



7<sup>th</sup> Nov 2023

## **Consumer Price Index for South Sudan October 2023**

The South Sudan annual Consumer Price Index (CPI) decreased by 23.3% from October 2022 to October 2023. Higher prices of Alcoholic beverages and tobacco etc mainly drove the decrease.

The annual CPI increased in Juba by 16.1%, Malakal by 0.2%, and decreased in Wau by 4.3% from October 2022 to October 2023.

The South Sudan monthly CPI decreased by 2.2% from September 2023 to October 2023. The monthly CPI decreased by 1.1% in Juba, 4.2% in Malakal, and 2 % in Wau.

### **Annual CPI**

The annual growth in the CPI for South Sudan decreased by 3.3% in October 2023 compared to 12.7% in October 2022. Health increased by 67.5% and Restaurants and Hotels by 20%.

The lower price of Tobacco mainly drove the lower prices of food and non-alcoholic beverages.

### **Monthly CPI**

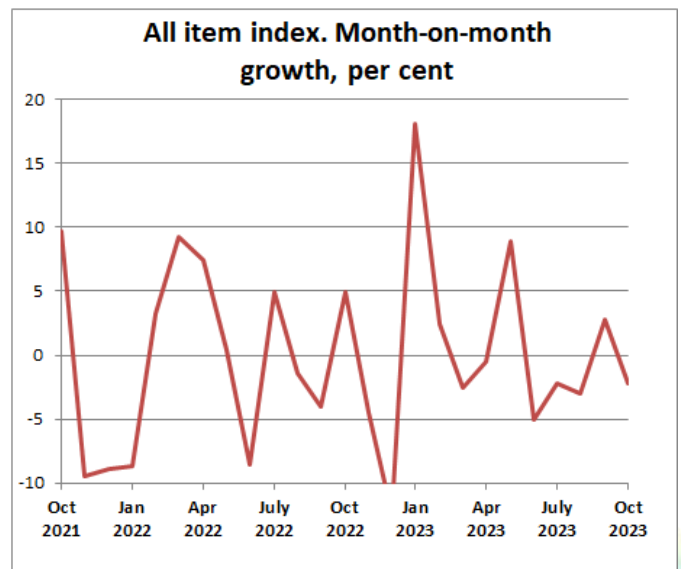
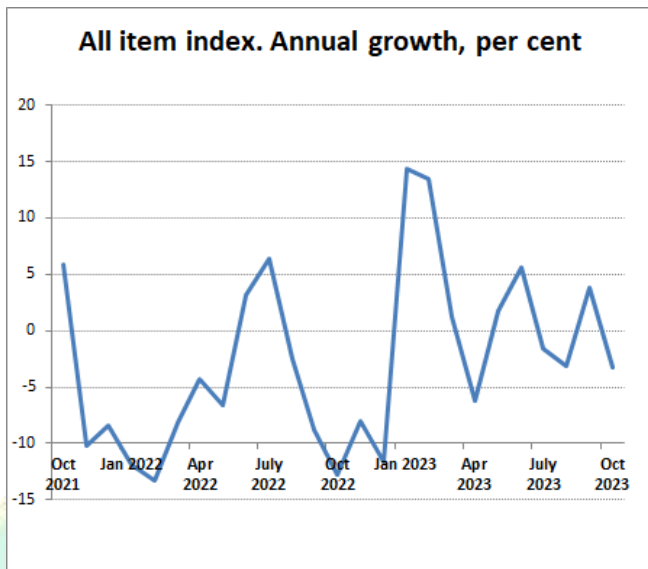
In addition to annual CPI, the National Bureau of Statistics also calculates CPI on a monthly basis. These figures are subject to volatility because of seasonal products entering and exiting the markets, so should be used with caution. Please see the technical notes for further explanation of how CPI is calculated.

The monthly CPI increased by 2.2% between September 2023 and October 2023. Over this period the price of food and non-alcoholic beverages decreased by 2.4%, and health by 0.6%.

Four new consumption groups are measured in the CPI: clothing and footwear, health, communication, and education. There are annual rates of change for these groups from June 2012.

**Table 1. Consumer price index of South Sudan. Oct 2023**

	Weights <sup>1</sup>	Monthly changes				Annual changes			
		Oct 2022	Aug 2023	Sep 2023	Oct 2023	Oct 2022	Aug 2023	Sep 2023	Oct 2023
<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>-3.0</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>-2.2</b>	<b>-12.7</b>	<b>-3.1</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>-3.3</b>
Food & Non alcoholic beverages	71.39	6.2	-3.8	1.7	-2.4	-16.2	-18.4	-10.4	-17.7
Alcoholic beverages & Tobacco	3.12	1.5	-0.7	6.0	-0.2	-68.3	10.5	39.1	36.8
Clothing and footwear	2.49	-1.8	-4.9	7.7	1.0	-9.1	14.5	29.1	32.8
Housing, water, electricity, gas etc	2.59	14.4	-5.3	3.3	1.5	27.4	36.8	44.0	27.7
Furnishing & Household equipments	3.52	7.1	-5.3	5.3	-0.7	42.5	24.8	28.1	18.8
Health	4.47	-11.7	0.5	4.9	0.6	45.7	56.0	47.2	67.5
Transport	2.67	-8.8	4.2	6.1	-8.9	49.4	27.0	34.8	34.6
Communication	1.40	-2.2	-1.0	1.3	-1.3	6.6	30.2	31.2	32.4
Recreation & Culture	0.46	-4.0	1.0	4.9	-0.3	-9.0	53.3	68.2	74.7
Education	1.29	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Restaurants & Hotels	4.02	10.0	-0.9	4.1	-3.3	13.0	63.5	36.4	20.0
Miscellaneous goods & services	2.58	12.5	-5.8	-0.4	-3.3	-1.7	46.4	31.6	13.0



### Regional CPI

In June 2011, price collection was expanded from Juba alone to include Wau and Malakal. NBS now publishes an index for all of South Sudan, and three separate regional indices for Juba, Wau, and Malakal. The individual regions have different weights reflecting the different consumption baskets in the three states. Annual changes are available for Wau and Malakal from June 2012.

Annual inflation in October 2023 increased by 16.1% in Juba, 0.2% in Malakal, and decreased by 4.3% in Wau compared with 3.3% for South Sudan. Prices of food and non-alcoholic beverages decreased in Juba by 5.7%, 8.6% in Malakal, and 19.1% in Wau respectively over this period.

From September 2023 to October 2023, the monthly CPI decreased in Juba by 1.1%, 4.2% in Malakal, and 2% in Wau respectively. Over this period the price of food and non-alcoholic beverages decreased by 0.7% in Juba, 5.4% in Malakal, and 2.1% in Wau respectively.

**Table 2. Consumer price index of South Sudan; Juba. Oct 2023**

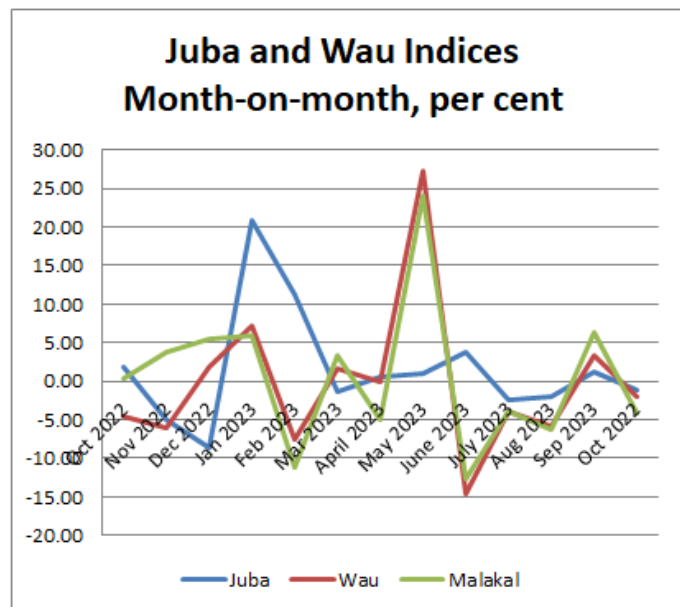
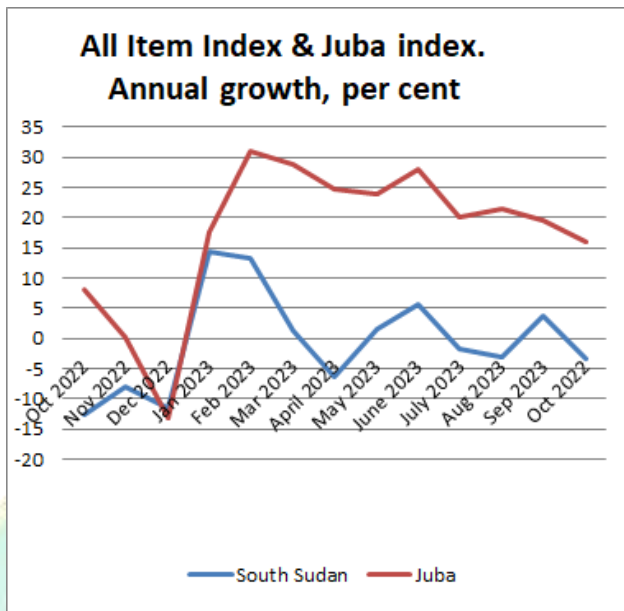
	Weights	Monthly changes				Annual changes			
		Oct 2022	Aug 2023	Sep 2023	Oct 2023	Oct 2022	Aug 2023	Sep 2023	Oct 2023
<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>-1.9</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>-1.1</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>21.5</b>	<b>19.6</b>	<b>16.1</b>
Food & Non alcoholic beverages	54.57	3.2	-2.8	-1.3	-0.7	3.9	-2.0	-2.0	-5.7
Alcoholic beverages & Tobacco	3.05	-0.5	0.7	10.2	-0.7	-16.6	26.8	42.8	42.5
Clothing and footwear	3.53	-0.6	-3.6	9.2	0.4	-10.3	21.2	30.5	31.7
Housing, water, electricity, gas etc	5.04	8.0	-3.4	4.3	1.9	27.2	62.9	54.3	45.5
Furnishing & Household equipments	5.71	7.7	-6.1	5.9	-1.3	44.3	44.2	35.3	24.0
Health	7.03	-13.1	0.2	-2.3	2.5	37.5	82.1	93.7	128.4
Transport	5.02	-12.2	9.6	9.0	-7.5	29.6	24.4	37.1	44.5
Communication	3.22	-8.7	1.2	0.0	-1.2	6.1	45.3	23.2	33.3
Recreation & Culture	0.95	-3.8	0.9	0.3	0.3	-31.5	35.2	47.3	53.5
Education	3.11	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Restaurants & Hotels	4.42	8.8	-0.2	0.7	-2.5	10.3	81.0	34.4	20.4
Miscellaneous goods & services	4.37	8.6	-6.9	1.2	-4.4	-6.7	58.2	30.3	14.8

**Table 3. Consumer price index of South Sudan; Malakal. Oct 2023**

	Weights	Monthly changes				Annual changes			
		Oct 2022	Aug 2023	Sep 2023	Oct 2023	Oct 2022	Aug 2023	Sep 2023	Oct 2023
<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>-6.3</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>-4.2</b>	<b>-62.3</b>	<b>-20.4</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>0.2</b>
Food & Non alcoholic beverages	65.42	-6.0	-8.3	9.5	-5.4	-74.1	-35.7	-9.2	-8.6
Alcoholic beverages & Tobacco	2.81	4.9	-4.9	-0.9	-0.6	-79.3	-28.5	65.7	57.1
Clothing and footwear	3.44	0.7	-8.6	5.1	4.4	-6.9	23.8	49.5	55.1
Housing, water, electricity, gas etc	4.90	45.0	-9.8	-5.1	3.2	17.9	-17.0	21.8	-13.3
Furnishing & Household equipments	5.38	2.1	-0.8	1.4	0.2	19.4	2.9	6.4	4.4
Health	6.23	0.5	-3.1	22.1	0.0	13.9	9.6	16.0	15.4
Transport	3.23	-3.0	0.0	0.0	-19.2	94.5	60.0	57.4	31.1
Communication	1.49	8.7	-8.6	3.1	0.0	-10.7	10.3	43.5	32.0
Recreation & Culture	0.25	0.0	15.0	22.2	-2.9	42.5	153.7	202.0	193.1
Education	1.08	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Restaurants & Hotels	2.14	11.8	-3.9	16.7	-15.9	32.4	26.8	50.9	13.5
Miscellaneous goods & services	3.60	24.7	-9.0	-5.5	-2.2	-17.1	17.5	20.7	-5.4

**Table 4. Consumer price index of South Sudan; Wau. Oct 2023**

	Weights	Monthly changes				Annual changes			
		Oct 2022	Aug 2023	Sep 2023	Oct 2023	Oct 2022	Aug 2023	Sep 2023	Oct 2023
<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>-4.6</b>	<b>-5.9</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>-2.0</b>	<b>51.1</b>	<b>-11.5</b>	<b>-6.8</b>	<b>-4.3</b>
Food & Non alcoholic beverages	66.91	-4.9	-7.5	0.1	-2.1	48.0	-24.1	-21.4	-19.1
Alcoholic beverages & Tobacco	3.65	-8.0	3.2	-4.5	-3.3	25.4	41.7	38.7	45.8
Clothing and footwear	2.56	-3.0	-6.9	3.1	-2.0	-10.2	-6.8	16.9	18.1
Housing, water, electricity, gas etc	3.95	3.2	-12.7	-3.8	-0.5	77.5	49.9	23.4	19.0
Furnishing & Household equipments	4.26	2.6	-10.9	8.6	-1.6	58.3	-15.0	22.7	17.7
Health	4.38	-21.1	6.5	20.3	-5.5	155.3	43.7	-2.3	17.0
Transport	2.59	0.0	-12.5	0.2	0.0	143.2	0.5	0.7	0.7
Communication	1.44	20.0	-1.6	4.9	-3.1	37.1	3.4	60.0	29.2
Recreation & Culture	0.52	-2.1	-0.8	7.6	0.0	234.3	28.5	40.1	43.0
Education	1.08	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Restaurants & Hotels	6.01	-5.5	-0.5	15.8	-1.7	43.9	10.2	22.0	26.9
Miscellaneous goods & services	2.64	28.8	2.4	0.5	2.6	34.2	59.5	77.6	41.5



The full index series for South Sudan and the regional indices for Juba, Wau, and Malakal are available Online at [www.nbs.gov.ss](http://www.nbs.gov.ss)

**For more information, please contact:**

Joseph Valentino  
 Ag. Chief, Economic Statistics  
 National Bureau of Statistics  
 Tel: +211929171491  
 E-mail: [valentinoj49@gmail.com](mailto:valentinoj49@gmail.com)

## Technical note

### National Consumer Price Index (CPI) for South Sudan

Since October 2011, a national CPI has been published for South Sudan. The index has been rebased to June 2011=100 and is directly chained to the previous Juba index which got a time series back to May 2007. The national CPI has weights calculated from the 2009 National Baseline Household Survey (NBHS) and includes all twelve major consumption groups in the Classification of Individual Consumption by Purpose (COICOP). The item basket has been revised and updated according to the results from the NBHS. With price collection in the major three cities of Juba, Malakal, and Wau, the price collection covers all three regions of South Sudan.

### What is NBS?

The National Bureau of Statistics (NBS), formerly known as the Southern Sudan Centre for Census, Statistics, and Evaluation (SSCCSE), is the official statistical agency of the Government of South Sudan.

### Republic of South Sudan National Basket: -

Until May 2011, the consumption basket contained eight COICOP groups. Since May 2011, the South Sudan National Basket has contained the following twelve COICOP groups:

No/S	Group	Number of items
1.	Food and non-alcoholic beverages	53
2.	Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	5
3.	Clothing and footwear	7
4.	Housing, water, electricity, gas, and other	6
5.	Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	7
6.	Health	4
7.	Transport	3
8.	Communication	1
9.	Recreation and culture	3
10.	Education	3
11.	Restaurants and hotels	7
12.	Miscellaneous goods and services	10

### Consumer Price Index (CPI):

The Consumer Price Index is an index which tracks the price of a representative basket of goods and services consumed by households in South Sudan. The composition of the goods and services in the basket reflects consumption of the average household in South Sudan. The change in the CPI over time indicates how much more expensive it is for the average household to continue consuming the same basket of goods and services. The percentage change in the CPI is consumer price inflation. It is an important tool to measure both development of the economy and the welfare of households.

### Annual Consumer Price Inflation Rate:

Annual consumer price inflation is the percentage change in the CPI over the course of one year. It is the most commonly used measure of consumer price inflation.

### Monthly Consumer Price Inflation Rate:

Monthly consumer price inflation is the percentage change in the CPI over the course of one month.

Monthly consumer price index does not take into account the variations in the population's consumption pattern caused by entry and exit of seasonal products in the market. Seasonal products are those which are only available part of the year, such as mango, papaya, or cassava and whose supply is significantly affected by the changing of the seasons, such as green okra. Monthly CPI should therefore be interpreted and used with caution.

On an annual basis, CPI is less affected by the entry and exit of seasonal products in the market.