

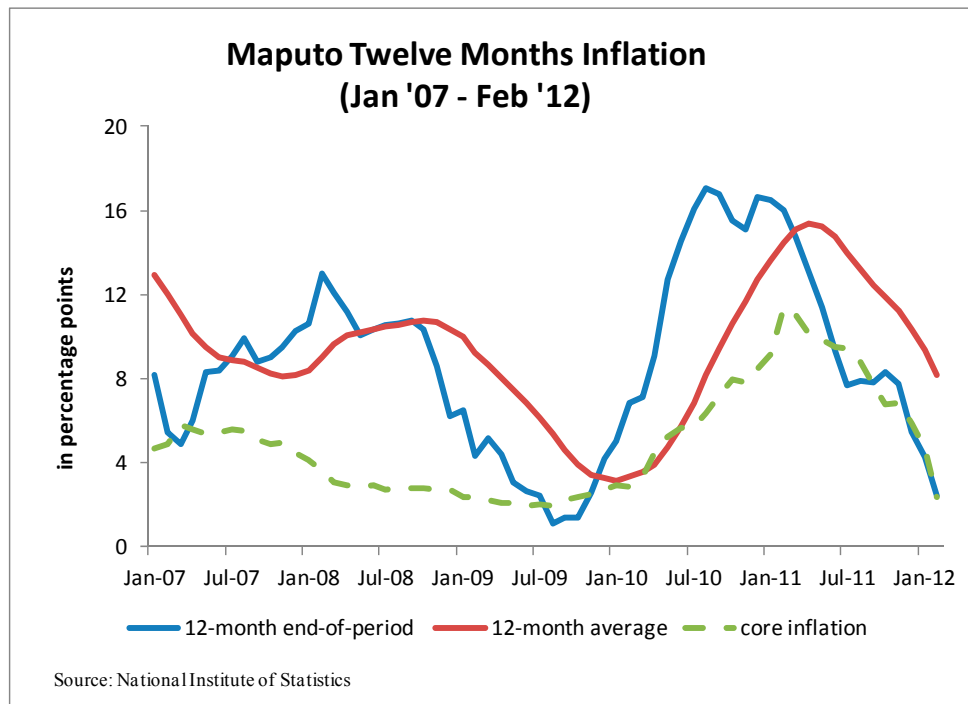


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Maputo headline inflation – February 2012

Main facts:

- The Maputo headline CPI recorded unusual negative rate in February (-0.5 percent). As a result, the end of period inflation came further down to 2.5 percent, a remarkable decline from previous 4.3 percent. Average also trended downwards to 8.2 percent (it was 9.3 percent in January).
- Food prices once more were the major driver of this favorable result. Declining transportation costs (car sales category to a large extent) came second.
- Core inflation¹ followed the declining trend. It dropped to 2.4 percent (coming from previous 4.7 percent).



¹ This core inflation measures excludes food, energy and fuels consumption from the total inflation.

- Pictured below is the accumulated contribution of product categories to total price increases in February this year:

Product categories with major contribution to total price increases in February 2012

Item	Contribution (in %)	Trend (month-on-month)
Food items and non-alcoholic beverages	-0.36	↓
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	0.00	-
Clothing and footwear	0.05	↑
Housing and utilities**	-0.01	↓
Household goods and services	-0.02	↓
Health expenses	0.00	-
Transport	-0.13	↓
Communications	0.00	-
Leisure, entertainment and culture	-0.01	↑
Education expenses	-0.01	↓
Restaurants, hotels and cafes	0.00	↓
Miscellaneous goods and services	0.01	↑
Total	-0.49	↓

* Water, electricity, gas and other energy sources.