



World Food Programme



Weekly Market Price Bulletin Azraq and Zaatari Refugee Camps

Country Context

Inflation

Annual **-0.22%**
Monthly **-0.65%**

May 2020 - DoS (JOR) Based on Co-consumer Price Index.

Population

10.5 Million in 2019
By Department of Statistics -JOR.

Unemployment Rate

19.3% in Q1 2020, compared to 19% in Q1 2019

By Department of Statistics -JOR.

GDP Growth Rate

Jordan's economy grew by 2% year-on-year in 2019 and projected to contract significantly to -3.5% in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic (forecast¹)

By World Bank - JOR.

Foreign Exchange Reserves

Foreign Exchange Reserves in Jordan decreased for the second month by 0.40 percent to 11,988.1M JOD in May from 120,35.9M JOD in April 2020.

By Central Bank -JOR.

Food Inflation

The cost of food in Jordan increased by 4.9% in April 2020 as compared to the same month in previous year

By Department of Statistics -JOR.

National Market Prices

In May, prices of most vegetables and fruits in the national market witnessed a decrease ranging from 4 to 8%, except for spinach for which the price increased by 23%. While prices of most staple commodities remained unchanged, the price of wheat flour saw a significant increase of 24%.

+ 23%
Spinach

- 8%
Onion

24%
Flour

- 7%
Cucumber

- 7%
Tomato

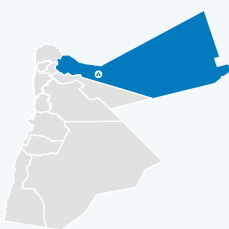
Commodity/Item	Unit	Avg Weekly Prices			Percentage Change*		
		15-21 May	22-31 May	1-7 Jun	1M	3M	6M
Exchange Rate	USD/JOD	0.71	0.71	0.71	0%	0%	0%
Petroleum Products	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diesel	JOD/L	0.4	0.47	0.41	4%	-26%	-32%
Cooking gas	JOD/16 Kg Cylinder	7	7	7	0%	0%	0%
Petrol gasoline (90)	JOD/L	0.55	0.55	0.6	9%	-19%	-20%

* Percentage Change are as of 1-7 June 2020, compared to previous months
Data source: Ministry of Interior, Trade and Supply - Jordan

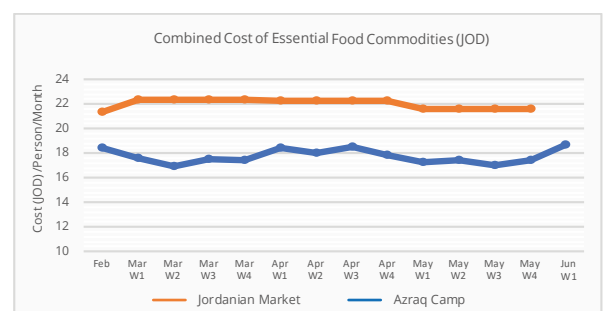
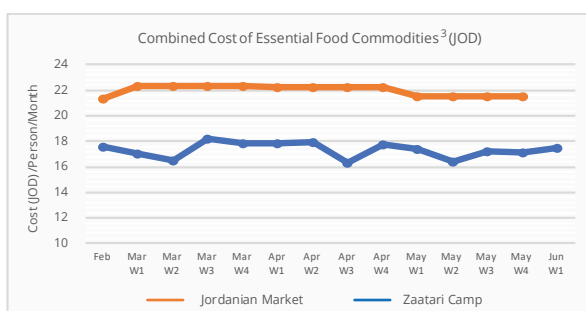
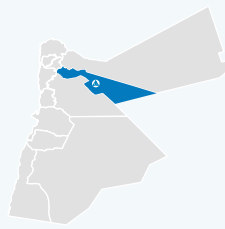
Highlights

- In the 1st week of June, prices for most vegetables in both Azraq and Zaatari camps witnessed slight to moderate decreases (from -1% to -28%) compared to last week. This finding indicates that the local supply chain is stabilizing again after the government eased restrictions on movement.
- During the reporting period, the prices for the cheapest available staple commodities² increased considerably (from +4% to +51%) in both camps as compared to the previous week. This food price developments observed in the camps are in line with the market price trends at the national level during the month of May.
- The combined cost of essential food commodities in Azraq and Zaatari camps experienced an increase of 7%, 2% respectively from last week.

Zaatari Camp



Azraq Camp



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¹ By World Bank assuming significant slowdown in the global and reduced domestic demand during 2020, <http://pubdocs.worldbank.org/en/914661554825485360/mpo-jor.pdf>, accessed on 5 May 2020

² Staple commodities include bulgur, lentils, rice, sugar, veg, oil and wheat flour

³ Essential food commodities include bulgur, cheese, cucumber, eggs, pasta, lentils, rice, sugar, salt, veg, oil and chicken

Zaatari Camp

In Zaatari camp, prices for vegetables fell unanimously, by -2% for cucumber to -28% for onions.

By contrast, the price for the cheapest available staple commodities has been rising steadily during the past 6 months; price increases ranged between +2% for vegetable oil and +51% for wheat flour. Sugar was the exception, posting a significant price decrease, of 24%. Prices of eggs and chicken remained unchanged, while the price of tuna rose slightly, by 10%.

Azraq Camp

In the 1st week of June, the prices of vegetables in Azraq camp experienced slight to moderate decreases (-1% for onions and -17% for tomatoes) from last week, thus stabilizing again after moderate price hikes in May. Only cucumber witnessed a slight price increase of 4%. Prices of the cheapest available brands of staple commodities showed a moderate to significant increase (ranging from 5% for rice to 39% for sugar). The price of bulgur rose by 13% from the previous week and is now 63% more expensive than 6 months ago. Prices of eggs and chicken remained largely unchanged while the price of tuna rose by 22%.

	Zaatari Camp							Azraq Camp						
	Size	Unit	Price Jun W1	Percentage Change				Trend	Price Jun W1	Percentage Change				Trend
				1 W W/W	1 M W/W	3 M W/W	6 M W/M			1 W W/W	1 M W/W	3 M W/W	6 M W/M	
Cereals/grains/roots														
Bulgur	1	Kg	0.86	15%	15%	49%	47%		1.04	13%	11%	55%	63%	
Rice	1	Kg	1.04	5%	25%	0%	18%		1.05	5%	15%	0%	7%	
Wheat Flour	2	Kg	0.80	51%	52%	-7%	64%		0.74	4%	3%	20%	-12%	
Condiments/spices														
Salt	0.75	Kg	0.16	-13%	-14%	12%	5%		0.13	25%	0%	0%	0%	
Meat/fish/eggs														
Eggs	2	Kg	2.50	0%	0%	31%	16%		2.48	-1%	0%	35%	6%	
Whole Chicken	1	Kg	1.49	0%	-21%	-4%	-22%		1.62	2%	-1%	-6%	-2%	
Tuna	0.19	Kg	0.84	9%	5%	-1%	-1%		0.98	22%	13%	24%	13%	
Milk and dairy products														
Spread Cheese	8	Pcs	0.36	-13%	-31%	-8%	-21%		0.58	74%	83%	15%	34%	
Oil/Fat/Butter														
Vegetable Oil	1.8	L	1.62	2%	-4%	1%	4%		1.95	18%	13%	13%	16%	
Sugar or sweet														
Sugar	1	Kg	0.53	-24%	5%	-2%	-23%		0.57	39%	6%	-12%	-10%	
Vegetables/eaves/tubers														
Cucumber	1	Kg	0.49	-2%	-1%	-1%	-16%		0.47	4%	6%	-13%	-10%	
Potatoes	1	Kg	0.39	-13%	-22%	15%	-40%		0.42	-7%	-7%	-14%	-31%	
Onions	1	Kg	0.32	-28%	-36%	-21%	-45%		0.39	-1%	-3%	-29%	-35%	
Tomatoes	1	Kg	0.40	-21%	-21%	-3%	-30%		0.42	-17%	0%	0%	-19%	

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- Main source of data is WFP Market price monitoring through field visits complemented by online data in WFP's Triangulation Database
- Methodology: prices reflect the average prices of the cheapest available food commodity in the reported period