

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX MALDIVES

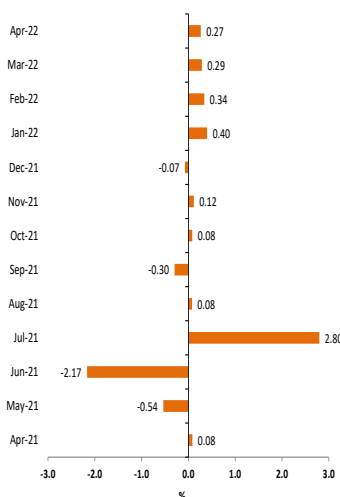
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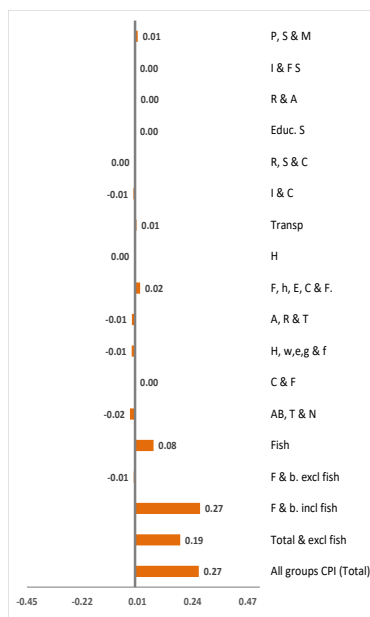
All groups CPI Monthly change

(April 2021 to April 2022)



Contribution to monthly change

(March 2022 to April 2022)



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KEY FIGURES

Inflation rates : Republic

All groups CPI (Total)

	March 2022 to April 2022 % change	April 2021 to April 2022 % change
Food and non-alcoholic beverages incl fish	1.16	3.66
Tobacco and Aracanuts	-0.84	5.86
Clothing & footwear	0.02	0.03
Housing, water, electricity, gas & other fuels	-0.06	0.59
Furnishing, household equip., Carpets & Other Floor covering	0.31	2.17
Health	-0.04	4.43
Transport	0.07	2.20
Information & Communication	-0.09	-9.12
Recreation, Sports & culture	-0.10	2.67
Education Services	0.00	-0.62
Restaurants and Accommodation services	0.06	3.09
Insurance and Financial Services	0.00	0.00
Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous goods and services	0.20	1.59

CPI analytical series

	March 2022 to April 2022 % change	April 2021 to April 2022 % change
Total excluding fish	0.20	1.28
Food and non-alcoholic beverages excl fish	1.01	4.45
Fish	1.86	0.21
Actual rentals for housing	-0.10	0.27

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

THE ALL GROUPS CPI

- The Consumer Price Index for all groups CPI rose by +0.27% in April 2022, compared to the rise of +0.29% in March 2022.
- The index for all items excluding fish rose by +0.20% in April 2022 compared to the rise of +0.25% in March 2022.
- The Consumer Price Index for all groups CPI rose by +1.24% through the year to April 2022, compared to the rise of +1.05% through the year to March 2022.

OVERVIEW OF THE CPI MOVEMENTS

- The most significant price increase in this month were from Fruits (+6.92%), Fish (+1.86%), Meat (+4.23%), Motorcycles (+0.41%), Major household appliances, whether electric or not (+0.90%), Milk, other dairy products and eggs (+0.26%), Fixed communication services (+19.60%), Food products n.e.c (+0.87%), Oils and fats (+1.04%), Motorized tools and equipment (+5.80%) and Hairdressing salons and personal grooming (+3.18%),
- The most significant price decrease in this month were from Vegetables (-1.67%), Tobacco (-0.71%), Actual rentals paid by tenants for main residence (-0.10%), Mobile communication services (-0.38%), Passenger transport by air (-0.41%), Assistive products (-1.15%), Aracanut (-1.25%) and Internet access provision services and net storage services (-0.54%).

NOTES

FORTHCOMING ISSUES

Issue (monthly)	Release date
May 2022	27 June 2022
June 2022	25 July 2022
July 2022	29 Aug 2022
Aug 2022	26 Sep 2022

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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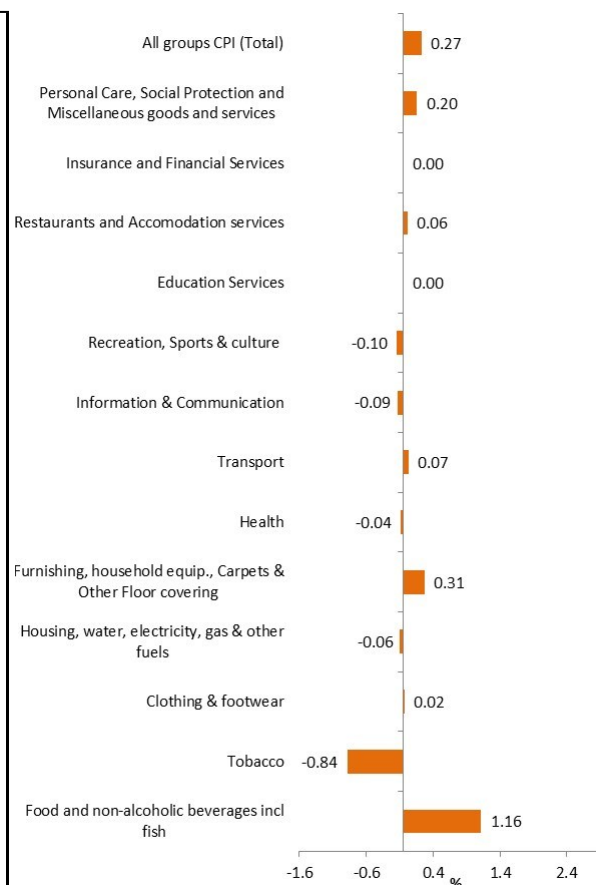
CPI GROUPS

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 (April 2022)

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

	Republic	Male'	Atolls
ALL GROUPS CPI (Total)	0.27	0.05	0.55
FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES INCL FISH	0.27	0.10	0.49
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO AND NARCOTICS	-0.02	-0.04	0.00
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	0.00	0.00	0.00
HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS	-0.01	-0.02	0.00
FURNISHING HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENTS, CARPETS, AND OTHER FLOOR COVERINGS	0.02	0.00	0.05
HEALTH	0.00	-0.02	0.01
TRANSPORT	0.01	0.01	0.00
INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION	-0.01	0.00	-0.01
RECREATION, SPORT AND CULTURE	0.00	0.00	0.00
EDUCATION SERVICES	0.00	0.00	0.00
RESTAURANTS AND ACCOMMODATION SERVICES	0.00	0.01	0.00
INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES	0.00	0.00	0.00
PERSONAL CARE, SOCIAL PROTECTION AND MISCELLA	0.01	0.02	0.00



FOOD AND NON- ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES (+1.16%)

The Food and non-alcoholic beverages group rose by +1.16% in April 2022. The main contributor to this rise was the increase in prices of Lime (+41.93%), Frozen chicken (+5.43%), Tuna (+2.12%), Githeyo Mirus (19.82%), Fish paste (+3.55%), Breadfruit (17.92%), Smoked Fish (+3.42%), Grapes (+8.08%), Milo (+2.47%), Milk Powder (+0.67%), Bananas (+3.32%), Cooking Oil (+1.44%) and Noodles (+1.32%). This rise was partially offset by the decrease in price of Onion (-6.82%), Carrot (-6.81%), Mango (-10.06%), Tomato (-12.77%), Oranges (-7.62%), Green Chilly (-4.73%), Cucumber (-4.67%), Eggs (-1.73%) and Potatoes (-3.25%).

Over the twelve months until April 2022, the food and alcoholic beverages group rose by +3.66%.

FISH (+1.86%)

The Fish group rose by +1.86% in April 2022. The main contributor to this rise was the increase in price of Tuna (+2.12%), Fish paste (+3.55%) and Smoked Fish (+3.42%).

Over the twelve months until April 2022, the Fish group rose by +0.21%.

MAIN CONTRIBUTORS TO CHANGE

FURNISHING HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENTS. CARPETS, AND OTHER FLOOR COVERINGS

(+0.31%)

The Furnishing household equipment, carpets and other floorings group rose by +0.31% in April 2022. The main contributors for this rise was the increase in price of Air condition (+1.76%), Water pump (+5.80%) and Sofa set (+2.27%).

Over the twelve months until April 2022, the Furnishing household equipment, carpets and other floorings group rose by +2.17%.

PERSONAL CARE, SOCIAL PROTECTION AND MISCELLA- NEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES

(+0.20%)

The Personal care social protection and miscellaneous goods and services group rose by +0.20% in April 2022.

Over the twelve months until April 2022, the Personal care social protection and miscellaneous goods and services group rose by +1.59%.

TRANSPORT

(+0.07%)

The Transport group rose by +0.07% in April 2022. The main contributor to this rise was the increase in price of Motor cycle (+0.41%),

Over the twelve months until April 2022, the Transport group rose by +2.20%.

RESTAURANTS AND ACCOMMODA- TION SERVICES

(+0.06%)

The Restaurants and accommodation services group rose by +0.06% in April 2022.

Over the twelve months until April 2022, the Restaurants and accommodation services group rose by +3.09%.

CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR

(+0.02%)

The Clothing and footwear group rose by +0.02% in April 2022.

Over the twelve months until April 2022, the Clothing and footwear group rose by +0.03%.

INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SER- VICES

(+0.00%)

The Insurance and financial services group remained unchanged in April 2022.

Over the twelve months until April 2022, the Insurance and financial services group remained unchanged.

MAIN CONTRIBUTORS TO CHANGE

EDUCATION SERVICES

(0.00%)

The Education services group remain unchanged in April 2022.

Over the twelve months until April 2022, the Education services group fell by -0.62%.

RECREATION, SPORT AND CULTURE

(-0.10%)

The Recreation, sport and culture group fell by -0.10% in April 2022.

Over the twelve months until April 2022, the Recreation, sport and culture group rose by +2.67%.

HEALTH

(-0.04%)

The Health group fell by -0.04% in April 2022. The main contributor to this fall was decrease in price of contact lense and solution (-1.15%).

Over the twelve months until April 2022, the Health group rose by +4.43%.

INFORMATION AND COMMUNI- CATION

(-0.09%)

The Information and communication group fell by -0.09% in April 2022. The main contributor to this fall was the decrease in price of *unit price of mobile phone services used by consumers (-0.38%) and internet services (-0.54%). This fall was partially offset by the increase in price of landline service (+19.60%).

Over the twelve months until April 2022, the Information and communication group fell by -9.12%.

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

HOUSING, WA- TER, ELEC- TRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS

(-0.06%)

The Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels group fell by -0.06% in April 2022. The main contributor to this fall was the decrease in price of three bedroom apartment (-0.40%).

Over the twelve months until April 2022, the Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels group rose by +0.59%.

TOBACCO AND ARACANUT

(-0.73%)

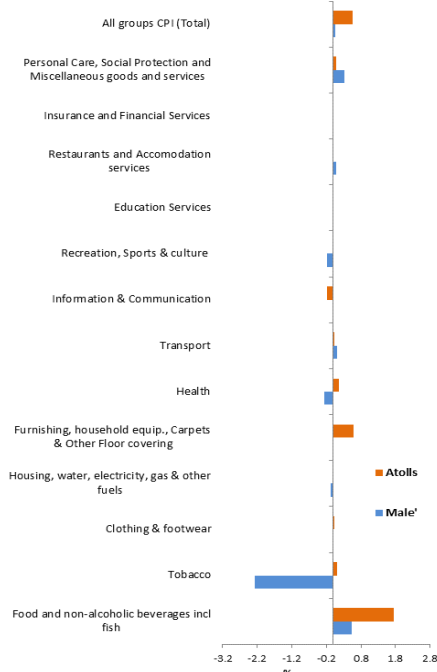
Tobacco and aracanut group fell by -0.84% in April 2022. The main contributor to this fall was the decrease in price of Raw Aracanuts (-1.95%).

Over the twelve months until April 2022, the Tobacco and aracanut group rose by +5.86%.

COMPARISON BETWEEN MALE' AND ATOLLS

ALL GROUPS CPI

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



Inflation rates : Male' & Atolls

March 2022 to April 2022

All groups CPI (Total)

% change

Male' Atolls

Food and non-alcoholic beverages incl fish

0.53 1.75

Tobacco and Aracanuts

-2.27 0.11

Clothing & footwear

0.00 0.03

Housing, water, electricity, gas & other fuels

-0.07 -0.02

Furnishing, household equip., Carpets & Other Floor covering

0.00 0.59

Health

-0.27 0.16

Transport

0.11 0.04

Information & Communication

-0.02 -0.17

Recreation, Sports & culture

-0.18 0.00

Education Services

0.00 0.00

Restaurants and Accommodation services

0.09 0.00

Insurance and Financial Services

0.00 0.00

Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous goods and services

0.32 0.07

CPI analytical series

Total excluding fish

-0.01 0.48

Food and non-alcoholic beverages excl fish

0.27 1.72

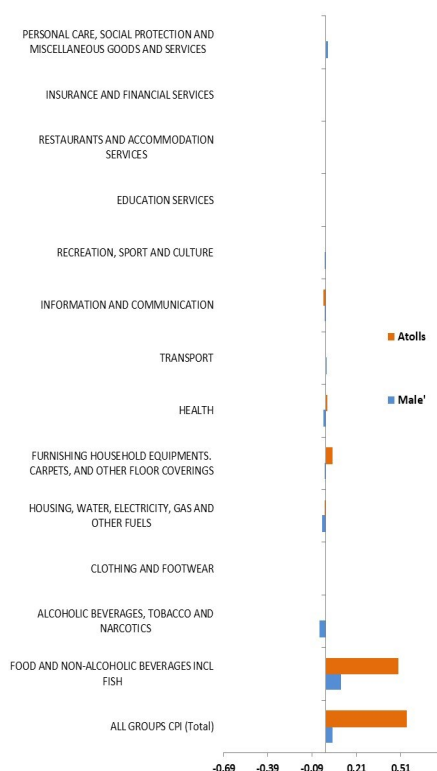
Fish

1.84 1.87

Actual rentals for housing

-0.10 -0.10

Contribution to monthly change, Male' & Atolls (March 2022 to April 2022)



CPI rose at the All Group Levels in Male' by +0.05% and in Atolls by +0.55% in April 2022. (See table 2 & 3).

In Male' the most significant positive contributor was Food and non-alcoholic beverages group which was recorded at +0.53% due to the increase in price of Lime (+40.68%), Frozen Chicken (+7.59%), Tuna (+2.54%), Smoked Fish (+7.09%), Githeyo Mirus (+10.38%), Milo (+4.28%), Noodles (+3.53%), Garlic (+7.47%) and Ready made Fruit Juices (+3.95%).

In Male' the most significant negative contributor was Tobacco & Aracanut group which was recorded at -2.27% due to the decrease in price of Raw Aracanuts (-7.44%).

In Atolls the most significant positive contributor was Food and non-alcoholic beverages group which was recorded at +1.75% due to increase in price of Lime (+42.88%), Githeyo Mirus (+26.38%), Fish paste (+5.79%), Tuna (+1.75%), Breadfruit (+24.81%), Cooking Oil (+2.86%), Milk Powder (+1.32%), Bananas (+11.83%), Frozen Chicken (+2.53%), Grapes (+21.98%), Smoked Fish (+1.70%), Cucumber (+6.54%), Dried fish (Hikimas) (+12.72%), Milo (+1.20%), Apples (+2.22%), Curry Powder Packed (+2.16%), Pumpkin (+7.54%) and Dried Chilli Packed (+2.34%).

In Atolls the most significant negative contributor was Information and Communication group which was recorded at -0.17% due to decrease in price of *unit price of mobile phone services used by consumers (-0.38%).

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://statistics.maldives.gov.mv/nbs/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/>

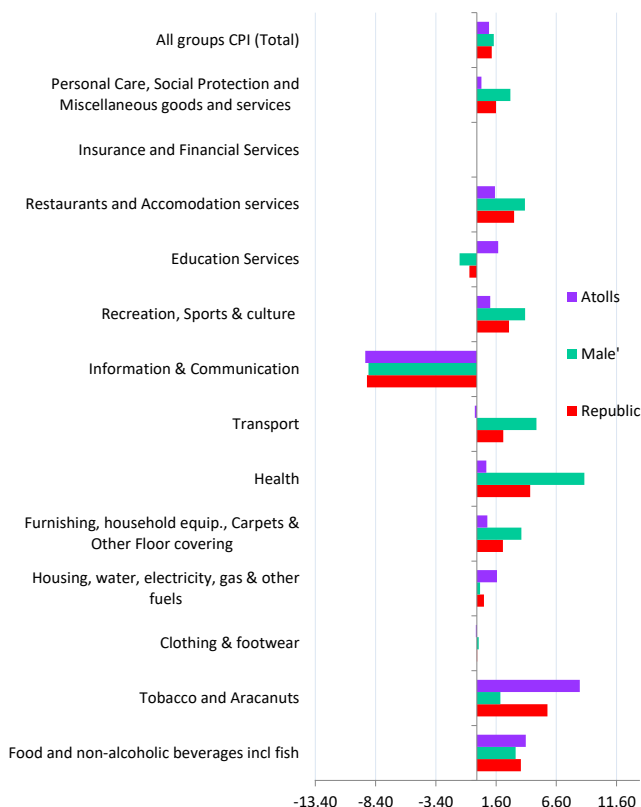
MONTH ON MONTH COMPARISON BETWEEN REPUBLIC, MALE' AND ATOLLS

April 2021 to April 2022

Inflation rates : Republic, Male' & Atolls

	% change		
	Republic	Male'	Atolls
All groups CPI (Total)	1.24	1.41	1.01
Food and non-alcoholic beverages incl fish	3.66	3.22	4.07
Tobacco and Aracanuts	5.86	1.96	8.55
Clothing & footwear	0.03	0.15	-0.08
Housing, water, electricity, gas & other fuels	0.59	0.27	1.68
Furnishing, household equip., Carpets & Other Floor covering	2.17	3.70	0.87
Health	4.43	8.93	0.79
Transport	2.20	4.96	-0.17
Information & Communication	-9.12	-9.00	-9.26
Recreation, Sports & culture	2.67	4.00	1.11
Education Services	-0.62	-1.43	1.77
Restaurants and Accommodation services	3.09	4.00	1.50
Insurance and Financial Services	0.00	0.00	0.00
Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous goods and services	1.59	2.78	0.39
CPI analytical series			
Total excluding fish	1.28	1.42	1.09
Food and non-alcoholic beverages excl fish	4.45	3.67	5.19
Fish	0.21	1.01	-0.42
Actual rentals for housing	0.27	0.27	0.27

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



Month on month CPI rose at the All Group Levels for the Republic by +1.24% while in Male' it rose by +1.41% and in Atolls +1.01%.

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 Education group and Transport group.

At Republic level the most significant positive contributor to the rise was Tobacco and aracanut group (+5.86%). The most negative contributor was Information & Communication group (-9.12%).

In Male' The most significant positive contributor to the rise was Health group (+8.93%). The most negative contributor to this fall was Information and Communication group (-9.00%).

In Atolls the most positive contributor to the rise was Tobacco and aracanut group (+8.55%). The most significant negative contributor was Information and Communication group (-9.26%).

COMPARISON BETWEEN REPUBLIC, MALE' AND ATOLLS

ALL GROUPS CPI

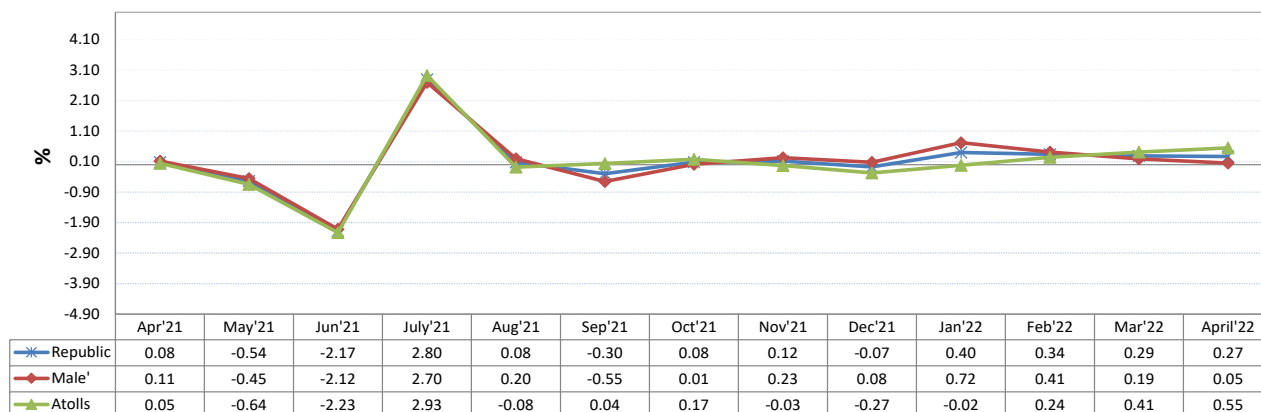
ALL GROUPS CPI, All groups index numbers and percentage changes

	Index number (a)	Percentage change	
	Apr-22	March 2022 to April 2022	April 2021 to April 2022
Republic	100.36	0.27	1.24
Male'	99.77	0.05	1.41
Atolls	101.16	0.55	1.01

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

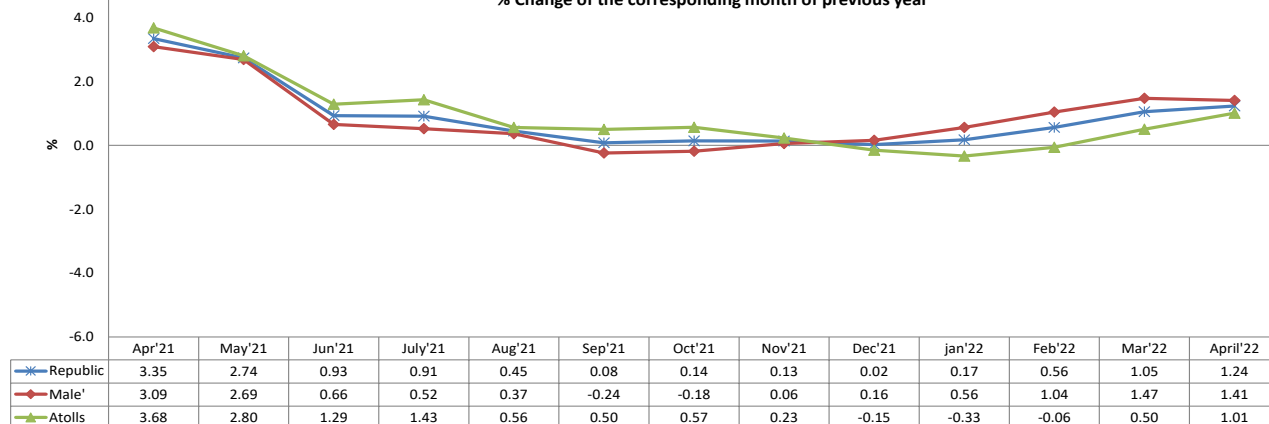
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