

**NEWS RELEASE****THE NATIONAL CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (BASE 2021=100): June 2023****Department of Census and Statistics****Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies****TEL: 011-2147414****FAX: 011-2877945****E-mail: prices@statistics.gov.lk**

The National Consumer Price Index (NCPI) with an index reference period 2013=100 was updated to a new index reference period of 2021= 100 from January 2023. Issuing the NCPI, for the month of June 2023, the Director General of Census and Statistics said that headline inflation as measured by the Year-on-Year change (The percentage change in the current month NCPI over same month NCPI of last year) based on the NCPI has been compiled as 10.8%. The headline inflation reported for the month of May 2023 was 22.1%. Contributions to the inflation rate of June 2023 from the food group and non-food group are 1.2% and 9.6% respectively. With respect to June 2022, the reported inflation for the month of June 2023 was mainly due to the higher price levels prevailed in both food and non-food groups. Anyway, on a monthly basis, the Year-on-Year inflation of the food group decreased to 2.5% in June 2023 from 15.8% in May 2023 and the Year-on-Year inflation of the non-food group decreased to 18.3% in June 2023 from 27.6% in May 2023.

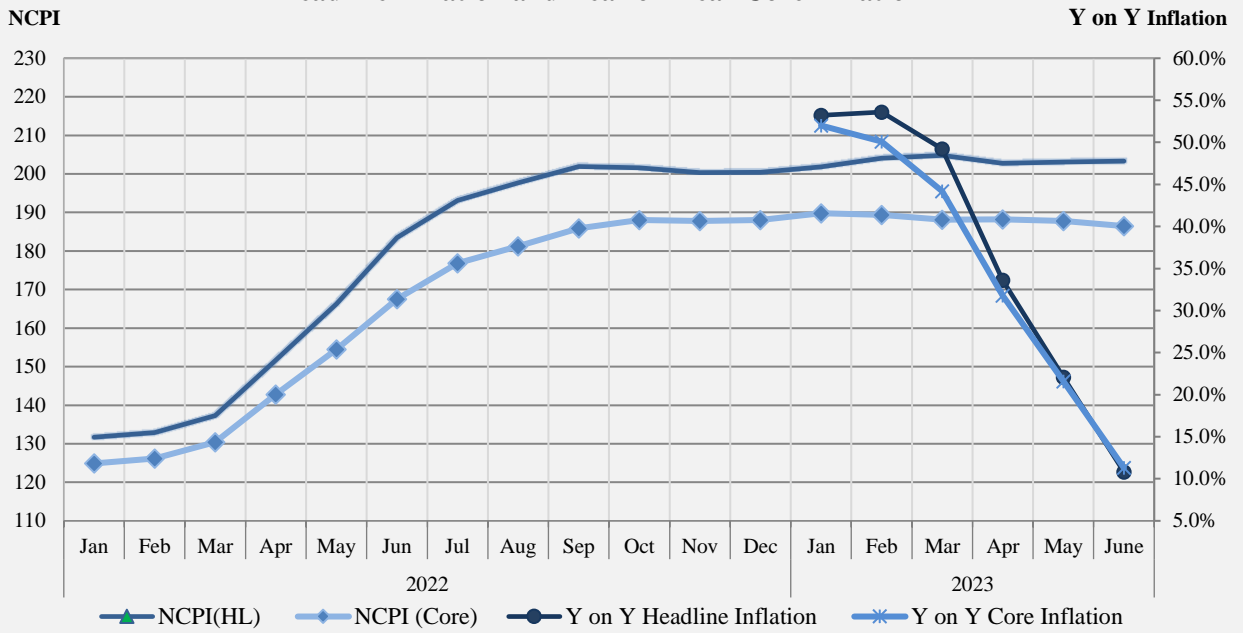
Comparing the month-on-month changes, NCPI (Base 2021=100) in June 2023 has increased to 203.3 from 203.1 reported in May 2023. This shows an increase of 0.2 index points or 0.07 percent as compared to May 2023. The month-on-month change was contributed by increases in food items of 0.44% and decreases in non-food items of 0.37% respectively.

Price increases of food items were mainly reported for Vegetables, Fresh fish, Chicken, Green chilies, Dried fish, Tea dust/leaves, Eggs, Garlic, Potatoes, Red onions, Ginger, Limes, Bread fruit and Manioc. However, decreases in prices were reported for Milk powder, Rice, Fresh fruits, Coconuts, Sugar, Mysore dhal, Biscuits, Coconut oil, Chili powder, Dried chilies, Bread (normal), Green gram, Wheat flour, Turmeric powder, Gram, Canned fish and Big onions.

The decreases in index values of non-food groups in June 2023 compared to the previous month was mainly due to the price decreases in groups of items 'Clothing and Footwear' (*Footwear*), 'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other fuels' (*Materials for the Maintenance and LP Gas*) and 'Transport' (*Petrol*). However, a price increase in group of items was reported for 'Restaurants and Hotels'. 'Further, very slight price increases were reported in the groups of 'Furnishing, Household equipment and Routine household maintenance', 'Health', 'Recreation and Culture' and 'Miscellaneous Goods and Services' and very slight price decrease was reported in the group Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics'. Meanwhile, the price indices of 'Education' and 'Communication' groups remained unchanged during the month.

Core inflation, which reflects the underlying inflation by excluding volatile items of food, energy and transport groups in the economy as measured by the Year-on-Year change based on NCPI (Base 2021=100) for the month of June 2023 was decreased to 11.3% from 21.6% reported in month of May 2023.

**Movements of the NCPI (Base 2021=100), NCPI(Core), Year on Year
Headline Inflation and Year on Year Core Inflation**



Movements of the NCPI (Base : 2021 = 100)

Year	Month	Index Number				Month to Month % change of Index Number		Year on Year Inflation %			
		NCPI(HL)			NCPI (Core)	NCPI(HL)	NCPI (Core)	NCPI(HL)			NCPI (Core)
		All Items	Food	Non Food	All Items			All Items	Food	Non Food	All Items
2022	June	183.5	222.8	158.2	167.5	10.3	8.4				
	July	193.1	233.4	167.1	176.8	5.2	5.6				
	August	197.7	237.5	171.9	181.2	2.4	2.5				
	September	201.9	239.1	178.0	185.9	2.1	2.6				
	October	201.6	236.5	179.1	188.0	-0.1	1.1				
	November	200.3	233.2	179.1	187.8	-0.6	-0.1				
	December	200.4	232.4	179.8	188.0	0.0	0.1				
2023	January	201.8	232.8	181.8	189.8	0.7	1.0	53.2	53.6	52.9	52.0
	February	204.1	228.1	188.6	189.4	1.1	-0.2	53.6	49.0	57.4	50.1
	March	204.8	223.2	193.0	188.1	0.3	-0.7	49.2	42.3	54.9	44.2
	April	202.7	223.8	189.1	188.2	-1.0	0.1	33.6	27.1	39.0	31.8
	May	203.1	226.1	188.3	187.8	0.2	-0.2	22.1	15.8	27.6	21.6
	June	203.3	228.4	187.1	186.5	0.1	-0.7	10.8	2.5	18.3	11.3