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Inflation Report

August 2024

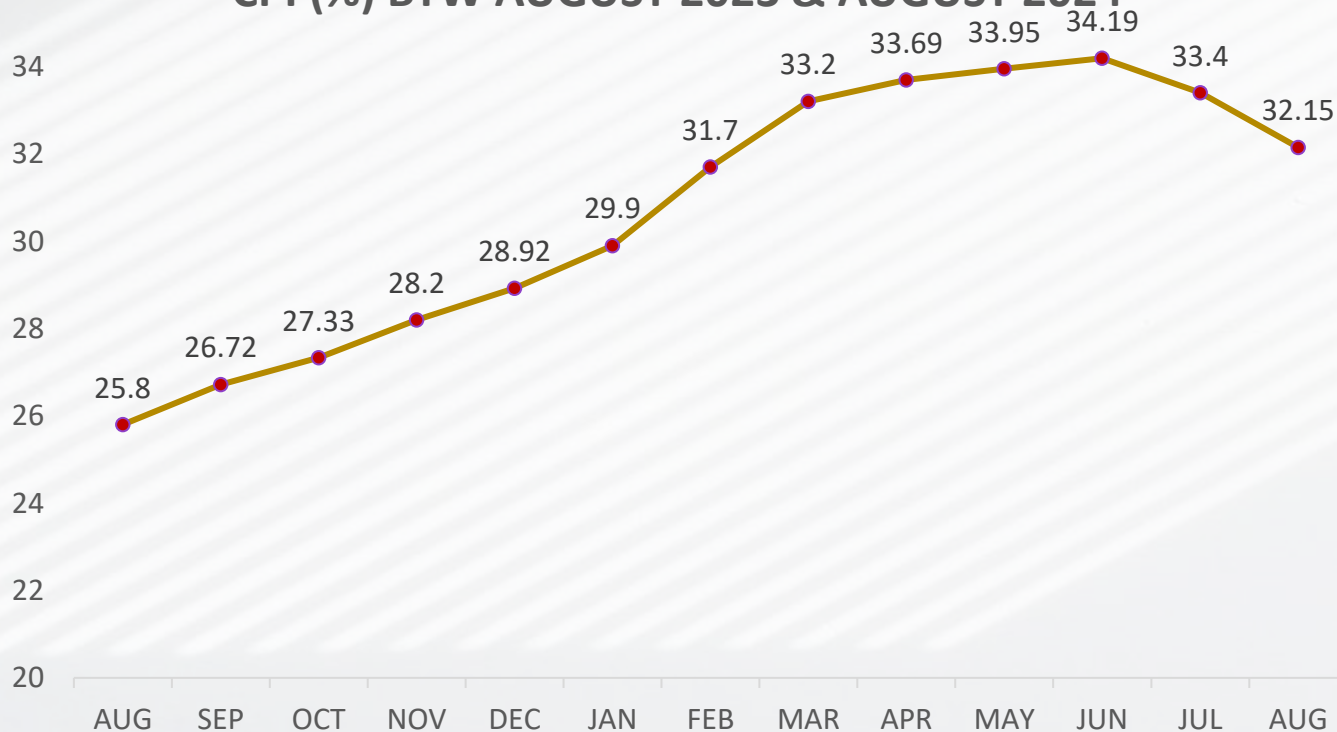


CONSUMER PRICE INDEX PERFORMANCE

Nigeria uses the Consumer Price Index to measure Inflation. It grew in August by **32.15%** year-on-year a **125 Basis Point (BPS)** lower than the July rate which was **33.40%**. This is the **second decline after eighteen consecutive rise since December 2022**

The Month-on-Month rate decreased by **6BPS** to be at **2.22%**.

CPI (%) BTW AUGUST 2023 & AUGUST 2024



33.40%

July YoY

2.28%

July MoM

32.15%

August YoY

2.22%

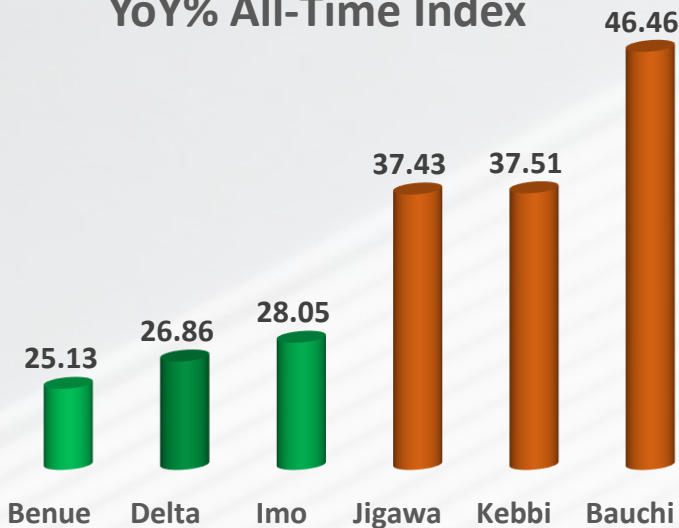
August MoM

Core Inflation

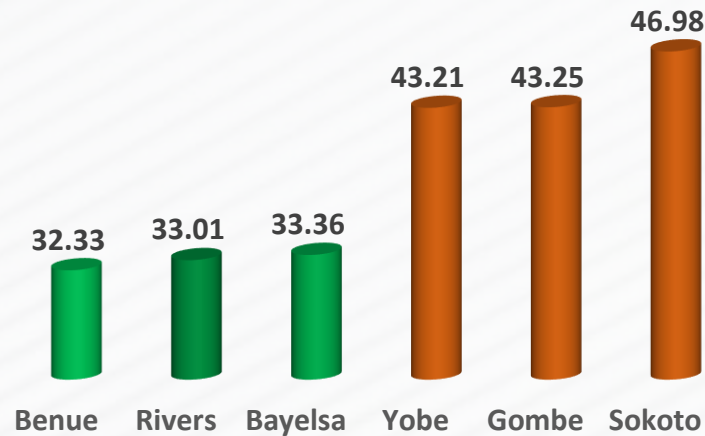
All items less farm produce excludes prices of volatile agricultural produce and energy was positioned at **27.58%** in August 2024 a **11BPS** increase from that of the previous month. On a month-on-month basis, the sub-index increased **by 2.27%** in August an increase of **11BPS** from **2.16%** of the previous month. The average 12-month annual rate of change of the index positioned at **25.18%** a **53BPS** higher than **24.65%** recorded the previous month. The highest increase was in prices of Actual and Inputted Rentals for Housing Class, Bus Journey Intercity, Journey by Motorcycle Accommodation Service, Laboratory Service, X-Ray Photography, Consultation Fee of a Medical Doctor etc.

HIGHEST & LOWEST STATES INDEX

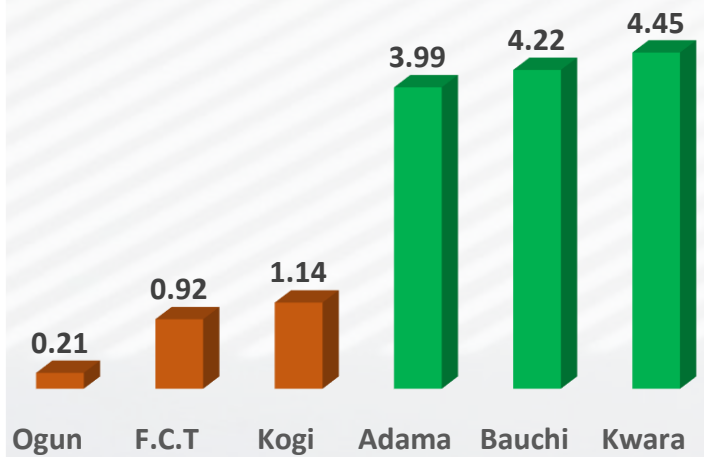
YoY% All-Time Index



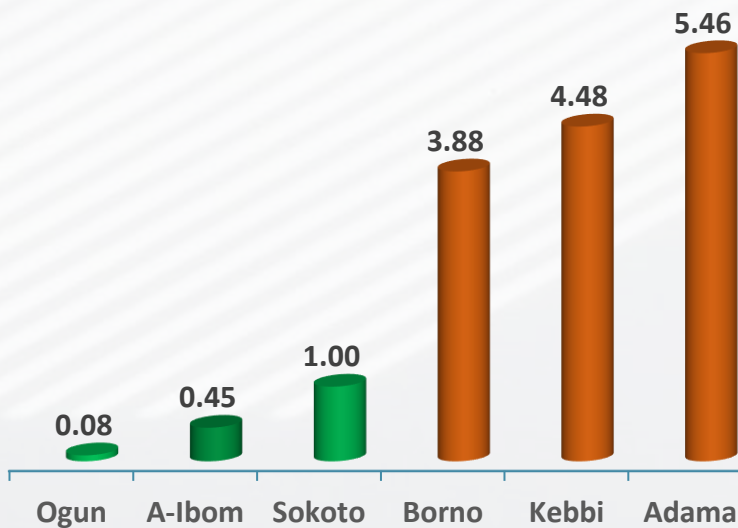
YoY% Food Index



MoM% All-Time Index



MoM% Food Index



States Inflation

- This measures the expenditure patterns which varies from States to States. The food index declined due to the abundance of food crops, farm produce and outputs from barns within the early harvest season.
- There has been an ease on further depletion of the purchasing power of citizens and belt adjustments by the Nigerian working population class after an upward salary review.
- There are still incidences of environmental hazards such as flood in some regions. There is clarity on local **PMS** sourcing as Dangote Refinery delivered **16.8 Million** litres to NNPC on **September 15, 2024**, for local consumption.
- The Federal Government has taken some steps to cushion food adversity through stipulating conditions required of importers to benefit from a **150-day** duty-free import window for food commodities imported

MAJOR INDEX REFLECTIONS

Urban-Rural Index

Urban Inflation year-on-year rate increased by **34.58%** in August compared to **35.77%** in July. The rural rate increased by **29.95%** from **31.26%** previously recorded in July. The twelve-month rate of change for urban stood at **33.44%** in August higher than the previous month by **55BPS**, while the Rural twelve-month rate of change increased by **46 BPS** to **29.32%**.

Food Index


The Composite Food Index increased by **37.52%** in August indicating a decrease of **201BPS** compared to **39.53%** in previous month. This rise is majorly in prices of Bread, Maize, Grains, Guinea Corn, Yam, Irish Potatoes, Water Yam, Cassava Tuber, Palm Oil, Vegetable, Ovaltine, Milo, Lipton etc. On a month-on-month basis, the food sub-index increased by **2.37%** in August 2024 a decrease of **10BPS** from **2.47%** recorded the previous month. The average annual rate of change of the food sub-index for the year ending August 2024 over the previous year was **36.99%**, an increase of **63BPS** from **36.36%** the previous month.

Observations

- There have been relative stability of prices after the CBN has taken a bullish step to intervene in the FX market, persistent depletion of consumer purchasing power, weakening base year effect have contributed to the first decline after eighteen-month persistent rise in the consumer price index.
- The End Bad Governance Protest, Fuel Scarcity and Naira Devaluation have made the Core Inflation to remain dogged.
- Food contributed the most to YoY increase in headline inflation at **16.65%**. The Composite Food Index had a sharp break from the upward trend climax of **40.87%** to **37.52%** in August 2024.
- The price index projection for September is on a downward trend fiscal and monetary indicators.
- **A precautionary approach to expenditure is pivotal as the nation economy is restructuring.**
- Taking position on Treasury Bills, OMO Bills with **yearly returns > 20%** in the short term.
- The Inflation for the next few months is expected to be above **30.0%**





Thank You

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