

THE GAMBIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) August 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 15th.

	ALL ITEMS(NEW SERIES; 2004=100)	Weights	Aug-08	May-09	June-09	July-09	Aug-09	Changes in % over	
								1 month	12 months
	OVERALL INDEX	61841	117.65	120.51	120.61	120.84	121.15	0.26	2.98
01	Food and non-alcoholic beverages	33837	122.99	125.75	125.87	125.96	126.39	0.34	2.77
011	Food	32 914	123.33	126.13	126.23	126.34	126.77	0.34	2.79
0111	Bread Cereals	7 891	125.68	128.66	128.78	128.89	129.24	0.27	2.83
0112	Meat	8 217	115.67	118.71	118.78	118.83	118.95	0.10	2.84
0113	Fish	2 226	111.53	114.27	114.26	114.35	114.98	0.55	3.10
0114	Milk, Cheese and Eggs	1 462	112.34	114.40	114.81	114.76	114.70	-0.05	2.10
0115	Oils and fats	3 469	148.48	150.81	150.83	151.16	151.81	0.43	2.25
0116	Fruits & nuts	1445	137.56	139.22	139.68	139.97	140.02	0.03	1.79
0117	Vegetables, root crops & tubers	4 533	129.11	132.60	132.88	133.02	133.94	0.70	3.75
0118	Sugar, jam, honey & sweets	1 420	105.41	107.69	107.71	107.77	108.64	0.81	3.07
0119	Other food products	2 248	114.68	116.30	116.44	116.64	116.84	0.17	1.88
012	Non-alcoholic beverages	923	110.56	112.40	112.52	112.53	112.79	0.23	2.02
02	Alcoholic beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	416	104.64	106.13	106.16	106.26	106.41	0.14	1.68
03	Clothing, textiles and footwear	6 911	107.45	111.20	111.35	111.46	111.58	0.11	3.85
031	Clothing, Garments and Tailoring services	5 434	106.46	110.93	111.05	111.19	111.30	0.10	4.54
032	Footwear	1 477	111.03	112.20	112.43	112.46	112.62	0.14	1.43
04	Housing, water, electricity, gaz and other fuels	2 089	119.76	122.11	122.30	122.40	122.53	0.10	2.31
043	Electricity, gas and other fuels	1 431	123.31	125.34	125.48	125.52	125.64	0.09	1.88
05	Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	3 215	113.20	114.97	115.11	115.45	115.59	0.13	2.11
06	Health	728	101.10	101.77	101.78	101.80	101.80	0.00	0.69
07	Transport	2 706	119.97	119.95	119.77	119.95	119.96	0.01	-0.01
08	Communication	1 822	101.55	101.98	101.98	102.02	102.02	0.00	0.46
09	Recreation and culture	957	104.13	104.67	104.84	104.95	104.98	0.03	0.82
10	Education	918	101.87	102.25	102.25	102.27	102.65	0.37	0.76
11	Restaurants and Hotels	222	114.52	116.30	116.58	116.73	116.95	0.19	2.13
12	Miscellaneous goods and services	3 639	115.27	125.79	125.93	126.22	126.63	0.33	9.86
	12 MONTH MOVING AVERAGE		113.41	118.95	119.47	119.86	120.15	0.24	5.7
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	FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES		122.99	125.75	125.87	125.96	126.39	0.34	2.77
	NON-FOOD PRODUCTS AND SERVICES		111.17	114.16	114.23	114.53	114.71	0.15	3.18

In August 2009, the overall consumer Price Index was 121.15, a 0.26 percent increase over the July 2009 overall index of 120.84.

On an annual basis the overall index increased by 2.98 percent from August 2008 to August 2009 compared to the 4.1 percent increase for the July 2008 to July 2009.

The food and non- alcoholic beverages increased by 2.77 whilst Non Food Products and services increased by 3.18 percent.

Comparing August 2008 to August 2009, within the Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages, *Bread and Cereal* component increased by 2.83 percent, Fish 3.10 percent, *Vegetables, root crops and tubers* 3.75 percent, Sugar, jam, honey and sweets 3.07 percent and *Oils and Fats* 2.25 percent.

For the Non Food items, the sub groups that increase most were *miscellaneous goods and services* 9.86 percent, Clothing, Garments and Tailoring Services 4.54 percent, and *Restaurants and Hotels* 2.13 percent.

Comparing July 2009 to August 2009, there were marginal variations of item indices within the Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages except for Vegetable, root crops and tubers that has an increased of 0.70 percent and as well as the Sugar, jam, honey and sweets groups also showing some increases of 0.81 percent. For the Non Food items it was only the miscellaneous goods and services and Education that show increases of 0.33 and 0.37 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	5.9	5.4	4.1	3.0				

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

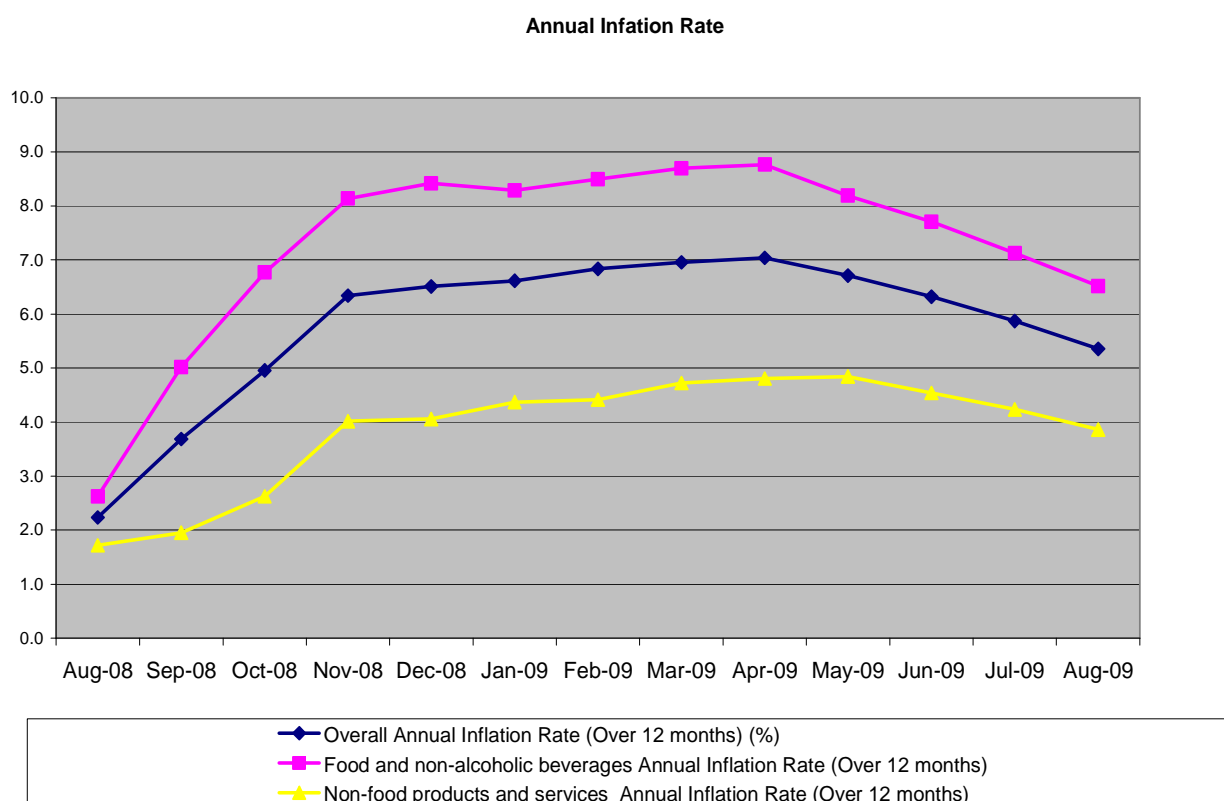
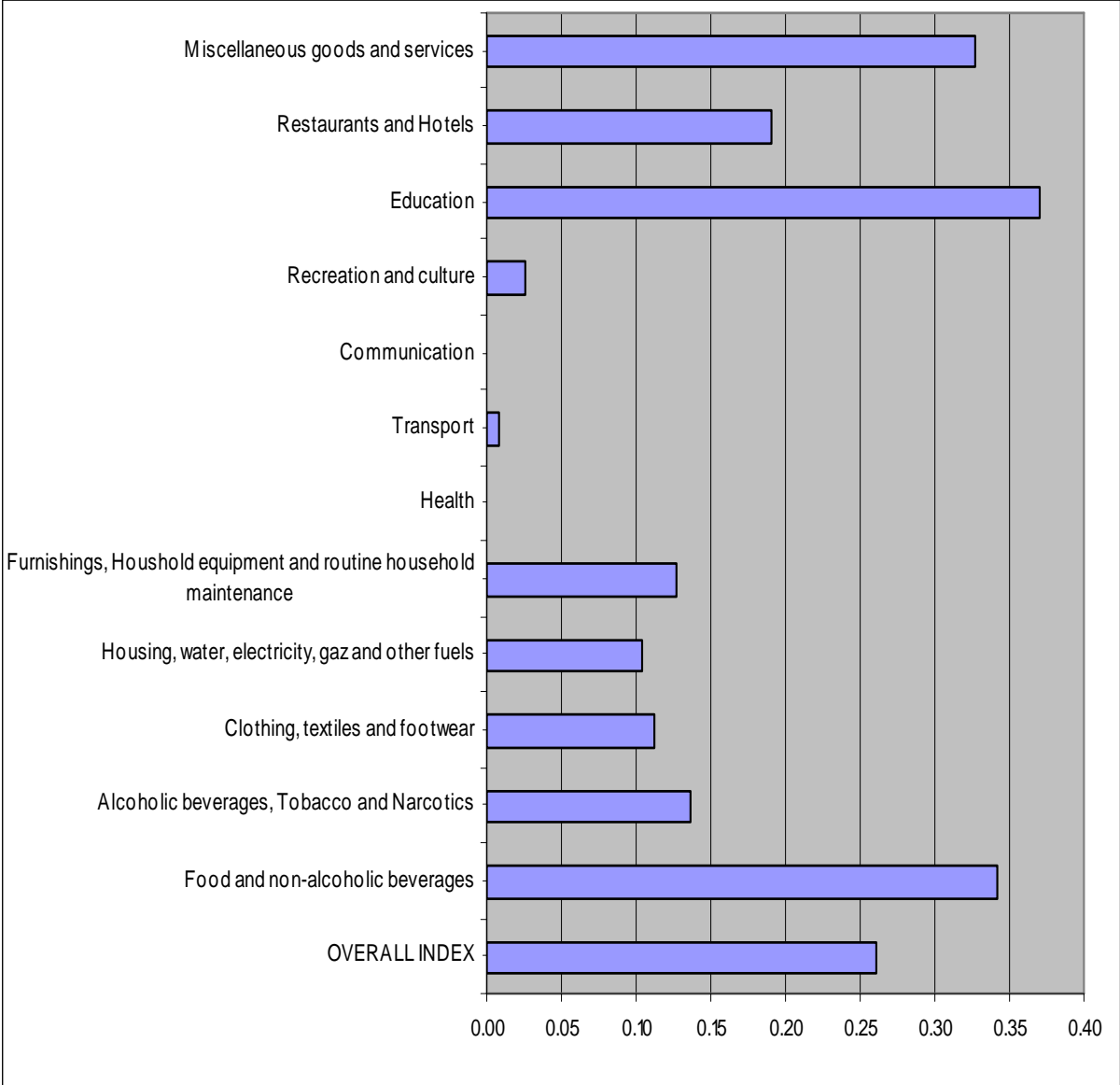


Figure 2. Monthly changes – Comparison with the previous month: July 2009 to August 2009



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