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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

MARCH 2025

Consumer Price Index March 2025

Consumer Price Index: All Groups CPI, March 2025.

Puntland basket of consumer goods and services sample contains 12 categories based on the standard classification of individual consumption by purpose. These 12 categories consist of 387 individual items of goods and services and the price per item is collected from the markets of all the major cities in Puntland on weekly basis.

The All-Groups CPI decreased from 103.01 to 102.90 in March 2025. The monthly change of March 2025 was decrease of -0.11 percent compared to decrease of -0.40 percent in the previous month of February 2025. The most significant monthly price decrease was in Food & Beverages (-1.18%), Tobacco & khat (-0.52%), Furnishing, Households and Maintenance (-0.44%). These Negative movements led to price development at All-Groups of CPI level.

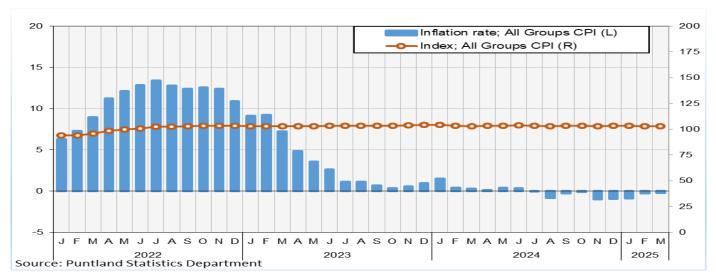


Figure 1: All Groups CPI - Combination inflation rate and index graph.

The annual change (or inflation rate), over the twelve months to March 2025 was a decrease of -0.22 percent. This change is compared to a decrease of -0.26 percent over the twelve months to February 2025. The most significant price decrease was Transport (-5.64%), Food & Beverages (-2.94%), Tobacco & khat (-2.49%), Recreation & Culture (-0.96%). In general, there has been a well-grounded negative price development.

Table 1: Inflation rate according to CPI – March 2025 (2015 = 100)

Consumer Price Index, March 2025	
Index (current month) = March 2025	102.90
Index (previous month) = February 2025	103.01
Index (previous year, same month) = March 2024	103.13
Monthly % change = February 2025 / March 2025	-0.11%
Annual % change (inflation rate) = March 2024 / March 2025	-0.22%

Consumer Price Index: Selected Groups in March 2025.

Food & Beverages and **Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and Other Fuels** are currently the most significant items in the consumer basket regarding household expenditure and therefore have the largest weighted influence on the All-Groups CPI.

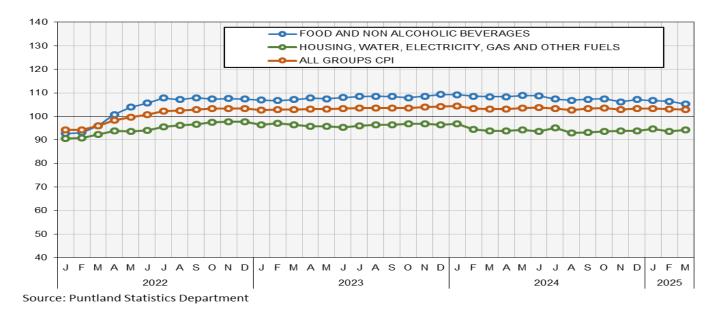
Food & Beverages experienced a monthly decrease of -1.18 percent in March 2025 Compared to a price decrease of -0.22 percent recorded in February 2025. Year-on-year inflation decreased by -2.94 percent in March 2025, this change is compared to the year-on-year inflation of -1.92 percent decrease experienced in February 2025.

Item name	January (%)	February (%)	March (%)	
Food and Beverages	-0.40%	-0.22%	-1.18%	
Food	-0.48%	-0.23%	-1.22%	
Bread, Rice, Flour, and Cereals	0.31%	-0.55%	-0.51%	
Sugar	-2.30%	1.64%	-4.33%	
Meat (non-durable)	0.00%	0.00%	-3.46%	
Fish (non-durable)	0.00%	0.01%	0.00%	
Milk Cheese and Eggs (Non-Durable)	1.14%	0.45%	0.95%	
Oils and Fats (Non-Durable)	-3.16%	0.91%	-0.77%	
Fruit (non-durable)	1.90%	-4.08%	0.42%	
Vegetables (non-durable)	-3.02%	-0.60%	-2.69%	

 Table 2: Monthly Price percentage changes for some selected food Items

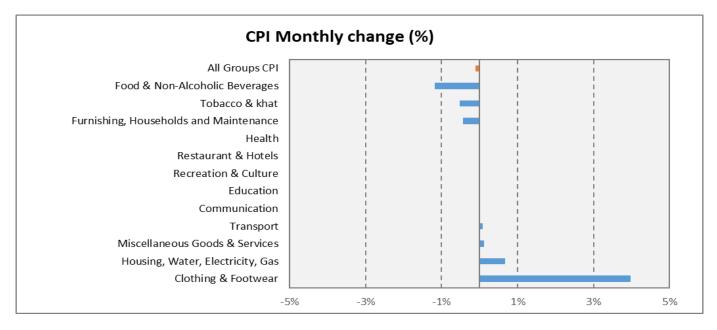
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and Other Fuels experienced a monthly increase of 0.67 percent in March 2025 compared to a price decrease of -1.09 percent recorded in February 2025. The year-on-year inflation rate decreased to 0.46 percent in March 2025, this change is compared to year-on-year inflation decreased to -0.82 percent experienced in February 2025.





Consumer Price Index: Major Movements by COICOP Group – Monthly Change

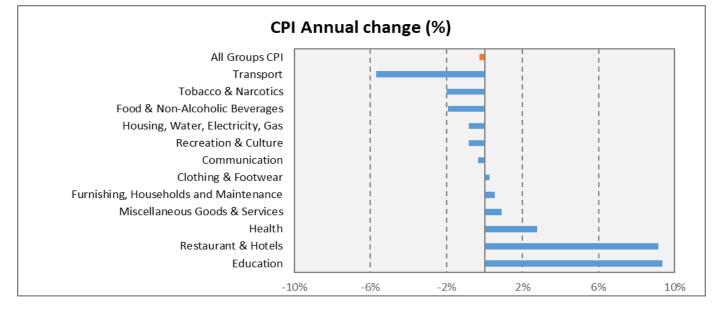




- Major contributors (Negative).
- Food & Beverages prices decreased by (-1.18%) in March 2025 compared to a price of (-0.22%) recorded in February 2025. This was mainly attributed to food (-1.22%).
- **Tobacco & khat** prices decreased by (-0.52%) in March 2025 compared to a price of (1.10%) recorded in February 2025. This decrease was mainly attributed to khat (-1.58%).
- **Furnishing, Households and Maintenance** prices decreased by (-0.44%) in March 2025 compared to a price of (-0.11%) recorded in February 2025. This decrease was mainly attributed to goods and services for routine household maintenance (-1.31%).
- Major contributors (Positive).
- **Clothing & Footwear** increased by (3.98%) in March 2025 compared to a price of (-0.14%) in February 2025. This increase was mainly attributed to clothing (3.92%).
- Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas increased by (0.67%) in March 2024 compared to a price of (-1.09%) in February 2024. This increase was mainly attributed to Water supply and miscellaneous services relating to the dwelling (1.94%).

Consumer Price Index: Major Movements by COICOP Group – Annual Change.

Figure 4: CPI indices, annual inflation rate by COICOP groups; March 2025.



Major contributors (Negative).

• **Transport sector** showed an annual price development of (-5.64%) for the year ending March 2025 compared to decrease of (-5.69%) recorded for the year ending February 2025. This was mainly due to decrease of Transport services (-6.59%).

- Food & Beverages sector showed an annual price development of (-2.94%) for the year ending March 2025 compared to decrease of (-1.92%) recorded for the year ending February 2025. This was mainly due to a decrease in Food (-2.91%).
- **Tobacco & khat** category showed an annual price development of (-2.49%) for the year ending in March 2025 compared to an decrease of (-1.98%) recorded for the year ending February 2025. This was mainly due to Khat (-3.95%).

Major contributors (positive).

• Education category showed an annual price development of (9.37%) for the year ending in March 2025 compared to an increase of (9.37%) recorded for the year ending February 2025. This was mainly due to Secondary education (14.86%) and pre primary and primary education (3.63%).

• **Restaurant & Hotels** category showed an annual price development of (9.15%) for the year ending in March 2025 compared to an increase of (9.13%) recorded for the year ending February 2025. This was mainly due to catering services (9.98%).

Consumer Price Index: Summary Table and Inflation Contribution by COICOP Group Summary Table. Key Figures.

 Table 3: Key Figures, March2025 by main COICOP groups (Index = 100 at 2015)

COICOP Classification Group	Mar-24	Feb-25	Mar-25	Feb-25 to Mar-25 (monthly)	Mar-24 to Mar-25 (annual)
	Index	Index	Index	% change	% change
All Groups CPI	103.13	103.01	102.90	-0.11	-0.22
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	108.38	106.45	105.20	-1.18	-2.94
Tobacco & Khad	117.57	115.24	114.65	-0.52	-2.49
Clothing & Footwear	92.69	92.61	96.30	3.98	3.90
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas	93.90	93.71	94.33	0.67	0.46
Furnishings, Household Equipment, and routine maintenance of the house	103.37	103.73	103.28	-0.44	-0.09
Health	97.16	97.72	97.72	0.00	0.58
Transport	118.89	112.10	112.18	0.08	-5.64
Communication	88.96	88.95	88.95	0.00	-0.02
Recreation & Culture	106.47	105.45	105.45	0.00	-0.96
Education	100.88	110.34	110.34	0.00	9.37
Restaurant & Hotels	117.40	128.15	128.15	0.00	9.15
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	132.27	134.91	135.06	0.11	2.11

Annual Inflation. Contribution by COICOP Group.

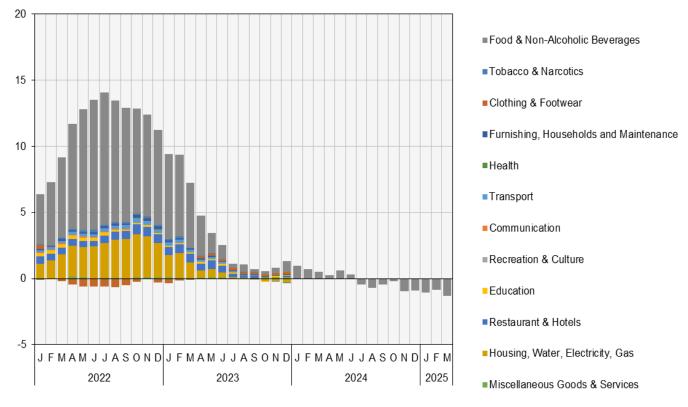


Figure 5: Point contribution (weighted %) by COICOP Group to the All-Groups CPI; March 2025.

Figure 5 provides an additional analysis of the All-Groups CPI inflation result. The All-Groups movement is broken into a cross-section of COICOP Groups displaying their respective impact (contribution) to the All.

Source: Puntland Statistics Department