

THE GAMBIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) MARCH 2010

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-09	Dec-09	Jan- 09	Feb-10	Mar--10	Changes in % over	
								1 month	12 months
	OVERALL INDEX	61841	120.29	123.19	124.42	124.78	125.08	0.24	3.98
01	Food and non-alcoholic beverages	33837	125.62	128.67	130.86	131.34	131.84	0.38	4.95
011	Food	32 914	125.99	129.10	131.32	131.81	132.32	0.39	5.02
0111	Bread Cereals	7 891	128.90	128.29	129.34	129.38	129.91	0.41	0.78
0112	Meat	8 217	118.63	121.74	122.06	122.71	123.39	0.56	4.01
0113	Fish	2 226	114.10	115.69	115.58	116.02	116.74	0.61	2.31
0114	Milk, Cheese and Eggs	1 462	113.74	115.52	116.34	117.14	117.66	0.45	3.45
0115	Oils and fats	3 469	150.48	153.13	153.17	153.66	153.74	0.05	2.17
0116	Fruits & nuts	1445	138.57	141.17	141.22	142.05	142.36	0.22	2.74
0117	Vegetables, root crops & tubers	4 533	132.28	138.81	139.59	139.86	140.13	0.20	5.93
0118	Sugar, jam, honey & sweets	1 420	107.23	128.40	167.99	170.85	172.57	1.01	60.94
0119	Other food products	2 248	115.73	118.25	118.29	118.30	118.37	0.06	2.28
012	Non-alcoholic beverages	923	112.18	113.51	114.52	114.66	114.70	0.03	2.25
02	Alcoholic beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	416	105.78	106.59	106.64	106.64	106.65	0.01	0.82
03	Clothing, textiles and footwear	6 911	110.99	112.64	112.73	113.14	113.24	0.09	2.03
031	Clothing, Garments and Tailoring services	5 434	110.78	112.31	112.38	112.74	112.85	0.10	1.87
032	Footwear	1 477	111.78	113.86	114.00	114.63	114.70	0.06	2.61
04	Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	2 089	121.43	123.47	123.98	124.02	124.17	0.12	2.25
042	Actual rent	498	118.45	119.21	119.93	119.93	120.17	0.20	1.45
043	Electricity, gas and other fuels	1 431	124.42	126.98	127.11	127.53	127.66	0.11	2.60
05	Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	3 215	114.95	116.26	116.30	116.37	116.40	0.03	1.26
06	Health	728	101.77	101.82	101.82	101.82	101.82	0.00	0.05
07	Transport	2 706	119.84	122.76	122.81	122.85	122.85	0.00	2.51
08	Communication	1 822	101.97	102.50	102.50	102.50	102.50	0.00	0.52
09	Recreation and culture	957	104.65	105.67	105.71	105.74	105.80	0.05	1.09
10	Education	918	102.25	102.99	102.99	102.99	102.99	0.00	0.72
11	Restaurants and Hotels	222	115.97	120.18	120.43	120.53	120.75	0.19	4.13
12	Miscellaneous goods and services	3 639	124.53	133.89	133.92	134.49	134.53	0.02	8.03
	12 MONTH MOVING AVERAGE		117.80	120.88	121.15	121.50	121.88	0.31	3.46
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	FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES		125.62	128.67	130.86	131.34	131.84	0.38	4.95
	NON-FOOD PRODUCTS AND SERVICES		113.86	116.46	116.52	116.73	116.78	0.04	2.57

The overall index has further moved to 125.08 in March 2010 indicating an increase of 0.24 percent over February 2010 of 124.78.

On an annual basis the overall index increased by 3.98 percent from March 2009 to March 2010 compared to the 3.77 percent increase for the February 2009 to February 2010 figures. This increase was primarily due to the food and non-alcoholic beverages, which rose by 0.38 percent during March 2010 whilst Non Food Products and services increased by only 0.04 percent.

Comparing March 2009 to March 2010, within the Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages, *Sugar, jam, honey and sweets* increased by 60.94 Percent, *Vegetables, root crops and tubers* increased by 5.93 percent and *Meat* increased by 4.01 Percent.

For the Non Food items, the major increases were primarily due to the *miscellaneous goods and services* sub group and *Restaurants and Hotels* which rose by 8.03 percent and 4.13 percent respectively. The *Electricity, gas and other fuel*; also marginally increased by 2.60 Percent.

Comparing February 2010 to March 2010, *Sugar, jam, honey and sweets* show the highest increase of 1.01 percent and *Fish* went up by 0.61 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
2009	7.0	7.0	6.7	6.3	5.9	5.4	4.1	3.0	2.3	2.3	2.6	2.7
2010	3.6	3.8	4.0									

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

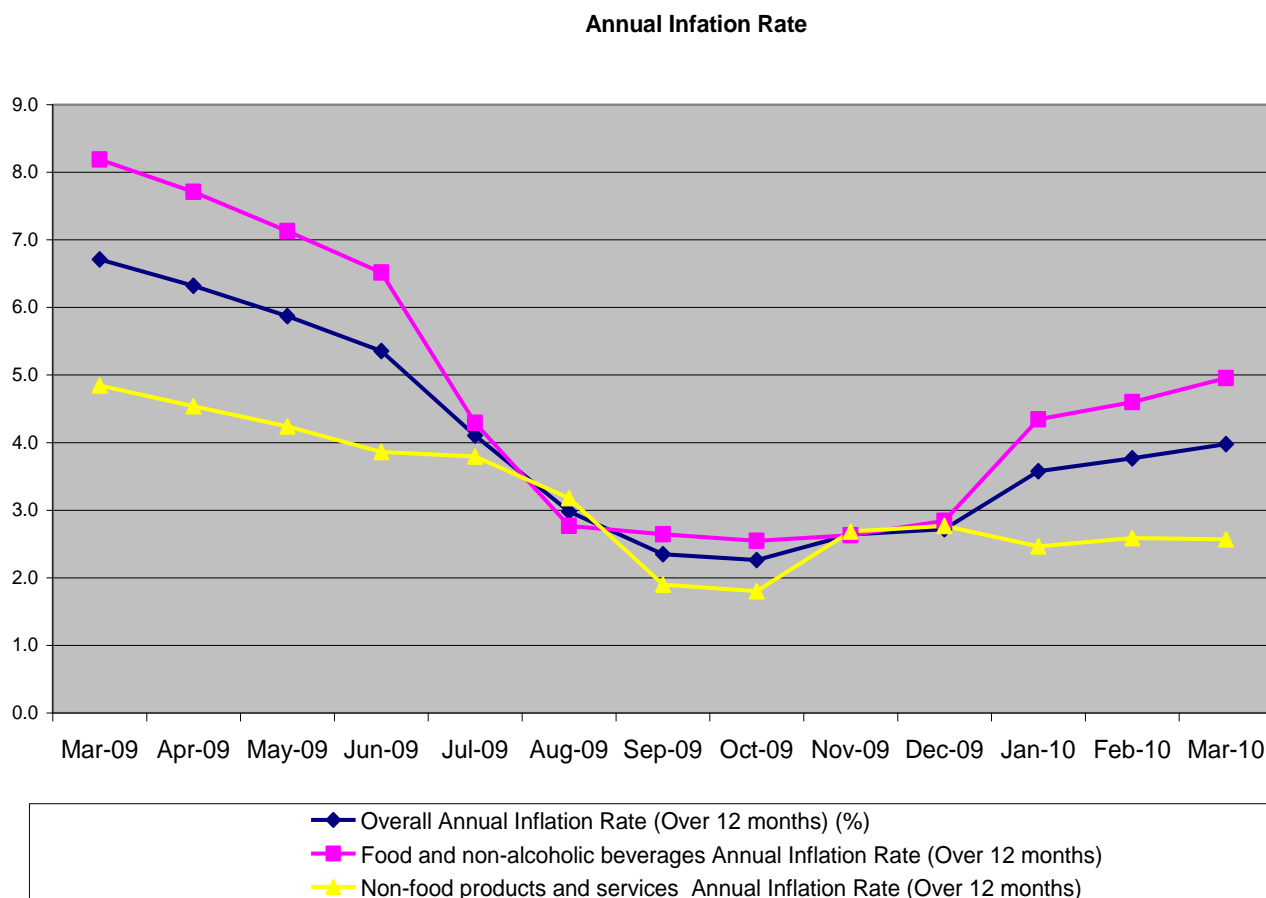
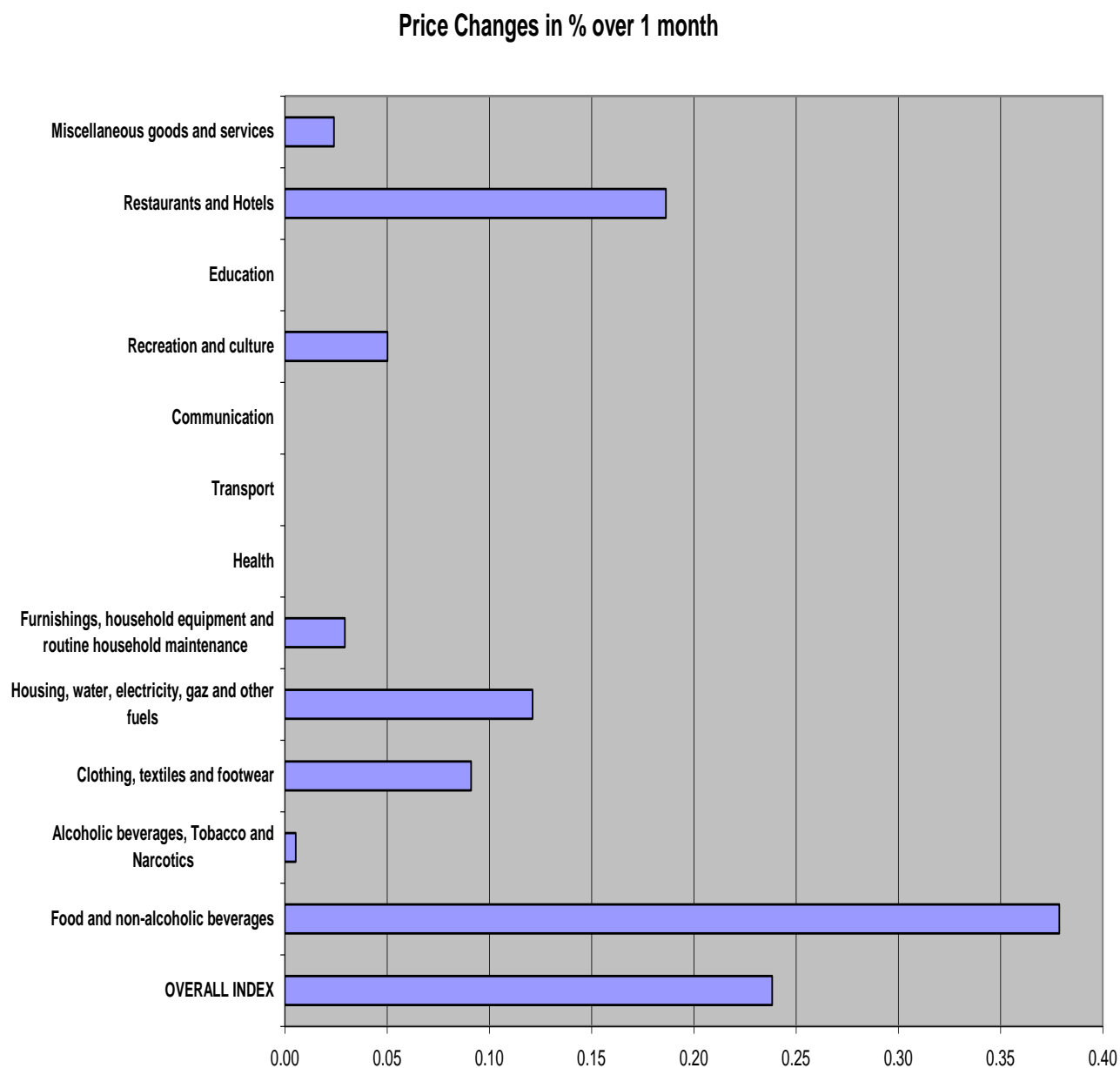


Figure 2. Monthly changes – Comparison with the previous month: October 2009 to November 2009



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