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# July inflation came in at 2.1% m/m, slightly above expectations

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## Summary

**National CPI inflation stood at 2.1% m/m in July (33.8% y/y; 19.3% YTD in 2026), slightly above both market and BBVA Research expectations (CB consensus: 2.0% m/m; BBVA Research: 1.9% m/m).**

The acceleration from 1.9% m/m in June was mainly driven by seasonal price dynamics during the winter holiday period, particularly in tourism, food services and leisure-related categories. **Disinflation is not a linear process, and temporary episodes of acceleration should therefore be expected.**

**We maintain our 2026 inflation forecast at 29%, consistent with average monthly inflation of 1.6% over the remainder of the year, although we now see a modest upside bias to our forecast.**

## Component analysis

**Core inflation came in at 1.8% m/m (32% y/y), remaining below 2% m/m for the third consecutive month.** The continued moderation in this underlying component is the main reason why, at this stage, we are maintaining our expectations for the disinflation path ahead. Food prices rose 2.0% m/m (35% y/y), despite a 7.6% m/m increase in vegetable prices, which also contributed to higher seasonal inflation (see below).

**Regulated prices increased by 2.1% m/m (44% y/y), decelerating for the fourth consecutive month.** Price increases in Healthcare (2.5% m/m; 32% y/y) and Communications (2.4% m/m; 36% y/y) were the main drivers within this component.

Lastly, **seasonal prices rose 4.5% m/m (24% y/y)**, exceeding 3% m/m for the third consecutive month. This was driven by the aforementioned increase in vegetable prices—which averaged 7.3% m/m over the past two months—as well as by Recreation and Culture prices (5.0% m/m; 32% y/y). The latter recorded the highest monthly increase across CPI categories for the second consecutive month.

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## Outlook

High-frequency indicators point to some moderation in inflation during the first weeks of August. While increases have been announced for private-school fees (5.5% m/m) and public transportation fares in the Buenos Aires metropolitan area (4% m/m), we expect seasonal price pressures to ease following the end of the winter holiday period. **We forecast August inflation at 1.8% m/m, in line with the CB consensus of 1.8% m/m.**

**Conditions remain supportive of further CPI disinflation over the coming months**, although, as noted above, the process is unlikely to be linear or uniform. We expect inflation to average 1.6% m/m over the remainder of the year. On this basis, **we forecast year-end 2026 inflation at 29% y/y, with a modest upside bias.**

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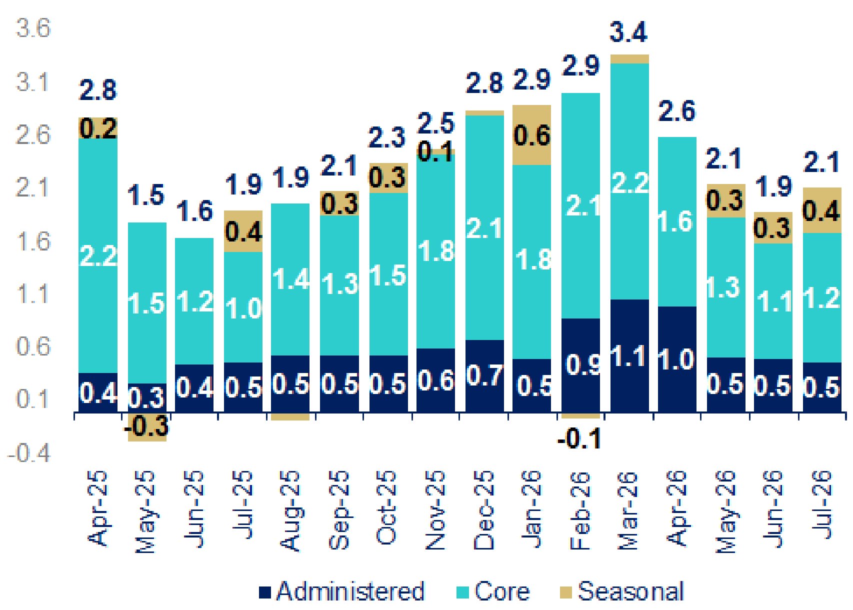


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