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# STATISTICAL BULLETIN

## CONSUMER PRICE INDEX—January 2025

(Base Period: September 2021 = 100.0)

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### HIGHLIGHTS

In January 2024 compared with January 2025. (By PACCOICOP groups)

#### Annual Inflation Rate is 5.4%

#### The major drivers of inflation

- *Food and non-alcoholic beverage*: +3.1%
- *Alcoholic beverages, tobacco and kava*: +1.3%
- *Personal Care and miscellaneous goods and services*: +0.5%

#### The groups with the highest percentage change in CPI

- *Alcoholic beverages, tobacco and kava*: +24.0%
- *Clothing and footwear*: +14.7%
- *Furnishings and household equipment*: +12.8%
- *Housing, water, electricity and gas*: -10.5%

**Average Annual Inflation Rate**  
**5.1%**

### SUMMARY

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) for January 2025 for all items is 133.4 (*Figure 1*). The index for January 2024 was 126.6. Compared to the same month in the previous year, **CPI increased by 5.4% (annual inflation rate)**. (*Figure 2*)

The CPI has two important components, local and imported goods, which are used to measure the key indicators of inflation like the annual inflation rate. In January 2025, a comparison of these two components indicated a higher price increase for local goods. The local goods saw a price growth of 7.1% compared to imported goods which grew by 3.5% (*Table 1*).

In January 2025, the group *Food and non-alcoholic beverage* was the largest driver of inflation. Prices increased by 7.3%, contributing 3.1% to overall inflation. The increase in prices of both imported and domestically produced food in Tonga is contributing to higher inflation. In *Alcoholic beverages, tobacco and kava*, prices increased by 24% adding another 1.3% to the inflation rate in Tonga. This trend was driven by the increase in the tobacco and kava prices. Likewise the group *Personal care and miscellaneous goods and services* posted a strong growth of 10.9% due to higher prices for *imported personal care products*.

Inflation lowering effects came from the group *Housing, water, electricity and gas* which moderated overall inflation by 0.7%. Lower electricity bills and reduced prices for imported fuels helped to cushion the high inflation rate.

Growth contributions to the annual inflation rate and percentage change in CPI by different PACCOICOP groups are presented in *Table A* on the next page.

Figure 1: Consumer price index, January 2024—January 2025

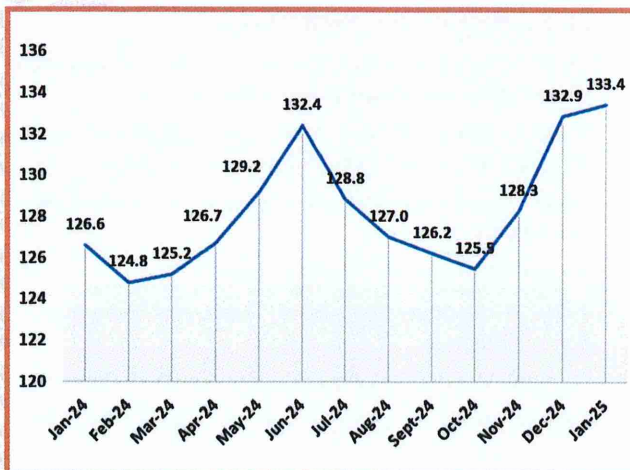
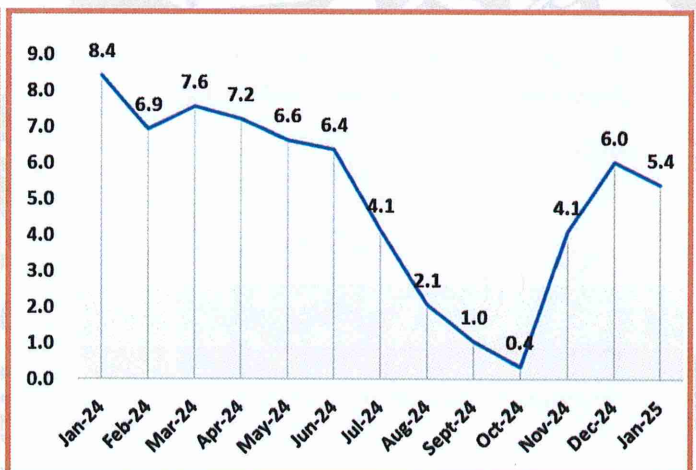


Figure 2: Annual Inflation Rate, January 2024—January 2025





**Table A: Summary highlights in percentage points, January 2024—January 2025. (All groups, YoY)**

PACCOICOP groups	Growth contribution	Change in the indices	CPI 2021 weights
Food and non-alcoholic beverage	+3.1	+7.3	42.6
Alcoholic beverage, tobacco and kava	+1.3	+24.0	5.6
Clothing and footwear	+0.4	+14.7	2.8
Housing, water, electricity and gas	-0.7	-10.5	6.6
Furnishing, household equipment and household maintenance	+0.4	+12.8	3.2
Health	0.0	-1.2	0.2
Transport	-0.1	-0.8	13.2
Communication	0.0	-0.4	3.7
Recreation and culture	+0.1	+9.3	0.6
Education	0.0	+1.9	1.2
Restaurant and hotels	+0.4	+3.0	15.0
Personal care and MISC. goods and	+0.5	+10.9	5.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>+5.4</b>		<b>100.0</b>

**Consumer Price Index (December 2024—January 2025)**

CPI increased by 0.4% from 132.9 in December 2024 to 133.4 January 2025 (Figure 1). The price of local goods increased by 2.8% and imported goods decreased by 2.2% in comparison to the previous month. (Table 2)

*Note: Month-on-month percentage change rates based on non-seasonally adjusted index series.*

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**Please find attached the following:**

**Table 1:** Consumer Price Index with local and imported components, percentage change year on year

**Table 2:** Consumer Price Index with local and imported components, percentage change month on month

**Table 3:** Consumer Price Index, annual, and annual average inflation rate

**Table 4:** Consumer Price index by All groups

**Table 5:** Consumer Price Index: Group and Subgroups—index number

**Table 6:** Monthly average price of selected local items

**Table 7:** Monthly average price of selected imported items