

CONSUMER PRICE INDICES AND INFLATION RATES FOR FEBRUARY, 2025

The annual consumer price inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) was 3.5 per cent in February 2025, up from 3.3 per cent in January 2025. This is an indication that the general price level in February 2025 was 3.5 per cent higher than it was in February 2024. The price increase was primarily driven by rising prices in the Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages category (6.4%); and Transport category (0.7%) over the same period. There was a decline in prices in the Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other fuels category by 0.8 per cent over the one year period. These three divisions together account for over 57 per cent of the total weight across the 13 major expenditure categories.

The CPI measures the cost of purchasing a fixed basket of goods and services, comparing current prices to those of a base period (February 2019). The inflation rate is derived from data collected through a monthly survey of retail prices that targets a representative basket of household goods and services, with data gathered during the second and third weeks of the month from a statistically representative sample of outlets in urban areas across 50 data collection zones nationwide.

As presented in Table 1 and Table 2, the overall index increased from 142.68 in January 2025 to 143.12 in February 2025, resulting in a monthly inflation of 0.3 per cent.

Table 1: Overall CPI and Rates of Inflation

Base Feb 2019 = 100		
Month	Overall CPI	Inflation Rate
February 2024	138.34	6.3
March 2024	138.66	5.7
April 2024	138.40	5.0
May 2024	139.64	5.0
June 2024	140.23	4.6
July 2024	139.94	4.3
August 2024	139.87	4.4
September 2024	140.13	3.6
October 2024	140.44	2.7
November 2024	140.81	2.8
December 2024	141.66	3.0
January 2025	142.68	3.3
February 2025	143.12	3.5

As shown in Table 2, the Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages Index increased by 0.6 per cent between January 2025 and February 2025. Notably, prices of sugar, cooking oil (salad) and tomatoes went up by 3.2, 1.6 and 1.3 per cent, respectively between January 2025 and February 2025. During the same period, prices of wheat flour-white and potatoes (Irish) dropped by 2.4 per cent and 1.8 per cent, respectively, as presented in Table 3, which provides national average prices of selected items.

The Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' Index increased by 0.1 per cent between January 2025 and February 2025. The increase was attributable to an increase in the price of gas/LPG by 0.6 per cent between January 2025 and February 2025. Prices of 50kWh electricity and 200 kWh electricity however, declined by 1.4 per cent and 1.2 per cent, respectively in the same period.

As detailed in Table 2, the Transport Index rose by 0.1 per cent between January 2025 and February 2025 mainly due to increase in prices local for flights by 4.8 per cent. Prices of petrol and diesel remained the same between January 2025 and February 2025 as presented in Table 3.

Table 2: One and Twelve-Month Percentage Changes in the Consumer Price Indices

	Weight %	% Change on last month (February 2025/ January 2025)	% Change on same month of the previous year (February 2025/ February 2024)
13 COICOP Divisions			
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	32.9094	0.6	6.4
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	3.3289	0.6	6.2
Clothing and Footwear	2.9914	0.1	3.9
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	14.6124	0.1	-0.8
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	3.7372	0.3	3.3
Health	2.9116	0.5	3.5
Transport	9.6468	0.1	0.7
Information and Communication	7.7840	0.1	1.1
Recreation, Sport and Culture	1.7219	0.1	3.3
Education Services	5.5620	0.1	2.7
Restaurants and Accommodation Services	8.0991	0.2	3.9
Insurance and Financial Services	2.2423	0.0	0.9
Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.4532	0.2	3.7
Total	100.0000	0.3	3.5

Table 3: National Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities

Commodity Name	Quantity	Unit of Measure	Average Price February 2024	Average Price January 2025	Average Price February 2025	% Change over last month February 2025/ January 2025	% Change over last year February 2025/ February 2024
Wheat Flour-White	2	Kg	200.41	169.35	165.29	-2.4	-17.5
Potatoes (Irish)	1	Kg	101.86	123.35	121.09	-1.8	18.9
Cabbages	1	Kg	61.84	76.87	75.52	-1.8	22.1
Fortified Maize flour	2	Kg	172.75	161.60	160.33	-0.8	-7.2
Maize Flour - Sifted	2	Kg	154.54	143.79	143.10	-0.5	-7.4
Beans	1	Kg	184.93	185.90	185.03	-0.5	0.1
Mutton/Goat Meat	1	Kg	756.65	812.71	814.04	0.2	7.6
Beef - Without Bones	1	Kg	718.47	765.05	766.68	0.2	6.7
Fresh unpacked cow milk / Fresh Cream	1	Litre	72.64	72.37	72.61	0.3	0.0
Kale-Sukuma Wiki	1	Kg	65.37	82.93	83.32	0.5	27.5
Onion -Leeks and Bulbs	1	Kg	92.07	101.37	102.37	1.0	11.2
Tomatoes	1	Kg	61.49	78.88	79.88	1.3	29.9
Cooking Oil (Salad)	1	Litre	333.31	344.68	350.10	1.6	5.0
Sugar	1	Kg	200.01	161.34	166.45	3.2	-16.8
Miraa (Khat)	1	Kg	2,151.46	2,325.73	2,430.66	4.5	13.0
Electricity	50	Kilowatts	1,406.00	1,272.81	1,255.06	-1.4	-10.7
Electricity	200	Kilowatts	6,753.47	5,705.92	5,634.92	-1.2	-16.6
Kerosene/Paraffin	1	Litre	193.96	152.18	152.18	0.0	-21.5
Petrol	1	Litre	206.97	177.25	177.25	0.0	-14.4
Diesel	1	Litre	196.21	167.84	167.84	0.0	-14.5
Local Flights	1	Ticket	10,603.80	12,219.37	12,808.89	4.8	20.8

Table 4 presents details of core and non-core inflation rates. Core inflation is derived by excluding items whose prices are highly volatile from the basket. In February 2025, the rate of core inflation was 2.0 per cent. The core index increased from 127.77 in January 2025 to 128.01 in February 2025. On the other hand, non-core inflation stood at 8.2 per cent during the same period.

Table 4: Core and Non-Core Index and Inflation Rate

Period	Core index	Core Inflation	Non-Core index	Non-Core Inflation
Feb-24	125.63	5.1	189.38	9.9
Mar-24	125.59	4.8	191.35	8.7
Apr-24	125.31	4.3	190.91	7.3
May-24	125.49	3.4	196.39	9.6
Jun-24	125.66	2.8	198.69	10.0
Jul-24	125.66	2.2	197.86	11.0
Aug-24	125.80	2.2	196.17	10.4
Sep-24	125.88	2.0	197.28	8.0
Oct-24	126.20	1.8	197.82	5.4
Nov-24	126.76	2.1	198.06	4.9
Dec-24	127.50	2.2	199.07	5.2
Jan-25	127.77	2.0	203.57	7.1
Feb-25	128.01	2.0	204.92	8.2

Contribution of core and non-core inflation to the overall inflation is presented in Table 5. Core inflation contributed 2.0 points to the overall inflation while non-core contributed 1.5 points to the same in February 2025. Food and non-alcoholic beverages contributed to 1.6 points to the non-core inflation rate.

Table 5: Core and Non-Core Contributions in February 2025

Broad Categories	Core	Non-Core	Total
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	0.1	1.6	1.7
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	0.2	0.0	0.2
Clothing and Footwear	0.2	0.0	0.2
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.2	-0.1	0.1
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household	0.2	0.0	0.2
Health	0.1	0.0	0.1
Transport	0.2	-0.1	0.1
Information and Communication	0.1	0.0	0.1
Recreation, Sport and Culture	0.1	0.0	0.1
Education Services	0.2	0.0	0.2
Restaurants and Accommodation Services	0.3	0.0	0.3
Insurance and Financial Services	0.0	0.0	0.0
Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous Goods	0.2	0.0	0.2
Total	2.0	1.5	3.5



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