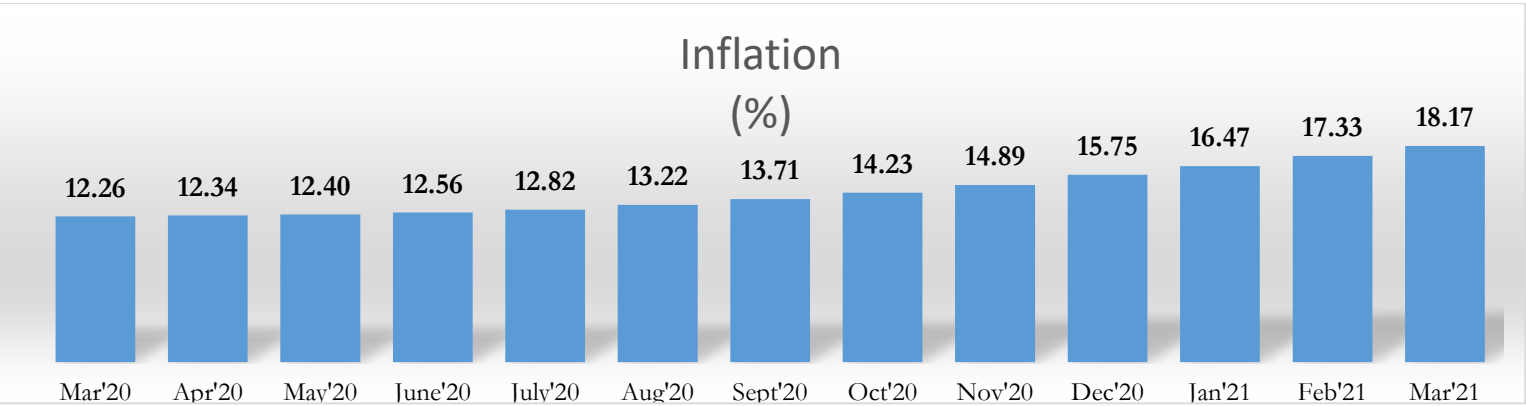




Inflation is the rate at which the general level of prices for goods and services continue to rise and consequently, the purchasing power of currency continue falling when not matched by an increase in the real wage rate.

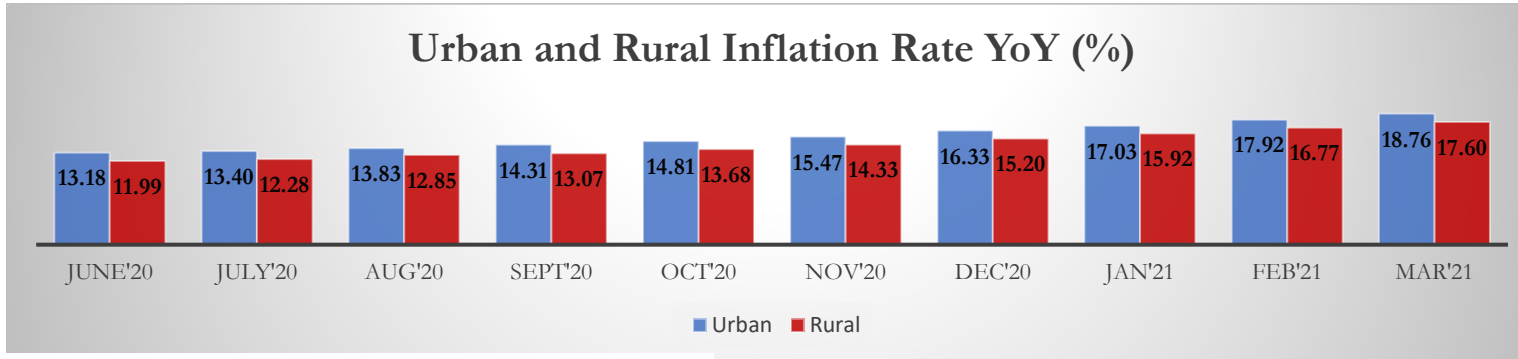
This edition of the Statistical News contains the revised Consumer Price Index (CPI) based on Nigeria Living Standard Survey (NLSS) 2003/2004. The consumption expenditure data were re-valued to November 2009, which is the base period for the revised CPI. The survey methodology generates 3774 all items indices for all States and the Federal Capital Territory (FCT).



Source: National Bureau of Statistics (NBS), Kairos Capital

According to the CPI Report for March 2021 released by the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS), the CPI which measures inflation increased by 18.17% (year-on-year) in March 2021. This is 0.82% points higher than the rate recorded in February 2021 (17.33%). On month-on-month basis, the Headline index increased by 1.56% in March 2021. This is 0.02% points higher than the rate recorded in February 2021 (1.54%).

Urban and Rural Inflation Rate YoY (%)

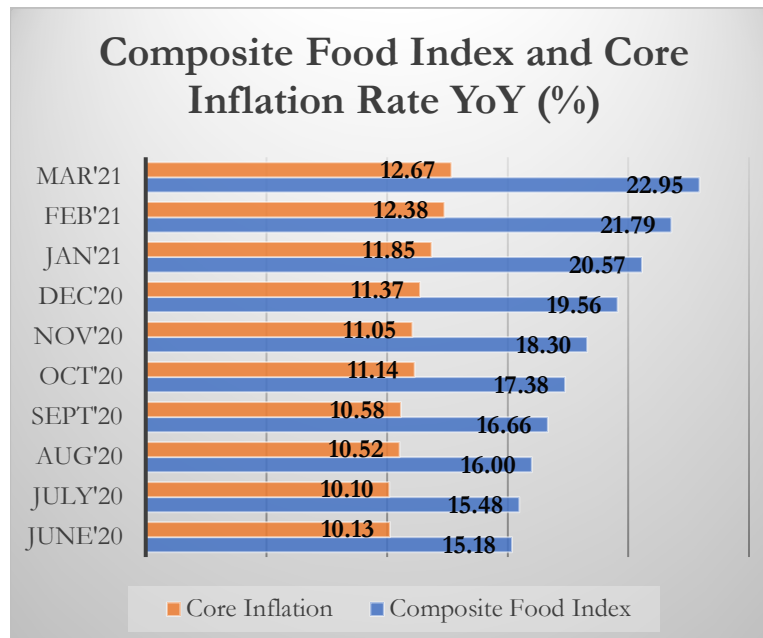


Source: NBS, Kairos Capital Research

The composite food index rose by 22.95% in March 2021 compared to 21.79% in February 2021; Food sub index increased by 1.90% on month-on-month basis in March 2021, up by 0.01bps from 1.89% recorded in February 2021. This rise in the food index was caused by increases in prices of Bread and cereals, Potatoes, yam and other tubers, Meat, Vegetable, Fish, Oils and fats and fruits.

The "All items less farm produce" or Core inflation, which excludes the prices of volatile agricultural produce stood at 12.67% in March 2021, up by 0.29% when compared with 12.38% recorded in February 2021. The highest increases were recorded in prices of Passenger transport by air, Medical services, Miscellaneous services relating to the dwelling, Passenger transport by road, Hospital services, Passenger transport by road, Pharmaceutical products, Paramedical services, Vehicle spare parts, Dental services, Motor cars, Maintenance and repair of personal transport equipment, and Hairdressing salons and personal grooming establishment grooming establishment.

Composite Food Index and Core Inflation Rate YoY (%)



Source: NBS, Kairos Capital Research

State Profiles

States with the Highest All Items YoY Inflation

	State	Inflation Rate
1	Kogi	24.51%
2	Bauchi	22.24%
3	Sokoto	20.70%
4	Ebonyi	20.08%
5	Oyo	20.05%

5 States with the Lowest All Items YoY Inflation

	State	Inflation Rate
1	Cross River	14.45%
2	Kwara	15.34%
3	Imo	16.08%
4	Enugu	16.17%
5	Delta	16.18%

5 States with the Highest Food YoY Inflation

	State	Inflation Rate
1	Kogi	29.71%
2	Sokoto	27.02%
3	Ebonyi	26.59%
4	Lagos	25.54%
5	Kwara	25.06%

5 States with the Lowest Food YoY Inflation

	State	Inflation Rate
1	Bauchi	18.61%
2	Kebbi	19.98%
3	Abuja	20.10%
4	Katsina	20.27%
5	Taraba	20.27%

Source: NBS, Kairos Capital Research

All Items Inflation Rate: In March 2021, Kogi State recorded the highest year-on-year all items inflation rate of 24.51% followed by Bauchi State with 22.24%, and Sokoto State which recorded a 20.70% inflation rate. Meanwhile the States with the lowest rise in inflation rate were Cross River State with 14.45%, Kwara State with 15.34%, and Imo State with 16.08%.

Food Inflation Rate: In March 2021, Kogi State recorded the highest year-on-year food inflation rate of 29.71%, followed by Sokoto State with 27.02% and Ebonyi State, which recorded 26.59%. On the other hand, Bauchi State recorded the lowest rise in food inflation, having recorded a 18.61%, followed by Kebbi with 19.98% and Abuja State with 20.10%.