



South Sudan Consumer Price Index for March 2025

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1 Introduction

In this Release, the National Bureau of Statistics presents South Sudan's Consumer Price Index (CPI) for March 2025. The Index covers the ten states of South Sudan.

2 Methodology

2.1. 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 non-food items.

2.2. Weights and reference period

The CPI weights are based on representative 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.

2.3. 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.

2.4. 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.

3 Monthly Inflation

The monthly inflation rate as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) is 1.38 percent in March 2025, compared to 7.61 percent in February 2025. This decline resulted from a decrease in prices of personal care, social protection & miscellaneous goods (-43.88%), health (-2.54%) and food and non-alcoholic beverages (-0.47%).

On the other hand, the commodities that had their cost increased during this period include alcoholic beverages and tobacco (10.98%), furnishing and routine household commodities (10.14%), transport (11.07%), and education and services (21.72%).

Overall, however, and as presented in Table 1 and Table 2, the Consumer Price index increased from 178.81 in February 2025 to 181.27 in March 2025, resulting in a monthly inflation of 1.38 percent.

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

Month	Overall CPI	Monthly Inflation Rate
Mar-25	181.27	1.38
Feb-25	178.81	7.61
Jan-25	166.15	9.6
Dec-24	151.59	13.2
Nov-24	133.89	22.0
Oct-24	109.72	11.1
Sep-24	106.64	6.6
Aug-24	100	0.0

Table 2: Monthly Inflation by COICOP Divisions

13 COICOP Divisions	Weight	Monthly % Change Feb- 2025	Monthly % Change Mar- 2025
All Items Index	100	7.61	1.38
food and non-alcoholic beverages	48.19	3.95	-0.47
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	0.12	0.88	10.98
Clothing and footwear	1.52	-4.45	5.15
Housing, water, and utilities	44.37	16.59	2.21
Furnishings	0.97	-0.99	10.14
Health	1.63	3.66	-2.54
Transport	0.05	-7.36	11.07
Information and communication	0.09	16.59	2.21
Recreation, sports, and culture	0.04	15.16	11.28
Education	2.84	9.25	21.72
Personal care, social protection & miscellaneous goods	0.19	3.20	-43.88

3.1. Monthly Inflation by Geographical Area

Analysis by geographical area reveals that Unity State registered the highest inflation of 5.8 percent in March 2025, up from -2.83 percent recorded in February 2025. This was mainly driven by monthly 'alcoholic beverages and tobacco' whose cost increased to 26.8 percent in March 2025, up from -7.1 percent registered in February 2025. In addition, monthly food and non-alcoholic beverages in Unity increased to 8.3 percent in March 2025, up from -3.1 percent in February 2025.

The second highest inflation rate was registered in Rumbek, at 5.59 percent for the month of March 2025, up from -3.10 percent recorded in February 2025. This was mainly driven by 'alcoholic beverages and tobacco' whose price increased to 24.7 percent in March 2025, up from -6.9 percent registered in February 2025. Moreover, the monthly inflation rate of 'recreation, sport and culture' increased to 14.0 percent in March 2025, up from 9.5 percent registered in February 2025.

The lowest monthly inflation rate was registered in Jonglei, at 1.35 percent in March 2025, down from 9.11 percent recorded in February 2025. Evidently, cost of 'information and communication' dropped nearly 100 percent— -56.5 percent in March 2025, compared to 56.8 percent registered in February 2025.

Table 3: Monthly Inflation by Geographical Areas for the months March 2025

State	Weight	Feb-25	Mar-25
Juba	48.16	3.91	5.39
Torit	2.54	-1.37	3.44
Yambio	3.67	16.48	3.96
Rumbek	3.09	-3.10	5.59
Wau	18.61	3.69	2.48
Awiel	3.76	-4.97	4.70
Kuajok	1.6	4.20	3.49
Unity	4.89	-2.83	5.80
Jonglei	2.72	9.11	1.35
Upper Nile	10.95	2.29	3.45

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