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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
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Inflation rate for September 2020

- Monthly percentage change between August 2020 and September 2020
 - ▣ Monthly inflation: +0.07%
 - Monthly inflation excluding fish: +0.07%

- Change from the corresponding month of the previous year (i.e. September 2019 to September 2020)
 - ▣ Annual inflation (month on month): -0.89%

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;

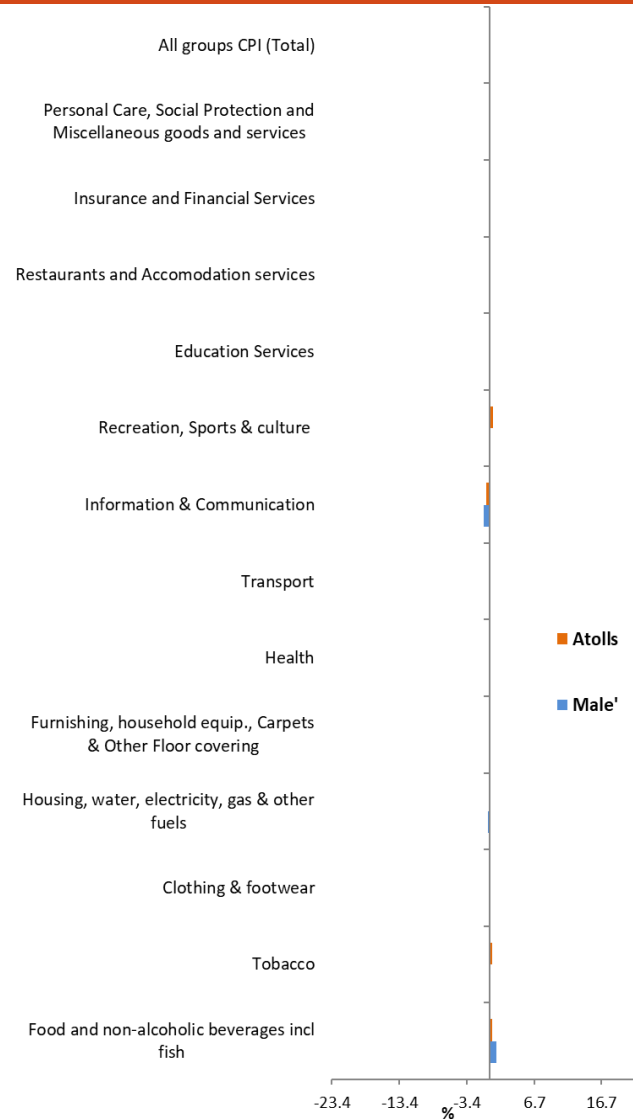
- Vegetables (+4.68%),
- Milk, other dairy products and eggs (+0.92%),
- Fruits (+0.59%),
- Fish (+0.20%),
- Other appliances, articles and products for personal care (+0.16%),
- Tobacco (+1.36%), and
- Pets and products for pets (+7.24%).

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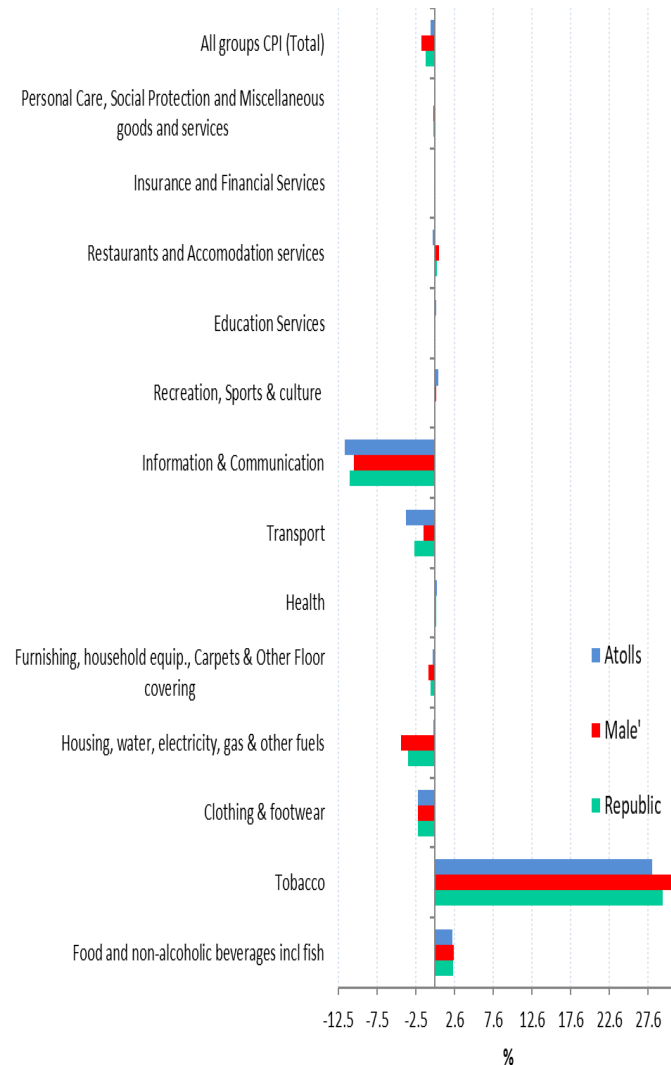
The most significant price decrease in this month were for;

- Actual rentals paid by tenants for main residence (-0.37%),
- Mobile communication services (-0.88%),
- Other information and communication services (-1.52%) and
- Other food products (-1.29%).

Monthly Inflation (August 2020 to September 2020)



Month on Month Inflation (September 2019 to September 2020)



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 (August 2020 to September 2020)

CPI GROUPS	Republic	Male'	Atolls
ALL GROUPS CPI (Total)	0.07	0.05	0.10
FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES INCL FISH	0.15	0.19	0.11
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO AND NARCOTICS	0.01	0.00	0.01
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	0.00	0.00	0.00
HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS	-0.05	-0.08	0.00
FURNISHING HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENTS. CARPETS, AND OTHER FLOOR COVERINGS	0.00	0.00	0.00
Health	0.00	0.00	0.00
Transport	0.00	0.00	0.01
INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION	-0.05	-0.07	-0.04
RECREATION, SPORT AND CULTURE	0.01	0.00	0.01
EDUCATION SERVICES	0.00	0.00	0.00
RESTAURANTS AND ACCOMMODATION 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	0.01	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
 - ▣ September CPI : November 30th 2020

Documents available

- A guide to the Consumer Price Index, Maldives 2012

GUIDE

- Index reference period is September 2019 = 100, weight reference period and Base period = September 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 National Bureau of Statistics can assist in understanding better the methodology of CPI and inflation.
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