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## THE GAMBIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) AUGUST 2012



### 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-11	May-12	Jun-12	Jul-12	Aug-12	Changes in % over	
								1 month	Over 12 Months
	<b>OVERALL INDEX</b>	61841	<b>134.12</b>	<b>137.78</b>	<b>138.43</b>	<b>139.29</b>	<b>139.79</b>	<b>0.36</b>	<b>4.23</b>
01	<b>Food and non-alcoholic beverages</b>	33837	<b>144.58</b>	<b>149.20</b>	<b>150.15</b>	<b>150.91</b>	<b>151.68</b>	<b>0.51</b>	<b>4.91</b>
011	<b>Food</b>	32 914	<b>145.29</b>	<b>149.98</b>	<b>150.94</b>	<b>151.72</b>	<b>152.50</b>	<b>0.52</b>	<b>4.96</b>
0111	<b>Bread &amp; Cereals</b>	7 891	<b>138.82</b>	<b>145.28</b>	<b>146.46</b>	<b>147.60</b>	<b>148.76</b>	<b>0.78</b>	<b>7.16</b>
0112	<b>Meat</b>	8 217	<b>132.25</b>	<b>136.79</b>	<b>137.59</b>	<b>138.32</b>	<b>139.04</b>	<b>0.52</b>	<b>5.13</b>
0113	<b>Fish</b>	2 226	<b>122.08</b>	<b>125.36</b>	<b>126.22</b>	<b>126.65</b>	<b>127.01</b>	<b>0.28</b>	<b>4.03</b>
0114	<b>Milk, Cheese and Eggs</b>	1 462	<b>122.59</b>	<b>124.74</b>	<b>125.86</b>	<b>125.87</b>	<b>126.44</b>	<b>0.45</b>	<b>3.14</b>
0115	<b>Oils and fats</b>	3 469	<b>172.77</b>	<b>178.30</b>	<b>179.96</b>	<b>181.32</b>	<b>182.68</b>	<b>0.75</b>	<b>5.73</b>
0116	<b>Fruits &amp; nuts</b>	1445	<b>148.18</b>	<b>154.91</b>	<b>156.10</b>	<b>157.26</b>	<b>158.23</b>	<b>0.62</b>	<b>6.78</b>
0117	<b>Vegetables, root crops &amp; tubers</b>	4 533	<b>168.43</b>	<b>171.34</b>	<b>172.22</b>	<b>172.69</b>	<b>173.16</b>	<b>0.27</b>	<b>2.81</b>
0118	<b>Sugar, jam, honey &amp; sweets</b>	1 420	<b>201.38</b>	<b>205.79</b>	<b>206.03</b>	<b>206.35</b>	<b>206.49</b>	<b>0.07</b>	<b>2.54</b>
0119	<b>Other food products</b>	2 248	<b>127.20</b>	<b>130.71</b>	<b>130.89</b>	<b>131.23</b>	<b>131.63</b>	<b>0.31</b>	<b>3.48</b>
012	<b>Non-alcoholic beverages</b>	923	<b>119.12</b>	<b>121.32</b>	<b>121.92</b>	<b>121.95</b>	<b>122.03</b>	<b>0.07</b>	<b>2.44</b>
02	<b>Alcoholic beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics</b>	416	<b>108.40</b>	<b>109.27</b>	<b>109.58</b>	<b>109.91</b>	<b>109.92</b>	<b>0.01</b>	<b>1.40</b>
03	<b>Clothing, textiles and footwear</b>	6 911	<b>114.63</b>	<b>116.28</b>	<b>116.55</b>	<b>116.77</b>	<b>117.64</b>	<b>0.74</b>	<b>2.62</b>
031	<b>Clothing, Garments and Tailoring services</b>	5 434	<b>114.05</b>	<b>115.31</b>	<b>115.60</b>	<b>115.76</b>	<b>116.63</b>	<b>0.76</b>	<b>2.26</b>
032	<b>Footwear</b>	1 477	<b>116.76</b>	<b>119.83</b>	<b>120.04</b>	<b>120.51</b>	<b>121.33</b>	<b>0.68</b>	<b>3.91</b>
04	<b>Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels</b>	2 089	<b>130.03</b>	<b>134.20</b>	<b>134.70</b>	<b>144.26</b>	<b>146.85</b>	<b>1.80</b>	<b>12.94</b>
042	<b>Actual rent</b>	498	<b>121.02</b>	<b>123.26</b>	<b>123.51</b>	<b>124.01</b>	<b>124.35</b>	<b>0.27</b>	<b>2.75</b>
043	<b>Electricity, gas and other fuels</b>	1 431	<b>135.86</b>	<b>141.08</b>	<b>141.56</b>	<b>153.35</b>	<b>155.22</b>	<b>1.22</b>	<b>14.25</b>
05	<b>Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance</b>	3 215	<b>118.98</b>	<b>120.57</b>	<b>120.65</b>	<b>120.82</b>	<b>121.01</b>	<b>0.16</b>	<b>1.71</b>
06	<b>Health</b>	728	<b>101.93</b>	<b>102.19</b>	<b>102.19</b>	<b>102.31</b>	<b>102.36</b>	<b>0.04</b>	<b>0.42</b>
07	<b>Transport</b>	2 706	<b>154.59</b>	<b>162.56</b>	<b>163.74</b>	<b>164.42</b>	<b>165.87</b>	<b>0.88</b>	<b>7.30</b>
08	<b>Communication</b>	1 822	<b>102.59</b>	<b>102.82</b>	<b>102.86</b>	<b>102.88</b>	<b>103.07</b>	<b>0.19</b>	<b>0.47</b>
09	<b>Recreation and culture</b>	957	<b>108.56</b>	<b>110.28</b>	<b>110.46</b>	<b>110.49</b>	<b>110.59</b>	<b>0.09</b>	<b>1.87</b>
10	<b>Education</b>	918	<b>105.72</b>	<b>106.81</b>	<b>106.81</b>	<b>106.81</b>	<b>106.87</b>	<b>0.06</b>	<b>1.09</b>
11	<b>Restaurants and Hotels</b>	222	<b>135.56</b>	<b>140.63</b>	<b>140.92</b>	<b>141.83</b>	<b>142.27</b>	<b>0.31</b>	<b>4.95</b>
12	<b>Miscellaneous goods and services</b>	3 639	<b>143.09</b>	<b>147.25</b>	<b>147.88</b>	<b>148.37</b>	<b>148.67</b>	<b>0.21</b>	<b>3.90</b>
	<b>12 MONTH MOVING AVERAGE</b>		<b>131.51</b>	<b>135.55</b>	<b>136.02</b>	<b>139.29</b>	<b>136.99</b>	<b>0.35</b>	<b>4.16</b>
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	<b>FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES</b>		<b>144.58</b>	<b>149.20</b>	<b>150.15</b>	<b>124.06</b>	<b>151.68</b>	<b>0.51</b>	<b>4.91</b>
	<b>NON-FOOD PRODUCTS AND SERVICES</b>		<b>120.44</b>	<b>122.81</b>	<b>123.09</b>	<b>136.51</b>	<b>124.48</b>	<b>0.34</b>	<b>3.35</b>

Inflation on year-on-year basis for August 2012 is 4.23 percent which is lower than the previous month (July 2012) by 0.19 percent. However, even though, the August inflationary pressure shows a decrease, there is an increase in cost of food, 'Clothing, textiles and footwear', 'electricity, gas and other fuel', transport, 'restaurants and hotels' and miscellaneous goods and services which increased by 4.96, 2.26, 12.94, 7.30, 4.95 and 3.99 percent respectively. For the food inflation, 'Bread & Cereals', 'Meat', 'oil and fats', 'Fruits and nuts' and 'Fish and fish products' registered increases during the month under reviewed.

For the Non-Food items, the major increases were recorded by 'electricity, gas and other fuel'. There were also some increases within the 'Transport,' Restaurants and Hotels' and miscellaneous goods and service. The rise in the 'electricity, gas and other fuel' index is due to the recent increase of both electricity and water charges by NAWEC.

During the months of July 2012 to August 2012, the 'Bread and Cereals' show the highest increase of 0.78, followed by 'Oils fats' with 0.75 percent increase, whilst the 'Fruits and nuts' sub-group went up by 0.62 percent. 'Meat' registered an increase of 0.52 percent as well.

Using the 12 months-moving-average measure, inflation rate is about 3.8 percent compared to the 3.8 percent that was recorded for July 2012, hence showing the same inflationary pressure during the months, August 2012 compared to July 2012. However, despite this general trend 'Bread and Cereals' and 'Oils and Fats' continue to show increase 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
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	4.3	4.4
2012	4.3	3.8	3.9	3.8	4.1	4.2	4.4	4.2				

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

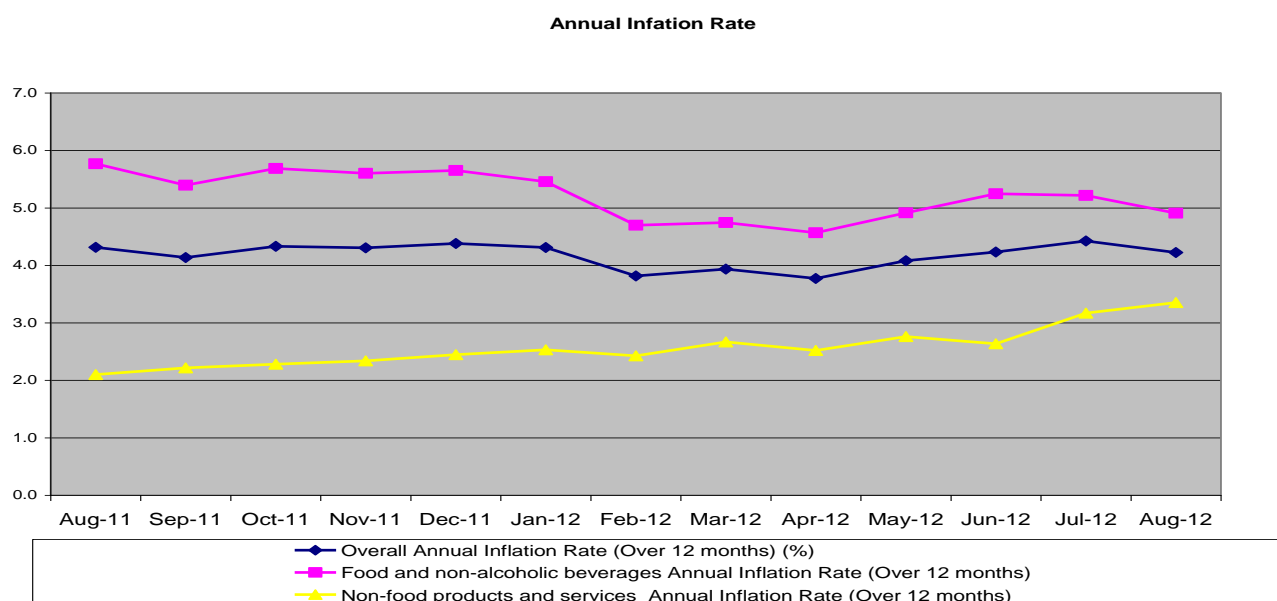
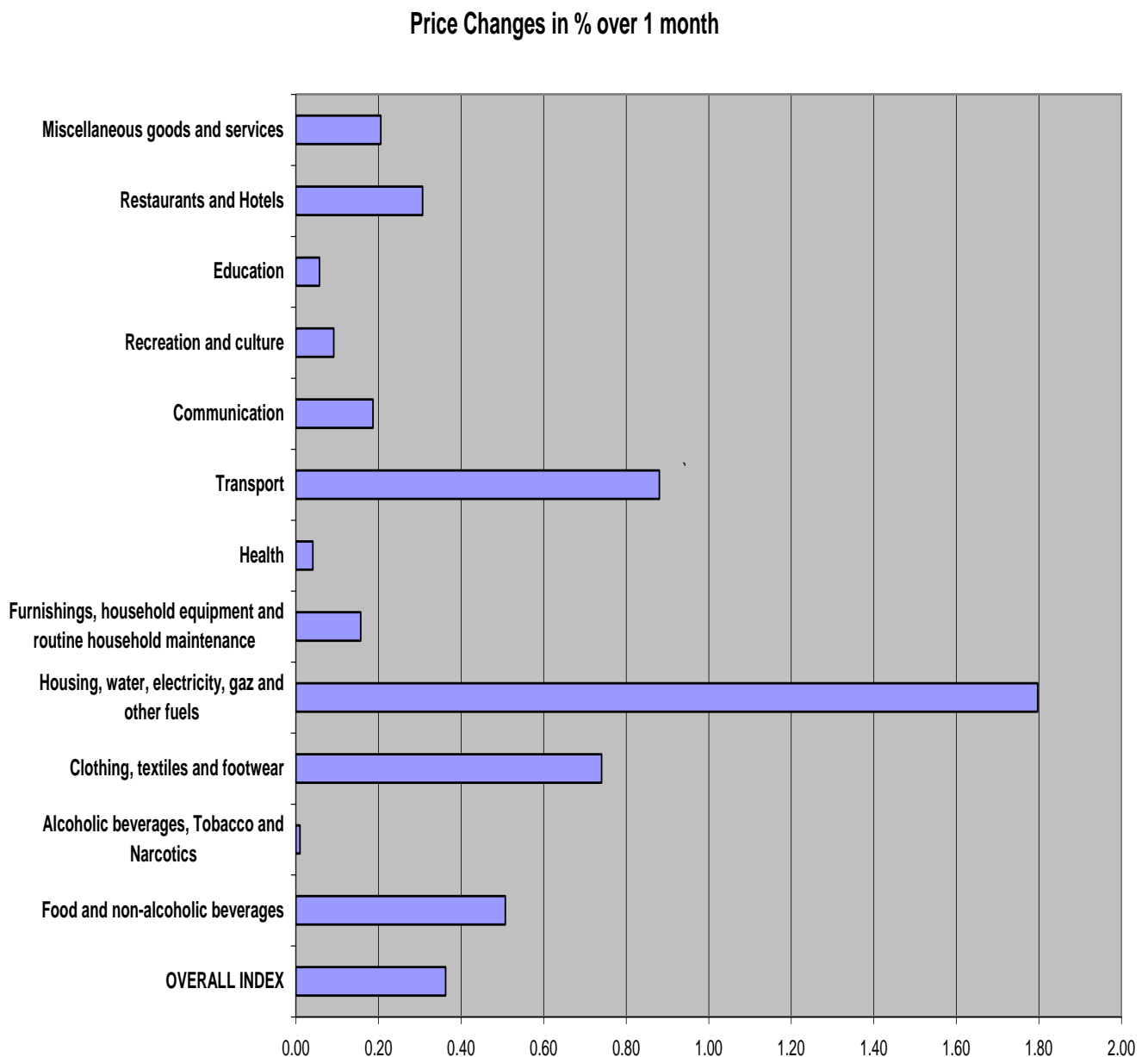


Figure 2.

Monthly changes – Comparison with the previous month: July 2012 to August 2012



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