

# CONSUMER PRICE INDEX SEPTEMBER 2024





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## **Preface**

This report examines Botswana's monthly inflation rate performance as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The CPI serves as an essential gauge for tracking changes in the cost of living and reflects the dynamics of price fluctuations in the economy. In this report, Statistics Botswana examines both month-on-month and year-on-year changes in the CPI to offer insights into Botswana's inflationary trends.

Accurate and timely Price Statistics play a crucial role in influencing socio-economic and monetary policies. By providing policymakers with a clear understanding of inflationary pressures, price statistics support in the formulation of effective policy interventions. Statistics Botswana recognises the importance of this data, and therefore generates the Consumer Price Index on a monthly basis, aligning with the various informational needs of stakeholders.

In September 2024, Botswana recorded an annual inflation rate of 1.5 percent, registering a decrease of 2.4 percentage points from the August rate of 3.9 percent.

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#### **Consumer Price Index**

#### Section 1: Headline Inflation

In September 2024, Botswana's annual inflation rate fell to 1.5 percent, registering a decrease of 2.4 percentage points from the August 2024 rate of 3.9 percent. The primary contributors to the annual inflation in September were the Miscellaneous Goods and Services and Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages indices, each contributing 0.7 of a percentage point. Notably, the Transport group was the primary factor in the decline of the annual inflation rate, contributing a negative 0.8 of a percentage point. Refer to Table 1 and Chart 5.

Between August and September 2024, inflation rates showed variability across different regions. In Rural Villages, the inflation rate declined by 2.9 percentage points, from 4.6 percent in August to 1.7 percent in September. Urban Villages' inflation rate dropped to 1.4 percent a decrease of 2.4 percentage points, from the August rate of 3.8 percent. Cities & Towns experienced a decrease of 2.2 percentage points, from 3.7 percent in August to 1.5 percent in September. Refer to Table 2

The national Consumer Price Index (CPI) declined by 0.7 percent, from 134.8 in August to 133.9 in September 2024. In September, the indices for Cities and Towns, Urban Villages, and Rural Villages each recorded a reduction of 0.7 percent. Specifically, the index for Cities and Towns fell from 134.7 in August to 133.8 in September, the Urban Villages index decreased from 134.9 to 134.0, while the Rural Villages index dropped from 135.0 to 134.0. **Refer to Table 2**.

Most group indices remained relatively stable between August and September 2024, with changes of less than 1.0 percent, except for the Transport group, which experienced a 3.0 percent decrease. **Refer to Table 2**.

The Transport group index was 150.0 in September 2024, a drop of 3.0 percent from the August index of 154.5. The decrease was due to a decline in the constituent section index of Operation of Personal Transport which went down by 5.3 percent. The overall decrease in the Operation of Personal Transport section index was a result of the fall in retail pump prices for diesel (50ppm) and Petrol (95) by P0.95 and P1.07 per litre respectively, which effected on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2024. **Refer to Table 3**.

The Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco index rose by 0.5 percent, from 138.0 in August to 138.8 in September 2024. The rise was due to the increase in section indices of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco by 0.6 and 0.4 percent respectively. **Refer to Table 3**.

The Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages index went up by 0.3 percent, from 146.9 in August to 147.3 in September 2024. This growth was largely due to the rise in the section indices for Vegetables (1.3 percent), Fish (Fresh, Chilled & Frozen) (1.2 percent), and Coffee, Tea & Cocoa (1.1 percent). **Refer to Table 3.** 

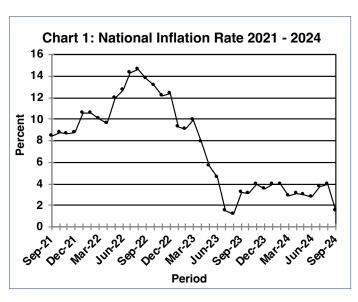
In September 2024, the All-Tradeables index registered a drop of 1.2 percent, from 141.6 in August to 139.9 in September. The Imported Tradeables Index realised a decline of 1.6 percent, from 142.0 to 139.7, while the Domestic Tradeables Index grew by 0.2 percent, from 142.0 to 142.4. The Non-Tradeables Index remained unchanged at 125.7. **Refer to Table 4**.

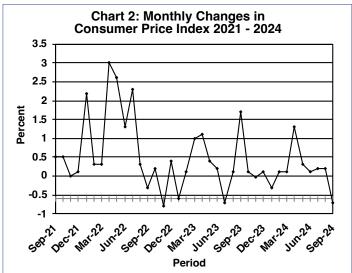
The All-Tradeables inflation rate was 0.9 percent in September 2024, down by 4.0 percentage points from the August rate of 4.9 percent. The Imported Tradeables inflation rate decreased by 5.4 percentage points, from 5.2 percent to -0.2 percent. The Domestic Tradeables inflation rate rose to 4.3 percent in September 2024, an increase of 0.2 of a percentage point from the August rate of 4.1 percent. In contrast, the Non-Tradeables inflation rate registered at 2.4 percent in September, a decline of 0.1 of a percentage point from the August rate of 2.5 percent. **Refer to Table 4**.

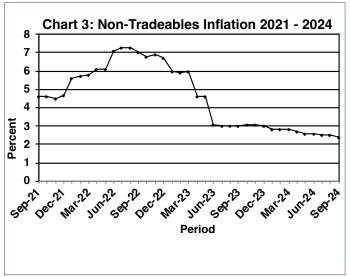
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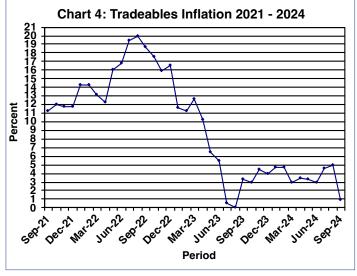
The Trimmed Mean Core inflation rate decreased by 2.2 percentage points, from 3.7 percent in August to 1.5 percent in September 2024. The Core Inflation rate, excluding administered prices, was 3.1 percent in September 2024, a decrease of 0.1 of a percentage point from the August rate of 3.2 percent. **Refer to Table 5.** 

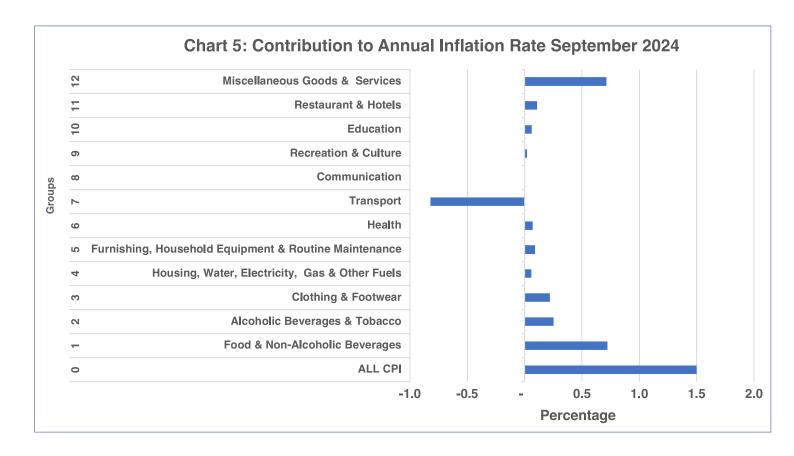
#### **Charts**











# **Tables**

**Table 1: Contribution of Groups to Annual Inflation Rate** 

Group		C	ONTRIBUTION	
Code	Group Name	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24
0	All Items Inflation Rate	3.7	3.9	1.5
1	Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	0.6	0.7	0.7
2	Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	0.2	0.2	0.3
3	Clothing & Footwear	0.2	0.2	0.2
4	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels	0.1	0.1	0.1
5	Furnishing, Household Equipment & Routine Maintenance	0.1	0.1	0.1
6	Health	0.0	0.1	0.1
7	Transport	1.5	1.5	-0.8
8	Communication	0.0	0.0	0.0
9	Recreation & Culture	0.0	0.0	0.0
10	Education	0.1	0.1	0.1
11	Restaurants & Hotels	0.1	0.1	0.1
12	Miscellaneous Goods & Services	0.7	0.7	0.7

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TABLE 2 : Consumer Price Index (December 2018 =100.0)

		Food	Alcohol and Tobacco	Clothing and Footwear	Housing	Furniture etc	Health	Transport	Communi- cation	Rec. &	Education	Rest. & Hotels	Miscella- neous
Weight	ts	13.55	4.34	5.95	17.45	4.85	3.38	23.43	6.94	2.82	4.60	3.66	9.01
2022	Jan	114.8	122.1	108.6	117.5	110.6	105.8	126.2	102.3	105.2	112.3	110.4	115.0
	Feb	115.3	122.2	108.7	117.6	110.9	106.0	127.0	102.3	105.4	112.4	110.7	115.4
	Mar	116.0	122.5	109.0	118.0	110.8	106.2	127.2	102.5	105.7	112.5	110.8	115.6
	Apr	118.6	123.2	109.4	122.3	111.6	106.6	134.5	102.5	107.4	112.6	111.5	121.2
	May	121.6	124.0	110.4	122.7	112.7	107.0	144.2	102.6	108.2	112.7	112.9	121.7
	Jun	123.8	124.3	111.2	123.1	113.5	107.3	148.7	102.6	108.4	112.8	113.4	123.0
	Jul	126.4	124.4	111.6	123.5	114.3	107.7	158.1	102.8	108.9	112.8	114.5	123.9
	Aug	128.2	124.4	111.7	123.0	114.6	107.9	158.5	103.9	109.2	112.8	114.9	124.3
	Sept	130.3	124.3	112.5	123.1	115.5	108.0	155.3	104.0	109.1	112.8	115.1	124.5
	Oct	132.0	124.6	113.1	123.0	115.9	108.4	155.4	104.0	109.3	112.8	115.4	124.4
	Nov	132.7	125.0	113.7	122.9	116.3	108.7	150.0	104.8	108.9	112.8	116.3	124.3
	Dec	133.8	124.8	114.0	123.0	116.9	109.1	151.0	104.8	108.8	112.8	116.4	124.8
2023	Jan	134.5	125.1	114.4	123.0	117.5	109.4	145.6	105.0	108.9	118.5	117.1	125.0
	Feb	135.3	125.6	114.8	123.0	118.0	109.5	145.1	105.0	108.9	118.5	117.4	125.3
	Mar	136.6	126.5	115.8	123.3	118.9	109.7	148.9	105.1	108.9	118.5	117.8	125.5
	Apr	138.2	128.7	116.4	124.3	119.8	110.5	149.5	105.1	110.2	118.5	118.9	132.5
	May	139.0	129.8	116.8	124.4	120.1	111.1	150.4	105.2	110.4	118.5	120.1	133.4
	Jun	139.7	130.2	117.4	124.7	119.9	111.1	150.6	105.2	110.5	118.5	120.9	133.7
	Jul	139.9	130.7	117.9	124.6	120.4	110.6	146.1	105.3	110.9	118.5	121.2	134.4
	Aug	139.8	131.1	118.1	124.5	121.0	110.8	146.1	105.3	111.4	118.6	121.8	134.5
	Sep	140.3	131.1	118.7	124.6	121.5	110.5	154.6	105.5	111.4	118.6	122.3	134.8
	Oct	140.6	131.7	119.5	124.4	121.7	110.7	154.4	105.5	111.4	118.6	122.5	135.2
	Nov	141.6	132.2	119.7	124.4	122.3	110.9	153.3	105.6	111.7	118.6	123.0	135.3
	Dec	141.9	132.3	120.1	124.5	122.7	111.2	153.2	105.6	111.9	118.6	123.6	135.4
2024	Jan	142.5	132.8	120.2	124.5	123.5	111.2	150.3	105.8	112.0	120.0	123.9	136.0
	Feb	143.1	133.0	120.6	124.5	123.7	111.4	150.1	105.7	112.1	120.2	124.0	136.1
	Mar	143.5	133.2	120.8	124.9	124.2	111.6	149.9	105.6	112.3	120.3	124.4	136.2
	Apr	144.0	134.8	121.4	124.9	124.0	111.6	153.4	105.6	112.5	120.3	124.7	144.1
	May	144.5	136.4	122.0	124.9	124.0	111.8	154.4	105.5	112.5	120.3	124.8	144.5
	Jun	145.3	136.5	122.8	125.1	124.0	111.9	153.8	105.6	112.5	120.3	125.0	144.6
	Jul	146.1	137.3	122.7	125.3	123.4	112.0	154.2	105.6	112.3	120.3	125.3	145.0
	Aug	146.9	138.0	123.2	125.2	123.9	113.1	154.5	105.6	112.1	120.3	125.7	145.2
	Sep	147.3	138.8	123.7	125.1	124.1	113.3	150.0	105.5	112.4	120.3	126.1	145.2
% Cha Last m	•	0.3	0.5	0.4	(0.1)	0.2	0.2	(3.0)	(0.1)	0.3	0.0	0.4	0.0

**TABLE 2: Consumer Price Index (Cont.)** 

		All	National		Towns &	Urban	Rural	Annua	al Inflation	
		Items Index	Inflation Rate	Monthly Change	Cities Index	Village Index	Villages Index	Towns & Cities	Urban Villages	Rural
		100.0	%	%	0.38	0.41	0.21	%	%	%
2022	Jan	116.0	10.6	2.2	116.1	116.2	115.4	10.7	10.4	10.7
	Feb	116.3	10.6	0.3	116.4	116.7	115.6	10.8	10.4	10.6
	Mar	116.6	10.0	0.3	116.6	117.0	115.9	10.1	9.9	9.9
	Apr	120.1	9.6	3.0	120.5	120.4	118.8	9.9	9.4	9.6
	May	123.2	11.9	2.6	123.3	123.6	122.2	11.8	11.8	12.1
	Jun	124.8	12.7	1.3	125.0	125.1	124.0	12.7	12.4	13.1
	Jul	127.7	14.3	2.3	127.7	128.0	127.2	14.3	14.2	14.8
	Aug	128.1	14.6	0.3	128.0	128.5	127.7	14.5	14.5	15.1
	Sept	127.8	13.8	(0.3)	127.6	128.2	127.5	13.6	13.5	14.7
	Oct	128.1	13.1	0.2	128.0	128.4	127.8	12.9	12.8	13.8
	Nov	127.1	12.2	(8.0)	127.0	127.3	127.0	12.1	11.8	13.0
	Dec	127.6	12.4	0.4	127.4	127.8	127.6	12.3	12.2	13.3
2023	Jan	126.8	9.3	(0.6)	126.9	127.1	126.1	9.3	9.4	9.3
	Feb	126.9	9.1	0.1	126.9	127.3	126.1	9.0	9.1	9.1
	Mar	128.2	9.9	1.0	128.2	128.4	127.9	9.9	9.7	10.4
	Apr	129.7	7.9	1.1	129.7	130.0	129.0	7.6	7.9	8.6
	May	130.2	5.7	0.4	130.2	130.5	129.7	5.6	5.6	6.1
	Jun	130.5	4.6	0.2	130.5	130.9	130.0	4.4	4.6	4.8
	Jul	129.7	1.5	(0.7)	129.8	130.0	128.8	1.6	1.5	1.3
	Aug	129.7	1.2	0.1	129.8	130.0	129.0	1.5	1.2	1.0
	Sep	131.9	3.2	1.7	131.8	132.1	131.8	3.3	3.1	3.4
	Oct	132.0	3.1	0.1	132.0	132.1	131.9	3.2	2.9	3.1
	Nov	132.0	3.9	(0.0)	132.0	132.0	132.0	4.0	3.7	3.9
	Dec	132.1	3.5	0.1	132.1	132.1	132.1	3.7	3.4	3.5
2024	Jan	131.8	3.9	(0.3)	131.9	131.8	131.4	4.0	3.7	4.2
	Feb	131.9	3.9	0.1	132.0	131.9	131.5	4.0	3.7	4.3
	Mar	132.0	2.9	0.1	132.1	132.0	131.6	3.1	2.8	2.9
	Apr	133.7	3.1	1.3	133.8	133.9	133.2	3.2	3.0	3.2
	May	134.2	3.0	0.3	134.1	134.4	133.8	3.0	2.9	3.2
	Jun	134.2	2.8	0.1	134.2	134.4	134.0	2.8	2.7	3.1
	Jul	134.5	3.7	0.2	134.5	134.7	134.2	3.6	3.7	4.2
	Aug	134.8	3.9	0.2	134.7	134.9	135.0	3.7	3.8	4.6
	Sep	133.9	1.5	(0.7)	133.8	134.0	134.0	1.5	1.4	1.7
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**TABLE 3: National Consumer Price Group And Section Indices (December 2018=100.0)** 

	LE 3. National Consumer Frice City							Percentage Char			e on:
	Group Section	Weights	This month Sep 2024	Last month Aug 2024	3 months ago Jun 2024	6 months ago Mar 2024	12 months ago Sep 2023	Last	3 months ago	6 months ago	12 months ago
1	Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	13.55	147.3	146.9	145.3	143.5	140.3	0.3	1.4	2.7	5.0
1.1	Bread & Cereals	4.26	160.5	160.4	157.9	155.7	152.8	0.0	1.6	3.1	5.0
1.2	Meat (Fresh, Chilled & Frozen)	2.36	146.8	146.4	146.9	146.9	138.2	0.2	(0.1)	(0.1)	6.2
1.3	Fish (Fresh, Chilled & Frozen)	0.18	137.1	135.4	133.9	134.5	134.1	1.2	2.4	2.0	2.2
1.4	Milk, Cheese & Milk Products	0.98	134.0	133.9	131.6	130.3	128.8	0.1	1.9	2.8	4.1
1.5	Oils & Fats	0.92	157.1	157.7	161.5	167.1	173.2	(0.4)	(2.7)	(6.0)	(9.3)
1.6	Fruits	0.78	124.9	123.9	127.7	126.5	121.4	0.8	(2.3)	(1.3)	2.9
1.7	Vegetables	1.08	162.2	160.1	152.4	141.6	142.6	1.3	6.5	14.5	13.8
1.8	Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate & Confectionery	1.11	125.0	124.6	122.3	120.5	115.6	0.3	2.2	3.7	8.1
1.9	Food Not Elsewhere Classified	0.54	138.1	137.8	137.0	136.0	131.5	0.3	0.9	1.6	5.0
1.10	Coffee, Tea & Cocoa	0.73	142.9	141.4	135.3	131.0	126.6	1.1	5.7	9.0	12.8
1.11	Mineral Waters, Soft Drinks, Fruits & Vegetables Juices	0.62	124.3	124.2	123.6	122.4	120.8	0.0	0.6	1.6	2.9
2	Alcoholic Beverages &Tobacco	4.34	138.8	138.0	136.5	133.2	131.1	0.5	1.7	4.2	5.8
2.1	Alcoholic Beverages	3.51	141.1	140.3	138.5	134.8	132.5	0.6	1.9	4.7	6.5
2.2	Tobacco	0.82	128.7	128.2	127.7	126.3	125.1	0.4	0.7	1.9	2.8
3	Clothing & Footwear	5.95	123.7	123.2	122.8	120.8	118.7	0.4	0.7	2.4	4.1
3.1	Clothing	2.60	123.8	123.4	122.9	120.9	118.8	0.4	0.8	2.4	4.3
3.2	Other Articles of Clothing	0.72	122.5	122.2	121.4	120.2	118.9	0.2	0.9	2.0	3.1
3.3	Cleaning, Repair & Hire	0.61	136.3	136.1	135.6	130.0	129.6	0.1	0.5	4.8	5.1
3.4	Footwear	2.03	120.0	119.4	119.4	118.0	115.4	0.5	0.5	1.7	4.0
4	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels	17.45	125.1	125.2	125.1	124.9	124.6	(0.1)	(0.0)	0.1	0.4
4.1	Rent Paid by Tenants	7.78	123.5	123.9	123.9	123.3	122.4	(0.3)	(0.3)	0.1	0.9
4.2	Materials for Maintenance & Repair of Dwellings	3.83	126.9	126.3	125.8	126.0	126.5	0.5	0.8	0.6	0.2
4.3	Water Supply & Miscellaneous Services	1.96	112.7	112.7	112.7	112.7	112.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
4.4	Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels	3.89	132.7	133.0	133.0	133.1	133.2	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.4)
5	Furnishing, H/H Equipment & Routine Maintenance	4.85	124.1	123.9	124.0	124.2	121.5	0.2	0.0	(0.1)	2.1
5.1	Furniture & Furnishing	1.35	118.7	119.0	120.4	121.1	117.8	(0.3)	(1.4)	(2.0)	0.7
5.2	Carpets & Other Floor Coverings	0.27	114.4	114.5	114.6	115.0	116.5	(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.5)	(1.8)
5.3	Household Textiles	0.29	120.6	120.2	119.7	118.4	116.4	0.3	0.8	1.9	3.6
5.4	Household Appliances	0.72	129.4	128.9	127.9	128.2	125.7	0.4	1.2	0.9	2.9
5.5	Glassware, Tableware & Household Utensils	0.23	132.7	132.5	132.0	131.6	129.4	0.2	0.5	8.0	2.5
5.6	Small Tools, Miscellaneous Accessories	0.04	127.1	127.4	127.5	127.4	125.5	(0.2)	(0.4)	(0.3)	1.3
5.7	Goods & Services for Household Maintenance	1.95	126.6	126.1	126.1	125.9	123.1	0.4	0.4	0.5	2.9
6	Health	3.38	113.3	113.1	111.9	111.6	110.5	0.2	1.2	1.5	2.5
6.1	Medical Products, Applications & Equipments	0.98	128.9	128.3	124.4	123.8	121.4	0.5	3.7	4.2	6.2
6.2	Out-Patient Services	0.93	111.4	111.4	111.2	110.8	109.2	0.0	0.2	0.6	2.0
6.3	Hospital Services	1.47	104.1	104.1	104.1	104.1	104.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

TABLE 3: National Consumer Price Group And Section Indices (December 2018=100.0) (Cont.)

		-			0	0	ago	Perc	entage C	change o	n:
	Group Section	Weights	This month Sep 2024	Last month Aug 2024	3 months ago Jun 2024	6 months ago Mar 2024	12 months a Sep 2023	Last month	3 months ago	6 months ago	12 months ago
7	Transport	23.43	150.0	154.5	153.8	149.9	154.6	(3.0)	(2.5)	0.1	(3.0)
7.1	Purchase of Vehicles	5.74	155.4	155.6	153.1	150.8	152.3	(0.2)	1.5	3.1	2.0
7.2	Operation of Personal Transport	12.56	150.0	158.4	158.2	151.9	160.0	(5.3)	(5.2)	(1.3)	(6.3)
7.3	Transport Services	5.13	143.8	143.8	143.8	143.8	143.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
8	Communication	6.94	105.5	105.6	105.6	105.6	105.5	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)	0.0
8.1	Postal Services	0.21	127.5	127.5	127.5	127.5	127.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
8.2	Telephone & Telefax Equipment	1.13	116.9	117.8	117.7	117.5	116.9	(0.8)	(0.7)	(0.5)	0.0
8.3	Telephone & Telefax Services	5.60	102.3	102.3	102.3	102.3	102.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
9	Recreation & Culture	2.82	112.4	112.1	112.5	112.3	111.4	0.3	(0.1)	0.1	0.9
9.1	Audio Visual, Photographic & Information Processing Equipment	2.10	109.5	109.1	109.8	110.3	109.4	0.4	(0.3)	(0.7)	0.1
9.2	Other Recreational Items & Equipments	0.30	119.8	119.8	119.5	119.0	118.2	0.0	0.3	0.7	1.4
9.3	Recreational & Cultural Services	0.31	122.2	122.2	122.2	117.4	117.2	0.0	0.0	4.1	4.3
9.4	Newspapers, Books & Stationary	0.11	119.5	119.4	118.2	117.8	115.9	0.1	1.1	1.5	3.2
10	Education	4.60	120.3	120.3	120.3	120.3	118.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5
10.1	Pre-Primary & Primary Education	1.89	124.7	124.7	124.7	124.6	122.3	0.0	0.0	0.1	1.9
10.2	Secondary & Tertiary Education	2.70	117.2	117.2	117.2	117.2	115.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1
11	Restaurants & Hotels	3.66	126.1	125.7	125.0	124.4	122.3	0.4	0.9	1.4	3.2
11.1	Restaurants, Cafes & the Like	3.02	130.3	129.7	128.9	128.3	125.8	0.4	1.1	1.5	3.6
11.2	Accommodation Services	0.64	106.6	106.7	106.6	106.2	105.7	(0.1)	0.0	0.4	0.8
12	Miscellaneous Goods & Services	9.01	145.2	145.2	144.6	136.2	134.8	0.0	0.4	6.6	7.7
12.1	Personal Care	2.33	133.7	133.7	132.2	130.6	127.0	0.1	1.2	2.4	5.3
12.2	Personal Effects Not Elsewhere Classified	0.22	106.2	106.1	106.8	106.5	106.1	0.2	(0.5)	(0.2)	0.1
12.3	Social Protection	0.13	123.2	123.2	123.2	123.2	120.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.4
12.4	Insurance	3.62	169.2	169.3	169.2	151.0	150.9	(0.0)	0.0	12.1	12.2
12.5	Financial Services	1.09	126.9	126.8	126.6	125.4	124.1	0.1	0.3	1.2	2.2
12.6	Taxes, Licences & Fees	1.61	127.3	127.2	126.6	123.5	122.0	0.1	0.5	3.0	4.4
	All-Items Index	100.0	133.9	134.8	134.2	132.0	131.9	(0.7)	(0.3)	1.4	1.5

**TABLE 4: Consumer Price Index By Tradeability (December 2018 = 100.0)** 

		All Items		Non-Tra	adable	Domestic	Tradable	Imported	I Tradable	All Tradable		
		Index	Inflation	Index	Inflation	Index	Inflation	Index	Inflation	Index	Inflation	
Weights	S	100.00		42.29		15.46		42.26		57.71		
2022	Jan	116.0	10.6	113.1	5.6	115.6	5.2	119.1	17.9	118.2	14.3	
	Feb	116.3	10.6	113.2	5.7	115.9	4.9	119.7	18.0	118.7	14.3	
	Mar	116.6	10.0	113.3	5.8	116.2	4.9	120.1	16.3	119.1	13.1	
	Apr	120.1	9.6	116.5	6.1	117.9	3.7	124.6	15.5	122.8	12.2	
	May	123.2	11.9	116.8	6.1	119.2	4.6	131.0	20.3	127.9	16.0	
	Jun	124.8	12.7	118.7	7.1	122.4	7.3	131.9	20.3	129.4	16.8	
	Jul	127.7	14.3	119.0	7.3	124.8	9.9	137.6	23.0	134.2	19.4	
	Aug	128.1	14.6	119.0	7.3	125.6	10.4	138.2	23.4	134.8	19.9	
	Sept	127.8	13.8	119.2	7.0	126.8	10.8	136.8	21.6	134.2	18.7	
	Oct	128.1	13.1	119.1	6.8	127.9	11.5	137.2	19.7	134.8	17.5	
	Nov	127.1	12.2	119.2	6.9	128.3	11.7	134.5	17.4	132.8	15.9	
	Dec	127.6	12.4	119.4	6.7	129.4	12.4	135.2	18.0	133.6	16.5	
2023	Jan	126.8	9.3	119.8	6.0	130.6	13.0	132.4	11.1	131.9	11.6	
	Feb	126.9	9.1	119.9	5.9	131.1	13.2	132.4	10.6	132.0	11.2	
	Mar	128.2	9.9	120.1	6.0	131.8	13.4	135.0	12.4	134.2	12.7	
	Apr	129.7	7.9	121.8	4.6	133.3	13.1	136.2	9.3	135.4	10.3	
	May	130.2	5.7	122.1	4.6	134.1	12.5	136.9	4.5	136.2	6.5	
	Jun	130.5	4.6	122.4	3.1	134.6	10.0	137.2	4.0	136.5	5.5	
	Jul	129.7	1.5	122.5	3.0	134.7	7.9	134.9	-1.9	134.9	0.5	
	Aug	129.7	1.2	122.6	3.0	134.7	7.2	135.0	-2.3	135.0	0.1	
	Sep	131.9	3.2	122.7	3.0	134.6	6.2	140.0	2.3	138.6	3.3	
	Oct	132.0	3.1	122.8	3.1	134.8	5.4	140.1	2.1	138.8	3.0	
	Nov	132.0	3.9	122.9	3.1	135.4	5.6	139.8	3.9	138.6	4.4	
	Dec	132.1	3.5	123.0	3.0	135.6	4.8	139.9	3.5	138.8	3.9	
2024	Jan	131.8	3.9	123.1	2.8	136.5	4.5	138.6	4.7	138.1	4.7	
	Feb	131.9	3.9	123.2	2.8	137.1	4.6	138.6	4.7	138.2	4.7	
	Mar	132.0	2.9	123.4	2.8	137.4	4.3	138.5	2.6	138.2	3.0	
	Apr	133.7	3.1	125.2	2.7	138.2	3.7	140.6	3.3	140.0	3.4	
	May	134.2	3.0	125.4	2.6	138.7	3.4	141.3	3.2	140.6	3.3	
	Jun	134.2	2.8	125.5	2.6	139.1	3.4	141.2	2.9	140.7	3.0	
	Jul	134.5	3.7	125.6	2.5	139.7	3.7	141.5	4.9	141.1	4.6	
	Aug	134.8	3.9	125.7	2.5	140.2	4.1	142.0	5.2	141.6	4.9	
	Sep	133.9	1.5	125.7	2.4	140.4	4.3	139.7	-0.2	139.9	0.9	
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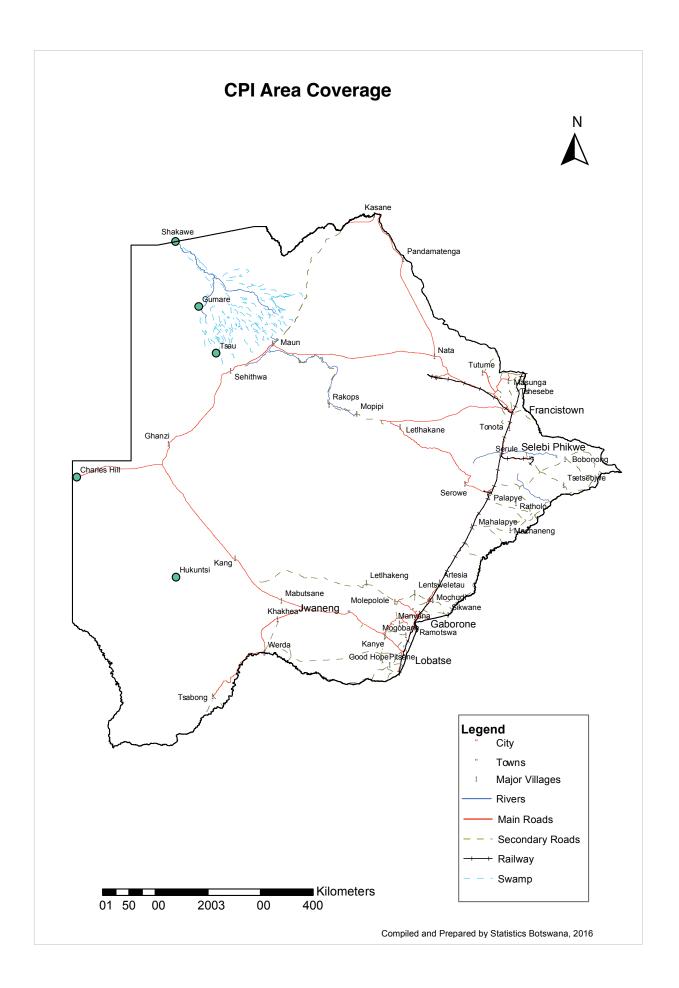
**TABLE 5: Core Inflation Rates By Exclusion And Trimmed Mean** 

Jan	Year	Month	Consumer Price Index (Trimmed Mean) (December 2018 = 100)	Core Monthly Inflation Rate (Trimmed Mean) (percentage)	Consumer Price Index (Excluding Administered Prices) (December 2018 = 100)	Core Monthly Inflation (Excluding Administered Prices) (percentage)
Feb         116.6         8.8         114.4           Mar         116.9         8.6         114.8           Apr         119.9         8.1         116.5           May         121.9         9.4         118.0           Jun         123.7         10.3         119.0           Jul         125.8         11.5         120.4           Aug         126.1         11.8         121.1           Sept         126.0         11.4         121.7           Oct         126.3         11.1         122.2           Nov         125.9         10.8         122.6           Dec         126.5         11.2         123.3           *** Time Properties of Prope	2022					
Mar         116.9         8.6         114.8           Apr         119.9         8.1         116.5           May         121.9         9.4         118.0           Jun         123.7         10.3         119.0           Jul         125.8         11.5         120.4           Aug         126.1         11.8         121.1           Sept         126.0         11.4         121.7           Oct         126.3         11.1         122.2           Nov         125.9         10.8         122.6           Dec         126.5         11.2         123.3           *** Time Properties**           Jan         127.0         8.5         124.2           Feb         127.0         8.2         124.3           Mar         128.9         7.1         126.2           May         126.0         5.4         127.0           Jul         126.3         2.5         127.6           Aug         126.7         4.3         127.5           Jul         126.3         2.5         127.6           Aug         126.4         2.4         127.7           Sep <t< th=""><td></td><td>Jan</td><td>116.2</td><td>8.8</td><td>113.8</td><td>6.7</td></t<>		Jan	116.2	8.8	113.8	6.7
Apr 119.9 8.1 116.5 May 121.9 9.4 118.0 Jun 123.7 10.3 119.0 Jul 125.8 11.5 120.4 Aug 126.1 11.8 121.1 Sept 126.0 11.4 121.7 Oct 126.3 11.1 122.2 Nov 125.9 10.8 122.6 Dec 126.5 11.2 123.3  2023  2023  2024  Apr 128.9 7.1 126.2 May 126.0 5.4 127.0 Jun 126.7 4.3 127.5 Jul 126.3 2.5 127.6 Apr 128.9 7.1 126.2 May 126.0 5.4 127.0 Jun 126.7 4.3 127.5 Jul 126.3 2.5 127.6 Aug 126.4 2.4 127.7 Sep 127.4 3.3 127.5 Sep 127.4 3.3 128.1 Oct 128.5 3.2 128.2 Nov 132.0 3.7 128.6 Dec 131.8 3.3 128.1 Oct 128.5 3.2 128.2 Nov 132.0 3.7 128.6 Dec 131.8 3.3 128.8  2024  2024  204  205  206  207  208  209  209  200  209  200  209  200  209  200  2		Feb	116.6	8.8	114.4	6.8
May		Mar	116.9	8.6	114.8	6.8
Jun         123.7         10.3         119.0           Jul         125.8         11.5         120.4           Aug         126.1         11.8         121.1           Sept         126.0         11.4         121.7           Oct         126.3         11.1         122.2           Nov         125.9         10.8         122.6           Dec         126.5         11.2         123.3           2023           2024           Jan         127.0         8.5         124.2           Feb         127.0         8.2         124.3           Mar         128.5         9.2         125.1           Apr         128.9         7.1         126.2           May         126.0         5.4         127.0           Jul         126.7         4.3         127.5           Jul         126.3         2.5         127.6           Aug         126.4         2.4         127.7           Sep         127.4         3.3         128.1           Oct         128.5         3.2         128.2           Nov         132.0         3.7         128.6		Apr	119.9	8.1	116.5	5.9
Jul		May	121.9	9.4	118.0	6.4
Aug       126.1       11.8       121.1         Sept       126.0       11.4       121.7         Oct       126.3       11.1       122.2         Nov       125.9       10.8       122.6         Dec       126.5       11.2       123.3         2023         203         3 Jan       127.0       8.5       124.2         Feb       127.0       8.2       124.3         Mar       128.5       9.2       125.1         Apr       128.9       7.1       126.2         May       126.0       5.4       127.0         Jul       126.7       4.3       127.5         Jul       126.3       2.5       127.6         Aug       126.4       2.4       127.7         Sep       127.4       3.3       128.1         Oct       128.5       3.2       128.2         Nov       132.0       3.7       128.6         Nov       132.0       3.7       129.3         Feb       132.4       3.7       129.3         Mar       132.9       3.7       129.5         Apr		Jun	123.7	10.3	119.0	6.6
Sept         126.0         11.4         121.7           Oct         126.3         11.1         122.2           Nov         125.9         10.8         122.6           Dec         126.5         11.2         123.3           2023           2024           Jan         127.0         8.5         124.2           Feb         127.0         8.2         124.3           Mar         128.5         9.2         125.1           Apr         128.9         7.1         126.2           May         126.0         5.4         127.0           Jun         126.7         4.3         127.5           Jul         126.3         2.5         127.6           Aug         126.4         2.4         127.7           Sep         127.4         3.3         128.1           Oct         128.5         3.2         128.2           Nov         132.0         3.7         128.6           Nov         131.8         3.3         128.8           2024         129.7         129.3           Feb         132.4         3.7         129.3           Apr <td></td> <td>Jul</td> <td>125.8</td> <td>11.5</td> <td>120.4</td> <td>7.6</td>		Jul	125.8	11.5	120.4	7.6
Oct         126.3         11.1         122.2           Nov         125.9         10.8         122.6           Dec         126.5         11.2         123.3           2023           2023           Jan         127.0         8.5         124.2           Feb         127.0         8.2         124.3           Mar         128.5         9.2         125.1           Apr         128.9         7.1         126.2           May         126.0         5.4         127.0           Jul         126.7         4.3         127.5           Jul         126.3         2.5         127.6           Aug         126.4         2.4         127.7           Sep         127.4         3.3         128.1           Oct         128.5         3.2         128.2           Nov         132.0         3.7         128.6           Dec         131.8         3.3         128.8           2024         2.6         129.3           Feb         132.4         3.7         129.5           Mar         132.9         3.7         129.5           May         1		Aug	126.1	11.8	121.1	8.0
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Dec         126.5         11.2         123.3           2023         Jan         127.0         8.5         124.2           Feb         127.0         8.2         124.3           Mar         128.5         9.2         125.1           Apr         128.9         7.1         126.2           May         126.0         5.4         127.0           Jun         126.7         4.3         127.5           Jul         126.3         2.5         127.6           Aug         126.4         2.4         127.7           Sep         127.4         3.3         128.1           Oct         128.5         3.2         128.2           Nov         132.0         3.7         128.6           Dec         131.8         3.3         128.8           2024           2024           Apr         132.4         3.7         129.3           Feb         132.4         3.7         129.5           Mar         132.0         2.9         130.1           May         132.8         2.8         130.8           Jun         132.9         2.6         130.9		Oct	126.3	11.1	122.2	8.0
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Jan   127.0   8.5   124.2     Feb   127.0   8.2   124.3     Mar   128.5   9.2   125.1     Apr   128.9   7.1   126.2     May   126.0   5.4   127.0     Jun   126.7   4.3   127.5     Jul   126.3   2.5   127.6     Aug   126.4   2.4   127.7     Sep   127.4   3.3   128.1     Oct   128.5   3.2   128.2     Nov   132.0   3.7   128.6     Dec   131.8   3.3   128.8      2024		Dec	126.5	11.2	123.3	8.7
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Apr       128.9       7.1       126.2         May       126.0       5.4       127.0         Jun       126.7       4.3       127.5         Jul       126.3       2.5       127.6         Aug       126.4       2.4       127.7         Sep       127.4       3.3       128.1         Oct       128.5       3.2       128.2         Nov       132.0       3.7       128.6         Dec       131.8       3.3       128.8         2024         Eeb       132.9       3.7       129.3         Feb       132.4       3.7       129.5         Mar       132.4       2.6       129.7         Apr       132.0       2.9       130.1         May       132.8       2.8       130.8         Jun       132.9       2.6       130.9         Jul       133.4       3.5       131.3         Aug       133.8       3.7       131.8		Feb	127.0	8.2	124.3	8.7
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Jun       126.7       4.3       127.5         Jul       126.3       2.5       127.6         Aug       126.4       2.4       127.7         Sep       127.4       3.3       128.1         Oct       128.5       3.2       128.2         Nov       132.0       3.7       128.6         Dec       131.8       3.3       128.8         2024         Jan       132.9       3.7       129.3         Feb       132.4       3.7       129.5         Mar       132.4       2.6       129.7         Apr       132.0       2.9       130.1         May       132.8       2.8       130.8         Jun       132.9       2.6       130.9         Jul       133.4       3.5       131.3         Aug       133.8       3.7       131.8		Apr	128.9	7.1	126.2	8.3
Jul       126.3       2.5       127.6         Aug       126.4       2.4       127.7         Sep       127.4       3.3       128.1         Oct       128.5       3.2       128.2         Nov       132.0       3.7       128.6         Dec       131.8       3.3       128.8         2024         Feb       132.4       3.7       129.3         Feb       132.4       3.7       129.5         Mar       132.4       2.6       129.7         Apr       132.0       2.9       130.1         May       132.8       2.8       130.8         Jun       132.9       2.6       130.9         Jul       133.4       3.5       131.3         Aug       133.8       3.7       131.8		May	126.0	5.4	127.0	7.7
Aug       126.4       2.4       127.7         Sep       127.4       3.3       128.1         Oct       128.5       3.2       128.2         Nov       132.0       3.7       128.6         Dec       131.8       3.3       128.8         2024         ZO24       Jun       132.9       3.7       129.3         Feb       132.4       3.7       129.5         Mar       132.4       2.6       129.7         Apr       132.0       2.9       130.1         May       132.8       2.8       130.8         Jun       132.9       2.6       130.9         Jul       133.4       3.5       131.3         Aug       133.8       3.7       131.8		Jun	126.7	4.3	127.5	7.1
Sep       127.4       3.3       128.1         Oct       128.5       3.2       128.2         Nov       132.0       3.7       128.6         Dec       131.8       3.3       128.8         2024         Jan       132.9       3.7       129.3         Feb       132.4       3.7       129.5         Mar       132.4       2.6       129.7         Apr       132.0       2.9       130.1         May       132.8       2.8       130.8         Jun       132.9       2.6       130.9         Jul       133.4       3.5       131.3         Aug       133.8       3.7       131.8		Jul	126.3	2.5	127.6	5.9
Oct       128.5       3.2       128.2         Nov       132.0       3.7       128.6         Dec       131.8       3.3       128.8         2024         Jan       132.9       3.7       129.3         Feb       132.4       3.7       129.5         Mar       132.4       2.6       129.7         Apr       132.0       2.9       130.1         May       132.8       2.8       130.8         Jun       132.9       2.6       130.9         Jul       133.4       3.5       131.3         Aug       133.8       3.7       131.8		Aug	126.4	2.4	127.7	5.5
Nov       132.0       3.7       128.6         Dec       131.8       3.3       128.8         2024         Jan       132.9       3.7       129.3         Feb       132.4       3.7       129.5         Mar       132.4       2.6       129.7         Apr       132.0       2.9       130.1         May       132.8       2.8       130.8         Jun       132.9       2.6       130.9         Jul       133.4       3.5       131.3         Aug       133.8       3.7       131.8		Sep	127.4	3.3	128.1	5.2
Dec         131.8         3.3         128.8           2024         2024         3.7         129.3           Feb         132.4         3.7         129.5           Mar         132.4         2.6         129.7           Apr         132.0         2.9         130.1           May         132.8         2.8         130.8           Jun         132.9         2.6         130.9           Jul         133.4         3.5         131.3           Aug         133.8         3.7         131.8		Oct	128.5	3.2	128.2	4.9
2024       Jan     132. 9     3.7     129.3       Feb     132.4     3.7     129.5       Mar     132.4     2.6     129.7       Apr     132.0     2.9     130.1       May     132.8     2.8     130.8       Jun     132.9     2.6     130.9       Jul     133.4     3.5     131.3       Aug     133.8     3.7     131.8		Nov	132.0	3.7	128.6	4.9
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<b>Aug</b> 133.8 <b>3.7</b> 131.8		Jun	132.9	2.6	130.9	2.7
		Jul	133.4	3.5	131.3	2.9
<b>Sep</b> 130.3 <b>1.5</b> 132.0		Aug	133.8	3.7	131.8	3.2
		Sep	130.3	1.5	132.0	3.1

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**TABLE 6: Average Annual Inflation ( December 2018=100)** 

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	Group	Weights	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
1	Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	13.55	5.4	3.0	1.3	2.7	3.4	(0.5)	1.4	3.7	6.0	11.1	11.9
2	Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	4.34	10.3	9.0	6.1	2.5	4.5	1.1	2.8	5.4	8.9	5.3	4.6
3	Clothing & Footwear	5.95	6.3	6.0	7.6	6.5	3.2	1.8	1.3	2.2	3.5	4.4	5.7
4	Housing, Water, Electr. Gas & Other Fuels	17.45	4.3	3.9	7.1	6.3	5.4	4.1	2.1	5.1	7.7	6.6	2.1
5	Furnishing, H/H Equipment & Routine Maintenance	4.85	4.9	5.0	6.1	3.0	3.3	2.1	2.1	2.4	3.7	5.5	5.9
6	Health	3.38	5.5	8.3	6.3	3.0	2.4	1.1	1.0	1.3	2.7	2.7	2.9
7	Transport	23.43	7.3	1.2	(5.1)	(2.7)	1.6	7.5	6.2	(2.4)	12.3	31.1	4.2
8	Communication	6.94	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.5	(4.6)	(3.8)	0.5	1.3	1.3	1.9
9	Recreation & Culture	2.82	4.5	4.2	5.7	3.0	2.2	1.8	0.4	(0.2)	3.5	4.2	2.5
10	Education	4.60	4.7	7.4	6.4	3.7	4.1	5.5	3.1	4.7	2.2	2.2	5.2
11	Restaurants & Hotels	3.66	7.9	7.6	5.5	4.0	3.7	3.4	2.5	3.2	3.1	5.2	6.2
12	Miscellaneous Goods & Services	9.01	1.2	5.2	7.2	7.5	3.9	6.4	5.3	2.0	5.4	8.8	8.7
	All-Items Index	100.0	5.9	4.4	3.1	2.8	3.3	3.2	2.8	1.9	6.7	12.1	5.2



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### **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.

**Contributions:** These are percentage points that add up to the overall inflation rate. The contribution of a **group** to overall annual inflation depends on its weight in the consumption basket and its own annual inflation rate.

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

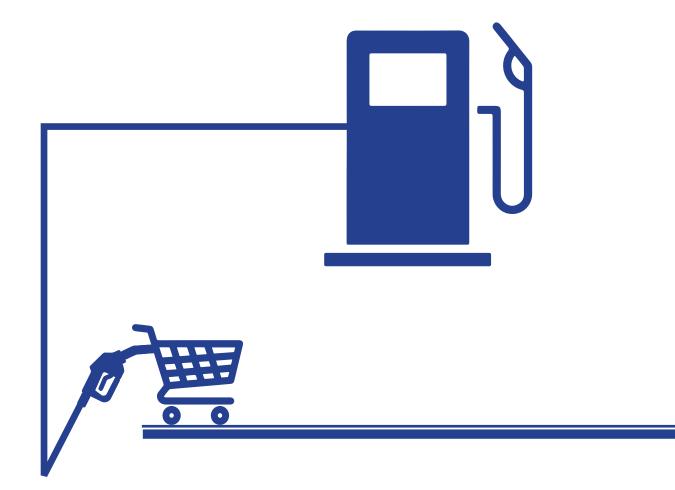
**Imported Tradeables** represents the goods and services which a country (Botswana) imports from other countries (trading partners).

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

All -Tradeables refers to the total of **Domestic** and **Imported Tradeables**.

**Trimmed Mean Core Inflation**- attempts to remove 8 percent (by weight) of the commodity sub-groups 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.











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