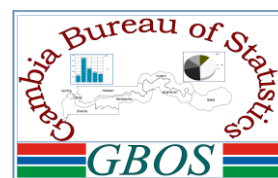




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THE GAMBIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) MARCH 2011



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	Mar-10	Dec-10	Jan-10	Feb-11	Mar-11	Changes in % over	
								1 month	Over 12 Months
	OVERALL INDEX	61841	125.08	130.32	130.65	131.54	131.85	0.23	5.41
01	Food and non-alcoholic beverages	33837	131.84	139.23	139.76	141.09	141.56	0.33	7.37
011	Food	32 914	132.32	139.87	140.40	141.77	142.24	0.34	7.50
0111	Bread & Cereals	7 891	129.91	135.13	135.98	136.70	136.88	0.13	5.36
0112	Meat	8 217	123.39	128.29	128.41	128.42	128.56	0.11	4.20
0113	Fish	2 226	116.74	119.98	120.35	120.44	120.56	0.10	3.28
0114	Milk, Cheese and Eggs	1 462	117.66	119.91	120.45	121.00	121.33	0.28	3.12
0115	Oils and fats	3 469	153.74	162.72	163.60	168.38	169.32	0.56	10.13
0116	Fruits & nuts	1445	142.36	143.90	144.44	144.84	145.57	0.50	2.26
0117	Vegetables, root crops & tubers	4 533	140.13	160.03	160.85	164.32	165.62	0.79	18.19
0118	Sugar, jam, honey & sweets	1 420	172.57	190.83	190.96	191.04	191.16	0.07	10.77
0119	Other food products	2 248	118.37	121.01	121.22	123.50	124.34	0.68	5.04
012	Non-alcoholic beverages	923	114.70	116.25	116.76	117.08	117.14	0.05	2.14
02	Alcoholic beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	416	106.65	107.79	107.79	107.86	107.86	0.00	1.14
03	Clothing, textiles and footwear	6 911	113.24	113.95	113.97	114.01	114.01	0.00	0.67
031	Clothing, Garments and Tailoring services	5 434	112.85	113.48	113.49	113.53	113.53	0.00	0.60
032	Footwear	1 477	114.70	115.70	115.75	115.78	115.78	0.00	0.94
04	Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	2 089	124.17	125.96	126.43	127.92	128.16	0.19	3.22
042	Actual rent	498	120.17	120.54	120.54	120.54	120.54	0.00	0.31
043	Electricity, gas and other fuels	1 431	127.66	130.10	130.79	132.96	133.31	0.26	4.42
05	Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	3 215	116.40	117.95	118.10	118.12	118.25	0.10	1.59
06	Health	728	101.82	101.92	101.93	101.93	101.93	0.00	0.11
07	Transport	2 706	122.85	149.18	149.20	153.01	153.66	0.42	25.07
08	Communication	1 822	102.50	102.57	102.57	102.57	102.59	0.02	0.09
09	Recreation and culture	957	105.80	106.88	107.03	107.55	107.56	0.00	1.66
10	Education	918	102.99	105.72	105.72	105.72	105.72	0.00	2.66
11	Restaurants and Hotels	222	120.75	130.43	130.66	131.99	132.03	0.03	9.34
12	Miscellaneous goods and services	3 639	134.53	137.20	137.25	137.26	137.41	0.11	2.14
	12 MONTH MOVING AVERAGE		121.88	127.26	127.78	128.35	128.91	0.44	5.77
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	FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES		131.84	139.23	139.76	141.09	141.56	0.33	7.37
	NON-FOOD PRODUCTS AND SERVICES		116.78	118.67	118.75	119.06	119.14	0.07	2.02

In March 2011, the overall consumer Price Index was 131.85, a 0.23 percent increase over the February 2011 overall index of 131.54.

On an annual basis the overall index increased by 5.41 percent from March 2010 to March 2011. Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages increased by 7.37 percent whilst Non Food Products and Services rose only by 2.02 percent.

Comparing March 2010 to March 2011, within the Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages, 'Vegetable, root crops and tubers' increased by 18.19 Percent, 'Sugar, jam, honey and sweets' increased by 10.77 percent, 'Oils and fats' increased by 10.13 percent and 'Bread and Cereals' increased by 5.36 Percent.

For the Non Food items, the major increases were recorded by *Transport* and 'Hotel and Restaurants' which rose by 25.07 percent and 9.34 percent respectively. Other contributors to the increase were the 'electricity, gas and other fuel', 'Private Education' 'miscellaneous goods and services' sub group.

During the months of February 2011 to March 2011, 'Vegetable, root crops and tubers' show the highest increase of 0.79 percent, 'whilst 'Oils and fats' sub-group went up by 0.56 percent. 'Bread and cereals' registered an increase of 0.13 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									

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

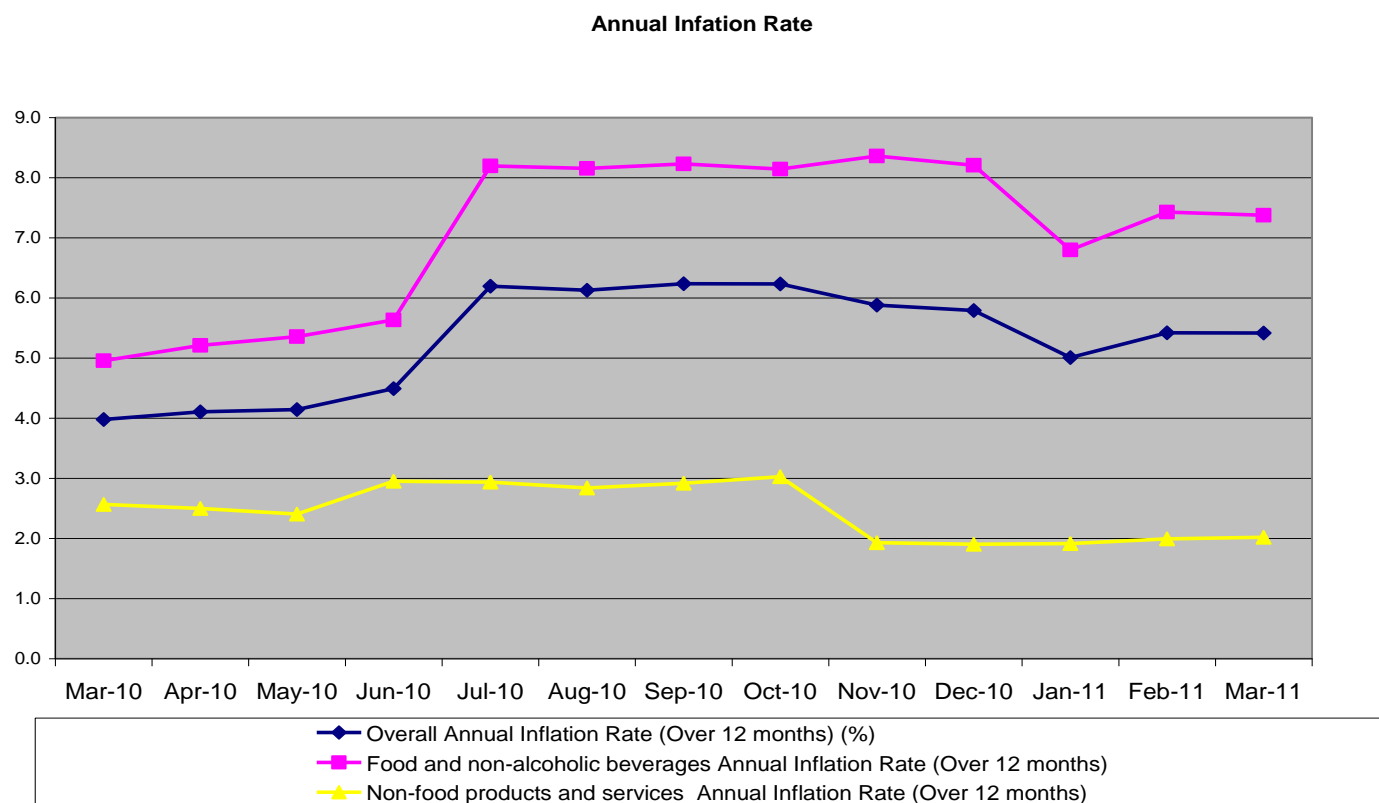
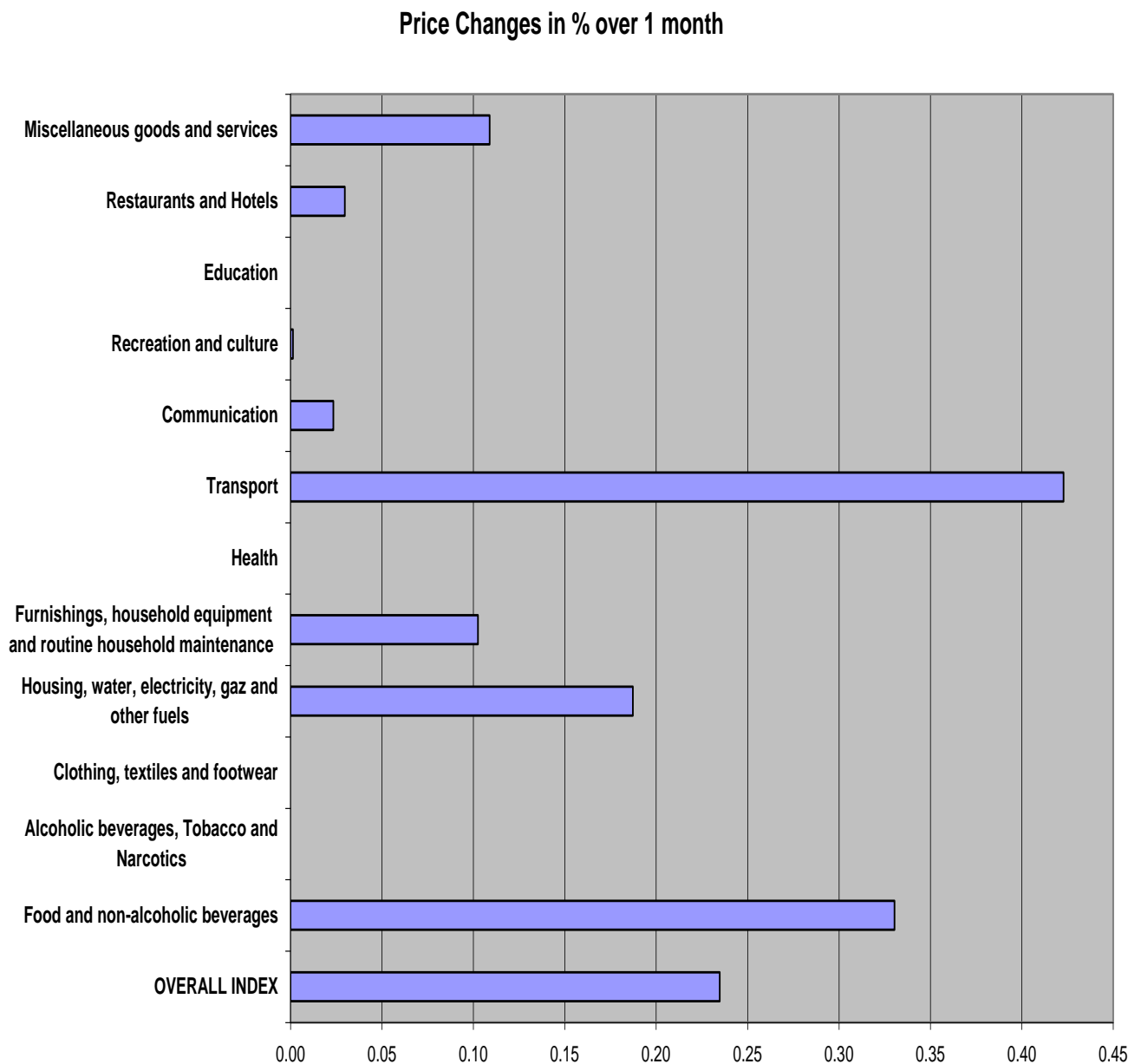


Figure 2.

Monthly changes – Comparison with the previous month: February 2011 to March 2011



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