

THE GAMBIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) May 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	May-09	Feb- 10	Mar-10	April-10	May-10	Changes in % over	
								1 month	12 months
	OVERALL INDEX	61841	120.51	124.78	125.08	125.30	125.50	0.16	4.14
01	Food and non-alcoholic beverages	33837	125.75	131.34	131.84	132.14	132.49	0.26	5.36
011	Food	32 914	126.13	131.81	132.32	132.63	132.98	0.27	5.44
0111	Bread Cereals	7 891	128.66	129.38	129.91	130.16	130.66	0.39	1.56
0112	Meat	8 217	118.71	122.71	123.39	123.80	124.14	0.28	4.57
0113	Fish	2 226	114.27	116.02	116.74	116.71	116.74	0.02	2.16
0114	Milk, Cheese and Eggs	1 462	114.40	117.14	117.66	117.83	117.98	0.12	3.13
0115	Oils and fats	3 469	150.81	153.66	153.74	154.26	154.27	0.01	2.29
0116	Fruits & nuts	1445	139.22	142.05	142.36	142.63	142.91	0.20	2.65
0117	Vegetables, root crops & tubers	4 533	132.60	139.86	140.13	140.21	141.03	0.59	6.35
0118	Sugar, jam, honey & sweets	1 420	107.69	170.85	172.57	173.09	173.24	0.08	60.86
0119	Other food products	2 248	116.30	118.30	118.37	118.53	118.67	0.12	2.03
012	Non-alcoholic beverages	923	112.40	114.66	114.70	114.72	114.76	0.03	2.10
02	Alcoholic beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	416	106.13	106.64	106.65	106.68	106.76	0.07	0.60
03	Clothing, textiles and footwear	6 911	111.20	113.14	113.24	113.34	113.38	0.04	1.96
031	Clothing, Garments and Tailoring services	5 434	110.93	112.74	112.85	112.89	112.94	0.05	1.81
032	Footwear	1 477	112.20	114.63	114.70	114.98	115.00	0.01	2.49
04	Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	2 089	122.11	124.02	124.17	124.32	124.33	0.01	1.82
042	Actual rent	498	118.67	119.93	120.17	120.41	120.41	0.00	1.47
043	Electricity, gas and other fuels	1 431	125.34	127.53	127.66	127.81	127.83	0.01	1.98
05	Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	3 215	114.97	116.37	116.40	116.44	116.45	0.01	1.29
06	Health	728	101.77	101.82	101.82	101.82	101.82	0.00	0.05
07	Transport	2 706	119.95	122.85	122.85	122.88	122.89	0.01	2.46
08	Communication	1 822	101.98	102.50	102.50	102.50	102.50	0.00	0.50
09	Recreation and culture	957	104.67	105.74	105.80	105.80	105.88	0.08	1.16
10	Education	918	102.25	102.99	102.99	102.99	102.99	0.00	0.72
11	Restaurants and Hotels	222	116.30	120.53	120.75	121.00	121.13	0.10	4.15
12	Miscellaneous goods and services	3 639	125.79	134.49	134.53	134.89	134.92	0.02	7.26
	12 MONTH MOVING AVERAGE		118.95	121.50	121.88	122.28	123.11	0.68	3.49
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	FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES		125.75	131.34	131.84	132.14	132.49	0.26	5.36
	NON-FOOD PRODUCTS AND SERVICES		114.16	116.73	116.78	116.88	116.90	0.02	2.40

The overall index has further moved to 125.50 in May 2010 indicating an increase of 0.16 percent over April 2010 of 125.30

On an annual basis the overall index increased by 4.14 percent from May 2009 to May 2010 compared to the 4.10 percent increase for the April 2009 to April 2010 figures. This increase was primarily due to the food and non- alcoholic beverages, which rose by 0.26 percent during May 2010 whilst Non Food Products and services increased by only 0.02 percent.

Comparing May 2009 to May 2010, within the Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages, *Sugar, jam, honey and sweets* increased by 60.86 Percent, *Meat* increased by 4.57 percent and *Milk, Cheese and Egg* increased by 3.13 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 7.26 percent and 4.15 percent respectively. Food Wear also marginally increased by 2.49 Percent.

Comparing April 2010 to May 2010, Vegetables, root crops and tubers show the highest increase of 0.59 percent primarily due to increases in price of onion, bitter tomato etc. Bread and cereal show a marginal increase of 0.39 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	4.1	4.1							

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

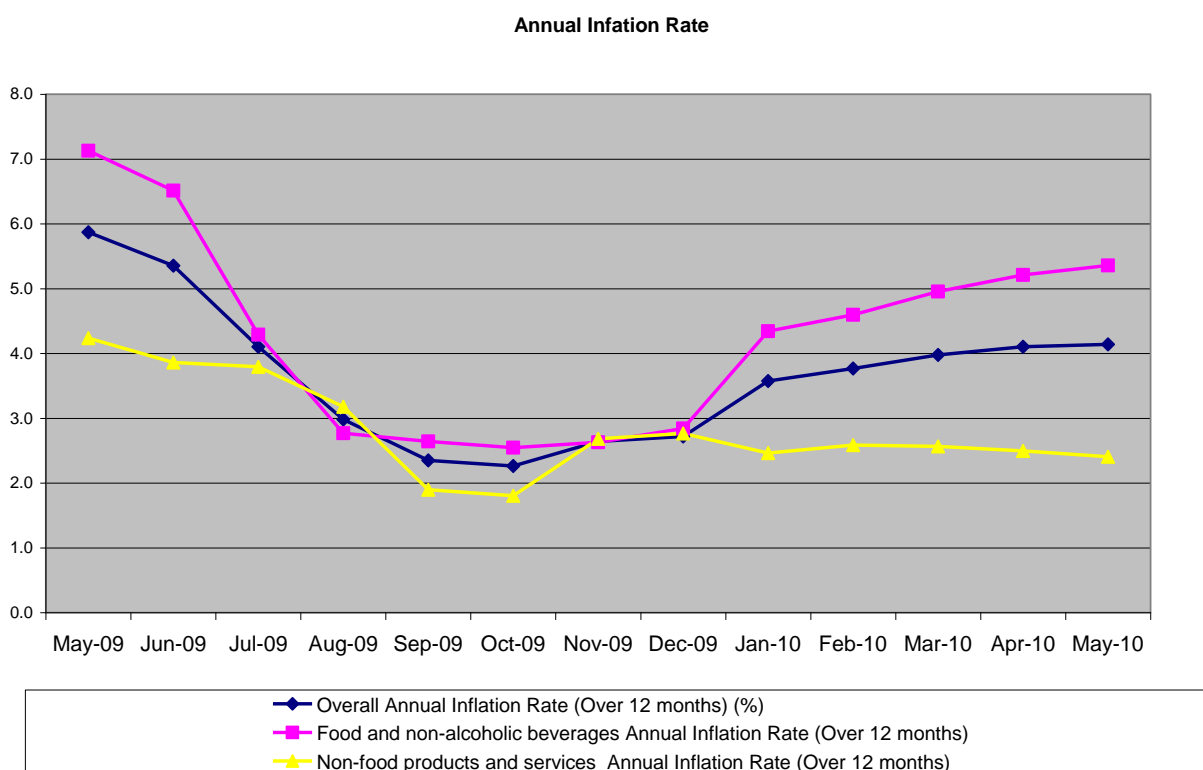
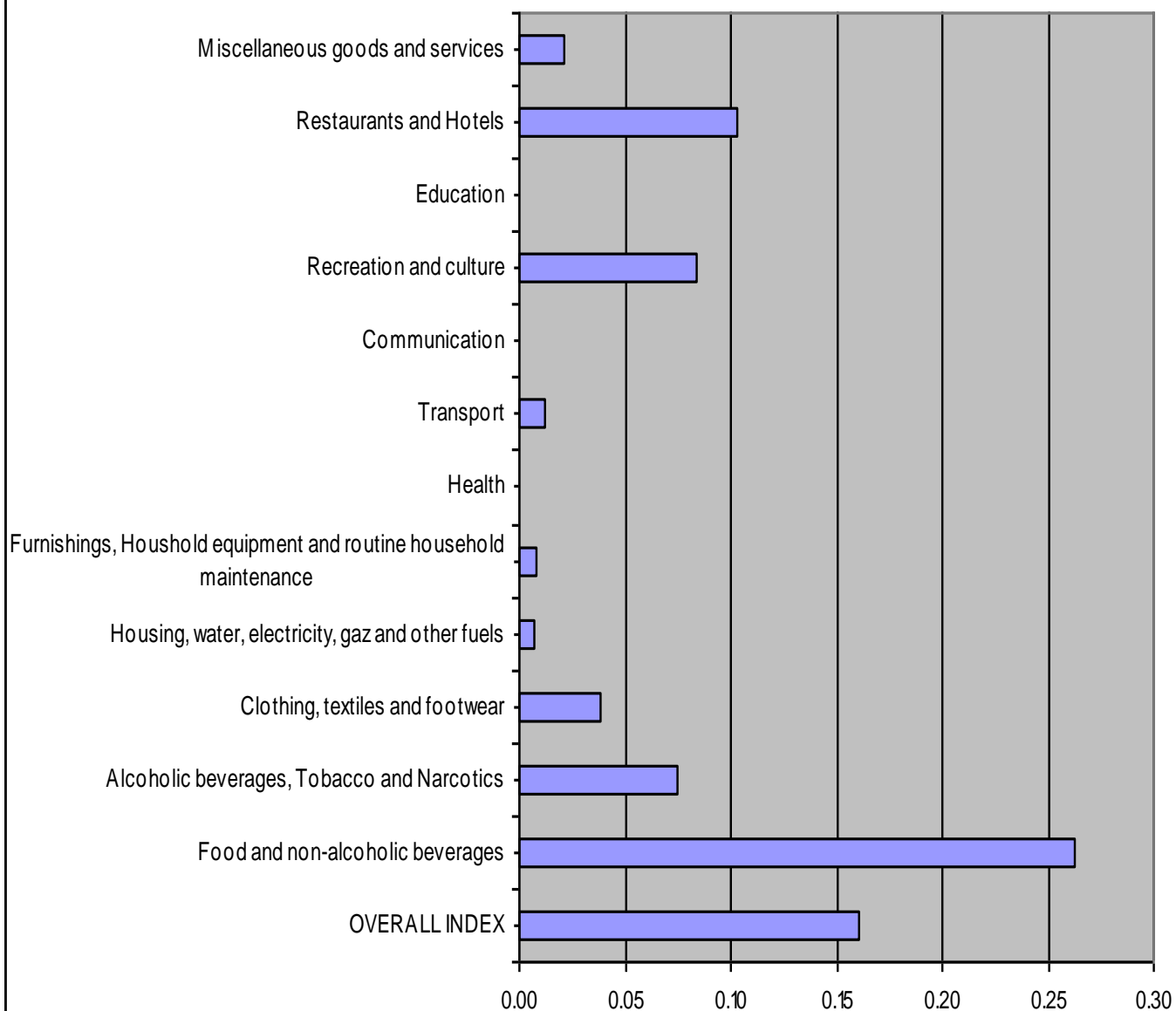


Figure 2. Monthly changes – Comparison with the previous month: April 2010 to May 2010

Price change in % over one month



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