

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX MALDIVES

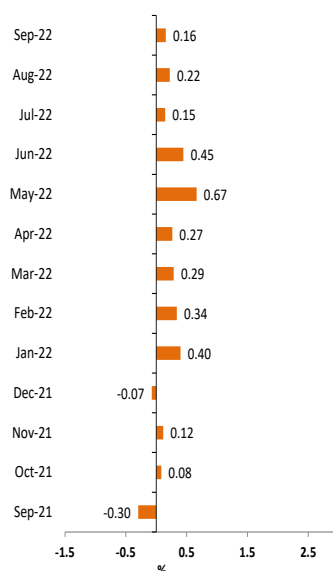
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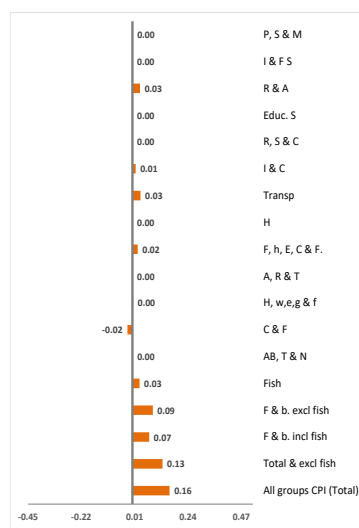
All groups CPI Monthly change

(Sep 2021 to Sep 2022)



Contribution to monthly change

(Aug 2022 to Sep 2022)



INQUIRIES

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KEY FIGURES

Inflation rates : Republic

All groups CPI (Total)

	Aug 2022 to Sep 2022 % change	Sep 2021 to Sep 2022 % change
Food and non-alcoholic beverages incl fish	0.30	6.61
Tobacco and Aracanuts	0.04	4.20
Clothing & footwear	-0.49	1.40
Housing, water, electricity, gas & other fuels	0.01	0.64
Furnishing, household equip., Carpets & Other Floor covering	0.33	3.46
Health	0.00	4.42
Transport	0.39	8.70
Information & Communication	0.18	-5.65
Recreation, Sports & culture	0.00	3.36
Education Services	0.00	1.97
Restaurants and Accommodation services	0.64	3.99
Insurance and Financial Services	0.00	0.00
Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous goods and services	0.02	1.74

CPI analytical series

	Aug 2022 to Sep 2022 % change	Sep 2021 to Sep 2022 % change
Total excluding fish	0.13	2.82
Food and non-alcoholic beverages excl fish	0.21	5.99
Fish	0.68	9.42
Actual rentals for housing	0.01	-0.12

KEY POINTS

The index reference period is August 2019 = 100 and the weight reference period = 2016. Please refer to [http://statisticsmaldives.gov.mv/nbs/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/GuideToCPI_Maldives2020 - Publication.pdf](http://statisticsmaldives.gov.mv/nbs/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/GuideToCPI_Maldives2020-Publication.pdf)

THE ALL GROUPS CPI

- The Consumer Price Index for all groups CPI rose by +0.16% in Sep 2022, compared to the rise of +0.22% in Aug 2022.
- The index for all items excluding fish rose by +0.13% in Sep 2022 compared to the rise of +0.29% in Aug 2022.
- The Consumer Price Index for all groups CPI rose by +3.10% through the year to Sep 2022, compared to the rise of +2.63% through the year to Aug 2022.

OVERVIEW OF THE CPI MOVEMENTS

- The most significant price increase in this month were from Fruit (+5.01%), Passenger transport by air (+1.18%), Restaurants, cafés and the like (+0.67%), Fish (+0.68%), Major household appliances, whether electric or not (+1.65%), Mobile communication services (+0.57%) and Meat (+1.17%).
- The most significant price decrease in this month were from Vegetables (-2.71%), Shoes and other footwear (-2.18%), Milk, other dairy products and eggs (-0.30%), Food products n.e.c (-0.85%) and Other information and communication services (-0.49%).

NOTES

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ROUNDING

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

ABBREVIATIONS

MBS

Maldives Bureau of Statistics

CPI

Consumer Price Index

n.e.c

not elsewhere classified

F & b. incl fish

Food & non-alcoholic beverages including fish

A b, t & n

Alcoholic beverages, tobacco & narcotics

C. & f.

Clothing & footwear

H. w., e., g. & o. f

Housing, water, electricity, gas & other fuels

A, R & T

Actual Rentals paid by tenants

F., h. e c & F.

Furnishing, household equip, & other floor coverings

H

Health

Transp.

Transport

I & C

Information & Communication

R, s & C

Recreation, sport & culture

Educ. S

Education services

R & A

Restaurants & accommodation services

I & F s

Insurance & financial services

P, s & m

Personal care, social protection & miscellaneous

IMF

International Monetary Fund

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MAIN CONTRIBUTORS TO CHANGE

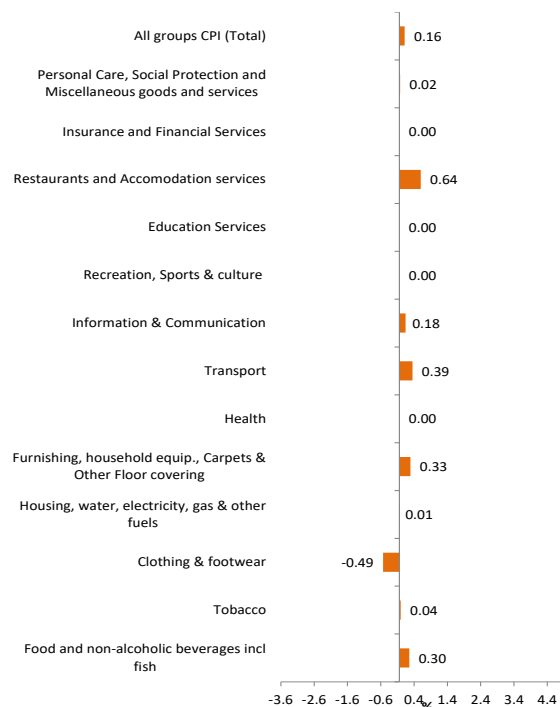
CPI GROUPS

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 (in %) Aug to Sep 2022

TOTAL PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH, DISPLAYING ALL CPI GROUPS FOR RE- PUBLIC (Aug 2022 to Sep 2022)

CPI GROUPS	Republic	Male'	Atolls
ALL GROUPS CPI (Total)	0.16	0.18	0.12
FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES INCL FISH	0.07	0.18	-0.07
TOBACCO AND ARACANUTS	0.00	0.00	0.00
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	-0.02	0.00	-0.05
HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS	0.00	0.00	0.01
FURNISHING HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENTS. CARPETS, AND	0.02	0.00	0.05
Health	0.00	0.00	0.00
Transport	0.03	0.00	0.09
INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION	0.01	0.01	0.02
RECREATION, SPORT AND CULTURE	0.00	0.00	0.00
EDUCATION SERVICES	0.00	0.00	0.00
RESTAURANTS AND ACCOMMODATION SERVICES	0.03	0.00	0.08
INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	0.00	0.00	0.00
PERSONAL CARE, SOCIAL PROTECTION AND MISCELLANE	0.00	0.00	0.01



FOOD AND NON- -ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES (+0.30%)

The Food and non-alcoholic beverages group rose by +0.30% in Sep 2022. The main contributor to this rise was the increase in prices of Lime (+17.52%), Garlic (+24.25%), Githeyo Mirus (+12.61%), Tuna (+0.80%), Frozen Chicken (+1.36%), Tuna Paste (+2.36%), Cucumber (+8.39%), Mango (+3.53%), Bananas (+3.20%), Grapes (+5.46%), Coconut (+2.76%) and Oranges (+6.39%). This rise was partially offset by the fall in price of Carrot (-16.59%), Onion (-10.22%), Green Chilly (-6.71%), Ginger (-7.23%), Eggs (-1.55%), Baby milk powder (-2.31%) and Tomato (-5.22%).

Over the twelve months until Sep 2022, the food and non-alcoholic beverages group rose by +5.47%.

TRANSPORT (+0.39%)

The Transport group rose by +0.39% in Sep 2022. The main contributor to this rise was the increase in price of Domestic Airfare (+3.15%). This rise was partially offset by the fall in price of Travel Abroad -1.42%.

Over the twelve months until Sep 2022, the Transport group rose by +9.61%.

MAIN CONTRIBUTORS TO CHANGE

RESTAURANTS AND ACCOMMODATION SERVICES (+0.64%)	The Restaurants and accommodation services group rose by (+0.64%) in Sep 2022. The main contributor to this rise was the increase in prices of Breakfast (+1.21%), Coffee (1.23%) and Pizza (+0.92%). Over the twelve months until Sep 2022, the Restaurants and accommodation services group rose by +3.99%.
Fish (+0.68%)	The Fish group rose by +0.68% in Sep 2022. The main contributor to this rise was the increase in price of Tuna (+0.80%) and Fish Paste (+2.36). Over the twelve months until Sep 2022, the Fish group rose by +10.82%.
FURNISHING HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENTS, CARPETS, AND OTHER FLOOR COVERINGS (+0.33%)	Furnishing household equipment's, carpets, and other floor coverings group rose by +0.33% in Sep 2022. The main contributor to this rise was the increase in prices of Air condition (+2.86%), Over the twelve months until Sep 2022, the furnishing household equipments, carpets, and other flooring coverings group rose by +3.92%.
INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION (+0.18%)	The Information and communication group rose by +0.18% in Sep 2022. The main contributor to this rise was the increase in price of *unit price of mobile phone services used by consumers (+0.57%). This fall was partially offset by the decrease in price of Cable TV and like (-0.49%). Over the twelve months until Sep 2022, the Information and communication group fell by -5.48%. Note: *The total amount paid and total units consumed by different subscribers for voice,sms and data is used to calculate prices of mobile services. Thus, the weighted average amount paid per unit of mobile services is used to monitor the changes in price. Refer to http://statisticsmaldives.gov.mv/nbs/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Review-of-the-Consumer-Price-Index-2019-Base-Period-Decust-2019.pdf
HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS (+0.01%)	The Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels group rose by +0.01% in Sep 2022. Over the twelve months until Sep 2022, the Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels group rose by +0.62%.
PERSONAL CARE, SOCIAL PROTECTION AND MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES (+0.02%)	The Personal care social protection and miscellaneous goods and services group rose by +0.02% in Sep 2022. Over the twelve months until Sep 2022, the Personal care social protection and miscellaneous goods and services group rose by +1.67%.

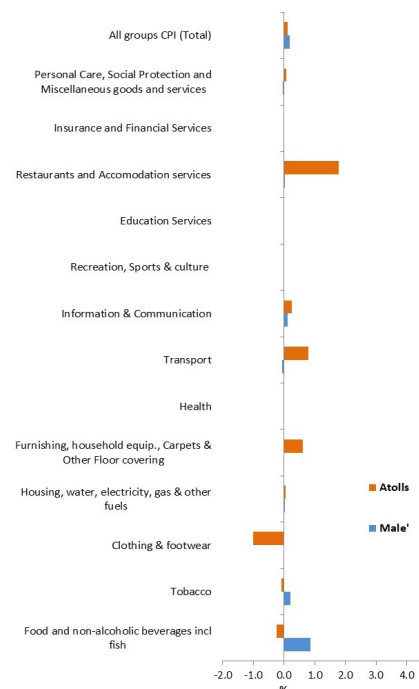
MAIN CONTRIBUTORS TO CHANGE

TOBACCO AND AR- ACANUT (+0.04%)	Tobacco and aracanut group rose by +0.04% in Sep 2022. Over the twelve months until Sep 2022, the Tobacco and aracanut group rose by +4.20%. .
INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SER- VICES (+0.00%)	The Insurance and financial services group remained unchanged in Sep 2022. Over the twelve months until Sep 2022, the Insurance and financial services group remained unchanged.
RECREATION, SPORT AND CULTURE (+0.00%)	The Recreation sport and Culture group remained unchanged in Sep 2022. Over the twelve months until Sep 2022, the Recreation sport and Culture group rose by +3.36%. .
Health (+0.00%)	The Health group remained unchanged in Sep 2022. Over the twelve months until Sep 2022, the Health group remained unchanged.
EDUCATION SERVICES (0.00%)	The Education services group remained unchanged in Sep 2022. Over the twelve months until Sep 2022, the Education services group remained unchanged.
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR (-0.49%)	The Clothing and footwear group fell by -0.49% in Sep 2022. Over the twelve months until Sep 2022, the Clothing and footwear group rose by +1.40%.

COMPARISON BETWEEN MALE' AND ATOLLS

ALL GROUPS CPI

Total percentage change from previous month, displaying all CPI groups for Male' & Atolls, (Aug 2022 to Sep 2022)



Inflation rates : Male' & Atolls

Aug 2022 to Sep 2022

% change

Male'

Atolls

All groups CPI (Total)

Food and non-alcoholic beverages incl fish

Tobacco and Aracanuts

Clothing & footwear

Housing, water, electricity, gas & other fuels

Furnishing, household equip., Carpets & Other Floor covering

Health

Transport

Information & Communication

Recreation, Sports & culture

Education Services

Restaurants and Accommodation services

Insurance and Financial Services

Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous goods and services

CPI analytical series

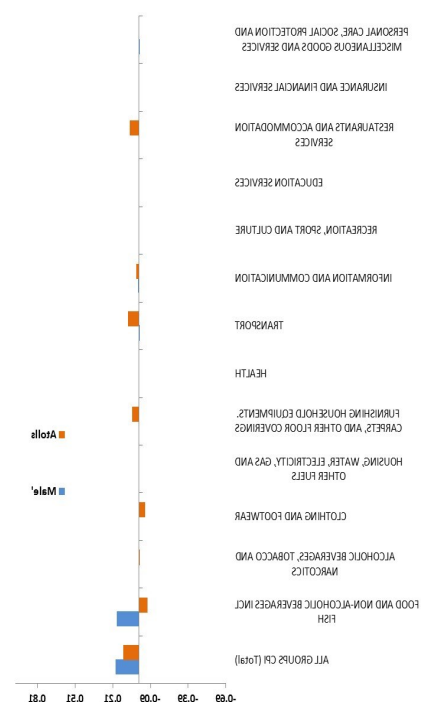
Total excluding fish

Food and non-alcoholic beverages excl fish

Fish

Actual rentals for housing

Contribution to monthly change, Male' & Atolls (Aug 2022 to Sep 2022)



CPI rose at the All Group Levels in Male' by +0.18% and in Atolls by +0.12% in Aug 2022. (See table 2 & 3).

In Male' the most significant positive contributor was Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages group which was recorded at +0.85% due to increase in price of Tuna (+6.63%), Lime (+32.27%), Garlic (+44.55%), Smoked Fish (+13.73%), Cucumber (+19.97%), Tuna Paste (+4.29%), Frozen Chicken (+1.27%), Coconut (+6.37%), Githeyo Mirus (+8.87%), Oranges (+9.24%), Grapes (+5.73%) and Bananas (+2.62%)

In Male' the most significant negative contributor was Transport group which was recorded at -0.05% due to the decrease in price of Travel Abroad (-2.08%).

In Atolls the most significant positive contributor was Transport group which was recorded at +0.79% due to increase in price of Domestic Airfare (+3.64%),

In Atolls the most significant negative contributor was Fish group which was recorded at -2.46% due to the decrease in price of Tuna (-4.28%) and Smoked Fish (-7.09%),

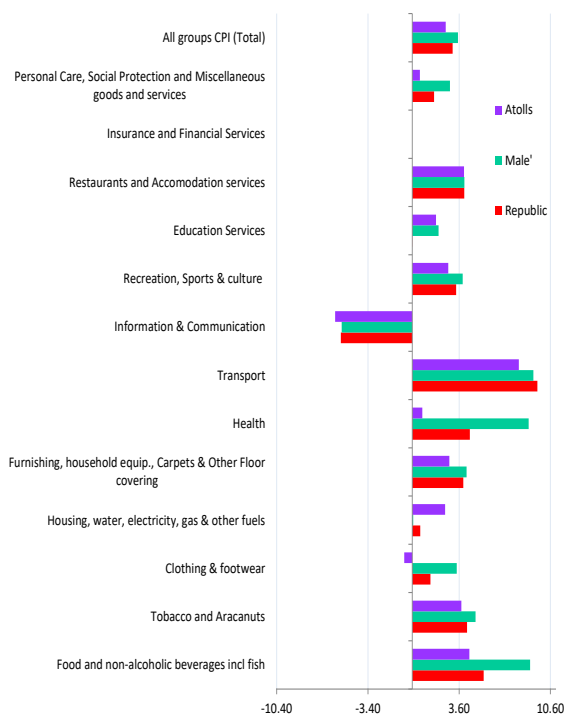
MONTH ON MONTH COMPARISON BETWEEN REPUBLIC, MALE' AND ATOLLS

Sep 2021 to Sep 2022

Inflation rates : Republic, Male' & Atolls

	% change		
	Republic	Male'	Atolls
All groups CPI (Total)	3.10	3.51	2.56
Food and non-alcoholic beverages incl fish	5.47	9.04	4.38
Tobacco and Aracanuts	4.20	4.86	3.77
Clothing & footwear	1.40	3.41	-0.61
Housing, water, electricity, gas & other fuels	0.62	0.08	2.52
Furnishing, household equip., Carpets & Other Floor covering	3.92	4.17	2.85
Health	4.42	8.93	0.77
Transport	9.61	9.30	8.17
Information & Communication	-5.48	-5.42	-5.92
Recreation, Sports & culture	3.36	3.87	2.76
Education Services	0.00	2.02	1.82
Restaurants and Accomodation services	3.99	4.00	3.97
Insurance and Financial Services	0.00	0.00	0.00
Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous goods and services	1.67	2.89	0.58
CPI analytical series			
Total excluding fish	2.52	3.09	2.47
Food and non-alcoholic beverages excl fish	4.31	7.64	4.42
Fish	10.82	16.15	4.20
Actual rentals for housing	-0.12	-0.12	-0.12

TOTAL PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM MONTH ON MONTH, DISPLAYING ALL CPI GROUPS FOR RE-PUBLIC, MALE' AND ATOLLS (Sep 2021 to Sep 2022)



Month on month CPI rose at the All Group Levels for the Republic by +3.10% while in Male' it rose by +3.51% and in Atolls +2.56%.

Price change for Major groups in Republic, Male' and the Atolls showed a similar pattern as they tend to move in the same direction with the exception of Clothing and Footwear group.

At Republic level the most significant positive contributor to the rise was Transport group (+9.61%). The most negative contributor was Information & Communication group (-5.48%).

In Male' the most significant positive contributor to the rise was Transport group (+9.30%). The most negative contributor was Information and Communication group (-5.42%).

In Atolls the most positive contributor to the rise was Transport group (+8.17%). The most significant negative contributor was Information and Communication group (-5.92%).

COMPARISON BETWEEN REPUBLIC, MALE' AND ATOLLS

ALL GROUPS CPI

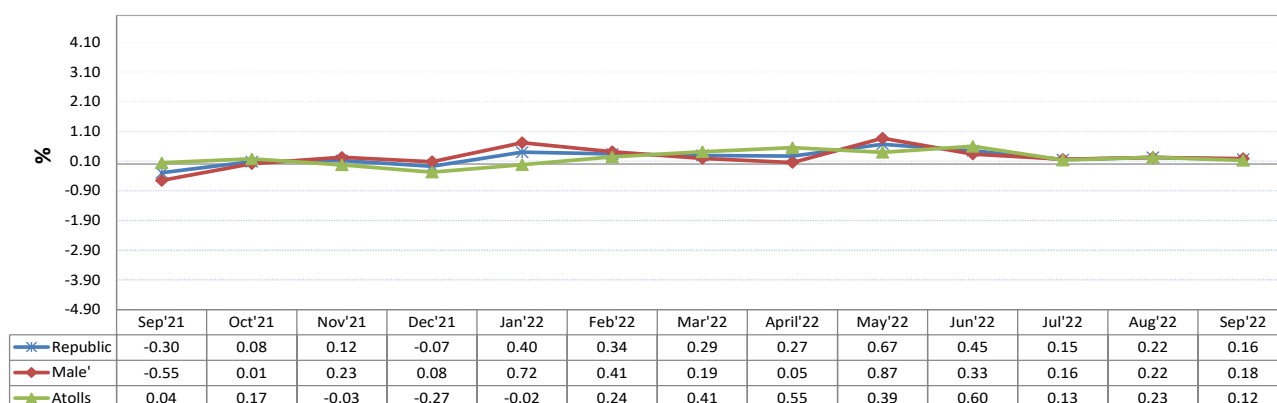
ALL GROUPS CPI, All groups index numbers and percentage changes

	Index number (a)	Percentage change	
	Sep-22	Aug 2021 to Sep 2022	Sep 2021 to Sep 2022
Republic	102.02	0.16	3.10
Male'	101.54	0.18	3.51
Atolls	102.66	0.12	2.56

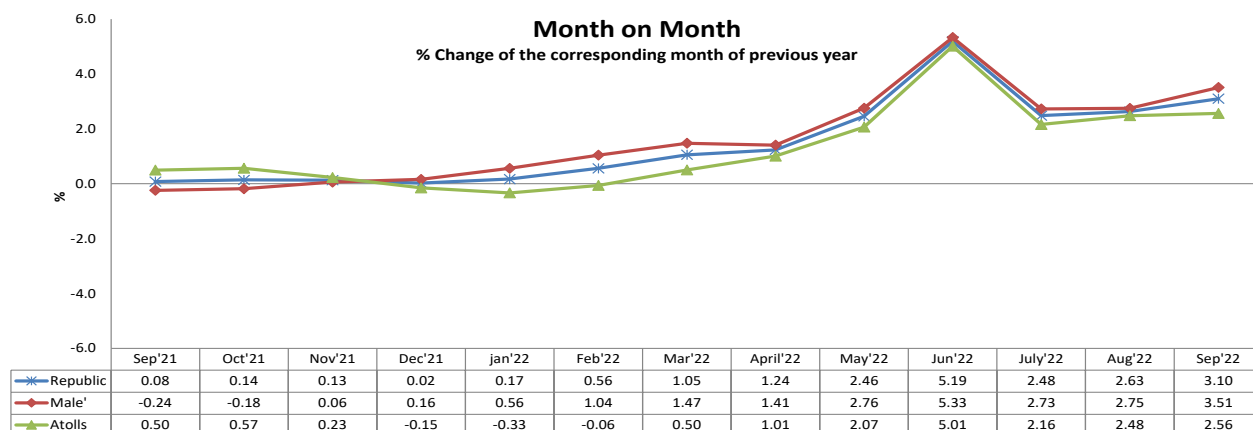
(a) Base of each index: Aug 2019=100

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