



Inflation trends in the regions

May 2023

Annual inflation in May 2023 amounted to 15.9% (in April - 16.8%). The price increase for food products slowed down for the year to 16.5% (in April - 17.9%), for non-food products - to 17.2% (in April - 18.2%), for paid services - to 13.5% (in April - 13.7%).

By regions annual inflation slowed down in 19 regions, and in 1 region (Akmola region) it did not change, keeping the previous value at the level of 17.6%. Annual inflation was higher than the national level in 12 regions. The highest values of annual inflation were recorded in Akmola and Mangystau regions (17.6% each), as well as North Kazakhstan (17.3%) regions.

Figure 1. Annual inflation in the regions (May 2022 – May 2023), %

Akmola	13,9	17,6	Kyzylorda	13,1	16,1
Mangystau	15,2	17,6	East Kazakhstan	14,5	16,0
North Kazakhstan	13,4	17,3	Atyrau	13,1	15,9
Zhetysu		16,7	Republic of Kazakhstan	14,0	15,9
Astana city	14,4	16,6	Abai		15,7
Ulytau		16,5	Shymkent city	13,6	15,6
Aktobe	13,9	16,2	Zhambyl	13,1	15,6
Pavlodar	13,6	16,2	Karagandy	14,8	15,4
West Kazakhstan	13,5	16,1	Almaty city	13,9	15,3
Kostanay	13,5	16,1	Turkistan	15,4	15,3
			Almaty	13,4	14,8

Source: BNS of ASPR RK

Food prices rose in Kazakhstan higher than the national level (16.5% YoY) in Mangystau (20.7%), Akmola (18.1%), Kyzylorda (17.9%), Abai (17.5%), Kostanay and North-Kazakhstan, as well as in Astana city (17.4 each), Zhetysu (17.3%), West Kazakhstan (17.2%), Atyrau (16.9%), Almaty, Karaganda and Pavlodar (16.8% each), East Kazakhstan and Ulytau (16.6% each) regions.

The increase in the price of **non-food** products is higher than in the country (17.2% YoY) in Astana city (23.6%), North Kazakhstan (19.4%), East Kazakhstan (18.5%), Zhetysu (17.7%) regions, Almaty city (17.6%), Shymkent city (17.5%), Abai (17.4%) and Zhambyl (17.3%) regions.

Prices for **paid services** slowed down to 13.5% YoY, while the values were higher than the national level in Akmola (18.1%), Ulytau (17.1%), Mangystau (16.2%), Aktobe and North - Kazakhstan regions, as well as in Almaty city (15.2% each), Pavlodar (14.9%), Zhetysu (14.6%), West Kazakhstan (14.3%), Turkistan (14.2%) and Karaganda (13.6%) regions.

Table 1. The main components of the CPI by regions, in %, YoY

Region	Food inflation	Non food inflation	Paid services inflation
Republic of Kazakhstan	16,5	17,2	13,5
Akmola	18,1	17,0	18,1
Aktobe	16,4	16,6	15,2
Almaty	16,8	14,1	12,3
Atyrau	16,9	16,5	12,9
West Kazakhstan	17,2	16,1	14,3
Zhambyl	16,4	17,3	11,8
Karagandy	16,8	15,4	13,6
Kostanay	17,4	17,0	13,5
Kyzylorda	17,9	16,4	12,8
Mangystau	20,7	14,3	16,2
Pavlodar	16,8	16,5	14,9
North Kazakhstan	17,4	19,4	15,2
Turkistan	15,2	17,2	14,2
East Kazakhstan	16,6	18,5	12,2
Astana city	17,4	23,6	10,2
Almaty city	14,3	17,6	15,2
Shymkent city	16,0	17,5	13,1
Abai	17,5	17,4	10,8
Zhetysu	17,3	17,7	14,6
Ulytau	16,6	16,0	17,1

Source: BNS of ASPR RK, NBRK's calculations

In May 2023 **monthly inflation** in the country amounted to **0.6%**, which is higher than the historical average (0.5% in May 2017-2021). In all regions, with the exception of Pavlodar and Almaty regions, as well as Astana city, the price increase in May 2023 was recorded above the historical average. In Turkistan, Karaganda and Aktobe regions, as well as in Almaty city, the growth rate has remained at the historical average. The highest monthly inflation was noted in Shymkent city (1.0%).

Table 2. Monthly inflation in May 2023 compared to monthly mean for period from 2017-2021, in %

Region	May mean for the last 5 years	May 2023	Region	May mean for the last 5 years	May 2023
Republic of Kazakhstan	0,5	0,6	West Kazakhstan	0,5	0,7
Shymkent city ¹	0,6	1,0	Turkistan	0,6	0,6
Mangystau	0,6	0,9	East Kazakhstan	0,4	0,6
Zhambyl	0,6	0,9	Almaty	0,6	0,5
Akmola	0,4	0,9	Abai	-	0,5
Ulytau	-	0,8	Karagandy	0,4	0,4
North Kazakhstan	0,5	0,8	Almaty city	0,4	0,4
Kyzylorda	0,3	0,8	Aktobe	0,4	0,4
Kostanay	0,5	0,8	Astana city	0,6	0,3
Zhetysu	-	0,8	Pavlodar	0,6	0,1
Atyrau	0,5	0,8			

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¹ In Shymkent city 3 years' mean (2019-2021)