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Consumer Price Indices: August 2026

The Year-on-Year inflation rate declined to 20.0 percent in August 2026, representing a 0.8 percentage point decline from 20.8 percent recorded in July 2026. Food inflation declined to 13.4 percent in August 2026, down from 14.3 percent in July 2026, while non-food inflation moderated to 31.8 percent from 32.2 percent over the same period.

The national month-to-month inflation rate stood at 2.0 percent in August 2026, unchanged from the level recorded in July. The food inflation was at 2.5 percent from 2.9 percent in July 2026 while non-food inflation increased to 1.2 percent from 0.7 percent over the same period.

In urban areas, the month-to-month inflation rate reached 1.8 percent, comprising a 2.7 percent increase in food prices and a 0.7 percent rise in non-food prices. In contrast, rural areas experienced a higher inflation rate of 2.1 percent, largely due to a 2.4 percent rise in food prices, while non-food prices increased by 1.6 percent.

