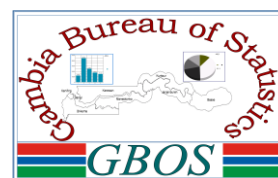




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THE GAMBIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) MAY 2011



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	May-10	Feb-10	Mar-10	Apr-11	May-11	Changes in % over	
								1 month	Over 12 Months
	OVERALL INDEX	61841	125.50	131.54	131.85	132.24	132.37	0.11	5.48
01	Food and non-alcoholic beverages	33837	132.49	141.09	141.56	142.02	142.21	0.13	7.34
011	Food	32 914	132.98	141.77	142.24	142.71	142.90	0.13	7.46
0111	Bread & Cereals	7 891	130.66	136.70	136.88	137.55	137.82	0.20	5.48
0112	Meat	8 217	124.14	128.42	128.56	128.79	128.96	0.13	3.88
0113	Fish	2 226	116.74	120.44	120.56	120.88	120.92	0.04	3.58
0114	Milk, Cheese and Eggs	1 462	117.98	121.00	121.33	121.79	121.81	0.02	3.25
0115	Oils and fats	3 469	154.27	168.38	169.32	169.71	170.02	0.18	10.21
0116	Fruits & nuts	1445	142.91	144.84	145.57	146.28	146.41	0.08	2.45
0117	Vegetables, root crops & tubers	4 533	141.03	164.32	165.62	166.19	166.25	0.03	17.88
0118	Sugar, jam, honey & sweets	1 420	173.24	191.04	191.16	191.56	191.57	0.01	10.58
0119	Other food products	2 248	118.67	123.50	124.34	124.87	125.42	0.43	5.69
012	Non-alcoholic beverages	923	114.76	117.08	117.14	117.48	117.49	0.01	2.38
02	Alcoholic beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	416	106.76	107.86	107.86	107.88	107.88	0.00	1.05
03	Clothing, textiles and footwear	6 911	113.38	114.01	114.01	114.10	114.12	0.02	0.65
031	Clothing, Garments and Tailoring services	5 434	112.94	113.53	113.53	113.62	113.64	0.02	0.62
032	Footwear	1 477	115.00	115.78	115.78	115.90	115.90	0.00	0.78
04	Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	2 089	124.33	127.92	128.16	128.89	128.92	0.02	3.69
042	Actual rent	498	120.41	120.54	120.54	120.65	120.65	0.00	0.20
043	Electricity, gas and other fuels	1 431	127.83	132.96	133.31	134.34	134.38	0.03	5.13
05	Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	3 215	116.45	118.12	118.25	118.57	118.60	0.02	1.84
06	Health	728	101.82	101.93	101.93	101.93	101.93	0.00	0.11
07	Transport	2 706	122.89	153.01	153.66	154.52	154.55	0.02	25.76
08	Communication	1 822	102.50	102.57	102.59	102.59	102.59	0.00	0.09
09	Recreation and culture	957	105.88	107.55	107.56	107.77	107.78	0.01	1.79
10	Education	918	102.99	105.72	105.72	105.72	105.72	0.00	2.66
11	Restaurants and Hotels	222	121.13	131.99	132.03	132.60	133.07	0.35	9.86
12	Miscellaneous goods and services	3 639	134.92	137.26	137.41	138.23	138.67	0.32	2.78
	12 MONTH MOVING AVERAGE		123.11	128.35	128.91	129.49	130.06	0.44	5.65
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	FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES		132.49	141.09	141.56	142.02	142.21	0.13	7.34
	NON-FOOD PRODUCTS AND SERVICES		116.90	119.06	119.14	119.43	119.51	0.06	2.23

The overall index in May 2011 was 132.37, a 0.11 percent increase over the April 2011 overall index of 132.24.

Annual inflation rate measured on year to year basis from May 2010 to May 2011 is 5.48 showing a minor decrease in inflationary pressure compared to April 2010 to April 2011 which had 5.54. Food and non Alcoholic Beverages increased by 7.34 whilst Non Food products and Services rose only by 2.23 percent.

Comparing May 2010 to May 2011, within the Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages, 'Vegetable, root crops and tubers' increased by 17.88 Percent, 'Sugar, jam, honey and sweets' increased by 10.58 percent, 'Oils and fats' increased by 10.21 percent and 'Bread and Cereals' increased by 5.48 Percent.

For the Non Food items, the major increases were recorded by *Transport* and 'Hotel and Restaurants' which rose by 25.76 percent and 9.86 percent respectively. Other contributors to the increase were the 'electricity, gas and other fuel', 'Private Education', 'miscellaneous goods and services' sub groups.

During the months of April 2011 to May 2011, 'Other food products' show the highest increase of 0.43 followed by 'Bread and Cereals' with 0.20 percent increase, 'whilst 'Oils and fats' sub-group went up by 0.18 percent. 'Meat' registered an increase of 0.13 percent. Increases in the prices of salt and garlic mainly explained the rise in the 'Other food products' index. The rise in the 'Bread and Cereals' index resulted from price increase in millet, Maize and Sorghum.

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							

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

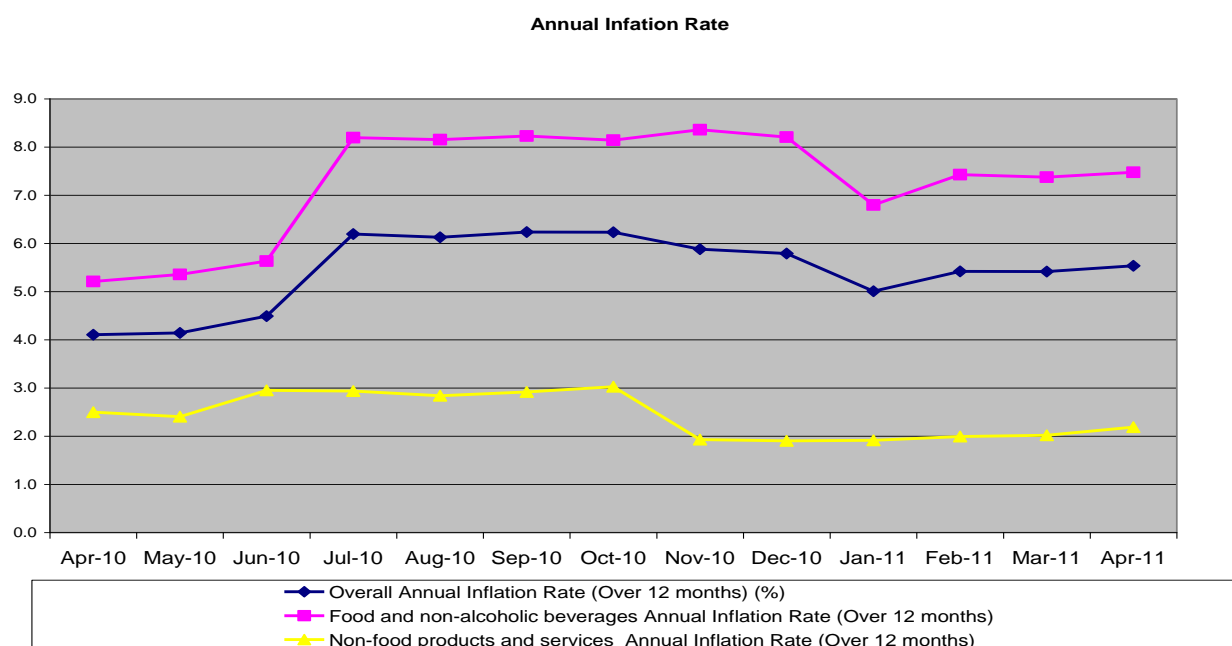
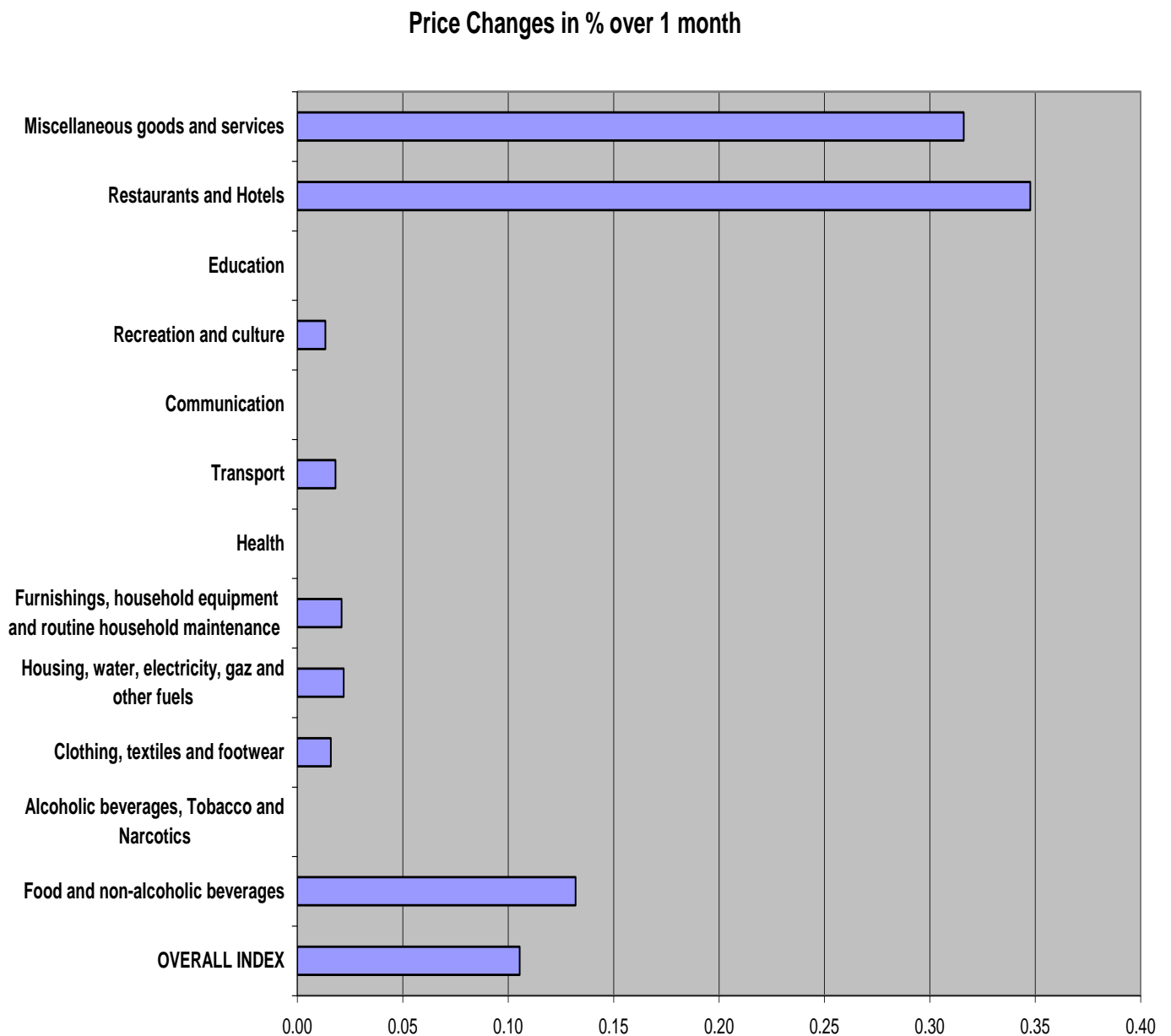


Figure 2.

Monthly changes – Comparison with the previous month: April 2011 to May 2011



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