

Market Price Report (Mini)

The MAU tracks market prices in southern Sagaing Region. Data are collected from three vendors per product per market at the end of each month. The data include prices from Monywa (main market), Myaung (Na Bet), Ye-U (Tin Tein Yan), and Yinmarbin (Yin Paung Taing). Data and product specs will be available via the MPR dashboard at www.themimu.info/market-analysis-unit.

KEY FINDINGS

- **Cooking oil prices rose 9% or more across markets** in August with the steepest oil price hikes in Ye-U;
- **Rice prices generally rose 5-20% across markets** with Monywa and Yinmarbin seeing sharp price increases of 21% or more;
- **Prices for hygiene products were stable or rising**, while prices for sanitary pads rose steeply in Ye-U and Yinmarbin;
- **Other NFI prices were stable or rising slightly**, and prices for plastic tarps rose sharply in some markets;
- **Price hikes were most notable in Ye-U and Yinmarbin**, where price increases were both broader and steeper than elsewhere;
- **Food prices rose more than NFI prices in August**, although both food and NFI prices climbed significantly in the townships monitored.

Product-Level Price Changes

Essential Foods – Essential food prices rose sharply in August, and cooking oil prices were up 9%. Rice prices rose 5-20% in August, while peanut oil prices were up 9% or more in each market. Prices for pulses were relatively stable. Essential food prices increased more in Yinmarbin than elsewhere, and they were most stable in Myaung.

Hygiene Products – Price for hygiene products were stable or rising in August, although trends varied slightly by market. Detergent prices rose 4-9% in August. Prices for soap and sanitary pads rose 9% or more in some markets while holding stable elsewhere. Prices for hygiene products increased most in Ye-U, and they were fairly stable in Monywa.

Other NFIs – NFI prices were stable or rising slightly in August, but plastic tarp prices spiked in Yinmarbin and Myaung. Prices for plastic tarps increased a modest 4-8% in Monywa and Ye-U, but they rose 28-36% in Yinmarbin and Myaung. Prices for blankets and mosquito nets were stable or rising 4-10% in August, while prices for jerry cans varied by location and showed no clear trend across markets.

Chart 1. Median Price Change (One-Month)

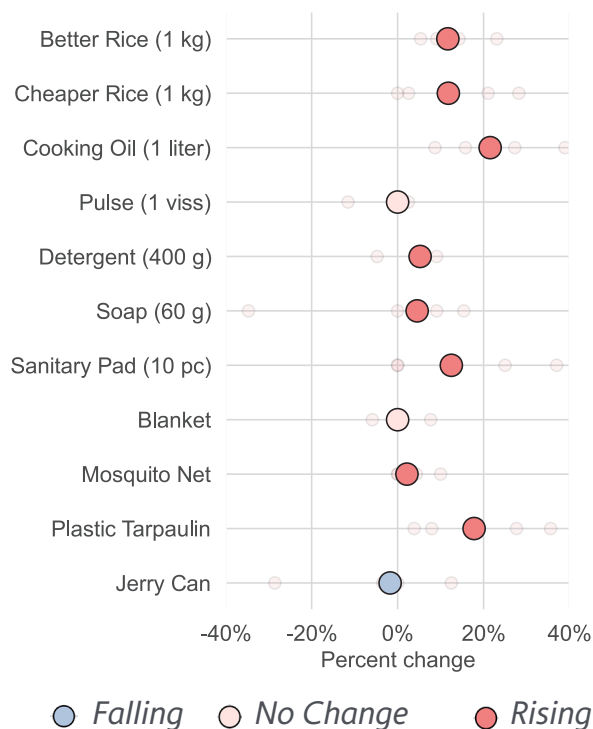


Chart 2. Price Change for All Products, by Township

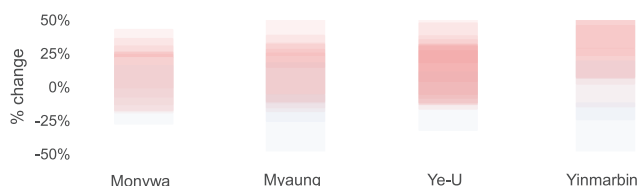
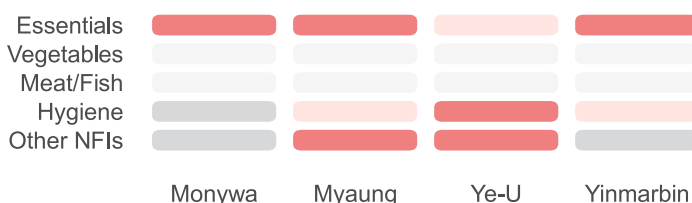


Chart 3. Direction of Price Change, by Category



The above chart provides a general impression of the frequency of rising/falling prices in each market. Horizontal bands represent the density of products at a given percent-change. Red indicates rising prices, blue indicates falling prices. The above chart provides a general impression of the direction of price changes in each market by product category. Product categories are labeled as stable (grey), falling (blue), rising (red), or mixed (pink).

Prices for August 2023 (MMK)

Product	Monywa (Main Market)	Myaung (Na Bet)	Ye-U (Tin Tein Yan)	Yinmarbin (Yin Paung Taing)
Better Rice (1 kg)	3,200	2,950	2,400	3,200
Cheaper Rice (1 kg)	2,300	2,000	2,000	2,500
Cooking Oil (1 liter)	5,000	5,500	6,600	7,000
Pulse (1 viss)	6,150	6,000	6,900	-
Garlic (1 viss)	15,000	10,000	12,000	10,000
Onion (1 viss)	3,200	2,400	2,800	2,000
Eggplant (1 viss)	1,000	2,000	1,050	1,600
Long Bean (1 viss)	2,800	3,000	2,100	2,000
Watercress (1 viss)	600	800	550	2,000
Green Chili (1 viss)	2,300	3,000	3,100	3,000
Banana (1 bunch)	1,800	2,000	2,000	-
Shrimp (1 viss)	12,000	13,000	-	12,000
Fresh Fish (1 viss)	8,000	10,000	9,000	8,500
Dried Fish (1 viss)	18,000	17,000	18,500	16,000
Fish Paste (1 viss)	4,000	8,000	6,000	-
Chicken (1 viss)	7,200	13,000	13,000	9,000
Toothpaste (140 g)	1,700	1,300	-	1,600
Detergent (400 g)	1,200	1,000	1,200	1,300
Soap (60 g)	900	1,200	1,500	800
Sanitary Pad (10 pc)	850	800	1,000	1,500
Charcoal (1 viss)	500	700	700	700
Cooking Pot (4 cans)	6,000	7,800	7,750	7,000
Blanket	8,000	-	10,500	7,750
Mosquito Net	8,000	11,000	12,000	11,750
Plastic Tarpaulin	13,500	20,000	17,000	15,000
Men's Longyi	8,000	7,800	12,750	8,000
Women's Longyi	8,500	7,000	8,250	8,000
Umbrella	4,500	9,000	7,750	7,500
Towel	3,500	2,700	4,750	3,000
Vacuum Flask	15,500	6,500	14,500	8,500
Jerry Can	5,000	5,000	6,750	5,550

*Dashes indicate products that were unavailable at specification.

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- Supply chains, including trade, cross-border dynamics and market functionality (particularly as it relates to food systems);
- Financial services, including financial services providers, household and business access to finance and remittances; and
- Labor markets (formal and informal), with a focus on agricultural labor and low-wage sectors (e.g., construction, food services).

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