

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

- **Rice prices were stable in November**, although essential food prices fluctuated in some markets;
- **Garlic and long bean prices rose 9-50% in November**, but onion and eggplant prices fell 11-40%;
- **Meat and fish prices fluctuated**, but the magnitude of the price changes was fairly small;
- **Prices for hygiene products were mostly stable**, although rising soap prices erased October's price cuts;
- **NFI prices declined slightly in November**, although price trends varied somewhat by township;
- **Ye-U saw some price relief in November** after two months of rising prices;
- **Yinmarbin saw the most notable price hikes** with one-quarter of all products monitored rising 13% or more in November.

Product-Level Price Changes

Essential Foods – Rice prices were stable in November, although essential food prices fluctuated in some markets. Cooking oil prices were stable or falling, with prices down 15-19% in two markets. Rice prices were quite stable and rarely moved more than 2-3%. Prices for pulses fluctuated with no clear trend.

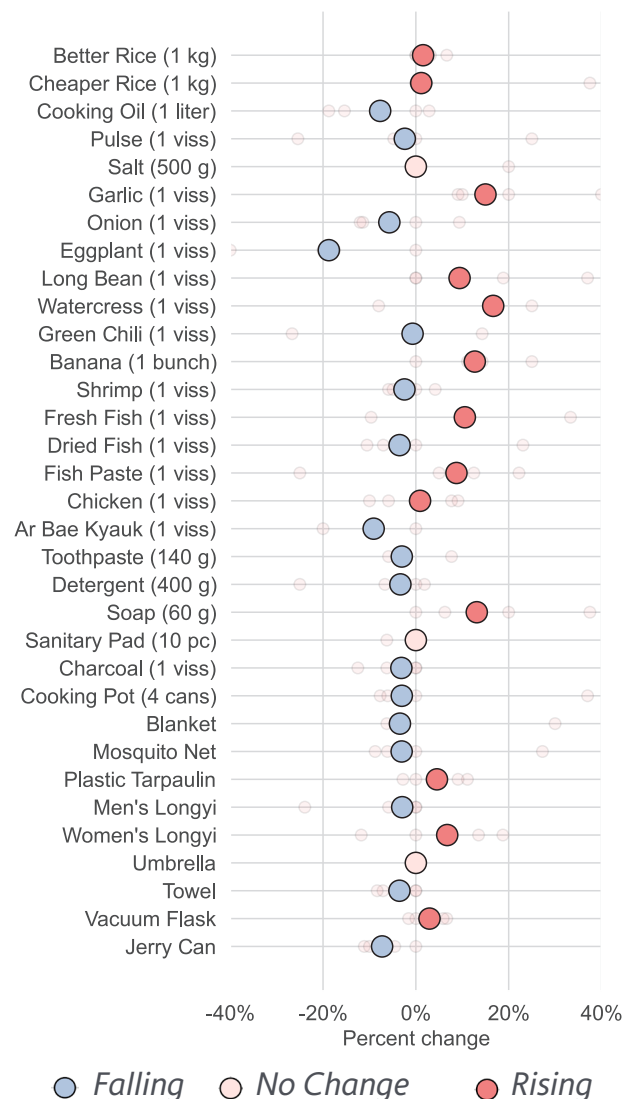
Vegetables – Prices for some vegetables rose in November while prices for others fell. Garlic and long bean prices rose 9-50% in November, while onion and eggplant prices fell 11-40%. Prices for watercress and green chili shifted up or down by 8-25%.

Meat and Fish – Meat and fish prices rose and fell in November, but the magnitude of the price changes was small. Prices for fresh fish and fish paste rose 5-33% in November, while prices for chicken, shrimp, and dried fish fluctuated slightly but rarely more than 4-9%.

Hygiene Products – Soap prices rose in November, but prices for other hygiene products were relatively stable. Soap prices increased 6-38% in November, but there were few other price hikes for hygiene products. Prices for detergent, toothpaste, and sanitary pads fell 6-7% in Yinmarbin, but prices elsewhere were otherwise stable.

Other NFIs – NFI prices declined slightly in November, although price trends varied somewhat by township. NFI prices were stable in Myaung, notwithstanding increases of 27-30% for blankets and mosquito nets. Monywa, Ye-U, and Yinmarbin all saw numerous price reductions of 3-12%. There were only a handful of rising prices for NFIs, such as prices for plastic tarps which rose 9-11% in Monywa and Ye-U.

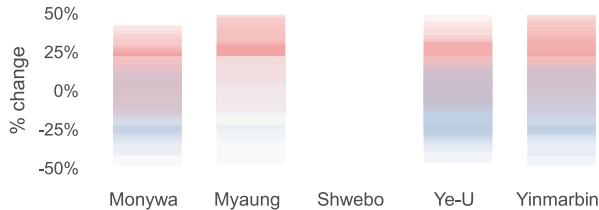
Chart 1. Median Price Change (One Month)



Township-Level Price Changes

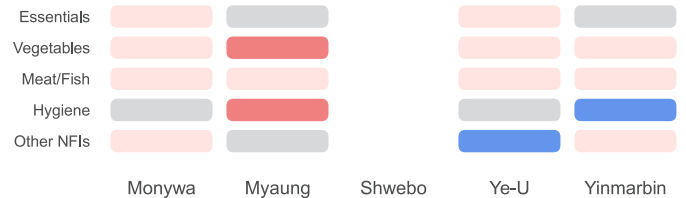
Ye-U experienced some price relief in November after two months of rising prices, and prices in Myaung were fairly stable. Prices fell for half of all products monitored in Ye-U in November, although in some cases the reduction was as small as 2%. Yinmarbin saw the most notable price hikes, with one-quarter of all prices monitored rising 13% or more. Prices were unchanged for half of all products monitored in Myaung, although rising prices affected most other items monitored in that market.

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 November 2023 (MMK)

Product	Monywa	Myaung	Shwebo	Ye-U	Yinmarbin
Better Rice (1 kg)	3,300	3,200	3,000	2,600	3,200
Cheaper Rice (1 kg)	2,200	2,300	1,600	2,200	2,500
Cooking Oil (1 liter)	3,900	5,000	4,100	5,500	7,200
Pulse (1 viss)	6,000	6,000	5,450	7,200	6,600
Salt (500 g)	300	250	350	-	500
Garlic (1 viss)	18,000	14,000	15,000	12,000	11,000
Onion (1 viss)	3,000	3,500	4,000	3,100	2,200
Eggplant (1 viss)	1,200	2,000	1,200	1,650	1,200
Long Bean (1 viss)	1,500	2,500	2,500	2,050	3,000
Watercress (1 viss)	700	3,500	1,000	575	1,000
Green Chili (1 viss)	2,200	2,500	3,750	3,500	4,000
Banana (1 bunch)	2,000	2,500	1,900	2,000	2,000
Shrimp (1 viss)	12,500	15,000	14,250	14,500	12,000
Fresh Fish (1 viss)	7,500	11,000	11,000	7,500	12,000
Dried Fish (1 viss)	17,500	17,000	16,000	13,250	20,000
Fish Paste (1 viss)	4,200	6,000	3,750	5,500	4,500
Chicken (1 viss)	8,000	14,000	14,000	12,000	9,000
Ar Bae Kyauk (1 viss)	-	24,000	15,500	15,000	20,000
Toothpaste (140 g)	1,600	1,400	1,900	-	1,600
Detergent (400 g)	1,100	1,000	1,300	1,500	1,400
Soap (60 g)	850	1,200	1,100	1,300	1,100
Sanitary Pad (10 pc)	850	800	1,000	1,000	1,500
Charcoal (1 viss)	500	700	1,200	700	750
Cooking Pot (4 cans)	6,000	7,800	6,400	7,750	13,500
Blanket	7,500	13,000	12,000	11,750	8,750
Mosquito Net	7,000	14,000	10,000	13,000	11,500
Plastic Tarpaulin	15,000	17,500	16,000	18,000	16,250
Men's Longyi	8,000	7,800	5,400	10,650	8,500
Women's Longyi	7,500	7,500	8,100	10,500	9,500
Umbrella	5,500	9,000	6,750	7,650	7,250
Towel	3,500	2,700	2,100	5,250	2,750

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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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