



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-nsumer 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.

Food Inflation

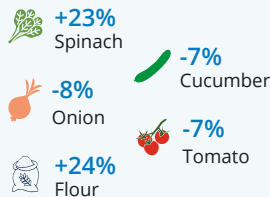
The cost of food in Jordan increased by 4.9% in April 2020 as compared to the same month in previous year.
By Department of Statistics -JOR.

Foreign Exchange Reserves

Foreign Exchange Reserves in Jordan decreased for the second month by 0.4% to 119,88.1M JOD in May from 120,35.9M JOD in April 2020.
By Central Bank -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 commodities² remained unchanged, the price of wheat flour saw a significant increase of 24% as compared to April.



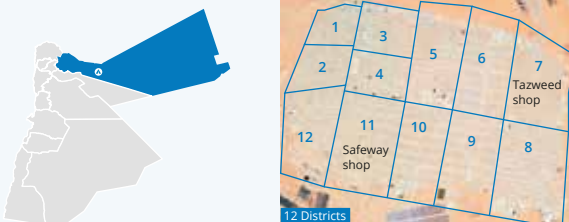
Commodity/Item	Unit	Avg Weekly Prices			Percentage Change*		
		1-7 JUN	8-14 JUN	15-21 JUN	1M	3M	6M
Exchange Rate	USD/JOD	0.71	0.71	0.71	0%	0%	0%
Petroleum Products:							
Diesel	JOD/L	0.4	0.41	0.41	4%	-26%	-32%
Cooking gas	JOD/12.5 Kg Cylinder	7	7	7	0%	0%	0%
Petrol gasoline (90)	JOD/L	0.55	0.6	0.6	9%	-19%	-20%

* Percentage Change are as of 15-21 Jun 2020, compared to previous months
Data source: Ministry of Interior, Trade and Supply - Jordan.

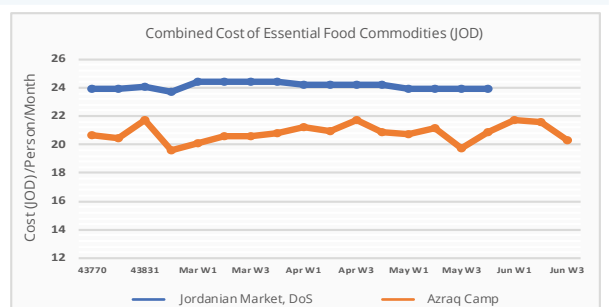
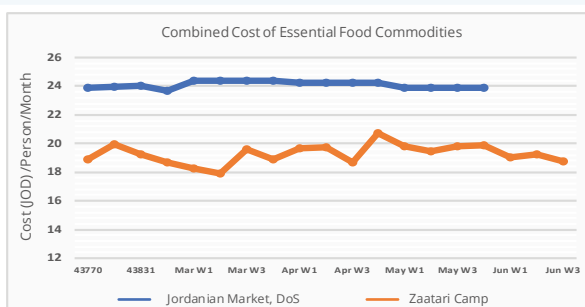
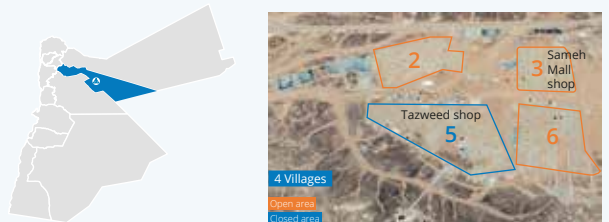
Highlights

- In the 3rd week of June, prices of vegetables in both Azraq and Zaatari camps fell unanimously (from -3% to -30% as compared to last week) continuing the downwards trend from the beginning of June. This decrease was expected as the supply of vegetables in the national market has increased, which is linked to seasonality.
- During the reporting period, prices for most of the cheapest available staple commodities² remained unchanged while some displayed slight to significant decreases (from -3% to -22%) as compared to the previous week. A positive development is that prices for lentils and bulgur started to stabilize after price hikes during the previous months.
- The combined cost of essential food commodities³ in both camps showed a decrease of 6% in Azraq camp and 3% in Zaatari camp (see Figures 1 and 2). It is noteworthy that this basket of essential foods is 8% more expensive in Azraq camp than in Zaatari camp.
- Price for protein-rich foods (eggs, tuna, chicken) continue to show fluctuations.

Zaatari Camp



Azraq Camp



SAVING LIVES
CHANGING LIVES

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, rice, lentils, sugar, veg. oil and wheat flour.
3 Essential food commodities include bread, bulgur, rice, potatoes, salt, chicken, eggs, tuna, cheese, veg. oil, sugar, onions, tomatoes and cucumber.

Zaatari Camp

- Similar to Azraq camp, prices for all vegetables in Zaatari camp witnessed slight to significant decreases (from -3% for potatoes to -30% for tomatoes) from last week. Notably, the price of tomatoes decreased by 30% after posting a 13% increase in the preceding week.
- In addition, the price of apples dropped by 13% during the reporting period.
- Prices for most of the cheapest available staple commodities fell during the 3rd week of June, by -4% for rice to -22 for sugar). A positive development is that prices of bulgur and lentils remained unchanged over the past 2 weeks after price hikes earlier this year
- It is noteworthy that most of the protein-rich foods monitored witnessed an increase in their prices during the 3rd week of June (from 6% for eggs to 8% for tuna and chicken, respectively).

Azraq Camp

- During the 3rd week of June, the prices of all vegetables monitored in Azraq camp fell unanimously (from -10% for tomatoes to -19% for potatoes) from last week.
- Prices of the cheapest available brands of staple commodities showed stability during the reporting week except for vegetable oil for which the price decreased by 11% from last week. It is noteworthy that the price of lentils started to stabilize after a steady increase over the past 6 months. Nonetheless, a kg of lentils is still 77% higher than 3 months ago.
- Even though the price of milk powder decreased moderately, by 11% during the reporting week, a longer-term price hike was observable.
- Prices of protein-rich foods (eggs, tuna, milk and cheese) continued to fluctuate. While the price of eggs and tuna fell, by 9% and 16% respectively, the price of chicken posted an increase of 6%.

	Size	Unit	Zaatari Camp						Azraq Camp							
			Price	Percentage Change					Trend	Price	Percentage Change					Trend
				Jun W3	1 W W/W	1 M W/W	3 M W/W	6 M W/M			Jun W3	1 W W/W	1 M W/W	3 M W/W	6 M W/M	
Cereals/ Grains/ Roots																
Bread	1	Kg	0.32	0%	0%	0%	0%	—	0.32	0%	0%	0%	0%	—		
Bulgur	1	Kg	0.75	0%	0%	10%	26%	↗	0.92	-3%	-3%	16%	19%	↗		
Rice	1	Kg	0.94	-4%	13%	-10%	6%	↗	1.05	0%	0%	0%	-12%	↗		
Wheat Flour	1.5	Kg	0.57	-18%	8%	-33%	16%	↗	0.74	0%	3%	3%	-20%	↗		
Condiments/ Spices																
Salt	0.75	Kg	0.20	8%	40%	40%	40%	↗	0.13	-9%	0%	0%	0%	—		
Legumes/ Nuts																
Lentils	1	Kg	1.20	0%	-9%	49%	42%	↗	1.36	0%	19%	77%	75%	↗		
Fruits																
Apples	1	Kg	1.29	-13%	-10%	13%	27%	↗	1.27	-2%	-2%	18%	10%	↗		
Meat/ Fish/ Eggs																
Eggs	2	Kg	2.00	-20%	-20%	9%	-7%	↗	2.49	1%	1%	19%	6%	↗		
Whole Chicken	1	Kg	1.57	5%	-17%	3%	-18%	↗	1.59	-2%	-3%	-5%	-4%	↗		
Tuna	0.19	Kg	0.84	8%	-6%	17%	-2%	↗	0.81	-16%	-5%	4%	-13%	↗		
Milk/ Dairy products																
Spread Cheese	8	Pcs	0.42	1%	1%	6%	-8%	↗	0.33	-25%	0%	-27%	-10%	↗		
Milk Powder	0.8	Kg	3.19	-2%	60%	29%	45%	↗	2.44	-11%	9%	18%	6%	↗		
Oil/ Fat/ Butter																
Vegetable Oil	1.8	L	1.62	-7%	-1%	1%	5%	↗	1.72	-11%	0%	0%	2%	↗		
Sugar/ Sweet																
Sugar	1	Kg	0.52	-22%	5%	33%	-22%	↗	0.57	0%	0%	-12%	-12%	↗		
Vegetables/ Leaves/ Tubers																
Cucumbers	1	Kg	0.44	-10%	28%	-23%	-41%	↗	0.37	-11%	-12%	-17%	-50%	↗		
Onions	1	Kg	0.24	-8%	-52%	-48%	-63%	↗	0.30	-13%	-37%	-45%	-41%	↗		
Potatoes	1	Kg	0.36	-3%	-28%	-29%	-33%	↗	0.32	-19%	-21%	-36%	-47%	↗		
Tomatoes	1	Kg	0.31	-30%	-38%	-40%	-35%	↗	0.44	-10%	-11%	-6%	4%	↗		

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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