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## SAMOA BUREAU OF STATISTICS

# CONSUMER PRICE INDEX SEPTEMBER 2019

### Key findings:

The Consumer Price Index for September 2019 increased by 0.1 percent compared to the previous month.

- The Transport index increased by 2.6 percent.
- The Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages index decreased by 0.7 percent.
- The Average Annual Inflation for the year ended September 2019 was 1.0 percent.

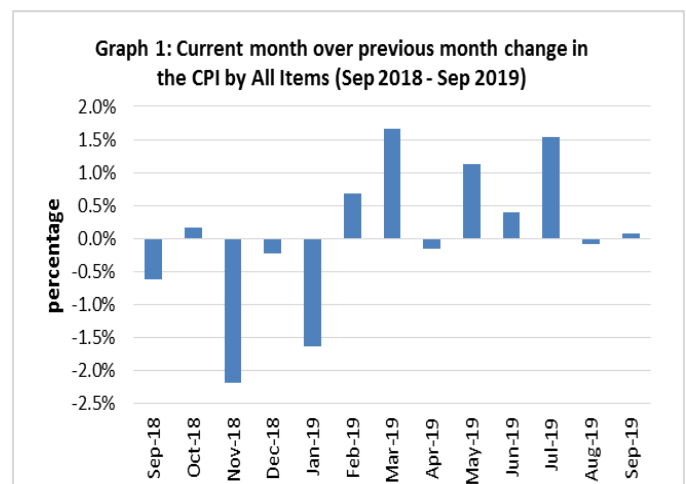
In the year to September 2019, the CPI rose 1.3 percent.

### SUMMARY

The Consumer Price Index for September 2019 was 0.1 percent higher than in August 2019, and was 1.3 percent higher than September 2018.

The increase of the Imported Goods component by 0.9 percent from the previous month was due to higher prices for fuel which also contributed to the increase of 0.1 percent in the All Items Consumer Price Index.

The Local Goods Component registered a decrease of 0.8 percent from the previous month. Graph 1 shows the month to month percentage changes in the Consumer Price Index by all Divisions from September 2018 to September 2019.

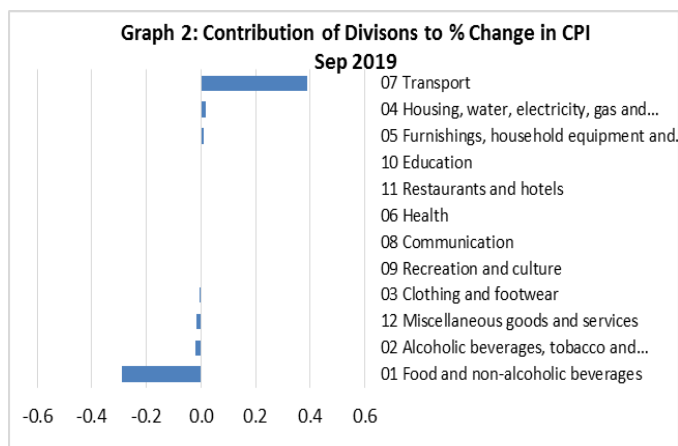


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## Total All Divisions Contribution

As depicted in Graph 2, Transport division, with a positive contribution of 0.39 percent, was the main contributor to the overall increase of 0.1 percent in the All Division Consumer Price Index.

On the other hand, there was offsetting negative contribution from Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages divisions with 0.29 percent decrease.



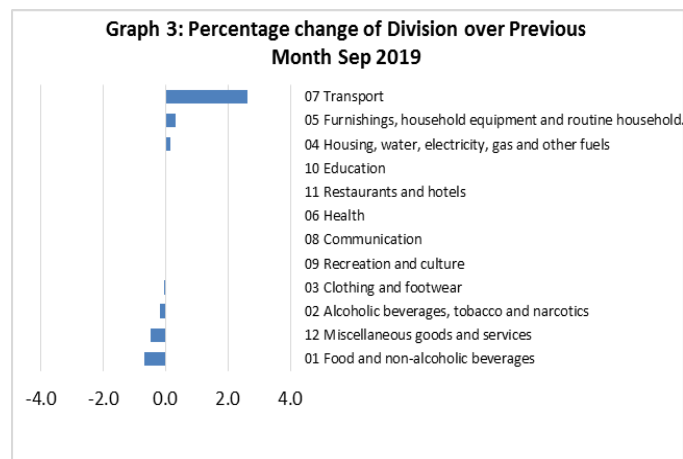
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## Consumer Price Index (% Change)

The increases recorded for the Transport index from the previous month registered 2.6 percent, Furnishing, Household Equipment and Maintenance index with 0.3 percent and Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels index with 0.2 percent.

On the contrary, Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages index recorded a decrease of 0.7 percent. Miscellaneous Goods and Services also registered a decrease of 0.5 percent, while Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco and Clothing and Footwear indices both registered slight decreases of 0.2 and 0.1 percent respectively.

No changes were recorded for the Health, Communication, Recreation and culture, Education and Restaurants indices. Graphically presented in Graph 3 is the September 2019 percentage change for all divisions from August 2019.



Source : Samoa Bureau of Statistics

## Imported Goods Component

The Imported Goods Component of the Consumer Price Index registered an increase of 0.9 percent when compared to the previous month. This increase was mainly due to higher prices recorded for fuel (petrol, diesel and kerosene).

## Local Goods Component

Decreased prices recorded for local food and aloha shirts have resulted in the 0.8 percent decrease in the Local Good Component.

## Transport Index

Higher prices recorded for fuel (petrol and diesel) and airline fare (Apia-Auckland-Apia) is reflected in the 2.6 percent increase in the Transport Index.

## Furnishings, Household Equipment, and Maintenance Index

The Furnishing, Household, Equipment and Maintenance Index recorded an increase of 0.3 percent due to increased prices recorded for washing soap and mosquito coil.

## Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages Index

A decrease of 0.7 percent in the Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages index was a reflection of the lower prices recorded for taro, fresh fish (piece and large), Chinese cabbage, banana, tomato, taamu and head cabbage.

## Miscellaneous Goods and Services Index

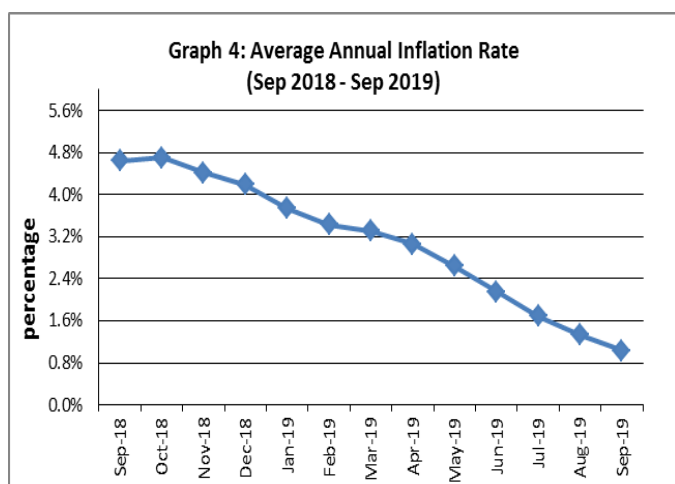
Lower prices recorded for toilet paper and hair gel is reflected in the 0.5 percent decrease in the Miscellaneous Good and Services index.

## Underlying Indices <sup>1/</sup>

The All Items Underlying Index for September 2019 registered an increase of 0.3 percent when compared to August 2019, and an increase of 1.5 percent when compared to September 2018. The Imported Items Underlying Index registered an increase of 0.4 percent, while Local Items Underlying Index also recorded an increase of 0.1 percent.

## Inflation Rate

The average annual inflation rate for the year ended September 2019 slowed to 1.0 percent. For the twelve months ending September 2018 the inflation rate was 4.6 percent. Presented in Graph 4 is the average annual inflation rate (September 2018 - September 2019).



Source : Samoa Bureau of Statistics

The attached Tables and Graphs provide the user with more detailed analysis

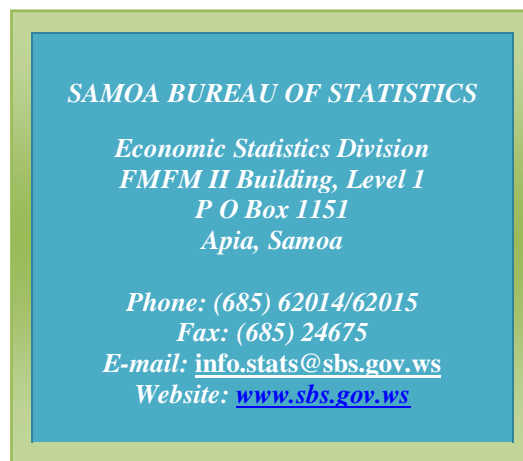
## Technical Notes:

*The Consumer Price (CPI) measures the rate of inflation for Samoa. It is designed to measure the change in prices for the goods purchased by households in Samoa. The CPI measures the change in prices by comparing the prices for a basket of goods and services at the collection period with the price for the same goods in a base period.*

*The basket of goods that is priced is based on the average expenditures of households as recorded in the Household Income and Expenditure Survey (HIES). The HIES survey identifies how much households spend on different items. The more households spend on an item on average, the more important it is to the price index, and the higher the weight in the index.*

<sup>1/</sup> Monthly movements in the 'headline' CPI series can be volatile. This volatility reflects price changes in particular items that may be due, among other factors, to fluctuations in commodity markets and agricultural conditions, policy changes, or seasonal or infrequent price resetting.

Underlying inflation is a measure of inflation that excludes certain items that face volatile price movements. Underlying inflation eliminates products that can have temporary price shocks because these shocks can diverge from the overall trend of inflation and give a false measure of inflation.



Date of release: 9<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

The next Consumer Price Index will be released on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

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**Table 1. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX.**

**(Base Period : Average Prices February 2016 = 100)**

Group	All Items	Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	Clothing and Footwear	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	Furnishings, Household Equipment, and Maintenance	Health	Transport	Communication	Recreation and Culture	Education	Restaurants	Miscellaneous goods and services
<i>Weights</i>	<b>1000.0</b>	<b>403.7</b>	<b>128.4</b>	<b>21.2</b>	<b>119.6</b>	<b>30.8</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>148.5</b>	<b>51.5</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>19.7</b>	<b>22.4</b>	<b>43.5</b>
Ave - 2016	101.1	103.7	102.8	98.8	92.6	99.4	99.2	101.3	100.0	95.4	101.1	99.3	100.6
Ave - 2017	102.9	105.1	107.6	96.6	92.2	99.1	95.6	107.3	101.2	90.7	97.9	98.3	98.1
Ave - 2018	107.2	111.0	112.3	95.3	91.0	98.0	97.0	115.0	103.3	92.6	110.4	99.0	97.8
2018													
September	108.7	113.1	113.6	94.8	93.5	98.2	98.5	116.1	103.4	92.0	111.6	98.6	97.9
October	108.9	112.4	113.8	96.0	95.2	97.9	98.5	117.4	103.4	93.8	111.6	98.6	98.0
November	106.5	108.1	113.6	96.2	89.7	97.6	98.5	117.8	103.4	92.3	111.6	100.6	98.0
December	106.3	107.0	113.6	96.3	89.6	96.8	99.9	119.3	102.9	90.9	111.6	100.6	98.2
2019													
January	104.6	106.0	115.4	93.7	89.4	97.6	99.9	109.3	102.9	91.0	111.6	100.6	98.1
February	105.3	108.3	116.3	95.2	89.0	96.2	99.9	107.5	102.9	91.0	110.5	100.6	98.5
March	107.0	111.3	116.8	94.7	93.3	95.5	100.1	106.4	105.2	89.8	110.6	102.8	98.3
April	106.8	110.3	116.3	95.0	93.4	95.2	100.1	108.2	105.2	90.1	110.6	103.4	98.0
May	108.0	111.6	115.9	95.3	93.6	93.6	100.1	113.1	104.3	88.2	114.9	103.4	98.0
June	108.5	111.2	116.0	95.9	93.6	95.8	100.1	116.8	104.3	87.1	114.9	103.4	97.2
July	110.1	114.7	117.7	92.2	98.3	97.4	100.1	113.3	104.3	87.1	114.9	103.4	97.4
August	110.1	116.0	117.7	92.2	97.9	97.0	100.1	109.4	104.3	87.1	114.9	103.4	97.9
September (P)	110.1	115.3	117.5	92.1	98.1	97.3	100.1	112.3	104.3	87.1	114.9	103.4	97.5
<b><u>Percentage Change (P)</u></b>													
Sep 2019 over Aug 2019	0.1%	-0.7%	-0.2%	-0.1%	0.2%	0.3%	0.0%	2.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-0.5%
Sep 2019 over Sep 2018	1.3%	1.9%	3.4%	-2.8%	4.9%	-0.9%	1.6%	-3.3%	0.9%	-5.3%	3.0%	4.8%	-0.4%

Source : Samoa Bureau Statistics

(P) : Provisional figures

Note : n.a. Not applicable

**Table 2. ALL ITEMS UNDERLYING INDEX**

**(Base Period : Average Prices February 2016 = 100)**

Group	All Items	Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	Clothing and Footwear	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	Furnishings, Household Equipment, and Maintenance	Health	Transport	Communication	Recreation and Culture	Education	Restaurants	Miscellaneous goods and services
<i>Weights</i>	<b>586.7</b>	<b>345.3</b>	<i>n.a</i>	<b>21.2</b>	<b>24.2</b>	<b>30.8</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>26.4</b>	<b>51.5</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b>22.4</b>	<b>43.5</b>
<i>Ave - 2016</i>	101.7	103.2		98.8	97.5	99.4	99.0	100.2		95.0		99.3	100.6
<i>Ave - 2017</i>	104.1	107.9		96.6	93.8	99.1	94.2	104.2	101.2	90.0	96.7	98.3	98.1
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November	105.5	108.8		96.2	94.5	97.6	98.0	107.8	103.4	91.7	115.6	100.6	98.0
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August	109.1	114.9		92.2	94.5	97.0	100.1	108.4	104.3	86.2	120.6	103.4	97.9
September (P)	109.4	115.4		92.1	94.4	97.3	100.1	109.1	104.3	86.2	120.6	103.4	97.5
<b><u>Percentage Change (P)</u></b>													
Sep 2019 over Aug 2019	0.3%	0.4%		-0.1%	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%	0.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-0.5%
Sep 2019 over Sep 2018	1.5%	2.1%		-2.8%	1.7%	-0.9%	2.2%	-0.7%	0.9%	-5.8%	4.4%	4.8%	-0.4%

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**Table 3. AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED COMMODITIES**

Commodities	Wt	Unit	2018			2019		
			Jul	Aug	Sep	Jul	Aug	Sep (P)
<b>01 Food and non-alcoholic beverages</b>								
Leg Quarters Chicken	62.2	kg	4.86	4.81	4.56	4.74	4.99	5.01
Raw Sugar	21.3	kg	2.88	2.76	2.74	2.45	2.44	2.48
Bread	17.2	loaf	1.68	1.68	1.66	1.72	1.72	1.72
Corned Beef (a)	15.9	12 oz	8.17	8.17	8.13	7.88	8.05	8.03
Taro	15.2	kg	3.19	3.28	2.92	2.82	3.01	2.86
Re-packed medium grain rice	13.4	kg	3.21	3.21	3.14	2.93	2.82	3.01
Prepacked medium grain rice (a)	13.4	907g	3.00	3.00	3.05	3.25	3.08	3.10
Canned fish between \$3.00 and \$3.99 Natural Oil	12.7	15 oz	3.52	3.47	3.47	3.49	3.44	3.27
Bongo	10.2	20grms	0.84	0.84	0.84	0.80	0.80	0.80
Keke Saina Biscuits (a)	9.2	pkt 10	6.58	6.58	6.58	6.30	6.25	6.27
Tip Top Ice Cream (a)	9.2	2 ltr	14.93	14.95	15.32	15.32	15.32	15.33
Ramen maggie	9.0	85gms	1.12	1.11	1.11	1.08	1.08	1.08
Fish (Piece)	7.9	kg	19.95	18.91	19.43	18.67	21.04	17.31
Butter Anchor	7.7	454g	13.44	13.46	13.46	14.67	15.50	15.49
Round Pancake (a)	7.5	sml	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15
Mutton Flaps	6.6	kg	20.31	21.24	22.10	22.38	22.20	22.62
Canned fish \$4:00 or over N/Oil	6.4	15 oz	4.76	4.83	4.83	4.85	4.85	4.84
Canned fish under \$3.00 in N/Oil	6.4	15 oz	2.68	2.72	2.82	2.52	2.53	2.58
Wings Turkey	6.3	kg	6.16	6.43	6.04	6.27	6.24	6.30
Fish (string)	6.0	kg	10.90	11.14	10.66	12.37	11.39	12.54
Fish (large)	6.0	kg	18.33	16.71	17.93	21.82	20.55	19.81
<b>02 Alcoholic beverages, tobacco and narcotics</b>								
Lager Beer	37.9	355 mls	3.43	3.52	3.56	3.58	3.58	3.58
Pall Mall Filter Cigarettes (Red)	24.3	20 rolls	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.80	13.80	13.80
Pall Mall Menthol Cigarettes (Green)	24.3	20 rolls	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.80	13.80	13.80
Beer (a)	16.3	330 mls	3.34	3.35	3.35	3.40	3.40	3.36
Winfield Tobacco (a)	12.6	packet	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00
<b>03 Clothing and footwear</b>								
Uniform le Faitaga College boys	4.3	size 8-10	31.33	31.33	31.33	29.67	29.67	29.67
Uniform Pa'ave (a)	3.7	size 7	32.67	32.67	32.67	32.00	32.00	32.00
<b>04 Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels</b>								
Electricity / Cashpower / kwh 1- 100 / total cost per unit	50.6	kwh	0.59	0.66	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.67
Reservoir treated Water	28.5	15-40 m3	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.67	1.67	1.67
Liquid gas	15.8	9kg	61.00	61.00	61.00	62.00	62.00	62.00
Government house Rent	12.2	2 b/room	650.00	650.00	650.00	650.00	650.00	650.00
<b>05 Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance</b>								
Washing powder (a)	6.3	200g	1.81	1.81	1.81	1.90	1.90	1.90
Soap yellow Washing soap	5.9	bar	2.88	2.84	2.88	2.78	2.75	2.76
Mosquito coil	4.4	10 coil	1.18	1.18	1.25	1.20	1.18	1.20

## 06 Health

Amoxicillin mg Tablets (a)	2.5	500 mg	7.53	7.53	7.53	7.58	7.58	7.58
Hospital Charge	1.1	night	22.50	22.50	22.50	22.50	22.50	22.50

## 07 Transport

Petrol	60.8	1 ltr	2.87	2.79	2.85	2.74	2.53	2.64
Taxi Fare PO Motootua Hosp	8.2	per trip	4.80	4.80	4.80	4.80	4.80	4.80
Taxi Fares PO Malua	8.2	per trip	31.30	31.30	31.30	31.30	31.30	31.30
Taxi Fares PO Falefa	8.2	per trip	43.20	43.20	43.20	43.20	43.20	43.20
Air Fares Fagalii Pago Fagalii	6.8	return trip	380.00	395.00	395.00	395.00	395.00	395.00
Air Fares Apia Auckland Apia	6.8	1 month	1522.83	1251.20	1288.90	1221.69	1297.55	1443.92

## 08 Communication

Calling per minute Rate cell phone (a)	10.02	per minute	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.43	0.43	0.43
Internet data bundles per mb Rate (a)	10.02	per mb	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25
Calling per minute Rate cell phone (a)	10.02	per minute	0.44	0.44	0.44	0.44	0.44	0.44
Internet data bundles per mb Rate (a)	10.02	per mb	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20

## 09 Recreation and culture

Television (a)	2.30	LCD	966.00	966.00	968.83	827.67	827.67	827.67
Exercise Book warwick	1.44	1B4 64 pag	1.45	1.37	1.37	1.37	1.37	1.37
Laptop (a)	1.33	each	2998.60	2998.60	2998.60	2918.60	2918.60	2918.60

## 10 Education

Fees PTA Primary Y Urban Registration fees (a)	7.23	Year 6	82.50	82.50	82.50	82.50	82.50	82.50
Fees PTA Secondary Y Urban Registration fees (a)	5.11	Year 10	52.00	52.00	52.00	58.00	58.00	58.00
Fees Tertiary NUS registration School Fees	3.79	registration	320.00	320.00	320.00	322.00	322.00	322.00
Fees Secondary Y Examination Fees (a)	3.61	Y12-13	25.50	25.50	25.50	25.50	25.50	25.50

## 11 Restaurants and hotels

Fish & Chip Meal	7.79	1 serve	9.17	9.17	9.17	9.17	9.17	9.17
Curry & Chopsuey Meal	4.87	1 serve	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.67	3.67	3.67
Chicken & Chips Meal (a)	4.87	1 serve	9.36	9.36	9.36	9.64	9.64	9.64
Steam rice & chicken Meal (a)	4.87	1 serve	4.83	4.83	4.83	4.83	4.83	4.83

## 12 Miscellaneous goods and services

Paper Sofan deluxe ply Toilet Paper	8.52	250 sheets	1.01	1.01	1.01	1.00	1.00	0.99
Hair Gel	4.59	1124ml	4.49	4.49	4.34	4.43	4.43	4.40
Price for Storage of remains (a)	4.41	per day	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00
Basic Casket (a)	4.41	each	1966.67	1966.67	1966.67	1966.67	1966.67	1966.67
Standard Embalming (a)	4.41	1 person	1500.00	1500.00	1500.00	1500.00	1500.00	1500.00
Toilet soap (a)	4.38	90g	1.85	1.85	1.85	1.91	1.96	1.96
Diapers (a)	4.19	5kg-10kg	9.56	9.34	9.36	8.99	8.99	8.99

Source : Samoa Bureau Statistics

(a) : New commodity from February 2016

(P) : Provisional figures

Note : Please note unit of conversion was in pound's (lb's) but been converted into kilograms (kg)



**Table 4. IMPORTED GOODS COMPONENT OF THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX**

**(Base Period : Average Prices February 2016 = 100)**

Group	All Items	Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	Clothing and Footwear	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Maintenance	Health	Transport	Communication	Recreation and Culture	Education	Restaurants	Miscellaneous goods and services
<b>Weights</b>	<b>494.7</b>	<b>269.1</b>	<b>23.8</b>	<b>15.2</b>	<b>28.3</b>	<b>26.9</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>88.6</b>	<b>n.a</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>n.a</b>	<b>n.a</b>	<b>34.7</b>
Ave - 2016	102.5	103.9	105.1	98.8	98.7	99.3	98.5	101.8		95.0			100.7
Ave - 2017	107.3	110.1	110.0	97.0	97.6	98.9	91.7	111.2		90.0			97.1
Ave - 2018	111.9	113.8	113.5	96.1	100.6	97.6	94.3	124.0		92.0			96.6
2018													
September	113.9	116.6	115.0	95.5	100.9	97.9	97.1	126.2		91.4			96.8
October	113.8	116.2	115.0	97.0	101.9	97.5	97.1	126.5		93.3			96.9
November	111.7	111.1	115.0	97.2	103.0	97.2	97.1	129.6		91.7			96.9
December	108.6	106.2	115.0	97.6	102.9	96.3	99.8	127.3		90.2			97.2
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January	105.2	103.9	115.0	94.5	101.8	97.2	99.8	116.3		90.3			97.0
February	107.4	110.0	116.6	95.4	100.0	95.6	99.8	110.4		90.3			97.5
March	109.2	113.2	119.5	94.8	99.8	94.8	97.5	110.3		89.0			97.2
April	109.3	112.4	119.6	95.1	100.5	94.5	97.5	113.4		89.3			96.9
May	110.6	112.7	119.3	95.5	101.2	92.6	97.5	120.3		87.3			96.9
June	111.9	113.5	119.3	96.3	101.2	95.2	97.5	124.2		86.2			95.9
July	113.4	117.0	119.7	91.2	101.5	96.9	97.5	122.0		86.2			96.2
August	112.8	118.5	118.2	91.2	100.0	96.5	97.5	114.9		86.2			96.8
September (P)	113.8	119.1	118.1	91.3	100.7	96.8	97.5	118.8		86.2			96.2
<b><u>Percentage Change (P)</u></b>													
Sep 2019 over	0.9%	0.5%	-0.1%	0.1%	0.7%	0.4%	0.0%	3.4%		0.0%			-0.6%
Aug 2019													
Sep 2019 over	-0.1%	2.1%	2.7%	-4.4%	-0.3%	-1.1%	0.4%	-5.9%		-5.8%			-0.6%
Sep 2018													

Source : Samoa Bureau Statistics

(P) : Provisional figures

Note : n.a. Not applicable



**Table 5. IMPORTED ITEMS UNDERLYING INDEX**

(Base Period : Average Prices February 2016 = 100)

Group	All Items	Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	Clothing and Footwear	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Maintenance	Health	Transport	Communication	Recreation and Culture	Education	Restaurants	Miscellaneous goods and services
<b>Weights</b>	<b>401.2</b>	<b>269.1</b>	<b>n.a</b>	<b>15.2</b>	<b>24.2</b>	<b>26.9</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>23.0</b>	<b>n.a</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>n.a</b>	<b>n.a</b>	<b>34.7</b>
Ave - 2016	102.4	103.9		98.8	97.5	99.3	98.5	100.1		95.0			100.7
Ave - 2017	106.0	110.1		97.0	93.8	98.9	91.7	104.5		90.0			97.1
Ave - 2018	108.8	113.8		96.1	93.4	97.6	94.3	111.2		92.0			96.6
2018													
September	110.6	116.6		95.5	92.9	97.9	97.1	110.1		91.4			96.8
October	110.3	116.2		97.0	94.0	97.5	97.1	107.5		93.3			96.9
November	106.9	111.1		97.2	94.5	97.2	97.1	107.7		91.7			96.9
December	103.6	106.2		97.6	94.1	96.3	99.8	108.1		90.2			97.2
2019													
January	101.9	103.9		94.5	94.5	97.2	99.8	107.3		90.3			97.0
February	105.9	110.0		95.4	94.9	95.6	99.8	106.2		90.3			97.5
March	108.0	113.2		94.8	94.7	94.8	97.5	107.3		89.0			97.2
April	107.5	112.4		95.1	94.6	94.5	97.5	108.3		89.3			96.9
May	107.6	112.7		95.5	94.6	92.6	97.5	108.3		87.3			96.9
June	108.2	113.5		96.3	94.1	95.2	97.5	108.3		86.2			95.9
July	110.5	117.0		91.2	94.5	96.9	97.5	108.3		86.2			96.2
August	111.5	118.5		91.2	94.5	96.5	97.5	108.3		86.2			96.8
September (P)	111.9	119.1		91.3	94.4	96.8	97.5	109.2		86.2			96.2
<b><u>Percentage Change (P)</u></b>													
Sep 2019 over	0.4%	0.5%		0.1%	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%	0.8%		0.0%			-0.6%
Aug 2019 over	1.2%	2.1%		-4.4%	1.7%	-1.1%	0.4%	-0.8%		-5.8%			-0.6%

Source : Samoa Bureau Statistics

(P) : Provisional figures

Note : n.a. Not applicable

**Table 6. LOCAL GOODS COMPONENT OF THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX**

**(Base Period : Average Prices February 2016 = 100)**

Group	All Items	Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	Clothing and Footwear	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Maintenance	Health	Transport	Communication	Recreation and Culture	Education	Restaurants	Miscellaneous goods and services
<b>Weights</b>	<b>505.3</b>	<b>134.6</b>	<b>104.6</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>91.3</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>59.9</b>	<b>51.5</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>19.7</b>	<b>22.4</b>	<b>8.8</b>
Ave - 2016	99.7	102.5	102.3	98.6	90.7	100.0	100.0	100.5	100.0	100.0	101.1	99.3	
Ave - 2017	98.6	95.0	107.1	95.7	90.6	100.1	100.0	101.6	101.2	100.0	97.9	98.3	102.3
Ave - 2018	102.6	105.3	112.0	93.3	88.1	100.3	100.0	101.7	103.3	100.0	110.4	99.0	102.3
2018													
September	103.6	106.1	113.3	93.0	91.3	100.3	100.0	101.1	103.4	100.0	111.6	98.6	102.3
October	104.1	104.9	113.5	93.6	93.2	100.3	100.0	104.1	103.4	100.0	111.6	98.6	102.3
November	101.5	101.9	113.3	93.5	85.5	100.3	100.0	100.2	103.4	100.0	111.6	100.6	102.3
December	104.0	108.7	113.2	93.0	85.5	100.3	100.0	107.5	102.9	100.0	111.6	100.6	102.3
2019													
January	103.9	110.1	115.5	91.8	85.5	100.3	100.0	98.8	102.9	100.0	111.6	100.6	102.3
February	103.2	105.1	116.2	94.8	85.5	100.3	100.0	103.2	102.9	100.0	110.5	100.6	102.3
March	104.9	107.5	116.2	94.2	91.3	100.3	103.0	100.7	105.2	100.0	110.6	102.8	102.3
April	104.4	106.2	115.6	94.6	91.3	100.3	103.0	100.5	105.2	100.0	110.6	103.4	102.3
May	105.5	109.4	115.1	94.7	91.3	100.3	103.0	102.4	104.3	100.0	114.9	103.4	102.3
June	105.2	106.5	115.3	94.7	91.3	100.3	103.0	105.7	104.3	100.0	114.9	103.4	102.3
July	107.0	110.1	117.2	94.7	97.3	100.3	103.0	100.4	104.3	100.0	114.9	103.4	102.3
August	107.4	111.1	117.5	94.7	97.3	100.3	103.0	101.2	104.3	100.0	114.9	103.4	102.3
September (P)	106.6	107.5	117.3	94.2	97.3	100.3	103.0	102.6	104.3	100.0	114.9	103.4	102.3
<b><u>Percentage Change (P)</u></b>													
Sep 2019 over Aug 2019	-0.8%	-3.2%	-0.2%	-0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Sep 2019 over Sep 2018	2.8%	1.3%	3.6%	1.3%	6.6%	0.0%	3.0%	1.5%	0.9%	0.0%	3.0%	4.8%	0.0%

Source : Samoa Bureau Statistics

(P) : Provisional figures

Note : n.a. Not applicable

**Table 7. LOCAL ITEMS UNDERLYING INDEX**

**(Base Period : Average Prices February 2016 = 100)**

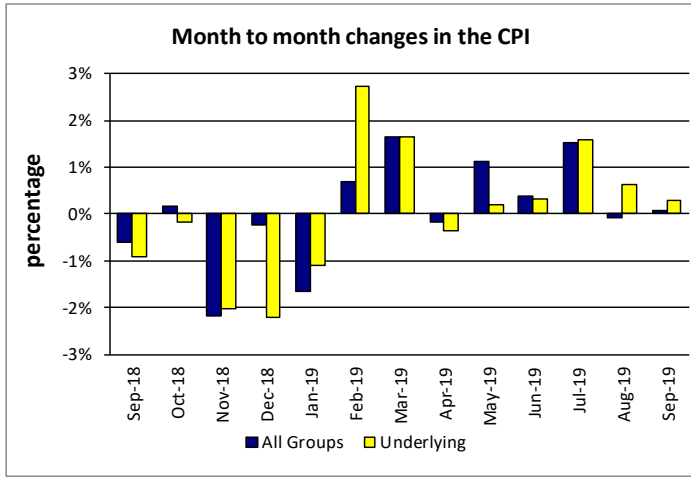
Group	All Items	Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	Clothing and Footwear	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Maintenance	Health	Transport	Communication	Recreation and Culture	Education	Restaurants	Miscellaneous goods and services
<b>Weights</b>	<b>185.5</b>	<b>76.1</b>	<b>n.a</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>n.a</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>51.5</b>	<b>n.a</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b>22.4</b>	<b>8.8</b>
Ave - 2016	100.3	100.6		98.6		100.0	100.0	101.0				99.3	
Ave - 2017	99.9	100.1		95.7		100.1	100.0	101.8	101.2		96.7	98.3	102.3
Ave - 2018	101.9	100.3		93.3		100.3	100.0	108.3	103.3		114.0	99.0	102.3
2018													
September	102.0	100.3		93.0		100.3	100.0	108.6	103.4		115.6	98.6	102.3
October	102.0	100.4		93.6		100.3	100.0	108.6	103.4		115.6	98.6	102.3
November	102.4	100.7		93.5		100.3	100.0	108.6	103.4		115.6	100.6	102.3
December	102.2	100.7		93.0		100.3	100.0	108.6	102.9		115.6	100.6	102.3
2019													
January	102.2	100.7		91.8		100.3	100.0	108.6	102.9		115.6	100.6	102.3
February	102.4	101.1		94.8		100.3	100.0	108.6	102.9		113.9	100.6	102.3
March	103.3	101.3		94.2		100.3	106.3	108.6	105.2		113.9	102.8	102.3
April	103.3	101.0		94.6		100.3	106.3	108.6	105.2		113.9	103.4	102.3
May	103.8	101.7		94.7		100.3	106.3	108.6	104.3		120.6	103.4	102.3
June	103.6	101.2		94.7		100.3	106.3	108.6	104.3		120.6	103.4	102.3
July	103.9	102.0		94.7		100.3	106.3	108.6	104.3		120.6	103.4	102.3
August	103.9	101.9		94.7		100.3	106.3	108.6	104.3		120.6	103.4	102.3
September (P)	104.0	102.1		94.2		100.3	106.3	108.6	104.3		120.6	103.4	102.3
<b><u>Percentage Change (P)</u></b>													
Sep 2019 over Aug 2019	0.1%	0.3%		-0.5%		0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%		0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Sep 2019 over Sep 2018	1.9%	1.8%		1.3%		0.0%	6.3%	0.0%	0.9%		4.4%	4.8%	0.0%

Source : Samoa Bureau Statistics

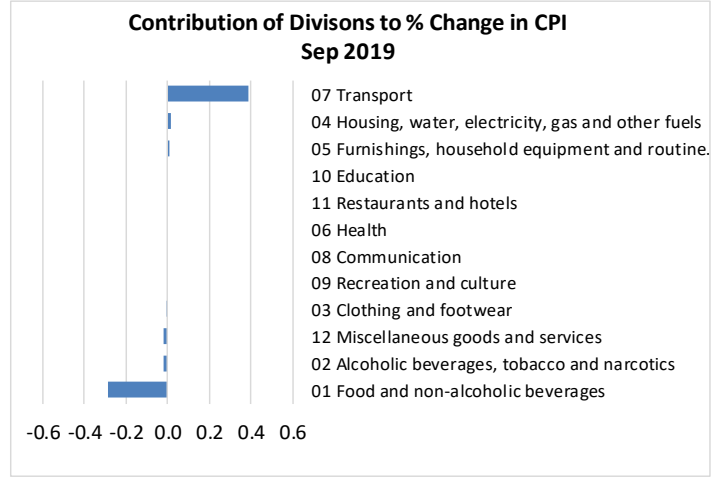
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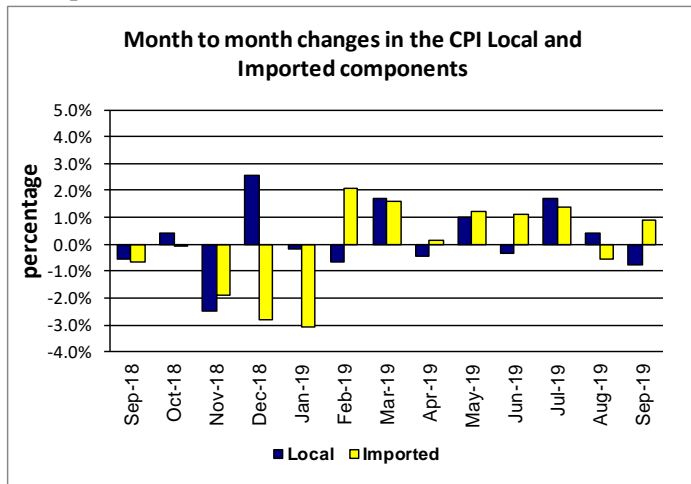
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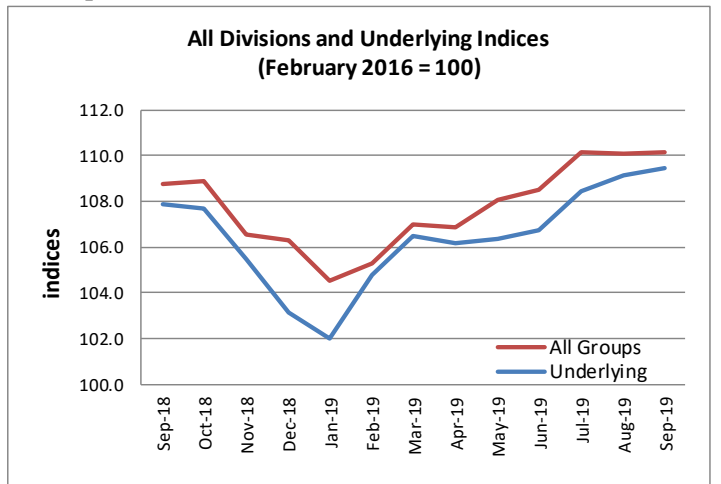
**Graph.6**



**Graph.7**



**Graph.8**



**Graph.9**

