ESSENTIALCOMMODITIES PRICE INDEX (ECPI)

Monthly Release October 2026 - MALE'

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Overall ECPI - Male'



+1.01% | +9.96%

Food



+0.96% | +10.73%

Beverages



+1.45% | +7.42%

Gas & other fuel



+0.00% | +13.82%

Personal care products



+1.53% | +4.86%

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

OVERALL ESSENTIAL COMMODITY PRICE INDEX - MALE'

The overall Essential Commodities Price Index (ECPI) for Malé stood at 125.39 in October 2026. The index increased by 1.01% compared to September 2026, while the twelve month inflation, measured against October 2025, recorded a 9.96% increase, indicating higher prices for essential commodities both month-on-month (MoM), and year-on-year (YoY).

FOOD

The Food group recorded a 0.96% month-on-month increase in October 2026. This rise was primarily driven by higher prices for Fruit (+3.32%), Cereals and cereal products (+1.92%), Sugar, jam, honey, chocolate and confectionery (+1.51%), Oil and fats (+1.38%) and Meat (+1.04%).

Compared with October 2025, food prices increased by 10.73% in October. The strongest year-on-year price growth was recorded in Meat (+23.97%), followed by Vegetables (+22.16%), Fruit (+13.24%), Milk, other dairy products and eggs (+12.11%), Sugar, jam, honey, chocolate and confectionery (+10.63%), and Oils and fats (+10.20%), and Cereals and cereal products (+4.77%).

BEVERAGES

Beverage prices increased by 1.45% between September and October 2026. Main contributor to this rise was Fruit and vegetable juices (+3.97%) and Tea, maté and other plant products for infusion (+2.22%).

Year-on-year, beverage price was 7.42% higher in October 2026 than in October 2025. Largest annual increases were recorded in Coffee and coffee substitutes (+23.22%), Fruit and vegetable juices (+11.45%), and Tea, maté and other plant products for infusion (+6.05%).

GAS AND OTHER FUEL

The Gas and Other Fuels group prices stayed unchanged throughout October 2026 compared to September 2026. However, there was an increase in the year-on-year (YoY) price by 13.82% in October 2026 compared to October 2025.

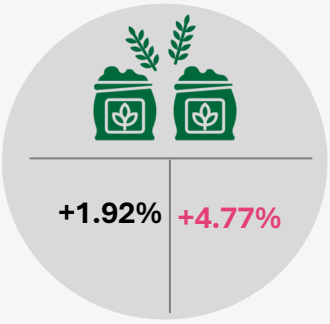
PERSONAL CARE PRODUCTS

The Personal Care group prices increased by 1.53% in October 2026 compared to September 2026. When compared to October 2025, the October 2026 price of this group increased by 4.86%.

INFLATION RATES BY MAJOR GROUPS, MALE' - OCTOBER 2026

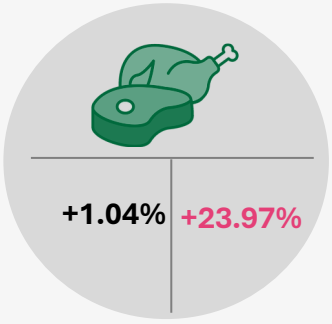
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● Year-on-Year change



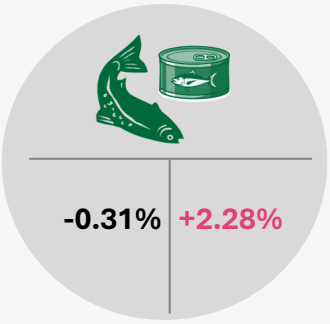
+1.92% +4.77%

Cereals and Cereal Products



+1.04% +23.97%

Meat



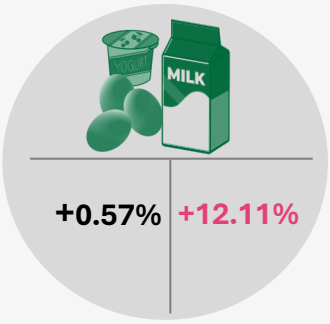
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Fish



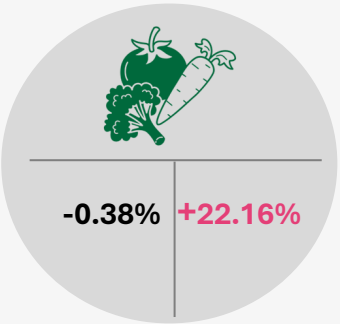
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Gas



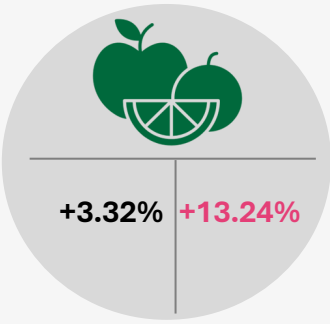
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Milk, Other Dairy Products & Eggs



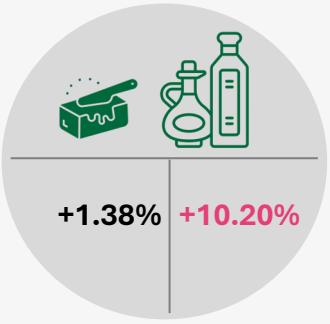
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Vegetables



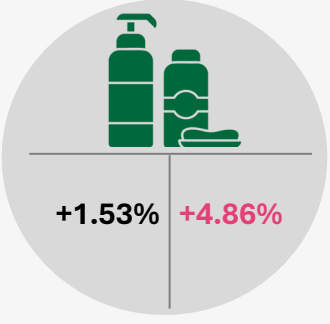
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Fruits



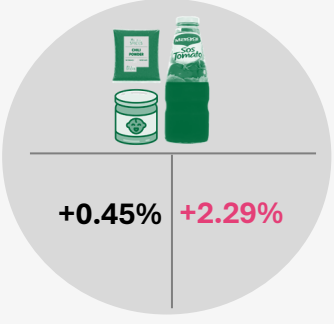
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Oil & Fats



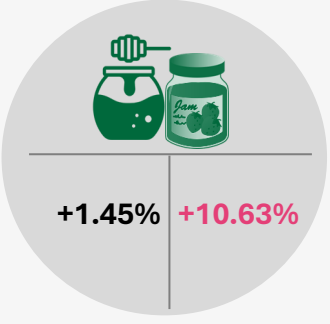
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Personal Care Products



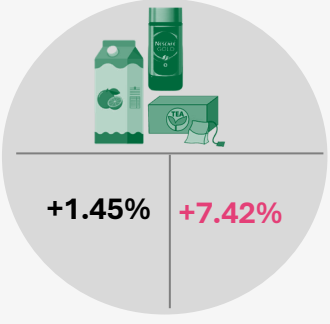
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Other Food Products n.e.c



+1.45% +10.63%

Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate and Confectionery



+1.45% +7.42%

Beverages

NOTES

FORTHCOMING ISSUES

Issue (monthly)	Release date
November 2026	09 December 2026
December 2026	07 January 2026
January 2026	07 February 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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