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## SAMOA BUREAU OF STATISTICS

# CONSUMER PRICE INDEX MARCH 2023

### Key findings:

The Consumer Price Index for March 2023 increased by 11.7 percent compared to the same month last year.

- The Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages index increased by 20.2 percent.
- The Restaurants index increased 18.4 percent.
- The Communication index also increased by 14.0 percent.

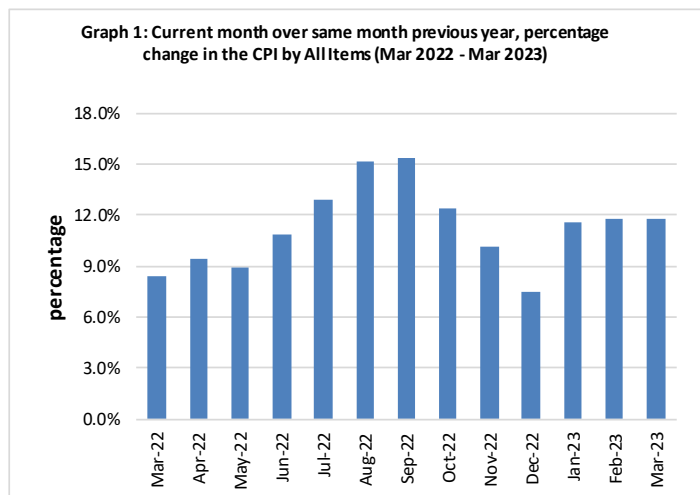
The Average Annual Inflation for the year ended March 2023 was 11.5 percent.

The CPI went up by 0.6 percent from February 2023.

### SUMMARY

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) for March 2023 rose 11.7 percent compared to March 2022. This was mainly influenced by the increase in the Imported goods component by 13.9 percent from the same month last year as a result of higher prices for imported food, building materials, kerosene, kerosene stove, laptop and toiletries,

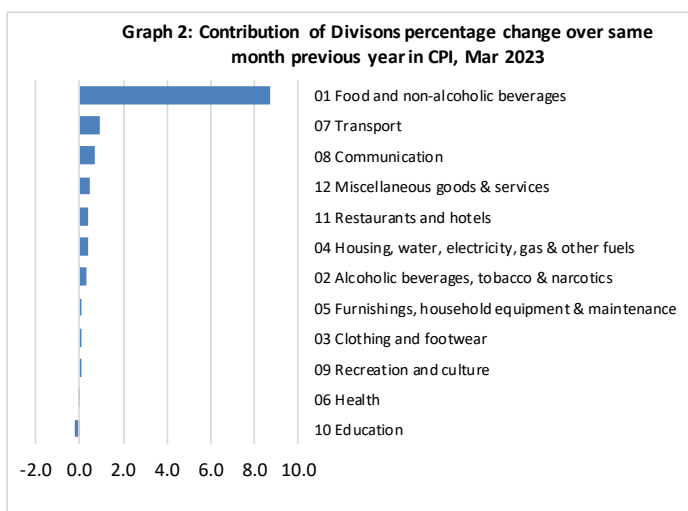
The Local goods component also contributed to the increase when it went up by 9.4 percent on a year-on-year (y-o-y) basis, due to higher prices for local food, meals, phone calls, internet and airline fares. Graph 1 shows the percentage changes over the same month last year in the CPI by all Divisions from March 2022 to March 2023.



Source : Samoa Bureau of Statistics

### Total All Divisions Contribution

As depicted in Graph 2, Food & Non Alcoholic Beverages was the largest contributor to the 11.7 percent rise in the CPI in March 2023, with a contribution of 8.7 percentage-points (pp) to the overall increase in March 2023. The most significant drivers of this within the group were chicken leg quarters (up 27.9%), flour (up 47.8%), devondale milk (up 41.4%), anchor milk (up 32.4%), koko Samoa (up 58.5%), corned beef palm (up 30.4%), cooking oil (up 30.2%), round pancake (up 33.3%), mineral water (up 31.6%), cucumber (up 31.4%), tomato (up 50.8%), round cabbage (up 72.0%) and ta'amu which increased more than fourfold over its average price in March 2022. The next largest contributor was Transport with a contribution of 0.9 pp, increasing 6.0% compared to March 2022. The greatest drivers of this increase were petrol increasing 3.0%, diesel increasing 15.8% and air fares (Apia-Pago-Apia) rising 71.1% & (Apia-Auckland-Apia) up 17.9% from the same month of the previous year. Communication also contributed 0.7 pp due to the increase of 27.9% in mobile phone calling per minute and internet data bundle up 32.0%.

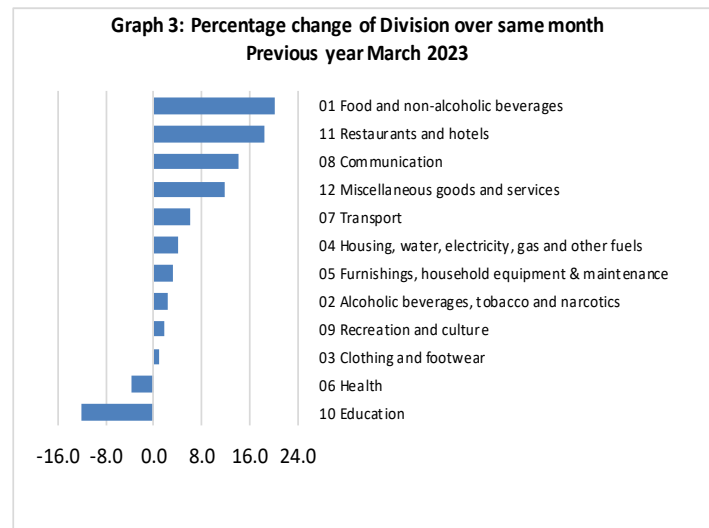


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### Consumer Price Index (% Change)

Graph 3 shows the percentage change for all Divisions (groups) in March 2023 in comparison to March 2022. Food & Non Alcoholic had the largest increase of 20.2% followed by Restaurants, Communication and Miscellaneous Goods & Services which rose 18.4, 14.0, and 11.9 percent respectively. Other groups such as Transport, Housing, Water, Electricity Gas & Other Fuel, Furnishing, Household Equipment & Maintenance, Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco, Recreation & Culture, and Clothing & Footwear indices recorded

increases of 6.0, 3.9, 3.1, 2.3, 1.6 and 0.9 percent respectively. On the other hand, Education fell 12.0 percent and Health declined by 3.8 percent.



Source : Samoa Bureau of Statistics

### Imported Goods Component

The Imported goods component of the CPI registered an increase of 13.9 percent when compared to the same month last year. This increase was mainly due to higher prices recorded for imported food, fuel (petrol, diesel and kerosene), cooking gas, laptop, cement, house rent, toilet paper, hair gel, toilet soap, clothing chest, kerosene stove and mosquito coil.

### Local Goods Component

The increase in prices for local food, meals, mobile phone calling per minute, internet and airline fares have resulted in the 9.4 percent increase in the local goods component.

### Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages Index

The increase of 20.2 percent in the Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages index was influenced by higher prices recorded for chicken leg quarters (up 27.9%), turkey wings (up 27.6%), noodle (up 28.1%), round pancake (up 33.3%), devondale and anchor milk (up 41.4% and 32.4%), cooking oil (up 30.2%), mineral water (up 31.6%), flour (up 47.8%), koko samoa (up 58.5%), corned beef palm (up 30.4%), cucumber (up 31.4%), tomato (up 50.8%), ta'amu (increased more than 4 time its level in the same period of the previous year and round cabbage (up 72.0%).

### Restaurants Index

The Restaurants index recorded an increase of 18.4 percent due to the rise in prices for chicken & chips (30.1%), steam rice & chicken meal (21.2%), curry & chopsuey (14.3%) and fish & chips (13.9%).

### Communication Index

The increase in prices for internet data bundle (up 32.0%) and mobile phone calling per minute (up 27.9%) were the major contributors to the 14.0 percent increase in the Communication index.

### Miscellaneous Goods and Services Index

The 11.9 percent rise in the Miscellaneous Goods & Services index was due to higher prices recorded for toilet paper (up 18.8%), hair gel (up 20.7%), toilet soap and toothpaste.

### Transport Index

The increases in prices for petrol of 3.0%, diesel of 15.8%, airline fares (Apia-Pago-Apia) of 71.1%, Apia-Auckland-Apia fares of 17.9% and prices of used minivan vehicle of 12.2% were the main drivers of the 6.0 percent increase in the Transport index.

### Recreation and Culture Index

The 1.6 percent increase in the Recreation and Culture index was mainly driven by the increase in prices for laptop and weedkiller offsetting the decreases in the prices for exercise book and television.

### Furnishings, Household Equipment & Maintenance Index

The Furnishings, Household Equipment & Maintenance index rose 3.1 percent due to the increase in kerosene stove, glass buffet sideboard (sefe), clothing chest and mosquito coil.

### Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels Index

The increase in prices for cement, kerosene, paint, cooking gas and timber have led to the 3.9 percent increase in the Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels index.

### Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco Index

Higher prices recorded for beer contributed primarily to the 2.3 percent increase in the Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco index.

### Education

The 12.0 percent decrease in the Education index was a result of lower prices recorded for NUS registration fees (down 62.1%).

### Health Index

The 3.8 percent decrease in the Health index was influenced by lower prices recorded for medicine (amoxicillin tablets).

### Clothing and Footwear Index

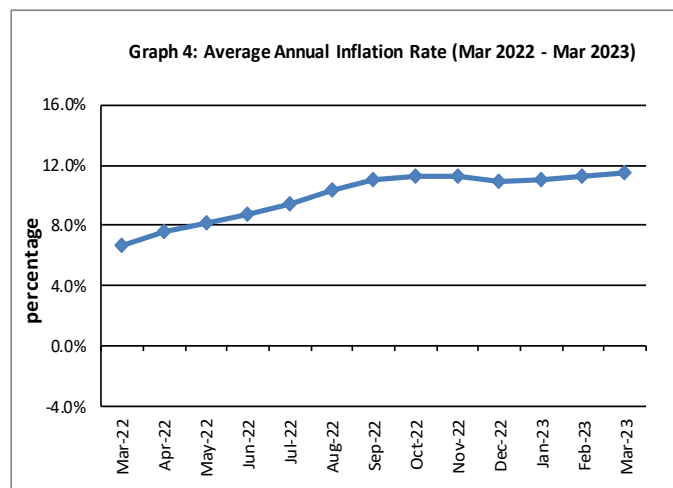
Clothing and Footwear index rose 0.9 percent due to the increases in prices for ie faitaga, shirt short sleeve, uniform paave and ie solosolo.

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

The All Items Underlying Index for March 2023 registered an increase of 15.4 percent when compared to March 2022. It also increased by 0.1 percent when compared to February 2023. Both the Imported and Local Items Underlying Indices recorded increases of 16.6 and 12.5 percent respectively.

### Inflation Rate

The average annual inflation rate for the year ended March 2023 was 11.5 percent. For the twelve months ending March 2022, the inflation rate was 6.7 percent. Presented in Graph 4 is the average annual inflation rate (Mar 2022 - Mar 2023).



Source : Samoa Bureau of Statistics

The attached Tables and Graphs provide the users 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.

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The next Consumer Price Index will be released on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

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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 - 2020	106.6	110.4	120.0	93.5	89.6	98.1	99.2	104.4	104.2	88.5	114.9	109.4	98.8
Ave - 2021	109.9	114.1	121.6	98.9	92.4	98.9	105.7	111.7	107.1	88.2	109.9	111.2	97.2
Ave - 2022	122.0	131.8	122.8	108.3	93.1	105.0	101.9	131.0	124.5	91.0	109.4	126.2	102.1
2022													
March	116.2	124.0	122.6	108.9	90.6	103.2	101.5	120.8	115.8	91.8	109.4	118.3	99.1
April	117.2	124.5	122.4	108.8	92.3	102.5	99.9	125.2	115.8	91.8	109.4	118.3	99.8
May	117.3	124.5	122.6	109.4	92.4	102.5	95.1	125.4	115.8	91.8	109.4	118.3	101.4
June	121.0	129.0	122.6	109.3	93.6	106.3	95.1	134.8	115.8	91.8	109.4	128.3	101.2
July	125.3	135.9	123.0	108.4	93.6	106.8	104.1	137.9	133.7	90.6	109.4	128.5	102.5
August	129.9	141.4	123.4	108.7	96.0	108.1	108.8	149.9	133.7	92.3	109.4	129.2	104.7
September	130.1	145.5	123.4	108.0	94.8	107.5	102.0	140.9	133.7	92.0	109.4	133.8	104.7
October	127.7	141.9	123.4	108.5	94.5	108.0	98.9	135.3	133.7	88.6	109.4	133.2	105.1
November	124.6	134.3	123.4	106.9	94.6	106.6	100.0	134.9	132.0	91.8	109.4	135.1	106.0
December	124.0	134.5	123.0	107.4	94.5	106.0	100.0	131.2	132.0	91.9	109.4	135.1	105.8
2023													
January	128.2	144.5	123.6	107.6	94.4	106.1	100.0	131.1	132.0	93.3	109.4	135.1	106.9
February	129.0	149.5	123.9	107.3	93.7	106.8	100.0	124.8	132.0	93.3	96.3	135.1	107.2
March (P)	129.8	149.0	125.5	109.9	94.2	106.4	97.6	128.0	132.0	93.3	96.3	140.1	110.9
<b><u>Percentage Change (P)</u></b>													
Mar 2023 over Mar 2022	11.7%	20.2%	2.3%	0.9%	3.9%	3.1%	-3.8%	6.0%	14.0%	1.6%	-12.0%	18.4%	11.9%
Mar 2023 over Feb 2023	0.6%	-0.3%	1.2%	2.5%	0.5%	-0.3%	-2.4%	2.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.7%	3.5%

Source : Samoa Bureau Statistics

(P) : Provisional figures

**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>
Ave - 2020	106.6	109.9		93.5	93.7	98.1	98.9	110.1	104.2	87.6	120.6	109.4	98.8
Ave - 2021	110.1	114.8		98.9	94.5	98.9	107.5	113.6	107.1	87.3	112.7	111.2	97.2
Ave - 2022	122.9	130.1		108.3	110.2	105.0	102.5	115.5	124.5	90.4	111.9	126.2	102.1
2022													
March	116.6	122.1		108.9	105.1	103.2	102.0	114.5	115.8	91.2	111.9	118.3	99.1
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October	131.1	141.3		108.5	112.2	108.0	98.5	117.2	133.7	87.8	111.9	133.2	105.1
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<b><u>Percentage Change (P)</u></b>													
Mar 2023													
over	15.4%	19.6%		0.9%	8.8%	3.1%	-5.0%	2.8%	14.0%	1.7%	0.0%	18.4%	11.9%
Mar 2022													
Mar 2023													
over	0.1%	-0.6%		2.5%	1.2%	-0.3%	-3.2%	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.7%	3.5%
Feb 2023													

Source : Samoa Bureau Statistics

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Note : n.a. Not applicable

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

Commodities	Wt	Unit	2021			2022			2023			Mar-23	
			Jan	Feb	Mar	Jan	Feb	Mar (P)	% chng from prev mnth	%chng from Mar 22			
			<b>01 Food and non-alcoholic beverages</b>										
Chicken leg quarters	62.19	kg	4.96	5.03	4.97	5.78	6.55	6.36	-2.9%	27.9%			
Raw Sugar	21.27	kg	2.96	3.12	2.99	3.60	3.60	3.59	-0.3%	19.8%			
Bread	17.20	loaf	1.64	1.64	1.65	1.84	1.85	1.85	0.0%	12.6%			
Corned Beef Oxford (a)	15.88	340 grms	8.62	8.62	8.77	10.13	10.13	10.33	2.0%	17.9%			
Taro	15.17	kg	3.46	3.64	3.40	3.68	4.13	3.96	-4.2%	16.5%			
Re-packed medium grain rice	13.38	kg	3.08	3.19	3.09	3.51	3.56	3.56	0.0%	15.2%			
Prepacked medium grain rice (a)	13.38	907 grms	2.77	2.77	2.77	2.95	3.05	3.05	0.0%	10.2%			
Bongo	10.18	20 grms	0.83	0.83	0.82	0.87	0.89	0.90	1.1%	9.8%			
Keke Saina Biscuits (a)	9.21	pkt 10	6.23	6.23	6.31	7.21	7.25	7.25	0.0%	14.9%			
Ice Cream (a)	9.17	2 ltr	16.00	16.00	16.92	19.25	19.25	19.25	0.0%	13.8%			
Ramen	9.00	85 grms	1.08	1.10	1.07	1.32	1.37	1.37	0.0%	28.1%			
Fish (Piece)	7.92	kg	24.42	28.65	28.38	31.45	29.72	31.25	5.2%	10.1%			
Butter	7.66	454 grms	16.36	16.36	16.37	18.83	18.83	18.97	0.8%	15.9%			
Round Pancake (a)	7.50	sml	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.0%	33.3%			
Mutton Flaps	6.63	kg	25.27	25.43	24.98	25.77	26.30	25.68	-2.3%	2.8%			
Canned fish betw een \$3.00 and \$3.99 N/Oi	6.37	425 grms	3.23	3.31	3.40	3.30	3.29	3.37	2.4%	-1.0%			
Canned fish \$4:00 or over N/Oil	6.37	425 grms	4.74	4.66	4.64	4.75	4.75	4.86	2.3%	4.7%			
Canned fish betw een \$3.00 and \$3.99 N/Oi	6.37	425grms	3.14	3.14	3.21	3.35	3.35	3.41	1.9%	6.2%			
Canned fish under \$3.00 in N/Oil	6.37	425 grms	2.78	2.77	2.87	2.77	2.77	2.77	0.0%	-3.5%			
Turkey Wings	6.31	kg	12.95	12.78	12.83	16.64	16.21	16.36	0.9%	27.6%			
Fish (string)	5.98	kg	13.34	10.94	12.11	16.12	14.00	14.05	0.4%	16.0%			
Fish (large)	5.98	kg	19.33	18.68	19.82	28.92	25.92	23.76	-8.3%	19.9%			
Cooking vegetable oil (a)	5.89	ltr	6.50	6.63	6.77	10.05	9.71	8.81	-9.3%	30.2%			
Sausage beef	5.76	kg	14.32	14.32	14.44	14.70	14.73	15.19	3.1%	5.2%			
Chinese Cabbage	5.53	kg	6.08	6.21	7.45	10.63	10.26	8.93	-12.9%	19.9%			
Eggs medium size	5.45	doz	7.92	7.75	7.39	8.02	8.42	8.12	-3.6%	9.8%			
Flour plain w hite	5.29	kg	2.24	2.27	2.43	3.37	3.37	3.59	6.7%	47.8%			
Onions	5.23	kg	3.69	4.65	4.57	5.46	5.79	5.54	-4.4%	21.2%			
Milk Devondale	5.11	ltr	4.01	4.07	4.08	4.94	5.84	5.77	-1.2%	41.4%			
Soft Drink Coke	5.07	600 mls	2.98	2.98	2.98	3.12	3.16	3.58	13.0%	20.0%			
Soft Drink Taxi	5.07	330 mls	1.82	1.82	1.87	1.92	1.92	1.92	0.0%	2.8%			
Milk Anchor	4.81	ltr	3.97	4.04	4.07	4.59	5.09	5.39	5.9%	32.4%			
Salted Beef	4.72	kg	22.03	21.18	20.68	23.59	23.69	24.36	2.8%	17.8%			
Canned fish Soifua in Tomato Sauce	4.47	425 grms	2.59	2.58	2.59	2.53	2.56	2.51	-2.0%	-2.9%			
CCK Coffee	4.47	100 grms	3.94	3.94	3.94	3.94	3.94	4.20	6.6%	6.6%			
Sky Flakes Biscuits	4.29	850 grms	16.89	16.89	17.04	19.63	19.63	19.51	-0.6%	14.5%			
Stew ing beef	4.20	kg	16.05	16.05	16.05	17.11	17.79	17.79	0.0%	10.8%			
Koko Samoa	4.09	cup	17.92	15.91	16.73	20.68	25.44	26.52	4.2%	58.5%			
Corned Beef Pacific	3.64	340 grms	15.87	15.87	15.87	18.88	18.88	19.66	4.1%	23.9%			
Ramen kimchi (bow l)	3.40	86 grms	2.88	2.91	2.88	3.57	3.52	3.48	-0.9%	20.8%			
Soy Sauce Mushroom	3.25	750 grms	3.14	3.14	3.17	3.61	3.63	3.71	2.3%	17.1%			
Pork Pig Trotter	3.10	kg	7.98	7.93	9.02	8.28	8.75	9.64	10.1%	6.9%			
Corned Beef Palm	3.01	340 grms	14.10	14.19	14.62	18.93	19.00	19.07	0.4%	30.4%			
Ripe Banana (a)	2.71	kg	3.37	3.48	3.70	3.65	4.48	4.22	-5.8%	14.2%			
Tang pow der (a)	2.51	25 grms	0.66	0.66	0.66	0.60	0.60	0.57	-4.5%	-13.7%			
Minties Pascall (a)	2.49	200 grms	12.90	12.90	12.50	16.50	16.50	16.50	0.0%	32.0%			

Potatoes	2.41	kg	4.48	5.45	5.21	6.64	6.52	5.88	-9.8%	13.0%
Green Banana	2.29	kg	1.39	1.25	1.39	1.50	1.34	1.40	4.1%	0.4%
Apple small	2.26	each	1.27	1.32	1.58	1.69	1.69	1.80	6.6%	13.6%
Mineral Water	2.25	bottle	1.46	1.50	1.50	1.88	1.88	1.97	5.0%	31.6%
Chocolate Cake (a)	2.15	sml	21.50	21.20	21.20	22.40	22.40	22.40	0.0%	5.7%
Cucumbers	2.12	kg	3.99	4.17	5.00	6.40	6.79	6.57	-3.3%	31.4%
Instant Nescafe Coffee	2.02	50 grms	6.82	6.82	6.82	8.82	8.50	8.72	2.6%	27.9%
Mutton Neck	1.93	kg	24.91	24.15	24.01	27.13	27.13	26.87	-1.0%	11.9%
Vermicelli Lungken	1.88	454 grms	3.77	3.82	3.98	4.80	4.84	4.68	-3.2%	17.6%
Tomatoes	1.80	kg	12.83	13.93	15.59	19.98	21.84	23.51	7.6%	50.8%
Sausage Pork	1.68	kg	14.26	14.26	14.26	14.60	15.19	15.80	4.1%	10.8%
Bell Tea Bags	1.62	150 grms	11.24	11.36	11.36	11.34	11.40	11.40	0.0%	0.3%
Samco Twisties	1.40	20 grms	0.70	0.70	0.71	0.79	0.81	0.83	1.8%	16.0%
Matured husked Coconuts	1.30	kg	0.99	1.03	0.90	1.08	1.24	1.18	-5.0%	30.9%
Matured Un husked Coconuts (a)	1.30	kg	0.68	0.59	0.64	0.76	0.73	0.67	-8.9%	4.4%
Taamu	1.13	kg	7.50	4.55	4.05	21.03	5.04	16.60	229.2%	309.4%
Round Cabbage Round	1.12	kg	6.51	8.08	7.86	12.59	12.99	13.52	4.0%	72.0%

## 02 Alcoholic beverages, tobacco and narcotics

Beer Vailima Lager	37.94	355 mls	3.67	3.70	3.74	3.80	3.80	3.80	0.0%	1.6%
Pall Mall Filter Cigarettes (Red)	24.29	20 rolls	14.60	14.60	14.60	14.60	14.60	14.60	0.0%	0.0%
Pall Mall Menthol Cigarettes (Green)	24.29	20 rolls	14.60	14.60	14.60	14.60	14.60	14.60	0.0%	0.0%
Beer Taula (a)	16.26	330 mls	3.56	3.56	3.56	3.73	3.80	4.26	12.2%	19.6%
Tobacco winfield (a)	12.64	30 grms	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	0.0%	0.0%
Vodka Niu Spirit (a)	3.76	Niu / 2 ltr	66.82	66.82	66.82	66.82	66.82	66.82	0.0%	0.0%
Whisky Jim Bean Spirit (a)	3.76	1 ltr	92.13	94.63	94.63	93.75	93.13	94.63	1.6%	0.0%
Paper Cigarettes	3.61	50 sheets	1.71	1.70	1.70	1.70	1.70	1.70	0.0%	0.0%
Samoa kava	1.82	pkt	30.61	35.90	44.24	39.04	43.92	40.00	-8.9%	-9.6%

## 03 Clothing and footwear

Uniform le Faitaga College boys	4.28	size 8-10	37.67	38.33	38.33	38.33	37.67	38.33	1.8%	0.0%
Uniform Pa'ave (a)	3.71	size 7	39.33	42.67	42.67	42.67	42.67	45.00	5.5%	5.5%
Jandals soft	2.48	10.5 size	9.25	9.25	9.25	9.33	9.33	9.33	0.0%	0.9%
Puletasi mamanu palama (a)	2.35	medium	150.00	150.00	150.00	125.00	125.00	130.00	4.0%	-13.3%
le solosolo cotton print	2.22	42 inch	11.93	11.93	12.02	11.92	12.03	12.40	3.0%	3.2%
Cargo shorts (a)	1.76	38 size	92.25	92.25	92.25	93.00	93.00	93.00	0.0%	0.8%
Shirt short sleeves men Aloha shirt (a)	1.15	men / XL	55.23	55.23	55.23	58.10	58.10	59.48	2.4%	7.7%
Shirt long sleeves men	1.15	16.5 size	37.24	37.24	37.24	38.38	38.38	38.38	0.0%	3.1%
Shoes Nike Running shoes (a)	0.82	size 9	258.50	258.50	262.25	224.75	224.75	224.75	0.0%	-14.3%
le Faitaga	0.70	36/38 size	33.80	34.18	35.43	39.30	39.24	39.24	0.0%	10.8%
Woman Nylon Panties	0.59	medium	4.67	4.67	4.72	4.42	4.42	4.42	0.0%	-6.4%

## 04 Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels

Electricity Cashpower	50.59	kwh	0.58	0.58	0.58	0.58	0.58	0.58	0.0%	0.0%
Reservoir treated Water	28.55	15-40 m3	1.34	1.34	1.34	1.34	1.34	1.34	0.0%	0.0%
Liquid gas	15.77	9kg	65.50	66.00	66.00	71.80	71.80	71.80	0.0%	8.8%
Government house Rent	12.16	2 b/room	650.00	650.00	650.00	680.00	680.00	680.00	0.0%	4.6%
Kerosene	4.12	1 ltr	2.54	2.46	2.67	3.49	3.11	3.20	3.0%	20.0%
Paint High gloss white	3.45	4 ltrs	83.92	85.58	82.25	81.15	79.42	85.17	7.2%	3.5%
Paint Plus 2 plastic white	3.45	4 ltrs	48.80	48.80	48.80	50.80	52.40	53.40	1.9%	9.4%
Cement NZ or Australia	0.78	40 kg	34.79	35.46	37.64	46.30	45.80	45.57	-0.5%	21.1%
Dressed per Timber 2x4	0.71	meter	10.39	10.38	10.33	11.03	11.10	11.12	0.2%	7.7%



## 05 Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance

Washing powder (a)	6.27	200 grms	1.98	2.04	2.00	2.09	2.09	2.02	-3.2%	1.1%
Washing Soap yellow	5.90	bar	2.85	2.97	3.15	3.22	3.28	3.35	1.9%	6.4%
Mosquito coil	4.36	10 coil	1.33	1.33	1.35	1.55	1.55	1.55	0.0%	14.8%
Mattress single Futon (a)	3.81	4 inch	157.33	157.33	156.33	146.50	146.50	147.33	0.6%	-5.8%
Babysitting live-in (a)	3.78	1week	142.50	142.50	142.50	142.50	142.50	142.50	0.0%	0.0%
Refridgerator common brand	2.49	331-335 ltr	2291.32	2291.32	2291.32	2362.52	2362.52	2362.52	0.0%	3.1%
Gold Powder washing powder	1.68	180 grms	1.67	1.67	1.67	1.67	1.67	1.67	0.0%	0.0%
Eveready AA size Batteries	1.20	AA 1/4 size	3.96	3.96	3.91	3.70	3.90	4.01	2.9%	2.6%
Bush knife tramontina	0.88	24 inch	28.61	28.24	29.61	30.74	30.49	30.11	-1.2%	1.7%
Kerosene stove	0.16	2 burner	112.50	112.50	112.50	112.50	112.50	137.25	22.0%	22.0%
Tumblers Glass basic no design (a)	0.11	medium	17.46	17.46	17.46	16.66	15.66	15.96	1.9%	-8.6%
Seife 3 shelves	0.11	48*48 inch	620.00	645.00	645.00	722.50	722.50	760.00	5.2%	17.8%
Clothing chest flat top	0.01	medium	525.00	550.00	550.00	607.50	607.50	757.50	24.7%	37.7%

## 06 Health

Amoxicillin 500mg tablets (a)	2.46	20 tablets	8.50	9.40	8.20	7.90	7.90	7.73	-2.1%	-5.7%
Hospital Charge	1.15	per night	22.50	22.50	22.50	22.50	22.50	22.50	0.0%	0.0%
Private Doctor Consultation fee	1.04	per adult	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	0.0%	0.0%

## 07 Transport

Petrol	60.80	1ltr	3.03	2.93	3.11	3.35	3.03	3.20	5.6%	3.0%
Taxi Fare P.O to Motootua Hosp	8.15	per trip	4.80	4.80	4.80	4.80	4.80	4.80	0.0%	0.0%
Taxi Fares P.O to Malua	8.15	per trip	31.30	31.30	31.30	31.30	31.30	31.30	0.0%	0.0%
Taxi Fares P.O to Falefa	8.15	per trip	43.20	43.20	43.20	43.20	43.20	43.20	0.0%	0.0%
Air Fares Faleolo-Pago-Faleolo	6.84	return trip	395.00	395.00	395.00	676.02	676.02	676.02	0.0%	71.1%
Air Fares Apia Auckland Apia	6.77	1month	1257.87	1257.87	1257.87	1454.44	1549.44	1483.44	-4.3%	17.9%
Car Registration (private car)	5.67	1501-2000 cc	256.00	256.00	256.00	256.00	256.00	256.00	0.0%	0.0%
Used Car Toyota Corolla (a)	5.08	1500 cc	23500.00	23500.00	23500.00	23500.00	23500.00	23500.00	0.0%	0.0%
Used Car Toyota Camry (a)	5.08	1500 cc	18000.00	18000.00	18000.00	18000.00	18000.00	18000.00	0.0%	0.0%
Diesel	4.83	1ltr	2.93	2.84	3.07	3.96	3.52	3.56	1.0%	15.8%
Bus Fares Apia Motootua Hosp	3.49	one adult	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.30	0.0%	0.0%
Bus Fares Apia Malua	3.49	one adult	2.60	2.60	2.60	2.60	2.60	2.60	0.0%	0.0%
Bus Fares Apia Falefa	3.49	one adult	3.70	3.70	3.70	3.70	3.70	3.70	0.0%	0.0%
Labour charge car repair	3.38	min charge	67.00	67.00	67.00	67.00	67.00	67.00	0.0%	0.0%
New Pickup Ford Ranger Double cab (a)	3.25	3200 cc	94000.00	94000.00	94000.00	94000.00	94000.00	94000.00	0.0%	0.0%
New Pickup Toyota Hilux Double cab (a)	3.25	3200 cc	105000.00	105000.00	105000.00	105000.00	105000.00	105000.00	0.0%	0.0%
Used Mini van Toyota Noah (a)	2.42	2000 cc	19600.00	19600.00	19600.00	22000.00	22000.00	22000.00	0.0%	12.2%
Used Mini van Toyota Voxy (a)	2.42	2000 cc	19600.00	19600.00	19600.00	22000.00	22000.00	22000.00	0.0%	12.2%
Car Tyre	1.49	195/70 R(14)	198.75	203.75	203.75	197.50	197.50	212.50	7.6%	4.3%
Boat Fares Mulifanua Salelologa	1.14	one way	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	0.0%	0.0%
Boat Fares Apia Pago Apia	1.14	min charge	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00	0.0%	0.0%

## 08 Communication

Calling per minute Rate cell phone (a)	10.02	per minute	0.43	0.43	0.43	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.0%	27.9%
Internet data bundles per mb Rate (a)	10.02	per mb	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.0%	32.0%
Calling per minute Rate cell phone (a)	10.02	per minute	0.44	0.44	0.44	0.49	0.49	0.49	0.0%	11.4%
Internet data bundles per mb Rate (a)	10.02	per mb	0.32	0.32	0.32	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.0%	3.1%
Telephone Rental	3.87	1month	24.15	24.15	24.15	24.15	24.15	24.15	0.0%	0.0%
Prepaid Internet	3.06	30 mins	5.80	5.80	5.80	5.80	5.80	5.80	0.0%	0.0%
Telephone call NZ	1.50	3 mins	2.32	2.32	2.32	2.37	2.37	2.37	0.0%	2.2%
Telephone call USA	1.50	3 mins	2.97	2.97	2.97	2.97	2.97	2.97	0.0%	0.0%
Telephone call local	1.50	1min	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.0%	0.0%

## 09 Recreation and culture

Television LCD 32" (a)	2.30	LCD 32"	852.83	852.83	852.83	832.83	832.83	832.83	0.0%	-2.3%
Exercise Book warwick	1.44	1B4	1.48	1.48	1.62	1.47	1.47	1.47	0.0%	-9.3%
Laptop (a)	1.33	each	2898.60	2898.60	2898.60	3597.80	3597.80	3597.80	0.0%	24.1%
Weedkiller Graxomone/Agriquat (a)	0.56	1 ltr	46.67	46.67	46.67	51.67	51.67	51.67	0.0%	10.7%
Cinema Admission	0.41	ticket	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	0.0%	0.0%
News Paper Samoa Observer	0.01	each	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	0.0%	0.0%
News Paper Newslite	0.01	each	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	0.0%	0.0%

## 10 Education

Fees Primary PTA/registration fees (a)	7.23	Year 6	72.50	72.50	72.50	72.50	72.50	72.50	0.0%	0.0%
Fees Secondary PTA/registration fees (a)	5.11	Year 10	58.00	58.00	58.00	58.00	58.00	58.00	0.0%	0.0%
Fees Tertiary NUS registration School Fees	3.79	registration	322.00	322.00	322.00	322.00	122.00	122.00	0.0%	-62.1%
Fees Secondary Y Examination Fees (a)	3.61	Y12-13	25.50	25.50	25.50	25.50	25.50	25.50	0.0%	0.0%

## 11 Restaurants and hotels

Fish & Chip Meal	7.79	1 serve	10.17	10.17	10.17	11.58	11.58	11.58	0.0%	13.9%
Curry & Chopsuey Meal	4.87	1 serve	4.67	4.67	4.67	5.00	5.00	5.33	6.7%	14.3%
Chicken & Chips Meal (a)	4.87	1 serve	10.43	10.43	10.43	12.14	12.14	13.57	11.8%	30.1%
Steam rice & chicken Meal (a)	4.87	1 serve	5.50	5.50	5.50	6.67	6.67	6.67	0.0%	21.2%

## 12 Miscellaneous goods and services

Toilet Paper Sofan deluxe ply	8.52	250 sheets	1.00	1.00	1.06	1.20	1.20	1.26	5.2%	18.8%
Hair Gel	4.59	1124 ml	4.61	4.61	4.61	5.57	5.57	5.57	0.0%	20.7%
Storage of remains (a)	4.41	per day	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	66.67	11.1%	11.1%
Basic Casket (a)	4.41	each	1966.67	1966.67	1966.67	1966.67	1966.67	1966.67	0.0%	0.0%
Standard Embalming (a)	4.41	1 person	1500.00	1500.00	1500.00	1500.00	1500.00	1525.00	1.7%	1.7%
Toilet soap Protex (a)	4.38	90g	1.96	1.95	1.94	2.04	2.05	2.05	-0.4%	5.6%
Diapers Soft Love (a)	4.19	5kg-10kg	7.31	7.31	7.46	7.56	7.56	7.56	0.0%	1.3%
Toilet soap Lux	3.87	85g	0.99	1.04	1.05	1.18	1.20	1.33	10.4%	26.2%
Paste Colgate regular flavour	3.43	140g	4.33	4.33	4.36	4.86	4.86	4.99	2.7%	14.5%
Diapers Huggies	1.30	16kg & over	39.63	39.63	39.63	39.72	39.72	39.72	0.0%	0.2%

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)**

	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>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>	<i>n.a</i>	<b>5.6</b>	<i>n.a</i>	<i>n.a</i>	<b>34.7</b>
<i>Ave - 2020</i>	107.9	112.2	117.1	93.2	96.0	97.7	95.8	107.4		87.6			98.0
<i>Ave - 2021</i>	114.0	118.4	118.8	100.9	99.1	98.7	108.0	119.9		87.3			95.9
<i>Ave - 2022</i>	131.5	136.3	119.2	114.6	121.9	105.7	100.9	149.1		90.4			102.0
<i>2022</i>													
March	123.6	127.7	119.7	114.7	112.4	103.6	100.1	136.0		91.2			98.3
April	126.0	128.9	119.7	114.5	119.5	102.8	97.2	143.5		91.2			99.2
May	125.8	128.2	118.5	115.4	119.8	102.8	88.1	143.8		91.2			101.2
June	131.1	132.3	118.4	115.3	125.1	107.1	88.1	158.2		91.2			101.0
July	136.6	141.9	119.1	115.4	124.9	107.7	105.0	158.2		89.9			102.5
August	143.6	147.3	119.1	115.8	132.6	109.2	114.0	176.4		91.7			105.3
September	143.3	153.2	119.1	115.1	127.4	108.4	101.1	159.3		91.4			105.4
October	139.8	149.4	119.2	115.4	126.2	109.0	95.3	152.0		87.8			105.8
November	133.8	138.2	119.2	114.1	126.8	107.4	97.4	152.0		91.2			106.9
December	130.7	134.4	119.3	114.2	126.2	106.8	97.4	147.0		91.3			106.7
<i>2023</i>													
January	137.9	147.5	119.6	114.3	126.0	106.9	97.4	146.6		92.8			108.0
February	140.2	155.5	119.5	113.8	122.8	107.6	97.4	135.6		92.8			108.5
March (P)	140.7	154.0	119.9	116.6	124.8	107.2	92.9	141.2		92.8			111.9
<b><u>Percentage Change (P)</u></b>													
Mar 2023													
over	13.9%	20.6%	0.1%	1.6%	11.0%	3.4%	-7.3%	3.8%		1.7%			13.9%
Mar 2022													
Mar 2023													
over	0.4%	-1.0%	0.3%	2.4%	1.6%	-0.4%	-4.7%	4.1%		0.0%			3.2%
Feb 2023													

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)

	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 - 2020	107.6	112.2		93.2	93.7	97.7	95.8	110.4		87.6			98.0
Ave - 2021	112.3	118.4		100.9	94.5	98.7	108.0	114.4		87.3			95.9
Ave - 2022	126.8	136.3		114.6	110.2	105.7	100.9	115.7		90.4			102.0
2022													
February	120.3	128.0		114.3	105.4	102.2	116.1	114.6		88.1			96.4
March	120.2	127.7		114.7	105.1	103.6	100.1	114.6		91.2			98.3
April	121.4	128.9		114.5	111.5	102.8	97.2	114.6		91.2			99.2
May	121.2	128.2		115.4	111.8	102.8	88.1	114.6		91.2			101.2
June	124.1	132.3		115.3	111.5	107.1	88.1	114.6		91.2			101.0
July	130.9	141.9		115.4	111.2	107.7	105.0	114.6		89.9			102.5
August	135.0	147.3		115.8	111.9	109.2	114.0	116.1		91.7			105.3
September	139.0	153.2		115.1	112.6	108.4	101.1	117.5		91.4			105.4
October	136.4	149.4		115.4	112.2	109.0	95.3	117.6		87.8			105.8
November	128.9	138.2		114.1	112.9	107.4	97.4	117.8		91.2			106.9
December	126.2	134.4		114.2	112.4	106.8	97.4	117.8		91.3			106.7
2023													
January	135.2	147.5		114.3	112.9	106.9	97.4	117.8		92.8			108.0
February	140.7	155.5		113.8	112.9	107.6	97.4	117.8		92.8			108.5
March (P)	140.1	154.0		116.6	114.3	107.2	92.9	118.2		92.8			111.9
<b><u>Percentage Change (P)</u></b>													
Mar 2023 over Mar 2022	16.6%	20.6%		1.6%	8.8%	3.4%	-7.3%	3.2%		1.7%			13.9%
Mar 2023 over Feb 2023	-0.4%	-1.0%		2.4%	1.2%	-0.4%	-4.7%	0.4%		0.0%			3.2%

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 - 2020	105.3	106.8	120.7	94.2	87.6	100.3	103.0	100.1	104.2	100.0	114.9	109.4	102.3
Ave - 2021	105.9	105.6	122.2	93.8	90.3	100.3	103.0	99.6	107.1	100.0	109.9	111.2	102.3
Ave - 2022	112.6	122.8	123.6	92.1	84.2	100.6	103.0	104.3	124.5	100.0	109.4	126.2	102.3
2022													
March	108.9	116.6	123.3	94.2	83.9	100.5	103.0	98.2	115.8	100.0	109.4	118.3	102.3
April	108.6	115.8	123.1	94.2	83.9	100.5	103.0	98.2	115.8	100.0	109.4	118.3	102.3
May	109.0	116.9	123.5	94.2	83.9	100.5	103.0	98.2	115.8	100.0	109.4	118.3	102.3
June	111.2	122.4	123.6	94.2	83.9	100.5	103.0	100.1	115.8	100.0	109.4	128.3	102.3
July	114.4	123.9	123.9	90.4	83.9	100.6	103.0	107.9	133.7	100.0	109.4	128.5	102.3
August	116.4	129.5	124.4	90.6	84.7	100.6	103.0	110.6	133.7	100.0	109.4	129.2	102.3
September	117.1	129.9	124.4	89.8	84.7	100.8	103.0	113.7	133.7	100.0	109.4	133.8	102.3
October	115.9	126.7	124.3	91.1	84.7	100.9	103.0	110.6	133.7	100.0	109.4	133.2	102.3
November	115.5	126.3	124.4	88.3	84.7	101.0	103.0	109.7	132.0	100.0	109.4	135.1	102.3
December	117.5	134.6	123.9	90.1	84.7	101.0	103.0	107.8	132.0	100.0	109.4	135.1	102.3
2023													
January	118.6	138.4	124.5	90.7	84.7	100.9	103.0	108.2	132.0	100.0	109.4	135.1	102.3
February	118.0	137.5	124.9	90.7	84.7	100.9	103.0	108.9	132.0	100.0	96.3	135.1	102.3
March (P)	119.1	139.0	126.7	93.0	84.7	101.1	103.0	108.4	132.0	100.0	96.3	140.1	107.0
<b><u>Percentage Change (P)</u></b>													
Mar 2023 over Mar 2022	9.4%	19.1%	2.8%	-1.2%	1.0%	0.6%	0.0%	10.3%	14.0%	0.0%	-12.0%	18.4%	4.6%
Mar 2023 over Feb 2023	0.9%	1.1%	1.4%	2.5%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	-0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.7%	4.6%

Source : Samoa Bureau Statistics

(P) : Provisional figures

**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 - 2020	104.6	101.9		94.2		100.3	106.3	108.6	104.2		120.6	109.4	102.3
Ave - 2021	105.1	102.1		93.8		100.3	106.3	108.6	107.1		112.7	111.2	102.3
Ave - 2022	114.3	108.1		92.1		100.6	106.3	114.4	124.5		111.9	126.2	102.3
2022													
March	108.7	102.6		94.2		100.5	106.3	114.4	115.8		111.9	118.3	102.3
April	108.7	102.6		94.2		100.5	106.3	114.4	115.8		111.9	118.3	102.3
May	109.0	103.5		94.2		100.5	106.3	114.4	115.8		111.9	118.3	102.3
June	112.7	109.5		94.2		100.5	106.3	114.4	115.8		111.9	128.3	102.3
July	117.8	109.9		90.4		100.6	106.3	114.4	133.7		111.9	128.5	102.3
August	117.9	109.9		90.6		100.6	106.3	114.4	133.7		111.9	129.2	102.3
September	119.2	111.8		89.8		100.8	106.3	114.4	133.7		111.9	133.8	102.3
October	119.5	112.7		91.1		100.9	106.3	114.4	133.7		111.9	133.2	102.3
November	119.8	114.2		88.3		101.0	106.3	114.4	132.0		111.9	135.1	102.3
December	120.3	115.2		90.1		101.0	106.3	114.4	132.0		111.9	135.1	102.3
2023													
January	120.2	114.9		90.7		100.9	106.3	114.4	132.0		111.9	135.1	102.3
February	120.7	116.3		90.7		100.9	106.3	114.4	132.0		111.9	135.1	102.3
March (P)	122.3	117.9		93.0		101.1	106.3	114.4	132.0		111.9	140.1	107.0
<b><u>Percentage Change (P)</u></b>													
Mar 2023 over Mar 2022	12.5%	14.9%		-1.2%		0.6%	0.0%	0.0%	14.0%		0.0%	18.4%	4.6%
Mar 2023 over Feb 2023	1.3%	1.4%		2.5%		0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%		0.0%	3.7%	4.6%

Source : Samoa Bureau Statistics

(P) : Provisional figures

Note : n.a. Not applicable

**Table 8. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (AVERAGE ANNUAL INFLATION RATE).**

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

	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>
2019	1.0	1.0	4.1	-1.6	4.4	-1.6	3.1	-3.2	0.9	-4.2	2.8	4.4	0.0
2020	-1.6	-1.5	2.7	-0.3	-5.7	1.8	-0.9	-6.1	0.0	-0.3	1.2	5.9	1.0
2021	3.1	3.4	1.3	5.8	3.1	0.9	6.5	7.0	2.8	-0.3	-4.3	1.7	-1.6
2022	11.0	15.5	1.0	9.5	0.8	6.2	-3.6	17.3	16.2	3.2	-0.4	13.5	5.0
2022													
January	4.5	5.3	1.2	6.9	5.3	0.7	6.5	9.2	3.7	0.1	-4.7	2.0	-1.9
February	5.7	7.0	1.1	8.4	6.6	1.0	6.5	11.0	4.7	0.4	-4.3	2.4	-1.9
March	6.7	8.5	1.0	10.0	7.8	1.2	5.8	12.5	5.6	1.1	-4.0	2.7	-1.7
April	7.6	10.0	0.9	11.5	7.8	1.3	5.1	13.8	6.5	1.6	-3.6	3.0	-1.4
May	8.2	11.0	0.8	13.1	7.9	1.7	3.8	14.1	7.4	1.9	-3.2	3.4	-0.9
June	8.8	12.2	0.6	14.5	6.3	2.4	2.4	14.6	8.4	2.0	-2.8	4.5	-0.1
July	9.5	13.6	0.7	13.6	4.7	3.1	1.7	15.3	10.7	2.1	-2.4	5.6	0.7
August	10.3	14.9	0.8	12.9	3.2	3.8	1.0	16.9	13.1	2.5	-2.0	6.7	1.5
September	11.0	16.2	0.9	12.1	1.9	4.4	-0.1	17.5	15.5	2.9	-1.6	8.4	2.3
October	11.3	16.8	0.9	11.3	0.1	5.1	-1.5	17.9	15.8	2.8	-1.2	10.0	3.2
November	11.3	16.3	1.0	10.4	0.6	5.7	-2.7	18.2	16.0	3.0	-0.8	11.8	4.1
December	11.0	15.5	1.0	9.5	0.8	6.2	-3.6	17.3	16.2	3.2	-0.4	13.5	5.0
2022													
January	11.0	15.6	1.1	8.4	0.5	6.5	-4.4	16.7	16.4	3.4	0.0	14.1	6.0
February	11.2	16.2	1.2	6.9	0.6	6.6	-5.5	16.2	16.6	3.7	-1.0	14.8	6.8
March (P)	11.5	16.9	1.3	5.5	0.6	6.5	-5.6	15.6	16.8	0.0	-2.0	15.7	7.7

Source : Samoa Bureau Statistics

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**Table 9 Consumer Price Index (Percentage change and Average Annual Inflation)**

(Base Period: Average Prices February 2016 = 100)

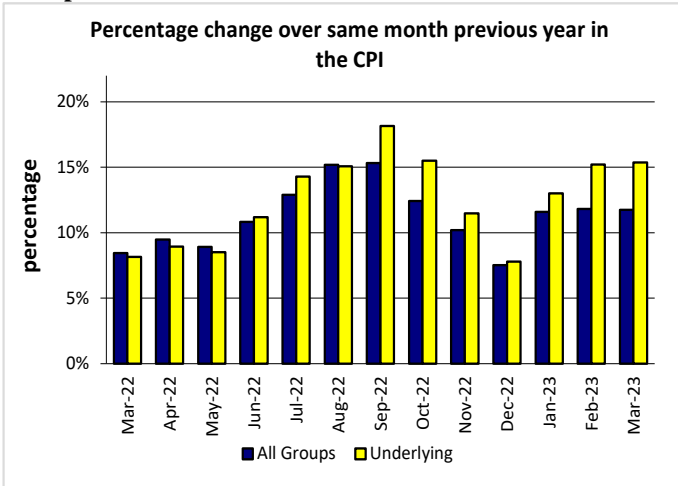
	<b>CPI ALL ITEMS</b>	Percentage change over previous month	Last 12 months over previous 12 months	<b>UNDERLYING ALL ITEMS</b>	Percentage change over previous month	Last 12 months over previous 12 months	<b>LOCAL COMPONENT</b>	Percentage change over previous month	Last 12 months over previous 12 months	<b>IMPORTED COMPONENT</b>	Percentage change over previous month	Last 12 months over previous 12 months
2019	108.3	-	1.0	107.2	-	0.5	105.5	-	2.8	111.1	-	-0.7
2020	106.6	-	-1.6	106.6	-	-0.5	105.3	-	-0.2	107.9	-	-2.9
2021	109.9	-	3.1	110.1	-	3.2	105.9	-	0.6	114.0	-	5.7
2022	122.0	-	11.0	122.9	-	11.6	112.6	-	6.3	131.5	-	15.3
2022												
March	116.2	0.7	6.7	116.6	0.0	6.2	108.9	0.4	2.7	123.6	1.0	10.8
April	117.2	0.9	7.6	117.4	0.7	7.0	108.6	-0.3	3.1	126.0	2.0	12.1
May	117.3	0.1	8.2	117.3	-0.1	7.6	109.0	0.4	3.6	125.8	-0.2	12.7
June	121.0	3.2	8.8	120.5	2.7	8.4	111.2	2.0	3.9	131.1	4.2	13.6
July	125.3	3.6	9.5	126.7	5.2	9.4	114.4	2.9	4.4	136.6	4.2	14.5
August	129.9	3.6	10.3	129.6	2.3	10.4	116.4	1.8	4.9	143.6	5.1	15.6
September	130.1	0.2	11.0	132.7	2.4	11.4	117.1	0.6	5.5	143.3	-0.2	16.4
October	127.7	-1.8	11.3	131.1	-1.2	11.9	115.9	-1.1	5.7	139.8	-2.4	16.6
November	124.6	-2.5	11.3	126.0	-3.8	12.0	115.5	-0.3	6.0	133.8	-4.3	16.4
December	124.0	-0.4	11.0	124.4	-1.3	11.6	117.5	1.7	6.3	130.7	-2.3	15.3
2023												
January	128.2	3.3	11.0	130.5	4.9	11.9	118.6	1.0	6.7	137.9	5.5	15.1
February	129.0	0.6	11.2	134.4	3.0	12.3	118.0	-0.5	7.1	140.2	1.6	15.1
March (P)	129.8	0.6	11.5	134.5	0.1	12.9	119.1	0.9	7.5	140.7	0.4	15.2

Source : Samoa Bureau Statistics

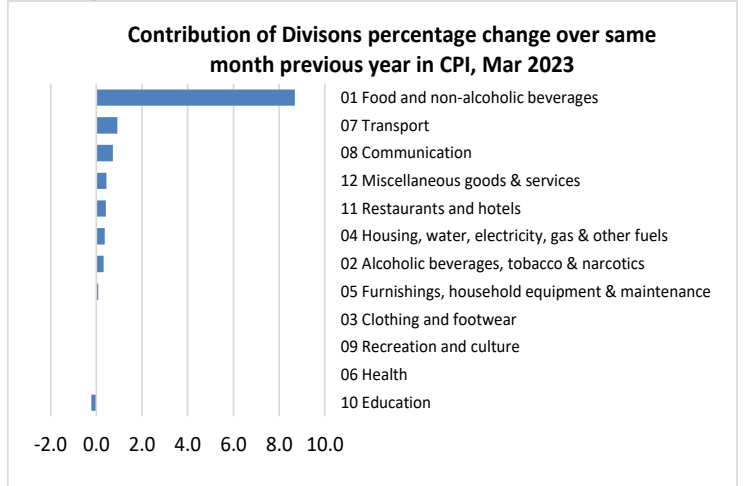
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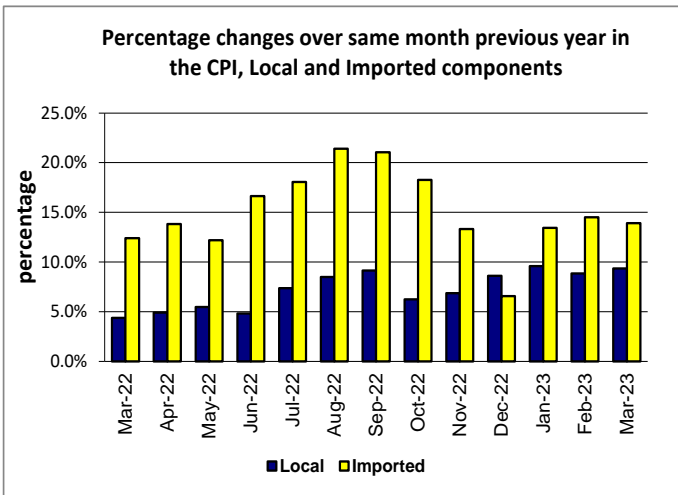
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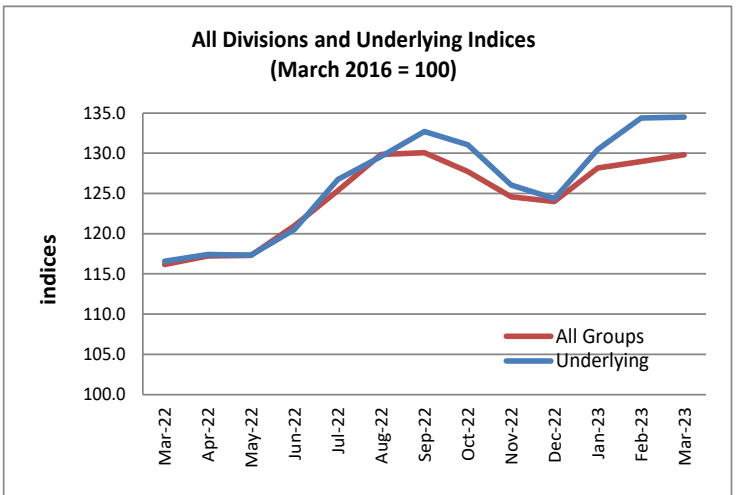
**Graph.6**



**Graph.7**



**Graph.8**



**Graph.9**

