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Service Producer Price Inflation Rate in April 2023 is 18.4%

The Service Producer Price Index (SPPI)

The Service Producer Price Index (SPPI) measures the average change over time in the prices received by domestic producers to produce their goods and services. The PPI for Ghana reports the producer price indices with an index reference period of March 2020 – February 2021 = 100. This release shows the annual (year-on-year) and monthly producer inflation rates for services in three major sub-sectors (Transport and Storage; Food and Accommodation; Information and Communication). The SPPI figure for April 2023 is provisional and is subject to revision when additional data becomes available. All other indicators are final.

April 2023 SPPI

The Service Producer Price Inflation rate for April 2023 is 18.4 percent. This rate indicates that between April 2022 and April 2023 (year-on-year), the SPPI increased by 18.4 percent. This rate represents a 0.2 percentage point increase in Service Producer Price inflation relative to the rate recorded in March 2023 (18.2%). The month-on-month change in the SPPI between March 2023 and April 2023 is 0.5 percent. (Table 1).

Table1: PPI for March 2023 & April 2023

| | Index level | Change rate (%) | |
|------------|----------------|-----------------|--------|
| Month | 2020- 2021=100 | Monthly | Yearly |
| March 2023 | 124.0 | 6.4 | 18.2 |
| April 2023 | p124.6 | p0.5 | p18.4 |

p = Provisional

The Service producer price inflation in the Transport and Storage sub-sector decreased by 0.4 percentage points over the March 2023 rate of 59.5 percent to 59.0 percent in April 2023. The Accommodation and food sub-sector rate decreased by 3.1 percentage points to 51.1 percent in April 2023. The Information and communication sub-sector recorded an 11.8 percent inflation rate for April 2023 compared to 11.3 percent in March 2023.

Table 2: SPPI and Inflation by Sector, April 2023 (Q1 2021= 100)

| Sector | Index level | Change rate (%) | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------|
| 360101 | 2020-2021=100 | Monthly | Yearly |
| Transportation and storage | 184.7 | -0.5 | 59.0 |
| Accommodation and food service | 172.7 | -0.9 | 51.1 |
| Information and communication | 114.6 | 0.8 | 11.8 |
| ALL SERVICES | 124.6 | 0.5 | 18.4 |

The data in this table are provisional.

Transport and Storage sector

Producer inflation in the land transport and transport via pipelines sub-sector decreased by 0.1 percentage points from 27.3 percent in March 2023 to 27.2 percent in April 2023. Inflation in the air transport sub-sectors increased by 18.8 percentage points in April 2023. The postal and courier

activities recorded an inflation rate of 46.8 percent in April 2023 (Fig.1).

Accommodation and Food Sector

The producer inflation in accommodation activities recorded an inflation rate of 55.3 percent in April 2023. Food and beverage service activities recorded an inflation rate of 42.9 percent in April 2023 compared to 38.5 percent in March 2023 (Fig. 2).

Information and Communication Sector

Information service activities (247.1%) had the highest inflation in April 2023, followed by the motion picture, video and television production, sound recording, and music publishing activities recorded at the rate of (45.3%). Computer programming, consultancy, and related activities recorded the lowest inflation (4.0%) (Fig. 3).

Highlights

The year-on-year service producer price inflation is 18.4 percent in April 2023; the monthly change rate is 0.5 percent.

The Transport and Storage sub-sector recorded the highest year-on-year producer price inflation rate of 59.0 percent, followed by the Accommodation and food service sub-sector with 51.1 percent. The Information and communication sub-sector recorded the lowest year-on-year producer inflation rate of 11.8 percent.

The Information and Communication sub-sector recorded the highest monthly inflation rate of 0.8 percent, followed by the Transport and Storage sub-sector with -0.5 percent. The Accommodation and food sub-sector recorded a monthly inflation rate of -0.9 percent in April 2023.

Fig 1: Transport and Storage SPPI (Year-on-Year)

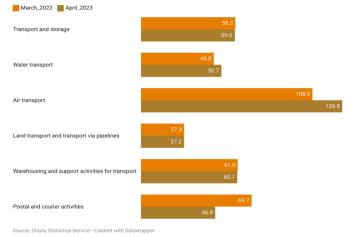


Fig 2: Accommodation and Food SPPI (Year-on-Year)

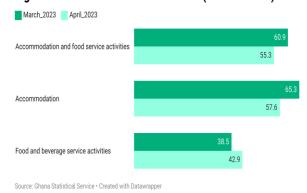
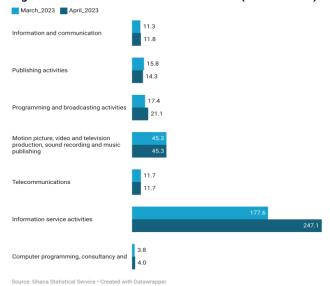


Fig 3: Information and Communication SPPI (Year-on-Year)



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