

PRICE DEVELOPMENTS REPORT

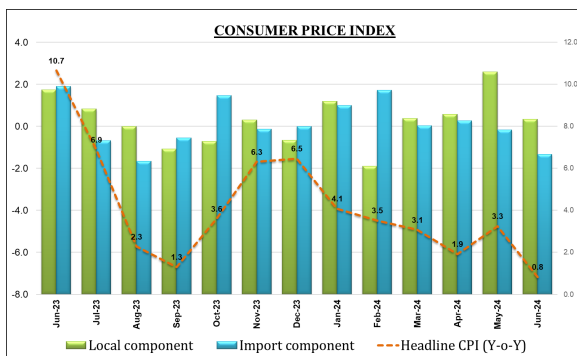
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This report is prepared on a monthly basis using monthly Consumer Price Index (CPI) data from the Samoa Bureau of Statistics.

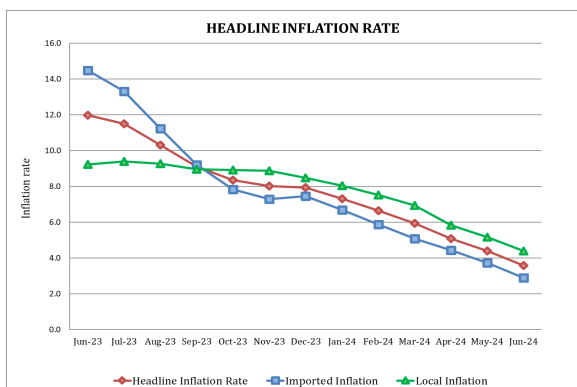
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The **Headline Consumer Price Index (CPI)** fell by 0.6 percent from May 2024 but was 0.8 percent higher when compared to June 2023. This monthly decline was due to a 2.6 percent drop in its imported component while its local component edged up by 0.3 percent.



The **annual average inflation rate decelerated to 3.6 percent in June 2024**, from 4.4 percent in the previous month and was well below 12.0 percent in the same month of 2023. In addition, the actual level of headline inflation was the same as its projected level, reflecting decreases in both the imported inflation (down to 2.9 percent from 3.7 percent) and local inflation (down to 4.4 percent from 5.2 percent) over the previous month.



The overall monthly reduction in the CPI in June 2024 was underpinned by decreases in the following sub-groups:

- **‘Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages’** contracted by 1.5 percent mirroring lower prices for imported goods such as chicken leg, mutton flaps, rice, flour to name a few, despite a 1.1 percent climb in its local component.
- **‘Miscellaneous goods and services’** fell by 0.7 percent reflecting lower prices for imported toiletries products such as soap and diapers.
- **‘Furnishings, Household equipment, and Maintenance’** (down by 0.2 percent) highlighting drop in its imported component (mainly washing soap and mosquito coil).
- **‘Clothing and Footwear’** declined by 1.0 percent reflecting drop in prices for nike running shoes.

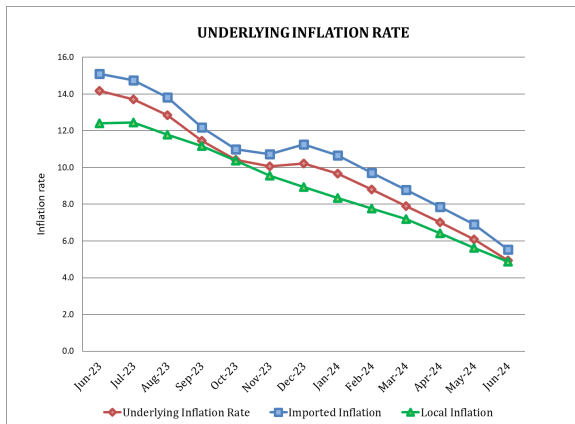
In contrast, the following sub-groups recorded increases in the month under review:

- **‘Transport’** (up by 1.6 percent) reflecting a gain of 2.5 percent in its imported component (due to higher prices for petrol and diesel) whereas its local component fell by 0.2 percent (lower price for Apia-Auckland return trip airfares).
- **‘Alcoholic Beverage and Tobacco’** (edged up by 0.1 percent) due to a 0.6 percent rise in its imported component, reflecting higher prices for vailima beer.
- **‘Recreation and Culture’** climbed up by 0.5 percent due to an increase in imported prices for television.

The **‘Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels’, ‘Communication’**

‘Restaurants’ and ‘Education’ sub-groups remained steady for the month under review.

The **Underlying CPI**¹ dropped further by 1.5 percent over the previous month but was 0.1 percent higher when compared to the same month of last year. As a result, the **annual average underlying inflation rate** dropped to 4.9 percent from 6.1 percent in May 2024 and 14.2 percent in June of 2023. It was also well below the projected level of 5.3 percent, reflecting to some extent subdued demand pressures in view of normalized economic activities around this time of the year.



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¹ Underlying CPI takes into account the effects of both external and local pressure on prices for commodities that are not subject to extreme volatility and price regulations.

Review of Price Developments
June 2024

Table 1: HEADLINE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (February 2016 = 100) **																			
	All Groups Index	Percentage change							Overall Import Component				Overall Local Component						
		Monthly Index	3 months average	12 months average	Latest month		3 mths avg		12 months over prev 12 months (AnnAvg)	Index	Monthly Change	3mths av % chg	Annual Average 12 months	Annual Average Percent Change	Index	Monthly Change	3mths av % chg	Annual Average 12 months	Annual Average Percent Change
					over prev month	over a year earlier	over prev 3mths avg	over a year earlier											
2021	June	109.2	108.0	105.8	1.4	4.1	2.4	1.7	-3.0	112.4	0.2	4.2	107.2	-4.3	106.1	2.6	0.6	104.4	-1.7
2022	June	121.0	118.5	115.0	3.2	10.9	2.7	9.8	8.8	131.1	4.2	4.2	121.8	13.6	111.2	2.0	1.0	108.4	3.9
2023	June	133.9	132.4	128.8	1.8	10.7	2.7	11.7	12.0	144.2	1.9	1.9	139.4	14.5	123.9	1.7	3.6	118.4	9.2
	July	134.0	133.1	129.5	0.0	6.9	2.3	9.8	11.5	143.2	-0.7	1.6	140.0	13.3	124.9	0.8	3.0	119.3	9.4
	August	132.8	133.6	129.8	-0.9	2.3	1.9	6.5	10.3	140.8	-1.6	1.2	139.8	11.2	125.0	0.0	2.8	120.0	9.3
	September	131.8	132.9	129.9	-0.8	1.3	0.3	3.5	9.1	140.1	-0.5	-0.6	139.5	9.2	123.6	-1.1	1.4	120.6	9.0
	October	132.3	132.3	130.3	0.4	3.6	-0.6	2.4	8.3	142.1	1.5	-1.3	139.7	7.8	122.7	-0.7	0.2	121.1	8.9
	November	132.4	132.2	131.0	0.1	6.3	-1.1	3.7	8.0	142.0	-0.1	-0.9	140.4	7.3	123.1	0.3	-1.2	121.8	8.9
	December	132.0	132.3	131.6	-0.3	6.5	-0.4	5.4	7.9	142.0	0.0	0.5	141.3	7.4	122.3	-0.6	-1.4	122.2	8.5
	January	133.4	132.6	132.1	1.0	4.1	0.2	5.6	7.3	143.4	1.0	1.0	141.8	6.7	123.7	1.1	-0.6	122.6	8.0
	February	133.5	133.0	132.4	0.1	3.5	0.6	4.7	6.6	145.9	1.7	1.7	142.2	5.9	121.4	-1.8	-0.5	122.9	7.5
	March	133.8	133.6	132.8	0.2	3.1	1.0	3.6	5.9	145.9	0.0	2.1	142.7	5.1	121.9	0.4	-0.3	123.1	6.9
	April	134.3	133.9	133.0	0.4	1.9	0.9	2.8	5.1	146.3	0.3	2.5	143.1	4.4	122.6	0.6	-0.9	123.1	5.8
	May	135.8	134.6	133.3	1.1	3.3	1.2	2.7	4.4	146.0	-0.2	1.6	143.5	3.7	125.8	2.6	0.8	123.4	5.2
2024	June	135.1	135.1	133.4	-0.6	0.8	1.1	2.0	3.6	144.1	-1.3	0.3	143.5	2.9	126.2	0.3	2.1	123.6	4.4

Source: CPI data from February 2016 onwards are from the Samoa Bureau of Statistics.
Historical CPI figures from SBS prior to February 2016 and further spliced by the CBS to later years.
(R) - Revised due to adjustments made from Samoa Bureau of Statistics (SBS)
** New CPI Index reflecting the 2013/14 Household Income and Expenditures Survey

Table 2: UNDERLYING CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (February 2016 = 100) **															
	All Groups	Percent Changes					Overall Import Component				Overall Local Component				
		Monthly Index	3 months average	12 months average	Latest Month		Annual Average Percent Change	Index	Monthly Change	12 months avg	Annual Average Percent Change	Index	Monthly Change	12 months avg	Annual Average Percent Change
					over prev month	over a year earlier									
2021	June	108.4	108.1	106.2	0.3	1.6	-2.1	110.5	0.3	106.9	-3.3	103.9	0.2	104.7	0.5
2022	June	120.5	118.4	115.1	2.7	11.2	8.4	124.1	2.2	118.6	11.0	112.7	3.4	107.6	2.8
2023	June	137.7	135.9	131.5	1.9	14.2	14.2	144.4	2.4	136.5	15.1	123.2	0.6	120.5	11.9
	July	138.2	137.0	132.4	0.4	9.1	13.7	145.0	0.4	137.7	14.7	123.6	0.4	121.0	11.2
	August	136.7	137.5	133.0	-1.1	5.5	12.9	142.6	-1.6	138.4	13.8	124.1	0.3	121.5	10.5
	September	135.5	136.8	133.3	-0.9	2.1	11.4	140.7	-1.3	138.5	12.2	124.4	0.2	121.9	9.6
	October	135.8	136.0	133.7	0.2	3.6	10.4	141.1	0.3	138.9	11.0	124.6	0.2	122.4	9.0
	November	135.1	135.5	134.4	-0.6	7.1	10.1	139.9	-0.9	139.8	10.7	124.6	0.0	122.8	8.4
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