



Market Monitoring

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Key Highlights

- ❑ **National Food Basket Cost:** A **2% monthly increase** was recorded, rising from HTG 23,784 in July to HTG 24,203 in August. However, compared to August 2024, the cost reflects a **10% annual decline**, largely attributed to improved food availability following the third harvest of **maize and rice**.
- ❑ **Departmental Trends:** Despite the national decline, **localized increases** of up to **4%** were observed in the departments of **Nippes, Sud, and Sud-Est**, driven by rising prices of key commodities in these areas.
- ❑ **Metropolitan Area of Port-au-Prince:** The food basket cost stood at **HTG 25,349** in August, marking a slight decrease from **HTG 25,875** in July. Nonetheless, it remains **over 5% higher than the national average**, underscoring continued pressure on urban household purchasing power.
- ❑ **Commodity Price Movements:** Most monitored food items showed **stable or declining prices**. Notable exceptions include **rice**, which rose by **9%**, and **vegetable oil**, which saw a **modest increase**.
- ❑ **Market Availability:** Overall, food products remained **broadly available** across surveyed markets in August. However, **red beans** continue to be **scarce** in several locations, indicating persistent supply constraints for this essential staple.



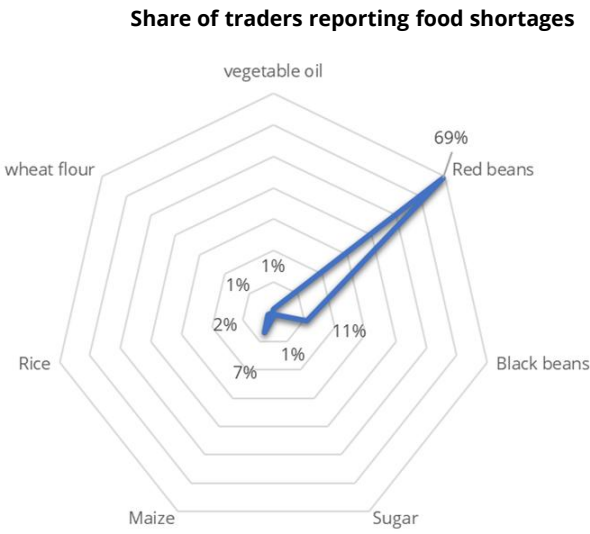
Food availability-August 2025

Overall, food availability across surveyed markets remained **generally satisfactory** throughout August. A notable exception was **red beans**, which continued to be **scarce or unavailable**, particularly in the departments of **Nippes, Nord**, and **Nord-Ouest**.

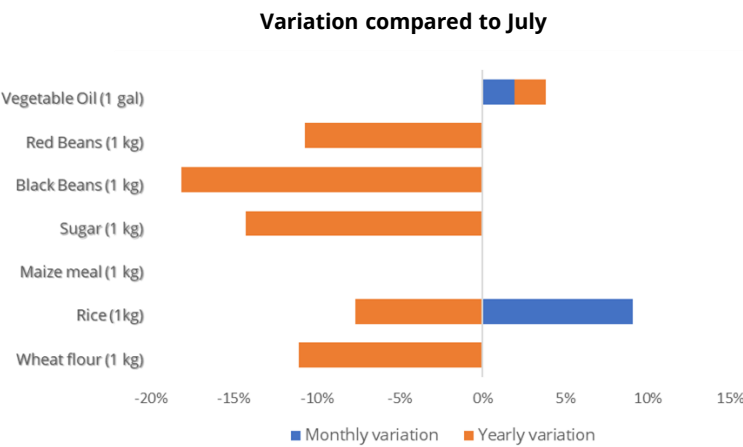
Traders held on average only **12 days of stock**, just enough to meet household demand until the next restocking cycle. Retailers in the **Centre, Ouest**, and **Nord-Ouest** departments reported **higher stock levels** than those in other regions.

Additionally, **24% of traders** reported stockouts during the month, primarily affecting **beans**. Among those who experienced shortages, the **main constraint cited** was a **lack of liquidity** to finance restocking operations.

Persistent **structural challenges** continue to hinder supply chains, notably **road blockages** and **extortion practices**, which disrupt the smooth flow of goods across departments.



Source: WFP, 2025



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Price trends for staple foods – Août 2025

For the **fourth consecutive month**, staple food prices have remained **relatively stable** across most departments, largely supported by **improved availability of locally produced goods**.

Despite ongoing challenges affecting the **interdepartmental movement of goods**, major wholesalers have implemented **adaptive strategies**, maintaining an average stock coverage of **12 days** to sustain supply chains, ensuring continued access to essential food items for small retailers and households.

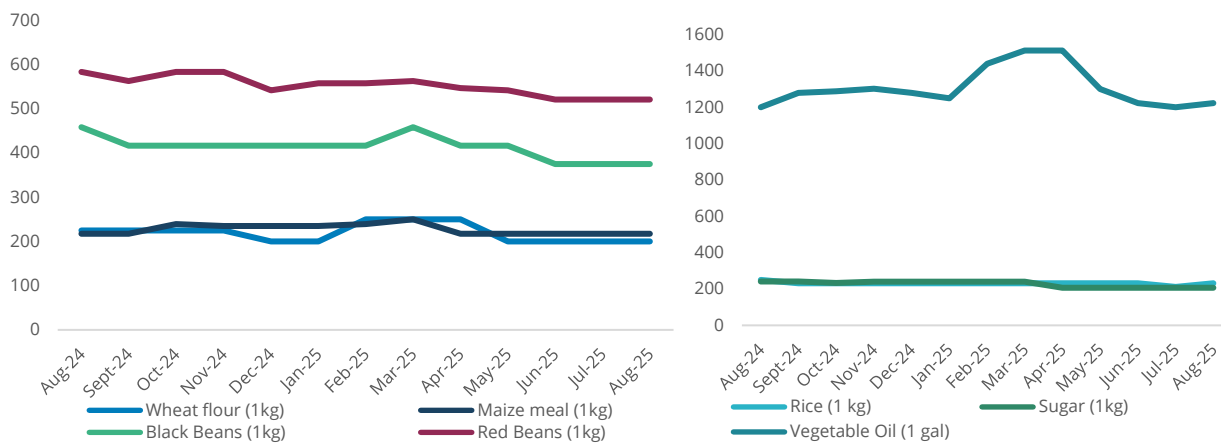
This price stability was particularly evident for **wheat flour, ground maize, sugar, and beans**. However, two notable increases were recorded:

- Rice:** +9%
- Vegetable oil:** +2%

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

Department	Wheat flour		Rice		Maize		Sugar		Black beans		Red beans		Vegetable Oil	
Centre	188	► 0%	250	▼ - 4%	190	▼ - 8%	241	► 0%	302	► 0%	438	▼ -13%	1306	► 0%
Artibonite	188	▼ - 6%	231	▲ + 9%	163	▼ - 6%	207	► 0%	375	▲ + 9%	458	▼ -14%	1200	► 0%
Nippes	200	▲ +14%	192	▲ +11%	185	▼ - 6%	172	► 0%	396	▼ - 5%	583	► 0%	1221	▲ + 2%
North	200	▼ -11%	231	▲ + 9%	196	► 0%	207	► 0%	375	▼ -10%	583	▲ + 8%	1200	▲ + 9%
North-East	213	▼ -15%	269	► 0%	217	▼ - 5%	241	► 0%	417	▼ -17%	583	▲ +12%	1200	► 0%
North-West	188	► 0%	231	► 0%	174	▼ - 6%	207	▼ -11%	375	► 0%	521	▼ -17%	1200	► 0%
West	225	► 0%	231	► 0%	293	▼ - 3%	207	► 0%	375	▼ - 5%	510	▼ - 2%	1119	► 0%
South	178	▲ + 2%	192	▲ +11%	201	▲ +16%	172	► 0%	333	▼ -11%	521	▲ + 4%	1250	► 0%
South-East	275	► 0%	250	► 0%	261	▲ +20%	224	► 0%	417	► 0%	552	▲ + 8%	1396	▲ + 9%
Grand'Anse	200	▲ +14%	192	► 0%	217	► 0%	207	► 0%	375	▼ -25%	500	▼ - 8%	1343	▲ + 5%

Price trends for products monitoring over the year

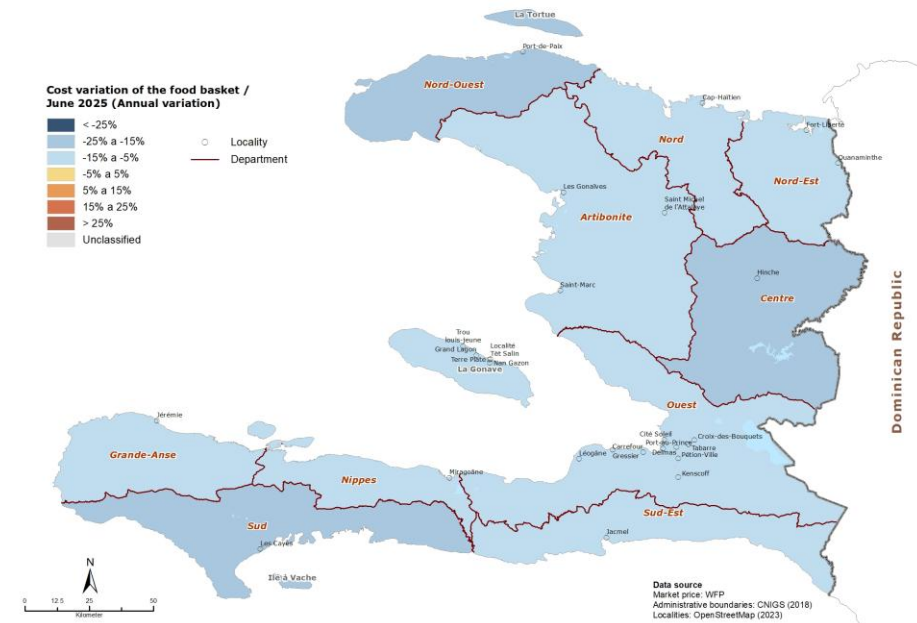


Food Basket Cost Trends– August 2025

In August, the median cost of the food basket for a household of five reached **HTG 24,203**, continuing a trend of **stability or slight decline** observed over the past four months. This represents a **moderate increase of HTG 412** compared to July's figure of **HTG 23,784**.

At the departmental level, a **decrease in food basket costs** was recorded across most regions. However, **localized increases** were observed in **Nippes** and **Sud-Est** (both +4%), as well as in the **Sud** (+3%), reflecting rising prices for several key food items in these areas.

In the **Metropolitan Area of Port-au-Prince**, the food basket cost rose by **HTG 324** in July compared to June, before declining by **HTG 525** in August to settle at **HTG 25,349**. Despite this reduction, the cost remains **above the national average**, indicating **continued pressure on urban household purchasing power**.



Description of Methodological approach of market monitoring

The methodology used is the same as that of the Joint Market Monitoring Initiative (JMMI) for harmonization purposes with the system of other actors in the Cash Transfer Working Group (CWG).

- Data are collected through face-to-face interviews with five traders per product on the market. **A total of 413 traders across 69 markets are surveyed .**
- Ten (10) departments are covered by the data collection, with a focus on the Metropolitan Area .
- minimum of four (4) markets per department were selected based on their level of importance .

Choice of foodstuffs and data collection units.

The selection of food items included in the food basket is based on the Minimum Expenditure Basket (MEB).

It focuses on seven (7) staple products that make up the typical food basket of Haitian households, taking into account the energy needs of a five-person household (with a daily energy requirement of 2,100 kilocalories

- Wheat flour (30 kg); Rice (20 kg); Ground corn (10 kg); Sugar (3 kg); Black beans (10 kg); Red beans (10 kg); Vegetable oil (1.5 gallons) .
- Data collection is conducted on a monthly basis.
- Data collection tools: Mobile Operational Data Acquisition (MODA) – WFP Data Collection Platform

Limitations and Challenges.

The limited availability of certain traders, especially wholesalers during periods of high demand or specific products in certain markets due to the security situation, may have hindered the ability to reach the planned sample sizes in some areas, thereby reducing the accuracy of the estimates .

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