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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX  
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# Inflation rate for October 2019

- Monthly percentage change between September 2019 and October 2019
  - ▣ Monthly inflation: +0.28%
  - Monthly inflation excluding fish: +0.43%
  
- Change from the corresponding month of the previous year (i.e. October 2018 to October 2019)
  - ▣ Annual inflation (month on month): +0.75%

# Overview of the CPI movements

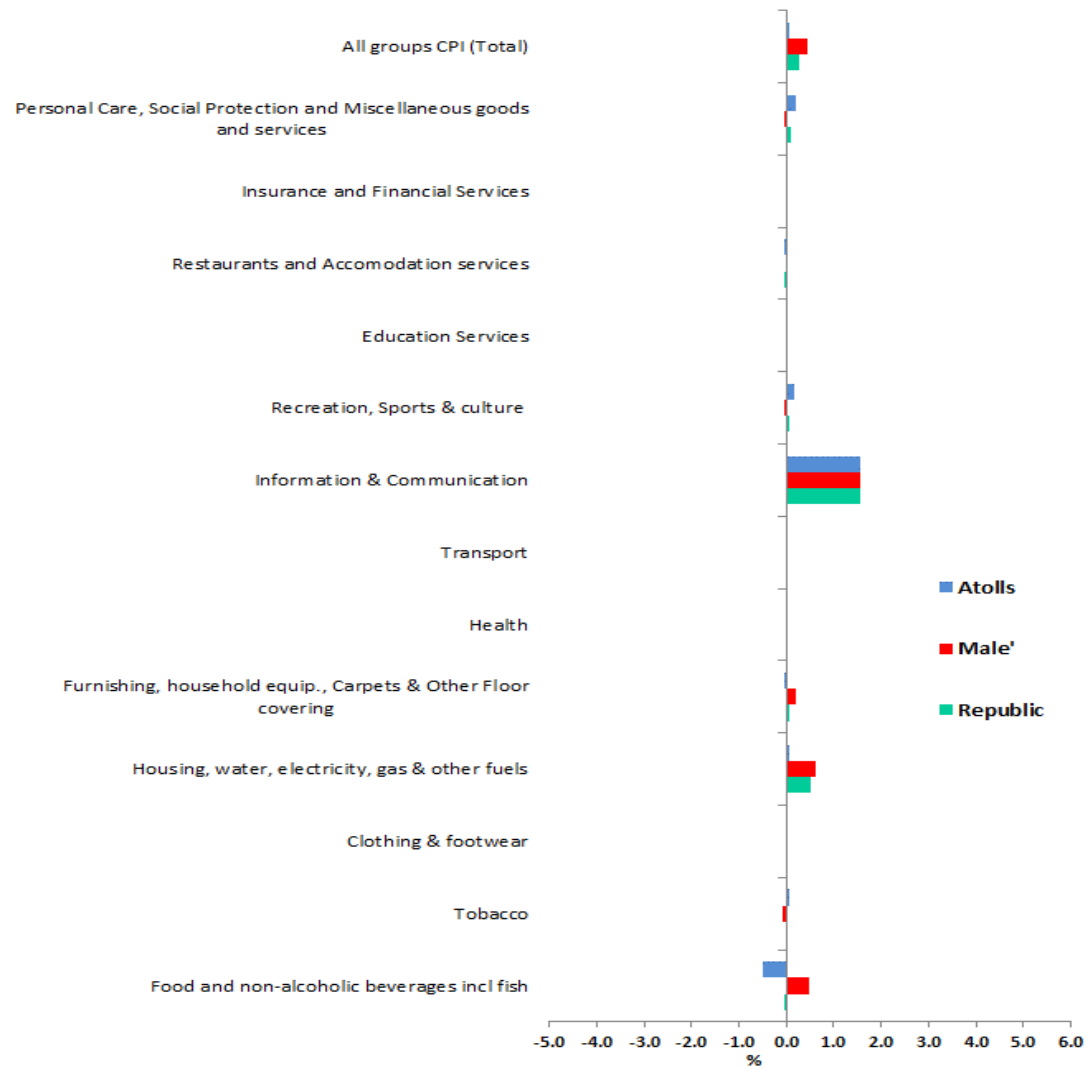
- CPI groups below are ordered in terms of their absolute significance to the change in All groups index points for the month
- The most significant price increase in this month were for;
  - ▣ Vegetables (+8.27%),
  - ▣ Mobile communication services (+2.95%),
  - ▣ Actual rentals paid by tenants (+0.84%),
  - ▣ Furniture, furnishings and loose carpet (+0.64%),
  - ▣ Communication services (+0.66%),
  - ▣ Water (+0.64%)
  - ▣ Other appliances articles and products for personal care (+0.12%),
  - ▣ Meat (+0.51%)

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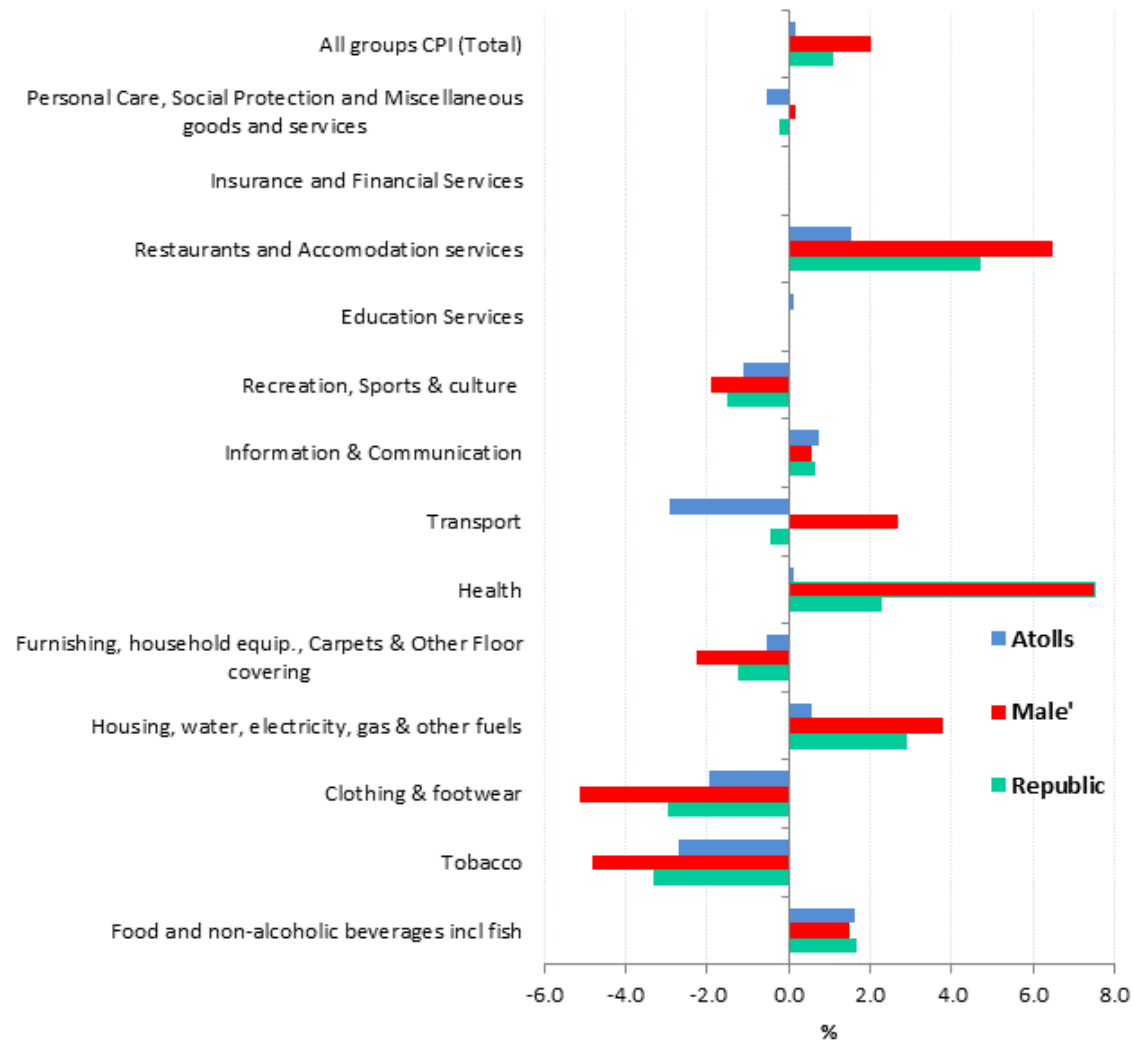
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- The most significant price decrease in this month were from;
  - Fish (-3.31%),
  - Fruit (-2.09%),
  - Milk, other diary products and eggs (-0.74%)

# Monthly Inflation (September 2019 to October 2019)



# Month on Month Inflation (October 2018 to October 2019)



# Percentage change and change in index points used

- ▣ Movements in CPI from one period to the other period are expressed in index points as well as percentage changes.
- ▣ Information on points contribution and points contribution change (or points change) is of immense value when analyzing sources of price change

# Contribution to monthly change (September 2019 to October 2019)

<b>CPI GROUPS</b>	<b>Republic</b>	<b>Male'</b>	<b>Atolls</b>
<b>ALL GROUPS CPI (Total)</b>	<b>0.28</b>	<b>0.44</b>	<b>0.05</b>
<b>FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES INCL FISH</b>	<b>-0.01</b>	<b>0.09</b>	<b>-0.14</b>
<b>ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO AND NARCOTICS</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS</b>	<b>0.12</b>	<b>0.20</b>	<b>0.01</b>
<b>FURNISHING HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENTS. CARPETS, AND OTHER FLOOR COVERINGS</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.01</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Health</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Transport</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION</b>	<b>0.15</b>	<b>0.14</b>	<b>0.17</b>
<b>RECREATION, SPORT AND CULTURE</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>EDUCATION SERVICES</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>RESTAURANTS AND ACCOMMODATION SERVICES</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>PERSONAL CARE, SOCIAL PROTECTION AND MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES</b>	<b>0.01</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.01</b>



# Up-coming CPI releases

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- Monthly CPI is targeted to be released on the last Monday of the month at 10.00 am local time
- Next release
  - ▣ November CPI : 30<sup>th</sup> December 2019

# Documents available

- A guide to the Consumer Price Index, Maldives 2012

## GUIDE

- Index reference period is September 2019 = 100, weight reference period and Base period = August 2019

## REVIEW

[http://statisticsmaldives.gov.mv/nbs/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/GuideToCPI\\_Maldives2019-Publication.pdf](http://statisticsmaldives.gov.mv/nbs/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/GuideToCPI_Maldives2019-Publication.pdf)

# FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Website: [www.statisticsmaldives.gov.mv](http://www.statisticsmaldives.gov.mv)
- National Accounts and Economic Statistics Section of the National Bureau of Statistics can assist in understanding better the methodology of CPI and inflation.
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