

THE GAMBIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) MAY 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	May-08	Feb-09	Mar-09	Apr-09	MAY-09	Changes in % over	
								1 month	12 months
	OVERALL INDEX	61841	113.83	120.25	120.30	120.36	120.51	0.12	5.87
	Food and non-alcoholic beverages	33837	117.39	125.57	125.62	125.60	125.75	0.12	7.13
01	Food	32 914	117.65	125.95	125.99	125.97	126.13	0.12	7.20
0111	Bread Cereals	7 891	114.45	129.22	128.90	128.63	128.66	0.02	12.41
0112	Meat	8 217	112.41	118.60	118.63	118.63	118.71	0.07	5.61
0113	Fish	2 226	109.41	114.07	114.10	114.22	114.27	0.04	4.44
0114	Milk, Cheese and Eggs	1 462	107.31	113.66	113.74	113.79	114.40	0.54	6.60
0115	Oils and fats	3 469	143.12	150.46	150.48	150.60	150.81	0.14	5.38
0116	Fruits & nuts	1445	125.57	138.50	138.57	138.59	139.22	0.45	10.86
0117	Vegetables, root crops & tubers	4 533	124.32	132.11	132.28	132.32	132.60	0.21	6.66
0118	Sugar, jam, honey & sweets	1 420	105.07	107.23	107.23	107.69	107.69	0.00	2.49
0119	Other food products	2 248	113.87	115.72	115.73	115.75	116.30	0.48	2.13
012	Non-alcoholic beverages	923	107.74	112.10	112.18	112.18	112.40	0.20	4.33
02	Alcoholic beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	416	104.30	105.68	105.78	105.78	106.13	0.33	1.76
03	Clothing, textiles and footwear	6 911	106.25	110.98	110.99	111.08	111.20	0.11	4.66
031	Clothing, Garments and Tailoring services	5 434	105.64	110.77	110.78	110.85	110.93	0.07	5.00
032	Footwear	1 477	108.48	111.75	111.78	111.92	112.20	0.25	3.43
04	Housing, water, electricity, gaz and other fuels	2 089	115.77	121.18	121.43	121.64	122.11	0.39	5.47
043	Electricity, gas and other fuels	1 431	117.50	124.05	124.42	124.69	125.34	0.52	6.68
05	Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	3 215	111.52	114.87	114.95	114.97	114.97	0.00	3.09
06	Health	728	101.04	101.77	101.77	101.77	101.77	0.00	0.73
07	Transport	2 706	118.86	119.93	119.93	119.95	119.95	0.00	0.91
08	Communication	1 822	101.54	101.95	101.97	101.98	101.98	0.00	0.44
09	Recreation and culture	957	103.94	104.50	104.65	104.67	104.67	0.00	0.70
10	Education	918	101.87	102.24	102.25	102.25	102.25	0.00	0.37
11	Restaurants and Hotels	222	109.89	115.89	115.97	116.24	116.30	0.06	5.83
12	Miscellaneous goods and services	3 639	112.56	124.28	124.53	125.37	125.79	0.33	11.75
	12 MONTH MOVING AVERAGE		112.24	116.81	117.43	118.02	118.57	0.33	5.84
	OVERALL INDEX		113.21	120.13	120.25	120.29	120.36	0.12	5.87
	FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES		116.61	125.42	125.57	125.62	125.60	0.12	7.13
	NON-FOOD PRODUCTS AND SERVICES		109.08	113.71	113.79	113.86	114.03	0.11	4.24

In May 2009, the overall consumer Price Index was 120.51, a 0.12 percent increase over the April 2009 overall index of 120.36.

On an annual basis the overall index increased by 5.87 percent from May 2008 to May 2009.

The food and non- alcoholic beverages increased by 7.13 whilst Non Food Products and services increased by 4.24 percent.

From May 2008 to May 2009, within the Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages, *Bread and Cereal* increased by 12.41 percent, *Fruits and Nuts* 10.86 percent, *Vegetables, root crops and tubers* 6.66 percent, *Milk Cheese and Eggs* 6.60 percent and *Oils and Fats* 5.38 percent.

For the Non Food items, the sub group that increase most were *miscellaneous goods and services* 11.75 percent, *Electricity, gas and other fuel* 6.68 percent, and *Restaurants and Hotels* 5.83 percent.

Comparing April 2009 to May 2009, there were marginal variations of item indices with the Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages. For the Non Food items it was only the *Electricity, gas and fuel* and *miscellaneous goods and Services* that show increases of 0.33 and 0.52 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							

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

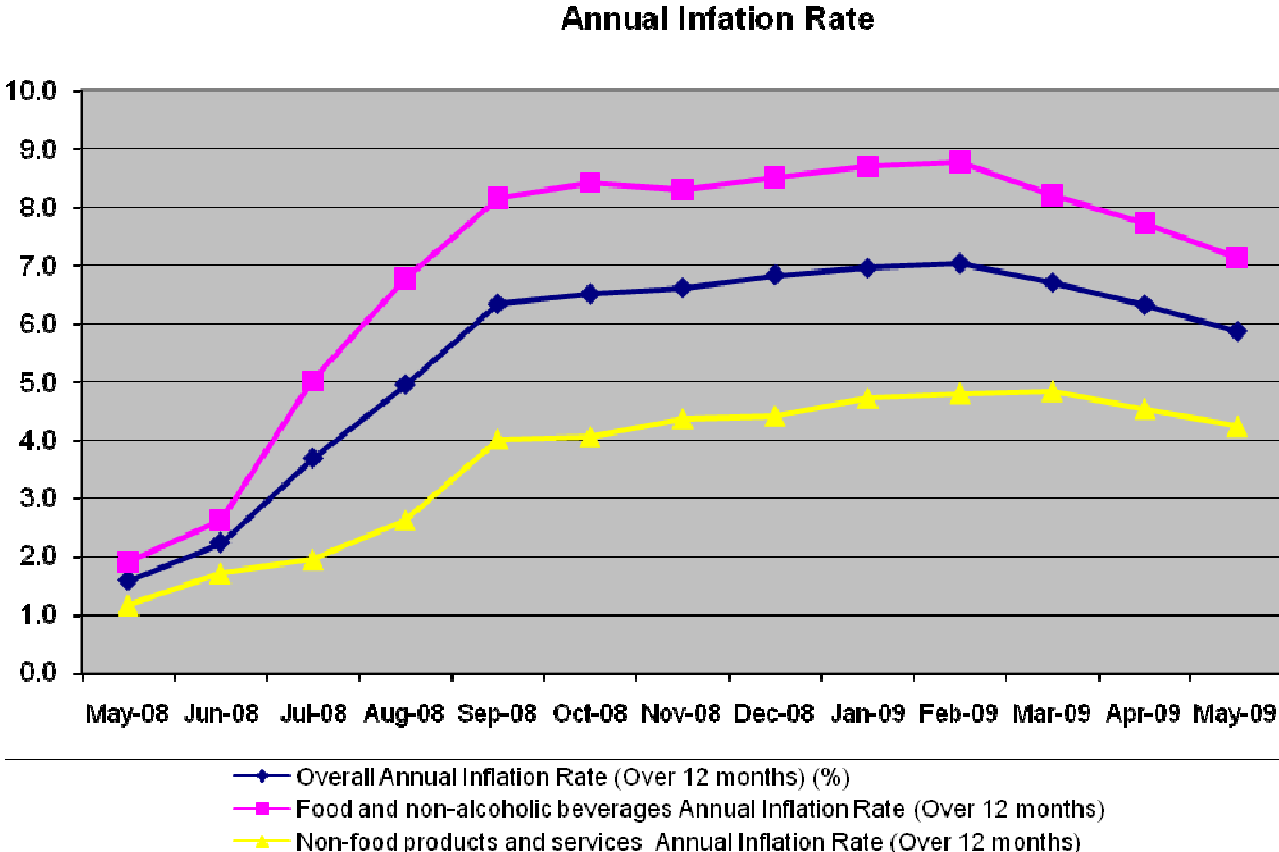
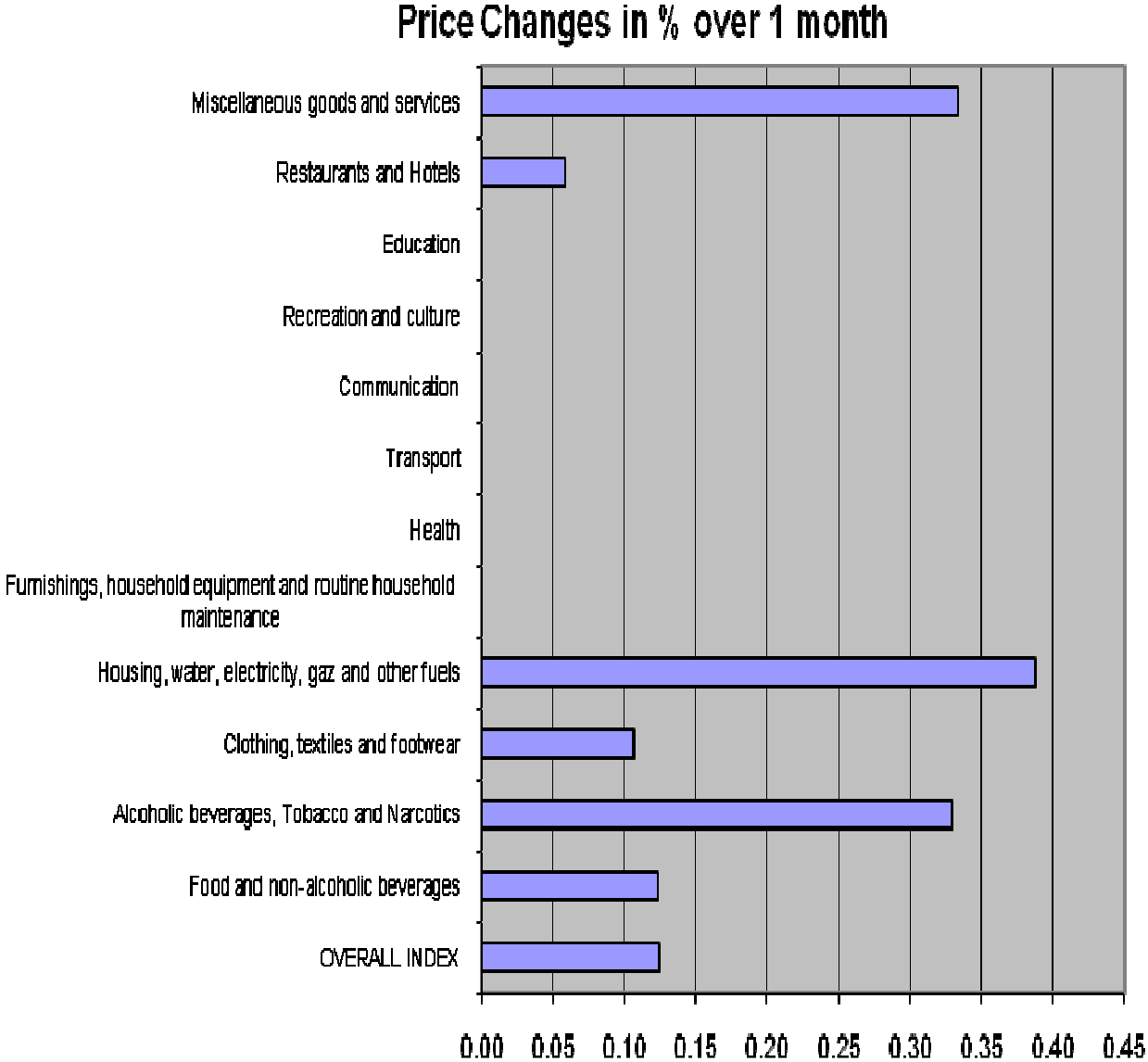


Figure 2. Monthly changes – Comparison with the previous month: March 2009 to April 2009



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