

Lebanon Monthly Price Bulletin

**Tracking prices for the most essential goods
available on the Lebanese market**



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ABOUT THIS REPORT

This report is the result of a joint project between the Ministry of Economy and Trade (MoET) and the World Food Programme (WFP). The project aims to implement a market price information system and economic analysis in Lebanon, with the goal of enhancing the Ministry's capacity to monitor prices in the current context of economic volatility and insecurity.

The report is composed of three main sections:

- A high-level view of the latest price trends through the lens of the **Market Food Price Index (MFPI)**
- An **in-depth analysis** per food category and governorate
- An **annex table** displaying the latest prices nationally and per governorate

This report was based on price monitoring data of 74 food and non-food items from a representative sample of around 1,000 shops located across the eight governorates.

Data is collected weekly and stored on a price monitoring system hosted by WFP.

Due to the conflict ongoing at the time of data collection, November 2024 prices in the Nabatieh governorate were limited to a one-time price data collection across 25 shops. As data for vegetables and fruits were unavailable specifically in this governorate, their indexes for November 2024 were estimated by applying the monthly variation in national prices to the October 2024 prices in the governorate.

As for the South governorate, data collection primarily covered the Saida and Jezzine districts, as few markets were operational in the Sour district in November 2024.

MARKET FOOD PRICE INDEX (MFPI)

Key highlights

The MFPI reached **131.9** in November 2024, registering a **1.1 percent monthly decrease**, with a 12.5 percent decrease in fresh poultry, a 13.2 percent decrease in eggs, and a 6.4 percent decrease in fruits offsetting a 5.2 percent increase in vegetables and tubers. The MFPI has increased by **10.6 percent** since last year.

The price index has been driven since January 2023 by an index evolution in **vegetables and tubers** (181.7), **cereals** (125.3), and **fruits** (206.2).

The highest MFPI was observed in the governorates of **Beirut (138.8)** and **North (136.3)**.

NOVEMBER 2024 MFPI

131.9

-1 percent monthly evolution

+11 percent yearly evolution

Index Components	Price Index (Nov-24)	Monthly Trend	Yearly Trend
Beverages	123.5	+0.8%	+13.8%
Canned Fish	111.5	+0.8%	+8.9%
Cereals	125.3	+0.8%	+10.4%
Condiments	132.8	+1.4%	+13.5%
Dairy	113.6	+0.3%	+5.4%
Eggs	105.5	-13.2%	-9.9%
Fats & Oils	113.5	-2.1%	+5.9%
Fresh Poultry	115.8	-12.5%	-0.3%
Fruits	206.2	-6.4%	+13.0%
Pulses	136.0	+0.6%	+11.0%
Sugar	118.1	-1.0%	+0.6%
Vegetables & Tubers	181.7	+5.2%	+27.3%
MFPI	131.9	-1.1%	+10.6%



Base 100 = Jan 23

KEY DRIVERS

Notable Yearly Price Evolution

Governorate MFPI

- North (+14%)
- Beirut (+13%)




 **Vegetables & Tubers (+27%)**
 **Beverages (+14%)**

Larger urban areas and floods affecting local crop agriculture in January 2024 resulted in a more accentuated yearly price index evolution in Beirut and North Lebanon

Notable Monthly Price Evolution

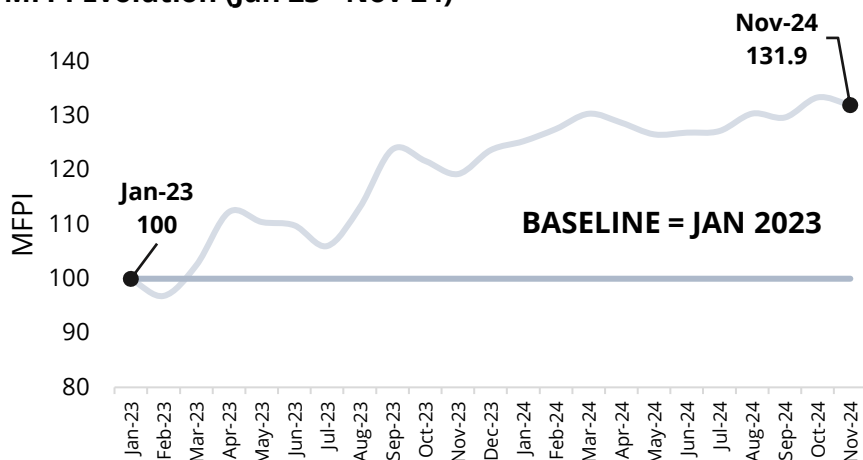
Governorate MFPI

- South (+3%)
- Beirut (+2%)

 **Vegetables & Tubers (+5%)**
 **Fresh Poultry & Eggs (-13%)**
 **Fruits (-6%)**

Ongoing hostilities in Southern Lebanon and higher demand from **internal displacement** resulted in a notable monthly price index evolution in the governorates of South and Beirut. The **poultry sector** was particularly impacted by the deteriorating situation.

MFPI Evolution (Jan 23 - Nov 24)



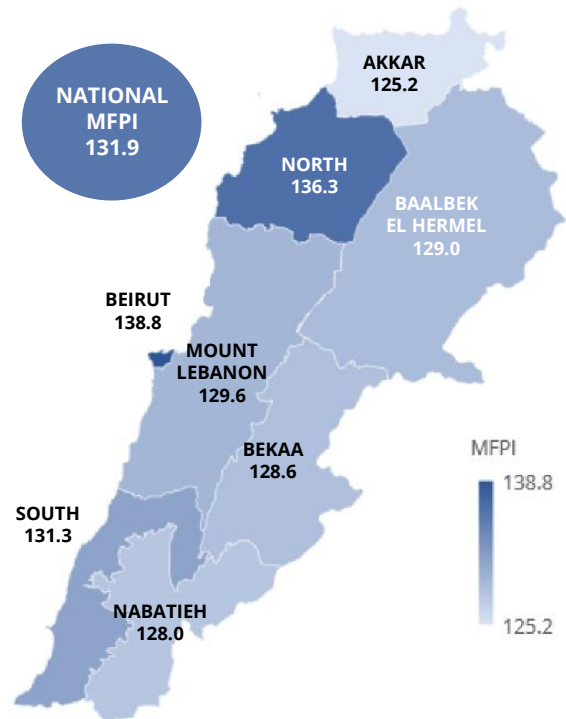
The **Market Food Price Index (MFPI)** is a measure of the average change over time in the prices in US dollars paid by consumers for 64 essential food items. It is calculated as the weighted average of price changes for each of its components. The base month of the index is January 2023.

ANALYSIS

Overview

The slight monthly decrease in the national MFPI was due to market prices adjusting to the conflict setting and supply chain constraints in November 2024 while consumer habits hinted at a return to pre-conflict consumption of fresh vegetables and tubers. The effect of hostilities was particularly felt in the South governorate (+3 percent monthly evolution), while the Baalbek-El Hermel index registered an adjustment (-5 percent monthly evolution) following a sudden 7 percent increase registered last month. The fresh poultry and egg sectors were particularly affected by hostilities with dropping local consumption amid mass displacement despite stable local production leading to significant decreases in prices.

Market Food Price Index by Governorate (November 2024)
Base = January 2023



Highest and Lowest Governorates Scores

↑	Beirut	138.8	↓	Nabatieh	128.0
	North	136.3		Akkar	125.2

Highest and Lowest Components Scores

↑	Fruits	206.2	↓	Canned Fish	111.5
	Vegetables & Tubers	181.7		Eggs	105.5

Year over Year Evolution

↑	North	+14%	↓	Bekaa	+9%
	Beirut	+13%		Nabatieh	+5%

Month over Month Evolution

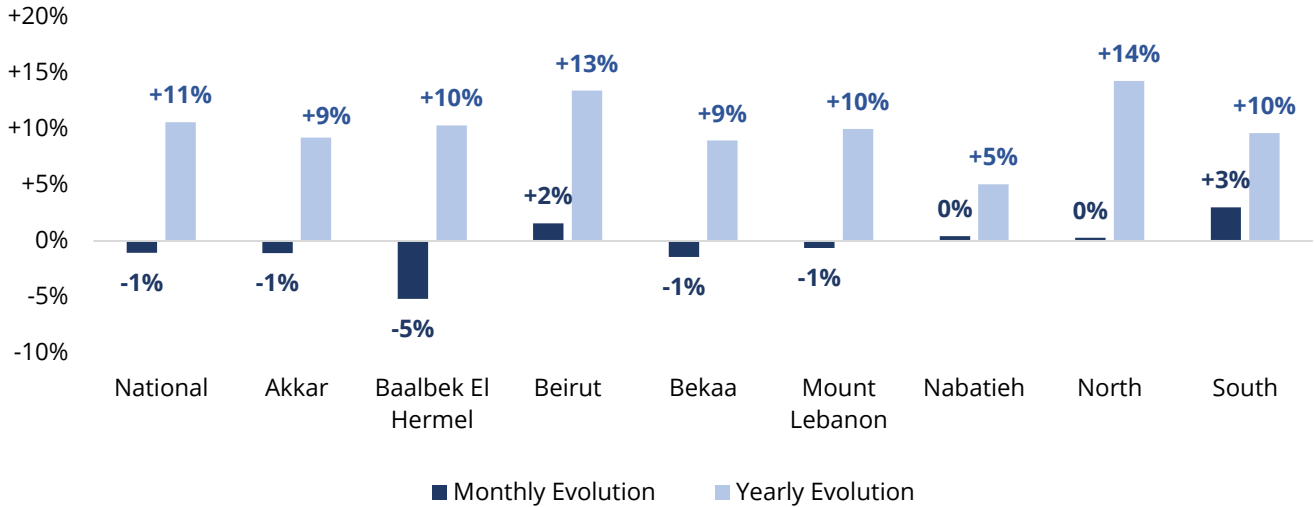
↑	South	+3%	↓	Bekaa	-1%
	Beirut	+2%		Baalbek El Hermel	-5%

Notable Trends:

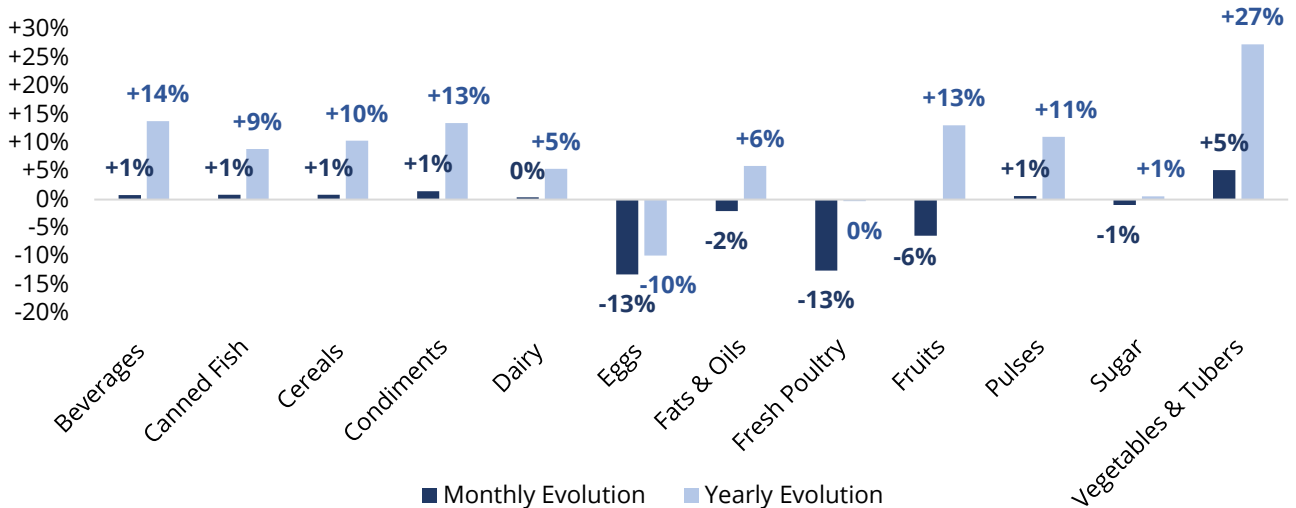
- Each governorate had notable price evolutions in different components:
 - **Akkar:** Notable 5 percent monthly decrease in dairy compared to stability of prices at national level. Highest monthly decrease in eggs (-28 percent)
 - **Baalbek-El Hermel:** Highest yearly increase in condiments (+24 percent), and dairy (+20 percent). Highest monthly decrease in fruits (-36 percent).
 - **Beirut:** Notable 3 percent monthly increase in fresh poultry compared to a 13 percent monthly decrease at national level. Highest yearly increase in fruits (+42 percent).
 - **Bekaa:** Second highest monthly decrease in eggs (-24 percent)
 - **Mount Lebanon:** Highest monthly decrease in fresh poultry (-17 percent).
 - **Nabatieh:** Significant monthly and yearly increase in canned fish (+30 percent and +34 percent, respectively), compared to a 1 percent monthly and 9 percent yearly increase at the national level. Highest monthly decrease in sugar (-5 percent).
 - **North:** Highest monthly increase in condiments (+3 percent). Highest yearly increase in cereals (+14 percent).
 - **South:** Highest monthly increase in beverages (+3 percent), cereals (+3 percent), dairy (+3 percent), pulses (+4 percent), and vegetables and tubers (+15 percent). Highest yearly increase in beverages (+19 percent) and pulses (+27 percent). Notable 4 percent monthly increase in sugar compared to 1 percent decrease at national level.

Monthly and yearly price evolution by governorate and component

MFPI Monthly & Yearly Price Evolution By Governorate

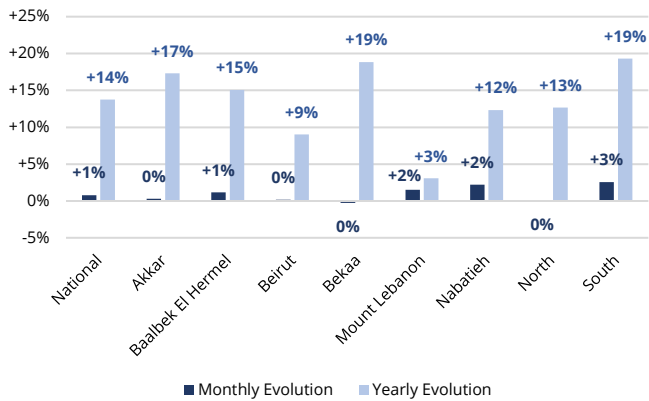


MFPI Monthly & Yearly Price Evolution By Component - National

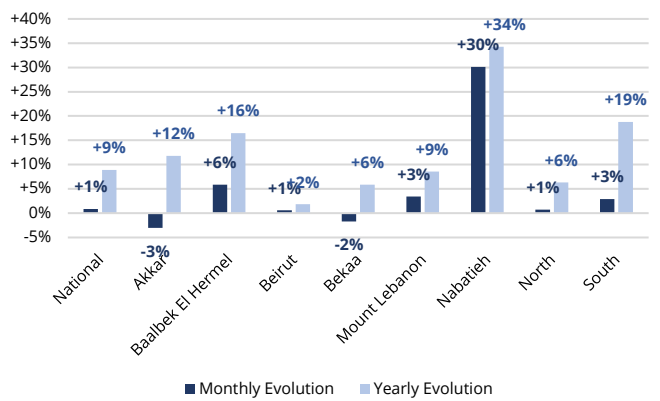


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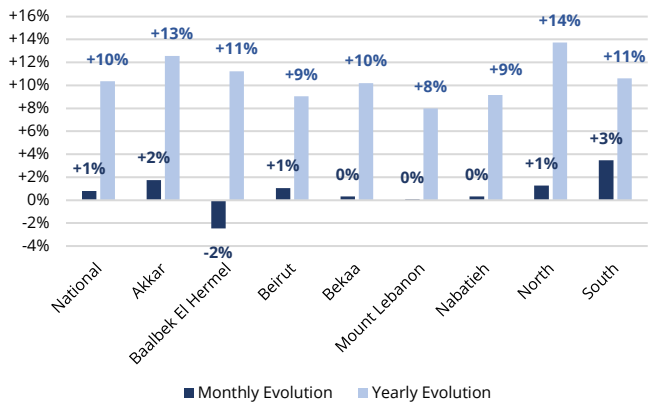
Beverages - Monthly & Yearly Price Evolution By Governorate



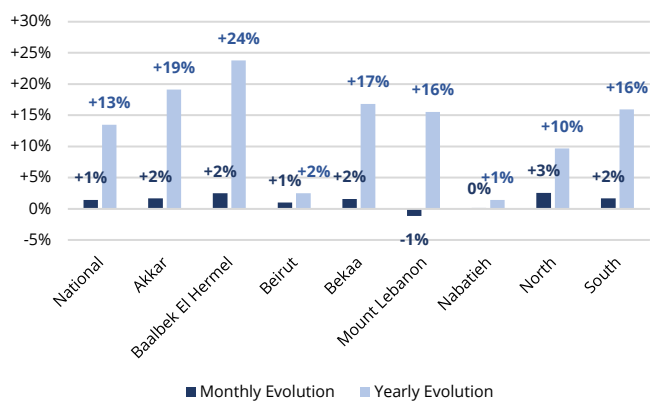
Canned Fish - Monthly & Yearly Price Evolution By Governorate



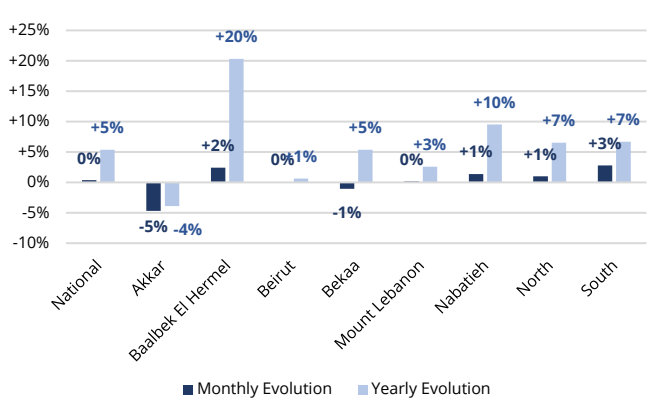
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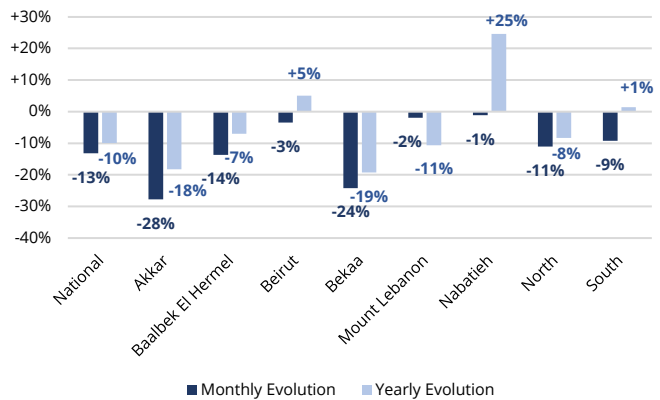
Condiments - Monthly & Yearly Price Evolution By Governorate



Dairy - Monthly & Yearly Price Evolution By Governorate

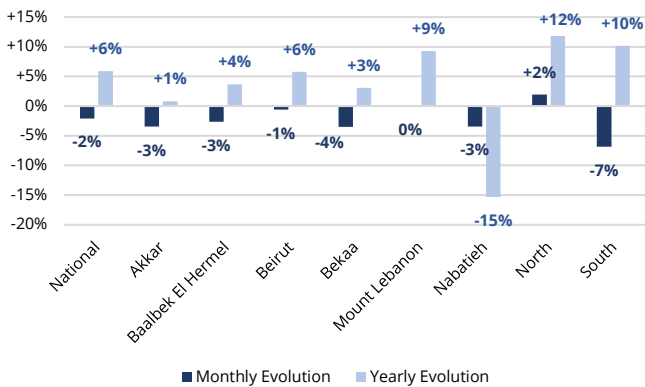


Eggs - Monthly & Yearly Price Evolution By Governorate

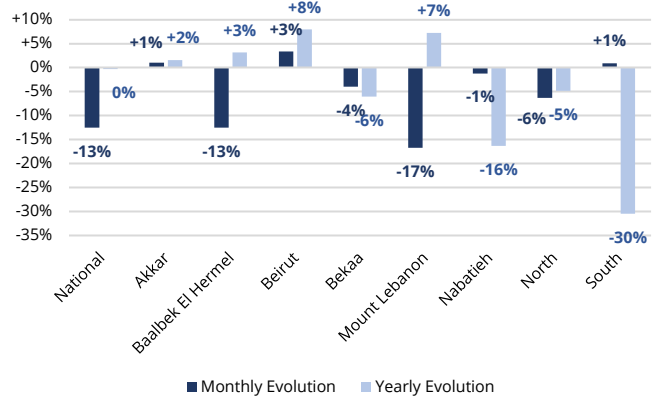


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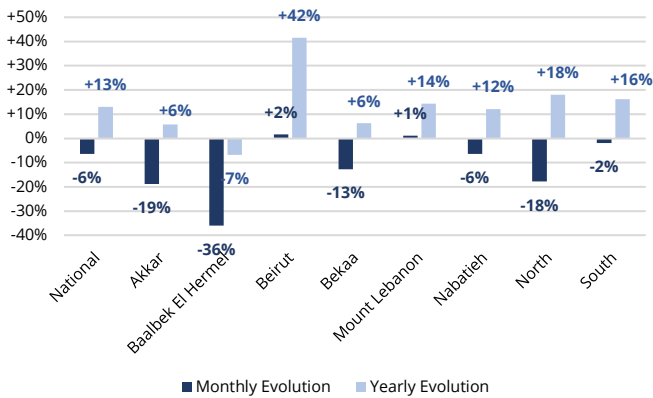
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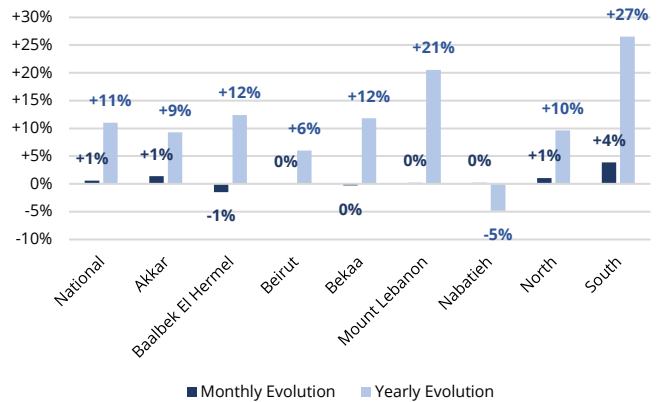
Fresh Poultry - Monthly & Yearly Price Evolution By Governorate



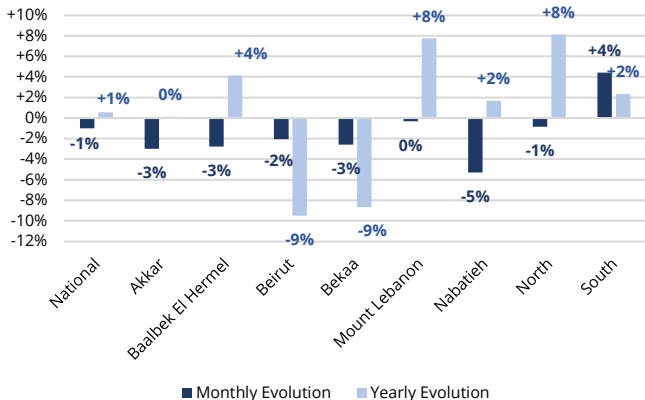
Fruits - Monthly & Yearly Price Evolution By Governorate



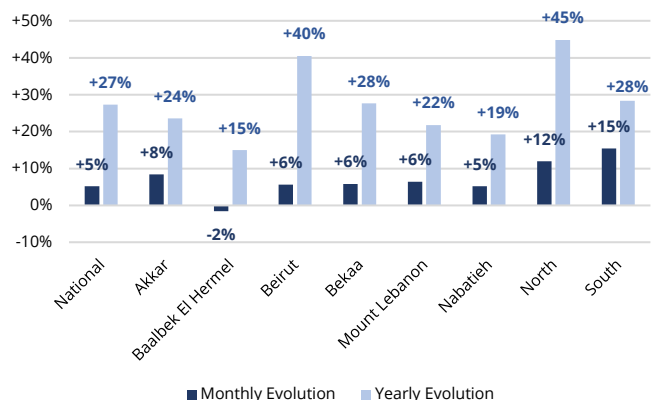
Pulses - Monthly & Yearly Price Evolution By Governorate



Sugar - Monthly & Yearly Price Evolution By Governorate



Vegetables & Tubers - Monthly & Yearly Price Evolution By Governorate



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ANNEX

PRICE PER ITEM – NOVEMBER 2024

Component	Item	Weight (gr or ml) or units	Max. Price	Avg. Price	Min. Price	Akkar	Baalbek-El Hermel	Beirut	Bekaa	Mount Lebanon	Nabatieh	North	South
BEVERAGES	Arabic Coffee	180 g	\$3.07	\$2.44	\$1.4	\$2.41	\$2.45	\$2.55	\$2.54	\$2.27	Data not available	\$2.53	\$2.46
	Drinking Water	2 liters	\$0.58	\$0.37	\$0.28	\$0.37	\$0.38	\$0.35	\$0.38	\$0.34	Data not available	\$0.38	\$0.43
	Nescafe 3 in 1	One stick	\$0.3	\$0.22	\$0.14	\$0.25	\$0.25	\$0.17	\$0.22	\$0.18	Data not available	\$0.23	\$0.21
	Tea Bags	160 g	\$2.78	\$2.04	\$1.29	\$1.89	\$1.99	\$2.14	\$2.07	\$2.08	\$2.03	\$2.05	\$2.21
	Yerba Mate	250 g	\$1.95	\$1.47	\$1.16	\$1.37	\$1.39	\$1.67	\$1.45	\$1.48	Data not available	\$1.53	\$1.48
CANNED FISH	Sardines (canned)	125 g	\$1.22	\$0.78	\$0.56	\$0.67	\$0.78	\$0.76	\$0.78	\$0.8	\$0.84	\$0.77	\$0.8
	Tuna (canned)	185 g	\$2.07	\$1.6	\$1.09	\$1.54	\$1.55	\$1.79	\$1.55	\$1.6	Data not available	\$1.57	\$1.74
CEREALS	Arabic Bread	800 g	\$0.88	\$0.78	\$0.57	\$0.76	\$0.84	\$0.86	\$0.78	\$0.75	\$0.83	\$0.73	\$0.79
	Brown Bulgur	900 g	\$1.49	\$1.04	\$0.7	\$0.95	\$1.09	\$1.04	\$1.03	\$1.1	\$1.08	\$1	\$1.05
	Egyptian Rice	900 g	\$1.48	\$1.02	\$0.8	\$0.93	\$1	\$1.01	\$1.02	\$1.05	\$1.18	\$0.99	\$1.16
	Noodles	70 g	\$0.99	\$0.46	\$0.23	\$0.42	\$0.48	\$0.46	\$0.5	\$0.41	Data not available	\$0.53	\$0.37
	Pasta	500 g	\$1.69	\$0.96	\$0.4	\$0.74	\$0.85	\$1.18	\$1	\$1	\$0.96	\$0.94	\$1.04
	Sweet Corn	340 g	\$1.68	\$1.12	\$0.58	\$0.87	\$1.16	\$1.27	\$1.01	\$1.31	Data not available	\$1.11	\$1.2
	Wheat Flour	900 g	\$1.5	\$0.88	\$0.55	\$0.73	\$0.85	\$0.78	\$0.81	\$0.95	Data not available	\$0.92	\$0.89
CONDIMENTS	Bouillon Cubes (chicken or meat)	20 g	\$0.4	\$0.2	\$0.12	\$0.23	\$0.26	\$0.17	\$0.2	\$0.18	Data not available	\$0.19	\$0.22
	Pomegranate Molasse	270 g	\$2.28	\$1.66	\$1.08	\$1.58	\$1.72	\$1.54	\$1.72	\$1.65	Data not available	\$1.7	\$1.62
	Salt	700 g	\$1.04	\$0.31	\$0.13	\$0.27	\$0.32	\$0.35	\$0.28	\$0.31	\$0.28	\$0.36	\$0.26
	Thyme (dry)	400 g	\$4.45	\$1.59	\$0.85	\$1.39	\$1.65	\$3.31	\$1.68	\$1.6	Data not available	\$1.48	\$1.24

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CONDIMENTS	Tomato Ketchup	340 g	\$1.12	\$0.81	\$0.65	\$0.85	\$0.84	\$0.8	\$0.82	\$0.82	Data not available	\$0.76	\$0.77
	Tomato Paste	660 g	\$2.88	\$1.77	\$0.92	\$1.63	\$1.84	\$1.82	\$1.75	\$1.81	\$1.44	\$1.8	\$1.74
	White Vinegar	950 ml	\$1.28	\$0.79	\$0.42	\$0.64	\$0.81	\$0.71	\$0.83	\$0.77	Data not available	\$0.84	\$0.87
DAIRY	Cheese Triangles	108 g	\$1.48	\$0.99	\$0.48	\$0.75	\$1.03	\$0.9	\$1.2	\$0.88	Data not available	\$1.19	\$1.02
	Laban	1,000 g	\$2.33	\$1.67	\$0.93	\$1.29	\$1.51	\$1.72	\$1.74	\$1.72	\$1.56	\$1.75	\$1.9
	Labneh	450 g	\$3.33	\$2.46	\$1.13	\$1.75	\$2.18	\$2.61	\$2.53	\$2.54	Data not available	\$2.62	\$2.92
	Milk Powder (Full Fat)	750 g	\$8.75	\$5.9	\$4.43	\$5.55	\$6.16	\$5.98	\$6.07	\$6.01	\$5.99	\$5.82	\$5.47
	Processed Cheese	120 g	\$1.46	\$0.89	\$0.5	\$0.8	\$0.96	\$0.95	Data not available	\$0.96	Data not available	\$0.87	\$0.7
EGGS	Eggs	30 eggs	\$5.2	\$3.87	\$2.89	\$3.28	\$3.64	\$4.91	\$3.33	\$4	\$4.05	\$4.07	\$4.36
FATS & OILS	Butter	200 g	\$2.93	\$2.09	\$0.39	\$1.12	\$1.98	\$2.49	\$2.27	\$2.27	Data not available	\$2.08	\$2.43
	Olive Oil	500 ml	\$6.95	\$3.84	\$1.45	\$3.21	\$2.32	\$5.86	\$3.23	\$4.14	Data not available	\$4.66	\$2.79
	Sunflower Oil	5,000 ml	\$15.48	\$8.98	\$6.4	\$8.34	\$9.53	\$9.23	\$8.8	\$8.82	\$8.72	\$9.19	\$9.5
	Tahini Sauce	800 ml	\$6.4	\$4.3	\$2.21	\$3.62	\$3.65	\$5.28	\$4.47	\$4.9	\$4.81	\$4.04	\$4.6
	Vegetable Ghee	700 ml	\$3.95	\$2.29	\$1.24	\$2.07	\$2.28	\$2.91	\$2.15	\$2.45	Data not available	\$2.35	\$2.16
FRESH POULTRY	Chicken (Whole)	1,000 g	\$4.5	\$3.05	\$1.65	\$3	Data not available	\$3.38	\$3.16	\$3.08	\$2.2	\$3.1	\$3
	Chicken Breast	1,000 g	\$9.74	\$7.08	\$4.9	\$6.74	Data not available	\$7.73	\$6.53	\$7.19	\$8.19	\$6.95	\$6.9
	Chicken Legs	1,000 g	\$3.54	\$2.4	\$1.35	\$2.03	Data not available	\$2.36	\$1.98	\$2.76	\$1.97	\$2	Data not available

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FRUITS	Apple (red or yellow)	1,000 g	\$2.4	\$1.22	\$0.6	\$1.02	\$0.88	\$1.57	\$1.23	\$1.18	Data not available	\$1.42	\$2.13
	Banana	1,000 g	\$2.3	\$0.67	\$0.33	\$0.49	\$0.53	\$1.07	\$0.44	\$0.79	Data not available	\$0.49	\$0.6
	Clementine	1,000 g	\$2	\$0.81	\$0.35	\$0.46	\$0.64	\$1.75	\$0.79	\$1.04	Data not available	\$0.88	\$0.68
	Grapes	1,000 g	\$3.75	\$1.63	\$0.8	\$0.99	\$0.95	\$1.85	\$1.77	\$1.6	Data not available	\$2.08	\$1.95
	Lemon	1,000 g	\$2	\$0.84	\$0.5	\$0.66	\$0.6	\$1.02	\$0.7	\$0.94	Data not available	\$0.78	\$0.75
	Orange	1,000 g	\$1.3	\$0.73	\$0.44	\$0.5	\$0.55	\$1.02	\$0.63	\$0.74	Data not available	\$0.83	\$0.71
LUNCHEON MEAT	Beef Luncheon	200 g	\$2.44	\$1.16	\$0.52	\$1.15	\$0.75	\$1.52	\$1.2	\$1.08	Data not available	\$1.25	\$1.33
	Chicken Luncheon	200 g	\$2.22	\$0.92	\$0.6	\$0.75	\$0.83	\$1.16	\$0.74	\$1.2	Data not available	\$0.86	\$0.93
PULSES	Chickpeas	900 g	\$3.2	\$2	\$1.11	\$1.72	\$1.69	\$1.94	\$1.93	\$2.16	\$2.43	\$2.07	\$2.38
	Fava Beans (canned)	400 g	\$0.99	\$0.66	\$0.48	\$0.55	\$0.66	\$0.74	\$0.69	\$0.71	Data not available	\$0.67	\$0.66
	Green Peas (canned)	400 g	\$2.44	\$1.22	\$0.52	\$0.78	\$0.97	\$1.71	\$1.1	\$1.36	Data not available	\$1.27	\$1.28
	Hummus Tahini (canned)	400 g	\$1.19	\$0.78	\$0.54	\$0.63	\$0.81	\$0.89	\$0.81	\$0.88	Data not available	\$0.76	\$0.73
	Lentils	900 g	\$2.7	\$1.8	\$1.01	\$1.69	\$1.66	\$1.69	\$1.63	\$1.94	\$1.72	\$1.85	\$2
	White Beans	900 g	\$2.93	\$2	\$1.2	\$1.88	\$1.8	\$2.14	\$2.06	\$2.05	\$2.02	\$1.95	\$2.34
SUGAR	White Sugar	5,000 g	\$7.22	\$5.23	\$3.89	\$4.88	\$5.09	\$5.23	\$4.9	\$5.68	\$5.44	\$5.24	\$5.34

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VEGETABLES & TUBERS	Cabbage	1,000 g	\$0.89	\$0.53	\$0.23	\$0.43	\$0.45	\$0.7	\$0.35	\$0.59	Data not available	\$0.45	\$0.36
	Carrots	1,000 g	\$1.35	\$0.74	\$0.38	\$0.6	\$0.54	\$1.15	\$0.66	\$0.72	Data not available	\$0.77	\$0.83
	Cauliflower	1,000 g	\$1.2	\$0.73	\$0.45	\$0.56	\$0.62	\$0.94	\$0.63	\$0.75	Data not available	\$0.81	\$0.67
	Cucumber	1,000 g	\$1.3	\$0.87	\$0.44	\$0.65	\$0.9	\$1.15	\$0.69	\$0.93	Data not available	\$0.85	\$0.67
	Eggplant	1,000 g	\$1.4	\$0.89	\$0.33	\$0.65	\$0.33	\$0.9	\$0.75	\$0.96	Data not available	\$1.04	\$0.9
	Garlic	300 g	\$1.32	\$0.98	\$0.6	\$0.85	\$0.89	Data not available	\$1.08	\$0.98	Data not available	\$1.09	\$1.2
	Green Bean (Fresh)	1,000 g	\$4.18	\$2.01	\$1.1	\$2.19	Data not available	Data not available	\$1.98	\$1.78	Data not available	\$2.6	\$2.11
	Lettuce	750 g	\$1.1	\$0.7	\$0.4	\$0.47	\$0.46	\$0.99	\$0.55	\$0.78	Data not available	\$0.75	\$0.5
	Onion	1,000 g	\$1.1	\$0.73	\$0.5	\$0.66	\$0.55	\$0.85	\$0.64	\$0.77	Data not available	\$0.74	\$0.76
	Parsley	300 g	\$0.46	\$0.23	\$0.15	\$0.25	\$0.24	\$0.38	\$0.19	\$0.19	Data not available	\$0.31	\$0.29
	Potato	300 g	\$0.85	\$0.62	\$0.47	\$0.59	\$0.63	\$0.7	\$0.61	\$0.61	Data not available	\$0.66	\$0.73
	Purslane	300 g	\$0.65	\$0.37	\$0.22	\$0.25	\$0.33	\$0.55	\$0.28	\$0.47	Data not available	\$0.36	\$0.32
	Tomato	1,000 g	\$1.2	\$0.77	\$0.4	\$0.57	\$0.59	Data not available	\$0.8	\$0.82	Data not available	\$0.87	\$1.05
Zucchini	1,000 g	\$2.22	\$1.31	\$0.67	\$1.07	\$1.2	\$1.36	\$1.52	\$1.29	Data not available	\$1.57	\$1.33	
NON-FOOD ITEMS	Baby Diapers	40 diapers	\$10.65	\$5.97	\$2.9	\$5.02	\$5.4	\$7.11	\$5.73	\$6.42	\$7.34	\$5.96	\$6.7
	Bleach	1,000 ml	\$1.89	\$1.01	\$0.56	\$0.92	\$1.03	\$1.13	\$0.92	\$0.97	\$1.11	\$1.06	\$1.12
	Dishwashing Liquid	700 ml	\$3.24	\$1.56	\$0.66	\$1.15	\$1.01	\$1.88	\$1.57	\$1.71	\$1.1	\$1.64	\$1.67
	Laundry Washing Powder	4,000 g	\$13	\$9.13	\$5.4	\$8.87	\$7.99	\$10.19	\$9.52	\$9.28	\$9.14	\$9.44	\$8.39
	Sanitary Napkins	20 napkins pack	\$3.98	\$2.36	\$1.27	\$2.27	\$2.57	\$2.5	\$2.21	\$2.24	\$2.37	\$2.26	\$2.85
	Shampoo	400 ml	\$4.32	\$3.08	\$1.48	\$3.08	\$3.02	\$2.89	\$3.34	\$3.05	\$2.6	\$3.02	\$3.19
	Soap	One soap bar (125 g)	\$1.38	\$0.79	\$0.19	\$0.65	\$0.85	\$0.82	\$0.92	\$0.82	\$0.66	\$0.76	\$0.84
	Toilet Rolls	32 rolls	\$11.65	\$6.36	\$3	\$5.1	\$4.54	\$6.72	\$6.63	\$6.83	\$7.18	\$6.4	\$7.37
	Toothbrush	One toothbrush	\$2.7	\$1.04	\$0.44	\$0.9	\$0.88	\$1.15	\$1.02	\$1.19	\$1.99	\$0.98	\$0.95
	Toothpaste	125 ml	\$3.1	\$1.34	\$0.78	\$1.29	\$1.45	\$1.3	\$1.33	\$1.27	\$1.56	\$1.38	\$1.56