



South Sudan Consumer Price Index for December 2024

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Introduction

This Report presents inflation rates for December 2024 for both the nation and the ten states of South Sudan.

Methodology

1.1. Definition

Typically, the CPI measures changes over time in the cost of a fixed basket of goods and services that are purchased by a representative sample of households. The South Sudan CPI basket comprises 104 goods and services, of which 60 are food and non-alcoholic beverages and 44 are non-food items.

1.2. Weights and reference period

The CPI weights are based on monetary expenditures related to consumption of all households in South Sudan's ten states. The index is derived using weights drawn from expenditures of urban households documented by the World Bank during its 2021/22 Household Budget Survey.

Classification

The current CPI uses the UN Classification of Individual Consumption by Purpose, 2018 (UNCOICOP, 2018) and is being disseminated using 13 COICOP. In addition, the rebased CPI is disseminated together with several additional index aggregations which include core index (all items), energy, fuel and utilities, non-core index, services index, goods index, education services and ancillary products, and food and non-alcoholic beverages.

1.3. Computation

Computation of the CPI uses geometric mean of price relatives for compiling elementary index aggregates, while the Lowe Index formula (i.e., Lapsers approach) is used for computing higher level aggregates.

1.4. Monthly Inflation

The monthly inflation rate as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) is 14.9 percent in December, compared to 22 percent in November 2024. This means that the average price of a

basket of consumable goods and services increased by 14.9 percent in December. This increase results mainly from price increases for nearly all commodities except food and non-alcoholic beverages (see Table 1 and Table 2).

Table 1: Overall CPI and Rates of Inflation (Base: 2024/25=100)

Month	Overall CPI	Monthly inflation rate
December 2024	151.55	14.9
November 2024	131.82	22.0
October 2024	108.07	11.1
September 2024	106.64	6.6
August 2024	100.00	0.0

The increase in the overall index is mainly attributed to increases in price for alcoholic beverages and tobacco, clothing and footwear, housing, furnishings, transport, information and communication, recreation, and personal care (see Table 2 & Fig. 1).

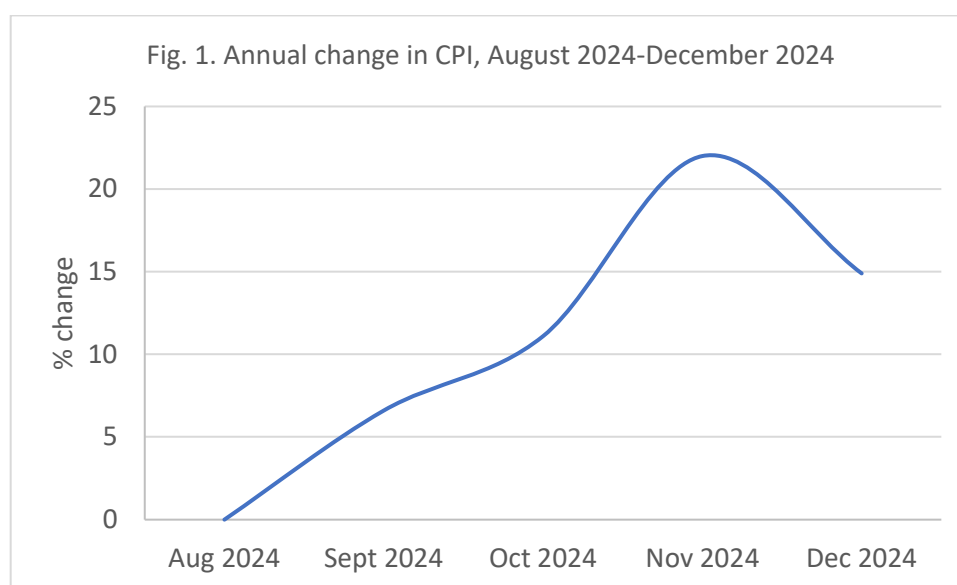


Table 2: Monthly Inflation by COICOP Divisions

13 COICOP Divisions	Weight	% Change Nov. 2024	% Change Dec. 2024
All Items Index	100.00	22.0	14.9
food and non-alcoholic beverages	48.19	34.77	12.58
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	0.12	6.61	82.18
Clothing and footwear	1.52	20.00	67.03
Housing, water, and utilities	44.37	8.13	11.57
Furnishings	0.97	1.68	47.32
Health	1.63	4.98	1.21

Table 3. Monthly inflation by geographical area, December 2024

State		Weight	Nov-24	Dec-24
Juba		48.16	12.00	6.87
Torit		2.54	16.00	5.53
Yambio		3.67	28.68	22.62
Rumbek		3.09	23.00	25.17
Wau		18.61	25.00	13.43
Awiel		3.76	24.45	2.97
Kuajok		1.60	18.00	106.21
Bentiu		4.89	22.00	-2.53
Bor		2.72	26.89	13.19
Malakal		10.95	18.00	24.66
Total		100		
Transport	0.05	3.85		33.29
Information and communication	0.09	8.13		11.57
Recreation, sports, and culture	0.04	8.30		16.93
Education	2.84	0.84		0.00
Personal care, social protection & miscellaneous goods	0.19	6.29		40.75

1.5. Monthly Inflation by Geographical Areas

Analysis by geographical areas reveals that Kuajok registered the highest inflation rate in December: 106.21 per cent, from 18 percent recorded in November 2024. This was mainly driven by increases in the cost of food and non-alcoholic beverages. However, inflation in Unity State declined by 2.53 percent in December 2024 (see Table 3).

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