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RETAIL PRICE INDEX

The Retail Price Index (RPI) is designed to measure the price changes in a fixed basket of goods and services commonly purchased by households. The RPI is the most familiar general purpose domestic measure of inflation as it represents the cost of the 'Shopping Basket' of goods and services of a typical; or average St Helenian Household.

The inflation at the end of quarter 1 of 2011 stands at 5.4%, showing an increase of 1% since the previous quarter.

The main factor that had an impact on the rise in inflation was the 'Transport' component where there was an increase in the petrol and diesel prices. These two items carry a significant weight within the index.

External Inflation:

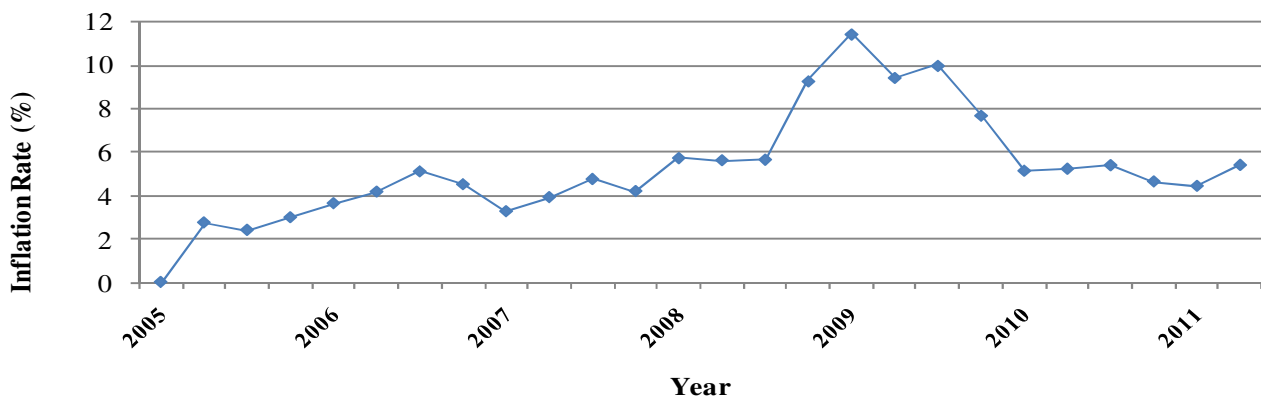
UK inflation (RPI) for March 2011 - 5.3%

SA inflation (CPI) for March 2011 - 3.7%

The Rand at the end of March 2011 was 11.0

Because of the island's high import dependency, inflation is influenced by the rate of inflation in the United Kingdom and South Africa.

St Helena Inflation 2005 - 2011



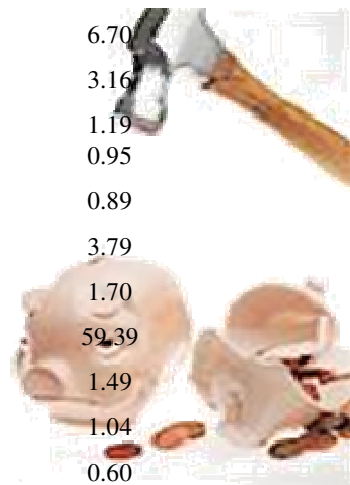
Private Sector Employment Survey

A Private Sector Employment Survey was conducted during November/December 2010. All forms have been collected, checked for inconsistencies and coded. Data Entry is in progress, with the aim of producing results within the next month or two. The purpose of this survey was to identify any perceived constraints within the Private Sector and to update the baseline. The data will also indicate the balance between employment in the private and public sector as figures relating to employment within SHG are available.

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Price Increases Year-on-Year

Item/Description		Qtr 1 2010	Qtr 1 2011	% Increase (rounded)
		£	£	
Beef (Local)	1 Kilo	5.74	6.70	17
Whole Chicken (Imported)	1 Kilo	2.77	3.16	14
Box Milk	1 Litre	1.05	1.19	13
Potatoes (Imported)	1 Kilo	0.80	0.95	19
Onion (Imported)	1 Kilo	0.79	0.89	13
555 Cigarettes	Pk of 20	3.39	3.79	12
Castle Beer (Bottle)	340ml	1.59	1.70	7
Gas Cylinder	14 Kg	53.00	59.39	12
Petrol	1 Litre	1.36	1.49	10
Diesel	1 Litre	0.74	1.04	40
Independent Newspaper	1 Only	0.50	0.60	20



2010 Facts & Figures (compared with 2009)

	2009	2010		2009	2010
Vital Statistics			Traffic Statistics		
Births	35	34	Traffic Accidents resulting in:		
Birth Rate	8.7	8.6	Serious Injuries	0	1
Deaths	41	53	Minor Injuries	9	4
Death Rate	11.2	11.8	Vehicle Damage Only	88	77
			No Damage	10	5
Import Statistics			Electricity Statistics		
<i>Agricultural Imports</i>			<i>Electricity</i>		
Ware Potatoes (Tonnes)	95	85	Number of Consumers	2,511	2,548
Onion (Tonnes)	52	54	Domestic	2,247	2,283
Eggs (Number)	28,800	186,480	Commercial	115	117
			Government	149	148
<i>Fish Landed (Kilograms)</i>			Units Generated (Kwh 000's)	8,803	9,086
Tuna	202,530	78,510	Units Consumed (Kwh 000's)	8,243	7,996
Wahoo	29,370	18,690			
Mackerel	1,200	7,940	Houses Under Construction	128	129
Skipjack	152,150	250,460	Houses Completed	20	14

Publications produced by the Statistics Office:

- Statistical Yearbook
- St Helena in Figures
- 2008 St Helena Population Census Report

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