



WFP VAM | Food Security Analysis

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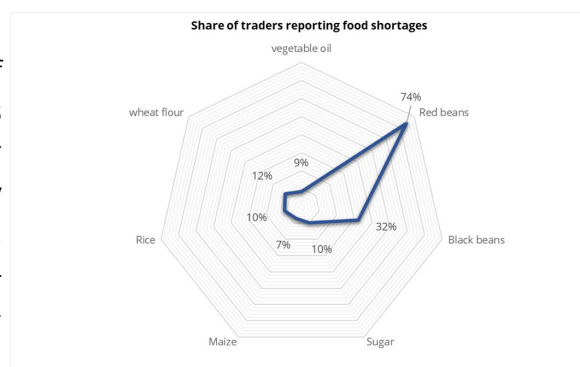
Key Points

- ◆ The national average cost of a basic food basket increased by 411 gourdes in October, reaching 26,385 gourdes. This represents an increase of 2% compared to the previous month, also observed in the metropolitan area, due to instability and a decrease in production.
- ◆ The prices of some food items such as flour, rice and sugar have stabilized or even decreased. However, maize prices rose by 10% in the Northwest and Southeast departments.
- ◆ The price of vegetable oil rose slightly in October to 1,280 gourdes. but compared to January 2024, the year-on-year increase is more significant at 7%.
- ◆ There is a significant shortage of beans in certain regions, including the North-West, Artibonite, Nippes and South, although overall availability is adequate.



AVAILABILITY

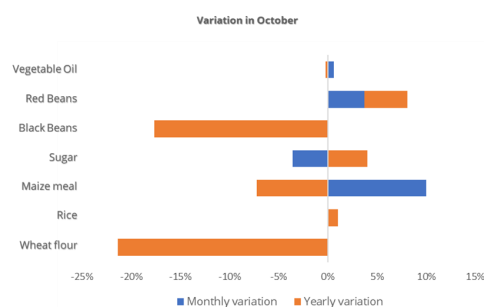
Throughout October, many retailers faced shortages of food, particularly beans. These supply chain disruptions were caused by a combination of factors, including poor road conditions, limited purchasing power and heavy rains, which hampered transport and market operations. In addition, reliance on imports from the US and the Dominican Republic reduced the availability of locally produced goods, such as maize.



Source: WFP, 2024

PRICE TRENDS FOR STAPLE FOODS

Prices remained largely stable between September and October, with the exception of maize, red beans and vegetable oil, which rose by 10%, 4% and 1% respectively. Notably, black bean prices remained stable despite the limited availability of beans in some markets.



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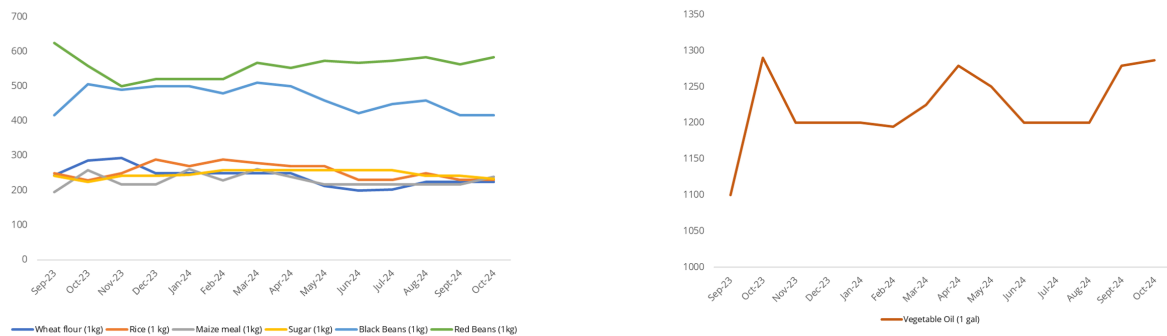
Average food prices per kilogram by department (in Haitian Gourdes)

Department	Weat flour	Rice	Maize	Sugar	Black Beans	Red beans	Vegetable oil
Centre	175 ▼ -18%	240 ▼ - 7%	217 ▲ + 5%	241 ► 0%	417 ▼ - 2%	583 ▲ +33%	1150 ▲ +11%
Artibonite	188 ▼ - 3%	231 ► 0%	168 ▼ - 3%	207 ▼ -11%	458 ▲ +10%	599 ▼ - 4%	1200 ▲ +12%
Nippes	200 ► 0%	212 ▲ +10%	217 ▲ +11%	250 ▲ + 7%	458 ▲ +10%	531 ▲ + 2%	1476 ▲ +15%
Nord	225 ▼ - 5%	231 ▼ - 8%	196 ▼ -10%	207 ▼ -14%	500 ▼ - 6%	604 ► 0%	1119 ▲ + 2%
Nord-Est	263 ► 0%	250 ▼ - 7%	217 ▼ - 5%	241 ► 0%	510 ▲ + 2%	625 ▲ +15%	1160 ▲ + 7%
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Sud	200 ► 0%	231 ▲ +20%	174 ▼ -20%	241 ► 0%	417 ▼ - 9%	625 ▲ + 3%	1279 ► 0%
Sud-Est	325 ▲ + 3%	231 ► 0%	250 ▲ +64%	284 ▼ - 6%	417 ► 0%	542 ▲ +13%	1279 ► 0%
Grand'Anse	200 ▼ - 6%	231 ► 0%	217 ▼ - 9%	259 ► 0%	417 ▼ -11%	792 ▲ +41%	1250 ▼ - 1%

▲ Increase
▼ decrease
► Stable



Price trends for products monitored over the year

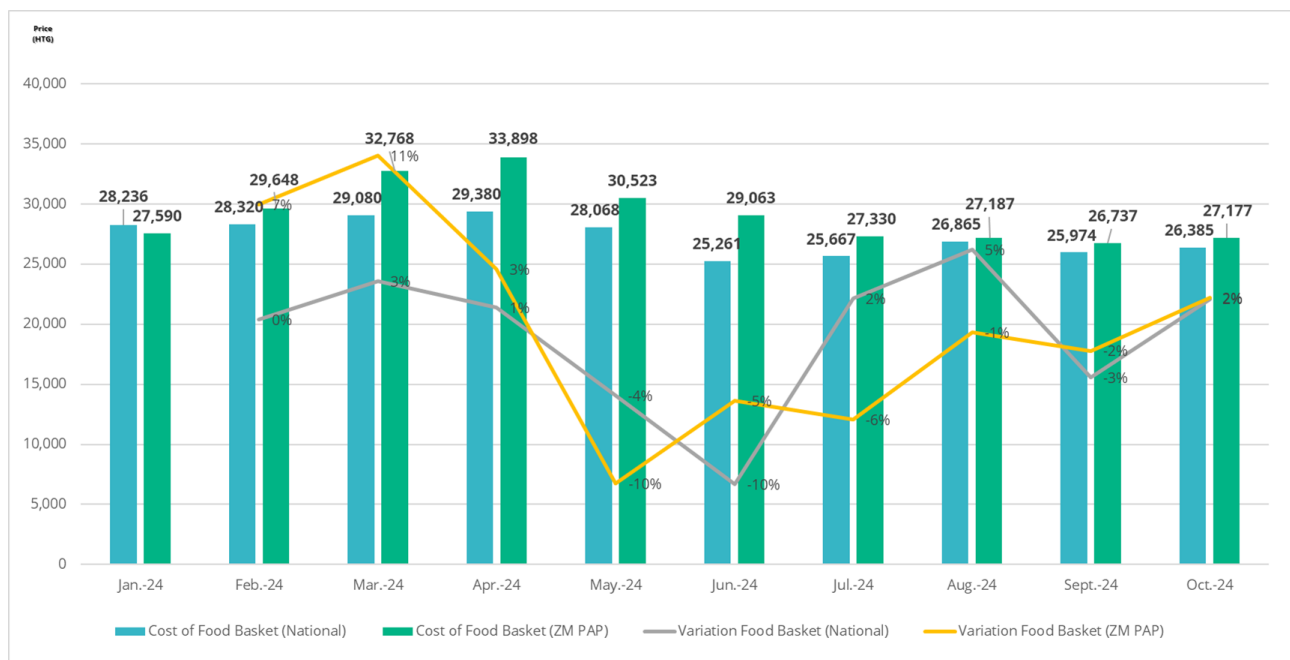


EVOLUTION OF THE FOOD BASKET

Despite the difficult security situation, the average cost of a food basket rose by 2% in October to 26,385 gourdes. While the North and West recorded price decreases of 5% and 4% respectively, the Southeast and Nippes experienced more significant increases of 7% and 6%. To cope with these changes, retailers are adjusting their strategies by sourcing from nearby departments.

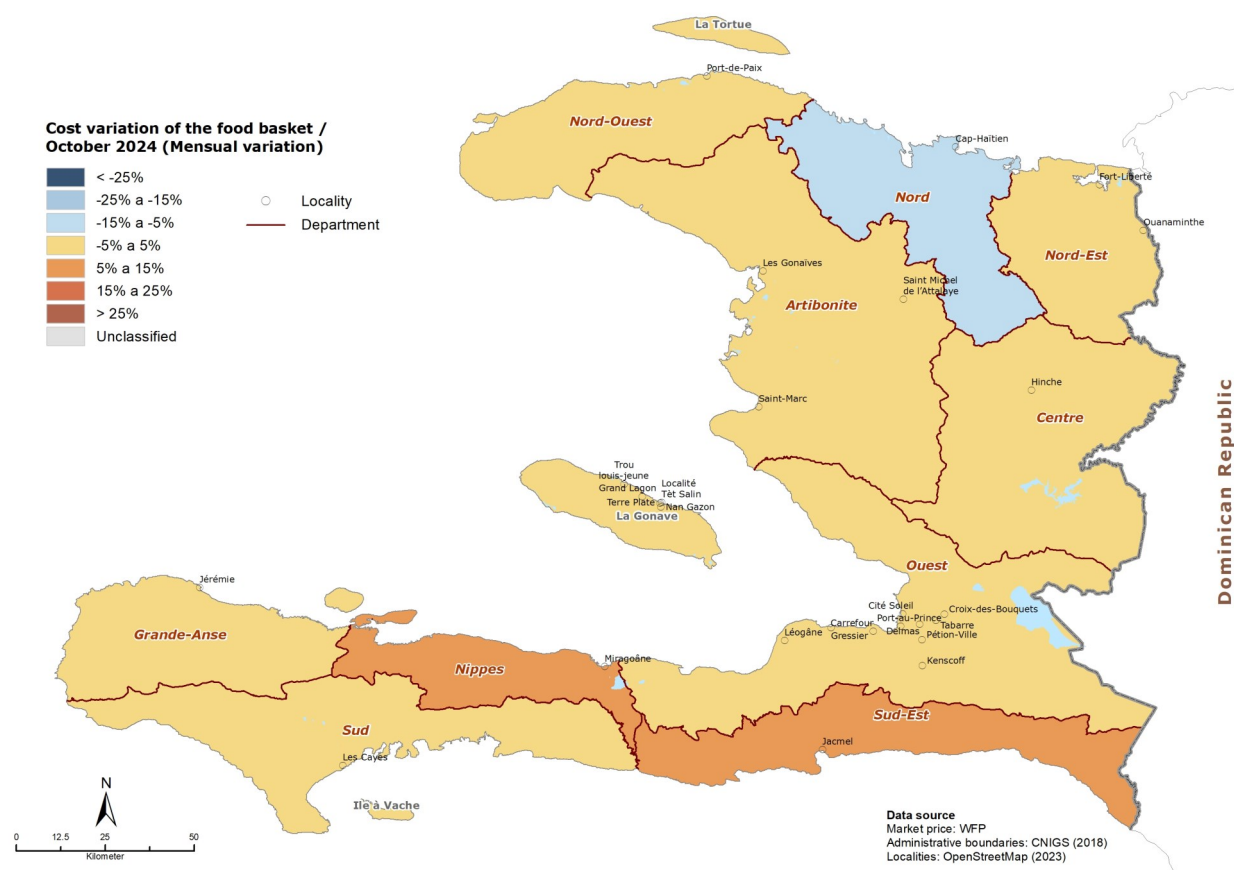
Variation in the Cost of the Food Basket (National and ZM PAP)

Cost of food basket from January to November 2024, National and in Port-au-Prince Metropolitan Area

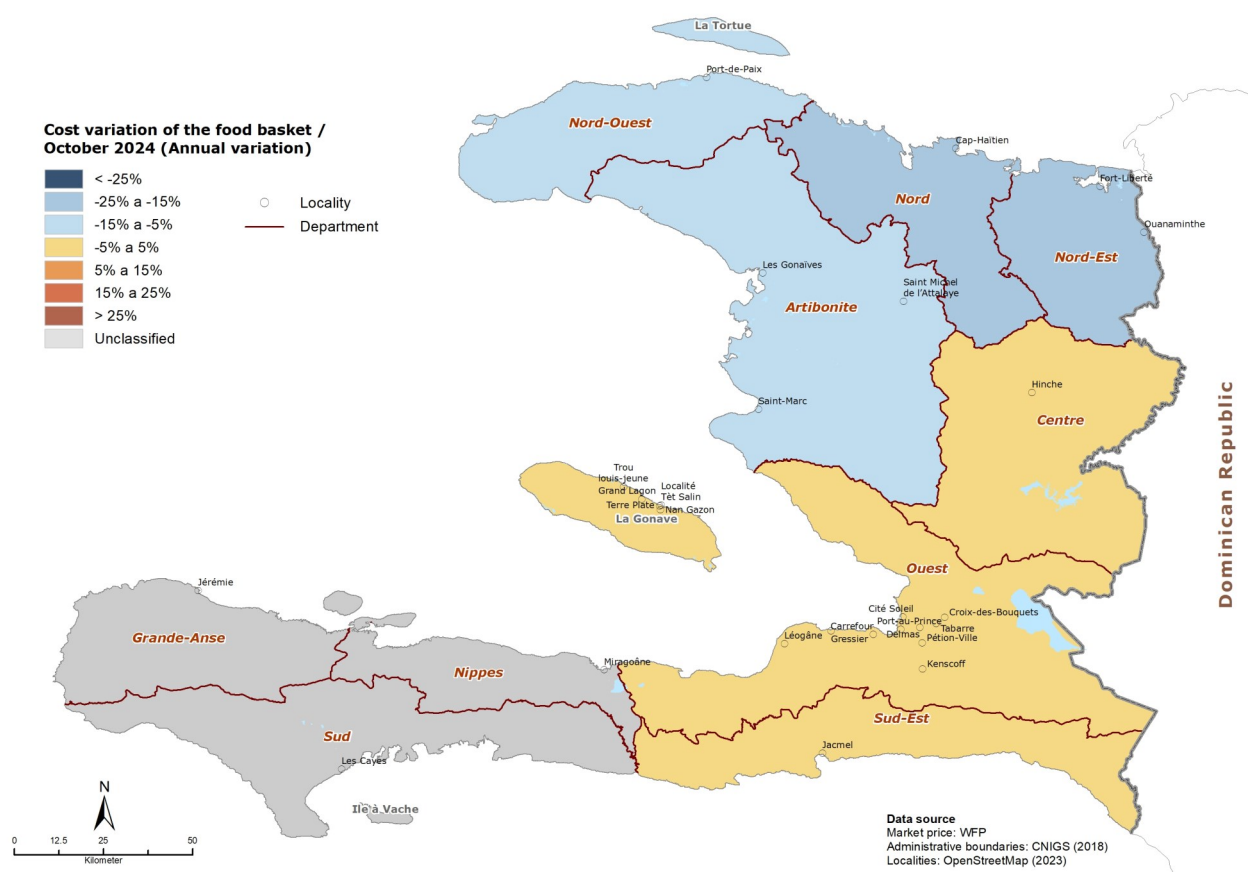




Graph 1 : Monthly Variation of the Food Basket Cost



Graph 2 : Annual Variation of the Food Basket Cost





Methodology

The methodology used is the same as that of the Joint Market Monitoring Initiative (JMMI), for reasons of harmonisation with the system used by other actors in the Cash Transfer Working Group (GTTM).

- Data is collected through face-to-face interviews with 05 traders per product in the market. In total, 282 dealers from 57 markets were interviewed.
- 10 divisions were covered by the data collection, with a focus on the metropolitan area. A minimum of four (4) markets per department were selected due to their importance.

Selection of products and observation units

The selection of food products that make up the food basket is based on the Minimum Expenditure Basket (MEB). It includes seven (7) basic products that make up the ICSM basket, taking into account the energy requirements of a household of five (5) persons (energy requirement of 2100 kcal).

- Wheat flour (30 kg); Rice (20 kg); Maize (10 kg); Sugar (3 kg); Black beans (10 kg); Red beans (10 kg); Vegetable oil (1.5 gallons).

Data are collected monthly.

Tools : Mobile Operational Data Acquisition) - WFP Data Collection Platform.

Limitation and field challenges

The lack of availability of certain traders, particularly wholesalers during periods of high demand, or of certain products in certain markets, due to the security situation, may have hampered the achievement of the planned coverage in certain areas and therefore might affect the accuracy of the estimates.



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