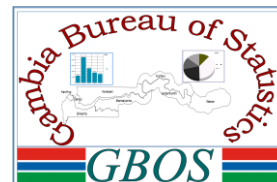




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THE GAMBIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) April 2016



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.

		<i>Changes in % over</i>							
	ALL ITEMS(NEW SERIES; 2004=100)	Weights	Apr-15	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16`	Apr-2016	1 month	Over 12 Months
	OVERALL INDEX	61841	163.45	172.41	173.32	174.10	174.99	0.51	7.06
01	Food and non-alcoholic beverages	33837	182.37	193.70	194.96	196.01	197.19	0.60	8.13
011	Food	32 914	183.87	195.45	196.73	197.80	199.00	0.61	8.23
0111	Bread & Cereals	7 891	177.41	189.51	191.01	192.26	194.14	0.98	9.43
0112	Meat	8 217	191.67	211.00	213.07	215.13	216.97	0.85	13.20
0113	Fish	2 226	148.87	161.02	162.58	163.73	164.66	0.57	10.61
0114	Milk, Cheese and Eggs	1 462	144.81	149.97	151.00	151.61	153.28	1.10	5.85
0115	Oils and fats	3 469	215.68	227.56	228.90	229.16	229.78	0.27	6.54
0116	Fruits & nuts	1445	180.22	185.79	186.02	186.89	187.45	0.30	4.01
0117	Vegetables, root crops & tubers	4 533	190.84	195.07	195.53	195.95	196.33	0.19	2.88
0118	Sugar, jam, honey & sweets	1 420	230.48	238.65	239.00	239.15	239.30	0.06	3.83
0119	Other food products	2 248	148.51	153.77	154.19	154.42	154.56	0.09	4.08
012	Non-alcoholic beverages	923	128.68	131.16	131.49	131.69	132.15	0.35	2.70
02	Alcoholic beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	416	115.98	118.88	118.90	119.18	119.58	0.33	3.10
03	Clothing, textiles and footwear	6 911	129.41	136.39	137.16	137.64	138.40	0.55	6.95
031	Clothing, Garments and Tailoring services	5 434	127.56	134.88	135.46	135.77	138.40	1.94	8.50
032	Footwear	1 477	136.22	141.94	143.39	144.52	146.0	1.02	7.18
04	Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	2 089	170.57	176.76	177.54	177.78	178.1	0.17	4.41
042	Actual rent	498	129.26	132.59	133.18	133.57	133.6	0.00	3.33
043	Electricity, gas and other fuels	1 431	186.67	194.43	195.32	195.53	196.0	0.23	4.99
05	Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	3 215	129.71	134.81	135.30	135.73	137.2	1.05	5.74
06	Health	728	130.72	134.05	134.12	134.18	134.4	1.05	2.82
07	Transport	2 706	226.34	229.05	227.06	225.86	222.8	1.05	-1.56
08	Communication	1 822	104.11	104.50	104.58	104.61	104.6	1.05	0.51
09	Recreation and culture	957	118.05	120.59	121.18	121.85	122.6	1.05	3.82
10	Education	918	108.42	109.23	109.23	109.23	109.2	-0.07	0.68
11	Restaurants and Hotels	222	168.20	177.09	177.75	179.08	181.0	1.09	7.63
12	Miscellaneous goods and services	3 639	172.94	185.12	186.50	188.14	189.2	0.57	9.41
	12 MONTH MOVING AVERAGE		159.16	167.21	168.14	169.09	170.05	0.57	6.84
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	NON-FOOD PRODUCTS AND SERVICES		139.04	144.94	145.41	145.84	146.35	0.35	5.26

In April 2016, the overall consumer Price Index was 174.99, a 0.89 percent increase over the March 2016 overall index of 174.10.

On an annual basis the overall index increased by 7.06 percent from April 2015 to April 2016. Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages increased by 8.13 percent whilst Non Food Products and Services rose by 5.26 percent.

From April 2015 to April 2016, within the Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages, 'Meat and meat products' increased by 13.20 percent, 'Fish and fish products' 10.61 and 'Bread and Cereal' 9.43 percent.

For the Non Food items, the major increases were recorded by 'Clothing Garments and Tailoring services', 'Footwear' and 'Electricity Gas and other Fuels' which rose by 8.50 percent, 7.18 percent and 4.99 percent respectively.

During the months of March 2016 to April 2016, the 'Milk, cheese and eggs' 'Meat and meat products' , 'Fish and Fish products, 'Bread and cereal products', and show the highest increase in percentage of 1.10 percent, 0.98 percent, 0.85 percent and 0.61 percent respectively.

Using the 12 months-moving-average measure, inflation rate was about 6.84 percent, compared to 6.81 percent which was recorded in March 2016

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
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	5.4	5.6	5.7	6.3	6.6	6.8	6.9
2015	7.0	6.8	6.7	6.7	7.2	7.2	6.9	6.9	6.6	6.5	6.6	6.7
2016	6.7	6.9	7.1	7.1								

Figure1: Annual changes – Comparison with the same month of the previous year. (Apr 2015 –Apr 2016)

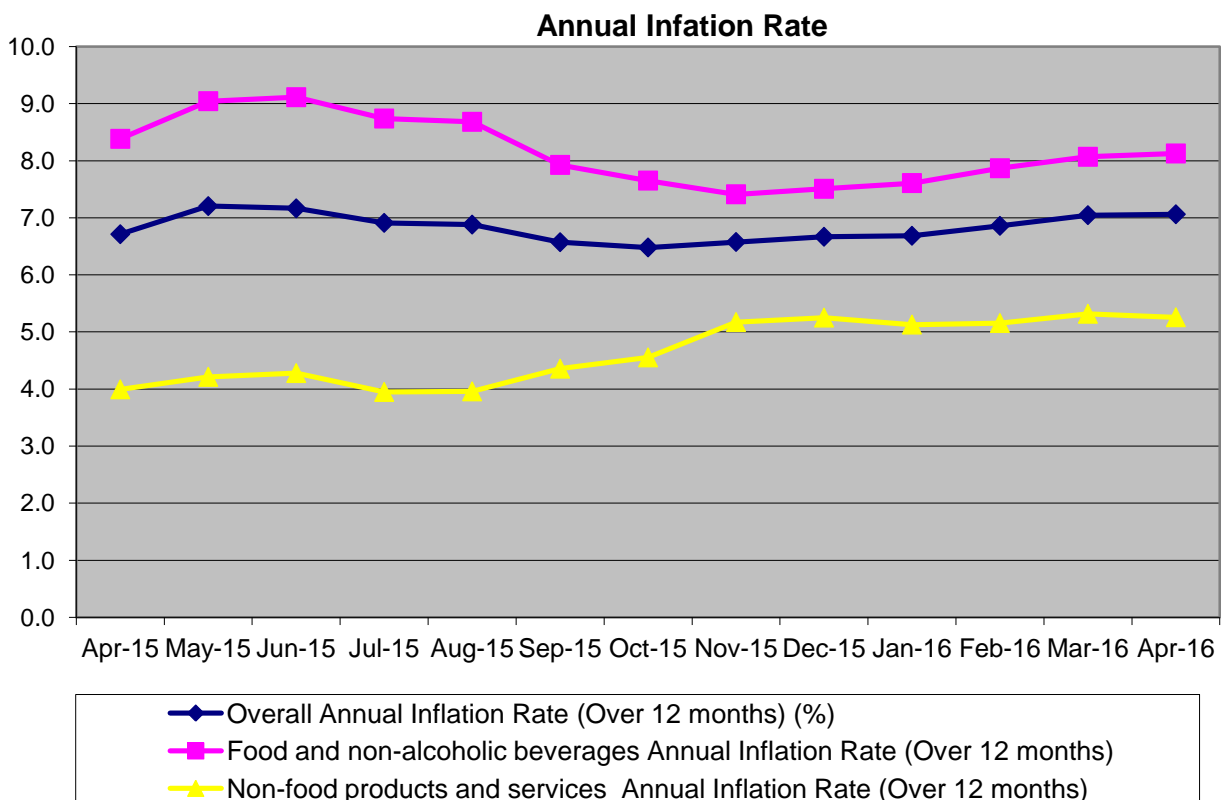
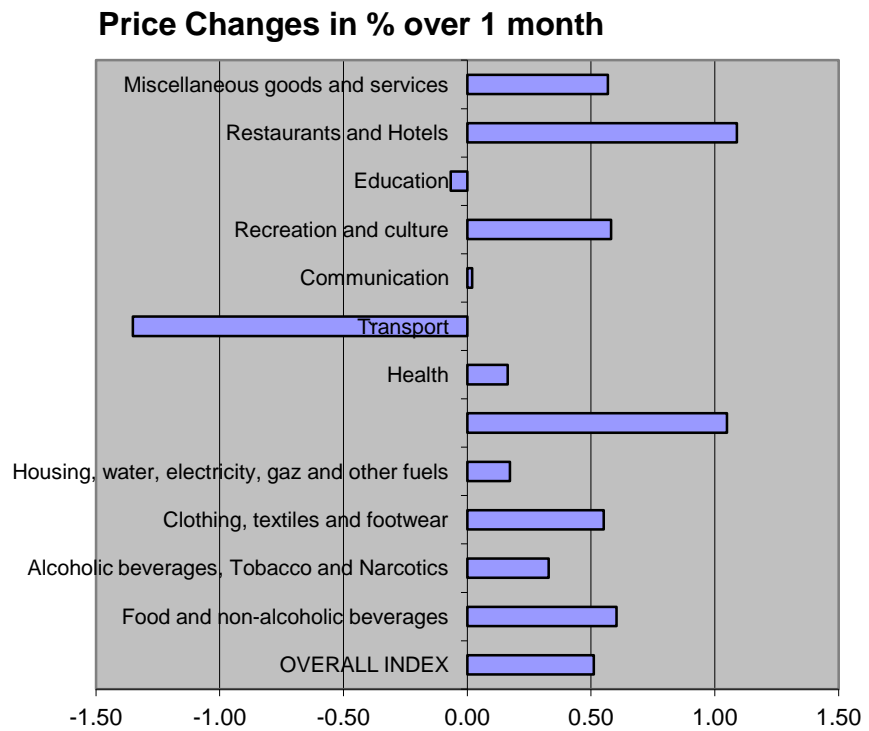


Figure 2: Monthly changes - Comparison with the previous month: March 2016 to April 2016



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