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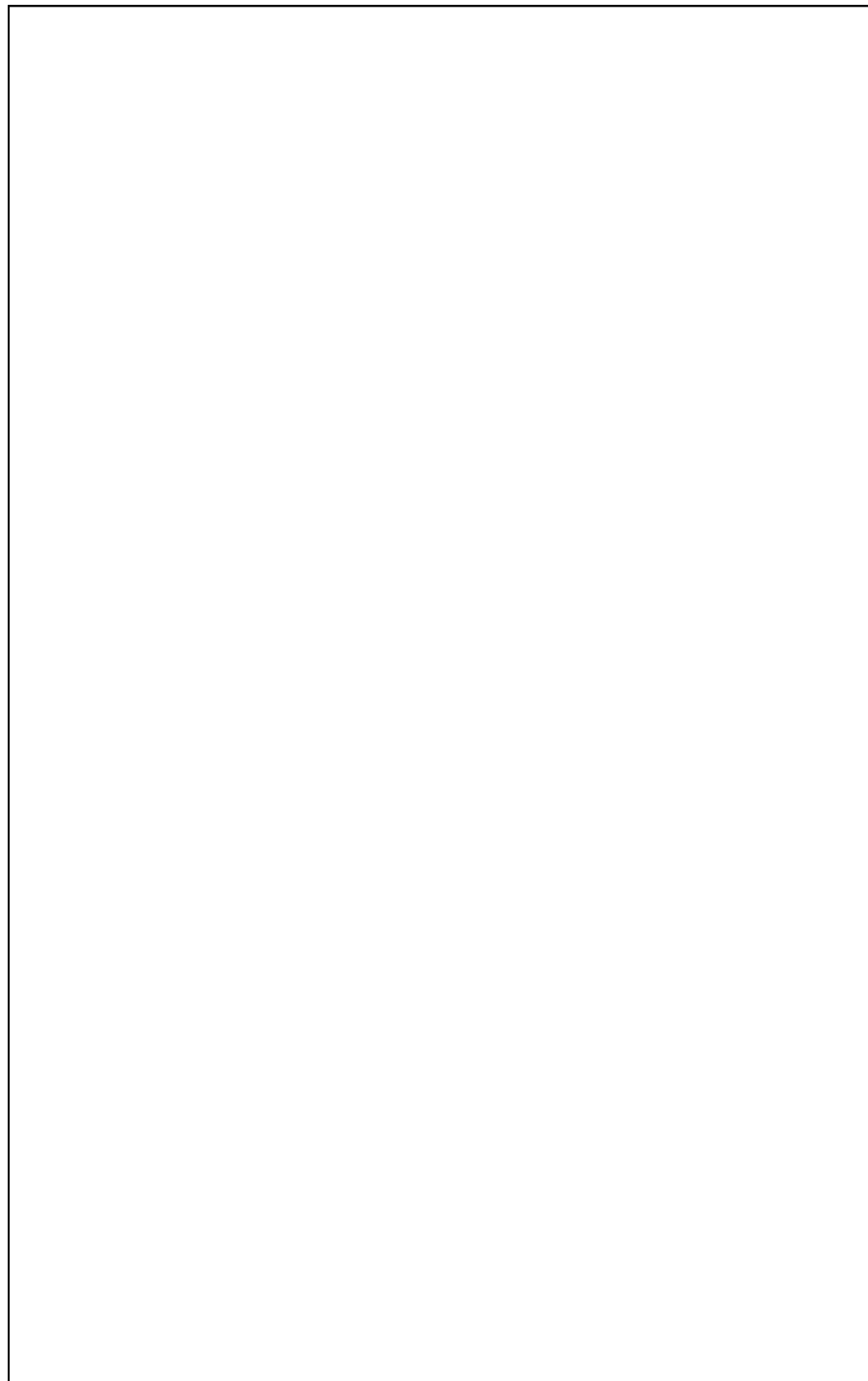
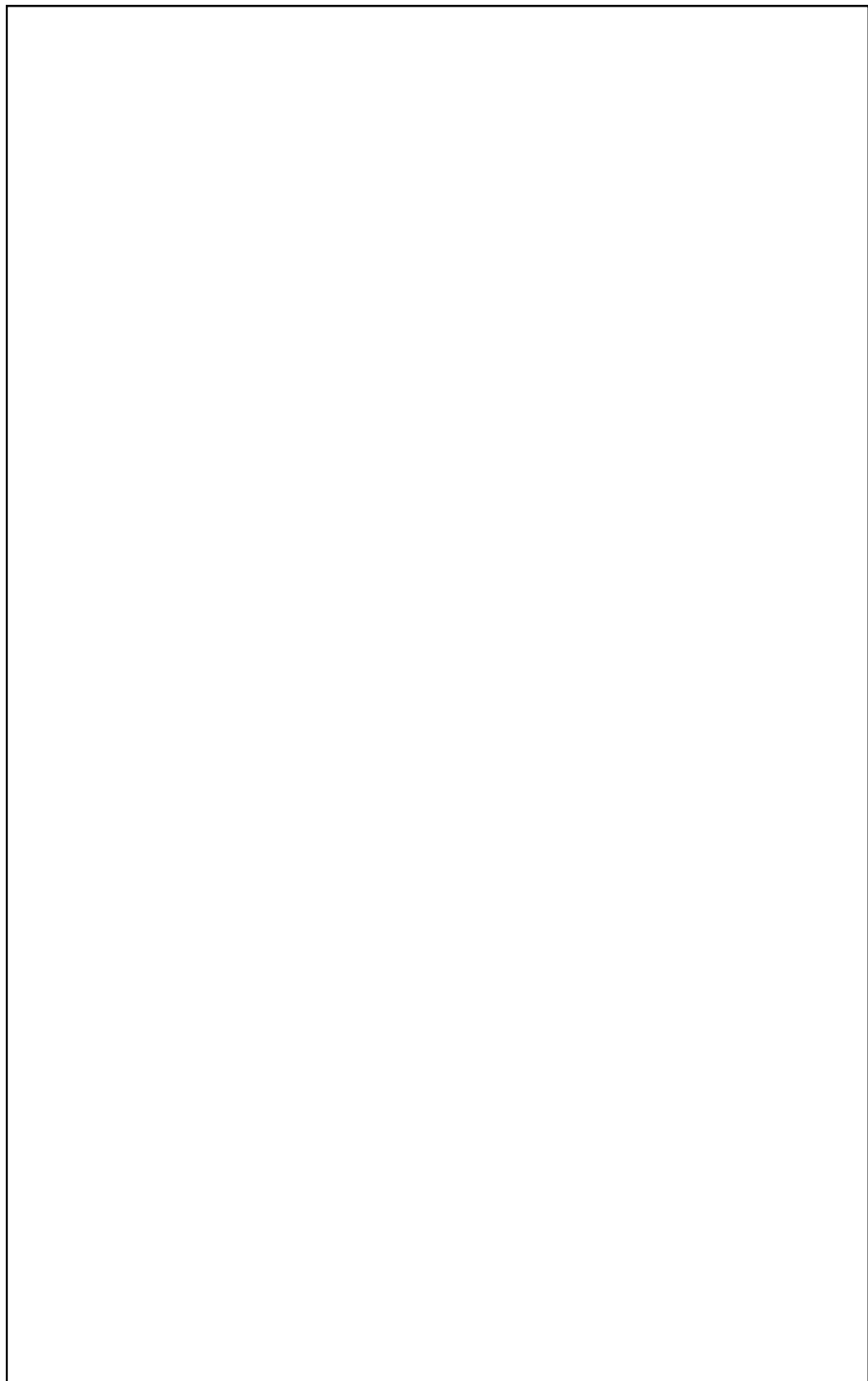
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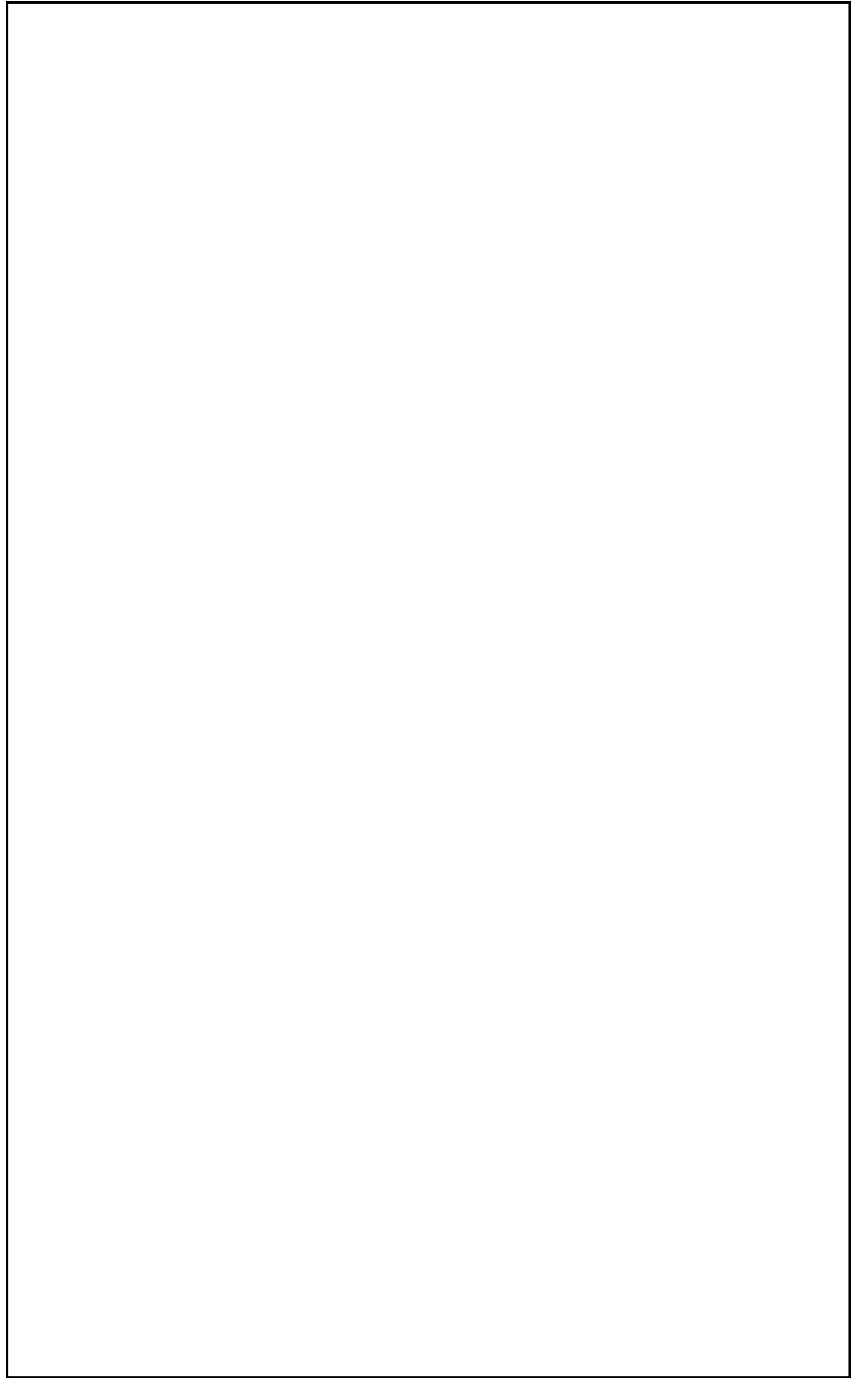
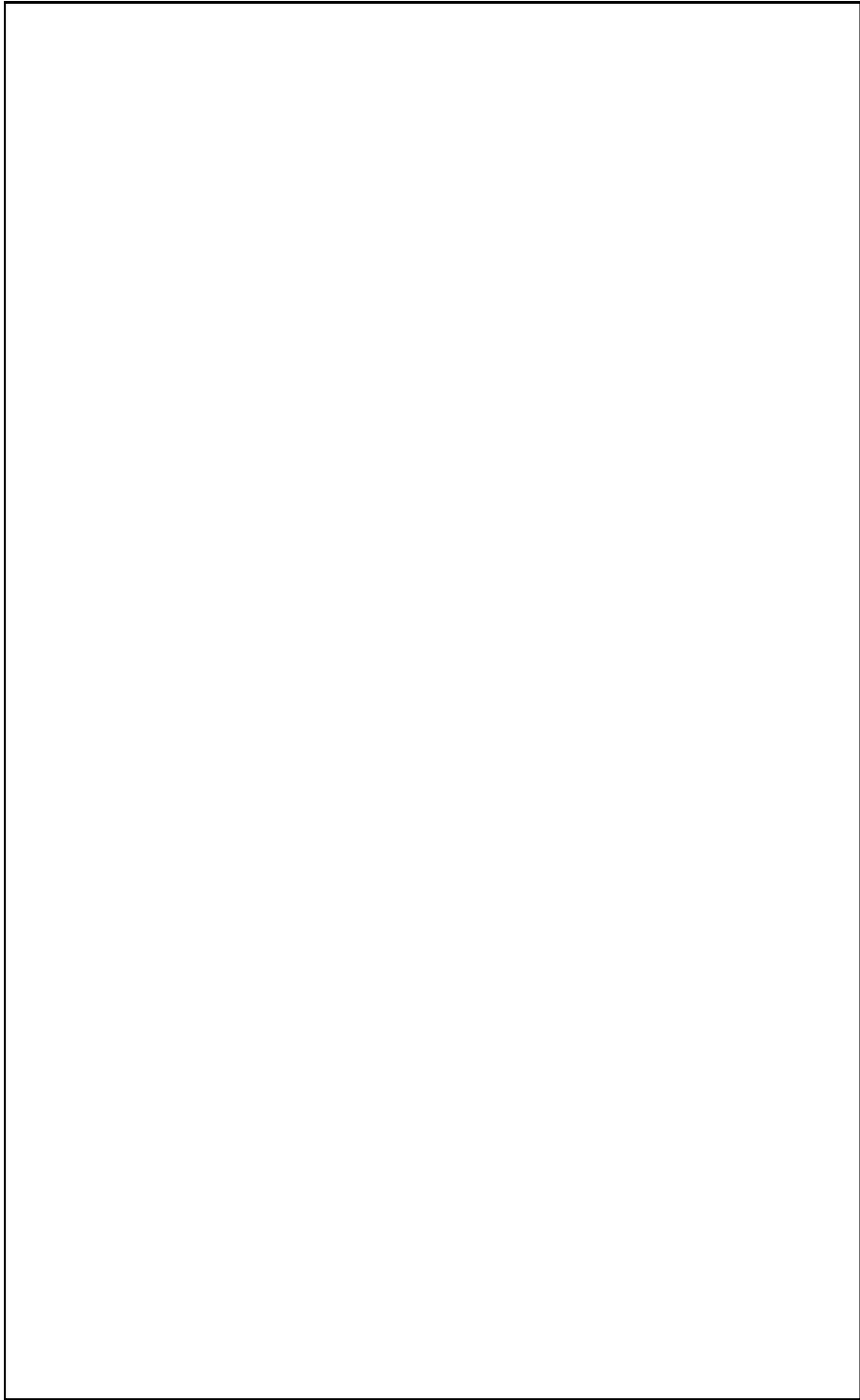
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7. Sample Outlets

Sample outlets are permanent establishments or retail shops from which monthly price of goods and services are collected or quoted. These include groceries, clothing and footwear, restaurants, hardware shops, vegetable markets and service providers etc. The outlets are selected based on a set of pre-determined criteria. For current CPI, prices are collected from a sample of 557 outlets. Special procedures apply to replace the outlets or the items, if they are no longer available or sold in or by the outlet.

8. Data Collection Method

Prices are collected online from the sampled outlets by price collectors using mobile application devices once every month. Each price collected reflects the out-of-pocket expenditure a consumer makes in order to assume the ownership of a good or service. Price collected is the purchaser's price, which includes the marked price plus any taxes or surcharges.

FOREWORD

National Statistics Bureau (NSB) is pleased to release the Consumer Price Index (CPI) Bulletin for April 2014. This is the 6th series of monthly CPI Bulletin published by National Accounts and Price Division, NSB.

The Bulletin is compiled using December 2012 as the price reference period and tracks the price movements of 436 commodities and services in 20 districts and 2 major urban areas. The rebased CPI uses the Geometric Modified Laspeyres formula, and has separate indices for domestic and imported goods and services.

We thank all agencies and stakeholders for their support in bringing out this bulletin and look forward for their continued support.

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Table 1: Year on Year Index & percent change

Group	Weights	Index (December 2012=100)												percent change(%)							
		2013						2014						2014							
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
Food	39.92	101.25	102.29	102.42	104.12	104.16	106.04	107.87	109.66	110.78	113.48	114.40	115.49	115.34	115.60	115.60	116.71	13.92	13.01	12.87	12.09
Non-Food	60.08	102.59	103.12	104.03	104.49	104.97	106.23	108.88	107.85	108.40	109.06	109.30	109.44	110.29	110.45	110.75	111.11	7.50	7.11	6.46	6.34
Overall	100	102.05	102.78	103.38	104.34	104.65	106.15	108.47	108.57	109.34	110.80	111.31	111.82	112.28	112.48	112.66	113.31	10.02	9.43	8.97	8.60

Table 2: Year-on-Year Index & percentage change: Domestic

Group	Weights	Index (December 2012=100)												Percent change(%)								
		2013						2014						2014								
		Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
Food	17.15	100	102.35	104.05	103.50	103.92	103.77	105.41	107.76	109.70	111.34	115.58	116.92	118.54	117.87	117.13	117.44	117.94	15.17	12.57	13.47	13.49
Non-Food	30.24	100	103.40	103.53	104.24	104.26	104.46	106.09	106.21	106.43	106.70	107.92	107.97	107.97	108.64	109.31	110.22	110.80	5.07	5.59	5.74	6.27
Total	47.39	100	103.02	103.72	103.97	104.14	104.21	105.84	106.77	107.60	108.36	110.63	111.12	111.68	111.89	112.08	112.78	113.33	8.62	8.06	8.47	8.83

Table 3: Year-on-Year Index & percentage change : Import

Group	Weights	Index (December 2012=100)												Percent change(%)								
		2013						2014						2014								
		Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
Food	22.77	100	100.45	101.02	101.67	104.35	104.56	106.64	108.11	109.58	110.34	111.92	112.56	113.30	113.55	114.54	114.35	115.93	13.04	13.39	12.47	11.10
Non-Food	29.84	100	101.78	102.70	103.81	104.72	105.49	106.38	111.65	109.30	110.14	110.23	110.68	110.96	111.98	111.61	111.28	111.43	10.02	8.68	7.19	6.41
Total	52.61	100	101.20	101.97	102.88	104.56	105.09	106.49	110.10	109.42	110.23	110.96	111.49	111.96	112.66	112.87	112.60	113.36	11.32	10.69	9.45	8.41

6. Market Basket

Market basket refers to a sample of goods and services which is representative of all goods and services purchased by the households. The present market basket has 436 items, as compared to 363 items in the previous CPI basket. The new re-based CPI uses the Classification of Individual Consumption According to Purpose (COICOP). The 12 major groups are:

1. Food and Non-Alcoholics Beverages;
2. Alcoholic Beverages & Narcotics;
3. Clothing and Footwear;
4. Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels;
5. Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance;
6. Health;
7. Transport;
8. Communication;
9. Recreation and Culture;
10. Education;
11. Restaurant and Hotels;
12. Miscellaneous Goods and Services.

5. Index Calculation Formula

Geometric Modified Laspeyres formula is used to calculate the CPI:

$$P_{GYo} = \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{P_i^t}{P_i^0} \right)^{S_i^b}$$

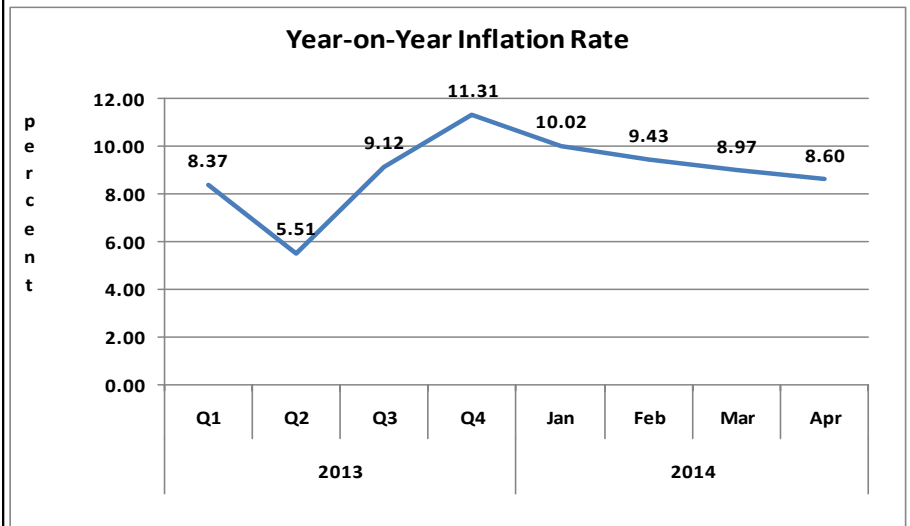
S_i^b = Expenditure Shares of the Base Period (weights from BLSS)

P_i^t = Current Period Price

P_i^0 = Previous Period Price

$\left(\frac{P_i^t}{P_i^0} \right)$ = Price Relatives

Graph 1: Year-on-Year Inflation



Year-on-Year Inflation

The annual inflation rate for April 2014 [*i.e., from April 2013 to April 2014*] recorded 8.60% compared to 8.97% for previous month of March 2014. The corresponding inflation rates for the Food was 12.09% and Non-food was 6.34%. It was mainly driven by price increase in food and non-alcoholic beverages with 11.15%; alcoholic and narcotics with 24.19%; Housing, electricity, gas and other fuels with 8.06%; and clothing and footwear with 12.03%.

Prices for Domestically produced goods & services increased by 8.83% while Imported goods increased by 8.41% over one year period *i.e.* from April 2013 to April 2014.

Table 4: Year on Year index: Group Level

12 Major Groups	Weights	Index (December 2012=100)												Percent change(%)								
		2013						2014						2014								
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	
FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	36.88	101.12	101.74	102.14	103.82	103.40	105.26	107.03	108.92	109.29	112.14	113.09	114.25	114.02	114.22	114.21	115.40	124.76	12.76	12.27	11.82	11.15
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND NARCOTICS	3.03	102.81	109.18	105.90	107.77	113.85	115.98	118.66	119.01	130.60	131.05	131.61	131.76	132.68	133.67	134.02	133.85	29.06	22.43	26.55	24.19	
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	9.20	102.02	104.38	105.46	106.52	107.58	109.16	109.40	113.64	114.94	115.57	116.52	117.01	118.79	117.69	117.82	119.33	16.43	12.75	11.72	12.03	
HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS	21.70	103.29	103.28	103.73	103.80	104.02	106.33	113.08	107.73	107.79	109.53	109.58	109.58	109.74	110.14	111.38	112.16	6.24	6.64	7.38	8.06	
FURNISHING, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE MAINTENANCE OF THE HOUSE	2.22	105.11	109.34	111.81	112.41	114.65	114.71	115.74	117.13	118.82	119.31	120.10	120.61	122.52	123.37	123.54	122.30	16.57	12.83	10.48	8.80	
HEALTH	4.67	100.19	100.20	101.26	102.27	102.59	104.34	104.53	104.58	104.58	104.58	105.17	105.17	106.98	104.64	103.66	104.31	6.78	4.43	2.38	2.00	
TRANSPORT	11.98	102.77	102.41	102.89	102.97	103.21	103.24	103.47	103.86	104.63	104.44	104.46	104.57	106.26	106.54	106.36	105.74	3.39	4.03	3.37	2.69	
COMMUNICATION	3.03	100.06	100.16	100.17	100.20	100.52	100.18	100.22	100.22	100.22	99.58	99.58	99.58	99.77	99.76	99.73	99.64	-0.29	-0.40	-0.44	-0.57	
RECREATIONAL AND CULTURE	2.35	104.15	105.16	106.12	107.66	107.43	107.87	108.10	108.60	108.66	108.37	108.37	108.34	108.86	110.48	109.63	109.80	4.52	5.06	3.31	1.98	
EDUCATION	1.64	100.00	100.00	108.35	108.35	108.35	108.35	109.63	109.63	109.63	109.63	109.63	109.63	109.63	114.96	114.96	114.96	9.63	14.96	6.10	6.10	
RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	1.24	103.09	104.55	106.47	106.70	108.21	108.46	109.59	110.59	115.24	115.24	115.24	115.24	113.03	112.92	113.00	113.45	9.64	8.00	6.13	6.32	
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES	2.06	103.44	103.88	104.44	107.28	108.90	109.91	111.50	113.44	114.36	114.88	115.10	115.97	115.57	117.84	117.11	116.34	11.73	13.44	12.14	8.44	
All	100.00	102.05	102.78	103.38	104.34	104.65	106.15	108.47	108.57	109.34	110.80	111.31	111.82	112.28	112.48	112.66	113.31	10.02	9.43	8.97	8.60	

4. Reference Period

There is no single “base period” for a price index. It can mean different things to different users. In practice, there are three “reference periods” used.

- ◆ Weight Reference Period is the period during which household consumption values are collected. The weight-reference period for the new rebased CPI is 2012, that is, the period when the BLSS was conducted.
- ◆ Index Reference Period is the period when the index is set to 100. In the new CPI, the index reference period is December 2012.
- ◆ Price Reference Period is the period of the first price of each product used to calculate the elementary indices (indices for individual CPI items). The price reference period for the new CPI is the fourth Quarter 2012.

3. Weights

The weights reflect the relative importance or contribution to the total consumption expenditures of all households. It is determined using the spending patterns of households during some previous weight reference period.

It is important the weights reflect the currency of the household consumption patterns. The more current the weights, the more reflective they are of current consumer spending patterns. The international standards recommend rebasing CPI every 5 years.

The current CPI weights were updated in 2012 following the conduct of the Bhutan Living Standard Survey (BLLS) in March – May 2012. Expenditure details were broken down into imported and domestic goods to calculate domestic and imported inflation separately.

Table 5: Year-on-year Index & Percent Change: Food Group

Group	Weights	2013												2014								
		Index (December 2012=100)												Percent change(%)								
		Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr					
FOOD	39.92	101.17	101.79	102.37	104.04	103.52	105.26	107.05	108.84	109.22	112.15	113.14	114.35	114.09	114.25	114.26	115.52	12.77	12.23	11.61	11.03	
Bread and Cereals	9.72	102.26	104.15	104.94	106.26	106.53	106.78	108.09	110.98	114.43	114.56	115.31	115.90	116.91	117.07	117.25	117.61	14.33	12.41	11.73	10.69	
Meat	3.1	104.88	104.90	105.57	104.54	108.07	109.48	109.66	112.80	115.38	115.38	115.47	115.59	116.70	117.07	118.93	122.44	11.26	11.59	12.66	17.13	
Fish	1.06	103.48	106.51	108.27	105.95	108.38	109.63	116.24	116.94	116.75	116.81	117.44	117.44	123.39	125.77	125.27	125.63	21.18	18.08	15.70	18.58	
Milk, cheese and eggs	6.88	104.38	104.92	104.97	105.37	104.93	105.59	106.85	107.36	107.76	108.58	109.26	110.87	112.47	112.94	113.04	115.63	7.74	7.64	7.68	9.74	
Oils and fats	3.19	98.72	102.64	104.50	103.93	103.12	103.72	108.42	108.42	107.92	110.08	110.07	110.24	110.27	110.59	111.69	112.43	11.70	7.75	6.87	8.18	
Fruit	1.68	104.85	110.45	110.32	103.90	106.54	104.24	101.91	102.35	101.16	107.13	108.58	113.89	115.97	116.15	116.75	116.93	10.61	5.16	5.83	12.54	
Vegetables	7.83	95.62	92.65	92.92	100.17	95.40	101.33	104.37	106.72	102.95	112.60	114.75	116.50	110.78	110.49	109.63	110.63	15.85	19.26	17.98	10.43	
Sugar, jam, honey etc	0.98	101.75	102.44	103.57	102.60	105.10	106.25	107.36	107.69	108.65	109.07	109.10	109.10	110.23	109.82	106.31	107.46	8.34	7.21	2.65	4.74	
Food products n.e.c	0.64	101.14	100.91	100.12	102.40	109.23	109.92	106.31	108.39	114.75	115.20	119.50	122.69	120.56	121.55	120.11	119.82	19.20	20.46	19.97	17.01	
Coffee, tea and cocoa	0.68	100.44	106.19	98.08	100.86	103.09	103.17	108.85	111.05	111.50	114.51	114.59	115.29	116.68	118.34	117.50	117.07	16.17	11.45	19.80	16.07	
Mineral water, softdrinks & juices	1.11	102.27	99.65	98.87	100.12	103.81	106.44	105.21	105.80	105.81	105.95	105.95	105.95	105.95	106.55	106.12	106.36	3.58	6.92	7.33	6.23	
Spirits	0.65	105.99	102.30	105.54	101.90	104.23	108.13	107.63	107.63	107.63	107.63	108.17	108.51	109.11	109.38	109.71	109.70	2.94	6.93	3.96	7.65	
Wine	0.44	102.96	104.13	104.13	105.64	106.00	106.83	116.81	116.81	116.81	116.81	117.39	117.77	118.41	118.71	119.06	119.05	15.00	14.00	14.34	12.69	
Beer	0.56	101.74	99.00	97.32	100.59	103.59	106.69	107.81	107.81	109.81	111.84	113.34	113.34	113.56	113.78	112.18	112.41	11.61	14.93	15.28	11.76	
Narcotics	1.38	101.72	118.92	110.37	114.53	126.16	127.30	129.81	130.65	159.06	159.06	159.06	159.06	159.06	160.70	162.89	164.38	163.79	57.99	36.97	48.94	43.02

Table 6: Year-on-Year Index & Percent Change: Non-Food Group

Group	Weights	2013												2014											
		Index (December 2012=100)												Percent Change(%)											
		Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr				
Clothing	6.24	102.51	104.96	106.08	105.76	106.63	108.28	108.52	113.27	115.19	115.90	116.65	117.16	118.22	117.50	117.76	118.43	15.32	11.95	11.01	11.98				
Footwear	2.96	101.00	103.17	104.17	108.13	109.60	111.04	111.28	114.41	114.41	114.88	116.23	116.69	110.73	111.61	108.81	106.21	9.63	8.18	4.45	-1.78				
Housing (rental)	15.12	104.51	104.51	105.07	105.07	107.48	107.48	107.48	107.48	107.48	107.48	107.48	107.48	107.48	111.61	108.81	106.21	5.95	6.79	3.56	1.08				
Maintenance & repair of the dwelling	1.88	101.35	101.24	101.88	102.66	104.41	109.33	108.98	110.02	110.75	112.09	112.73	112.80	110.73	111.61	108.81	106.21	9.25	10.24	6.79	3.45				
Electricity, gas & other fuels	4.54	100.23	100.24	100.25	100.25	100.60	101.65	136.58	107.57	107.57	115.53	115.53	115.53	119.09	119.74	116.58	114.39	18.81	19.46	16.29	14.10				
Furniture and furnishing, carpets and other floor	0.37	111.78	110.63	117.24	115.66	113.67	106.01	103.20	103.88	105.38	105.38	106.24	106.24	110.85	112.71	107.22	105.74	-0.83	1.88	-8.55	8.58				
Household textiles	0.57	105.29	116.43	117.88	118.66	125.09	131.54	135.44	137.25	140.15	140.15	142.12	143.86	102.84	103.01	103.05	99.05	-2.33	-11.53	-12.58	-16.52				
Household appliances	0.42	100.75	104.56	107.60	108.60	108.94	104.19	104.27	106.79	108.81	110.06	110.76	110.16	118.57	117.66	118.25	119.32	17.69	12.52	9.90	9.87				
Glassware, tableware & utensils	0.25	109.36	114.76	114.99	116.18	118.90	118.15	122.78	123.21	126.43	125.23	121.33	123.65	120.02	120.35	121.86	124.84	9.74	4.87	5.97	7.45				
Tools and equipments for house and garden	0.24	105.59	108.75	108.66	109.38	108.72	111.71	114.17	115.31	115.31	115.63	118.50	117.00	120.02	120.35	121.86	124.84	13.67	10.67	12.15	14.14				
Goods and services for household maintenance	0.35	100.15	99.71	102.15	103.61	107.87	111.65	110.92	111.88	111.88	113.80	114.74	115.73	111.26	111.26	108.26	104.73	11.09	11.58	5.98	1.08				
Purchase of vehicles	4.58	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	110.73	111.42	111.37	110.11	10.73	11.42	11.37	10.11			
Fuels & Lubricants	3.11	102.55	101.38	103.39	103.97	104.05	104.09	105.59	106.85	108.63	107.75	107.75	108.17	129.94	128.62	135.02	142.84	26.71	26.86	30.59	37.38				
Telephone and telefax equipment	0.17	101.11	102.92	103.07	103.70	109.76	103.16	103.84	103.84	103.84	92.64	92.64	92.64	113.37	107.14	106.36	117.17	12.13	4.10	3.19	12.99				
Audio-visual, photographic & information processing equipments	0.48	103.08	103.81	102.41	104.78	100.02	103.02	106.41	107.06	107.06	105.43	105.43	105.43	119.78	123.99	130.22	135.55	16.20	19.44	27.16	29.37				
Recreational & cultural services	0.92	100.09	100.01	100.04	100.03	100.06	100.47	99.77	99.77	99.77	99.77	99.77	99.66	130.73	130.73	132.94	136.72	30.61	30.72	32.88	36.68				
Newspapers, books & stationery	0.72	110.53	111.82	112.85	114.32	114.43	116.06	116.10	116.54	116.73	116.75	116.76	116.79	129.61	133.09	132.40	134.53	17.27	19.02	17.32	17.68				
Catering services	1.05	103.35	104.65	106.54	106.51	107.97	107.42	107.91	109.07	114.31	114.31	114.31	114.31	131.55	137.47	137.33	133.68	27.30	31.36	28.90	25.50				
Accommodation services	0.19	101.71	103.97	106.11	107.77	109.50	114.35	119.34	119.34	120.48	120.48	120.48	120.48	106.63	104.55	108.74	114.51	4.83	0.56	2.48	6.25				
Personal care	1.59	103.35	101.60	102.10	104.40	105.54	105.60	106.28	108.55	109.07	109.71	109.98	111.06	119.32	119.48	119.79	121.06	15.45	17.59	17.33	15.95				
Personal effects n.e.c	0.47	103.74	111.97	112.76	117.62	121.07	125.81	131.15	131.64	134.23	134.23	134.23	134.23	119.32	119.32	119.32	121.06	15.02	6.70	6.24	2.92				

TECHNICAL NOTES

1. Concept and Definition of CPI

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of changes in the average retail prices of a market basket of goods and services purchased by households for day-to-day living. It shows how much, on average, prices of goods and services have increased or decreased from a particular reference period, commonly known as the base period.

2. Uses of CPI

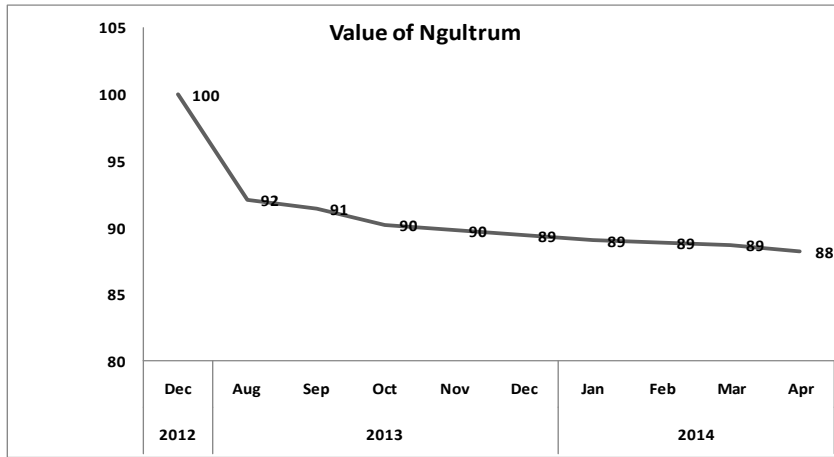
CPI is used:

- ◆ As an economic indicator: - CPI is one of the major indicators that determine the effectiveness of an economic policy. It is used to formulate fiscal and monetary policies and monitor their effect on the overall economy. Business executives, labor leaders, and other private citizens use CPI as a guide to make economic decisions.
- ◆ As a means of adjusting income payments: -Many collective bargaining agreements use CPI to determine wage rates, and index various payments to adjust the effects of inflation.
- ◆ As a deflator of economic series: - CPI or its components is used as a deflator to adjust for price changes in various economic data series (e.g., GDP).

Table 3: Purchasing Power of Ngultrum

2012	2013				2014				
Dec	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
100	92	91	90	90	89	89	89	89	88

Graph 6: Purchasing Power of Ngultrum (PPN)



The PPN, as measured by CPI, recorded 88 Ngultrum as of April 2014. This means, Ngultrum 100 in December 2013 is worth only Ngultrum 88 at December 2012 prices. The Ngultrum value has depreciated by 12 percent in the past 12 months due to price rise in the economy.

Table 7: Month-on-Month Index & Percent Change in the CPI: National

Group	Weights	Index (December 2012=100)												Percent Change (%)											
		2012			2013			2014			2013			2014			2013			2014					
		Dec	Jan	Apr	Dec	Jan	Apr	Dec	Jan	Apr	Dec	Jan	Apr	Dec	Jan	Apr	Dec	Jan	Apr						
Food	39.92	100	107.97	109.78	111.34	113.48	114.40	115.49	115.34	115.60	116.71	1.72	1.68	1.27	2.08	0.81	0.96	0.96	-0.13	0.22	0.01	0.95			
Non-Food	60.08	100	108.88	107.85	108.40	109.06	109.30	109.44	110.29	110.45	110.75	2.49	-0.94	0.51	0.61	0.22	0.13	0.22	0.13	0.77	0.15	0.27	0.33		
Overall	100	100	106.47	108.57	109.34	110.80	111.31	111.82	112.28	112.48	112.66	2.18	0.09	0.72	1.34	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.41	0.18	0.16	0.58			
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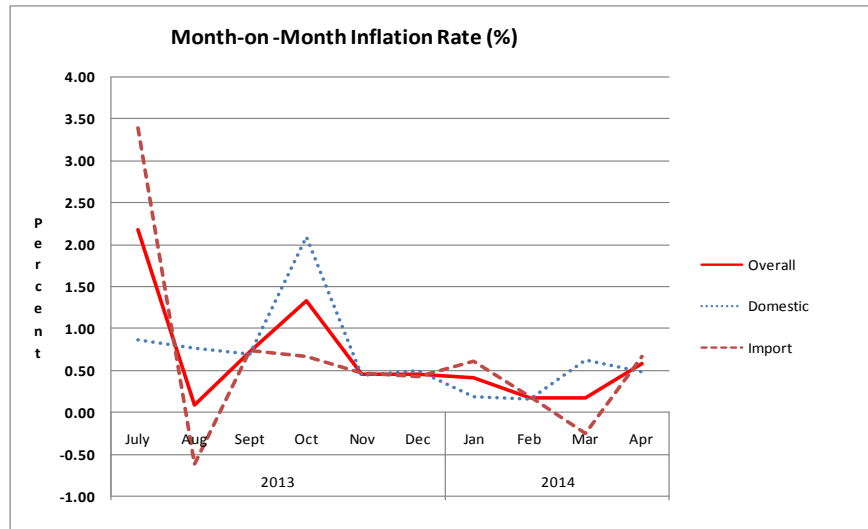
Table 8: Month-on-Month Index : Domestic

Group	Weights	Index (December 2012=100)												Percent Change (%)											
		2012			2013			2014			2013			2014			2013			2014					
		Dec	Jan	Apr	Dec	Jan	Apr	Dec	Jan	Apr	Dec	Jan	Apr	Dec	Jan	Apr	Dec	Jan	Apr						
Food	17.15	100	107.76	109.70	111.34	115.58	116.92	118.54	117.87	117.13	117.44	117.94	2.23	1.80	1.50	3.80	1.16	1.39	1.39	-0.57	-0.63	0.27	0.43		
Non-Food	30.24	100	106.21	106.43	106.70	107.92	107.97	107.97	108.64	109.31	110.22	110.80	0.12	0.21	0.26	1.14	0.04	0.01	0.01	0.62	0.62	0.83	0.52		
Domestic	47.39	100	106.77	107.60	108.36	110.63	111.12	111.68	111.89	112.08	112.78	113.33	0.87	0.78	0.71	2.10	0.44	0.50	0.19	0.17	0.63	0.49			

Table 9: Month-on-Month Percent Change in the CPI: Import

Group	Weights	Index (December 2012=100)												Percent Change (%)											
		2012			2013			2014			2013			2014			2013			2014					
		Dec	Jan	Apr	Dec	Jan	Apr	Dec	Jan	Apr	Dec	Jan	Apr	Dec	Jan	Apr	Dec	Jan	Apr						
Food	22.77	100	108.11	109.58	110.34	111.92	112.56	113.30	113.55	114.54	115.93	115.93	1.37	1.36	0.69	1.43	0.57	0.66	0.66	0.22	0.88	-0.17	1.38		
Non-Food	29.84	100	111.65	108.30	110.14	110.23	110.68	110.96	111.98	111.61	111.28	111.43	4.95	-2.10	0.77	0.08	0.41	0.25	0.92	0.92	-0.33	-0.30	0.14		
Import	52.61	100	110.10	109.42	110.23	110.96	111.49	111.96	112.66	112.87	112.60	113.36	3.39	-0.61	0.73	0.66	0.48	0.43	0.62	0.62	0.19	-0.24	0.67		

Graph 2: Month-to-month inflation rate (Overall, Domestic and Imported)



Month-to-Month Inflation

The Month-to-Month inflation for April over previous month of March was 0.58%. Food prices went up by 0.95% and Non-Food has gone up by 0.33% over the previous month.

Prices for domestic goods and services increased by 0.49% on average from the previous month with corresponding price increase in food by 0.43% and non-food by 0.52%. Imported inflation recorded an increase of 0.67%. Within the imported category, food prices went up by 1.38% and non-food prices went up by 0.14%.

Graph 3: Time Series Index Level Trend

