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THE GAMBIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) JULY 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	Jul-11	Apr-12	May-12	Jun-12	Jul-12	Changes in % over	
								1 month	Over 12 Months
	OVERALL INDEX	61841	133.39	137.23	137.78	138.43	139.29	0.61	4.42
01	Food and non-alcoholic beverages	33837	143.43	148.51	149.20	150.15	150.91	0.51	5.22
011	Food	32 914	144.13	149.28	149.98	150.94	151.72	0.52	5.27
0111	Bread & Cereals	7 891	138.44	144.54	145.28	146.46	147.60	0.78	6.62
0112	Meat	8 217	129.89	135.95	136.79	137.59	138.32	0.53	6.50
0113	Fish	2 226	121.23	125.20	125.36	126.22	126.65	0.34	4.48
0114	Milk, Cheese and Eggs	1 462	121.99	124.55	124.74	125.86	125.87	0.01	3.18
0115	Oils and fats	3 469	171.34	177.24	178.30	179.96	181.32	0.75	5.82
0116	Fruits & nuts	1445	147.79	154.43	154.91	156.10	157.26	0.74	6.41
0117	Vegetables, root crops & tubers	4 533	167.32	170.71	171.34	172.22	172.69	0.27	3.21
0118	Sugar, jam, honey & sweets	1 420	200.31	205.03	205.79	206.03	206.35	0.16	3.02
0119	Other food products	2 248	126.79	130.11	130.71	130.89	131.23	0.26	3.50
012	Non-alcoholic beverages	923	118.30	120.99	121.32	121.92	121.95	0.03	3.08
02	Alcoholic beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	416	108.14	109.18	109.27	109.58	109.91	0.29	1.63
03	Clothing, textiles and footwear	6 911	114.49	115.96	116.28	116.55	116.77	0.19	2.00
031	Clothing, Garments and Tailoring services	5 434	113.98	115.03	115.31	115.60	115.76	0.14	1.55
032	Footwear	1 477	116.34	119.40	119.83	120.04	120.51	0.39	3.59
04	Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	2 089	129.51	133.96	134.20	134.70	144.26	7.10	11.39
042	Actual rent	498	120.80	122.55	123.26	123.51	124.01	0.40	2.66
043	Electricity, gas and other fuels	1 431	135.19	140.98	141.08	141.56	153.35	8.33	13.44
05	Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	3 215	118.80	120.49	120.57	120.65	120.82	0.14	1.70
06	Health	728	101.93	102.19	102.19	102.19	102.31	0.13	0.38
07	Transport	2 706	154.59	161.10	162.56	163.74	164.42	0.42	6.36
08	Communication	1 822	102.59	102.77	102.82	102.86	102.88	0.02	0.28
09	Recreation and culture	957	107.88	109.96	110.28	110.46	110.49	0.03	2.42
10	Education	918	105.72	106.41	106.81	106.81	106.81	0.00	1.03
11	Restaurants and Hotels	222	134.52	140.00	140.63	140.92	141.83	0.65	5.44
12	Miscellaneous goods and services	3 639	142.58	146.61	147.25	147.88	148.37	0.33	4.06
	12 MONTH MOVING AVERAGE		131.05	135.10	135.55	136.02	139.29	0.36	4.17
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	FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES		143.43	148.51	149.20	150.15	124.06	0.51	5.22
	NON-FOOD PRODUCTS AND SERVICES		120.25	122.44	122.81	123.09	136.51	0.79	3.17

Inflation on year-on-year basis for July 2012 is 4.42 percent which is higher than the previous month (June 2012) by 0.19 percent. The July inflation is explained by increases in cost of food, electricity, gas and other fuel, transport, restaurants and hotels and miscellaneous goods and services which increased by 5.22, 11.39, 6.36, 5.44 and 4.06 percent respectively. For the food inflation, 'Bread & Cereals', 'Meat', 'oil and fats', 'Fruits and nuts' and 'Fish and fish products' were the main contributors to the increase.

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 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 June 2012 to July 2012, for the food items, '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 0.74 percent. 'Meat' registered an increase of 0.53 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 June 2012, hence showing the same inflationary pressure during the months, July 2012 compared to June 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					

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

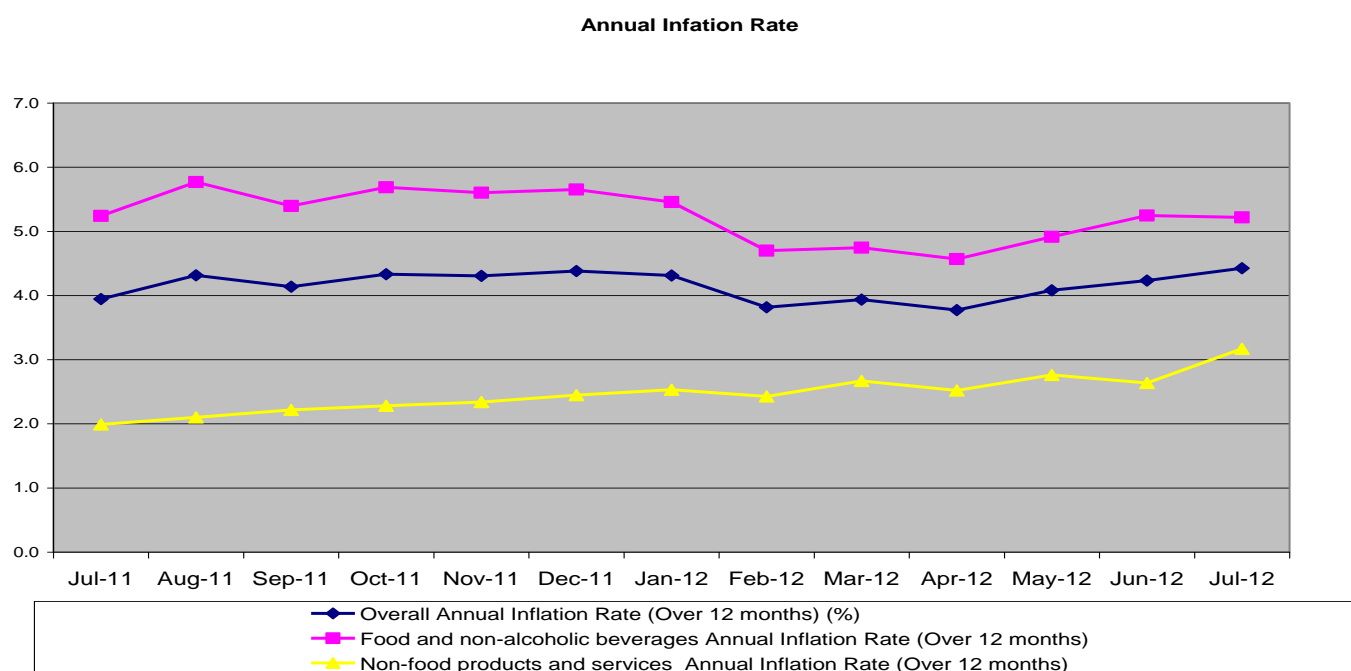
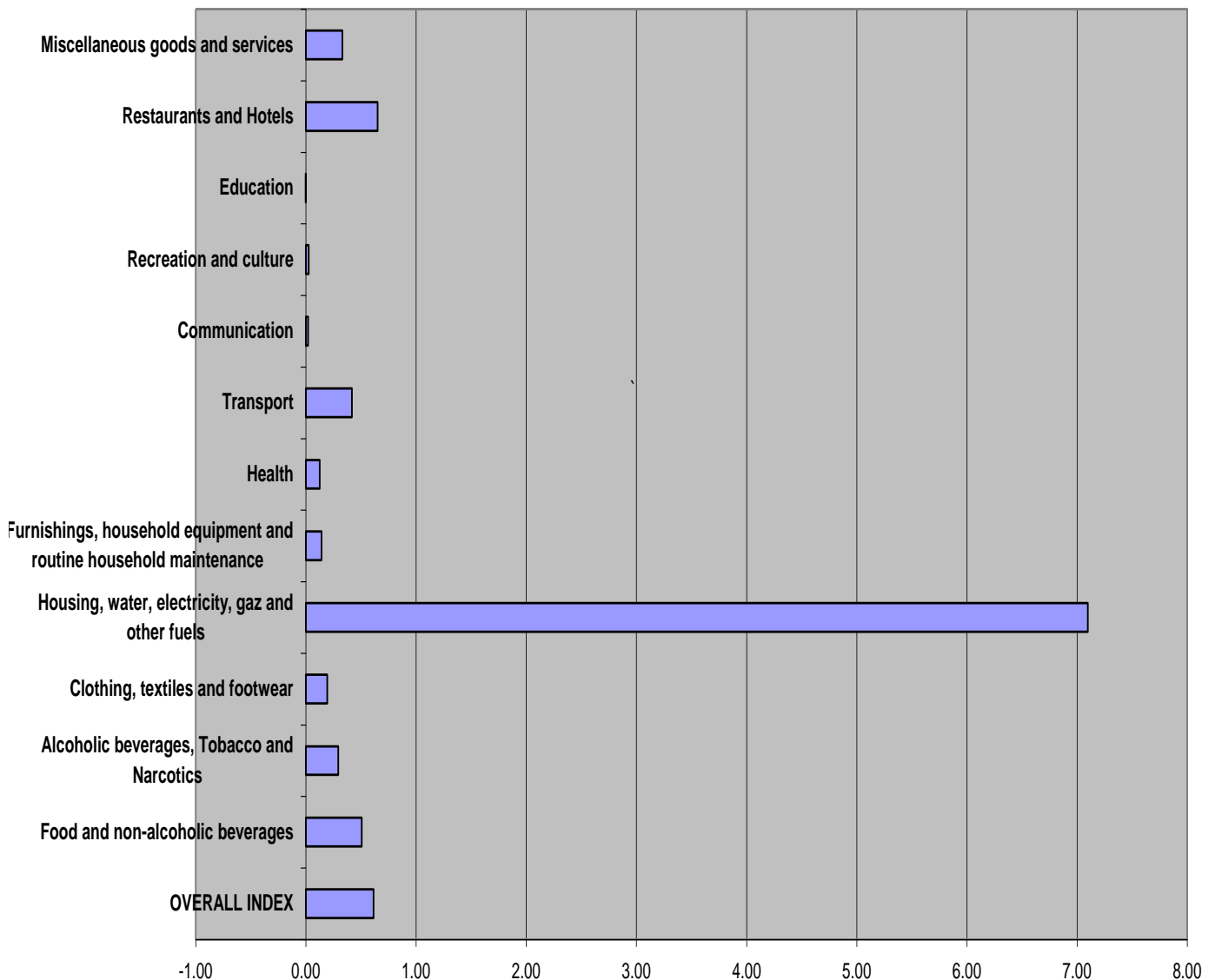


Figure 2.

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

Price Changes in % over 1 month



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