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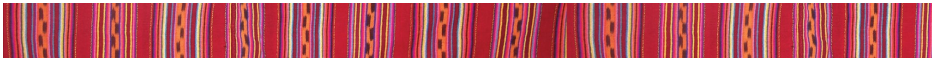
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INTRODUCTION TO THE SERIES 3 CPI

All published indexes from September 2018 have been rereferenced to Aug 2018 = 100.0. Time series data, details of new CPI weights, and other information relating to changes to the Timor-Leste CPI are available on the National Institute of Statistics (NIS) website, see www.inetl-ip.gov.tl

March 2026 Key Figures

(a) For March, June, and September 2013, annual percentage changes are calculated on a quarterly basis. For December 2013 onwards annual changes will be calculated on movements between corresponding months of consecutive years.

Timor-Leste Consumer Price Index	Monthly	Annual (a)
	Mar - 2026 to Feb-2026	Mar—2026 to Mar—2025
	% change	% change
All groups CPI	0.6%	0.8%
Tradeable CPI	0.8%	0.9%
Non-Tradeable CPI	0.0%	0.8%
1. Food and non-alcoholic beverages	0.3%	1.3%
2. Alcohol and tobacco	2.6%	-1.1%
3. Clothing and footwear	0.0%	0.3%
4. Housing	0.0%	-0.3%
5. Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	0.2%	0.7%
6. Health	0.0%	0.0%
7. Transport	2.5%	2.0%
8. Communication	0.0%	-0.3%
9. Recreation and culture	0.0%	0.0%
10. Education	0.0%	0.3%



March 2026 Key Points

- The All Groups CPI rose +0.6% in March 2026, compared to a fall -0.1% in February 2026.
- The significant rise of the Alcohol and Tobacco (+2.6%), Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages (+0.3%), Transports (+2.5%) and Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance (+0.2%) groups.
- The 12-month Tradeable CPI rate stood at +0.9%, with the Non-Tradeable rate at +0.8%

A brief description of Consumer Price Inflation

Consumer price inflation is the rate at which the prices of goods and services bought by households rise or fall. Consumer price inflation is estimated by using price indices. A way to understand a price index is to think of a very large shopping basket containing all the goods and services bought by households. The price index estimates changes to the total cost of this basket.

A price index can be used to measure inflation in a number of ways. The most common is to look at how the index has changed over a year. The change is calculated by comparing the price index for the latest month with the same month a year ago, which is known as the 12-month inflation rate. This bulletin measures inflation to March 2026, so the 12-month rate measures changes in prices between March 2026 and March 2025.

Latest figure and long-term trend

The CPI 12-month rate between March 2026 and March 2025 stood at +0.8%, meaning that a basket of goods and services that cost \$100.00 in March 2025 would have cost \$100.8 in March 2026.

The All Groups CPI (+0.8%) through the year ending of March 2026. The largest driver of the rise in the annual came from Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages (+1.3%) group, which was driven by Vegetables (+11.0%), Oil and Fats (+5.1%), Mineral Waters, Soft Drinks, Fruit and Vegetable Juices (+10.1%), Coffee, Tea and Cocoa (+2.7%), Fruits (+1.5%), Food Product (+0.2%), Fish and Seafood (+0.5%) and Bread and Cereals (+2.7%) subgroups. The largest offsetting movement came from Rice (-4.8%), Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate and Confectionery (-6.1%), no Milk, Cheese and Eggs (-2.2%) sub groups.

The Transports (+2.0%), Education (+0.3%), Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance (+0.7%), and Clothing and Footwear (+0.3%) groups. The largest offsetting movement came from Alcohol and Tobacco (-1.1%), Communication (-0.3%) and Housing (-0.3%) groups.

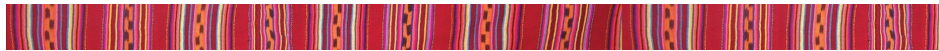
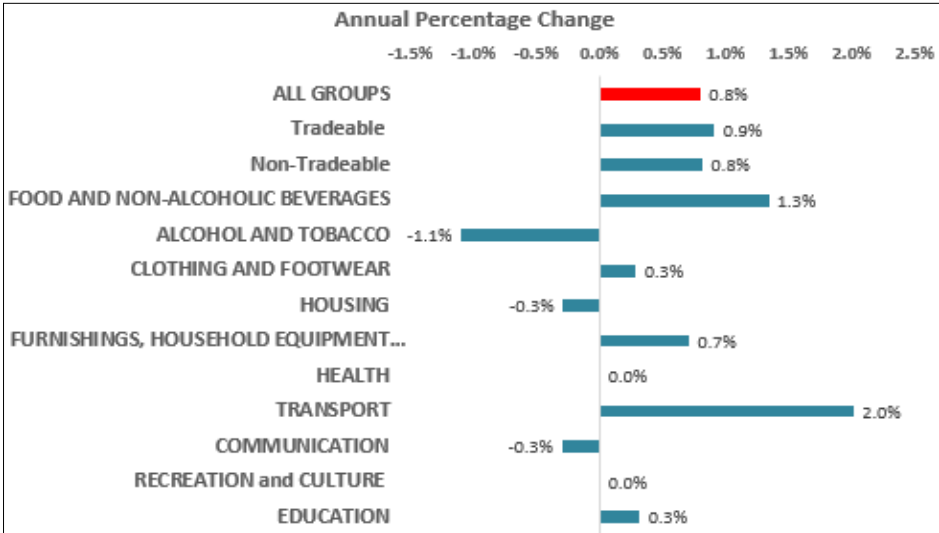


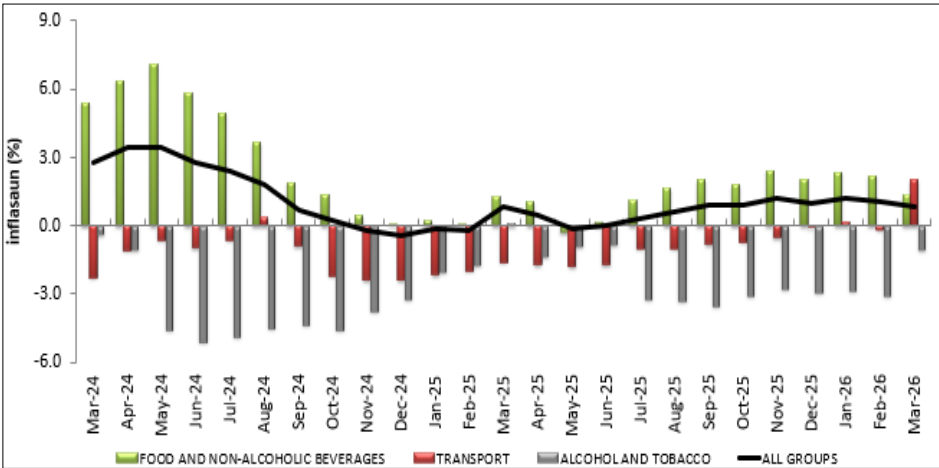
Figure A: Contributions to the CPI 12-month rate, March 2026



Source: National Institute of Statistics, Ministry of Finance

Notes: Individual contributions may not sum to the total due to rounding.

Figure B: CPI 12-month inflation rate with contributions for the period March 2026—March 2024



Source: National Institute of Statistics, Ministry of Finance

The sustained period of inflation as seen during the period March 2026 to March 2024 was largely driven by the Food and non-alcoholic beverage, Transport and Alcohol and Tobacco groups.

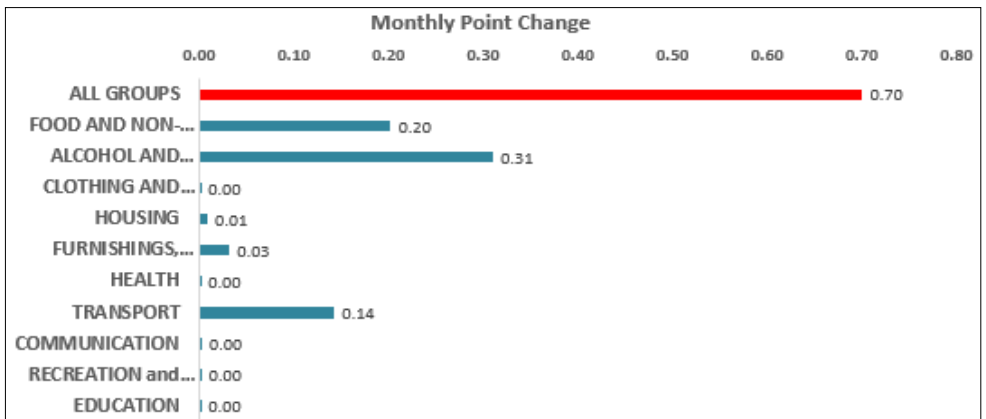
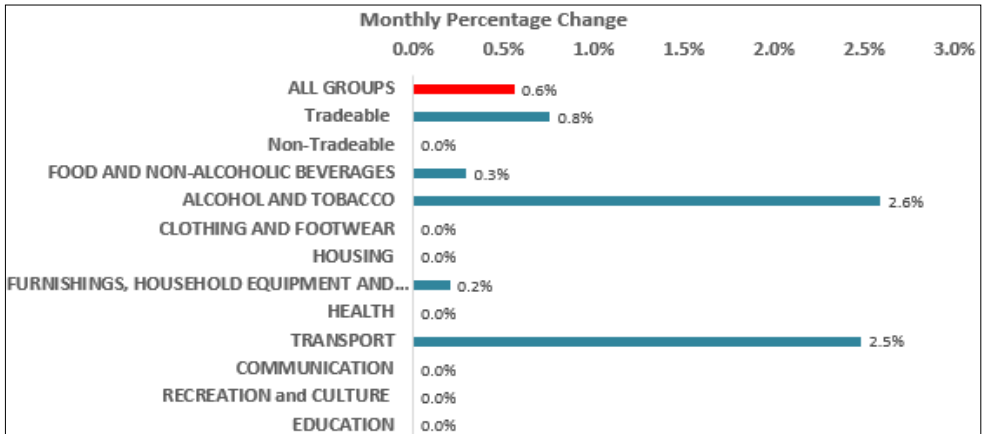
*Core CPI is equal to All Groups CPI less Food and non-alcoholic beverages and Transport groups

Consumer Price Index (CPI): What are the main movements?

The largest upward contributions to the change in the one month CPI rate (+0.6%) between March 2026 and February 2026, came from:

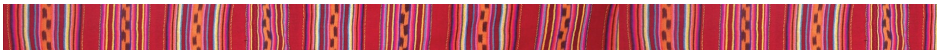
- **Alcohol and Tobacco (+2.6%):** which was significantly driven by Tobacco (+3.3%) sub group.
- **Food and non-alcoholic beverages (+0.3%):** which was significantly driven by Vegetables (+0.6%), Milk, Cheese and Eggs (+2.7%), Mineral Waters, Sof Drinks, Fruit and Vegetable Juices (+3.7%), Fruits (+0.9%), Rice (+0.1%) and Fish and Seafood (+1.2%) sub groups. The largest offsetting movement came from Meat (-0.1%), Oil and Fats (-0.6%), and Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate and Confectionery (-0.4%) sub groups.
- **Transports (+2.5%):** was driven by Operation of Personal Transports Equipment (+6.0%) sub group.
- **Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance (+0.2%):** was driven by Household Appliances (+1.4%) sub group.

Figure C: Contributions to the change in the CPI monthly rate, March 2026 to February 2026



Source: National Institute of Statistics, Ministry of Finance

Notes: Individual contributions may not sum to the total due to rounding.

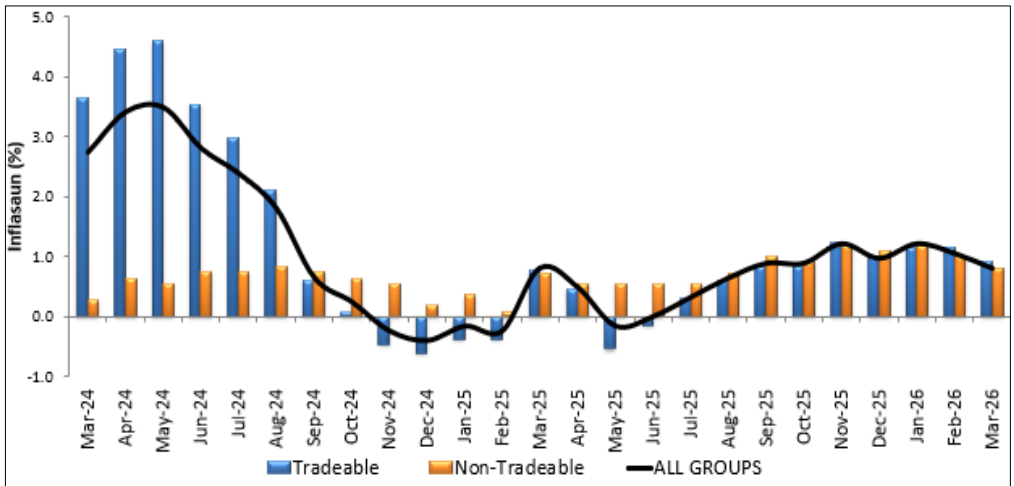


Tradeable & Non-Tradable CPI

The CPI Tradable and Non-tradable series, measure the contribution of domestic (non-tradable) and imported (tradable) inflation to overall household inflation. Identifying the source of household inflation supports the understanding of the different drivers of inflation, as well as informing monetary and fiscal policy decisions .

The definition of a tradable good or service is one that is exposed to a high level of international competition, and its price is influenced by such competition. Similarly, a non-tradable good or service is exposed to low level of international competition, and its price is considered not to be affected by such competition. Inflation for non-tradable items should provide a relatively good sense of the extent to which demand exceeds (or falls short) of supply in the domestic economy. Tradable items are much more exposed to international competition, which includes many imported manufactured goods such as televisions and computers, as well as many food items. The prices of these items should be less influenced by conditions in the Timor-Leste economy, and more affected by prices set on world markets and fluctuations in the exchange rate.

Figure E: Contribution of Tradeable CPI and Non-Tradable CPI to 12-month Inflation rate, Mar-26 to Mar-24



Source: National Institute of Statistics, Ministry of Finance

Notes: Individual contributions may not sum to the total due to rounding.

In reference to Figure E, the positive 12-month inflation as seen over the period March 2024 to March 2026 has been driven by international factors as indicated by the tradeable CPI rate. The 12-month CPI rate is currently at +0.8%, which was driven by the Tradeable (+0.9%) and Non-Tradeable (+0.8%) showed increased. The analytical series are indicating that the current inflation rate is being driven by international price pressures and fluctuations in exchange rates.

TABLE 1. TIMOR-LESTE CPI

March 2026		INDEX NUMBERS			PERCENTAGE CHANGE		POINTS CONTRIBUTION		POINTS CHANGE
		Mar 2025	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Mar-26 to Feb-26	Mar-26 to Mar-25	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Mar-26 to Feb-26
Groups and Expenditure Class									
a	ALL GROUPS	125.1	125.4	126.1	0.6%	0.8%	125.4	126.1	0.70
c	TRADEABLE CPI	131.5	131.7	132.7	0.8%	0.9%			
d	NON-TRADEABLE CPI	110.3	111.2	111.2	0.0%	0.8%			
1	FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	134.4	135.8	136.2	0.3%	1.3%	73.51	73.71	0.20
1.1	Bread and cereals (excluding rice)	111.0	114.0	114.0	0.0%	2.7%	2.63	2.63	0.00
1.2	Rice	154.4	146.9	147.0	0.1%	-4.8%	18.45	18.42	-0.03
1.3	Meat	109.6	109.7	109.6	-0.1%	0.0%	8.92	8.87	-0.05
1.4	Fish and seafood	104.4	103.7	104.9	1.2%	0.5%	3.34	3.29	-0.05
1.5	Milk, cheese and eggs	122.7	116.9	120.0	2.7%	-2.2%	2.50	2.58	0.09
1.6	Oils and fats	149.7	158.3	157.4	-0.6%	5.1%	5.84	5.81	-0.03
1.7	Fruit	104.9	105.6	106.5	0.9%	1.5%	1.37	1.39	0.01
1.8	Vegetables	173.8	191.7	192.9	0.6%	11.0%	17.68	17.92	0.23
1.9	Sugar, jam, honey, chocolate and confectionery	117.8	111.0	110.6	-0.4%	-6.1%	4.97	4.97	0.00
1.1.0	Food products n.e.c.	108.4	108.6	108.6	0.0%	0.2%	4.21	4.21	0.00
1.1.1	Coffee, tea and cocoa	106.7	109.6	109.6	0.0%	2.7%	1.99	1.99	0.00
1.1.1.1	Mineral waters, soft drinks, fruit and vegetable juices	116.3	123.4	128.0	3.7%	10.1%	0.97	1.00	0.03
1.1.1.2	Prepared food/meals	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0%	0.0%	0.64	0.64	0.00
2	ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO	172.1	165.9	170.2	2.6%	-1.1%	11.61	11.92	0.31
2.1	Alcohol	133.4	137.3	137.3	0.0%	2.9%	2.26	2.27	0.00
2.2	Tobacco	184.0	174.7	180.4	3.3%	-2.0%	9.34	9.65	0.31
3	CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	103.8	104.1	104.1	0.0%	0.3%	7.23	7.24	0.00
3.1	Garments for men	102.6	101.4	101.4	0.0%	-1.2%	1.25	1.25	0.00
3.2	Garments for women	105.4	107.8	107.8	0.0%	2.3%	1.25	1.25	0.00
3.3	Garments for infants and children	110.5	110.6	110.6	0.0%	0.1%	2.65	2.65	0.00
3.4	Footwear and clothing accessories	96.4	96.4	96.3	-0.1%	-0.1%	2.09	2.09	0.00
4	HOUSING	102.4	102.1	102.1	0.0%	-0.3%	6.41	6.42	0.01
4.1	Actual rentals paid by tenants	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0%	0.0%	0.07	0.07	0.00
4.2	Maintenance and repair of the dwelling	107.0	106.3	106.3	0.0%	-0.7%	1.10	1.11	0.01
4.3	Water, electricity, gas and other fuels	101.5	101.2	101.2	0.0%	-0.3%	5.24	5.25	0.00
5	FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE	98.7	99.2	99.4	0.2%	0.7%	7.78	7.81	0.03
5.1	Household furniture and textiles	102.4	102.3	102.3	0.0%	-0.1%	1.09	1.09	0.00
5.2	Household appliances	95.5	99.1	100.5	1.4%	5.2%	1.04	1.05	0.02
5.3	Goods and services for routine household maintenance	98.6	98.7	98.7	0.0%	0.1%	5.65	5.67	0.02
6	HEALTH	103.3	103.3	103.3	0.0%	0.0%	2.00	2.00	0.00
6.1	Medical products, appliances and equipment	103.7	103.7	103.7	0.0%	0.0%	1.75	1.75	0.00
6.2	Medical and Hospital services	100.7	100.7	100.7	0.0%	0.0%	0.25	0.25	0.00
7	TRANSPORT	109.2	108.7	111.4	2.5%	2.0%	6.34	6.48	0.14
7.1	Purchase of vehicles	108.2	108.2	108.2	0.0%	0.0%	1.27	1.27	0.00
7.2	Operation of personal transport equipment	110.4	109.1	115.7	6.0%	4.8%	2.62	2.76	0.14
7.3	Transport services	108.6	108.6	108.6	0.0%	0.0%	2.45	2.45	0.00
8	COMMUNICATION	99.2	98.9	98.9	0.0%	-0.3%	4.71	4.71	0.00
8.1	Telecommunication equipment and services	99.2	98.9	98.9	0.0%	-0.3%	4.71	4.71	0.00
9	RECREATION and CULTURE	102.5	102.5	102.5	0.0%	0.0%	3.56	3.56	0.00
9.1	Audio-visual, photographic and information processing equipment	100.3	106.4	106.4	0.0%	6.1%	0.36	0.36	0.00
9.2	Recreational items and cultural services	100.8	100.8	100.8	0.0%	0.0%	1.89	1.89	0.00
9.3	Newspapers, books and stationery	105.8	104.0	104.0	0.0%	-1.7%	1.31	1.31	0.00
10	EDUCATION	125.4	125.8	125.8	0.0%	0.3%	2.25	2.25	0.00
10	Education	125.4	125.8	125.8	0.0%	0.3%	2.25	2.25	0.00

TABLE 2. DILI - analytical index

March 2026		INDEX NUMBERS			PERCENTAGE CHANGE		POINTS CONTRIBUTION		POINTS CHANGE
		Mar 2025	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Mar-26 to Feb-26	Mar-26 to Mar-25	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Mar-26 to Feb-26
Groups and Expenditure Class									
a	ALL GROUPS	121.5	122.9	123.9	0.8%	2.0%	122.9	123.9	1.00
1	FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	131.7	135.1	136.0	0.7%	3.3%	69.01	69.48	0.47
1.1	Bread and cereals (excluding rice)	107.9	112.3	112.3	0.0%	4.1%	3.02	3.02	0.00
1.2	Rice	127.3	124.8	125.5	0.6%	-1.4%	9.87	9.88	0.01
1.3	Meat	108.9	108.6	108.4	-0.2%	-0.5%	9.56	9.48	-0.08
1.4	Fish and seafood	101.5	100.8	102.2	1.4%	0.7%	4.06	3.99	-0.07
1.5	Milk, cheese and eggs	125.1	118.3	121.9	3.0%	-2.6%	3.21	3.35	0.14
1.6	Oils and fats	122.2	126.8	127.1	0.2%	4.0%	3.37	3.38	0.01
1.7	Fruit	103.9	106.7	109.1	2.2%	5.0%	2.19	2.24	0.05
1.8	Vegetables	203.5	226.1	228.2	0.9%	12.1%	22.63	23.00	0.37
	Sugar, jam, honey, chocolate and confectionery	121.6	106.0	106.0	0.0%	-12.8%	3.18	3.21	0.04
1.10	Food products n.e.c.	111.7	111.7	111.7	0.0%	0.0%	4.15	4.15	0.00
1.11	Coffee, tea and cocoa	100.4	103.1	103.1	0.0%	2.7%	1.36	1.36	0.00
	Mineral waters, soft drinks, fruit and vegetable juices	109.5	113.7	115.1	1.2%	5.1%	1.13	1.13	0.00
1.12	Prepared food/meals	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0%	0.0%	1.30	1.30	0.00
2	ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO	165.4	158.6	163.0	2.8%	-1.5%	8.43	8.67	0.24
2.1	Alcohol	129.3	133.0	133.0	0.0%	2.9%	2.19	2.19	0.00
2.2	Tobacco	181.7	170.1	176.5	3.8%	-2.9%	6.24	6.48	0.24
3	CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	106.2	106.4	106.3	-0.1%	0.1%	6.62	6.62	0.00
3.1	Garments for men	99.5	97.9	97.9	0.0%	-1.6%	0.89	0.89	0.00
	Garments for women	107.3	110.5	110.5	0.0%	3.0%	1.05	1.05	0.00
3.3	Garments for infants and children	114.0	114.0	114.0	0.0%	0.0%	2.90	2.91	0.00
3.4	Footwear and clothing accessories	98.0	97.7	97.6	-0.1%	-0.4%	1.78	1.78	0.00
4	HOUSING	101.5	101.5	101.5	0.0%	0.0%	7.46	7.47	0.01
4.1	Actual rentals paid by tenants	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0%	0.0%	0.17	0.17	0.00
4.2	Maintenance and repair of the dwelling	110.6	110.1	110.1	0.0%	-0.5%	0.25	0.25	0.00
4.3	Water, electricity, gas and other fuels	101.3	101.3	101.3	0.0%	0.0%	7.04	7.05	0.01
5	FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE	99.6	100.3	100.5	0.2%	0.9%	7.18	7.20	0.02
5.1	Household furniture and textiles	102.0	101.9	101.9	0.0%	-0.1%	1.31	1.31	0.00
5.2	Household appliances	95.0	98.8	100.3	1.5%	5.6%	0.98	1.00	0.02
	Goods and services for routine household maintenance	99.9	100.2	100.2	0.0%	0.3%	4.89	4.90	0.01
6	HEALTH	103.2	103.2	103.2	0.0%	0.0%	2.28	2.28	0.00
6.1	Medical products, appliances and equipment	103.7	103.7	103.7	0.0%	0.0%	2.00	2.01	0.00
6.2	Medical and Hospital services	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0%	0.0%	0.28	0.28	0.00
7	TRANSPORT	104.2	103.6	106.6	2.9%	2.3%	8.75	8.98	0.23
7.1	Purchase of vehicles	109.1	109.1	109.1	0.0%	0.0%	1.78	1.79	0.00
7.2	Operation of personal transport equipment	105.3	104.1	110.6	6.2%	5.0%	4.04	4.26	0.22
7.3	Transport services	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0%	0.0%	2.93	2.93	0.00
8	COMMUNICATION	98.9	98.7	98.7	0.0%	-0.2%	4.82	4.82	0.01
8.1	Telecommunication equipment and services	98.9	98.7	98.7	0.0%	-0.2%	4.82	4.82	0.01
9	RECREATION and CULTURE	102.8	102.9	102.9	0.0%	0.1%	4.33	4.34	0.00
	Audio-visual, photographic and information processing equipment	100.6	106.9	106.9	0.0%	6.3%	0.53	0.53	0.00
9.2	Recreational items and cultural services	100.9	100.9	100.9	0.0%	0.0%	2.02	2.03	0.00
9.3	Newspapers, books and stationery	105.7	104.0	104.0	0.0%	-1.6%	1.78	1.78	0.00
10	EDUCATION	128.0	128.4	128.4	0.0%	0.3%	4.02	4.03	0.00
10	Education	128.0	128.4	128.4	0.0%	0.3%	4.02	4.03	0.00

TABLE 3. BAUCAU - analytical index

March 2026		INDEX NUMBERS			PERCENTAGE CHANGE		POINTS CONTRIBUTION		POINTS CHANGE
		Mar	Feb	Mar	Mar-26	Mar-26	Feb	Mar	Mar-26
		2025	2026	2026	to	to	2026	2026	to
Groups and Expenditure Class					Feb-26	Mar-25			Feb-26
a	ALL GROUPS	112.4	111.5	111.0	-0.4%	-1.2%	111.5	111.0	-0.50
1	FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	117.7	116.8	115.9	-0.8%	-1.5%	66.48	65.84	-0.64
1.1	Bread and cereals (excluding rice)	119.7	114.5	114.3	-0.2%	-4.5%	2.26	2.26	0.00
1.2	Rice	138.1	136.2	136.2	0.0%	-1.4%	18.11	18.06	-0.05
1.3	Meat	112.0	112.6	112.6	0.0%	0.5%	10.55	10.54	-0.01
1.4	Fish and seafood	121.6	121.8	121.8	0.0%	0.2%	3.84	3.84	-0.01
1.5	Milk, cheese and eggs	102.9	97.1	97.1	0.0%	-5.6%	1.73	1.73	0.00
1.6	Oils and fats	121.3	122.9	111.0	-9.7%	-8.5%	4.09	3.69	-0.40
1.7	Fruit	87.9	88.2	88.2	0.0%	0.3%	1.11	1.11	0.00
1.8	Vegetables	111.8	112.6	112.6	0.0%	0.7%	12.03	12.02	-0.02
1.9	Sugar, jam, honey, chocolate and confectionery	109.5	104.2	101.3	-2.8%	-7.5%	4.85	4.71	-0.14
1.10	Food products n.e.c.	104.1	104.1	104.1	0.0%	0.0%	4.13	4.13	-0.01
1.11	Coffee, tea and cocoa	110.7	110.7	110.7	0.0%	0.0%	2.80	2.80	0.00
1.12	Mineral waters, soft drinks, fruit and vegetable juices	109.5	109.5	109.5	0.0%	0.0%	0.92	0.92	0.00
1.13	Prepared food/meals	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0%	0.0%	0.05	0.05	0.00
2	ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO	136.5	131.4	131.4	0.0%	-3.7%	9.54	9.53	-0.01
2.1	Alcohol	128.1	128.1	128.1	0.0%	0.0%	3.39	3.39	0.00
2.2	Tobacco	141.3	133.2	133.2	0.0%	-5.7%	6.15	6.14	-0.01
3	CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	100.6	99.5	99.5	0.0%	-1.1%	14.13	14.11	-0.02
3.1	Garments for men	110.4	110.4	110.4	0.0%	0.0%	3.23	3.22	0.00
3.2	Garments for women	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0%	0.0%	2.52	2.52	0.00
3.3	Garments for infants and children	102.5	102.5	102.5	0.0%	0.0%	3.82	3.82	-0.01
3.4	Footwear and clothing accessories	93.8	90.7	90.7	0.0%	-3.3%	4.56	4.55	-0.01
4	HOUSING	107.2	107.3	107.3	0.0%	0.1%	2.80	2.79	0.00
4.2	Maintenance and repair of the dwelling	103.4	103.4	103.4	0.0%	0.0%	0.90	0.90	0.00
4.3	Water, electricity, gas and other fuels	109.2	109.3	109.3	0.0%	0.1%	1.90	1.89	0.00
5	FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE	91.9	94.1	94.1	0.0%	2.4%	8.09	8.27	0.18
5.1	Household furniture and textiles	94.2	91.4	91.4	0.0%	-3.0%	0.12	0.12	0.00
5.2	Household appliances	105.9	105.9	105.9	0.0%	0.0%	0.31	0.31	0.00
5.3	Goods and services for routine household maintenance	91.4	93.7	93.7	0.0%	2.5%	7.66	7.85	0.18
6	HEALTH	104.6	104.6	104.6	0.0%	0.0%	1.30	1.30	0.00
6.1	Medical products, appliances and equipment	103.9	103.9	103.9	0.0%	0.0%	1.13	1.13	0.00
6.2	Medical and Hospital services	108.9	108.9	108.9	0.0%	0.0%	0.17	0.17	0.00
7	TRANSPORT	106.0	105.9	107.0	1.0%	0.9%	1.62	1.63	0.01
7.1	Purchase of vehicles	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0%	0.0%	0.01	0.01	0.00
7.2	Operation of personal transport equipment	121.5	121.3	125.0	3.1%	2.9%	0.52	0.53	0.01
7.3	Transport services	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0%	0.0%	1.09	1.09	0.00
8	COMMUNICATION	100.0	98.6	98.6	0.0%	-1.4%	4.67	4.67	-0.01
8.1	Telecommunication equipment and services	100.0	98.6	98.6	0.0%	-1.4%	4.67	4.67	-0.01
9	RECREATION and CULTURE	101.0	100.8	100.8	0.0%	-0.2%	1.78	1.78	0.00
9.1	Audio-visual, photographic and information processing equipment	72.0	55.1	55.1	0.0%	-23.5%	0.01	0.01	0.00
9.2	Recreational items and cultural services	102.6	102.6	102.6	0.0%	0.0%	0.99	0.99	0.00
9.3	Newspapers, books and stationery	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0%	0.0%	0.78	0.78	0.00
10	EDUCATION	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0%	0.0%	1.08	1.08	0.00
10	Education	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0%	0.0%	1.08	1.08	0.00

TABLE 2. OTHERS - analytical index

March 2026		INDEX NUMBERS			PERCENTAGE CHANGE		POINTS CONTRIBUTION		POINTS CHANGE
		Mar 2025	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Mar-26 to Feb-26	Mar-26 to Mar-25	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Mar-26 to Feb-26
Groups and Expenditure Class									
a	ALL GROUPS	130.1	129.7	130.4	0.5%	0.2%	129.7	130.4	0.70
1	FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	139.4	139.6	139.9	0.2%	0.4%	78.01	78.16	0.15
1.1	Bread and cereals (excluding rice)	112.3	115.5	115.5	0.0%	2.8%	2.41	2.41	0.00
1.2	Rice	167.1	156.8	156.6	-0.1%	-6.3%	24.97	24.90	-0.06
1.3	Meat	109.4	109.8	109.7	-0.1%	0.3%	8.12	8.09	-0.03
1.4	Fish and seafood	103.6	102.9	104.0	1.1%	0.4%	2.70	2.66	-0.04
1.5	Milk, cheese and eggs	123.6	119.2	122.1	2.4%	-1.2%	2.11	2.18	0.06
1.6	Oils and fats	165.8	177.1	177.2	0.1%	6.9%	8.03	8.04	0.00
1.7	Fruit	112.2	108.8	107.2	-1.5%	-4.5%	0.81	0.80	-0.01
1.8	Vegetables	161.7	177.4	178.2	0.5%	10.2%	14.84	15.02	0.18
1.9	Sugar, jam, honey, chocolate and confectionery	117.4	114.0	113.9	-0.1%	-3.0%	6.33	6.33	0.00
1.10	Food products n.e.c.	107.0	107.3	107.3	0.0%	0.3%	4.26	4.26	0.00
1.11	Coffee, tea and cocoa	108.7	112.4	112.4	0.0%	3.4%	2.30	2.30	0.00
1.12	Mineral waters, soft drinks, fruit and vegetable juices	126.0	136.0	145.5	7.0%	15.5%	0.86	0.91	0.05
1.13	Prepared food/meals	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0%	0.0%	0.26	0.26	0.00
2	ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO	181.3	175.2	180.2	2.9%	-0.6%	14.38	14.80	0.42
2.1	Alcohol	138.3	143.7	143.7	0.0%	3.9%	2.10	2.10	0.00
2.2	Tobacco	190.6	182.0	188.2	3.4%	-1.3%	12.28	12.70	0.42
3	CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	103.5	104.3	104.3	0.0%	0.8%	6.38	6.38	0.00
3.1	Garments for men	100.6	99.1	99.1	0.0%	-1.5%	1.14	1.14	0.00
3.2	Garments for women	106.6	109.6	109.6	0.0%	2.8%	1.16	1.16	0.00
3.3	Garments for infants and children	109.9	110.2	110.2	0.0%	0.3%	2.23	2.23	0.00
3.4	Footwear and clothing accessories	96.6	98.3	98.2	-0.1%	1.7%	1.85	1.85	0.00
4	HOUSING	102.7	102.1	102.1	0.0%	-0.6%	6.31	6.32	0.01
4.1	Actual rentals paid by tenants	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0%	0.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00
4.2	Maintenance and repair of the dwelling	106.9	106.3	106.3	0.0%	-0.6%	1.77	1.78	0.01
4.3	Water, electricity, gas and other fuels	101.1	100.5	100.5	0.0%	-0.6%	4.53	4.53	0.00
5	FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE	99.5	99.6	99.8	0.2%	0.3%	8.17	8.18	0.01
5.1	Household furniture and textiles	102.9	102.8	102.8	0.0%	-0.1%	1.11	1.11	0.00
5.2	Household appliances	95.3	99.0	100.4	1.4%	5.4%	1.22	1.24	0.02
5.3	Goods and services for routine household maintenance	99.8	99.2	99.1	-0.1%	-0.7%	5.84	5.83	-0.01
6	HEALTH	103.3	103.3	103.3	0.0%	0.0%	1.92	1.92	0.00
6.1	Medical products, appliances and equipment	103.7	103.7	103.7	0.0%	0.0%	1.68	1.68	0.00
6.2	Medical and Hospital services	100.3	100.3	100.3	0.0%	0.0%	0.24	0.24	0.00
7	TRANSPORT	116.3	115.8	118.2	2.1%	1.6%	5.43	5.54	0.11
7.1	Purchase of vehicles	107.1	107.1	107.1	0.0%	0.0%	1.13	1.13	0.00
7.2	Operation of personal transport equipment	119.0	117.4	124.4	6.0%	4.5%	1.94	2.05	0.11
7.3	Transport services	119.0	119.0	119.0	0.0%	0.0%	2.36	2.36	0.00
8	COMMUNICATION	99.3	99.1	99.1	0.0%	-0.2%	4.64	4.64	0.00
8.1	Telecommunication equipment and services	99.3	99.1	99.1	0.0%	-0.2%	4.64	4.64	0.00
9	RECREATION and CULTURE	102.4	102.3	102.3	0.0%	-0.1%	3.32	3.32	0.00
9.1	Audio-visual, photographic and information processing equipment	100.5	106.7	106.7	0.0%	6.2%	0.30	0.30	0.00
9.2	Recreational items and cultural services	100.5	100.5	100.5	0.0%	0.0%	1.96	1.96	0.00
9.3	Newspapers, books and stationery	106.6	104.6	104.6	0.0%	-1.9%	1.06	1.06	0.00
10	EDUCATION	124.7	124.8	124.8	0.0%	0.1%	1.14	1.14	0.00
10	Education	124.7	124.8	124.8	0.0%	0.1%	1.14	1.14	0.00



EXPLANATORY NOTES

NOTE TO USERS

The Series 3 index incorporate the outcomes of a major review and reweighting of the Timor-Leste CPI. The new weights are based on the results of the 2014-15 Living Standard Survey. Two information papers were published about the review. The first— *‘Timor-Leste Consumer Price Index (CPI), Series 3 2018: Issues for Consideration’* was published in 2017 and sought the views of users on a range of issues under consideration in the review and reweighting exercise. The second *‘Technical Note of Timor-Leste Consumer Price Index Series 3 Reweight’* was published on October 2018 and set out the methodology and result of CPI Series 3. Both information papers can be found on the website of the National Institute of Statistics (NIS) at www.inetl-ip.gov.tl

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE CPI

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) measures changes over time in the price of a ‘basket’ of goods and services which account for a high proportion of expenditure by resident private households. This ‘basket’ covers a wide range of goods and services, arranged in the following ten groups:

1. *Food and non-alcoholic beverages*; 2. *Alcohol and tobacco*; 3. *Clothing and footwear*; 4. *Housing*;
5. *Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance*; 6. *Health*; 7. *Transport*,
8. *Communication*; 9. *Recreation and culture*; 10. *Education*.

Further information about the Timor-Leste CPI is contained in *A Guide to the Timor-Leste CPI* which can be downloaded from the NIS website at www.inetl-ip.gov.tl

INDEXES PUBLISHED

CPI figures are produced by the National Institute of Statistics (NIS) for each month and are released within one month of the end of the reference period.

The primary index published by NIS is the Timor-Leste Consumer Price Index. The data for this national index are presented in Key Figures and Table 1 of the publication.

NIS also publishes three secondary indexes for analytical purposes – the first, representing Dili price movements, the second, representing price movements in Baucau and the third represents price movements for other Timor-Leste municipalities (termed ‘Others’). These analytical series are compiled by taking subsets of the CPI basket, and are presented in Tables 2,3 and 4 in the publication.

COLLECTING PRICES FOR THE CPI

The collection of prices is largely carried out by trained field staff operating from Head office in Dili. The collection of prices in municipalities beyond Dili is carried out by NIS staff operating out of various offices of the NIS, while some prices are collected by special surveys.

WEIGHTING PATTERN

There are 35 expenditure classes (that is, categories of like items) in the Series 3 CPI and each expenditure class has its own weight, or measure of relative importance. In calculating the index, price changes for the various expenditure classes are combined using these weights. The Series 3 CPI weighting pattern is also available on the NIS website at www.inetl-ip.gov.tl



ANALYSIS OF CPI CHANGES

Movements in indexes from one period to another can be expressed either as changes in index points or as percentage changes. Percentage changes are calculated to illustrate two different kinds of movements in index numbers:

- movements between corresponding months of consecutive years
- movements between consecutive months

The following example illustrates the method of calculating changes in index points and percentage changes between any two periods:

All groups CPI: Dili index numbers:

January 2013	101.4
less January 2012	90.7
Change in index points	10.7
Percentage change	$10.7 / 90.7 \times 100 = 11.8\%$

Each table in this publication provides a detailed analysis of movements in the CPI since the previous period, including information on movements for groups and expenditure classes. It also shows the contribution which each makes to the total CPI. For instance, with the Timor-Leste 2013 the Rice expenditure class contributed 17.85 index points to the total all groups index number of 101.3 for January 2013. The final column shows contributions to the change in All Groups index points by each group and expenditure class.

ROUNDING

The published index numbers have been rounded to one decimal place, and the percentage changes (also rounded to one decimal place) are calculated from the rounded index numbers. In some cases, this can result in the percentage change for the total level of a group of indexes being outside the range of the percentage changes for the component level indexes.

REVISIONS

CPI original indexes are revised only in exceptional circumstances, such as to correct a significant error. As is the case with all price indexes, the index reference period (i.e. the period in which the index is set equal to 100.0) will be changed periodically.

DATA AVAILABLE

As well as the statistics included in this publication, there are more detailed data (in time series format) for each index available for downloading from the NIS website.



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