

THE GAMBIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) July 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 on 1974. The CPI is published every month by the 15th.

	ALL ITEMS(NEW SERIES; 2004=100)	Weights	July- 08	Apr- 09	May- 09	June- 09	July- 09	Changes in % over	
								1 month	12 months
	OVERALL INDEX	61841	116.07	120.36	120.51	120.61	120.84	0.19	4.10
	Food and non-alcoholic beverages	33837	120.78	125.60	125.75	125.87	125.96	0.07	4.29
01	Food	32 914	121.10	125.97	126.13	126.23	126.34	0.08	4.32
0111	Bread Cereals	7 891	121.43	128.63	128.66	128.78	128.89	0.08	6.14
0112	Meat	8 217	113.83	118.63	118.71	118.78	118.83	0.04	4.39
0113	Fish	2 226	110.83	114.22	114.27	114.26	114.35	0.08	3.17
0114	Milk, Cheese and Eggs	1 462	110.20	113.79	114.40	114.81	114.76	-0.05	4.13
0115	Oils and fats	3 469	144.69	150.60	150.81	150.83	151.16	0.22	4.47
0116	Fruits & nuts	1445	135.18	138.59	139.22	139.68	139.97	0.21	3.54
0117	Vegetables, root crops & tubers	4 533	128.54	132.32	132.60	132.88	133.02	0.10	3.48
0118	Sugar, jam, honey & sweets	1 420	105.41	107.69	107.69	107.71	107.77	0.05	2.24
0119	Other food products	2 248	114.30	115.75	116.30	116.44	116.64	0.17	2.05
012	Non-alcoholic beverages	923	108.97	112.18	112.40	112.52	112.53	0.01	3.27
02	Alcoholic beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	416	104.64	105.78	106.13	106.16	106.26	0.10	1.55
03	Clothing, textiles and footwear	6 911	107.14	111.08	111.20	111.35	111.46	0.10	4.03
031	Clothing, Garments and Tailoring services	5 434	106.20	110.85	110.93	111.05	111.19	0.12	4.70
032	Footwear	1 477	110.61	111.92	112.20	112.43	112.46	0.03	1.68
04	Housing, water, electricity, gaz and other fuels	2 089	118.35	121.64	122.11	122.30	122.40	0.08	3.42
043	Electricity, gas and other fuels	1 431	121.26	124.69	125.34	125.48	125.52	0.03	3.52
05	Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	3 215	112.34	114.97	114.97	115.11	115.45	0.30	2.77
06	Health	728	101.10	101.77	101.77	101.78	101.80	0.02	0.69
07	Transport	2 706	119.97	119.95	119.95	119.77	119.95	0.15	-0.02
08	Communication	1 822	101.55	101.98	101.98	101.98	102.02	0.03	0.46
09	Recreation and culture	957	104.13	104.67	104.67	104.84	104.95	0.11	0.79
10	Education	918	101.87	102.25	102.25	102.25	102.27	0.02	0.39
11	Restaurants and Hotels	222	111.42	116.24	116.30	116.58	116.73	0.13	4.77
12	Miscellaneous goods and services	3 639	114.01	125.37	125.79	125.93	126.22	0.23	10.71
	12 MONTH MOVING AVERAGE		112.94	118.40	118.95	119.47	119.86	0.33	5.7
	OVERALL INDEX		116.07	120.36	120.51	120.61	120.84	0.19	4.1
	FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES		120.78	125.60	125.75	125.87	125.96	0.07	4.3
	NON-FOOD PRODUCTS AND SERVICES		110.34	114.03	114.16	114.23	114.53	0.26	3.8

In July 2009, the overall consumer Price Index was 120.84, a 0.19 percent increase over the June 2009 overall index of 120.51.

On an annual basis the overall index increased by 4.10 percent from July 2008 to July 2009 compared to the 5.4 percent increase for the June 2008 to June 2009. The de-accelerated in the point to point inflation rate is due to lower retail price observed for July 2009 compared to July 2008, notably, amongst which are prices of Rice, Meat, certain fishes bonga included and mobile phones

The food and non- alcoholic beverages increased by 4.29 whilst Non Food Products and services increased by 3.79 percent.

Comparing July 2008 to July 2009, within the Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages, *Bread and Cereal* component increased by 6.14 percent, *Fruits and Nuts* 3.54 percent, *Vegetables, root crops and tubers* 3.48 percent, *Meat and meat products* 4.39 percent and *Oils and Fats* 4.47 percent.

For the Non Food items, the sub groups that increase most were *miscellaneous goods and services* 10.71 percent, *Electricity, gas and other fuel* 3.52 percent, and *Restaurants and Hotels* 4.77 percent.

Comparing May 2009 to June 2009, there were marginal variations of item indices within the Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages. For the Non Food items it was only the Furnishings, household equipment and household maintenance and *miscellaneous goods and Services* that show increases of 0.30 and 0.23 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					

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

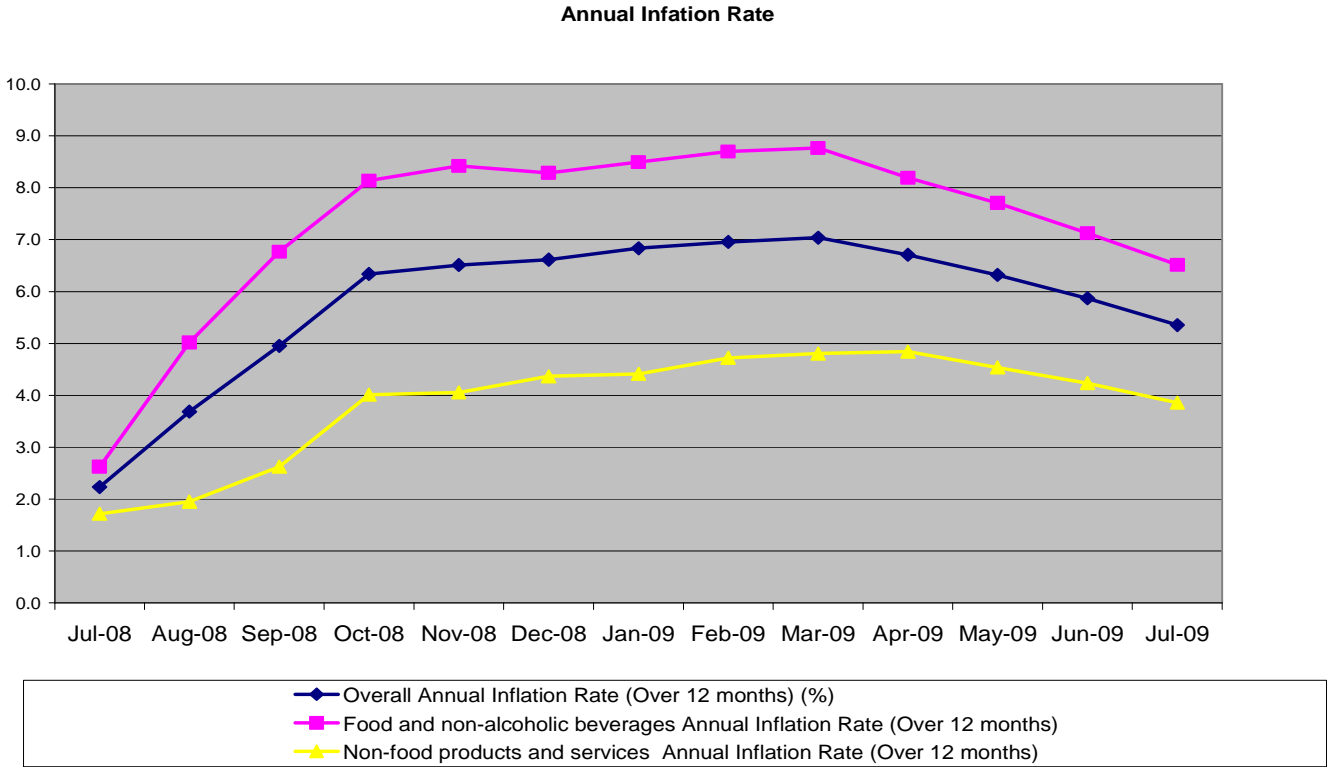
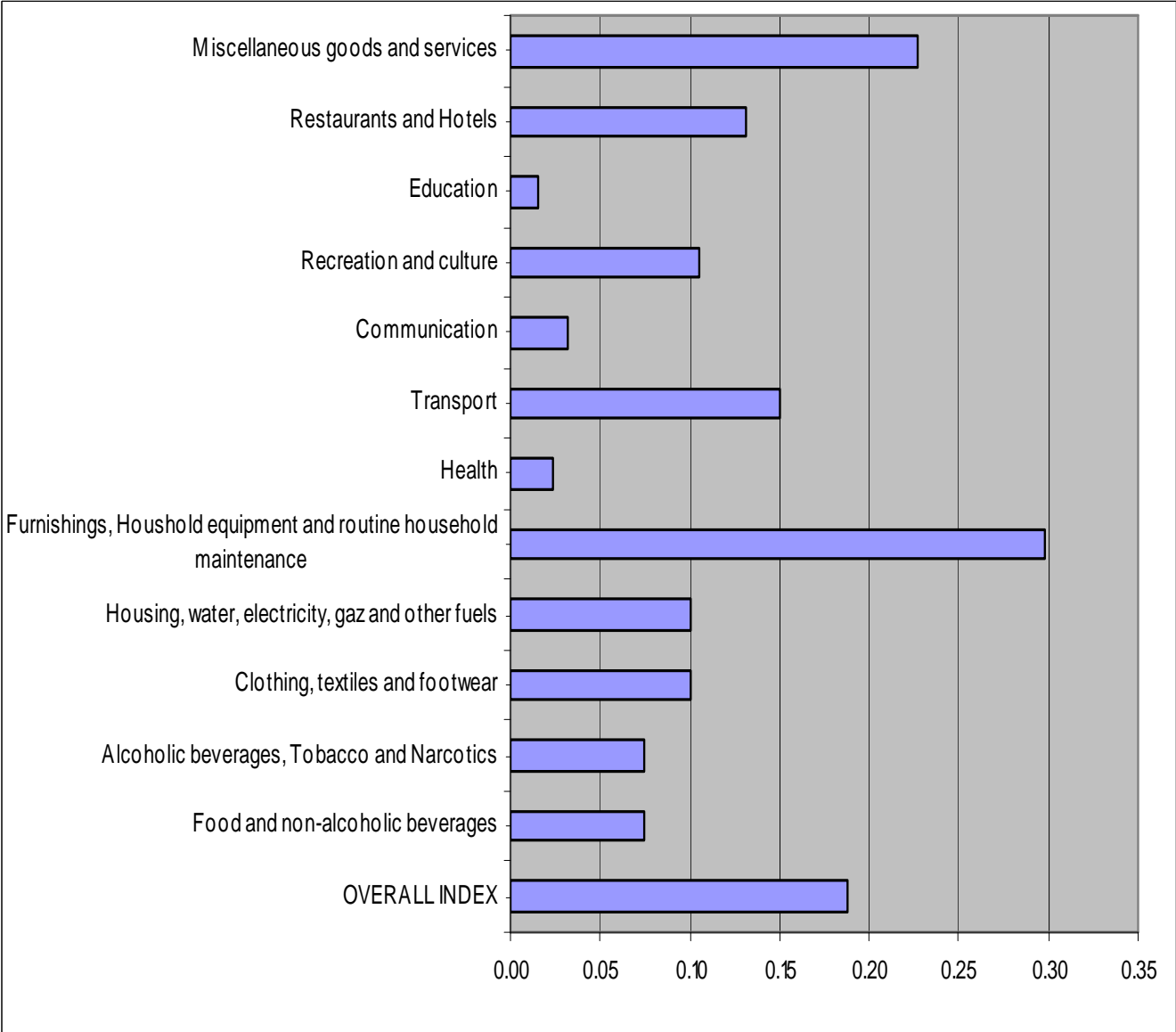


Figure 2. Monthly changes – Comparison with the previous month: June 2009 to July 2009



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