



CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

FEBRUARY 2026

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

February 2026 compared to February 2025:

❖ **The Consumer Price Index decreased by 0.9%.**

❖ **The most significant price decreases were:**

✓ Food & Non-Alcoholic beverages (2.7%)

✓ Communication (5.0%)

✓ Furnishing, household equipment and maintenance (2.3%)

❖ **The CPI increased by 0.3% from January 2026**

❖ **The Average Annual Inflation was 1.5%**

SUMMARY

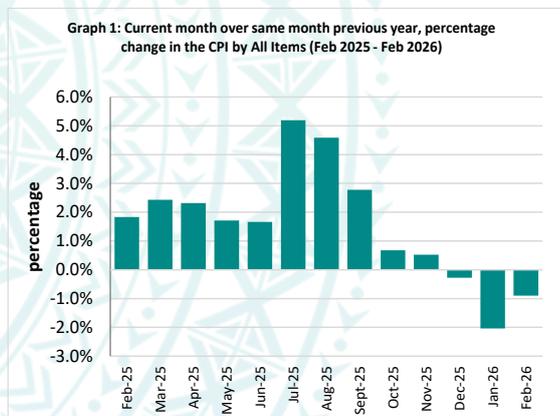
The Consumer Price Index (CPI) for February 2026 decreased by 0.9 percent compared with February 2025, but increased by 0.3 percent compared with January 2026.

The main contributors to the decrease were Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages, Communication and Furnishing, Household Equipment & Maintenance, driven by lower prices for chicken leg quarters, raw sugar, rice, internet data bundles, and washing powder.

The **Imported** goods component decreased by 4.3 percent, reflecting lower prices for food items, laptops and weedkiller.

In contrast, the **Local** goods component increased by 3.0 percent, mainly due to higher prices for fresh fish, coconuts, and CCK coffee.

Graph 1 shows the percentage changes in the CPI over the same month of the previous year across all divisions from February 2025 to February 2026.



All Divisions' Contribution to CPI

In February 2026, the Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages division was the largest contributor to the 0.9 percent decrease in the CPI, accounting for 1.3 percentage points of the overall decline. The decrease was mainly driven by lower prices for chicken leg quarters (down 18.1 percent), raw sugar (down 6.3 percent), onions (down 11.6 percent) and ta'amu (down 45.0 percent).

Communication was the second-largest contributor to the overall decrease in the CPI, mainly reflecting lower prices for internet data bundles (down 10.7 percent).

The Furnishings, Household Equipment and Maintenance division also contributed to the decrease, driven by lower prices for washing powder (down 14.6 percent), mosquito coils (down 1.6 percent), and refrigerators (down 3.0 percent).

Recreation and Culture also contributed to the overall decline in the CPI, mainly due to lower prices for laptops (down 22.0 percent) and weedkiller (down 14.3 percent).

Health, Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels, and Miscellaneous Goods and Services each contributed less than 0.1 percentage point to the overall decline in the CPI. The decrease was mainly driven by lower prices for amoxicillin 500 mg tablets (down 11.1 percent), kerosene (down 1.4 percent) and toiletries (down 2.6 percent).

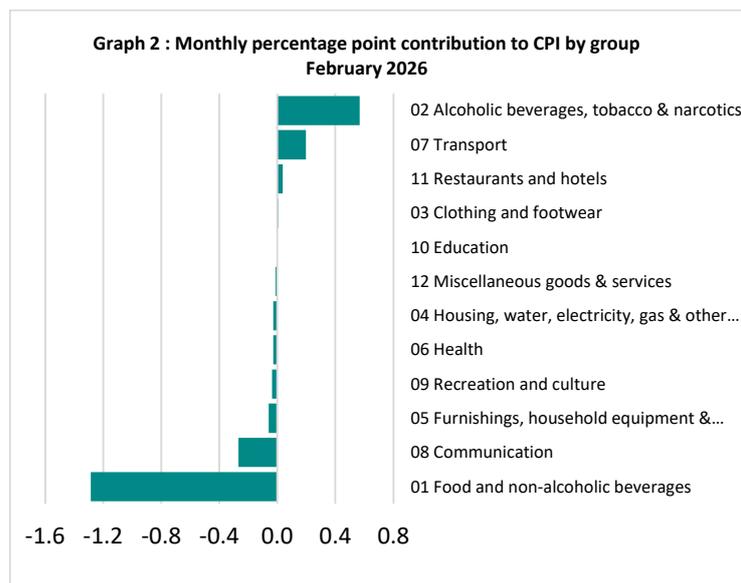
In contrast, the Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics, Transport, Restaurants and Hotels, and Clothing and Footwear divisions recorded price increases that partially offset the overall decline in the CPI. These increases were driven by higher prices for Pall Mall cigarettes (up 9.6 percent), Taula beer (up 2.1 percent), boat fares to Pago Pago (up 28.6 percent), fish and chips meals (up 6.3 percent) and ie solosolo (up 3.8 percent), and ie faitaga (up 4.1 percent).

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 16th of March 2026

The next Consumer Price Index will be released on the 14th of April 2026



Graph 2 shows the percentage contribution of All Divisions to the CPI in February 2026.

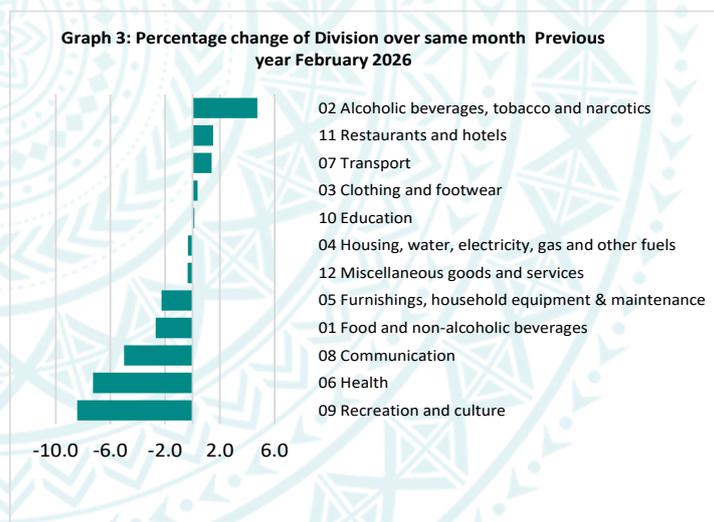


Consumer Price Index (% Change)

The largest month-on-month decrease in the CPI was observed in Recreation & Culture, which fell by 8.4 percent, followed by Health, which decreased by 7.3 percent, while Communication declined by 5.0 percent. Food and Non-alcoholic Beverages also declined by 2.7 percent, while Furnishings, Household Equipment & Maintenance fell by 2.3 percent. Miscellaneous goods and services and Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and Other Fuels recorded smaller decreases of 0.4 percent and 0.3 percent, respectively.

In contrast, the Education division experienced modest growth of 0.1 percent. Clothing & Footwear rose by 0.4 percent. Larger gains were observed in Transport (up 1.4 percent) and Restaurants & Hotels (up 1.5 percent), while Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco, and Narcotics recorded the highest increase at 4.9 percent.

Graph 3 shows the percentage change for all Divisions (Groups) in February 2026 compared to February 2025.



Changes by Division / Group

Recreation & Culture Index

The Recreation & Culture index decreased by 8.4 percent, reflecting lower prices for exercise books (down 4.4 percent), laptops (down 22.0 percent) and weedkiller (down 14.3 percent).

Health & Communication Indices

The Health Index declined by 7.3 percent mainly due to the lower prices recorded for amoxicillin 500 mg tablets (down 11.1 percent), while the Communication Index decreased by 5.0 percent reflecting lower prices for internet data bundles (down 10.7 percent).

Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages & Furnishings, Household Equipment & Maintenance Indices

The Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages index decreased by 2.7 percent during the month. This decline was mainly driven by lower prices for chicken leg quarters (down 18.1 percent), raw sugar (down 6.3 percent), onions (down 11.6 percent), and ta'amu (down 45.0 percent). Similarly, the Furnishings, Household Equipment & Maintenance index fell by 2.3 percent, reflecting lower prices for washing powder (down 14.6 percent) and refrigerators (down 3.0 percent).

Miscellaneous Goods and Services & Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & other Fuels Indices

The Miscellaneous Goods and Services and the Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels indices both declined by 0.4 percent and 0.3 percent, respectively. Lower prices were recorded for toiletries (down 2.6 percent), cement (down 5.3 percent) and paints (down 3.9 percent).

Clothing and Footwear Index

The Clothing & Footwear index increased by 0.4 percent, largely driven by higher prices for ie solosolo (up 3.8 percent) and ie faitaga (up 4.1 percent).

Education Index

The Education index increased by 0.1 percent, driven by higher primary school PTA fees (up 0.3 percent).

Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics Index

The Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco index increased by 4.9 percent, largely due to higher prices for Pall Mall cigarettes (up 9.6 percent) and paper cigarettes (up 11.0 percent).

Restaurants & Hotels Index

The Restaurants & Hotels index increased by 1.5 percent, reflecting higher prices for popular menu items, including fish and chips (up 6.3 percent).

Transport Index

The Transport index increased by 1.4 percent, reflecting higher prices for return airfares to Pago (up 13.1 percent) and Auckland (up 12.3 percent), car registration fees (up 25.0 percent), as well as return boat fares to Pago Pago (up 28.6 percent).



Underlying Indices

The All Items Underlying Index decreased by 3.6 percent in February 2026 compared with February 2025, but increased by 0.7 percent compared with January 2026. The Imported Items Underlying Index fell by 4.9 percent, while the Local Items Underlying Index decreased by 0.3 percent.

Annual Inflation Rate

The average annual inflation rate for the year ending February 2026 was 1.5 percent. In contrast, the inflation rate for the twelve months ending February 2025 was 1.9 percent.

Graph 4 presents the average annual inflation rates from February 2025 to February 2026.

The attached Tables and Graphs provide a more detailed analysis.



Technical Notes:

The **Consumer Price Index (CPI)** measures the rate of inflation for Samoa. It tracks the change in prices of goods purchased by households in Samoa by comparing the prices of a basket of goods and services during the collection period with the prices of the same items in a base period.

The basket of goods used for pricing is based on the average expenditures of households as recorded in the **Household Income and Expenditure Survey (HIES)**. This survey identifies the typical spending patterns of households. Items that households spend more on, on average, are given greater weight in the CPI index.

^{1/} **Monthly movements in the 'headline' CPI** can be volatile. This volatility reflects price changes in specific items, which may be influenced by factors such as fluctuations in commodity markets, agricultural conditions, policy changes, or seasonal adjustments and infrequent price resets.

Underlying inflation is a measure of inflation that excludes certain items with volatile price movements. It eliminates products that experience temporary price shocks, as these shocks can distort the overall inflation trend and provide an inaccurate measure of long-term inflation.

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FUA FA'ATATAU O TAU O OLOA MA AUAUNAGA FEPUARI 2026



ILOILOGA TAU O LE MASINA:

Fepuari 2026 faatusa ia Fepuari 2025:

❖ O Fua Faatatau o Tau o Oloa ma Auaunaga na paū i le 0.9%

❖ O Ienei paū ua faamauina mo tau o:

- ✓ Meaai ma Vaiinu (2.7%)
- ✓ Fesootaiga (5.0%)
- ✓ Meafale, Faafiafiaga ma Aganuu (2.3%)

❖ O Fua faatatau o Oloa ma Auaunaga na siitia i le 0.3% mai ia Ianuari 2026

❖ O le fesuaiga o Tau o Oloa ma Auaunaga i le tausaga na si'itia i le 1.5%.

Tuuina atu i le aso: 16 Mati, 2026

O le ripoti mo le Fua Faatatau o Oloa ma Auaunaga e sosoo ai, o le a tuuina atu i le aso 14 Aperila, 2026

AOTELEGA

O le Fuafa'atatau o Tau o Oloa ma Auaunaga mo le masina o Fepuari 2026 na paū i le 0.9 pasene pe a fa'atusa ia Fepuari 2025.

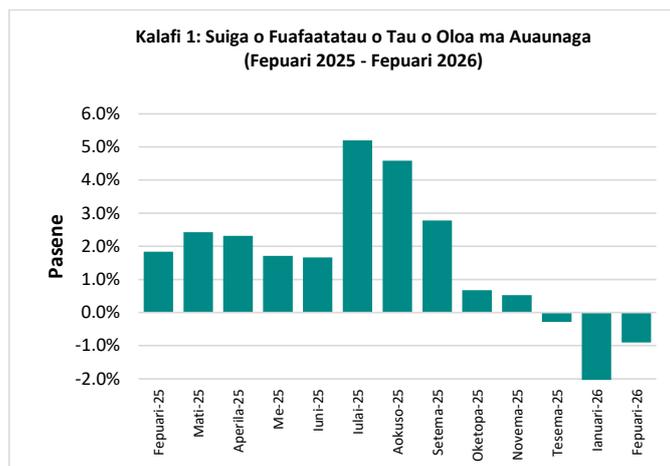
A fa'atusa ia Ianuari 2026, o le fuafa'atatau o tau o oloa ma auaunaga na siitia i le 0.3 pasene.

O le vaega o Meaai ma Vaiinu, Feso'otaiga, Meafale, Fa'afiafiaga ma Aganuu faapea ma le Soifua Maloloina na telē lo latou sao i le paū ai o le pasene o le fua faatatau o oloa ma auaunaga ia Fepuari 2026. E mafua mai i le paū o tau o vaemoa, suka, masini komepiuta, fesootaiga tau initaneti, pusa aisa, vailaau fagavao, faapea ma fualaau mea tigā.

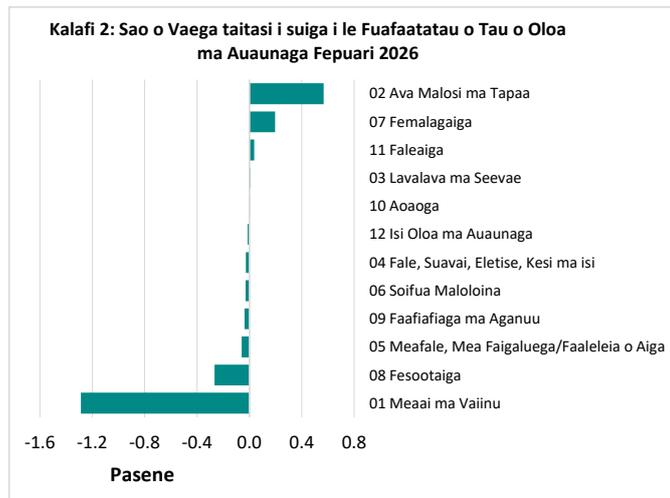
O 'oloa auina mai fafo ua fa'amauina le paū i le 4.3 pasene e mafua mai i le maualalo o tau na fa'amauina mo nisi o meaai, masini komepiuta, ma vailaau fagavao.

O 'oloa gaosi ma auaunaga i totonu o le atunuu sa siitia i le 3.0 pasene pea faatusa atu ia Fepuari 2025. E mafua mai lea siitaga ona o tau na faamauina mo tau 'ia, popo ma le kofe a le CCK.

O le Kalafi 1 o lo'o fa'aali atu ai suiga o tau o oloa ma auaunaga mai ia Fepuari 2025 se'ia oo mai ia Fepuari 2026.



O le Kalafi 2, o le sao o Vaega taitasi i le paū ai o Fua faatatau o Oloa ma Auaunaga ia Fepuari 2026.



O Femalagaiga, Ava Malosi ma Tapaa ma Faleaiga sa maitauina le siitia o tau ia Fepuari 2026.

O le vaega o Isi Oloa ma auaunaga, Soifua maloloina, Aoaoga ma Meafale e le'i tele se paū o tau i le masina o Fepuari 2026.

Ao le itu tau Lavalava ma Seevae, ma Meaai ma Vaiinu, sa paū o latou tau faatusa ia Ianuari 2026.

