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THE GAMBIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI)OCTOBER 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 | Oct-15 | Jul-16 | Aug-16 | Sep-16 | Oct-16 | 1 month | Over 12 Months |
| | OVERALL INDEX | 61841 | 169.78 | 178.59 | 179.91 | 181.25 | 182.40 | 0.63 | 7.43 |
| 01 | Food and non-alcoholic beverages | 33837 | 190.47 | 201.84 | 203.56 | 205.13 | 206.40 | 0.62 | 8.36 |
| 011 | Food | 32 914 | 192.13 | 203.76 | 205.54 | 207.14 | 208.43 | 0.62 | 8.48 |
| 0111 | Bread & Cereals | 7 891 | 186.63 | 198.74 | 200.37 | 202.30 | 203.56 | 0.62 | 9.08 |
| 0112 | Meat | 8 217 | 205.12 | 224.11 | 226.58 | 228.19 | 230.27 | 0.91 | 12.26 |
| 0113 | Fish | 2 226 | 156.75 | 167.98 | 169.36 | 172.08 | 174.00 | 1.12 | 11.00 |
| 0114 | Milk, Cheese and Eggs | 1 462 | 148.43 | 156.19 | 156.25 | 157.50 | 158.00 | 0.31 | 6.45 |
| 0115 | Oils and fats | 3 469 | 222.90 | 236.78 | 238.42 | 239.91 | 240.97 | 0.44 | 8.11 |
| 0116 | Fruits & nuts | 1445 | 184.84 | 190.44 | 191.44 | 192.78 | 193.55 | 0.40 | 4.71 |
| 0117 | Vegetables, root crops & tubers | 4 533 | 194.26 | 197.70 | 199.58 | 200.47 | 200.70 | 0.11 | 3.32 |
| 0118 | Sugar, jam, honey & sweets | 1 420 | 236.95 | 242.63 | 246.68 | 247.58 | 249.11 | 0.61 | 5.13 |
| 0119 | Other food products | 2 248 | 152.69 | 159.25 | 159.50 | 161.22 | 162.28 | 0.65 | 6.28 |
| 012 | Non-alcoholic beverages | 923 | 130.67 | 132.72 | 132.85 | 133.25 | 133.47 | 0.17 | 2.15 |
| 02 | Alcoholic beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics | 416 | 117.57 | 120.11 | 120.11 | 120.29 | 120.40 | 0.10 | 2.41 |
| 03 | Clothing, textiles and footwear | 6 911 | 133.99 | 141.12 | 142.47 | 144.10 | 145.34 | 0.86 | 8.47 |
| 031 | Clothing, Garments and Tailoring services | 5 434 | 132.16 | 138.86 | 140.28 | 141.51 | 142.85 | 0.95 | 8.09 |
| 032 | Footwear | 1 477 | 140.72 | 149.41 | 150.55 | 153.64 | 154.51 | 0.56 | 9.80 |
| 04 | Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels | 2 089 | 175.72 | 179.17 | 179.53 | 180.21 | 180.50 | 0.16 | 2.72 |
| 042 | Actual rent | 498 | 131.12 | 134.94 | 134.94 | 135.33 | 135.82 | 0.36 | 3.58 |
| 043 | Electricity, gas and other fuels | 1 431 | 193.45 | 197.06 | 197.55 | 198.38 | 198.62 | 0.12 | 2.67 |
| 05 | Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance | 3 215 | 132.28 | 138.44 | 138.57 | 139.37 | 139.50 | 0.09 | 5.46 |
| 134.64 | Health | 728 | 132.78 | 134.64 | 134.87 | 134.89 | 135.24 | 0.26 | 1.85 |
| 222.82 | Transport | 2 706 | 228.20 | 223.82 | 223.86 | 225.00 | 225.14 | 0.06 | -1.34 |
| 104.69 | Communication | 1 822 | 104.49 | 104.69 | 104.71 | 104.73 | 104.73 | 0.00 | 0.23 |
| 123.87 | Recreation and culture | 957 | 119.90 | 123.87 | 124.20 | 124.55 | 124.69 | 0.11 | 4.00 |
| 109.33 | Education | 918 | 108.98 | 109.33 | 109.33 | 109.33 | 109.33 | 0.00 | 0.33 |
| 185.39 | Restaurants and Hotels | 222 | 174.03 | 185.39 | 186.50 | 187.83 | 189.16 | 0.71 | 8.70 |
| 197.31 | Miscellaneous goods and services | 3 639 | 182.23 | 197.31 | 199.56 | 201.48 | 204.39 | 1.45 | 12.16 |
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| | 12 MONTH MOVING AVERAGE | | 164.53 | 172.99 | 174.03 | 175.08 | 176.13 | 0.60 | 7.05 |
| | OVERALL INDEX | | 169.78 | 178.59 | 179.91 | 181.25 | 182.40 | 0.63 | 7.43 |
| | FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES | | 190.47 | 201.84 | 203.56 | 205.13 | 206.40 | 0.62 | 8.36 |
| | NON-FOOD PRODUCTS AND SERVICES | | 143.10 | 148.61 | 149.39 | 150.45 | 151.45 | 0.67 | 5.83 |

In October 2016, the overall consumer Price Index was 182.40, a 0.63 percent increase over the September 2016 overall index of 181.25

On an annual basis the overall index increased by 7.43 percent from October 2015 to October 2016. Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages increased by 8.36 percent whilst Non Food Products and Services rose by 5.83 percent.

From October 2015 to October 2016, within the Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages, 'Meat and meat products' increased by 12.26 percent, 'Fish and fish products' 9.08 and 'Bread and Cereal' 9.08 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 9.80 percent, 8.09 percent and 3.58 percent respectively.

During the months of September 2016 to October 2016, 'fish', 'Meat and meat products', 'bread and cereals', and 'oils and fats' show the highest increase in percentage of 1.12 percent, 0.91 percent, 0.62 percent and 0.44 percent respectively.

Using the 12 months-moving-average measure, inflation rate was about 7.05 percent, compared to 6.97 percent recorded in September 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 | 7.4 | 7.4 | | |

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

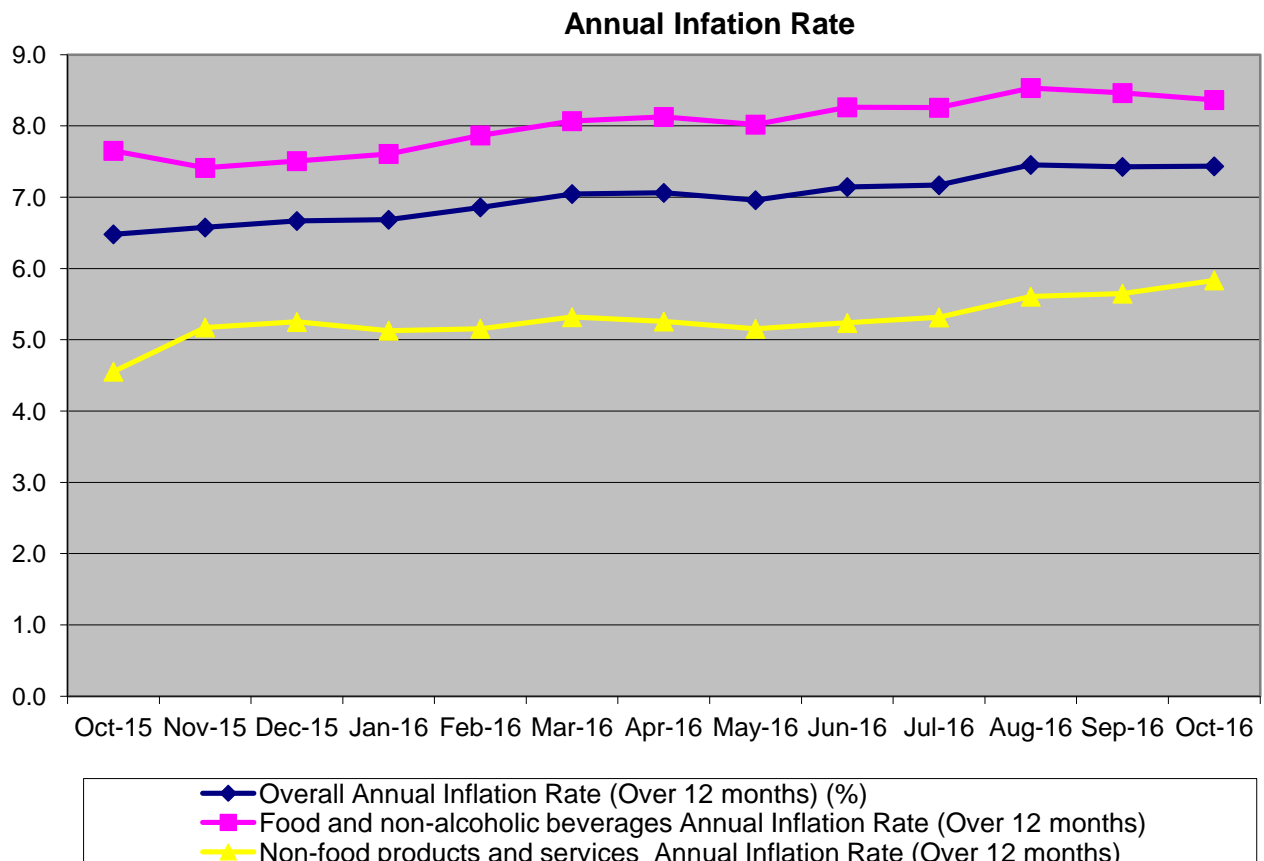
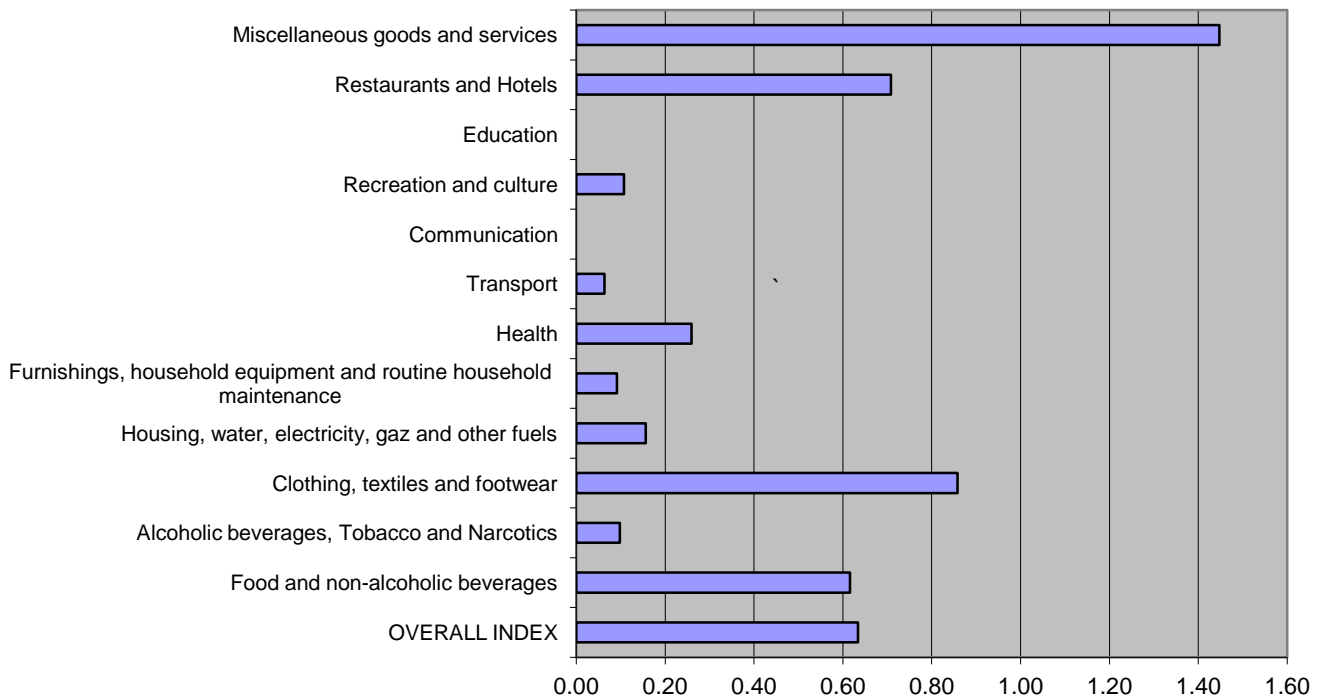


Figure 2: Monthly changes - Comparison with the previous month: September 2016 to October 2016

Price Changes in % over 1 month



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