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5.3% the Average Increase of the Inflation Rate for August 2018 compared with the same month of 2017(100=2010)

The monthly report on inflation in Jordan issued by the Department of Statistics indicates that the Consumer Price Average (Inflation) reached 125.5 in August 2018 against 119.1 during the same month of 2017 recorded an increase by 5.3%.The main commodities groups, which contributed to this increase, were “Transport” by 1.82 percentage points “Cereals and its Products” by 1.11 percentage points, “Tobacco and cigarettes” by 0.59 percentage points, “fuel and lighting” 0.54 percentage points, “Rents” 0.40 percentage points. Meanwhile, the main commodities groups which witnessed a decrease in their prices were “Fruits & nuts” by 0.09 percentage points, “ clothes” 0.06 percentage points, “ spices, food enhancers and other foods” by 0.01 percentage points and “Sugar and its products” by 0.01 percentage points.

The Consumer Price Average for August 2018 has increased by 0.2% compared with the previous month (July) 2018. The main commodities groups which contributed to this increase were “Yoghurt and its products and eggs” by 0.10 percentage points, “Transport” 0.08 percentage points, “Vegetables, Dried and Canned Legumes” by 0.06 percentage points, “fuel and lighting” by 0.01 percentage points and “Clothes” 0.01 percentage points. Meanwhile, the main groups which witnessed a decrease in their prices were “Fruits & nuts” by 0.07 percentage points, “Meat & poultry” 0.05 percentage point and “ Personal belongings” by 0.01 percentage points.

The report also shows that the Consumer Price Average for the first eight months of 2018 has increased by 4.6% compared with the same period of 2017. The main commodities groups

which contributed to this increase were “Transport” by 1.45 percentage points, “Cereals and their products” 0.98 percentage points , “Tobacco and cigarettes” by 0.66 percentage points, “Rents” by 0.42 percentage points and “fuel and lighting” by 0.37 percentage points. Meanwhile, the main commodities groups which witnessed a decrease in their prices were “Vegetables, Dried and Canned Legumes” 0.20 percentage points , “Clothes” 0.05 percentage points and “footwear” by 0.01 percentage points.

As for the core inflation of the consumer Price index for August 2018 (which is calculated after excluding the most fluctuating commodities’ prices of food, fuel , lighting and transport group) it has reached 129.0 against 126.0 recording an increase of 2.4% during the same month of 2017.

Fig 1:General Monthly CPI for 2017 and 2018

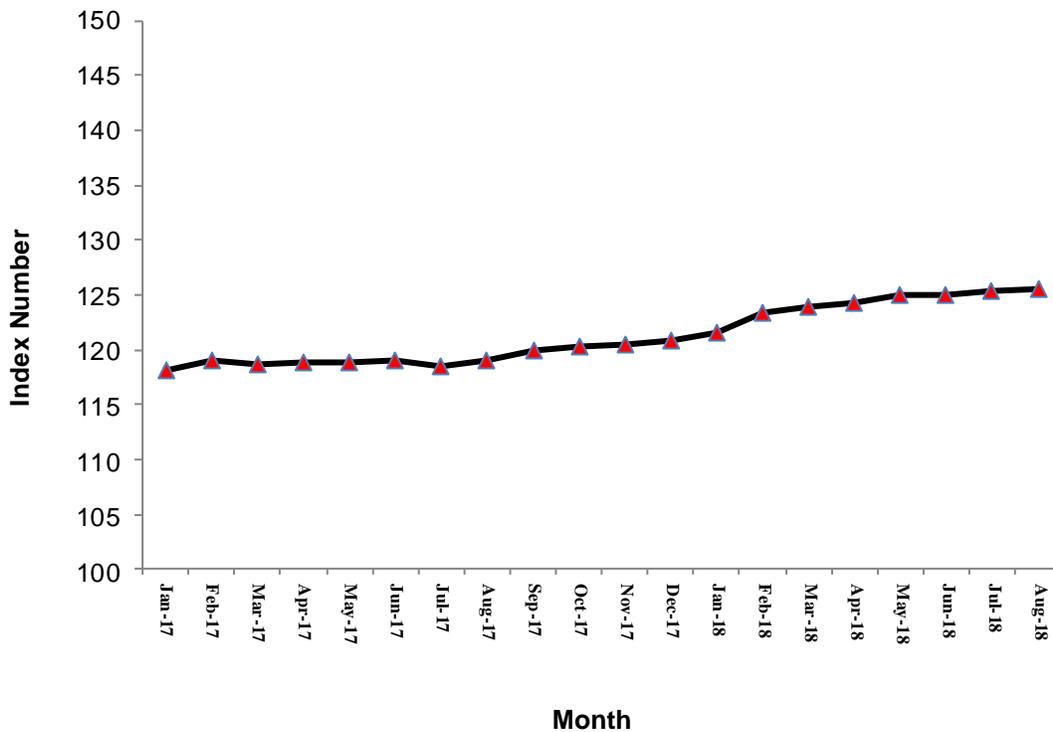


Table 1: General CPI Monthly Index for 2017 and 2018 (100=2010)

Month	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Year												
2017	118.17	119.12	118.78	118.80	118.88	119.03	118.56	119.13	120.00	120.26	120.44	120.84
2018	121.67	123.46	123.99	124.28	124.93	125.07	125.30	125.48				

**Table 2: Monthly & accumulative average change of the Consumer Price Index
during 2017 and 2018 (100=2010)**

Month	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	August	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Year												
2017												
Monthly	0.95	0.81	0.29-	0.02	0.06	0.13	0.40-	0.48	0.73	0.21	0.15	0.34
2017												
accumulative	2.54	3.54	3.78	3.72	3.71	3.71	3.44	3.29	3.31	3.33	3.33	3.32
2018												
monthly	0.69	1.47	0.43	0.23	0.52	0.11	0.18	0.15				

Table 3: Average change in the accumulative core inflations for 2017 & 2018 (100=2010)

Month	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Year												
2017	2.78	3.07	3.09	2.92	2.96	3.29	3.17	3.29	2.79	3.02	2.09	2.04
2018	2.29	2.35	2.5	2.39	2.42	2.45	2.35	2.36				