



South Sudan Consumer Price Index for May 2025

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Introduction

In this Release, the National Bureau of Statistics presents South Sudan's Consumer Price Index (CPI) for May 2025. The Index covers 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. The August 2024 CPI uses price data collected from the 10 state capitals, extending the analysis by generating information from 7 additional states.

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. Given the expansion to the other states, the new reference period had to be established. In this respect, the base prices for the May 2025 index come from August 2024.

1.3. 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.

1.4. 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.

1.5. Monthly Inflation

The monthly inflation rate as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) is 2.30 percent in May 2025, compared to 2.12 percent in April 2025. This increase resulted from a rise in prices of transport (10.84%), alcoholic beverages (5.06%), Recreation (3.45%) and clothing and information and communication (3.33%).

On the other hand, the commodities that had their cost decreased during this period include food and non-alcoholic beverages (1.96%), health (0.46%) and personal care and miscellaneous goods (-1.55%).

Overall, however, and as presented in Table 1 and Table 2, the Consumer Price index increased from 185.11 in April 2025 to 189.24 in May 2025, resulting in a monthly inflation of 2.30%.

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

Month	Overall CPI	Monthly Inflation Rate
May-25	189.24	2.30
Apr-25	185.11	2.12
Mar-25	181.27	1.38
Feb-25	178.81	7.61
Jan-25	166.15	9.61
Dec-24	151.59	13.21
Nov-24	133.89	22.03
Oct-24	109.72	11.12
Sep-24	106.64	6.60
Aug-24	100.00	0.00

Table 2: Monthly Changes in the Consumer Price Indices for the COICOP Divisions

13 COICOP Divisions	Weight	Monthly % Change April- 2025	Monthly % Change May- 2025
All Items Index	100	2.12	2.30
food and non-alcoholic beverages	48.19	3.53	1.96
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	0.12	0.00	5.06
Clothing and footwear	1.52	0.00	1.13
Housing, water, and utilities	44.37	0.23	3.33
Furnishings	0.97	0.00	1.88
Health	1.63	1.22	0.46
Transport	0.05	0.00	10.84
Information and communication	0.09	0.23	3.33
Recreation, sports, and culture	0.04	0.00	3.45
Education	2.84	0.00	0.00
Personal care, social protection & miscellaneous	0.19	0.00	-1.55

1.6. Monthly Inflation by Geographical Areas.

Analysis by geographical areas reveals that Wau registered the highest Inflation of 6.67% for the month of May 2025, up from 0.02% recorded in April 2025. This was mainly driven by monthly 'Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages' Inflation that increased to 5.0% in May 2025, up from 0.0% registered in April 2025. In addition, monthly furnishings, household equipment and routine household inflation increased to 23.2% in May 2025, up from 0.0% in April 2025.

The second highest Inflation was registered in Rumbek, estimated at 5.62% for the month of May 2025 up from 0.0 percent recorded in April 2025. This was mainly driven by ‘food and nonalcoholic beverages’ Inflation that increased to 6.0% in May 2025, up from 0.0% registered in April 2025, and monthly ‘alcoholic beverages and tobacco’s Inflation increased to 9.5% in May 2025, up from 0.0 percent registered in April 2025, followed by Yambio and unity at 4.73% and 4.0%, respectively

The lowest monthly Inflation was registered in Juba, estimated at 0.61% in May 2025, up from 0.01% recorded in April 2025. This was mainly due to the monthly decreases in ‘furnishings, household equipment and routine household’ inflation that dropped by 26.9% in May 2025, down from 0.0 percent registered in April 2025. In addition, monthly “transport” inflation dropped by 3.4% in May 2025, down from 0.0% in April 2025 (See table 3 below).

Table 3: Monthly Inflation by Geographical Areas for the month May 2025

State	Weight	Apr-25	May-25
Juba	48.16	0.01	0.61
Torit	2.54	0.01	3.15
Yambio	3.67	0.81	4.73
Rumbek	3.09	0.00	5.67
Wau	18.61	0.02	6.67
Awiel	3.76	0.02	1.92
Kuajok	1.6	1.26	2.82
Unity	4.89	1.69	4.00
Jonglei	2.72	0.01	2.45
Upper Nile	10.95	0.06	1.98

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