

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 (village), Shwebo (main market), Ye-U (village), and Yinmarbin (village). Data and product specs are available at www.themimu.info/market-analysis-unit.

KEY FINDINGS

- **Prices for pulses and cooking oil rose in February**, although rice prices were generally stable;
- **Vegetable prices declined for a second month** with garlic and eggplant falling 30% or more in some markets;
- **Shrimp and chicken prices increased 6% and 22%**, respectively, although prices for fish products were stable;
- **Prices for hygiene products were stable again**, although Monywa rolled back January's modest increases;
- **Prices for other NFIs were generally stable**, although NFI price trends varied by market;
- **Monywa saw a third month of NFI price hikes**, although food prices were generally stable or falling;
- **Prices increased most in Yinmarbin in February**, while Monywa and Ye-U saw more falling prices than other markets.

Product-Level Price Changes

Essential Foods – Prices for cooking oil and pulses rose in February, although rice prices were mostly stable. Rice prices were generally stable in February, although in Monywa they fell 3-10% and in Yinmarbin they rose 10-17%. Cooking oil prices were up 16% after several months of falling prices, and prices for pulses—recently stable here—increased a modest 4%.

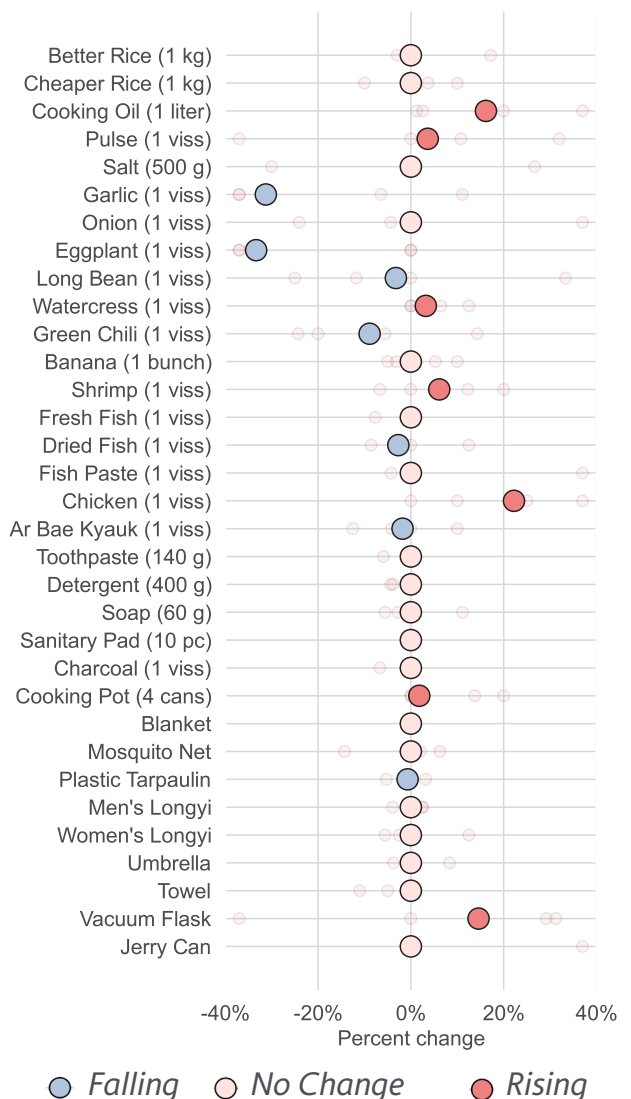
Vegetables – Vegetable prices continued to decline in February. Garlic and eggplant fell roughly 30% in February, while prices for long bean and green chili were down a more modest 3-9%. Watercress prices were once again stable or rising slightly in February.

Meat and Fish – Shrimp and chicken prices climbed in February, although prices for fish products were stable. Prices for shrimp and chicken increased 6% and 22%, respectively, in February. Prices for fish paste, dried fish, and fresh fish were all fairly stable, although prices drifted somewhat lower in Ye-U.

Hygiene Products – Prices for hygiene products were again stable in February, except in Monywa where prices fell. Prices for hygiene products fell 4-6% in Monywa, erasing January's 3-6% price increases. Prices for hygiene products were quite stable in other markets, although soap prices increased 11% in Shwebo.

Other NFIs – NFI prices were mostly stable, although trends varied slightly by market. NFI prices were fairly stable in Myaung, Shwebo, and Yinmarbin in February. Prices for various NFIs fell 4-14% in Ye-U, while a number of products saw price increases of 2-20% in Monywa. Lower prices in Ye-U unwound last month's increases there, however February marked the third straight month of rising NFI prices in Monywa.

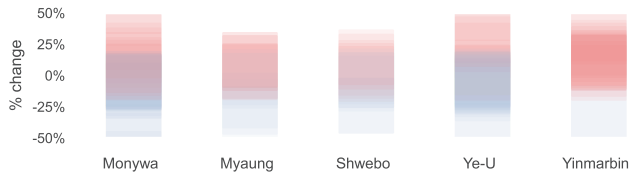
Chart 1. Median Price Change (One Month)



Township-Level Price Changes

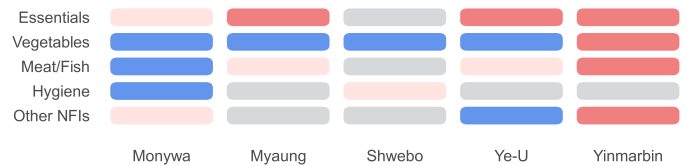
Yinmarbin saw stable or rising prices in February, while Monywa and Ye-U saw more falling prices than other markets. One-quarter of all prices monitored in Yinmarbin increased 11% or more in February, however many other prices there were stable. Half of all prices monitored in Monywa and Ye-U fell at least 2-3% in February. As was the case in January, Shwebo saw the most price-stability among the markets monitored, while Myaung also saw fairly stable prices in February.

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)



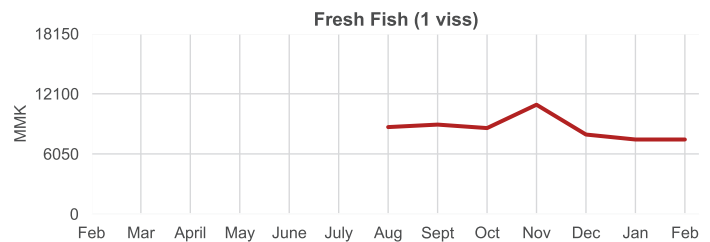
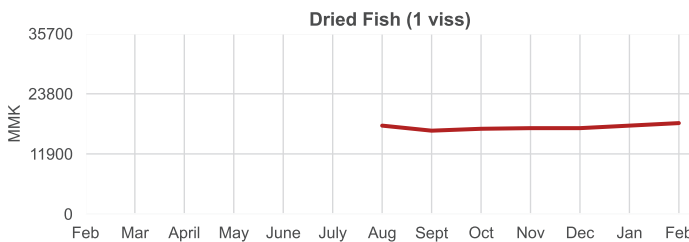
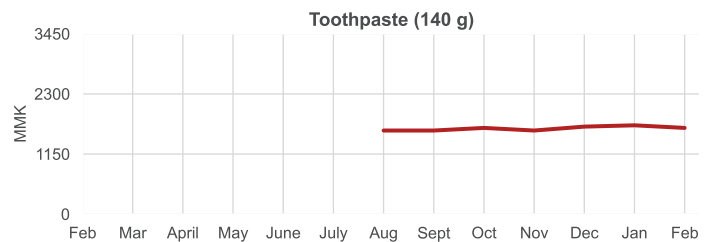
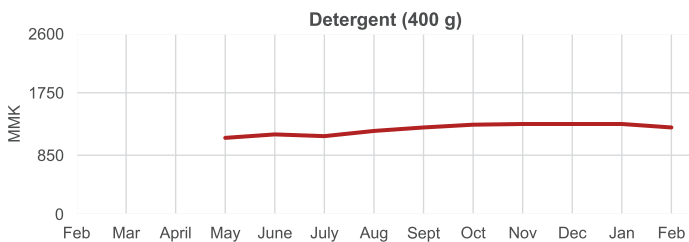
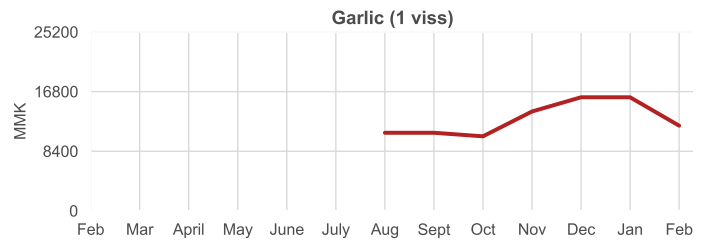
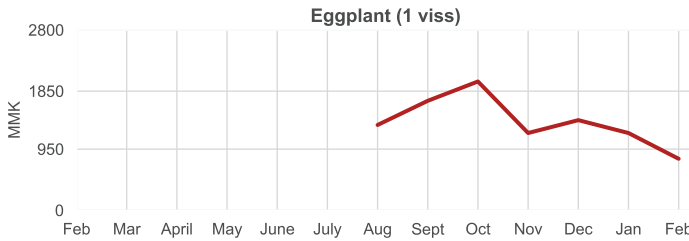
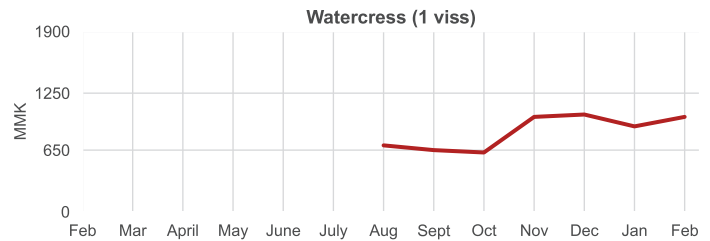
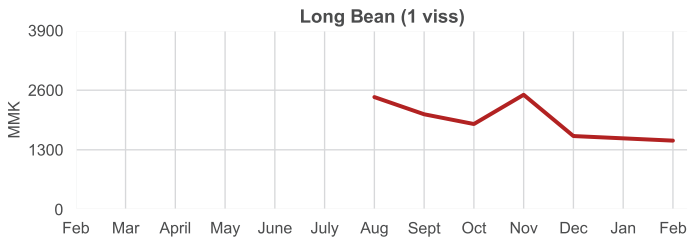
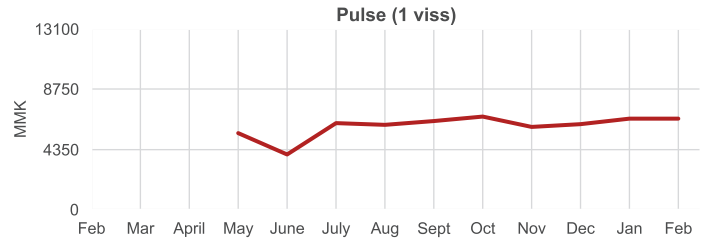
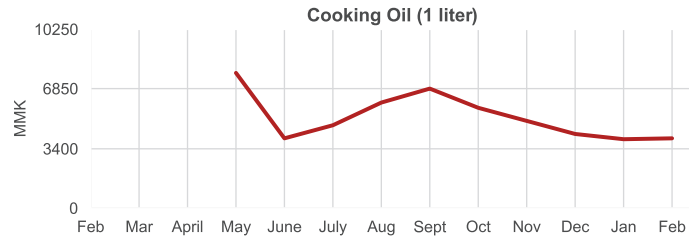
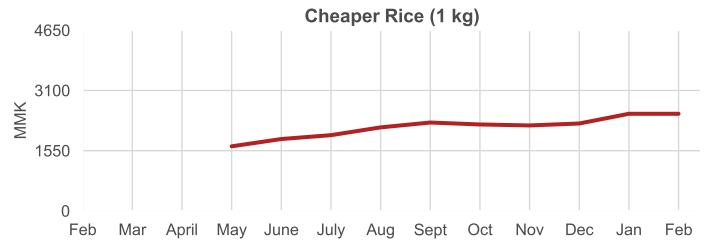
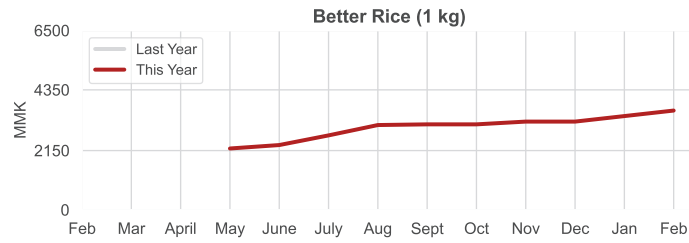
The above chart provides a general impression of the direction of price changes in each market by product category. Product categories are labeled as stable (grey), falling (blue), rising (red), or mixed (pink).

Stable Mixed Falling Rising

Prices for February 2024 (MMK)

Product	Monywa	Myaung	Shwebo	Ye-U	Yinmarbin
Better Rice (1 kg)	3,300	3,600	3,800	2,600	3,750
Cheaper Rice (1 kg)	2,250	2,800	2,500	1,600	2,750
Cooking Oil (1 liter)	3,950	8,000	4,000	4,000	6,000
Pulse (1 viss)	6,000	6,600	5,700	9,500	7,200
Salt (500 g)	380	250	300	-	350
Garlic (1 viss)	12,000	11,000	14,500	10,000	15,000
Onion (1 viss)	2,200	2,500	3,000	3,000	2,500
Eggplant (1 viss)	500	1,000	1,400	525	800
Long Bean (1 viss)	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	2,000
Watercress (1 viss)	900	1,000	1,400	825	1,000
Green Chili (1 viss)	1,700	2,000	2,650	2,050	4,000
Banana (1 bunch)	1,900	2,200	2,350	1,550	2,000
Shrimp (1 viss)	14,000	20,000	-	12,000	13,750
Fresh Fish (1 viss)	7,000	8,000	-	6,000	12,000
Dried Fish (1 viss)	18,000	18,000	13,500	16,000	20,000
Fish Paste (1 viss)	4,500	6,000	2,800	5,000	4,000
Chicken (1 viss)	9,500	11,000	12,500	10,000	11,000
Ar Bae Kyauk (1 viss)	17,500	23,000	14,500	13,750	22,000
Toothpaste (140 g)	1,600	1,400	1,900	-	1,700
Detergent (400 g)	1,100	1,150	1,250	1,300	1,500
Soap (60 g)	850	1,100	1,000	1,750	1,000
Sanitary Pad (10 pc)	850	800	1,000	1,000	1,200
Charcoal (1 viss)	700	700	350	700	800
Cooking Pot (4 cans)	7,800	7,800	6,400	8,400	8,250
Blanket	8,500	10,000	-	10,500	8,750
Mosquito Net	8,500	11,000	11,750	10,500	12,250
Plastic Tarpaulin	16,300	17,500	-	18,000	17,000
Men's Longyi	8,500	8,000	5,250	12,250	8,500
Women's Longyi	7,800	9,000	8,500	8,500	9,500
Umbrella	6,500	9,000	6,750	7,650	7,750
Towel	3,800	2,700	2,200	5,250	3,250

Charts 3-14. Median Township Price, Selected Products (Thirteen Months)



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