



Inflation Report

October 2021





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Data from the Ghana Statistical Service (GSS) reveals that headline inflation for October 2021 increased by 0.4 percentage points to 11.0% from the 10.6% recorded in September 2021. This increase was largely driven by the rise in prices of some non-food items (housing, water, electricity and fuel) during the period. This is the second month inflation has exceeded government’s target band since August this year.

Non-food inflation recorded in the month of October was 11.0% (the highest since the implementation of the new series in August 2019). Housing, water, electricity and fuel prices were the main drivers for the increase.

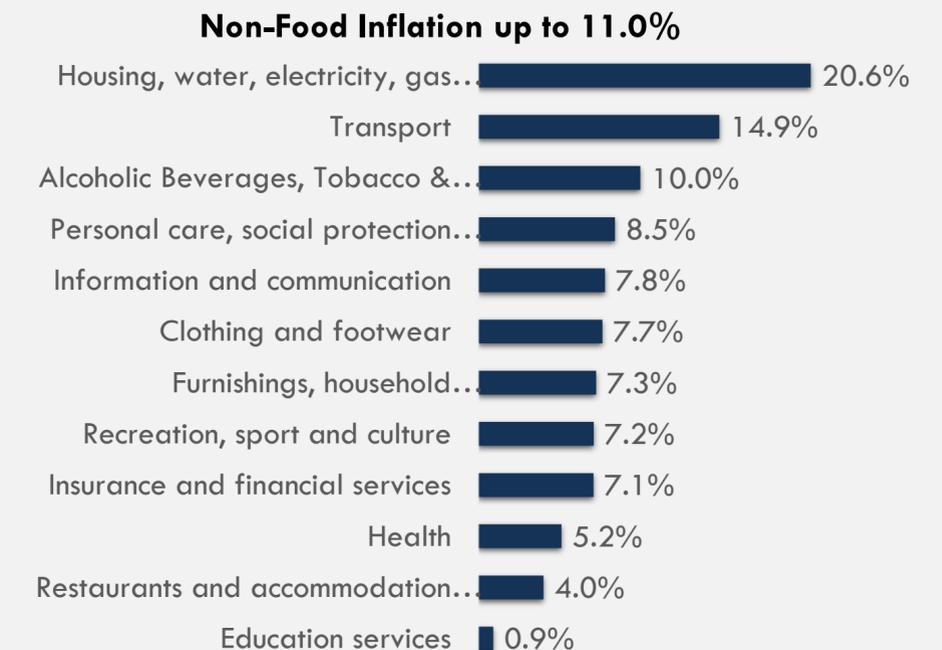
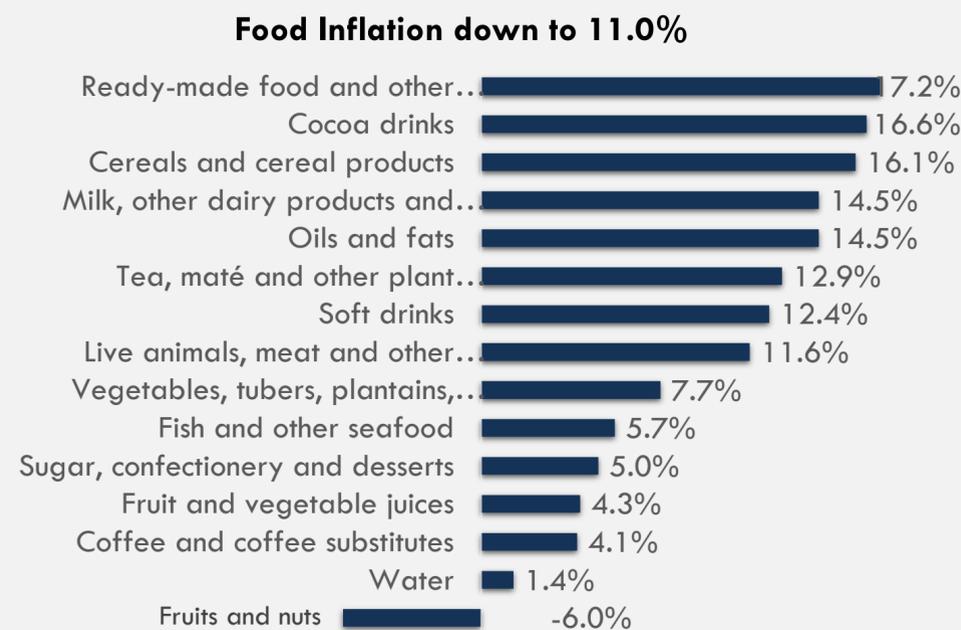
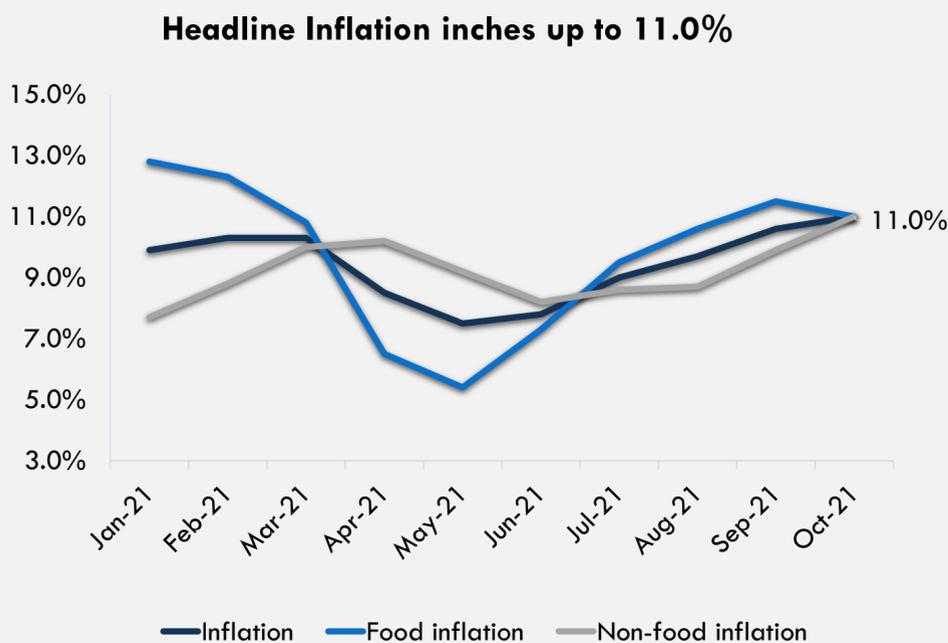
Unlike previous months, food inflation was not the main driver of inflation during the month as it recorded a 0.5% overall decline to 11.0% from the 11.5% recorded in September 2021. The decline in the average prices of some key drivers of food inflation (fruits, vegetables, tubers, plantains and legumes) for the period under review contributed to the decline.

At the regional level, the year-on-year inflation rate ranged from 1.9% to 19.2%. Eastern Region recorded the least inflation rate of 1.9% whereas the Upper West Region recorded the highest inflation of 19.2%. Six regions (Upper East, Brong Ahafo, Greater Accra, Ashanti, Northern and Upper West) recorded inflation rates above the national average of 11.0%.

The ongoing oil supply disruptions globally and the secondary effects from the uptick in fuel prices in Ghana pose a risk to inflation in the coming weeks. These developments could also influence the Bank of Ghana’s Monetary Policy Committee’s (MPC) decision in its upcoming meeting.

Food inflation by major subgroup

Non-food inflation by major subgroup





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