ESSENTIALCOMMODITIES PRICE INDEX (ECPI)

Monthly Release August 2026 - MALE'

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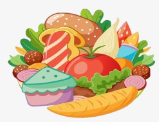
MALDIVES BUREAU OF STATISTICS

Overall ECPI - Male'

+1.42% | **+6.26%**

● Month-on-Month change
● Year-on-Year change

Food

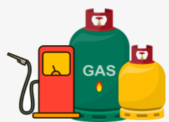


+1.72% | **+5.93%**

Beverages

+0.50% | **+6.52%**

Gas & other fuel



+0.00% | **+14.54%**

Personal care products

+1.17% | **+3.59%**

OVERALL ESSENTIAL COMMODITY PRICE INDEX - MALE'

The overall Essential Commodities Price Index (ECPI) for Malé stood at 122.07 in August 2026. The index increased by 1.42% compared to July 2026, while annual inflation, measured against August 2025, recorded a 6.26% increase, indicating higher prices for essential commodities over both the month and the year.

FOOD

The Food group recorded a 1.72% month-on-month increase in August 2026. This rise was primarily driven by higher prices for Fruits (+3.50%), Milk, other dairy products and eggs (+2.93%), Vegetables (+1.59%), Other food products n.e.c. (+1.32%), and Sugar, jam, honey, chocolate and confectionery (+1.10%).

Compared with August 2025, food prices increased by 5.93%. The strongest year-on-year price growth was recorded in Meat (+23.13%), followed by Milk, other dairy products and eggs (+12.10%), Sugar, jam, honey, chocolate and confectionery (+11.43%), and Oils and fats (+9.85%).

BEVERAGES

Beverage prices increased 0.50% between July and August 2026. Main contributors were Coffee and coffee substitutes (+1.55%) and Fruit and vegetable juices (+1.25%).

Year-on-year, beverage prices were 6.52% higher in August 2026 than August 2025. Largest annual increases were recorded in Coffee and coffee substitutes (+22.78%), Fruit and vegetable juices (+7.16%), and Tea, maté and other plant products for infusion (+5.42%).

GAS AND OTHER FUEL

The Gas and Other Fuels group prices stayed unchanged throughout Jul 2026 compared to Aug 2026. However, there was an increase in the year-on-year prices by 14.54% in Aug 2026 to Aug2025.

PERSONAL CARE PRODUCTS

The Personal Care group prices increased by 1.17% in Aug 2026 compared to Jul 2026. When compared to Aug 2025, the Aug 2026 prices of this group increased by 3.59%.

INFLATION RATES BY MAJOR GROUPS, MALE’ - AUGUST 2026

● Month-on-Month change
● Year-on-Year change

Group	Month-on-Month change	Year-on-Year change
Cereals and cereal products	+0.65%	+3.19%
Meat	+0.60%	+23.13%
Fish	+0.73%	+1.97%
Gas	+0.00%	+14.54%
Milk, Other Dairy Products & Eggs	+2.93%	+12.10%
Vegetables	+1.59%	+5.45%
Fruits	+3.50%	-0.25%
Oil & Fats	+0.38%	+9.85%
Personal Care Products	+1.17%	+3.59%
Other Food Products n.e.c	+1.32%	+2.34%
Sugar, jam, honey, chocolate and confectionery	+1.10%	+11.43%
Beverages	+0.50%	+6.52%

NOTES

FORTHCOMING ISSUES

Issue (monthly)	Release date
September 2026	08 October 2026
October 2026	09 November 2026
November 2026	09 December 2026

WHAT IS ECPI?

- ECPI is a weighted average price index of a basket of essential commodities, such as food, beverages, fuel and personal care products. The ECPI basket includes 96 products with 2,549 price quotations collected on monthly basis.
- The weightage given to Food is 70.94%, Beverages 14.20%, personal care products 8.43% and gas and Other fuel 6.43%.
- It is a sub-index of Consumer Price Index

HOW ECPI WILL BE USED?

- To impose price regulations.
- Acts as an early warning system of inflation of essential commodities

MEASUREMENT OF CHANGE IN THE PRICE INDEX

Change over previous month (month-on-month) compares the index of the month with that of the preceding month. Such comparisons measure the change in the average prices between two consecutive months. They serve as useful short- term indicators of the price movements in the non-seasonal industries.

Change over same month of previous year (year-on-year) compares the index of the month with same month of previous year. The measure gives how an industry is growing over 12 months. It reduces the seasonality effects in the indices.

ABBREVIATIONS

MBS	Maldives Bureau of Statistics
CPI	Consumer Price Index
ECPI	Essential Commodity Price Index
n.e.c	Not Elsewhere Classified

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