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PREFACE

This report provides an in-depth analysis of Botswana's monthly inflation rate, as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The CPI serves as a fundamental economic indicator, essential for tracking fluctuations in the cost of living, and offers a comprehensive overview of price movements across the national economy. The report systematically examines both month-on-month and year-on-year changes in the CPI, thereby offering critical insights into the inflationary trends within the country. This analysis is undertaken by Statistics Botswana; whose objective is to furnish a thorough understanding of the inflationary forces at play.

Precise and timely price data is indispensable for the formulation of socio-economic and monetary policies. By equipping policymakers with a clear understanding of prevailing inflationary pressures, such data plays a pivotal role in guiding the development of appropriate policy interventions. Statistics Botswana recognises the importance of this information and, as such, compiles and publishes the Consumer Price Index monthly to address the informational needs of a wide array of stakeholders.

In May 2026, Botswana recorded an annual inflation rate of 10.7 percent, a rise of 0.4 of a percentage point from the April rate of 10.3 percent.

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SECTION 1: HEADLINE INFLATION

In May 2026, Botswana's annual inflation rate stood at 10.7 percent, an increase of 0.4 of a percentage point from the April 2026 rate of 10.3 percent. The major contributors to the annual inflation rate in May 2026 were Transport group with the largest share of 7.4 percentage points, followed by Miscellaneous Goods & Services with a contribution of 1.1 percentage points, and Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages contributing 0.9 of a percentage point. [Refer to Table 1](#) and [Chart 5](#).

Between April and May 2026, inflation increased across all regions. The Cities & Towns inflation rate rose to 10.2 percent in May 2026, up from 9.6 percent in April 2026, representing an increase of 0.6 of a percentage point. In Urban Villages, the inflation rate went up by 0.4 of a percentage point, from 10.1 percent in April to 10.5 percent in May. The Rural Villages inflation rate went up by 0.3 of a percentage point from 11.8 percent in April to 12.1 percent in May. [Refer to Table 2](#)

The national Consumer Price Index (CPI) rose by 0.3 percent, from 150.9 in April to 151.3 in May 2026. The Cities & Towns index was 150.2 in May, a rise of 0.3 percent in the April index of 149.7. The Urban Villages index went up by 0.3 percent, from 150.9 in April to 151.3 in May 2026. Similarly, the Rural Villages index grew by 0.3 percent from 153.1 in April to 153.6 in May. [Refer to Table 2](#).

The group indices were mostly moving at a stable pace between April and May 2026, recording changes of less than 1.0 percent, except for the Restaurants & Hotels group, which went up by 1.0 percent. [Refer to Table 2](#).

The Restaurants & Hotels group index recorded an increase of 1.0 percent, from 133.3 in April to 134.7 in May 2026. This was due to the increase in section indices of Restaurants, Cafes & the Like and Accommodation Services, by 1.2 and 0.3 percent respectively. [Refer to Table 3](#).

The Miscellaneous Goods & Services group index was 173.0 in May, a rise of 0.9 percent from 171.5 recorded in April. This was due to a general increase in the constituent section indices, Notably; Financial Services (3.8 percent), Taxes, Licences & Fees (0.8 percent), Personal Care (0.7 percent) and Insurance (0.5 percent). [Refer to Table 3](#).

The Health group index went up by 0.5 percent from 118.2 in April to 118.8 in May 2026. The increase was attributed to a rise in the constituent section indices of Medical Products, Applications & Equipments (0.9 percent) and Out-patient Services (0.7 percent). [Refer to Table 3](#).

The All-Tradeables index was 165.0 in May, an increase of 0.3 percent, from 164.5 recorded in April. The Imported Tradeables Index went up by 0.3 percent, from 167.7 in April to 168.2 in May. The Non-Tradeables Index rose by 0.3 percent, from 132.3 in April to 132.7 in May 2026. The Domestic Tradeables Index was 156.0 in May, an increase of 0.2 percent from 155.7 in April. [Refer to Table 4](#).

The All-Tradeables inflation rate increased by 0.3 of a percentage point, from 15.0 percent in April to 15.3 percent in May 2026. The Non-Tradeables inflation rate rose by 0.8 of a percentage point, from 3.1 percent in April to 3.9 percent in May. The Imported Tradeables inflation rate was 18.1 percent in May, an increase of 0.3 of a percentage point from the April rate of 17.8 percent. The Domestic Tradeables inflation went up by 0.2 of a percentage point, from 7.4 percent in April to 7.6 percent in May. [Refer to Table 4](#).

SECTION 2: CORE INFLATION

The Trimmed Mean Core inflation rate went up by 0.3 of a percentage point, from 8.8 percent in April to 9.1 percent in May 2026. The Core Inflation rate (excluding administered prices) was 5.9 percent in May 2026, an increase of 0.3 of a percentage point from the April rate of 5.6 percent. [Refer to Table 5](#).

CHARTS

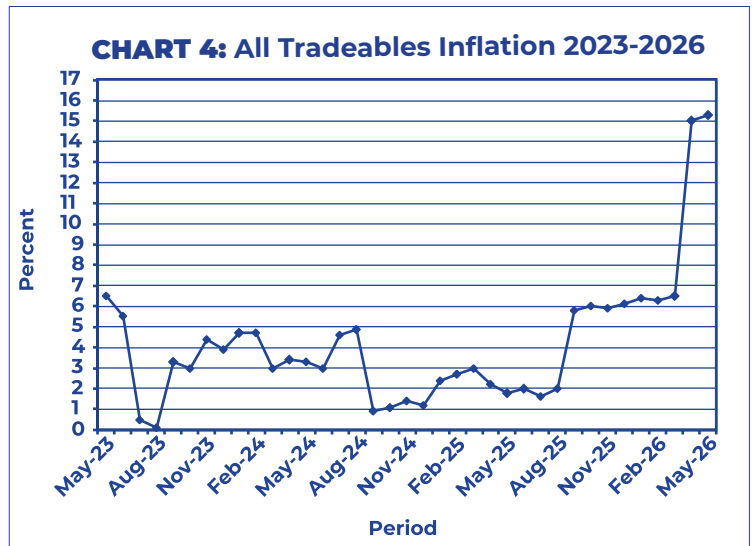
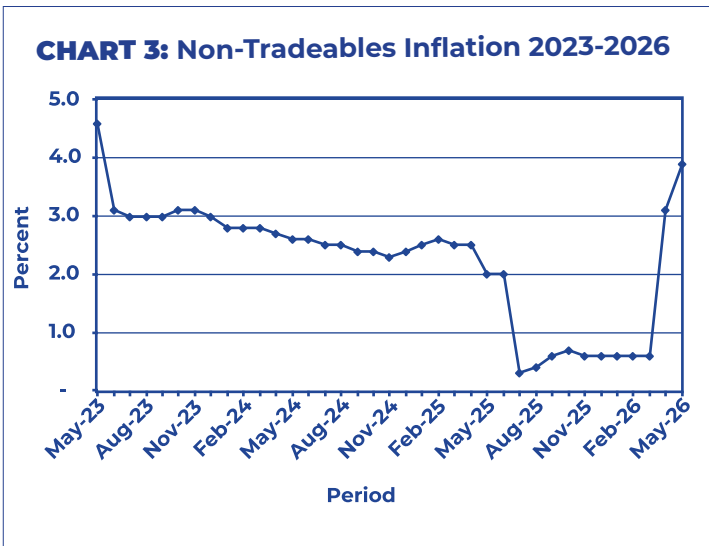
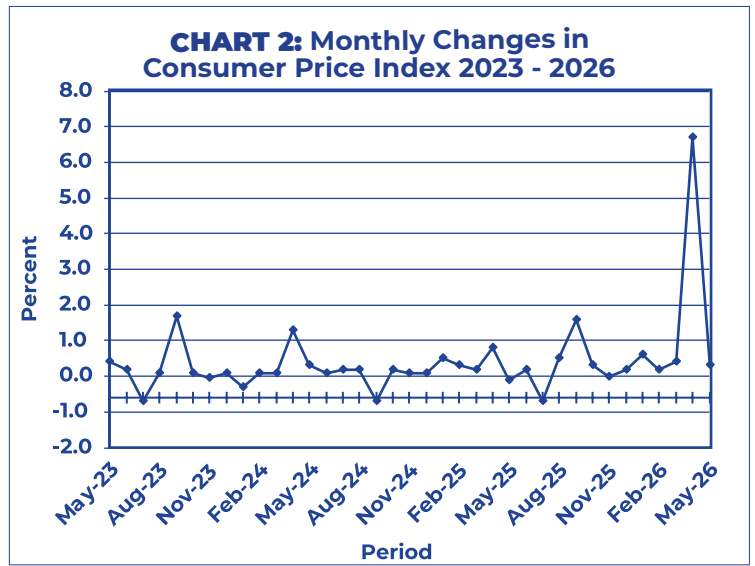
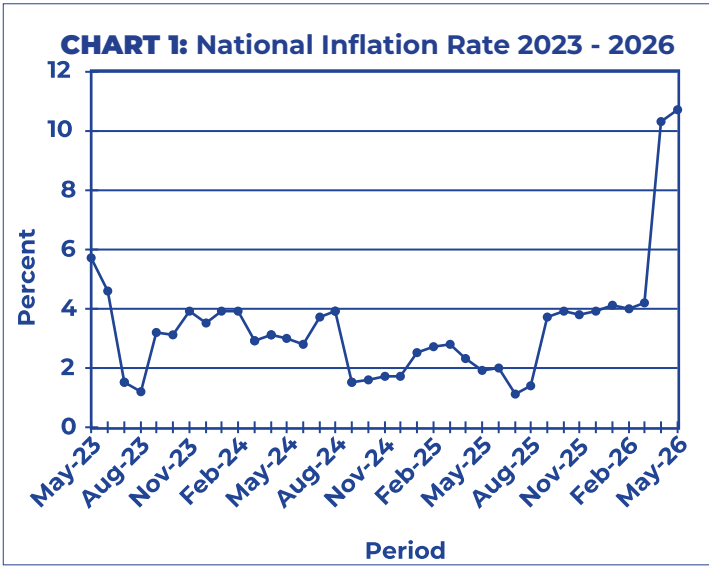
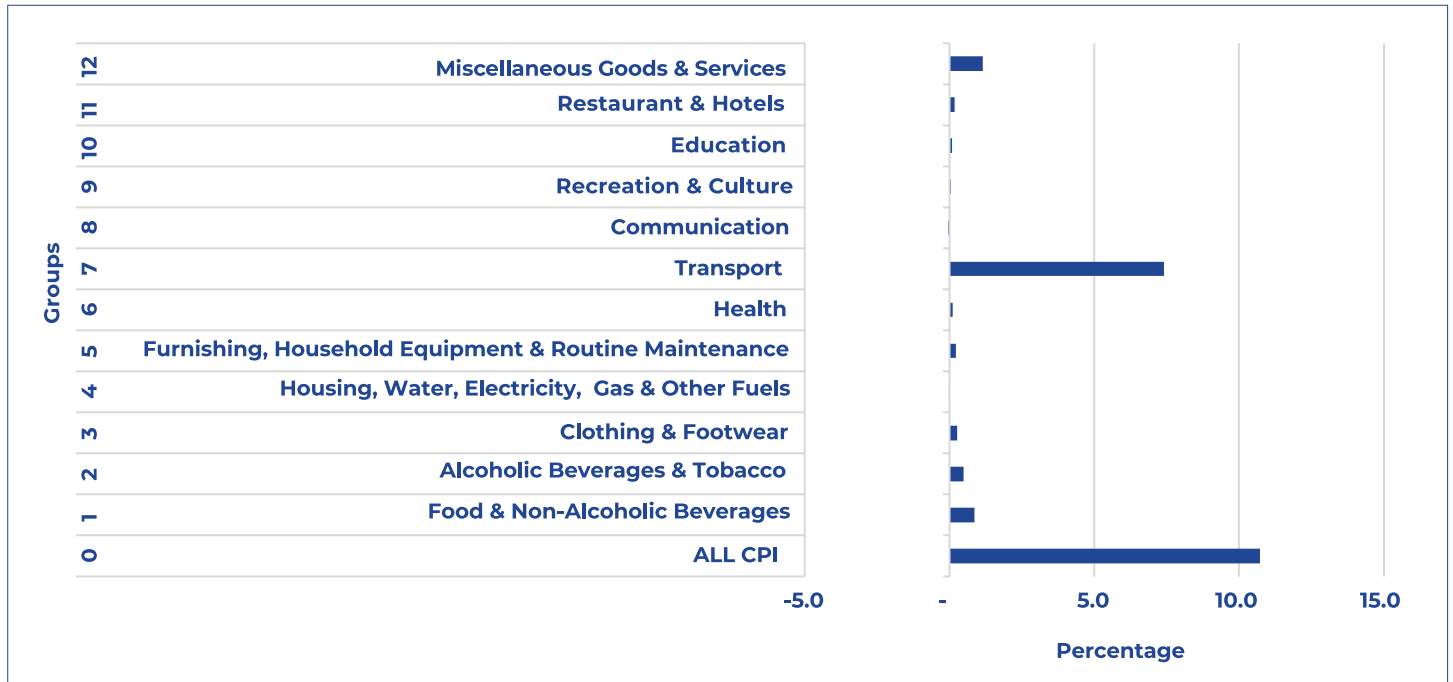


CHART 5: Contribution to Annual Inflation Rate May 2026



TABLES**TABLE 1: Contribution of Groups to Annual Inflation Rate**

GROUP CODE	GROUP NAME	CONTRIBUTION		
		Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26
0	All Items Inflation Rate	4.2	10.3	10.7
1	Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	0.9	0.9	0.9
2	Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	0.5	0.5	0.5
3	Clothing & Footwear	0.2	0.2	0.3
4	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels	-0.4	-0.3	-0.0
5	Furnishing, Household Equipment & Routine Maintenance	0.2	0.2	0.2
6	Health	0.1	0.1	0.1
7	Transport	1.7	7.4	7.4
8	Communication	-0.1	-0.1	-0.0
9	Recreation & Culture	0.0	0.0	0.0
10	Education	0.1	0.1	0.1
11	Restaurants & Hotels	0.1	0.1	0.2
12	Miscellaneous Goods & Services	0.9	1.1	1.1

Note: Figures may vary slightly due to the rounding off

TABLE 2 : Consumer Price Index (December 2018 =100.0)

		FOOD	ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO	CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	HOUSING	FURNITURE ETC	HEALTH	TRANSPORT	COMMUNICATION	REC. & CULTURE	EDUCATION	REST. & HOTELS	MISCELLANEOUS
Weights		13.55	4.34	5.95	17.45	4.85	3.38	23.43	6.94	2.82	4.60	3.66	9.01
2024	Jan	142.5	132.8	120.2	124.5	123.5	111.2	150.3	105.8	112.0	120.0	123.9	136.0
	Feb	143.1	133.0	120.6	124.5	123.7	111.4	150.1	105.7	112.1	120.2	124.0	136.1
	Mar	143.5	133.2	120.8	124.9	124.2	111.6	149.9	105.6	112.3	120.3	124.4	136.2
	Apr	144.0	134.8	121.4	124.9	124.0	111.6	153.4	105.6	112.5	120.3	124.7	144.1
	May	144.5	136.4	122.0	124.9	124.0	111.8	154.4	105.5	112.5	120.3	124.8	144.5
	Jun	145.3	136.5	122.8	125.1	124.0	111.9	153.8	105.6	112.5	120.3	125.0	144.6
	Jul	146.1	137.3	122.7	125.3	123.4	112.0	154.2	105.6	112.3	120.3	125.3	145.0
	Aug	146.9	138.0	123.2	125.2	123.9	113.1	154.5	105.6	112.1	120.3	125.7	145.2
	Sep	147.3	138.8	123.7	125.1	124.1	113.3	150.0	105.5	112.4	120.3	126.1	145.2
	Oct	148.0	139.3	124.0	125.3	124.4	113.3	149.8	105.5	113.0	120.3	126.4	145.5
	Nov	148.4	140.0	124.3	125.2	124.6	113.7	149.9	105.5	114.3	120.3	126.9	145.6
	Dec	148.6	141.1	124.5	125.6	125.0	113.6	149.3	105.5	114.4	120.3	127.5	145.6
2025	Jan	149.8	142.3	124.8	125.7	125.7	113.5	149.9	105.5	114.4	123.4	127.7	146.3
	Feb	151.0	142.8	125.2	125.9	126.1	113.8	150.1	105.6	114.6	123.4	127.8	146.6
	Mar	151.8	143.4	125.8	126.0	126.9	114.0	150.5	105.7	114.6	123.4	127.9	146.8
	Apr	152.6	144.7	126.3	126.0	127.2	114.1	150.9	105.7	115.3	123.4	128.1	155.4
	May	152.8	145.1	126.5	124.5	127.4	114.2	151.0	105.7	115.4	123.4	128.2	155.7
	Jun	153.2	145.5	126.6	124.9	127.6	114.4	151.2	105.8	115.5	123.4	128.7	155.9
	Jul	152.3	146.1	126.8	120.0	127.6	114.6	151.3	105.8	115.0	123.4	128.8	155.8
	Aug	154.2	147.0	127.2	120.5	128.3	115.4	152.1	105.6	114.2	123.4	129.0	156.6
	Sep	155.3	149.9	128.0	121.3	129.1	116.0	158.6	105.6	114.1	123.4	129.8	157.5
	Oct	156.1	152.9	128.7	121.4	129.3	116.2	159.1	105.6	114.4	123.4	130.1	157.8
	Nov	156.6	154.1	129.3	121.5	129.9	116.3	158.3	104.3	114.9	123.4	130.5	158.3
	Dec	156.6	154.8	129.7	122.0	130.6	116.9	158.5	104.4	115.1	123.4	130.8	158.7
2026	Jan	159.0	156.2	130.1	122.2	131.8	117.4	158.8	104.4	115.5	125.8	131.2	159.9
	Feb	159.2	156.2	130.3	122.4	132.2	116.9	159.6	104.3	116.2	125.9	131.5	160.1
	Mar	160.6	157.6	130.9	122.9	132.5	117.5	160.2	104.4	116.3	125.9	132.0	160.6
	Apr	161.4	159.7	131.9	123.8	133.6	118.2	193.9	104.6	117.2	125.9	133.3	171.5
	May	161.6	160.3	132.5	124.3	133.8	118.8	194.2	104.8	117.3	125.9	134.7	173.0
% Change on Last month	0.1	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	1.0	0.9	

Note: Figures may vary slightly due to the rounding off

TABLE 2: Consumer Price Index (Cont.)

		ALL ITEMS INDEX	NATIONAL INFLATION RATE	MONTHLY CHANGE	TOWNS & CITIES INDEX	URBAN VILLAGE INDEX	RURAL VILLAGES INDEX	ANNUAL INFLATION		
								TOWNS & CITIES	URBAN VILLAGES	RURAL VILLAGES
		100.0	%	%	0.38	0.41	0.21	%	%	%
2024	Jan	131.8	3.9	(0.3)	131.9	131.8	131.4	4.0	3.7	4.2
	Feb	131.9	3.9	0.1	132.0	131.9	131.5	4.0	3.7	4.3
	Mar	132.0	2.9	0.1	132.1	132.0	131.6	3.1	2.8	2.9
	Apr	133.7	3.1	1.3	133.8	133.9	133.2	3.2	3.0	3.2
	May	134.2	3.0	0.3	134.1	134.4	133.8	3.0	2.9	3.2
	Jun	134.2	2.8	0.1	134.2	134.4	134.0	2.8	2.7	3.1
	Jul	134.5	3.7	0.2	134.5	134.7	134.2	3.6	3.7	4.2
	Aug	134.8	3.9	0.2	134.7	134.9	135.0	3.7	3.8	4.6
	Sep	133.9	1.5	(0.7)	133.8	134.0	134.0	1.5	1.4	1.7
	Oct	134.1	1.6	0.2	133.8	134.2	134.3	1.4	1.6	1.9
	Nov	134.3	1.7	0.1	134.0	134.4	134.7	1.5	1.8	2.1
	Dec	134.4	1.7	0.1	134.1	134.4	134.8	1.5	1.7	2.0
2025	Jan	135.0	2.5	0.5	134.7	135.0	135.4	2.1	2.5	3.0
	Feb	135.4	2.7	0.3	135.0	135.5	135.7	2.3	2.7	3.2
	Mar	135.7	2.8	0.2	135.3	136.0	135.8	2.4	3.0	3.2
	Apr	136.8	2.3	0.8	136.5	137.1	137.0	2.0	2.4	2.8
	May	136.7	1.9	(0.1)	136.2	136.9	137.0	1.6	1.9	2.4
	Jun	136.9	2.0	0.2	136.5	137.2	137.2	1.7	2.0	2.5
	Jul	136.0	1.1	(0.7)	135.5	136.2	136.6	0.8	1.0	1.8
	Aug	136.7	1.4	0.5	136.0	137.1	137.2	1.0	1.6	1.6
	Sep	138.9	3.7	1.6	138.2	139.2	139.4	3.3	3.9	4.0
	Oct	139.3	3.9	0.3	138.6	139.6	140.0	3.6	4.0	4.2
	Nov	139.3	3.8	0.0	138.6	139.6	140.2	3.5	3.9	4.0
	Dec	139.6	3.9	0.2	138.9	140.0	140.3	3.6	4.1	4.1
2026	Jan	140.5	4.1	0.6	139.7	140.9	141.1	3.7	4.3	4.2
	Feb	140.8	4.0	0.2	140.0	141.1	141.5	3.7	4.1	4.3
	Mar	141.4	4.2	0.4	140.6	141.8	142.1	4.0	4.2	4.6
	Apr	150.9	10.3	6.7	149.7	150.9	153.1	9.6	10.1	11.8
	May	151.3	10.7	0.3	150.2	151.3	153.6	10.2	10.5	12.1
% Change on last month		0.3			0.3	0.3	0.3			

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TABLE 3: National Consumer Price Group And Section Indices (December 2018=100.0)

	GROUP SECTION	WEIGHTS	THIS MONTH MAY 2026	LAST MONTH APR 2026	3 MONTHS AGO FEB 2026	6 MONTHS AGO NOV 2025	12 MONTHS AGO MAY 2025	PERCENTAGE CHANGE ON:			
								LAST MONTH	3 MONTHS AGO	6 MONTHS AGO	12 MONTHS AGO
1	Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	13.55	161.6	161.4	159.2	156.6	152.8	0.1	1.5	3.2	5.7
1.1	Bread & Cereals	4.26	167.1	167.3	168.2	166.2	164.2	(0.1)	(0.6)	0.5	1.7
1.2	Meat (Fresh, Chilled & Frozen)	2.36	170.6	169.3	165.5	160.6	154.4	0.8	3.1	6.2	10.5
1.3	Fish (Fresh, Chilled & Frozen)	0.18	160.4	157.1	156.1	149.5	139.5	2.1	2.8	7.3	15.0
1.4	Milk, Cheese & Milk Products	0.98	149.7	149.1	149.7	147.0	139.0	0.4	(0.0)	1.8	7.7
1.5	Oils & Fats	0.92	172.6	171.7	170.7	165.3	162.0	0.5	1.1	4.4	6.5
1.6	Fruits	0.78	151.6	161.5	152.1	148.8	141.4	(6.1)	(0.4)	1.9	7.2
1.7	Vegetables	1.08	151.3	146.2	135.9	143.0	160.7	3.5	11.3	5.8	(5.8)
1.8	Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate & Confectionery	1.11	144.3	144.7	143.1	141.3	130.6	(0.3)	0.8	2.1	10.4
1.9	Food Not Elsewhere Classified	0.54	161.1	160.5	156.4	151.8	143.1	0.4	3.0	6.2	12.6
1.10	Coffee, Tea & Cocoa	0.73	175.0	174.0	172.5	165.3	153.6	0.6	1.5	5.9	13.9
1.11	Mineral Waters, Soft Drinks, Fruits & Vegetables Juices	0.62	138.1	137.6	137.2	133.9	129.4	0.3	0.6	3.1	6.7
2	Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	4.34	160.3	159.7	156.2	154.1	145.1	0.4	2.7	4.1	10.5
2.1	Alcoholic Beverages	3.51	164.2	163.5	161.1	158.6	148.2	0.4	1.9	3.5	10.8
2.2	Tobacco	0.82	144.1	143.3	135.4	134.6	131.8	0.6	6.4	7.1	9.3
3	Clothing & Footwear	5.95	132.5	131.9	130.3	129.3	126.5	0.4	1.7	2.5	4.8
3.1	Clothing	2.60	134.4	133.7	131.5	130.5	127.2	0.5	2.2	2.9	5.6
3.2	Other Articles of Clothing	0.72	130.1	129.6	127.8	126.6	123.8	0.4	1.8	2.7	5.1
3.3	Cleaning, Repair & Hire	0.61	144.0	143.6	140.7	140.2	138.5	0.3	2.3	2.7	4.0
3.4	Footwear	2.03	127.5	127.0	126.6	125.2	122.7	0.4	0.7	1.8	3.8
4	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels	17.45	124.3	123.8	122.4	121.5	124.5	0.4	1.6	2.3	(0.2)
4.1	Rent Paid by Tenants	7.78	128.0	128.0	127.3	126.4	124.7	0.0	0.5	1.3	2.6
4.2	Materials for Maintenance & Repair of Dwellings	3.83	141.5	139.4	135.9	133.6	128.8	1.5	4.1	5.9	9.8
4.3	Water Supply & Miscellaneous Services	1.96	99.4	99.4	99.4	99.4	99.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
4.4	Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels	3.89	112.8	112.6	111.0	111.0	132.6	0.2	1.6	1.6	(15.0)
5	Furnishing, H/H Equipment & Routine Maintenance	4.85	133.8	133.6	132.2	129.9	127.4	0.2	1.3	3.1	5.1
5.1	Furniture & Furnishing	1.35	125.7	125.2	123.7	121.4	120.9	0.4	1.6	3.5	4.0
5.2	Carpets & Other Floor Coverings	0.27	113.3	113.0	112.3	111.6	110.5	0.2	0.8	1.5	2.5
5.3	Household Textiles	0.29	129.3	128.3	127.5	125.9	124.5	0.7	1.4	2.6	3.8
5.4	Household Appliances	0.72	134.6	134.5	135.2	132.9	130.5	0.1	(0.5)	1.3	3.1
5.5	Glassware, Tableware & Household Utensils	0.23	137.9	137.6	137.7	137.7	135.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	1.9
5.6	Small Tools, Miscellaneous Accessories	0.04	131.4	131.2	129.3	130.4	128.0	0.2	1.7	0.8	2.7
5.7	Goods & Services for Household Maintenance	1.95	142.3	142.3	139.7	136.8	132.6	0.0	1.9	4.0	7.3
6	Health	3.38	118.8	118.2	116.9	116.3	114.2	0.5	1.6	2.2	4.0
6.1	Medical Products, Applications & Equipments	0.98	141.6	140.3	138.3	136.7	131.0	0.9	2.4	3.5	8.0
6.2	Out-Patient Services	0.93	116.6	115.8	114.6	114.0	112.4	0.7	1.7	2.3	3.7
6.3	Hospital Services	1.47	105.1	105.1	104.1	104.1	104.1	0.0	0.9	0.9	0.9

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								LAST MONTH	3 MONTHS AGO	6 MONTHS AGO	12 MONTHS AGO
7	Transport	23.43	194.2	193.9	159.6	158.3	151.0	0.1	21.7	22.6	28.6
7.1	Purchase of Vehicles	5.74	177.6	176.4	175.0	171.0	163.1	0.7	1.5	3.9	8.9
7.2	Operation of Personal Transport	12.56	212.6	212.7	159.0	158.4	148.4	(0.0)	33.7	34.2	43.3
7.3	Transport Services	5.13	167.6	167.6	143.8	143.8	143.8	0.0	16.6	16.6	16.6
8	Communication	6.94	104.8	104.6	104.3	104.3	105.7	0.2	0.4	0.5	(0.9)
8.1	Postal Services	0.21	127.5	127.5	127.5	127.5	127.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
8.2	Telephone & Telefax Equipment	1.13	120.2	119.2	117.4	117.2	118.1	0.9	2.4	2.6	1.8
8.3	Telephone & Telefax Services	5.60	100.8	100.8	100.8	100.8	102.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	(1.6)
9	Recreation & Culture	2.82	117.3	117.2	116.2	114.9	115.4	0.1	0.9	2.0	1.6
9.1	Audio Visual, Photographic & Information Processing Equipment	2.10	113.5	113.5	112.5	111.4	112.4	(0.0)	0.9	1.8	1.0
9.2	Other Recreational Items & Equipments	0.30	129.6	128.7	126.9	123.5	122.4	0.7	2.2	5.0	5.9
9.3	Recreational & Cultural Services	0.31	127.2	127.1	127.0	126.9	126.8	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.3
9.4	Newspapers, Books & Stationary	0.11	128.4	127.8	127.6	124.7	122.7	0.4	0.6	3.0	4.7
10	Education	4.60	125.9	125.9	125.9	123.4	123.4	0.0	0.0	2.1	2.1
10.1	Pre-Primary & Primary Education	1.89	131.9	131.9	131.9	128.7	128.7	0.0	0.0	2.5	2.5
10.2	Secondary & Tertiary Education	2.70	121.8	121.7	121.7	119.7	119.6	0.0	0.1	1.8	1.8
11	Restaurants & Hotels	3.66	134.7	133.3	131.5	130.5	128.2	1.0	2.5	3.2	5.1
11.1	Restaurants, Cafes & the Like	3.02	141.8	140.2	137.9	136.1	133.2	1.2	2.8	4.2	6.4
11.2	Accommodation Services	0.64	101.5	101.2	101.5	104.2	104.5	0.3	(0.0)	(2.6)	(2.9)
12	Miscellaneous Goods & Services	9.01	173.0	171.5	160.1	158.3	155.7	0.9	8.0	9.3	11.1
12.1	Personal Care	2.33	154.9	153.8	151.1	146.3	138.1	0.7	2.5	5.9	12.2
12.2	Personal Effects Not Elsewhere Classified	0.22	104.4	104.2	106.6	107.4	106.5	0.2	(2.1)	(2.8)	(2.0)
12.3	Social Protection	0.13	129.9	129.9	129.9	129.4	129.4	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.4
12.4	Insurance	3.62	220.7	219.6	193.7	192.4	191.8	0.5	14.0	14.7	15.1
12.5	Financial Services	1.09	135.3	130.4	129.9	129.3	128.0	3.8	4.2	4.6	5.7
12.6	Taxes, Licences & Fees	1.61	130.2	129.1	128.1	128.2	127.4	0.8	1.6	1.6	2.2
	All-Items Index	100.0	151.3	150.9	140.8	139.3	136.7	0.3	7.5	8.6	10.7

Note: Figures may vary slightly due to the rounding off

TABLE 4: Consumer Price Index By Tradeability (December 2018 = 100.0)

	ALL ITEMS		NON-TRADABLE		DOMESTIC TRADABLE		IMPORTED TRADABLE		ALL TRADABLE	
	INDEX	INFLATION	INDEX	INFLATION	INDEX	INFLATION	INDEX	INFLATION	INDEX	INFLATION
Weights	100.00		42.29		15.46		42.26		57.71	
2024										
Jan	131.8	3.9	123.1	2.8	136.5	4.5	138.6	4.7	138.1	4.7
Feb	131.9	3.9	123.2	2.8	137.1	4.6	138.6	4.7	138.2	4.7
Mar	132.0	2.9	123.4	2.8	137.4	4.3	138.5	2.6	138.2	3.0
Apr	133.7	3.1	125.2	2.7	138.2	3.7	140.6	3.3	140.0	3.4
May	134.2	3.0	125.4	2.6	138.7	3.4	141.3	3.2	140.6	3.3
Jun	134.2	2.8	125.5	2.6	139.1	3.4	141.2	2.9	140.7	3.0
Jul	134.5	3.7	125.6	2.5	139.7	3.7	141.5	4.9	141.1	4.6
Aug	134.8	3.9	125.7	2.5	140.2	4.1	142.0	5.2	141.6	4.9
Sep	133.9	1.5	125.7	2.4	140.4	4.3	139.7	-0.2	139.9	0.9
Oct	134.1	1.6	125.7	2.4	140.9	4.5	140.0	-0.1	140.2	1.1
Nov	134.3	1.7	125.7	2.3	141.2	4.3	140.3	0.4	140.6	1.4
Dec	134.4	1.7	126.0	2.4	141.5	4.3	140.1	0.1	140.5	1.2
2025										
Jan	135.0	2.5	126.3	2.5	142.8	4.6	140.8	1.6	141.3	2.4
Feb	135.4	2.7	126.4	2.6	143.7	4.8	141.3	1.9	141.9	2.7
Mar	135.7	2.8	126.5	2.5	144.2	4.9	141.8	2.4	142.4	3.0
Apr	136.8	2.3	128.4	2.5	144.9	4.9	142.3	1.2	143.0	2.2
May	136.7	1.9	127.8	2.0	145.0	4.5	142.5	0.8	143.2	1.8
Jun	136.9	2.0	128.0	2.0	145.1	4.3	142.8	1.1	143.4	2.0
Jul	136.0	1.1	126.0	0.3	145.3	4.0	142.6	0.7	143.3	1.6
Aug	136.7	1.4	126.1	0.4	146.6	4.6	143.6	1.1	144.4	2.0
Sep	138.9	3.7	126.4	0.6	148.0	5.4	147.9	5.9	147.9	5.8
Oct	139.3	3.9	126.6	0.7	149.4	6.0	148.4	6.0	148.7	6.0
Nov	139.3	3.8	126.4	0.6	150.2	6.4	148.2	5.6	148.8	5.9
Dec	139.6	3.9	126.7	0.6	150.2	6.2	148.6	6.1	149.1	6.1
2026										
Jan	140.5	4.1	127.1	0.6	152.0	6.4	149.7	6.3	150.3	6.4
Feb	140.8	4.0	127.1	0.6	152.2	5.9	150.3	6.4	150.8	6.3
Mar	141.4	4.2	127.3	0.6	153.5	6.4	151.1	6.6	151.7	6.5
April	150.9	10.3	132.3	3.1	155.7	7.4	167.7	17.8	164.5	15.0
May	151.3	10.7	132.7	3.9	156.0	7.6	168.2	18.1	165.0	15.3
% Change on last month	0.3		0.3		0.2		0.3		0.3	

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TABLE 5: Core Inflation Rates By Exclusion And Trimmed Mean

YEAR	MONTH	CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (TRIMMED MEAN) (DECEMBER 2018 = 100)	CORE MONTHLY INFLATION RATE (TRIMMED MEAN) (PERCENTAGE)	CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (EXCLUDING ADMINISTERED PRICES) (DECEMBER 2018 = 100)	CORE MONTHLY INFLATION (EXCLUDING ADMINISTERED PRICES) (PERCENTAGE)
2024					
	Jan	132.9	3.7	129.3	4.1
	Feb	132.4	3.7	129.5	4.1
	Mar	132.4	2.6	129.7	3.7
	Apr	132.0	2.9	130.1	3.1
	May	132.8	2.8	130.8	3.0
	Jun	132.9	2.6	130.9	2.7
	Jul	133.4	3.5	131.3	2.9
	Aug	133.8	3.7	131.8	3.2
	Sep	130.3	1.5	132.0	3.1
	Oct	130.5	1.6	132.3	3.2
	Nov	130.7	1.7	132.6	3.1
	Dec	131.2	1.7	133.0	3.3
2025					
	Jan	131.9	2.2	133.9	3.5
	Feb	132.3	2.4	134.4	3.8
	Mar	132.4	2.5	134.9	4.0
	Apr	132.7	2.3	135.5	4.1
	May	133.8	1.8	135.6	3.7
	Jun	134.3	2.0	136.0	3.9
	Jul	134.5	1.4	135.9	3.5
	Aug	135.3	1.6	136.9	3.9
	Sep	138.5	4.2	137.9	4.5
	Oct	138.7	4.5	138.6	4.8
	Nov	138.8	4.3	139.1	4.9
	Dec	139.1	4.5	139.5	4.9
2026					
	Jan	139.9	4.6	140.7	5.1
	Feb	140.3	4.6	141.2	5.0
	Mar	140.9	4.8	142.1	5.3
	Apr	148.7	8.8	143.0	5.6
	May	149.1	9.1	143.7	5.9

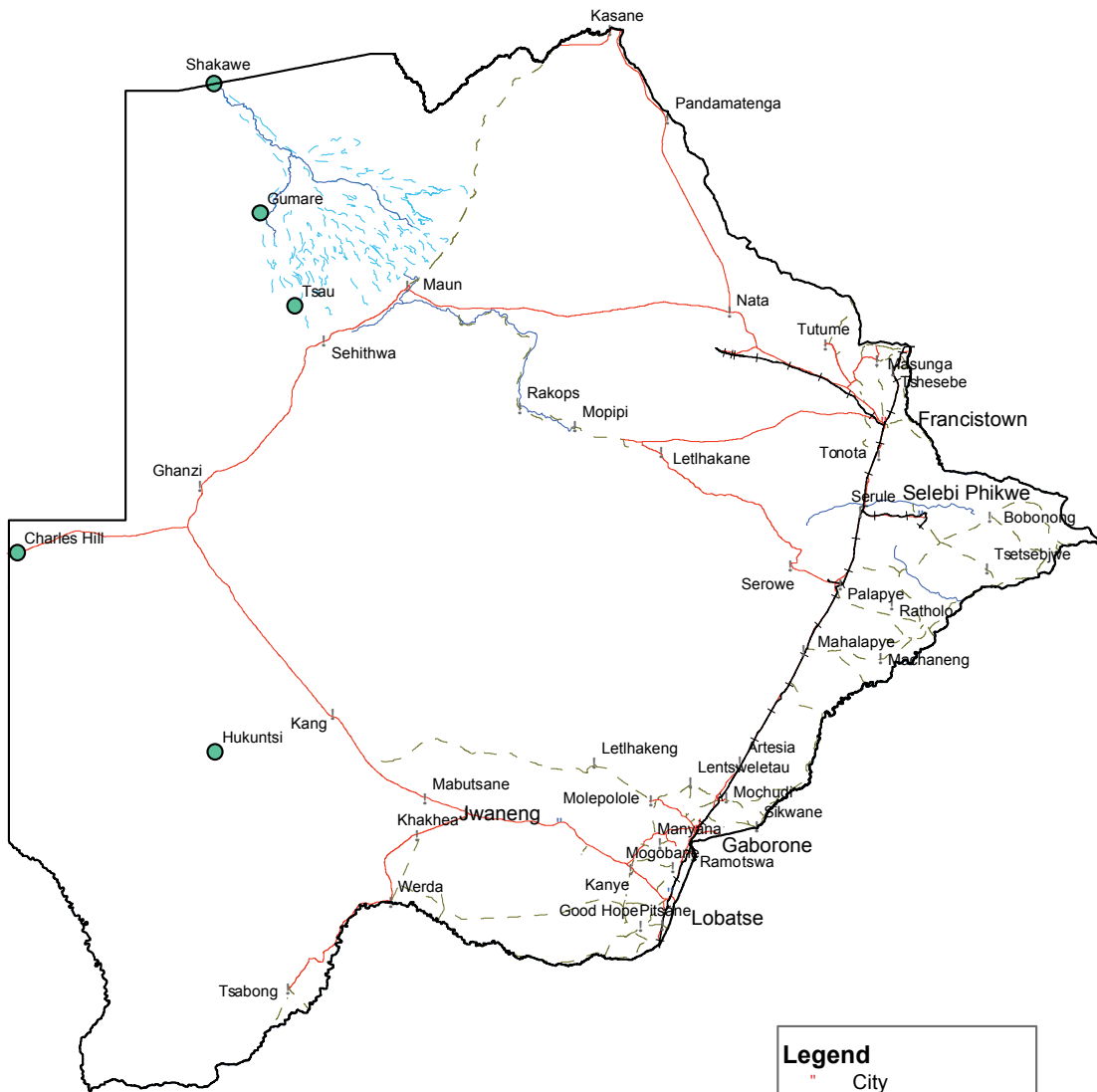
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TABLE 6: Average Annual Inflation (December 2018=100)

	GROUP	WEIGHTS	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
1	Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	13.55	1.3	2.7	3.4	(0.5)	1.4	3.7	6.0	11.1	11.9	4.8	5.4
2	Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	4.34	6.1	2.5	4.5	1.1	2.8	5.4	8.9	5.3	4.6	5.6	7.8
3	Clothing & Footwear	5.95	7.6	6.5	3.2	1.8	1.3	2.2	3.5	4.4	5.7	4.3	3.7
4	Housing, Water, Electr. Gas & Other Fuels	17.45	7.1	6.3	5.4	4.1	2.1	5.1	7.7	6.6	2.1	0.7	(1.4)
5	Furnishing, H/H Equipment & Routine Maintenance	4.85	6.1	3.0	3.3	2.1	2.1	2.4	3.7	5.5	5.9	3.1	3.2
6	Health	3.38	6.3	3.0	2.4	1.1	1.0	1.3	2.7	2.7	2.9	1.7	2.3
7	Transport	23.43	(5.1)	(2.7)	1.6	7.5	6.2	(2.4)	12.3	31.1	4.2	1.3	1.2
8	Communication	6.94	0.3	0.2	0.5	(4.6)	(3.8)	0.5	1.3	1.3	1.9	0.3	(0.1)
9	Recreation & Culture	2.82	5.7	3.0	2.2	1.8	0.4	(0.2)	3.5	4.2	2.5	2.0	1.9
10	Education	4.60	6.4	3.7	4.1	5.5	3.1	4.7	2.2	2.2	5.2	1.5	2.6
11	Restaurants & Hotels	3.66	5.5	4.0	3.7	3.4	2.5	3.2	3.1	5.2	6.2	4.0	2.8
12	Miscellaneous Goods & Services	9.01	7.2	7.5	3.9	6.4	5.3	2.0	5.4	8.8	8.7	8.1	8.0
	All-Items (National)	100.0	3.1	2.8	3.3	3.2	2.8	1.9	6.7	12.1	5.2	2.8	2.7

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CPI Area Coverage



Legend

- City
- Towns
- ! Major Villages
- Rivers
- Main Roads
- - - Secondary Roads
- +— Railway
- - - Swamp

01 50 00 2003 00 400 Kilometers

GLOSSARY

Consumer Price Index (CPI) is an index which measures price changes in goods and services with reference to a base period.

Inflation is a measurement of prices movement of goods and services in a particular country.

Contributions: These are percentage points that add up to the overall inflation rate. The contribution of a **group** to overall annual inflation depends on its weight in the consumption basket and its own annual inflation rate.

Domestic Tradeables refers to the goods and services which a country (Botswana) can export to other countries.

Imported Tradeables represents the goods and services which a country (Botswana) imports from other countries (trading partners).

Non-Tradeables refers to the goods and services which a country cannot either export to or import from other countries.

All -Tradeables refers to the total of **Domestic** and **Imported Tradeables**.

Trimmed Mean Core Inflation- attempts to remove 8 percent (by weight) of the commodity sub-groups price changes at each of the ends of an ordered series of price changes in any given month.

Core inflation by Exclusion is a measure used to remove the volatility inherent in prices that are only adjusted periodically and not always in response to currently prevailing market forces.



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