



Press Release

February 2014 inflation



CPI Press Release

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“ In this release, we present:

- . The rate of inflation for February 2014**
- . The components of the rate of inflation**
- . Regional inflation rates**



The Rate of Inflation

“ The inflation rate measures the average rise in the prices of all consumer goods and services in the country.

“ It is measured in two ways:

Annual (year-on-year) inflation measures the change in the average price level over a twelve month period.

Monthly change rate measures the change in the average price level between the current month and the previous month.



Annual Inflation Rate (year-on-year)

- “ The annual (year-on-year) inflation rate for February 2014 was 14.0%.

- “ This means that the change in the general price level was 14.0% over the one year period, from February 2013 to February 2014.
 - . The year-on-year inflation rate for January 2014 was 13.8%.



Monthly Change (month-on-month)

- “ The monthly change rate for February 2014 was 1.1%.
- “ This means that the change in the general price level went up by 1.1% between January and February 2014.
 - . The monthly change rate recorded for January 2014 was 3.9%



CPI for December 2013 – February 2014

Month	Index level	Change rate (%)	
	Sept 2012=100	Monthly	Yearly
December, 2013	116.6	1.0	13.5
January, 2014	121.2	3.9	13.8
February, 2014	122.6	1.1	14.0

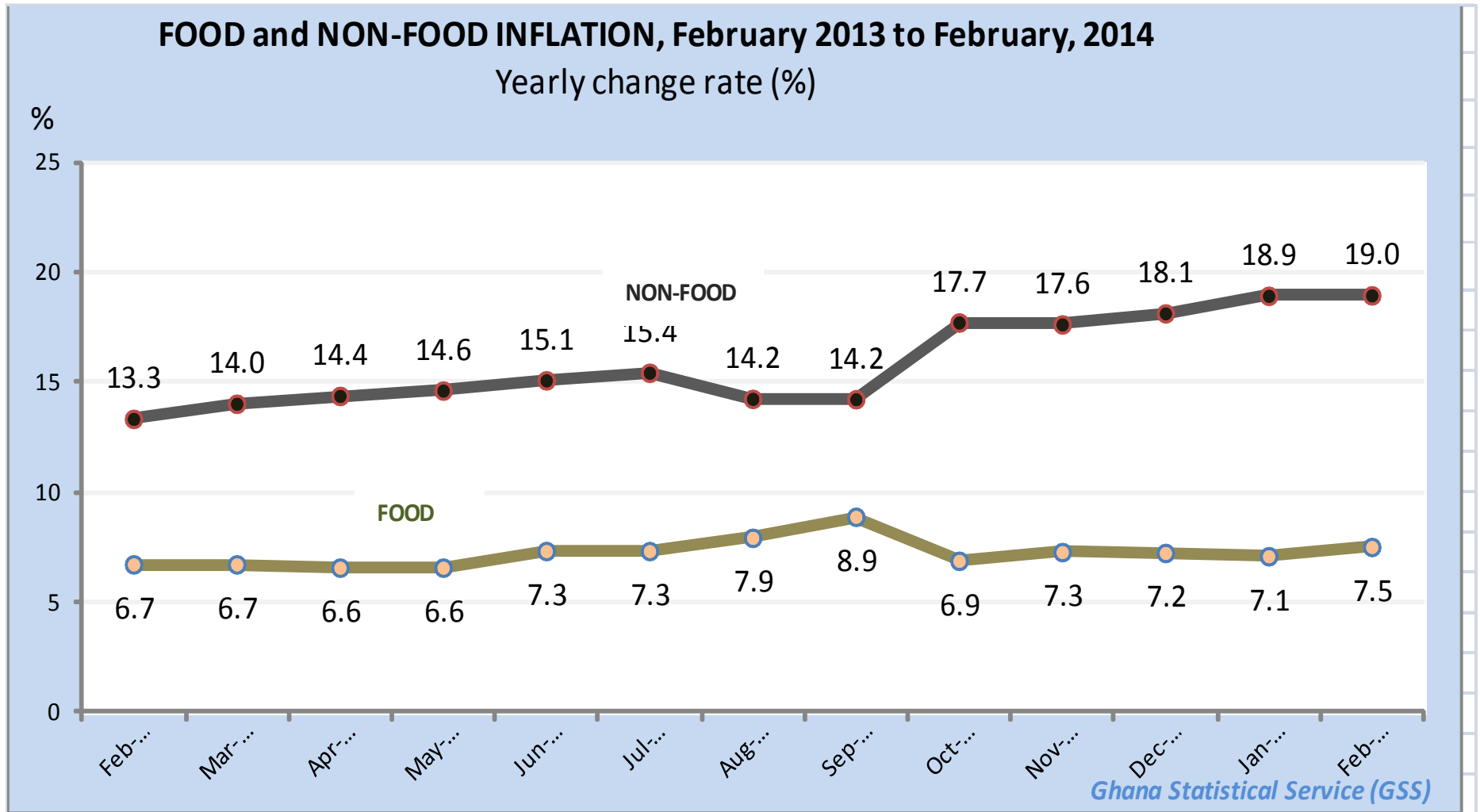


Food and Non-food Inflation rate

- “ The rate of inflation has two main components;
- . Food inflation and
 - . Non-food inflation
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- . The food inflation rate for February 2014 was **7.5%** (compared with 7.1% recorded in January 2014)
 - The non-food inflation rate for February 2014 was **19.0%** (compared with 18.9% recorded for January 2014)

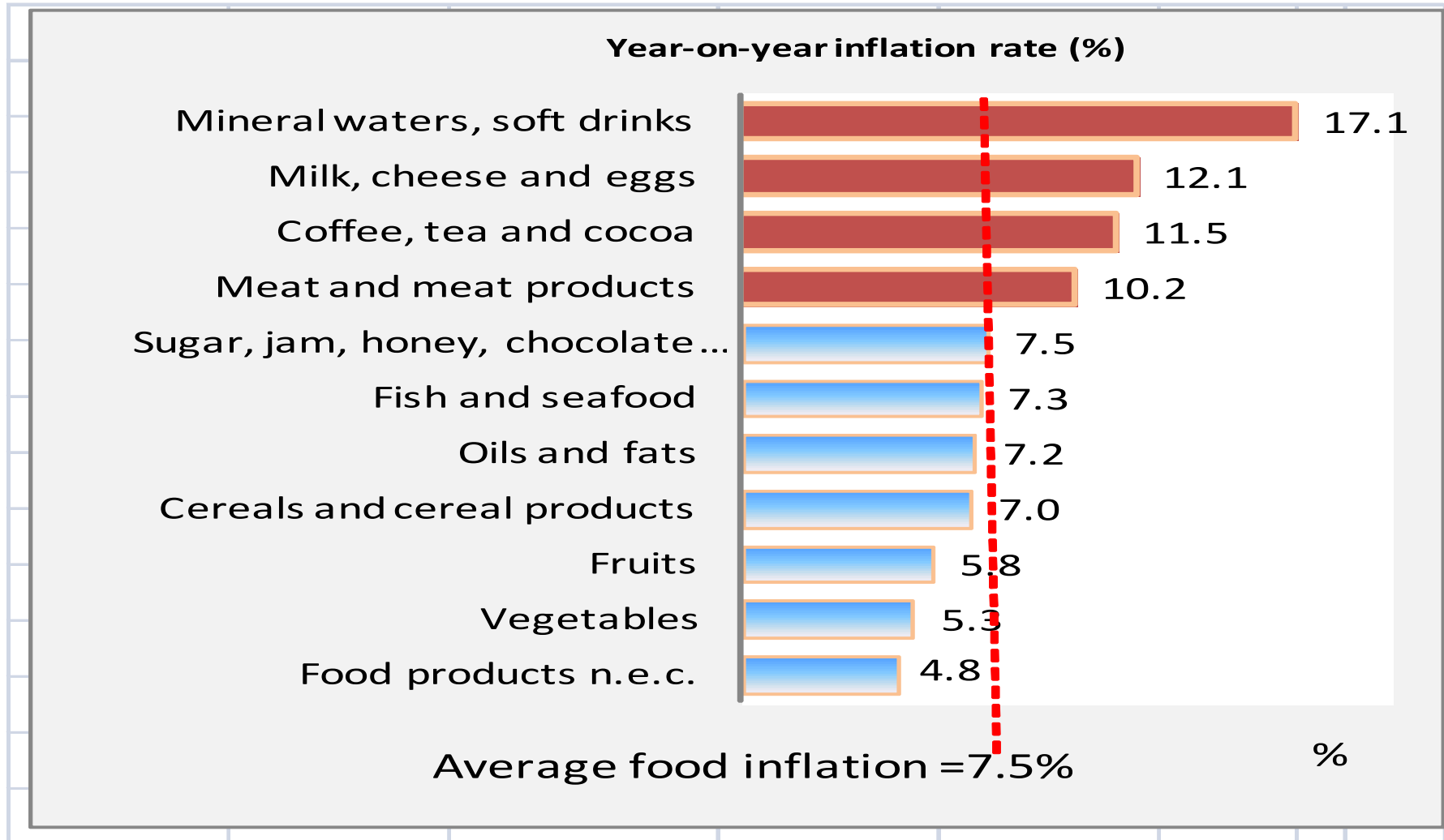


The food inflation rate (7.5%) was about two and a half times lower than the non-food inflation rate (19.0%)



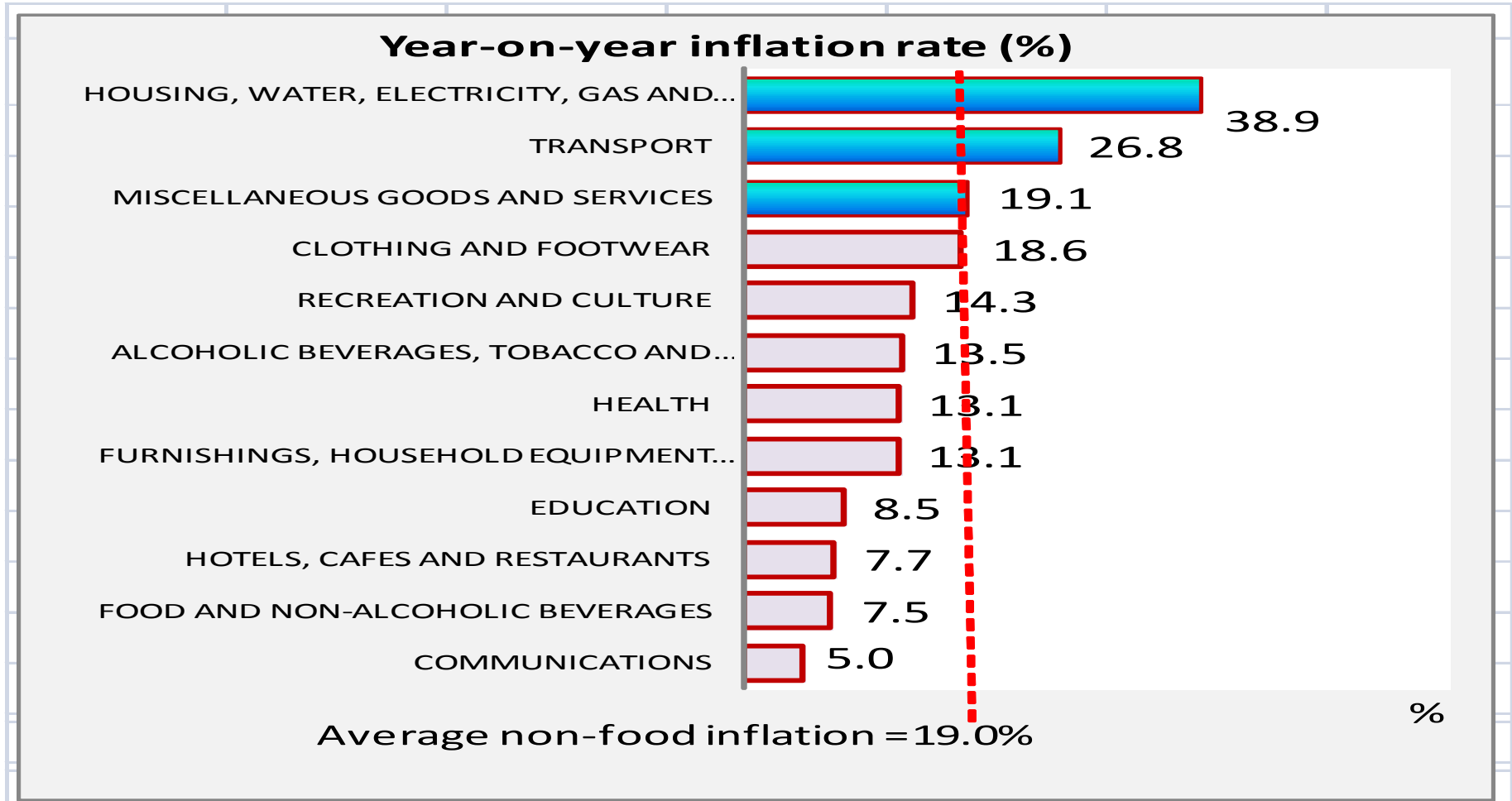


Within the Food group, four sub-groups recorded inflation rates higher than the group average of 7.5%





Within the Non-food group, three sub-groups recorded inflation rates higher than the group average rate of 19.0%





Ashanti Region recorded the highest combined and non-food inflation rate, while Volta Region recorded the highest food inflation rate in February 2014

Region	Food and non-alcoholic Beverages	Non-food	Combined Food and non-food
Year-on-year inflation rate (%)			
Western Region	8.7	17.4	13.3
Central Region	4.3	19.9	12.7
Greater Accra Region	4.5	21.1	14.4
Eastern Region	10.5	20.4	15.5
Volta Region	12.8	14.0	13.4
Ashanti Region	6.8	22.0	16.7
Brong Ahafo Region	8.3	13.8	11.5
Northern Region	8.8	14.3	11.7
Upper East Region	6.7	16.0	11.7
Upper West Region	9.0	9.9	9.5
NATIONAL	7.5	19.0	14.0



Ashanti Region recorded the highest Combined inflation inflation rate in February 2014. Seven commodity groups recorded inflation rates above the regional average of 16.7%

Year-on-year inflation rate (%)

Ashanti Region	Weight	Feb-14 (%)
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas And Other Fuels	1.6	35.9
Miscellaneous Goods And Services	1.5	30.5
Clothing And Footwear	2.0	25.7
Transport	1.5	22.7
Recreation And Culture	0.5	22.2
Furnishings, Household Equipment And Routine Maintenance	0.9	20.4
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco And Narcotics	0.2	17.8
Health	0.6	14.0
Education	1.1	11.2
Hotels, Cafes And Restaurants	1.4	9.4
Food And Non-Alcoholic Beverages	7.4	6.8
Communications	0.6	3.1
Regional inflation rate	19.3	16.7



Ashanti Region again recorded the highest non-food inflation rate in February 2014. Five commodity groups recorded inflation rates above the region’s non-food inflation rate of 22%

Year-on-year inflation rate (%)

Ashanti Region	Weight	Feb-14 (%)
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas And Other Fuels	1.6	34.7
Miscellaneous Goods And Services	1.5	33.9
Clothing And Footwear	2.0	27.7
Recreation And Culture	0.5	24.2
Furnishings, Household Equipment And Routine Maintenance	0.9	22.8
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco And Narcotics	0.2	17.1
Transport	1.5	14.7
Health	0.6	13.5
Hotels, Cafes And Restaurants	1.4	13.2
Education	1.1	13.0
Communications	0.6	3.1
Regional inflation rate	11.9	22.0



Volta Region recorded the highest food inflation rate in February 2014. Six food sub-groups recorded inflation rates above the region's food inflation rate of 12.8%

Year-on-year food and non-alcoholic beverages inflation rate (%)		
Volta Region	Weight	Feb-14 (%)
Mineral waters, soft drinks, fruits and vegetable juices	0.4	27.6
Milk, cheese and eggs	0.3	19.8
Coffee, tea and cocoa	0.1	17.6
Fruit	0.2	14.8
Vegetables	0.8	14.6
Fish and seafood	0.1	13.4
Cereals and cereal products	0.0	11.2
Sugar, jam, honey, chocolate and confectionery	0.5	8.8
Food products n.e.c.	0.1	8.0
Oils and fats	0.1	6.5
Meat and meat products	0.1	6.2
Regional food inflation rate	6.6	12.8



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PRESENTATION



In February 2014, the year-on year inflation rate was 14.0%, up from 13.8 % recorded in January 2014.

“ The monthly change rate in February 2014 was 1.1%; the rate for January 2014 was 3.9%.

“ The year-on-year non-food inflation rate for February 2014 was 19.0%; the rate recorded in January 2014 was 18.9%



“ The year-on-year food inflation rate for February was 7.5%, a rise from 7.1% recorded for January 2014.

“ The year-on-year food inflation rate (7.5%) was about two and a half times lower than the non-food inflation rate (19.0%).



“ The main “price drivers”* for the non-food inflation rate were Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels (38.9%), Transport (26.8%) and Miscellaneous goods and services (19.1%)

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“ The “price drivers” for the food inflation rate were Mineral water, soft drinks, fruit juices (17.1%), Milk, cheese and eggs (12.1%), Coffee, tea and cocoa (11.5%) and Meat and meat products(10.2%).



- “ The Ashanti Region recorded the highest regional year-on-year inflation rate of 16.7% and Upper West Region the lowest (9.5%).**
- “ The February inflation rate (14.0%) is the highest since March 2010.**



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