

THE GAMBIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) January 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 15th.

	ALL ITEMS(NEW SERIES; 2004=100)	Weights	Jan-11	Oct-10	Nov-10	Dec-10	Jan-11	Changes in % over	
								1 month	Over 12 Months
	OVERALL INDEX	61841	124.42	129.59	129.91	130.32	130.65	0.25	5.01
01	Food and non-alcoholic beverages	33837	130.86	138.16	138.64	139.23	139.76	0.38	6.80
011	Food	32 914	131.32	138.78	139.26	139.87	140.40	0.38	6.92
0111	Bread & Cereals	7 891	129.34	134.50	134.83	135.13	135.98	0.62	5.13
0112	Meat	8 217	122.06	127.85	128.04	128.29	128.41	0.10	5.21
0113	Fish	2 226	115.58	119.51	119.85	119.98	120.35	0.30	4.13
0114	Milk, Cheese and Eggs	1 462	116.34	119.56	119.87	119.91	120.45	0.45	3.53
0115	Oils and fats	3 469	153.17	158.30	158.51	162.72	163.60	0.54	6.81
0116	Fruits & nuts	1445	141.22	143.52	143.86	143.90	144.44	0.38	2.28
0117	Vegetables, root crops & tubers	4 533	139.59	158.16	159.95	160.03	160.85	0.51	15.23
0118	Sugar, jam, honey & sweets	1 420	167.99	190.06	190.69	190.83	190.96	0.07	13.67
0119	Other food products	2 248	118.29	120.74	120.99	121.01	121.22	0.17	2.47
012	Non-alcoholic beverages	923	114.52	116.15	116.23	116.25	116.76	0.44	1.95
02	Alcoholic beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	416	106.64	107.77	107.78	107.79	107.79	0.00	1.08
03	Clothing, textiles and footwear	6 911	112.73	113.86	113.93	113.95	113.97	0.02	1.11
031	Clothing, Garments and Tailoring services	5 434	112.38	113.43	113.46	113.48	113.49	0.01	0.99
032	Footwear	1 477	114.00	115.46	115.69	115.70	115.75	0.04	1.53
04	Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	2 089	123.98	125.65	125.95	125.96	126.43	0.38	1.98
042	Actual rent	498	119.93	120.54	120.54	120.54	120.54	0.00	0.50
043	Electricity, gas and other fuels	1 431	127.11	129.65	130.08	130.10	130.79	0.53	2.89
05	Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	3 215	116.30	117.45	117.83	117.95	118.10	0.13	1.55
06	Health	728	101.82	101.91	101.92	101.92	101.93	0.01	0.11
07	Transport	2 706	122.81	149.18	149.18	149.18	149.20	0.01	21.49
08	Communication	1 822	102.50	102.57	102.57	102.57	102.57	0.00	0.07
09	Recreation and culture	957	105.71	106.75	106.81	106.88	107.03	0.13	1.25
10	Education	918	102.99	102.95	102.95	105.72	105.72	0.00	2.66
11	Restaurants and Hotels	222	120.43	128.60	128.90	130.43	130.66	0.18	8.50
12	Miscellaneous goods and services	3 639	133.92	136.83	137.05	137.20	137.25	0.04	2.48
	12 MONTH MOVING AVERAGE		121.15	126.07	126.67	127.26	127.78	0.41	5.48
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	NON-FOOD PRODUCTS AND SERVICES		116.52	118.39	118.52	118.67	118.75	0.06	1.91

In January 2011, the overall consumer Price Index was 130.65, a 0.25 percent increase over the December 2010 overall index of 130.32.

On an annual basis the overall index increased by 5.01 percent from January 2010 to January 2011. Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages increased by 6.80 percent whilst Non Food Products and Services rose only by 1.91 percent.

Comparing January 2010 to January 2011, within the Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages, 'Vegetable, root crops and tubers' increased by 15.23 Percent, 'Sugar, jam, honey and sweets' increased by 13.67 percent, 'Oils and fats' increased by 6.81 percent and 'Meat' increased by 5.21 Percent.

For the Non Food items, the major increases were recorded by *Transport* and 'Hotel and Restaurants' which rose by 21.49 percent and 8.50 percent respectively. Other marginal contributors to the increase were the Private education, 'miscellaneous goods and services' sub group and 'electricity, gas and other fuel' sub group.

During the months of December 2010 to January 2011, *Bread and cereals* show the highest increase of 0.62 percent, whilst *Oils and fats* sub-group went up by 0.54 percent. 'Vegetable, root crops and tubers' registered an increase of 0.51 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	5.9	5.8
2011	5.0											

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

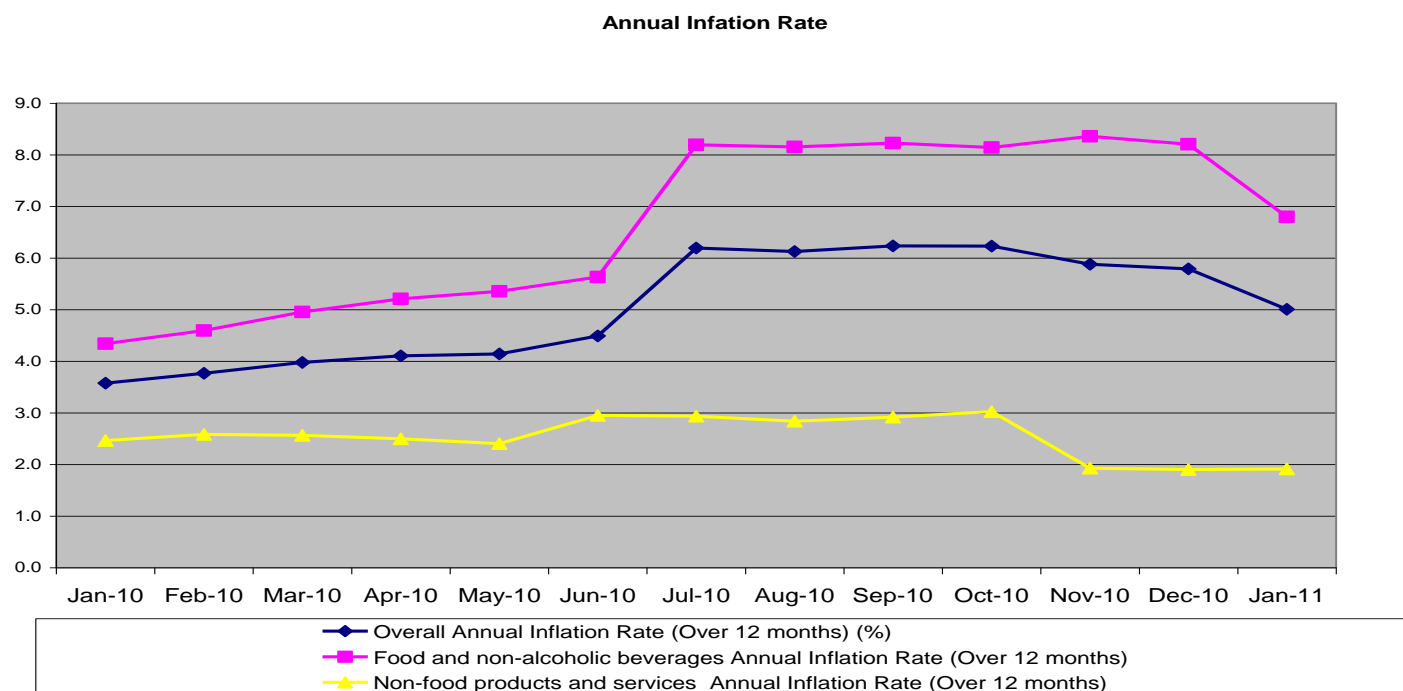
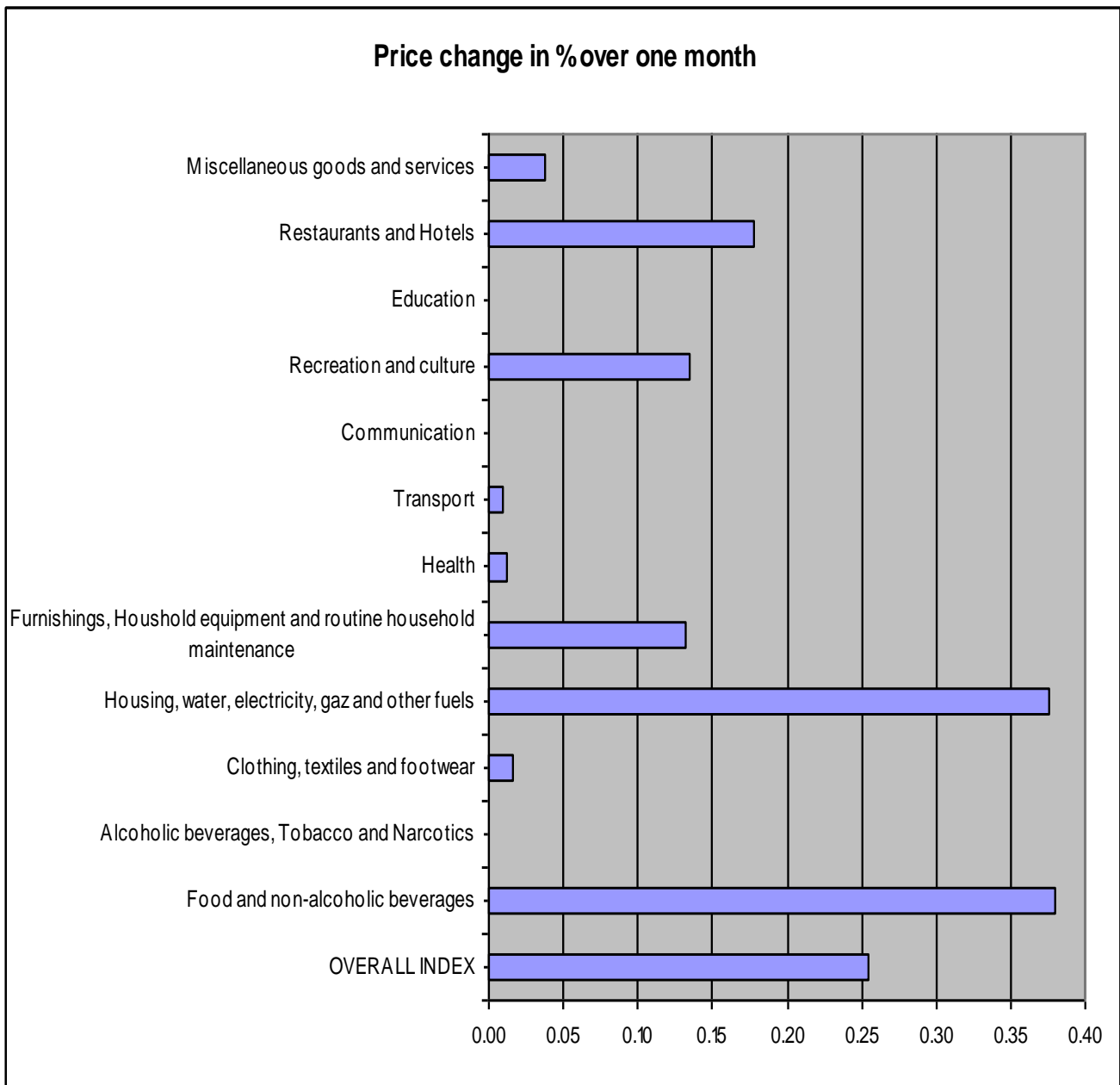


Figure 2.

Monthly changes – Comparison with the previous month: November 2010 to December 2010



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