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Overview

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR SEPTEMBER 2021

(Base Period: September 2018 = 100.0)

**Consumer Price Index increased by 0.1%,
Inflation Rate is 6.5%**

The Consumer Price Index covers price changes in Tongatapu and Vava'u. The weights were derived from the Household Income and Expenditure Survey (HIES) (2015-2016). Also, the groups use all different grouping of the Classification of Individual Consumption by Purpose (COICOP).

1. The **Consumer Price Index (CPI)** for **September 2021** increased by **0.1** from **105.8** in the previous month to **105.9**. Over the previous two months, the index for all items increased by **0.2%** in **August 2021** and increased by **0.3%** in **July 2021**.
2. When comparing the **local** and **imported** indices for **September 2021** to the previous month, Local index decreased by **0.2%** and import index increased by **0.4%**.
3. The **rate of inflation** for **September 2021** is **6.5%**, compared to **7.0%** inflation in previous month. The **Inflation rate** for the same month of previous year, **September 2020**, was **0.9% (deflation)**.
4. When comparing the **annual change** in the **local** and **imported** indices for **September 2021**, the local index recorded an increase by **5.3%** and import index also increased by **7.5%**.

Changes in each group compared with the previous month are as follows:

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|---|--------------|
| A. FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES | -0.1% |
| Food Group recorded a decrease towards the index position of September 2021 . This was due to a decrease in the price of some local and import items such as suckling pigs, reef fish (Fua), Palu, h/cabbage, capsicum, tomatoes, water melon and chicken wings that decreased throughout the month. | |
| B. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO AND KAVA | -0.1% |
| Although there were price changes in this group during the month, the overall change remains a decrease towards the index position of September 2021 due to a decrease in price of spirit, cigarette and beer compared to the previous month. | |
| C. CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR | -0.3% |
| Although there were price changes in this group during the month, the overall change remains a decrease towards the index position of September 2021 due to a decrease in price of school uniform compared to the previous month. | |
| D. HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY AND GAS. | 0.5% |
| Although there were price changes in this group during the month, the overall change remains an increase towards the index position of September 2021 due to increase in price of cement, timber compared to the previous month. | |

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| E. FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE | 0.4% |
| Although there were price changes in this group during the month, the overall change remains an increase towards the index position of September 2021 due to increase in price of <i>furniture</i> compared to the previous month. | |
| F. HEALTH | 0.0% |
| Price of items in this group recorded no change compared to the previous month. | |
| G. TRANSPORT | 0.7% |
| Price of items in this group recorded an increase due to increase in price of <i>petrol</i> and <i>diesel</i> compared to the previous month. | |
| H. H. COMMUNICATIONS | 0.0% |
| Price of items in this group recorded no change compared to the previous month. | |
| I. RECREATION AND CULTURE | 0.0% |
| Price of items in this group recorded no change compared to the previous month. | |
| J. EDUCATION | 0.0% |
| Price of items in this group recorded no change compared to the previous month. | |
| K. RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS | 0.0% |
| Price of items in this group recorded no change compared to the previous month. | |
| L. MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES | 0.0% |
| Price of items in this group recorded no change compared to the previous month. | |


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Price Index:

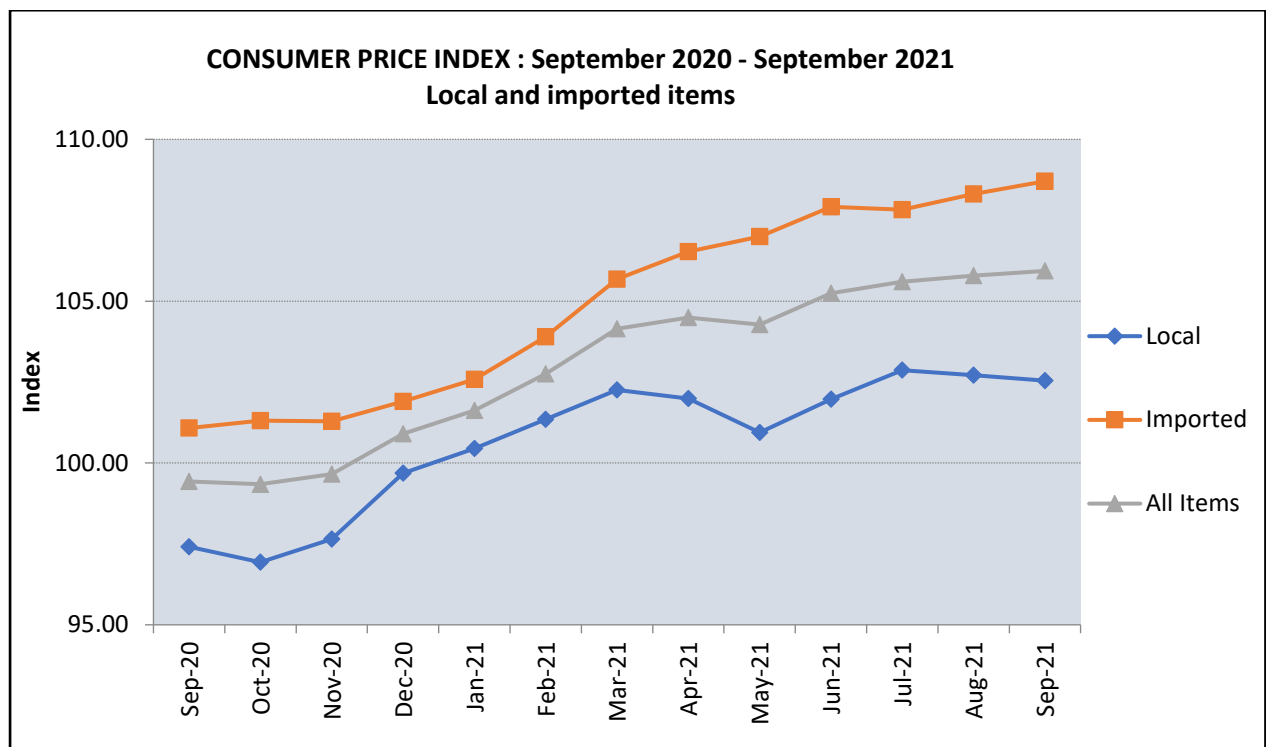


Figure 1 Graphical representation of Consumer Price Index for Total, Local and Imported Components

Annual Inflation Rate:

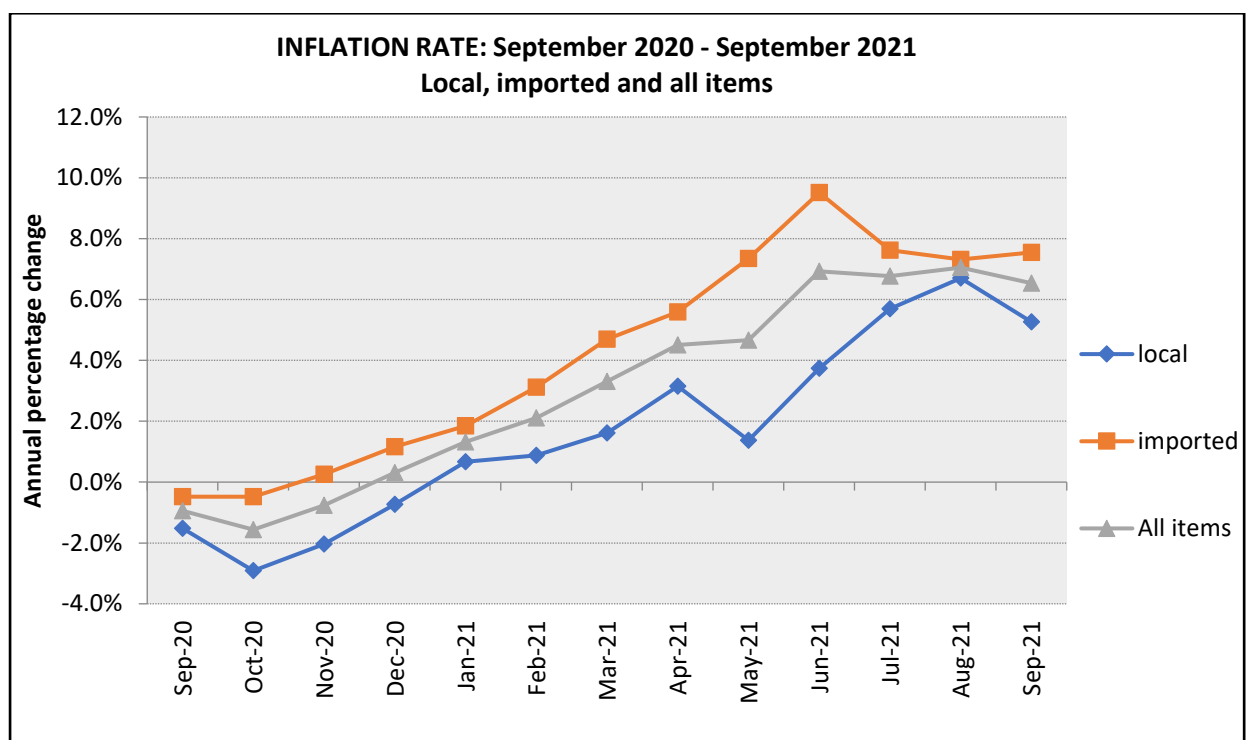


Figure 2 Graphical representation of Inflation rate (%) for Local, Imported and All Items as measured by Consumer Price Index

Contribution to % Change from Previous Month

Table 1 Contribution to % change from previous month, All groups: August 2021 to September 2021

| Group | Local | Imported | Total |
|--|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| Food and non-alcoholic beverages | -0.14% | 0.10% | -0.04% |
| Alcoholic beverages, tobacco and kava | 0.07% | -0.09% | -0.01% |
| Clothing and footwear | -0.01% | 0.01% | -0.01% |
| Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels | 0.00% | 0.06% | 0.06% |
| Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance | 0.01% | 0.00% | 0.01% |
| Health | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| Transport | 0.00% | 0.12% | 0.12% |
| Communication | 0.00% | - | 0.00% |
| Recreation and culture | - | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| Education | 0.00% | - | 0.00% |
| Restaurants and hotels | 0.00% | - | 0.00% |
| Miscellaneous goods and services | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| TOTAL | -0.07% | 0.21% | 0.13% |

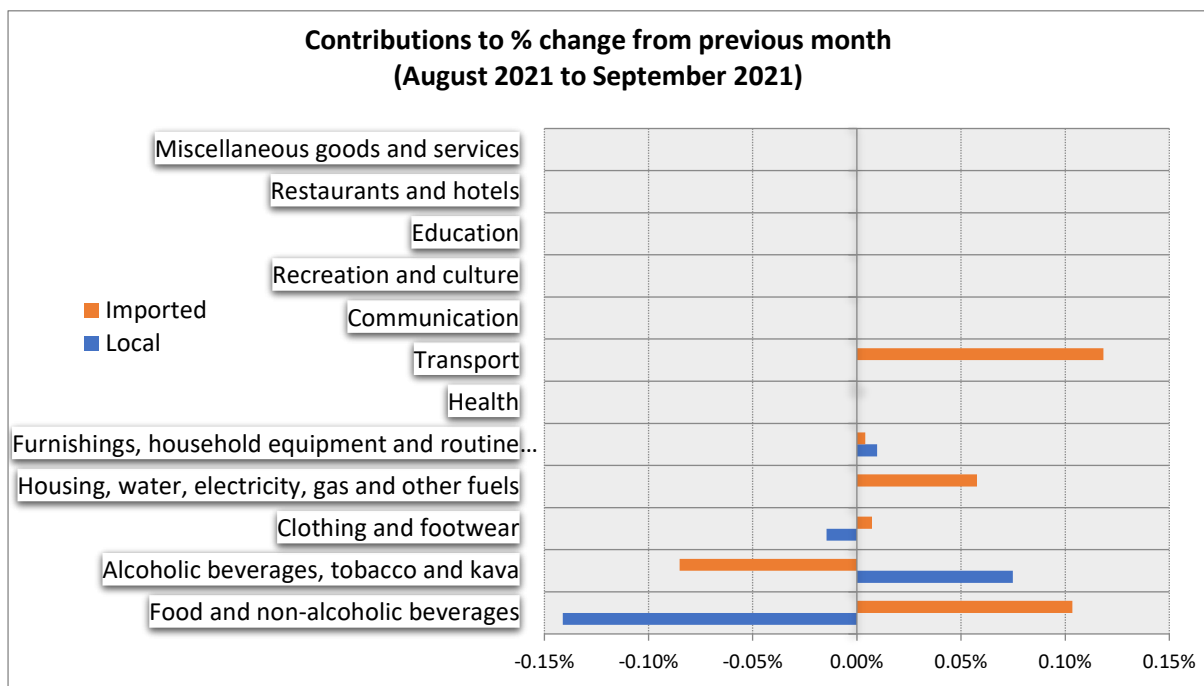


Figure 3 Contribution to % change from previous month, All groups: August 2021 to September 2021

Contribution to % Change from Last Year

Table 2 Contributions to % change from last year, all groups: September 2020 to September 2021

| Group | Local | Imported | Total |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Food and non-alcoholic beverages | 1.0% | 2.0% | 2.9% |
| Alcoholic beverages, tobacco and kava | 0.0% | -0.1% | -0.1% |
| Clothing and footwear | 0.0% | 0.1% | 0.1% |
| Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels | 1.2% | 0.3% | 1.5% |
| Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.1% |
| Health | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Transport | 0.0% | 1.8% | 1.8% |
| Communications | 0.0% | - | 0.0% |
| Recreation and culture | - | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Education | 0.0% | - | 0.0% |
| Restaurants and hotels | 0.0% | - | 0.0% |
| Miscellaneous goods and services | 0.0% | 0.1% | 0.1% |
| TOTAL | 2.3% | 4.2% | 6.5% |

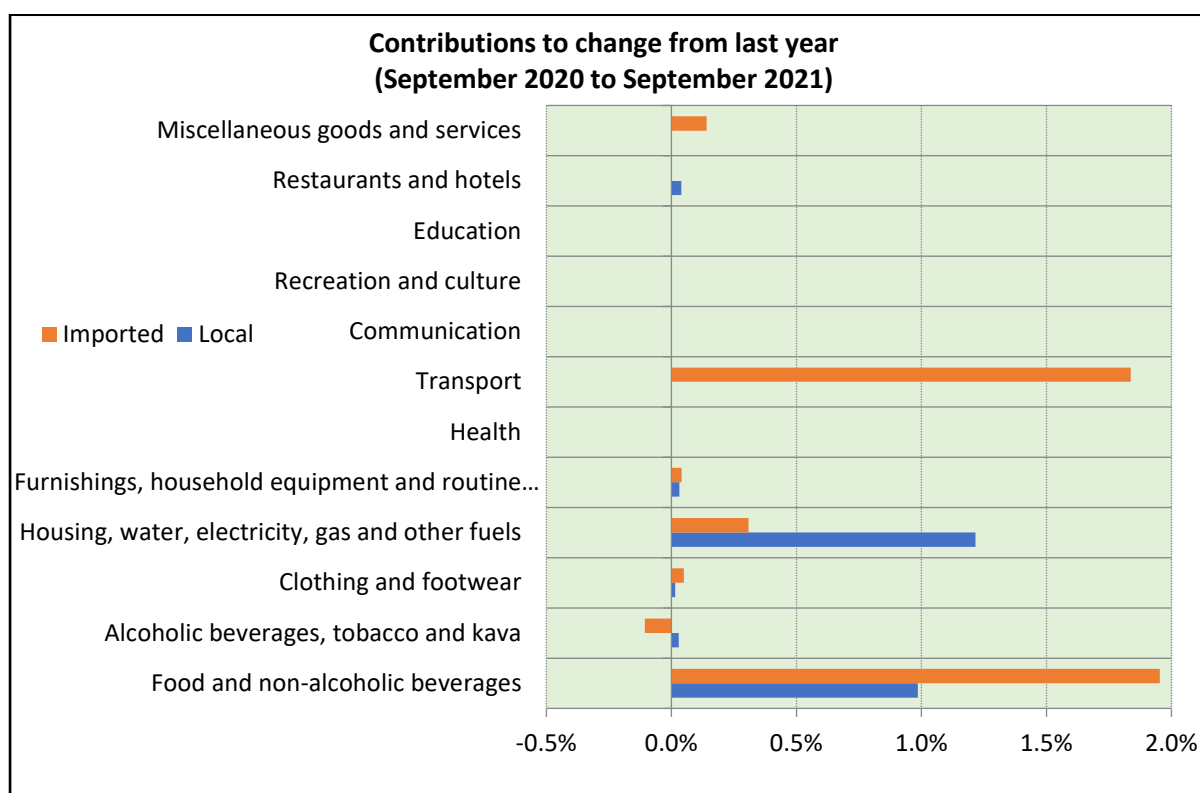


Figure 4 Contributions to % change from last year, all groups: September 2020 to September 2021

Table 3 Consumer Price Index by Major Groups, September 2021

| Year/month | All items | Food and non-alcoholic beverages | Alcoholic beverages, tobacco and kava | Clothing and footwear | Housing, water, electricity and gas | Furnishings, household equipment and household maintenance | Health | Transport | Communication | Recreation and culture | Education | Restaurants and hotels | Miscellaneous goods and services |
|--|-----------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--------|-----------|---------------|------------------------|-----------|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Weight | 100% | 39.8% | 11.6% | 2.1% | 10.8% | 3.2% | 0.3% | 16.4% | 5.2% | 1.1% | 2.2% | 3.1% | 4.2% |
| 2019 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 99.7 | 100.1 | 100.1 | 102.6 | 101.0 | 99.8 | 100.0 | 94.4 | 100.0 | 103.6 | 104.2 | 108.2 | 101.0 |
| February | 99.9 | 101.1 | 100.2 | 102.9 | 101.5 | 100.1 | 100.0 | 92.4 | 100.0 | 103.6 | 104.2 | 108.2 | 101.0 |
| March | 100.4 | 102.2 | 99.7 | 101.5 | 100.9 | 100.5 | 100.0 | 93.9 | 100.0 | 103.6 | 104.2 | 108.2 | 99.8 |
| April | 98.7 | 98.1 | 98.1 | 101.5 | 98.9 | 100.6 | 100.0 | 96.3 | 100.0 | 103.6 | 104.2 | 108.2 | 99.8 |
| May | 99.6 | 99.5 | 97.7 | 101.5 | 98.9 | 100.7 | 100.0 | 98.5 | 100.0 | 103.6 | 104.2 | 108.2 | 98.8 |
| June | 99.8 | 99.6 | 97.2 | 101.5 | 100.2 | 100.8 | 100.0 | 99.0 | 100.0 | 103.6 | 104.2 | 108.2 | 98.8 |
| July | 100.0 | 100.8 | 97.5 | 102.1 | 100.3 | 101.7 | 100.0 | 97.1 | 100.0 | 103.6 | 104.2 | 108.2 | 98.6 |
| August | 100.5 | 102.2 | 97.3 | 102.1 | 100.3 | 101.7 | 100.0 | 96.4 | 100.0 | 103.6 | 104.2 | 108.2 | 98.9 |
| September | 100.4 | 102.0 | 96.8 | 103.8 | 99.0 | 102.0 | 100.0 | 97.4 | 100.0 | 103.6 | 104.2 | 108.2 | 98.9 |
| October | 100.9 | 102.8 | 96.5 | 103.8 | 100.0 | 102.0 | 100.0 | 98.3 | 100.0 | 103.6 | 104.2 | 108.2 | 99.3 |
| November | 100.4 | 100.7 | 96.6 | 103.9 | 100.4 | 102.1 | 100.0 | 99.4 | 101.6 | 103.6 | 104.2 | 108.2 | 99.7 |
| December | 100.6 | 101.4 | 95.1 | 104.3 | 100.8 | 100.5 | 100.0 | 99.7 | 101.6 | 103.6 | 104.2 | 108.2 | 99.8 |
| 2020 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 100.3 | 100.5 | 95.5 | 105.5 | 100.5 | 100.5 | 100.0 | 99.7 | 101.6 | 103.6 | 104.2 | 108.2 | 99.9 |
| February | 100.6 | 101.6 | 94.7 | 106.1 | 100.6 | 100.2 | 100.0 | 99.6 | 101.6 | 103.6 | 104.8 | 108.2 | 100.0 |
| March | 100.8 | 102.3 | 94.7 | 106.1 | 102.6 | 100.3 | 100.0 | 97.4 | 101.6 | 103.6 | 104.8 | 108.2 | 100.8 |
| April | 100.0 | 102.8 | 93.9 | 106.5 | 98.9 | 102.2 | 100.0 | 94.7 | 99.9 | 103.6 | 104.8 | 108.2 | 99.7 |
| May | 99.6 | 104.0 | 95.5 | 108.8 | 99.2 | 103.3 | 100.0 | 87.6 | 99.9 | 103.6 | 104.8 | 108.2 | 100.2 |
| June | 98.4 | 102.6 | 99.4 | 109.1 | 96.9 | 103.3 | 100.0 | 82.3 | 99.9 | 103.6 | 104.8 | 108.2 | 100.3 |
| July | 98.9 | 103.5 | 100.3 | 109.1 | 89.7 | 102.5 | 100.0 | 87.2 | 99.9 | 103.6 | 104.8 | 108.2 | 100.6 |
| August | 98.8 | 102.1 | 100.3 | 110.5 | 89.2 | 102.5 | 100.0 | 90.2 | 99.9 | 103.6 | 104.8 | 108.2 | 100.8 |
| September | 99.4 | 102.9 | 100.4 | 110.5 | 89.2 | 102.7 | 100.0 | 91.8 | 99.9 | 103.6 | 104.8 | 108.2 | 100.8 |
| October | 99.3 | 102.8 | 100.0 | 112.6 | 89.1 | 103.4 | 100.0 | 91.6 | 99.9 | 103.6 | 104.8 | 108.2 | 100.8 |
| November | 99.7 | 103.2 | 100.1 | 112.6 | 90.6 | 104.1 | 100.0 | 91.3 | 99.9 | 103.6 | 104.8 | 108.2 | 100.9 |
| December | 100.9 | 105.2 | 100.3 | 112.6 | 93.8 | 104.4 | 100.0 | 91.5 | 99.9 | 103.6 | 104.8 | 108.2 | 101.4 |
| 2021 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 101.6 | 106.2 | 100.1 | 114.3 | 94.0 | 103.9 | 100.0 | 93.1 | 99.9 | 103.6 | 104.8 | 109.5 | 101.9 |
| February | 102.8 | 108.0 | 100.0 | 113.2 | 94.5 | 103.9 | 100.0 | 95.4 | 99.9 | 103.6 | 104.8 | 109.5 | 102.4 |
| March | 104.1 | 109.9 | 100.3 | 113.4 | 96.1 | 103.9 | 100.0 | 98.0 | 99.9 | 103.6 | 104.8 | 109.5 | 102.5 |
| April | 104.5 | 109.6 | 100.3 | 113.4 | 96.2 | 103.9 | 100.0 | 100.3 | 99.9 | 103.6 | 104.8 | 109.5 | 103.8 |
| May | 104.3 | 107.9 | 100.4 | 113.9 | 98.5 | 103.9 | 100.0 | 101.4 | 99.9 | 103.6 | 104.8 | 109.5 | 103.8 |
| June | 105.2 | 110.5 | 99.9 | 113.9 | 98.6 | 103.9 | 100.0 | 101.5 | 99.9 | 103.6 | 104.8 | 109.5 | 104.0 |
| July | 105.6 | 110.2 | 100.1 | 113.9 | 102.8 | 104.5 | 100.0 | 101.2 | 99.9 | 103.6 | 104.8 | 109.5 | 104.0 |
| August | 105.8 | 110.4 | 99.9 | 114.0 | 102.6 | 104.5 | 100.0 | 102.2 | 99.9 | 103.6 | 104.8 | 109.5 | 104.0 |
| September | 105.9 | 110.3 | 99.8 | 113.6 | 103.2 | 104.9 | 100.0 | 102.9 | 99.9 | 103.6 | 104.8 | 109.5 | 104.0 |
| Percentage change between August 2021 and September 2021. | 0.1 | -0.1 | -0.1 | -0.3 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Percentage change between September 2020 and September 2021. | 6.5 | 7.1 | -0.7 | 2.8 | 15.7 | 2.2 | 0.0 | 12.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.2 | 3.3 |

Table 4 Consumer Price Index and Inflation Rate, September 2021

| Year | Month | Local | Import | All items | Monthly change for all items (%) | Annual inflation rate for period (%) | Average index for year | Average annual inflation rate (%) | |
|------|-----------|-----------|--------|-----------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| 2018 | January | 94.2 | 97.0 | 95.7 | 0.9 | 6.4 | | | |
| | February | 95.6 | 97.7 | 96.7 | 1.1 | 3.7 | | | |
| | March | 99.3 | 97.6 | 98.4 | 1.7 | 5.0 | | | |
| | April | 100.0 | 97.4 | 98.6 | 0.2 | 4.7 | | | |
| | May | 98.2 | 97.8 | 98.0 | -0.6 | 3.8 | | | |
| | June | 97.8 | 98.2 | 98.0 | 0.0 | 3.0 | | | 96.2 |
| | 2019 | July | 102.1 | 99.2 | 100.5 | 2.6 | 5.8 | | |
| | | August | 102.2 | 99.3 | 100.6 | 0.1 | 6.1 | | |
| | | September | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | -0.6 | 5.5 | | |
| | | October | 101.1 | 100.3 | 100.7 | 0.7 | 6.2 | | |
| | | November | 100.8 | 99.9 | 100.3 | -0.4 | 6.5 | | |
| | | December | 100.3 | 98.7 | 99.4 | -0.9 | 4.8 | | |
| 2020 | | January | 102.8 | 97.2 | 99.7 | 0.3 | 4.2 | | |
| | | February | 103.7 | 96.8 | 99.9 | 0.1 | 3.2 | | |
| | | March | 104.3 | 97.1 | 100.4 | 0.5 | 2.0 | | |
| | | April | 99.9 | 97.7 | 98.7 | -1.6 | 0.2 | | |
| | | May | 99.7 | 99.5 | 99.6 | 0.8 | 1.6 | | |
| | | June | 99.4 | 100.1 | 99.8 | 0.2 | 1.8 | | |
| | 2021 | July | 99.6 | 100.3 | 100.0 | 0.2 | -0.5 | | |
| | | August | 99.6 | 101.1 | 100.5 | 0.5 | -0.1 | | |
| | | September | 98.9 | 101.6 | 100.4 | -0.1 | 0.4 | | |
| | | October | 99.8 | 101.8 | 100.9 | 0.5 | 0.2 | | |
| | | November | 99.7 | 101.0 | 100.4 | -0.5 | 0.1 | | |
| | | December | 100.4 | 100.7 | 100.6 | 0.2 | 1.2 | | |
| 2020 | | January | 99.8 | 100.7 | 100.3 | -0.3 | 0.6 | | |
| | | February | 100.5 | 100.8 | 100.6 | 0.3 | 0.8 | | |
| | | March | 100.6 | 100.9 | 100.8 | 0.2 | 0.4 | | |
| | | April | 98.9 | 100.9 | 100.0 | -0.8 | 1.3 | | |
| | | May | 99.6 | 99.7 | 99.6 | -0.4 | 0.1 | | |
| | | June | 98.3 | 98.5 | 98.4 | -1.2 | -1.4 | | |
| | 2021 | July | 97.3 | 100.2 | 98.9 | 0.5 | -1.1 | | |
| | | August | 96.3 | 100.9 | 98.8 | -0.1 | -1.6 | | |
| | | September | 97.4 | 101.1 | 99.4 | 0.6 | -0.9 | | |
| | | October | 96.9 | 101.3 | 99.3 | -0.1 | -1.6 | | |
| | | November | 97.6 | 101.3 | 99.7 | 0.3 | -0.8 | | |
| | | December | 99.7 | 101.9 | 100.9 | 1.3 | 0.3 | | |
| 2021 | | January | 100.4 | 102.6 | 101.6 | 0.7 | 1.3 | | |
| | | February | 101.3 | 103.9 | 102.8 | 1.1 | 2.1 | | |
| | | March | 102.3 | 105.7 | 104.1 | 1.4 | 3.3 | | |
| | | April | 102.0 | 106.5 | 104.5 | 0.3 | 4.5 | | |
| | | May | 100.9 | 107.0 | 104.3 | -0.2 | 4.7 | | |
| | | June | 102.0 | 107.9 | 105.2 | 0.9 | 6.9 | | |
| | July | 102.9 | 107.8 | 105.6 | 0.3 | 6.8 | | | |
| | August | 102.7 | 108.3 | 105.8 | 0.2 | 7.0 | | | |
| | September | 102.5 | 108.7 | 105.9 | 0.1 | 6.5 | | | 103.3 |

Table 5 Consumer Price Index with local and imported components,
Percentage change from previous month, September 2021

| | Weights (%) | | | September 2021 | | | August 2021 | | | % Change | | |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | Local | Import | Total | Local | Import | Total | Local | Import | Total | Local | Import | Total |
| A. Food and non-alcoholic beverages | 15.2 | 24.6 | 39.8 | 105.3 | 113.4 | 110.3 | 106.3 | 112.9 | 110.4 | -0.9% | 0.4% | -0.1% |
| Food | 14.6 | 23.2 | 37.8 | 105.5 | 114.0 | 110.7 | 106.5 | 113.6 | 110.8 | -1.0% | 0.4% | -0.1% |
| Non- alcoholic beverages | 0.6 | 1.4 | 2.0 | 100.0 | 102.5 | 101.7 | 100.0 | 102.4 | 101.6 | 0.0% | 0.1% | 0.1% |
| B. Alcoholic beverages, tobacco and kava | 6.7 | 4.9 | 11.6 | 93.0 | 109.1 | 99.8 | 91.8 | 111.0 | 99.9 | 1.3% | -1.7% | -0.1% |
| Alcoholic beverages | 0.9 | 3.2 | 4.1 | 109.9 | 102.9 | 104.4 | 106.9 | 105.3 | 105.7 | 2.8% | -2.3% | -1.2% |
| Tobacco | 4.1 | 1.7 | 5.8 | 109.1 | 120.9 | 112.5 | 109.1 | 121.7 | 112.7 | 0.0% | -0.6% | -0.2% |
| Kava | 1.7 | 0.0 | 1.7 | 46.7 | - | 46.7 | 43.7 | - | 43.7 | 7.0% | - | 7.0% |
| C. Clothing and footwear | 0.4 | 1.7 | 2.1 | 118.9 | 112.5 | 113.6 | 123.3 | 112.0 | 114.0 | -3.5% | 0.4% | -0.3% |
| Clothing | 0.4 | 1.5 | 1.8 | 118.9 | 113.3 | 114.4 | 123.3 | 113.0 | 115.0 | -3.5% | 0.2% | -0.5% |
| Footwear | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.3 | - | 108.0 | 108.0 | - | 106.7 | 106.7 | - | 1.3% | 1.3% |
| D. Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels | 7.2 | 3.6 | 10.8 | 102.4 | 104.8 | 103.2 | 102.4 | 103.1 | 102.6 | 0.0% | 1.6% | 0.5% |
| Maintenance and repair of the dwelling | 0.2 | 1.8 | 2.0 | 118.1 | 112.8 | 113.4 | 118.1 | 109.7 | 110.6 | 0.0% | 2.8% | 2.5% |
| Water supply and miscellaneous services relating to the dwelling | 2.0 | 0.0 | 2.0 | 108.1 | - | 108.1 | 108.1 | - | 108.1 | 0.0% | - | 0.0% |
| Electricity, gas and other fuels | 5.0 | 1.8 | 6.8 | 99.4 | 97.2 | 98.8 | 99.4 | 96.8 | 98.7 | 0.0% | 0.4% | 0.1% |
| E. Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance | 0.8 | 2.4 | 3.2 | 108.1 | 103.8 | 104.9 | 106.9 | 103.6 | 104.5 | 1.1% | 0.2% | 0.4% |
| Furniture and furnishings, carpets and other floor coverings | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 111.6 | - | 111.6 | 109.7 | - | 109.7 | 1.8% | - | 1.8% |
| Household appliances | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.7 | - | 97.6 | 97.6 | - | 97.6 | 97.6 | - | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Tools and equipment for house and garden | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.2 | - | 106.1 | 106.1 | - | 106.1 | 106.1 | - | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Goods and services for routine household maintenance | 0.3 | 1.5 | 1.8 | 102.3 | 106.4 | 105.7 | 102.3 | 106.1 | 105.4 | 0.0% | 0.3% | 0.2% |
| F. Health | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Medical products, appliances and equipment | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.2 | - | 100.0 | 100.0 | - | 100.0 | 100.0 | - | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Outpatient services | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 100.0 | - | 100.0 | 100.0 | - | 100.0 | 0.0% | - | 0.0% |
| G. Transport | 3.4 | 13.0 | 16.4 | 102.6 | 103.0 | 102.9 | 102.6 | 102.0 | 102.2 | 0.0% | 0.9% | 0.7% |
| Operation of personal transport equipment | 1.3 | 9.9 | 11.2 | 103.5 | 103.1 | 103.2 | 103.5 | 101.9 | 102.1 | 0.0% | 1.2% | 1.1% |
| Transport services | 2.2 | 3.1 | 5.3 | 102.1 | 102.6 | 102.4 | 102.1 | 102.6 | 102.4 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| H. Communication | 5.2 | 0.0 | 5.2 | 99.9 | - | 99.9 | 99.9 | - | 99.9 | 0.0% | - | 0.0% |
| Telephone and telefax services | 5.2 | 0.0 | 5.2 | 99.9 | - | 99.9 | 99.9 | - | 99.9 | 0.0% | - | 0.0% |
| I. Recreation and culture | 0.0 | 1.1 | 1.1 | - | 103.6 | 103.6 | - | 103.6 | 103.6 | - | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Newspapers, books and stationery | 0.0 | 1.1 | 1.1 | - | 103.6 | 103.6 | - | 103.6 | 103.6 | - | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| J. Education | 2.2 | 0.0 | 2.2 | 104.8 | - | 104.8 | 104.8 | - | 104.8 | 0.0% | - | 0.0% |
| Pre-primary and primary education | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 100.1 | - | 100.1 | 100.1 | 101.7 | 100.1 | 0.0% | - | 0.0% |
| Secondary education | 1.1 | 0.0 | 1.1 | 107.0 | - | 107.0 | 107.0 | - | 107.0 | 0.0% | - | 0.0% |
| Tertiary education | 0.8 | 0.0 | 0.8 | 103.9 | - | 103.9 | 103.9 | - | 103.9 | 0.0% | - | 0.0% |
| K. Restaurants and hotels | 3.1 | 0.0 | 3.1 | 109.5 | - | 109.5 | 109.5 | - | 109.5 | 0.0% | - | 0.0% |
| Catering services | 3.1 | 0.0 | 3.1 | 109.5 | - | 109.5 | 109.5 | - | 109.5 | 0.0% | - | 0.0% |
| L. Miscellaneous goods and services | 0.5 | 3.7 | 4.2 | 103.3 | 104.1 | 104.0 | 103.3 | 104.1 | 104.0 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Personal care | 0.0 | 3.7 | 3.7 | - | 104.1 | 104.1 | - | 104.1 | 104.1 | - | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Financial services n.e.c. | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 100.0 | - | 100.0 | 100.0 | - | 100.0 | 0.0% | - | 0.0% |
| Other Services n.e.c. | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 104.2 | - | 104.2 | 104.2 | - | 104.2 | 0.0% | - | 0.0% |
| TOTAL | 44.9 | 55.1 | 100 | 102.5 | 108.7 | 105.9 | 102.7 | 108.3 | 105.8 | -0.2% | 0.4% | 0.1% |

Table 6 Consumer Price Index with local and imported components,
Percentage change from same month of previous year, September 2021

| | Weights | | | September 2021 | | | September 2020 | | | % Change | | |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | Local | Import | Total | Local | Import | Total | Local | Import | Total | Local | Import | Total |
| A. Food and non-alcoholic beverages | 15.2% | 24.6% | 39.8% | 105.3 | 113.4 | 110.3 | 98.8 | 105.5 | 102.9 | 6.5 | 7.5 | 7.1 |
| Food | 14.6% | 23.2% | 37.8% | 105.5 | 114.0 | 110.7 | 98.8 | 105.8 | 103.1 | 6.8 | 7.8 | 7.4 |
| Non- alcoholic beverages | 0.6% | 1.4% | 2.0% | 100.0 | 102.5 | 101.7 | 100.0 | 100.4 | 100.3 | 0.0 | 2.1 | 1.4 |
| B. Alcoholic beverages, tobacco and kava | 6.7% | 4.9% | 11.6% | 93.0 | 109.1 | 99.8 | 92.6 | 111.3 | 100.4 | 0.5 | -2.0 | -0.7 |
| Alcoholic beverages | 0.9% | 3.2% | 4.1% | 109.9 | 102.9 | 104.4 | 106.9 | 105.8 | 106.1 | 2.8 | -2.8 | -1.6 |
| Tobacco | 4.1% | 1.7% | 5.8% | 109.1 | 120.9 | 112.5 | 108.3 | 121.7 | 112.2 | 0.7 | -0.6 | 0.3 |
| Kava | 1.7% | 0.0% | 1.7% | 46.7 | - | 46.7 | 48.4 | - | 48.4 | -3.6 | - | -3.6 |
| C. Clothing and footwear | 0.4% | 1.7% | 2.1% | 118.9 | 112.5 | 113.6 | 114.7 | 109.6 | 110.5 | 3.7 | 2.6 | 2.8 |
| Clothing | 0.4% | 1.5% | 1.8% | 118.9 | 113.3 | 114.4 | 114.7 | 110.1 | 111.0 | 3.7 | 2.9 | 3.0 |
| Footwear | 0.0% | 0.3% | 0.3% | - | 108.0 | 108.0 | - | 106.7 | 106.7 | - | 1.3 | 1.3 |
| D. Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels | 7.2% | 3.6% | 10.8% | 102.4 | 104.8 | 103.2 | 85.7 | 96.3 | 89.2 | 19.5 | 8.8 | 15.7 |
| Maintenance and repair of the dwelling | 0.2% | 1.8% | 2.0% | 118.1 | 112.8 | 113.4 | 118.1 | 103.4 | 105.0 | 0.0 | 9.1 | 7.9 |
| Water supply and miscellaneous services relating to the dwelling | 2.0% | 0.0% | 2.0% | 108.1 | - | 108.1 | 108.1 | - | 108.1 | 0.0 | - | 0.0 |
| Electricity, gas and other fuels | 5.0% | 1.8% | 6.8% | 99.4 | 97.2 | 98.8 | 75.1 | 89.6 | 79.0 | 32.3 | 8.5 | 25.0 |
| E. Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance | 0.8% | 2.4% | 3.2% | 108.1 | 103.8 | 104.9 | 104.3 | 102.1 | 102.7 | 3.6 | 1.7 | 2.2 |
| Furniture and furnishings, carpets and other floor coverings | 0.5% | 0.0% | 0.5% | 111.6 | - | 111.6 | 105.5 | - | 105.5 | 5.8 | - | 5.8 |
| Household appliances | 0.0% | 0.7% | 0.7% | 0.0 | 97.6 | 97.6 | 0.0 | 94.8 | 94.8 | - | 3.0 | 3.0 |
| Tools and equipment for house and garden | 0.0% | 0.2% | 0.2% | - | 106.1 | 106.1 | 0.0 | 101.4 | 101.4 | - | 4.6 | 4.6 |
| Goods and services for routine household maintenance | 0.3% | 1.5% | 1.8% | 102.3 | 106.4 | 105.7 | 102.3 | 105.5 | 105.0 | 0.0 | 0.8 | 0.7 |
| F. Health | 0.2% | 0.2% | 0.3% | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Medical products, appliances and equipment | 0.0% | 0.2% | 0.2% | - | 100.0 | 100.0 | - | 100.0 | 100.0 | - | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Outpatient services | 0.2% | 0.0% | 0.2% | 100.0 | - | 100.0 | 100.0 | - | 100.0 | 0.0 | - | 0.0 |
| G. Transport | 3.4% | 13.0% | 16.4% | 102.6 | 103.0 | 102.9 | 102.6 | 88.9 | 91.8 | 0.0 | 15.8 | 12.1 |
| Operation of personal transport equipment | 1.3% | 9.9% | 11.2% | 103.5 | 103.1 | 103.2 | 103.5 | 84.7 | 86.8 | 0.0 | 21.8 | 18.9 |
| Transport services | 2.2% | 3.1% | 5.3% | 102.1 | 102.6 | 102.4 | 102.1 | 102.6 | 102.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| H. Communication | 5.2% | 0.0% | 5.2% | 99.9 | - | 99.9 | 99.9 | - | 99.9 | 0.0 | - | 0.0 |
| Telephone and telefax services | 5.2% | 0.0% | 5.2% | 99.9 | - | 99.9 | 99.9 | - | 99.9 | 0.0 | - | 0.0 |
| I. Recreation and culture | 0.0% | 1.1% | 1.1% | - | 103.6 | 103.6 | - | 103.6 | 103.6 | - | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Newspapers, books and stationery | 0.0% | 1.1% | 1.1% | - | 103.6 | 103.6 | - | 103.6 | 103.6 | - | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| J. Education | 2.2% | 0.0% | 2.2% | 104.8 | 0.0 | 104.8 | 104.8 | 0.0 | 104.8 | 0.0 | - | 0.0 |
| Pre-primary and primary education | 0.3% | 0.0% | 0.3% | 100.1 | - | 100.1 | 100.1 | 101.7 | 100.1 | 0.0 | - | 0.0 |
| Secondary education | 1.1% | 0.0% | 1.1% | 107.0 | - | 107.0 | 107.0 | - | 107.0 | 0.0 | - | 0.0 |
| Tertiary education | 0.8% | 0.0% | 0.8% | 103.9 | - | 103.9 | 103.9 | - | 103.9 | 0.0 | - | 0.0 |
| K. Restaurants and hotels | 3.1% | 0.0% | 3.1% | 109.5 | - | 109.5 | 108.2 | - | 108.2 | 1.2 | - | 1.2 |
| Catering services | 3.1% | 0.0% | 3.1% | 109.5 | - | 109.5 | 108.2 | - | 108.2 | 1.2 | - | 1.2 |
| L. Miscellaneous goods and services | 0.5% | 3.7% | 4.2% | 103.3 | 104.1 | 104.0 | 103.3 | 100.4 | 100.8 | 0.0 | 3.7 | 3.3 |
| Personal care | 0.0% | 3.7% | 3.7% | - | 104.1 | 104.1 | - | 100.4 | 100.4 | - | 3.7 | 3.7 |
| Financial services n.e.c. | 0.1% | 0.0% | 0.1% | 100.0 | - | 100.0 | 100.0 | - | 100.0 | 0.0 | - | 0.0 |
| Other Services n.e.c. | 0.4% | 0.0% | 0.4% | 104.2 | - | 104.2 | 104.2 | - | 104.2 | 0.0 | - | 0.0 |
| TOTAL | 44.9% | 55.1% | 100% | 102.5 | 108.7 | 105.9 | 97.4 | 101.1 | 99.4 | 5.3 | 7.5 | 6.5 |

Table 7 Consumer Price Index: Groups and subgroups - index numbers, September 2021

| | Annual | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|--------|--------|
| | 2020 | Sep 20 | Oct 20 | Nov 20 | Dec 20 | Jan 21 | Feb 21 | Mar 21 | Apr 21 | May 21 | Jun 21 | July 21 | Aug 21 | Sep 21 |
| A. Food and non-alcoholic beverages | 102.8 | 102.9 | 102.8 | 103.2 | 105.2 | 106.2 | 108.0 | 109.9 | 109.6 | 107.9 | 110.5 | 110.2 | 110.4 | 110.3 |
| Food | 102.9 | 103.1 | 102.9 | 103.3 | 105.5 | 106.5 | 108.4 | 110.4 | 110.1 | 108.3 | 111.0 | 110.7 | 110.8 | 110.7 |
| Non- alcoholic beverages | 100.2 | 100.3 | 100.3 | 100.3 | 100.1 | 100.0 | 100.1 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.1 | 101.6 | 101.6 | 101.7 |
| B. Alcoholic beverages, tobacco and kava | 97.9 | 100.4 | 100.0 | 100.1 | 100.3 | 100.1 | 100.0 | 100.3 | 100.3 | 100.4 | 99.9 | 100.1 | 99.9 | 99.8 |
| Alcoholic beverages | 105.0 | 106.1 | 104.7 | 105.0 | 106.2 | 105.4 | 105.4 | 105.4 | 105.4 | 105.7 | 105.7 | 105.7 | 105.7 | 104.4 |
| Tobacco | 106.6 | 112.2 | 112.2 | 112.2 | 111.8 | 112.0 | 111.8 | 112.3 | 112.3 | 112.3 | 112.3 | 112.7 | 112.7 | 112.5 |
| Kava | 52.5 | 48.4 | 48.4 | 48.4 | 48.4 | 48.4 | 48.4 | 48.4 | 48.4 | 48.4 | 45.0 | 45.0 | 43.7 | 46.7 |
| C. Clothing and footwear | 109.2 | 110.5 | 112.6 | 112.6 | 112.6 | 114.3 | 113.2 | 113.4 | 113.4 | 113.9 | 113.9 | 113.9 | 114.0 | 113.6 |
| Clothing | 109.5 | 111.0 | 113.5 | 113.5 | 113.5 | 115.4 | 114.1 | 114.4 | 114.4 | 114.9 | 114.9 | 114.9 | 115.0 | 114.4 |
| Footwear | 106.9 | 106.7 | 106.7 | 106.7 | 106.7 | 106.7 | 106.7 | 106.7 | 106.7 | 106.7 | 106.7 | 106.7 | 106.7 | 108.0 |
| D. Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels | 95.0 | 89.2 | 89.1 | 90.6 | 93.8 | 94.0 | 94.5 | 96.1 | 96.2 | 98.5 | 98.6 | 102.8 | 102.6 | 103.2 |
| Maintenance and repair of the dwelling | 106.4 | 105.0 | 105.0 | 105.0 | 105.0 | 105.9 | 108.0 | 109.4 | 109.5 | 109.6 | 110.1 | 110.6 | 110.6 | 113.4 |
| Water supply and miscellaneous services relating to the dwelling | 108.1 | 108.1 | 108.1 | 108.1 | 108.1 | 108.1 | 108.1 | 108.1 | 108.1 | 108.1 | 108.1 | 108.1 | 108.1 | 108.1 |
| Electricity, gas and other fuels | 87.9 | 79.0 | 78.8 | 81.3 | 86.3 | 86.3 | 86.5 | 88.7 | 88.7 | 92.4 | 92.4 | 98.9 | 98.7 | 98.8 |
| E. Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance | 102.4 | 102.7 | 103.4 | 104.1 | 104.4 | 103.9 | 103.9 | 103.9 | 103.9 | 103.9 | 103.9 | 104.5 | 104.5 | 104.9 |
| Furniture and furnishings, carpets and other floor coverings | 104.2 | 105.5 | 105.5 | 107.6 | 107.6 | 109.7 | 109.7 | 109.7 | 109.7 | 109.7 | 109.7 | 109.7 | 109.7 | 111.6 |
| Household appliances | 94.8 | 94.8 | 97.6 | 97.6 | 97.6 | 97.6 | 97.6 | 97.6 | 97.6 | 97.6 | 97.6 | 97.6 | 97.6 | 97.6 |
| Tools and equipment for house and garden | 102.8 | 101.4 | 101.4 | 101.4 | 106.2 | 106.2 | 106.2 | 106.2 | 106.2 | 106.2 | 106.2 | 107.6 | 106.1 | 106.1 |
| Goods and services for routine household maintenance | 104.8 | 105.0 | 105.1 | 105.8 | 105.9 | 104.3 | 104.3 | 104.3 | 104.3 | 104.4 | 104.4 | 105.2 | 105.4 | 105.7 |
| F. Health | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Medical products, appliances and equipment | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Outpatient services | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| G. Transport | 92.1 | 91.8 | 91.6 | 91.3 | 91.5 | 93.1 | 95.4 | 98.0 | 100.3 | 101.4 | 101.5 | 101.2 | 102.2 | 102.9 |
| Operation of personal transport equipment | 87.2 | 86.8 | 86.6 | 86.0 | 86.4 | 88.7 | 92.1 | 95.9 | 99.3 | 100.9 | 101.0 | 100.6 | 102.1 | 103.2 |
| Transport services | 102.5 | 102.4 | 102.4 | 102.4 | 102.4 | 102.4 | 102.4 | 102.4 | 102.4 | 102.4 | 102.4 | 102.4 | 102.4 | 102.4 |
| H. Communication | 100.3 | 99.9 | 99.9 | 99.9 | 99.9 | 99.9 | 99.9 | 99.9 | 99.9 | 99.9 | 99.9 | 99.9 | 99.9 | 99.9 |
| Telephone and telefax services | 100.3 | 99.9 | 99.9 | 99.9 | 99.9 | 99.9 | 99.9 | 99.9 | 99.9 | 99.9 | 99.9 | 99.9 | 99.9 | 99.9 |
| I. Recreation and culture | 103.6 | 103.6 | 103.6 | 103.6 | 103.6 | 103.6 | 103.6 | 103.6 | 103.6 | 103.6 | 103.6 | 103.6 | 103.6 | 103.6 |
| Newspapers, books and stationery | 103.6 | 103.6 | 103.6 | 103.6 | 103.6 | 103.6 | 103.6 | 103.6 | 103.6 | 103.6 | 103.6 | 103.6 | 103.6 | 103.6 |
| J. Education | 104.8 | 104.8 | 104.8 | 104.8 | 104.8 | 104.8 | 104.8 | 104.8 | 104.8 | 104.8 | 104.8 | 104.8 | 104.8 | 104.8 |
| Pre-primary and primary education | 100.1 | 100.1 | 100.1 | 100.1 | 100.1 | 100.1 | 100.1 | 100.1 | 100.1 | 100.1 | 100.1 | 100.1 | 100.1 | 100.1 |
| Secondary education | 107.0 | 107.0 | 107.0 | 107.0 | 107.0 | 107.0 | 107.0 | 107.0 | 107.0 | 107.0 | 107.0 | 107.0 | 107.0 | 107.0 |
| Tertiary education | 103.9 | 103.9 | 103.9 | 103.9 | 103.9 | 103.9 | 103.9 | 103.9 | 103.9 | 103.9 | 103.9 | 103.9 | 103.9 | 103.9 |
| K. Restaurants and hotels | 108.2 | 108.2 | 108.2 | 108.2 | 108.2 | 109.5 | 109.5 | 109.5 | 109.5 | 109.5 | 109.5 | 109.5 | 109.5 | 109.5 |
| Catering services | 108.2 | 108.2 | 108.2 | 108.2 | 108.2 | 109.5 | 109.5 | 109.5 | 109.5 | 109.5 | 109.5 | 109.5 | 109.5 | 109.5 |
| L. Miscellaneous goods and services | 100.5 | 100.8 | 100.8 | 100.9 | 101.4 | 101.9 | 102.4 | 102.5 | 103.8 | 103.8 | 104.0 | 104.0 | 104.0 | 104.0 |
| Personal care | 100.1 | 100.4 | 100.5 | 100.6 | 101.2 | 101.8 | 102.3 | 102.4 | 103.9 | 103.9 | 104.1 | 104.1 | 104.1 | 104.1 |
| Financial services n.e.c. | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Other Services n.e.c. | 104.2 | 104.2 | 104.2 | 104.2 | 104.2 | 104.2 | 104.2 | 104.2 | 104.2 | 104.2 | 104.2 | 104.2 | 104.2 | 104.2 |
| ALL GROUPS | 99.7 | 99.4 | 99.3 | 99.7 | 100.9 | 101.6 | 102.8 | 104.1 | 104.5 | 104.3 | 105.2 | 105.6 | 105.8 | 105.9 |

Table 8 Monthly average price of selected local items, September 2021

| | | Annual | | | 2020 | | | | | 2021 | | | | | | | | |
|---|-----------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| | | Unit | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | Sep 20 | Oct 20 | Nov 20 | Dec 20 | Jan 21 | Feb 21 | Mar 21 | Apr 21 | May 21 | Jun 21 | Jul 21 | Aug 21 | Sep 21 |
| - | ROOT CROPS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Talo - Futuna | 1 kg | 1.76 | 1.65 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1.87 |
| 2 | Talo - Tonga | 1kg | 1.82 | 1.91 | 1.66 | 1.73 | 1.82 | 1.43 | 1.53 | 1.58 | 1.52 | 1.11 | 1.81 | 1.68 | 1.82 | 1.87 | 1.90 | 1.52 |
| 3 | Manioke | 1 kg | 0.91 | 1.22 | 2.34 | 1.99 | 2.34 | 1.79 | 1.61 | 1.54 | 1.50 | 1.45 | 1.53 | 1.49 | 1.75 | 1.52 | 1.34 | 0.78 |
| 4 | Kumala | 1 kg | 2.27 | 1.95 | 1.04 | 1.02 | 0.98 | 1.06 | 1.00 | 0.96 | 0.98 | 0.80 | 0.83 | 0.86 | 0.83 | 0.78 | 0.79 | 2.35 |
| 5 | Yams; early | 1 kg | 5.37 | 5.21 | 2.07 | 2.03 | 2.07 | 1.99 | 1.80 | 1.71 | 1.78 | 1.64 | 1.57 | 1.80 | 2.10 | 2.35 | 2.52 | 8.19 |
| 6 | Yams, late | 1 kg | 2.98 | 2.84 | 6.84 | 7.44 | 5.89 | 4.66 | 5.00 | 4.56 | 3.98 | 5.07 | 7.87 | 7.07 | 7.33 | 8.19 | 9.22 | 3.57 |
| - | VEGETABLES | | | | 2.79 | 2.37 | 2.37 | 2.37 | 3.82 | 3.97 | 2.74 | 3.16 | 3.34 | 4.38 | 2.49 | 3.57 | 3.57 | |
| 1 | Lu | 1 kg | 5.50 | 4.77 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 4.50 |
| 2 | Tomatoes | 1 kg | 7.75 | 10.24 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 7.84 |
| 3 | H/Cabbage | 1 kg | 3.05 | 3.19 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 3.69 |
| 4 | Carrots | 1 kg | 5.24 | 3.17 | 4.59 | 4.50 | 5.41 | 6.54 | 5.60 | 5.73 | 5.57 | 5.08 | 5.74 | 5.35 | 5.47 | 4.50 | 4.49 | 4.89 |
| 5 | Capsicum | 1 kg | 14.19 | 11.44 | 3.36 | 3.89 | 2.55 | 4.50 | 8.79 | 19.87 | 20.28 | 20.34 | 11.67 | 13.45 | 11.15 | 7.84 | 7.15 | 15.30 |
| - | MARINE AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS | | | | | 0.90 | 0.88 | 1.85 | 2.39 | 2.75 | 2.82 | 6.38 | 6.78 | 3.53 | 3.67 | 2.65 | 3.69 | |
| 1 | Sausages | 1 kg | 8.32 | 8.23 | 2.50 | 2.31 | 2.34 | 2.52 | 2.90 | 3.50 | 4.23 | 4.23 | 4.23 | 4.23 | 4.77 | 4.89 | 5.46 | 8.90 |
| 2 | Eggs | 1 egg | 16.65 | 17.04 | 10.85 | 8.04 | 7.90 | 6.59 | 9.85 | 19.96 | 14.48 | 16.72 | 17.90 | 19.92 | 19.93 | 15.30 | 12.96 | 19.92 |
| 3 | Tuna | 1 kg | 15.39 | 16.67 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 19.50 |
| 4 | Octopus | 1 kg | 19.69 | 19.26 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 18.45 |
| 5 | Cockles (to'o) | 1 kg | 5.12 | 5.92 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 6.57 |
| 6 | Stringed fish (Mixed) | 1 kg | 8.54 | 8.92 | 8.67 | 8.67 | 8.67 | 8.33 | 8.74 | 8.63 | 8.79 | 8.79 | 8.97 | 8.97 | 8.90 | 8.90 | 8.90 | 10.00 |
| | | | | 18.30 | 18.42 | 18.47 | 18.80 | 18.97 | 17.97 | 18.30 | 18.30 | 18.00 | 18.67 | 19.25 | 19.92 | 20.58 | | |
| 1 | Kava | 1 kg | 146.04 | 116.67 | 17.00 | 17.00 | 17.00 | 17.00 | 17.00 | 17.00 | 17.00 | 18.00 | 19.50 | 19.50 | 19.50 | 19.50 | 19.50 | 52.50 |

Table 9 Monthly average price of selected imported items, September 2021

| | | Unit | Annual | | | Monthly | | | | | | | | | | | | | Annual change % |
|---|----------------------------------|--------|--------|-------|-------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|--------|---------|-----------------|
| | | | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | Sept 20 | Oct 20 | Nov 20 | Dec 20 | Jan 21 | Feb 21 | Mar 21 | Apr 21 | May 21 | Jun 21 | July 21 | Aug 21 | Sept 21 | |
| - | FOOD | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Fruits and Vegetables | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Onions | 1 kg | 3.02 | 3.12 | 3.01 | 2.76 | 2.76 | 2.76 | 2.97 | 3.11 | 3.10 | 3.10 | 3.10 | 2.86 | 2.73 | 2.80 | 2.83 | 2.83 | 2.6% |
| 2 | Apples | 1 kg | 6.30 | 5.36 | 5.37 | 5.38 | 5.33 | 5.40 | 5.40 | 5.40 | 6.46 | 6.54 | 6.54 | 6.54 | 5.50 | 5.73 | 5.48 | 5.66 | 5.2% |
| 3 | Oranges | 1 kg | 9.07 | 8.33 | 8.27 | 8.28 | 8.18 | 8.18 | 8.09 | 8.56 | 7.82 | 8.23 | 8.23 | 8.23 | 7.81 | 7.29 | 8.56 | 8.28 | -0.1% |
| | Meats, Fish & Poultry | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Mutton Flaps | 1 kg | 15.68 | 15.74 | 17.68 | 18.39 | 18.28 | 18.12 | 17.68 | 17.50 | 17.22 | 17.25 | 17.25 | 17.25 | 17.01 | 16.77 | 16.93 | 17.00 | -7.5% |
| 2 | Chicken Legs | 1 kg | 3.63 | 3.46 | 3.37 | 3.30 | 3.38 | 3.41 | 3.53 | 3.42 | 3.45 | 3.75 | 3.78 | 3.94 | 4.14 | 4.10 | 4.06 | 4.00 | 21.2% |
| 3 | Turkey tail | 1 kg | 8.33 | 9.86 | 9.15 | 9.27 | 8.97 | 8.97 | 9.72 | 10.34 | 10.88 | 10.88 | 10.88 | 11.66 | 12.11 | 12.28 | 12.70 | 14.01 | 51.1% |
| - | Other Food | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Flour | 1 kg | 1.71 | 1.77 | 1.86 | 1.89 | 1.88 | 1.89 | 1.90 | 1.93 | 1.93 | 1.98 | 1.98 | 1.93 | 1.93 | 1.93 | 1.95 | 1.96 | 3.9% |
| 2 | Sugar | 1 kg | 1.93 | 1.74 | 1.94 | 2.00 | 2.00 | 2.00 | 2.01 | 2.01 | 1.99 | 1.99 | 2.01 | 2.08 | 2.40 | 2.47 | 2.58 | 2.58 | 29.2% |
| | TOBACCO, ALCOHOL AND KAVA | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Tobacco | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Pall Mall | Packet | 17.14 | 19.29 | 21.61 | 23.29 | 23.29 | 23.29 | 23.00 | 23.14 | 23.00 | 23.00 | 23.00 | 23.00 | 23.00 | 23.29 | 23.29 | 23.14 | -0.6% |
| - | TRANSPORTATION | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Private Transportation | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Petrol | litre | 2.78 | 2.67 | 2.47 | 2.45 | 2.46 | 2.45 | 2.45 | 2.51 | 2.62 | 2.75 | 2.87 | 2.94 | 2.94 | 2.92 | 2.98 | 3.02 | 23.2% |
| 2 | Diesel | litre | 2.84 | 2.78 | 2.50 | 2.47 | 2.41 | 2.37 | 2.41 | 2.51 | 2.62 | 2.73 | 2.82 | 2.83 | 2.82 | 2.83 | 2.86 | 2.88 | 16.6% |

About the Consumer Price Index

The Monthly Consumer Price Index (CPI) published by the Statistics Department is accepted as the official measure of inflation in Tonga. The CPI measures the changing price of a fixed basket of goods and services purchased by Tongan households. The selection and relative importance of the goods and services in the CPI basket represents the overall expenditure pattern of Tongan households.

The CPI is used by ministries and other agencies for monitoring economic performance and by the National Reserve Bank of Tonga to help set monetary policy.

The new index reference period of September 2018 (=100.0) was first published for the month of October 2018. Data from the Household Income and Expenditure Survey (HIES) 2015-2016 was used to determine the expenditure pattern of consumers. The classification used for publication will change to the [COICOP](#) classification. The proportion of expenditure on each item or group is referred to the weight. The previous reference period was October 2010 based on the results of HIES 2009.

There are 156 items in the Tonga basket classified to twelve major groups. The items are further classified by whether they are imported or have been produced locally. The CPI covers price changes in Tongatapu and Vava'u. The pricing outlets selected in Tongatapu and Vava'u include the Talamahu and 'Utukalongalo market (agriculture produce), the Vuna Wharf (fresh fish), super-markets, village stores, petrol stations, restaurants, airlines etc.

The groups and their index reference period weights are shown in the table below.

Table 10 New vs old weights at the COICOP Division Level

| Division Code | Division Description | New Weight (%) | Old Weight (%) |
|---------------|--|----------------|----------------|
| 01 | Food and non-alcoholic beverages | 39.75 | 42.06 |
| 02 | Alcoholic beverages, tobacco and narcotics | 11.61 | 6.08 |
| 03 | Clothing and footwear | 2.08 | 3.98 |
| 04 | Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels | 10.84 | 12.56 |
| 05 | Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance | 3.20 | 3.13 |
| 06 | Health | 0.33 | 0.58 |
| 07 | Transport | 16.41 | 11.93 |
| 08 | Communication | 5.16 | 5.40 |
| 09 | Recreation and culture | 1.06 | 1.48 |
| 10 | Education | 2.21 | 1.95 |
| 11 | Restaurants and hotels | 3.11 | 3.71 |
| 12 | Miscellaneous goods and services | 4.24 | 6.30 |
| 90 | Non-consumption household expenditure | | 0.85 |
| Grand Total | | 100.00% | 100.00% |

Further definitions

A **price index** measures the change in price between time periods for a given set of goods and services. It summarises a set of prices for a variety of goods and services collected from a number of outlets.

The **index reference period** is the benchmark to which prices in other periods are compared (e.g. if the index number in a later period is 115, prices have increased by 15.0 percent since the index reference period). Prices for later periods can also be compared in similar fashion.



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