



Analysis on Consumer Price Index – May 2025

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All India sequential inflation rates (%) based on CPI (General) and CFPI: April 2025 over March 2025

		April 2025 (Provisional)			March 2025		
		Rural	Urban	Combd	Rural	Urban	Combd
Inflation	CPI (General)	2.92	3.36	3.16	3.25	3.43	3.34
	CFPI	1.85	1.64	1.78	2.82	2.48	2.69

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All India year-on-year inflation rates (%) based on CPI (General) and CFPI: April 2025 over April 2024

		April 2025 (Provisional)			April 2024		
		Rural	Urban	Combd	Rural	Urban	Combd
Inflation	CPI (General)	2.92	3.36	3.16	5.43	4.11	4.83
	CFPI	1.85	1.64	1.78	8.75	8.56	8.70

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India Consumer Price Indices and year-on-year Inflation rates (%) for April 2025 (Provisional)			
Category	Rural	Urban	Combined
Food and Beverages	2.06	2.24	2.14
Pan, tobacco and intoxicants	2.29	1.52	2.08
Clothing and Footwear	2.46	2.93	2.67
Housing	-	3.00	3.00
Fuel and Light	2.17	4.34	2.92
Miscellaneous	5.07	4.98	5.02
General Index (All Groups)	2.92	3.36	3.16
Consumer Food Price Index	1.85	1.64	1.78

Source: Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, GoI (https://www.mospi.gov.in/sites/default/files/press_release/CPI_PR_13May25.pdf)

Analysis



CPI inflation for the month of April, 2025 over April, 2024 stands at 3.16% (provisional). This is an 18 basis points decline in headline inflation of April, 2025 in comparison to March, 2025. However, it is the lowest year-on-year inflation after July, 2019

The significant softening of CPI and food inflation during the April, 2025 is mainly attributed to decline in prices of Vegetables, Pulses & Products, Fruits, Meat & fish, Personal care and Cereals

Both the rural and urban segments of the economy are witnessing softening of CPI inflation, with 2.92% and 3.36% in April 2025 in comparison to 5.43% and 4.11% respectively in April, 2024

This is expected to further give comfort to RBI to reduce interest rates, in the next bi-monthly MPC meeting, which will reduce industry debt burden

We expect food inflation to cool down further given the anticipation of a good monsoon. Further, the crude prices is expected to be range bound between US\$60 to US\$65 per barrel in the short to medium term further boosting private final consumption expenditure and therefore bolstering economic growth

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