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### 1. Summary

*The Consumer Price Index (CPI), a key economic statistics, is surveyed, analyzed, and made available to data users on a monthly basis.*

*The year-on-year, general inflation rate (**annual percentage change**) in the country stood at **26.2 percent** for the month of March EFY2016. A year earlier (in March EFY2015), the rate was **34.2 percent**.*

*The month-on-month general inflation rate stood at **4.0 percent** for the month of March-EFY2016. It was **5.7 percent** in March EFY2015.*

*General inflation encompasses of two main divisions and twenty-one groups of expenditures. These divisions registered the following price changes during the month of March EFY2016 compared with March EFY2015.*

### 2. Food & Non-alcoholic Beverages and Non-Food Inflation (Year-on-Year)

The year-on-year inflation and the month-to-month inflation rates helps to gauge the current inflation trajectory, as they capture short-term fluctuations in prices and provides an immediate indicator of inflationary pressures. Particularly, the month-to-month is also crucial for monitoring changes in consumer prices and identifying any sudden spikes or declines in inflation.

#### Food & Non-alcoholic Beverages index

The **year-on-year inflation rate**, also known as the annual inflation rate, measures the percentage change in overall price levels from one year to the same month in the previous year. Accordingly, the year-on-year inflation rate of the Food and Non-alcoholic component of the CPI, for the month of *March* 2016 EFY, stood at **29.0%**. This implies that the CPI of Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages has, on average, increased by **29.0%** compared to March EFY2015. The major contributing factors for the rise of food inflation for March EFY2016 was the observed increase in the average prices of major food commodities such as bread and cereals (**39.3%**), vegetables (**38.8%**), meat (**28.7%**), Sugar, jam, honey & chocolate (**29.3%**), fruit (**11.1%**), Milk, Cheese and Eggs (**26.1%**) and Food products n.e.c (**18.4%**).

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Notably, for the last eleven months except October and December, the inflation rate mostly showed reduction. Reduced from **34.2** percent in March EFY2015 to **33.5** Percent in April, **30.8** percent in May, **29.3** percent in June, **28.8** percent in July EFY2016, **28.2** percent in August EFY2016, **28.3** Percent in September EFY2016, and **28.3** Percent in November EFY2016. The price increase in October and December months attached to the fact that these months are overlaps with new year, school starting period, and Christmas celebrations. In March 2024 inflation declined to 26.2% from the 28.2% observed in February 2024.

**Table 1: General, Food and Non-Food Inflation Rate (% , Year-on-Year) March EFY2015 - March EFY2016**

Month/Year	General	Food	Non-Food
<b>December EFY2009=100</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
July EFY2009 - June EFY2010	14.4	13.4	15.9
July EFY 2010 - June EFY2011	12.6	13.1	11.9
July EFY2011 - June EFY2012	19.9	23.3	15.9
July EFY2012 - June EFY2013	20.2	23.2	16.4
July EFY2013 - June EFY2014	33.8	40.3	25.2
July EFY2015 - June EFY2015	32.5	31.7	33.9
March-EFY 2015	34.2	32.8	36.3
April	33.5	31.8	36.1
May	30.8	28.5	34.4
June	29.3	28.0	31.4
July	28.8	27.3	31.1
August	28.2	26.5	30.7
September	28.3	27.1	30.0
October	29.2	29.7	28.5
November	28.3	30.0	26.0
December	28.7	30.6	26.1
January	29.4	32.2	25.3
February	28.2	31.6	23.5
<b>March-EFY 2016</b>	<b>26.2</b>	<b>29.0</b>	<b>22.0</b>

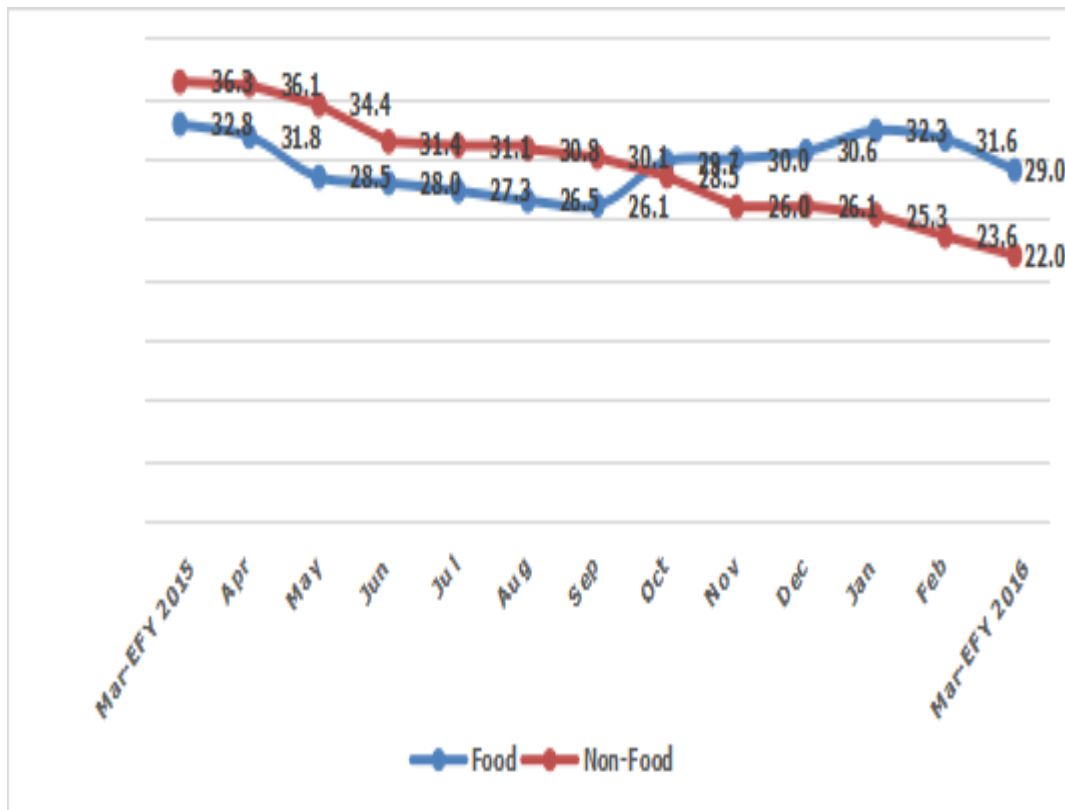
Base year: December, EFY2009= 100



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Fig 1: Food and Non-Food Inflation (% , Year-on-Year), March EFY2015 - March EFY2016



### Non-Food Inflation and Alcoholic Beverages (Year-on-Year)

As can be seen from the above figure, both the food and the non-food year-on-year inflation have continued to be stubbornly high. Similarly, a more pronounced price increment in the major **Non-food components** of the CPI was observed. The Non-Food inflation increased by **22.0 percent** in the same period. Particularly, Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco (**27.0%**); Housing, water, electricity & other fuel component (**25.4%**); Furnishings, household equipment & routine maintenance of the House (**16.9%**); Clothing and footwear (**11.1%**); Health (**26.4 %**); Education (**22.8 %**); Transport (**28.1**), Communication (**36.6**), Restaurants and hotels (**25.3%**) and Miscellaneous goods and services (**15.3 %**) have contributed for the rise in non-food inflation rate in March EFY2016.



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### Major sub divisions in the food and non-food commodities (year-on-Year).

When we look at major division of food and non-food commodities, which holds large share in the commodity basket, the inflation rate at March EFY2016 showed a slight decline from that of the previous month. From Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverage aspect, the highest weight is hold by Bread and Cereals, Vegetables, Other -Food products, Non-Alcoholic Beverage, and Meat; whose inflation at March EFY2016 is recorded Bread & Cereals **(39.3%)**; Vegetables **(38.8%)**; Other-Food products (Food products not elsewhere classified) **(18.4%)** and Meat **(28.7%)** increase and Non-Alcoholic Beverages & coffee declined by **(-1.4%)**.

Similarly, during March 2016 EFY the year-on-year inflation rate of the major Non- Food items of Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, & Other Fuels **(25.4%)**; clothing and footwear **(11.1%)**; Restaurants and Hotels **(25.3%)**; Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco **(27.0%)**; and Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance of the House **(16.9%)** have contributed for the rise in non-food inflation rate in March EFY2016.

**Table 2. Major sub divisions in the food and non-food commodities (year-on-Year).**

CPI Items	Items Wight in CPI (%)	% change on Year-on-Year Inflation March EFY2015 compared with March EFY2016	% change in Month-to-Month inflation March EFY2016 compared to February EFY2016
<b>Major Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverage components</b>	<b>53.5</b>	<b>29.0</b>	<b>4.9</b>
Bread and Cereals	17.1	39.3	5.6
Vegetables	12.3	38.8	4.6
Other-Food products	5.6	18.4	5.4
Non-Alcoholic Beverage	5.1	(-1.4)	2.2
Meat	4.1	28.7	3.0
<b>Major Non-Food Components</b>	<b>46.5</b>	<b>22.0</b>	<b>2.6</b>
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	16.8	25.4	1.9
Clothing and Footwear	5.7	11.1	1.4
Restaurants and Hotels	5.3	25.3	5.8
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	4.9	27.0	3.4
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	4.7	16.9	1.2



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### Month-to-Month Inflation Rate

The **month-to-month general inflation rate** for **March EFY2016** has increased by **4.0 percent** compared to what was in **February EFY2016**. During the same month, the **food and non-alcoholic** component of the inflation has increased by **4.9 percent** whereas the **non-food** component for its part increased by **2.6 percent**.

**Table 3: General Inflation Rate (% , Month-to-Month), March EFY2015 - March EFY2016**

Month	General month-to-month inflation
<b>March-EFY 2015</b>	5.7
April	1.6
May	0.6
June	3.3
July	2.6
August	2.4
September	2.1
October	2.1
November	1.2
Dec	0.7
Jan	1.8
Feb	1.0
<b>March-EFY 2016</b>	<b>4.0</b>

**Month-to-Month Inflation of Food and Non-Food categories:** In March EFY2016, among the food components of the CPI, Sugar, Jam, honey and Chocolate (**14.3 percent**), Milk, cheese, & eggs (**4.3%**) and Food products n.e.c (**5.4%**), Bread and Cereals (**5.6 Percent**), Vegetables (**4.6 percent**), and Meat (**3.0 percent**), Oil and Fats by (**5.1%**) and Non-alcoholic beverages and coffee (2.2%) experienced a significant increase on the month to month basis.

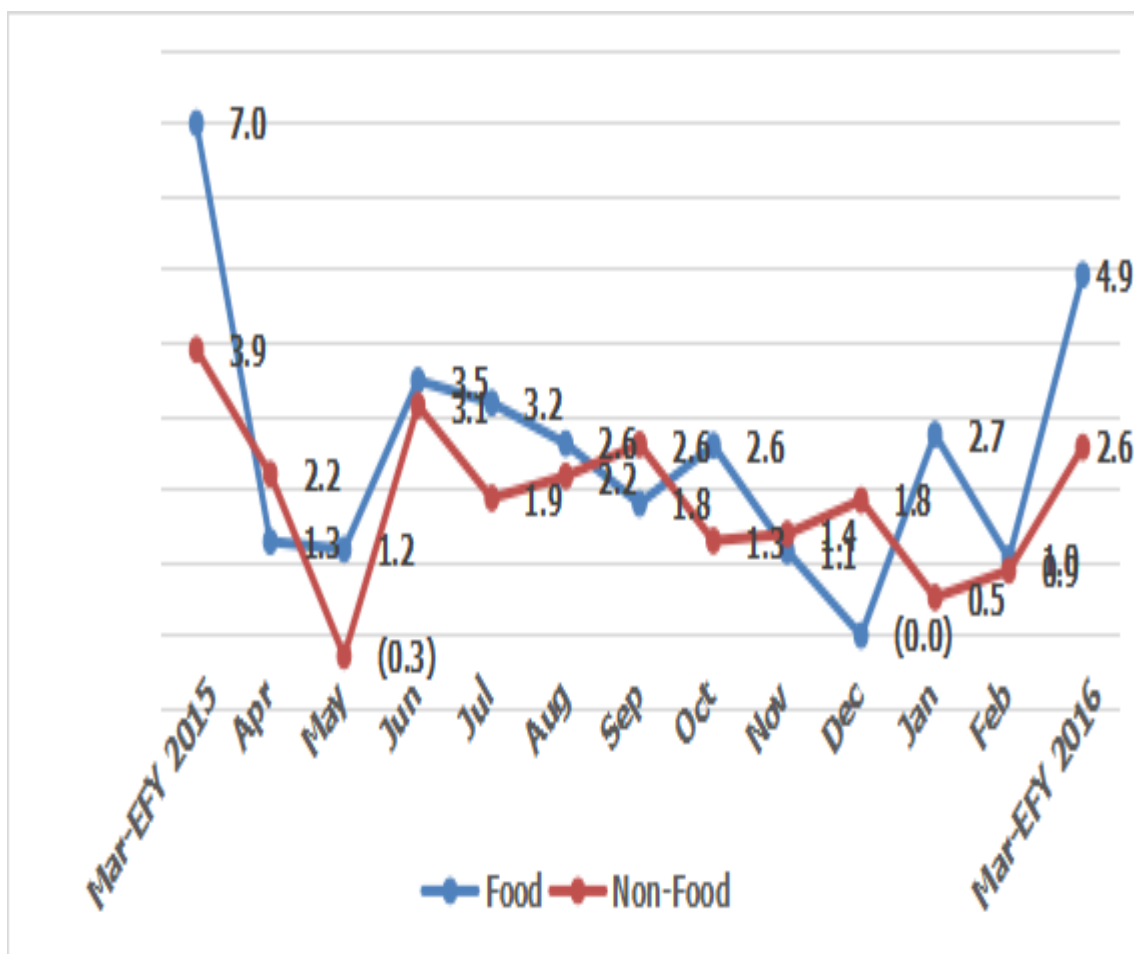


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Looking at non-food items, the increase in month-to-month comparison was observed for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco (3.4 %), Miscellaneous Goods and Services(0.5 %), Health (2.0 %), Restaurants and Hotels (5.8 %), Furniture, and Household equipment and routine maintenance of the house (1.2 %), and Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels declined by (1.9%), Clothing and Footwear (1.4%), Transport (7.8 %) and Communication (2.0)%. However, decline was observed in Recreation and Culture (-0.8 %) and Education (-6.2)%respectively.

Fig 2: Food and Non-Food Inflation (% , Month-to-Month), March EFY2015 - March EFY2016





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### 3: 12-Month Moving Average General, Food and Non-food Inflation

The 12-month moving average figures provides a broader perspective on inflation trends over a longer period. As it is indicated in Table below the country level overall inflation rate (annual change based on **12 months Moving Average**) rose by **28.9 percent** in March EFY2016 as compared to the one observed in a similar period a year ago. Since March inflation has been relatively eased in the country.

**Table 4. Overall CPI and 12-month moving average Overall Inflation rate March EEFY2016**

Month	12 Months moving Average Overall CPI	12-Month Moving Average overall Inflation
March-EFY2015	315.6	33.7
April	323.2	33.5
May	330.4	33.0
June	337.6	32.5
July	344.8	32.1
August	352.1	31.7
September	359.6	31.4
October	367.3	31.2
November	375.0	30.6
December	382.9	30.2
January	391.1	29.9
February	399.1	29.6
<b>March-EFY2016</b>	<b>406.9</b>	<b>28.9</b>



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### 12-month moving average Food and Non-Food Inflation rate (March EFY2015 - March EFY2016)

Dis-aggregated, **12-month moving average food** inflation increased by **29.3 percent** as compared to the one observed a year ago and non-food inflation rate increased by **28.5 percent** in March EFY2016 as compared to the one observed in March EFY2015.

**Table 5: 12-month moving average Food and Non-Food Inflation rate (March EFY2015 - March EFY2016)**

Baseline: Dec, EFY2009= 100

Month	12-month moving average Food Inflation	12-month moving average Non-Food Inflation
<b>March-EFY2015</b>	34.5	32.5
April	33.7	33.2
May	32.5	33.7
June	31.7	33.9
July	31.0	33.9
August	30.4	33.7
September	30.0	33.6
October	29.8	33.2
November	29.5	32.2
December	29.4	31.4
January	29.4	30.6
February	29.6	29.6
<b>March-EFY2016</b>	<b>29.3</b>	<b>28.4</b>





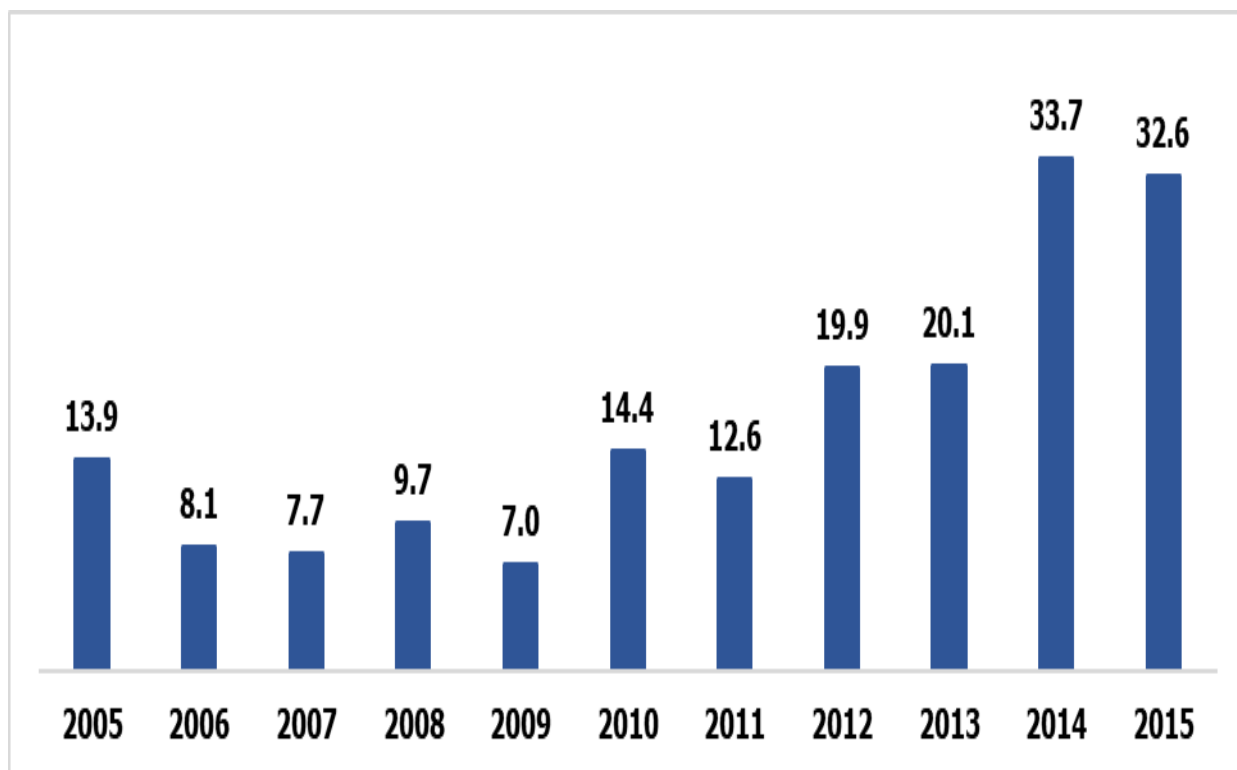
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### 4. Annual Inflation trend

Relatively low and reduction in inflation rate was observed between 2005 and 2009. Since EFY2010 inflation rate stick to double digit.

Fig 3: Average Annual General inflation in Ethiopia at the end of EFY2015 (Year-on-Year)



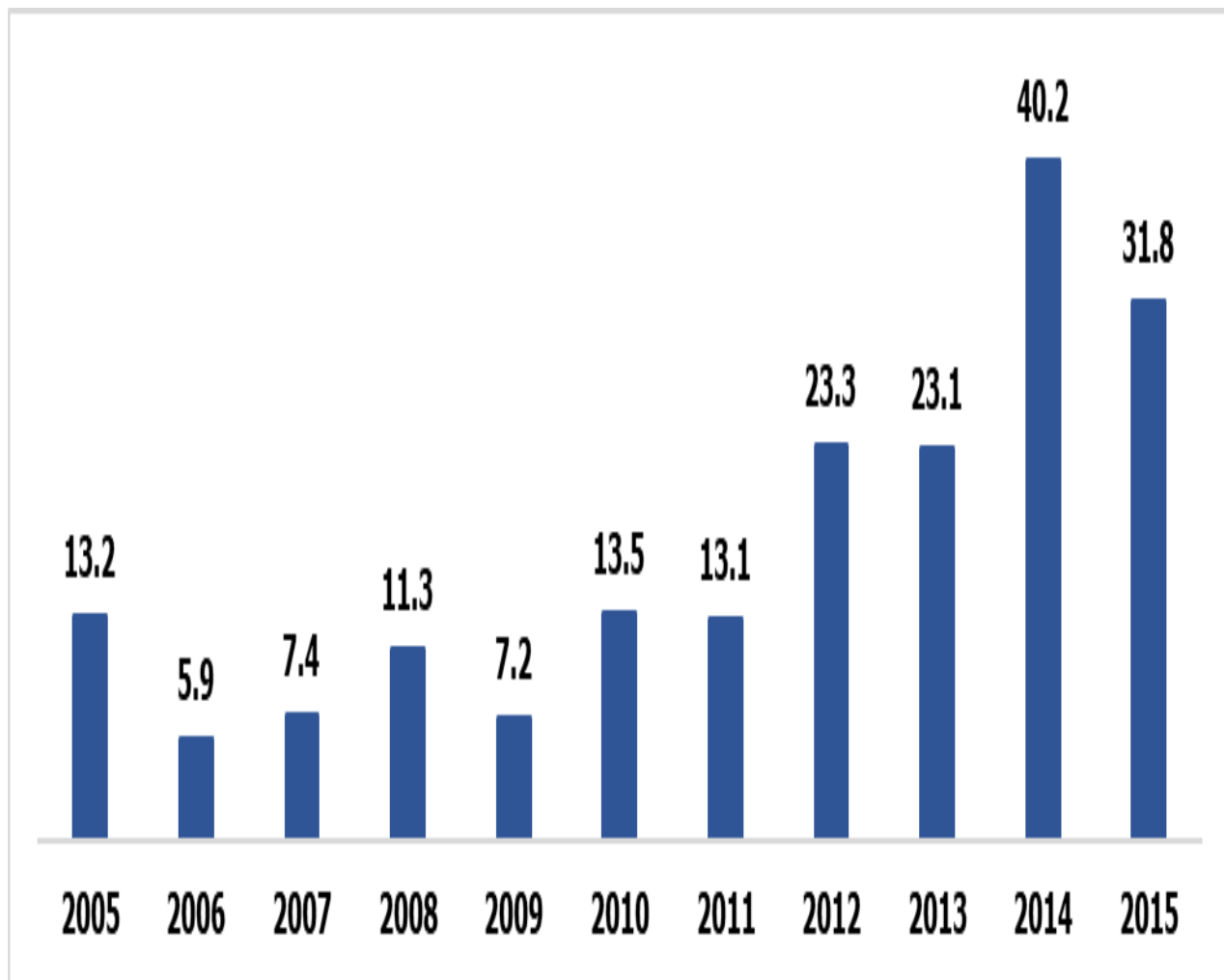
The **average annual general inflation rate** for the country stood at **(32.6 %)** in EFY2015 compared to **(33.7 %)** in EFY2014. The past four years are unfavorable for the households, due to high inflation in the country. Specially, in the year EFY2014 and EFY2015, the inflation rate has been over **30 percent** for most months. Internal and external factors forced the inflation to be at higher level; COVID19, internal conflict, and Russia-Ukraine War were the major factors.



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Fig 4: Average Annual Food Inflation in Ethiopia at the end of EFY2015 (Year-on-Year)



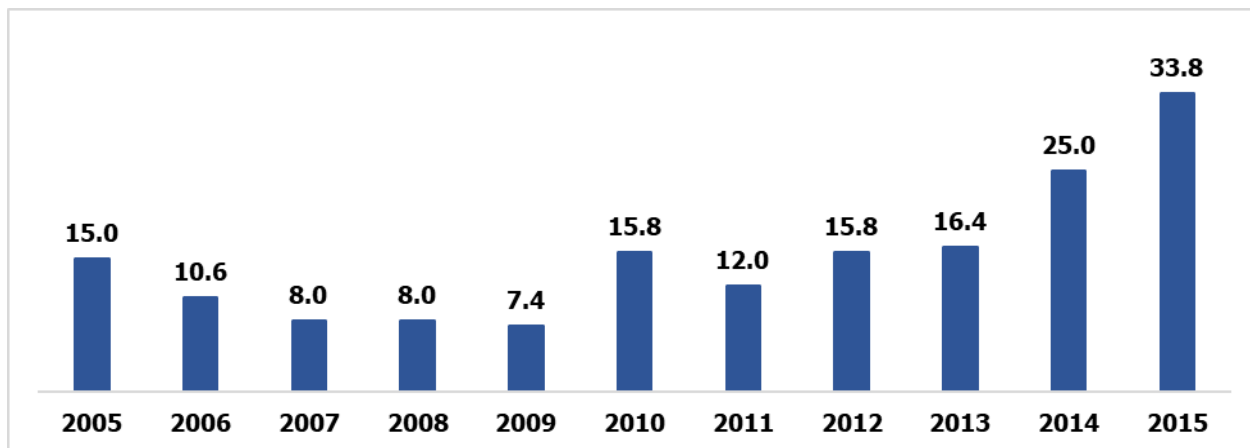
The **average annual food inflation** rate for the country stood at **(31.8 %)** in EFY2015 compared to **(40.2 %)** in EFY2014, about eight percentage point reduction compared to last year figure. But since 2010 the inflation rate stacked at double digit.



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Fig 5: Average Annual Non-Food Inflation in Ethiopia at the end of EFY2015 (Year-on-Year)



The average annual non-food inflation rate for the country stood at **(33.8 %)** in **EFY2015** compared to **(25.0 %)** in **EFY2014**. Non-food inflation movement, the past ten year divided into two. Between 2005 and 2009 non-food inflation showed reduction and since then the rate demonstrate increasing trend. This is may be attached to Birr devaluation against USD, Russia-Ukraine War, and increase of international price of gasoline, as most of non-food items are imported or utilize imported raw materials whose price can be affected by exchange rate, Russia-Ukraine War, and increase of international price.



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### 5. GLOSSARY

- **General Inflation:** The highest level of aggregation of inflation which covers all the items within the scope of the inflation.
- **Food Inflation:** inflation which covers all food items within the scope of the inflation.
- **Non-food Inflation:** inflation which covers all non-food items within the scope of the inflation.
- **Year-on-Year percentage change:** The Yearly percentage change is the change in the index of the relevant month of the current year compared with the index of the same month in the previous year expressed as a percentage.
- **Month-to-Month percentage change:** The monthly percentage change is the change in the index of the relevant month compared with the index of the previous month expressed as a percentage.
- **Index reference period (December EFY2009=100):** The period with which all other periods are compared (the period for which the value of the CPI is set at 100).

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