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Foreword

We are pleased to publish this quarter's Consumer Price Index (CPI) publication.

The statistical information presented in this publication contains a wealth of information that measures quarterly changes in prices of a "basket" of goods and services, which are representative of purchases by private households in Palau.

We acknowledge with great appreciation the valuable contributions of many offices of the National Government and state governments as well as those participating establishments for enabling us to continue the collection of prices on a quarterly basis for the selected items within the Palau CPI. With your cooperation and assistance, we will continue to publish the Palau CPI to account for the changes in the prices of commodities consumed by all the people residing in Palau.

Sincerely,

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Director

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Explanatory Notes

Brief Description of the Palau Consumer Price Index:

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) measures quarterly changes in prices of a 'basket' of goods and services, which are representative of purchases by private households in Palau. This 'basket' covers a wide range of goods and services, arranged in the following twelve groups: Food and non-alcoholic beverages; Alcoholic beverages, tobacco and narcotics; Clothing and footwear; Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels; Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance; Health; Transport; Communication; Recreation and culture; Education; Restaurants and hotels; Miscellaneous goods and services. Examples of items priced in each major group can be found in Appendix 2.

The Palau CPI measures price changes over time. It does not measure difference in price levels between groups or sub-groups. The base period for the Palau index is the third quarter of 2016.

Weighting of the CPI 'Basket'

The weighting is based on the results from the 2014 *Household Income and Expenditure Survey* (HIES). The weights on expenditure groups are displayed in the CPI tables appearing in the subsequent pages. The sum of all the twelve weighted groups is equal to 100. Each weight for a certain expenditure group represents the percentage of consumer expenditure on that expenditure group in 2014. For example, the weight for the Food and non-alcoholic beverages group in Palau is 23.62 percent; consequently, about 24 percent of the household expenditure in Palau is used for food and non-alcoholic beverage purchases. More details on the weights for each major group and sub-group can be found in Appendix 1.

Prices

Prices of goods and services included in the CPI are collected quarterly in the middle month of each quarter, from a representative range of retail outlets.

Domestic and Imported Price Indexes

These sub-indexes can give an indication of factors driving CPI price changes. The import index includes only items that are imported, such as canned foods, fuels, rice, motor vehicles. On the other hand, the domestic index includes items and services that are locally produced and have a local component, such as fresh fish, local produce, bakery goods, seafarers and electricity.

Note, however, that the prices for domestic items may be determined by prices of imported items. For example, if price of fuel, an imported commodity, should increase this will cause an upward movement in the domestic CPI index, because a higher fuel price causes an increase in price for items which are reflected in the domestic index.

In Palau, like other countries in the Pacific, imported items and services dominate household consumption, resulting in a weight of 57.03 percent. In other words, imported items represent around 64 percent of the overall consumer spending, while domestic items make up around 36 percent of consumer spending.

Analysis of CPI Changes:

Movements in index numbers from one period to another can be expressed in index points or as percentage changes. The following example illustrates the method of calculating changes in index points and percentage changes between any two periods. It is simply a difference between the current quarter index and the previous quarter index. The difference is divided by the previous quarter's index to generate the percent change between those two periods.

Example (quarterly change)

Reference Periods: 1st Quarter 2012 – 4th Quarter 2011

Change in Index: 112.1 - 111.8 = 0.3

Change in Percent: 0.3/111.8 = .003

.003 * 100 = 0.3%

Example (annual change)

Reference Periods: 1st Quarter 2012 – 1st Quarter 2011

Change in Index: 112.1 – 103.9 = 8.2

Change in Percent: 8.2/103.9 = .079

.079 * 100 = 7.9%

For Further Information

In addition to the statistics included in this publication, the Office of Planning and Statistics may have further details available. Inquiries should be directed to Ms. Muriell Sinsak, Senior Planning Analyst, Office of Planning and Statistics at phone: (680) 767-1269, fax: (680) 767-5642; or email: ops@palaugov.org.

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Summary of Quarterly Movement

The Palau quarterly inflation rate experienced a decrease of 0.9 percent. Clothing and footwear group, Housing, water, electricity, gas, and other fuels group, Transport group and Food and non-alcoholic beverages group contributed to the decline, while the other major groups either increased or experienced little to no change. The table below illustrates the percentage contribution for the major groups when compared to previous quarter.

Major Group	% Changes compared to Previous Qtr.
✓ Clothing and footwear	-2.4
✓ Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	-1.9
✓ Transport	-1.6
✓ Food and non-alcoholic beverages	-1.3
✓ Health	0.0
✓ Communication	0.0
✓ Restaurants and hotels	0.0
✓ Education	0.0
✓ Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	0.3
✓ Recreation and culture	0.4
✓ Miscellaneous goods and services	0.5
✓ Alcoholic beverages, tobacco and narcotics	0.8

This quarter's inflation rate can be further analyzed for domestic and imported items (Table 4). Domestic items show a decrease of 0.5 percent while imported items realized a decline of 1.0 percent.

More details on what has caused the latest quarterly movement can be found in the "quarterly change analysis" section of this report.

Summary of Annual Movement

The Palau annual inflation rate for this quarter is 8.3 percent. All major groups experienced an increase except for Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels groups. The major groups that contributed the most to the increase in growth include Restaurants & hotels group, Transport group, Miscellaneous goods & services group, Food & non-alcoholic beverages group, Alcoholic beverages, tobacco & narcotics group and Furnishings, household equipment & routine household maintenance group. The table below illustrates the percentage contribution for the major groups over the corresponding quarters for the past 12 months.

Major Group	% Changes compared to corresponding Qtr. (Dec 2022 – Dec 2023)
✓ Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	-2.6
✓ Communication	2.4
✓ Education	2.5
✓ Health	2.5
✓ Clothing and footwear	2.8
✓ Recreation and culture	6.9
✓ Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	10.0
✓ Alcoholic beverages, tobacco and narcotics	10.3
✓ Food and non-alcoholic beverages	10.9
✓ Miscellaneous goods and services	11.8
✓ Transport	14.6
✓ Restaurants and hotels	16.1

The annual inflation rate can be further analyzed for both domestic and imported items (Table 4). Domestic items realized an increase of 2.2 percent while, imported items also experienced an increase of 11.4 percent.

More details on what has caused the latest annual movement can be found in the "annual change analysis" section of this report.

PALAU CPI – ANALYSIS OF INDEX, ANNUAL AND QUARTERLY

Table 1 below shows the value of the index for each major group, and its change over time both from an annual and quarterly perspective. More information regarding the interpretation of the changes from both annually and quarterly can be found in the next two sections of the analysis in this report.

TABLE 1. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX MAJOR GROUP, 2016 REBASE

Period	All groups	Food and non-alcoholic beverages	Alcoholic beverages, tobacco and narcotics	Clothing and footwear	Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	Health	Transport	Communication	Recreation and culture	Education	Restaurants and hotels	Miscellaneous goods and services
Annual													
2017	101.0	101.6	100.0	96.1	102.5	101.1	100.0	102.3	100.0	101.4	100.0	99.2	99.8
2018	103.2	105.6	99.7	97.1	105.8	99.5	102.0	108.9	99.6	99.0	100.0	97.1	97.7
2019	103.4	106.3	99.8	96.5	105.9	99.5	102.6	109.1	99.6	98.2	100.1	100.8	96.6
2020	103.5	108.6	100.3	101.0	104.2	99.7	102.7	106.0	99.6	98.9	100.9	100.8	95.6
2021	105.6	113.1	100.7	98.8	96.3	97.1	104.2	117.9	99.7	102.0	105.2	106.3	97.8
2022	120.3	128.6	103.8	105.8	137.0	103.0	104.3	139.8	99.7	105.3	109.9	108.6	99.7
2023	134.2	149.4	117.9	112.0	146.3	114.0	107.3	158.3	101.9	112.5	111.3	125.4	111.7
Quarter													
Sep-16	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Dec-16	99.7	99.9	99.6	95.6	100.0	101.1	100.0	100.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.2	97.4
Mar-17	100.5	101.5	99.8	95.6	100.6	101.4	100.0	101.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.2	100.0
Jun-17	100.6	100.6	100.0	95.8	100.9	100.8	100.0	103.1	100.0	102.3	100.0	99.2	99.2
Sep-17	100.7	101.1	100.0	96.5	100.8	101.3	100.0	102.4	100.0	101.6	100.0	99.2	99.2
Dec-17	102.1	103.0	100.0	96.5	107.6	100.8	100.0	101.9	100.0	101.6	100.0	99.2	100.8
Mar-18	102.2	103.4	99.5	97.9	105.7	99.5	100.2	105.9	100.1	99.7	100.0	96.4	97.4
Jun-18	103.4	107.3	99.5	97.7	106.0	99.5	102.6	107.3	99.0	101.9	100.0	96.4	98.2
Sep-18	103.6	106.0	100.0	96.0	106.1	99.5	102.6	110.6	99.7	97.1	100.0	99.0	98.3
Dec-18	103.5	105.9	100.0	96.6	105.6	99.3	102.6	111.6	99.6	97.1	100.0	96.4	96.9
Mar-19	102.8	106.9	99.8	94.0	105.9	99.4	102.6	104.7	99.6	99.9	100.0	100.8	96.8
Jun-19	103.5	105.6	99.8	97.1	106.1	99.5	102.6	109.4	99.6	99.9	100.0	100.8	97.6
Sep-19	103.3	105.4	99.8	97.1	105.9	99.5	102.6	109.4	99.6	96.5	100.0	100.8	96.7
Dec-19	104.2	107.1	99.8	97.8	105.8	99.4	102.6	113.1	99.6	96.5	100.3	100.8	95.4
Mar-20	104.9	107.8	100.4	98.7	107.0	99.8	102.6	114.2	99.6	96.5	100.9	100.8	95.4
Jun-20	103.0	110.2	100.2	99.2	106.3	99.8	102.6	98.5	99.6	99.7	100.9	100.8	95.8
Sep-20	103.9	108.8	100.3	102.8	106.6	99.2	100.5	105.5	99.7	99.7	100.9	100.8	95.8
Dec-20	102.2	107.4	100.3	103.4	96.7	99.9	105.3	105.8	99.7	99.7	100.9	100.8	95.3
Mar-21	100.6	108.3	100.5	103.4	81.7	97.6	105.3	107.5	99.7	99.7	100.9	106.0	97.1
Jun-21	102.5	109.0	100.4	98.1	84.5	94.6	105.3	117.5	99.7	100.3	100.0	106.0	98.6
Sep-21	108.7	114.4	101.6	96.3	108.8	98.1	103.2	122.3	99.7	104.0	109.9	106.0	97.3
Dec-21	110.7	120.8	100.5	97.4	110.4	98.1	103.2	124.5	99.7	104.1	109.9	107.1	98.1
Mar-22	114.4	123.6	100.5	102.5	124.8	100.4	103.2	127.7	99.7	104.1	109.9	108.2	97.9
Jun-22	119.9	125.2	100.9	104.8	137.9	103.0	104.6	145.2	99.8	104.2	109.9	108.2	98.8
Sep-22	123.6	130.8	106.2	107.0	145.8	102.7	104.6	145.6	99.6	106.2	109.9	109.0	100.6
Dec-22	123.3	134.7	107.7	108.8	139.3	105.8	104.6	140.7	99.7	106.8	109.9	109.0	101.3
Mar-23	133.7	148.0	117.3	108.3	152.1	110.2	107.3	156.5	101.7	108.6	109.9	122.5	109.8
Jun-23	135.0	149.0	117.8	113.2	159.1	113.4	107.3	151.6	102.0	113.6	109.9	125.8	111.1
Sep-23	134.7	151.3	117.9	114.7	138.4	116.0	107.3	163.8	102.0	113.6	112.6	126.5	112.7
Dec-23	133.5	149.4	118.8	111.8	135.8	116.4	107.3	161.2	102.0	114.1	112.6	126.5	113.3

PALAU CPI – QUARTERLY CHANGE ANALYSIS, December 2016 – December 2023

DECEMBER QUARTER KEY POINTS

ALL GROUPS CPI

- The quarterly inflation rate showed a decline of 0.9 percent compared to last quarter.

OVERVIEW OF CPI MOVEMENTS

- Movements in the CPI December quarter of 2023 observed a slight decrease, which was mostly caused by lower prices for Clothing and footwear group, Transport group and Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels group. Fuel and electricity rates were the two key commodities that influenced these changes.

TABLE 2. PALAU CPI: QUARTERLY CHANGE BY MAJOR GROUP, DECEMBER 2016-DECEMBER 2023

Period	All groups	Food and non-alcoholic beverages	Alcoholic beverages, tobacco and narcotics	Clothing and footwear	Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	Health	Transport	Communication	Recreation and culture	Education	Restaurants and hotels	Miscellaneous goods and services
Dec-16	-0.3	-0.1	-0.4	-4.4	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.8	-2.6
Mar-17	0.9	1.6	0.2	0.0	0.7	0.4	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.7
Jun-17	0.1	-0.9	0.3	0.2	0.3	-0.7	0.0	1.4	0.0	2.3	0.0	0.0	-0.8
Sep-17	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.6	0.0	-0.7	0.0	-0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
Dec-17	1.4	1.9	0.0	0.0	6.7	-0.5	0.0	-0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6
Mar-18	0.0	0.3	-0.5	1.5	-1.8	-1.3	0.2	4.0	0.1	-1.9	0.0	-2.8	-3.4
Jun-18	1.3	3.8	0.0	-0.2	0.3	0.0	2.4	1.3	-1.0	2.1	0.0	0.0	0.9
Sep-18	0.2	-1.2	0.4	-1.8	0.1	0.0	0.0	3.1	0.6	-4.7	0.0	2.6	0.0
Dec-18	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.7	-0.5	-0.2	0.0	0.9	-0.1	0.0	0.0	-2.6	-1.4
Mar-19	-0.7	1.0	-0.2	-2.7	0.3	0.1	0.0	-6.2	0.0	2.8	0.0	4.6	-0.1
Jun-19	0.6	-1.2	0.0	3.3	0.2	0.1	0.0	4.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8
Sep-19	-0.2	-0.2	0.0	0.0	-0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-3.4	0.0	0.0	-0.9
Dec-19	0.9	1.6	0.0	0.7	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	3.4	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	-1.3
Mar-20	0.7	0.6	0.6	1.0	1.1	0.4	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0
Jun-20	-1.8	2.3	-0.1	0.5	-0.6	0.0	0.0	-13.7	0.0	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.4
Sep-20	0.9	-1.3	0.1	3.6	0.3	-0.6	-2.1	7.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Dec-20	-1.6	-1.3	0.0	0.5	-9.4	0.7	4.8	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.5
Mar-21	-1.5	0.9	0.2	0.0	-15.5	-2.3	0.0	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.1	2.0
Jun-21	1.8	0.6	-0.1	-5.1	3.3	-3.1	0.0	9.3	0.0	0.7	-0.9	0.0	1.5
Sep-21	6.1	5.0	1.2	-1.8	28.8	3.7	-1.9	4.1	0.0	3.6	9.9	0.0	-1.3
Dec-21	1.9	5.5	-1.1	1.2	1.5	0.1	0.0	1.8	0.0	0.1	0.0	1.1	0.8
Mar-22	3.3	2.3	0.0	5.2	13.1	2.3	0.0	2.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	-0.1
Jun-22	4.8	1.3	0.4	2.3	10.4	2.6	1.4	13.8	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.9
Sep-22	3.1	4.5	5.3	2.1	5.8	-0.3	0.0	0.3	-0.2	1.9	0.0	0.7	1.7
Dec-22	-0.2	3.0	1.4	1.7	-4.4	3.0	0.0	-3.4	0.1	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.8
Mar-23	8.4	9.9	8.8	-0.5	9.1	4.2	2.5	11.3	2.0	1.7	0.0	12.4	8.3
Jun-23	1.0	0.7	0.5	4.5	4.6	2.9	0.0	-3.2	0.3	4.6	0.0	2.7	1.2
Sep-23	-0.2	1.5	0.1	1.3	-13.0	2.3	0.0	8.1	0.0	0.1	2.5	0.6	1.4
Dec-23	-0.9	-1.3	0.8	-2.4	-1.9	0.3	0.0	-1.6	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.5

Figure 1: Palau CPI, Quarterly Change, All Groups, June 2011 – December 2023

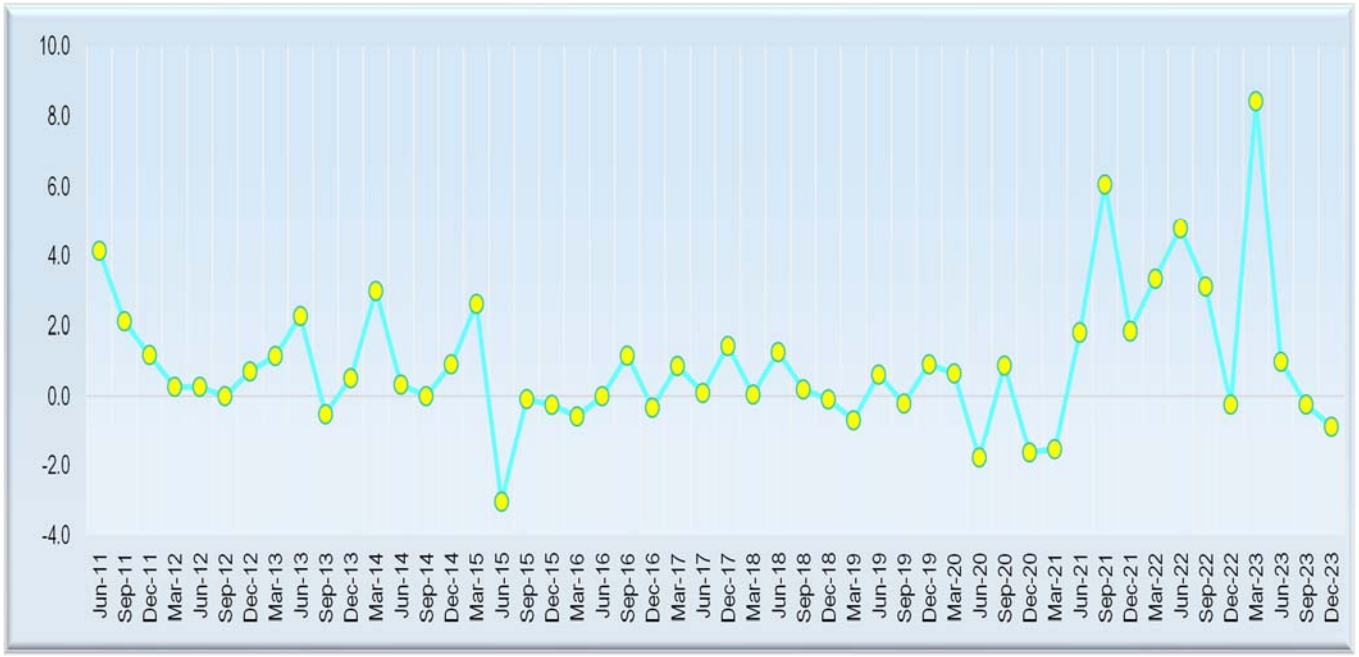
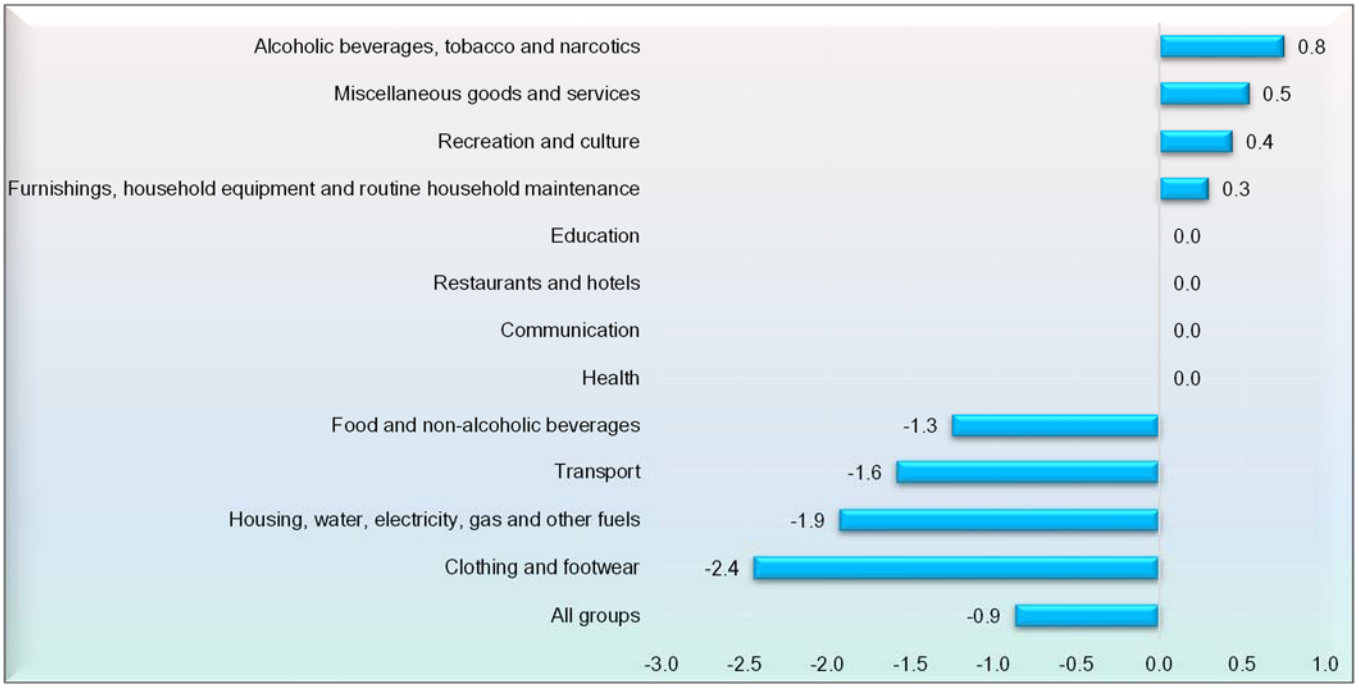


Figure 1.1: Palau CPI, Quarterly Change, All Groups, December 2023



PALAU CPI – ANNUAL CHANGE ANALYSIS, 2017 - 2023

ALL GROUPS CPI

- The annual inflation saw an increase of 8.3 percent over the last 12 months.

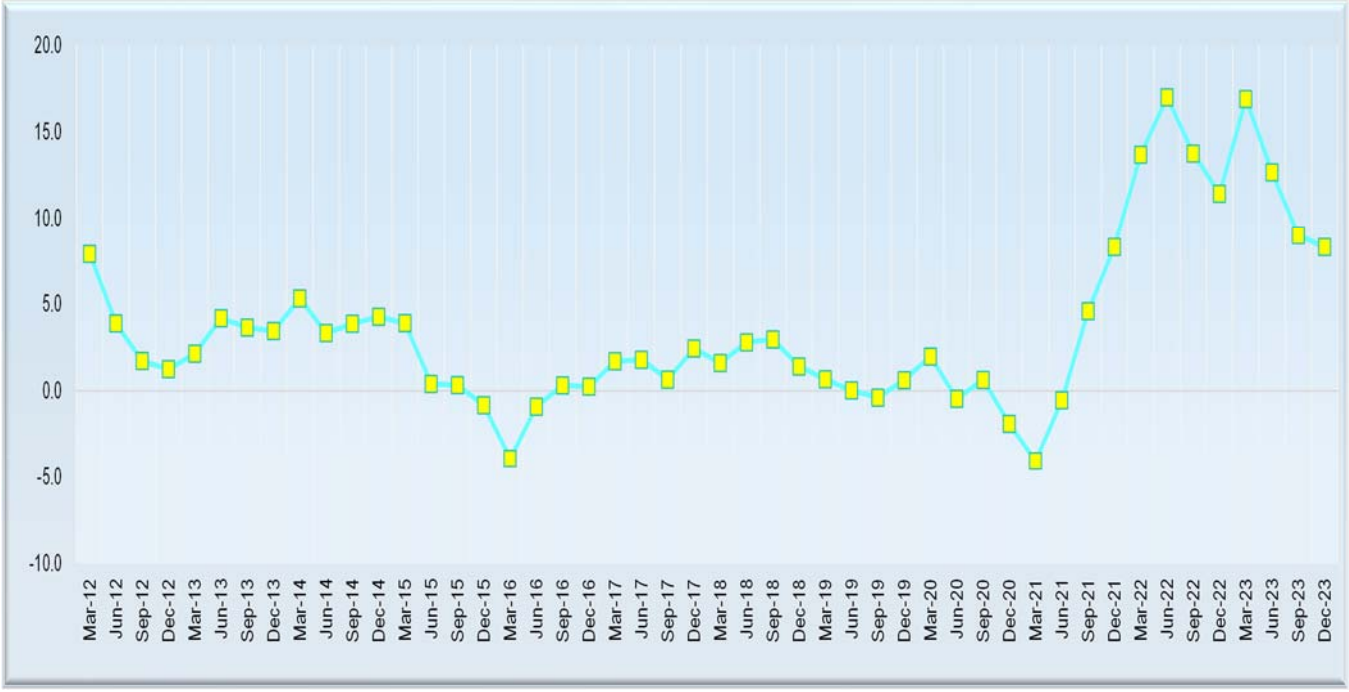
OVERVIEW OF CPI MOVEMENTS

- All groups saw growth over the previous 12 months, with the exception of the Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels group. The main non-food items that contributed to these increases were fuel, airfare, beer and cigarettes. Additionally, for the Food and non-alcoholic beverages group, items that contributed the most to the increase were takeout food, rice, bread, and vegetables.

TABLE 3. PALAU CPI: ANNUAL CHANGE BY MAJOR GROUP 2017 - 2023

Period	All groups	Food and non-alcoholic beverages	Alcoholic beverages, tobacco and narcotics	Clothing and footwear	Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	Health	Transport	Communication	Recreation and culture	Education	Restaurants and hotels	Miscellaneous goods and services
Sep-17	0.7	1.1	0.0	-3.5	0.8	1.3	0.0	2.4	0.0	1.6	0.0	-0.8	-0.8
Dec-17	2.4	3.1	0.4	0.9	7.7	-0.3	0.0	1.5	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.0	3.4
Mar-18	1.6	1.8	-0.2	2.4	5.0	-1.9	0.2	4.1	0.1	-0.3	0.0	-2.8	-2.7
Jun-18	2.8	6.7	-0.5	2.0	5.1	-1.2	2.6	4.1	-1.0	-0.4	0.0	-2.8	-1.0
Sep-18	3.0	4.9	-0.1	-0.5	5.2	-1.8	2.6	8.1	-0.3	-4.4	0.0	-0.3	-0.9
Dec-18	1.4	2.8	0.0	0.2	-1.9	-1.4	2.6	9.5	-0.4	-4.4	0.0	-2.8	-3.8
Mar-19	0.7	3.4	0.3	-4.0	0.2	-0.1	2.4	-1.2	-0.5	0.1	0.0	4.6	-0.5
Jun-19	0.0	-1.6	0.2	-0.6	0.1	0.0	0.0	1.9	0.6	-2.0	0.0	4.6	-0.7
Sep-19	-0.4	-0.6	-0.2	1.2	-0.2	0.0	0.0	-1.1	-0.1	-0.7	0.0	1.9	-1.6
Dec-19	0.6	1.2	-0.2	1.2	0.2	0.1	0.0	1.3	0.0	-0.7	0.3	4.6	-1.5
Mar-20	2.0	0.8	0.6	5.0	1.0	0.4	0.0	9.1	0.0	-3.4	0.9	0.0	-1.4
Jun-20	-0.4	4.4	0.5	2.2	0.2	0.3	0.0	-9.9	0.0	-0.2	0.9	0.0	-1.8
Sep-20	0.6	3.2	0.5	5.9	0.7	-0.3	-2.1	-3.6	0.1	3.3	0.9	0.0	-0.9
Dec-20	-1.9	0.2	0.5	5.7	-8.7	0.5	2.6	-6.4	0.1	3.3	0.6	0.0	-0.2
Mar-21	-4.0	0.5	0.1	4.7	-23.6	-2.2	2.6	-5.8	0.1	3.3	0.0	5.1	1.8
Jun-21	-0.5	-1.1	0.2	-1.2	-20.6	-5.2	2.6	19.2	0.1	0.7	-0.9	5.1	2.9
Sep-21	4.6	5.2	1.3	-6.3	2.0	-1.2	2.7	15.9	0.0	4.3	9.0	5.1	1.6
Dec-21	8.3	12.5	0.2	-5.7	14.2	-1.8	-1.9	17.7	0.0	4.4	9.0	6.2	2.9
Mar-22	13.7	14.1	0.1	-0.9	52.8	2.8	-1.9	18.8	0.0	4.4	9.0	2.1	0.8
Jun-22	17.0	14.8	0.5	6.8	63.3	8.9	-0.6	23.6	0.1	3.9	9.9	2.1	0.3
Sep-22	13.7	14.3	4.5	11.1	34.0	4.7	1.4	19.1	-0.1	2.1	0.0	2.8	3.3
Dec-22	11.4	11.6	7.2	11.7	26.2	7.8	1.4	13.0	0.0	2.6	0.0	1.7	3.3
Mar-23	16.9	19.8	16.7	5.7	21.8	9.8	4.0	22.6	2.0	4.3	0.0	13.3	12.1
Jun-23	12.6	19.1	16.8	8.0	15.4	10.1	2.5	4.4	2.3	9.0	0.0	16.3	12.4
Sep-23	9.0	15.7	11.0	7.2	-5.1	13.0	2.5	12.5	2.5	7.0	2.5	16.1	12.1
Dec-23	8.3	10.9	10.3	2.8	-2.6	10.0	2.5	14.6	2.4	6.9	2.5	16.1	11.8

Figure 2: Palau CPI, Annual Change, All Groups, March 2012 – December 2023



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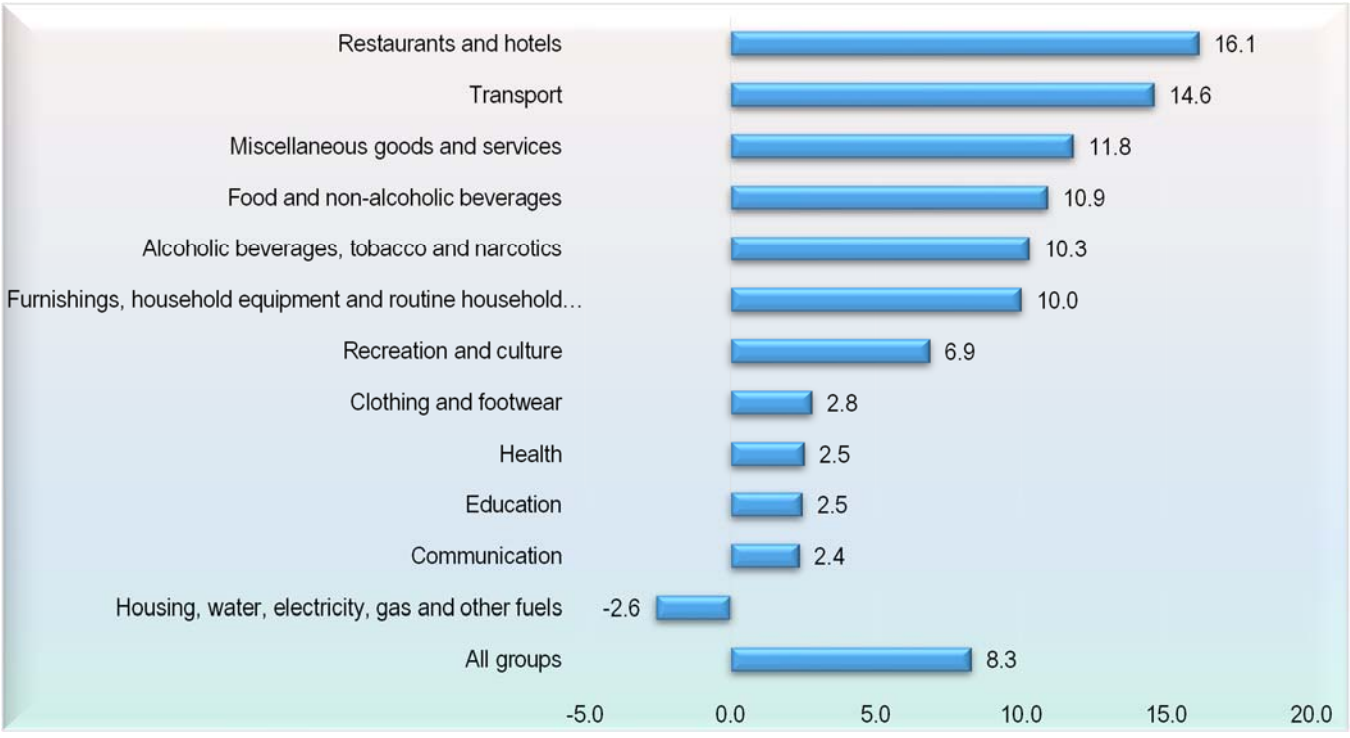


PALAU CPI – DOMESTIC V IMPORTED ITEM ANALYSIS

The final analysis section examines the impact of both domestic and imported item on the CPI for Palau. As discussed in the explanatory notes, imported items make up the bulk of household expenditure, accounting for 64 percent in total, with the remaining 36 percent covering expenditure on domestic items.

Both Table 4 and Figure 3 show the change in the index for both groups since the re-base in September 2016. As can be seen from this analysis, during this period, domestic items realized an increase of 2.2 percent while imported items saw an increase of 11.4 percent annually.

TABLE 4. PALAU CPI: DOMESTIC V IMPORTED INDEX, March 2011 - December 2023

QUARTER	DOMESTIC	IMPORTED	TOTAL
Mar-11	89.9	82.3	85.3
Jun-11	93.2	86.0	88.8
Sep-11	97.8	86.1	90.7
Dec-11	96.9	88.5	91.8
Mar-12	97.0	88.8	92.0
Jun-12	96.1	89.7	92.3
Sep-12	96.0	89.8	92.3
Dec-12	96.9	90.4	92.9
Mar-13	98.5	91.0	94.0
Jun-13	100.7	93.2	96.1
Sep-13	100.6	92.4	95.6
Dec-13	100.6	93.2	96.1
Mar-14	103.0	96.4	99.0
Jun-14	103.3	96.8	99.3
Sep-14	103.1	96.8	99.3
Dec-14	103.7	98.0	100.2
Mar-15	103.7	102.3	102.9
Jun-15	97.4	101.2	99.8
Sep-15	98.7	100.2	99.7
Dec-15	98.8	99.8	99.4
Mar-16	99.6	98.3	98.9
Jun-16	99.6	98.6	98.9
Sep-16	100.0	100.0	100.0
Dec-16	99.4	99.8	99.7
Mar-17	100.1	100.8	100.5
Jun-17	99.6	101.2	100.6
Sep-17	99.6	101.2	100.7
Dec-17	102.5	101.9	102.1
Mar-18	101.6	102.5	102.2
Jun-18	101.4	104.6	103.4
Sep-18	101.3	105.0	103.6
Dec-18	100.5	105.2	103.5
Mar-19	101.2	103.7	102.8
Jun-19	101.5	104.6	103.5
Sep-19	101.5	104.3	103.3
Dec-19	102.0	105.4	104.2
Mar-20	102.5	106.2	104.9
Jun-20	102.5	103.3	103.0
Sep-20	103.2	104.3	103.9
Dec-20	98.8	104.1	102.2
Mar-21	93.2	104.8	100.6
Jun-21	93.3	107.6	102.5
Sep-21	104.9	110.8	108.7
Dec-21	104.5	114.1	110.7
Mar-22	110.5	116.6	114.4
Jun-22	115.9	122.1	119.9
Sep-22	119.7	125.8	123.6
Dec-22	117.5	126.5	123.3
Mar-23	124.6	138.8	133.7
Jun-23	129.6	138.1	135.0
Sep-23	120.7	142.5	134.7
Dec-23	120.1	141.0	133.5

Figure 3: Palau CPI, Index for Domestic v Imported Items, March 2011 – December 2023

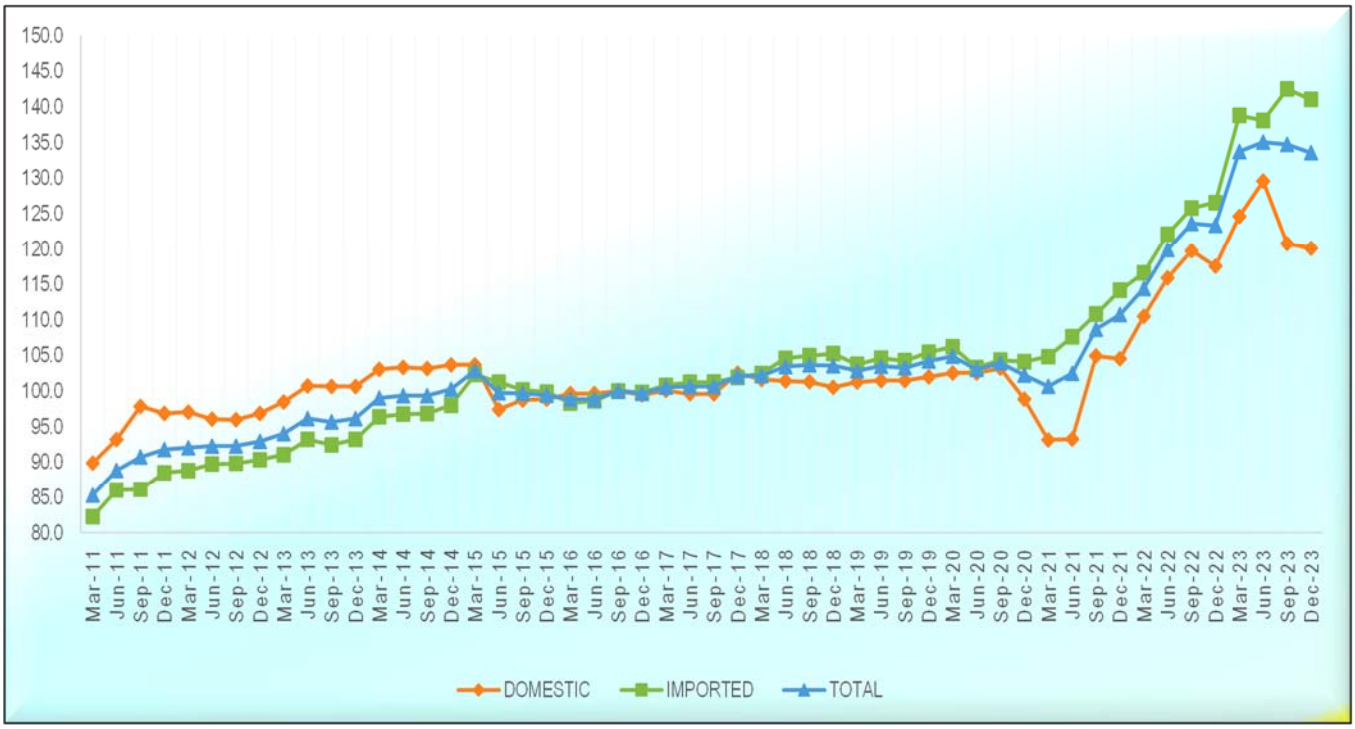
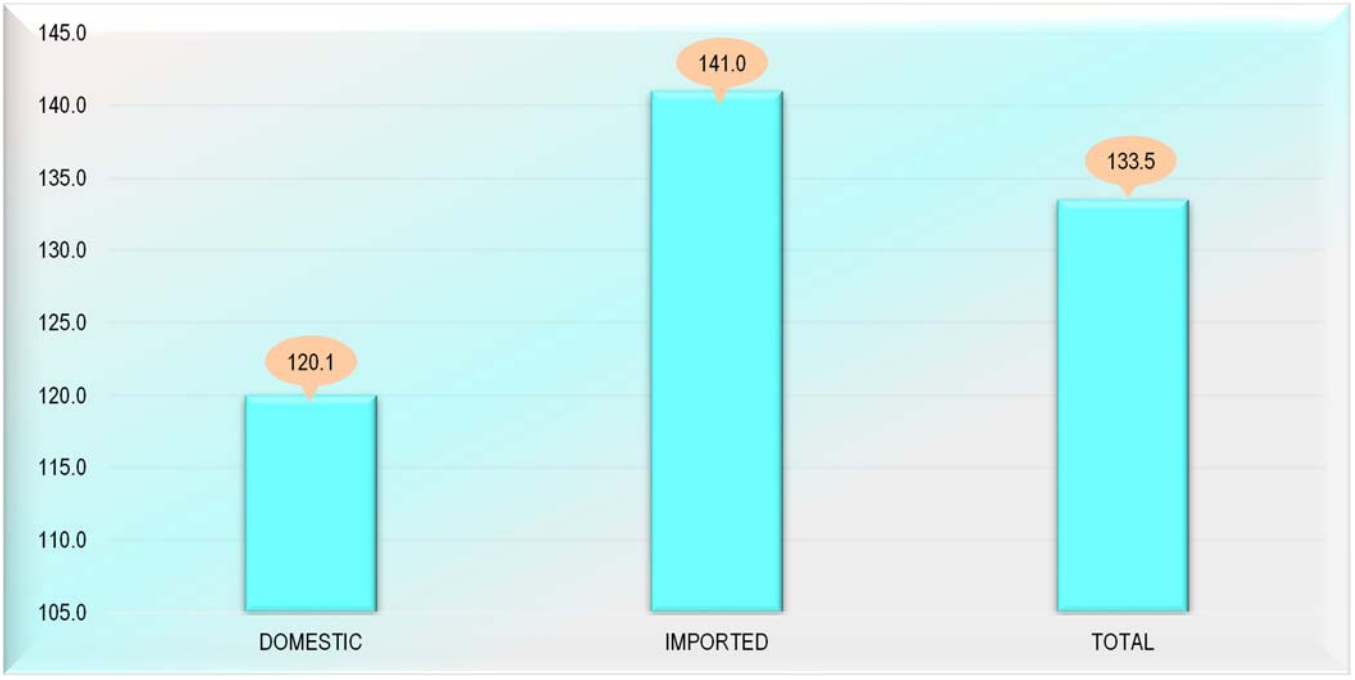


Figure 3.3: Palau CPI, Index for Domestic v Imported Items, December 2023



Appendix 1: CPI Weights for Major Groups

Group	Weight
TOTAL	**100.00%**
01 Food and non-alcoholic beverages	**23.62%**
01.1 Food	20.55%
01.2 Non- alcoholic beverages	3.07%
02 Alcoholic beverages, tobacco and narcotics	**17.22%**
02.1 Alcoholic beverages	10.18%
02.2 Tobacco	5.97%
02.3 Narcotics	1.07%
03 Clothing and footwear	**4.37%**
03.1 Clothing	3.85%
03.2 Footwear	0.51%
04 Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	**15.13%**
04.1 Actual rentals for housing	3.28%
04.3 Maintenance and repair of the dwelling	0.80%
04.4 Water supply and miscellaneous services relating to the dwelling	1.39%
04.5 Electricity, gas and other fuels	9.67%
05 Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	**4.51%**
05.1 Furniture and furnishings, carpets and other floor coverings	0.41%
05.3 Household appliances	0.57%
05.4 Glassware, tableware and household utensils	0.42%
05.5 Tools and equipment for house and garden	0.30%
05.6 Goods and services for routine household maintenance	2.81%
06 Health	**1.79%**
06.1 Medical products, appliances and equipment	0.45%
06.2 Outpatient services	0.63%
06.3 Hospital services	0.71%
07 Transport	**15.70%**
07.2 Operation of personal transport equipment	13.43%
07.3 Transport services	2.27%
08 Communication	**5.03%**
08.1 Postal services	0.11%
08.2 Telephone and telefax equipment	0.21%
08.3 Telephone and telefax services	4.71%
09 Recreation and culture	**3.03%**
09.1 Audio-visual, photographic and information processing equipment	0.49%
09.3 Other recreational items and equipment, gardens and pets	0.49%
09.4 Recreational and cultural services	1.43%
09.5 Newspapers, books and stationery	0.61%
10 Education	**1.82%**
10.1 Pre-primary and primary education	0.38%
10.2 Secondary education	0.44%
10.4 Tertiary education	0.99%
11 Restaurants and hotels	**3.24%**
11.1 Catering services	3.24%
12 Miscellaneous goods and services	**4.53%**
12.1 Personal care	3.09%
12.3 Personal effects n.e.c.	0.31%
12.6 Financial services n.e.c.	0.88%
12.7 Other Services n.e.c.	0.25%

Appendix 2:

Major Group	Examples of Items Priced
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	Fresh fish, Frozen chicken, Canned beef, Onions, Taro, Rice, Flour, Bread, Oil, Soya sauce, Milk, Egg, Soft drink, Coffee
Alcoholic beverages, tobacco and narcotics	Cigarettes, Beer, Wine, Spirits, Betelnut
Clothing and footwear	Jeans, T-shirt, Shorts, Sport shoes
Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	Rent, Electricity bill, Water bill, LP Gas
Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	Sofa set, Refrigerator, Washer, Laundry soap, Housekeeping services
Health	Pain reliever, Outpatient consultation fee, Physical exam fee
Transport	Gasoline, Diesel, Car hire, Airfare, Boat hire
Communication	Mobile phone, PO Box rental charge
Recreation and culture	Television set, Toys, Dog food, Cat food, Books
Education	Private school fee, College enrollment fee
Restaurants and hotels	Fried chicken take-out, Cheeseburger, Bento
Miscellaneous goods and services	Haircut, Shampoo, Toothpaste, Bath soap, Diapers, Toilet paper, Attorney's fee