

## THE GAMBIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) APRIL 2009

### CAUTION

The Gambia Bureau of Statistics is very pleased to deliver to users the new Consumer Price Index (CPI) based on August 2004 that replace the previous one which was based in 1974. The CPI is published every month by the 15<sup>th</sup>.

	ALL ITEMS(NEW SERIES; 2004=100)	Weights	Apr-08	Jan-09	Feb-09	Mar-09	Apr-09	Changes in % over	
								1 month	12 months
	<b>OVERALL INDEX</b>	<b>61841</b>	<b>113.21</b>	<b>120.13</b>	<b>120.25</b>	<b>120.30</b>	<b>120.36</b>	<b>0.05</b>	<b>6.32</b>
01	<b>Food and non-alcoholic beverages</b>	<b>33837</b>	<b>116.61</b>	<b>125.42</b>	<b>125.57</b>	<b>125.62</b>	<b>125.60</b>	<b>-0.01</b>	<b>7.71</b>
011	Food	32 914	116.86	125.79	125.95	125.99	125.97	-0.02	7.80
0111	Bread Cereals	7 891	111.44	128.97	129.22	128.90	128.63	-0.21	15.42
0112	Meat	8 217	112.20	118.56	118.60	118.63	118.63	0.00	5.73
0113	Fish	2 226	109.34	113.63	114.07	114.10	114.22	0.11	4.46
0114	Milk, Cheese and Eggs	1 462	107.30	113.62	113.66	113.74	113.79	0.04	6.05
0115	Oils and fats	3 469	143.08	150.43	150.46	150.48	150.60	0.08	5.25
0116	Fruits & nuts	1445	125.39	138.12	138.50	138.57	138.59	0.02	10.52
0117	Vegetables, root crops & tubers	4 533	124.30	131.86	132.11	132.28	132.32	0.03	6.45
0118	Sugar, jam, honey & sweets	1 420	105.04	107.20	107.23	107.23	107.69	0.43	2.52
0119	Other food products	2 248	113.85	115.69	115.72	115.73	115.75	0.01	1.67
012	Non-alcoholic beverages	923	107.72	112.08	112.10	112.18	112.18	0.00	4.14
02	<b>Alcoholic beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics</b>	<b>416</b>	<b>104.19</b>	<b>105.70</b>	<b>105.68</b>	<b>105.78</b>	<b>105.78</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1.53</b>
03	<b>Clothing, textiles and footwear</b>	<b>6 911</b>	<b>106.19</b>	<b>110.94</b>	<b>110.98</b>	<b>110.99</b>	<b>111.08</b>	<b>0.08</b>	<b>4.61</b>
031	Clothing, Garments and Tailoring services	5 434	105.60	110.71	110.77	110.78	110.85	0.07	4.97
032	Footwear	1 477	108.34	111.75	111.75	111.78	111.92	0.13	3.31
04	<b>Housing, water, electricity, gaz and other fuels</b>	<b>2 089</b>	<b>115.38</b>	<b>121.07</b>	<b>121.18</b>	<b>121.43</b>	<b>121.64</b>	<b>0.17</b>	<b>5.42</b>
043	Electricity, gas and other fuels	1 431	117.44	123.90	124.05	124.42	124.69	0.22	6.17
05	<b>Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance</b>	<b>3 215</b>	<b>111.50</b>	<b>114.83</b>	<b>114.87</b>	<b>114.95</b>	<b>114.97</b>	<b>0.02</b>	<b>3.11</b>
06	<b>Health</b>	<b>728</b>	<b>101.00</b>	<b>101.77</b>	<b>101.77</b>	<b>101.77</b>	<b>101.77</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.76</b>
07	<b>Transport</b>	<b>2 706</b>	<b>115.14</b>	<b>119.92</b>	<b>119.93</b>	<b>119.93</b>	<b>119.95</b>	<b>0.01</b>	<b>4.17</b>
08	<b>Communication</b>	<b>1 822</b>	<b>101.54</b>	<b>101.95</b>	<b>101.95</b>	<b>101.97</b>	<b>101.98</b>	<b>0.02</b>	<b>0.44</b>
09	<b>Recreation and culture</b>	<b>957</b>	<b>103.94</b>	<b>104.36</b>	<b>104.50</b>	<b>104.65</b>	<b>104.67</b>	<b>0.02</b>	<b>0.70</b>
10	<b>Education</b>	<b>918</b>	<b>101.87</b>	<b>102.24</b>	<b>102.24</b>	<b>102.25</b>	<b>102.25</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.37</b>
11	<b>Restaurants and Hotels</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>108.86</b>	<b>115.87</b>	<b>115.89</b>	<b>115.97</b>	<b>116.24</b>	<b>0.23</b>	<b>6.78</b>
12	<b>Miscellaneous goods and services</b>	<b>3 639</b>	<b>112.46</b>	<b>123.91</b>	<b>124.28</b>	<b>124.53</b>	<b>125.37</b>	<b>0.67</b>	<b>11.47</b>
	<b>12 MONTH MOVING AVERAGE</b>		<b>112.24</b>	<b>116.81</b>	<b>117.43</b>	<b>118.02</b>	<b>118.57</b>	<b>0.46</b>	<b>5.50</b>
	<b>OVERALL INDEX</b>		<b>113.21</b>	<b>120.13</b>	<b>120.25</b>	<b>120.29</b>	<b>120.36</b>	<b>0.06</b>	<b>6.32</b>
	<b>FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES</b>		<b>116.61</b>	<b>125.42</b>	<b>125.57</b>	<b>125.62</b>	<b>125.60</b>	<b>-0.01</b>	<b>7.71</b>
	<b>NON-FOOD PRODUCTS AND SERVICES</b>		<b>109.08</b>	<b>113.71</b>	<b>113.79</b>	<b>113.86</b>	<b>114.03</b>	<b>0.15</b>	<b>4.54</b>

In April 2009, the overall consumer Price Index was 120.36, a 0.05 percent increase over the March 2009 overall index of 120.30.

On an annual basis the overall index increased by 6.32 percent from April 2008 to April 2009.

Food and Alcoholic Beverages increased by 7.71 whilst Non Food Products and Services increased by 4.54 percent.

From April 2008 to April 2009, within the Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages, *Bread and Cereal* increased by 15.42 percent, *Fruits and Nuts* 10.52 percent, *Vegetables, root crops and tubers* 6.45 percent, *Oils and Fats* 5.25 percent, and *Meat* 5.73 percent.

Also, for the Non Food items, the sub group that increase most were *miscellaneous goods and services* 11.47%, *Electricity, gas and other fuel* 6.17 percent, and *Restaurants and Hotels* 6.78 percent.

Comparing March 2009 to April 2009, there were marginal variations of item indices with the Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages except the Bread and Cereals which shows a decreased of 0.20 percent. For the Non Food items it was only the Electricity, gas and fuel and *miscellaneous goods and Services* that shows an increase of 0.22 and 0.67 percent respectively.

Overall Annual Inflation Rate (over 12 months - Comparison with the same month for the previous year)

Year	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
2008	5.1	5.0	3.1	1.41	1.6	2.2	3.7	5.0	6.3	6.5	6.6	6.8
2009	7.0	7.0	6.7	6.3								

Figure1. Annual changes – Comparison with the same month of the previous year

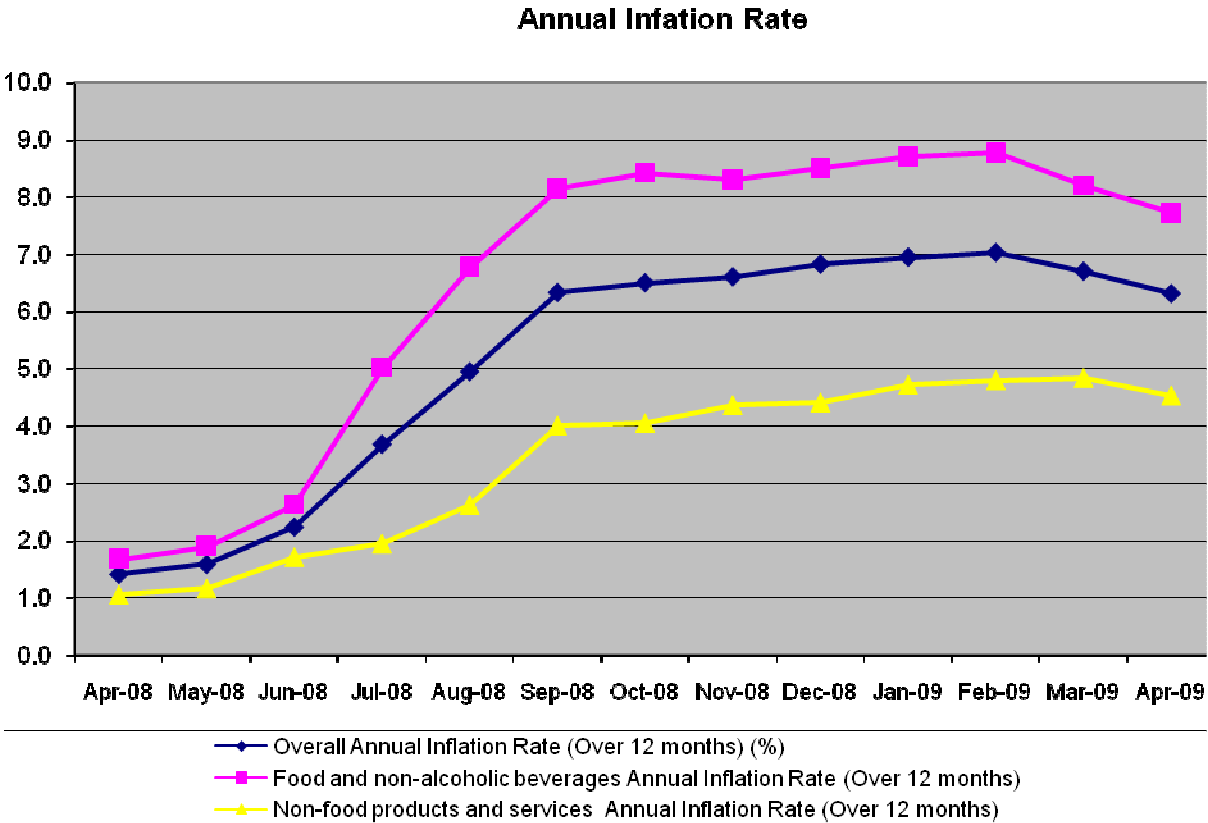
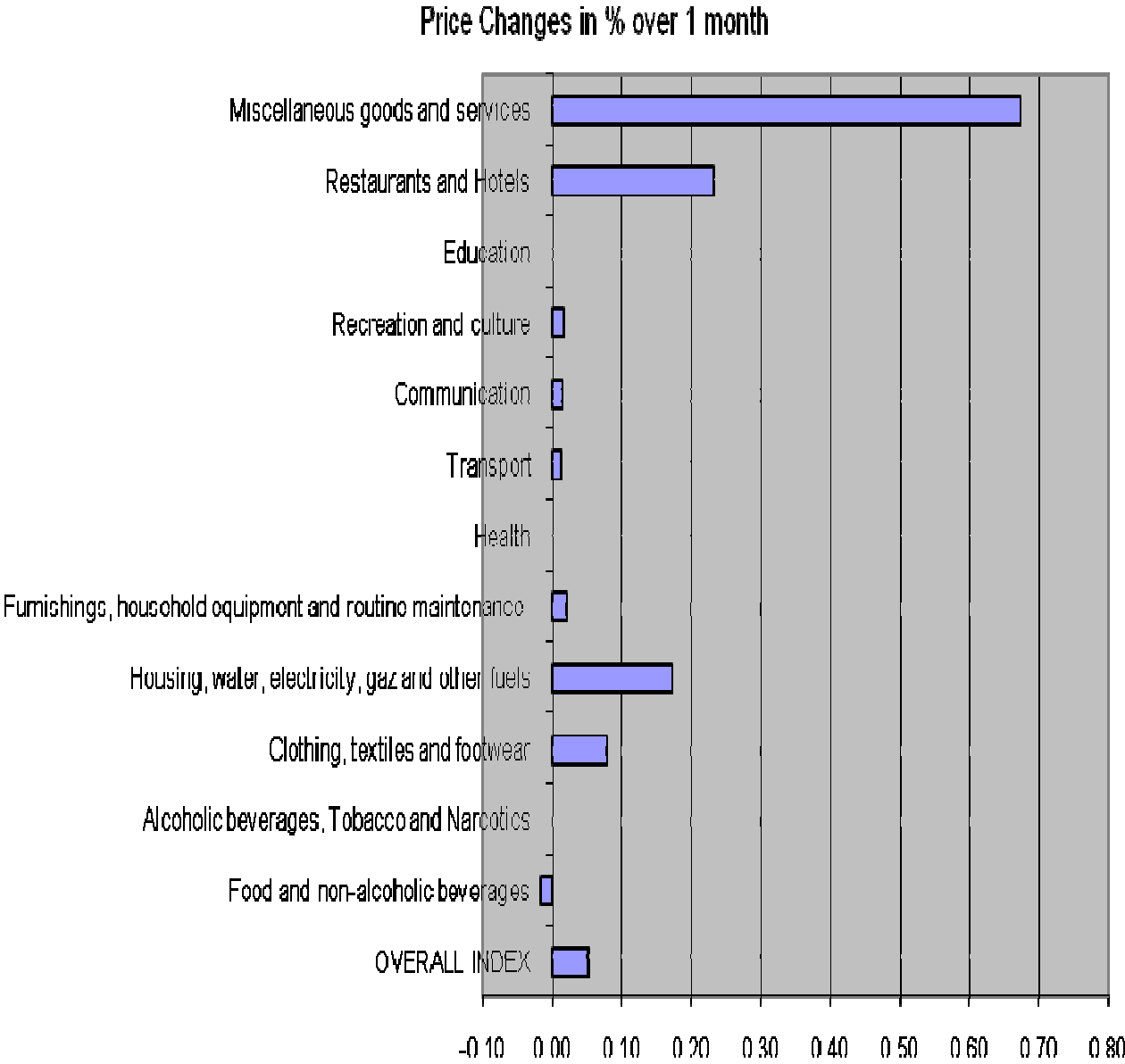


Figure 2. Monthly changes – Comparison with the previous month: March 2009 to April 2009



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