



RMI CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) 2ND QUARTER 2018

Majuro CPI Increases 0.10 percent in the 2nd quarter 2018

The quarterly Majuro Consumer Price Index (CPI) increased by 0.10 percent this quarter after a rise of 0.29 percent in the previous quarter.

Two of the CPI's nine groups made an upward contribution which came from Transportation and Other goods and services group. Transportation group showed an increase of 1.02 percent compared to a 2.12 percent increase in the previous quarter. Other goods and services group went up by 0.21 percent. This compared to a 2.22 percent increase in the last quarter.

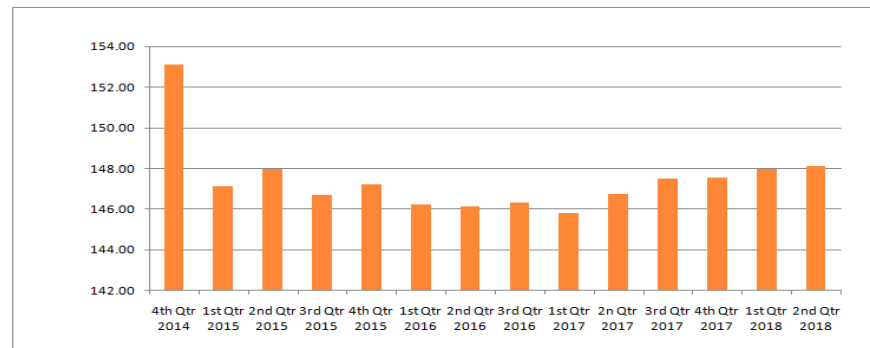
Food group fell 0.05 percent in the 2nd quarter. This compares to a 0.58 percent in the previous quarter. Apparel group also fell 1.62 percent in this quarter compared to a negative 13.48 percent in the previous quarter.

Other groups, such as Alcoholic beverages, housing utilities and major appliances, medicare, recreation and education groups remain unchanged.

Majuro Consumer Price Index, 2nd qtr 2016 and 2nd qtr 2018

	Weights	2nd Qtr 2016	3rd Qtr 2016	1st Qtr 2017	2n Qtr 2017	3rd Qtr 2017	4th Qtr 2017	1st Qtr 2018	2nd Qtr 2018
All Group	100.00	146.14	146.32	145.81	146.73	147.51	147.55	147.98	148.14
Food	35.91	155.44	155.92	153.93	154.87	156.20	156.23	157.14	157.06
Alcoholic Beverage	1.68	147.08	145.46	144.53	148.16	147.68	147.17	147.17	147.17
Housing, Utilities and Major Appli:	17.07	206.08	206.08	206.08	206.08	206.21	206.21	206.21	206.21
Apparel	4.33	112.15	113.38	114.29	114.35	116.57	116.98	101.22	99.58
Transportation	13.73	152.30	152.35	153.86	153.86	153.94	154.95	158.23	159.84
Medical Care	2.23	100.22	100.22	100.22	100.22	100.22	100.22	100.22	100.22
Recreation	2.32	85.57	85.57	85.57	85.57	85.57	85.57	85.57	85.57
Education and Comm.	6.56	120.39	120.39	120.39	120.39	120.39	120.39	120.39	120.39
Other Goods and Services	16.17	91.47	91.29	91.09	94.33	95.43	94.71	96.80	97.01
Quarterly Change									
All Group	100.00	-0.06	0.12	-0.35	0.63	0.53	0.03	0.29	0.10
Food	35.91	-0.48	0.31	-1.28	0.61	0.86	0.02	0.58	-0.05
Alcoholic Beverage	1.68	0.66	-1.10	-0.64	2.51	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Housing, Utilities and Major Appli:	17.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.00
Apparel	4.33	-0.18	1.10	0.80	0.05	1.95	0.35	-13.48	-1.62
Transportation	13.73	0.40	0.04	0.99	0.00	0.05	0.65	2.12	1.02
Medical Care	2.23	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Recreation	2.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Education and Comm.	6.56	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Goods and Services	16.17	0.56	-0.19	-0.22	3.56	1.17	-0.76	2.22	0.21

Source: EPPSO



Food Group

The main individual downward contribution came from the lower prices of the following food items in this quarter:

- Chickens legs down 0.11 percent
- Drink mix down 0.12 percent

Apparel Group

Apparel group recorded lower prices of two main downward contributions in this quarter. The following came from the individual items:

- Other women and girls clothing down 0.03 percent
- Zorries down 0.05 percent

Transportation Group

The main source of increase in this group came from the price of gasoline per gallon.

- Gasoline up 0.03 percent during 2nd quarter

Other Goods and Services Group

Only one item in this group contributed to the change in this group:

- Toilet paper up 0.01 percent

Other Groups

The following groups remain unchanged in the 2nd quarter 2018.

- Alcoholic Beverage
- Housing, Utilities and Major Appliances
- Medicare
- Recreation
- Education and Communication

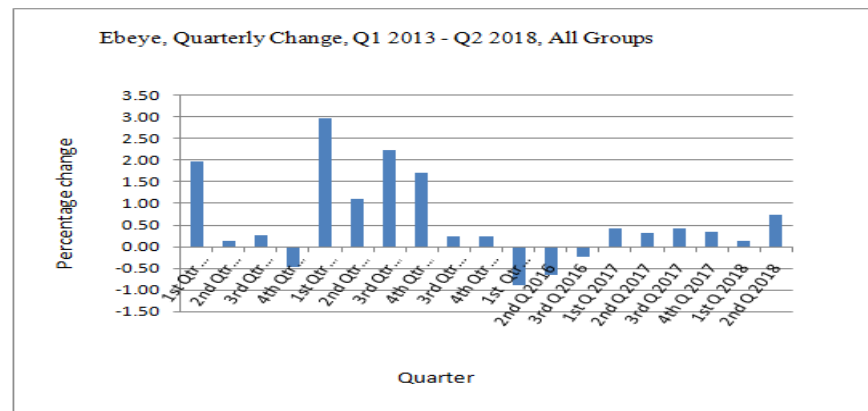
EBEYE CPI MOVEMENT: 2ND QUARTERS, 2018

Ebeye Consumer Price Index (CPI) experienced an upward trend of 0.73 percent increase in the 2nd quarter compared to 0.12 percent in the previous quarter. The main driver of this upward movement came from Food group. The average price of food in Ebeye in the 2nd quarter was recorded as a 0.19 percent increase compared to 0.81 percent in the previous quarter.

Ebeye Consumer Price Index Movement: 2nd 2016 and 2nd 2018 - All Group

	Weight	2nd Q 2016	3rd Q 2016	1st Q 2017	2nd Q 2017	3rd Q 2017	4th Q 2017	1st Q 2018	2nd Q 2018
All Group	100.00	145.14	144.80	145.41	145.87	146.48	146.99	147.17	148.24
Food	46.7	167.94	167.57	168.76	169.24	171.31	172.17	173.56	173.89
Alcoholic Beverage	1.5	98.29	98.29	98.29	98.29	98.29	98.29	95.60	99.28
Housing, Utilities and Major Appliances:	15.9	130.08	130.08	130.08	130.08	130.08	130.08	130.08	130.08
Apparel	6.1	150.53	150.53	145.89	149.92	154.13	156.58	147.28	147.28
Transportation	12.3	133.46	132.16	132.16	132.16	131.79	131.79	139.63	139.63
Medical Care	0.9	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Recreation	2.2	71.90	71.90	71.90	71.90	71.90	71.90	71.90	71.90
Education and Comm.	4.4	109.84	109.84	109.84	109.84	109.84	109.75	109.75	109.75
Other Goods and Services	10.1	116.39	116.39	119.70	119.70	114.03	114.03	113.99	113.99
Quarterly Change									
All Group	100.00	-0.65	-0.23	0.42	0.32	0.41	0.35	0.12	0.73
Food	46.7	-2.12	-0.22	0.71	0.28	1.22	0.51	0.81	0.19
Alcoholic Beverage	1.5	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-2.74	3.86	0.00
Housing, Utilities and Major Appliances:	15.9	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Apparel	6.1	2.36	0.00	-3.08	2.76	2.81	1.59	-5.94	0.00
Transportation	12.3	0.99	-0.97	0.00	0.00	-0.28	0.00	5.95	0.00
Medical Care	0.9	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Recreation	2.2	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Education and Comm.	4.4	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.08	0.00	0.00
Other Goods and Services	10.1	3.23	0.00	2.84	0.00	-4.74	0.00	-0.03	0.00

Source: EPPSO



Food Group

Food group experienced an increase of 0.19 percent between the 1st and 2nd quarters. The driver of this upward trend came from the food basket of,

- Corned beef hash up 0.05 percent
- Luncheon meat up 0.08 percent
- Turkey up 0.06 percent
- Luau drink mix up 0.14 percent
- Sugar up 0.03 percent

Alcoholic Beverages

Alcoholic beverage showed an increase trend of 3.86 percent in the 1st quarter but during the 2nd quarter this group showed no price movement.

Apparel

Apparel group experienced a declining trend of -5.94 percent in the 1st quarter but during the 2nd quarter this group showed no price movement.

Transportation

Transportation group experienced a 5.95 percent in the 1st quarter but during the 2nd quarter this group showed no price movement.

Other Goods and Services

This group recorded a -0.03 percent in the 1st quarter but during the 2nd quarter the CPI of Other goods and services group showed no price movement.

Other Groups

The following groups experienced no price change during the 1st and 2nd quarters 2018.

- Housing, Utilities and Major Appliances
- Medicare
- Recreation
- Education and Communication

MAURO-EBEYE COMPARISON

As illustrated in the chart below, the trends continue with the average prices of commonly purchased goods remaining higher in Ebeye compared to Majuro over the 1st and 2nd quarters of 2018. In the 1st quarter, the cost of common goods totaled \$141 in Majuro; whereas, in Ebeye, the same basket of goods cost \$172 (1.22 percent different). The average price of commonly purchased goods increased 2.5 percent in Majuro while in Ebeye the same basket of goods decreased 1 percent during the 1st quarter 2018.

In comparison, during the 2nd quarter the price index on Majuro decreased 1 percent. The same basket of goods averaging a total cost of \$140 or 1 percent decrease on Majuro while Ebeye experienced the total cost of \$173 or 1 percent increase compared to 1st quarter 2018. The comparison chart below shows a decreasing trend of 1 percent in Majuro over the 1st and 2nd quarters while Ebeye shows an upward trend of 1 percent increase during this period. The average prices of common goods such as rice, flour, canned meat, and frozen meat went downward by 1 percent in Majuro during the 2nd quarter while the average prices for the same basket of goods went upward 1 percent in Ebeye during the same period.

