



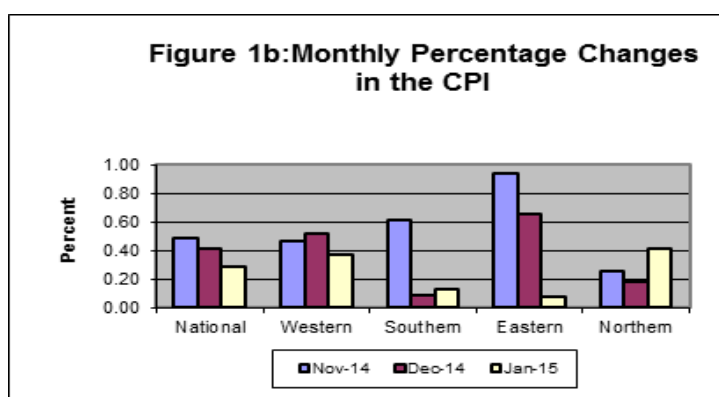
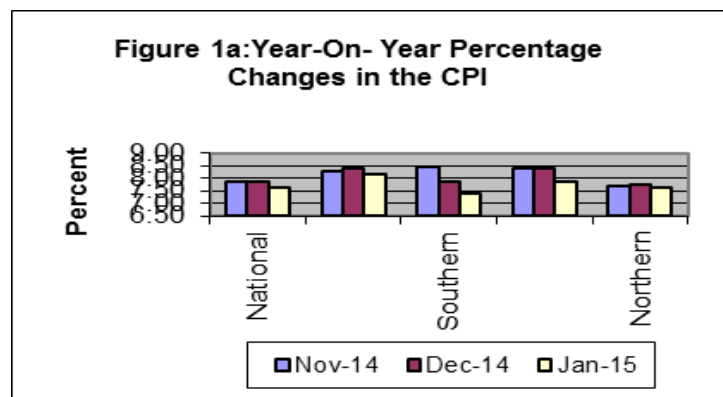
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) January, 2015: PRESS RELEASE

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JANUARY 2015 MONTHLY INFLATION RATE INCREASES SLIGHTLY

The national monthly CPI (2007=100) increased from 238.37% in December, 2014 to 239.05% in January, 2015 resulting in a 0.29% increase in inflation rate this month. Similarly, the monthly rates of inflation increased in all the regions. Western Area (0.37%), Northern Region (0.41%), Southern region (0.13%) and the Eastern Region (0.08%) comprising two centers, Kenema (0.18%) and Kono (0.02%) during the same period. Also, the national annual inflation rate for January, 2015 decreased slightly from 7.85% in December, 2014 to 7.60% in January, 2015. Again, the year-on-year rates of inflation decreased in all the regions. In Western region the year-on-year rates of inflation decreased slightly from 8.41% to 8.16%, in Northern region from 7.74% to 7.61%, in Eastern region from 8.39% to 7.84% and in Southern region from 7.89% to 7.40%.

Figures 1.1 & 1.2 below illustrate the movement in year-on-year rates of inflation and monthly rates of inflation respectively for National CPI and other CPI centers while table 1 below shows National CPI from the months of January, 2014 to January, 2015 and the 12 month change in the CPI for the main index groups. Considering the old CPI series (1992=100), the year-on-year rates of inflation decreased slightly in Freetown from 9.84 per cent in December, 2014 to 8.64% in January, 2015, in Makeni from 9.67% to 9.52%, in Kenema from 8.94% to 8.10% and in Bo from 8.85% to 8.37% during the same period.



FACTORS INFLUENCING CHANGES IN THE MONTHLY RATE OF INFLATION

The national monthly CPI (2007=100) increased from 238.37% in December, 2014 to 239.05% in January, 2015 resulting in a 0.29% increase in inflation rate this month. However, this reflects a monthly increase that is less than the previous month, meaning that prices are increasing at a lower rate. There was a general increase in the price level in all the four regions which affected most of the components in the CPI basket. At the national level, there were increases in the indices for the following groups; food and non-alcoholic beverages (0.09%), housing, water, electricity, gas & other fuels (0.23%), clothing and footwear (0.25%), furnishing, household equipment and household maintenance (0.60%), health (0.95%), restaurant and hotels (0.87%), transport (0.28%) and communication (0.16%).

The food products for which indices increased this month include meat (0.80%), vegetables (0.34%), fish and seafood (0.49%), milk, cheese and eggs (0.38%) and fruits (0.63%). The increase in health index in all the centers still continues as a result of the closure of many health centers across the country. Again, the increase in the hotels and restaurants index continues as a result of an increase in the number of foreign health personnel in the country.

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National CPI and Year-on-Year Rates of Inflation by Main COICOP Groups (2007=100)

		Jan-14	Oct-14	Nov-14	Dec-14	Jan-15			
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	41.86	246.17	262.63	263.78	264.96	265.20	0.09	0.98	7.73
Alcoholic Beverage, Tobacco and Narcotics	1.71	273.44	289.84	291.44	291.87	292.46	0.20	0.91	6.96
Clothing and Footwear	7.34	239.80	249.65	250.09	251.37	251.99	0.25	0.94	5.08
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	13.70	206.15	231.74	233.30	234.38	234.93	0.23	1.38	13.96
Furnishing, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	5.86	249.48	263.15	263.91	264.76	266.35	0.60	1.22	6.76
Health	11.36	213.04	218.63	221.04	221.35	223.46	0.95	2.21	4.89
Transport	7.75	174.61	180.35	180.54	181.85	182.35	0.28	1.11	4.43
Communication	2.04	113.54	119.94	120.40	120.55	120.74	0.16	0.67	6.34
Recreation and Culture	1.47	167.80	173.98	174.78	175.41	176.00	0.34	1.16	4.89
Education	2.88	136.13	138.41	138.61	138.72	138.93	0.15	0.37	2.05
Restaurant and Hotels	0.92	160.52	181.55	183.62	185.73	187.35	0.87	3.19	16.72
Miscellaneous G&S	3.13	194.81	204.65	205.61	205.78	207.29	0.73	1.29	6.41
All Items	100.00	222.17	236.23	237.40	238.37	239.05	0.29	1.19	7.60

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 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 at which level new weights were also introduced to obtain the Interim National Index.

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		
Jan-10	700.84	22.01	67.84	69.29	41.98	14.80	35.74	20.45	53.17	37.15	28.32	40.32	28.92	1160.82	3.30	14.16
Feb-10	734.77	22.59	67.85	73.66	43.0	14.95	35.52	21.27	57.50	38.55	28.32	42.09	30.01	1210.07	4.24	17.22
Mar-10	733.45	21.95	67.94	71.44	42.96	14.92	35.16	21.37	56.86	39.35	28.32	42.41	30.03	1206.13	-0.33	17.85
Apr-10	737.23	22.72	68.01	72.18	43.70	15.20	35.53	21.62	57.36	40.99	28.52	42.43	30.37	1215.85	0.81	18.42
May-10	724.65	23.67	68.01	72.65	44.01	15.38	35.92	21.79	57.10	42.87	29.08	42.46	30.52	1208.11	-0.64	17.85
Jun-10	740.95	23.91	67.94	72.98	45.19	16.14	37.59	22.24	58.80	42.40	29.77	44.40	30.91	1233.23	2.08	18.11
Jul-10	748.40	24.15	68.92	73.70	45.26	16.14	36.88	22.13	58.80	41.06	31.01	46.30	30.91	1243.67	0.85	18.21
Aug-10	774.54	24.26	68.92	74.48	46.10	16.19	37.43	22.16	58.80	39.92	31.46	46.59	31.25	1272.10	2.29	18.35
Sept-10	824.46	24.1	68.92	73.05	46.47	16.25	37.93	22.14	58.80	40.84	31.59	46.89	31.88	1323.40	4.03	18.51
Oct-10	822.73	25.08	69.91	73.53	47.16	16.49	37.25	22.29	58.80	41.30	31.59	48.20	32.13	1326.46	0.23	17.63
Nov-10	804.57	25.13	69.92	75.14	47.23	16.64	37.30	23.37	62.93	41.30	31.59	48.22	32.10	1315.45	-0.83	18.37
Dec-10	813.86	25.21	69.99	74.73	47.45	16.93	38.22	23.56	62.93	42.27	33.30	49.00	33.02	1330.46	1.14	18.40
Jan-11	852.82	25.21	69.16	74.98	47.82	16.80	37.79	23.95	62.96	45.34	33.30	51.34	33.85	1375.32	3.37	18.48
Feb-11	895.95	25.53	69.24	76.31	47.93	16.97	37.40	24.60	62.99	45.35	33.30	52.18	33.89	1421.65	3.37	17.48
Mar-11	894.25	24.49	69.34	75.74	48.11	17.17	37.55	25.49	62.99	46.04	33.30	55.04	34.51	1424.02	0.17	18.07
Apr-11	897.06	24.92	69.34	75.88	49.87	18.03	37.55	25.55	62.99	46.04	33.33	55.69	35.85	1432.12	0.57	18.32
May-11	904.62	24.95	69.34	81.13	51.09	18.20	37.36	27.84	74.11	46.09	33.34	55.69	36.01	1459.77	1.93	20.83
Jun-11	913.11	25.39	69.34	84.22	51.67	18.46	37.42	30.51	73.84	46.15	33.65	56.56	36.84	1477.18	1.19	19.78
Jul-11	928.86	25.39	69.34	86.71	53.75	19.28	37.47	31.20	73.84	47.80	33.65	56.56	40.11	1503.96	1.81	20.93
Aug-11	944.79	25.25	69.36	86.33	54.59	19.84	36.87	31.43	74.31	47.86	33.65	55.56	40.79	1520.61	1.11	19.53
Sept-11	969.14	25.31	69.36	86.46	55.75	19.78	36.90	31.49	74.31	48.93	33.65	55.56	41.51	1548.15	1.81	16.98
Oct-11	974.36	24.66	69.36	87.22	57.15	20.00	36.91	31.55	73.46	50.34	30.09	55.56	41.41	1552.08	0.25	17.01
Nov-11	975.93	24.96	69.36	87.89	57.52	20.25	36.07	31.73	74.68	50.93	30.05	53.35	40.44	1553.16	0.07	18.07
Dec-11	973.53	25.16	69.36	87.61	57.89	20.26	37.51	32.30	75.92	51.81	30.05	53.44	40.62	1555.45	0.15	16.91
Jan-12	1015.86	25.95	69.35	86.67	57.32	20.89	37.78	32.30	76.76	53.21	29.63	52.34	40.60	1598.65	2.78	16.24
Feb-12	1054.91	26.83	69.36	90.28	60.45	21.62	37.71	32.31	75.80	53.30	29.67	53.52	40.73	1646.51	2.99	15.82
Mar-12	1058.39	29.02	69.36	87.11	62.93	22.51	38.35	32.47	76.25	53.66	31.86	54.22	40.96	1657.09	0.64	16.37
Apr-12	1055.91	29.34	69.36	87.90	64.10	22.59	38.21	32.47	76.25	54.22	31.86	54.72	40.95	1657.89	0.05	16.42
May-12	1068.97	32.11	69.35	87.94	66.74	23.55	37.94	32.43	76.83	54.22	31.75	54.77	41.09	1676.69	1.13	14.86
Jun-12	1071.37	32.71	69.33	90.94	66.59	23.91	38.06	32.11	76.83	54.25	32.13	55.44	41.29	1684.97	0.49	14.07
Jul-12	1093.83	31.83	69.33	92.92	66.85	23.73	38.12	30.76	76.83	54.25	32.16	55.51	41.60	1707.73	1.35	13.55
Aug-12	1091.41	32.60	69.35	94.63	67.26	24.51	39.39	30.80	76.83	54.25	32.71	55.25	41.91	1710.90	0.19	12.51
Sept-12	1099.38	33.48	69.35	98.55	67.61	24.62	38.85	30.87	77.01	54.25	33.52	55.27	42.02	1724.80	0.81	11.41
Oct-12	1104.56	34.44	69.35	99.56	67.97	24.71	38.95	30.89	77.01	54.56	34.38	55.61	42.03	1734.01	0.53	11.72
Nov-12	1107.91	35.02	69.35	102.64	67.99	24.47	39.02	30.92	77.84	54.56	34.93	55.58	41.97	1732.70	0.47	12.17
Dec-12	1112.04	34.30	69.35	102.64	66.65	24.43	39.02	30.95	77.84	54.56	34.93	55.58	40.46	1742.78	0.03	11.86
Jan-13	1144.85	34.20	69.35	106.92	66.06	24.44	39.03	31.18	78.02	54.56	34.93	55.58	40.46	1779.58	2.11	11.32
Feb-13	1180.29	34.30	69.35	111.72	66.59	24.52	39.13	31.18	78.02	55.21	34.93	55.99	40.32	1821.54	2.36	10.63
Mar-13	1192.37	34.30	69.35	116.32	65.95	24.45	39.29	31.27	78.28	55.21	34.93	55.99	39.82	1837.52	0.88	10.89
Apr-13	1199.88	34.14	70.33	111.67	66.16	23.99	39.54	31.30	79.11	56.25	34.93	55.99	39.67	1842.98	0.30	11.16
May-13	1211.25	34.18	70.33	105.80	67.09	23.23	39.59	31.34	79.11	56.11	34.93	56.06	40.07	1849.08	0.33	10.28
Jun-13	1221.22	34.18	70.30	105.25	67.40	23.20	39.18	31.34	79.11	56.11	35.58	52.89	40.11	1855.88	0.37	10.14
Jul-13	1233.91	34.19	70.31	105.97	67.79	23.03	38.55	31.36	79.11	56.79	36.29	52.89	40.08	1870.28	0.78	9.52
Aug-13	1232.00	34.20	70.31	106.23	67.83	22.61	38.60	32.20	79.11	56.70	37.90	52.96	39.99	1870.65	0.02	9.34
Sept-13	1239.83	33.92	70.30	106.74	67.76	23.54	38.39	32.19	79.11	56.67	40.09	52.96	39.80	1881.30	0.57	9.07
Oct-13	1244.89	34.60	72.26	106.45	67.93	23.69	38.13	32.17	79.11	57.39	40.17	52.96	39.04	1888.80	0.40	8.93
Nov-13	1237.85	34.67	72.26	108.21	67.57	23.76	38.11	32.08	79.07	58.27	40.22	52.96	38.65	1883.69	-0.27	8.71
Dec-13	1244.01	34.68	72.26	109.96	67.51	23.75	38.11	31.91	79.09	58.27	40.30	52.96	38.55	1891.35	0.41	8.53
Jan-14	1273.65	34.52	72.26	111.85	67.45	23.87	38.29	31.78	79.09	58.90	40.43	52.82	38.60	1923.50	1.70	8.09
Feb-14	1317.75	33.77	72.26	113.61	57.15	23.79	38.38	31.63	79.09	59.56	40.45	52.82	38.51	1959.60	1.88	7.58
Mar-14	1331.76	34.70	72.2	115.46	56.49	23.85	38.55	31.68	79.09	59.56	40.45	52.82	38.53	1975.17	0.79	7.49
Apr-14	1350.23	34.48	72.26	107.22	55.80	23.21	38.06	31.64	79.09	57.25	40.45	51.06	37.72	1978.46	0.17	7.35
May-14	1358.09	34.73	72.26	107.61	55.89	23.15	38.24	31.65	79.09	57.28	40.45	51.12	37.73	1987.28	0.45	7.47
June-14	1365.34	34.75	72.28	109.57	56.37	23.41	38.36	31.69	80.75	58.22	40.61	51.27	37.91	2000.54	0.67	7.79
Jul-14	1375.54	34.87	74.45	110.79	56.94	23.50	38.36	31.76	81.81	58.91	40.82	51.34	38.12	2017.21	0.83	7.86
Aug-14	1385.04	35.05	77.51	112.52	57.46	23.65	38.42	31.83	82.06	59.73	41.08	51.34	39.14	2034.84	0.87	8.78
Sept-14	1390.15	37.41	78.52	114.31	58.21	24.01	38.71	31.86	83.30	59.91	41.24	51.04	39.15	2047.82	0.64	8.85
Oct-14	1392.09	37.43	80.52	117.67	58.85	24.16	38.71	31.86	83.39	60.66	41.34	51.04	39.29	2057.01	0.45	8.91
Nov-14	1382.31	37.39	83.63	121.78	59.45	24.37	38.71	31.86	84.31	61.99	43.28	51.05	39.46	2059.59	0.13	9.34
Dec-14	1386.77	37.56	91.98	123.84	60.64	24.67	38.71	31.87	85.18	62.34	43.36	51.05	39.53	2077.52	0.87	9.84
Jan-15	1391.94	37.74	92.00	126.93	61.59	24.71	38.74	31.87	85.69	64.22	43.40	51.04	39.81	2089.67	0.58	8.64