

Annual inflation at 3.0% in October 2022

In October 2022, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) increased by 3.0%, compared to October 2021. The main driver of CPI inflation in October was the higher prices of food and beverages by (+4.4%) and Housing, water, electricity, gas, and other fuels by (+3.3%).

Food prices main driver of inflation in October 2022

Food and beverage prices increased by 4.4%, mainly due to food prices (4.6%), and in particular meat prices (+6.1%). Food and beverages prices were the main driver of the inflation rate in October 2022 due to their high relative importance in the Saudi consumer basket (with a weight of 18.8%).

Housing, water, electricity, gas, and other fuels prices increased by 3.3%, as a result of the increase in actual rentals for housing by 3.7%.

Transport prices increased by 4.4%, mainly due to the increase in purchase of motor cars prices (+5.8%).

Personal goods and services prices increased by 0.9%, mainly resulting from the increase in wedding hall rental prices by (+8.5%). Restaurants and hotels prices increased by 6.8%, due to the increase in catering services prices by 6.8%.

Recreation & culture prices increased by 2.9%, mainly resulting from the increase in Charges of renting the rest houses & camps by 15.1%.

In contrast, clothing and footwear prices decreased by 1.2% due to the decrease in garments prices (- 2.5%).

Prices increase by 0.2% compared to September 2022

Compared to September 2022, consumer prices increased slightly by 0.2%.

The monthly CPI was affected by the increase in housing, water, electricity, gas, and other fuels prices by 0.9%, as a result of the increase in actual rentals for housing by +1.1%.

Restaurants and hotels prices increased by 0.4%, due to the increase in catering services prices by 0.3%, education prices increased by 1.9%, communication prices increased by 1.2%, transport increased by 0.1%, and health increased by 0.1%.

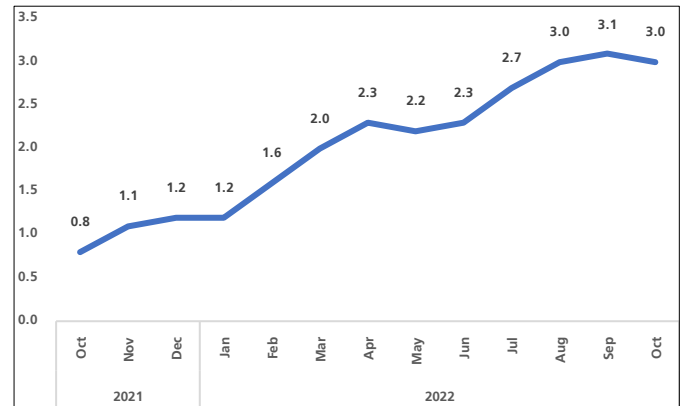
Prices of personal goods and services decreased by 0.6%. Clothing and footwear decreased by 0.2%, food and beverage decreased by 0.4% and Recreation & Culture decreased by 0.5%.

Table 1. Annual and Monthly Change in CPI by Main Expenditure Category (October2022)

Expenditure Category	Percent change in October 2022 compared to	
	Oct 2021	Sep 2022
General Index	3.0	0.2
Food & Beverages	4.4	-0.4
Tobacco	0.2	0.0
Clothing and Footwear	-1.2	-0.2
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels	3.3	0.9
Furnishings, Household Equipment & Maintenance	0.9	0.0
Health	1.1	0.1
Transport	4.4	0.1
Communication	1.3	1.2
Recreation & Culture	2.9	-0.5
Education	3.6	1.9
Restaurants & Hotels	6.8	0.4
Personal Goods and Services	0.9	-0.6

Source: [Tables](#).

Figure 1. CPI (Year-on-Year, %)



CPI Methodology

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) measures the prices paid by consumers for a fixed basket of goods and services consisting of 490 items. The basket was selected based on the results of the Expenditure and Income Survey conducted in 2018, according to which the items and their weights were determined. The respective prices are collected through field visits to points of sale. The CPI statistics are published monthly. For more details, click [Methodology](#).