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**KEY FINDINGS**

The headline CPI (for all urban areas) annual inflation rate in May 2014 was 6,6%. This rate was 0,5 of a percentage point higher than the corresponding annual rate of 6,1% in April 2014. On average, prices increased by 0,2% between April 2014 and May 2014.

The food and non-alcoholic beverages index increased by 0,9% between April 2014 and May 2014. The annual rate increased to 8,8% in May 2014 from 7,8% in April 2014. The following components in the food and non-alcoholic beverages index increased: vegetables (2,3%), milk, eggs and cheese (1,3%), meat (1,0%), cold beverages (0,9%), fish (0,8%), other food (0,7%), bread and cereals (0,5%), sugar, sweets and desserts (0,5%) and hot beverages (0,4%). The following components decreased: oils and fats (-1,6%) and fruit (-0,3%).

The transport index decreased by 0,1% between April 2014 and May 2014, mainly due to a 15c/litre decrease in the price of petrol. The annual rate increased to 8,9% in May 2014 from 6,8% in April 2014.

The provinces with an annual inflation rate lower than or equal to headline inflation were Western Cape (6,6%), Free State (6,6%), Gauteng (6,6%), Mpumalanga (6,5%), Northern Cape (6,4%) and North West (6,4%). The provinces with an annual inflation rate higher than headline inflation were Limpopo (7,8%), KwaZulu-Natal (7,1%) and Eastern Cape (7,0%).

**NOTES**

**CPI for June 2014**

No surveys in addition to the published surveys will be conducted in June 2014.

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**TABLES**

**Table A - Consumer Price Index: Main indices**

Unless otherwise stated the table refers to all urban areas.

Group	Weight	Index (Dec 2012=100)			Percentage change			
		May 2013	Apr 2014	May 2014	May 2014 vs. Apr 2014	May 2014 vs. May 2013		
<b>All items (CPI Headline)</b>	100,00	102,6	109,2	109,4	0,2	6,6		
<b>Analytical series</b>	<b>CPI per expenditure quintile</b>	1	2,27	101,7	108,2	108,6	0,4	6,8
		2	4,58	101,6	108,0	108,3	0,3	6,6
		3	8,08	101,7	108,1	108,4	0,3	6,6
		4	18,60	102,1	108,7	108,9	0,2	6,7
		5	66,47	102,9	109,5	109,7	0,2	6,6
	<b>CPI for all goods</b>	49,86	101,7	108,9	109,3	0,4	7,5	
	<b>CPI for durable goods</b>	8,02	100,8	104,2	104,9	0,7	4,1	
	<b>CPI for semi-durable goods</b>	6,32	101,2	105,9	106,1	0,2	4,8	
	<b>CPI for non-durable goods</b>	35,52	102,0	110,5	110,8	0,3	8,6	
	<b>CPI for services</b>	50,14	103,4	109,4	109,5	0,1	5,9	
	<b>CPI for pensioners</b>	..	102,5	109,2	109,4	0,2	6,7	
	<b>CPI for administered prices</b>	<b>Total</b>	18,48	102,9	112,5	112,1	-0,4	8,9
		<b>Regulated</b>	13,70	101,8	111,9	111,3	-0,5	9,3
		<b>Not regulated</b>	4,78	105,7	114,2	114,2	0,0	8,0
	<b>CPI for food and non-alcoholic beverages (NAB)</b>	15,41	100,7	108,6	109,6	0,9	8,8	
	<b>CPI excluding food and NAB</b>	84,59	102,9	109,3	109,3	0,0	6,2	
	<b>CPI excluding petrol</b>	94,32	102,5	108,5	108,8	0,3	6,1	
	<b>CPI excluding food and NAB and petrol</b>	78,91	102,8	108,5	108,7	0,2	5,7	
	<b>CPI excluding food and NAB, petrol, VAT, assessment rates, and finance charges</b>	76,41	102,9	108,5	108,7	0,2	5,6	
	<b>CPI excluding housing</b>	75,48	103,1	110,0	110,2	0,2	6,9	
	<b>CPI excluding petrol and energy</b>	90,19	102,6	108,6	108,9	0,3	6,1	
	<b>CPI excluding energy</b>	95,87	102,7	109,2	109,5	0,3	6,6	
	<b>CPI excluding food and NAB, petrol and energy</b>	74,78	103,0	108,6	108,7	0,1	5,5	
	<b>CPI excluding owners' equivalent rent</b>	88,58	102,7	109,5	109,8	0,3	6,9	
	<b>CPI excluding administered prices</b>	81,52	102,5	108,4	108,8	0,4	6,1	
	<b>CPI administered prices excluding petrol and paraffin</b>	12,75	102,4	109,1	109,1	0,0	6,5	
<b>Trimmed mean</b>	..	102,3	108,1	108,6	0,5	6,2		
<b>Geographic indices</b>	<b>CPI for primary urban areas</b>	61,90	102,6	109,3	109,5	0,2	6,7	
	<b>CPI for secondary urban areas</b>	20,49	102,3	108,8	109,0	0,2	6,5	
	<b>CPI for rural areas<sup>1</sup></b>	17,61	101,9	109,0	109,4	0,4	7,4	
	<b>CPI for total country</b>	100,00	102,4	109,1	109,4	0,3	6,8	
	<b>CPI per province</b>	<b>Western Cape</b>	15,55	102,2	108,5	108,9	0,4	6,6
		<b>Eastern Cape</b>	8,12	102,0	109,0	109,1	0,1	7,0
		<b>Northern Cape</b>	1,57	102,1	108,3	108,6	0,3	6,4
		<b>Free State</b>	5,12	102,2	108,7	108,9	0,2	6,6
		<b>KwaZulu-Natal</b>	15,33	102,3	109,5	109,6	0,1	7,1
		<b>North West</b>	5,59	102,1	108,2	108,6	0,4	6,4
<b>Gauteng</b>		36,97	102,9	109,6	109,7	0,1	6,6	
<b>Mpumalanga</b>	5,69	102,3	108,4	108,9	0,5	6,5		
<b>Limpopo</b>	6,06	102,2	109,4	110,2	0,7	7,8		

<sup>1</sup> The rural CPI is compiled using data from rural and urban areas in accordance with the purchasing patterns of rural residents.

**Table B - CPI headline**

**Table B1 - CPI headline index numbers (Dec 2012=100)**

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Average <sup>1</sup>
2010	86,4	87,0	87,7	87,8	88,0	88,0	88,6	88,6	88,7	88,9	89,0	89,2	88,2
2011	89,6	90,2	91,3	91,6	92,0	92,4	93,2	93,4	93,8	94,2	94,5	94,6	92,6
2012	95,2	95,7	96,8	97,2	97,2	97,5	97,8	98,0	98,9	99,5	99,8	100,0	97,8
2013	100,3	101,3	102,5	102,9	102,6	102,9	104,0	104,3	104,8	105,0	105,1	105,4	103,4
2014	106,1	107,3	108,7	109,2	109,4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

<sup>1</sup> Annual average.

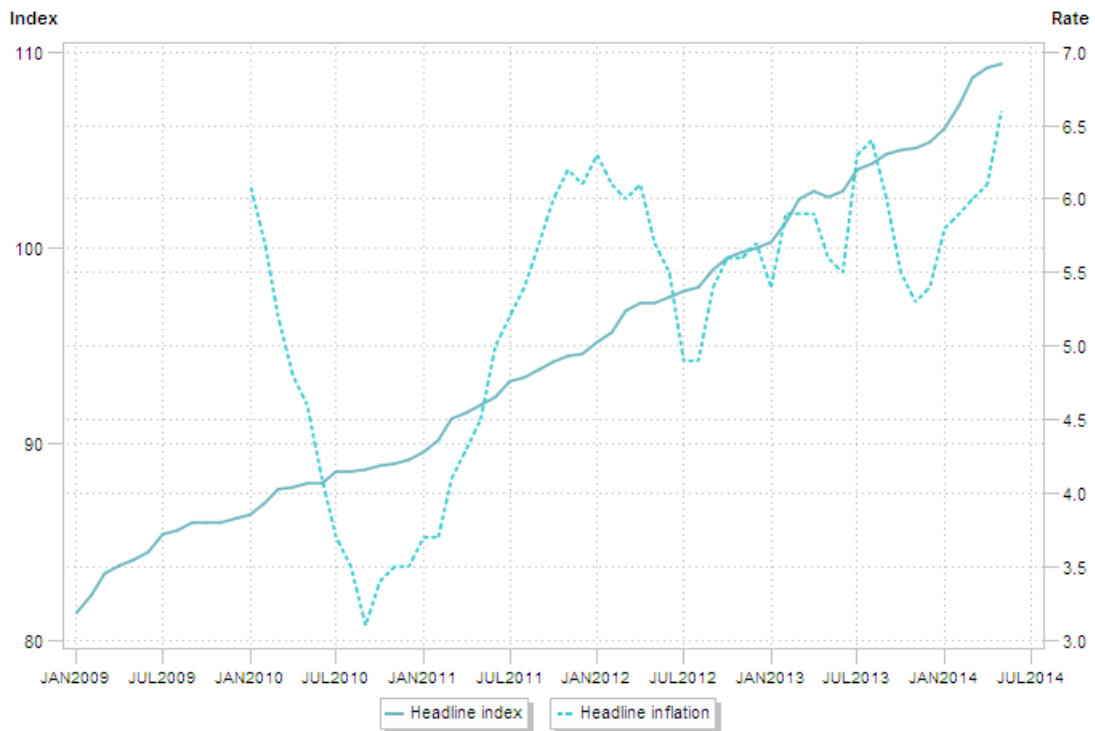
**Table B2 - CPI headline year-on-year rates**

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Average <sup>1</sup>
2010	6,2	5,7	5,1	4,8	4,6	4,2	3,7	3,5	3,2	3,4	3,6	3,5	4,3
2011	3,7	3,7	4,1	4,2	4,5	5,0	5,3	5,3	5,7	6,0	6,1	6,1	5,0
2012	6,3	6,1	6,0	6,1	5,7	5,5	4,9	5,0	5,5	5,6	5,6	5,7	5,6
2013	5,4	5,9	5,9	5,9	5,6	5,5	6,3	6,4	6,0	5,5	5,3	5,4	5,7
2014	5,8	5,9	6,0	6,1	6,6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

<sup>1</sup> Annual average.

Rates shown in Table B2 show the official inflation rates as published in the monthly CPI release. Differences due to rounding off may occur when using the rebased indices in Table B1 to calculate the rates of change.

**Figure 1 - CPI headline index numbers and year-on-year rates**



**Table C - Contributions of the different groups to the annual percentage change in the CPI headline**

Group	Contribution	
	Apr 2014	May 2014
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	1,2	1,3
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	0,3	0,3
Clothing and footwear	0,2	0,2
Housing and utilities	1,4	1,4
Household contents and services	0,2	0,2
Health	0,1	0,1
Transport	1,1	1,5
Recreation and culture	0,1	0,1
Education	0,3	0,3
Restaurants and hotels	0,3	0,3
Miscellaneous goods and services	1,0	1,0
Residual	-0,1	-0,1
All Items	6,1	6,6

**Table D - Contributions of the different groups to the monthly percentage change in the CPI headline**

Group	Contribution	
	Apr 2014	May 2014
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	0,2	0,1
Transport	0,1	0,0
Miscellaneous goods and services	0,1	0,0
Residual	0,1	0,1
All Items	0,5	0,2

**Table E- Consumer price indices for all urban areas**

Group	Weight	Index (Dec 2012=100)			Percentage change	
		May 2013	Apr 2014	May 2014	May 2014 vs. Apr 2014	May 2014 vs. May 2013
All items (CPI Headline)	100,00	102,6	109,2	109,4	0,2	6,6
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	15,41	100,7	108,6	109,6	0,9	8,8
Food	14,20	100,6	108,8	109,8	0,9	9,1
Processed	6,78	102,5	109,8	110,6	0,7	7,9
Unprocessed	7,42	98,8	108,0	109,1	1,0	10,4
Bread and cereals	3,55	100,7	110,3	110,9	0,5	10,1
Meat	4,56	98,0	104,9	106,0	1,0	8,2
Fish	0,37	104,4	112,0	112,9	0,8	8,1
Milk, eggs and cheese	1,74	103,9	112,7	114,2	1,3	9,9
Oils and fats	0,55	100,4	106,3	104,6	-1,6	4,2
Fruit	0,23	95,5	101,2	100,9	-0,3	5,7
Vegetables	1,61	102,3	113,3	115,9	2,3	13,3
Sugar, sweets and desserts	0,65	105,6	111,8	112,4	0,5	6,4
Other food	0,94	100,3	107,6	108,4	0,7	8,1
Non-alcoholic beverages	1,21	101,4	106,0	106,7	0,7	5,2
Hot beverages	0,32	102,3	107,9	108,3	0,4	5,9
Cold beverages	0,89	101,1	105,2	106,1	0,9	4,9
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	5,43	105,8	110,8	111,3	0,5	5,2
Alcoholic beverages	3,95	106,6	111,5	112,2	0,6	5,3
Spirits	0,76	107,2	114,1	115,8	1,5	8,0
Wine	0,74	104,7	109,2	109,6	0,4	4,7
Beer	2,45	107,0	111,4	111,8	0,4	4,5
Tobacco	1,48	103,5	109,1	109,2	0,1	5,5
Clothing and footwear	4,07	100,7	105,7	106,1	0,4	5,4
Clothing	2,76	100,8	105,8	106,2	0,4	5,4
Footwear	1,31	100,6	105,6	105,8	0,2	5,2
Housing and utilities	24,52	100,9	106,7	106,7	0,0	5,7
Actual rentals for housing	4,76	101,2	106,4	106,4	0,0	5,1
Owners' equivalent rent	11,42	101,1	106,2	106,2	0,0	5,0
Maintenance and repair	1,31	101,8	107,1	108,0	0,8	6,1
Water and other services	2,85	100,0	108,0	108,0	0,0	8,0
Electricity and other fuels	4,18	100,1	107,3	107,3	0,0	7,2
Household contents and services	4,79	100,8	104,7	104,5	-0,2	3,7
Furnishings, floor coverings and textiles	1,12	100,2	99,7	99,2	-0,5	-1,0
Appliances, tableware and equipment	0,78	100,8	104,1	104,4	0,3	3,6
Supplies and services	2,89	101,0	106,8	106,5	-0,3	5,4
Domestic workers' wages	2,35	101,0	106,7	106,7	0,0	5,6
Health	1,46	104,4	108,9	109,2	0,3	4,6
Medical products	0,74	102,5	105,2	105,6	0,4	3,0
Medical services	0,72	106,3	112,8	112,8	0,0	6,1

**Table E - Consumer price indices for all urban areas (concluded)**

Group		Weight	Index (Dec 2012=100)			Percentage change		
			May 2013	Apr 2014	May 2014	May 2014 vs. Apr 2014	May 2014 vs. May 2013	
Transport		16,43	102,2	111,4	111,3	-0,1	8,9	
	Purchase of vehicles	5,98	101,4	106,4	107,5	1,0	6,0	
	Private transport operation		7,25	103,6	117,3	116,4	-0,8	12,4
		Petrol	5,68	103,9	120,1	118,8	-1,1	14,3
	Other running costs	1,57	102,4	107,4	107,5	0,1	5,0	
Public transport	3,20	100,6	107,3	107,1	-0,2	6,5		
Communication		2,63	100,8	100,4	100,3	-0,1	-0,5	
	Postal services and telecommunication services	2,50	101,2	101,3	101,3	0,0	0,1	
	Telecommunication equipment	0,13	93,5	84,4	83,0	-1,7	-11,2	
Recreation and culture		4,09	102,2	104,8	105,0	0,2	2,7	
	Recreational equipment	1,59	101,1	100,6	100,8	0,2	-0,3	
	Recreational and cultural services	1,72	102,5	104,2	104,7	0,5	2,1	
	Books, newspapers and stationery	0,57	102,1	114,6	114,6	0,0	12,2	
	Package holidays	0,21	109,6	114,5	112,1	-2,1	2,3	
Education		2,95	109,0	118,5	118,5	0,0	8,7	
	Primary and secondary	1,72	109,1	118,1	118,1	0,0	8,2	
	Tertiary	1,23	108,8	119,0	119,0	0,0	9,4	
Restaurants and hotels		3,50	103,0	111,2	111,5	0,3	8,3	
	Restaurants	2,54	102,9	110,1	110,7	0,5	7,6	
	Hotels	0,96	103,5	114,0	113,7	-0,3	9,9	
Miscellaneous goods and services		14,72	106,5	113,6	113,7	0,1	6,8	
	Personal care	2,29	102,4	108,9	109,4	0,5	6,8	
	Insurance	9,92	108,3	116,3	116,3	0,0	7,4	
	Financial services	1,20	104,6	108,3	108,3	0,0	3,5	
	Other goods and services	1,31	101,7	106,3	106,3	0,0	4,5	



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<b>Annual inflation rate</b>	The annual inflation rate is the change in the CPI for all items of the relevant month of the current year compared with the CPI for all items of the same month in the previous year expressed as a percentage.
<b>Annual percentage change</b>	The annual percentage change is the change in the index of the relevant month of the current year compared with the index of the same month in the previous year expressed as a percentage.
<b>Average annual inflation rate</b>	The average annual inflation rate is the change in the average CPI for all items of one year compared with the average CPI for all items of the previous year expressed as a percentage.
<b>Average annual percentage change</b>	The average annual percentage change is the change in the average index of one year compared with the average index of the previous year expressed as a percentage.
<b>CPI for administered prices</b>	An administered price is defined as the price of a product which is set consciously by an individual producer or group of producers and/or any price which can be determined or influenced by government, either directly or through a government agency/institution without reference to market forces. Products and services included are assessment rates, sanitary fees, refuse removal, water, electricity, paraffin, petrol, public transport – trains, motor licences, motor registration, telephone fees, postage, cell calls, television licence, school fees, university/technicons/colleges and university boarding fees.
<b>CPI for regulated prices</b>	Regulated prices are those administered prices that are monitored and controlled by government policy. To this end, price regulation does not necessarily imply the presence of an economic regulator, but the restriction on the extent to which prices may vary, depending on government's policy objective. Products and services included are water, electricity, paraffin, petrol, telephone fees, postage and cell calls.
<b>CPI per expenditure quintile</b>	quintile 1 - up to R 21 399; quintile 2 - R 21 400 up to R 35 750; quintile 3 - R 35 751 up to R 61 624; quintile 4 - R 61 625 up to R 142 083; and quintile 5 - R 142 084 and more.
<b>Inflation rate</b>	The inflation rate is the change in the CPI for all items of the relevant month of the current year compared with the CPI for all items of the same month in the previous year expressed as a percentage.
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