

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

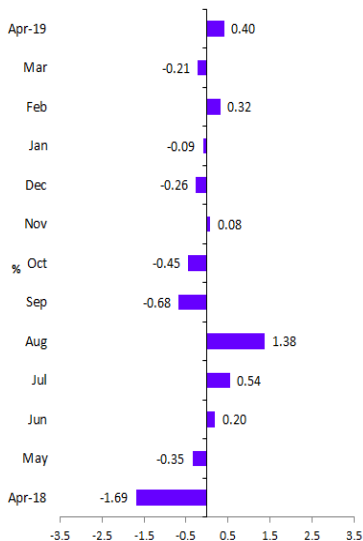
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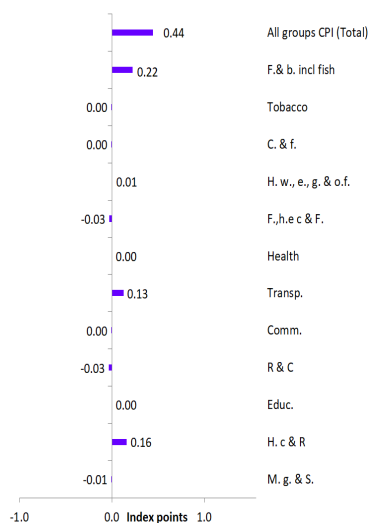
All groups CPI Monthly change

(April 2018 to April 2019)



Contribution to monthly change

(March 2019 to April 2019)



INQUIRIES

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KEY FIGURES

Inflation rates : Republic

	Mar 2019 to April 2019 % change	April 2018 to April 2019 % change
All groups CPI (Total)	0.40	0.87
Food and non-alcoholic beverages incl fish	0.72	-1.17
Tobacco and aracanut	-0.04	-0.12
Clothing & footwear	-0.06	-2.23
Housing, water, electricity, gas & other fuels	0.02	2.90
Furnishing, household equip.& routine maint.	-0.33	3.78
Health	0.00	2.27
Transport	2.26	1.90
Communication	-0.10	1.38
Recreation & culture	-0.63	-2.80
Education	0.00	0.00
Hotels, cafes & Restaurants	4.11	5.19
Miscellaneous goods & Services	-0.08	-0.22
CPI analytical series		
Total excluding fish	0.62	1.69
Food and non-alcoholic beverages excl fish	1.83	1.66
Fish	-1.89	-7.46
Actual rentals for housing	0.04	4.71

KEY POINTS

THE ALL GROUPS CPI

- The Consumer Price Index for all groups CPI rose by +0.40% in April 2019, compared to the fall of -0.21% in March 2019.
- The index for all items excluding fish rose by +0.62% in April 2019 compared to the fall of -0.09% in March 2019.
- The Consumer Price Index for all groups CPI rose by +0.87% through the year to April 2019, compared to the fall of -1.23% through the year to March

OVERVIEW OF THE CPI MOVEMENTS

- The most significant price increase in this month were from fruit (+21.68%), restaurants, cafés and alike (+4.24%), motor-cycles (+7.35%), non-durable household goods (+0.62%), actual rentals paid by tenants (+0.04%) and bread and cereals (+0.11%).
- The most significant price decrease in this month were from fish (-1.89%), vegetables (-3.64%), equipment for the reception, recording and reproduction of sound and pictures (-3.86%), major household appliances whether or not electrical (-1.35%), milk, cheese and eggs (-0.17%), household textiles (-2.11%) and meat (-0.58%).

NOTES

FORTHCOMING ISSUES

Issue (monthly)	Release date
June 2019	29 July 2019
July 2019	26 August 2019
August 2019	23 September 2019
September 2019	30 October 2019

ROUNDING

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

ABBREVIATIONS

NBS	National Bureau of Statistics
CPI	Consumer Price Index
n.e.c	not elsewhere classified
F & b. incl fish	Food & non-alcoholic beverages including fish
C. & f.	Clothing & footwear
H. w.,e.,g. & o.f	Housing, water, electricity, gas & other fuels
F.,h.e c & F.	Furnishing, household equip. & routine maintenance
Transp.	Transport
Comm.	Communication
R & C	Recreation & culture
Educ.	Education
H. c & R	Hotels, cafes & Restaurants
M. g. & S.	Miscellaneous goods & Services
IMF	International Monetary Fund

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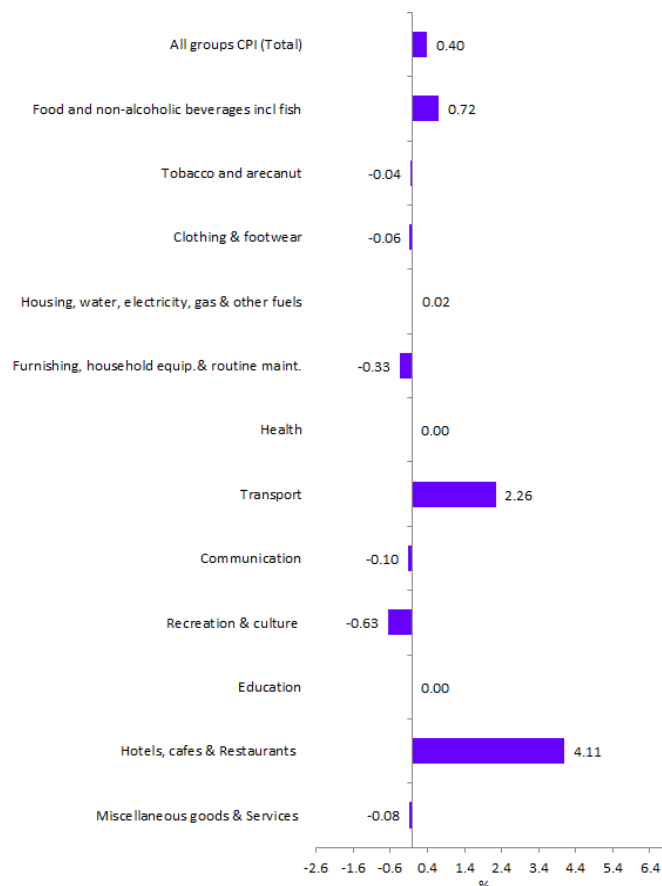
CPI GROUPS

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

TOTAL PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH, DISPLAYING ALL CPI GROUPS FOR REPUBLIC (March 2019 to April 2019)

CPI GROUPS	Republic	Male'	Atolls
All groups CPI (Total)	0.44	0.62	0.29
Food and non-alcoholic beverages incl fish	0.22	0.20	0.24
Tobacco and aracanut	0.00	0.00	0.00
Clothing & footwear	0.00	0.00	0.00
Housing, water, electricity, gas & other fuels	0.01	0.01	0.00
Furnishing, household equip.& routine maint.	-0.03	-0.05	-0.01
Health	0.00	0.00	0.00
Transport	0.13	0.18	0.08
Communication	0.00	-0.01	0.00
Recreation & culture	-0.03	-0.04	-0.02
Education	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hotels, cafes & Restaurants	0.16	0.35	0.00
Miscellaneous goods & Services	-0.01	-0.02	0.00



FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES (+0.72%)

The Food and non alcoholic beverages group rose by +0.72% in April 2019. The main contributor to this rise was the increase in prices of coconut (+79.43%), banana (+7.74%), fish paste (+2.80%), baby milk powder (+1.63%), garlic (+7.62%), cucumber (+11.85%) and young coconut (+4.33%). This rise was offset by the decrease in prices of skipjack tuna (-3.48%), onion (-9.25%), smoked fish (-5.34%), mango (-12.37%), green chilly (-6.42%), coast milk powder (-0.57%), potatoes (-6.53%), orange (-9.71%), papaya (-6.72%) and lemon (-3.06%).

Over the twelve months until April 2019, the Food and non alcoholic beverages group fell by -1.17%.

RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS (+4.11%)

The Restaurants and hotels group rose by +4.11% in April 2019. The main contributor to this rise was the increase in price of meal pack (4 roshi + fish curry + tea + dhufun) (+10.75%).

Over the twelve months until April 2019, the Restaurants and hotels group rose by +5.19%.

MAIN CONTRIBUTORS TO CHANGE

TRANSPORT

(+2.26%)

The Transport group rose by +2.26% in April 2019. The main contributor to this rise was the increase in prices of motor cycles (+7.35%).

Over the twelve months until April 2019, the Transport group rose by +1.90%.

HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS

(+0.02%)

The Housing water, electricity and other fuels group rose by +0.02% in April 2019. The main contributor to this rise was the increase in housing rent (+0.04%).

Over the twelve months until April 2019, the Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels group rose by +2.90%.

HEALTH

(+0.00%)

The Health group remained unchanged in April 2019.

Over the twelve months until April 2019, the Health group rose by +2.27%.

EDUCATION

(+0.00%)

The Education group remained unchanged in April 2019.

Over the twelve months until April 2019, the Education group had no change.

TOBACCO AND ARACANUTS

(-0.04%)

The Tobacco and aracanuts group fell by -0.04% in April 2019.

Over the twelve months until April 2019, the Tobacco and aracanuts group fell by -0.12%.

CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR

(-0.06%)

The Clothing and footwear group fell by -0.06% in April 2019.

Over the twelve months until April 2019, the Clothing and footwear group fell by -2.23%.

MAIN CONTRIBUTORS TO CHANGE

COMMUNICATION The Communication group fell by (-0.10) in April 2019.
(-0.10%) Over the twelve months until April 2019, the communication group rose by +1.38%.

**MISCELLANEOUS
GOODS AND SER-
VICES** The Miscellaneous goods and services group fell by -0.08% in April 2019.
(-0.08%) Over the twelve months until April 2019, the Miscellaneous goods and
services group fell by -0.22%.

**FURNISHING
HOUSEHOLD
EQUIPMENTS
AND ROUTINE
MAINTANANCE** The Furnishing household equipment and routine maintenance group fell
(-0.33%) by -0.33% in April 2019. The main contributor to this fall was the decrease
in prices of oven (-2.57%), washing machine (-1.51%) and bed sheet
(-2.11%). This fall was partially offset by the increase in price of washing
powder (+2.12%).
Over the twelve months until March 2019, the Furnishing household equip-
ment and routine maintenance group rose by +3.78%.

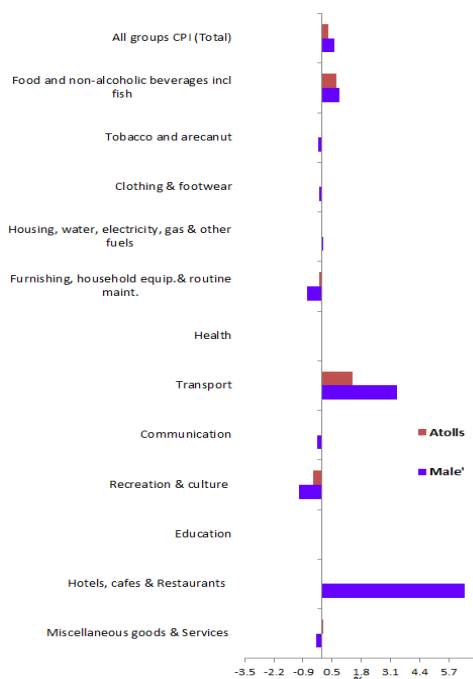
**RECREATION
AND CULTURE** The Recreation and culture group fell by -0.63% in April 2019. The main con-
(-0.63%) tributor to this fall was the decrease in price of television (-4.68%).
Over the twelve months until April 2019, the Recreation and culture group fell
by -2.80%.

FISH The Fish group fell by -1.89% in April 2019. The main contributor to this fall was
(-1.89%) decrease in prices of skipjack tuna (-3.48%), and smoked fish (-5.34%). This fall
was partially offset by the increase in price of fish paste (+2.80%).
Over the twelve months until April 2019, the Fish group fell by -7.46%.

COMPARISON BETWEEN MALE' AND ATOLLS

ALL GROUPS CPI

Total percentage change from previous month, displaying all CPI groups for Male' & Atolls, (March 2019 to April 2019)

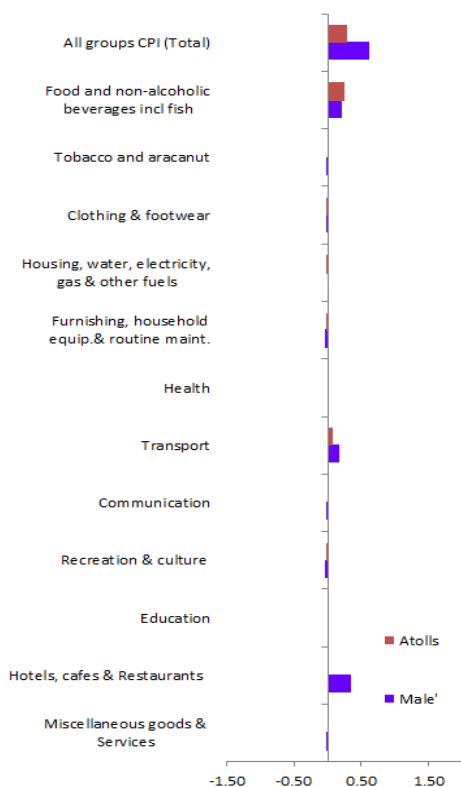


Inflation rates : Male' & Atolls

Mar 2019 to April 2019

	% change	
	Male'	Atolls
All groups CPI (Total)	0.55	0.27
Food and non-alcoholic beverages incl fish	0.81	0.67
Tobacco and aracanut	-0.18	0.00
Clothing & footwear	-0.12	-0.02
Housing, water, electricity, gas & other fuels	0.03	-0.01
Furnishing, household equip.& routine maint.	-0.68	-0.11
Health	0.00	0.00
Transport	3.40	1.37
Communication	-0.21	0.00
Recreation & culture	-1.03	-0.41
Education	0.00	0.00
Hotels, cafes & Restaurants	6.46	0.00
Miscellaneous goods & Services	-0.27	0.05
CPI analytical series		
Total excluding fish	0.48	0.74
Food and non-alcoholic beverages excl fish	0.51	2.63
Fish	1.53	-3.86
Actual rentals for housing	0.05	0.00

Contribution to monthly change, Male' & Atolls (March 2019 to April)



CPI rose at the All Group Levels in Male' by +0.55% and in Atolls by +0.27% in April 2019. (See table 2 & 3).

In Male' the most significant positive contributor to the rise in CPI was Restaurants and Cafes group which was recorded at +6.46% due to the rise in prices of meal pack (4 Roshi + Fish Curry + tea + dhufun) (+16.67%) and pizza (+7.98%).

For Male' the largest negative contributor was Furnishing, household equipment and routine maintenance group which was recorded at -0.68% due to the fall in prices of oven (-4.50%), bed sheet (-4.94%), drinking tumblers (-3.08%), stove (-4.00%) and washing machine (-1.81%). This was due to the Ramadan Special offers from many of the outlets.

For Atolls the largest positive contributor was Food and non alcoholic beverages group which was recorded at +0.67% due to the rise in prices of coconut (+86.47%), banana (+20.67%), fish paste (+2.57%), water melon (+8.29%), baby cereal (+3.89%), tomato (+13.96%) and garlic (+5.07%). This rise was offset by the decrease in prices of skipjack tuna (-7.97%), onion (-12.69%), mango (-12.37%), smoked fish (-3.56%), lemon (-7.75%), chicken-whole (-3.58%), canned fish (-0.28%), reef fish (-4.15%), potatoes (-5.26%), coast milk powder (-0.30%) and orange (-7.20%).

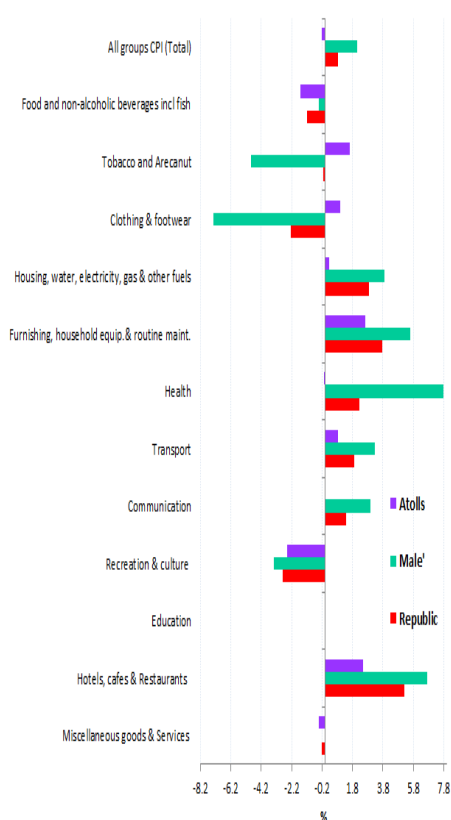
MONTH ON MONTH COMPARISON BETWEEN REPUBLIC, MALE' AND ATOLLS

April 2018 to April 2019

Inflation rates : Republic, Male' & Atolls

	% change		
	Republic	Male'	Atolls
All groups CPI (Total)	0.87	2.12	-0.24
Food and non-alcoholic beverages incl fish	-1.17	-0.43	-1.60
Tobacco and arecanut	-0.12	-4.88	1.62
Clothing & footwear	-2.23	-7.34	1.01
Housing, water, electricity, gas & other fuels	2.90	3.92	0.25
Furnishing, household equip.& routine maint.	3.78	5.61	2.66
Health	2.27	7.75	-0.01
Transport	1.90	3.29	0.83
Communication	1.38	2.99	0.00
Recreation & culture	-2.80	-3.38	-2.48
Education	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hotels, cafes & Restaurants	5.19	6.70	2.48
Miscellaneous goods & Services	-0.22	0.03	-0.40
CPI analytical series			
Total excluding fish	1.69	2.38	1.05
Food and non-alcoholic beverages excl fish	1.66	0.04	2.62
Fish	-7.46	-1.53	-10.72
Actual rentals for housing	4.71	4.93	0.00

TOTAL PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM MONTH ON MONTH, DISPLAYING ALL CPI GROUPS FOR REPUBLIC, MALE' AND ATOLLS (April 2018 to April 2019)



Month on month CPI rose at the All Group Levels for the Republic by +0.87% while in Male' it rose by +2.12% and in atolls, it fell by -0.24%.

Price change in most of the major groups for 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, Tobacco and arecanut, Miscellaneous goods and services and Health group.

At Republic level most significant positive contributor to the rise was Hotels, café and restaurant group (+5.19%). The main reason for this was increased in prices of catering services (+5.35%). The most negative contributor was Fish group (-7.46%), due to the decreased in prices of fresh, chilled or frozen fish (-11.86%).

In Male' most significant positive contributor to the rise was Health group (+7.75%). The main reason for this was the increased in prices of the medical services (+13.20%), as the prices were revised in the private sector. The most negative contributor was Clothing & footwear group (-7.34%), due to the decrease in prices of clothing materials (-9.54%).

In Atolls most significant positive contributor to the rise was Furnishing, Household equipment and routine maintenance group (+2.66%). The main reason for this was the increase in prices of furniture and furnishings (+14.23). The most negative contributor was Fish group (-10.72%), due to the decrease in prices of fresh, chilled or frozen fish (-18.75%).

COMPARISON BETWEEN MALE' AND ATOLLS

ALL GROUPS CPI

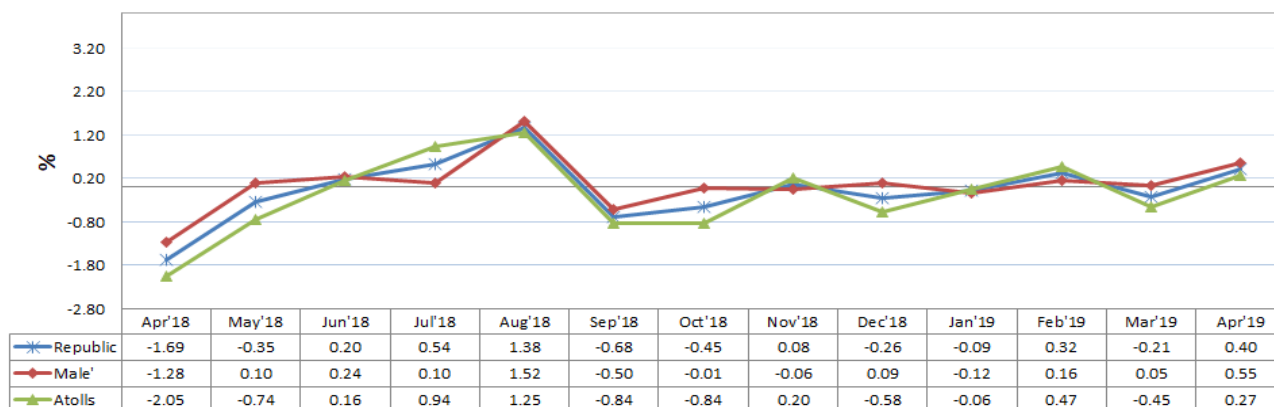
ALL GROUPS CPI, All groups index numbers and percentage changes

	Index	Percentage change	
	number (a)	Mar 2019 to	April 2018
	Apr-19	April 2019	to April 2019
Republic	109.84	0.40	0.87
Male'	113.39	0.55	2.12
Atolls	106.81	0.27	-0.24

(a) Base of each index: June 2012=100

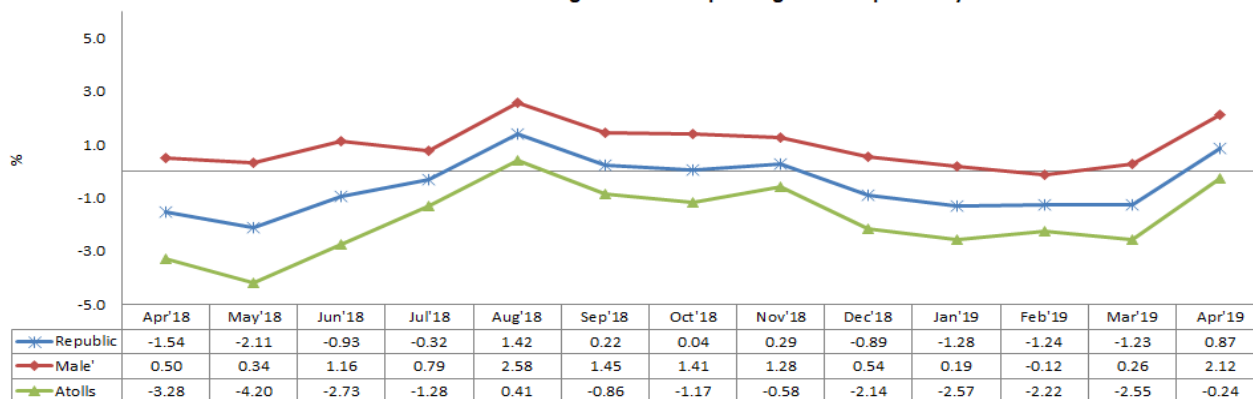
PERCENTAGE CHANGES (from previous month)

Monthly Inflation Rates
(compared to previous month)



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