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## THE GAMBIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) FEBRUARY 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	Feb-13	Nov-13	Dec-13	Jan-14	Feb-14	Changes in % over	
								1 month	Over 12 Months
	<b>OVERALL INDEX</b>	61841	143.80	<b>150.27</b>	<b>150.61</b>	151.01	151.83	0.54	5.59
01	Food and non-alcoholic beverages	33837	156.85	<b>165.08</b>	<b>165.58</b>	166.05	166.81	0.46	6.35
011	Food	32 914	157.76	<b>166.16</b>	<b>166.67</b>	167.15	167.92	0.46	6.44
0111	Bread & Cereals	7 891	158.37	<b>166.73</b>	<b>167.13</b>	167.91	168.72	0.48	6.54
0112	Meat	8 217	142.90	<b>152.25</b>	<b>152.75</b>	153.20	153.74	0.35	7.58
0113	Fish	2 226	129.21	<b>135.82</b>	<b>136.59</b>	137.23	137.54	0.23	6.45
0114	Milk, Cheese and Eggs	1 462	128.96	<b>133.33</b>	<b>133.38</b>	133.93	134.40	0.35	4.22
0115	Oils and fats	3 469	187.41	<b>199.12</b>	<b>199.48</b>	199.77	202.54	1.38	8.07
0116	Fruits & nuts	1445	164.02	<b>171.02</b>	<b>171.17</b>	171.30	171.55	0.15	4.59
0117	Vegetables, root crops & tubers	4 533	176.76	<b>183.85</b>	<b>185.16</b>	185.58	186.29	0.38	5.39
0118	Sugar, jam, honey & sweets	1 420	214.40	<b>223.37</b>	<b>223.42</b>	223.62	223.65	0.01	4.31
0119	Other food products	2 248	133.81	<b>141.31</b>	<b>141.40</b>	141.55	141.64	0.07	5.85
012	Non-alcoholic beverages	923	123.99	<b>126.53</b>	<b>126.59</b>	126.78	126.84	0.05	2.30
02	Alcoholic beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	416	111.55	<b>113.09</b>	<b>113.12</b>	113.13	113.17	0.04	1.45
03	Clothing, textiles and footwear	6 911	119.07	<b>121.94</b>	<b>122.18</b>	122.30	122.54	0.20	2.92
031	Clothing, Garments and Tailoring services	5 434	117.78	<b>120.37</b>	<b>120.64</b>	120.75	120.85	0.09	2.61
032	Footwear	1 477	123.82	<b>127.74</b>	<b>127.83</b>	127.99	128.77	0.61	4.00
04	Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	2 089	153.47	<b>161.79</b>	<b>161.87</b>	162.04	162.24	0.12	5.72
042	Actual rent	498	124.73	<b>126.54</b>	<b>126.54</b>	126.56	126.56	0.00	1.47
043	Electricity, gas and other fuels	1 431	163.91	<b>175.12</b>	<b>175.23</b>	175.42	175.71	0.17	7.20
05	Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	3 215	122.98	<b>124.95</b>	<b>125.16</b>	125.68	125.87	0.15	2.35
06	Health	728	102.56	<b>102.79</b>	<b>102.81</b>	102.86	116.17	12.94	13.27
07	Transport	2 706	181.74	<b>206.33</b>	<b>206.36</b>	207.17	208.01	0.41	14.46
08	Communication	1 822	103.18	<b>103.41</b>	<b>103.41</b>	103.42	103.46	0.03	0.27
09	Recreation and culture	957	112.12	<b>114.96</b>	<b>115.51</b>	115.54	115.55	0.01	3.06
10	Education	918	107.14	<b>107.23</b>	<b>107.23</b>	107.23	107.23	0.00	0.08
11	Restaurants and Hotels	222	146.39	<b>155.96</b>	<b>156.50</b>	156.60	156.63	0.02	7.00
12	Miscellaneous goods and services	3 639	152.14	<b>160.07</b>	<b>160.30</b>	160.89	160.91	0.01	5.76
	<b>12 MONTH MOVING AVERAGE</b>		140.23	<b>146.31</b>	<b>146.97</b>	147.61	148.28	0.45	5.74
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	<b>NON-FOOD PRODUCTS AND SERVICES</b>		126.97	<b>131.16</b>	<b>131.31</b>	131.62	132.51	0.68	4.37

In February 2014, the overall consumer Price Index was 151.83, a 0.54 percent increase over the January 2014 overall index of 151.01.

On an annual basis the overall index increased by 5.59 percent from February 2013 to February 2014. Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages increased by 6.35 percent whilst Non Food Products and Services rose by 4.37 percent.

From February 2013 to February 2014, within the Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages, ‘*Bread and Cereal*’ increased by 6.54 percent, ‘*Meat and meat products*’ 7.58 percent, ‘*Fish and fish products*’ 6.45 percent ‘*Oils and Fats*’ 8.07 percent, ‘*Fruits and nuts*’ 4.59 percent, ‘*Sugar, jam, honey & sweets*’ 4.31 percent and ‘*Other food products*’ 5.85 percent.

For the Non Food items, the major increases were recorded by ‘*Health*’ and ‘*Transport*’ which rose by 13.27 percent and 14.46 percent respectively. The rise in the Health and Transport sectors was due to the increase in consultations fees and hospital accommodation fee and increase in fuel pump price during the months.

During the months of January 2014 to February 2014, the ‘*Bread and cereal products*’, ‘*Vegetable, root crops and tubers*’ ‘*Meat and meat products*’ and ‘*Milk, cheese and eggs*’ show the highest increase in percentage of 0.48 percent, 0.38 percent, 0.35 percent and 0.35 percent respectively.

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 January 2014 to February 2014. ‘*Bread and cereal products*’ and ‘*Meat and meat products*’ show 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
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										

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

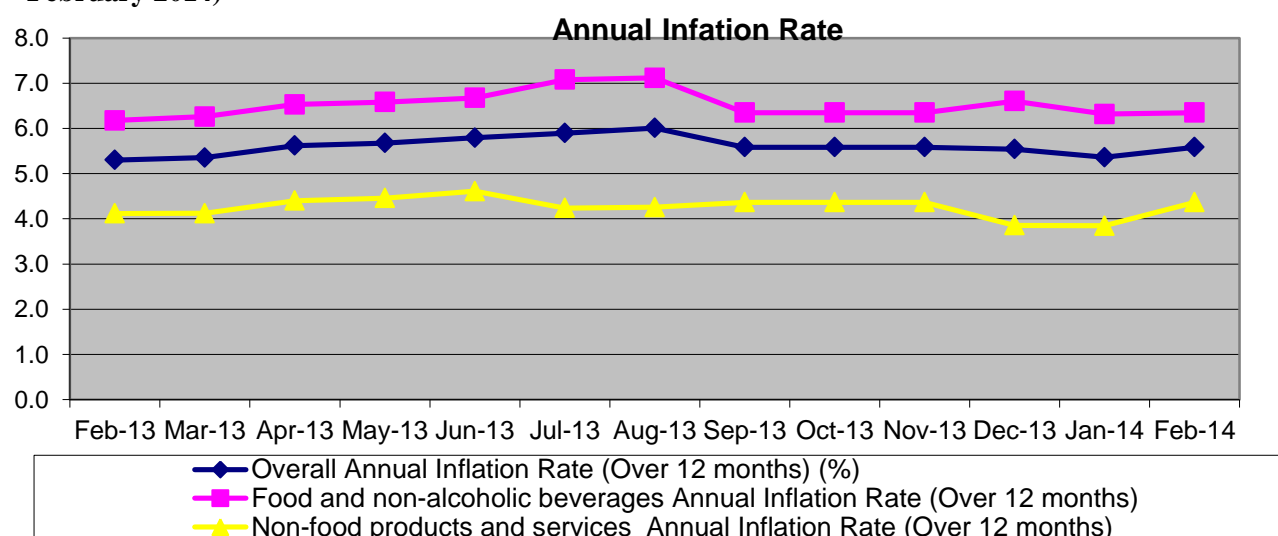
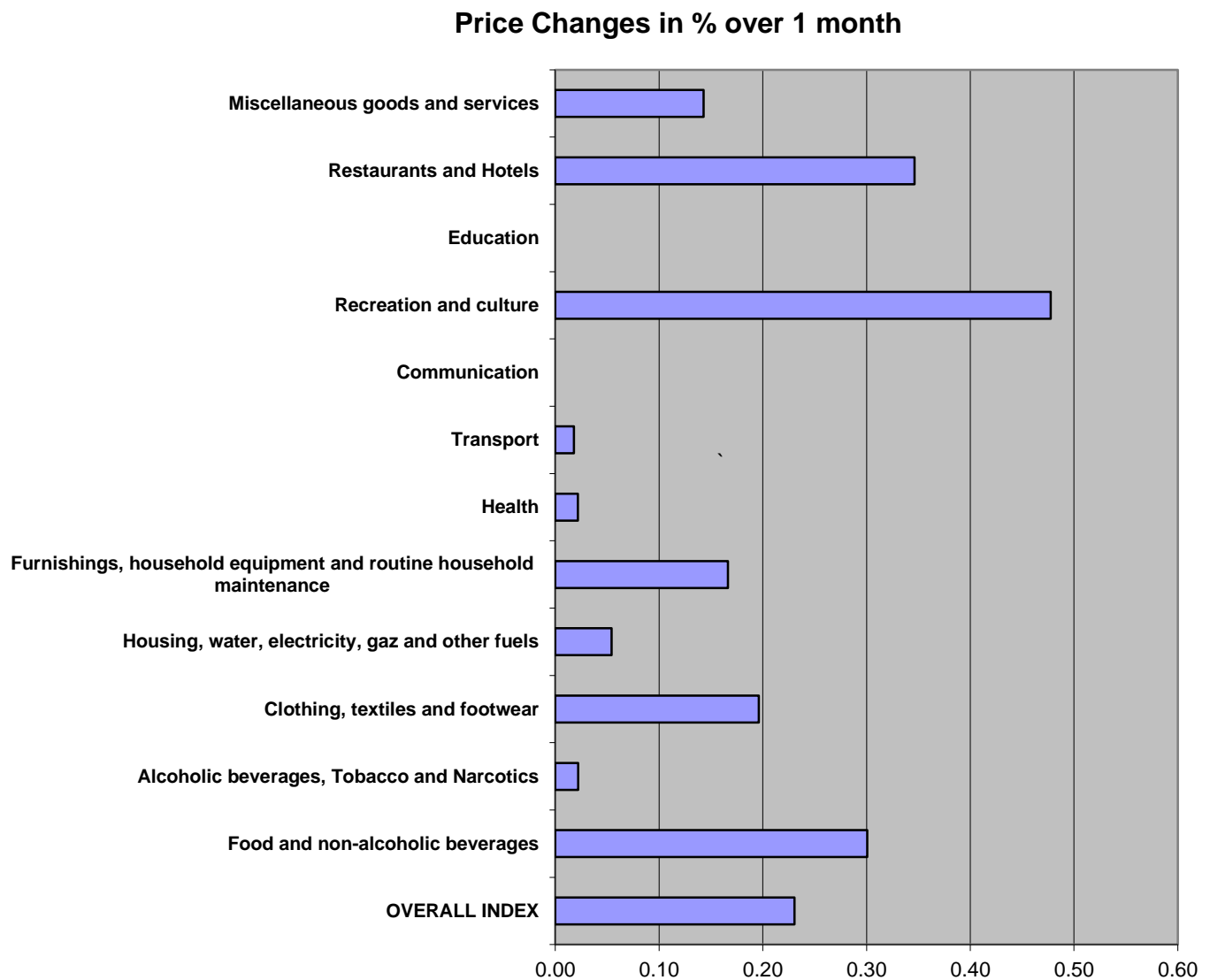


Figure 2.

Monthly changes – Comparison with the previous month: January 2014 to February 2014



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