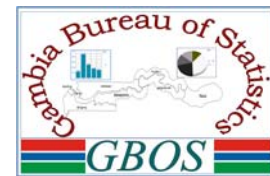




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## THE GAMBIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) AUGUST 2013



### 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 15<sup>th</sup>.

	ALL ITEMS(NEW SERIES; 2004=100)	Weights	Aug-12	May-13	Jun-13	Jul-13	Aug-13	Changes in % over	
								1 month	Over 12 Months
	<b>OVERALL INDEX</b>	61841	139.79	145.60	146.45	147.50	148.19	0.47	6.01
01	<b>Food and non-alcoholic beverages</b>	33837	151.68	159.02	160.17	161.59	162.47	0.54	7.12
011	<b>Food</b>	32 914	152.50	159.97	161.15	162.58	163.48	0.55	7.20
0111	<b>Bread &amp; Cereals</b>	7 891	148.76	160.92	162.00	163.53	164.77	0.75	10.76
0112	<b>Meat</b>	8 217	139.04	144.93	145.96	147.70	148.80	0.74	7.02
0113	<b>Fish</b>	2 226	127.01	130.97	131.87	133.14	134.28	0.85	5.72
0114	<b>Milk, Cheese and Eggs</b>	1 462	126.44	130.11	130.92	131.41	131.61	0.16	4.09
0115	<b>Oils and fats</b>	3 469	182.68	191.38	192.79	194.07	195.24	0.61	6.88
0116	<b>Fruits &amp; nuts</b>	1445	158.23	166.05	166.96	168.23	168.89	0.39	6.74
0117	<b>Vegetables, root crops &amp; tubers</b>	4 533	173.16	177.96	179.57	181.31	181.44	0.07	4.78
0118	<b>Sugar, jam, honey &amp; sweets</b>	1 420	206.49	216.35	217.81	218.58	219.43	0.39	6.27
0119	<b>Other food products</b>	2 248	131.63	136.14	137.46	138.40	138.97	0.41	5.57
012	<b>Non-alcoholic beverages</b>	923	122.03	125.08	125.35	126.22	126.22	0.00	3.43
02	<b>Alcoholic beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics</b>	416	109.92	112.28	112.39	112.46	112.47	0.01	2.32
03	<b>Clothing, textiles and footwear</b>	6 911	117.64	119.70	119.99	120.53	120.71	0.15	2.61
031	<b>Clothing, Garments and Tailoring services</b>	5 434	116.63	118.32	118.51	119.04	119.15	0.09	2.16
032	<b>Footwear</b>	1 477	121.33	124.79	125.46	126.02	126.43	0.32	4.20
04	<b>Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels</b>	2 089	146.85	156.05	156.94	157.70	159.15	0.92	8.37
042	<b>Actual rent</b>	498	124.35	125.22	126.03	126.23	126.23	0.00	1.51
043	<b>Electricity, gas and other fuels</b>	1 431	155.22	167.38	168.35	169.40	171.52	1.25	10.50
05	<b>Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance</b>	3 215	121.01	123.85	124.06	124.25	124.45	0.16	2.84
06	<b>Health</b>	728	102.36	102.72	102.72	102.74	102.74	0.00	0.38
07	<b>Transport</b>	2 706	165.87	191.57	193.49	197.03	199.30	1.15	20.16
08	<b>Communication</b>	1 822	103.07	103.29	103.31	103.33	103.33	0.00	0.25
09	<b>Recreation and culture</b>	957	110.59	112.94	113.77	114.19	114.24	0.04	3.30
10	<b>Education</b>	918	106.87	107.19	107.19	107.19	107.19	0.00	0.29
11	<b>Restaurants and Hotels</b>	222	142.27	149.49	150.79	151.86	152.74	0.58	7.36
12	<b>Miscellaneous goods and services</b>	3 639	148.67	154.19	155.47	156.63	157.92	0.83	6.22
	<b>12 MONTH MOVING AVERAGE</b>		136.99	142.14	142.81	143.49	144.19	0.49	5.26
	<b>OVERALL INDEX</b>		139.79	145.60	146.45	147.50	148.19	0.47	6.01
	<b>FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES</b>		151.68	159.02	160.17	161.59	162.47	0.54	7.12
	<b>NON-FOOD PRODUCTS AND SERVICES</b>		124.48	128.29	128.76	129.31	129.78	0.36	4.26

The August 2013 inflation rate measured on year on year basis, that is between August 2012 and August 2013 went up by 6.01 percent resulting from an Overall Index increase of 139.79 to 148.19. Some prices for both Food and Non-food items had gone up. Food and non Alcoholic Beverages increased by 7.12 whilst Non-Food products and Services rose by 4.26 percent.

From August 2012 to August 2013, within the Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages, ‘Bread and Cereal’ increased by 10.76 percent, ‘Meat and meat products’ 7.02 percent ‘Oils and Fats’ 6.88 percent, ‘Fruits and nuts’ 6.74 percent, ‘Sugar, jam, honey & sweets’ 6.27 and ‘Other food products’ 5.57 percent

For the Non Food items, the major increases were recorded by ‘electricity, gas and other fuel’ and ‘Transport’ which rose by 10.50 percent and 20.16 percent respectively. The rise in the Transport sector was due to the increase in fuel pump price during the month whilst the ‘electricity, gas and other fuel’ index increase is due to the recent increase of both Gas and electricity prices.

During the months of July 2013 to August 2013, the ‘Fish and Fish Products’ show the highest increase of 0.85 percent, followed by ‘Bread and Cereals’ 0.75 percent. ‘Meat and Meat products’ also increased by 0.74 percent, ‘whilst the ‘Oils and Fats’ sub-group went up by 0.61 percent.

Using the 12 months-moving-average measure, inflation rate is about 4.9 percent, showing a slight increase in the inflationary pressure of 0.2 percent during the months, July 2013 to August 2013. ‘Fish and Fish products’ and ‘Meat and Meat 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
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	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.7	4.9
2013	5.2	5.3	5.4	5.6	5.7	5.8	5.9	6.0				

Figure1. Annual changes – Comparison with the same month of the previous year (August. 2012 to August 2013)

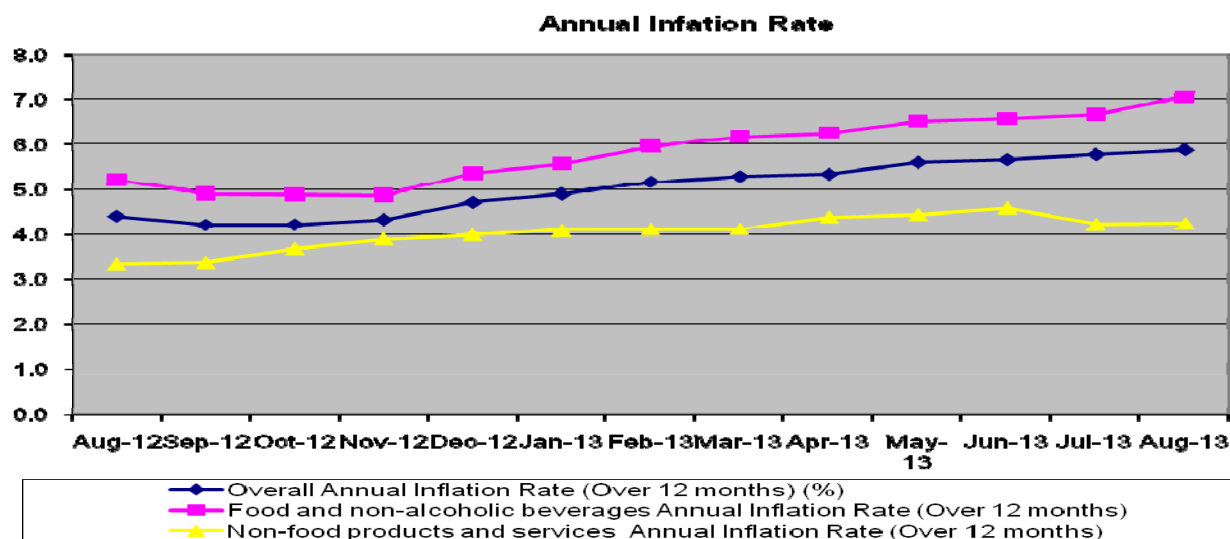
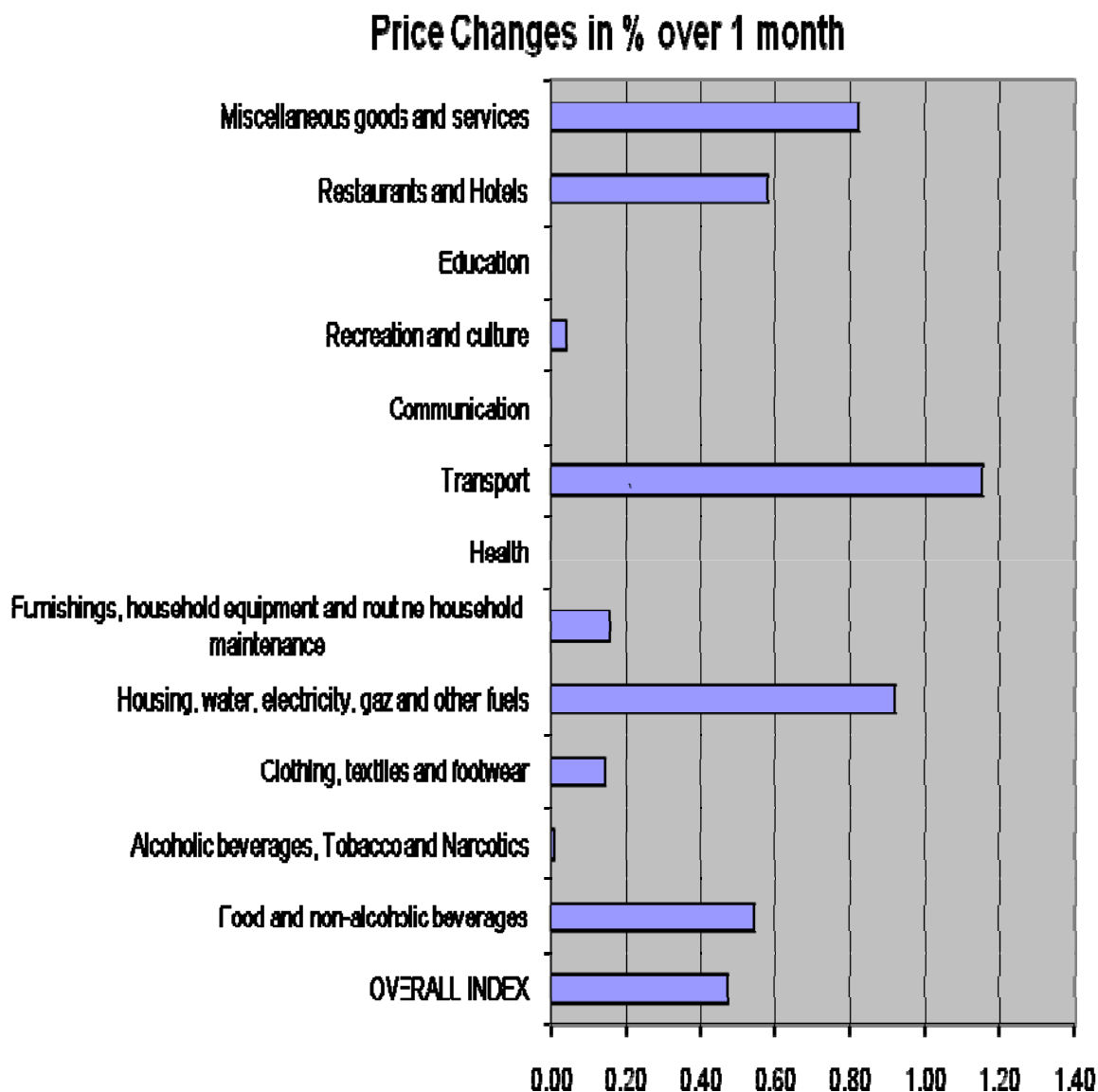


Figure 2.

Monthly changes – Comparison with the previous month: July 2013 to August 2013



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