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THE GAMBIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) AUGUST 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.

								Changes in % over	
	ALL ITEMS(NEW SERIES; 2004=100)	Weights	Aug-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	1 month	Over 12 Months
	OVERALL INDEX	61841	167.43	176.30	177.31	178.59	179.91	0.74	7.45
01	Food and non-alcoholic beverages	33837	187.56	199.01	200.42	201.84	203.56	0.86	8.53
011	Food	32 914	189.17	200.87	202.32	203.76	205.54	0.87	8.65
0111	Bread & Cereals	7 891	184.54	196.07	197.93	198.74	200.37	0.82	8.58
0112	Meat	8 217	198.73	219.81	221.79	224.11	226.58	1.10	14.02
0113	Fish	2 226	154.99	166.03	166.15	167.98	169.36	0.82	9.27
0114	Milk, Cheese and Eggs	1 462	147.59	153.59	153.96	156.19	156.25	0.04	5.87
0115	Oils and fats	3 469	218.86	232.84	234.31	236.78	238.42	0.69	8.94
0116	Fruits & nuts	1445	183.78	188.33	190.21	190.44	191.44	0.53	4.17
0117	Vegetables, root crops & tubers	4 533	193.24	196.91	197.62	197.70	199.58	0.95	3.28
0118	Sugar, jam, honey & sweets	1 420	234.94	240.01	241.93	242.63	246.68	1.67	5.00
0119	Other food products	2 248	152.43	156.23	157.26	159.25	159.50	0.16	4.64
012	Non-alcoholic beverages	923	130.02	132.50	132.57	132.72	132.85	0.10	2.18
02	Alcoholic beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	416	116.76	119.77	120.01	120.11	120.11	0.00	2.87
03	Clothing, textiles and footwear	6 911	132.03	139.41	139.77	141.12	142.47	0.96	7.91
031	Clothing, Garments and Tailoring services	5 434	130.34	137.47	137.73	138.86	140.28	1.02	7.62
032	Footwear	1 477	138.23	146.54	147.29	149.41	150.55	0.76	8.91
04	Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	2 089	174.66	178.31	178.65	179.17	179.53	0.20	2.79
042	Actual rent	498	130.05	133.77	134.35	134.94	134.94	0.00	3.77
043	Electricity, gas and other fuels	1 431	192.29	196.23	196.52	197.06	197.55	0.25	2.73
05	Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	3 215	130.59	137.41	138.22	138.44	138.57	0.09	6.11
06	Health	728	131.66	134.40	134.40	134.64	134.87	0.17	2.44
07	Transport	2 706	227.71	222.76	222.60	222.82	223.86	0.47	-1.69
08	Communication	1 822	104.31	104.66	104.68	104.69	104.71	0.02	0.38
09	Recreation and culture	957	118.59	123.34	123.54	123.87	124.20	0.27	4.74
10	Education	918	108.68	109.15	109.15	109.33	109.33	0.00	0.60
11	Restaurants and Hotels	222	173.13	182.42	183.75	185.39	186.50	0.60	7.72
12	Miscellaneous goods and services	3 639	177.94	191.36	193.11	197.31	199.56	1.14	12.15
	12 MONTH MOVING AVERAGE		162.81	171.01	171.99	172.99	174.03	0.60	6.90
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	NON-FOOD PRODUCTS AND SERVICES		141.46	147.00	147.49	148.61	149.39	0.52	5.61

In August 2016, the overall consumer Price Index was 179.91, a 0.74 percent increase over the July 2016 overall index of 178.59.

On an annual basis the overall index increased by 7.45 percent from August 2015 to August 2016. Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages increased by 8.53 percent whilst Non Food Products and Services rose by 5.61 percent.

From August 2015 to August 2016, within the Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages, 'Meat and meat products' increased by 14.02 percent, 'Fish and fish products' 9.27 and 'Bread and Cereal' 8.58 percent.

For the Non Food items, the major increases were recorded by 'Footwear', 'Clothing Garments and tailoring services' and 'Electricity Gas and other Fuels' which rose by 8.91 percent, 7.62 percent and 3.77 percent respectively.

During the months of July 2016 to August 2016, the 'Sugar, Jam, Honey and Sweets', 'Meat and meat products', 'vegetables, root crops and tuber', and 'Fish' show the highest increase in percentage of 1.67 percent, 1.10 percent, 0.95 percent and 0.82 percent respectively.

Using the 12 months-moving-average measure, inflation rate was about 6.90 percent, compared to 6.84 percent recorded in July 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	7.0	7.1	7.2	7.5				

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

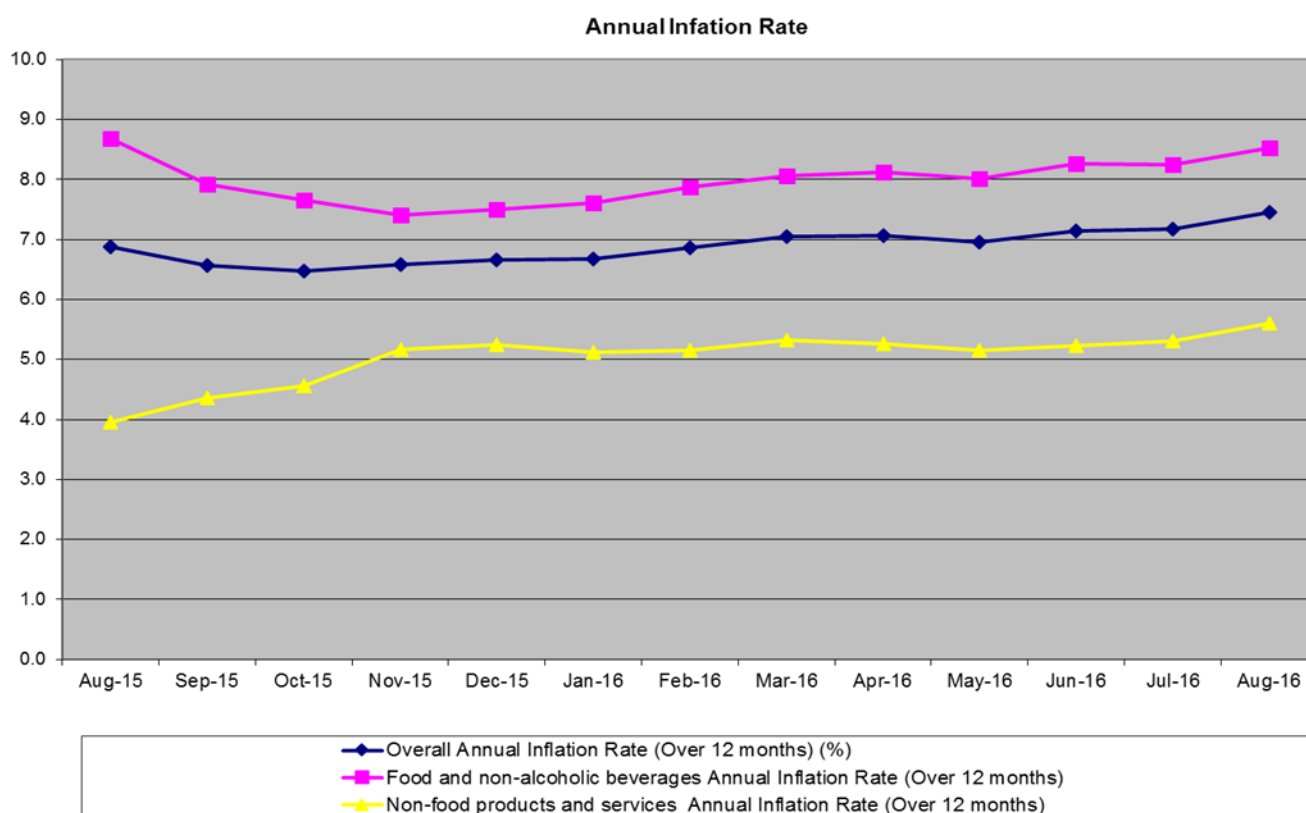
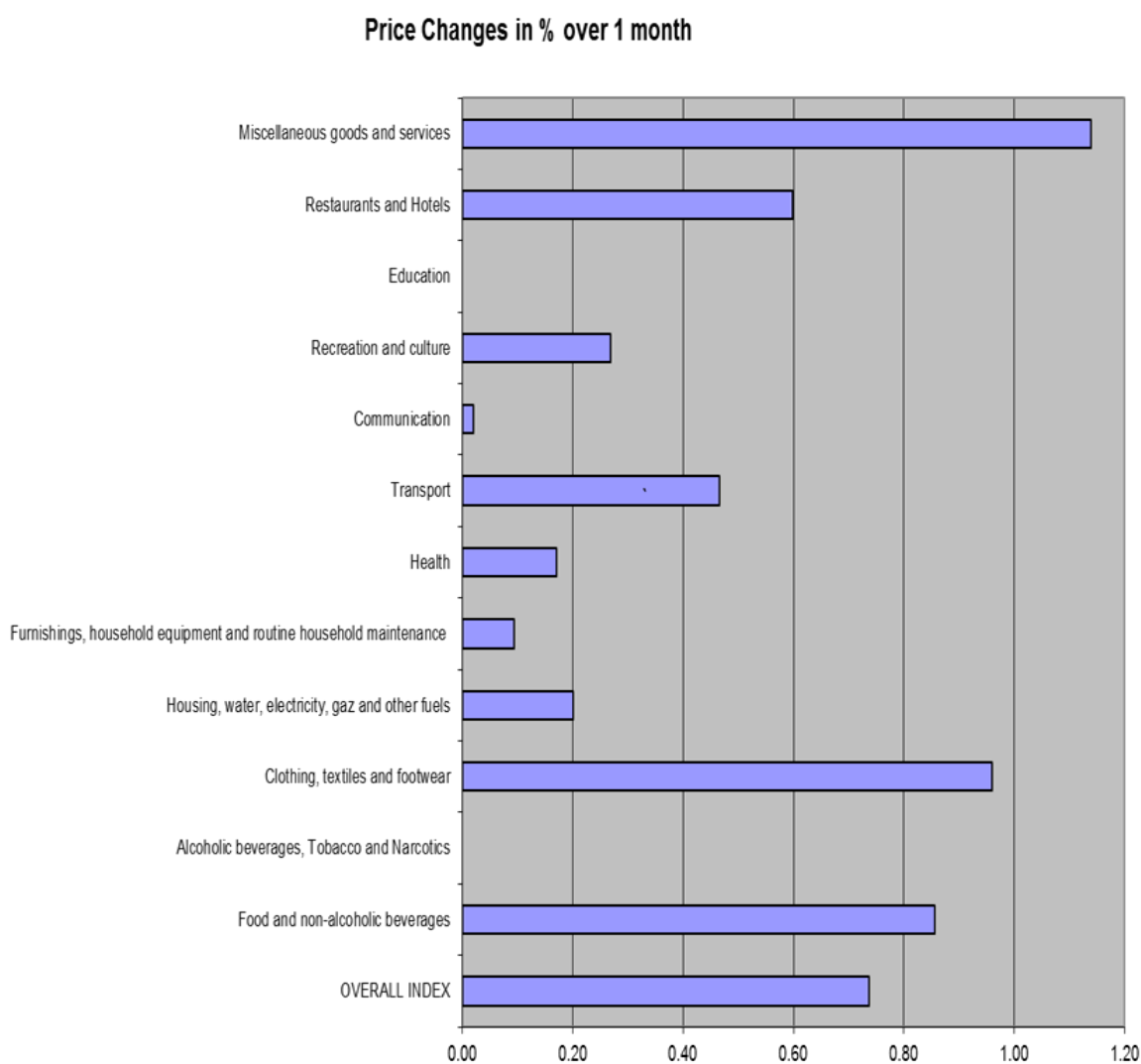


Figure 2: Monthly changes - Comparison with the previous month: July 2016 to August 2016



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