



REPUBLIC OF THE GAMBIA

THE GAMBIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) APRIL 2015



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.

| | ALL ITEMS(NEW SERIES; 2004=100) | Weights | Apr-14 | Jan-15 | Feb-15 | Mar-15 | Apr-15 | Changes in % over | |
|------|---|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------------------|----------------|
| | | | | | | | | 1 month | Over 12 Months |
| | OVERALL INDEX | 61841 | 153.17 | 161.60 | 162.20 | 162.64 | 163.45 | 0.50 | 6.71 |
| 01 | Food and non-alcoholic beverages | 33837 | 168.26 | 180.01 | 180.74 | 181.37 | 182.37 | 0.55 | 8.38 |
| 011 | Food | 32 914 | 169.41 | 181.44 | 182.20 | 182.84 | 183.87 | 0.56 | 8.53 |
| 0111 | Bread & Cereals | 7 891 | 168.92 | 175.39 | 175.89 | 176.17 | 177.41 | 0.70 | 5.02 |
| 0112 | Meat | 8 217 | 156.24 | 186.51 | 188.04 | 189.57 | 191.67 | 1.11 | 22.67 |
| 0113 | Fish | 2 226 | 138.73 | 146.49 | 147.63 | 148.26 | 148.87 | 0.41 | 7.31 |
| 0114 | Milk, Cheese and Eggs | 1 462 | 137.25 | 144.26 | 144.30 | 144.48 | 144.81 | 0.23 | 5.51 |
| 0115 | Oils and fats | 3 469 | 204.18 | 213.44 | 214.64 | 215.24 | 215.68 | 0.20 | 5.63 |
| 0116 | Fruits & nuts | 1445 | 174.01 | 178.59 | 178.72 | 179.10 | 180.22 | 0.63 | 3.57 |
| 0117 | Vegetables, root crops & tubers | 4 533 | 187.48 | 190.46 | 190.64 | 190.65 | 190.84 | 0.10 | 1.79 |
| 0118 | Sugar, jam, honey & sweets | 1 420 | 224.33 | 229.74 | 229.92 | 230.34 | 230.48 | 0.06 | 2.74 |
| 0119 | Other food products | 2 248 | 143.58 | 147.41 | 147.48 | 148.20 | 148.51 | 0.21 | 3.44 |
| 012 | Non-alcoholic beverages | 923 | 127.15 | 128.65 | 128.65 | 128.65 | 128.68 | 0.03 | 1.21 |
| 02 | Alcoholic beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics | 416 | 113.59 | 115.45 | 115.68 | 115.94 | 115.98 | 0.03 | 2.10 |
| 03 | Clothing, textiles and footwear | 6 911 | 122.99 | 127.64 | 128.34 | 128.60 | 129.41 | 0.63 | 5.22 |
| 031 | Clothing, Garments and Tailoring services | 5 434 | 121.04 | 125.75 | 126.40 | 126.68 | 127.56 | 0.70 | 5.39 |
| 032 | Footwear | 1 477 | 130.18 | 134.61 | 135.38 | 135.66 | 136.22 | 0.41 | 4.64 |
| 04 | Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels | 2 089 | 164.78 | 169.60 | 169.81 | 170.16 | 170.57 | 0.24 | 3.51 |
| 042 | Actual rent | 498 | 127.08 | 128.77 | 128.77 | 129.26 | 129.26 | 0.00 | 1.71 |
| 043 | Electricity, gas and other fuels | 1 431 | 179.17 | 185.45 | 185.75 | 186.08 | 186.67 | 0.32 | 4.19 |
| 05 | Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance | 3 215 | 126.47 | 128.42 | 128.83 | 129.13 | 129.71 | 0.45 | 2.56 |
| 06 | Health | 728 | 128.82 | 130.72 | 130.72 | 130.72 | 130.72 | 0.00 | 1.47 |
| 07 | Transport | 2 706 | 212.57 | 225.42 | 225.45 | 225.68 | 226.34 | 0.29 | 6.48 |
| 08 | Communication | 1 822 | 103.51 | 103.97 | 104.11 | 104.11 | 104.11 | 0.00 | 0.58 |
| 09 | Recreation and culture | 957 | 116.11 | 117.58 | 117.74 | 117.77 | 118.05 | 0.24 | 1.67 |
| 10 | Education | 918 | 107.77 | 108.42 | 108.42 | 108.42 | 108.42 | 0.00 | 0.60 |
| 11 | Restaurants and Hotels | 222 | 158.09 | 165.63 | 166.64 | 167.31 | 168.20 | 0.53 | 6.39 |
| 12 | Miscellaneous goods and services | 3 639 | 162.19 | 170.66 | 171.45 | 171.71 | 172.94 | 0.72 | 6.63 |
| | 12 MONTH MOVING AVERAGE | | 149.63 | 156.59 | 157.45 | 158.31 | 159.16 | 0.54 | 6.37 |
| | OVERALL INDEX | | 153.17 | 161.60 | 162.20 | 162.64 | 163.45 | 0.50 | 6.71 |
| | FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES | | 168.26 | 180.01 | 180.74 | 181.37 | 182.37 | 0.55 | 8.38 |
| | NON-FOOD PRODUCTS AND SERVICES | | 133.70 | 137.87 | 138.28 | 138.47 | 139.04 | 0.41 | 3.99 |

The April 2015 inflation rate measured on year on year basis, that is between April 2014 and April 2015 went up by 6.71 percent. Some prices for both Food and Non-food items had increased. Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages went up by 8.38 whilst Non-Food products and Services increased by 3.99 percent from April 2014 to April 2015.

From April 2014 to April 2015, within the Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages, ‘*Meat and meat products*’ increased by 22.67 percent ‘*Fish and Fish products*’, 7.31 percent, ‘*Milk, Cheese and Eggs*’ 5.51 percent, and ‘*Oils and Fats*’ 5.63 percent.

For the Non-Food items, major increases were recorded in the ‘*Transport*’ (6.48), ‘*miscellaneous goods and Services*’ (6.63) and ‘*Restaurant and Hotel*’ sub-groups (6.39). The rise in the ‘*Transport*’ sub-group index was due to the in fuel pump price, whilst for that of ‘*Miscellaneous goods and Service,*’ the increased was due to price rise in personal care items.

During the months of March 2015 to April 2015, ‘*Meat and Meat products*’ show the highest increase with 1.11 percent, followed by ‘*Bread and cereals products*’ with 0.70 percent, and ‘*Fruits and Nuts products*’ with 0.63 percent. ‘*Fish and Fish products*’ also registered some increase with 0.41 percent during the period.

Using the 12 months-moving-average measure, inflation shows an increase, recording 6.37 percent during April 2015 compared to 6.29 percent which was recorded for March 2015.

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 |
|------|-----|-----|-------|-------|-----|-----|------|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|
| 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 | 5.4 | 5.6 | 5.7 | 6.3 | 6.6 | 6.8 | 6.9 |
| 2015 | 7.0 | 6.8 | 6.7 | 6.7 | | | | | | | | |

Figure1: Annual changes – Comparison with the same month of the previous year. (April 2014 - April 2015)

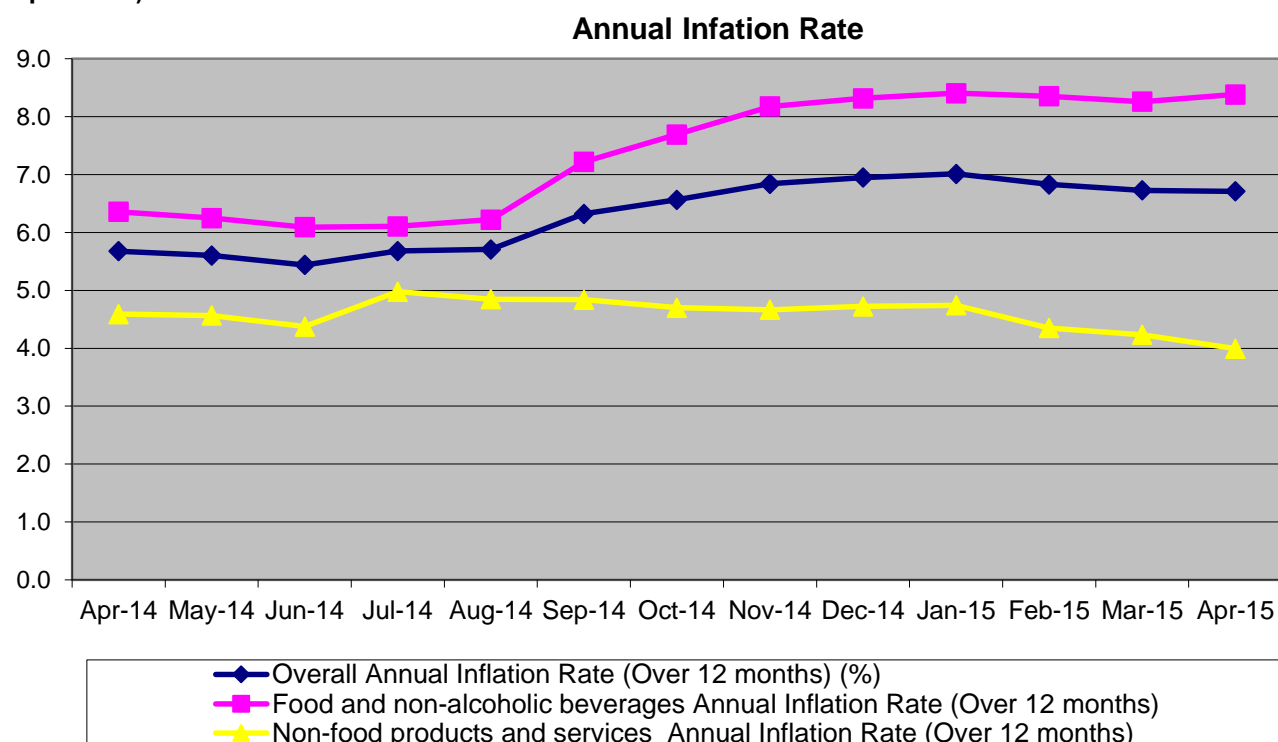
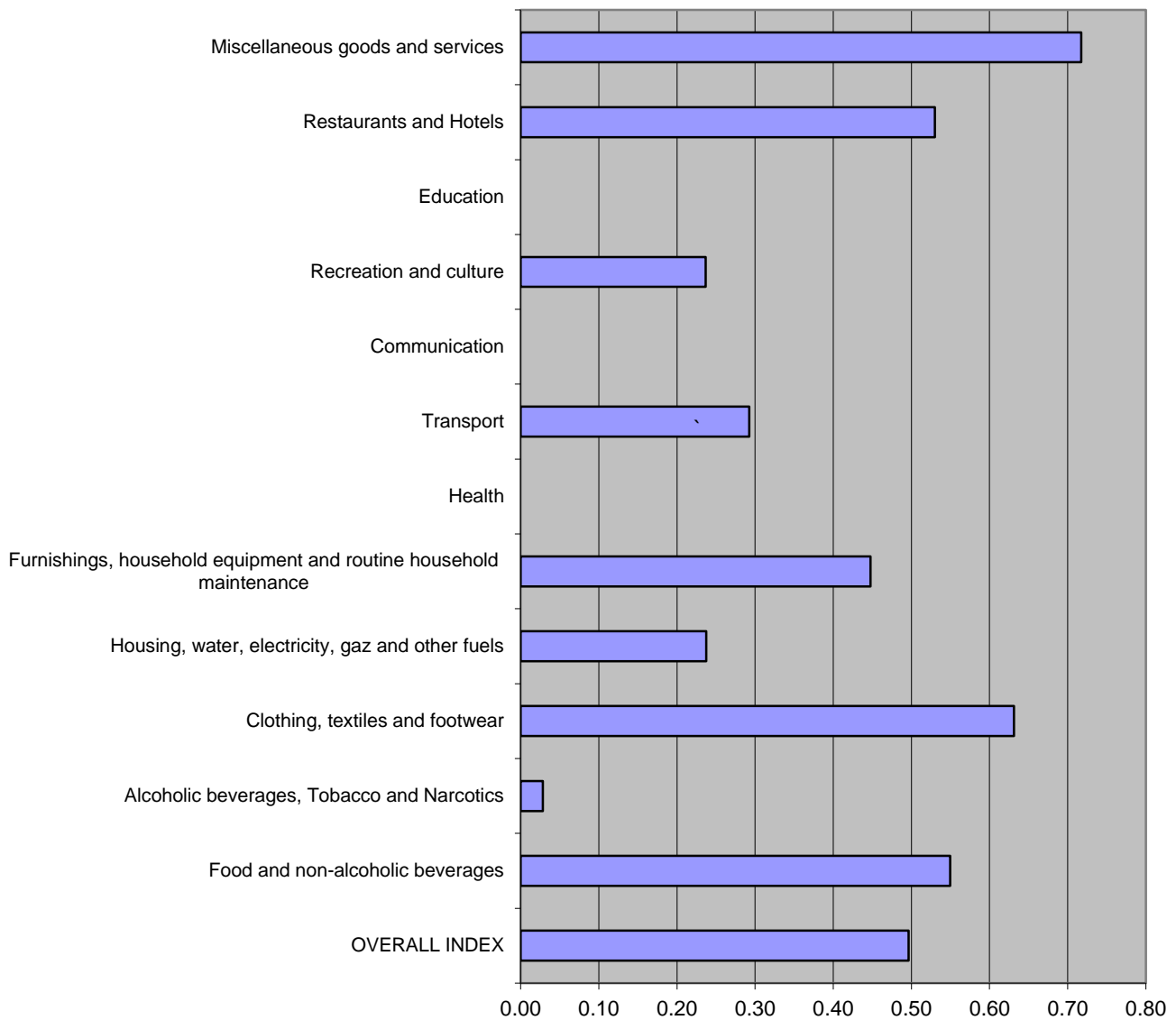


Figure 2: Monthly changes - Comparison with the previous month: March 2015 to April 2015

Price Changes in % over 1 month



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