

Evolution of the consumer price index

City of Agadir

August 2021

Following the Decree No.2.19. 1083 published in Official Bulletin No 6880 of 7 May 2020 setting out the components of the new consumer price index base 2017 and repealing Decree No. 2. 09. 529 on the consumer price index base 2006, the High commission for planning has published the new consumer price index base 2017 from 20 May 2020.

It should be recalled that the reform of the consumer price index is necessary because of the changes in the consumption habits of Moroccan households in recent years and the development of new methodological approaches in this area. This was made possible by the availability of up-to-date data from the 2014 Household Consumption and Expenditure Survey and the 2014 General Population and Housing Census.

This 2017 reform is the fifth generation of consumer price index reforms since Morocco's independence. It is structured around several axes:

- In terms of geographical coverage, the scope has been expanded to cover 18 cities representing all regions of the Kingdom, instead of the previous 17 cities.
- Updated and enlarged the reference basket to contain 546 articles and 1391 varieties instead of 478 articles and 1067 varieties in the basket of the previous index.
- Weights products have also been updated on the basis of new data on consumption patterns.

<u>I- The national level</u>

In August 2021, the Consumer Price Index stagnated compared to the previous month.

This change is the result of a 0.4% decrease in the food products index and a 0.4% increase in non-food products index.

The decreases in Food products observed between July and August 2021 are mainly "vegetables" with 3.0%, "meat" with 2.3%, "fish and seafood" with 1.7% and "Milk, cheese and eggs" with 0.5%.

On the other hand, prices increased by 2.8% for "fruit", by 1.1% for "Oils and fats" and 0.2% for "Mineral waters, soft drinks, fruit and vegetable juices.

In the case of non-food products, the increase was mainly due to "fuels" with 0.5%. The largest increases in the CPI were recorded in Agadir with 1.0 %, Al-hoceima with 0.9 %, Errachidia with 0.6 %, Marrakesh with 0.5 % and Tangier with 0.4 %.

On the other hand, decreases were recorded in Kénitra with 0.7 %, in Rabat and Settat with 0.4 % and in Fes and Safi with 0.2 %.

<u> II – In the city of Agadir</u>

During the month of august 2021, the consumer price index (CPI) in the city of Agadir reached the level of 104.6 against 103.4 the previous month, recording an increase of 1% compared to the previous month. This variation is the result of an increase in the food products index by 0.7% and in the non-food products index by 1.3% (Table 1).

The increases in food products observed between July and August 2021 mainly concern "vegetables" with 8.7%, "fish and seafood" with 2%, "oils and fats" with 1.9%, "fruits" with 0.8% and "bread and cereals" with 0.7%.

On the other hand, prices fell by 2.7% for "meat" and by 1% for "Milk, Cheese and Eggs" (Table 2). In the case of non-food products, the change mainly affected the prices of "transport services" with 19.1%(Table 2).

III - Inter-annual variations

In the city of Agadir, the average index for the first eight months of 2021 increased by 1% compared to the same period in the previous year.

The Consumer price index, in august 2021, were 1% higher than in the same month of the previous year (Table 3).



Monthly change of the consumer price index level in the city of Agadir

Table 1: Variation in the Index Consumer Prices by division

Products divisions	July 2021	August 2021	V (in %)
Food products	103,8	104,5	0,7
1-Food and non-alcoholic beverages	103,1	103,8	0,7
2-Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	124,9	124,9	0,0
Non-food products	103,4	104,7	1,3
3-Clothes and shoes	97,9	97,9	0,0
4-Housing, water, electricity and other fuels	102,1	102,1	0,0
5-Furniture, articles and household and routine household maintenance	103,4	103,6	0,2
6-Health	100,6	100,6	0,0
7-Transport	106,6	114,3	7,2
8-Communication	101,4	101,3	-0,1
9-Leisure and Culture	101,4	101,4	0,0
10-Education	109	109	0,0
11-Restaurants and hotels	101,7	101,7	0,0
12-Various Goods and Services	107	107	0,0
GENERAL INDEX	103,6	104,6	1,0

Groups and classes	July 2021	August 2021	in %
Food products	103,3	104	0,7
Bread and cereals	102,6	103,3	0,7
Meat	108,3	105,4	-2,7
Fish and seafood	106,8	108,9	2,0
Milk, cheese and eggs	104,1	103,1	-1,0
Oils and fats	100,8	102,7	1,9
Fruits	108,8	109,7	0,8
Vegetables	91,9	99,9	8,7
Sugar, jam, honey, chocolate and confectionery	101,5	101,5	0,0
Foodstuffs n. e. c.	99	99,1	0,1
Non-alcoholic beverages	99,7	99,2	-0,5
Coffee, tea and cocoa	102	101,4	-0,6
Mineral water, soft drinks, fruit and vegetable juices	92,9	92,9	0,0
FOOD INDEX	103,1	103,8	0,7

Table 2:Variation in indices of food groups and classes - City of Agadir-

Table 3: Inter-annual variations (January-August 2021) - City of Agadir -

	August			Average (January-August)		
Divisions	2020	2021	V%	2020	2021	V%
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	104,9	103,8	-1,0	102,9	103,4	0,5
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	122,2	124,9	2,2	120,1	124,9	4,0
Clothes and shoes	97,8	97,9	0,1	97,9	97,8	-0,1
Housing, water, electricity and other fuels	101,4	102,1	0,7	101,4	101,9	0,5
Furniture, articles and household and routine household maintenance	102,7	103,6	0,9	102,3	103,1	0,8
Health	101	100,6	-0,4	101,1	100,7	-0,4
Transport	104,4	114,3	9,5	100,3	106,1	5,8
Communication	102,4	101,3	-1,1	102,4	101,9	-0,5
Leisure and Culture	101,3	101,4	0,1	101,4	101,3	-0,1
Education	108,5	109	0,5	108,5	109,0	0,5
Restaurants and hotels	101,7	101,7	0,0	101,6	101,6	0,0
Various Goods and Services	102,8	107	4,1	102,7	104,3	1,6
GENERAL INDEX	103,6	104,6	1,0	102,4	103,4	1,0

	Monthly index		Average (January-August) V%			
Cities	July 2021	August 2021	♥ /5	2020	2021	V%
Agadir	<u>103,6</u>	<u>104,6</u>	<u>1,0</u>	<u>102,4</u>	<u>103,4</u>	<u>1,0</u>
Casablanca	104,3	104,2	-0,1	102,3	103,7	1,4
Fès	103,5	103,3	-0,2	103,0	103,3	0,3
Kénitra	102,8	102,1	-0,7	101,5	102,2	0,7
Marrakech	103,8	104,3	0,5	102,0	103,2	1,2
Oujda	102,6	102,5	-0,1	101,7	102,3	0,6
Rabat	103,9	103,5	-0,4	102,2	103,3	1,1
Tétouan	102,6	102,9	0,3	101,7	102,1	0,4
Meknès	103,7	103,7	0,0	101,8	103,1	1,3
Tanger	103,6	104,0	0,4	102,3	103,2	0,9
Laâyoune	104,0	104,3	0,3	103,5	103,9	0,4
Dakhla	103,6	103,7	0,1	103,2	103,5	0,3
Guelmim	105,3	105,5	0,2	104,9	105,1	0,2
Settat	103,1	102,7	-0,4	101,2	102,8	1,6
Safi	105,9	105,7	-0,2	104,5	105,6	1,1
Beni-Mellal	104,2	104,1	-0,1	101,8	103,4	1,6
Al-hoceima	104,2	105,1	0,9	102,2	103,2	1,0
Errachidia	102,6	103,2	0,6	101,2	102,3	1,1
National index	103,8	103,8	0,0	102,3	103,3	1,0

Table 4: Consumer price index: Evolution by city