

REPUBLIC OF RWANDA



NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STATISTICS OF RWANDA

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (C.P.I.)
Kigali – May 2009
CAUTION

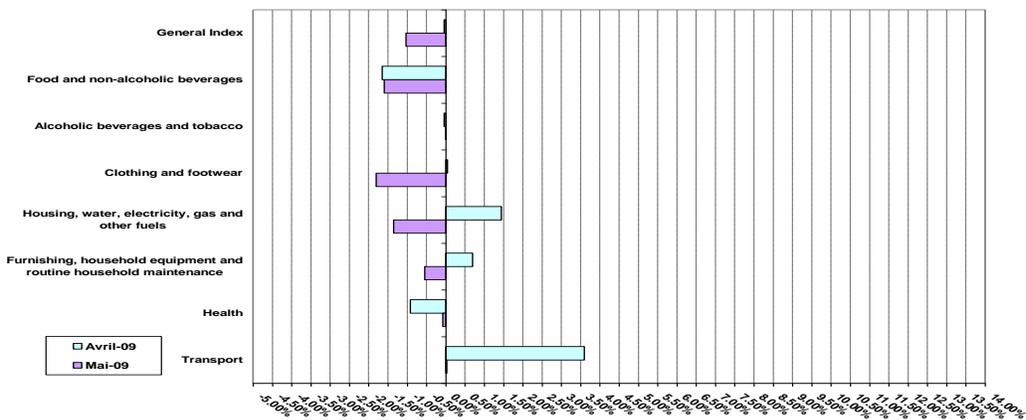
The National Institute of Statistics of Rwanda is very pleased to deliver to users the new Consumer Price Index (CPI) based in 2003 that replaces the previous one which was based in 1989.

The Index is published every month by the 15th.

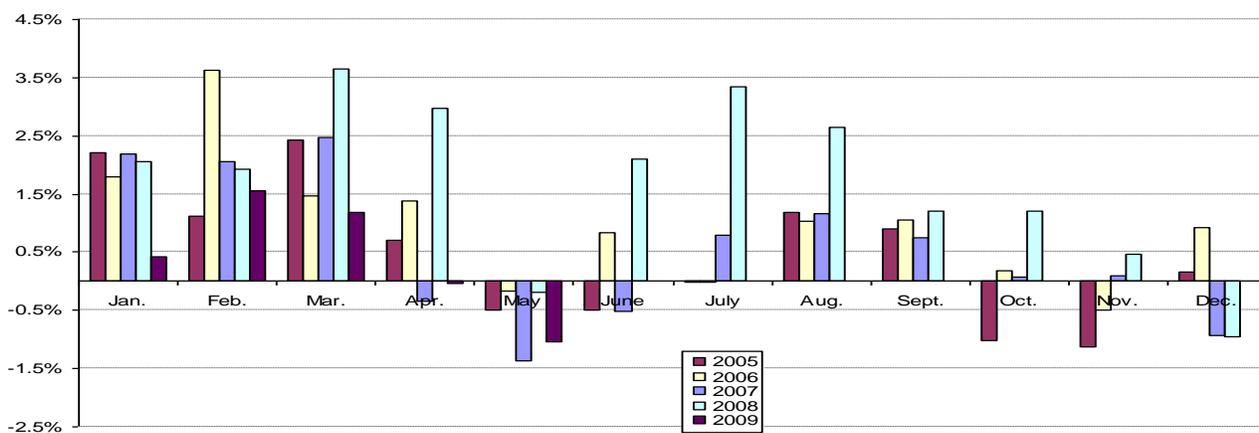
Base 100: 2003

	Divisions ❖ Groups	Weights	Indices for the following months:					Changes in % over					
			May 08	Feb. 09	March 09	April 09	May 09	1 month	3 months	12 months			
	GENERAL INDEX	10 000	161.8	182.2	184.3	184.2	182.3	-1.04	0.09	12.69			
01	Food and non-alcoholic beverages	3 709	168.7	205.4	208.0	204.6	201.3	-1.60	-1.98	19.30			
0111	❖ Bread and cereals	625	175.0	227.4	225.2	218.6	219.0	0.17	-3.69	25.17			
0112	❖ Meat	345	149.5	192.8	192.6	188.8	191.1	1.19	-0.92	27.76			
0113	❖ Fish	114	185.3	205.4	214.3	213.9	219.8	2.73	6.98	18.58			
0117	❖ Vegetables	1 332	161.8	203.4	206.4	206.3	199.0	-3.54	-2.13	23.04			
012	❖ Non-alcoholic beverages	180	140.4	163.2	167.7	168.4	164.5	-2.29	0.81	17.21			
02	Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	221	144.6	174.2	179.1	179.1	179.0	-0.01	2.77	23.85			
03	Clothing and footwear	500	110.1	114.8	115.0	115.0	112.9	-1.81	-1.63	2.61			
04	Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	1 579	219.9	235.3	237.6	241.1	237.8	-1.36	1.07	8.11			
05	Furnishing, household equipment and routine household maintenance	764	141.7	151.7	154.7	155.7	154.9	-0.54	2.11	9.29			
06	Health	708	128.9	136.6	141.0	139.7	139.6	-0.07	2.17	8.31			
07	Transport	987	146.6	147.1	148.2	153.5	153.5	0.03	4.39	4.73			
08	Communication	37	120.5	118.7	119.7	119.7	119.6	-0.06	0.80	-0.68			
09	Recreation and culture	206	108.3	113.9	114.4	115.2	116.6	1.23	2.40	7.68			
10	Education	432	175.7	205.7	206.7	207.7	208.7	0.48	1.46	18.77			
11	Restaurants and hotels	273	154.4	175.4	176.8	179.9	179.3	-0.32	2.21	16.08			
12	Miscellaneous goods and services	584	117.8	123.5	122.6	123.2	122.9	-0.27	-0.49	4.33			
Month	May 08	June 08	July 08	Aug. 08	Sept. 08	Oct. 08	Nov. 08	Dec. 08	Jan. 09	Feb. 09	Mar. 09	April 09	May 09
Index (2003=100)	161.8	165.2	170.7	175.2	177.3	179.5	180.3	178.6	179.4	182.2	184.3	184.2	182.3
Annual changes	12.4	15.37	18.28	20.02	20.55	21.90	22.37	22.32	20.38	19.95	17.08	13.64	12.69

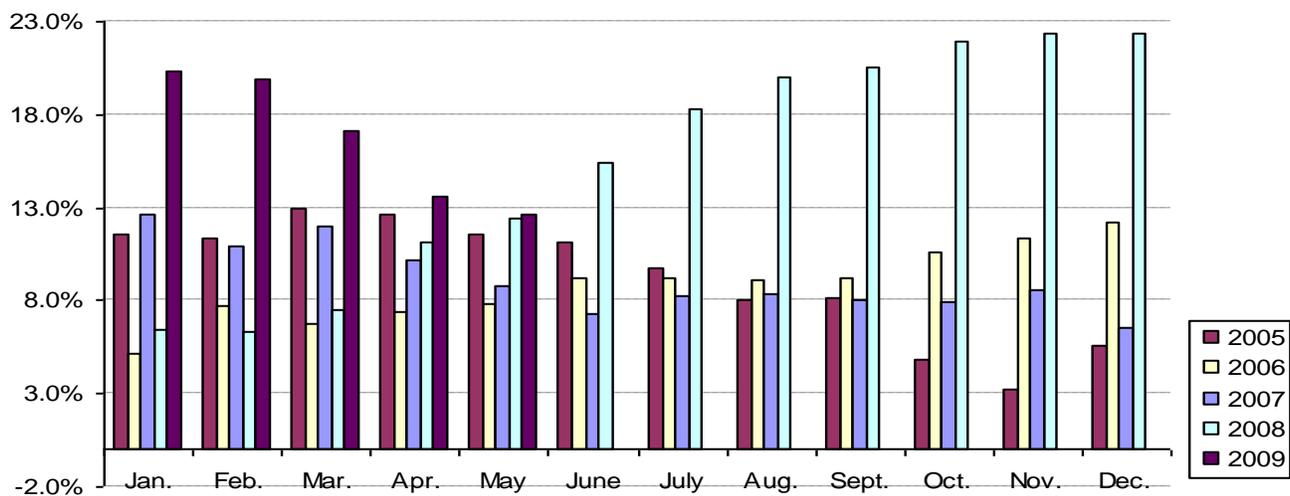
Fluctuations of the general index and the divisions index April 2009 and May 2009



Monthly Changes



Annual Changes



CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI), MAY 2009 (Base 100 = 2003)

In May 2009 the general consumer prices index is established at 182.3 this stands for a decrease of 1.04% over the previous month which was 184.2. In annual change it increased by 12.69% compared to 13.64% in the previous month. This gives a general inflation rate by an annual average of 18.6% during the month of May 2009.

The underlying inflation rate (excluding fresh food and energy) is - 0.29% if compared to the previous month and +10.75% on annual change. The annual average underlying inflation rate is + 10.8% in May 2009 down from the previous month (12.6%).

The decrease in the consumer prices index of 1.04% is attributable primarily to the decrease in prices of Food and non-alcoholic beverages (-1.60%), Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels (-1.36%), and clothing and footwear (-1.81%).

It is noted that the decrease of 1.60% in prices of Food and non-alcoholic beverages is attributable primary to the decrease of 3.54% of Vegetables.

In annual change, the increase in the general index of 12.69% is mainly due to the rising prices of Food and non-alcoholic beverages (19.30%), Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels (8.11%), Furnishing, household equipment and routine household maintenance index (9.29%) and Education (18.77%) which contributed +7.47%, +1.74%, +0.62% and 0.88% respectively.

The 'local goods' increased by 14.18% on annual change with a monthly variation of -1.36%, while prices of the imported products rose by 8.33% on annual change with a monthly change of -0.57%.

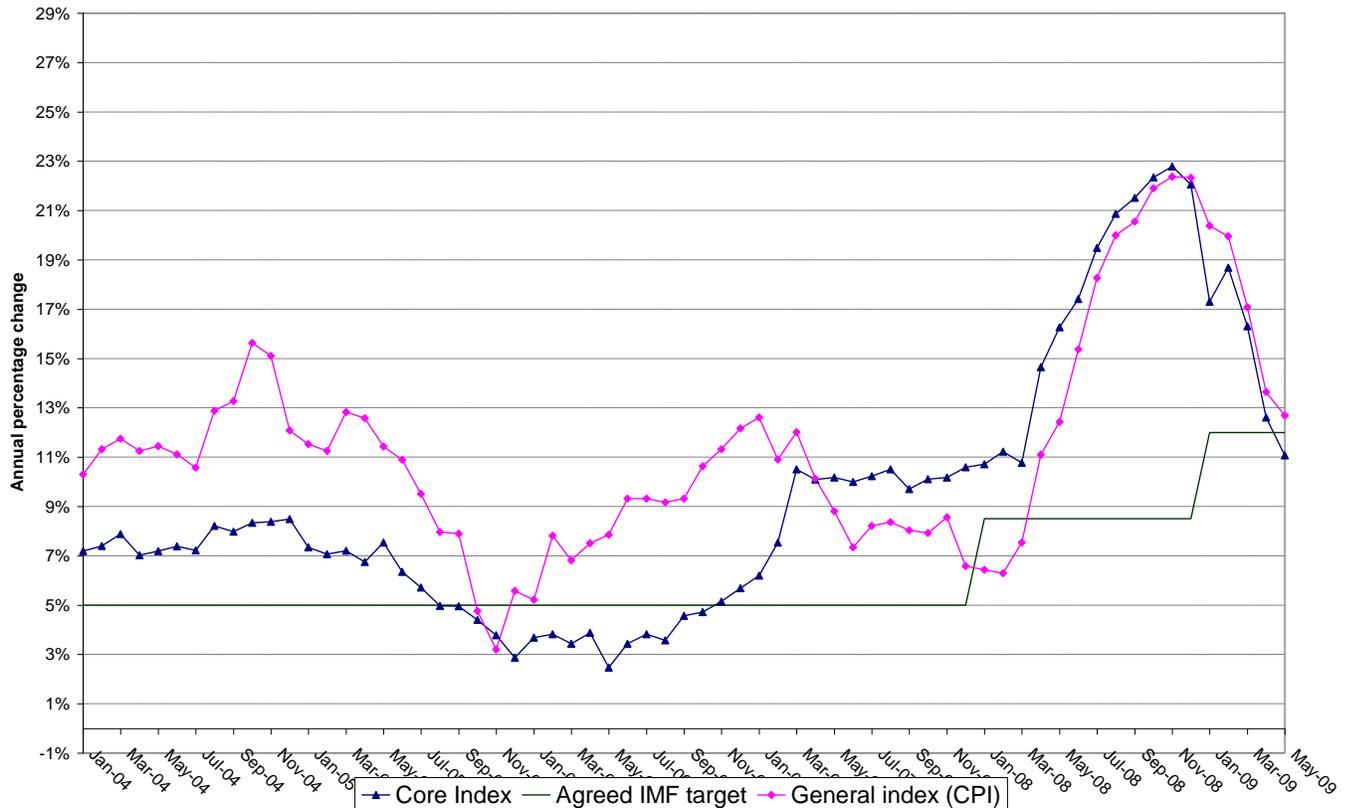
The prices of the fresh products had a positive annual change of 25.30% between May 2009 and May 2008.

Evolution (over 12 months) of the rate of inflation (%) ⁽¹⁾

MONTH	May 08	June 08	July 08	Aug. 08	Sep. 08	Oct. 08	Nov. 08	Dec. 08	Jan. 09	Feb. 09	March 09	April 09	May 09
General index	8.3	8.9	9.8	10.8	11.8	13.0	14.2	15.4	16.6	17.7	18.5	18.7	18.6
Core / Underlying	11.3	11.9	12.7	13.6	14.6	15.6	16.7	17.6	18.3	18.7	16.3	12.6	10.8

(1) In May 2009 the average index of the last twelve months (June 2008 to May 2009) increased by 18.6% (general index) and 10.8% (core index) compared to the average index of the previous twelve months (June 2007 to May 2008).

Annual changes (Comparison with the same month of the previous year)



Other Indices

	Weights	Indices for the following months:				Changes in % over:			
		May 08	Feb. 09	March. 09	April 09	May 09	1 month	3 months	12 months
General Index	10 000	161.8	182.2	184.3	184.2	182.3	-1.04	0.09	12.69
Local Goods Index	6 956	168.5	191.9	195.2	195.0	192.4	-1.36	0.23	14.18
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	2 627	164.8	208.4	211.2	206.6	202.6	-1.92	-2.80	22.90
Housing. Water. Electricity. gas and other fuels	1 501	217.9	232.5	236.5	240.3	236.8	-1.46	1.85	8.69
Transport	698	136.6	133.4	134.1	141.6	141.7	0.04	6.16	3.71
Imported Goods Index	3 044	146.2	158.8	159.7	159.3	158.4	-0.57	-0.27	8.33
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	1 082	180.2	200.7	201.9	201.4	199.7	-0.87	-0.51	10.80
Furnishing. household equipment	533	123.2	132.3	133.5	133.8	133.0	-0.60	0.55	8.01
Transport	289	170.6	177.6	181.5	181.7	181.6	-0.06	2.27	6.44
Kigali Index	7 679	159.7	178.0	179.9	180.0	177.7	-1.27	-0.16	11.27
Provinces Index⁽¹⁾	2 321	168.6	179.8	198.4	197.5	196.9	-0.33	9.49	16.73
Fresh Products index⁽²⁾	2 186	164.7	212.1	216.9	212.7	206.4	-2.94	-2.67	25.30
Energy index	761	264.3	271.7	282.0	287.3	282.0	-1.85	3.80	6.70
General Index excluding fresh Products and energy⁽³⁾	7 053	150.5	165.5	166.7	167.2	166.7	-0.29	0.74	10.75

(1) This is the index for the country without Kigali

(2) Fresh products are food products which have seasonal fluctuations

(3) Proxy for underlying inflation

METHODOLOGICAL NOTICE

The Consumer Price Index is a Laspeyres index that covers household consumption as it is used by national accounts. The reference population for the CPI consists of all households living in urban areas in Rwanda.

The household basket includes 438 products observed in many places spread all over the administrative centers of all provinces in Rwanda. All kinds of places of observation are selected: shops, markets, services, etc. More than 25.000 prices are collected every month by enumerators of the National Institute of Statistics of Rwanda and of the National Bank of Rwanda.

The base year for the CPI is the year 2003.

The weights used for this new index are the result of the Household Living Conditions Survey (EICV) conducted in 2000-2001 with a sample of 6.450 households.

The splicing with the old index is feasible using the splicing coefficient of 3.889. If you divide the old index by this coefficient, you will be able to make comparisons with the new index based in 2003.

Additional methodological documentation can be obtained at the National Institute of Statistics of Rwanda, Economic Statistics Department.

Contacts

National Institute of Statistics of Rwanda (NISR), P.O. BOX 6139 Kigali, Tel.: (250) 750545 Fax: (250) 575719. Web site: www.statistics.gov.rw /CPI Indexes

Publication Director: MURANGWA Yusuf. magoyusuf@hotmail.com, Acting Director General of the NISR

Director, Economic Statistics Department: MURANGWA Yusuf. magoyusuf@hotmail.com

Statistician in charge of Consumer Prices (NISR): Lucie MUTETIJABIRO, lmuetetjabiro@yahoo.fr

Senior Officer, Economic Statistics & Management Information system Database at the NBR: Callixte Karamage. ckaramage@yahoo.fr; ckaramage@bnr.rw

Subscribers can receive this publication by e-mail.