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Section 1: Headline Inflation

The annual inflation rate was 4.4 percent in March 2014, a decline of 0.2 of a percentage point on the February 2014 rate of 4.6 percent. Annual inflation in March 2014 was lower than the 7.6 percent recorded during the same month in 2013. Contributing to the downward movement of annual inflation rate between March 2013 and March 2014 was the stable prices of the main components notably Transport, Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages and Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics, which dropped by 9.9, 3.9 and 3.8 percentage points respectively. The inflation rates for regions between February to March, indicated that rural villages' went down to 4.6 from 5.1 percent, urban villages' decreased from 4.7 percent to 4.3 percent, while cities and towns' declined to 4.4 from 4.5 percent.

The March 2014 national Consumer Price Index registered an increase of 0.3 percent, advancing from 173.9 in February to 174.5 in March. The cities and towns' index moved from 172.6 to 173.2, recording an increase of 0.4 percent. The urban villages' index realized a rise of 0.4 percent, from 172.7 to 173.4 between the two months, while the rural villages' index moved from 179.4 to 179.6 between February 2014 and March 2014, recording an increase of 0.1 percent.

Two group indices recorded changes of at least 1.0 percent between February and March, *Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics (1.4 percent)* and *Furnishing, Household Equipment & Routine Maintenance (1.1 percent)*.

The Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics group index recorded an increase of 1.4 percent, from 239.9 in February to 243.3 in March. This was due to a general increase in the constituent section indices, Tobacco (7.2 percent) and Alcoholic Beverages (0.6 percent).

The acceleration in group indices was also attributable to the Furnishing, Household Equipment & Routine Maintenance index group which upped from 171.9 to 173.8, registering an increase of 1.1 percent. The increase was attributed to the general increase in the section indices, notably Goods & Services for Household Maintenance which increased by 1.8 percent.

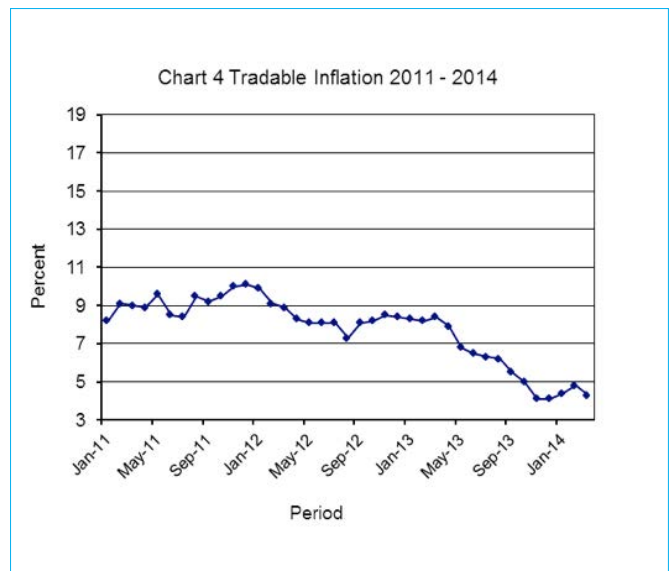
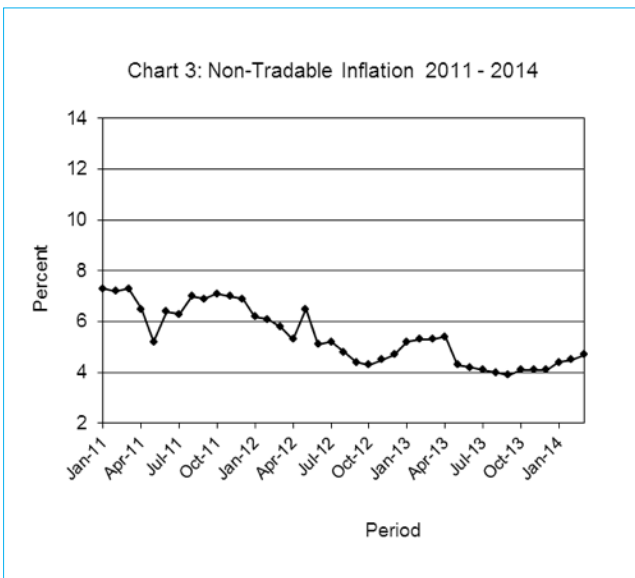
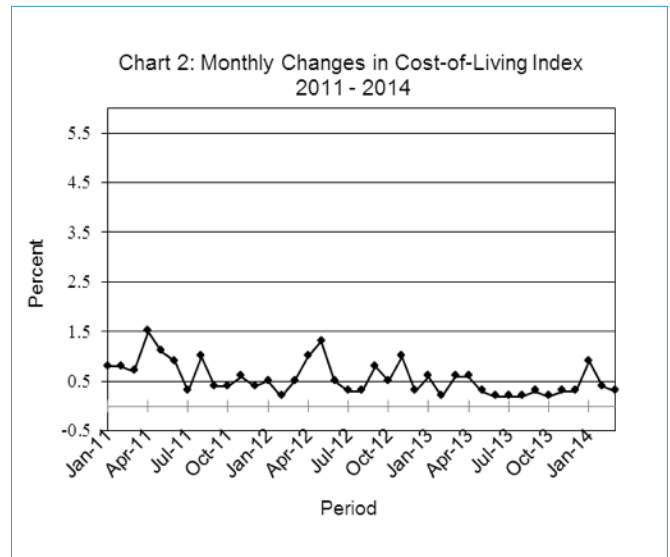
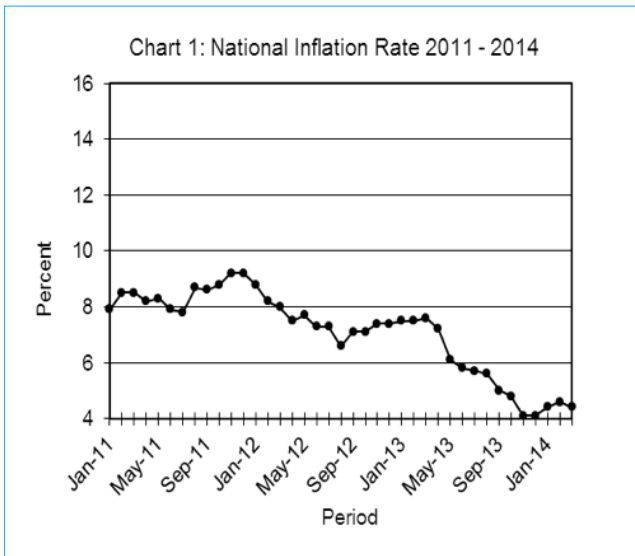
The *Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels index* group registered an increase of 0.6 percent from 155.5 to 156.5, between February and March. This was due to an increase in the constituent section index of Rent paid by Tenants (1.4 percent).

All-Tradable inflation rate went down by 0.5 of a percentage point between February and March, from 4.8 to 4.3 percent. The Domestic Tradable inflation rate recorded a decrease of 0.9 of a percentage point, from 6.9 percent in February to 6.0 percent in March. Non-Tradable inflation went up by 0.2 of a percentage point in March, registering 4.7 percent against 4.5 percent in February, while the Imported Tradable inflation rate registered a drop of 0.2 of a percentage point from 3.5 to 3.3 percent between February and March.

The *All-Tradable index* moved from 182.1 in February to 182.5 in March, recording an increase of 0.3 percent. The Non-Tradable index registered an increase of 0.5 percent, moving from 155.1 to 155.9. The *Domestic Tradable index* advanced from 198.9 to 199.7, a rise of 0.4 percent. The Imported Tradable index registered an increase of 0.2 percent, moving from 173.4 to 173.7 between the two months.

Section 2: Core Inflation

The Core Inflation rate by exclusion registered a decrease of 0.3 of a percentage point, moving from 5.5 percent to 5.2 percent between February and March 2014, while the Trimmed Mean Core Inflation dropped by 0.1 of a percentage point, moving from 4.1 to 4.0 percent between the two months.



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TABLE 1: COST OF LIVING INDEX (September 2006 =100.0)

| | | Food | Alcohol & Tobacco | Clothing & Footwear | Housing | Furniture etc | Health | Transport | Com- muni- ca- tion | Rec. & Culture | Edu- cation | Rest. & Ho- tels | Miscel- laneous |
|-------------------------------|------|------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|------------|------------------|------------|--------------|------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| Weights | | 21.84 | 9.29 | 7.52 | 11.46 | 6.76 | 2.71 | 18.98 | 3.01 | 2.22 | 3.37 | 3.27 | 9.57 |
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) | (9) | (10) | (11) | (12) | (13) | (14) |
| 2011 | Jan | 158.2 | 183.4 | 127.5 | 129.1 | 142.3 | 128.7 | 133.7 | 96.4 | 117.1 | 133.2 | 172.7 | 122.6 |
| | Feb | 159.1 | 183.9 | 127.9 | 129.4 | 142.9 | 128.8 | 137.5 | 96.4 | 117.6 | 133.2 | 172.9 | 122.6 |
| | Mar | 160.5 | 186.0 | 128.5 | 130.9 | 144.6 | 129.1 | 137.7 | 96.4 | 118.5 | 133.2 | 173.7 | 122.8 |
| | Apr | 164.4 | 188.5 | 131.0 | 131.1 | 145.3 | 133.0 | 139.0 | 96.4 | 123.4 | 133.2 | 175.5 | 125.7 |
| | May | 165.8 | 191.3 | 132.1 | 131.8 | 146.7 | 133.3 | 142.8 | 91.2 | 124.1 | 133.2 | 179.3 | 126.1 |
| | Jun | 166.6 | 191.9 | 133.1 | 137.6 | 148.9 | 133.6 | 143.3 | 91.2 | 124.4 | 133.2 | 182.5 | 126.6 |
| | Jul | 167.0 | 192.2 | 134.4 | 138.2 | 149.5 | 133.6 | 143.4 | 91.2 | 124.5 | 133.2 | 183.4 | 126.7 |
| | Aug | 167.9 | 192.4 | 135.1 | 138.9 | 150.4 | 133.7 | 148.7 | 91.2 | 124.7 | 133.2 | 183.7 | 126.8 |
| | Sept | 168.8 | 192.4 | 135.8 | 140.0 | 152.9 | 133.9 | 148.8 | 91.2 | 124.8 | 133.2 | 184.5 | 126.9 |
| | Oct | 169.8 | 192.8 | 136.4 | 140.6 | 153.9 | 136.0 | 149.4 | 91.2 | 125.3 | 133.2 | 184.6 | 127.1 |
| | Nov | 170.7 | 192.9 | 137.2 | 141.2 | 154.3 | 136.1 | 152.6 | 91.2 | 125.3 | 133.2 | 185.3 | 127.2 |
| | Dec | 171.8 | 192.8 | 138.8 | 141.8 | 155.2 | 136.4 | 152.6 | 91.2 | 125.4 | 133.2 | 186.0 | 127.2 |
| 2012 | Jan | 172.3 | 193.5 | 139.6 | 141.9 | 155.6 | 136.5 | 153.4 | 91.2 | 125.6 | 141.5 | 187.1 | 127.7 |
| | Feb | 173.3 | 193.6 | 140.2 | 142.0 | 155.9 | 136.9 | 153.5 | 91.2 | 125.7 | 141.5 | 187.5 | 127.7 |
| | Mar | 174.6 | 196.0 | 140.7 | 142.4 | 156.6 | 137.2 | 153.5 | 91.2 | 125.9 | 141.7 | 189.5 | 127.7 |
| | Apr | 177.0 | 201.2 | 140.9 | 142.4 | 157.5 | 141.0 | 153.8 | 91.7 | 130.2 | 141.7 | 192.7 | 128.2 |
| | May | 178.4 | 204.7 | 141.3 | 147.4 | 158.1 | 141.3 | 157.8 | 91.7 | 130.3 | 141.7 | 193.7 | 128.3 |
| | Jun | 179.6 | 205.2 | 141.9 | 148.6 | 160.1 | 141.5 | 158.2 | 91.7 | 130.4 | 141.7 | 194.9 | 128.4 |
| | Jul | 180.4 | 205.8 | 142.5 | 148.4 | 160.6 | 142.1 | 159.3 | 91.7 | 130.9 | 141.7 | 195.3 | 128.6 |
| | Aug | 181.0 | 206.1 | 144.0 | 148.4 | 161.2 | 142.3 | 159.9 | 91.7 | 131.8 | 141.7 | 196.1 | 128.2 |
| | Sept | 181.7 | 206.9 | 145.5 | 148.5 | 161.9 | 142.6 | 164.2 | 91.7 | 132.1 | 141.7 | 199.3 | 128.2 |
| | Oct | 182.8 | 210.7 | 146.0 | 148.4 | 162.4 | 142.7 | 164.4 | 91.7 | 132.3 | 141.7 | 201.0 | 128.3 |
| | Nov | 183.4 | 215.5 | 146.8 | 148.5 | 163.0 | 142.7 | 168.2 | 91.7 | 132.5 | 141.7 | 203.8 | 128.5 |
| | Dec | 184.2 | 216.3 | 147.5 | 148.7 | 163.5 | 143.1 | 169.2 | 91.7 | 132.6 | 141.7 | 204.1 | 128.6 |
| 2013 | Jan | 185.2 | 216.9 | 148.0 | 148.8 | 164.0 | 146.8 | 170.0 | 91.7 | 132.6 | 148.4 | 204.6 | 129.2 |
| | Feb | 186.0 | 217.2 | 148.6 | 148.9 | 164.5 | 147.2 | 170.1 | 91.7 | 132.8 | 148.4 | 204.9 | 129.2 |
| | Mar | 187.1 | 222.1 | 149.1 | 149.5 | 165.2 | 147.4 | 170.4 | 91.7 | 133.0 | 148.4 | 205.6 | 129.3 |
| | Apr | 187.7 | 226.1 | 150.4 | 152.2 | 165.8 | 147.6 | 170.5 | 91.7 | 135.9 | 148.4 | 208.2 | 129.0 |
| | May | 188.3 | 226.7 | 151.5 | 152.2 | 166.3 | 147.8 | 170.7 | 91.7 | 136.0 | 148.4 | 210.1 | 129.3 |
| | Jun | 188.6 | 226.9 | 152.3 | 153.4 | 167.4 | 148.4 | 170.7 | 91.7 | 136.1 | 148.4 | 210.6 | 129.3 |
| | Jul | 188.8 | 227.2 | 152.9 | 153.5 | 167.9 | 148.7 | 171.2 | 91.7 | 136.3 | 148.4 | 210.8 | 129.6 |
| | Aug | 189.5 | 227.5 | 153.3 | 153.7 | 168.2 | 149.0 | 171.4 | 91.7 | 136.5 | 148.4 | 213.0 | 129.7 |
| | Sept | 190.2 | 228.0 | 153.8 | 154.5 | 169.1 | 149.1 | 171.4 | 92.0 | 137.1 | 148.4 | 213.8 | 129.8 |
| | Oct | 190.7 | 228.2 | 154.3 | 154.7 | 169.5 | 150.2 | 171.5 | 92.0 | 137.4 | 148.4 | 214.5 | 130.8 |
| | Nov | 191.2 | 229.2 | 155.3 | 154.8 | 170.8 | 150.4 | 172.1 | 92.0 | 138.4 | 148.4 | 215.8 | 131.0 |
| | Dec | 191.4 | 231.0 | 155.9 | 155.2 | 171.5 | 150.7 | 172.2 | 92.1 | 138.6 | 148.4 | 218.5 | 131.1 |
| 2014 | Jan | 191.9 | 234.8 | 156.9 | 155.4 | 171.8 | 157.4 | 173.2 | 92.1 | 139.1 | 159.4 | 221.9 | 131.6 |
| | Feb | 192.6 | 239.9 | 157.7 | 155.5 | 171.9 | 157.6 | 173.3 | 92.1 | 139.3 | 159.4 | 223.1 | 131.6 |
| | Mar | 193.1 | 243.3 | 158.5 | 156.5 | 173.8 | 157.8 | 172.2 | 92.1 | 139.6 | 159.4 | 224.2 | 131.7 |
| % Change on last month | | 0.3 | 1.4 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 1.1 | 0.1 | (0.6) | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.0 |

TABLE 1: COST OF LIVING INDEX(Cont.)

| | | All Items Index | National Inflation Rate | Monthly Change | Towns & Cities Index | Urban Village Index | Rural Villages Index | Annual Inflation | | |
|-------------------------------|------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------|
| | | | % | % | 47.33 | 33.76 | 18.91 | Towns & Cities | Urban Villages | Rural |
| | | | | | | | | % | % | % |
| 2011 | Jan | 141.8 | 7.9 | 0.8 | 141.3 | 141.0 | 144.5 | 8.8 | 7.5 | 6.4 |
| | Feb | 142.9 | 8.5 | 0.8 | 142.4 | 142.2 | 145.5 | 9.5 | 8.4 | 6.6 |
| | Mar | 143.8 | 8.5 | 0.7 | 143.2 | 143.2 | 146.6 | 9.3 | 8.7 | 6.0 |
| | Apr | 146.0 | 8.2 | 1.5 | 145.3 | 145.5 | 148.8 | 8.9 | 8.5 | 6.0 |
| | May | 147.6 | 8.3 | 1.1 | 146.9 | 146.9 | 150.5 | 9.0 | 8.5 | 6.2 |
| | Jun | 149.0 | 7.9 | 0.9 | 148.4 | 148.1 | 152.0 | 8.3 | 8.1 | 6.4 |
| | Jul | 149.3 | 7.8 | 0.3 | 148.9 | 148.3 | 152.3 | 8.4 | 7.7 | 6.3 |
| | Aug | 150.8 | 8.7 | 1.0 | 150.4 | 149.8 | 153.4 | 9.1 | 8.9 | 7.5 |
| | Sept | 151.4 | 8.6 | 0.4 | 150.9 | 150.6 | 153.9 | 8.9 | 8.6 | 7.6 |
| | Oct | 152.0 | 8.8 | 0.4 | 151.4 | 151.5 | 154.6 | 9.0 | 8.9 | 8.1 |
| | Nov | 153.0 | 9.2 | 0.6 | 152.4 | 152.7 | 155.0 | 9.3 | 9.6 | 8.2 |
| | Dec | 153.5 | 9.2 | 0.4 | 152.9 | 153.1 | 155.9 | 9.4 | 9.4 | 8.3 |
| 2012 | Jan | 154.3 | 8.8 | 0.5 | 153.5 | 154.0 | 157.0 | 8.6 | 9.2 | 8.6 |
| | Feb | 154.7 | 8.2 | 0.2 | 153.7 | 154.4 | 157.6 | 8.0 | 8.6 | 8.3 |
| | Mar | 155.4 | 8.0 | 0.5 | 154.3 | 155.1 | 158.6 | 7.8 | 8.3 | 8.2 |
| | Apr | 156.9 | 7.5 | 1.0 | 156.0 | 156.6 | 159.8 | 7.3 | 7.7 | 7.4 |
| | May | 159.0 | 7.7 | 1.3 | 158.6 | 158.2 | 161.3 | 8.0 | 7.7 | 7.2 |
| | Jun | 159.8 | 7.3 | 0.5 | 159.3 | 158.9 | 162.5 | 7.4 | 7.3 | 6.9 |
| | Jul | 160.3 | 7.3 | 0.3 | 159.7 | 159.5 | 163.2 | 7.3 | 7.6 | 7.1 |
| | Aug | 160.8 | 6.6 | 0.3 | 160.0 | 160.2 | 163.6 | 6.4 | 6.9 | 6.6 |
| | Sept | 162.1 | 7.1 | 0.8 | 161.9 | 161.2 | 164.2 | 7.2 | 7.0 | 6.7 |
| | Oct | 162.8 | 7.1 | 0.5 | 162.6 | 161.7 | 165.3 | 7.5 | 6.8 | 6.9 |
| | Nov | 164.4 | 7.4 | 1.0 | 164.2 | 163.1 | 167.2 | 7.7 | 6.8 | 7.9 |
| | Dec | 164.9 | 7.4 | 0.3 | 164.3 | 163.9 | 168.4 | 7.5 | 7.1 | 8.0 |
| 2013 | Jan | 165.9 | 7.5 | 0.6 | 165.0 | 164.8 | 170 | 7.5 | 7.0 | 8.3 |
| | Feb | 166.2 | 7.5 | 0.2 | 165.2 | 165.0 | 170.7 | 7.5 | 6.9 | 8.3 |
| | Mar | 167.1 | 7.6 | 0.6 | 166.0 | 166.2 | 171.8 | 7.5 | 7.2 | 8.3 |
| | Apr | 168.2 | 7.2 | 0.6 | 167.3 | 167.4 | 172.1 | 7.3 | 6.9 | 7.7 |
| | May | 168.7 | 6.1 | 0.3 | 168.0 | 167.5 | 172.5 | 5.9 | 5.9 | 6.9 |
| | Jun | 169.1 | 5.8 | 0.2 | 168.1 | 168.1 | 173.3 | 5.5 | 5.8 | 6.6 |
| | Jul | 169.4 | 5.7 | 0.2 | 168.5 | 168.3 | 173.5 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 6.4 |
| | Aug | 169.8 | 5.6 | 0.2 | 168.8 | 168.7 | 174.0 | 5.5 | 5.3 | 6.4 |
| | Sept | 170.2 | 5.0 | 0.3 | 169.1 | 169.2 | 174.7 | 4.5 | 5.0 | 6.4 |
| | Oct | 170.6 | 4.8 | 0.2 | 169.4 | 169.6 | 175.4 | 4.2 | 4.9 | 6.1 |
| | Nov | 171.2 | 4.1 | 0.3 | 169.9 | 170.0 | 176.4 | 3.5 | 4.3 | 5.5 |
| | Dec | 171.7 | 4.1 | 0.3 | 170.2 | 170.5 | 177.3 | 3.6 | 4.0 | 5.3 |
| 2014 | Jan | 173.1 | 4.4 | 0.9 | 171.7 | 172.2 | 178.6 | 4.0 | 4.5 | 5.0 |
| | Feb | 173.9 | 4.6 | 0.4 | 172.6 | 172.7 | 179.4 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 5.1 |
| | Mar | 174.5 | 4.4 | 0.3 | 173.2 | 173.4 | 179.6 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.6 |
| % Change on last month | | 0.3 | | | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 | | | |

TABLE 2 :National Cost-of-Living Group and Section Indices (September 2006=100.0)

| Group Section | Weights | This month Mar 2014 | Last month Feb 2014 | 3 months ago Dec 2013 | 6 months ago Sep 2013 | 12 months ago Mar 2013 | Percentage Change on | | | |
|--|--------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| | | | | | | | Last month | 3 months ago | 6 months ago | 12 months ago |
| 1 Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages | 21.84 | 193.1 | 192.6 | 191.4 | 190.2 | 187.1 | 0.3 | 0.9 | 1.5 | 3.2 |
| 1.1 Bread & Cereals | 6.51 | 187.1 | 186.8 | 186.8 | 186.0 | 184.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.6 | 1.5 |
| 1.2 Meat (Fresh, Chilled & Frozen) | 3.15 | 199.1 | 198.2 | 196.9 | 195.2 | 191.5 | 0.5 | 1.1 | 2.0 | 4.0 |
| 1.3 Fish (Fresh, Chilled & Frozen) | 0.20 | 195.5 | 195.8 | 194.3 | 193.0 | 187.0 | (0.1) | 0.6 | 1.3 | 4.6 |
| 1.4 Milk, Cheese & Milk Products | 2.19 | 193.2 | 192.7 | 191.8 | 190.6 | 187.6 | 0.2 | 0.7 | 1.3 | 3.0 |
| 1.5 Oils & Fats | 0.90 | 234.3 | 233.5 | 233.3 | 231.3 | 226.9 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 1.3 | 3.3 |
| 1.6 Fruit | 0.67 | 139.7 | 139.5 | 138.7 | 137.7 | 133.7 | 0.2 | 0.7 | 1.5 | 4.5 |
| 1.7 Vegetables | 1.94 | 200.2 | 198.5 | 194.8 | 192.9 | 189.4 | 0.8 | 2.8 | 3.8 | 5.7 |
| 1.8 Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate & Confectionery | 1.36 | 198.4 | 198.2 | 197.9 | 196.9 | 192.5 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.8 | 3.1 |
| 1.9 Food not else where Classified | 2.36 | 192.4 | 192.3 | 191.0 | 190.0 | 187.6 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 1.3 | 2.5 |
| 1.10 Coffee, Tea & Cocoa | 0.63 | 212.7 | 212.5 | 212.0 | 209.8 | 204.9 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 1.4 | 3.8 |
| 1.11 Mineral Waters, Soft Drinks, Fruits & Veg. Juices | 1.94 | 186.2 | 185.5 | 182.4 | 181.5 | 176.7 | 0.4 | 2.1 | 2.6 | 5.4 |
| 2 Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics | 9.29 | 243.3 | 239.9 | 231.0 | 228.0 | 222.1 | 1.4 | 5.3 | 6.7 | 9.5 |
| 2.1 Alcoholic Beverages | 8.09 | 243.3 | 241.7 | 231.7 | 228.7 | 223.1 | 0.6 | 5.0 | 6.4 | 9.1 |
| 2.2 Tobacco | 1.20 | 243.7 | 227.4 | 226.3 | 223.0 | 215.9 | 7.2 | 7.7 | 9.3 | 12.9 |
| 3 Clothing and Footwear | 7.52 | 158.5 | 157.7 | 155.9 | 153.8 | 149.1 | 0.5 | 1.7 | 3.1 | 6.3 |
| 3.1 Clothing | 3.33 | 180.9 | 179.5 | 177.3 | 175.1 | 168.8 | 0.8 | 2.1 | 3.3 | 7.2 |
| 3.2 Other articles of Clothing | 1.82 | 143.8 | 143.6 | 141.6 | 138.5 | 135.8 | 0.2 | 1.6 | 3.8 | 5.9 |
| 3.3 Cleaning, Repair & Hire | 0.03 | 200.6 | 200.6 | 200.2 | 194.9 | 183.7 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 2.9 | 9.2 |
| 3.4 Footwear | 2.34 | 137.3 | 137.0 | 136.0 | 134.7 | 131.0 | 0.3 | 1.0 | 2.0 | 4.8 |
| 4 Housing, Water, Electr. Gas & Other Fuels | 11.46 | 156.5 | 155.5 | 155.2 | 154.5 | 149.5 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 1.3 | 4.7 |
| 4.1 Rent paid by Tenants | 5.68 | 136.5 | 134.6 | 134.6 | 133.9 | 132.4 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.9 | 3.1 |
| 4.2 Materials for Maintenance & Repair of dwellings | 2.57 | 150.7 | 150.5 | 149.6 | 148.4 | 146.2 | 0.1 | 0.7 | 1.6 | 3.1 |
| 4.3 Water Supply & Misc. Services | 1.14 | 160.9 | 160.9 | 160.2 | 160.2 | 151.4 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 6.3 |
| 4.4 Electricity Gas and other Fuels | 2.06 | 216.4 | 216.3 | 216.0 | 215.8 | 199.8 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 8.3 |
| 5 Furnishing, H/H Equipment & Routine Maintenance | 6.76 | 173.8 | 171.9 | 171.5 | 169.1 | 165.2 | 1.1 | 1.3 | 2.8 | 5.2 |
| 5.1 Furniture & Furnishing | 2.31 | 149.2 | 148.4 | 147.7 | 142.9 | 139.1 | 0.6 | 1.0 | 4.5 | 7.3 |
| 5.2 Carpets & Other Floor Coverings | 0.04 | 157.9 | 157.6 | 155.7 | 153.4 | 151.1 | 0.2 | 1.4 | 2.9 | 4.6 |
| 5.3 Household Textiles | 0.44 | 161.2 | 160.4 | 159.9 | 157.4 | 153.1 | 0.5 | 0.8 | 2.4 | 5.3 |
| 5.4 Household Appliances | 0.69 | 147.1 | 146.0 | 145.3 | 144.1 | 140.0 | 0.8 | 1.3 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| 5.5 Glassware, Tableware & Household Utensils | 0.44 | 184.0 | 183.6 | 182.4 | 180.0 | 175.4 | 0.2 | 0.9 | 2.3 | 4.9 |
| 5.6 Small Tools, Miscellaneous Accessories | 0.06 | 178.3 | 177.6 | 176.1 | 174.8 | 170.9 | 0.4 | 1.2 | 2.0 | 4.3 |
| 5.7 Goods & Services for H/hold Maintenance | 2.79 | 201.2 | 197.7 | 197.8 | 197.2 | 193.4 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 2.0 | 4.0 |

TABLE 2 :National Cost-of-Living Group and Section Indices (September 2006=100.0) cont...

| Group Section | Weights | This month Mar 2014 | Last month Feb 2014 | 3 months ago Dec 2013 | 6 months ago Sep 2013 | 12 months ago Mar 2013 | Percentage Change on | | | |
|--|--------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| | | | | | | | Last month | 3 months ago | 6 months ago | 12 months ago |
| 6 Health | 2.71 | 157.8 | 157.6 | 150.7 | 149.1 | 147.4 | 0.1 | 4.7 | 5.8 | 7.1 |
| 6.1 Medical Products, App. & Equip. | 0.35 | 199.4 | 198.1 | 194.4 | 188.8 | 175.3 | 0.7 | 2.6 | 5.6 | 13.8 |
| 6.2 Out-patient Services | 0.66 | 164.0 | 163.7 | 153.2 | 149.8 | 149.8 | 0.1 | 7.0 | 9.5 | 9.5 |
| 6.3 Hospital Services | 1.71 | 146.9 | 146.9 | 140.7 | 140.7 | 140.7 | 0.0 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.4 |
| 7 Transport | 18.98 | 172.2 | 173.3 | 172.2 | 171.4 | 170.4 | (0.6) | 0.0 | 0.5 | 1.1 |
| 7.1 Purchase of Vehicles | 5.89 | 151.8 | 155.3 | 152.3 | 152.3 | 151.4 | (2.2) | (0.3) | (0.3) | 0.3 |
| 7.2 Operation of Personal Transport | 10.92 | 182.2 | 182.1 | 182.0 | 180.8 | 179.4 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.8 | 1.6 |
| 7.3 Transport Services | 2.17 | 177.7 | 177.7 | 176.5 | 176.5 | 176.5 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| 8 Communication | 3.01 | 92.1 | 92.1 | 92.1 | 92.0 | 91.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.4 |
| 8.1 Postal Services | 0.04 | 226.1 | 226.1 | 226.1 | 226.1 | 209.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 7.7 |
| 8.2 Telephone & Telefax Equipment | 0.74 | 66.6 | 66.6 | 66.6 | 66.6 | 66.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 8.3 Telephone & Telefax Services | 2.23 | 98.1 | 98.1 | 98.1 | 98.0 | 98.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| 9 Recreation & Culture | 2.22 | 139.6 | 139.3 | 138.6 | 137.1 | 133.0 | 0.2 | 0.7 | 1.8 | 4.9 |
| 9.1 Audio Visual, Photographic & Info. Proce. Equip. | 1.09 | 109.0 | 108.7 | 108.3 | 107.2 | 106.0 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 1.6 | 2.9 |
| 9.2 Other Recreational Items & Equip. | 0.18 | 170.8 | 169.9 | 168.0 | 165.0 | 160.0 | 0.5 | 1.7 | 3.5 | 6.8 |
| 9.3 Recreational & Cultural Services | 0.76 | 157.0 | 157.0 | 157.0 | 156.0 | 149.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 5.2 |
| 9.4 Newspapers, Books & Stationary | 0.19 | 212.7 | 212.1 | 208.4 | 204.1 | 195.7 | 0.3 | 2.1 | 4.2 | 8.7 |
| 10 Education | 3.37 | 159.4 | 159.4 | 148.4 | 148.4 | 148.4 | 0.0 | 7.4 | 7.4 | 7.4 |
| 10.1 Pre-Primary & Primary Education | 1.10 | 210.4 | 210.4 | 185.1 | 185.1 | 185.1 | 0.0 | 13.6 | 13.6 | 13.6 |
| 10.2 Secondary & Tertiary Education | 2.26 | 134.5 | 134.5 | 130.5 | 130.5 | 130.5 | 0.0 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.1 |
| 11 Restaurants & Hotels | 3.27 | 224.2 | 223.1 | 218.5 | 213.8 | 205.6 | 0.5 | 2.6 | 4.9 | 9.0 |
| 11.1 Restaurants, Cafes and the Like | 3.08 | 227.8 | 226.7 | 221.8 | 216.9 | 208.4 | 0.5 | 2.7 | 5.0 | 9.3 |
| 11.2 Accommodation Services | 0.19 | 165.8 | 165.4 | 163.6 | 162.2 | 160.1 | 0.2 | 1.3 | 2.2 | 3.5 |
| 12 Miscellaneous Goods & Services | 9.57 | 131.7 | 131.6 | 131.1 | 129.7 | 129.3 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 1.5 | 1.9 |
| 12.1 Personal Care | 0.66 | 160.5 | 160.5 | 159.0 | 157.7 | 154.6 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 1.8 | 3.9 |
| 12.2 Personal Effects N.E.C. | 0.04 | 140.4 | 140.3 | 139.3 | 137.8 | 133.1 | 0.1 | 0.8 | 1.9 | 5.5 |
| 12.3 Social Protection | 0.14 | 189.5 | 189.5 | 160.5 | 160.5 | 160.5 | 0.0 | 18.1 | 18.1 | 18.1 |
| 12.4 Insurance | 6.32 | 128.4 | 128.4 | 128.4 | 128.6 | 128.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | (0.1) | (0.2) |
| 12.5 Financial Services | 0.18 | 149.4 | 148.8 | 147.4 | 146.3 | 147.0 | 0.4 | 1.4 | 2.1 | 1.7 |
| 12.6 Taxes Licences, Fees | 2.24 | 127.1 | 127.1 | 127.1 | 121.4 | 120.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 4.7 | 5.9 |
| All-Items Index | 100.0 | 174.5 | 173.9 | 171.7 | 170.2 | 167.1 | 0.3 | 1.7 | 2.5 | 4.4 |

TABLE 3: COST-OF-LIVING INDEX BY TRADABILITY (September 2006 = 100.0)

| | | All Items | | Non-Tradable | | Domestic Tradable | | Imported Tradable | | All Tradable | |
|-------------------------------|------|------------|------------|--------------|------------|-------------------|------------|-------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| | | Index | Inflation | Index | Inflation | Index | Inflation | Index | Inflation | Index | Inflation |
| Weights | | 100.00 | | 30.92 | | 23.91 | | 45.17 | | 69.08 | |
| 2011 | Jan | 141.8 | 7.9 | 132.8 | 7.3 | 158.2 | 5.9 | 139.2 | 9.5 | 145.6 | 8.2 |
| | Feb | 142.9 | 8.5 | 132.9 | 7.2 | 158.9 | 6.2 | 141.3 | 10.9 | 147.2 | 9.1 |
| | Mar | 143.8 | 8.5 | 133.7 | 7.3 | 160.1 | 6.4 | 142.2 | 10.5 | 148.2 | 9.0 |
| | Apr | 146.0 | 8.2 | 135.2 | 6.5 | 162.2 | 5.5 | 144.8 | 10.9 | 150.6 | 8.9 |
| | May | 147.6 | 8.3 | 135.3 | 5.2 | 163.5 | 5.5 | 147.6 | 12.1 | 152.9 | 9.6 |
| | Jun | 149.0 | 7.9 | 138.0 | 6.4 | 164.8 | 6.5 | 148.1 | 9.6 | 153.6 | 8.5 |
| | Jul | 149.3 | 7.8 | 138.0 | 6.3 | 165.4 | 6.5 | 148.6 | 9.5 | 154.2 | 8.4 |
| | Aug | 150.8 | 8.7 | 139.0 | 7.0 | 165.7 | 6.7 | 150.9 | 11.1 | 155.8 | 9.5 |
| | Sept | 151.4 | 8.6 | 139.9 | 6.9 | 166.3 | 6.9 | 151.3 | 10.6 | 156.3 | 9.2 |
| | Oct | 152.0 | 8.8 | 140.3 | 7.1 | 167.0 | 7.4 | 152.1 | 10.8 | 157.0 | 9.5 |
| | Nov | 153.0 | 9.2 | 140.4 | 7.0 | 167.5 | 7.4 | 153.9 | 11.6 | 158.4 | 10.0 |
| | Dec | 153.5 | 9.2 | 140.7 | 6.9 | 168.0 | 7.4 | 154.6 | 11.8 | 159.1 | 10.1 |
| 2012 | Jan | 154.3 | 8.8 | 141.1 | 6.2 | 169.6 | 7.2 | 155.3 | 11.5 | 160.0 | 9.9 |
| | Feb | 154.7 | 8.2 | 141 | 6.1 | 170.4 | 7.3 | 155.7 | 10.2 | 160.6 | 9.1 |
| | Mar | 155.4 | 8.0 | 141.4 | 5.8 | 172.2 | 7.6 | 156.1 | 9.8 | 161.4 | 8.9 |
| | Apr | 156.9 | 7.5 | 142.4 | 5.3 | 176.0 | 8.5 | 156.7 | 8.2 | 163.2 | 8.3 |
| | May | 159.0 | 7.7 | 144.2 | 6.5 | 178.0 | 8.9 | 158.9 | 7.7 | 165.3 | 8.1 |
| | Jun | 159.8 | 7.3 | 145.0 | 5.1 | 178.7 | 8.4 | 159.7 | 7.8 | 166.0 | 8.1 |
| | Jul | 160.3 | 7.3 | 145.2 | 5.2 | 179.0 | 8.2 | 160.5 | 8.0 | 166.7 | 8.1 |
| | Aug | 160.8 | 6.6 | 145.7 | 4.8 | 179.3 | 8.2 | 161.1 | 6.7 | 167.2 | 7.3 |
| | Sept | 162.1 | 7.1 | 146.1 | 4.4 | 179.9 | 8.2 | 163.4 | 8.0 | 168.9 | 8.1 |
| | Oct | 162.8 | 7.1 | 146.3 | 4.3 | 181.6 | 8.7 | 164.0 | 7.8 | 169.9 | 8.2 |
| | Nov | 164.4 | 7.4 | 146.7 | 4.5 | 183.7 | 9.7 | 165.9 | 7.8 | 172.0 | 8.5 |
| | Dec | 164.9 | 7.4 | 147.3 | 4.7 | 184.5 | 9.8 | 166.3 | 7.5 | 172.5 | 8.4 |
| 2013 | Jan | 165.9 | 7.5 | 148.4 | 5.2 | 185.6 | 9.5 | 167.1 | 7.6 | 173.4 | 8.3 |
| | Feb | 166.2 | 7.5 | 148.5 | 5.3 | 186.0 | 9.2 | 167.5 | 7.6 | 173.8 | 8.2 |
| | Mar | 167.1 | 7.6 | 148.8 | 5.3 | 188.4 | 9.4 | 168.1 | 7.7 | 175.0 | 8.4 |
| | Apr | 168.2 | 7.2 | 150.1 | 5.4 | 190.9 | 8.4 | 168.4 | 7.5 | 176.0 | 7.9 |
| | May | 168.7 | 6.1 | 150.4 | 4.3 | 191.4 | 7.5 | 168.9 | 6.3 | 176.5 | 6.8 |
| | Jun | 169.1 | 5.8 | 151.1 | 4.2 | 191.1 | 6.9 | 169.5 | 6.2 | 176.8 | 6.5 |
| | Jul | 169.4 | 5.7 | 151.2 | 4.1 | 191.1 | 6.8 | 170.1 | 6.0 | 177.2 | 6.3 |
| | Aug | 169.8 | 5.6 | 151.4 | 4.0 | 191.4 | 6.8 | 170.5 | 5.8 | 177.6 | 6.2 |
| | Sept | 170.2 | 5.0 | 151.8 | 3.9 | 191.9 | 6.6 | 171.0 | 4.7 | 178.1 | 5.5 |
| | Oct | 170.6 | 4.8 | 152.3 | 4.1 | 192.1 | 5.8 | 171.4 | 4.5 | 178.5 | 5.0 |
| | Nov | 171.6 | 4.1 | 152.8 | 4.1 | 192.9 | 5.0 | 171.9 | 3.6 | 179.1 | 4.1 |
| | Dec | 171.7 | 4.1 | 153.3 | 4.1 | 193.3 | 4.8 | 172.4 | 3.7 | 179.5 | 4.1 |
| 2014 | Jan | 173.1 | 4.4 | 154.9 | 4.4 | 196.4 | 5.8 | 173.1 | 3.6 | 181.0 | 4.4 |
| | Feb | 173.9 | 4.6 | 155.1 | 4.5 | 198.9 | 6.9 | 173.4 | 3.5 | 182.1 | 4.8 |
| | Mar | 174.5 | 4.4 | 155.9 | 4.7 | 199.7 | 6.0 | 173.7 | 3.3 | 182.5 | 4.3 |
| % Change on last month | | 0.3 | | 0.5 | | 0.4 | | 0.2 | | 0.3 | |

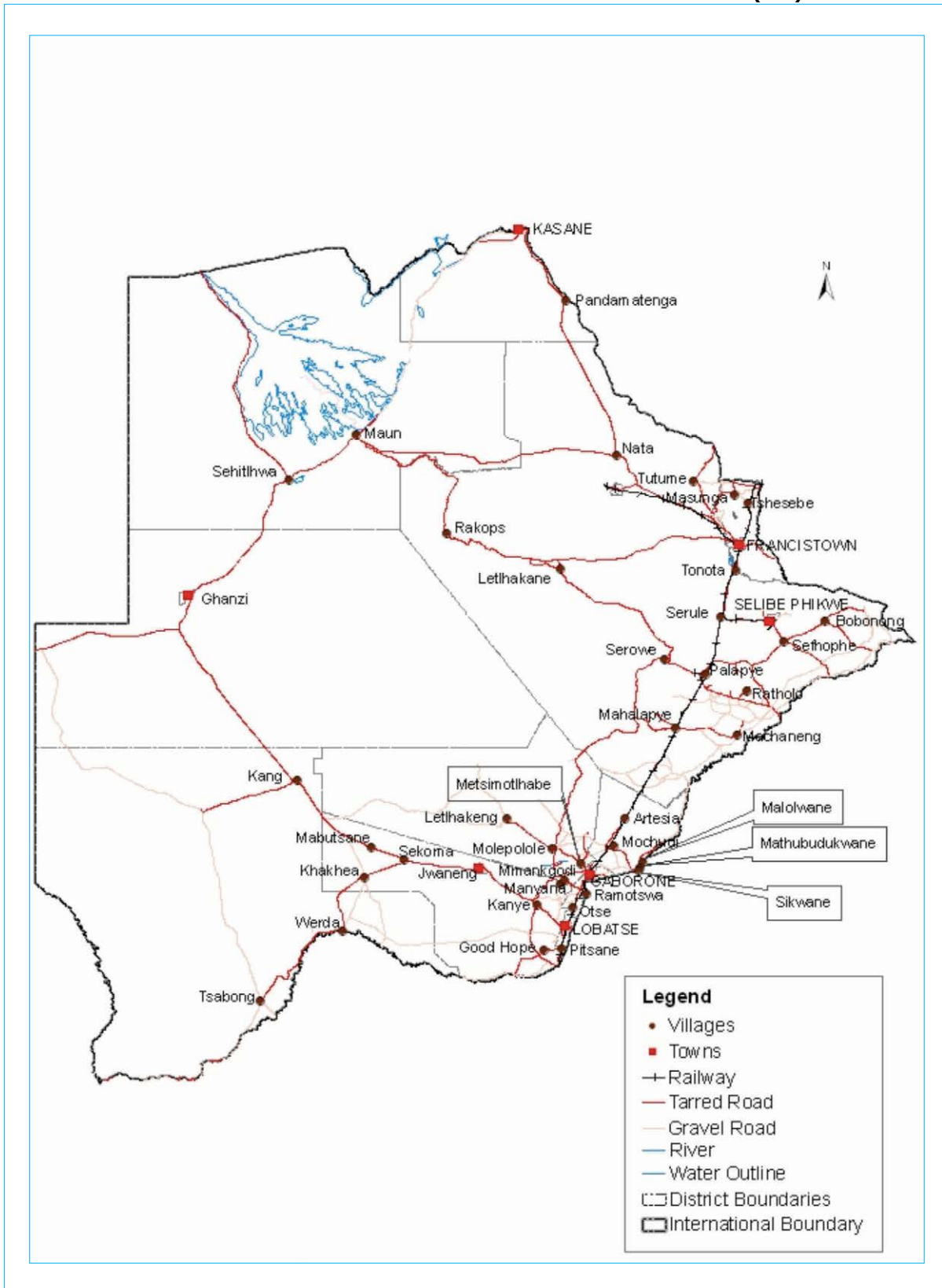
TABLE 4: Core Inflation Rates by Exclusion and Trimmed Mean

| Year | Month | Consumer Price Index (Trimmed Mean) (September 2006 = 100) | Core Monthly Inflation Rate (Trimmed Mean) (percentage) | Consumer Price Index (Excluding Administered Prices) (September 2006 = 100) | Core Monthly Inflation (Excluding Administered Prices) (percentage) |
|-------------|-------|---|--|---|---|
| 2011 | | | | | |
| | Jan | 139.6 | 8.0 | 145.5 | 7.6 |
| | Feb | 142.1 | 8.6 | 146.0 | 7.7 |
| | Mar | 142.6 | 8.4 | 147.1 | 7.6 |
| | Apr | 143.4 | 8.0 | 149.4 | 7.4 |
| | May | 148.7 | 8.2 | 150.5 | 7.3 |
| | Jun | 148.8 | 7.6 | 151.4 | 7.4 |
| | July | 150.3 | 7.4 | 151.9 | 7.3 |
| | Aug | 153.7 | 8.4 | 152.5 | 7.4 |
| | Sept | 154.8 | 8.1 | 153.2 | 7.4 |
| | Oct | 155.6 | 8.3 | 154.0 | 7.6 |
| | Nov | 156.3 | 8.5 | 154.4 | 7.5 |
| | Dec | 156.9 | 8.5 | 155.1 | 7.5 |
| 2012 | | | | | |
| | Jan | 157.9 | 8.1 | 156.0 | 7.2 |
| | Feb | 158.0 | 7.8 | 156.5 | 7.2 |
| | Mar | 159.2 | 7.6 | 157.4 | 7.0 |
| | Apr | 158.9 | 7.3 | 159.2 | 6.6 |
| | May | 160.7 | 7.3 | 160.2 | 6.5 |
| | Jun | 163.9 | 6.8 | 161.2 | 6.4 |
| | Jul | 164.5 | 6.8 | 161.8 | 6.5 |
| | Aug | 164.0 | 6.3 | 162.5 | 6.6 |
| | Sept | 165.6 | 6.5 | 163.2 | 6.5 |
| | Oct | 163.7 | 6.7 | 164.1 | 6.6 |
| | Nov | 165.0 | 7.1 | 165.1 | 6.9 |
| | Dec | 165.7 | 7.1 | 165.7 | 6.8 |
| 2013 | | | | | |
| | Jan | 166.8 | 7.2 | 166.8 | 6.9 |
| | Feb | 167.2 | 7.2 | 167.2 | 6.9 |
| | Mar | 168.3 | 7.3 | 168.4 | 7.0 |
| | Apr | 172.2 | 6.8 | 169.4 | 6.4 |
| | May | 166.9 | 6.0 | 170.0 | 6.1 |
| | Jun | 168.4 | 5.7 | 170.3 | 5.7 |
| | Jul | 168.7 | 5.5 | 170.7 | 5.5 |
| | Aug | 169.1 | 5.4 | 171.1 | 5.3 |
| | Sept | 169.8 | 4.7 | 171.7 | 5.2 |
| | Oct | 171.5 | 4.7 | 172.2 | 4.9 |
| | Nov | 176.1 | 4.0 | 172.9 | 4.7 |
| | Dec | 174.8 | 4.0 | 173.5 | 4.7 |
| 2014 | | | | | |
| | Jan | 173.9 | 4.1 | 175.4 | 5.2 |
| | Feb | 173.4 | 4.1 | 176.3 | 5.5 |
| | Mar | 175.1 | 4.0 | 177.1 | 5.2 |

Table 5: Average Annual Inflation (September 2006=100)

| | | YEAR | | | | | | |
|-------|--|--------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Group | Weights | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | |
| 1 | Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages | 21.84 | 20.2 | 14.7 | 3.6 | 6.9 | 8.0 | 5.4 |
| 2 | Alcoholic Beverages,Tobacco & Narcotics | 9.29 | 13.2 | 35.2 | 7.1 | 8.4 | 7.6 | 10.3 |
| 3 | Clothing and Footwear | 7.52 | 2.0 | 8.4 | 8.0 | 8.9 | 7.5 | 6.3 |
| 4 | Housing, Water, Electr. Gas & Other Fuels | 11.46 | 8.1 | 4.8 | 6.4 | 8.4 | 7.7 | 4.3 |
| 5 | Furnishing, H/H Equipment& Routine Maintenance | 6.76 | 6.0 | 11.9 | 9.4 | 9.0 | 7.3 | 4.9 |
| 6 | Health | 2.71 | 11.3 | 5.5 | 2.7 | 4.5 | 5.9 | 5.5 |
| 7 | Transport | 18.98 | 21.2 | (8.4) | 12.1 | 13.2 | 10.8 | 7.3 |
| 8 | Communication | 3.01 | (0.3) | (0.3) | 1.2 | (3.0) | (1.4) | 0.3 |
| 9 | Recreation & Culture | 2.22 | 2.3 | 5.0 | 6.0 | 8.3 | 5.8 | 4.5 |
| 10 | Education | 3.37 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 5.8 | 10.6 | 6.4 | 4.7 |
| 11 | Restaurants & Hotels | 3.27 | 12.7 | 18.8 | 9.0 | 9.3 | 8.4 | 7.9 |
| 12 | Miscellaneous Goods & Services | 9.57 | 4.9 | 3.8 | 7.0 | 5.3 | 2.0 | 1.2 |
| | All-Items Index | 100.0 | 12.6 | 8.2 | 6.9 | 8.5 | 7.5 | 5.9 |

PRICES COLLECTION COVERAGE FOR BOTSWANA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI)- 2014



Glossary

Consumer Price Index (CPI) is an index which measures price changes in goods and services with reference to a base period.

Inflation is a measurement of prices movement of goods and services in a particular country.

Domestic Tradable refers to the goods and services which a country (Botswana) can export to other countries.

Imported Tradable represents the goods and services which a country (Botswana) imports from other countries (trading partners).

Non-Tradable refers to the goods and services which a country cannot either export or import to other countries.

All –Tradable refers to the total of **Domestic** and **Imported tradable**.

Trimmed Mean Core Inflation- attempts to remove 8 percent (by weight) of the commodity sub-groups with the largest price changes at each of the ends of an ordered series of price changes in any given month.

Core inflation by Exclusion is a measure used to remove the volatility inherent in prices that are only adjusted periodically and not always in response to currently prevailing market forces.