

# Samoa

## A: Identification

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

**Organisation responsible:** Samoa Bureau of Statistics

**Periodicity:** Monthly

**Index reference period:** August 2010 = 100

**Weights reference period:** 2008 Household income and expenditure Survey.

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

## B: CPI Coverage

### Geographical Coverage

*Weights:* Main city (can include surrounding areas)

*Price collection:* Main city (can include surrounding areas)

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

## C: Concepts, definitions, classifications and weights

**Classification:** COICOP (Classification of individual consumption by purpose) with 12 groups.

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

**Frequency of weight updates:** Every 3-5 years

## D: Sample design

## E: Data Collection

**Approximate number of localities, outlets and price observations:** Outlets: 74, Price observations: 1,400

**Frequency with which prices are collected:** Prices are collected monthly.

**Reference period for data collection:** Prices are collected at mid-month and every Friday for local produce and fish markets.

## **Methods of Price Collection**

- Personal data collection

## **Treatment of seasonal items and seasonality**

## **Treatment of housing**

## **F: Computation**

**Formula to aggregate elementary indices to higher level indices:** The CPI is based on a Laspeyre's weighted average index.

## **G: Editing and validation procedures**

## **H: Documentation and dissemination**

**Timeliness of dissemination of the CPI data:** The CPI is released 7 working days after the end of the reference month. A summary presentation is released a few days later in Samoan.

## **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:** The CPI is published in the monthly publication "Consumer Price Index", a publication of SBS, Quarterly Economic Review, a publication of the Ministry of Finance, Central Bank of Samoa Bulletin, Samoa Statistics Abstract (currently published once every two years); Internet website: <http://www.sbs.gov.ws/>

**Publications and websites where methodological information can be found:** No methodological documentation explaining the sources and methods of calculation of the CPI is made available to the general public. However, the quarterly publication Consumer Price Index publishes the specific COICOP commodities used in computing the CPI, their respective weights and the weights of the groupings.

## **I: Other Information**

Completed by ILO in 2013.