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KEY FINDINGS

The headline CPI (for all urban areas) annual inflation rate in August 2013 was 6,4%. This rate was 0,1 of a percentage point higher than the corresponding annual rate of 6,3% in July 2013. On average, prices increased by 0,3% between July 2013 and August 2013.

The **food and non-alcoholic beverages** index increased by 0,3% between July 2013 and August 2013. The annual rate increased to 7,1% in August 2013 from 6,8% in July 2013. The following components in the food and non-alcoholic beverages index increased: oils and fats (1,7%), hot beverages (1,4%), bread and cereals (1,1%), milk, eggs and cheese (0,6%), fish (0,5%), sugar, sweets and desserts (0,4%), other food (0,3%), cold beverages (0,3%) and fruit (0,1%). The following components decreased: vegetables (-1,1%) and meat (-0,2%).

The **housing and utilities** index increased by 0,1% between July 2013 and August 2013. The annual rate decreased to 5,4% in August 2013 from 5,5% in July 2013.

The **transport** index increased by 1,0% between July 2013 and August 2013, mainly due to a 32c/litre increase in the price of petrol. The annual rate increased to 8,7% in August 2013 from 8,2% in July 2013.

The **communication** index increased by 0,3% between July 2013 and August 2013. The annual rate increased to 2,0% in August 2013 from 1,8% in July 2013.

The **recreation and culture** index increased by 0,2% between July 2013 and August 2013. The annual rate increased to 3,6% in August 2013 from 3,4% in July 2013.

The provinces with an annual inflation rate lower than or equal to headline inflation were KwaZulu-Natal (6,4%), Western Cape (6,0%), North West (5,9%), Mpumalanga (5,9%) and Eastern Cape (5,8%). The provinces with an annual inflation rate higher than headline inflation were Limpopo (7,0%), Northern Cape (6,8%), Free State (6,7%) and Gauteng (6,5%).

NOTES

CPI for September 2013

As indicated in the planned schedule of price surveys, television licences are surveyed in April and October. It has come to Stats SA's attention that price changes in this item will be introduced during September 2013. Additional surveys for this item will be conducted in September 2013 to capture these changes.

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TABLES

Table A - Consumer Price Index: Main indices

Unless otherwise stated, the table refers to all urban areas.

Group	Weight	Index (Dec 2012=100)			Percentage change			
		Aug 2012	Jul 2013	Aug 2013	Aug 2013 vs. Jul 2013	Aug 2013 vs. Aug 2012		
All items (CPI Headline)	100,00	98,0	104,0	104,3	0,3	6,4		
Analytical series	CPI per expenditure quintile	1	2,27	96,7	102,8	103,1	0,3	6,6
		2	4,58	97,0	102,7	103,0	0,3	6,2
		3	8,08	97,2	102,9	103,3	0,4	6,3
		4	18,60	97,5	103,6	104,0	0,4	6,7
		5	66,47	98,3	104,3	104,7	0,4	6,5
	CPI for all goods	49,86	97,5	103,3	103,8	0,5	6,5	
	CPI for durable goods	8,02	100,5	100,8	101,2	0,4	0,7	
	CPI for semi-durable goods	6,32	99,0	101,5	102,1	0,6	3,1	
	CPI for non-durable goods	35,52	96,2	104,1	104,8	0,7	8,9	
	CPI for services	50,14	98,7	104,7	104,8	0,1	6,2	
	CPI for pensioners	..	97,8	104,0	104,4	0,4	6,7	
	CPI for administered prices	Total	18,48	97,9	107,9	108,8	0,8	11,1
		Regulated	13,70	96,8	107,9	109,2	1,2	12,8
		Not regulated	4,78	100,0	107,8	107,8	0,0	7,8
	CPI for food and non-alcoholic beverages (NAB)	15,41	94,4	100,8	101,1	0,3	7,1	
	CPI excluding food and NAB	84,59	98,7	104,5	104,9	0,4	6,3	
	CPI excluding petrol	94,32	98,3	103,6	103,8	0,2	5,6	
	CPI excluding food and NAB and petrol	78,91	99,0	104,1	104,3	0,2	5,4	
	CPI excluding food and NAB, petrol, VAT, assessment rates, and finance charges	76,41	99,0	104,1	104,3	0,2	5,4	
	CPI excluding housing	75,48	97,8	104,0	104,4	0,4	6,7	
	CPI excluding petrol and energy	90,19	98,3	103,4	103,6	0,2	5,4	
	CPI excluding energy	95,87	97,9	103,8	104,2	0,4	6,4	
	CPI excluding food and NAB, petrol and energy	74,78	99,1	104,0	104,2	0,2	5,1	
CPI excluding owners' equivalent rent	88,58	98,0	104,2	104,5	0,3	6,6		
CPI excluding administered prices	81,52	98,1	103,1	103,3	0,2	5,3		
CPI administered prices excluding petrol and paraffin	12,75	99,9	106,8	106,9	0,1	7,0		
Trimmed mean	..	98,5	103,3	103,9	0,6	5,5		
Geographic indices	CPI for primary urban areas	61,90	98,1	104,1	104,4	0,3	6,4	
	CPI for secondary urban areas	20,49	97,8	103,6	104,0	0,4	6,3	
	CPI for rural areas¹	17,61	97,3	102,9	103,4	0,5	6,3	
	CPI for total country	100,00	97,9	103,8	104,2	0,4	6,4	
	CPI per province	Western Cape	15,55	98,0	103,5	103,9	0,4	6,0
		Eastern Cape	8,12	97,8	103,2	103,5	0,3	5,8
		Northern Cape	1,57	97,4	103,5	104,0	0,5	6,8
		Free State	5,12	97,5	103,6	104,0	0,4	6,7
		KwaZulu-Natal	15,33	97,7	103,7	104,0	0,3	6,4
		North West	5,59	97,7	103,1	103,5	0,4	5,9
Gauteng		36,97	98,2	104,3	104,6	0,3	6,5	
Mpumalanga	5,69	97,8	103,2	103,6	0,4	5,9		
Limpopo	6,06	97,6	103,5	104,4	0,9	7,0		

¹ The rural CPI is compiled using data from rural and urban areas in accordance with the purchasing patterns of rural residents.

Table B - CPI headline

Table B1 - CPI headline index numbers (Dec 2012=100)

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Average ¹
2009	81,4	82,3	83,4	83,8	84,1	84,5	85,4	85,6	86,0	86,0	86,0	86,2	84,6
2010	86,4	87,0	87,7	87,8	88,0	88,0	88,6	88,6	88,7	88,9	89,0	89,2	88,2
2011	89,6	90,2	91,3	91,6	92,0	92,4	93,2	93,4	93,8	94,2	94,5	94,6	92,6
2012	95,2	95,7	96,8	97,2	97,2	97,5	97,8	98,0	98,9	99,5	99,8	100,0	97,8
2013	100,3	101,3	102,5	102,9	102,6	102,9	104,0	104,3	..	..	..	..	..

¹ Annual average.

Table B2 - CPI headline year-on-year rates

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Average ¹
2009	8,1	8,6	8,5	8,4	8,0	6,9	6,7	6,4	6,1	5,9	5,8	6,3	7,1
2010	6,2	5,7	5,1	4,8	4,6	4,2	3,7	3,5	3,2	3,4	3,6	3,5	4,3
2011	3,7	3,7	4,1	4,2	4,6	5,0	5,3	5,3	5,7	6,0	6,1	6,1	5,0
2012	6,3	6,1	6,0	6,1	5,7	5,5	4,9	5,0	5,5	5,6	5,6	5,7	5,6
2013	5,4	5,9	5,9	5,9	5,6	5,5	6,3	6,4	..	..	..	..	..

¹ Annual average.

Rates shown in Table B2 show the official inflation rates as published in the monthly CPI release. Differences due to rounding off may occur when using the rebased indices in Table B1 to calculate the rates of change.

Figure 1 - CPI headline index numbers and year-on-year rates

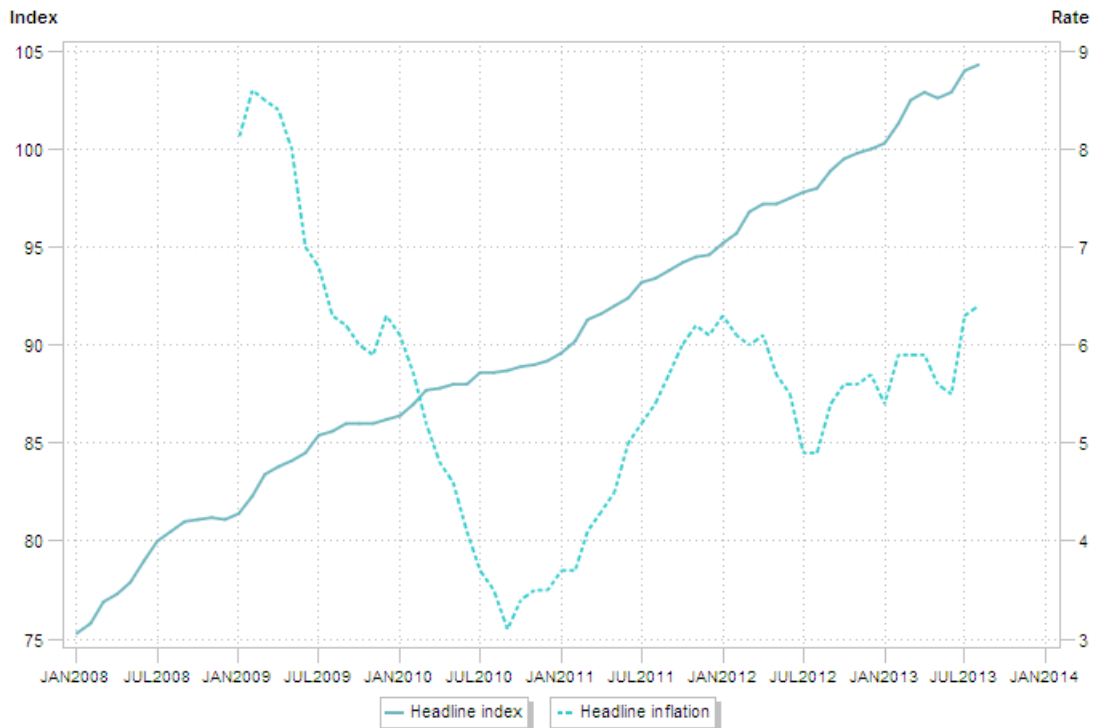


Table C - Contributions of the different groups to the annual percentage change in the CPI headline

Group	Contribution	
	Jul 2013	Aug 2013
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	1,0	1,1
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	0,4	0,4
Clothing and footwear	0,1	0,1
Housing and utilities	1,4	1,3
Household contents and services	0,1	0,1
Health	0,1	0,1
Transport	1,3	1,4
Communication	0,0	0,1
Recreation and culture	0,1	0,2
Education	0,3	0,3
Restaurants and hotels	0,2	0,2
Miscellaneous goods and services	1,1	1,1
Residual	0,2	0,0
All Items	6,3	6,4

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

Group	Contribution	
	Jul 2013	Aug 2013
Housing and utilities	0,5	0,0
Transport	0,4	0,2
Residual	0,2	0,1
All Items	1,1	0,3

Table E - Consumer price indices for all urban areas

Group	Weight	Index (Dec 2012=100)			Percentage change	
		Aug 2012	Jul 2013	Aug 2013	Aug 2013 vs. Jul 2013	Aug 2013 vs. Aug 2012
All items (CPI Headline)	100,00	98,0	104,0	104,3	0,3	6,4
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	15,41	94,4	100,8	101,1	0,3	7,1
Food	14,20	94,0	100,7	101,0	0,3	7,4
Processed	6,78	96,2	103,5	104,1	0,6	8,2
Unprocessed	7,42	92,0	98,1	98,1	0,0	6,6
Bread and cereals	3,55	94,4	101,4	102,5	1,1	8,6
Meat	4,56	92,4	97,2	97,0	-0,2	5,0
Fish	0,37	97,9	104,7	105,2	0,5	7,5
Milk, eggs and cheese	1,74	98,4	104,9	105,5	0,6	7,2
Oils and fats	0,55	97,7	100,3	102,0	1,7	4,4
Fruit	0,23	89,3	93,2	93,3	0,1	4,5
Vegetables	1,61	88,9	101,9	100,8	-1,1	13,4
Sugar, sweets and desserts	0,65	98,2	105,6	106,0	0,4	7,9
Other food	0,94	96,1	101,8	102,1	0,3	6,2
Non-alcoholic beverages	1,21	98,7	102,0	102,6	0,6	4,0
Hot beverages	0,32	99,6	102,8	104,2	1,4	4,6
Cold beverages	0,89	98,4	101,7	102,0	0,3	3,7
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	5,43	99,9	106,4	106,4	0,0	6,5
Alcoholic beverages	3,95	99,9	106,8	106,6	-0,2	6,7
Spirits	0,76	100,3	107,4	107,1	-0,3	6,8
Wine	0,74	100,0	105,5	104,3	-1,1	4,3
Beer	2,45	99,6	107,0	107,2	0,2	7,6
Tobacco	1,48	99,7	105,3	105,9	0,6	6,2
Clothing and footwear	4,07	99,0	101,3	102,1	0,8	3,1
Clothing	2,76	98,9	101,4	102,2	0,8	3,3
Footwear	1,31	99,2	101,0	101,8	0,8	2,6
Housing and utilities	24,52	98,7	103,9	104,0	0,1	5,4
Actual rentals for housing	4,76	97,9	102,7	102,7	0,0	4,9
Owners' equivalent rent	11,42	98,3	102,5	102,5	0,0	4,3
Maintenance and repair	1,31	98,5	101,9	102,8	0,9	4,4
Water and other services	2,85	100,0	107,9	108,0	0,1	8,0
Electricity and other fuels	4,18	99,5	107,2	107,2	0,0	7,7
Household contents and services	4,79	98,8	101,7	101,8	0,1	3,0
Furnishings, floor coverings and textiles	1,12	99,3	98,9	99,2	0,3	-0,1
Appliances, tableware and equipment	0,78	100,6	100,7	101,2	0,5	0,6
Supplies and services	2,89	98,2	103,0	103,0	0,0	4,9
Domestic workers' wages	2,35	98,0	103,3	103,3	0,0	5,4
Health	1,46	99,4	104,2	104,2	0,0	4,8
Medical products	0,74	98,4	102,2	102,1	-0,1	3,8
Medical services	0,72	100,0	106,3	106,3	0,0	6,3

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

Group		Weight	Index (Dec 2012=100)			Percentage change		
			Aug 2012	Jul 2013	Aug 2013	Aug 2013 vs. Jul 2013	Aug 2013 vs. Aug 2012	
Transport		16,43	97,6	105,0	106,1	1,0	8,7	
	Purchase of vehicles	5,98	100,5	101,9	102,3	0,4	1,8	
	Private transport operation		7,25	93,3	108,7	111,0	2,1	19,0
		Petrol	5,68	91,9	110,3	113,0	2,4	23,0
	Other running costs	1,57	99,7	102,9	103,8	0,9	4,1	
Public transport	3,20	95,8	102,3	102,4	0,1	6,9		
Communication		2,63	100,0	101,7	102,0	0,3	2,0	
	Postal services and telecommunication services	2,50	99,8	102,2	102,6	0,4	2,8	
	Telecommunication equipment	0,13	103,2	92,8	91,3	-1,6	-11,5	
Recreation and culture		4,09	98,7	102,1	102,3	0,2	3,6	
	Recreational equipment	1,59	100,1	100,8	100,6	-0,2	0,5	
	Recreational and cultural services	1,72	98,7	102,8	102,8	0,0	4,2	
	Books, newspapers and stationery	0,57	95,4	101,9	103,7	1,8	8,7	
	Package holidays	0,21	..	105,8	108,4	2,5	..	
Education		2,95	100,0	109,0	109,0	0,0	9,0	
	Primary and secondary	1,72	100,0	109,1	109,1	0,0	9,1	
	Tertiary	1,23	100,0	108,8	108,8	0,0	8,8	
Restaurants and hotels		3,50	97,9	103,9	104,5	0,6	6,7	
	Restaurants	2,54	98,0	103,9	104,3	0,4	6,4	
	Hotels	0,96	97,6	103,8	105,2	1,3	7,8	
Miscellaneous goods and services		14,72	99,3	106,7	106,8	0,1	7,6	
	Personal care	2,29	99,4	103,2	103,6	0,4	4,2	
	Insurance	9,92	99,8	108,2	108,2	0,0	8,4	
	Financial services	1,20	100,0	105,3	105,4	0,1	5,4	
	Other goods and services	1,31	97,1	102,8	102,8	0,0	5,9	

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Annual inflation rate	The annual inflation rate is the change in the CPI for all items of the relevant month of the current year compared with the CPI for all items of the same month in the previous year expressed as a percentage.
Annual percentage change	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.
Average annual inflation rate	The average annual inflation rate is the change in the average CPI for all items of one year compared with the average CPI for all items of the previous year expressed as a percentage.
Average annual percentage change	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.
CPI for administered prices	An administered price is defined as the price of a product which is set consciously by an individual producer or group of producers and/or any price which can be determined or influenced by government, either directly or through a government agency/institution without reference to market forces. Products and services included are assessment rates, sanitary fees, refuse removal, water, electricity, paraffin, petrol, public transport – trains, motor licences, motor registration, telephone fees, postage, cell calls, television licence, school fees, university/technicons/colleges and university boarding fees.
CPI for regulated prices	Regulated prices are those administered prices that are monitored and controlled by government policy. To this end, price regulation does not necessarily imply the presence of an economic regulator, but the restriction on the extent to which prices may vary, depending on government's policy objective. Products and services included are water, electricity, paraffin, petrol, telephone fees, postage and cell calls.
CPI per expenditure quintile	quintile 1 - up to R 21 399; quintile 2 - R 21 400 up to R 35 750; quintile 3 - R 35 751 up to R 61 624; quintile 4 - R 61 625 up to R 142 083; and quintile 5 - R 142 084 and more.
Inflation rate	The inflation rate is the change in the CPI for all items of the relevant month of the current year compared with the CPI for all items of the same month in the previous year expressed as a percentage.
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