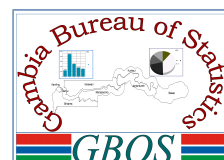




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THE GAMBIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) October 2009



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	Oct- 08	July- 09	Aug- 09	Sep- 09	Oct- 09	Changes in % over	
								1 month	12 months
	OVERALL INDEX	61841	119.29	120.84	121.15	121.75	121.99	0.20	2.26
	Food and non-alcoholic beverages	33837	124.58	125.96	126.39	127.39	127.76	0.29	2.55
01	Food	32 914	124.97	126.34	126.77	127.80	128.17	0.29	2.56
0111	Bread Cereals	7 891	128.72	128.89	129.24	129.96	131.09	0.87	1.84
0112	Meat	8 217	117.79	118.83	118.95	120.24	120.35	0.10	2.18
0113	Fish	2 226	111.74	114.35	114.98	115.02	115.43	0.36	3.30
0114	Milk, Cheese and Eggs	1 462	112.43	114.76	114.70	114.97	115.43	0.40	2.68
0115	Oils and fats	3 469	149.02	151.16	151.81	152.66	152.82	0.11	2.55
0116	Fruits & nuts	1445	137.44	139.97	140.02	140.93	141.05	0.08	2.62
0117	Vegetables, root crops & tubers	4 533	130.85	133.02	133.94	136.15	136.42	0.20	4.25
0118	Sugar, jam, honey & sweets	1 420	106.88	107.77	108.64	110.10	110.33	0.21	3.22
0119	Other food products	2 248	114.41	116.64	116.84	117.18	117.36	0.16	2.58
012	Non-alcoholic beverages	923	110.94	112.53	112.79	112.91	112.98	0.06	1.84
02	Alcoholic beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	416	104.69	106.26	106.41	106.40	106.48	0.07	1.71
03	Clothing, textiles and footwear	6 911	110.68	111.46	111.58	111.82	111.82	0.01	1.04
031	Clothing, Garments and Tailoring services	5 434	110.51	111.19	111.30	111.54	111.54	0.01	0.93
032	Footwear	1 477	111.29	112.46	112.62	112.85	112.86	0.01	1.41
04	Housing, water, electricity, gaz and other fuels	2 089	120.10	122.40	122.53	122.64	122.64	0.00	2.11
043	Electricity, gas and other fuels	1 431	123.78	125.52	125.64	125.77	125.76	0.00	1.60
05	Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	3 215	113.53	115.45	115.59	115.70	115.98	0.24	2.16
06	Health	728	101.11	101.80	101.80	101.80	101.80	0.00	0.68
07	Transport	2 706	119.17	119.95	119.96	119.97	119.97	0.00	0.67
08	Communication	1 822	101.92	102.02	102.02	102.02	102.02	0.00	0.09
09	Recreation and culture	957	104.15	104.95	104.98	105.07	105.07	0.00	0.88
10	Education	918	101.90	102.27	102.65	102.99	102.99	0.00	1.07
11	Restaurants and Hotels	222	115.10	116.73	116.95	117.08	117.20	0.11	1.83
12	Miscellaneous goods and services	3 639	121.13	126.22	126.63	126.75	127.15	0.31	4.97
	12 MONTH MOVING AVERAGE		114.60	119.86	120.15	120.39	120.61	0.19	4.7
	OVERALL INDEX		119.29	120.84	121.15	121.75	121.99	0.20	2.26
	FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES		124.58	125.96	126.39	127.39	127.76	0.29	2.55
	NON-FOOD PRODUCTS AND SERVICES		112.88	114.53	114.71	114.82	114.92	0.08	1.80

The overall index has further moved to 121.99 in October-2009 indicating an increased of 0.20 percent over September 2009 of 121.75.

On an annual basis the overall index increased by 2.26 percent from October 2008 to October 2009 compared to the 2.35 percent increase for the September 2008 to September 2009. *This implies that inflation on a point to point basis remains stationary at 2.3 percent during September and October 2009*

The food and non- alcoholic beverages increased by 2.55 whilst Non Food Products and services increased by 1.8 percent.

Comparing October 2008 to October 2009, within the Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages, the *Bread and Cereal* component increased by 1.84 percent, Fish 3.30 percent, *Vegetables, root crops and tubers* 4.25 percent, *Sugar, jam, honey and sweets* 3.22 percent and *Oils and Fats* 2.55 percent.

For the Non Food items, the sub groups that increase most were *miscellaneous goods and services* 4.97 percent, Clothing, Garments and Tailoring Services 0.93 percent, and *Restaurants and Hotels* 1.83 percent.

Comparing September 2009 to October 2009, there were marginal variations in item indices within the Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages except for '*Bread Cereals*' and '*Milk, Cheese and Eggs*' that increased by 0.87 percent and 0.40 percent respectively. Also, the *Fish group* within the Food groups shows an increase of 0.36 percent.

For the Non Food items it was only the *miscellaneous goods and services* that showed an increase of 0.31 percent.

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	2.3	2.3		

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

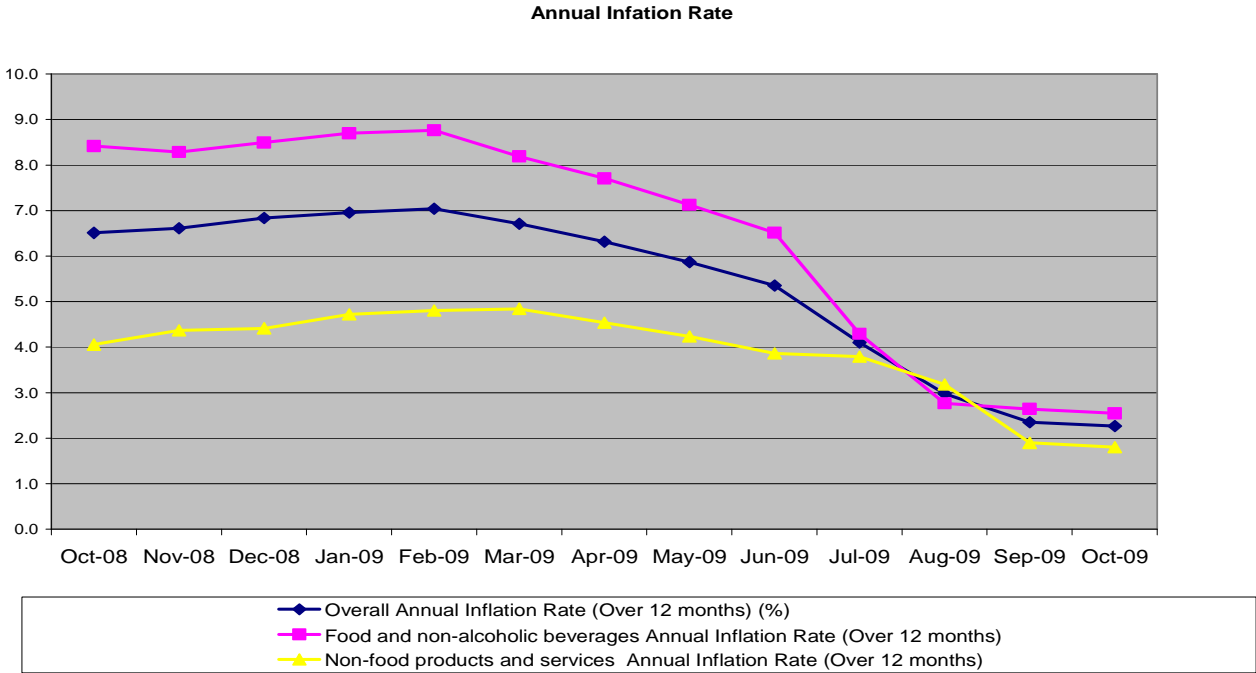
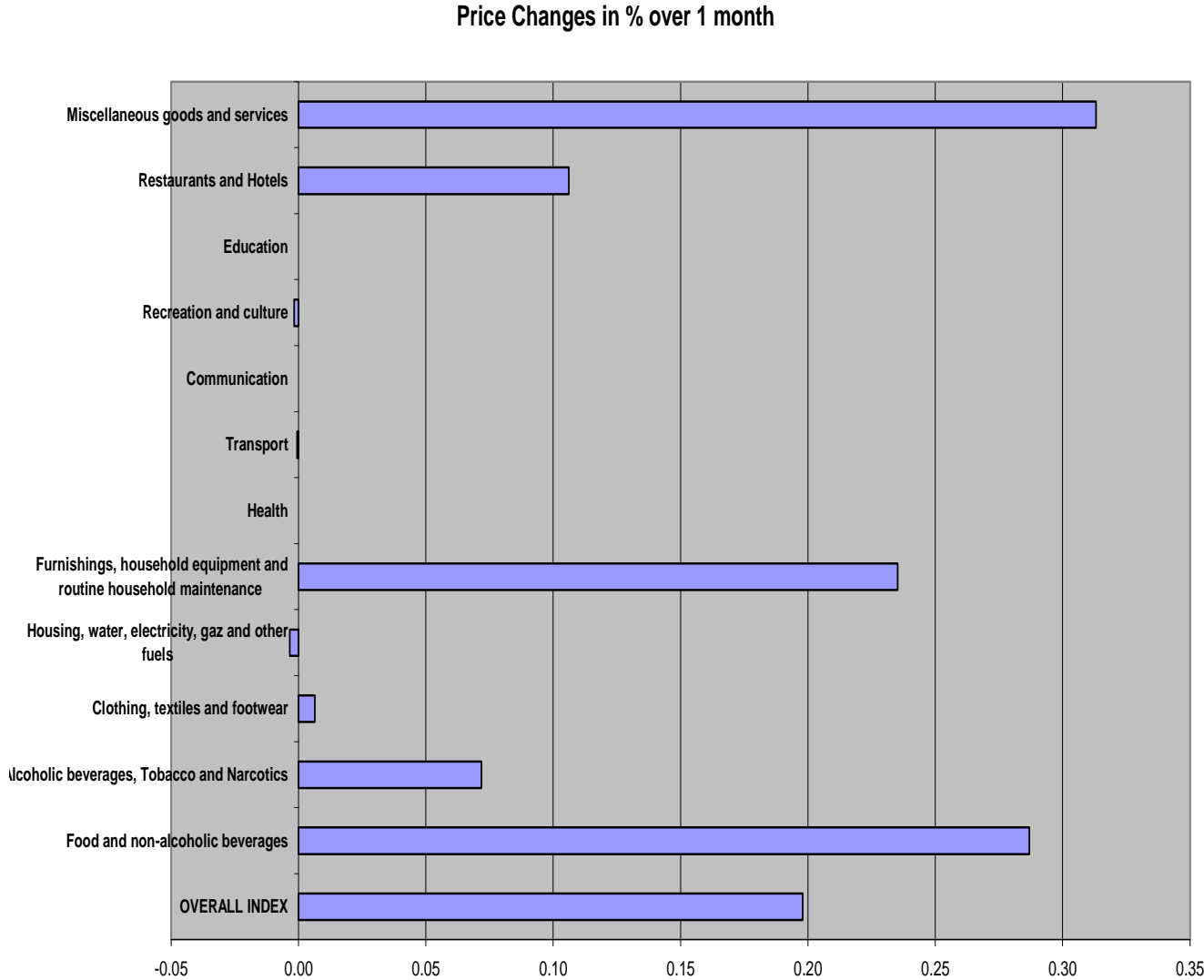


Figure 2. Monthly changes – Comparison with the previous month: July 2009 to August 2009



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