



WFP VAM | Food Security Analysis

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Key Points

- ◆ At the national level, the average cost of **the food basket experienced a slight increase of 5 gourdes** in November, rising from 26,385 to 26,390 gourdes.
- ◆ **The Western department** was particularly affected, **with a 6% increase** in the cost of the food basket in the Port-au-Prince metropolitan area.
- ◆ **Nearly half of the departments recorded price increases:** 11% in the Centre, 5% in the Southeast and Artibonite, and 2% in the Northwest.
- ◆ Sugar (+4%) and vegetable oil (+1%) saw price increases, primarily in the Western, Southeast, and Artibonite departments.
- ◆ Although prices remained stable, beans were frequently reported as scarce in markets, especially in the Grand'Anse and Southeast.



AVAILABILITY

Overall, markets were well-stocked. However, some traders reported experiencing temporary stockouts before they could replenish their supplies from regular vendors. These challenges were primarily attributed to financial constraints for some and transportation difficulties for many others, including poor road conditions, roadblocks, and armed gang activity.

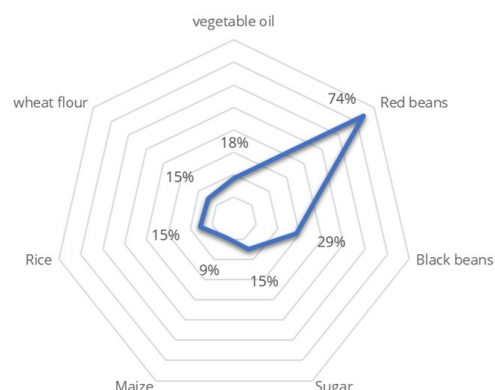
Instability and insecurity significantly impact market operations. Following the change of Government, waves of violence severely disrupted markets, particularly within the metropolitan area. Nearly 80% of households in this area faced periods where access to markets was restricted due to security concerns (The impact of the security situation in mid-November on household food security, [here](#)).

PRICE TRENDS FOR STAPLE FOODS

While prices remained relatively stable across most product categories from September to November, some notable exceptions emerged. Vegetable oil saw a further 1% increase, and sugar prices rose by 4%. Despite stable prices, beans remained scarce in many surveyed markets, particularly in the Southeast, Center, and Northwest departments, where a significant proportion of traders reported shortages

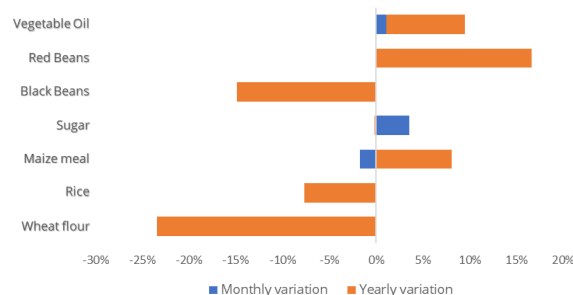
Moreover, a considerable number of traders in the Southeast, Center, and Northwest departments reported shortages of goods.

Share of traders reporting food shortages



Source: WFP, 2024

Variation in november



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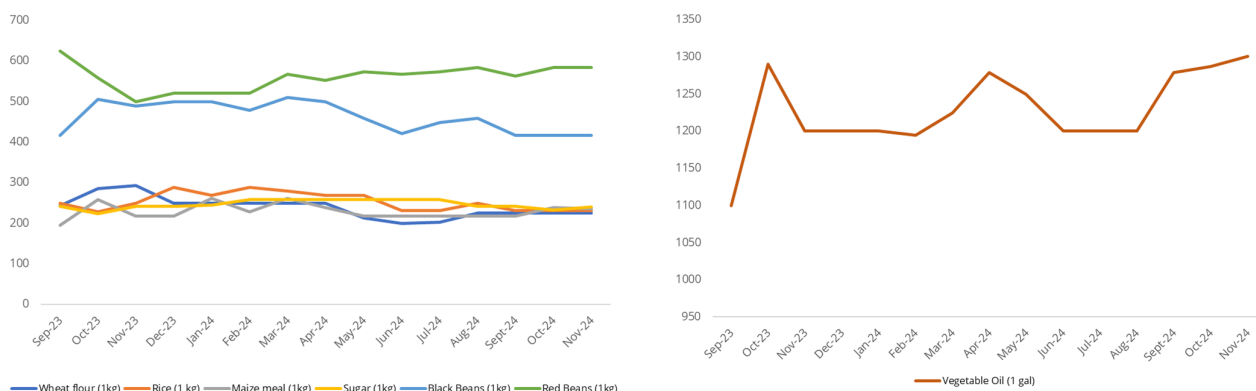
Average food prices per kilogram by department (in Haitian gourdes)

Department	Weat flour	Rice	Maize	Sugar	Black Beans	Red Beans	Vegetable Oil
Centre	219 ▲+25%	269 ▲+12%	326 ▲+50%	241 ► 0%	417 ► 0%	552 ▼ - 5%	1100 ▼ - 4%
Artibonite	225 ▲+20%	231 ► 0%	174 ▲ + 3%	207 ► 0%	458 ► 0%	599 ► 0%	1200 ► 0%
Nippes	200 ► 0%	212 ► 0%	196 ▼ -10%	250 ► 0%	417 ▼ - 9%	552 ▲ + 4%	1439 ▼ - 2%
North	225 ► 0%	231 ► 0%	196 ► 0%	207 ► 0%	500 ► 0%	552 ▼ - 9%	1200 ▲ + 7%
North-East	250 ▼ - 5%	269 ▲ + 8%	217 ► 0%	241 ► 0%	510 ► 0%	652 ▲ + 4%	1200 ▲ + 3%
North-West	200 ▲ + 7%	231 ► 0%	174 ► 0%	207 ► 0%	417 ► 0%	625 ► 0%	1279 ▲ +11%
West	225 ▲+13%	231 ► 0%	304 ▼ - 7%	207 ► 0%	417 ► 0%	542 ▲ + 1%	1323 ▲+17%
South	200 ► 0%	192 ▼ -17%	217 ▲+25%	224 ▼ - 7%	417 ► 0%	552 ▼ -12%	1439 ▲ +13%
South-East	350 ▲ + 8%	231 ► 0%	196 ▼ -22%	241 ▼ -15%	417 ► 0%	625 ▲+15%	1599 ▲+25%
Grand'Anse	200 ► 0%	231 ► 0%	261 ▲+20%	259 ► 0%	417 ► 0%	667 ▼ -16%	1550 ▲ +24%

▲ increase
▼ decrease
► stable



Price trends for products monitored over the year



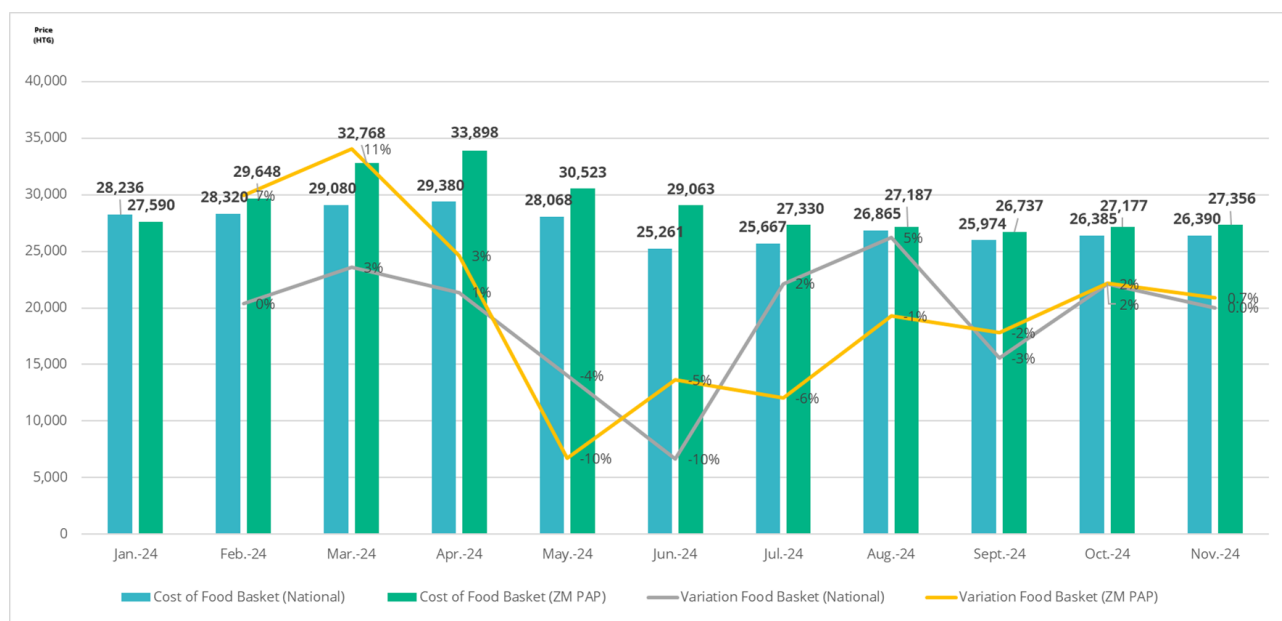
Évolution du Panier alimentaire

In November, the security situation severely disrupted market operations, significantly impacting access to essential goods and driving up their prices. The recent crisis in the Metropolitan Zone, fueled by widespread unrest in certain sectors, led to a 6% increase in the cost of the food basket, reaching 27,842 gourdes compared to October.

However, at the national level, the cost of the food basket saw only a slight increase, rising from 26,385 gourdes in October to 27,390 gourdes in November.

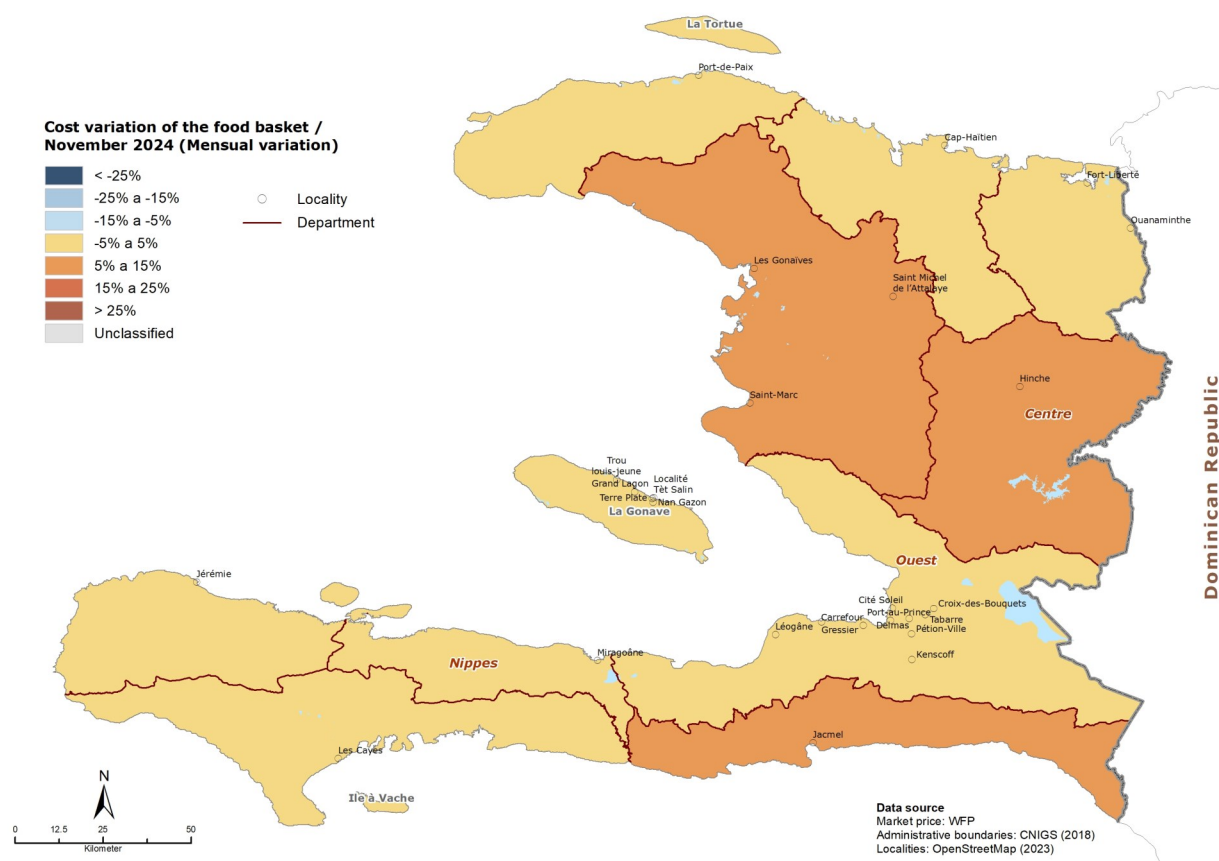
Some regions experienced price decreases, notably the South (-3%), the Nippes (-2%), as well as the North and Grand'Anse (-1% each). Conversely, the departments of the Center (+10%), Artibonite, and South-East (+5% each) recorded the highest increases.

Variation du Coût du Panier alimentaire (National et ZM PAP)

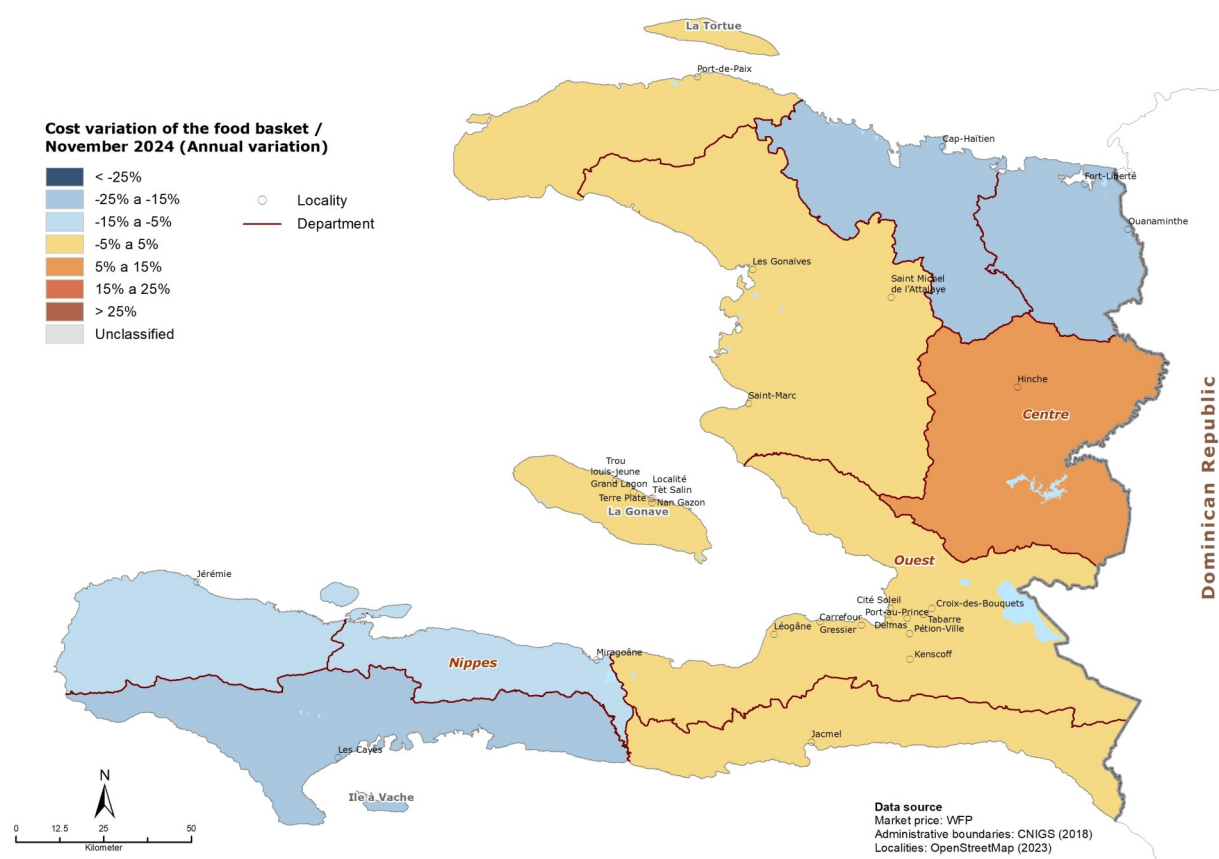




Graph 1 : Monthly Variation of the Food Basket Cost



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, 502 traders from 58 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

Data are collected monthly.

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

Limites et difficultés

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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