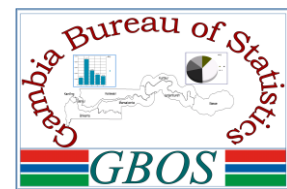




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THE GAMBIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) DECEMBER 2013



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 15th.

	ALL ITEMS(NEW SERIES; 2004=100)	Weights	Dec-12	Sept-13	Oct-13	Nov-13	Dec-13	Changes in % over	
								1 month	Over 12 Months
	OVERALL INDEX	61841	142.70	148.91	149.63	150.27	150.61	0.23	5.54
01	Food and non-alcoholic beverages	33837	155.32	163.44	164.29	165.08	165.58	0.30	6.61
011	Food	32 914	156.22	164.47	165.34	166.16	166.67	0.31	6.69
0111	Bread & Cereals	7 891	156.50	165.38	166.12	166.73	167.13	0.24	6.79
0112	Meat	8 217	141.76	150.16	151.24	152.25	152.75	0.33	7.75
0113	Fish	2 226	128.94	134.48	134.94	135.82	136.59	0.56	5.93
0114	Milk, Cheese and Eggs	1 462	128.26	131.97	132.47	133.33	133.38	0.04	4.00
0115	Oils and fats	3 469	185.61	196.89	198.44	199.12	199.48	0.18	7.47
0116	Fruits & nuts	1445	160.39	169.53	170.17	171.02	171.17	0.09	6.72
0117	Vegetables, root crops & tubers	4 533	175.84	182.42	182.84	183.85	185.16	0.71	5.30
0118	Sugar, jam, honey & sweets	1 420	209.11	220.75	221.94	223.37	223.42	0.03	6.85
0119	Other food products	2 248	132.98	140.16	141.15	141.31	141.40	0.06	6.33
012	Non-alcoholic beverages	923	123.13	126.45	126.50	126.53	126.59	0.04	2.81
02	Alcoholic beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	416	111.13	112.61	112.81	113.09	113.12	0.02	1.79
03	Clothing, textiles and footwear	6 911	118.69	121.11	121.76	121.94	122.18	0.20	2.94
031	Clothing, Garments and Tailoring services	5 434	117.53	119.54	120.21	120.37	120.64	0.23	2.65
032	Footwear	1 477	122.98	126.89	127.46	127.74	127.83	0.07	3.94
04	Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	2 089	151.60	160.27	160.96	161.79	161.87	0.05	6.78
042	Actual rent	498	124.72	126.27	126.43	126.54	126.54	0.00	1.46
043	Electricity, gas and other fuels	1 431	161.26	173.12	174.02	175.12	175.23	0.06	8.66
05	Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	3 215	122.41	124.58	124.77	124.95	125.16	0.17	2.25
06	Health	728	102.55	102.76	102.79	102.79	102.81	0.02	0.25
07	Transport	2 706	179.49	200.84	202.20	206.33	206.36	0.02	14.97
08	Communication	1 822	103.17	103.39	103.41	103.41	103.41	0.00	0.23
09	Recreation and culture	957	111.73	114.35	114.41	114.96	115.51	0.48	3.38
10	Education	918	106.94	107.19	107.23	107.23	107.23	0.00	0.27
11	Restaurants and Hotels	222	145.23	154.19	155.26	155.96	156.50	0.35	7.76
12	Miscellaneous goods and services	3 639	151.51	158.56	159.33	160.07	160.30	0.14	5.80
	12 MONTH MOVING AVERAGE		139.04	144.90	145.61	146.31	146.97	0.45	5.70
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	FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES		155.32	163.44	164.29	165.08	165.58	0.30	6.61
	NON-FOOD PRODUCTS AND SERVICES		126.44	130.16	130.72	131.16	131.31	0.12	3.85

The December 2013 inflation rate measured on year on year basis, that is between December 2012 and December 2013 went up by 5.5 percent resulting from an Overall Index increase of 142.70 to 150.61. Some prices for both Food and Non-food items had gone up. Food and non Alcoholic Beverages increased by 6.61 percent whilst Non-Food products and Services rose by 3.85 percent.

From December 2012 to December 2013, within the Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages, ‘*Bread and Cereal*’ increased by 6.79 percent, ‘*Meat and meat products*’ 7.75 percent, ‘*Oils and Fats*’ 7.47 percent, ‘*Fruits and nuts*’ 6.72 percent, ‘*Sugar, jam, honey & sweets*’ 6.85 percent and ‘*Other food products*’ 6.33 percent.

For the Non Food items, the major increases were recorded by ‘*electricity, gas and other fuel*’ and ‘*Transport*’ which rose by 8.66 percent and 14.97 percent respectively.

During the months of November 2013 to December 2013, the highest increases recorded in the *Food items* were ‘*Vegetable, root crops and tubers*’ (0.71) percent and ‘*Fish and fish products*’ (0.56) percent, followed by ‘*meat and meat products*’ (0.33) percent and ‘*Bread and Cereal*’ (0.24) percent. In the *Non Food products and services*, ‘*Recreation and culture*’ recorded the highest percentage increase of (0.48) percent, followed by ‘*Restaurant and Hotels*’ (0.35) percent. Also there were price increase in ‘*Clothing, Garments and Tailoring services*’ of (0.23) percent.

Using the 12 months-moving-average measure, inflation rate is about 5.3 percent, showing an increase in the inflationary pressure of 0.45 percent during the months, November 2013 to December 2013. During the period, ‘*Vegetables, root crops & tubers*’, ‘*Fish and Fish products*’ and ‘*Meat and meat products*’ also show some increases

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	6.1	6.1	5.9	5.5

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

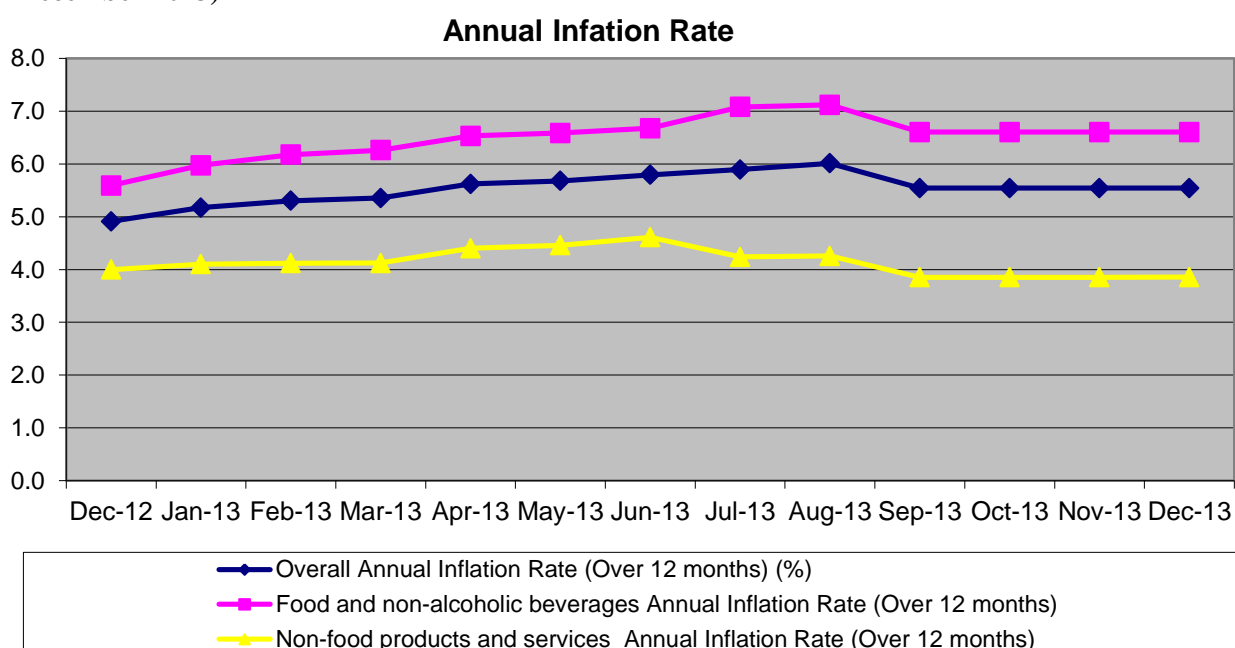
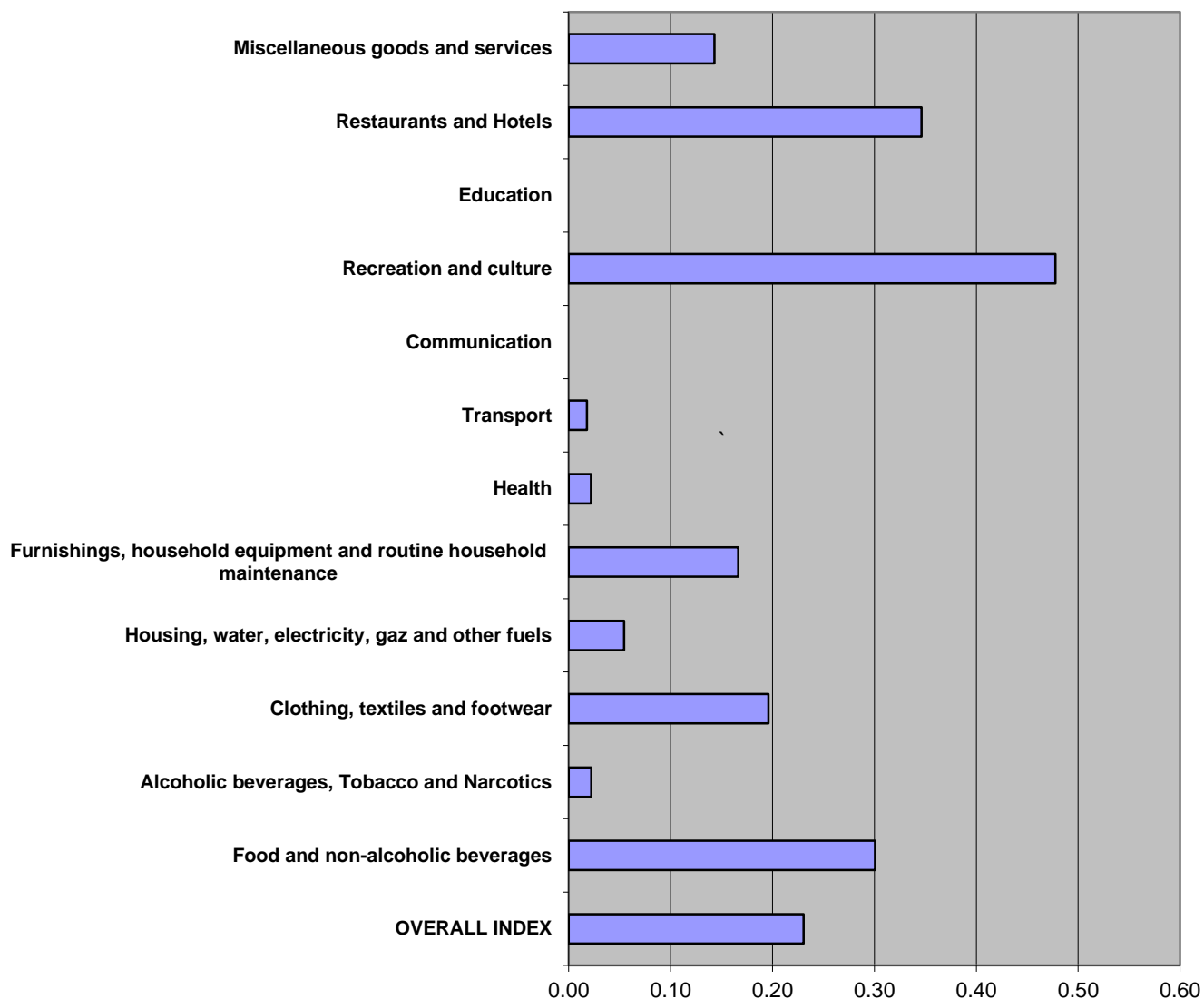


Figure 2. Monthly changes – Comparison with the previous month: November 2013 to December 2013

Price Changes in % over 1 month



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