



## THE GAMBIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) AUGUST 2011



### 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 15<sup>th</sup>.

	ALL ITEMS(NEW SERIES; 2004=100)	Weights	Aug-10	May-11	Jun-11	Jul-11	Aug-11	Changes in % over	
								1 month	Over 12 Months
	<b>OVERALL INDEX</b>	61841	<b>128.58</b>	<b>132.37</b>	<b>132.81</b>	<b>133.39</b>	<b>134.12</b>	<b>0.55</b>	<b>4.31</b>
01	Food and non-alcoholic beverages	33837	<b>136.70</b>	<b>142.21</b>	<b>142.67</b>	<b>143.43</b>	<b>144.58</b>	<b>0.80</b>	<b>5.77</b>
011	Food	32 914	<b>137.28</b>	<b>142.90</b>	<b>143.35</b>	<b>144.13</b>	<b>145.29</b>	<b>0.81</b>	<b>5.83</b>
0111	Bread & Cereals	7 891	<b>131.52</b>	<b>137.82</b>	<b>137.88</b>	<b>138.44</b>	<b>138.82</b>	<b>0.28</b>	<b>5.55</b>
0112	Meat	8 217	<b>126.80</b>	<b>128.96</b>	<b>128.96</b>	<b>129.89</b>	<b>132.25</b>	<b>1.82</b>	<b>4.30</b>
0113	Fish	2 226	<b>118.04</b>	<b>120.92</b>	<b>120.94</b>	<b>121.23</b>	<b>122.08</b>	<b>0.71</b>	<b>3.43</b>
0114	Milk, Cheese and Eggs	1 462	<b>118.97</b>	<b>121.81</b>	<b>121.87</b>	<b>121.99</b>	<b>122.59</b>	<b>0.49</b>	<b>3.04</b>
0115	Oils and fats	3 469	<b>156.83</b>	<b>170.02</b>	<b>170.71</b>	<b>171.34</b>	<b>172.77</b>	<b>0.83</b>	<b>10.16</b>
0116	Fruits & nuts	1445	<b>143.18</b>	<b>146.41</b>	<b>146.89</b>	<b>147.79</b>	<b>148.18</b>	<b>0.27</b>	<b>3.50</b>
0117	Vegetables, root crops & tubers	4 533	<b>157.10</b>	<b>166.25</b>	<b>166.47</b>	<b>167.32</b>	<b>168.43</b>	<b>0.66</b>	<b>7.21</b>
0118	Sugar, jam, honey & sweets	1 420	<b>189.46</b>	<b>191.57</b>	<b>198.37</b>	<b>200.31</b>	<b>201.38</b>	<b>0.54</b>	<b>6.29</b>
0119	Other food products	2 248	<b>119.64</b>	<b>125.42</b>	<b>125.58</b>	<b>126.79</b>	<b>127.20</b>	<b>0.32</b>	<b>6.32</b>
012	Non-alcoholic beverages	923	<b>115.80</b>	<b>117.49</b>	<b>118.09</b>	<b>118.30</b>	<b>119.12</b>	<b>0.69</b>	<b>2.87</b>
02	Alcoholic beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	416	<b>107.58</b>	<b>107.88</b>	<b>108.14</b>	<b>108.14</b>	<b>108.40</b>	<b>0.24</b>	<b>0.76</b>
03	Clothing, textiles and footwear	6 911	<b>113.67</b>	<b>114.12</b>	<b>114.14</b>	<b>114.49</b>	<b>114.63</b>	<b>0.12</b>	<b>0.84</b>
031	Clothing, Garments and Tailoring services	5 434	<b>113.23</b>	<b>113.64</b>	<b>113.65</b>	<b>113.98</b>	<b>114.05</b>	<b>0.06</b>	<b>0.72</b>
032	Footwear	1 477	<b>115.30</b>	<b>115.90</b>	<b>115.92</b>	<b>116.34</b>	<b>116.76</b>	<b>0.36</b>	<b>1.27</b>
04	Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	2 089	<b>124.77</b>	<b>128.92</b>	<b>129.21</b>	<b>129.51</b>	<b>130.03</b>	<b>0.40</b>	<b>4.21</b>
042	Actual rent	498	<b>120.43</b>	<b>120.65</b>	<b>120.65</b>	<b>120.80</b>	<b>121.02</b>	<b>0.18</b>	<b>0.49</b>
043	Electricity, gas and other fuels	1 431	<b>128.40</b>	<b>134.38</b>	<b>134.80</b>	<b>135.19</b>	<b>135.86</b>	<b>0.50</b>	<b>5.81</b>
05	Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	3 215	<b>116.74</b>	<b>118.60</b>	<b>118.63</b>	<b>118.80</b>	<b>118.98</b>	<b>0.15</b>	<b>1.92</b>
06	Health	728	<b>101.90</b>	<b>101.93</b>	<b>101.93</b>	<b>101.93</b>	<b>101.93</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.03</b>
07	Transport	2 706	<b>149.12</b>	<b>154.55</b>	<b>154.59</b>	<b>154.59</b>	<b>154.59</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3.66</b>
08	Communication	1 822	<b>102.54</b>	<b>102.59</b>	<b>102.59</b>	<b>102.59</b>	<b>102.59</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.05</b>
09	Recreation and culture	957	<b>105.98</b>	<b>107.78</b>	<b>107.81</b>	<b>107.88</b>	<b>108.56</b>	<b>0.63</b>	<b>2.44</b>
10	Education	918	<b>102.95</b>	<b>105.72</b>	<b>105.72</b>	<b>105.72</b>	<b>105.72</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2.69</b>
11	Restaurants and Hotels	222	<b>127.29</b>	<b>133.07</b>	<b>133.60</b>	<b>134.52</b>	<b>135.56</b>	<b>0.77</b>	<b>6.49</b>
12	Miscellaneous goods and services	3 639	<b>135.58</b>	<b>138.67</b>	<b>141.34</b>	<b>142.58</b>	<b>143.09</b>	<b>0.36</b>	<b>5.54</b>
	<b>12 MONTH MOVING AVERAGE</b>		<b>124.80</b>	<b>130.06</b>	<b>130.63</b>	<b>131.05</b>	<b>131.51</b>	<b>0.35</b>	<b>5.38</b>
	<b>OVERALL INDEX</b>		<b>128.58</b>	<b>132.37</b>	<b>132.81</b>	<b>133.39</b>	<b>134.12</b>	<b>0.55</b>	<b>4.31</b>
	<b>FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES</b>		<b>136.70</b>	<b>142.21</b>	<b>142.67</b>	<b>143.43</b>	<b>144.58</b>	<b>0.80</b>	<b>5.77</b>
	<b>NON-FOOD PRODUCTS AND SERVICES</b>		<b>117.96</b>	<b>119.51</b>	<b>119.93</b>	<b>120.25</b>	<b>120.44</b>	<b>0.16</b>	<b>2.10</b>

In August 2011, the overall consumer Price Index was 134.12, a 0.55 percent increase over the July 2011 overall index of 133.39.

On an annual basis the overall index increased by 4.31 percent from July 2010 to August 2011

Food and non Alcoholic Beverages increased by 5.77 whilst Non Food products and Services rose only by 2.10 percent.

From August 2010 to August 2011, within the Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages, *Bread and Cereal* increased by 5.55 percent, *Oils and Fats* 10.16 percent, *Vegetables, root crops and tubers* 7.21 percent, '*Sugar, jam, honey & sweets*' 6.29 and *Other food products* 6.32 percent

For the Non Food items, the major increases were recorded by '*electricity, gas and other fuel*' and '*Hotel and Restaurants*' which rose by 5.81 percent and 6.49 percent respectively. Other contributors to the increase were the '*Transport*' '*Recreation and culture*', and '*miscellaneous goods and services*' sub groups.

During the months of July 2011 to August 2011, '*Meat*' shows the highest increase of 1.82 followed by '*Oils and fats products*' with 0.83 percent increase, 'whilst '*Fish*' sub-group went up by 0.71 percent. '*Vegetables, root crops and tubers*' registered an increase of 0.66 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	1.4	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	5.9	5.8
2011	5.0	5.4	5.4	5.5	5.5	5.4	3.9	4.3				

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

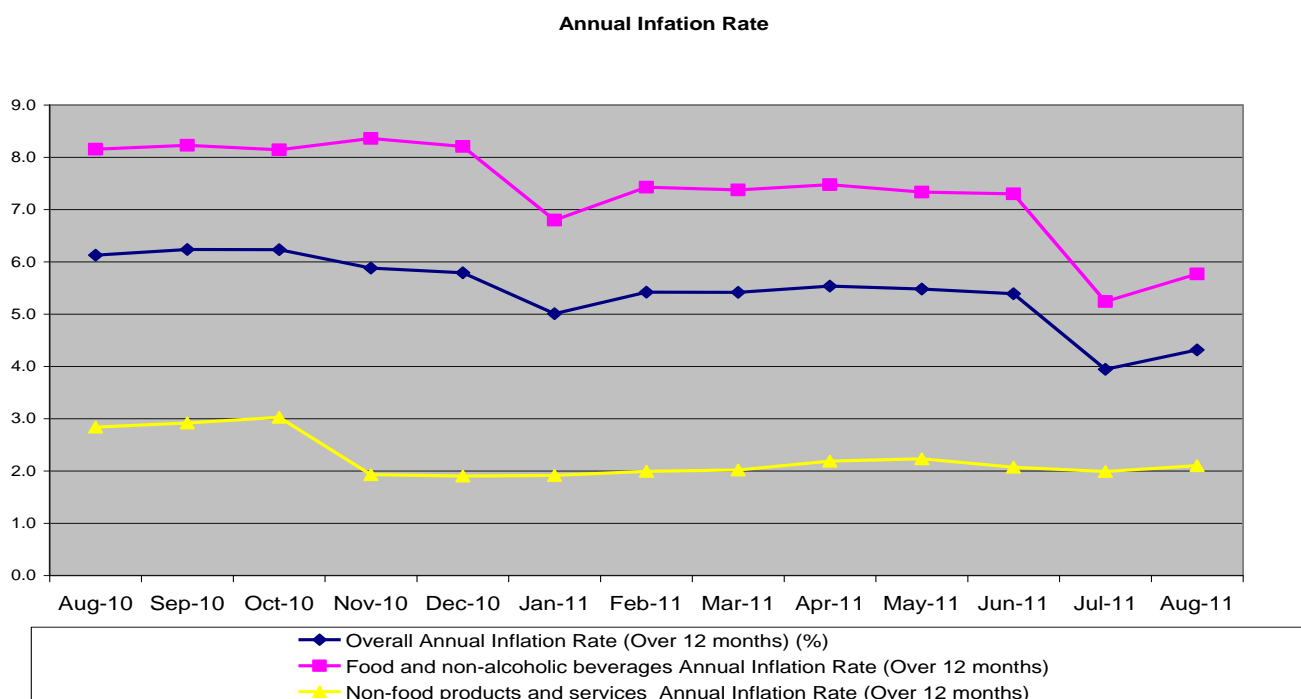
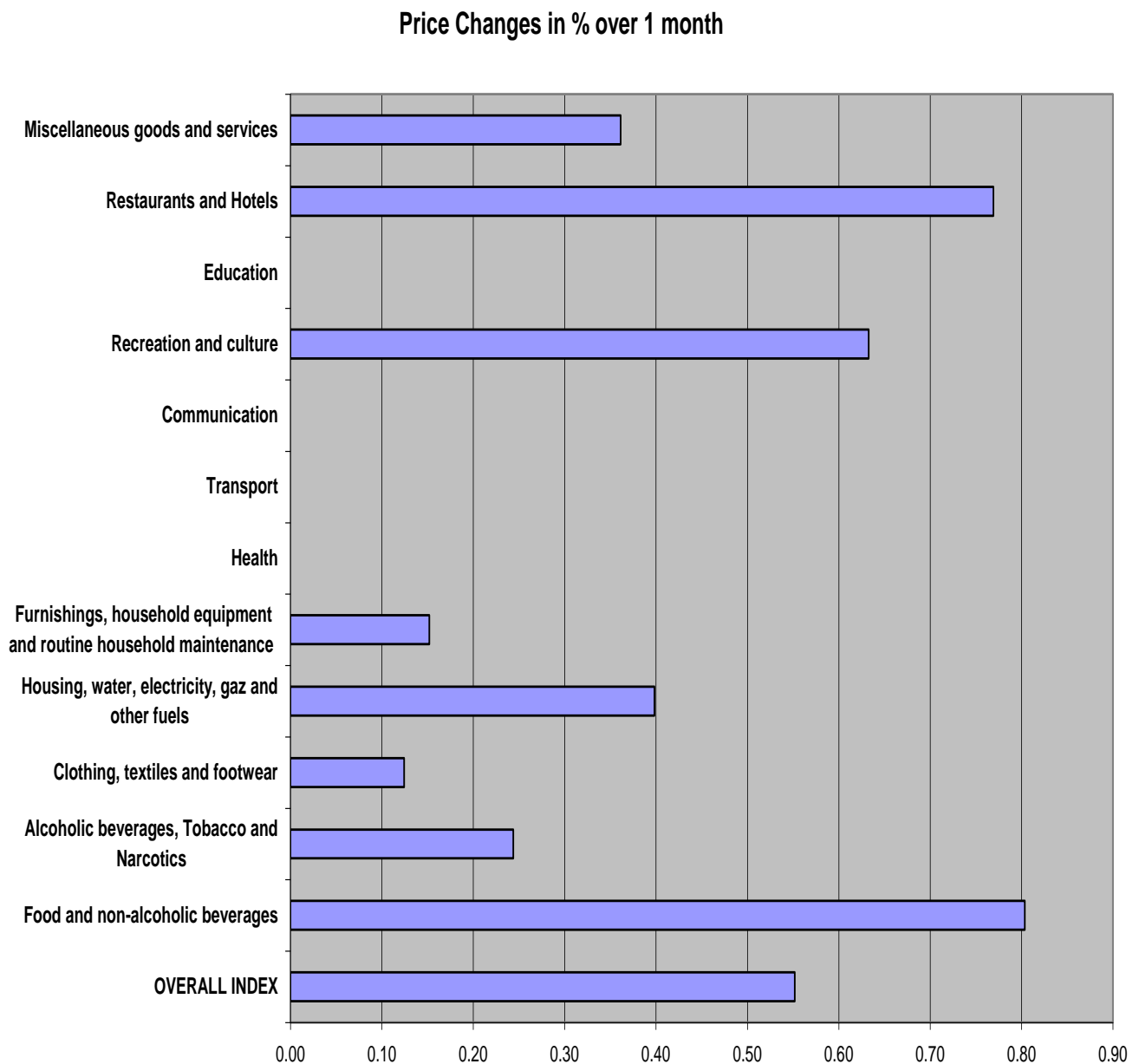


Figure 2.

Monthly changes – Comparison with the previous month: July 2011 to August 2011



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