



CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

MARCH 2022

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INFLATION RATE FOR MARCH 2022

- Monthly percentage change between February 2022 and March 2022
 - Monthly inflation: +0.29%
 - Monthly inflation excluding fish: +0.34%
- Change from the corresponding month of the previous year (i.e. March 2021 to March 2022)
 - Annual inflation (month on month): +1.05%

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;

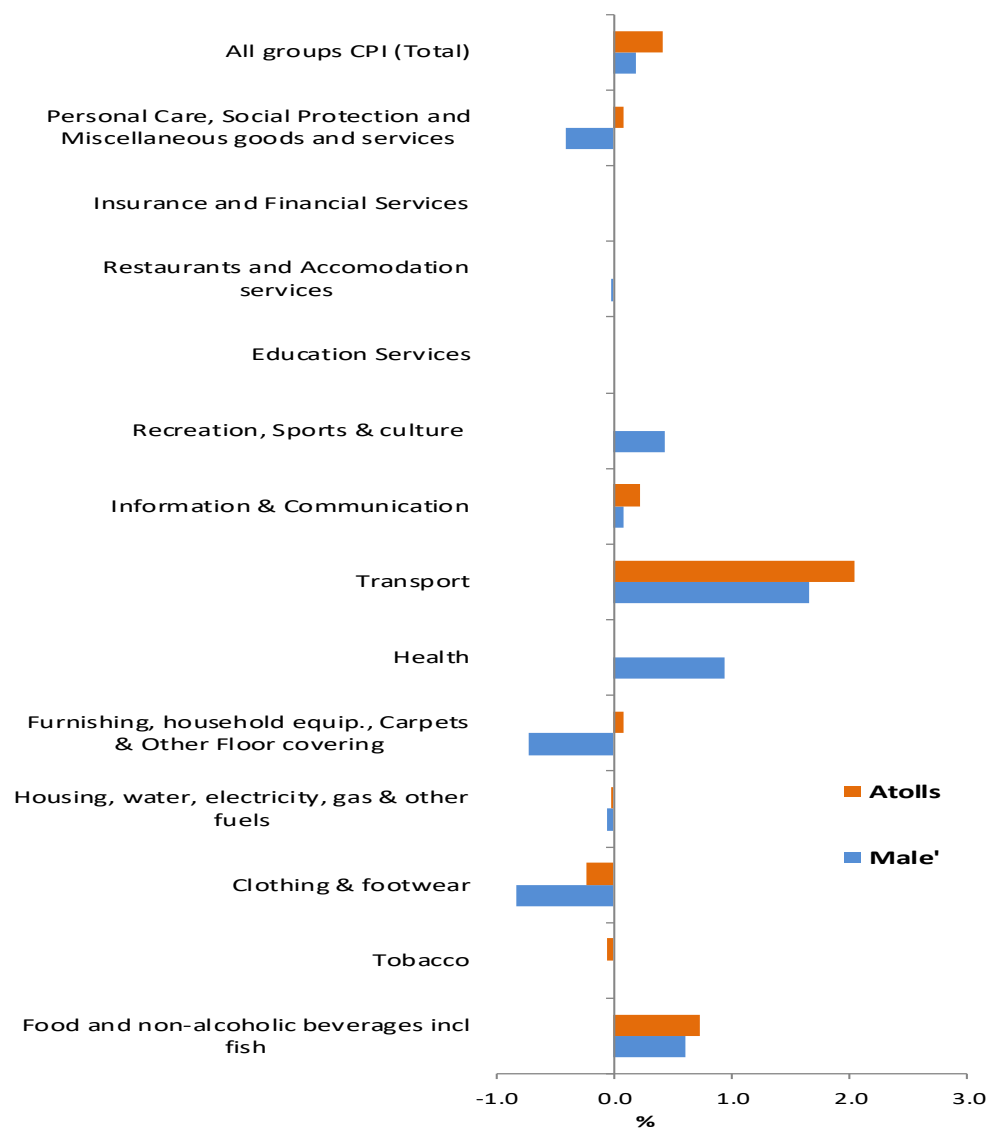
- Fuels and lubricants for personal transport equipment (+15.28%),
- Fruit (+4.11%),
- Fish (+1.12%),
- Medicines (+1.49%),
- Mobile communication services , (+1.15%),
- Passenger transport by air (+0.44%),
- Passenger transport by road (+2.00%),
- Vegetables (+0.39%),
- Pets and products for pets (+8.86%),
- Passenger transport by sea and inland waterway (+0.70%),

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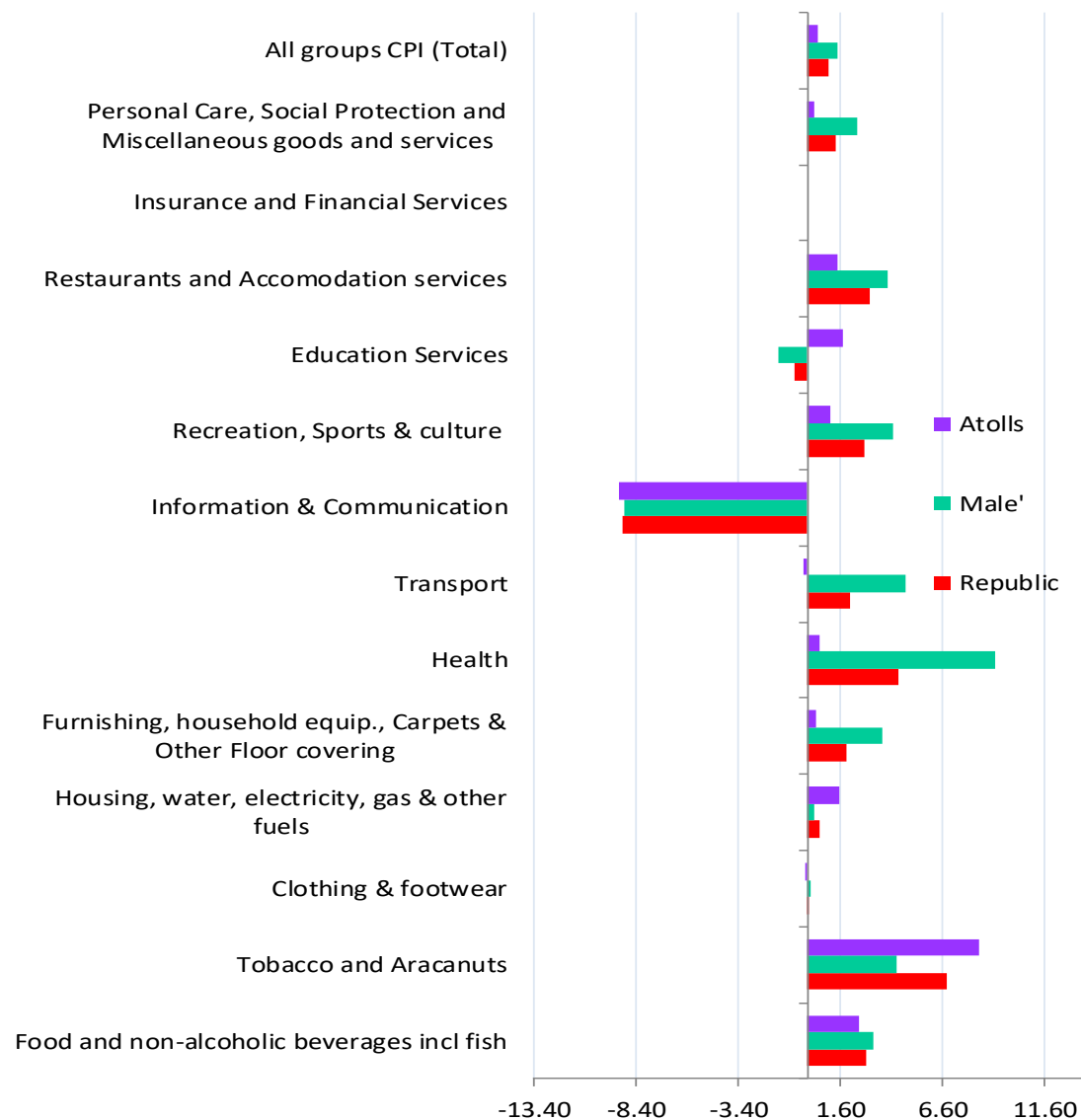
The most significant price decrease in this month were for;

- Garments (-0.94%),
- Equipment for the reception, recording and reproduction of sound and vision (-1.82%),
- Assistive Products (-1.53%),
- Major household appliances, whether electric or not (-0.68%),
- Other appliances, articles and products for personal care (-0.17%),
- Actual rentals paid by tenants for main residence (-0.06%),
- Furniture, furnishings and loose carpets (-0.45%),
- Small household appliances (-1.45%),

MONTHLY INFLATION (FEBRUARY 2022 TO MARCH 2022)



MONTH ON MONTH INFLATION (MARCH 2021 TO MARCH 2022)



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 (FEBRUARY 2022 TO MARCH 2022)

	Republic	Male'	Atolls
All groups CPI (Total)	0.29	0.19	0.42
Food and non-alcoholic beverages incl fish	0.16	0.12	0.20
Tobacco & Aracanuts	0.00	0.00	0.00
Clothing & footwear	-0.02	-0.03	-0.01
Housing, water, electricity, gas & other fuels	-0.01	-0.02	0.00
Furnishing, household equip., Carpets & Other Floor covering	-0.02	-0.04	0.01
Health	0.03	0.05	0.00
Transport	0.15	0.11	0.20
Information & Communication	0.01	0.01	0.02
Recreation, Sports & culture	0.01	0.01	0.00
Education Services	0.00	0.00	0.00
Restaurants and Accomodation services	0.00	0.00	0.00
Insurance and Financial Services	0.00	0.00	0.00
Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous goods and services	-0.01	-0.02	0.01

UP-COMING CPI RELEASES

- Monthly CPI is targeted to be released on the last Monday of the month at 10.00 am local time
- Next release
 - April CPI : 30th May 2022

DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE

- A guide to the Consumer Price Index, Maldives 2012

GUIDE

- Index reference period is November 2019 = 100, weight reference period and Base period = December 2019

REVIEW

http://statisticsmaldives.gov.mv/nbs/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/GuideToCPI_Maldives2019-Publication.pdf

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Website: www.statisticsmaldives.gov.mv
- National Accounts and Economic Statistics Section of the Maldives Bureau of Statistics can assist in understanding better the methodology of CPI and inflation.
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