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PRESS RELEASE ON CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) INFLATION
FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, 2026

| Indicators | Base Year 2015-16 (%) |
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| Inflation Rate, May, 2026 over April, 2026 (Month on Month) | 0.52 |
| Inflation Rate, May, 2026 over May, 2025 (Year on Year) | 11.66 |
| Average Inflation Rate, July- May, 2025-26 over July- May, 2024-25 | 6.69 |

Analysis of Consumer Price Index (CPI) Base Year (2015-16)

1. The CPI on new base (2015-16) comprises of urban CPI and Rural CPI. The Urban CPI covers 35 cities and 356 consumer items. The Rural CPI covers 27 Rural Centers and 244 consumer items. In the base year (2015-16) National CPI for 12 major groups is also computed by taking weighted average of Urban CPI and Rural CPI.

Monthly Analysis [May, 2026 over April, 2026]

2. CPI National for the month of **May, 2026** increased by **0.52%** over **April, 2026**. The Urban CPI recorded an increase of **0.68%** while Rural CPI recorded an increase of **0.30%**.

| Group | NATIONAL | | | | URBAN | | | | RURAL | | | |
|--|------------|-----------|-----------|----------|------------|-----------|-----------|----------|------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| | Weight (%) | INDICES | | % Change | Weight (%) | INDICES | | % Change | Weight (%) | INDICES | | % Change |
| | | May, 2026 | Apr, 2026 | | | May, 2026 | Apr, 2026 | | | May, 2026 | Apr, 2026 | |
| General | 100.00 | 294.34 | 292.81 | 0.52 | 100.00 | 291.58 | 289.61 | 0.68 | 100.00 | 298.51 | 297.63 | 0.30 |
| Food & non-alcoholic Beverages | 34.58 | 293.71 | 293.41 | 0.10 | 30.42 | 291.88 | 291.71 | 0.06 | 40.87 | 295.76 | 295.32 | 0.15 |
| Non-perishable food items | 29.60 | 306.16 | 300.30 | 1.95 | 25.97 | 303.54 | 297.55 | 2.01 | 35.08 | 309.09 | 303.38 | 1.88 |
| Perishable food items | 4.99 | 219.77 | 252.47 | -12.95 | 4.46 | 223.94 | 257.64 | -13.08 | 5.79 | 214.92 | 246.47 | -12.80 |
| Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco | 1.02 | 404.40 | 403.13 | 0.32 | 0.85 | 427.73 | 426.88 | 0.20 | 1.28 | 380.88 | 379.18 | 0.45 |
| Clothing and footwear | 8.60 | 285.62 | 276.19 | 3.41 | 8.01 | 280.55 | 264.87 | 5.92 | 9.48 | 292.09 | 290.63 | 0.50 |
| Housing, Water, Elec., Gas & other fuels | 23.63 | 269.35 | 272.87 | -1.29 | 27.03 | 274.66 | 278.36 | -1.33 | 18.49 | 257.64 | 260.74 | -1.19 |
| Furnishing & HH equipment maintenance | 4.10 | 292.07 | 287.69 | 1.52 | 4.09 | 280.81 | 276.49 | 1.56 | 4.10 | 309.02 | 304.56 | 1.46 |
| Health | 2.79 | 292.41 | 290.04 | 0.82 | 2.31 | 292.40 | 290.64 | 0.61 | 3.51 | 292.42 | 289.45 | 1.03 |
| Transport | 5.91 | 420.19 | 399.70 | 5.13 | 6.14 | 420.75 | 398.87 | 5.49 | 5.56 | 419.27 | 401.07 | 4.54 |
| Communication | 2.21 | 136.30 | 136.11 | 0.14 | 2.35 | 139.76 | 139.47 | 0.21 | 1.99 | 130.13 | 130.13 | 0.00 |
| Recreation and culture | 1.59 | 265.12 | 264.79 | 0.13 | 1.73 | 250.24 | 249.80 | 0.18 | 1.38 | 293.35 | 293.22 | 0.04 |
| Education | 3.79 | 237.43 | 235.62 | 0.77 | 4.88 | 229.64 | 227.74 | 0.83 | 2.13 | 264.31 | 262.83 | 0.56 |
| Restaurants and hotels | 6.92 | 303.29 | 301.53 | 0.58 | 7.41 | 299.09 | 296.83 | 0.76 | 6.19 | 310.88 | 310.03 | 0.27 |
| Misc. goods and services | 4.87 | 375.50 | 379.94 | -1.17 | 4.77 | 363.87 | 367.68 | -1.04 | 5.02 | 392.19 | 397.53 | -1.34 |

3. **Top few commodities which varied in May, 2026 from the previous month are given below:**

URBAN:

FOOD

Increased: Wheat Flour (11.21%), Wheat (7.78%), Ice Cream (5.49%), Potatoes (4.01%), Bakery and Confectionary (2.40%), Meat (2.25%), Dessert Preparation (1.84%), Milk Products (1.46%), Milk Fresh (1.41%), Sweetmeat (1.37%), Cooking Oil (0.91%) and Vegetable Ghee (0.88%).

Decreased: Tomatoes (43.18%), Fresh Vegetables (24.93%), Eggs (5.99%), Onions (5.23%), Pulse Gram (1.65%), Pulse Mash (1.62%), Chicken (1.59%), Fresh Fruits (1.37%), Fish (0.98%), Pulse Moong (0.44%), Besan (0.34%), Beans (0.33%), Mustard Oil (0.23%), Gur (0.20%), Honey (0.15%), Sugar (0.12%), Gram Whole (0.11%) and Pulse Masoor (0.06%).

NON-FOOD:

Increased: Footware (29.04%), Postal Services (9.89%), Motor Fuel (7.62%), Transport Services (3.70%), Construction Wage Rates (3.64%), Major Tools & Equipments (3.20%), Garbage Collection (2.69%), Plastic Products (2.63%), Mechanical Services (2.33%), Washing Soap/Detergents/Match Box (2.30%), Tailoring (1.92%) and Household Equipments (1.77%).

Decreased: Liquified Hydrocarbons (12.02%), Electricity Charges (5.11%) and Personal Effects (4.01%).

RURAL:

FOOD

Increased: Wheat (7.10%), Wheat Flour (7.01%), Potatoes (5.39%), Ice Cream (3.91%), Milk Products (3.13%), Milk Fresh (2.08%), Dessert Preparation (1.54%), Meat (1.40%), Beverages (1.18%), Gur (1.08%), Sweetmeat (1.06%), Vegetable Ghee (0.93%) and Gram Whole (0.74%).

Decreased: Tomatoes (38.39%), Fresh Vegetables (24.69%), Chicken (7.20%), Onions (6.18%), Eggs (3.03%), Beans (0.94%), Honey (0.85%), Fish (0.60%), Pulse Moong (0.40%), Pulse Mash (0.21%) and Pulse Masoor (0.14%).

NON-FOOD

Increased: Garbage Collection (10.15%), Motor Fuels (7.85%), Doctor Clinic Fee (3.61%), Water Supply (3.55%), Solid Fuel (2.69%), Washing Soaps, Detergents and Match Box (2.34%), Hospitals Services (1.14%) and Construction Input Items (1.11%).

Decreased: Liquified Hydrocarbons (8.97%), Electricity Charges (5.11%), Personal Effects (3.85%), Recreation & Culture (0.08%) and Motor Vehicles Accessories (0.03%).

YEARLY ANALYSIS [May, 2026 over May, 2025]

4. CPI National for the month of **May, 2026** increased by **11.66%** over **May, 2025**. The Urban CPI increased by **11.79%** while Rural CPI increased by **11.48%**.

| Group | NATIONAL | | | | URBAN | | | | RURAL | | | |
|--|------------|-----------|-----------|----------|------------|-----------|-----------|----------|------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| | Weight (%) | INDICES | | % Change | Weight (%) | INDICES | | % Change | Weight (%) | INDICES | | % Change |
| | | May, 2026 | May, 2025 | | | May, 2026 | May, 2025 | | | May, 2026 | May, 2025 | |
| General | 100.00 | 294.34 | 263.60 | 11.66 | 100.00 | 291.58 | 260.84 | 11.79 | 100.00 | 298.51 | 267.77 | 11.48 |
| Food & non-alcoholic Beverages | 34.58 | 293.71 | 272.12 | 7.93 | 30.42 | 291.88 | 273.34 | 6.78 | 40.87 | 295.76 | 270.75 | 9.24 |
| <i>Non-perishable food items</i> | 29.60 | 306.16 | 279.79 | 9.42 | 25.97 | 303.54 | 280.68 | 8.14 | 35.08 | 309.09 | 278.80 | 10.86 |
| <i>Perishable food items</i> | 4.99 | 219.77 | 226.59 | -3.01 | 4.46 | 223.94 | 230.57 | -2.88 | 5.79 | 214.92 | 221.97 | -3.18 |
| Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco | 1.02 | 404.40 | 395.48 | 2.26 | 0.85 | 427.73 | 418.05 | 2.32 | 1.28 | 380.88 | 372.73 | 2.19 |
| Clothing and footwear | 8.60 | 285.62 | 262.59 | 8.77 | 8.01 | 280.55 | 254.43 | 10.27 | 9.48 | 292.09 | 272.99 | 7.00 |
| Housing, Water, Elec., Gas & other fuels | 23.63 | 269.35 | 230.66 | 16.78 | 27.03 | 274.66 | 236.58 | 16.10 | 18.49 | 257.64 | 217.59 | 18.41 |
| Furnishing & HH equipment maintenance | 4.10 | 292.07 | 277.85 | 5.12 | 4.09 | 280.81 | 267.57 | 4.95 | 4.10 | 309.02 | 293.32 | 5.35 |
| Health | 2.79 | 292.41 | 271.91 | 7.54 | 2.31 | 292.40 | 274.20 | 6.64 | 3.51 | 292.42 | 269.64 | 8.45 |
| Transport | 5.91 | 420.19 | 307.20 | 36.78 | 6.14 | 420.75 | 301.57 | 39.52 | 5.56 | 419.27 | 316.57 | 32.44 |
| Communication | 2.21 | 136.30 | 135.02 | 0.95 | 2.35 | 139.76 | 138.43 | 0.96 | 1.99 | 130.13 | 128.94 | 0.92 |
| Recreation and culture | 1.59 | 265.12 | 265.72 | -0.23 | 1.73 | 250.24 | 250.50 | -0.10 | 1.38 | 293.35 | 294.60 | -0.42 |
| Education | 3.79 | 237.43 | 219.10 | 8.37 | 4.88 | 229.64 | 212.23 | 8.20 | 2.13 | 264.31 | 242.80 | 8.86 |
| Restaurants and hotels | 6.92 | 303.29 | 286.96 | 5.69 | 7.41 | 299.09 | 282.75 | 5.78 | 6.19 | 310.88 | 294.57 | 5.54 |
| Misc. goods and services | 4.87 | 375.50 | 326.44 | 15.03 | 4.77 | 363.87 | 316.36 | 15.02 | 5.02 | 392.19 | 340.90 | 15.05 |

5. Top few commodities which varied in **May, 2026** from the corresponding month of previous year i.e. **May, 2025** are given below:

URBAN:

FOOD:

Increased: Wheat (62.15%), Wheat Flour (54.36%), Onions (52.73%), Tomatoes (25.81%), Meat (14.07%), Dessert Preparation (12.78%), Wheat Products (11.99%), Ice Cream (11.33%), Bakery and Confectionary (9.26%), Dry Fruits (9.00%), Fish (8.63%), Milk Products (7.87%) and Rice (7.53%).

Decreased: Potatoes (36.00%), Chicken (20.96%), Pulse Gram (18.74%), Eggs (18.53%), Besan (16.57%), Sugar (14.58%), Gram Whole (14.49%), Pulse Masoor (11.90%), Beans (6.66%), Fresh Vegetables (5.80%) and Pulse Moong (3.32%).

NON-FOOD:

Increased: Motor Fuel (51.91%), Liquified Hydrocarbons (49.42%), Transport Services (42.45%), Electricity Charges (36.47%), Personal Effects (33.87%), Postal Services (33.54%), Footware (29.33%), Gas Charges (22.91%), Major Tools & Equipments (13.04%), Newspapers (11.93%) and Solid Fuel (10.97%).

Decreased: Text Books (2.98%).

RURAL:

FOOD

Increased: Onions (63.92%), Wheat (63.44%), Wheat Flour (62.70%), Tomatoes (31.51%), Wheat Products (13.99%), Dessert Preparation (12.22%), Butter (11.71%), Ice Cream (10.25%), Meat (10.25%), Dry Fruits (9.93%), Milk Powder (9.55%) and Milk Fresh (7.36%).

Decreased: Potatoes (44.33%), Pulse Gram (18.75%), Besan (15.84%), Gram Whole (15.83%), Chicken (15.01%), Eggs (14.48%), Sugar (14.03%), Pulse Masoor (8.21%), Condiments and Spices (5.13%), Pulse Moong (3.12%), Beans (2.63%), Tea (2.24%), Honey (1.48%), Fresh Vegetables (0.79%), Pulse Mash (0.71%) and Fresh Fruits (0.40%).

NON-FOOD

Increased: Motor Fuels (55.73%), Liquified Hydrocarbons (45.73%), Electricity Charges (36.47%), Personal Effects (29.79%), Newspapers (16.67%), Doctor Clinic Fee (15.28%), Solid Fuel (15.23%), Construction Input Items (15.10%), Transport Services (13.72%), Plastic Products (12.42%) and Dental Services (12.39%).

Decreased: Text Books (3.58%).

PERIOD - AVERAGE INFLATION RATE [July-May, 2025-26 over July- May, 2024-25]

6. CPI National for the period **July-May (2025-26)** increased by **6.69%** over **July-May (2024-25)**. The Urban CPI recorded an increase of **6.76%** while Rural CPI recorded an increase of **6.59%**.

| Group | NATIONAL | | | | URBAN | | | | RURAL | | | |
|--|------------|-----------------|------------------|------------|------------|------------------|------------------|------------|------------|------------------|------------------|------------|
| | Weight (%) | INDICES | | Change (%) | Weight (%) | INDICES | | Change (%) | Weight (%) | INDICES | | Change (%) |
| | | Jul-May 2025-26 | Jul- May 2024-25 | | | Jul- May 2025-26 | Jul- May 2024-25 | | | Jul- May 2025-26 | Jul- May 2024-25 | |
| General | 100.00 | 281.65 | 263.99 | 6.69 | 100.00 | 278.21 | 260.60 | 6.76 | 100.00 | 286.85 | 269.11 | 6.59 |
| Food & non-alcoholic Beverages | 34.58 | 289.97 | 278.07 | 4.28 | 30.42 | 287.04 | 276.89 | 3.67 | 40.87 | 293.26 | 279.39 | 4.97 |
| <i>Non-perishable food items</i> | 29.60 | 296.61 | 279.25 | 6.22 | 25.97 | 293.43 | 278.42 | 5.39 | 35.08 | 300.16 | 280.17 | 7.14 |
| <i>Perishable food items</i> | 4.99 | 250.57 | 271.07 | -7.56 | 4.46 | 249.80 | 267.96 | -6.78 | 5.79 | 251.45 | 274.67 | -8.45 |
| Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco | 1.02 | 400.20 | 387.74 | 3.22 | 0.85 | 423.32 | 409.76 | 3.31 | 1.28 | 376.90 | 365.53 | 3.11 |
| Clothing and footwear | 8.60 | 270.58 | 252.63 | 7.10 | 8.01 | 260.80 | 243.99 | 6.89 | 9.48 | 283.05 | 263.65 | 7.36 |
| Housing, Water, Elec., Gas & other fuels | 23.63 | 256.98 | 237.57 | 8.17 | 27.03 | 265.41 | 243.56 | 8.97 | 18.49 | 238.39 | 224.34 | 6.26 |
| Furnishing & HH equipment maintenance | 4.10 | 283.73 | 273.44 | 3.76 | 4.09 | 273.04 | 263.21 | 3.73 | 4.10 | 299.81 | 288.83 | 3.80 |
| Health | 2.79 | 284.56 | 262.26 | 8.50 | 2.31 | 285.26 | 265.53 | 7.43 | 3.51 | 283.86 | 259.02 | 9.59 |
| Transport | 5.91 | 337.04 | 306.57 | 9.94 | 6.14 | 332.88 | 301.39 | 10.45 | 5.56 | 344.16 | 315.20 | 9.19 |
| Communication | 2.21 | 135.71 | 134.85 | 0.64 | 2.35 | 139.08 | 138.37 | 0.51 | 1.99 | 129.73 | 128.60 | 0.87 |
| Recreation and culture | 1.59 | 265.40 | 274.64 | -3.36 | 1.73 | 249.79 | 258.94 | -3.53 | 1.38 | 295.01 | 304.43 | -3.09 |
| Education | 3.79 | 226.70 | 206.69 | 9.68 | 4.88 | 219.18 | 200.80 | 9.15 | 2.13 | 252.66 | 227.03 | 11.29 |
| Restaurants and hotels | 6.92 | 296.13 | 279.92 | 5.79 | 7.41 | 290.65 | 276.01 | 5.30 | 6.19 | 306.03 | 286.99 | 6.63 |
| Misc. goods and services | 4.87 | 359.96 | 304.81 | 18.09 | 4.77 | 348.43 | 295.62 | 17.86 | 5.02 | 376.51 | 318.02 | 18.39 |

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