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THE GAMBIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) MARCH 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	Mar-11	Dec-11	Jan-12	Feb-12	Mar-12	Changes in % over	
								1 month	Over 12 Months
	OVERALL INDEX	61841	131.85	136.03	136.28	136.56	137.04	0.35	3.94
01	Food and non-alcoholic beverages	33837	141.56	147.10	147.39	147.72	148.28	0.38	4.75
011	Food	32 914	142.24	147.85	148.14	148.49	149.04	0.37	4.78
0111	Bread & Cereals	7 891	136.88	142.40	142.93	143.41	144.28	0.61	5.41
0112	Meat	8 217	128.56	134.55	134.83	135.16	135.58	0.31	5.46
0113	Fish	2 226	120.56	124.05	124.34	124.60	124.91	0.25	3.60
0114	Milk, Cheese and Eggs	1 462	121.33	123.37	123.56	123.84	124.12	0.23	2.30
0115	Oils and fats	3 469	169.32	175.57	175.96	176.28	176.97	0.39	4.52
0116	Fruits & nuts	1445	145.57	152.72	152.94	153.35	154.06	0.46	5.83
0117	Vegetables, root crops & tubers	4 533	165.62	170.03	170.19	170.42	170.84	0.25	3.15
0118	Sugar, jam, honey & sweets	1 420	191.16	203.91	204.16	204.76	204.98	0.11	7.23
0119	Other food products	2 248	124.34	129.42	129.44	129.50	129.93	0.33	4.49
012	Non-alcoholic beverages	923	117.14	120.02	120.24	120.50	120.97	0.39	3.27
02	Alcoholic beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	416	107.86	108.70	108.86	108.96	109.08	0.11	1.13
03	Clothing, textiles and footwear	6 911	114.01	115.39	115.60	115.68	115.85	0.15	1.62
031	Clothing, Garments and Tailoring services	5 434	113.53	114.56	114.74	114.84	114.93	0.07	1.23
032	Footwear	1 477	115.78	118.43	118.76	118.76	119.26	0.42	3.01
04	Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	2 089	128.16	132.16	132.65	132.97	133.75	0.59	4.36
042	Actual rent	498	120.54	121.90	121.95	122.13	122.43	0.25	1.57
043	Electricity, gas and other fuels	1 431	133.31	138.67	139.35	139.73	140.73	0.71	5.56
05	Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	3 215	118.25	119.82	120.12	120.22	120.32	0.09	1.76
06	Health	728	101.93	101.93	101.93	101.93	102.19	0.25	0.25
07	Transport	2 706	153.66	158.02	158.38	159.08	160.34	0.79	4.35
08	Communication	1 822	102.59	102.66	102.66	102.73	102.75	0.02	0.16
09	Recreation and culture	957	107.56	109.28	109.31	109.50	109.83	0.29	2.11
10	Education	918	105.72	106.13	106.13	106.14	106.41	0.26	0.65
11	Restaurants and Hotels	222	132.03	138.19	138.30	138.63	139.48	0.62	5.64
12	Miscellaneous goods and services	3 639	137.41	145.00	145.20	145.59	146.30	0.48	6.47
	12 MONTH MOVING AVERAGE		128.91	133.37	133.84	134.26	134.69	0.32	4.48
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	FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES		141.56	147.10	147.39	147.72	148.28	0.38	4.75
	NON-FOOD PRODUCTS AND SERVICES		119.14	121.57	121.75	121.95	122.32	0.31	2.67

In March 2012, the overall consumer Price Index was 137.04, a 0.35 percent increase over the February 2012 overall index of 136.56.

On an annual basis the overall index increased by 3.94 percent from March 2011 to March 2012

Food and non Alcoholic Beverages increased by 4.75 whilst Non Food products and Services rose only by 2.67 percent.

From March 2011 to March 2012, within the Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages, *Bread and Cereal* increased by 5.41 percent, *Fish* 3.60 percent, *Milk, Cheese and Eggs* 2.30 percent, *'Fruits and nuts'* 5.83 percent, *Vegetables, root crops & tubers* 3.15 percent and *Sugar, jam, honey & sweets* 7.23 percent

For the Non Food items, the major increases were recorded by *'electricity, gas and other fuel'* and *'miscellaneous goods and service'* which rose by 5.56 percent and 6.47 percent respectively. Other contributors to the increase were the *'Foot wear'*, *'Transport'*, *Restaurants and Hotels*, and *'Recreation and culture'*, sub groups.

During the months of February 2012 to March 2012, *'Bread and Cereals'* show the highest increase of 0.61 followed by *'Fruits & nuts'* with 0.46 percent increase, whilst *'Non-alcoholic beverages'* sub-group went up by 0.39 percent. *'Oils and fats'* registered an increase of 0.39 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	3.9									

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

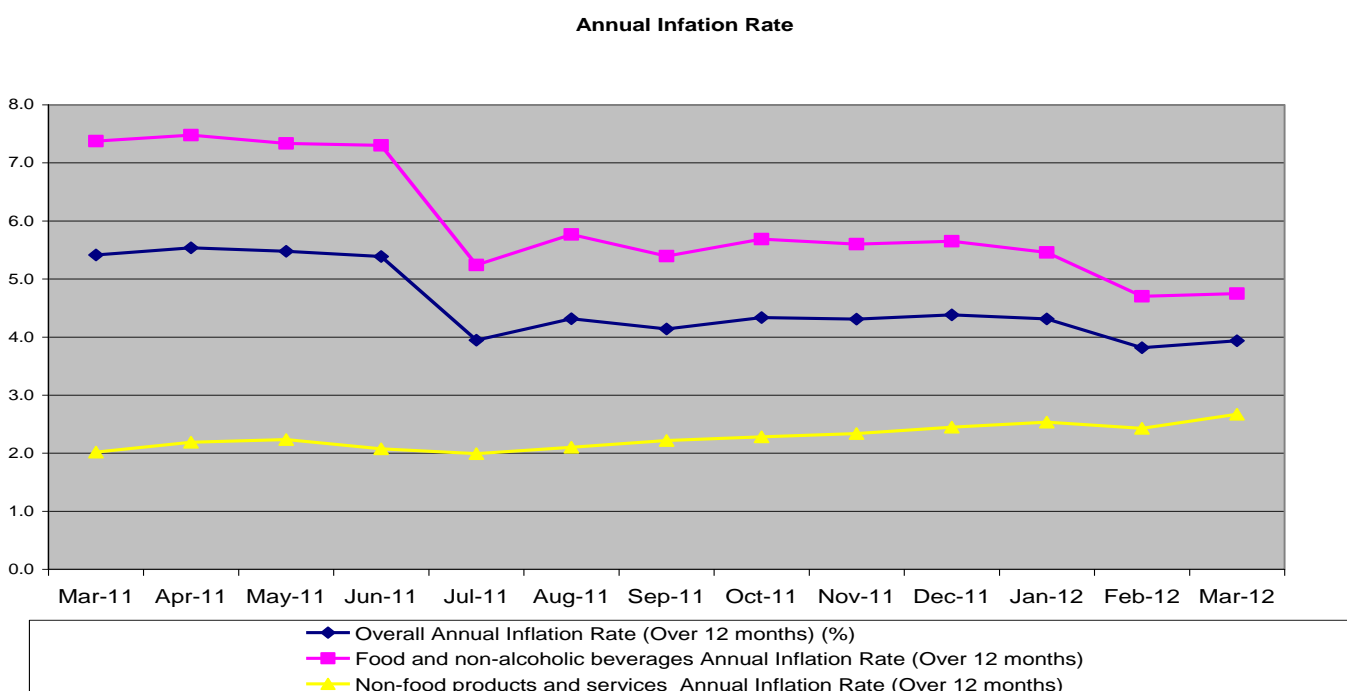
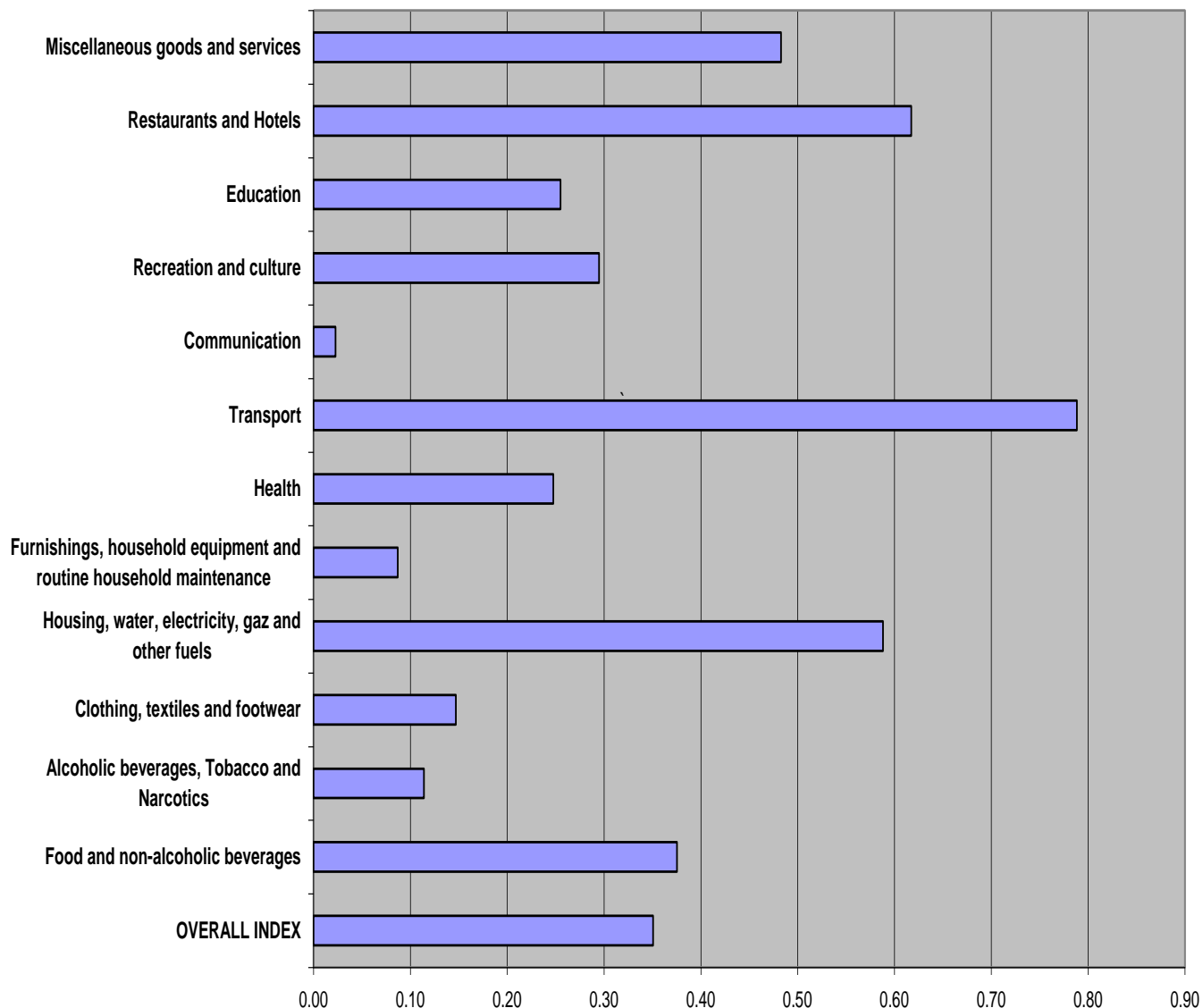


Figure 2.

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

Price Changes in % over 1 month



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