

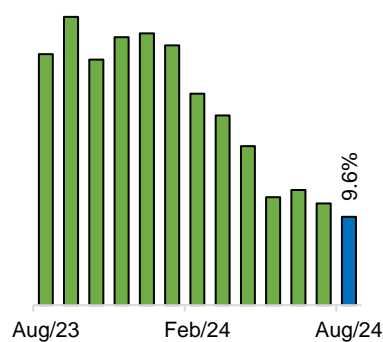
# Day Break

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Exhibit: Monthly CPI trend



Source: IGI Research, PBS

## Inflation

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#### Exhibit: Monthly National Consumer Price Index (CPI) growth estimates

Estimated For the month of: August, 2024

	Wt.	y/y	m/m	1MFY25	1MFY24	1MFY23
National	100.0%	9.6%	0.4%	10.4%	27.8%	26.10%
Food	35%	2.5%	1.5%	2.0%	39.0%	29.1%
Transport	6%	3.2%	-0.7%	7.7%	18.3%	63.9%
Utility/Rent	24%	22.2%	-1.4%	23.8%	8.5%	24.7%
Essentials	17%	16.1%	0.5%	16.8%	16.6%	12.5%
Disc.	18%	9.7%	0.7%	10.7%	43.3%	22.2%

Source: PBS, IGI Research

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### Higher food prices lift overall CPI

Food index inclined by +1.5%/m owing to increase in prices of Wheat, Rice, Chicken, Meat, Milk, Eggs and Fresh Vegetables/Fruits. Food prices contributed +0.5%/m increase in overall CPI.

### Transport index declined by 0.7%/m

Transport index dropped by 0.7%/m mainly due to decline in POL product prices. Decline in Motor fuel and transport services contributed nearly 0.07% to overall CPI.

### Urban inflation continues to remain high since Nov-23

Urban inflation increased by +0.27%/m to +11.71%/y during the month of Aug-24, whereas rural inflation inclined by +0.55%/m to +6.73%/y.

### SPI declines further in Aug-24

Other indices, Wholesale Price Index (WPI) registered a +6.28%/y and +0.3%/m growth during Aug-24. Sensitive Price Index (SPI) recorded a +10.85%/y growth while down by 0.3%/m during the month of Aug-24 compared to +15.74%/y in the preceding month.

### Outlook

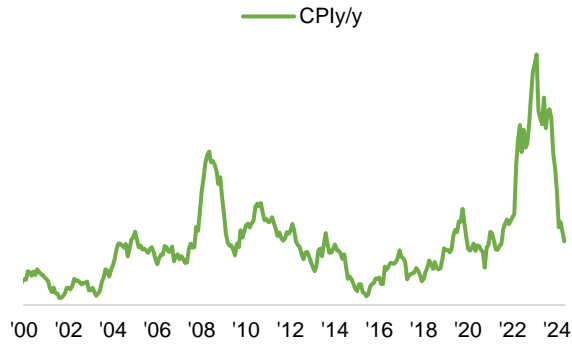
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Exhibit: National Core-inflation measures												
	Aug/24	Jul/24	Jun/24	May/24	Apr/24	Mar/24	Feb/24	Jan/24	Dec/23	Nov/23	Oct/23	Sep/23
<b>CPI</b>	<b>9.6</b>	<b>11.1</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>17.3</b>	<b>20.7</b>	<b>23.1</b>	<b>28.3</b>	<b>29.7</b>	<b>29.2</b>	<b>26.8</b>	<b>31.4</b>
SPI	10.9	15.7	16.4	15.3	21.6	25.9	30.4	36.2	35.3	30.6	34.2	32.0
WPI	6.3	10.4	10.6	9.9	13.9	14.8	18.7	27.0	27.3	26.4	24.6	26.4
NFNE	11.9	13.8	14.1	14.2	15.6	15.7	18.1	20.5	21.0	21.5	21.8	22.1
Trimmed	8.6	10.7	10.6	10.8	14.0	16.2	18.1	23.6	25.2	24.9	27.0	28.3

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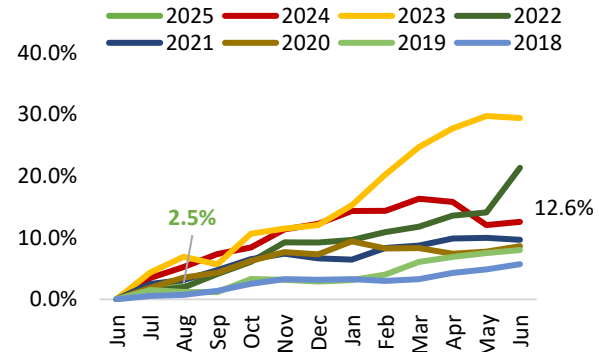
**Exhibit: Historical CPI Trend**

Headline inflation breaks decades old record



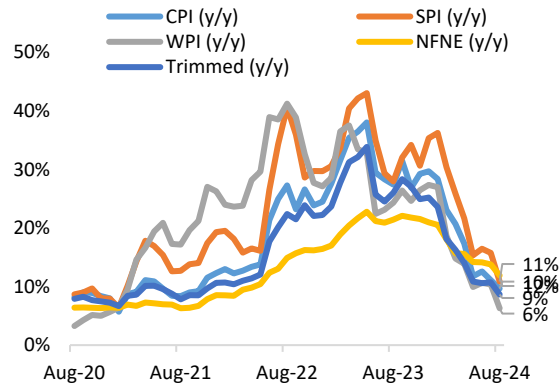
**Exhibit: CPI rebased to June**

CPI rebased to June shows decline in inflation since Mar-24



**Exhibit: Major Price Indices**

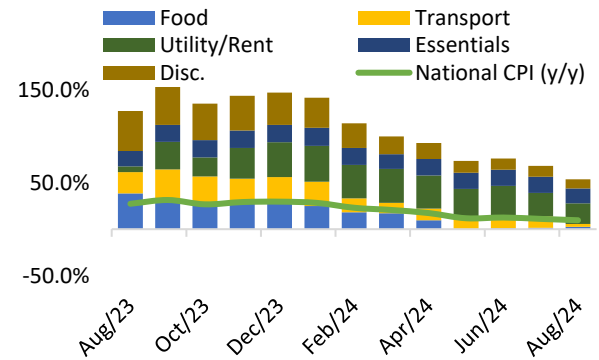
All major indices have depicted a slowdown in growth except for SPI



Source: PBS, SBP, IGI Research

**Exhibit: Percentage point impact of each group on headline figure**

Transport, utility and essential items have been driving the overall inflation index recently



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