Goods vs Services

Inflation (y/y %)

Category	Weight	Jun-25 m/m %	May-25 y/y %	Jun-25 y/y %	Direction
Food	16.4%	0.1%	5.8%	6.4%	7
Alcohol & Tobacco	12.6%	0.1%	5.8%	6.9%	7
Clothing	3.0%	0.1%	1.8%	1.8%	\rightarrow
Housing & Utilities	28.4%	0.5%	3.6%	4.1%	7
Furniture	5.5%	0.4%	2.4%	2.9%	7
Health	2.0%	0.2%	3.0%	3.1%	7
Transport	14.3%	-0.8%	-1.3%	-2.2%	И
Communications	3.8%	0.0%	-0.6%	0.0%	7
Recreation	3.6%	-0.6%	4.2%	2.5%	И
Education	3.6%	0.0%	4.3%	4.3%	\rightarrow
Hotels	1.4%	0.1%	5.7%	5.3%	И
Miscellaneous	5.4%	0.1%	3.6%	3.5%	7
All Items	100%	0.0%	3.5%	3.7%	7

Source: Namibia Statistics Agency, IJG Securities

The Namibian annual inflation rate rose to 3.7% y/y in June, up from 3.5% y/y in May. Seven of the twelve CPI basket categories recorded a quicker annual increase in June than in May, three recorded a slower pace, and two categories recorded steady inflation.

Services prices moderated to 4.1% y/y, down slightly from 4.2% y/y in May, while the annual goods inflation rate rose to 3.4% y/y, up from 3.0% y/y in the previous month. Since October 2024, the pace of service price increases has consistently outpaced that of goods. Services inflation has trended upward each month since September 2024, with June marking the first instance of a modest moderation, while goods inflation continues to lag behind its ten-year average of 5.1% y/y.



Source: Namibia Statistics Agency, IJG Securities



4.85% 13.04%

50.00%

14.29%

12.50%

0003

0.0001

0,0003

0,0005



Inflation Contributors

The **food and non-alcoholic beverages** category were the largest contributor to the annual inflation rate in June, accounting for 1.3 percentage points of the total 3.7% annual inflation rate. The **housing & utilities** category, with the largest basket weight, contributed 1.0 percentage point. **Alcohol & tobacco** prices, which comprise approximately 12.6% of the overall inflation basket, was the third highest contributor, also adding 1.0 percentage point to the annual inflation rate.

By contrast, the **transport** category exerted downward pressure on overall inflation, reducing the annual rate by 0.4 percentage points. Persistent vehicle price deflation and softer costs in the operation of personal transport equipment resulted in this category contracting by 2.2% y/y.

Contribution to the Annual Inflation Rate (percentage points)



Source: Namibia Statistics Agency, IJG Securities

The **miscellaneous**, **education** and **recreation** categories each contributed 0.2 percentage points to the overall annual inflation rate. Inflation for miscellaneous goods and services cooled to 3.5% y/y from 3.6% y/y in May, driven by softer personal effects prices in June. Inflation within the education category remained steady in June. Recreation inflation slowed to 2.5% y/y, down substantially from 4.2% y/y in May, with prices of all the subcategories within the category recording a deceleration. In addition, price increases within the accommodation and restaurant category also moderated.



Historic NCPI Contribution Breakdown



Source: Namibia Statistics Agency, IJG Securities



Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages

Prices in the food & non-alcoholic beverages category increased by 0.1% m/m and 6.4% y/y, its quickest year-on-year pace since January 2024. Prices in nine of the thirteen sub-categories recorded increases on a year-on-year basis, with the largest increases being observed in the prices of vegetables which increased by 10.2% y/y and milk, cheese and eggs, which saw a notable rebound, with annual inflation accelerating to 1.0% y/y, up from -1.1% y/y in May. Only processed food within this category posted softer inflation rates in June as prices for sugary items, food products and oils & fats rose at a slower pace than in May. Meanwhile, breads and cereals recorded steady inflation at 3.7% y/y.

The graph below depicts the year-on-year price changes in the sub-categories for May and June.



Source: Namibia Statistics Agency, IJG Securities

Alcohol & Tobacco

The alcohol and tobacco category recorded inflation of 0.1% m/m and 6.9% y/y in June. Alcoholic beverage prices rose to a rate of 6.7% y/y, while tobacco prices accelerated to 7.6% y/y. Inflationary pressures were concentrated in five of the eleven categories, with pipe tobacco yielding the highest annual inflation rate.



Source: Namibia Statistics Agency, IJG Securities





Housing, Water & Electricity

Housing & utilities inflation rose to 4.1% y/y in June, up from 3.6% y/y in May, with prices increasing by 0.5% m/m. The electricity, gas, and other fuels subcategory reversed its disinflationary trend from May, recording an annual increase of 1.6% y/y. By contrast, inflation for the regular maintenance and repair of dwellings slowed to 3.1% y/y, down from 3.7% y/y in the previous month. Rental payments for dwellings and municipal services (including water supply, sewage, and refuse collection) remained steady at 4.6% y/y and 4.2% y/y, respectively.

Conclusion & Forecast

Namibia's annual inflation rate ticked up in May, accelerating to 3.7% y/y. On a year-to-date basis, inflation has averaged 3.6% y/y, surpassing the 4.0% y/y mark only once so far this year. As it has been the case for the majority of the year, upward pressure on the overall inflation rate was primarily driven by the food & non-alcoholic beverages, housing & utilities and alcohol & tobacco categories.

Based on IJG's inflation model, Namibia's average annual inflation rate in 2025 is expected to range between 3.4% and 4.0%, with a baseline forecast of 3.7%.



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