



Consumer Price Index

(Jan 2015 = 100)

**March
2023**



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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

MARCH 2023

Month-on-Month

March 2023 /
February 2023

▲ 0.1%

Year-on-Year

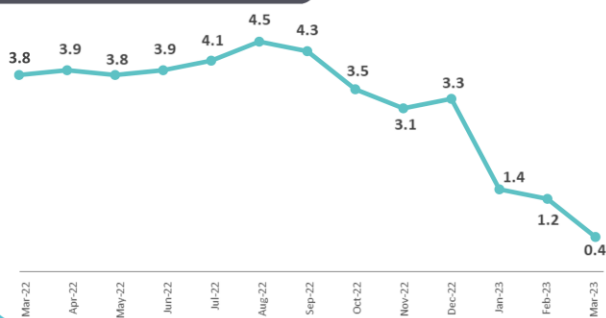
March 2023 /
March 2022

▲ 0.4%

Month-on-Month



Year-on-Year



Base Year (Jan 2015=100)



The same CPI basket of goods and services worth
BND100.00 in January 2015 is now worth
BND106.89 in March 2023

Main Contributors Year-on-Year

Food ▲ 3.9%

Rice and Cereals

▲ 6.6%

Meat

▲ 5.8%

Fish and Seafood

▲ 3.6%

Non-Food ▼ -0.5%

Transport

▼ -4.1%

Miscellaneous Goods and Services

▼ -2.5%

Communication

▼ -2.9%

Notes

- CPI measures the average change of prices of a fixed basket of goods and services paid by households in a certain period of time.
- Month-on-month means to compare prices with the previous month.
- Year-on-year means to compare prices with the same month in the previous year.

HIGHLIGHTS

The overall Consumer Price Index (CPI) in March 2023 has **increased** by 0.4 per cent year-on-year from 106.5 in March 2022 to 106.9 this year. The Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages index has recorded an increase of 3.9 per cent, while the Non-Food index has decreased by 0.5 per cent. Meanwhile, the Goods index has increased by 1.6 per cent, while the Services index has decreased by 1.2 per cent.

On a month-on-month basis, the CPI has **increased** by 0.1 per cent compared to February 2023. The Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages index has recorded a decrease of 0.1 per cent, while the Non-Food index has increased by 0.1 per cent.

For period-on-period, the CPI for January to March 2023 registered an increase of 1.0 per cent compared to the same period in 2022 (**Table 1**).

Table 1: CPI, March 2023

Category	Weights	Index	Change (%)		
		Mar 2023	Mar 2023 / Mar 2022	Mar 2023 / Feb 2023	Jan-Mar 2023 / Jan-Mar 2022
OVERALL CPI	10,000	106.9	0.4	0.1	1.0
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	1,883	115.0	3.9	-0.1	4.4
Non-Food	8,117	105.0	-0.5	0.1	0.2
Goods	5,726	106.6	1.6	-0.1	1.7
Services	4,274	107.3	-1.2	0.3	0.03

YEAR-ON-YEAR CHANGES (MARCH 2023 COMPARED TO MARCH 2022)

The CPI in March 2023 has increased by 0.4 per cent compared to the same month in 2022.

Based on the contribution to change, Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages has contributed 210.5 per cent to the overall year-on-year increase of the CPI in March 2023. This was followed by Restaurants and Hotels 130.1 per cent; and Recreation and Culture 46.2 per cent (**Figure 1** and **Table 2**).

Increases were recorded in:

- **Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages** 3.9 per cent due to increase in prices of rice and cereals; meat; and fish and seafood (**Table 3**);
- **Restaurants and Hotels** 4.4 per cent due to increase in prices of restaurants, cafes, fast food outlets and others; and accommodation services; and
- **Recreation and Culture** 2.5 per cent due to increase in prices of package holidays/pilgrimages; newspapers, magazines and periodicals; and pets and related products.

Decreases were recorded in:

- **Transport** 4.1 per cent due to decrease in prices of passenger transport by air; motor cars; and fuels and lubricants for vehicles;
- **Miscellaneous Goods and Services** 2.5 per cent due to decrease in prices of insurance; other services; and jewellery, clocks and watches; and
- **Communication** 2.9 per cent due to decrease in price of telephone and telefax services.

Figure 1: CPI Year-on-Year Changes, March 2023

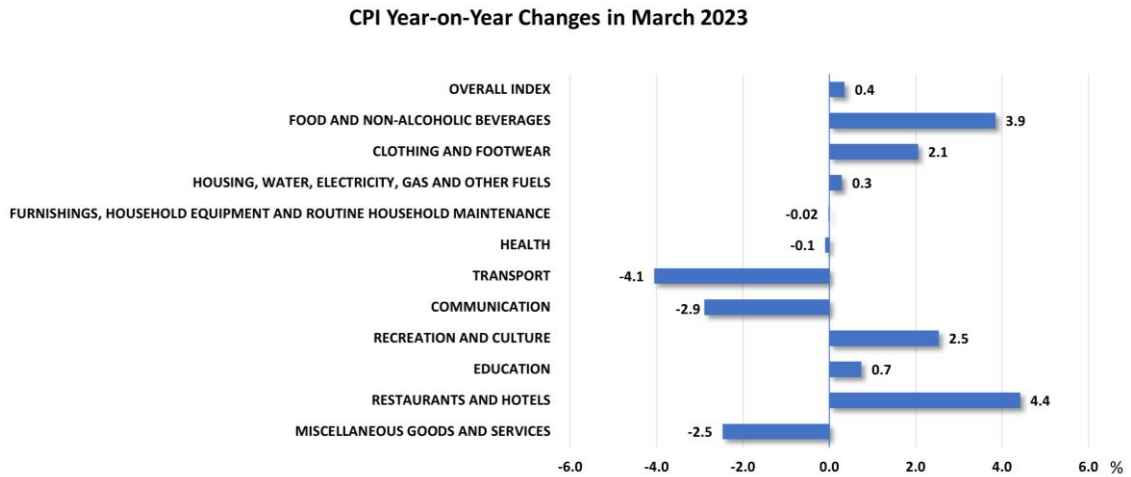


Table 2: CPI by Divisions, March 2023 and March 2022

Divisions	Weights	Index		Change (%)	Contribution to Change (%)
		Mar 2022	Mar 2023		
Overall CPI	10,000	106.5	106.9	0.4	100.0
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	1,883	110.8	115.0	3.9	210.5
Clothing and Footwear	403	103.3	105.5	2.1	22.5
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	1,170	95.0	95.2	0.3	8.6
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	702	102.0	102.0	-0.02	-0.4
Health	91	103.1	103.0	-0.1	-0.2
Transport	1,961	106.6	102.3	-4.1	-222.2
Communication	594	99.8	96.9	-2.9	-45.0
Recreation and Culture	664	104.7	107.3	2.5	46.2
Education	696	105.3	106.1	0.7	14.4
Restaurants and Hotels	1,069	105.0	109.6	4.4	130.1
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	767	129.7	126.5	-2.5	-64.4

Table 3: Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages Year-on-Year Changes, March 2023

Divisions	Weights	Index		Change (%)	Contribution to Change (%)
		Mar 2022	Mar 2023		
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	1,883	110.8	115.0	3.9	210.5
Food	1,642	111.8	116.2	3.9	189.4
Rice and Cereals	370	100.1	106.8	6.6	64.4
Meat	319	122.1	129.2	5.8	59.4
Fish and Seafood	225	114.8	118.9	3.6	24.4
Milk, Dairy Products and Eggs	180	98.1	102.4	4.4	20.4
Oil and Fats	55	130.0	132.9	2.2	4.2
Fruits	134	117.8	121.4	3.1	12.8
Vegetables	149	131.4	129.6	-1.4	-7.0
Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate and Confectionery	91	100.7	100.6	-0.1	-0.1
Food Products, Not Elsewhere Classified	119	103.7	107.2	3.4	11.0
Non-Alcoholic Beverages	241	104.1	107.5	3.2	21.1
Coffee, Tea and Cocoa	72	97.7	102.7	5.1	9.4
Mineral Waters, Soft Drinks, Fruit and Vegetable Juices	169	106.9	109.5	2.5	11.7

MONTH-ON-MONTH CHANGES (MARCH 2023 COMPARED TO FEBRUARY 2023)

The CPI in March 2023 has increased by 0.1 per cent over February 2023.

Based on the contribution to change, Recreation and Culture has contributed 200.0 per cent to the overall month-on-month increase of the CPI in March 2023. This was followed by Restaurants and Hotels 52.5 per cent; and Clothing and Footwear 47.1 per cent (**Figure 2** and **Table 4**).

Increases were recorded in:

- **Recreation and Culture** 3.1 per cent due to increase in prices of package holidays/pilgrimages; and stationery and drawing materials;
- **Restaurants and Hotels** 0.5 per cent due to increase in price of restaurants, cafes, fast-food outlets and others; and
- **Clothing and Footwear** 1.2 per cent due to increase in prices of shoes and other footwear; other articles of clothing and clothing accessories; and tailoring charges and cleaning of clothing.

Decreases were recorded in:

- **Transport** 0.8 per cent due to decrease in prices of motor cars; and passenger transport by air;
- **Communication** 0.4 per cent due to decrease in price of telephone and telefax services; and
- **Miscellaneous Goods and Services** 0.2 per cent due to decrease in price of other services.

Meanwhile, Education; Health; and Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels indices remain unchanged.

Figure 2: CPI Month-on-Month Changes, March 2023

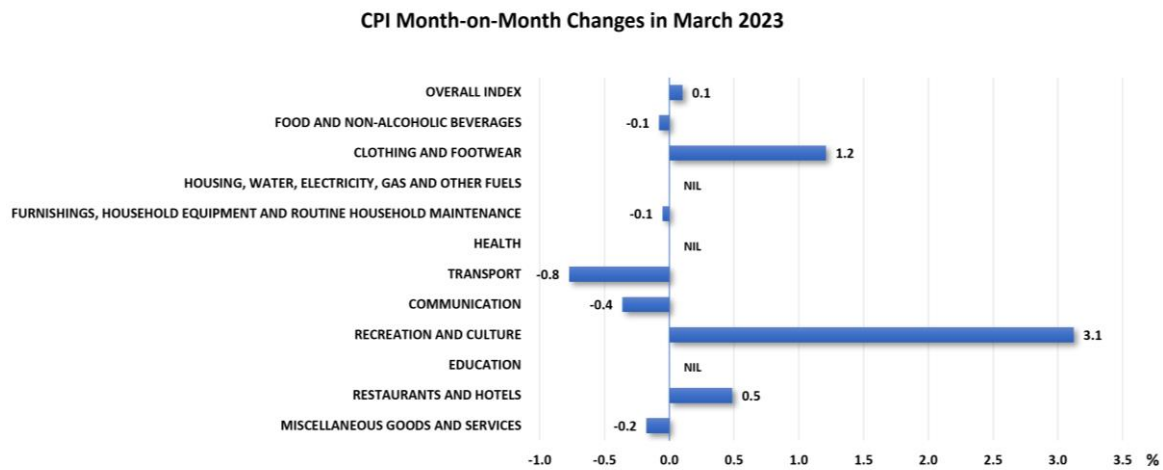


Table 4: CPI by Divisions, March 2023 and February 2023

Divisions	Weights	Index		Change (%)	Contribution to Change (%)
		Feb 2023	Mar 2023		
Overall CPI	10,000	106.8	106.9	0.1	100.0
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	1,883	115.1	115.0	-0.1	-15.8
Clothing and Footwear	403	104.2	105.5	1.2	47.1
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	1,170	95.2	95.2	-	-
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	702	102.0	102.0	-0.1	-3.5
Health	91	103.0	103.0	-	-
Transport	1,961	103.0	102.3	-0.8	-144.9
Communication	594	97.2	96.9	-0.4	-19.4
Recreation and Culture	664	104.1	107.3	3.1	200.0
Education	696	106.1	106.1	-	-
Restaurants and Hotels	1,069	109.1	109.6	0.5	52.5
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	767	126.7	126.5	-0.2	-15.9

Note: “-” means nil

PERIOD-ON-PERIOD CHANGES (JANUARY-MARCH 2023 COMPARED TO JANUARY-MARCH 2022)

The average CPI for January to March 2023 has increased by 1.0 per cent year-on-year compared to the same period in 2022.

Based on the contribution to change, Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages has contributed 87.4 per cent to the overall period-on-period increase of the CPI from January to March 2023. This was followed by Restaurants and Hotels 46.7 per cent; and Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels 13.3 per cent (**Table 5**).

Increases were recorded in:

- **Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages** 4.4 per cent due to increase in prices of meat; rice and cereals; and fish and seafood;
- **Restaurants and Hotels** 4.3 per cent due to increase in prices of restaurants, cafes, fast-food outlets and others; and accommodation services; and
- **Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels** 1.3 per cent due to increase in prices of materials for the maintenance and repair of the dwelling; rentals for housing; and services for the maintenance and repair of the dwelling.

Decreases were recorded in:

- **Transport** 2.5 per cent due to decrease in prices of passenger transport by air; motor cars; and fuels and lubricants for vehicles;
- **Communication** 2.7 per cent due to decrease in price of telephone and telefax services; and
- **Clothing and Footwear** 0.9 per cent due to decrease in prices of garments; tailoring charges and cleaning of clothing; and other articles of clothing and clothing accessories.

Table 5: CPI by Divisions, January - March 2023 and January - March 2022

Divisions	Weights	Index		Change (%)	Contribution to Change (%)
		Jan-Mar 2022	Jan-Mar 2023		
Overall CPI	10,000	105.6	106.6	1.0	100.0
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	1,883	110.1	114.9	4.4	87.4
Clothing and Footwear	403	102.4	101.6	-0.9	-3.4
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	1,170	94.1	95.2	1.3	13.3
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	702	101.7	101.6	-0.2	-1.2
Health	91	103.1	102.9	-0.2	-0.2
Transport	1,961	105.6	103.0	-2.5	-49.1
Communication	594	99.8	97.1	-2.7	-15.3
Recreation and Culture	664	104.0	104.9	0.9	5.9
Education	696	105.3	106.1	0.8	5.5
Restaurants and Hotels	1,069	104.8	109.3	4.3	46.7
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	767	125.1	126.5	1.1	10.4

GOODS ACCORDING TO DURABILITY AND SERVICES

For March 2023, the Goods index has increased by 1.6 per cent, while the Services index has decreased by 1.2 per cent. The increase in Goods was contributed by the semi-durable and non-durable goods.

Meanwhile, compared to February 2023, the Goods index recorded a decrease of 0.1 per cent, while the Services index increased by 0.3 per cent.

For the period January to March 2023, both Goods and Services indices registered an increase of 1.7 and 0.03 per cent respectively, compared to the same period in 2022 (**Table 6**).

Table 6: CPI of goods according to durability and services

Goods and Services Category	Weights	Index			Change (%)		
		Mar 2022	Feb 2023	Mar 2023	Mar 2023 / Mar 2022	Mar 2023 / Feb 2023	Jan-Mar 2023 / Jan-Mar 2022
Overall	10,000	106.5	106.8	106.9	0.4	0.1	1.0
Goods	5,726	104.9	106.7	106.6	1.6	-0.1	1.7
Durable	1,220	103.4	102.8	102.1	-1.2	-0.7	-0.3
Semi-durable	790	105.0	106.6	107.1	2.0	0.5	0.6
Non-durable	3,716	105.4	107.9	107.9	2.4	-0.02	2.6
Services	4,274	108.6	107.0	107.3	-1.2	0.3	0.03