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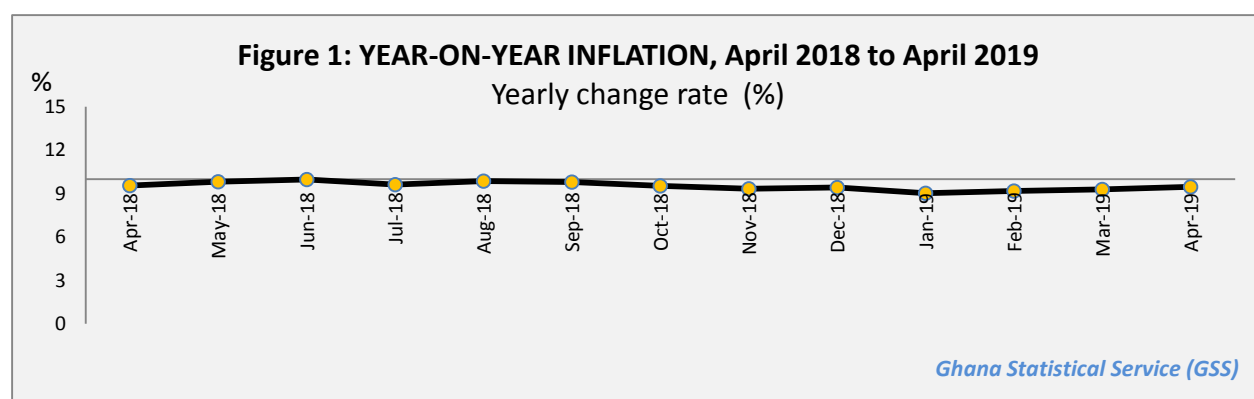
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HIGHLIGHTS FOR APRIL 2019

Inflation for April 2019 rose slightly to 9.5%

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.

The year-on-year inflation rate as measured by the CPI was 9.5 percent in April 2019 up by 0.2 percentage point from the 9.3 percent recorded in March 2019 (Figure 1). This rate of inflation for April 2019 is the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) over the twelve-month period, from April 2018 to April 2019.



The monthly change rate for April 2019 was 1.1 percent compared with the 1.2 percent recorded for March 2019.

Food and non-food inflation for April 2019

The Food and non-alcoholic beverages group recorded a year-on-year inflation rate of 7.3 percent. This is 1.1 percentage point lower than the 8.4 percent recorded in March 2019. Five subgroups of the food and non-alcoholic beverages group recorded inflation rates higher than the group's average rate of 7.3 percent. The subgroups were Coffee, tea and cocoa (13.7%), Fruits (10.4%), Mineral water, soft drinks, fruit and vegetable juices (9.5%), Meat and meat products (8.3.1%) and Vegetables (7.5%)

The non-food group recorded a year-on-year inflation rate of 10.4 percent in April 2019, as compared to 9.7% what was recorded for March 2019. Five subgroups of the non-food group recorded year-on-year inflation rates higher than the group’s average rate of 10.4 percent. Clothing and footwear (14.3%), Recreation and Culture (14.1%), Transport (13.2%), Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance (12.8%) and Miscellaneous Goods and services (10.0%). Inflation was lowest in Health (5.9%).

Regional differentials

At the regional level, the year-on-year inflation rate ranged from 8.0 percent in the Upper East Region to 11.5 percent in Upper West region. Three regions (Upper West, Brong Ahafo, Western and Ashanti) recorded inflation rates above the national average rate.

Year- on-year inflation by regions

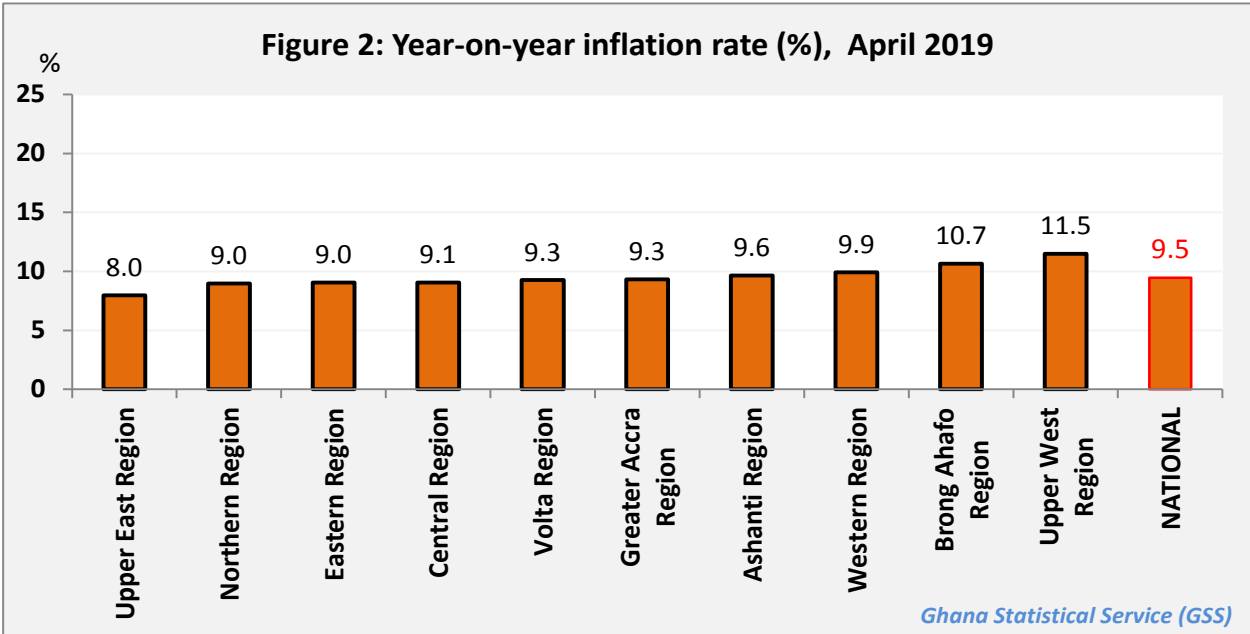


Table 2: Food and non-food inflation , April 2018 to April 2019

Year / Month	Year-on-year inflation (%)		
	Food and non- alcoholic beverages	Non-food	Combined Food and non-food
Apr-18	7.4	10.6	9.6
May-18	7.6	10.9	9.8
Jun-18	7.3	11.2	10.0
Jul-18	7.4	10.7	9.6
Aug-18	7.9	10.8	9.9
Sep-18	8.7	10.3	9.8
Oct-18	8.9	9.8	9.5
Nov-18	8.6	9.7	9.3
Dec-18	8.7	9.8	9.4
Jan-19	8.0	9.5	9.0
Feb-19	8.1	9.7	9.2
Mar-19	8.4	9.7	9.3
Apr-19	7.3	10.4	9.5

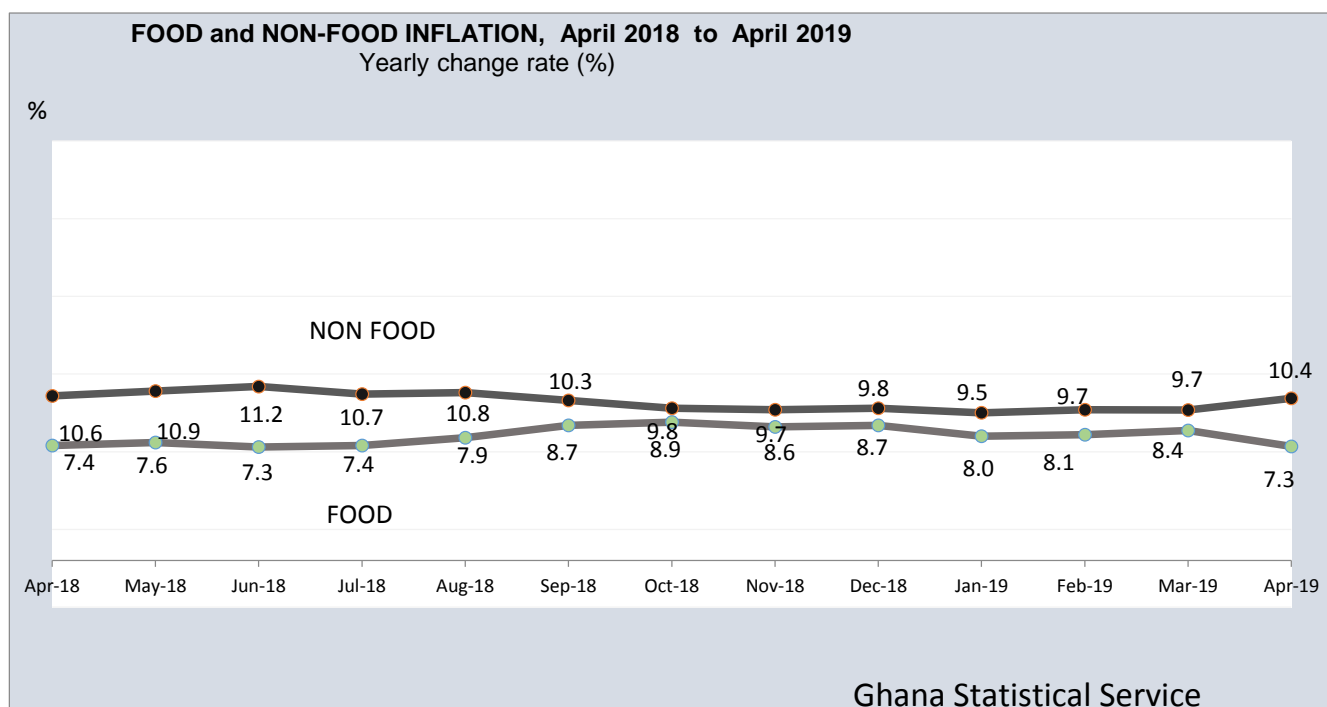


Table 3: Non-Food Inflation by COICOP major groups, April 2019

item (COICOP classification)	Weight	Index 2012=100	Change rate (%)	
			Monthly	Yearly
Non-food Inflation rate	100	292.4	1.5	10.4
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Others Fuels	8.6	336.9	1.2	6.0
Communicatons	2.7	175.7	1.5	6.7
Health	2.4	215.9	-0.7	5.9
Education	3.9	244.6	1.2	7.8
Hotels, Cafes and Restuarants	6.1	214.9	1.7	8.1
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	1.7	231.2	1.4	8.7
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	7.1	260.0	1.8	10.0
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance	4.7	292.1	1.8	12.8
Transport	7.3	382.2	0.5	13.2
Recreation and Culture	2.6	308.2	1.4	14.1
Clothing and Footwear	9.0	311.1	2.4	14.3

* Classification of Individual Consumption by Purpose

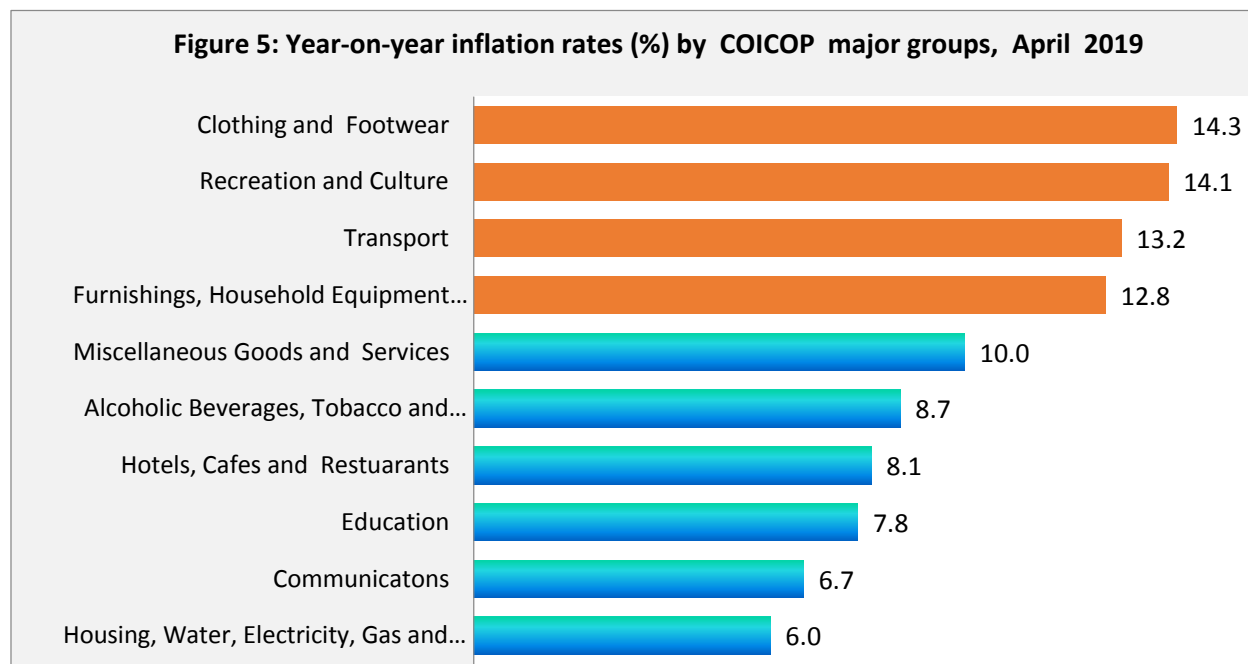


Table 4: Food Inflation by subgroups, April 2019

	Weight	Index 2012=100	Change rate (%)	
			Monthly	Yearly
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	43.9	165.0	0.1	7.3
Cereals and cereal products	1.8	163.0	1.3	3.9
Sugar, jam, honey, chocolate and confectionery	1.0	173.8	1.4	5.9
Food products n.e.c.	0.8	166.4	1.3	5.3
Milk, cheese and eggs	1.8	148.7	-0.8	4.3
Oils and fats	10.7	157.3	-0.7	5.5
Vegetables	1.5	201.0	1.4	7.5
Fish and sea food	9.6	170.5	0.0	7.1
Meat and meat products	3.8	189.2	0.4	8.3
Mineral water, soft drinks, fruit and vegetable juices	9.8	152.2	-0.3	9.5
Fruits	2.2	166.6	1.3	10.4
Coffee, tea and cocoa	0.8	200.6	1.8	13.7

* Food and non-alcoholic beverages

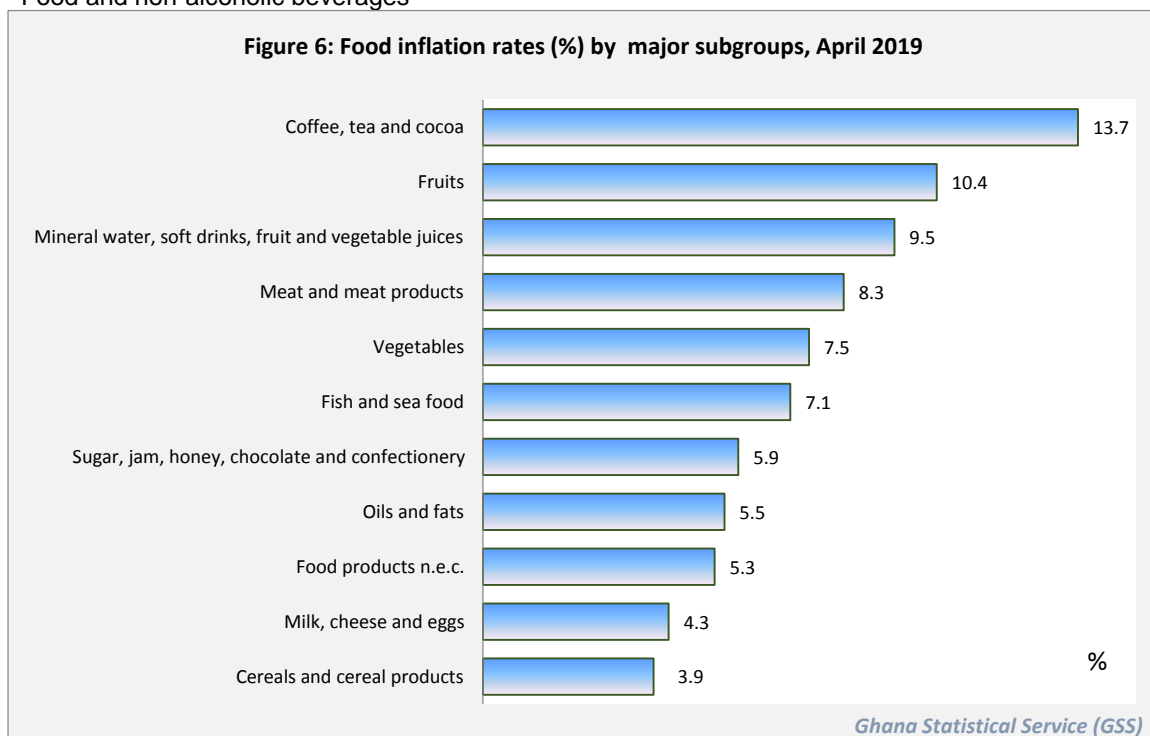


Table 5: Regional CPI, April 2019

Region	Index (2012=100)	Month-on-month inflation rate (%)	Year-on-year inflation rate (%)
Upper East Region	205.7	1.0	8.0
Greater Accra Region	245.1	0.9	9.3
Central Region	231.1	1.1	9.1
Eastern Region	231.4	1.1	9.0
Northern Region	227.3	0.9	9.0
Volta Region	219.6	1.1	9.3
Ashanti Region	247.0	1.2	9.6
Western Region	240.1	1.1	9.9
Brong Ahafo Region	230.9	1.2	10.7
Upper West Region	222.3	1.2	11.5
NATIONAL	236.5	1.1	9.5

Figure 7: Regional inflation rates (Year-on-year) - March 2019

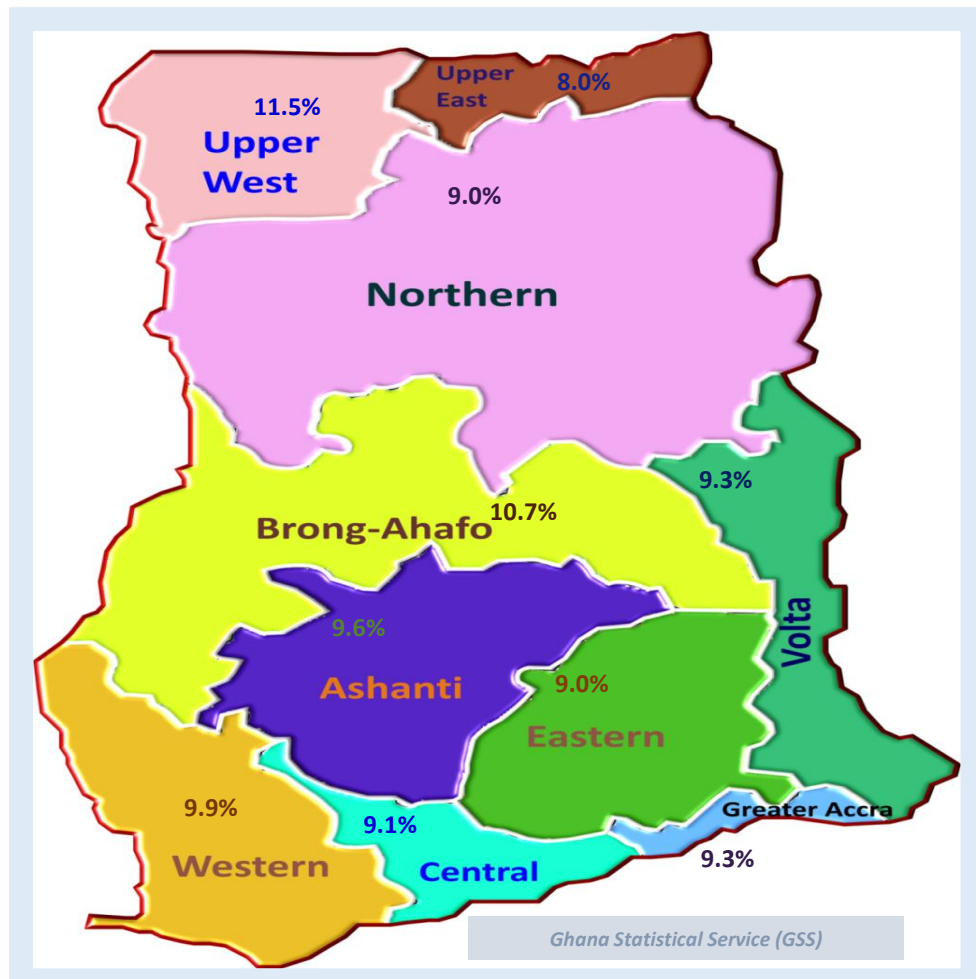


Table 6: Regional CPI and change rates, April 2019

Region	Food and non-alcoholic Beverages	Non-food	Combined Food and non-food
Index (2012=100)			
Western Region	175.1	299.1	240.1
Central Region	162.6	292.2	231.1
Greater Accra Region	176.2	289.7	245.1
Eastern Region	160.0	307.5	231.4
Volta Region	160.5	279.3	219.6
Ashanti Region	158.1	301.9	247.0
Brong Ahafo Region	158.1	288.8	230.9
Northern Region	165.0	283.8	227.3
Upper East Region	130.8	276.6	205.7
Upper West Region	148.9	275.1	222.3
NATIONAL	165.0	292.4	236.5
Month-on-month inflation rate (%)			
Western Region	0.0	1.6	1.1
Central Region	0.0	1.6	1.1
Greater Accra Region	0.2	1.2	0.9
Eastern Region	0.0	1.6	1.1
Volta Region	-0.1	1.8	1.1
Ashanti Region	0.1	1.6	1.2
Brong Ahafo Region	0.0	1.7	1.2
Northern Region	0.0	1.4	0.9
Upper East Region	-0.3	1.6	1.0
Upper West Region	-0.2	1.7	1.2
NATIONAL	0.1	1.5	1.1
Year-on-year inflation rate (%)			
Western Region	7.7	11.1	9.9
Central Region	7.4	9.9	9.1
Greater Accra Region	7.6	10.0	9.3
Eastern Region	6.6	10.4	9.0
Volta Region	7.1	10.6	9.3
Ashanti Region	7.8	10.2	9.6
Brong Ahafo Region	7.6	12.0	10.7
Northern Region	5.8	10.7	9.0
Upper East Region	4.5	9.6	8.0
Upper West Region	5.2	14.1	11.5
NATIONAL	7.3	10.4	9.5