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## Key findings

### Headline consumer price index (CPI) for all urban areas

Annual consumer price inflation was 4,4% in August 2026, up from 4,3% in July 2026. The CPI remained unchanged month-on-month in August 2026.

The main contributors to the 4,4% annual inflation rate were:

- housing and utilities (5,2% and contributing 1,3 percentage points);
- transport (8,8% and contributing 1,2 percentage points); and
- insurance and financial services (5,7% and contributing 0,6 of a percentage point) – see Table C and Table E.

In August 2026, the annual inflation rate for:

- goods was 3,3%, down from 3,4% in July 2026; and
- services was 5,1%, up from 5,0% in July 2026 – see Table A.

**Note:** Not all items in the CPI are surveyed every month. Table F shows the survey schedule for items that are not surveyed monthly. Additional surveys are conducted for these items when Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) is aware of significant price changes outside regular survey months.



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## Detailed results

Table A – Consumer price index: Main indices<sup>1</sup>

| Group                                                                 |                                                         |               | Weight | Index (Dec 2024=100) |          |          | % change              |                       |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------|--------|----------------------|----------|----------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
|                                                                       |                                                         |               |        | Aug 2025             | Jul 2026 | Aug 2026 | Aug 2026 vs. Jul 2026 | Aug 2026 vs. Aug 2025 |
| All items (CPI Headline)                                              |                                                         |               | 100,00 | 103,2                | 107,7    | 107,7    | 0,0                   | 4,4                   |
| CPI excluding food and non-alcoholic beverages (NAB), fuel and energy |                                                         |               | 74,53  | 102,7                | 106,9    | 106,9    | 0,0                   | 4,1                   |
| Trimmed mean                                                          |                                                         |               | ..     | 102,2                | 105,4    | 105,5    | 0,1                   | 3,2                   |
| Analytical series                                                     | CPI for all goods                                       |               | 48,37  | 103,4                | 107,0    | 106,8    | -0,2                  | 3,3                   |
|                                                                       | CPI for durable goods                                   |               | 7,66   | 99,5                 | 99,1     | 99,1     | 0,0                   | -0,4                  |
|                                                                       | CPI for semi-durable goods                              |               | 5,84   | 101,0                | 101,3    | 101,4    | 0,1                   | 0,4                   |
|                                                                       | CPI for non-durable goods                               |               | 34,87  | 104,7                | 109,7    | 109,5    | -0,2                  | 4,6                   |
|                                                                       | CPI for services                                        |               | 51,63  | 103,1                | 108,3    | 108,4    | 0,1                   | 5,1                   |
|                                                                       | CPI for administered prices                             |               | 12,90  | 105,6                | 117,3    | 116,8    | -0,4                  | 10,6                  |
|                                                                       | CPI excluding administered prices                       |               | 87,10  | 102,9                | 106,3    | 106,3    | 0,0                   | 3,3                   |
|                                                                       | CPI for administered prices excluding fuel and paraffin |               | 9,05   | 107,1                | 114,8    | 114,7    | -0,1                  | 7,1                   |
|                                                                       | CPI excluding food and NAB                              |               | 81,77  | 102,9                | 108,2    | 108,1    | -0,1                  | 5,1                   |
|                                                                       | CPI excluding fuel                                      |               | 96,20  | 103,3                | 107,1    | 107,1    | 0,0                   | 3,7                   |
|                                                                       | CPI excluding food and NAB and fuel                     |               | 77,97  | 103,0                | 107,4    | 107,5    | 0,1                   | 4,4                   |
|                                                                       | CPI excluding housing                                   |               | 75,90  | 103,1                | 107,2    | 107,2    | 0,0                   | 4,0                   |
|                                                                       | CPI excluding fuel and energy                           |               | 92,76  | 103,1                | 106,6    | 106,7    | 0,1                   | 3,5                   |
|                                                                       | CPI excluding energy                                    |               | 96,56  | 103,0                | 107,3    | 107,3    | 0,0                   | 4,2                   |
|                                                                       | CPI excluding owners' equivalent rent                   |               | 88,84  | 103,4                | 107,9    | 107,9    | 0,0                   | 4,4                   |
|                                                                       | CPI for pensioners                                      |               | ..     | 103,6                | 108,2    | 108,3    | 0,1                   | 4,5                   |
| Geographic indices                                                    | CPI for total country                                   |               | 100,00 | 103,2                | 107,5    | 107,5    | 0,0                   | 4,2                   |
|                                                                       | CPI for rural areas                                     |               | 11,44  | 103,2                | 106,1    | 106,1    | 0,0                   | 2,8                   |
|                                                                       | CPI per province                                        | Western Cape  | 18,06  | 103,1                | 108,6    | 108,7    | 0,1                   | 5,4                   |
|                                                                       |                                                         | Eastern Cape  | 7,65   | 102,9                | 107,1    | 107,1    | 0,0                   | 4,1                   |
|                                                                       |                                                         | Northern Cape | 1,82   | 103,2                | 106,8    | 106,8    | 0,0                   | 3,5                   |
|                                                                       |                                                         | Free State    | 4,14   | 102,7                | 107,2    | 107,1    | -0,1                  | 4,3                   |
|                                                                       |                                                         | KwaZulu-Natal | 14,58  | 103,5                | 107,2    | 107,3    | 0,1                   | 3,7                   |
|                                                                       |                                                         | North West    | 5,38   | 103,9                | 107,7    | 107,4    | -0,3                  | 3,4                   |
|                                                                       |                                                         | Gauteng       | 35,87  | 103,3                | 107,5    | 107,4    | -0,1                  | 4,0                   |
|                                                                       |                                                         | Mpumalanga    | 6,41   | 102,8                | 106,7    | 106,7    | 0,0                   | 3,8                   |
| Limpopo                                                               | 6,09                                                    | 103,5         | 106,6  | 106,7                | 0,1      | 3,1      |                       |                       |
| Deciles                                                               | CPI per expenditure decile                              | 1             | 0,71   | 102,8                | 106,0    | 105,8    | -0,2                  | 2,9                   |
|                                                                       |                                                         | 2             | 1,31   | 102,7                | 105,8    | 105,8    | 0,0                   | 3,0                   |
|                                                                       |                                                         | 3             | 1,85   | 102,8                | 106,0    | 105,9    | -0,1                  | 3,0                   |
|                                                                       |                                                         | 4             | 2,54   | 102,8                | 106,2    | 106,1    | -0,1                  | 3,2                   |
|                                                                       |                                                         | 5             | 3,30   | 102,8                | 106,3    | 106,2    | -0,1                  | 3,3                   |
|                                                                       |                                                         | 6             | 4,42   | 102,9                | 106,6    | 106,5    | -0,1                  | 3,5                   |
|                                                                       |                                                         | 7             | 6,23   | 103,0                | 106,8    | 106,7    | -0,1                  | 3,6                   |
|                                                                       |                                                         | 8             | 8,89   | 103,2                | 107,4    | 107,3    | -0,1                  | 4,0                   |
|                                                                       |                                                         | 9             | 15,03  | 103,2                | 107,8    | 107,8    | 0,0                   | 4,5                   |
|                                                                       |                                                         | 10            | 55,72  | 103,4                | 108,2    | 108,2    | 0,0                   | 4,6                   |

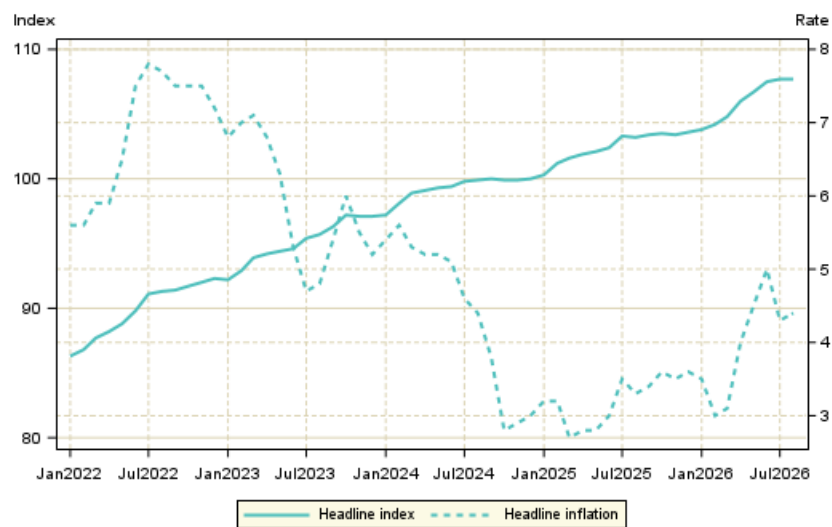
<sup>1</sup> Unless otherwise stated the table refers to all urban areas.

**Table B – CPI headline****Table B1 – CPI headline index numbers (Dec 2024=100)**

| Year | Jan   | Feb   | Mar   | Apr   | May   | Jun   | Jul   | Aug   | Sep   | Oct   | Nov   | Dec   | Average <sup>1</sup> |
|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------------------|
| 2022 | 86,3  | 86,8  | 87,7  | 88,2  | 88,8  | 89,8  | 91,1  | 91,3  | 91,4  | 91,7  | 92,0  | 92,3  | 89,8                 |
| 2023 | 92,2  | 92,9  | 93,9  | 94,2  | 94,4  | 94,6  | 95,4  | 95,7  | 96,3  | 97,2  | 97,1  | 97,1  | 95,1                 |
| 2024 | 97,2  | 98,1  | 98,9  | 99,1  | 99,3  | 99,4  | 99,8  | 99,9  | 100,0 | 99,9  | 99,9  | 100,0 | 99,3                 |
| 2025 | 100,3 | 101,2 | 101,6 | 101,9 | 102,1 | 102,4 | 103,3 | 103,2 | 103,4 | 103,5 | 103,4 | 103,6 | 102,5                |
| 2026 | 103,8 | 104,2 | 104,8 | 106,0 | 106,7 | 107,5 | 107,7 | 107,7 | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..                   |

**Table B2 – CPI headline year-on-year rates**

| Year | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Average <sup>1</sup> |
|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----------------------|
| 2022 | 5,7 | 5,7 | 5,9 | 5,9 | 6,5 | 7,4 | 7,8 | 7,6 | 7,5 | 7,6 | 7,4 | 7,2 | 6,9                  |
| 2023 | 6,9 | 7,0 | 7,1 | 6,8 | 6,3 | 5,4 | 4,7 | 4,8 | 5,4 | 5,9 | 5,5 | 5,1 | 6,0                  |
| 2024 | 5,3 | 5,6 | 5,3 | 5,2 | 5,2 | 5,1 | 4,6 | 4,4 | 3,8 | 2,8 | 2,9 | 3,0 | 4,4                  |
| 2025 | 3,2 | 3,2 | 2,7 | 2,8 | 2,8 | 3,0 | 3,5 | 3,3 | 3,4 | 3,6 | 3,5 | 3,6 | 3,2                  |
| 2026 | 3,5 | 3,0 | 3,1 | 4,0 | 4,5 | 5,0 | 4,3 | 4,4 | ..  | ..  | ..  | ..  | ..                   |

<sup>1</sup> Annual average.**Figure 1 – CPI headline index numbers and year-on-year rates**

**Table C – Contributions of the different groups to the annual percentage change in the CPI headline**

| Group                                    | Contribution (% point) |          |
|------------------------------------------|------------------------|----------|
|                                          | Jul 2026               | Aug 2026 |
| Food and non-alcoholic beverages         | 0,2                    | 0,2      |
| Alcoholic beverages and tobacco          | 0,2                    | 0,2      |
| Housing and utilities                    | 1,3                    | 1,3      |
| Health                                   | 0,1                    | 0,1      |
| Transport                                | 1,2                    | 1,2      |
| Information and communication            | 0,1                    | 0,1      |
| Recreation, sport and culture            | 0,1                    | 0,1      |
| Education services                       | 0,1                    | 0,1      |
| Restaurants and accommodation services   | 0,3                    | 0,3      |
| Insurance and financial services         | 0,6                    | 0,6      |
| Personal care and miscellaneous services | 0,1                    | 0,1      |
| Residual                                 | 0,0                    | 0,1      |
| All items                                | 4,3                    | 4,4      |

**Table D – Contributions of the different groups to the monthly percentage change in the CPI headline**

| Group                 | Contribution (% point) |          |
|-----------------------|------------------------|----------|
|                       | Jul 2026               | Aug 2026 |
| Housing and utilities | 0,5                    | 0,0      |
| Transport             | -0,4                   | -0,1     |
| Residual              | 0,1                    | 0,1      |
| All items             | 0,2                    | 0,0      |

**Table E – Consumer price indices for all urban areas**

| Group                                                           |                                                                |                                            | Weight | Index (Dec 2024=100) |          |          | % change              |                       |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|--------|----------------------|----------|----------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
|                                                                 |                                                                |                                            |        | Aug 2025             | Jul 2026 | Aug 2026 | Aug 2026 vs. Jul 2026 | Aug 2026 vs. Aug 2025 |
| <b>All items (CPI Headline)</b>                                 |                                                                |                                            | 100,00 | 103,2                | 107,7    | 107,7    | 0,0                   | 4,4                   |
| <b>Food and non-alcoholic beverages</b>                         | <b>Food</b>                                                    |                                            | 18,23  | 104,5                | 105,5    | 105,6    | 0,1                   | 1,1                   |
|                                                                 |                                                                |                                            | 16,84  | 104,7                | 105,4    | 105,4    | 0,0                   | 0,7                   |
|                                                                 |                                                                | <b>Processed</b>                           | 7,73   | 106,2                | 104,8    | 104,9    | 0,1                   | -1,2                  |
|                                                                 |                                                                | <b>Unprocessed</b>                         | 9,11   | 102,9                | 105,9    | 106,1    | 0,2                   | 3,1                   |
|                                                                 |                                                                | <b>Cereal products</b>                     | 4,14   | 102,2                | 100,5    | 100,3    | -0,2                  | -1,9                  |
|                                                                 |                                                                | <b>Meat</b>                                | 5,10   | 110,2                | 111,5    | 111,9    | 0,4                   | 1,5                   |
|                                                                 |                                                                | <b>Fish and other seafood</b>              | 0,43   | 103,2                | 109,7    | 110,9    | 1,1                   | 7,5                   |
|                                                                 |                                                                | <b>Milk, other dairy products and eggs</b> | 1,83   | 99,4                 | 101,3    | 101,5    | 0,2                   | 2,1                   |
|                                                                 |                                                                | <b>Oils and fats</b>                       | 0,82   | 102,6                | 105,0    | 105,3    | 0,3                   | 2,6                   |
|                                                                 |                                                                | <b>Fruits and nuts</b>                     | 0,62   | 90,1                 | 82,9     | 85,1     | 2,7                   | -5,5                  |
|                                                                 |                                                                | <b>Vegetables</b>                          | 1,74   | 109,2                | 109,9    | 108,5    | -1,3                  | -0,6                  |
|                                                                 |                                                                | <b>Sugar, confectionery and desserts</b>   | 0,92   | 102,3                | 104,3    | 104,3    | 0,0                   | 2,0                   |
|                                                                 |                                                                | <b>Other food</b>                          | 1,24   | 102,4                | 106,2    | 106,7    | 0,5                   | 4,2                   |
|                                                                 | <b>Non-alcoholic beverages</b>                                 |                                            | 1,39   | 102,9                | 107,5    | 107,9    | 0,4                   | 4,9                   |
|                                                                 |                                                                | <b>Hot beverages</b>                       | 0,39   | 106,5                | 112,2    | 112,6    | 0,4                   | 5,7                   |
|                                                                 |                                                                | <b>Cold beverages</b>                      | 1,00   | 101,5                | 105,7    | 106,1    | 0,4                   | 4,5                   |
| <b>Alcoholic beverages and tobacco</b>                          | <b>Alcoholic beverages</b>                                     |                                            | 4,64   | 104,0                | 107,8    | 107,7    | -0,1                  | 3,6                   |
|                                                                 |                                                                |                                            | 3,51   | 104,0                | 107,5    | 107,4    | -0,1                  | 3,3                   |
|                                                                 |                                                                | <b>Spirits and liqueurs</b>                | 0,77   | 103,1                | 105,0    | 104,6    | -0,4                  | 1,5                   |
|                                                                 |                                                                | <b>Wine</b>                                | 0,97   | 104,8                | 107,1    | 106,9    | -0,2                  | 2,0                   |
|                                                                 |                                                                | <b>Beer</b>                                | 1,77   | 104,0                | 108,8    | 108,8    | 0,0                   | 4,6                   |
|                                                                 | <b>Tobacco</b>                                                 |                                            | 1,13   | 103,9                | 108,7    | 108,6    | -0,1                  | 4,5                   |
| <b>Clothing and footwear</b>                                    |                                                                |                                            | 3,90   | 100,9                | 102,0    | 102,0    | 0,0                   | 1,1                   |
|                                                                 | <b>Clothing</b>                                                |                                            | 2,85   | 100,9                | 102,0    | 102,0    | 0,0                   | 1,1                   |
|                                                                 | <b>Footwear</b>                                                |                                            | 1,05   | 101,0                | 101,9    | 101,9    | 0,0                   | 0,9                   |
| <b>Housing and utilities</b>                                    |                                                                |                                            | 24,10  | 103,7                | 109,1    | 109,1    | 0,0                   | 5,2                   |
|                                                                 | <b>Actual rentals for housing</b>                              |                                            | 4,37   | 101,8                | 106,0    | 106,0    | 0,0                   | 4,1                   |
|                                                                 | <b>Owners' equivalent rent</b>                                 |                                            | 11,16  | 101,6                | 105,7    | 105,7    | 0,0                   | 4,0                   |
|                                                                 | <b>Maintenance and repair</b>                                  |                                            | 0,64   | 102,6                | 107,5    | 107,6    | 0,1                   | 4,9                   |
|                                                                 | <b>Water supply and miscellaneous services</b>                 |                                            | 3,83   | 106,9                | 113,7    | 114,6    | 0,8                   | 7,2                   |
|                                                                 | <b>Electricity, gas and other fuels</b>                        |                                            | 4,10   | 108,7                | 117,7    | 116,7    | -0,8                  | 7,4                   |
| <b>Furnishings, household equipment and routine maintenance</b> |                                                                |                                            | 3,33   | 100,3                | 101,7    | 101,6    | -0,1                  | 1,3                   |
|                                                                 | <b>Furniture, furnishings and loose carpets</b>                |                                            | 0,53   | 97,8                 | 96,5     | 96,8     | 0,3                   | -1,0                  |
|                                                                 | <b>Household textiles, appliances, tableware and equipment</b> |                                            | 0,97   | 98,5                 | 96,8     | 96,3     | -0,5                  | -2,2                  |
|                                                                 | <b>Goods and services for routine household maintenance</b>    |                                            | 1,83   | 102,0                | 105,8    | 105,8    | 0,0                   | 3,7                   |
|                                                                 |                                                                | <b>Domestic services</b>                   | 1,52   | 102,0                | 106,1    | 106,1    | 0,0                   | 4,0                   |
| <b>Health</b>                                                   |                                                                |                                            | 1,78   | 104,6                | 108,3    | 108,2    | -0,1                  | 3,4                   |
|                                                                 | <b>Medicines and health products</b>                           |                                            | 0,90   | 103,7                | 106,2    | 106,1    | -0,1                  | 2,3                   |
|                                                                 | <b>Health services</b>                                         |                                            | 0,88   | 105,4                | 110,4    | 110,4    | 0,0                   | 4,7                   |

**Table E – Consumer price indices for all urban areas (concluded)**

| Group                                    |                                           |                          | Weight | Index (Dec 2024=100) |          |          | % change              |                       |
|------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------|----------------------|----------|----------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
|                                          |                                           |                          |        | Aug 2025             | Jul 2026 | Aug 2026 | Aug 2026 vs. Jul 2026 | Aug 2026 vs. Aug 2025 |
| Transport                                |                                           |                          | 13,89  | 100,5                | 109,7    | 109,3    | -0,4                  | 8,8                   |
|                                          | Purchase of vehicles                      |                          | 5,61   | 100,8                | 101,6    | 101,6    | 0,0                   | 0,8                   |
|                                          | Operation of personal transport equipment |                          | 5,28   | 101,9                | 119,0    | 117,9    | -0,9                  | 15,7                  |
|                                          |                                           | Fuel                     | 3,80   | 101,4                | 123,3    | 121,7    | -1,3                  | 20,0                  |
|                                          |                                           | Other goods and services | 1,48   | 103,0                | 108,0    | 108,1    | 0,1                   | 5,0                   |
|                                          | Passenger transport services              |                          | 2,91   | 97,3                 | 108,8    | 108,6    | -0,2                  | 11,6                  |
|                                          | Transport services of goods               |                          | 0,09   | 101,3                | 105,6    | 105,5    | -0,1                  | 4,1                   |
| Information and communication            |                                           |                          | 5,47   | 101,2                | 103,1    | 103,1    | 0,0                   | 1,9                   |
|                                          | Information and communication equipment   |                          | 0,94   | 93,5                 | 87,6     | 87,5     | -0,1                  | -6,4                  |
|                                          | Information and communication services    |                          | 4,53   | 102,8                | 106,3    | 106,3    | 0,0                   | 3,4                   |
| Recreation, sport and culture            |                                           |                          | 2,94   | 102,7                | 105,4    | 105,6    | 0,2                   | 2,8                   |
|                                          | Recreational goods                        |                          | 0,78   | 99,7                 | 99,2     | 99,2     | 0,0                   | -0,5                  |
|                                          | Recreational and cultural services        |                          | 1,85   | 103,5                | 108,0    | 108,1    | 0,1                   | 4,4                   |
|                                          | Newspapers, books and stationery          |                          | 0,25   | 108,6                | 106,2    | 108,0    | 1,7                   | -0,6                  |
|                                          | Package holidays                          |                          | 0,06   | 96,5                 | 103,0    | 100,1    | -2,8                  | 3,7                   |
| Education services                       |                                           |                          | 2,41   | 104,5                | 110,1    | 110,1    | 0,0                   | 5,4                   |
|                                          | Primary and secondary                     |                          | 1,41   | 105,0                | 111,5    | 111,5    | 0,0                   | 6,2                   |
|                                          | Tertiary                                  |                          | 1,00   | 103,7                | 108,1    | 108,1    | 0,0                   | 4,2                   |
| Restaurants and accommodation services   |                                           |                          | 6,12   | 101,1                | 106,3    | 106,9    | 0,6                   | 5,7                   |
|                                          | Catering services                         | Restaurants              | 4,75   | 100,8                | 106,3    | 106,5    | 0,2                   | 5,7                   |
|                                          | Accommodation services                    |                          | 1,37   | 102,1                | 106,1    | 108,0    | 1,8                   | 5,8                   |
| Insurance and financial services         |                                           |                          | 10,41  | 107,1                | 113,2    | 113,2    | 0,0                   | 5,7                   |
|                                          | Insurance                                 |                          | 8,41   | 107,6                | 113,9    | 113,9    | 0,0                   | 5,9                   |
|                                          | Financial services                        |                          | 2,00   | 105,2                | 110,3    | 110,3    | 0,0                   | 4,8                   |
| Personal care and miscellaneous services |                                           |                          | 2,78   | 102,6                | 105,2    | 105,4    | 0,2                   | 2,7                   |
|                                          | Personal care                             |                          | 1,40   | 101,4                | 102,1    | 102,4    | 0,3                   | 1,0                   |
|                                          | Other services                            |                          | 1,38   | 103,8                | 108,4    | 108,4    | 0,0                   | 4,4                   |

**Table F – Survey schedule for non-monthly surveys**

|                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Quarterly</b>                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| January, April, July and October                                                     | Satellite TV<br>Gym fees<br>Funeral expenses, funeral policies, gravestone, membership fees for professional associations and trade unions<br>Games of chance (quality adjusted monthly) |
| February, May, August and November                                                   | Hospitals                                                                                                                                                                                |
| March, June, September and December                                                  | Actual rentals for housing, owners' equivalent rent<br>Domestic services<br>Taxi, bus and train fares<br>Motor vehicle insurance<br>Inpatient care facilities<br>Clinic services         |
| <b>Biannual</b>                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| January and July                                                                     | Building insurance, household content insurance                                                                                                                                          |
| May and November                                                                     | Electricians, plumbers                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Annual</b>                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| February                                                                             | General practitioners, gynaecologists, paediatricians, physicians, orthopaedic surgeons, optometrists, physiotherapists and pathology services<br><br>Health insurance                   |
| March                                                                                | School and university tuition fees<br>Toll facilities<br>University boarding fees<br>Crèche fees<br>After school centres                                                                 |
| July                                                                                 | Municipal charges for water supply, assessment rates, electricity, sewage removal and refuse collection                                                                                  |
| <b>Other</b>                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| January, February, March, April, May, August, September, October, November, December | Sports tickets                                                                                                                                                                           |

Additional surveys are conducted for these items when Stats SA is aware of significant price changes outside regular survey months.

**Glossary<sup>1</sup>**

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| <b>Annual inflation rate / inflation rate</b> | The annual inflation rate is the change in the index of the relevant month of the current year compared with the index of the same month in the previous year expressed as a percentage. The inflation rate is the annual change in the CPI for all items.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Annual percentage change</b>               | The annual percentage change is the change in the index of the relevant month of the current year compared with the index of the same month in the previous year expressed as a percentage.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Average annual inflation rate</b>          | The average annual inflation rate is the change in the average index of one year compared with the average index of the previous year expressed as a percentage.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Average annual percentage change</b>       | The average annual percentage change is the change in the average index of one year compared with the average index of the previous year expressed as a percentage.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>CPI for administered prices</b>            | <p>An administered price refers to the price of a product or service set directly or significantly influenced by the government, either directly or through its agencies, without relying on market forces. This includes prices charged by the private sector but controlled by the government.</p> <p>Products and services included are water supply, refuse collection, sewage removal, assessment rates, electricity, gas in cylinders, paraffin, prescription medicine, dispensing fees, diesel, petrol, toll fees, motor vehicle licence and registration fees, train fares, local bus fares, primary education (public), secondary education (public), tertiary education (public) and university boarding fees.</p> |
| <b>CPI per expenditure decile</b>             | <p>Decile 1 – up to R35 864</p> <p>Decile 2 – R35 865 up to R51 168</p> <p>Decile 3 – R51 169 up to R64 855</p> <p>Decile 4 – R64 856 up to R80 320</p> <p>Decile 5 – R80 321 up to R97 976</p> <p>Decile 6 – R97 977 up to R120 028</p> <p>Decile 7 – R120 029 up to R150 774</p> <p>Decile 8 – R150 775 up to R202 419</p> <p>Decile 9 – R202 420 up to R307 885</p> <p>Decile 10 – R307 886 and more</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Monthly percentage change</b>              | The monthly percentage change is the change in the index of the relevant month compared with the index of the previous month expressed as a percentage.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Respondent response rate</b>               | The respondent response rate for August 2026 was 98,1%. The rate was calculated by means of the total number of outlets where prices were collected as a percentage of the total sample.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Rural CPI</b>                              | The rural CPI is compiled using data from rural and urban areas in accordance with the purchasing patterns of rural residents.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Historical data</b>                        | Historical CPI data are available on the Stats SA webpage. Click on the following link ( <a href="https://www.statssa.gov.za/?page_id=16474">Time series data</a> ) to access the data electronically.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

<sup>1</sup> A complete set of definitions is available in the sources and methods document on the Stats SA website: [https://www.statssa.gov.za/?page\\_id=16474](https://www.statssa.gov.za/?page_id=16474).

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