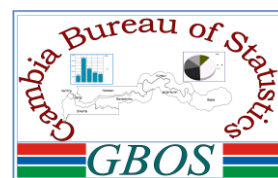




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THE GAMBIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) October 2010



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	Oct-09	Jul-09	Aug-10	Sep-10	Oct-10	Changes in % over	
								1 month	Over 12 Months
	OVERALL INDEX	61841	121.99	128.32	128.58	129.34	129.59	0.19	6.23
01	Food and non-alcoholic beverages	33837	127.76	136.29	136.70	137.87	138.16	0.21	8.14
011	Food	32 914	128.17	136.86	137.28	138.49	138.78	0.21	8.28
0111	Bread Cereals	7 891	131.09	131.41	131.52	134.10	134.50	0.30	2.61
0112	Meat	8 217	120.35	126.43	126.80	127.67	127.85	0.14	6.23
0113	Fish	2 226	115.43	117.52	118.04	119.16	119.51	0.29	3.53
0114	Milk, Cheese and Eggs	1 462	115.43	118.92	118.97	119.54	119.56	0.01	3.57
0115	Oils and fats	3 469	152.82	156.43	156.83	157.72	158.30	0.37	3.59
0116	Fruits & nuts	1445	141.05	143.12	143.18	143.45	143.52	0.05	1.75
0117	Vegetables, root crops & tubers	4 533	136.42	155.93	157.10	158.02	158.16	0.08	15.94
0118	Sugar, jam, honey & sweets	1 420	110.33	189.33	189.46	189.74	190.06	0.17	72.26
0119	Other food products	2 248	117.36	119.35	119.64	120.27	120.74	0.39	2.89
012	Non-alcoholic beverages	923	112.98	115.69	115.80	115.86	116.15	0.25	2.80
02	Alcoholic beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	416	106.48	106.91	107.58	107.77	107.77	0.00	1.22
03	Clothing, textiles and footwear	6 911	111.82	113.68	113.67	113.80	113.86	0.05	1.83
031	Clothing, Garments and Tailoring services	5 434	111.54	113.30	113.23	113.35	113.43	0.07	1.69
032	Footwear	1 477	112.86	115.08	115.30	115.46	115.46	0.00	2.31
04	Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	2 089	122.64	124.76	124.77	125.28	125.65	0.30	2.46
042	Actual rent	498	119.21	120.42	120.43	120.43	120.54	0.09	1.11
043	Electricity, gas and other fuels	1 431	125.76	128.40	128.40	129.14	129.65	0.39	3.09
05	Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	3 215	115.98	116.71	116.74	116.92	117.45	0.45	1.05
06	Health	728	101.80	101.83	101.90	101.91	101.91	0.01	0.10
07	Transport	2 706	119.97	149.12	149.12	149.12	149.18	0.04	24.30
08	Communication	1 822	102.02	102.54	102.54	102.54	102.57	0.02	0.52
09	Recreation and culture	957	105.07	105.97	105.98	106.32	106.75	0.41	1.19
10	Education	918	102.99	102.95	102.95	102.95	102.95	0.00	-0.03
11	Restaurants and Hotels	222	117.20	127.29	127.29	128.08	128.60	0.40	9.40
12	Miscellaneous goods and services	3 639	127.15	135.18	135.58	136.20	136.83	0.46	7.46
	12 MONTH MOVING AVERAGE		120.39	124.18	124.80	125.43	126.07	0.51	4.72
	OVERALL INDEX		121.99	128.32	128.58	129.34	129.59	0.19	6.23
	FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES		127.76	136.29	136.70	137.87	138.16	0.21	8.14
	NON-FOOD PRODUCTS AND SERVICES		114.92	117.89	117.96	118.17	118.39	0.19	3.03

In October 2010, the overall consumer Price Index was 129.59, a 0.19 percent increase over the September 2010 overall index of 129.34

On an annual basis the overall index increased by 6.23 percent from October 2009 to October 2010. Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages increased by 8.14 percent whilst Non Food Products and Services rose by 3.03 percent.

Comparing October 2009 to October 2010, within the Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages, *Sugar, jam, honey and sweets* increased by 72.26 Percent, *Vegetable, root crops and tubers* increased by 15.94 percent, *Meat* increased by 6.23 percent and *Bread and Cereals* increased by 2.61 Percent.

For the Non Food items, the major increases were recorded by *Transport* and *Hotel and Restaurants* which rose by 24.30 percent and 9.40 percent respectively. Other marginal contributors to the increase were the *miscellaneous goods and services sub group* and *electricity, gas and other fuel* sub group.

During the months of September 2010 to October 2010, *other food products* sub-group show the highest increase of 0.39 percent, while *bread and cereals* went up by 0.30 primarily due to increases in price of bread and rice. Oil and fats *products* registered an increase of 0.37 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
2005								3.9	3.8	4.1	4.3	4.8
2006	4.0	2.8	3.8	2.7	2.7	2.2	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.1	0.8	0.4
2007	2.0	2.1	4.5	6.3	6.6	6.4	6.3	6.4	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
2008	5.1	5.0	3.1	1.4	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	2.6	2.7
2010	3.6	3.8	4.0	4.1	4.1	4.5	6.2	6.1	6.2	6.2		

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

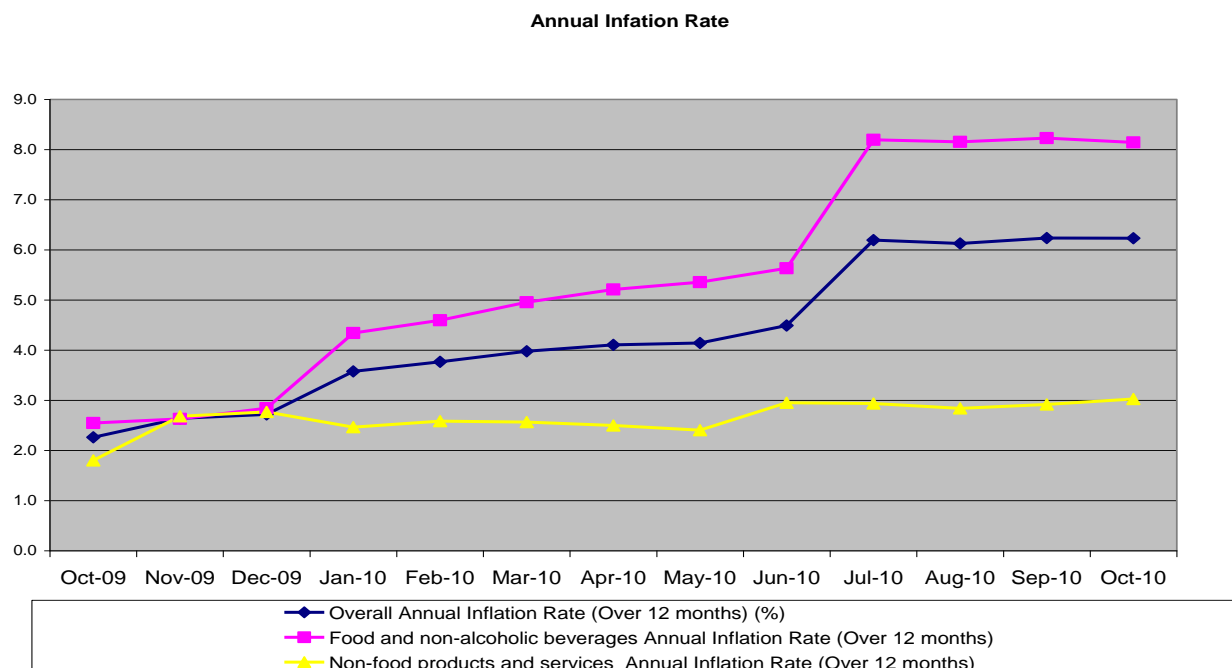
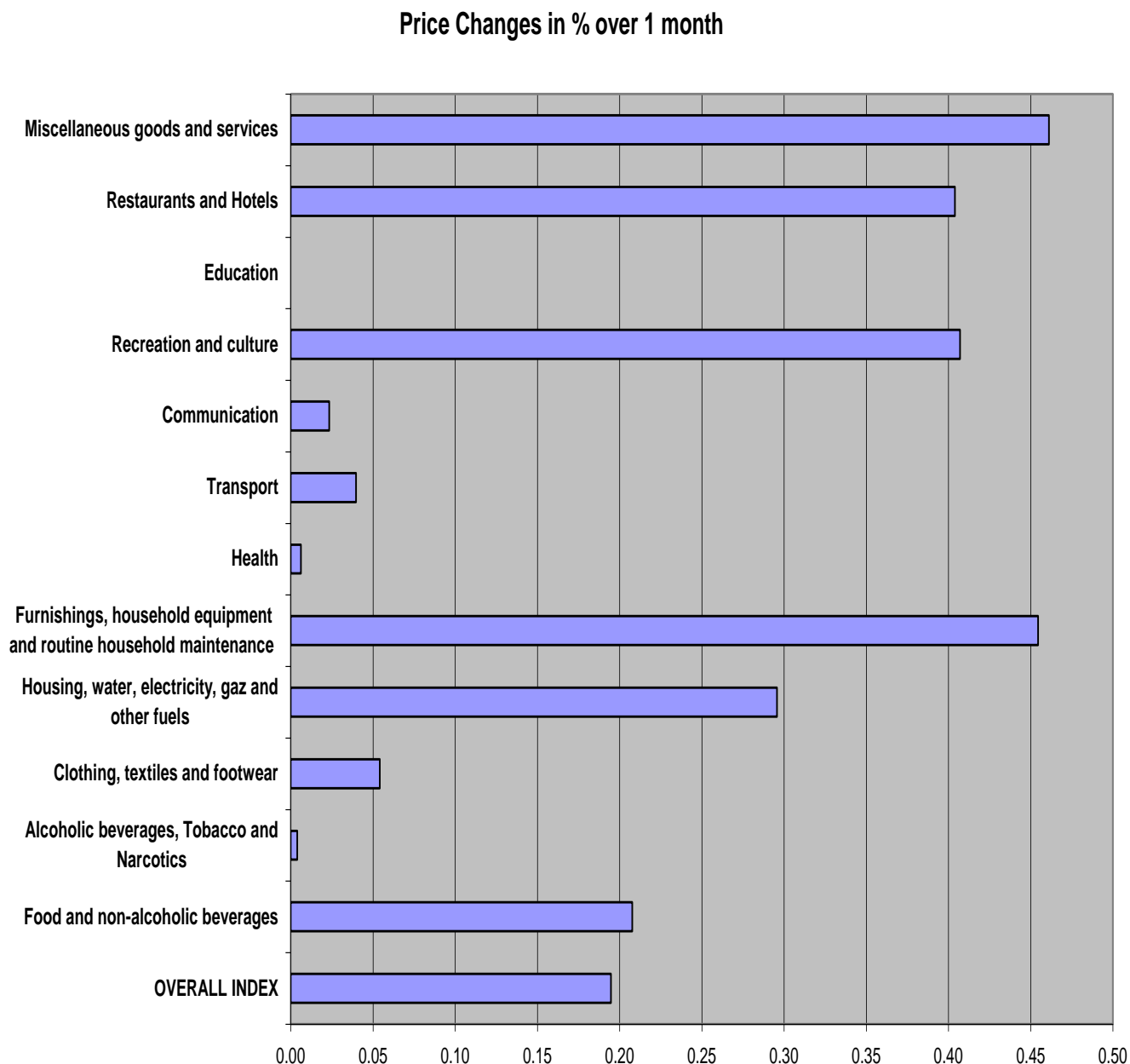


Figure 2. Monthly changes – Comparison with the previous month: September 2010 to October 2010



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