	2.8
05.3 HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES	129.0	128.5	0.4	4.0	1.3	2.1
05.5 TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT FOR HOUSE AND GARDEN	119.3	119.2	0.0	2.1	0.7	1.1
05.6 GOODS AND SERVICES FOR ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE	140.4	140.0	0.3	14.7	10.6	12.0
06 HEALTH	**126.8**	**126.5**	**0.3**	**4.0**	**1.5**	**2.7**
06.1 MEDICINES AND HEALTH PRODUCTS	130.1	129.7	0.3	4.3	1.7	3.0
06.2 OUTPATIENT CARE SERVICES	123.9	123.9	0.0	4.0	1.2	2.3
06.4 OTHER HEALTH SERVICES	100.4	100.4	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1
07 TRANSPORT	**116.7**	**115.3**	**1.2**	**-1.2**	**0.9**	**0.6**
08 INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION	**99.9**	**95.8**	**4.3**	**2.5**	**4.6**	**2.4**
09 RECREATION, SPORT AND CULTURE	**122.4**	**120.6**	**1.5**	**5.3**	**2.5**	**2.9**
10 EDUCATION	**132.8**	**132.8**	**0.0**	**7.8**	**0.1**	**0.1**
11 RESTAURANTS AND ACCOMMODATION SERVICES	**156.1**	**156.1**	**0.0**	**11.9**	**4.1**	**5.4**
12 INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	**108.0**	**108.0**	**0.0**	**0.3**	**0.0**	**0.0**
13 PERSONAL CARE, SOCIAL PROTECTION AND MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES	**125.9**	**125.4**	**0.4**	**5.5**	**1.7**	**3.0**

TABLE IV. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: OTHER URBAN CENTRES, AUGUST 2023

DIVISIONS, GROUPS AND CLASSES	AUG 2023 Index	JUL 2023 Index	Past Month	Point to Point	Fiscal Year 23/24	Calendar Year to Date
ALL DIVISIONS - ALL ITEMS	**135.2**	**133.9**	**1.0**	**7.6**	**4.0**	**4.1**
01 - FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	**147.8**	**145.6**	**1.5**	**12.1**	**6.4**	**8.0**
01.1 FOOD	**148.3**	**146.1**	**1.5**	**12.2**	**6.7**	**8.1**
01.1.1 Cereals and cereal products (ND)	142.8	142.4	0.3	5.6	1.9	2.8
01.1.2 Meat and other parts of slaughtered land animals (ND)	149.8	149.5	0.2	4.4	1.0	2.3
01.1.3 Fish and Seafood (ND)	139.7	139.2	0.4	5.4	1.0	2.1
01.1.4 Milk, other dairy products and eggs (ND)	137.3	136.9	0.3	6.9	1.4	3.1
01.1.5 Oils and Fats (ND)	145.7	145.3	0.3	6.1	1.1	2.3
01.1.6 Fruits and nuts (ND)	131.6	128.8	2.2	7.6	1.0	3.0
01.1.7 Vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas and pulses (ND)	**172.5**	**165.3**	**4.3**	**34.6**	**25.7**	**27.4**
Tubers, Plantains and cooking Banana (Starchy Foods)	**177.5**	**168.5**	**5.3**	**35.0**	**23.5**	**33.8**
Vegetables	**170.3**	**163.9**	**3.9**	**34.5**	**26.8**	**24.8**
01.1.8 Sugar, confectionery and desserts (ND)	140.5	138.9	1.2	11.7	2.6	6.0
01.1.9 Ready-made food and other food products n.e.c. (ND)	134.7	132.1	2.0	11.8	3.9	5.5
01.2 NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	**138.6**	**137.8**	**0.5**	**10.7**	**2.7**	**5.6**
01.2.1 Fruit and vegetable juices (ND)	141.9	141.1	0.6	9.5	2.3	5.1
01.2.2, 01.2.3, 01.2.4 Coffee, Tea, Cocoa	142.1	141.4	0.5	12.4	2.7	6.4
01.2.5, 01.2.6, 0.1.2.9 Water, Soft drinks and Other non-alcoholic beverages	134.7	134.0	0.5	10.9	3.1	5.5
02 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO AND NARCOTICS	**124.2**	**123.5**	**0.5**	**7.0**	**1.2**	**2.5**
03 CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	**126.0**	**125.7**	**0.2**	**5.6**	**1.2**	**2.5**
03.1 CLOTHING	129.2	128.8	0.3	6.1	1.4	2.8
03.2 FOOTWEAR	119.2	119.2	0.0	4.6	0.8	1.7
04 HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS	**127.7**	**126.8**	**0.7**	**3.2**	**2.4**	**-1.3**
04.1 ACTUAL RENTALS FOR HOUSING	147.2	147.2	0.0	5.0	0.0	0.0
04.2 IMPUTED RENTALS FOR HOUSING	125.2	125.2	0.0	5.2	0.6	0.6
04.3 MAINTENANCE, REPAIR AND SECURITY OF THE DWELLING	129.7	129.5	0.2	5.9	0.6	4.0
04.4 WATER SUPPLY AND MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES RELATING TO THE DWELLING	112.0	111.7	0.2	-0.2	-3.4	-3.3
04.5 ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS	132.3	129.8	1.9	1.3	7.8	-3.7
05 FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE	**138.0**	**137.6**	**0.2**	**12.6**	**8.5**	**10.2**
05.1 FURNITURE, FURNISHINGS, AND LOOSE CARPETS	124.5	124.3	0.2	4.2	0.4	2.4
05.2 HOUSEHOLD TEXTILES	124.8	124.6	0.2	6.6	1.1	3.6
05.3 HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES	122.5	122.5	0.0	2.3	0.2	0.8
05.5 TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT FOR HOUSE AND GARDEN	111.2	111.0	0.2	4.0	1.1	2.6
05.6 GOODS AND SERVICES FOR ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE	144.3	143.9	0.3	15.9	11.5	13.2
06 HEALTH	**118.1**	**117.8**	**0.3**	**4.9**	**1.1**	**3.1**
06.1 MEDICINES AND HEALTH PRODUCTS	118.1	117.8	0.2	4.6	1.0	3.2
06.2 OUTPATIENT CARE SERVICES	123.3	123.0	0.2	7.2	1.4	2.4
06.4 OTHER HEALTH SERVICES	109.4	108.0	1.3	4.5	2.8	2.8
07 TRANSPORT	**120.2**	**119.1**	**0.9**	**-0.9**	**0.6**	**0.6**
08 INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION	**103.1**	**98.0**	**5.1**	**2.8**	**5.5**	**2.7**
09 RECREATION, SPORT AND CULTURE	**121.8**	**120.8**	**0.8**	**5.2**	**1.6**	**2.4**
10 EDUCATION	**119.6**	**119.6**	**0.0**	**9.1**	**0.0**	**0.0**
11 RESTAURANTS AND ACCOMMODATION SERVICES	**156.3**	**156.2**	**0.0**	**12.6**	**4.6**	**5.9**
12 INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	**108.5**	**108.5**	**0.0**	**0.3**	**0.0**	**0.0**
13 PERSONAL CARE, SOCIAL PROTECTION AND MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES	**123.8**	**123.5**	**0.2**	**4.6**	**1.4**	**2.4**

TABLE V. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: RURAL AREAS, AUGUST 2023

DIVISIONS, GROUPS AND CLASSES	AUG 2023 Index	JUL 2023 Index	Past Month	Point to Point	Fiscal Year 23/24	Calendar Year to Date
ALL DIVISIONS - ALL ITEMS	**131.8**	**130.5**	**1.0**	**6.3**	**3.6**	**3.7**
01 - FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	**144.9**	**143.1**	**1.2**	**9.7**	**5.0**	**6.5**
01.1 FOOD	**145.4**	**143.6**	**1.3**	**9.7**	**5.1**	**6.5**
01.1.1 Cereals and cereal products (ND)	141.8	141.5	0.2	4.5	1.6	2.4
01.1.2 Meat and other parts of slaughtered land animals (ND)	144.6	144.5	0.1	3.4	0.7	1.7
01.1.3 Fish and Seafood (ND)	133.2	132.7	0.3	4.3	1.0	2.0
01.1.4 Milk, other dairy products and eggs (ND)	136.3	135.9	0.3	7.4	1.6	3.5
01.1.5 Oils and Fats (ND)	141.6	141.2	0.3	5.7	0.6	1.6
01.1.6 Fruits and nuts (ND)	132.1	129.3	2.2	2.9	0.0	-1.2
01.1.7 Vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas and pulses (ND)	**167.9**	**162.2**	**3.5**	**27.1**	**18.8**	**22.7**
Tubers, Plantains and cooking Banana (Starchy Foods)	165.6	161.3	2.7	29.3	23.5	31.2
Vegetables	168.9	162.6	3.8	26.3	17.3	20.1
01.1.8 Sugar, confectionery and desserts (ND)	141.9	140.6	0.9	12.1	3.7	5.9
01.1.9 Ready-made food and other food products n.e.c. (ND)	138.7	135.1	2.7	9.6	4.2	5.2
01.2 NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	**135.4**	**134.6**	**0.6**	**9.7**	**2.6**	**5.4**
01.2.1 Fruit and vegetable juices (ND)	133.0	132.3	0.5	8.7	2.5	4.0
01.2.2, 01.2.3, 01.2.4 Coffee, Tea, Cocoa	141.7	140.8	0.6	13.3	2.7	9.0
01.2.5, 01.2.6, 0.1.2.9 Water, Soft drinks and Other non-alcoholic beverages	133.6	132.8	0.6	8.5	2.7	4.4
02 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO AND NARCOTICS	**124.7**	**124.2**	**0.4**	**7.5**	**1.4**	**2.4**
03 CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	**120.8**	**120.6**	**0.2**	**5.0**	**1.1**	**2.2**
03.1 CLOTHING	121.1	120.8	0.2	5.3	1.3	2.4
03.2 FOOTWEAR	120.2	120.2	0.0	4.5	0.7	1.7
04 HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS	**119.1**	**117.9**	**1.0**	**1.5**	**2.9**	**-1.1**
04.1 ACTUAL RENTALS FOR HOUSING	119.9	119.9	0.0	2.0	0.1	0.1
04.2 IMPUTED RENTALS FOR HOUSING	103.7	103.7	0.0	0.4	0.4	0.4
04.3 MAINTENANCE, REPAIR AND SECURITY OF THE DWELLING	132.4	131.6	0.6	4.3	1.0	3.5
04.4 WATER SUPPLY AND MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES RELATING TO THE DWELLING	111.6	111.4	0.2	-0.2	-3.4	-3.3
04.5 ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS	137.9	134.8	2.3	2.7	7.6	-2.3
05 FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE	**131.2**	**131.0**	**0.2**	**9.7**	**6.2**	**7.7**
05.1 FURNITURE, FURNISHINGS, AND LOOSE CARPETS	126.5	126.3	0.1	3.9	0.3	2.2
05.2 HOUSEHOLD TEXTILES	124.9	124.7	0.2	6.7	1.0	3.7
05.3 HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES	117.8	117.8	0.0	2.5	0.2	0.9
05.5 TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT FOR HOUSE AND GARDEN	121.0	120.2	0.7	5.6	2.0	3.1
05.6 GOODS AND SERVICES FOR ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE	134.9	134.7	0.1	12.0	8.6	10.1
06 HEALTH	**116.6**	**116.3**	**0.3**	**4.9**	**1.1**	**3.1**
06.1 MEDICINES AND HEALTH PRODUCTS	116.3	116.0	0.2	4.6	1.0	3.2
06.2 OUTPATIENT CARE SERVICES	120.4	120.1	0.2	7.4	1.4	2.4
06.4 OTHER HEALTH SERVICES	113.8	112.4	1.2	4.3	2.7	2.7
07 TRANSPORT	**119.5**	**118.5**	**0.9**	**-1.3**	**0.6**	**0.4**
08 INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION	**103.5**	**97.8**	**5.9**	**3.0**	**6.2**	**2.9**
09 RECREATION, SPORT AND CULTURE	**123.0**	**122.0**	**0.9**	**5.6**	**1.7**	**2.7**
10 EDUCATION	**121.4**	**121.4**	**0.0**	**9.1**	**0.0**	**0.0**
11 RESTAURANTS AND ACCOMMODATION SERVICES	**159.7**	**159.7**	**0.0**	**11.8**	**4.4**	**5.7**
12 INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	**109.0**	**109.0**	**0.0**	**0.3**	**0.0**	**0.0**
13 PERSONAL CARE, SOCIAL PROTECTION AND MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES	**123.5**	**123.2**	**0.3**	**5.0**	**1.1**	**2.4**

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