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INFLATION REPORT

August 2026

Disinflation Holds, But the Calm May Be Borrowed

Headline inflation eased for a third consecutive month to 15.39% YoY in August (July: 15.43%). Two forces did the work. Food supply turned as the early harvest broke the lean-season squeeze, collapsing MoM food inflation to 1.02% from 5.56%, a 454bps swing. Farm produce moderated to 1.35% MoM (July: 4.66%) and the naira held its ground, averaging NGN1,325.77/USD in August from NGN1,353.50/USD in July, a 2.1% MoM appreciation that capped imported food at 0.91% MoM (July: 1.19%) and eased FX-sensitive input costs broadly. Food inflation settled at 19.57% YoY (July: 20.31%).

Core told an even quieter story: –0.06% MoM (July: +0.15%), easing 168bps to 13.29% YoY (July: 14.97%). Transport turned outright negative at –0.52% MoM (July: +0.27%), processed food and non-alcoholic beverages slowed to +1.78% m/m (July: +3.74%), and health eased to +0.19% MoM (July: +0.47%).

With naira strength containing imported costs, financial conditions still tight, and household purchasing power subdued, firms had little room to pass costs through. Stable petrol prices through most of the month offered further indirect relief via distribution and operating costs.

HEADLINE INFLATION

15.39%

▼ **4BPS**

15.43% (July)

FOOD INFLATION

19.57%

▼ **74BPS**

20.31% (July)

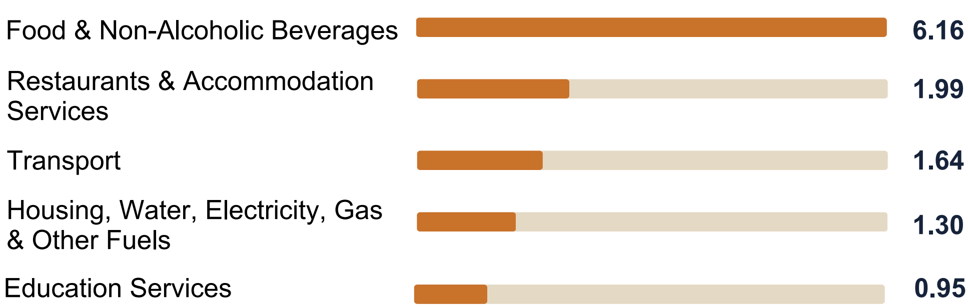
CORE INFLATION

13.29%

▼ **168BPS**

14.97% (July)

TOP CONTRIBUTORS TO HEADLINE INFLATION (YOY, PP)



INFLATION REPORT (AUGUST)

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Urban Price Pressure Continues to Outpace Rural

URBAN

YEAR-ON-YEAR

15.88%

from 16.12% in July 2026

RURAL

YEAR-ON-YEAR

14.23%

from 13.77% in July 2026

Where Inflation Bites Hardest — and Least

All-Items headline inflation by state, August 2026

HIGHEST YoY

1	Lagos	23.68%
2	Zamfara	22.56%
3	Enugu	22.06%

LOWEST YoY

1	Sokoto	2.11%
2	Kebbi	3.72%
3	Jigawa	3.81%

MONTH-ON-MONTH MOVERS

FASTEST RISING

Kastina	**+9.48%**
Rivers	**+8.86%**
Osun	**+8.32%**

FASTEST COOLING

Taraba	**-12.42%**
Borno	**-12.15%**
Bauchi	**-8.88%**