

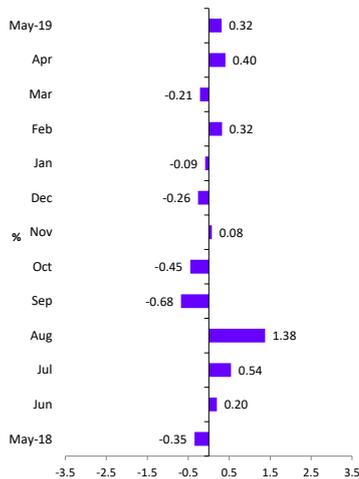
# CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

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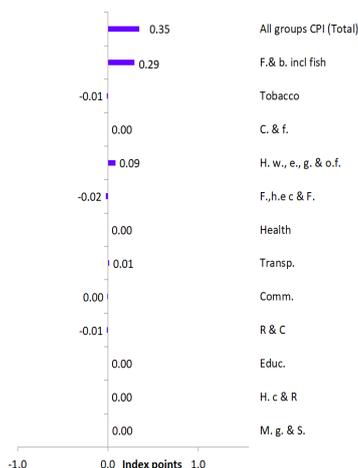
MAY 2019

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All groups CPI Monthly change  
(May 2018 to May 2019)



Contribution to monthly change  
(April 2019 to May 2019)



## INQUIRIES

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## KEY FIGURES

### Inflation rates : Republic

	April 2019 to May 2019 % change	May 2018 to May 2019 % change
<b>All groups CPI (Total)</b>	<b>0.32</b>	<b>1.54</b>
Food and non-alcoholic beverages incl fish	0.94	0.74
Tobacco and aracanut	-0.28	-0.37
Clothing & footwear	0.00	-2.59
Housing, water, electricity, gas & other fuels	0.33	3.62
Furnishing, household equip.& routine maint.	-0.29	3.80
Health	0.00	2.18
Transport	0.25	1.57
Communication	-0.09	1.29
Recreation & culture	-0.23	-2.98
Education	0.00	0.00
Hotels, cafes & Restaurants	0.00	5.19
Miscellaneous goods & Services	0.04	-0.17
<b>CPI analytical series</b>		
Total excluding fish	0.27	2.03
Food and non-alcoholic beverages excl fish	1.00	2.60
Fish	0.81	-3.54
Actual rentals for housing	0.33	4.74

## KEY POINTS

### THE ALL GROUPS CPI

- The Consumer Price Index for all groups CPI rose by +0.32% in May 2019, compared to the rise of +0.40% in April 2019.
- The index for all items excluding fish rose by +0.27% in May 2019 compared to the rise of +0.62% in April 2019.
- The Consumer Price Index for all groups CPI rose by +1.54% through the year to May 2019, compared to the rise of +0.87% through the year to April

### OVERVIEW OF THE CPI MOVEMENTS

- The most significant price increase in this month were from Fuels and lubricants (+4.59), milk, cheese and eggs vegetables (+6.24%), fish (+0.81), liquid fuels (+0.33), tools and equipment (+4.44), post-secondary non-tertiary education (+3.93), actual rentals paid by tenants (+0.15), passenger transport by sea and inland waterway (+0.60).
- The most significant price decrease in this month were from paramedical services (-2.31), therapeutic appliances and equipment (-1.16), Fruits (-0.97), restaurants, café's and the like (-1.17), vegetables (-0.15) and shoes and other footwear (-0.49).

# NOTES

## FORTHCOMING ISSUES

<b>Issue (monthly)</b>	<b>Release date</b>
June 2019	29 July 2019
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September 2019	28 October 2019

## ROUNDING

Any discrepancies between totals and sum of components in this publication are due to rounding.

## ABBREVIATIONS

NBS	National Bureau of Statistics
CPI	Consumer Price Index
n.e.c	not elsewhere classified
F & b. incl fish	Food & non-alcoholic beverages including fish
C. & f.	Clothing & footwear
H. w.,e.,g. & o.f	Housing, water, electricity, gas & other fuels
F.,h.e c & F.	Furnishing, household equip. & routine maintenance
Transp.	Transport
Comm.	Communication
R & C	Recreation & culture
Educ.	Education
H. c & R	Hotels, cafes & Restaurants
M. g. & S.	Miscellaneous goods & Services
IMF	International Monetary Fund

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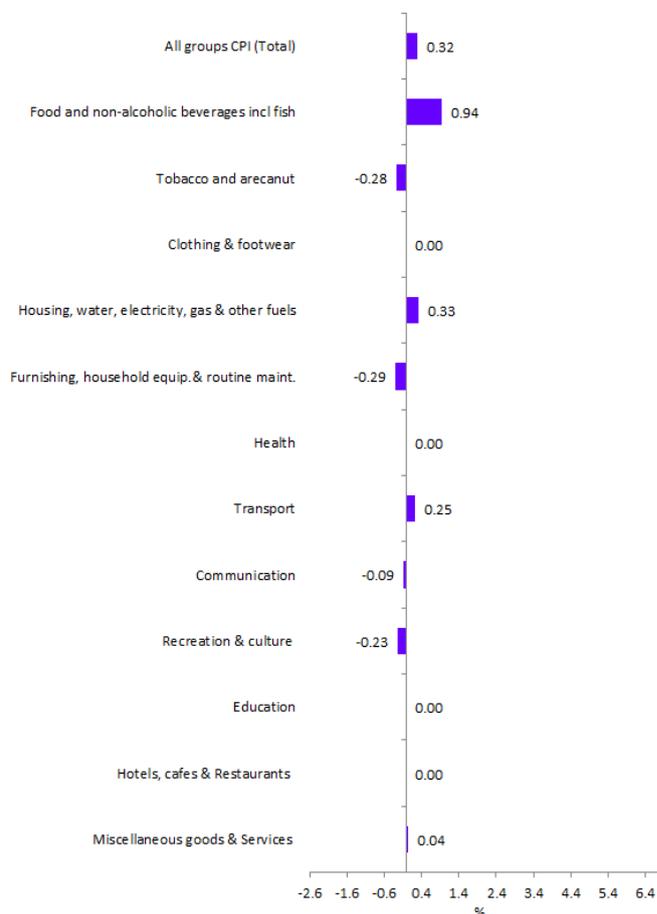
## CPI GROUPS

The discussion of the CPI groups below are ordered in terms of their absolute significance to the change in All groups index points for the month (see table1).

### CONTRIBUTION TO MONTHLY CHANGE

### TOTAL PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH, DISPLAYING ALL CPI GROUPS FOR REPUBLIC (April 2019 to May 2019)

CPI GROUPS	Republic	Male'	Atolls
All groups CPI (Total)	0.35	0.25	0.43
Food and non-alcoholic beverages incl fish	0.29	0.20	0.37
Tobacco and aracanut	-0.01	0.00	-0.02
Clothing & footwear	0.00	0.00	0.00
Housing, water, electricity, gas & other fuels	0.09	0.11	0.06
Furnishing, household equip.& routine maint.	-0.02	-0.05	0.00
Health	0.00	0.00	0.00
Transport	0.01	0.00	0.02
Communication	0.00	-0.01	0.00
Recreation & culture	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01
Education	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hotels, cafes & Restaurants	0.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous goods & Services	0.00	0.00	0.00



### FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES (+0.94%)

The Food and non alcoholic beverages group rose by +0.94% in May 2019. The main contributor to this rise was the increase in prices of skipjack tuna (+1.37%), garlic (+42.01%), green chilli (+13.26%), coconut (+2.90), banana (+8.05%), papaya (+22.40%), lemon (+9.62%), young coconut (+14.19%), tomato (+30.07%), reef fish (+7.10%), cabbage (+23.53%), eggs (+1.53%), potato (+7.13%), smoked fish (+1.12%), carrot (+5.38%) and pumpkin (+6.80%). This rise was offset by the decrease in prices of onion (-2.37%), mango (-4.91%), whole-chicken (-1.63%) and canned fish (-0.21%).

Over the twelve months until May 2019, the Food and non alcoholic beverages group rose by +0.66%.

### HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS (+0.33%)

The Housing water, electricity and other fuels group rose by +0.33% in May 2019. The main contributor to this rise was the increase in housing rent (+0.33%) and construction charges (+4.44%).

Over the twelve months until May 2019, the Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels group rose by +3.62%.

## MAIN CONTRIBUTORS TO CHANGE

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<b>FISH</b> (+0.81%)	<p>The Fish group rose by +0.81% in May 2019. The main contributor to this rise was the increase in prices of skipjack tuna (+1.37), reef fish (+7.10%) and smoked fish (+1.12%). This fall was partially offset by the increase in price of canned fish (-0.21%).</p> <p>Over the twelve months until May 2019, the Fish group fell by -3.54%.</p>
<b>TRANSPORT</b> (+0.25%)	<p>The Transport group rose by +0.25% in May 2019. The main contributor to this rise was the increase in prices of petrol (+4.02%).</p> <p>Over the twelve months until May 2019, the Transport group rose by +1.57%.</p>
<b>MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES</b> (+0.04%)	<p>The Miscellaneous goods and services group rose by +0.04% in May 2019.</p> <p>Over the twelve months until May 2019, the Miscellaneous goods and services group fell by -0.17%.</p>
<b>CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR</b> (+0.00%)	<p>The Clothing and footwear group remain unchanged in May 2019.</p> <p>Over the twelve months until May 2019, the Clothing and footwear group fell by -2.59%.</p>
<b>HEALTH</b> (+0.00%)	<p>The Health group remained unchanged in May 2019.</p> <p>Over the twelve months until May 2019, the Health group rose by +2.18%.</p>
<b>RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS</b> (+0.00%)	<p>The Restaurants and hotels group remain unchanged in May 2019.</p> <p>Over the twelve months until May 2019, the Restaurants and hotels group rose by +5.19%.</p>
<b>EDUCATION</b> (+0.00%)	<p>The Education group remained unchanged in May 2019.</p> <p>Over the twelve months until May 2019, the Education group had no change.</p>
<b>COMMUNICATION</b> (-0.09%)	<p>The Communication group fell by -0.09% in May 2019.</p> <p>Over the twelve months until May 2019, the communication group rose by +1.29%.</p>

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### TOBACCO AND ARACANUT

(-0.28%)

The Tobacco and aracanut group fell by -0.28% in May 2019. The main contributor to this fall was the decrease in price of Supari (-3.40%).

Over the twelve months until May 2019, the Tobacco and aracanut group fell by -0.37%.

### RECREATION AND CULTURE

(-0.23%)

The Recreation and culture group fell by -0.23% in May 2019. The main contributor to this fall was the decrease in price of television (-1.42%).

Over the twelve months until May 2019, the Recreation and culture group fell by -2.98%.

### FURNISHING HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENTS AND ROUTINE MAINTANANCE

(-0.29%)

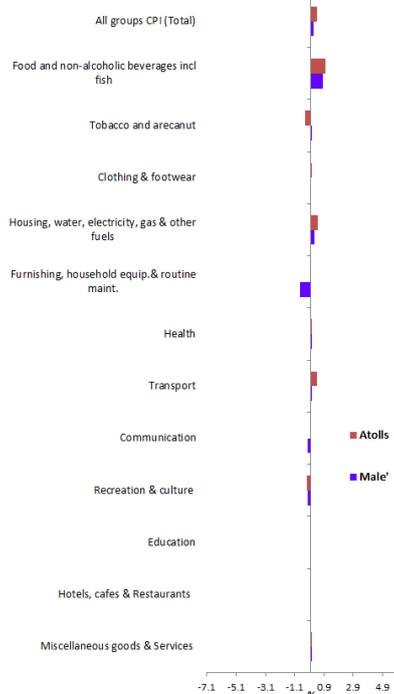
The Furnishing household equipment and routine maintenance group fell by -0.29% in May 2019. The main contributor to this fall was the decrease in prices of plate (-4.26%).

Over the twelve months until May 2019, the Furnishing household equipment and routine maintenance group rose by +3.80%.

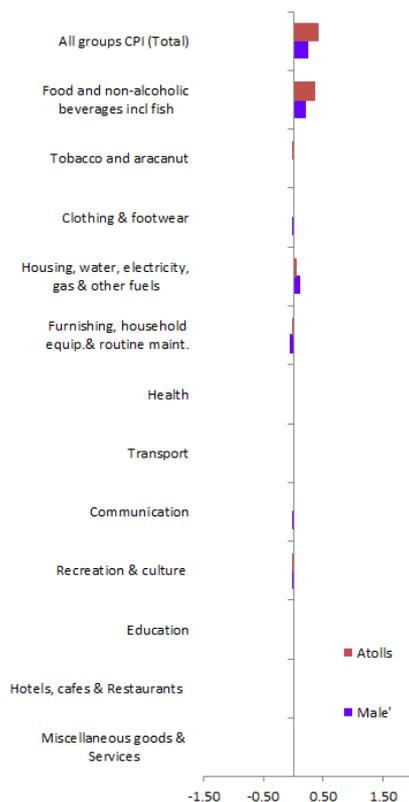
# COMPARISON BETWEEN MALE' AND ATOLLS

## ALL GROUPS CPI

Total percentage change from previous month, displaying all CPI groups for Male' & Atolls, (April 2019 to May 2019)



Contribution to monthly change, Male' & Atolls (April 2019 to May 2019)



## Inflation rates : Male' & Atolls

April 2019 to May 2019

	% change	
	Male'	Atolls
<b>All groups CPI (Total)</b>	<b>0.22</b>	<b>0.40</b>
Food and non-alcoholic beverages incl fish	0.81	1.02
Tobacco and aracanut	0.02	-0.38
Clothing & footwear	-0.04	0.03
Housing, water, electricity, gas & other fuels	0.27	0.48
Furnishing, household equip.& routine maint.	-0.73	-0.02
Health	0.00	0.00
Transport	0.05	0.41
Communication	-0.19	0.00
Recreation & culture	-0.20	-0.24
Education	0.00	0.00
Hotels, cafes & Restaurants	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous goods & Services	0.03	0.05
<b>CPI analytical series</b>		
Total excluding fish	0.32	0.23
Food and non-alcoholic beverages excl fish	1.62	0.63
Fish	-1.12	1.97
Actual rentals for housing	0.35	0.00

CPI rose at the All Group Levels in Male' by +0.22% and in Atolls by +0.40% in May 2019. (See table 2 & 3).

In Male' the most significant positive contributor to the rise in CPI was Food and Non-alcoholic beverages group which was recorded at +0.81% due to the rise in prices of green chilly (+35.13%), garlic (+91.67%), papaya (+25.92%), coconut (+5.84), potato (+30.80%), reef fish (+13.01%), eggs (+6.19%), onion (+3.60%), smoked fish (+3.05%), tomato (+28.35%), cabbage (+47.04%), water melon (+23.36%), young coconut (+9.54%), carrot (+7.66%), grapes (+16.46%) and banana (+2.25%). This rise was offset by the decrease in prices of skipjack tuna (-3.13%), lemon (-13.12%), whole-chicken (-2.26%), long grain rice (-1.81%), apples (-5.27%), fruit juices and vegetable juice packets (-2.74%), mango(-4.91%), cucumber (-8.59%) and wheat flour (-2.21%).

For Male' the largest negative contributor was Fish group which was recorded at -1.12% due to the fall in prices of skipjack tuna (-3.13%). This fall was offset by the increase in prices of reef fish (+13.01%) and smoked fish (+3.05%).

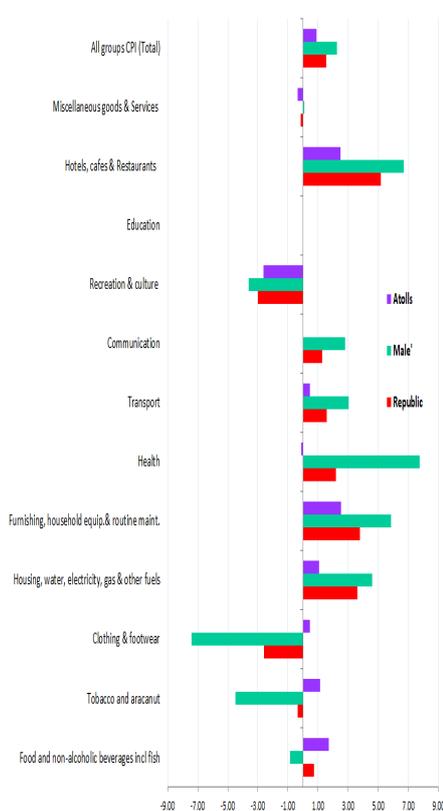
For Atolls the largest positive contributor was Food and non alcoholic beverages group which was recorded at +1.02% due to the rise in prices of skipjack tuna (+4.62%), lemon (+23.00%), banana (+12.32%), coconut (+2.13%), young coconut (+17.20%), garlic (+13.09%), tomato (+31.85%), green chilly (+3.60%), pumpkin (+10.72%), reef fish (+3.52%), cabbage (+13.53%) cucumber (+10.96%) and apple (3.52%). This rise was offset by the decrease in prices onion (-6.56%), mango (-4.91%) and canned fish (-0.33%).

For Atolls the largest negative contributor was Tobacco and aracanut group which was recorded at -0.38% due to the decrease in price of supari (-5.19%).

# MONTH ON MONTH COMPARISON BETWEEN REPUBLIC, MALE' AND ATOLLS

Inflation rates : Republic, Male' & Atolls	May 2018 to May 2019		
	Republic	Male'	Atolls
<b>All groups CPI (Total)</b>	<b>1.54</b>	<b>2.24</b>	<b>0.91</b>
<b>Food and non-alcoholic beverages incl fish</b>	<b>0.74</b>	<b>-0.86</b>	<b>1.71</b>
<b>Tobacco and aracanut</b>	<b>-0.37</b>	<b>-4.49</b>	<b>1.14</b>
<b>Clothing &amp; footwear</b>	<b>-2.59</b>	<b>-7.40</b>	<b>0.45</b>
<b>Housing, water, electricity, gas &amp; other fuels</b>	<b>3.62</b>	<b>4.59</b>	<b>1.08</b>
<b>Furnishing, household equip.&amp; routine maint.</b>	<b>3.80</b>	<b>5.87</b>	<b>2.54</b>
<b>Health</b>	<b>2.18</b>	<b>7.74</b>	<b>-0.13</b>
<b>Transport</b>	<b>1.57</b>	<b>3.02</b>	<b>0.45</b>
<b>Communication</b>	<b>1.29</b>	<b>2.80</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Recreation &amp; culture</b>	<b>-2.98</b>	<b>-3.61</b>	<b>-2.64</b>
<b>Education</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Hotels, cafes &amp; Restaurants</b>	<b>5.19</b>	<b>6.70</b>	<b>2.49</b>
<b>Miscellaneous goods &amp; Services</b>	<b>-0.17</b>	<b>0.08</b>	<b>-0.35</b>
<b>CPI analytical series</b>			
<b>Total excluding fish</b>	<b>2.03</b>	<b>2.96</b>	<b>1.16</b>
<b>Food and non-alcoholic beverages excl fish</b>	<b>2.60</b>	<b>1.95</b>	<b>2.99</b>
<b>Fish</b>	<b>-3.54</b>	<b>-7.16</b>	<b>-1.28</b>
<b>Actual rentals for housing</b>	<b>4.74</b>	<b>4.96</b>	<b>0.00</b>

## TOTAL PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM MONTH ON MONTH, DISPLAYING ALL CPI GROUPS FOR REPUBLIC, MALE' AND ATOLLS (May 2018 to May 2019)



Month on month CPI rose at the All Group Levels for the Republic by +1.54% while in Male' it rose by +2.24% and in atolls, it rose by +0.91%.

Price change in most of the major groups for Republic, Male' and the Atolls showed a similar pattern as they tend to move in the same direction with the exception of Food and non-alcoholic beverages including fish, Tobacco and aracanut, Clothing and footwear and Miscellaneous goods and services.

At Republic level most significant positive contributor to the rise was Hotels, café and restaurant group (+5.19%). The main reason for this rise was the increased in prices of catering services (+5.35%). The most negative contributor was Fish group (-3.54%) due to the decreased in prices of fresh, chilled or frozen fish (-6.87%).

In Male' most significant positive contributor to the rise was Health group (+7.74%). The main reason for this was the increased in prices of the outpatient services (+14.17%). The most negative contributor was Clothing and footwear group (-7.40%) due to the decrease in prices of clothing (-9.94%).

In Atolls most significant positive contributor to the rise was Food and beverages excluding fish group (+2.99%). The most negative contributor was Recreation and culture group (-2.64%) due to the decrease in prices of audio-visual, photographic and information processing equipment (-4.58%).

# COMPARISON BETWEEN MALE' AND ATOLLS

## ALL GROUPS CPI

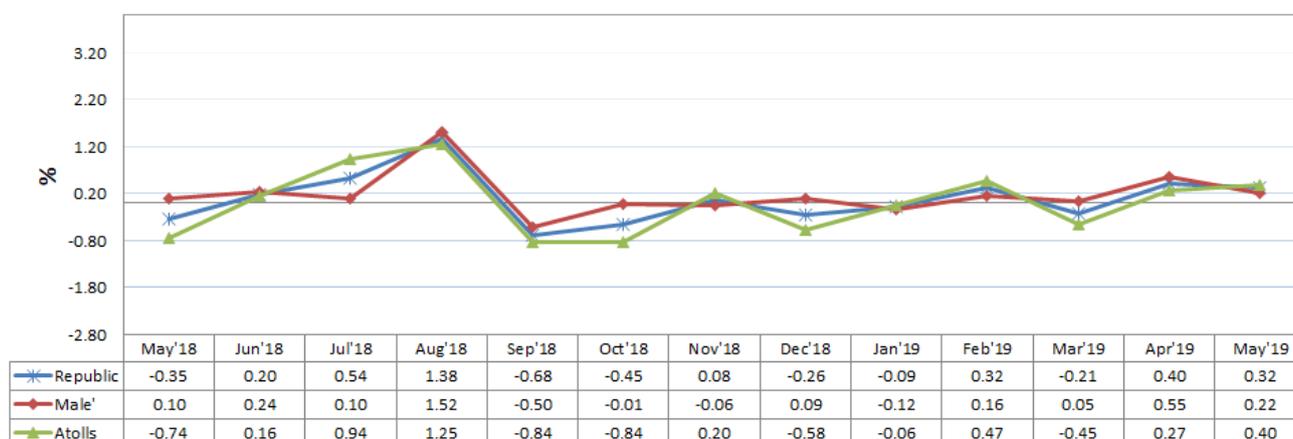
### ALL GROUPS CPI, All groups index numbers and percentage changes

	Index number (a)		Percentage change	
	May-19	April 2019 to May 2019	May 2018 to May 2019	
Republic	110.19	0.32	1.54	
Male'	113.64	0.22	2.24	
Atolls	107.23	0.40	0.91	

(a) Base of each index: June 2012=100

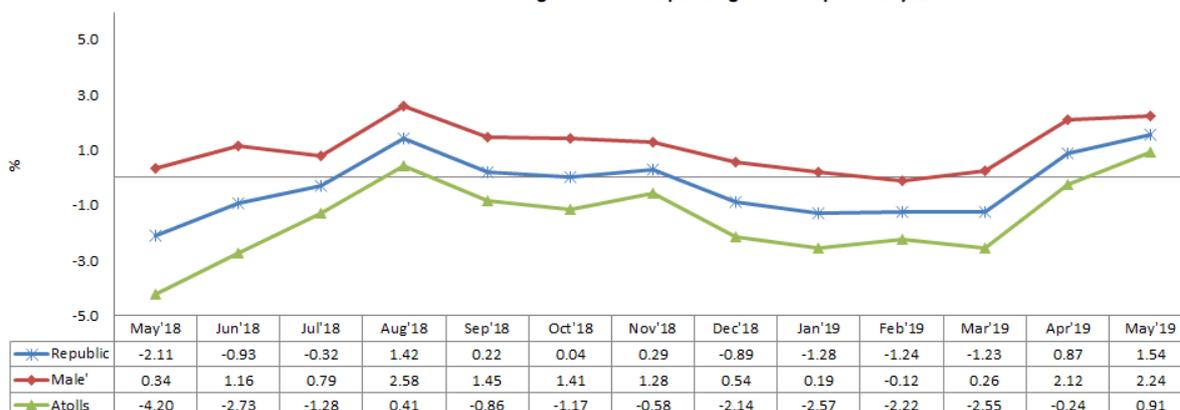
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