

THE GAMBIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) March 2009

CAUTION

The Gambia Bureau of Statistics is very pleased to deliver to users the new Consumer Price Index (CPI) based in 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	Mar-08	Dec-08	Jan-09	Feb-09	Mar-09	Changes in % over	
								1 month	12 months
	OVERALL INDEX	61841	112.73	119.93	120.13	120.25	120.30	0.04	6.71
01	Food and non-alcoholic beverages	33837	116.11	125.12	125.42	125.57	125.62	0.04	8.19
011	Food	32 914	116.35	125.49	125.79	125.95	125.99	0.03	8.29
0111	Bread Cereals	7 891	110.80	128.89	128.97	129.22	128.90	-0.25	16.34
0112	Meat	8 217	111.94	118.31	118.56	118.60	118.63	0.03	5.98
0113	Fish	2 226	108.82	112.83	113.63	114.07	114.10	0.02	4.85
0114	Milk, Cheese and Eggs	1 462	106.47	112.80	113.62	113.66	113.74	0.07	6.82
0115	Oils and fats	3 469	142.33	149.93	150.43	150.46	150.48	0.02	5.73
0116	Fruits & nuts	1445	125.17	138.09	138.12	138.50	138.57	0.05	10.70
0117	Vegetables, root crops & tubers	4 533	124.14	131.66	131.86	132.11	132.28	0.13	6.56
0118	Sugar, jam, honey & sweets	1 420	104.51	107.08	107.20	107.23	107.23	-0.01	2.60
0119	Other food products	2 248	112.63	114.82	115.69	115.72	115.73	0.01	2.75
012	Non-alcoholic beverages	923	107.60	112.04	112.08	112.10	112.18	0.07	4.26
	NON-FOOD PRODUCTS AND SERVICES		108.60	113.32	113.71	113.79	113.86	0.06	4.84
02	Alcoholic beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	416	103.83	105.45	105.70	105.68	105.78	0.10	1.88
03	Clothing, textiles and footwear	6 911	105.31	110.30	110.94	110.98	110.99	0.01	5.39
031	Clothing, Garments and Tailoring services	5 434	105.01	109.98	110.71	110.77	110.78	0.01	5.49
032	Footwear	1 477	106.42	111.34	111.75	111.75	111.78	0.03	5.04
04	Housing, water, electricity, gaz and other fuels	2 089	114.40	121.02	121.07	121.18	121.43	0.21	6.14
043	Electricity, gas and other fuels	1 431	116.20	123.89	123.90	124.05	124.42	0.30	7.08
05	Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	3 215	110.56	113.64	114.83	114.87	114.95	0.07	3.97
06	Health	728	101.00	101.13	101.77	101.77	101.77	0.00	0.76
07	Transport	2 706	114.89	119.83	119.92	119.93	119.93	0.00	4.38
08	Communication	1 822	101.09	101.94	101.95	101.95	101.97	0.02	0.87
09	Recreation and culture	957	103.56	104.17	104.36	104.50	104.65	0.15	1.06
10	Education	918	101.87	101.94	102.24	102.24	102.25	0.01	0.37
11	Restaurants and Hotels	222	108.86	115.83	115.87	115.89	115.97	0.07	6.53
12	Miscellaneous goods and services	3 639	112.39	121.56	123.91	124.28	124.53	0.20	10.81
	12 MONTH MOVING AVERAGE		112.11	115.86	116.81	117.43	118.02	0.50	5.27
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In March 2009, the overall consumer Price Index was 120.30, a 0.04 percent increase over the February 2009 overall index of 120.25.

On an annual basis the overall index increased by 6.71 percent from March 2008 to March 2009.

Food and Alcoholic Beverages increased by 8.19 whilst Non Food Products and Services increased by 4.84 percent.

Within the Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages, *Bread and Cereal* increased by 16.34 percent, *Fruits and Nuts* 10.70 percent, *Vegetables, root crops and tubers* 6.56 percent, *Oils and Fats* 5.73 percent, and *Meat* 5.98 percent.

For the Non Food items, the sub group that increase most were *miscellaneous goods and services*; 10.81 percent, *Electricity, gas and other fuel*; 7.08 percent, and *Restaurants and Hotels*; 6.53 percent.

Comparing February 2009 to March 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 0.25 percent. For the Non Food items it was only the Electricity, gas and fuel and *miscellaneous goods and Services* that shows an increase of 0.30 and 0.20 percent respectively.

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

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

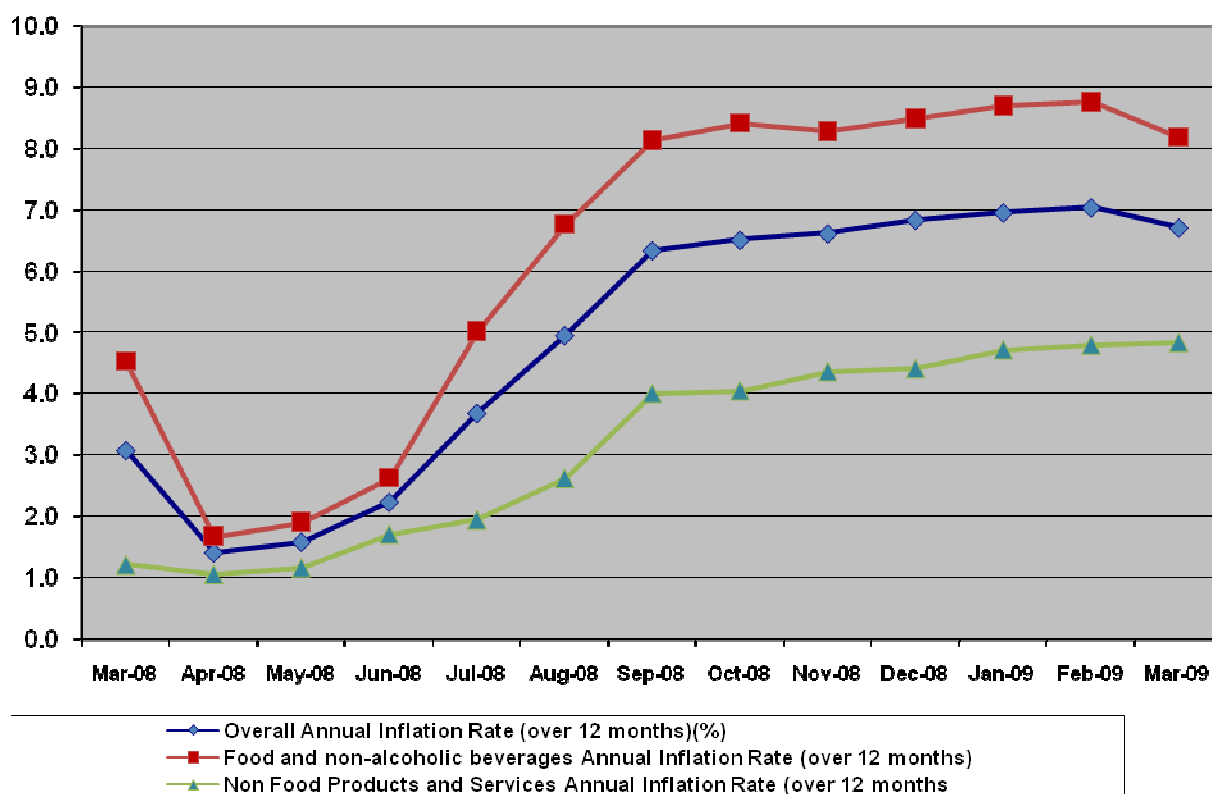
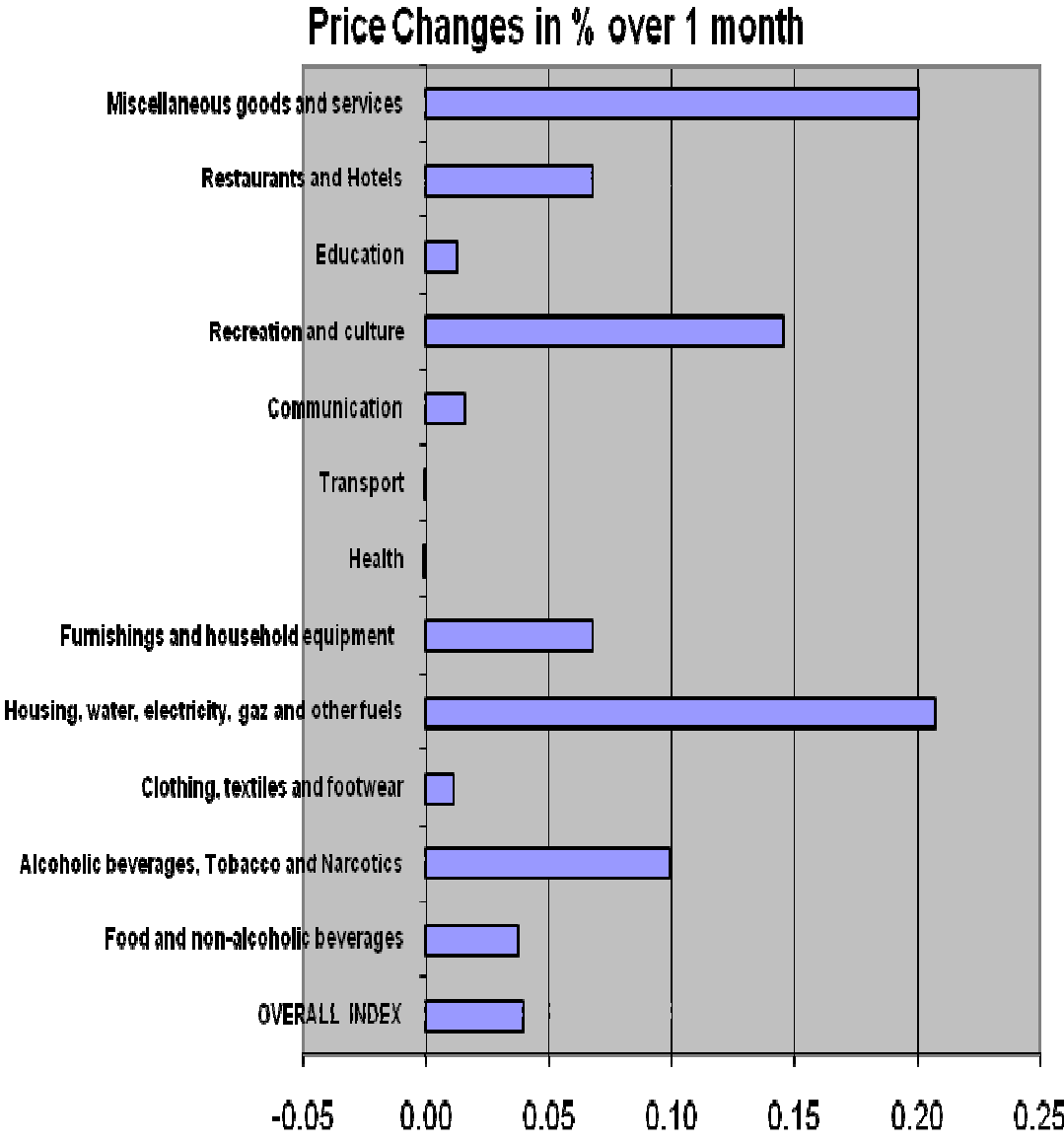


Figure 2. Monthly changes – Comparison with the previous month: February 2009 to March 2009



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