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THE GAMBIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) MAY 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	May-11	Feb-12	Mar-12	Apr-12	May-12	Changes in % over	
								1 month	Over 12 Months
	OVERALL INDEX	61841	137.82	136.56	137.04	137.23	137.78	0.40	4.08
01	Food and non-alcoholic beverages	33837	128.96	147.72	148.28	148.51	149.20	0.46	4.92
011	Food	32 914	120.92	148.49	149.04	149.28	149.98	0.47	4.95
0111	Bread & Cereals	7 891	121.81	143.41	144.28	144.54	145.28	0.51	5.41
0112	Meat	8 217	170.02	135.16	135.58	135.95	136.79	0.62	6.08
0113	Fish	2 226	146.41	124.60	124.91	125.20	125.36	0.13	3.67
0114	Milk, Cheese and Eggs	1 462	166.25	123.84	124.12	124.55	124.74	0.15	2.40
0115	Oils and fats	3 469	191.57	176.28	176.97	177.24	178.30	0.60	4.87
0116	Fruits & nuts	1445	125.42	153.35	154.06	154.43	154.91	0.31	5.81
0117	Vegetables, root crops & tubers	4 533	117.49	170.42	170.84	170.71	171.34	0.37	3.07
0118	Sugar, jam, honey & sweets	1 420	107.88	204.76	204.98	205.03	205.79	0.37	7.42
0119	Other food products	2 248	114.12	129.50	129.93	130.11	130.71	0.46	4.22
012	Non-alcoholic beverages	923	113.64	120.50	120.97	120.99	121.32	0.28	3.26
02	Alcoholic beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	416	115.90	108.96	109.08	109.18	109.27	0.08	1.29
03	Clothing, textiles and footwear	6 911	128.92	115.68	115.85	115.96	116.28	0.27	1.89
031	Clothing, Garments and Tailoring services	5 434	120.65	114.84	114.93	115.03	115.31	0.24	1.47
032	Footwear	1 477	134.38	118.76	119.26	119.40	119.83	0.36	3.39
04	Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	2 089	118.60	132.97	133.75	133.96	134.20	0.18	4.10
042	Actual rent	498	101.93	122.13	122.43	122.55	123.26	0.58	2.17
043	Electricity, gas and other fuels	1 431	154.55	139.73	140.73	140.98	141.08	0.08	4.99
05	Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	3 215	102.59	120.22	120.32	120.49	120.57	0.06	1.66
06	Health	728	107.78	101.93	102.19	102.19	102.19	0.00	0.25
07	Transport	2 706	105.72	159.08	160.34	161.10	162.56	0.91	5.19
08	Communication	1 822	133.07	102.73	102.75	102.77	102.82	0.04	0.22
09	Recreation and culture	957	138.67	109.50	109.83	109.96	110.28	0.29	2.31
10	Education	918	119.51	106.14	106.41	106.41	106.81	0.38	1.03
11	Restaurants and Hotels	222	137.82	138.63	139.48	140.00	140.63	0.45	5.69
12	Miscellaneous goods and services	3 639	128.96	145.59	146.30	146.61	147.25	0.44	6.19
	12 MONTH MOVING AVERAGE		130.06	134.26	134.69	135.10	135.55	0.33	4.22
	OVERALL INDEX		132.37	136.56	137.04	137.23	137.78	0.40	4.08
	FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES		142.21	147.72	148.28	148.51	149.20	0.46	4.92
	NON-FOOD PRODUCTS AND SERVICES		119.51	121.95	122.32	122.44	122.81	0.30	2.76

Inflation on year-on-year basis for May 2012 is 4.08 percent which is higher than the previous month (April 2012) by 0.31 percent. The May 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 4.95, 4.99, 5.19, 5.69 and 6.19 percent respectively. For the food inflation, 'Bread & Cereals', 'Meat', 'oil and fats', 'Fruits and nuts', 'sugar, jam honey and sweets' were the main contributors to the increase.

For the Non-Food items, the major increases were recorded by 'electricity, gas and other fuel', 'Transport,' 'Restaurants' and 'miscellaneous goods and service'. There were also some increases within the 'Foot wear' and 'Recreation and culture', sub groups.

During the months of April 2012 to May 2012, for the food items, 'Meat' show the highest increase of 0.62, followed by 'Oils and fats' with 0.60 percent increase, 'whilst the 'Bread and Cereals' sub-group went up by 0.51 percent. 'Other food products' registered an increase of 0.46 percent as well.

Using the 12 months-moving-average measure, inflation rate is about 3.8 percent compared to the 3.9 percent that was recorded for April 2012, hence inflationary pressure has reduced by 0.1 percent during the months, May 2012 compares to April 2012. However, despite this general trend 'Meat and Oils and Fats' continue shows increase during the last 12 months.

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							

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

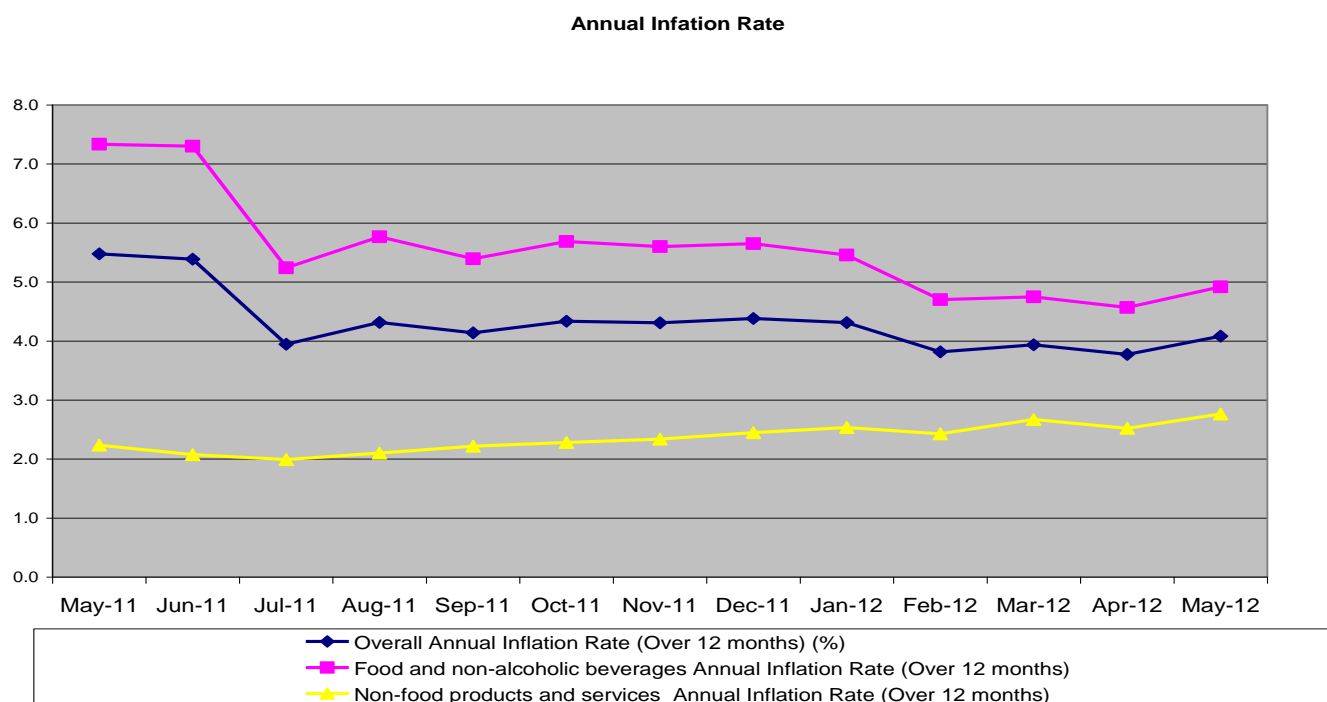
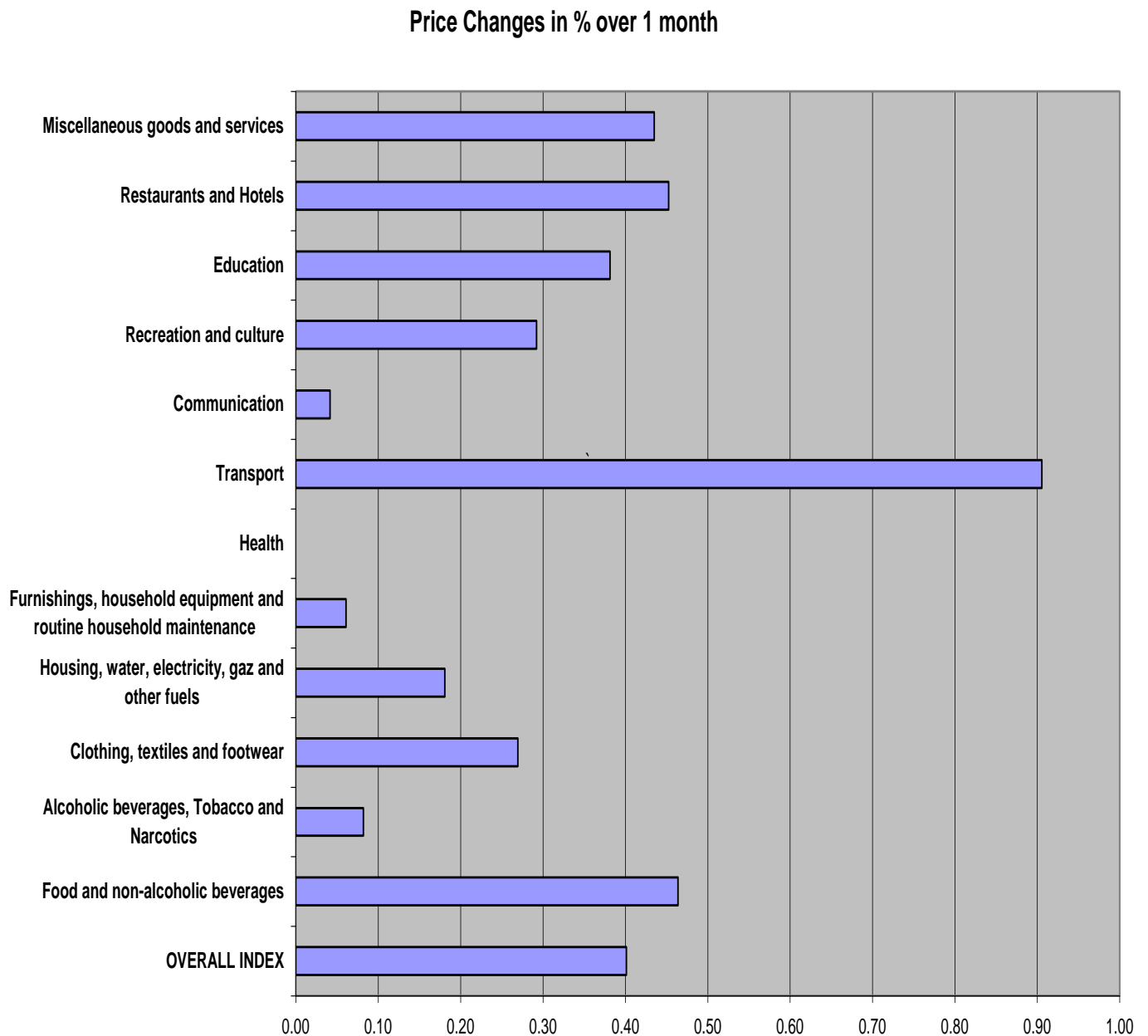


Figure 2.

Monthly changes – Comparison with the previous month: April 2012 to May 2012



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