

# Madagascar

## A: Identification

**Title of the CPI:** National Consumer Price Index

**Organisation responsible:** National Statistics Institute (INSTAT)

**Periodicity:** Monthly

**Index reference period:** 2000 = 100

**Weights reference period:** 1999 National survey conducted on health, education, and household expenditure.

**Main uses of CPI:** Indexation of wages, pensions and/or social security payment, indexation of rents, contracts and/or other payments and main inflation indicator used for monetary policy.

## B: CPI Coverage

### Geographical Coverage

*Weights:* Nation-wide

*Price collection:* Nation-wide

**Population coverage:** Resident households of nationals.

## C: Concepts, definitions, classifications and weights

**Classification:** COICOP (Classification of individual consumption by purpose) with 10 functions, 33 groups, and 104 items.

**Sources of weights:** Household expenditure surveys.

**Frequency of weight updates:** Above 5 years

## D: Sample design

## E: Data Collection

### Methods of Price Collection

- Personal data collection
- Official tariffs

## Treatment of:

**Missing or faulty prices:** When a product is temporarily unavailable (particularly where seasonal goods are concerned), the latest observed price is repeated as required.

**Disappearance of a given type or quality from the market:** If a product disappears, it is replaced with a similar product.

**Appearance of new items:** To date, no new products have been introduced in the CPI.

## Treatment of seasonal items and seasonality

## Treatment of housing

## F: Computation

**Formula to aggregate elementary indices to higher level indices:** Aggregation is by Laspeyre's formula.

**Seasonally adjusted indices:** The index is not subject to any seasonal adjustment.

## G: Editing and validation procedures

## H: Documentation and dissemination

**Timeliness of dissemination of the CPI data:** Index results are published between the 10th and 20th of the month following the reference month (depending on data availability).

## Level of detailed CPI published

**Paper publication:** All items CPI, Division-level (12 Divisions)

**Online:** All items CPI, Division-level (12 Divisions)

## Documentation

**Publications and websites where indices can be found:** New consumer price indices (Nouveaux indices des prix à la consommation), in French; Internet website: [www.instat.mgn](http://www.instat.mgn)

**Publications and websites where methodological information can be found:** In March 2003, INSTAT published a practical guide for the collection, processing, and calculation of consumer price indices (Guide pratique pour la collecte, le traitement et le calcul des indices des prix à la consommation), primarily for staff involved in the process of preparing the consumer price index (CPI), but also available to the public on request. A methodological note on price indices (Note Méthodologique sur les indices des prix) is also available.

## I: Other Information

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