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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
OCTOBER 2026

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

October 2026 compared to October 2025:

- ***The Consumer Price Index increased by 4.5%.***
- ***The largest increases were:***
  - ✓*Transport (16.7%)*
  - ✓*Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (3.5%)*
  - ✓*Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels (7.6%)*
- ***The CPI increased by 0.03% compared with September 2026.***
- ***The Average Annual Inflation rate for the year ending October was 1.5%.***

Date of release: 13th of November 2026

The next Consumer Price Index will be released on the 13th of December 2026

SUMMARY

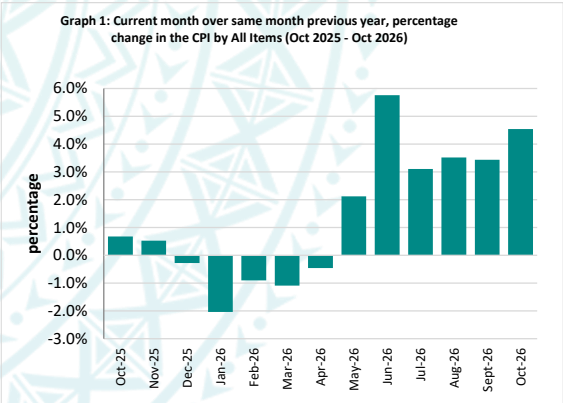
The Consumer Price Index (CPI) increased by 4.5 percent in October 2026 compared with October 2025. This increase was mainly driven by higher prices in the Transport division, particularly for petrol, diesel, bus fares and taxi fares. In Comparison with September 2026, the CPI recorded a slight increase by 0.03 percent.

The Transport, Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages, and Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels divisions were the main contributors to the 4.5 percent increase in the CPI compared with October 2025.

The Imported Goods component increased by 3.3 percent compared with October 2025 while it decreased slightly by 0.1 percent compared with September 2026, mainly due to lower prices for certain food items.

The Local Goods component increased by 5.9 percent compared with October 2025, mainly reflecting higher prices for taro, cucumber, and round cabbage. Compared with September 2026, it increased by 0.2 percent, mainly due to higher prices for fish, Chinese cabbage, and tomatoes.

Graph 1 presents the percentage change in the. All Items CPI compared with the same month of the previous year, from October 2025 to October 2026.



All Divisions' Contributions to the CPI

The Transport division was the largest contributor to the 4.5 percent increase in the CPI compared with October 2025, contributing 2.4 percentage points. This reflected higher prices for petrol (up 20.9 percent), diesel (up 44.2 percent), taxi fares (up 30.5 percent) and bus fares (up 31.3 percent).

The Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages division contributed 1.6 percentage points to the increase in the CPI. This contribution was mainly attributable to higher prices for taro (up 38.8 percent), mutton flaps (up 15.4 percent), turkey wings (up 51.9 percent), onion (up 19.0 percent), bread (up 7.0 percent) and cucumber (up 53.4 percent).

The Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels division contributed 0.6 percentage points to the increase in the CPI. This contribution reflected higher prices for kerosene (up 46.1 percent) and government house rent (up 25.0 percent).

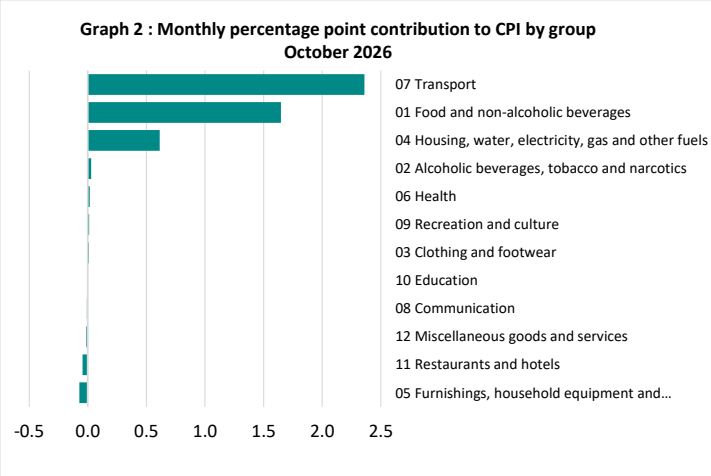
The Alcoholic beverages, tobacco and narcotics, Health, Recreation and culture and Clothing and footwear divisions each made a minimal contribution to the overall CPI change compared with October 2025, contributing less than 0.1 percentage points each.

In contrast, the Communication, Miscellaneous goods and services, Restaurants and Furnishings, household equipment and maintenance divisions recorded decreases in the CPI. These decreases were mainly associated with lower prices for prepaid internet (down 3.4 percent), toiletries (down 0.5 percent), steamed rice and chicken meal (down 9.8 percent) and washing powder (down 6.9 percent).

The Education division made no significant contribution to the overall change in the CPI.

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Graph 2 shows the percentage point contributions of all the divisions to the change in the CPI in October 2026.



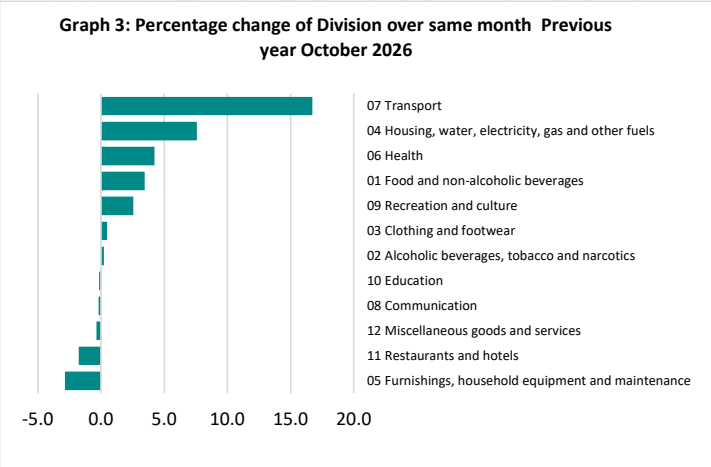
Percentage Change by Division

Most divisions recorded increases in prices compared with October 2025, with the Transport division showing the most pronounced increase of 16.7 percent. This was followed by the Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels division, which increased by 7.6 percent, while the health division increased by 4.2 percent and Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages rose by 3.5 percent as Recreation and culture also recorded an increase of 2.6 percent.

Moderate increases were also recorded in the Clothing and footwear and Alcoholic, beverages, tobacco and narcotics divisions, which increased by 0.5 percent and 0.2 percent, respectively.

In contrast, five divisions recorded price declines over the same period. Education decreased by 0.1 percent, followed by Communication at 0.2 percent and Miscellaneous goods and services at 0.4 percent. Restaurants and Hotels recorded a decline of 1.8 percent while Furnishings, Household Equipment and Maintenance experienced the largest decrease of 2.8 percent.

Graph 3 shows the percentage change in each division in October 2026 compared with October 2025.



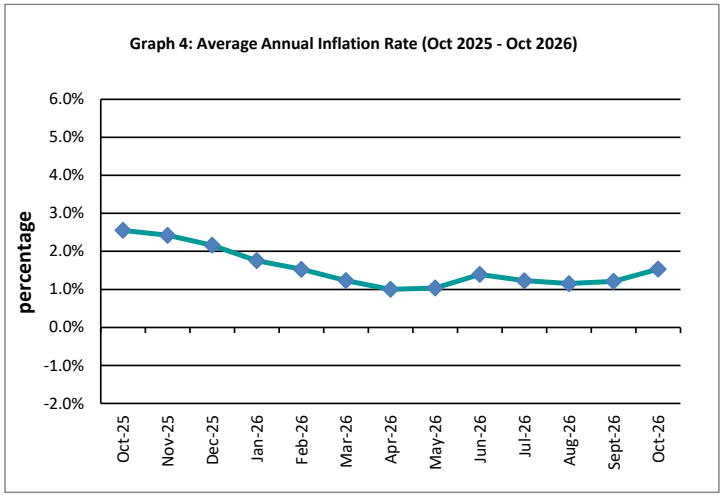
Underlying Indices

The All Items Underlying Index increased by 0.4 percent in October 2026 compared with October 2025, while it decreased by 0.4 percent compared with September 2026. Compared with October 2025, the Imported Items Underlying Index recorded a marginal increase of 0.2 percent, while the Local Items Underlying Index increased by 1.2 percent.

Annual Inflation Rate

The average annual inflation rate for the year ending October 2026 was 1.5 percent, lower than the 2.6 percent recorded for the year ending October 2025.

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



The accompanying Tables and Graphs provide a more detailed analysis.

Technical Notes:

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

*The CPI basket and its expenditure weights are based on household spending patterns recorded in the **Household Income and Expenditure Survey (HIES).** Items on which households spend a greater proportion of their expenditure are assigned higher weights in the CPI.*

*[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 OKETOPA 2026

ILOILOGA TAUA O LE MASINA:

Oketopa 2026 faatusa ia Oketopa 2025:

- ***O Fua Fa'atatau o Tau o Oloa ma Auaunaga na si'itia i le 4.5%***
- ***O lenei si'itaga ua faamauina mo tau o:***
  - *✓ Femalagaiga (16.7%)*
  - *✓Meaai ma Vainu (3.5%)*
  - *✓Fale, Suavai, Eletise, Kesi ma isi (7.6%)*
- ***O Fua fa'atatau o Tau o Oloa ma Auaunaga na paū i le 0.03% mai ia Setema 2026.***
- ***O le fesuiaiga o Tau o Oloa ma Auaunaga i le tausaga na si'itia i le 1.5%.***

Tuuina atu i le aso: 13 Novema, 2026

O le ripoti mo le Fua Faatatau o Oloa ma Auaunaga e sosoo ai, o le a tuuina atu i le aso 13 Tesema, 2026

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O le Fua fa'atatau o Tau o Oloa ma Auaunaga mo le masina o Oketopa 2026 na si'itia i le 4.5 pasene pe a fa'atusa ia Oketopa 2025.

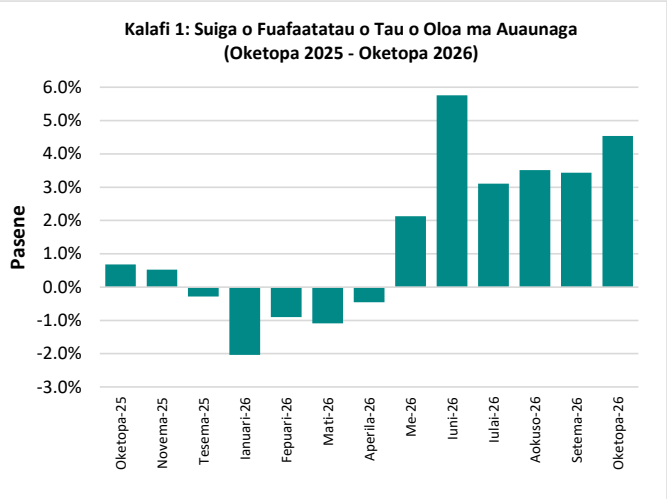
A fa'atusa ia Setema 2026, na siitia le fua fa'atatau o tau o oloa ma auaunaga i le 0.03 pasene.

O le vaega o Femalagaiga, Meaai ma Vaiinu ma le vaega o Fale, Suavai, Eletise, Kesi na tele lo latou sao i le si'itia ai o tau o oloa ma auaunaga pe a faatusa ia Oketopa 2025. E mafua mai i le si'itia o tau o penisini, kiso, pasese mo pasi faapea pasese mo taxi.

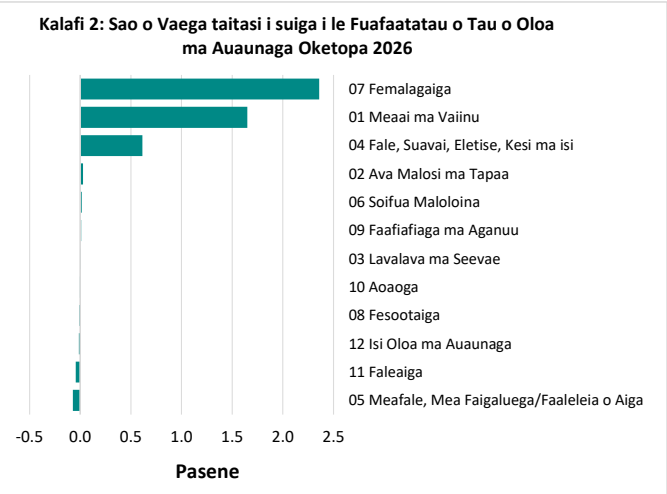
O oloa auina mai fafo na siitia i le 3.3 pasene pea faatusa ia Oketopa 2025, ae na paū i le 0.1 pasene pea faatusa ia Setema 2026.

O oloa gaosi ma auaunaga i totonu o le atunuu ua si'itia i le 5.9 pasene pea faatusa atu ia Oketopa 2025. E mafua mai ona o le maualuga o tau na faamauina mo talo, kukama ma kapisi lapotopoto. A faatusa ia Setema 2026, ua siitia i le 0.2 pasene, ona o le maualuga o tau na faamauina mo 'Ia, kapisi saina, ma tamato.

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



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



O vaega o Femalagaiga, Meaai ma Vaiinu, ma le vaega o Fale, Suavai, Eletise, Kesi ma isi sa maitauina le maualuga o le si'itia o tau o oloa ia Oketopa 2026.

Ae o le vaega o Fesootaiga, Isi Oloa ma auaunaga, Faleaiga ma Meafale, mea faigalueag mo le faaleleia o aiga, e le'i tele se si'itaga o tau i le masina o Oketopa 2026.

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