



REPUBLIC OF THE GAMBIA

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

| | ALL ITEMS(NEW SERIES; 2004=100) | Weights | Feb-11 | Nov-11 | Dec-11 | Jan-12 | Feb-12 | Changes in % over | |
|------|--|---------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|----------------|
| | | | | | | | | 1 month | Over 12 Months |
| | OVERALL INDEX | 61841 | 131.54 | 135.51 | 136.03 | 136.28 | 136.56 | 0.20 | 3.82 |
| 01 | Food and non-alcoholic beverages | 33837 | 141.09 | 146.40 | 147.10 | 147.39 | 147.72 | 0.23 | 4.70 |
| 011 | Food | 32 914 | 141.77 | 147.14 | 147.85 | 148.14 | 148.49 | 0.23 | 4.74 |
| 0111 | Bread & Cereals | 7 891 | 136.70 | 141.28 | 142.40 | 142.93 | 143.41 | 0.33 | 4.90 |
| 0112 | Meat | 8 217 | 128.42 | 133.95 | 134.55 | 134.83 | 135.16 | 0.25 | 5.25 |
| 0113 | Fish | 2 226 | 120.44 | 123.95 | 124.05 | 124.34 | 124.60 | 0.21 | 3.45 |
| 0114 | Milk, Cheese and Eggs | 1 462 | 121.00 | 123.10 | 123.37 | 123.56 | 123.84 | 0.22 | 2.35 |
| 0115 | Oils and fats | 3 469 | 168.38 | 174.18 | 175.57 | 175.96 | 176.28 | 0.18 | 4.69 |
| 0116 | Fruits & nuts | 1445 | 144.84 | 152.20 | 152.72 | 152.94 | 153.35 | 0.27 | 5.88 |
| 0117 | Vegetables, root crops & tubers | 4 533 | 164.32 | 169.74 | 170.03 | 170.19 | 170.42 | 0.14 | 3.71 |
| 0118 | Sugar, jam, honey & sweets | 1 420 | 191.04 | 203.29 | 203.91 | 204.16 | 204.76 | 0.29 | 7.18 |
| 0119 | Other food products | 2 248 | 123.50 | 128.80 | 129.42 | 129.44 | 129.50 | 0.05 | 4.86 |
| 012 | Non-alcoholic beverages | 923 | 117.08 | 119.95 | 120.02 | 120.24 | 120.50 | 0.21 | 2.92 |
| 02 | Alcoholic beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics | 416 | 107.86 | 108.61 | 108.70 | 108.86 | 108.96 | 0.09 | 1.02 |
| 03 | Clothing, textiles and footwear | 6 911 | 114.01 | 115.34 | 115.39 | 115.60 | 115.68 | 0.07 | 1.47 |
| 031 | Clothing, Garments and Tailoring services | 5 434 | 113.53 | 114.50 | 114.56 | 114.74 | 114.84 | 0.09 | 1.16 |
| 032 | Footwear | 1 477 | 115.78 | 118.43 | 118.43 | 118.76 | 118.76 | 0.00 | 2.58 |
| 04 | Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels | 2 089 | 127.92 | 131.78 | 132.16 | 132.65 | 132.97 | 0.24 | 3.95 |
| 042 | Actual rent | 498 | 120.54 | 121.79 | 121.90 | 121.95 | 122.13 | 0.15 | 1.33 |
| 043 | Electricity, gas and other fuels | 1 431 | 132.96 | 138.14 | 138.67 | 139.35 | 139.73 | 0.28 | 5.09 |
| 05 | Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance | 3 215 | 118.12 | 119.63 | 119.82 | 120.12 | 120.22 | 0.08 | 1.77 |
| 06 | Health | 728 | 101.93 | 101.93 | 101.93 | 101.93 | 101.93 | 0.01 | 0.00 |
| 07 | Transport | 2 706 | 153.01 | 156.54 | 158.02 | 158.38 | 159.08 | 0.45 | 3.97 |
| 08 | Communication | 1 822 | 102.57 | 102.63 | 102.66 | 102.66 | 102.73 | 0.07 | 0.16 |
| 09 | Recreation and culture | 957 | 107.55 | 109.16 | 109.28 | 109.31 | 109.50 | 0.18 | 1.81 |
| 10 | Education | 918 | 105.72 | 106.13 | 106.13 | 106.13 | 106.14 | 0.01 | 0.39 |
| 11 | Restaurants and Hotels | 222 | 131.99 | 137.18 | 138.19 | 138.30 | 138.63 | 0.23 | 5.03 |
| 12 | Miscellaneous goods and services | 3 639 | 137.26 | 144.48 | 145.00 | 145.20 | 145.59 | 0.27 | 6.07 |
| | 12 MONTH MOVING AVERAGE | | 128.35 | 132.89 | 133.37 | 133.84 | 134.26 | 0.31 | 4.60 |
| | OVERALL INDEX | | 131.54 | 135.51 | 136.03 | 136.28 | 136.56 | 0.20 | 3.82 |
| | FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES | | 141.09 | 146.40 | 147.10 | 147.39 | 147.72 | 0.23 | 4.70 |
| | NON-FOOD PRODUCTS AND SERVICES | | 119.06 | 121.29 | 121.57 | 121.75 | 121.95 | 0.16 | 2.43 |

In February 2012, the overall consumer Price Index was 136.56, a 0.20 percent increase over the January 2012 overall index of 136.28.

On an annual basis the overall index increased by 3.82 percent from February 2011 to February 2012

Food and non Alcoholic Beverages increased by 4.70 whilst Non Food products and Services rose only by 2.43 percent.

From February 2011 to February 2012, within the Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages, *Bread and Cereal* increased by 4.90 percent, *Oils and Fats* 4.69 percent, *Meat* 5.25 percent, '*Sugar, jam, honey & sweets*' 7.18 percent, *Fruits and nuts* 5.88 percent and *Other food products* 4.86 percent

For the Non Food items, the major increases were recorded by '*electricity, gas and other fuel*' and '*Hotel and Restaurants*' which rose by 5.09 percent and 5.03 percent respectively. Other contributors to the increase were the '*Transport*' '*Recreation and culture*', and '*miscellaneous goods and services*' sub groups.

During the months of January 2012 to February 2012, '*Bread and Cereals*' show the highest increase of 0.33 followed by '*Sugar, jam, honey and Sweets*' with 0.29 percent increase, 'whilst '*Meat*' sub-group went up by 0.25 percent. '*Fruits and Nuts*' registered an increase of 0.27 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 |
|------|-----|-----|-------|-------|-----|-----|------|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|
| 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 | | | | | | | | | | |

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

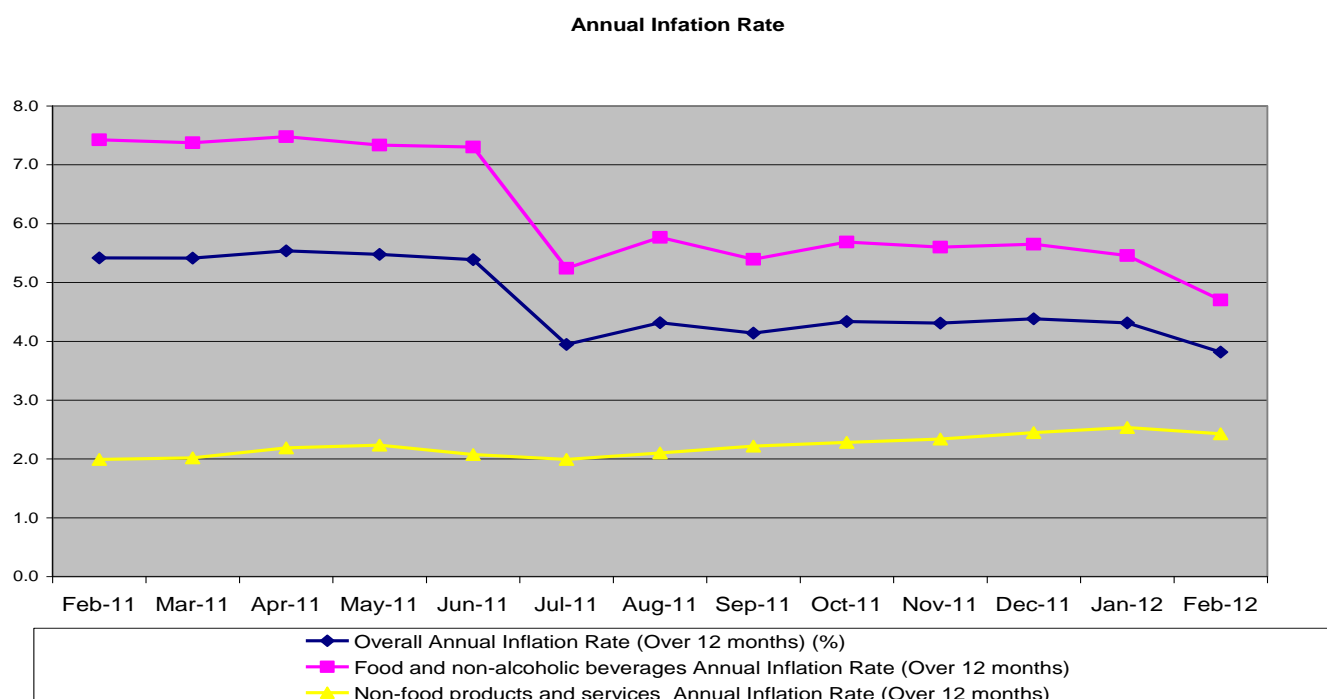
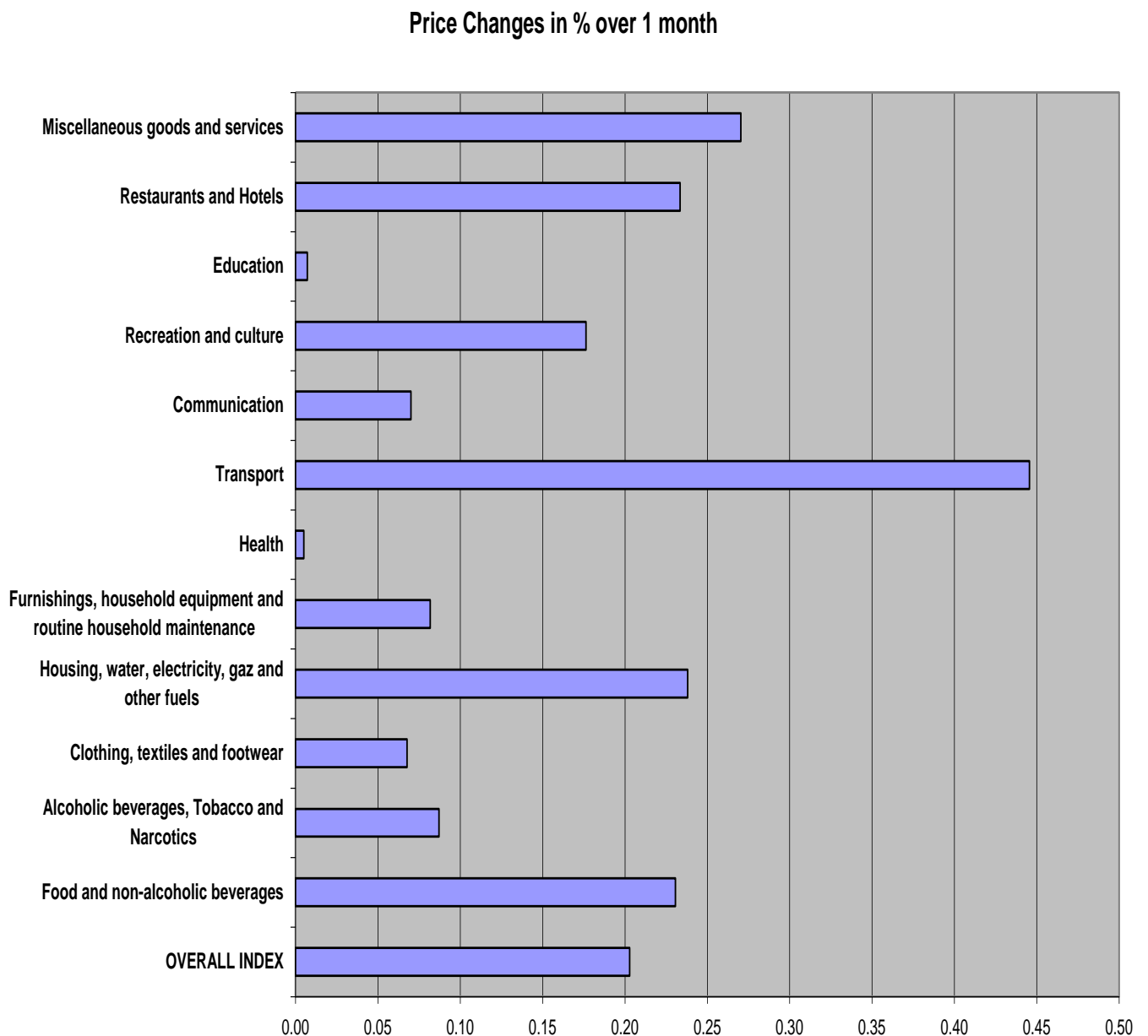


Figure 2.

Monthly changes – Comparison with the previous month: January 2012 to February 2012



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