

Market Price Report

The MAU tracks market prices in southern Sagaing Region. Data are collected from three vendors per product per market at the end of each month. The data include prices from Monywa (main market), Myaung (village), Shwebo (main market), Ye-U (village), and Yinmarbin (village). Data and product specs are available at www.themimu.info/market-analysis-unit.

KEY FINDINGS

- April saw numerous and deep price hikes in Sagaing**—the most since monitoring began in September 2023;
- Cooking oil prices rose 15%**, but essential foods were less affected by rising prices than other product groups;
- Prices for some vegetables rose at least 40% in April**, indicating a break with winter's more stable prices;
- Meat and fish prices rose 10-20% in April**, and falling prices were extremely rare;
- Hygiene NFI prices rose faster than other NFIs in April** as detergent, soap, and toothpaste rose 6-22%;
- NFI prices rose slower than other goods at 2-10%**, but nearly all NFIs monitored saw prices rising;
- Price hikes were broadest in Monywa and Shwebo** where half of all products monitored rose 10% and 12%, respectively.

Product-Level Price Changes

Essential Foods – Cooking oil prices rose 15% in April, while price trends for rice and pulses varied by market. Cooking oil prices rose again, adding another 15% to February's increases. Prices for rice and pulses varied by market, with prices up in Monywa, Shwebo and Yinmarbin but down in Myaung and Ye-U.

Vegetables – Vegetable prices rose sharply in April, most of all for eggplant, long bean, and green chili. Prices for eggplant, long bean, and green chili rose at least 40% in most markets in April. Garlic prices were up 8%, while onion prices fluctuated. Shwebo alone reported falling vegetable prices in April.

Meat and Fish – Meat and fish prices increased 10-20% in April, and there very few falling prices. Prices for dried fish and chicken increased 10%, while shrimp and fish paste rose 18% and 20%, respectively. Prices for fresh fish rose and fell in different markets. All markets saw higher meat/fish prices in April, but Ye-U saw the steepest increases at 18-25%.

Hygiene Products – Prices for hygiene products rose 6-22% in April, outpacing price increases for other NFIs. Soap and detergent prices rose 17% and 22%, respectively, in April. Toothpaste prices rose across markets in April as well, but only 6%. Sanitary pad prices were mostly stable. The steepest price hikes for hygiene NFI were in Monywa where prices climbed 29-36%.

Other NFIs – NFI prices increased 2-10% regionwide, although there were some differences at the township-level. Prices for cooking pots, plastic tarps, blankets, and jerry cans rose 2-4% in April, while prices for towels, mosquito nets, and umbrellas rose a slightly-larger 5-8%. Shwebo saw sharper price increases and more stockouts, while Myaung and Ye-U saw smaller increases and even a few price cuts of 3-10%.

Chart 1. Median Price Change (One Month)



Township-Level Price Changes

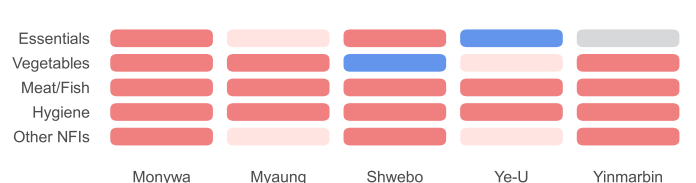
Prices rose in all markets monitored in April, but Monywa and Shwebo saw the most significant price hikes. Half of all prices monitored in Shwebo and Monywa increased at least 10% and 12%, respectively, and one-quarter increased at least 29% and 21%. Myaung and Yinmarbarin saw less dramatic price hikes with half of all prices up at least 2% and 5%, respectively, and one-quarter up 11% and 9%. Ye-U saw the fewest price hikes, although they were no less deep as one-quarter of all prices increased at least 17%.

Chart 2. Price Change for All Products, by Township (One Month)



The above chart provides a general impression of the frequency of rising/falling prices in each market. Horizontal bands represent the density of products at a given per-cent-change. Red indicates rising prices, blue indicates falling prices.

Chart 3. Direction of Price Change, by Township and Product Category (One Month)



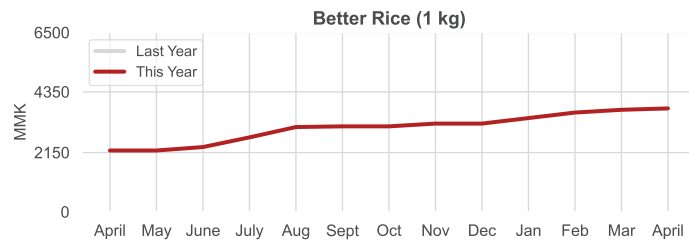
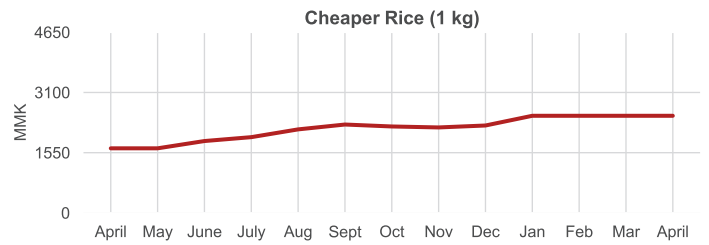
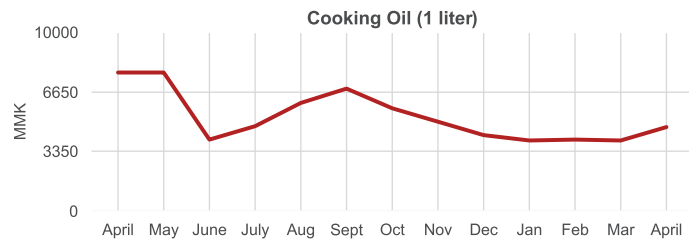
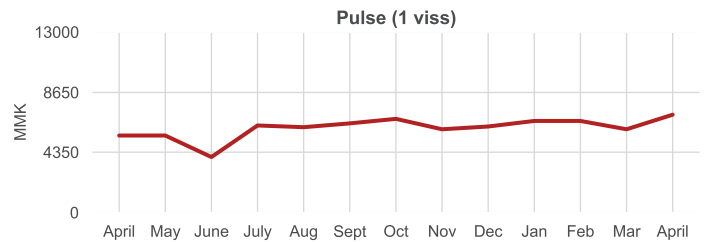
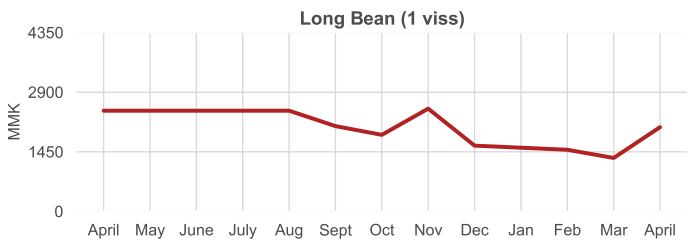
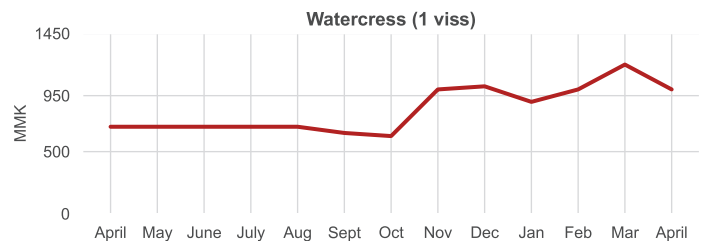
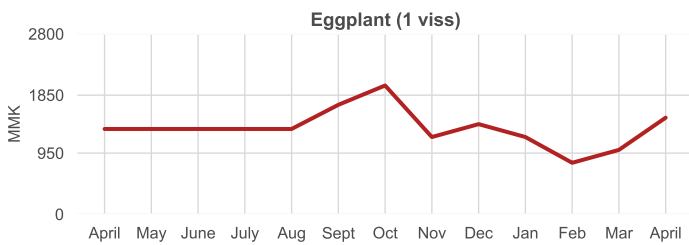
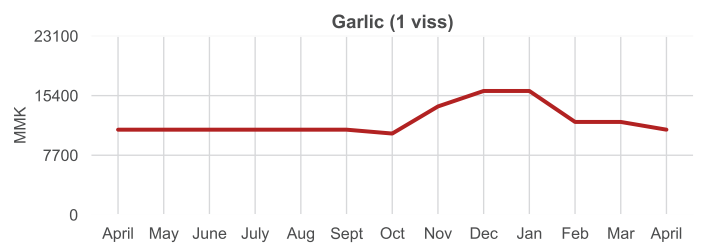
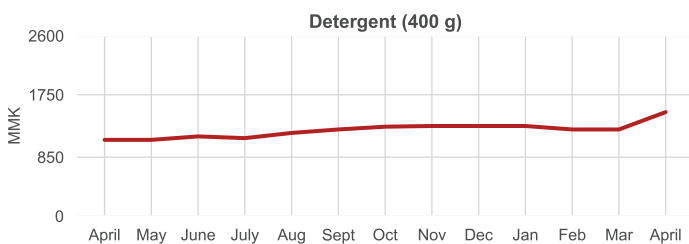
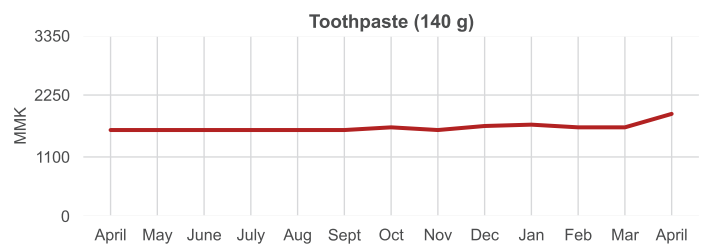
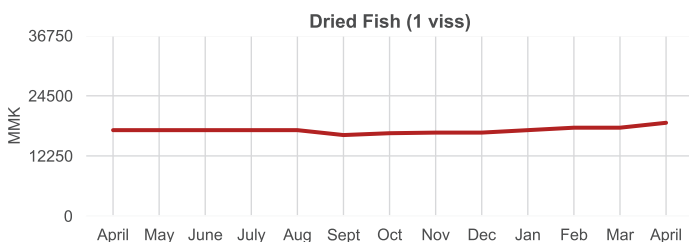
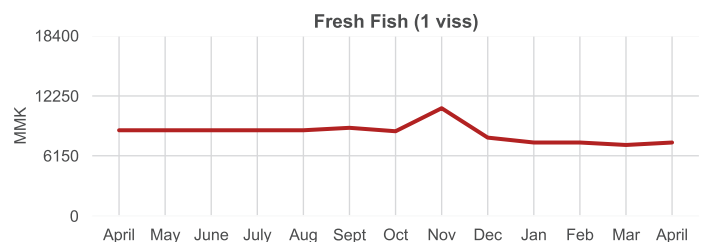
The above chart provides a general impression of the direction of price changes in each market by product category. Product categories are labeled as stable (grey), falling (blue), rising (red), or mixed (pink).

Stable Mixed Falling Rising

Prices for April 2024 (MMK)

Product	Monywa	Myaung	Shwebo	Ye-U	Yinmarbin
Better Rice (1 kg)	3,600	3,750	4,000	2,200	3,800
Cheaper Rice (1 kg)	2,500	2,600	2,400	1,500	2,800
Cooking Oil (1 liter)	4,300	4,325	4,750	4,700	5,750
Pulse (1 viss)	7,350	5,700	6,900	7,200	-
Salt (500 g)	400	250	300	-	400
Garlic (1 viss)	13,000	11,000	11,000	11,000	12,250
Onion (1 viss)	2,300	2,500	2,450	2,100	2,000
Eggplant (1 viss)	1,500	2,000	1,500	1,150	2,000
Long Bean (1 viss)	3,800	2,800	2,000	2,050	1,400
Watercress (1 viss)	1,400	1,400	1,000	500	1,000
Green Chili (1 viss)	2,500	2,500	2,050	4,000	3,500
Banana (1 bunch)	2,000	2,500	850	1,600	2,000
Shrimp (1 viss)	16,000	22,000	12,000	14,000	18,000
Fresh Fish (1 viss)	7,000	7,000	14,500	7,500	11,500
Dried Fish (1 viss)	19,000	20,000	18,000	16,000	22,000
Fish Paste (1 viss)	4,500	8,000	3,750	6,000	4,250
Chicken (1 viss)	8,500	12,000	13,750	13,000	11,000
Ar Bae Kyauk (1 viss)	19,000	22,000	18,500	14,250	24,000
Toothpaste (140 g)	2,100	1,450	2,000	-	1,800
Detergent (400 g)	1,500	1,500	2,000	1,350	1,625
Soap (60 g)	1,100	1,200	1,300	1,900	1,050
Sanitary Pad (10 pc)	900	800	1,000	1,000	1,200
Charcoal (1 viss)	850	700	350	625	800
Cooking Pot (4 cans)	9,500	8,000	11,000	8,100	8,500
Blanket	10,000	9,000	-	10,500	9,500
Mosquito Net	9,500	12,000	-	12,000	13,000
Plastic Tarpaulin	17,500	17,500	-	17,000	17,500
Men's Longyi	8,500	-	10,500	13,250	8,250
Women's Longyi	8,000	8,500	9,000	8,250	9,250
Umbrella	7,500	9,000	8,000	7,400	8,250
Towel	4,000	2,500	3,500	5,250	3,500

Charts 3-14. Median Township Price, Selected Products (Thirteen Months)



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