

## THE GAMBIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) MAY 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	May-13	Feb-14	Mar-14	Apr-14	May-14	Changes in % over	
								1 month	Over 12 Months
	<b>OVERALL INDEX</b>	61841	145.60	151.83	152.39	153.17	153.75	0.38	5.60
01	<b>Food and non-alcoholic beverages</b>	33837	159.02	166.81	167.54	168.26	168.96	0.41	6.25
011	<b>Food</b>	32 914	159.97	167.92	168.67	169.41	170.13	0.42	6.35
0111	<b>Bread &amp; Cereals</b>	7 891	160.92	168.72	168.86	168.92	169.60	0.40	5.39
0112	<b>Meat</b>	8 217	144.93	153.74	154.96	156.24	157.21	0.62	8.47
0113	<b>Fish</b>	2 226	130.97	137.54	138.26	138.73	139.19	0.33	6.27
0114	<b>Milk, Cheese and Eggs</b>	1 462	130.11	134.40	135.01	137.25	137.64	0.28	5.79
0115	<b>Oils and fats</b>	3 469	191.38	202.54	202.98	204.18	205.96	0.88	7.62
0116	<b>Fruits &amp; nuts</b>	1445	166.05	171.55	173.25	174.01	174.44	0.25	5.05
0117	<b>Vegetables, root crops &amp; tubers</b>	4 533	177.96	186.29	187.25	187.48	187.42	-0.03	5.32
0118	<b>Sugar, jam, honey &amp; sweets</b>	1 420	216.35	223.65	224.13	224.33	224.93	0.27	3.97
0119	<b>Other food products</b>	2 248	136.14	141.64	142.48	143.58	144.17	0.41	5.90
012	<b>Non-alcoholic beverages</b>	923	125.08	126.84	126.91	127.15	127.16	0.01	1.66
02	<b>Alcoholic beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics</b>	416	112.28	113.17	113.50	113.59	113.60	0.01	1.17
03	<b>Clothing, textiles and footwear</b>	6 911	119.70	122.54	122.80	122.99	123.33	0.28	3.03
031	<b>Clothing, Garments and Tailoring services</b>	5 434	118.32	120.85	120.98	121.04	121.47	0.36	2.66
032	<b>Footwear</b>	1 477	124.79	128.77	129.48	130.18	130.18	0.00	4.32
04	<b>Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels</b>	2 089	156.05	162.24	162.86	164.78	164.99	0.13	5.73
042	<b>Actual rent</b>	498	125.22	126.56	126.68	127.08	127.30	0.17	1.67
043	<b>Electricity, gas and other fuels</b>	1 431	167.38	175.71	176.55	179.17	179.38	0.12	7.17
05	<b>Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance</b>	3 215	123.85	125.87	126.09	126.47	126.56	0.07	2.18
06	<b>Health</b>	728	102.72	116.17	119.13	128.82	129.02	0.15	25.60
07	<b>Transport</b>	2 706	191.57	208.01	210.00	212.57	212.87	0.14	11.11
08	<b>Communication</b>	1 822	103.29	103.46	103.46	103.51	103.51	0.00	0.21
09	<b>Recreation and culture</b>	957	112.94	115.55	115.71	116.11	116.18	0.06	2.87
10	<b>Education</b>	918	107.19	107.23	107.43	107.77	107.77	0.00	0.54
11	<b>Restaurants and Hotels</b>	222	149.49	156.63	157.01	158.09	158.54	0.28	6.05
12	<b>Miscellaneous goods and services</b>	3 639	154.19	160.91	160.95	162.19	162.34	0.09	5.28
	<b>12 MONTH MOVING AVERAGE</b>		142.14	148.28	148.94	149.63	150.31	0.45	5.75
	<b>OVERALL INDEX</b>		145.60	151.83	152.39	153.17	153.75	0.38	5.60
	<b>FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES</b>		159.02	166.81	167.54	168.26	168.96	0.41	6.25
	<b>NON-FOOD PRODUCTS AND SERVICES</b>		128.29	132.51	132.85	133.70	134.14	0.33	4.56

The CPI of May, 2014 is estimated at 153.75, showing an increase of 0.4% compared to the CPI of April 2014, and 5.6% compared to the CPI of May 2013.

The overall increase of 0.4% in CPI of May, 2014 when compared to CPI of April 2014 has resulted from the price rise recorded mainly in: “*Bread and Cereal*” increased by 0.4%, “*Meat and Meat Products*” by 0.6%, “*Fish and Fish Products*” by 0.3%, “*Oils and Fats Products*” by 0.9% “*Sugar, jam, honey and sweets*” by 0.3%, “*Other food products*” by 0.4% and “*Clothing, Garments and Tailoring Services*” by 0.4%. However a price fall of 0.03% has also been noticed in “*Vegetables, root crops and tubers*”, while prices of “*Footwear*”, “*Communication*” and “*Education*” remained stable at previous month’s level.

The overall CPI of May, 2014, compared to the one of May, 2013 has increased by 5.6%. The price increase is observed in most of the food groups: “*Bread and Cereals*” increased by 5.4%, “*Meat and Meat products*” by 8.5%, “*Milk, Cheese and Eggs*” by 5.8%, “*Fish and Fish products*” by 6.3%, “*Oils and Fats*” by 7.6% and “*Other food product group*” by 5.9%, while there were also increases of prices in some of the Non-food items which can be observed in the groups of “*Electricity, gas and other fuels*” increased by 7.2%, “*Health care services*” by 25.6% and “*Transport Services*” by 11.1%, “*Restaurants and Hotels*” by 6.1% and “*Miscellaneous goods and services*” by 5.3%.

Using the 12 months-moving-average measure, inflation rate is 5.3 percent during the months, April 2014 to May 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	5.6							

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

### Annual Inflation Rate

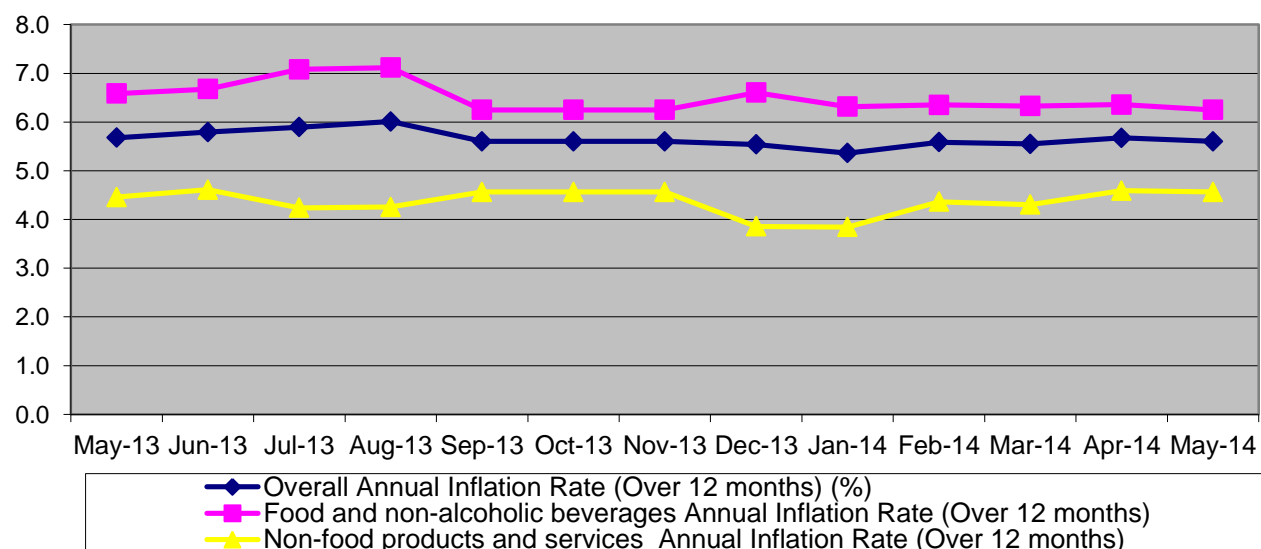
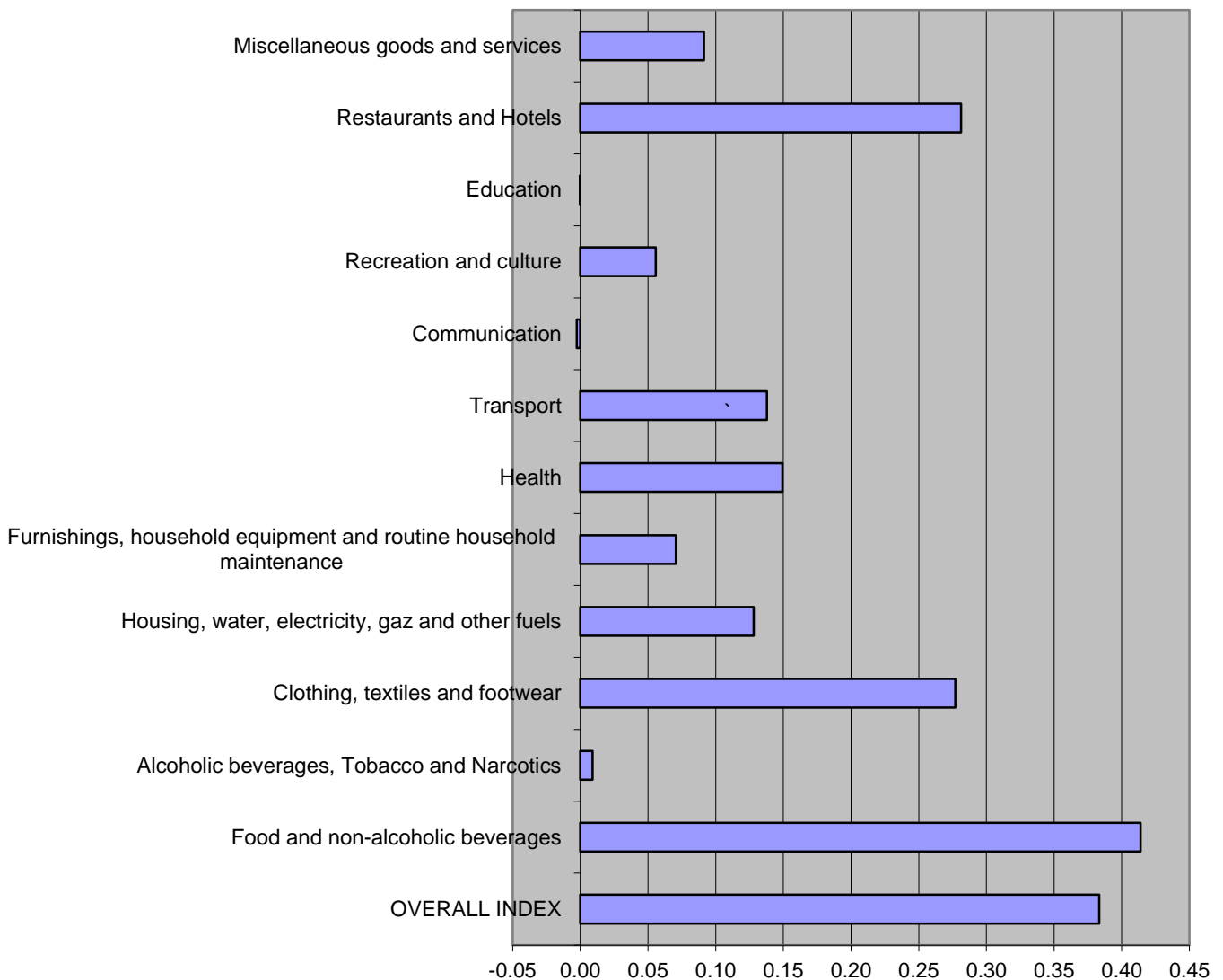


Figure 2. Monthly changes – Comparison with the previous month: April 2014 to May 2014

Price Changes in % over 1 month



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