



THE GAMBIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) JANUARY 2012



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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	Jan-11	Oct-11	Nov-11	Dec-11	Jan-12	Changes in % over	
								1 month	Over 12 Months
	OVERALL INDEX	61841	130.65	135.21	135.51	136.03	136.28	0.19	4.38
01	Food and non-alcoholic beverages	33837	139.76	146.02	146.40	147.10	147.39	0.20	5.65
011	Food	32 914	140.40	146.75	147.14	147.85	148.14	0.20	5.71
0111	Bread & Cereals	7 891	135.98	140.80	141.28	142.40	142.93	0.37	5.11
0112	Meat	8 217	128.41	133.43	133.95	134.55	134.83	0.20	4.99
0113	Fish	2 226	120.35	123.39	123.95	124.05	124.34	0.23	3.32
0114	Milk, Cheese and Eggs	1 462	120.45	123.06	123.10	123.37	123.56	0.16	2.58
0115	Oils and fats	3 469	163.60	173.98	174.18	175.57	175.96	0.22	7.56
0116	Fruits & nuts	1445	144.44	151.57	152.20	152.72	152.94	0.14	5.88
0117	Vegetables, root crops & tubers	4 533	160.85	169.53	169.74	170.03	170.19	0.09	5.80
0118	Sugar, jam, honey & sweets	1 420	190.96	202.76	203.29	203.91	204.16	0.13	6.92
0119	Other food products	2 248	121.22	128.47	128.80	129.42	129.44	0.01	6.78
012	Non-alcoholic beverages	923	116.76	119.80	119.95	120.02	120.24	0.18	2.98
02	Alcoholic beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	416	107.79	108.59	108.61	108.70	108.86	0.15	0.99
03	Clothing, textiles and footwear	6 911	113.97	115.21	115.34	115.39	115.60	0.19	1.43
031	Clothing, Garments and Tailoring services	5 434	113.49	114.47	114.50	114.56	114.74	0.16	1.10
032	Footwear	1 477	115.75	117.92	118.43	118.43	118.76	0.28	2.61
04	Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	2 089	126.43	131.63	131.78	132.16	132.65	0.37	4.92
042	Actual rent	498	120.54	121.67	121.79	121.90	121.95	0.04	1.17
043	Electricity, gas and other fuels	1 431	130.79	137.97	138.14	138.67	139.35	0.49	6.55
05	Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	3 215	118.10	119.53	119.63	119.82	120.12	0.25	1.71
06	Health	728	101.93	101.93	101.93	101.93	101.93	0.00	0.00
07	Transport	2 706	149.20	156.20	156.54	158.02	158.38	0.23	6.15
08	Communication	1 822	102.57	102.63	102.63	102.66	102.66	0.00	0.09
09	Recreation and culture	957	107.03	108.82	109.16	109.28	109.31	0.03	2.13
10	Education	918	105.72	106.13	106.13	106.13	106.13	0.00	0.38
11	Restaurants and Hotels	222	130.66	136.90	137.18	138.19	138.30	0.08	5.85
12	Miscellaneous goods and services	3 639	137.25	143.97	144.48	145.00	145.20	0.14	5.79
	12 MONTH MOVING AVERAGE		127.78	132.43	132.89	133.37	133.84	0.36	4.74
	OVERALL INDEX		130.65	135.21	135.51	136.03	136.28	0.19	4.31
	FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES		139.76	146.02	146.40	147.10	147.39	0.20	5.46
	NON-FOOD PRODUCTS AND SERVICES		118.75	121.10	121.29	121.57	121.75	0.15	2.53

The January inflation rate as measured on year on year basis, that is between January 2011 and January 2012 went up by 4.3 percent showing an Overall Index increase from 130.65 to 136.28.

Some prices for both food and non-food items had gone up. Food and non Alcoholic Beverages increased by 5.46 whilst Non Food products and Services rose only by 2.53 percent.

From January 2011 to January 2012, within the Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages, *Bread and Cereal* increased by 5.11 percent, *Oils and Fats* 7.56 percent, *Vegetables, root crops and tubers* 5.80 percent, *'Sugar, jam, honey & sweets'* 6.92 percent, *Other food products* 6.78 percent.

For the Non Food items, the major increases were recorded by *'electricity, gas and other fuel'* and *'Transport'* which rose by 6.55 percent and 6.15 percent respectively. Other contributors to the increase were the *'Footwear', 'Hotel and Restaurants',* and *'miscellaneous goods and services'* sub groups.

Using the 12 months-moving-average measure, inflation rate is about 4.3 percent compared to the 4.4 percent that was recorded for December 2011, hence the inflationary pressure de-accelerated during the months, December 2011 to January 2012. However, despite this general trend *'Bread and Cereals,' 'meat', 'Oil and Fats'* and *'Other Food products'* 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
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											

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

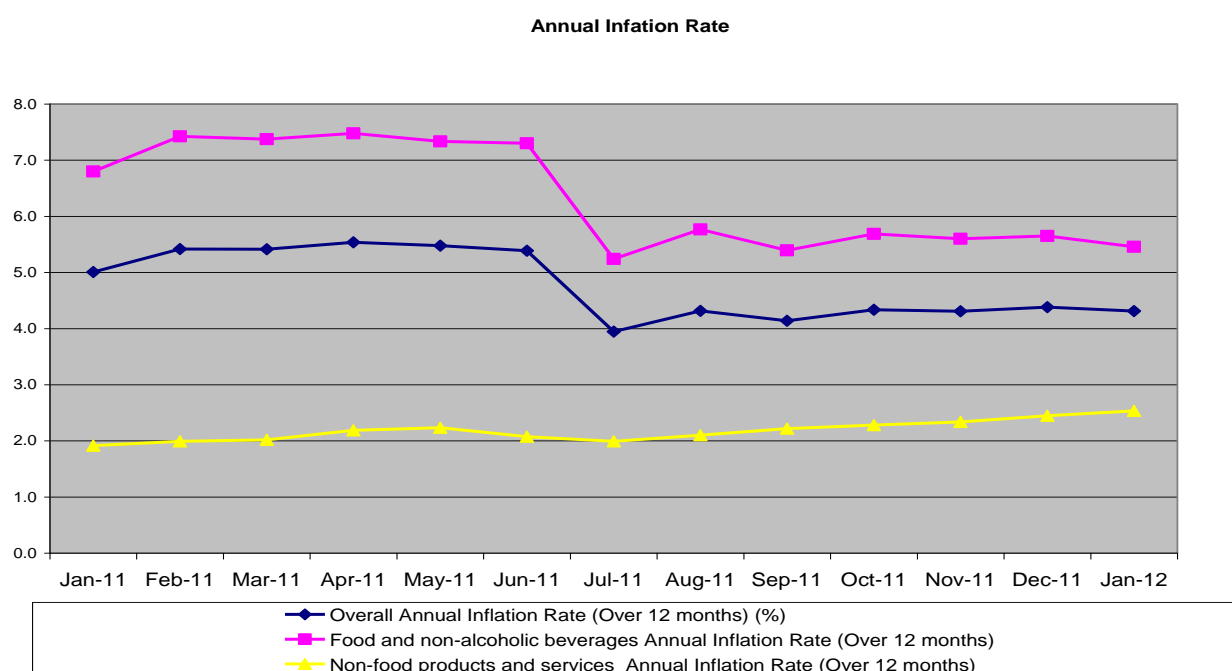
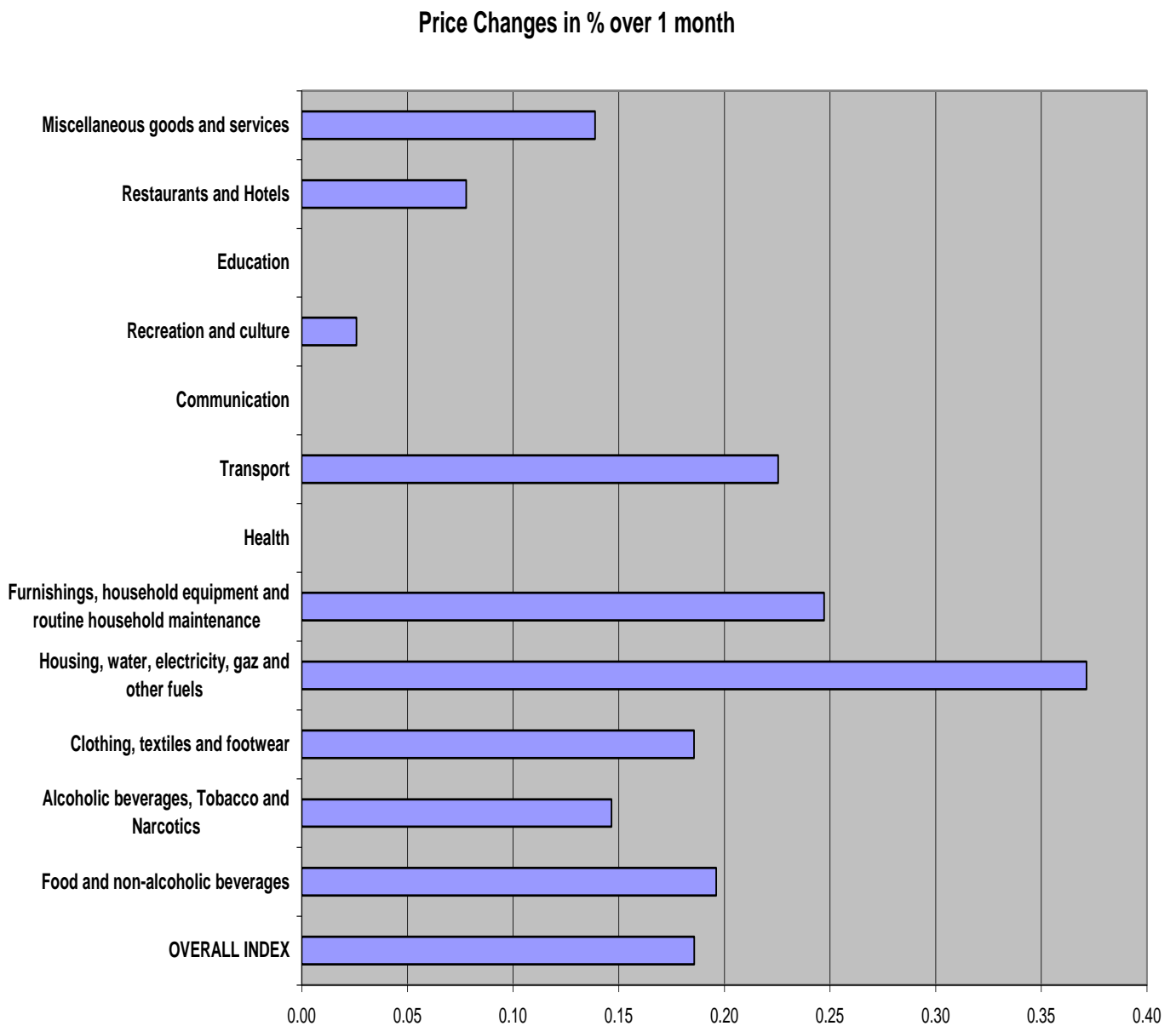


Figure 2.

Monthly changes – Comparison with the previous month: November 2011 to December 2011



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