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# Newsletter

## Consumer Price Index (CPI)

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## Inflation Rate for June 2015 is 17.1%

### The Consumer Price Index

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) measures the change over time in the general price level of goods and services that households acquire for the purpose of consumption, with reference to the price level in 2012, the base year, which has an index of 100.

### June 2015 rate of inflation

The year-on-year inflation rate as measured by the CPI stood at 17.1 percent in June 2015, up by 0.2 percentage points from the 16.9 percent recorded in May 2015 (Table 1). This rate of inflation for June 2015 is the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) over the twelve-month period, from June 2014 to June 2015.

The monthly change rate for June 2015 was 1.8 percent compared to the 1.0 percent recorded for May 2015.

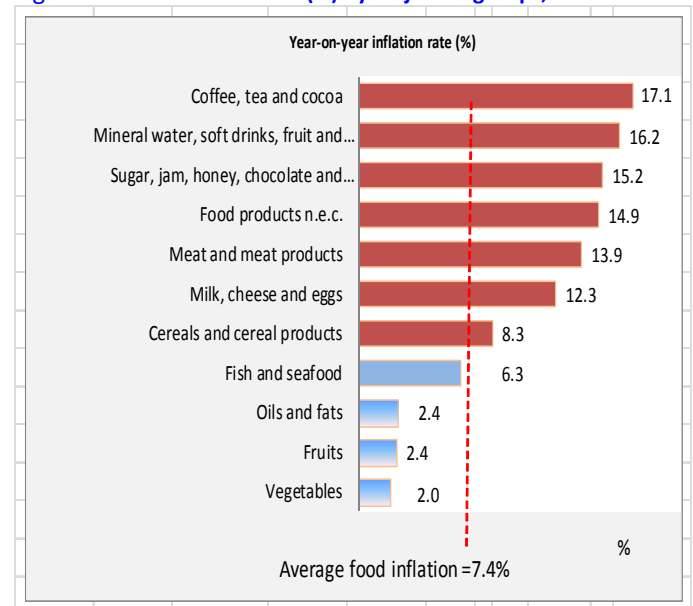
### Food and non-food inflation

The **Food and non-alcoholic beverages** group recorded a year-on-year inflation rate of 7.4 percent. This is 0.1 percentage point higher than the 7.3 percent recorded in May 2015. Seven subgroups of the food and non-alcoholic beverages group recorded inflation rates higher than the group's average rate of 7.4 percent (Figure1).

Table 1: Consumer Price Index (CPI), June 2014 to 2015

Year / Month	Index 2012 = 100	Change rate (%)	
		Monthly (m/m)	Yearly (y/y)
Jun-14	129.0	1.6	15.0
Jul-14	131.0	1.6	15.3
Aug-14	130.7	-0.2	15.9
Sep-14	130.5	-0.2	16.5
Oct-14	133.9	2.7	16.9
Nov-14	135.1	0.9	17.0
Dec-14	136.4	1.0	17.0
Jan-15	141.1	3.4	16.4
Feb-15	142.8	1.2	16.5
Mar-15	144.3	1.0	16.6
Apr-15	146.9	1.8	16.8
May-15	148.4	1.0	16.9
Jun-15	151.0	1.8	17.1

Figure 1: Food Inflation rate (%) by major subgroups, June 2015



The **non-food** group recorded a year-on-year inflation rate of 23.6 percent in June 2015, compared to the 23.4 percent recorded for May 2015. Four subgroups recorded year-on-year inflation rates higher than the group's average rate of 23.6 percent (Figure 2). **Transport** recorded the highest inflation rate of 25.5 percent, followed by **Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels** (24.8%), **Education** (24.6%) and **Clothing and Footwear** (24.3%). Inflation was lowest in the **Communication** subgroup (12.0%).

## Regional differentials

At the regional level, the year-on-year inflation rate ranged from 14.8 percent in both the Upper West and Northern Regions to 19.5 percent in the Central Region. Four regions (Central, Ashanti, Volta, and Upper East) recorded inflation rates above the national average of 17.1 percent (Figure 3).

## Dissemination

A bulletin on the June 2015 CPI and more detailed data in time series format have been posted on the GSS website [www.statsghana.gov.gh](http://www.statsghana.gov.gh). The target publication date of the monthly CPI newsletter is the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. It is released on the second Wednesday of every month, or on the third, when the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month falls on Wednesday. The next release date is 12<sup>th</sup> August 2015.

Figure 2: Year-on-year Non Food Inflation (%) by major subgroups, June 2015

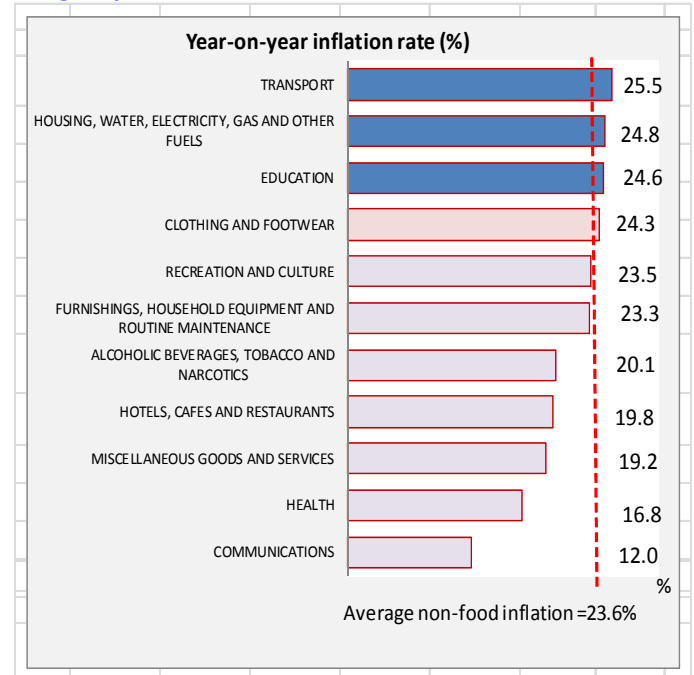


Figure 3: Year-on-year Inflation rate (%) by region, June 2015

