



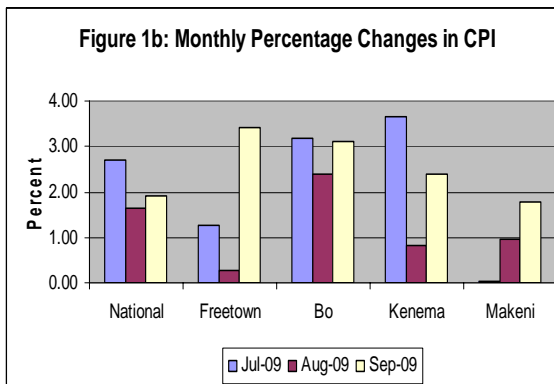
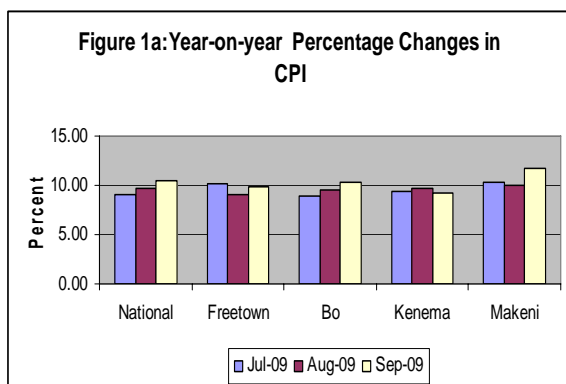
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) SEPTEMBER, 2009: PRESS RELEASE

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SEPTEMBER 2009 MONTHLY INFLATION RATE INCREASED MODERATELY

The monthly rate of inflation for the composite index (2003=100) increased by 1.92 per cent, when the CPI for September 2009 is compared with the CPI figure for August 2009. Similarly, the monthly rate of inflation increased in Freetown (3.4 percent), Bo (3.1 percent), Kenema (2.48 percent) and Makeni (1.77 per cent) during the same period. The composite year-on-year inflation rate (2003=100) increased by 0.8 percentage point from 9.66 per cent in August 2009 to 10.48 percent in September 2009. There were upward movements in the year-on-year rates of inflation in Freetown, Bo, and Makeni while the annual rate of inflation decreased in Kenema when the rate for August 2009 is compared with that for September 2009. The year-on-year rates of inflation increased in Freetown from 9.1 percent in August 2009 to 9.8 percent in September 2009, in Bo from 9.53 percent to 10.28 percent and in Makeni from 10.0 percent to 11.7 percernt during the period under review. However, the year-on-year rates of inflation decreased in Kenema from 9.7 percent to 9.2 percent during the same period.

Considering the old CPI series (1992=100), there were upward movements in the CPI in all centers. In Freetown the year-on-year rate of inflation increased from 8.34 in August 2009 to 9.61 percent in September 2009, in Bo from 8.56 per cent in August 2009 to 9.61 percent in September 2009, in Kenema from 7.93 per cent in August 2009 to 7.95 percent and in Makeni from 10.16 per cent to 12.20 during the same period.



FACTORS INFLUENCING CHANGES IN THE MONTHLY RATE OF INFLATION

The combined monthly CPI for September 2009 increased from 206.42 per cent in August 2009 to 210.38 in September 2009 resulting in a 1.92 percent increase in inflation this month. The general rise in the price level for September 2009 reinforces the increase in the index over the last few months indicating a continuous build up of inflationary pressure in the economy. Increases were observed in all the components of the CPI (Food, Alcoholic Beverages, Clothing and footwear, hotels and restaurants, recreation and culture, education, health, transport and miscellaneous goods and services) except communication which remained constant.

The specific food items for which increases were observed include, rice and other cereals, fish, fruits, milk and cheese, oils and fats, and sugar. There were also increases in the price of non-food products such as clothing materials, shoe and foot wear, materials for the maintenance of dwellings, furniture and furnishing, non durable household items etc.

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| | | Sept-08 | June-09 | July-09 | Aug-09 | Sept-09 | | | |
|--|--------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| COICOP | WEIGHT | Month Previous Year - | Month m-3 for Current Year, | Month m-2 for Current Year | Month m-1 for Current Year | Month m for Current Year | Monthly Change | 3 Months Change | 12 months Change |
| O | a | b | c | d | e | f | g | h | i |
| Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverage | 51.02 | 197.04 | 202.40 | 208.24 | 210.22 | 214.95 | 2.25 | 6.20 | 9.09 |
| Alcoholic Beverage, Tobacco and Narcotics | 2.50 | 136.12 | 146.54 | 149.20 | 151.06 | 150.40 | -0.44 | 2.64 | 10.49 |
| Clothing and Footwear | 8.07 | 136.08 | 140.35 | 142.54 | 141.03 | 148.97 | 5.63 | 6.14 | 9.48 |
| Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels | 9.82 | 207.67 | 215.49 | 217.02 | 218.46 | 210.82 | -3.50 | -2.17 | 1.52 |
| Furnishing, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance | 4.01 | 162.97 | 169.74 | 171.95 | 174.62 | 178.73 | 2.36 | 5.30 | 9.67 |
| Health | 3.57 | 485.38 | 527.58 | 529.97 | 550.08 | 563.01 | 2.35 | 6.72 | 15.99 |
| Transport | 5.95 | 165.96 | 165.35 | 176.34 | 190.91 | 191.87 | 0.51 | 16.04 | 15.61 |
| Communication | 0.61 | 134.41 | 128.16 | 135.11 | 163.70 | 163.70 | 0.00 | 27.74 | 21.79 |
| Recreation and Culture | 5.29 | 133.32 | 136.40 | 140.33 | 139.48 | 142.06 | 1.85 | 4.16 | 6.56 |
| Education | 1.63 | 109.82 | 121.27 | 121.72 | 125.86 | 124.93 | -0.74 | 3.02 | 13.76 |
| Restaurant and Hotels | 4.13 | 171.61 | 177.52 | 196.62 | 202.80 | 221.54 | 9.24 | 24.80 | 29.09 |
| Miscellaneous G&S | 3.41 | 141.50 | 171.11 | 171.54 | 169.20 | 172.07 | 1.69 | 0.56 | 21.60 |
| All items | 100.00 | 190.42 | 197.73 | 203.05 | 206.42 | 210.38 | 1.92 | 6.40 | 10.48 |
| Column Description | | | | | | | | | |
| Column O : COICOP 12 Functions | | | | | | | | | |
| Column A : CPI Weighting | | | | | | | | | |
| Column B : CPI Of The Given Month (M) For Previous Year | | | | | | | | | |
| Column C : CPI Of The Given Month (M -3) For Current Year | | | | | | | | | |
| Column D : CPI Of The Given Month (M -2) For Current Year | | | | | | | | | |
| Column E : CPI Of The Given Month (M -1) For Current Year | | | | | | | | | |
| Column G : CPI Monthly Change In % $((F-E) \times 100 / E)$ | | | | | | | | | |
| Column H : CPI 3 Months Change In % $((F-C) \times 100 / C)$ | | | | | | | | | |
| Column I: CPI 12 Months Change In % $((F-B) \times 100 / B)$ | | | | | | | | | |

The Interim National CPI measures the change in prices, on average, from month to month, of the goods and services bought by most households, in Freetown, Bo, Kenema and Makeni including all expenditure groups and both families and single persons. Prices are collected for 251 items. All prices collected are the prevailing retail market prices from six (6) markets in the Greater Freetown area, three (3) Markets in Bo Town, three (3) markets in Kenema Town and two (2) markets in Makeni Town for weekly prices and other outlets for monthly items whose prices are less likely to fluctuate rapidly. The National Index was computed by aggregating the CPI for the four index towns previously published separately with different base periods. The old CPI series for Bo, Kenema, Makeni and Freetown were rebased to base year 2003. Computation methodology changed from the Modified to the Traditional Laspeyres, and transformed into the Classification of Individual Consumption by Purpose (COICOP) with 12 functions. The separate center CPIs were aggregated at the sub-class level.

FREETOWN CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (1992=100)-OLD SERIES

| | Food | Beverage & Tobacco | Rent Rates & Repairs | Fuel & Power | Cloth & Footwear | Furniture Goods | Expan. Goods & services | Personal Transport | Transport & Comm. | Med. & Medicare | Education & Stationery | Enter & Recreation | Personal Goods & Services | All Items | Monthly % Change | Annual % Change |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Wgts | 54.13 | 3.63 | 3.92 | 6.51 | 7.35 | 1.86 | 2.46 | 1.16 | 4.77 | 3.45 | 4.11 | 3.72 | 2.93 | 100 | | |
| 2006 Jan | 408.73 | 16.18 | 39.20 | 64.97 | 32.81 | 7.93 | 24.11 | 13.73 | 46.04 | 24.02 | 16.71 | 24.24 | 15.83 | 734.50 | 0.10 | 13.85 |
| Feb | 410.66 | 15.87 | 39.27 | 59.78 | 33.33 | 8.01 | 25.25 | 13.72 | 46.48 | 24.00 | 16.68 | 24.25 | 15.90 | 733.50 | -0.17 | 13.63 |
| Mar | 411.66 | 16.28 | 39.27 | 59.12 | 33.93 | 7.92 | 26.53 | 13.73 | 46.67 | 24.00 | 17.59 | 24.25 | 17.27 | 738.23 | 0.68 | 13.52 |
| April | 414.25 | 16.08 | 39.27 | 60.40 | 33.50 | 8.43 | 25.88 | 13.73 | 46.48 | 24.88 | 16.54 | 24.34 | 15.65 | 739.42 | 0.16 | 12.48 |
| May | 415.84 | 16.17 | 39.27 | 62.67 | 33.91 | 8.44 | 24.47 | 13.73 | 49.97 | 25.16 | 16.16 | 24.71 | 15.68 | 746.99 | 1.02 | 11.75 |
| June | 424.41 | 15.97 | 39.25 | 57.14 | 33.32 | 8.12 | 25.34 | 14.76 | 50.69 | 24.00 | 18.90 | 25.76 | 16.16 | 753.84 | 0.92 | 9.24 |
| July | 421.09 | 15.89 | 39.25 | 64.86 | 33.40 | 9.28 | 25.00 | 15.45 | 50.43 | 24.68 | 18.80 | 26.00 | 15.36 | 759.42 | 0.74 | 7.24 |
| Aug | 430.53 | 15.88 | 40.29 | 60.30 | 32.57 | 9.34 | 24.88 | 15.62 | 50.43 | 24.67 | 18.80 | 26.49 | 15.70 | 766.49 | 0.93 | 6.21 |
| Sept | 441.38 | 16.01 | 43.43 | 62.39 | 33.82 | 9.92 | 22.95 | 16.63 | 51.29 | 24.70 | 17.54 | 26.50 | 14.92 | 780.48 | 1.82 | 6.63 |
| Oct | 439.29 | 16.07 | 43.43 | 64.42 | 33.89 | 10.03 | 25.16 | 15.25 | 52.96 | 25.13 | 19.06 | 26.53 | 14.96 | 786.15 | 0.73 | 6.91 |
| Nov | 436.56 | 16.14 | 43.43 | 64.87 | 33.96 | 10.53 | 24.71 | 15.44 | 52.98 | 25.13 | 20.41 | 26.62 | 15.84 | 786.61 | 0.06 | 6.73 |
| Dec | 434.66 | 17.36 | 44.89 | 69.54 | 33.69 | 10.37 | 23.96 | 15.84 | 52.98 | 25.68 | 22.13 | 26.75 | 16.55 | 794.39 | 0.99 | 8.26 |
| 2007 Jan | 445.68 | 17.52 | 44.91 | 70.70 | 33.85 | 10.39 | 23.87 | 15.96 | 53.00 | 25.98 | 20.42 | 29.35 | 14.92 | 806.55 | 1.53 | 9.81 |
| Feb | 464.13 | 17.13 | 44.91 | 71.01 | 34.33 | 10.29 | 25.03 | 16.07 | 53.00 | 26.22 | 20.46 | 29.61 | 15.03 | 827.10 | 2.55 | 12.80 |
| Mar | 450.50 | 17.21 | 44.84 | 68.29 | 34.43 | 10.57 | 23.86 | 15.76 | 52.95 | 26.21 | 20.49 | 32.60 | 15.05 | 812.77 | -1.73 | 10.10 |
| Apr. | 453.04 | 17.63 | 44.84 | 70.69 | 34.57 | 11.39 | 25.23 | 15.80 | 52.87 | 26.51 | 20.64 | 34.82 | 15.97 | 824.00 | 1.38 | 11.44 |
| May | 451.1 | 17.74 | 44.84 | 67.6 | 34.62 | 11.28 | 27.65 | 15.88 | 53.00 | 26.51 | 20.99 | 34.52 | 16.1 | 821.84 | -0.26 | 10.02 |
| June | 455.65 | 17.55 | 46.53 | 69.24 | 34.38 | 11.24 | 27.62 | 15.96 | 53.00 | 26.51 | 21.36 | 34.85 | 17.00 | 830.90 | 1.10 | 10.22 |
| July | 451.32 | 17.78 | 46.49 | 72.21 | 34.58 | 11.26 | 28.33 | 16.09 | 51.36 | 26.54 | 20.77 | 34.99 | 17.07 | 828.79 | -0.25 | 9.13 |
| August | 477.51 | 19.46 | 46.41 | 72.67 | 34.76 | 11.67 | 28.76 | 16.08 | 51.36 | 26.56 | 20.78 | 34.99 | 18.48 | 859.50 | 3.71 | 12.13 |
| Sept | 483.44 | 19.53 | 47.69 | 73.58 | 34.80 | 11.84 | 31.95 | 16.26 | 51.36 | 25.56 | 20.75 | 34.99 | 18.75 | 870.49 | 1.28 | 11.53 |
| October | 505.70 | 18.12 | 48.95 | 74.82 | 34.45 | 12.54 | 28.25 | 16.13 | 51.57 | 25.55 | 21.31 | 34.80 | 18.81 | 891.01 | 2.36 | 13.34 |
| Nov | 508.69 | 18.11 | 48.96 | 79.41 | 35.01 | 12.55 | 28.63 | 17.54 | 56.47 | 25.55 | 22.16 | 34.80 | 18.96 | 905.83 | 1.66 | 15.16 |
| Dec | 502.57 | 18.12 | 48.97 | 83.04 | 33.75 | 12.23 | 28.87 | 17.79 | 56.78 | 25.52 | 22.62 | 34.58 | 18.90 | 903.72 | -0.23 | 13.76 |
| Jan-08 | 516.87 | 19.28 | 49.01 | 75.69 | 33.77 | 12.22 | 31.14 | 17.99 | 56.78 | 25.45 | 22.56 | 34.61 | 19.18 | 914.53 | 1.20 | 13.39 |
| Feb-08 | 533.38 | 19.31 | 49.01 | 83.43 | 33.51 | 12.19 | 30.78 | 18.00 | 57.40 | 25.45 | 22.74 | 36.07 | 19.34 | 940.60 | 2.85 | 13.72 |
| Mar-08 | 523.37 | 19.12 | 49.14 | 82.73 | 33.91 | 12.50 | 32.96 | 18.06 | 57.55 | 25.49 | 22.67 | 35.82 | 19.45 | 932.77 | -0.83 | 14.77 |
| April | 538.90 | 19.41 | 49.14 | 79.81 | 33.79 | 12.09 | 29.86 | 17.99 | 57.53 | 25.45 | 22.66 | 36.36 | 19.22 | 942.20 | 1.01 | 14.35 |
| May-08 | 543.55 | 19.26 | 49.01 | 83.62 | 34.31 | 12.56 | 30.56 | 19.92 | 62.44 | 25.50 | 23.41 | 36.11 | 19.71 | 959.97 | 1.89 | 16.81 |
| June-08 | 550.56 | 19.46 | 49.01 | 83.59 | 34.64 | 12.69 | 31.06 | 19.94 | 61.42 | 25.93 | 23.99 | 36.12 | 20.30 | 968.74 | 0.91 | 16.59 |
| Jul-08 | 559.21 | 19.43 | 49.01 | 83.59 | 34.38 | 12.65 | 32.13 | 19.96 | 60.78 | 25.91 | 23.99 | 36.32 | 20.34 | 977.70 | 0.93 | 17.97 |
| Aug-08 | 570.42 | 20.08 | 49.01 | 83.78 | 35.49 | 12.89 | 32.53 | 20.07 | 60.78 | 25.93 | 23.99 | 36.47 | 20.65 | 992.10 | 1.47 | 15.43 |
| Sept-08 | 603.05 | 20.24 | 49.02 | 79.40 | 35.42 | 13.07 | 30.10 | 20.25 | 60.78 | 25.93 | 24.54 | 36.39 | 20.64 | 1018.84 | 2.70 | 17.04 |
| Oct-08 | 621.73 | 20.28 | 49.04 | 71.00 | 34.99 | 13.00 | 30.05 | 17.69 | 51.52 | 27.24 | 24.32 | 36.30 | 20.84 | 1018.03 | -0.08 | 14.26 |
| Nov-08 | 623.0 | 20.92 | 49.04 | 66.70 | 34.52 | 13.02 | 28.45 | 17.49 | 51.61 | 27.00 | 23.02 | 36.99 | 21.39 | 1013.14 | -0.48 | 11.85 |
| Dec-08 | 629.85 | 21.15 | 54.94 | 56.87 | 35.07 | 13.06 | 30.14 | 16.15 | 45.89 | 27.32 | 24.05 | 36.15 | 23.74 | 1014.39 | 0.12 | 12.25 |
| Jan-09 | 628.46 | 20.70 | 57.32 | 59.76 | 35.08 | 13.03 | 30.20 | 16.06 | 45.60 | 27.46 | 23.80 | 35.96 | 23.38 | 1016.80 | 0.24 | 11.18 |
| Feb-09 | 632.06 | 20.30 | 62.22 | 64.14 | 35.43 | 12.98 | 29.32 | 15.70 | 47.26 | 27.46 | 25.24 | 36.86 | 23.30 | 1032.27 | 1.52 | 9.75 |
| Mar-09 | 625.01 | 19.98 | 62.22 | 62.52 | 35.88 | 12.91 | 28.91 | 15.50 | 47.26 | 27.46 | 25.24 | 37.39 | 23.19 | 1023.47 | -0.85 | 9.72 |
| Apr-09 | 624.77 | 20.22 | 62.22 | 65.84 | 35.84 | 12.95 | 28.60 | 15.40 | 47.65 | 27.46 | 25.26 | 37.39 | 23.13 | 1026.73 | 0.32 | 8.97 |
| May-09 | 623.85 | 19.85 | 62.22 | 65.22 | 36.35 | 12.94 | 28.05 | 15.40 | 47.65 | 27.46 | 25.62 | 37.35 | 23.19 | 1025.16 | 0.15 | 6.79 |
| Jun-09 | 633.82 | 19.84 | 62.22 | 67.91 | 36.40 | 13.34 | 27.77 | 17.81 | 50.96 | 27.54 | 25.58 | 37.35 | 23.58 | 1044.11 | 1.85 | 7.78 |
| Jul-09 | 640.20 | 19.90 | 62.22 | 65.86 | 36.68 | 13.56 | 29.35 | 17.81 | 52.25 | 27.54 | 25.54 | 37.64 | 23.55 | 1052.10 | 0.76 | 7.61 |
| Aug-09 | 650.61 | 19.70 | 62.22 | 66.31 | 37.71 | 13.88 | 31.37 | 18.79 | 52.28 | 33.57 | 26.41 | 37.60 | 24.44 | 1074.88 | 2.17 | 8.34 |
| Sept-09 | 680.43 | 19.97 | 62.27 | 67.18 | 39.41 | 14.25 | 33.98 | 19.97 | 52.28 | 35.95 | 28.28 | 37.81 | 25.00 | 1116.74 | 3.89 | 9.61 |