

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), 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

- **Prices for food and NFIs rose slightly in September** with rice prices up 2-5% and various NFIs up 3-7%;
- **Cooking oil prices rose 15-30% in the past month** and added to August's increases of 8% or more;
- **Vegetable prices fell sharply in Monywa**, but other markets did not experience similar price cuts;
- **NFIs like tarps, towels and blankets rose 3-7%**, while other NFI saw a mix of stable or rising prices;
- **Myaung experienced considerable price stability** in September as most prices monitored held steady;
- **Prices increased in Ye-U more than elsewhere**, and half of all prices monitored there were up 5% or more;
- **Price hikes for rice and cooking oil are likely to strain household budgets** as September compounded earlier price hikes observed across markets in August.

Product-Level Price Changes

Essential Foods – Rice prices increased gently in September, while cooking oil prices increased sharply. Rice prices were stable or 2-5% higher in September, while cooking oil prices increased 15-30% in three of four markets monitored. Prices for pulses and salt were stable. Essential food prices were more stable in Yinmarbin than elsewhere.

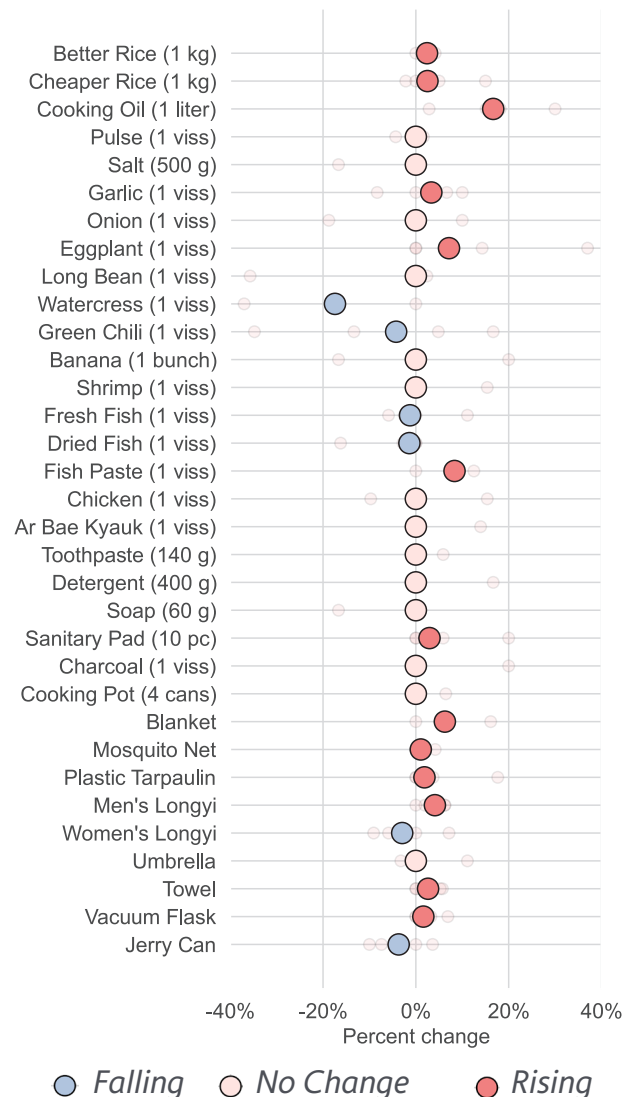
Vegetables – Vegetable prices fell sharply in Monywa, but they fluctuated in other markets. Prices for watercress fell 17% or more in three markets, but there were few other product-level trends for vegetables. Vegetable prices fell sharply in Monywa in September while holding stable in Myaung. By contrast, Ye-U and Yinmarbin saw a mix of rising and falling prices.

Meat and Fish – Meat and fish prices were stable or rising in September. Meat/fish prices rose in Ye-U in September, although other markets saw a mix of stable or occasionally-rising prices. Falling meat/fish prices were rare this month and small in magnitude.

Hygiene Products – Prices for hygiene products were stable in September. Prices for detergent and sanitary pads rose 17-20% in Ye-U, and prices for toothpaste and sanitary pads rose 6% in Monywa. Elsewhere prices for hygiene products were very stable.

Other NFIs – NFI prices were stable or 3-7% higher. NFI prices were stable in Myaung, while they typically increased in other markets. Most other NFIs monitored saw rising prices in September, particularly in Monywa and Ye-U. Prices for jerry cans and women's longyis fell by 6-10%, but there were few other NFI price cuts in September.

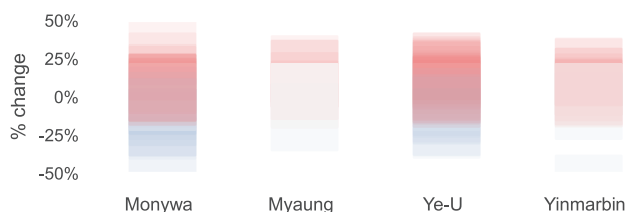
Chart 1. Median Price Change (One Month)



Township-Level Price Changes

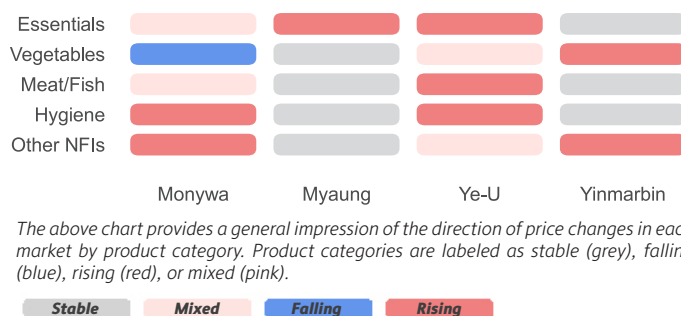
Prices were very stable in Myaung in September, while they often drifted higher in Monywa and Ye-U. Ye-U saw the deepest and widest price increases in September, with half of all prices monitored rising at least 5% and one-quarter of all prices rising at least 13%. Monywa saw a mix of rising and falling prices, with one-quarter of all prices monitored rising at least 6% and one-quarter falling at least 7%. Prices were far more stable in Yinmarbin, and prices were most stable in Myaung where two-thirds of all prices monitored did not change in September.

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 September 2023 (MMK)

Product	Monywa	Myaung	Ye-U	Yinmarbin
Better Rice (1 kg)	3,300	3,000	2,500	3,200
Cheaper Rice (1 kg)	2,250	2,300	2,100	2,500
Cooking Oil (1 liter)	6,500	6,500	7,600	7,200
Pulse (1 viss)	6,250	6,000	6,600	6,600
Salt (500 g)	250	250	-	500
Garlic (1 viss)	16,000	10,000	11,000	11,000
Onion (1 viss)	2,600	2,400	2,800	2,200
Eggplant (1 viss)	1,800	2,000	1,200	1,600
Long Bean (1 viss)	1,800	3,000	2,150	2,000
Watercress (1 viss)	500	800	450	800
Green Chili (1 viss)	1,500	2,600	3,250	3,500
Banana (1 bunch)	1,500	2,000	2,400	2,000
Shrimp (1 viss)	12,000	15,000	-	12,000
Fresh Fish (1 viss)	7,800	10,000	10,000	8,000
Dried Fish (1 viss)	17,500	17,000	15,500	16,000
Fish Paste (1 viss)	4,500	8,000	6,500	4,000
Chicken (1 viss)	6,500	13,000	15,000	9,000
Ar Bae Kyauk (1 viss)	-	24,000	24,500	25,000
Toothpaste (140 g)	1,800	1,300	-	1,600
Detergent (400 g)	1,200	1,000	1,400	1,300
Soap (60 g)	900	1,200	1,250	800
Sanitary Pad (10 pc)	900	800	1,200	1,500
Charcoal (1 viss)	600	700	700	700
Cooking Pot (4 cans)	6,000	7,800	8,250	7,000
Blanket	8,500	-	10,500	9,000
Mosquito Net	8,000	11,000	12,500	12,000
Plastic Tarpaulin	14,000	20,000	20,000	15,000
Men's Longyi	8,500	7,800	13,000	8,500
Women's Longyi	8,000	7,500	7,500	8,000
Umbrella	5,000	9,000	7,500	7,500
Towel	3,700	2,700	5,000	3,000

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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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