

## THE GAMBIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) APRIL 2014

### 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	Apr-13	Jan-14	Feb-14	Mar-14	Apr-14	Changes in % over	
								1 month	Over 12 Months
	<b>OVERALL INDEX</b>	61841	144.94	151.01	151.83	152.39	153.17	0.51	5.68
01	<b>Food and non-alcoholic beverages</b>	33837	158.21	166.05	166.81	167.54	168.26	0.43	6.36
011	<b>Food</b>	32 914	159.15	167.15	167.92	168.67	169.41	0.44	6.45
0111	<b>Bread &amp; Cereals</b>	7 891	159.75	167.91	168.72	168.86	168.92	0.04	5.74
0112	<b>Meat</b>	8 217	144.24	153.20	153.74	154.96	156.24	0.83	8.32
0113	<b>Fish</b>	2 226	130.37	137.23	137.54	138.26	138.73	0.34	6.41
0114	<b>Milk, Cheese and Eggs</b>	1 462	129.52	133.93	134.40	135.01	137.25	1.66	5.97
0115	<b>Oils and fats</b>	3 469	190.27	199.77	202.54	202.98	204.18	0.59	7.31
0116	<b>Fruits &amp; nuts</b>	1445	165.74	171.30	171.55	173.25	174.01	0.43	4.99
0117	<b>Vegetables, root crops &amp; tubers</b>	4 533	177.52	185.58	186.29	187.25	187.48	0.12	5.61
0118	<b>Sugar, jam, honey &amp; sweets</b>	1 420	215.62	223.62	223.65	224.13	224.33	0.09	4.04
0119	<b>Other food products</b>	2 248	135.06	141.55	141.64	142.48	143.58	0.77	6.30
012	<b>Non-alcoholic beverages</b>	923	124.31	126.78	126.84	126.91	127.15	0.19	2.28
02	<b>Alcoholic beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics</b>	416	111.90	113.13	113.17	113.50	113.59	0.08	1.51
03	<b>Clothing, textiles and footwear</b>	6 911	119.54	122.30	122.54	122.80	122.99	0.16	2.89
031	<b>Clothing, Garments and Tailoring services</b>	5 434	118.18	120.75	120.85	120.98	121.04	0.05	2.42
032	<b>Footwear</b>	1 477	124.53	127.99	128.77	129.48	130.18	0.54	4.53
04	<b>Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels</b>	2 089	155.27	162.04	162.24	162.86	164.78	1.18	6.12
042	<b>Actual rent</b>	498	125.22	126.56	126.56	126.68	127.08	0.32	1.49
043	<b>Electricity, gas and other fuels</b>	1 431	166.35	175.42	175.71	176.55	179.17	1.48	7.71
05	<b>Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance</b>	3 215	123.67	125.68	125.87	126.09	126.47	0.30	2.26
06	<b>Health</b>	728	102.62	102.86	116.17	119.13	128.82	8.14	25.54
07	<b>Transport</b>	2 706	186.71	207.17	208.01	210.00	212.57	1.22	13.85
08	<b>Communication</b>	1 822	103.21	103.42	103.46	103.46	103.51	0.05	0.29
09	<b>Recreation and culture</b>	957	112.59	115.54	115.55	115.71	116.11	0.34	3.13
10	<b>Education</b>	918	107.14	107.23	107.23	107.43	107.77	0.31	0.58
11	<b>Restaurants and Hotels</b>	222	148.34	156.60	156.63	157.01	158.09	0.69	6.57
12	<b>Miscellaneous goods and services</b>	3 639	153.49	160.89	160.91	160.95	162.19	0.77	5.67
	<b>12 MONTH MOVING AVERAGE</b>		141.49	147.61	148.28	148.94	149.63	0.46	5.76
	<b>OVERALL INDEX</b>		144.94	151.01	151.83	152.39	153.17	0.51	5.68
	<b>FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES</b>		158.21	166.05	166.81	167.54	168.26	0.43	6.36
	<b>NON-FOOD PRODUCTS AND SERVICES</b>		127.83	131.62	132.51	132.85	133.70	0.64	4.59

The overall Consumer Price Index has further move to 153.17 in April-2014 indicating an increase of 0.51 over the March 2014 figure of 152.39

On an annual basis the overall index increased by 5.68 percent from April 2013 to April 2014 compared to the 5.55 percent increase for March 2013 to March 2014 showing a slight acceleration in the inflation rate. This acceleration in the inflation rate was due to increases recorded in food and non- alcoholic beverages, which rose by 0.43 percent and the Non Food Products and services which also, increased by 0.64 percent during April 2014.

From April 2013 to April 2014, within the Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages, '*Bread and Cereal*' increased by 5.74 percent, '*Meat and meat products*' 8.32 percent '*Oils and Fats*' 7.31 percent, '*Milk, cheese and eggs*' 5.97 percent, '*Vegetables, root crops & tubers*' 5.61 percent, '*Fish and Fish Products*' 6.41 percent and '*Other food items*' 6.30 percent.

For the Non Food items, the major increases were recorded by '*Health*' and '*Transport*' which rose by 25.54 percent and 13.85 percent respectively. There were also some increases recorded in '*Electricity, gas and other fuels*', '*Restaurants and Hotels*', and well as the '*Miscellaneous items*' during the period.

Using the 12 months-moving-average measure, inflation rate is 5.3 percent during the months, March 2014 to April 2014.

**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
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
2014	5.4	5.6	5.6	5.7								

**Figure1. Annual changes – Comparison with the same month of the previous year. (April 2013 - April 2014)**

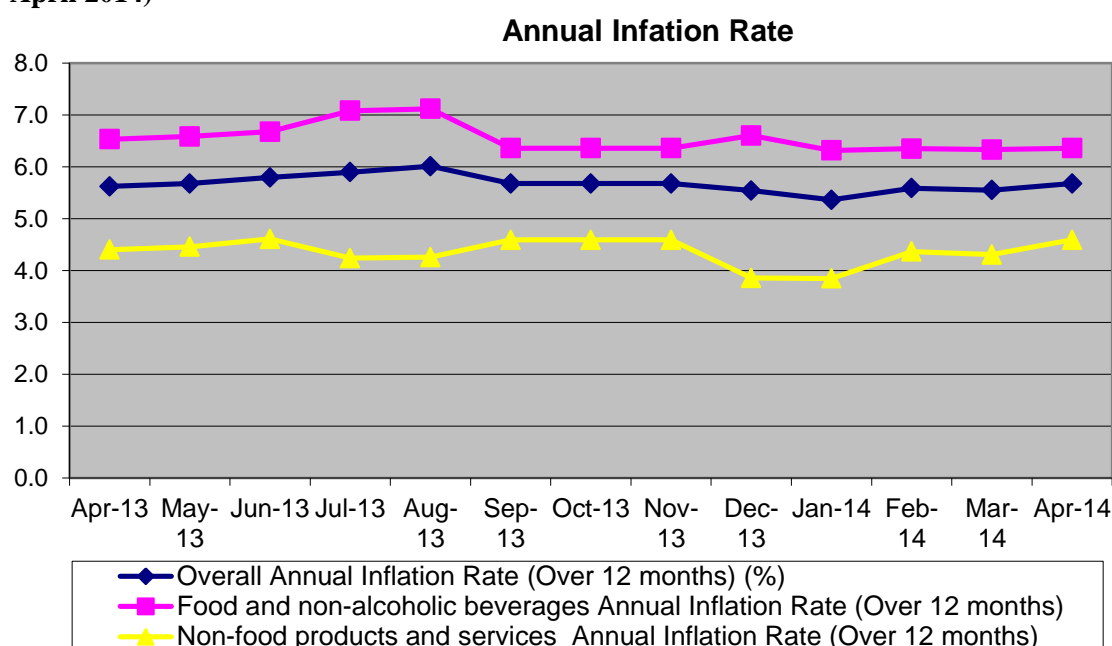
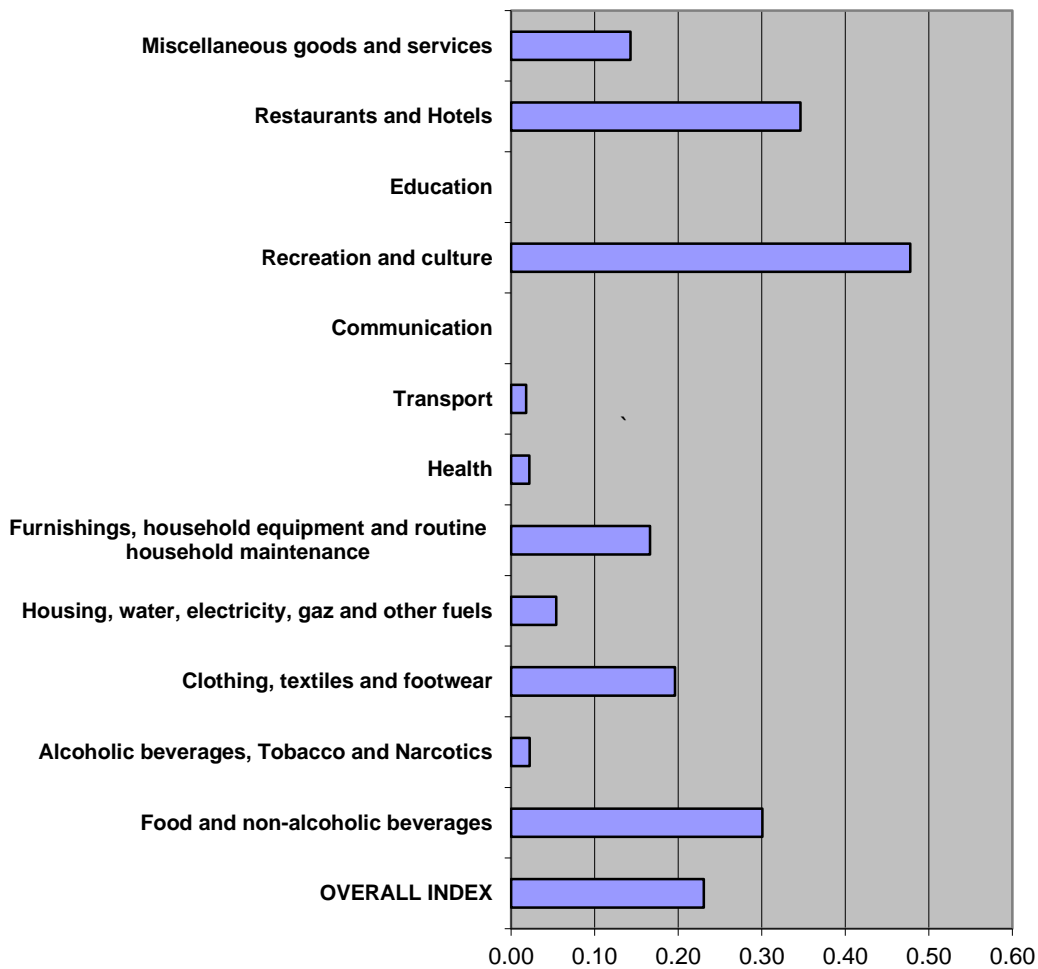


Figure 2. Monthly changes – Comparison with the previous month: March 2014 to April 2014

**Price Changes in % over 1 month**



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