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Highlights

o In December, the national average price of WFP’s standard reference food basket increased by three percent compared with November 2021, reaching SYP 220,112 (USD 88 at the official exchange rate of SYP 2,500/USD). This is the fourth consecutive month registering the highest ever recorded price since monitoring started (2013).

o The national average retail price of wheat flour reached SYP 2,381/kg in December 2021, an increase of 27 percent compared to June 2021 and of 89 percent from December 2020, representing more than 68 times the wheat flour price of March 2011 (prior to the conflict in Syria).

o On 11 December, the Ministry of Internal Trade and Consumer Protection increased the price of the subsidized 90-Octane gasoline sold through the electronic card from SYP 750/litre to SYP 1,100/litre.

o On 15 December, two official Decrees were issued raising the salaries and wages of civil servants, military workers and private professionals by 30 percent as well as raising pensions by 25 percent, representing the second increase in the official national salary levels during 2021.

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Standard Food Basket

In December 2021, the national average price of a standard reference food basket¹ increased by three percent since November 2021, reaching SYP 220,112. The national average food basket price was 33 percent higher than that of June 2021 (six months ago) and was 97 percent higher compared to December 2020 (Figure 1). December marked the highest ever recorded monthly average reference food basket price since monitoring started in 2013, representing the fourth consecutive month with record levels for the national average reference food basket price.

M-o-m, nine governorates recorded an increasing average reference food basket price in December 2021. The highest m-o-m increase of 29 percent was reported in Al-Hasakeh, where the price of the basket reached SYP 198,044. The lowest m-o-m increase (one percent) was reported in Deir-ez-Zor, Homs and Tartous, where the price reached SYP 196,318, SYP 211,893 and SYP 245,945 respectively. Al-Hasakeh’s food basket price increase was led by the general increase in price of all commodities but also that locally produced lentils are no longer found on local markets and have been substituted with price monitoring of imported lentils.

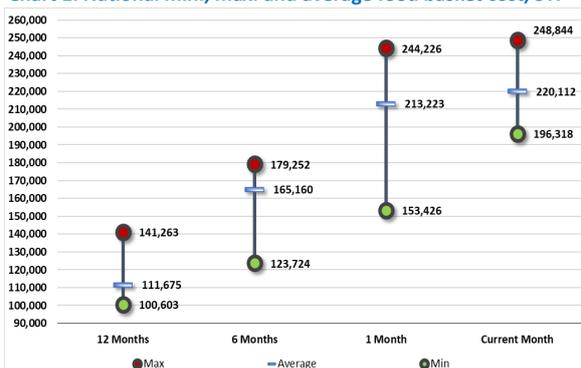
Year-on-year (y-o-y), the price of the reference food basket has significantly increased across all 14 governorates. Quneitra recorded the highest increase (up 122 percent), while Idleb recorded the lowest increase (up 76 percent).

The gap between the highest and lowest average food basket prices decreased by 42 percent from SYP 90,800 in November 2021 to SYP 52,527 in December 2021 (Chart 1).

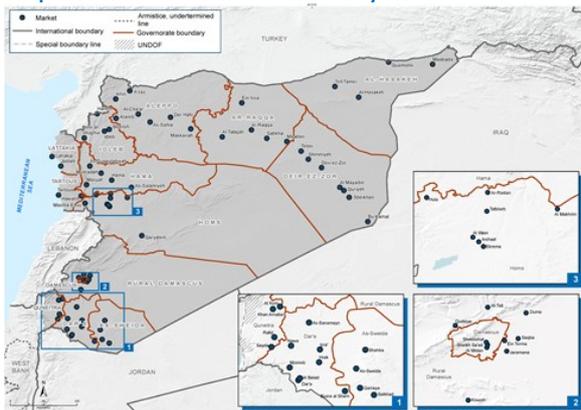
Figure 1: Food basket cost and changes, SYP

Governorate	Price December 2021	1 month change	6 months changes	12 months changes
Aleppo	SYP 217,765	0%	35%	82%
Damascus	SYP 214,808	-2%	24%	103%
Dar’a	SYP 232,572	7%	38%	119%
Deir-ez-Zor	SYP 196,318	1%	31%	95%
Hama	SYP 215,252	0%	29%	98%
Al-Hasakeh	SYP 198,044	29%	60%	91%
Homs	SYP 211,893	1%	29%	95%
Idleb	SYP 248,844	6%	39%	76%
Lattakia	SYP 223,120	3%	27%	97%
Ar-Raqqa	SYP 215,518	8%	26%	97%
Rural Damascus	SYP 215,578	-2%	27%	100%
As-Sweida	SYP 213,187	2%	27%	100%
Tartous	SYP 245,945	1%	49%	100%
Quneitra	SYP 232,726	0%	32%	122%
Average	SYP 220,112	3%	33%	97%

Chart 1: National min., max. and average food basket cost, SYP



Map 1: Location of markets monitored by WFP



1. The standard food basket is a group of essential food commodities. In Syria, the food basket is set at a group of dry goods providing 2,060 kcal a day for a family of five during a month. The basket includes 37 kg bread, 19 kg rice, 19 kg lentils, 5 kg of sugar, and 7 litres of vegetable oil.

Wheat Flour Shortage in Syria

Overview

Wheat flour shortages continued to worsen across Syria² this year. In 2021, wheat production was estimated at around 1.05 million tonnes, representing a 63 percent decline compared to 2020 (2.8 million tonnes) and about one-quarter of the pre-crisis average level of 4.1 million tonnes (during the period 2002-2011). The harvested wheat area was estimated at 787,000 hectares in 2021, slightly over half of the area harvested in 2019. Wheat production for 2021 is understood to be one of the lowest levels recorded in Syria over the past 50 years. The shortfall of domestic wheat production has been largely linked to the insufficient and poorly distributed rainfall in the 2020/21 agricultural season, together with the several heatwaves, as well as the high price of fuel and agricultural inputs and the limited availability of irrigation water.

The Syrian Government was expected to import one million tonnes of wheat in 2022 through two 500,000 tonnes wheat contracts agreed with Russia³. These contracts however have been suspended due to the increasing price of wheat on international markets, and the Syrian Government is currently renegotiating the terms of the contracts. Furthermore, the planned area for wheat production for the 2021/22 season across Syria has been reduced by 17 percent compared to the area planned for agricultural production for the 2020/2021 season⁴, highlighting potentially lower wheat production levels in 2022.

Wheat Flour Prices

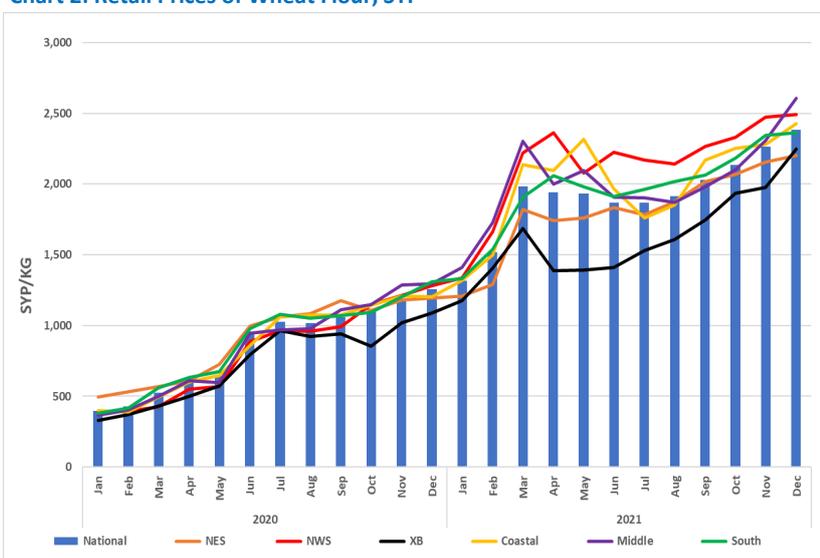
The average retail price of wheat flour in Syria was reportedly at SYP 35/kg in March 2011 (prior to the crisis)².

In December 2021, the national average retail price of wheat flour reached SYP 2,381/kg, marking an increase of five percent m-o-m and of 27 percent compared to June 2021. The wheat flour price has increased by 89 percent compared to December 2020 and represents more than 68 times the price of wheat flour in March 2011 (SYP 35/kg).

Homs recorded the highest average price in December at SYP 2,731/kg (up 19 percent m-o-m and 111 percent y-o-y), followed by Tartous at SYP 2,551/kg (up 11 percent m-o-m and 113 percent y-o-y). Quneitra recorded the lowest average monthly price at SYP 2,004/kg (almost unchanged m-o-m and up by 71 percent y-o-y).

Broken down by region, the Middle region recorded the highest monthly average retail price at SYP 2,607/kg (up 13 percent m-o-m and 101 percent y-o-y), followed by Northwest Syria at SYP 2,491/kg (up one percent m-o-m and 95 percent y-o-y). Northeast Syria recorded the lowest retail price at SYP 2,203/kg (up two percent m-o-m and 84 percent y-o-y) - Chart 2.

Chart 2: Retail Prices of Wheat Flour, SYP



Source: WFP Field Offices

Increase in National Salaries

On 15 December, President al-Assad of Syria issued two legislative decrees raising the salaries and wages of civil and military workers and pensioners⁵ (Table 1).

Decree No. 29 of 2021 added a 30 percent increase to salaries and wages for all civil and military workers of the state, and raised to SYP 92,970 per month the general minimum wage and the minimum wage for workers in the private, cooperative and joint sectors not covered by the provisions of the Basic Law for state workers. Decree No. 30 of 2021 granted military and civilian pension holders an increase of 25 percent in their retirement pension.

This is the second increase in the official national salary levels in 2021. The last increase, of 50 percent, was in July 2021. Moreover, on 17 December, The Ministry of Internal Trade and Consumer Protection announced stronger measures to monitor and enforce market prices to ensure that traders limit price increases, especially in view of the increase in salaries and wages⁵.

Table 1: Updated Public Sector Minimum Wage Scale As of December 2021⁶

Scale	Wage before increase (SYP)	Wage after increase (SYP)	Wage after increase (USD) using the official exchange rate
PhD	86,243	112,116	45
Master's	82,838	107,690	43
Diploma	80,573	104,745	42
University	79,875	103,838	42
Technical College	77,325	100,523	40
High School	75,645	98,339	39
General High School	73,343	95,346	38
Category IV	72,023	93,630	37

² FAO Crop and Food Supply Assessment Mission to the Syrian Arab Republic in 2021: <https://www.fao.org/3/cb8039en/cb8039en.pdf>

³ Two deals to import wheat from Russia are inoperative: <https://npasyria.com/en/69498/>

⁴ Agriculture and Food Security Monitoring System (AFSMS) report: https://fscluster.org/sites/default/files/documents/afsms_bulletin_sep_oct21.pdf

⁵ Decree No.29: <http://www.sana.sy/?p=1541634>

Decree No.30: <http://www.sana.sy/?p=1541637>

⁶ COAR report in December 2021: <https://coar-global.org/2021/12/20/cross-line-convoys-sets-up-debate-on-early-recovery-and-cross-border-quid-pro-quo/>

Legend on regions of analysis: 'Northwest'=Aleppo; 'Cross-border'=Idleb & Aleppo [A'zaz, Atarib & Afrin]; 'Coastal'=Lattakia & Tartous; 'Northeast'=Ar-Raqqqa, Al-Hasakeh & Deir-ez-Zor; 'Middle'=Hama, Homs and Idleb [Senjar]; 'South'=Damascus, Rural Damascus, Dar'a, As-Sweida & Quneitra.

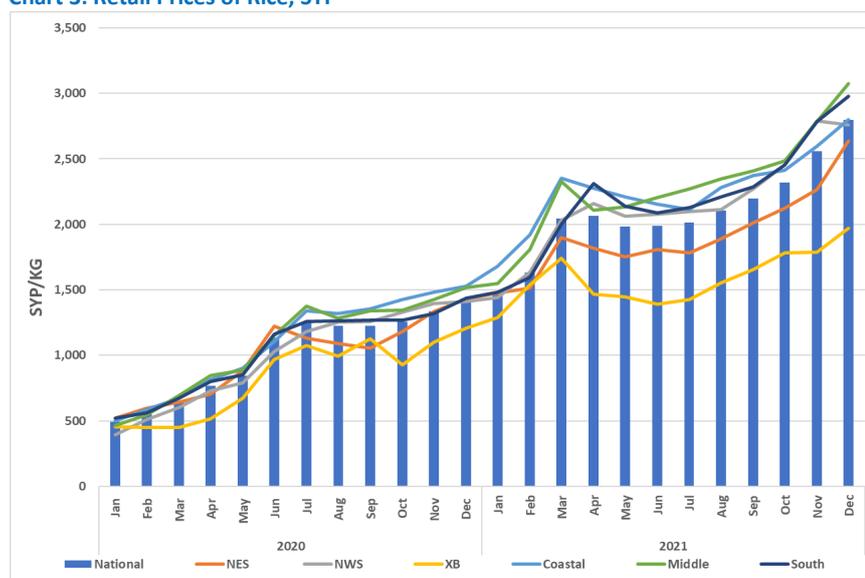
Staple cereals retail prices

Rice

The national average retail price of Egyptian white rice increased by one percent compared to November 2021 and by 63 percent y-o-y, reaching SYP 2,884/kg in December 2021. Tartous recorded the highest monthly average price at SYP 4,481/kg (down 0.3 percent m-o-m), followed by Dar'a at SYP 3,436/kg (down 0.2 percent m-o-m). However, Hama recorded the lowest price at SYP 2,513/kg (down three percent m-o-m), followed by Rural Damascus at SYP 2,540 (down four percent m-o-m).

M-o-m, the Coastal region recorded the highest monthly average price at SYP 3,656/kg (up two percent m-o-m), followed by the Cross-border region at SYP 3,199/kg (up eight percent m-o-m). Northwest Syria recorded the lowest average Egyptian white rice price by region at SYP 2,519/kg (down one percent m-o-m), followed by the Middle region at SYP 2,554/kg (down one percent m-o-m) - Chart 3.

Chart 3: Retail Prices of Rice, SYP

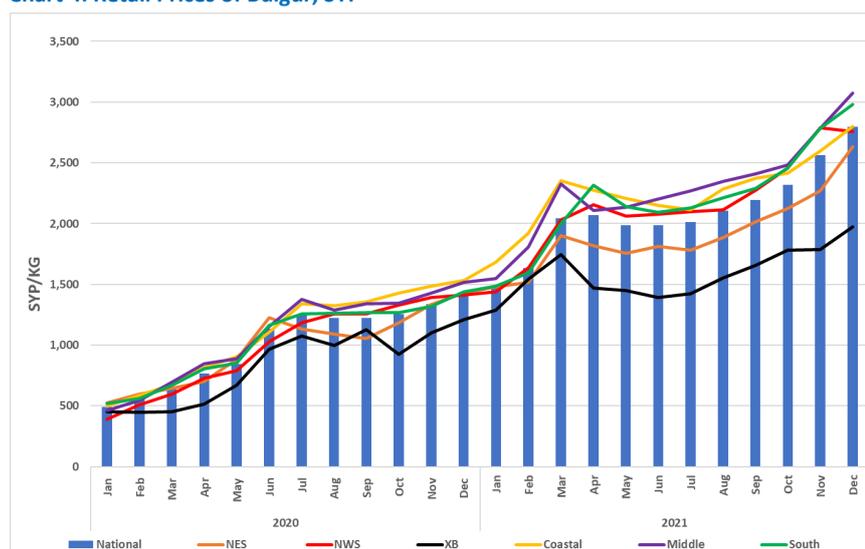


Bulgur

M-o-m, the national average retail price of bulgur increased by nine percent at SYP 2,797/kg in December 2021, whereas y-o-y, the price of bulgur increased by 95 percent. Homs recorded the highest bulgur retail price at SYP 3,410/kg (up 15 percent m-o-m), followed by Dar'a at SYP 3,033/kg (up 13 percent m-o-m). However, Idleb recorded the lowest price at SYP 2,165/kg (up eight percent m-o-m), followed by Aleppo at SYP 2,414/kg (up five percent m-o-m).

The Middle region recorded the highest monthly average bulgur price by region at SYP 3,073/kg (up 10 percent m-o-m), followed by the Southern region at SYP 2,981/kg (up seven percent m-o-m). On the other hand, the Cross-border region recorded the lowest average bulgur price at SYP 1,971/kg (up 10 percent m-o-m), followed by Northeast Syria at SYP 2,635/kg (up 16 percent m-o-m) - Chart 4.

Chart 4: Retail Prices of Bulgur, SYP



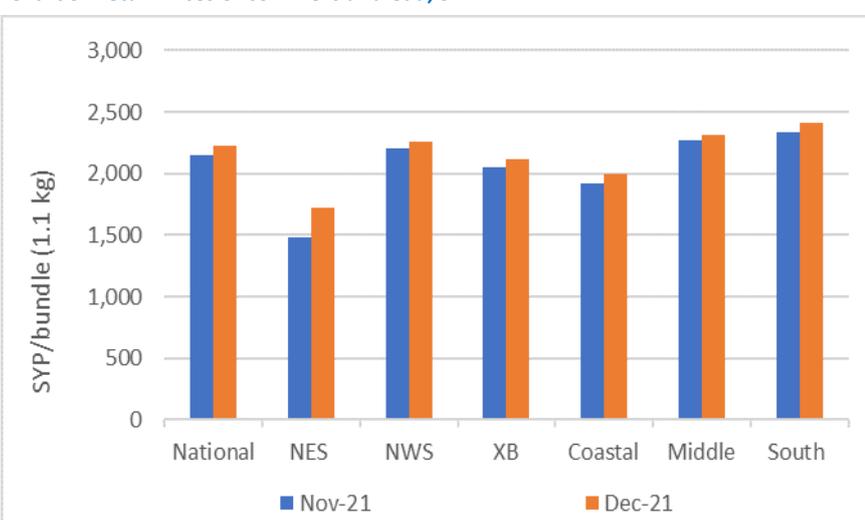
Bread*

The national average price of subsidized bread remained unchanged m-o-m at SYP 244/bundle in December 2021; whereas it increased by 128 percent since December 2020.

Moreover, the price of commercial bread increased by four percent m-o-m and by 89 percent y-o-y, reaching SYP 2,232/bundle. Lattakia recorded the highest commercial bread price of SYP 2,717/bundle (up five percent m-o-m), while Tartous recorded the lowest price of SYP 1,281/bundle (up three percent m-o-m).

Broken down by region, the Southern region recorded the highest price of SYP 2,409/bundle (up three percent m-o-m), while the Northeast Syria region recorded the lowest price at SYP 1,719/bundle (up 16 percent m-o-m).

Chart 5: Retail Prices of commercial bread, SYP



Source: WFP Field Offices

*Starting from March 2021, WFP-monitored commercial bread has been switched from resold public bread bundles to commercial bread sold at shops. Prices for the past year have been adjusted to include commercial bread resold from shops. Moreover, all prices have been adjusted to reflect bread bundle size of 1.1 kg instead of 1.3 kg since November 2020.

Exchange rate**

In December 2021, the informal SYP/USD exchange rate depreciated m-o-m by two percent, reaching SYP 3,543/USD. Moreover, compared to a year ago, the Syrian pound has depreciated by 21 percent.

The highest informal exchange rate was reported in Damascus at SYP 3,568/USD (depreciating by two percent m-o-m), followed by Rural Damascus at SYP 3,566/USD (depreciating by two percent m-o-m). On the other hand, the lowest rate was reported in Hama, Homs and Lattakia at SYP 3,530/USD (depreciating by one percent m-o-m in each governorate), followed by Tartous at SYP 3,531/USD (depreciating by one percent m-o-m) - Table 2.

Moreover, the formal exchange rate and the UN operational rate have both remained unchanged m-o-m at SYP 2,500/USD.

Diesel

On 11 December, the Ministry of Internal Trade and Consumer Protection increased the price of the subsidized 90-Octane gasoline sold through the electronic card from SYP 750/litre to SYP 1,100/litre, representing the third increase of the price of subsidized 90-Octane gasoline during 2021⁷.

The formal national average price of diesel increased by one percent compared to November 2021 and by 172 percent y-o-y, reaching SYP 474/litre in December 2021.

Moreover, the informal national average price of transport diesel decreased by seven percent m-o-m, while it increased by 172 percent y-o-y, reaching SYP 2,759/litre in December 2021. The informal price remains almost five times higher than the formal price (SYP 474/litre) - Chart 6. Rural Damascus recorded the highest informal price at SYP 3,670/litre (up two percent m-o-m), while Al-Hasakeh recorded the lowest price at SYP 486/litre (unchanged m-o-m).

Broken down by region, the Southern region recorded the highest price of informal transport diesel at SYP 3,279/litre (down nine percent m-o-m), while Northeast Syria recorded the lowest price at SYP 1,251/litre (down one percent m-o-m).

Moreover, the informal national average price of heating diesel decreased by two percent m-o-m, reaching SYP 2,864/litre. Broken down by region, the Southern region recorded the highest price at SYP 3,880/litre (unchanged m-o-m), while Northeast Syria recorded the lowest price at SYP 1,600/litre (unchanged m-o-m).

Butane gas prices

The national average price of formal butane gas cylinder (25,000 L) increased by seven percent m-o-m and by 272 percent y-o-y, reaching SYP 10,364/refill in December 2021.

Moreover, the informal national average price of one butane gas cylinder (25,000 L) decreased by two percent m-o-m, while it increased by 281 percent y-o-y, reaching SYP 72,508/refill in December 2021. Tartous recorded the highest price at SYP 102,222/refill (down 21 percent m-o-m), while Al-Hasakeh recorded the lowest price at SYP 13,333/refill (down 0.1 percent m-o-m).

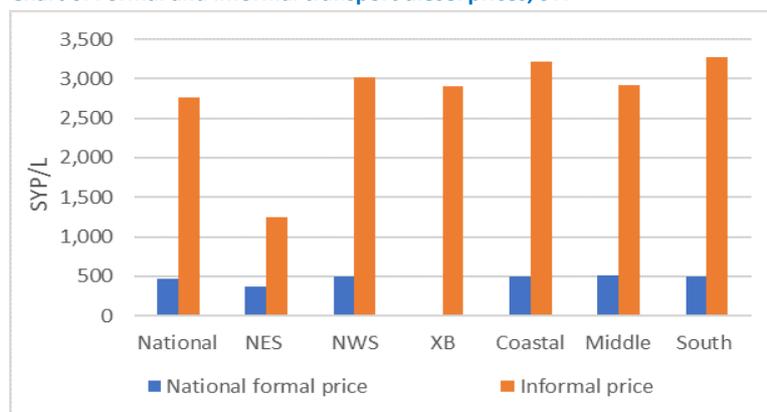
Broken down by region, the Southern region recorded the highest informal butane gas refill price at SYP 93,942/refill (up five percent m-o-m), while Northeast Syria recorded the lowest price at SYP 28,083/refill (up 19 percent m-o-m).

Table 2: Informal market exchange rate, 1 USD to SYP

Governorate	December 2021	% change (m-o-m)	% change (y-o-y)
Aleppo	3,552	-2%	-21%
Al-Hasakeh	3,554	-2%	-21%
Ar-Raqqa	3,559	-2%	-21%
As-Sweida	3,539	-1%	-22%
Damascus	3,568	-2%	-22%
Dar'a	3,551	-2%	-22%
Deir-ez-Zor	3,538	-1%	-20%
Hama	3,530	-1%	-21%
Homs	3,530	-1%	-21%
Idleb	3,549	-2%	-22%
Lattakia	3,530	-1%	-20%
Quneitra	3,506	-1%	-21%
Rural Damascus	3,566	-2%	-22%
Tartous	3,531	-1%	-20%
National average	3,543	-2%	-21%
Official rate	2,500	0%	-50%

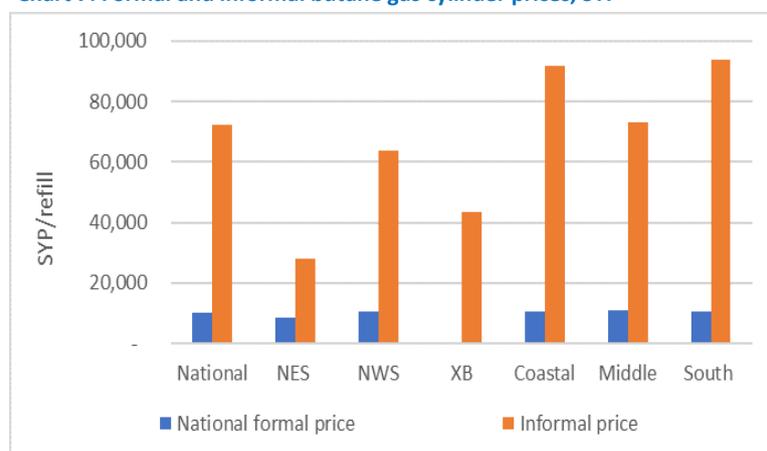
Source: WFP field offices

Chart 6: Formal and informal transport diesel prices, SYP***



Source: WFP

Chart 7: Formal and informal butane gas cylinder prices, SYP***



**When measuring exchange rates, there are two quotations. The first is the direct quotation where the US dollar is the base of measuring the change in exchange rate against the local currency. The second one is the indirect quotation where the local currency is the base of measuring the change in the exchange rate against the US dollar. The change in the exchange rate used below reflects the indirect quotation (measuring how much has the Syrian pound improved (appreciated) or worsened (depreciated) against the US dollar).

***No formal prices have been reported in the cross-border region because there is no subsidized diesel or butane gas in the region.

⁷ Increase the price of subsidized 90-Octane gasoline in December: <http://www.sana.sy/?p=1538520>

Terms of Trade (ToT)⁸

ToT between wage labour and wheat flour

The national average non-skilled labour wage, representing construction, off-loading and agricultural labour, was recorded at SYP 8,634/day (up four percent m-o-m) in December 2021. Moreover, the wage rate was 68 percent above its y-o-y level and 28 percent above levels recorded in June 2021 - Chart 8.

Lattakia recorded the highest daily wage rate at SYP 14,722/day (up 14 percent m-o-m), while Deir-ez-Zor recorded the lowest daily wage rate at SYP 4,315/day (down two percent m-o-m). Broken down by region, the Coastal region recorded the highest wage rate of SYP 13,181/day (up eight percent m-o-m), while Northeast Syria recorded the lowest wage rate of SYP 6,044/day (down 0.2 percent m-o-m).

The national average ToT between wheat flour and wage labour, a proxy indicator for purchasing power, decreased by one percent between November and December 2021, reaching 3.63 kgs of wheat flour/daily wage compared to 3.68 kgs of wheat flour in November 2021.

The national average ToT between wheat flour and wage labour increased by one percent compared to June 2021 (six months ago), while it decreased by 11 percent compared to December 2020. In other words, the national average daily wage of a non-skilled labourer could buy 3.63 kgs of wheat flour in December 2021 compared to 3.60 kgs in June 2021, and 4.08 kgs in December 2020.

Broken down by region, the Coastal region recorded the highest ToT at 5.44 kgs (up one percent m-o-m), while Northwest Syria recorded the lowest ToT at 2.58 kgs (down one percent m-o-m) - Chart 9.

ToT between sheep and wheat flour

The national average price of a two-year old live male sheep increased by one percent compared to November 2021 and by 29 percent since December 2020, reaching SYP 481,199/sheep in December 2021 (Chart 10).

Tartous recorded the highest average price of a two-year old live male sheep at SYP 661,111/head (up six percent m-o-m), while Deir-ez-Zor recorded the lowest price at SYP 420,867/head (up two percent m-o-m).

Broken down by region, the Coastal region recorded the highest average price across Syria at SYP 595,833/sheep (up three percent m-o-m), followed by the Southern region at SYP 509,041/sheep (up one percent m-o-m). While the Cross-border region recorded the lowest price at SYP 422,962/sheep (down four percent m-o-m), followed by Northeast Syria at SYP 440,935/sheep (down 0.2 percent m-o-m).

In December 2021, the ToT between an alive two-year old male sheep and wheat flour was 202 kg/sheep (down four percent m-o-m). However, the ToT worsened by 32 percent compared to December 2020.

Broken down by region, the Coastal region recorded the highest ToT at 246 kg/sheep (down three percent m-o-m), followed by the Southern region at 215 kg/sheep (down 0.2 percent m-o-m). While the Middle region recorded the lowest ToT at 177 kg/sheep (down 11 percent m-o-m), followed by the Cross-border region at 188 kg/sheep (down 15 percent m-o-m) - Chart 11.

Chart 8: Daily wage for unskilled labour, SYP

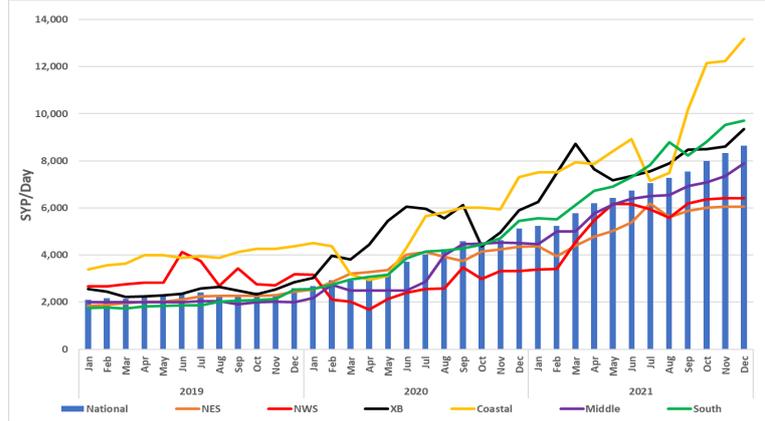


Chart 9: Terms of Trade (ToT) between wheat flour and wage rate

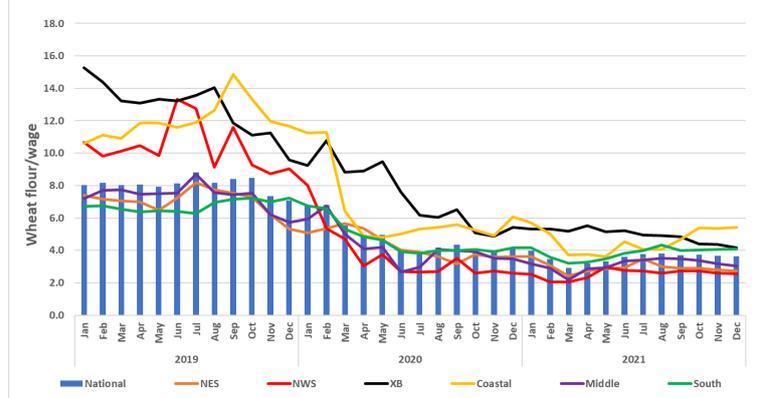


Chart 10: Price of livestock, SYP/one 2Y old sheep

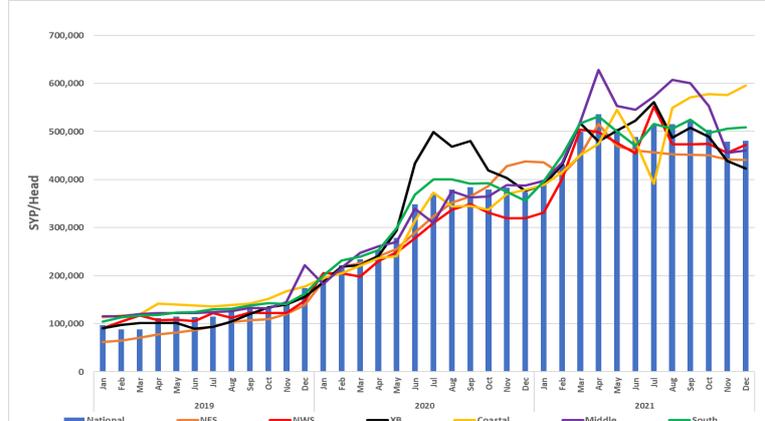
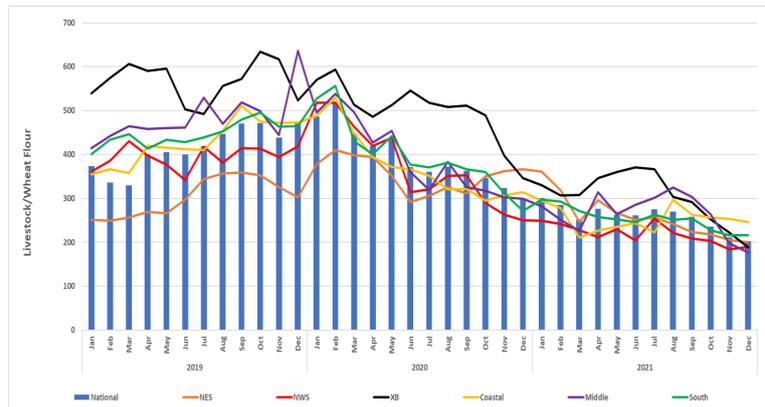


Chart 11: Terms of Trade (ToT) between wheat flour and the price of a 2 year old sheep



Source: WFP

⁸ The ToT are proxy indicators of the purchasing power of households that rely on livestock and/or casual labour as their main source of income for the purchase of cereals from local markets. ToT are important components of food security analysis. Changes in the terms of trade between wages/livestock and staple food commodities are indicative of the trends in purchasing power and the impact on the food security situation of households dependent on food purchases through income from daily wage labour and/or the sale of livestock.

Table 3: Prices of key COVID-19 items, week-on-week in December 2021, SYP

National average	Week 1 (SYP)	Week 2 (SYP)	Week 3 (SYP)	Week 4 (SYP)	% Change (December W4 & W1)
Surgeon mask	384	391	399	402	5%
Gloves (pair)	751	751	775	776	3%
Alcohol spray (200 ml)	2,754	2,759	2,758	2,833	3%
Bleach bottle (L)	1,602	1,634	1,664	1,691	6%
Hand gel (50 ml)	1,273	1,255	1,309	1,283	1%
Soap bar	647	641	650	657	2%

COVID-19 NFIs

Between November and December 2021, the price of all monitored COVID-19 items increased except for hand gel. M-o-m, the price of surgeon masks, plastic gloves and bleach increased by one, two and 35 percent, reaching SYP 394/mask, SYP 764/pair and SYP 1,648/litre, respectively. Moreover, m-o-m, the price of soap bars and alcohol spray increased by four percent for both items, reaching SYP 649/bar and SYP 2,776/200 ml, respectively. While the price of hand gel decreased by 19 percent m-o-m, reaching SYP 1,280/50 ml.

Compared to December 2020, the price of all COVID-19 items increased. The price of surgeon masks, alcohol spray and plastic gloves increased by 16, 62 and 114 percent, respectively. Moreover, the price of hand gel, bleach and soap bars increased by 33, 46 and 72 percent, respectively.

Additionally, (prior to the COVID-19 outbreak in Syria), the price of all items in December 2021 significantly increased compared to February 2020. For example the price of hand gel, alcohol spray and plastic gloves increased by 431, 564 and 1,040 percent, respectively. Also, the price of bleach, soap bars and surgeon masks increased by 296, 335 and 399 percent, respectively.

Key food-items retail prices

Red Split Lentils

M-o-m, the national average retail price of red split lentils increased by nine percent throughout Syria, reaching SYP 4,312/kg. The price of red split lentils also increased by 58 percent since June 2021 (six months ago) and by 138 percent since December 2020.

Ar-Raqqa recorded the highest red split lentils price at SYP 5,050/kg (up 16 percent m-o-m), followed by Lattakia at SYP 4,611/kg (up five percent m-o-m). While Deir-ez-Zor recorded the lowest price at SYP 2,681/kg (up five percent m-o-m), followed by Tartous at SYP 3,747/kg (up 10 percent m-o-m).

Broken down by region, Northwest Syria recorded the highest price at SYP 3,790/kg (down one percent m-o-m), followed by the Middle region at SYP 4,392/kg (up one percent m-o-m). While the Cross-border region recorded the lowest price of red split lentils at SYP 4,017/kg (up 10 percent m-o-m), followed by the Coastal region at SYP 4,179/kg (up seven percent m-o-m).

Vegetable oil

M-o-m, the national average retail price of vegetable oil throughout Syria decreased by one percent, reaching SYP 8,267/litre in December 2021. However, the price of vegetable oil increased by 18 percent since June 2020 and by 89 percent y-o-y. Tartous recorded the highest vegetable oil price at SYP 9,458/litre (down six percent m-o-m), while Al-Hasakeh recorded the lowest price at SYP 6,256/litre (up 11 percent m-o-m).

Broken down by region, the Southern region reported the highest price at SYP 9,096/litre (down four percent m-o-m), followed by the Coastal region at SYP 8,976/litre (down four percent m-o-m). Conversely, the Cross-border region reported the lowest price of vegetable oil at SYP 6,623/litre (up three percent m-o-m), followed by Northeast Syria at SYP 6,971 (up three percent m-o-m).

Table 4: Monthly price changes of key COVID-19 items, SYP

National average	Feb-20 (SYP)	Dec-21 (SYP)	% Change
Surgeon mask	79	394	399%
Gloves (pair)	67	764	1040%
Alcohol spray (200 ml)	418	2,776	564%
Bleach bottle (L)	416	1,648	296%
Hand gel (50 ml)	241	1,280	431%
Soap bar	149	649	335%

Source: WFP

Chart 12: Retail Prices of Red Split Lentils, SYP

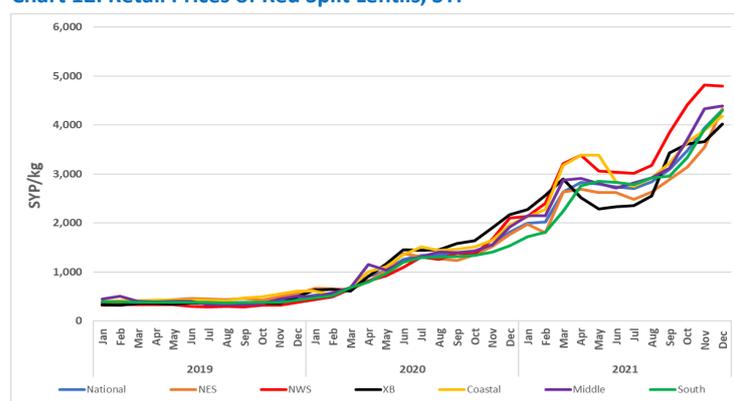
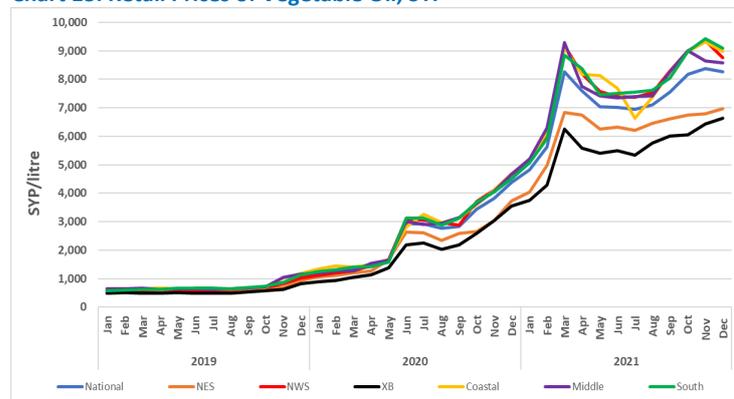


Chart 13: Retail Prices of Vegetable Oil, SYP



Source: WFP

Table 5. Market Price of Main Commodities in Syrian Pounds: December 2021

Commodity	Governorate	Current Price	Price change	Price change	Price change	Average Change	Average Change	Average Change	Commodity	Governorate	Current Price	Price change	Price change	Price change	Average Change	Average Change	Average Change
			1M (%)	6 M (%)	12 M (%)	1M	6 M	12 M				1M (%)	6 M (%)	12 M (%)	1M	6 M	12 M
Bread Public (1.1 kg)	Aleppo*	244	-0.4	86	105	↓	↑	↑	Dates (kg)	Aleppo	6,992	3	64	68	↗	↑	↑
	Damascus	200	-	100	100	↔	↑	↑		Damascus	7,722	8	57	88	↗	↑	↑
	Dar'a	268	3	105	114	↗	↑	↑		Dar'a	7,403	10	57	84	↗	↑	↑
	Deir-ez-Zor	286	-	100	179	↔	↑	↑		Deir-ez-Zor	4,058	3	24	20	↗	↗	↗
	Hama	250	-	85	150	↔	↑	↑		Hama	6,392	4	42	45	↗	↑	↑
	Al-Hasakeh	200	-	100	100	↔	↑	↑		Al-Hasakeh	4,479	0.4	2	25	↗	↗	↑
	Homs	248	-0.1	99	148	↓	↑	↑		Homs	5,198	-1	17	18	↓	↗	↗
	Idleb*	NA	-	-	-	↔	↔	↔		Idleb	4,910	4	22	73	↗	↗	↑
	Lattakia	272	1	104	164	↗	↑	↑		Lattakia	7,300	12	14	22	↗	↗	↗
	Quneitra	250	-	67	102	↔	↑	↑		Quneitra	6,978	5	82	71	↗	↑	↑
	Ar-Raqqa	212	-	-4	112	↔	↓	↑		Ar-Raqqa	4,000	-	-20	1	↔	↓	↗
	Rural Damascus	200	-	93	100	↔	↑	↑		Rural Damascus	7,212	7	52	72	↗	↑	↑
	As-Sweida	250	-	150	150	↔	↑	↑		As-Sweida	6,354	2	19	42	↗	↗	↑
	Tartous	250	-	62	139	↔	↑	↑		Tartous	4,558	6	-20	-8	↗	↓	↓
Bread Shop (1.1 kg)	Aleppo	2,303	3	38	91	↗	↑	↑	Diesel (parallel market, L)	Aleppo	2,969	-3	42	118	↓	↑	↑
	Damascus	2,435	1	20	103	↗	↗	↑		Damascus	3,550	-1	69	275	↓	↑	↑
	Dar'a	2,369	3	24	79	↗	↗	↑		Dar'a	3,193	-8	76	185	↓	↑	↑
	Deir-ez-Zor	NA	-	-	-	↔	↔	↔		Deir-ez-Zor	1,583	-14	52	101	↓	↑	↑
	Hama	2,393	1	18	118	↗	↗	↑		Hama	2,818	-9	87	213	↓	↑	↑
	Al-Hasakeh	1,781	25	67	94	↑	↑	↑		Al-Hasakeh	486	-	81	224	↔	↑	↑
	Homs	2,260	3	28	105	↗	↑	↑		Homs	3,027	-4	110	236	↓	↑	↑
	Idleb	1,972	4	26	68	↗	↑	↑		Idleb	2,842	-6	27	64	↓	↑	↑
	Lattakia	2,717	5	101	288	↗	↑	↑		Lattakia	3,275	1	102	227	↗	↑	↑
	Quneitra	2,375	1	29	32	↗	↑	↑		Quneitra	2,605	-27	70	149	↓	↑	↑
	Ar-Raqqa	1,595	-1	0.01	61	↓	↗	↑		Ar-Raqqa	1,557	14	211	337	↗	↑	↑
	Rural Damascus	2,424	2	19	86	↗	↗	↑		Rural Damascus	3,670	2	76	282	↗	↑	↑
	As-Sweida	2,458	7	20	72	↗	↗	↑		As-Sweida	3,240	-19	80	202	↓	↑	↑
	Tartous	1,281	3	-13	-25	↗	↓	↓		Tartous	3,160	-3	97	216	↓	↑	↑
Bulgur (kg)	Aleppo	2,414	5	33	72	↗	↑	↑	US Dollar exchange rate (parallel market, \$1)	Aleppo	3,552	-2	-12	-21	↓	↓	↓
	Damascus	2,956	1	46	100	↗	↑	↑		Damascus	3,568	-2	-10	-22	↓	↓	↓
	Dar'a	3,033	13	42	117	↗	↑	↑		Dar'a	3,551	-2	-11	-22	↓	↓	↓
	Deir-ez-Zor	2,556	7	45	90	↗	↑	↑		Deir-ez-Zor	3,538	-1	-10	-20	↓	↓	↓
	Hama	2,640	3	22	73	↗	↗	↑		Hama	3,530	-1	-10	-21	↓	↓	↓
	Al-Hasakeh	2,919	38	62	79	↑	↑	↑		Al-Hasakeh	3,554	-2	-13	-21	↓	↓	↓
	Homs	3,410	15	51	125	↗	↑	↑		Homs	3,530	-1	-10	-21	↓	↓	↓
	Idleb	2,165	8	46	101	↗	↑	↑		Idleb	3,549	-2	-11	-22	↓	↓	↓
	Lattakia	2,981	14	30	92	↗	↑	↑		Lattakia	3,530	-1	-11	-20	↓	↓	↓
	Quneitra	2,850	7	48	105	↗	↑	↑		Quneitra	3,506	-1	-10	-21	↓	↓	↓
	Ar-Raqqa	2,503	11	67	85	↗	↑	↑		Ar-Raqqa	3,559	-2	-13	-21	↓	↓	↓
	Rural Damascus	3,015	5	50	101	↗	↑	↑		Rural Damascus	3,566	-2	-11	-22	↓	↓	↓
	As-Sweida	2,965	6	22	108	↗	↗	↑		As-Sweida	3,539	-1	-10	-22	↓	↓	↓
	Tartous	2,621	1	33	74	↗	↑	↑		Tartous	3,531	-1	-11	-20	↓	↓	↓
Butane Cylinder (parallel market, 25 kg)	Aleppo	55,300	-15	50	126	↓	↑	↑	Eggs (carton)	Aleppo	10,338	-2	49	100	↓	↑	↑
	Damascus	100,556	5	321	551	↗	↑	↑		Damascus	10,961	3	39	124	↗	↑	↑
	Dar'a	102,031	4	166	186	↗	↑	↑		Dar'a	10,841	3	36	119	↗	↑	↑
	Deir-ez-Zor	44,167	22	113	207	↗	↑	↑		Deir-ez-Zor	10,926	-1	45	110	↓	↑	↑
	Hama	67,833	-17	138	773	↓	↑	↑		Hama	10,467	-1	35	97	↓	↑	↑
	Al-Hasakeh	13,333	-0.1	9	34	↓	↗	↑		Al-Hasakeh	10,146	-1	60	83	↓	↑	↑
	Homs	76,964	-8	191	890	↓	↑	↑		Homs	11,244	4	45	111	↗	↑	↑
	Idleb	43,258	0.5	30	66	↗	↑	↑		Idleb	9,557	-3	50	67	↓	↑	↑
	Lattakia	81,667	26	210	240	↑	↑	↑		Lattakia	10,544	4	37	92	↗	↑	↑
	Quneitra	84,063	9	193	296	↗	↑	↑		Quneitra	10,625	4	41	111	↗	↑	↑
	Ar-Raqqa	31,667	27	0.2	129	↑	↗	↑		Ar-Raqqa	10,208	-4	67	86	↓	↑	↑
	Rural Damascus	97,976	7	328	535	↗	↑	↑		Rural Damascus	10,733	2	40	118	↗	↑	↑
	As-Sweida	75,625	1	213	304	↗	↑	↑		As-Sweida	11,156	-2	34	112	↓	↑	↑
	Tartous	102,222	-21	283	264	↓	↑	↑		Tartous	10,872	1	34	106	↗	↑	↑
Cheese (kg)	Aleppo	9,898	-1	53	92	↓	↑	↑	Eggplant (kg)	Aleppo	1,393	5	63	23	↗	↑	↗
	Damascus	10,642	2	71	148	↗	↑	↑		Damascus	1,569	13	110	210	↗	↑	↑
	Dar'a	10,672	13	90	135	↗	↑	↑		Dar'a	897	27	15	23	↑	↗	↗
	Deir-ez-Zor	9,056	10	46	91	↗	↑	↑		Deir-ez-Zor	1,155	17	75	24	↗	↗	↗
	Hama	11,292	-0.2	81	134	↓	↑	↑		Hama	1,208	-3	74	33	↓	↑	↑
	Al-Hasakeh	9,094	3	71	178	↗	↑	↑		Al-Hasakeh	1,394	7	-15	72	↗	↓	↑
	Homs	9,643	-6	71	100	↓	↑	↑		Homs	983	3	37	9	↗	↑	↗
	Idleb	7,629	-7	18	45	↓	↗	↑		Idleb	1,913	35	80	32	↑	↑	↑
	Lattakia	11,569	1	85	92	↗	↑	↑		Lattakia	1,381	2	44	30	↗	↑	↑
	Quneitra	9,842	13	77	119	↗	↑	↑		Quneitra	989	18	31	63	↗	↑	↑
	Ar-Raqqa	8,188	5	39	110	↗	↑	↑		Ar-Raqqa	1,793	38	15	131	↑	↗	↑
	Rural Damascus	10,543	3	76	170	↗	↑	↑		Rural Damascus	1,315	9	75	144	↗	↑	↑
	As-Sweida	9,219	5	24	98	↗	↗	↑		As-Sweida	1,047	16	52	93	↗	↑	↑
	Tartous	9,442	-0.2	52	99	↓	↑	↑		Tartous	1,181	7	-2	29	↗	↓	↑
Chickpeas (kg)	Aleppo	3,056	2	44	85	↗	↑	↑	Fish (tuna, canned) - 160 gm	Aleppo	3,146	9	61	108	↗	↑	↑
	Damascus	4,060	-0.3	50	156	↓	↑	↑		Damascus	4,500	26	82	130	↑	↑	↑
	Dar'a	3,803	7	61	175	↗	↑	↑		Dar'a	3,766	10	50	107	↗	↑	↑
	Deir-ez-Zor	2,744	4	79	112	↗	↑	↑		Deir-ez-Zor	2,769	1	23	67	↗	↗	↑
	Hama	4,033	-1	31	106	↓	↑	↑		Hama	4,365	18	77	73	↗	↑	↑
	Al-Hasakeh	3,294	15	73	85	↗	↑	↑		Al-Hasakeh	2,675	7	19	32	↗	↗	↑
	Homs	4,055	7	34	109	↗	↑	↑		Homs	4,603	2	92	83	↗	↑	↑
	Idleb	2,648	-13	21	60	↓	↗	↑		Idleb	2,831	-1	43	66	↓	↑	↑
	Lattakia	4,225	3	33	163	↗	↑	↑		Lattakia	4,900	35	78	151	↑	↑	↑
	Quneitra	3,808	2	78	194	↗	↑	↑		Quneitra	3,677	5	65	116	↗	↑	↑
	Ar-Raqqa	5,000	-	39	213	↔	↑	↑		Ar-Raqqa	3,000	1	11	62	↗	↗	↑
	Rural Damascus	4,023	-1	60	140	↓	↑	↑		Rural Damascus	4,381	21	79	128	↗	↑	↑
	As-Sweida	3,725	-10	39	113	↓	↑	↑		As-Sweida	5,008	21	100	184	↗	↑	↑
	Tartous	4,540	-1	53	132	↓	↑	↑		Tartous	NA	-	-	-	↔	↔	↔

Key: ↑ Price increase equal to or greater than 25 percent
↗ Price increase between 0.1 and 25 percent
↔ No price change
↓ Price decrease below normal price fluctuation

* Bread (bakery) in Aleppo and Idleb represents subsidized bread in Government of Syria areas

* Key for unskilled labor wage and exchange rate: ↑ Increase equal to or greater than

Commodity	Governorate	Current Price	Price change 1M (%)	Price change 6 M (%)	Price change 12 M (%)	Average Change 1M	Average Change 6 M	Average Change 12 M	Commodity	Governorate	Current Price	Price change 1M (%)	Price change 6 M (%)	Price change 12 M (%)	Average Change 1M	Average Change 6 M	Average Change 12 M
Iodised salt (kg)	Aleppo	937	10	27	67	↗	↑	↑	Sheep 2Y old Male (head)	Aleppo	468,601	2	-3	39	↗	↓	↑
	Damascus	769	16	88	129	↗	↑	↑		Damascus	453,365	-14	-4	31	↓	↓	↑
	Dar'a	722	11	22	114	↗	↗	↑		Dar'a	511,927	1	12	48	↗	↗	↑
	Deir-ez-Zor	400	0.4	-14	47	↗	↓	↑		Deir-ez-Zor	420,867	2	-9	4	↗	↓	↗
	Hama	840	-3	17	12	↓	↓	↗		Hama	446,250	3	-6	16	↗	↓	↗
	Al-Hasakeh	585	-2	22	46	↓	↗	↑		Al-Hasakeh	451,563	-1	0.2	0.3	↓	↗	↗
	Homs	977	2	7	30	↗	↗	↑		Homs	445,595	-0.4	-25	15	↓	↓	↗
	Idleb	611	-23	41	37	↓	↑	↑		Idleb	440,480	-4	-17	14	↓	↓	↗
	Lattakia	652	5	-29	43	↗	↓	↑		Lattakia	530,556	0.4	15	39	↗	↗	↑
	Quneitra	466	3	19	39	↗	↗	↑		Quneitra	518,750	4	14	45	↗	↗	↑
	Ar-Raqqa	871	2	107	127	↗	↑	↑		Ar-Raqqa	452,500	-2	-10	0.1	↓	↓	↗
	Rural Damascus	617	5	48	45	↗	↑	↑		Rural Damascus	526,250	2	10	50	↗	↗	↑
	As-Sweida	983	-1	13	174	↓	↗	↑		As-Sweida	493,750	2	-2	17	↗	↓	↗
Tartous	960	-6	-12	113	↓	↓	↑	Tartous	661,111	6	28	76	↗	↑	↑		
Red split lentils (kg)	Aleppo	4,475	3	64	102	↗	↑	↑	Sugar (kg)	Aleppo	2,603	2	37	66	↗	↑	↑
	Damascus	4,493	6	49	171	↗	↑	↑		Damascus	2,601	-8	34	79	↓	↑	↑
	Dar'a	4,136	22	57	214	↗	↑	↑		Dar'a	2,707	-1	36	83	↓	↑	↑
	Deir-ez-Zor	3,681	5	71	136	↗	↑	↑		Deir-ez-Zor	2,682	-5	39	69	↓	↑	↑
	Hama	4,480	0.01	60	135	↗	↑	↑		Hama	2,527	-	22	78	↔	↗	↑
	Al-Hasakeh	4,354	69	127	157	↑	↑	↑		Al-Hasakeh	2,438	12	41	44	↗	↑	↑
	Homs	4,343	3	59	127	↗	↑	↑		Homs	2,606	1	32	84	↗	↑	↑
	Idleb	4,049	8	74	100	↗	↑	↑		Idleb	2,698	4	29	46	↗	↑	↑
	Lattakia	4,611	5	62	136	↗	↑	↑		Lattakia	2,622	1	24	70	↗	↗	↑
	Quneitra	4,500	5	60	252	↗	↑	↑		Quneitra	2,580	1	33	78	↗	↑	↑
	Ar-Raqqa	5,050	16	26	160	↗	↑	↑		Ar-Raqqa	2,918	12	29	73	↗	↑	↑
	Rural Damascus	4,507	3	53	165	↗	↑	↑		Rural Damascus	2,607	-6	34	78	↓	↑	↑
	As-Sweida	4,010	10	38	136	↗	↑	↑		As-Sweida	2,589	-6	27	69	↓	↑	↑
Tartous	3,747	10	30	90	↗	↑	↑	Tartous	3,000	-1	50	95	↓	↑	↑		
Meat (beef, kg)	Aleppo	21,213	-2	19	46	↓	↗	↑	Tomato (kg)	Aleppo	1,156	-10	42	-8	↓	↑	↓
	Damascus	23,306	6	8	67	↗	↗	↑		Damascus	1,069	9	28	-15	↗	↑	↓
	Dar'a	19,750	-0.4	3	60	↓	↗	↑		Dar'a	749	-10	-1	-34	↓	↓	↓
	Deir-ez-Zor	17,167	-4	6	34	↓	↗	↑		Deir-ez-Zor	937	-6	33	-13	↓	↑	↓
	Hama	20,933	-	6	43	↔	↗	↑		Hama	924	8	28	-36	↗	↑	↓
	Al-Hasakeh	18,292	0.05	1	22	↗	↗	↗		Al-Hasakeh	1,929	1	66	32	↗	↑	↑
	Homs	20,958	2	10	43	↗	↗	↑		Homs	1,038	5	31	-28	↗	↑	↓
	Idleb	12,762	-22	-30	-13	↓	↓	↓		Idleb	1,680	-24	24	9	↓	↗	↗
	Lattakia	22,611	0.4	-6	58	↗	↓	↑		Lattakia	931	1	-1	-14	↗	↓	↓
	Quneitra	19,133	-10	-1	37	↓	↓	↑		Quneitra	819	5	9	20	↗	↗	↗
	Ar-Raqqa	15,125	-1	-3	53	↓	↓	↑		Ar-Raqqa	1,350	-6	66	7	↓	↑	↗
	Rural Damascus	22,053	1	6	57	↗	↗	↑		Rural Damascus	1,004	13	9	-20	↗	↗	↓
	As-Sweida	20,000	-	2	59	↔	↗	↑		As-Sweida	882	-17	14	5	↓	↗	↗
Tartous	24,847	5	0	76	↗	↗	↑	Tartous	1,267	-0.2	36	23	↓	↑	↗		
White beans (kg)	Aleppo	6,597	2	35	54	↗	↑	↑	Unskilled Labor wage*	Aleppo	8,338	6	27	97	↗	↑	↑
	Damascus	8,372	5	34	56	↗	↑	↑		Damascus	11,569	-10	21	65	↓	↗	↑
	Dar'a	8,603	6	29	54	↗	↑	↑		Dar'a	8,380	3	43	80	↗	↑	↑
	Deir-ez-Zor	6,747	5	21	20	↗	↗	↗		Deir-ez-Zor	4,315	-2	1	47	↓	↗	↑
	Hama	7,967	-0.4	40	40	↓	↑	↑		Hama	7,350	7	9	60	↗	↗	↑
	Al-Hasakeh	5,010	2	26	40	↗	↑	↑		Al-Hasakeh	7,958	-	50	59	↔	↑	↑
	Homs	8,692	3	43	51	↗	↑	↑		Homs	8,476	7	35	90	↗	↑	↑
	Idleb	4,901	-3	7	45	↓	↗	↑		Idleb	7,838	6	11	26	↗	↗	↑
	Lattakia	6,844	-7	4	28	↓	↗	↑		Lattakia	14,722	14	96	106	↗	↑	↑
	Quneitra	7,167	18	30	298	↗	↑	↑		Quneitra	7,917	-	14	76	↔	↗	↑
	Ar-Raqqa	7,075	7	77	83	↗	↑	↑		Ar-Raqqa	6,933	2	-21	43	↗	↓	↑
	Rural Damascus	8,433	5	37	57	↗	↑	↑		Rural Damascus	12,048	6	37	75	↗	↑	↑
	As-Sweida	8,344	6	24	-	↗	↗	↔		As-Sweida	8,625	5	45	180	↗	↑	↑
Tartous	8,014	0.3	22	46	↗	↗	↑	Tartous	11,639	1	3	56	↗	↑	↑		
Vegetable oil (L)	Aleppo	7,792	-4	20	85	↗	↗	↑	Wheat Flour (kg)	Aleppo	2,392	3	31	97	↗	↑	↑
	Damascus	8,758	-9	17	95	↓	↗	↑		Damascus	2,450	-0.5	32	83	↓	↑	↑
	Dar'a	9,447	0.4	26	108	↗	↑	↑		Dar'a	2,395	6	27	89	↗	↑	↑
	Deir-ez-Zor	7,420	-2	7	75	↓	↗	↑		Deir-ez-Zor	2,174	-2	23	62	↓	↗	↑
	Hama	8,762	2	18	88	↗	↗	↑		Hama	2,433	5	24	88	↗	↗	↑
	Al-Hasakeh	6,256	11	18	71	↗	↗	↑		Al-Hasakeh	2,354	8	30	79	↗	↑	↑
	Homs	8,439	-2	16	80	↓	↗	↑		Homs	2,731	19	46	111	↗	↑	↑
	Idleb	7,113	3	18	101	↗	↗	↑		Idleb	2,235	19	50	111	↗	↑	↑
	Lattakia	8,494	-3	10	81	↓	↗	↑		Lattakia	2,297	2	9	90	↗	↗	↑
	Quneitra	9,111	-3	21	106	↓	↗	↑		Quneitra	2,004	-0.5	14	71	↓	↗	↑
	Ar-Raqqa	6,912	4	26	101	↗	↑	↑		Ar-Raqqa	2,030	1.5	2	100	↗	↗	↑
	Rural Damascus	8,846	-7	18	95	↓	↗	↑		Rural Damascus	2,463	-1	30	82	↓	↗	↑
	As-Sweida	9,067	-3	21	99	↓	↗	↑		As-Sweida	2,331	-2	4	48	↓	↗	↑
Tartous	9,458	-6	23	102	↓	↗	↑	Tartous	2,551	11	39	113	↗	↑	↑		
Parsley (packet)	Aleppo	227	-25	17	47	↓	↗	↑	Pasta (spaghettti)	Aleppo	4,805	-	31	97	↔	↑	↑
	Damascus	307	6	55	163	↗	↑	↑		Damascus	4,167	7	32	156	↗	↑	↑
	Dar'a	379	1	76	95	↗	↑	↑		Dar'a	4,278	1	40	159	↗	↑	↑
	Deir-ez-Zor	289	-8	75	104	↓	↓	↑		Deir-ez-Zor	3,176	2	21	176	↗	↗	↑
	Hama	208	-11	-4	14	↓	↓	↑		Hama	4,825	15	49	187	↗	↑	↑
	Al-Hasakeh	608	-	204	204	↔	↑	↑		Al-Hasakeh	2,510	82	91	50	↑	↑	↑
	Homs	215	-16	-59	16	↓	↓	↗		Homs	5,618	7	34	233	↗	↑	↑
	Idleb	230	-32	1	32	↓	↗	↑		Idleb	2,331	-14	9	71	↓	↗	↑
	Lattakia	244	-18	20	73	↓	↗	↑		Lattakia	4,822	13	24	85	↗	↗	↑
	Quneitra	363	5	47	142	↗	↑	↑		Quneitra	4,096	6	34	186	↗	↑	↑
	Ar-Raqqa	230	-31	15	48	↓	↗	↑		Ar-Raqqa	1,997	1	-0.2	6	↗	↓	↗
	Rural Damascus	300	5	49	156	↗	↑	↑		Rural Damascus	4,092	4	37	145	↗	↑	↑
	As-Sweida	246	-17	14	82	↓	↗	↑		As-Sweida	4,184	1	41	131	↗	↑	↑
Tartous	217	-11	22	20	↓	↗	↗	Tartous	4,142	3	8	46	↗	↗	↑		
Rice (kg)	Aleppo	2,998	1	13	57	↗	↗	↑	Yogurt (kg)	Aleppo	2,357	-0.1	49	35	↓	↑	↑
	Damascus	2,547	-4	-5	47	↓	↓	↑		Damascus	2,294	2	54	168	↗	↑	↑
	Dar'a	3,436	-0.2	28	72	↓	↑	↑		Dar'a	2,106	10	50	107	↗	↑	↑
	Deir-ez-Zor	2,706	-0.1	13	72	↓	↗	↑		Deir-ez-Zor	1,348	7	44	84	↗	↑	↑
	Hama	2,513	-3	3	64	↓	↗	↑		Hama	2,503	4	64	146	↗	↑	↑
	Al-Hasakeh	2,769	11	38	54	↗	↑	↑		Al-Hasakeh	2,096	-5	41	110	↓	↑	↑
	Homs	2,575	1	4	67	↗	↗	↑		Homs	2,542	32	116	151	↑	↑	↑
	Idleb	2,818	11	31	81	↗	↑	↑		Idleb	2,114	7	32	54	↗	↑	↑
	Lattakia	2,831	5	2	41	↗	↑	↑		Lattakia	1,946	4	52	67	↗	↑	↑
	Quneitra	3,270	-3	12	64	↓	↗	↑		Quneitra	2,058	6	52	171	↗	↑	↑
	Ar-Raqqa	2,603	-0.1	30	36	↓	↑	↑		Ar-Raqqa	2,170	3	54	75	↗	↑	↑
	Rural Damascus	2,540	-4	1	47	↓	↗	↑		Rural Damascus	2,263	4	60	159	↗	↑	↑
	As-Sweida	2,746	0.03	12	65	↗	↗	↑		As-Sweida	1,998	7	47	100	↗	↑	↑
Tartous	4,481	-0.3	105	119	↓	↑	↑	Tartous	1,994	9	18	80	↗	↗	↑		