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## THE GAMBIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) OCTOBER 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	Oct-10	Jul-11	Aug-11	Sep-11	Oct-11	Changes in % over	
								1 month	Over 12 Months
	<b>OVERALL INDEX</b>	61841	<b>129.59</b>	<b>133.39</b>	<b>134.12</b>	<b>134.69</b>	<b>135.21</b>	<b>0.38</b>	<b>4.33</b>
01	<b>Food and non-alcoholic beverages</b>	33837	<b>138.16</b>	<b>143.43</b>	<b>144.58</b>	<b>145.31</b>	<b>146.02</b>	<b>0.48</b>	<b>5.68</b>
011	<b>Food</b>	32914	<b>138.78</b>	<b>144.13</b>	<b>145.29</b>	<b>146.04</b>	<b>146.75</b>	<b>0.49</b>	<b>5.74</b>
0111	<b>Bread &amp; Cereals</b>	7891	<b>134.50</b>	<b>138.44</b>	<b>138.82</b>	<b>139.41</b>	<b>140.80</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>4.68</b>
0112	<b>Meat</b>	8217	<b>127.85</b>	<b>129.89</b>	<b>132.25</b>	<b>133.13</b>	<b>133.43</b>	<b>0.22</b>	<b>4.37</b>
0113	<b>Fish</b>	2226	<b>119.51</b>	<b>121.23</b>	<b>122.08</b>	<b>122.74</b>	<b>123.39</b>	<b>0.53</b>	<b>3.25</b>
0114	<b>Milk, Cheese and Eggs</b>	1462	<b>119.56</b>	<b>121.99</b>	<b>122.59</b>	<b>122.71</b>	<b>123.06</b>	<b>0.28</b>	<b>2.93</b>
0115	<b>Oils and fats</b>	3469	<b>158.30</b>	<b>171.34</b>	<b>172.77</b>	<b>173.67</b>	<b>173.98</b>	<b>0.17</b>	<b>9.90</b>
0116	<b>Fruits &amp; nuts</b>	1445	<b>143.52</b>	<b>147.79</b>	<b>148.18</b>	<b>148.85</b>	<b>151.57</b>	<b>1.83</b>	<b>5.61</b>
0117	<b>Vegetables, root crops &amp; tubers</b>	4533	<b>158.16</b>	<b>167.32</b>	<b>168.43</b>	<b>169.32</b>	<b>169.53</b>	<b>0.12</b>	<b>7.19</b>
0118	<b>Sugar, jam, honey &amp; sweets</b>	1420	<b>190.06</b>	<b>200.31</b>	<b>201.38</b>	<b>202.73</b>	<b>202.76</b>	<b>0.01</b>	<b>6.68</b>
0119	<b>Other food products</b>	2248	<b>120.74</b>	<b>126.79</b>	<b>127.20</b>	<b>127.65</b>	<b>128.47</b>	<b>0.64</b>	<b>6.40</b>
012	<b>Non-alcoholic beverages</b>	923	<b>116.15</b>	<b>118.30</b>	<b>119.12</b>	<b>119.36</b>	<b>119.80</b>	<b>0.36</b>	<b>3.14</b>
02	<b>Alcoholic beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics</b>	416	<b>107.77</b>	<b>108.14</b>	<b>108.40</b>	<b>108.58</b>	<b>108.59</b>	<b>0.01</b>	<b>0.75</b>
03	<b>Clothing, textiles and footwear</b>	6911	<b>113.86</b>	<b>114.49</b>	<b>114.63</b>	<b>114.93</b>	<b>115.21</b>	<b>0.24</b>	<b>1.18</b>
031	<b>Clothing, Garments and Tailoring services</b>	5434	<b>113.43</b>	<b>113.98</b>	<b>114.05</b>	<b>114.36</b>	<b>114.47</b>	<b>0.10</b>	<b>0.92</b>
032	<b>Footwear</b>	1477	<b>115.46</b>	<b>116.34</b>	<b>116.76</b>	<b>117.04</b>	<b>117.92</b>	<b>0.75</b>	<b>2.13</b>
04	<b>Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels</b>	2089	<b>125.65</b>	<b>129.51</b>	<b>130.03</b>	<b>131.15</b>	<b>131.63</b>	<b>0.36</b>	<b>4.76</b>
042	<b>Actual rent</b>	498	<b>120.54</b>	<b>120.80</b>	<b>121.02</b>	<b>121.44</b>	<b>121.67</b>	<b>0.19</b>	<b>0.94</b>
043	<b>Electricity, gas and other fuels</b>	1431	<b>129.65</b>	<b>135.19</b>	<b>135.86</b>	<b>137.36</b>	<b>137.97</b>	<b>0.45</b>	<b>6.42</b>
05	<b>Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance</b>	3215	<b>117.45</b>	<b>118.80</b>	<b>118.98</b>	<b>119.27</b>	<b>119.53</b>	<b>0.21</b>	<b>1.76</b>
06	<b>Health</b>	728	<b>101.91</b>	<b>101.93</b>	<b>101.93</b>	<b>101.93</b>	<b>101.93</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.01</b>
07	<b>Transport</b>	2706	<b>149.18</b>	<b>154.59</b>	<b>154.59</b>	<b>155.63</b>	<b>156.20</b>	<b>0.37</b>	<b>4.70</b>
08	<b>Communication</b>	1822	<b>102.57</b>	<b>102.59</b>	<b>102.59</b>	<b>102.63</b>	<b>102.63</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.06</b>
09	<b>Recreation and culture</b>	957	<b>106.75</b>	<b>107.88</b>	<b>108.56</b>	<b>108.57</b>	<b>108.82</b>	<b>0.23</b>	<b>1.94</b>
10	<b>Education</b>	918	<b>102.95</b>	<b>105.72</b>	<b>105.72</b>	<b>106.13</b>	<b>106.13</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3.09</b>
11	<b>Restaurants and Hotels</b>	222	<b>128.60</b>	<b>134.52</b>	<b>135.56</b>	<b>136.43</b>	<b>136.90</b>	<b>0.35</b>	<b>6.46</b>
12	<b>Miscellaneous goods and services</b>	3639	<b>136.83</b>	<b>142.58</b>	<b>143.09</b>	<b>143.57</b>	<b>143.97</b>	<b>0.27</b>	<b>5.21</b>
	<b>12 MONTH MOVING AVERAGE</b>		<b>123.58</b>	<b>131.05</b>	<b>131.51</b>	<b>131.96</b>	<b>132.43</b>	<b>0.35</b>	<b>5.04</b>
	<b>OVERALL INDEX</b>		<b>126.02</b>	<b>133.39</b>	<b>134.12</b>	<b>134.69</b>	<b>135.21</b>	<b>0.38</b>	<b>4.33</b>
	<b>FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES</b>		<b>132.96</b>	<b>143.43</b>	<b>144.58</b>	<b>145.31</b>	<b>146.02</b>	<b>0.48</b>	<b>5.68</b>
	<b>NON-FOOD PRODUCTS AND SERVICES</b>		<b>117.61</b>	<b>120.25</b>	<b>120.44</b>	<b>120.79</b>	<b>121.10</b>	<b>0.25</b>	<b>2.28</b>

The October inflation rate as measured on year on year basis, that is between October 2010 and October 2011 went up by 4.3 percent showing an Overall Index increase from 129.59 to 135.21.

Some prices for both food and non-food items had gone up. Food and non Alcoholic Beverages increased by 5.39 whilst Non Food products and Services rose only by 2.22 percent.

From October 2010 to October 2011, within the Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages, *Bread and Cereal* increased by 4.68 percent, *Oils and Fats* 9.90 percent, *Vegetables, root crops and tubers* 7.19 percent, *'Sugar, jam, honey & sweets'* 6.68 and *Other food products* 6.40 percent

For the Non Food items, the major increases were recorded by *'electricity, gas and other fuel'* and *'Hotel and Restaurants'* which rose by 6.42 percent and 6.46 percent respectively. Other contributors to the increase were the *'Transport'* *'Education'*, and *'miscellaneous goods and services'* sub groups.

Using the 12 months-moving-average measure, inflation rate is about 4.5 percent compared to the 4.7 percent that was recorded for September 2011, hence inflationary pressure has reduced by -0.2 percent during the months, September to October 2011. However, despite this general trend *'Bread and Cereals'* and *'Fruits and nuts'* shows some increases during the period.

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	4.1	4.3		

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

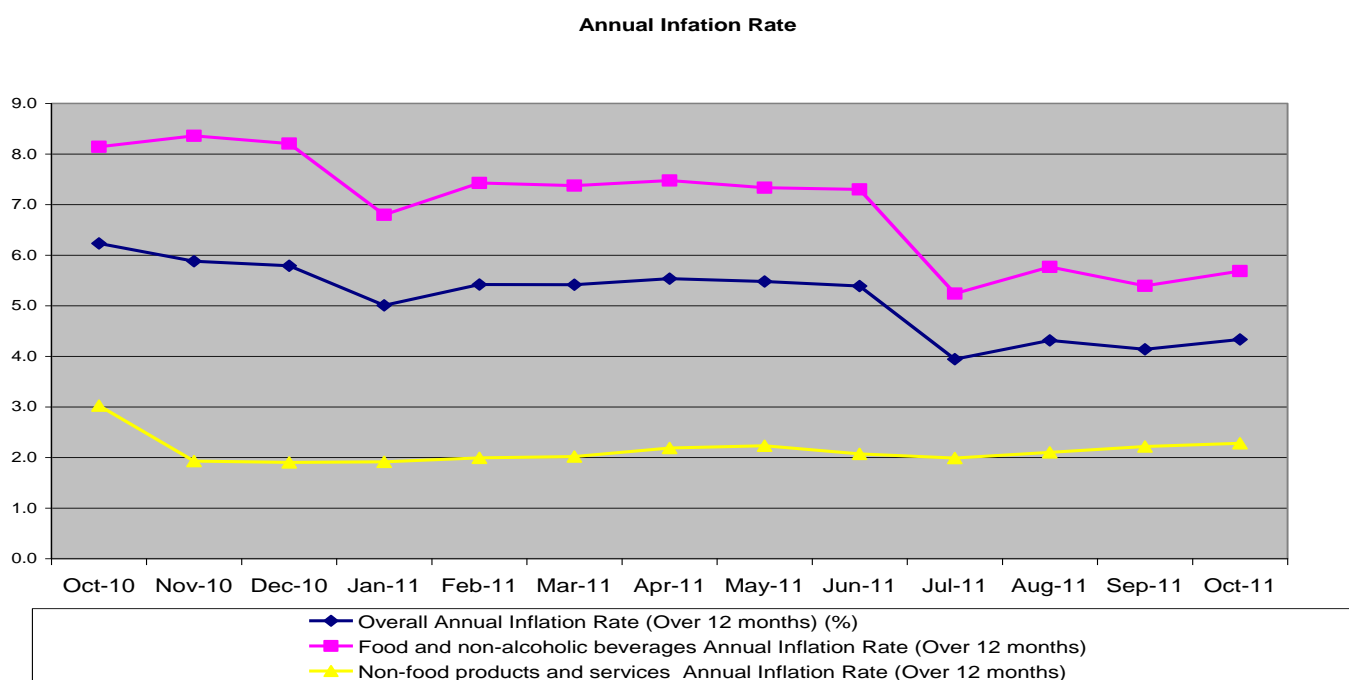
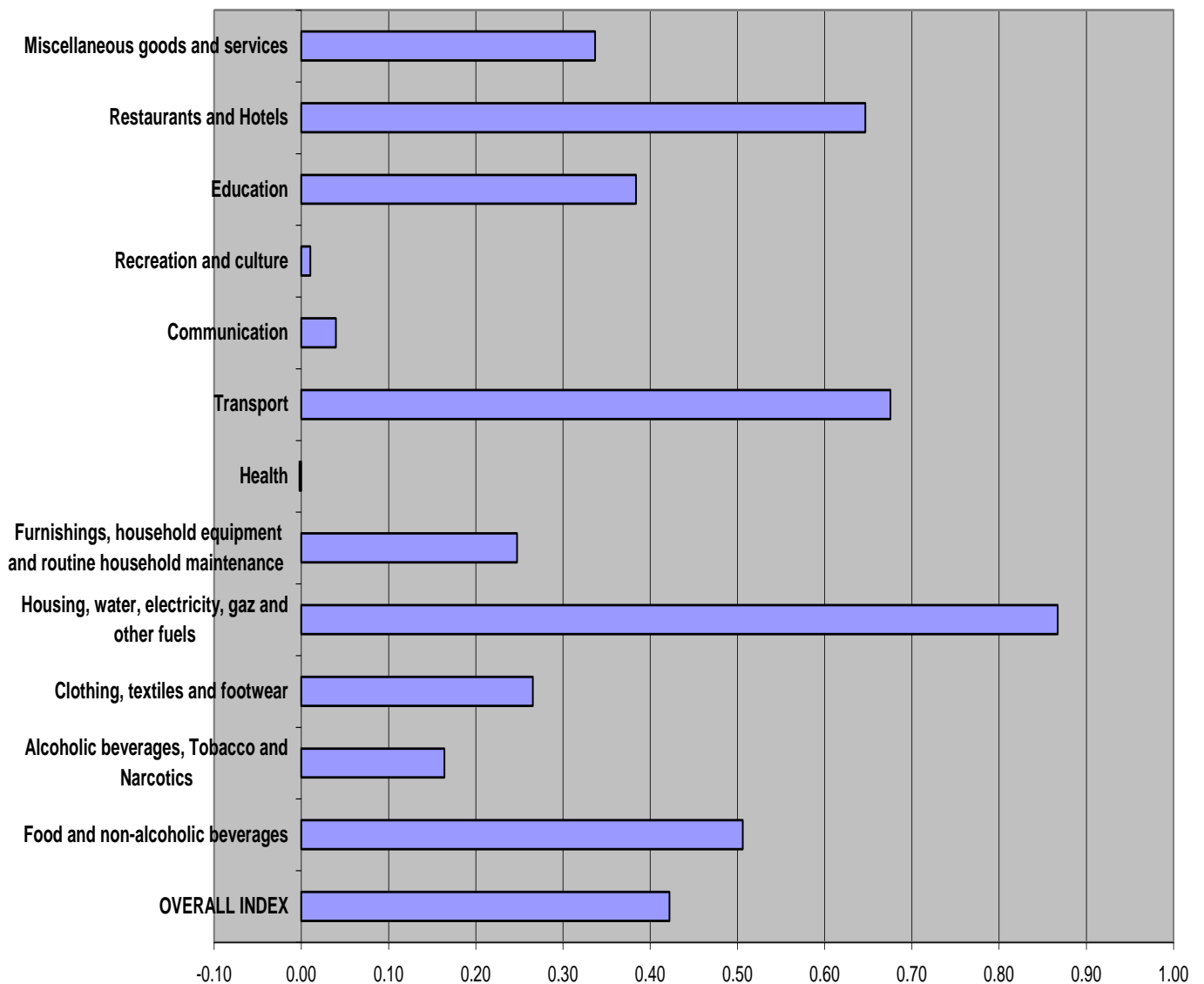


Figure 2.

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

Price Changes in % over 1 month



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