

Market Price Report

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), Shwebo (main market), Ye-U (Tin Tein Yan), and Yinmarbin (Yin Paung Taing). Data and product specs are available at www.themimu.info/market-analysis-unit.

KEY FINDINGS

- **Essential food prices held stable again in December**, and cooking oil prices were moderately lower;
- **Some vegetable prices increased 8% or more**, while other products saw prices fall 20-40%;
- **Meat and fish prices increased in Monywa and Ye-U**, but they held stable elsewhere;
- **Prices for hygiene products rose 6-20% in Yinmarbin**, but they were mostly stable elsewhere;
- **NFI prices were stable or rising slightly in December** with most price hikes in Monywa, Ye-U, and Yinmarbin;
- **Monywa saw the most price hikes in December**, although the magnitude of price hikes was not large;
- **Markets saw fairly-stable prices in December** with Myaung experiencing a second month of strong stability.

Product-Level Price Changes

Essential Foods – Essential food prices were stable again in December, although cooking oil prices dipped region-wide. Prices for pulses and rice were relatively stable, except in Monywa where prices increased a modest 2-3%. Cooking oil prices declined 3-18% in December, possibly due to increased reliance on local oil production.

Vegetables – Garlic, eggplant, and watercress prices climbed in December, while long bean and green chili prices fell. Garlic prices rose 18-42% in December, while eggplant prices were up 8-25%, and watercress prices increased at least 14% in several markets. By contrast, long bean and green chili prices fell 20-40% in most markets in December. At the market-level, Monywa vegetable prices were rising while Myaung prices fell.

Meat and Fish – Meat and fish prices varied by market in December, with prices rising in Monywa and Ye-U. Meat and fish prices increased 4-23% in Monywa and Ye-U in December, while prices fell 9-12% in Shwebo. Meanwhile, meat and fish prices were stable in Myaung and Yinmarbin.

Hygiene Products – Prices for hygiene products remained stable, except in Yinmarbin where prices climbed 6-20%. Prices for hygiene products were generally stable or shifting 3-7% in December. Prices for sanitary pads increased 20%, and soap prices fell 18% in Shwebo and Yinmarbin.

Other NFIs – NFI prices were stable or rising in December, although price trends varied by township. NFI prices were stable or rising Monywa, Ye-U, and Yinmarbin, with several products seeing increases of 3-22% (e.g., charcoal, towels). NFI prices were very stable in Myaung and Shwebo, and Monywa also saw relatively strong price stability.

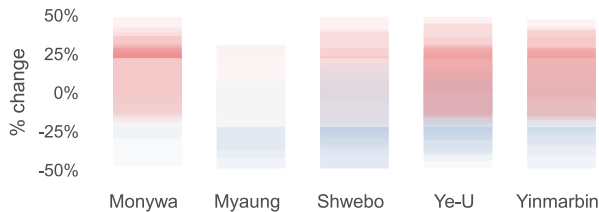
Chart 1. Median Price Change (One Month)



Township-Level Price Changes

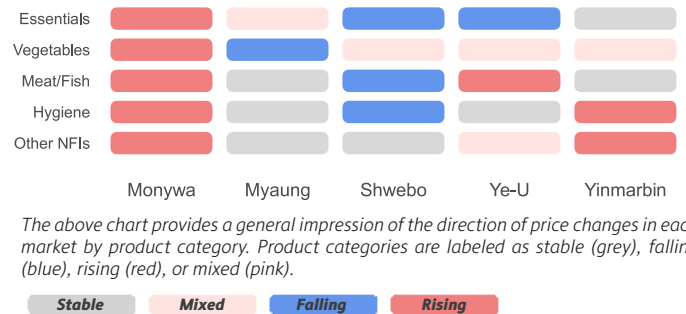
Monywa, Ye-U, and Yinmarbin saw the most price increases in December, while prices were again very stable in Myaung. Half of all products monitored in Monywa increased by at least 3% in December, and one-quarter increased by 8% or more. Ye-U and Yinmarbin also saw their share of price hikes, with one-quarter of all prices up at least 6-7%. Shwebo and Ye-U saw notable price reductions as well, with one-quarter of all prices monitored down 8-10%. Prices in Myaung were stable for a second straight month in December.

Chart 2. Price Change for All Products, by Township (One Month)



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.

Chart 3. Direction of Price Change, by Township and Product Category (One Month)



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 December 2023 (MMK)

Product	Monywa	Myaung	Shwebo	Ye-U	Yinmarbin
Better Rice (1 kg)	3,400	3,200	3,000	2,600	3,200
Cheaper Rice (1 kg)	2,250	2,500	1,600	1,600	2,500
Cooking Oil (1 liter)	3,600	4,250	3,800	4,500	7,000
Pulse (1 viss)	6,200	6,000	5,500	6,600	6,500
Salt (500 g)	350	250	300	-	500
Garlic (1 viss)	25,000	14,000	16,000	17,000	13,000
Onion (1 viss)	3,200	3,500	3,900	2,600	2,500
Eggplant (1 viss)	1,300	1,200	1,400	1,875	1,500
Long Bean (1 viss)	2,800	1,500	1,500	1,600	2,000
Watercress (1 viss)	800	-	1,400	1,050	1,000
Green Chili (1 viss)	2,200	2,000	2,200	2,900	3,500
Banana (1 bunch)	2,200	2,500	2,250	1,900	1,900
Shrimp (1 viss)	13,000	15,000	-	14,000	12,000
Fresh Fish (1 viss)	8,000	11,000	6,000	7,500	12,000
Dried Fish (1 viss)	17,500	17,000	14,000	16,250	20,000
Fish Paste (1 viss)	4,800	6,000	3,400	6,000	4,000
Chicken (1 viss)	6,000	14,000	12,500	13,000	9,000
Ar Bae Kyauk (1 viss)	-	24,000	14,500	14,500	20,000
Toothpaste (140 g)	1,650	1,400	1,800	-	1,700
Detergent (400 g)	1,100	1,000	1,300	1,500	1,500
Soap (60 g)	850	1,200	900	1,300	900
Sanitary Pad (10 pc)	900	800	1,000	1,000	1,800
Charcoal (1 viss)	600	700	550	750	800
Cooking Pot (4 cans)	6,000	7,800	6,400	8,000	7,250
Blanket	8,000	13,000	-	10,750	8,750
Mosquito Net	7,500	14,000	10,000	12,000	12,000
Plastic Tarpaulin	15,000	17,500	-	18,000	16,500
Men's Longyi	8,000	7,800	5,250	13,000	8,500
Women's Longyi	7,500	7,500	8,250	9,000	9,000
Umbrella	5,500	9,000	6,750	8,150	7,750
Towel	3,800	2,700	2,100	5,650	3,250

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