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### ZANZIBAR CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (ZCPI) FOR AUGUST 2026

### ANNUAL HEADLINE INFLATION RATE RECORDED 5.57 PERCENT

The Inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index for Zanzibar for the 12 months to August 2026 increased to 5.57 percent from 3.88 percent registered in August 2025 while in July 2026 registered 5.96 percent. Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages inflation rate increased to 9.62 percent in August 2026 compared to 4.76 percent in August 2025, while July 2026 registered 10.91 percent. The overall Index increased to 123.52 in August 2026 compared to 117.01 recorded in August 2025 (Table 1).

**TABLE 1: CHANGES IN CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR AUGUST 2026**  
(BASE JULY, 2022 = 100)

| Description                                                           | Weights<br>2019/20 | Indices        |               |                | %<br>Annually<br>July<br>2026 | %<br>Annually<br>August<br>2025 | %<br>Monthly | %<br>Annually |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
|                                                                       |                    | August<br>2025 | July<br>2026  | August<br>2026 |                               |                                 |              |               |
| Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages                                      | 41.856             | 128.43         | 141.32        | 140.78         | 10.91                         | 4.76                            | -0.38        | 9.62          |
| Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics                            | 0.183              | 128.92         | 134.23        | 134.34         | 3.52                          | 2.67                            | 0.09         | 4.21          |
| Clothing and Footwear                                                 | 6.321              | 109.08         | 110.62        | 110.72         | 1.43                          | 5.45                            | 0.09         | 1.50          |
| Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels                      | 25.801             | 107.25         | 108.77        | 108.29         | 0.54                          | 2.99                            | -0.45        | 0.96          |
| Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance    | 4.832              | 113.43         | 118.25        | 118.25         | 3.95                          | 3.66                            | 0.00         | 4.26          |
| Health                                                                | 1.295              | 108.46         | 109.47        | 109.47         | 0.93                          | 1.58                            | 0.00         | 0.93          |
| Transport                                                             | 9.125              | 111.00         | 116.44        | 116.74         | 4.71                          | 1.94                            | 0.25         | 5.16          |
| Information And Communication                                         | 4.215              | 105.48         | 105.79        | 105.79         | 0.29                          | 2.67                            | 0.00         | 0.29          |
| Recreation, Sport and Culture                                         | 1.132              | 107.58         | 110.45        | 110.83         | 2.67                          | 4.28                            | 0.35         | 3.03          |
| Education                                                             | 1.603              | 109.76         | 110.08        | 110.92         | 0.29                          | 3.77                            | 0.76         | 1.06          |
| Restaurants And Accommodation Services                                | 1.445              | 114.94         | 122.05        | 122.05         | 6.19                          | 1.56                            | 0.00         | 6.19          |
| Insurance And Financial Services                                      | 0.485              | 100.00         | 100.00        | 100.00         | 0.00                          | 0.00                            | 0.00         | 0.00          |
| Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous Goods and Services | 1.706              | 109.51         | 110.72        | 110.72         | 1.55                          | 5.41                            | 0.00         | 1.10          |
| <b>ALL ITEMS</b>                                                      | <b>100.00</b>      | <b>117.01</b>  | <b>123.82</b> | <b>123.52</b>  | <b>5.96</b>                   | <b>3.88</b>                     | <b>-0.24</b> | <b>5.57</b>   |

## ANNUAL FOOD AND NON-FOOD INFLATION RATES

Annual Inflation Rate for food increased to 9.75 percent for the year ended August 2026 compared to 4.17 percent recorded for the year ended August 2025. The overall index for food increased to 140.85 in August 2026 from 128.34 recorded in August 2025, while Annual inflation rate for non-food decreased to 2.22 percent in August 2026 compared to 3.65 percent in August 2025, overall index for non-food increased to 111.29 in August 2026 compared to 109.74 in August 2025, (Table 2). Products contribute to increase annual inflation rate were Mbeya Rice 9.13%, Maize Flour 3.51%, Fish 12.58%, Yellow Cooking Banana 6.22%, Brown Sugar 38.09%, White Sugar 35.87%, Gas in cylinder 7.85%, Kerosene 26.33%, Diesel 23.21% and Petrol 27.27% (Table3).

**TABLE 2: FOOD AND NON-FOOD STATISTICS**

| Group           | Weights       | INDICES       |               |               | % Annually July 2026 | % Annually August 2025 | % Monthly    | % Annually  |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------|------------------------|--------------|-------------|
|                 |               | August 2025   | July 2026     | August 2026   |                      |                        |              |             |
| Food            | 40.53         | 128.34        | 141.41        | 140.85        | 11.08                | 4.17                   | -0.40        | 9.75        |
| Non-Food        | 59.47         | 109.29        | 111.84        | 111.72        | 1.91                 | 3.65                   | -0.11        | 2.22        |
| <b>All Item</b> | <b>100.00</b> | <b>117.01</b> | <b>123.82</b> | <b>123.52</b> | <b>5.96</b>          | <b>3.88</b>            | <b>-0.24</b> | <b>5.57</b> |

## MONTHLY HEADLINE INFLATION IN AUGUST 2026

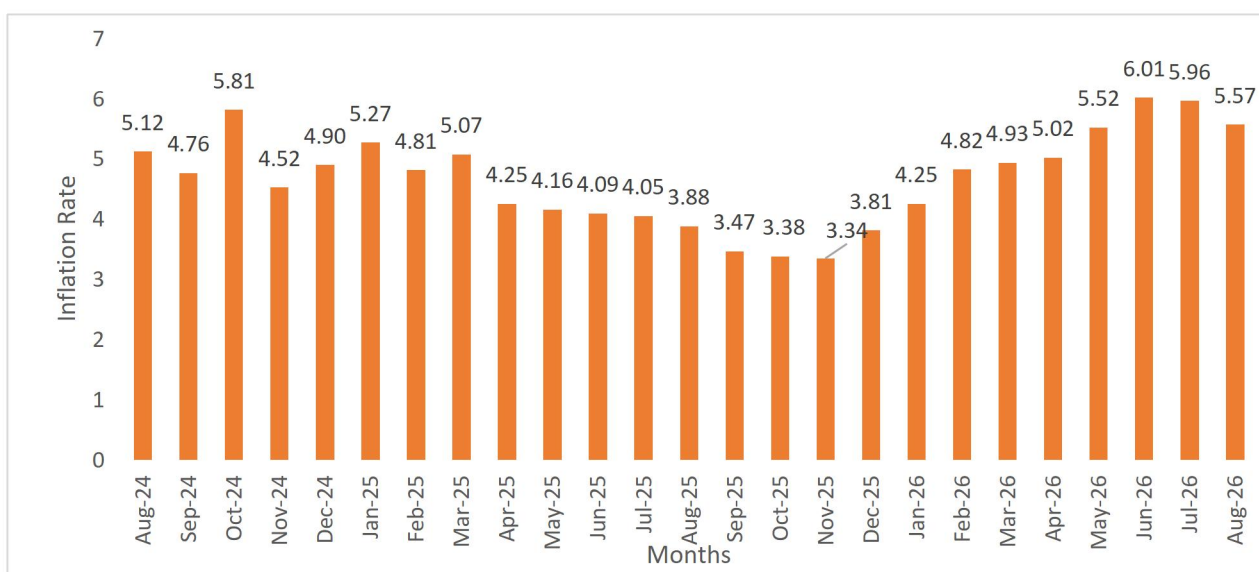
During August 2026 the monthly headline inflation rate decreased to negative 0.24 percent compared to 0.13 percent recorded for the month ended July 2026. The monthly Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages inflation rate for the month ended August 2026 decreased to negative 0.38 percent compared to 0.61 percent for the month ended July 2026 (Table 1).

The products that contribute to decrease monthly inflation rate are Thailand Rice (3.10%), Mbeya Rice (2.73%), Fish (1.51%), Edible Cooking Oil (OKI) (0.41%), Green Cooking Banana (14.60%), Kerosene (12.69%), Diesel (2.57%) and Petrol (2.57%) (Table3).

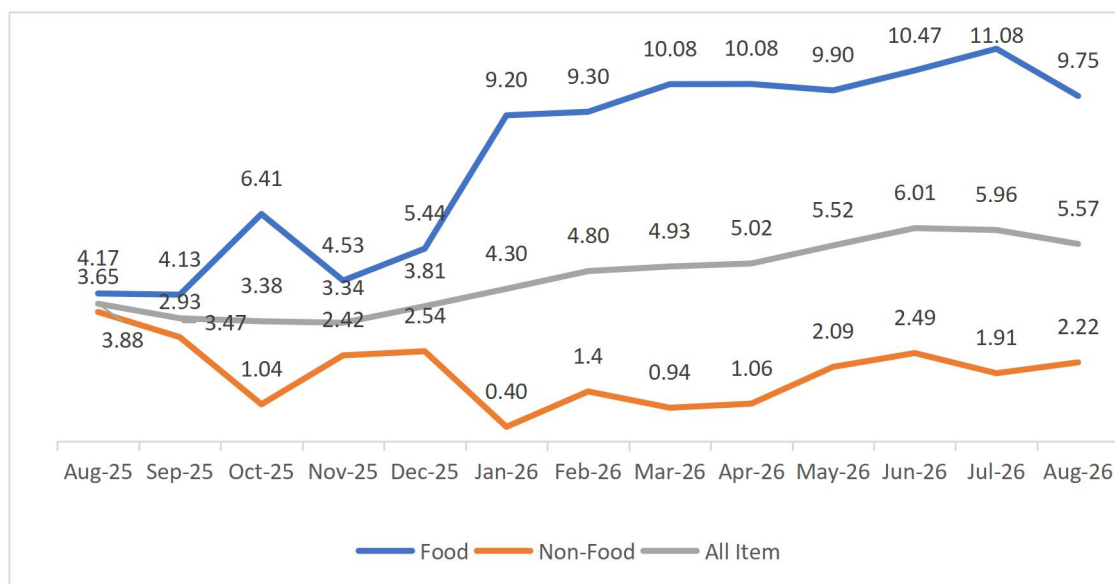
**Table 3: Monthly Average Prices for Selected Items 2025 – 2026**

| Items                     | Unit    | AVERAGE PRICES |           |             | % Monthly | % Annually |
|---------------------------|---------|----------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|------------|
|                           |         | August 2025    | July 2026 | August 2026 |           |            |
| Thailand Rice             | 1 kg    | 2,080          | 1,973     | 1,912       | -3.10     | -8.08      |
| Mbeya Rice                | 1 kg    | 2,923          | 3,280     | 3,190       | -2.73     | 9.13       |
| Basmat Rice               | 1 kg    | 4,712          | 4,691     | 4,691       | 0.00      | -0.45      |
| Jasmin Rice               | 1 kg    | 2,908          | 2,876     | 2,887       | 0.38      | -0.72      |
| Wheat Flour               | 1 kg    | 1,987          | 1,948     | 1,959       | 0.59      | -1.43      |
| Maize Flour               | 1kg     | 1,865          | 1,931     | 1,931       | 0.00      | 3.51       |
| Flatbread                 | 1 pc    | 548            | 548       | 548         | 0.00      | 0.00       |
| Fish                      | 1 kg    | 11,055         | 12,636    | 12,446      | -1.51     | 12.58      |
| Sunflower oil             | 1 litre | 7,584          | 7,539     | 7,539       | 0.00      | -0.60      |
| Edible Cooking Oils (OKI) | 2 litre | 6,936          | 6,928     | 6,900       | -0.41     | -0.52      |
| Yellow cooking banana     | 1kg     | 3,359          | 3,077     | 3,568       | 15.93     | 6.22       |
| Green cooking banana      | 1kg     | 1,450          | 1,693     | 1,446       | -14.60    | -0.27      |
| Brown sugar               | 1kg     | 2,454          | 2,808     | 3,389       | 20.71     | 38.09      |
| White sugar               | 1kg     | 2,539          | 2,790     | 3,450       | 23.64     | 35.87      |
| Gas in cylinder           | 6kg     | 25,495         | 27,152    | 27,495      | 1.27      | 7.85       |
| Kerosene                  | 1 litre | 3,000          | 4,341     | 3,790       | -12.69    | 26.33      |
| Diesel                    | 1 litre | 3,076          | 3,890     | 3,790       | -2.57     | 23.21      |
| Petrol                    | 1 litre | 2,978          | 3,890     | 3,790       | -2.57     | 27.27      |

**Chart 1: Zanzibar Inflation Rate from August 2024 – August 2026**



**Chart 2: Zanzibar Inflation Rate for Food, Nonfood and All Items from August 2025 – August 2026**



### Annual Inflation Rate

| Month           | 2020       | 2021       | 2022       | 2023        | 2024       | 2025       | 2026 |
|-----------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|------|
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>3.4</b> | <b>1.7</b> | <b>5.1</b> | <b>6.9</b>  | <b>5.1</b> | <b>4.1</b> |      |
| January         | 4.9        | 0.5        | 2.8        | 8.3         | 5.3        | 5.3        | 4.3  |
| February        | 6.2        | 0.7        | 2.9        | 7.8         | 5.1        | 4.8        | 4.8  |
| March           | 5.0        | 1.5        | 3.5        | 7.1         | 4.9        | 5.1        | 4.9  |
| April           | 4.7        | 1.9        | 4.1        | 7.5         | 4.9        | 4.3        | 5.0  |
| May             | 5.3        | 0.8        | 3.7        | 6.4         | 5.3        | 4.2        | 5.5  |
| June            | 3.4        | 1.9        | 4.2        | 6.4         | 5.7        | 4.1        | 6.0  |
| July            | 3.6        | 2.2        | 4.5        | 6.7         | 5.3        | 4.1        | 6.0  |
| August          | 2.4        | 2.1        | 5.4        | 6.8         | 5.1        | 3.9        | 5.6  |
| September       | 2.1        | 2.4        | 7.0        | 7.5         | 4.8        | 3.5        |      |
| October         | 1.6        | 2.1        | 7.3        | 6.5         | 5.8        | 3.4        |      |
| November        | 1.0        | 2.2        | 7.8        | 6.3         | 4.5        | 3.3        |      |
| December        | 0.5        | 2.4        | 8.1        | 5.5         | 4.9        | 3.8        |      |
| <b>Food</b>     | <b>5.8</b> | <b>0.6</b> | <b>6.1</b> | <b>11.1</b> | <b>8.4</b> | <b>5.0</b> |      |
| January         | 7.9        | 1.3        | 0.6        | 11.6        | 9.2        | 6.6        | 9.2  |
| February        | 9.5        | 0.3        | 2.2        | 10.4        | 8.9        | 5.8        | 9.3  |
| March           | 8.1        | 2.5        | 3.0        | 10.3        | 7.6        | 6.4        | 10.1 |
| April           | 8.2        | 1.8        | 4.3        | 11.5        | 8.0        | 4.1        | 10.1 |
| May             | 9.0        | 0.4        | 3.2        | 9.5         | 8.9        | 3.9        | 9.9  |
| June            | 6.3        | 0.2        | 3.0        | 10.7        | 10.6       | 4.4        | 10.5 |
| July            | 6.8        | 1.3        | 4.0        | 11.8        | 9.2        | 4.3        | 11.1 |
| August          | 4.9        | -0.4       | 6.4        | 12.0        | 8.9        | 4.2        | 9.8  |
| September       | 4.1        | -0.5       | 10.8       | 14.4        | 7.3        | 4.1        |      |
| October         | 2.3        | 0.1        | 10.8       | 11.6        | 8.2        | 6.4        |      |
| November        | 1.4        | 0.6        | 11.5       | 10.9        | 6.6        | 4.5        |      |
| December        | 0.8        | 0.0        | 12.7       | 8.8         | 8.1        | 5.4        |      |
| <b>Non-Food</b> | <b>1.7</b> | <b>2.5</b> | <b>4.5</b> | <b>4.0</b>  | <b>2.7</b> | <b>3.4</b> |      |
| January         | 7.9        | -0.2       | 4.4        | 6.1         | 2.5        | 4.2        | 0.4  |
| February        | 9.5        | 0.9        | 3.4        | 6.0         | 2.4        | 4.1        | 1.4  |
| March           | 8.1        | 0.8        | 3.9        | 4.9         | 3.0        | 4.1        | 0.9  |
| April           | 8.2        | 2.0        | 4.0        | 4.8         | 2.6        | 4.4        | 1.1  |
| May             | 9.0        | 1.0        | 4.1        | 4.3         | 2.6        | 4.3        | 2.1  |
| June            | 6.3        | 3.2        | 5.0        | 3.6         | 2.1        | 3.9        | 2.5  |
| July            | 6.8        | 2.9        | 4.8        | 3.2         | 2.4        | 3.9        | 1.9  |
| August          | 4.9        | 4.0        | 4.6        | 3.2         | 2.3        | 3.6        | 2.2  |
| September       | 4.1        | 4.5        | 4.4        | 2.7         | 2.8        | 2.9        |      |
| October         | 2.3        | 3.6        | 4.9        | 3.0         | 4.1        | 1.0        |      |
| November        | 1.4        | 3.4        | 5.1        | 3.0         | 3.0        | 2.4        |      |
| December        | 0.8        | 4.2        | 4.9        | 3.2         | 2.5        | 2.5        |      |

## **Explanatory Note**

The CPI measures the average percentage changes over time (between two time periods) in the prices of a “basket” of consumer goods and services acquired by households (the market basket) in Zanzibar. The Zanzibar CPI covers prices of 398 items collected in 670 outlets in Unguja and Pemba urban Centers. The goods and services included in the ZCPI basket are classified according to the UN COICOP (Classification of Individual Consumption According by Purpose) with 13 divisions.

The ZCPI weights are based on both monetary and non-momentary expenditures relating to consumption for households in Zanzibar for the 2019/20 Household Budget Survey (HBS). The weight is based on expenditures of both urban and rural households. Both base price and index has reference period of July 2022.

The computation of indices at elementary level based on geometric mean of the price relative while at higher level the Laspeyres formula was used to compute the aggregate indices.

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## Appendix 1

|      | Indices           |                                  |                                          |                            | Monthly % Change |                        |                                          |                            | Annually % Change |                        |                                          |                         |        |
|------|-------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------|
|      |                   |                                  |                                          |                            |                  |                        |                                          |                            |                   |                        |                                          |                         |        |
|      | Food <sup>1</sup> | Energy <sup>2</sup><br>and Fuels | Core<br>Exclude<br>Food<br>and<br>Energy | Fish<br>and<br>Sea<br>Food | Food             | Energy<br>and<br>Fuels | Core<br>Exclude<br>Food<br>and<br>Energy | Fish<br>and<br>Sea<br>Food | Food              | Energy<br>and<br>Fuels | Core<br>Exclude<br>Food<br>and<br>Energy | Fish and<br>Sea<br>Food |        |
|      | Share             | 43.08                            | 8.12                                     | 48.8                       | 6.32             |                        |                                          |                            |                   |                        |                                          |                         |        |
| 2024 | Jan               | 115.53                           | 107.00                                   | 103.79                     | 97.32            | 2.88                   | -0.43                                    | 0.51                       | 3.3               | 9.02                   | 5.2                                      | 1.83                    | 0.05   |
|      | Feb               | 116.29                           | 107.28                                   | 103.94                     | 107.38           | 0.66                   | 0.26                                     | 0.15                       | 10.34             | 8.71                   | 4.52                                     | 1.86                    | 19.43  |
|      | March             | 115.72                           | 108.68                                   | 104.02                     | 107.25           | -0.49                  | 1.3                                      | 0.08                       | -0.12             | 7.47                   | 8.01                                     | 2.03                    | 21.17  |
|      | April             | 119.99                           | 109.79                                   | 104.13                     | 106.49           | 3.69                   | 1.03                                     | 0.1                        | -0.7              | 7.89                   | 7.71                                     | 1.53                    | 11.47  |
|      | May               | 120.26                           | 110.26                                   | 103.86                     | 117.28           | 0.22                   | 0.42                                     | -0.26                      | 10.13             | 8.74                   | 9.65                                     | 1.25                    | 35.42  |
|      | June              | 121.07                           | 112.99                                   | 103.96                     | 119.06           | 0.68                   | 2.48                                     | 0.09                       | 1.51              | 10.35                  | 5.50                                     | 1.25                    | 29.71  |
|      | July              | 121.25                           | 114.94                                   | 103.97                     | 103.20           | 0.15                   | 1.72                                     | 0.02                       | -13.32            | 9.01                   | 11.32                                    | 0.67                    | 1.61   |
|      | Aug               | 122.31                           | 113.39                                   | 103.98                     | 111.69           | 0.87                   | -1.35                                    | 0.01                       | 8.22              | 8.75                   | 8.94                                     | 0.99                    | 12.28  |
|      | Sep               | 123.12                           | 117.61                                   | 103.97                     | 112.91           | 0.66                   | 3.73                                     | -0.01                      | 1.10              | 7.36                   | 11.61                                    | 1.04                    | 12.98  |
|      | Oct               | 121.30                           | 122.52                                   | 105.08                     | 108.91           | 1.47                   | 4.18                                     | 1.07                       | 3.54              | 8.18                   | 15.68                                    | 1.85                    | 12.21  |
|      | Nov               | 120.08                           | 112.91                                   | 105.44                     | 91.62            | -1.01                  | -7.85                                    | 0.34                       | -15.88            | 6.73                   | 6.15                                     | 2.12                    | -4.80  |
|      | Dec               | 121.40                           | 108.81                                   | 105.79                     | 98.25            | 1.10                   | -3.63                                    | 0.34                       | 7.24              | 8.11                   | 1.25                                     | 2.45                    | 4.29   |
| 2025 | Jan               | 123.64                           | 115.82                                   | 106.94                     | 98.75            | 1.84                   | 6.44                                     | 1.09                       | 0.51              | 7.01                   | 8.24                                     | 3.04                    | 1.04   |
|      | Feb               | 123.50                           | 115.42                                   | 107.03                     | 104.31           | -0.11                  | -0.35                                    | 0.08                       | 5.63              | 6.20                   | 7.58                                     | 2.97                    | -2.86  |
|      | March             | 123.53                           | 115.80                                   | 107.31                     | 102.07           | 0.03                   | 0.33                                     | 0.26                       | -2.15             | 6.76                   | 6.56                                     | 3.16                    | -4.83  |
|      | April             | 125.50                           | 118.63                                   | 107.50                     | 98.60            | 1.59                   | 2.44                                     | 0.18                       | -3.40             | 4.59                   | 8.05                                     | 3.24                    | -7.41  |
|      | May               | 125.55                           | 116.67                                   | 107.61                     | 103.59           | 0.03                   | -1.65                                    | 0.10                       | 5.06              | 4.40                   | 5.82                                     | 3.61                    | -11.68 |
|      | June              | 126.94                           | 116.16                                   | 107.65                     | 101.14           | 1.11                   | -0.44                                    | 0.04                       | -2.36             | 4.84                   | 2.81                                     | 3.55                    | -15.05 |
|      | July              | 127.04                           | 117.13                                   | 107.82                     | 94.17            | 0.08                   | 0.83                                     | 0.16                       | -6.89             | 4.77                   | 1.90                                     | 3.71                    | -8.75  |
|      | Aug               | 128.02                           | 114.35                                   | 107.73                     | 107.00           | 0.77                   | -2.37                                    | -0.08                      | 13.63             | 4.67                   | 0.85                                     | 3.61                    | -4.19  |
|      | Sep               | 129.20                           | 112.03                                   | 107.92                     | 117.05           | 0.63                   | -2.04                                    | 0.17                       | 9.39              | 4.63                   | -4.75                                    | 3.80                    | 3.67   |
|      | Oct               | 129.96                           | 108.39                                   | 107.86                     | 101.60           | 0.7                    | -3.25                                    | -0.05                      | -13.20            | 6.94                   | -11.54                                   | 2.65                    | -6.72  |
|      | Nov               | 126.31                           | 111.02                                   | 107.96                     | 104.65           | -2.65                  | 2.43                                     | 0.09                       | 3.00              | 5.17                   | -1.68                                    | 2.40                    | 14.22  |
|      | Dec               | 128.88                           | 109.22                                   | 108.02                     | 107.05           | 1.96                   | -1.62                                    | 0.06                       | 2.43              | 6.06                   | 0.38                                     | 2.11                    | 9.10   |
| 2026 | Jan               | 135.09                           | 107.49                                   | 108.48                     | 107.91           | 4.70                   | -1.58                                    | 0.42                       | 0.67              | 9.04                   | -7.19                                    | 1.44                    | 9.28   |
|      | Feb               | 135.07                           | 114.51                                   | 108.57                     | 111.03           | -0.02                  | 6.53                                     | 0.08                       | 2.89              | 9.13                   | -0.78                                    | 1.44                    | 6.44   |
|      | March             | 136.08                           | 114.19                                   | 108.42                     | 103.57           | 0.70                   | -0.29                                    | -0.13                      | -6.72             | 9.87                   | -1.40                                    | 1.04                    | 1.47   |
|      | April             | 138.39                           | 119.28                                   | 108.40                     | 118.54           | 1.60                   | 4.46                                     | -0.02                      | 14.45             | 9.87                   | 0.55                                     | 0.83                    | 20.22  |
|      | May               | 138.21                           | 124.15                                   | 108.73                     | 100.60           | -0.10                  | 4.08                                     | 0.31                       | -15.13            | 9.72                   | 6.39                                     | 1.05                    | -2.89  |
|      | June              | 140.55                           | 126.16                                   | 108.87                     | 114.60           | 1.60                   | 1.62                                     | 0.12                       | 13.92             | 10.26                  | 8.60                                     | 1.13                    | 13.31  |
|      | July              | 141.41                           | 123.12                                   | 108.95                     | 120.85           | 0.60                   | -2.41                                    | 0.08                       | 5.46              | 10.83                  | 5.12                                     | 1.05                    | 28.34  |
|      | August            | 140.85                           | 120.98                                   | 109.16                     | 118.49           | -0.37                  | -1.74                                    | 0.19                       | -1.96             | 9.58                   | 5.79                                     | 1.32                    | 10.73  |

<sup>1</sup> Food - combining food consumed at home and food consumed in restaurants

<sup>2</sup> Energy and Fuels - Combining Electricity and other Fuels for use at Home with Petrol and Diesel