

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

- **May added further increases to April's price hikes**, although May's increases were less dramatic;
- **Cooking oil prices rose 11% in May**, and essential food prices crept slightly higher in some markets;
- **Prices for some vegetables rose 13-25% in May**, while a few vegetables pulled back from April's 40% hikes;
- **Meat and fish prices rose 2-9%**, compounding the effects of April's 10-20% price increases;
- **Prices for hygiene NFIs were relatively stable in May** and more so than other product categories this month;
- **Prices for various other NFIs climbed 3-9%**, rising at a pace similar to April, and very few NFI prices fell in May;
- **Monywa again saw the steepest price hikes**—although less severe than last month—and Yinmarbin saw significant price hikes as well.

Product-Level Price Changes

Essential Foods – Essential food prices were stable or rising in May, and cooking oil added 11% on top of April's price hikes. Cooking oil prices rose again in May, adding 11% on top of April's 15% increases. Prices for rice and pulses were overall stable, although they rose 3-12% in Myaung and Shwebo.

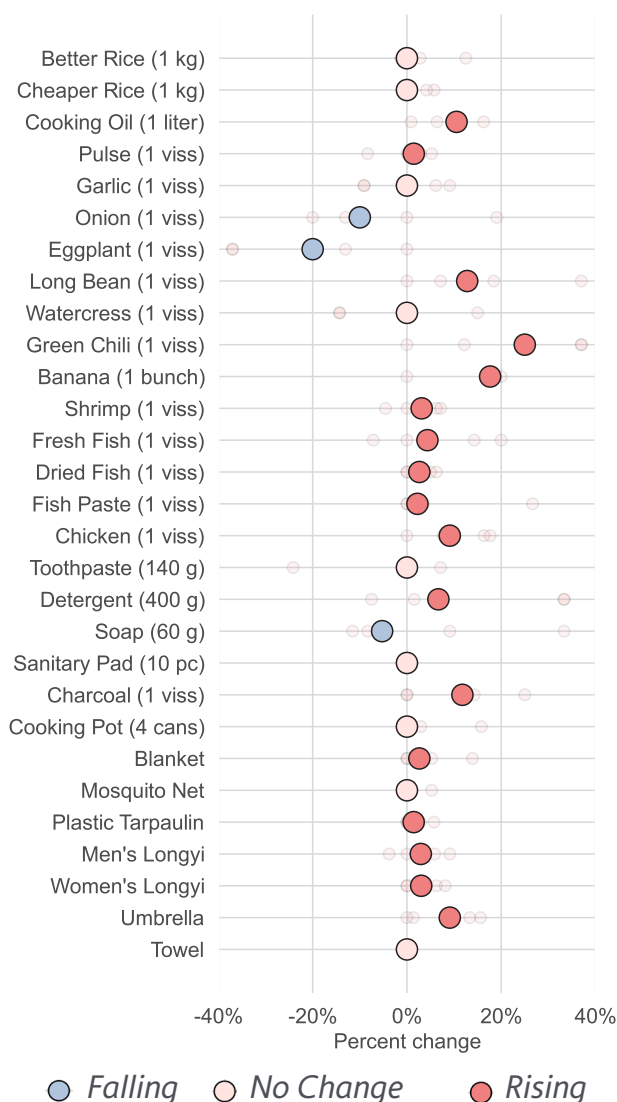
Vegetables – Prices for long bean, green chili, and bananas rose 13-25% in May, but other vegetable prices fluctuated. Prices for green chili spiked in May, climbing at least 25% in several markets, while long bean prices rose 13%. By contrast, onion and eggplant prices were down 10% and 20%, respectively. Prices for garlic and watercress fluctuated but were overall stable.

Meat and Fish – Meat and fish prices increased 2-9%, rising somewhat slower than in April when prices climbed 10-20%. Prices for dried fish, shrimp, fresh fish, and fish paste rose 2-4% in May, while chicken prices increased 9%.

Hygiene Products – Prices for hygiene products were relatively stable, although prices jumped in some markets. Detergent prices increased 7% in May, while soap prices fell 5%. Prices for toothpaste and sanitary pads were generally stable. At a township-level, prices for hygiene products rose 7-9% in Monywa while other markets saw a mix of rising and falling prices.

Other NFIs – Prices for most NFIs increased 3-9% in May, rising at a pace similar to April. Prices for blankets, plastic tarps, and longyis rose a fairly-modest 1-3%, while prices for charcoal and umbrellas increased 9-12%. Prices for other NFIs like jerry cans, towels, mosquito nets, and cooking pots—some of which saw price hikes last month—were generally stable in May. All markets saw NFI price hikes in May, but increases were most notable in Monywa and Yinmarbin.

Chart 1. Median Price Change (One Month)



Township-Level Price Changes

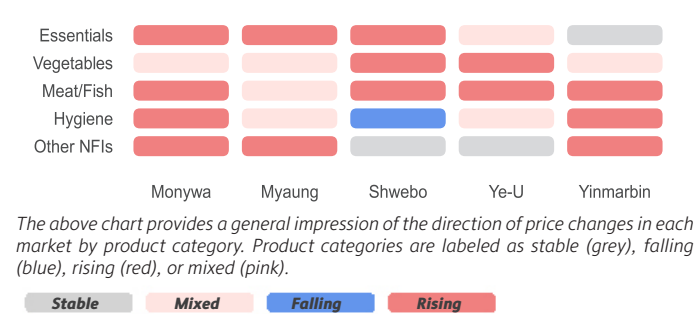
Prices increased across markets again in May, and Monywa once more saw the most significant price hikes. Half of all prices monitored in Monywa increased at least 3% in May, and one-quarter increased at least 9%. Yinmarbin also saw notable price hikes, with one-quarter of all prices monitored up at least 6%. However, Shwebo saw the steepest price hikes in May, with one-quarter of all prices monitored rising at least 11%. Although price increases were quite broad in May they were overall less deep than in April.

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)

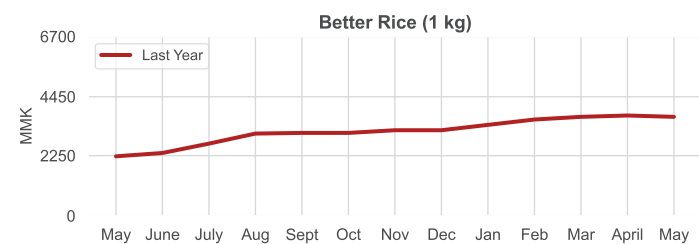
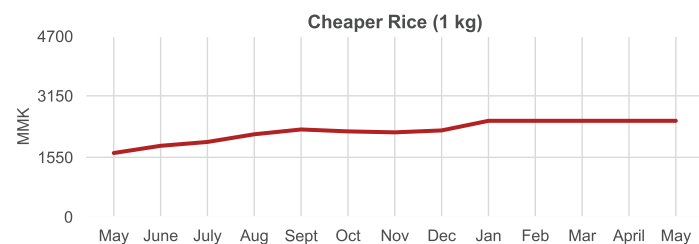
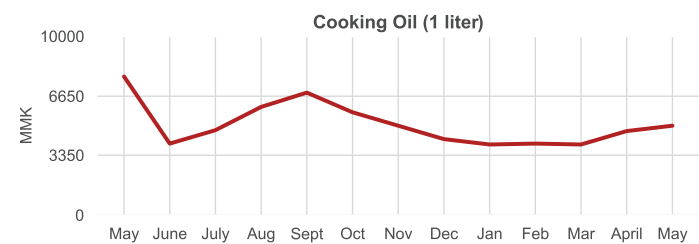
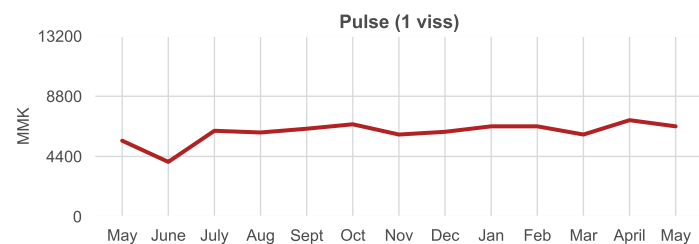
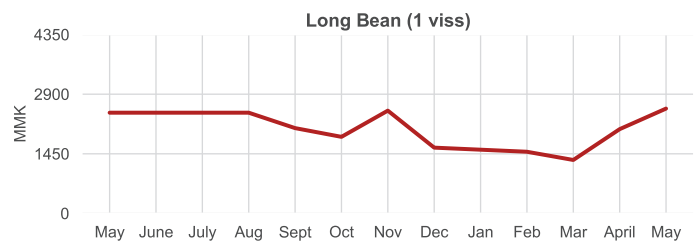
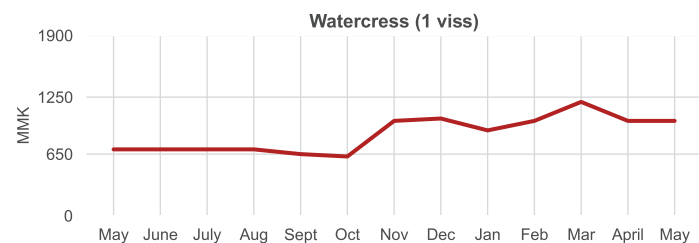
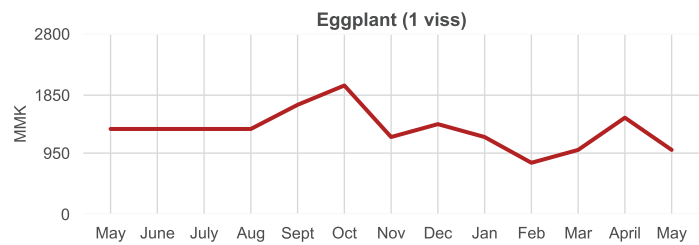
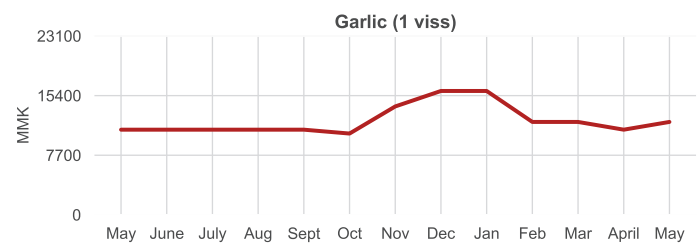
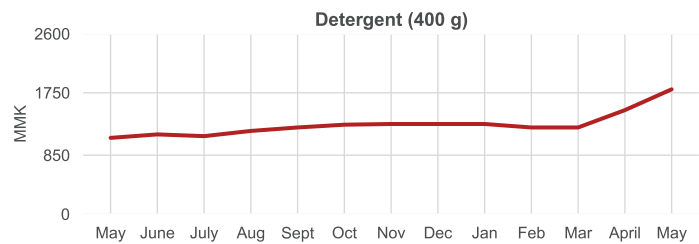
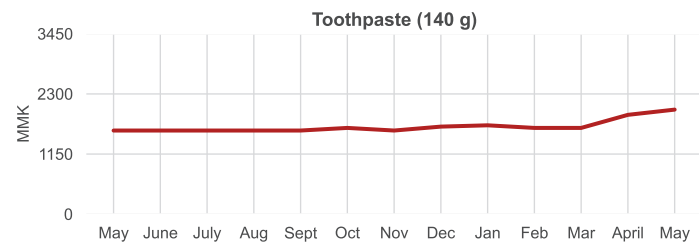
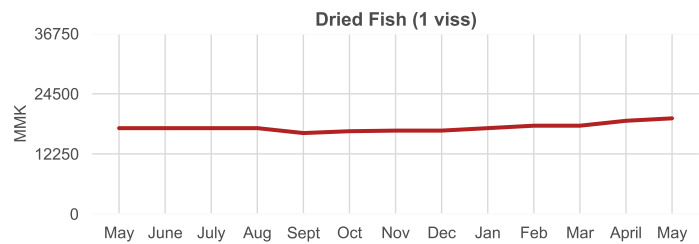
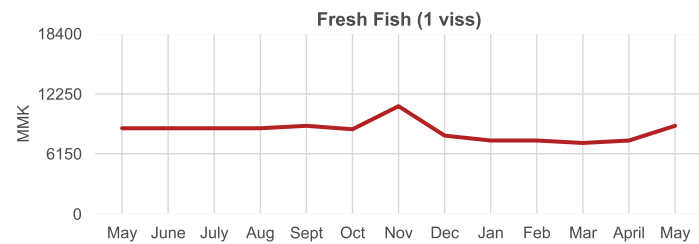


The above chart provides a general impression of the direction of price changes in each market by product category. Product categories are labeled as stable (grey), falling (blue), rising (red), or mixed (pink).

Prices for May 2024 (MMK)

Product	Monywa	Myaung	Shwebo	Ye-U	Yinmarbin
Better Rice (1 kg)	3,700	3,700	4,500	2,200	3,800
Cheaper Rice (1 kg)	2,500	2,750	2,500	1,500	2,800
Cooking Oil (1 liter)	5,000	4,825	5,250	5,000	5,800
Pulse (1 viss)	7,350	6,000	7,100	6,600	6,500
Salt (500 g)	400	250	400	-	400
Garlic (1 viss)	13,000	10,000	12,000	10,000	13,000
Onion (1 viss)	2,000	2,000	2,450	2,500	1,800
Eggplant (1 viss)	800	1,600	1,500	1,000	1,000
Long Bean (1 viss)	4,500	-	2,000	3,100	1,500
Watercress (1 viss)	1,200	1,200	1,000	575	1,000
Green Chili (1 viss)	5,000	4,400	2,300	5,000	3,500
Banana (1 bunch)	2,000	3,000	1,000	1,900	2,350
Shrimp (1 viss)	17,000	21,000	-	15,000	18,000
Fresh Fish (1 viss)	6,500	8,000	14,500	9,000	12,000
Dried Fish (1 viss)	19,500	21,000	18,000	17,000	22,000
Fish Paste (1 viss)	4,600	8,000	4,750	6,000	4,400
Chicken (1 viss)	10,000	12,000	16,000	14,000	12,000
Ar Bae Kyauk (1 viss)	19,000	22,000	19,000	13,900	24,250
Toothpaste (140 g)	2,250	1,100	2,000	2,500	1,800
Detergent (400 g)	1,600	2,000	1,850	1,800	1,650
Soap (60 g)	1,200	1,100	1,150	1,800	1,400
Sanitary Pad (10 pc)	900	800	1,000	1,000	1,200
Charcoal (1 viss)	950	800	350	625	1,000
Cooking Pot (4 cans)	11,000	8,000	11,000	8,100	8,750
Blanket	10,000	10,250	-	10,500	10,000
Mosquito Net	10,000	12,000	-	12,000	13,000
Plastic Tarpaulin	18,500	18,000	-	17,000	17,500
Men's Longyi	9,000	13,000	10,500	12,750	9,000
Women's Longyi	8,500	8,500	9,000	8,500	10,000
Umbrella	8,500	9,000	9,250	7,500	9,000
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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