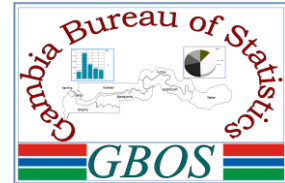




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THE GAMBIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) AUGUST 2015



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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-14	May-15	Jun-15	Jul-15	Aug-15	1 month	Over 12 Months
	OVERALL INDEX	61841	156.65	164.83	165.49	166.65	167.43	0.47	6.88
01	Food and non-alcoholic beverages	33837	172.58	184.24	185.13	186.44	187.56	0.60	8.68
011	Food	32 914	173.82	185.77	186.68	188.03	189.17	0.61	8.83
0111	Bread & Cereals	7 891	173.01	180.63	181.55	183.44	184.54	0.60	6.67
0112	Meat	8 217	162.42	192.77	194.43	196.88	198.73	0.94	22.35
0113	Fish	2 226	141.10	151.05	151.93	153.47	154.99	0.99	9.84
0114	Milk, Cheese and Eggs	1 462	141.31	145.75	146.17	146.50	147.59	0.74	4.44
0115	Oils and fats	3 469	211.22	217.20	217.53	217.87	218.86	0.46	3.62
0116	Fruits & nuts	1445	177.22	181.58	182.06	182.33	183.78	0.79	3.70
0117	Vegetables, root crops & tubers	4 533	190.01	192.21	192.87	192.94	193.24	0.15	1.70
0118	Sugar, jam, honey & sweets	1 420	227.00	232.74	233.45	233.89	234.94	0.45	3.50
0119	Other food products	2 248	146.57	150.81	151.12	152.32	152.43	0.07	4.00
012	Non-alcoholic beverages	923	128.09	129.38	129.46	129.79	130.02	0.18	1.51
02	Alcoholic beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	416	136.07	116.07	116.35	116.49	116.76	0.23	1.91
03	Clothing, textiles and footwear	6 911	125.47	129.56	129.96	131.88	132.03	0.11	5.23
031	Clothing, Garments and Tailoring services	5 434	123.79	127.69	128.01	130.16	130.34	0.14	5.29
032	Footwear	1 477	131.57	136.43	137.13	138.22	138.23	0.01	5.06
04	Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	2 089	166.51	171.75	172.69	173.36	174.66	0.75	4.90
042	Actual rent	498	128.48	129.36	129.75	129.85	130.05	0.15	1.22
043	Electricity, gas and other fuels	1 431	181.11	188.36	189.55	190.48	192.29	0.95	6.17
05	Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	3 215	127.33	129.88	130.14	130.51	130.59	0.06	2.56
06	Health	728	130.16	131.54	131.54	131.60	131.66	0.04	1.15
07	Transport	2 706	218.33	226.58	226.79	226.91	227.71	0.35	4.30
08	Communication	1 822	103.73	104.28	104.28	104.30	104.31	0.01	0.56
09	Recreation and culture	957	116.80	118.28	118.34	118.53	118.59	0.05	1.52
10	Education	918	108.04	108.45	108.45	118.53	108.68	0.21	0.59
11	Restaurants and Hotels	222	160.11	171.00	171.90	172.57	173.13	0.33	8.13
12	Miscellaneous goods and services	3 639	167.70	173.82	174.66	177.12	177.94	0.46	6.11
	12 MONTH MOVING AVERAGE		152.38	160.09	161.01	161.91	162.81	0.55	6.85
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	FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES		172.58	184.24	185.13	186.44	187.56	0.60	8.68
	NON-FOOD PRODUCTS AND SERVICES		136.07	139.79	140.15	141.11	141.46	0.25	3.96

The overall index has further moved to 167.43 in August 2015 indicating an increase of 0.47 percent over July 2015 of 166.65

On an annual basis the overall index increased by 6.88 percent from August 2014 to August 2015 compared to the 6.91 percent increase for the July 2014 to July 2015 figures, indicating a de-acceleration in inflationary pressure during August 2015. However, there was an increased primarily due to the food and non- alcoholic beverages, which rose by 0.60 percent during August 2015 whilst Non Food Products and services increased by only 0.25 percent.

Comparing August 2014 to August 2015, within the Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages, 'Meat and Meat Products' increased by 22.35Percent, 'Fish and Fish Products' increased by 9.84 percent and 'Bread and Cereals Products' increased by 6.67 Percent.

For the Non Food items, the major increases were primarily due to theRestaurants and Hotelsand Electricity Gas and other Fuels sub group which rose by 8.13 percent and 6.11 percent respectively.Miscellaneous goods and services; also significantly increased by 6.11 Percent.

Comparing July 2015 to August 2015 Electricity Gas and other Fuels show the highest increase of 0.95 percent and followed by Housing, Water, Electricity, gas and other Fuels which went up by 0.75 percent.

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	7.2	7.2	6.9	6.9				

Figure1: Annual changes – Comparison with the same month of the previous year. (August 2014 – August2015)

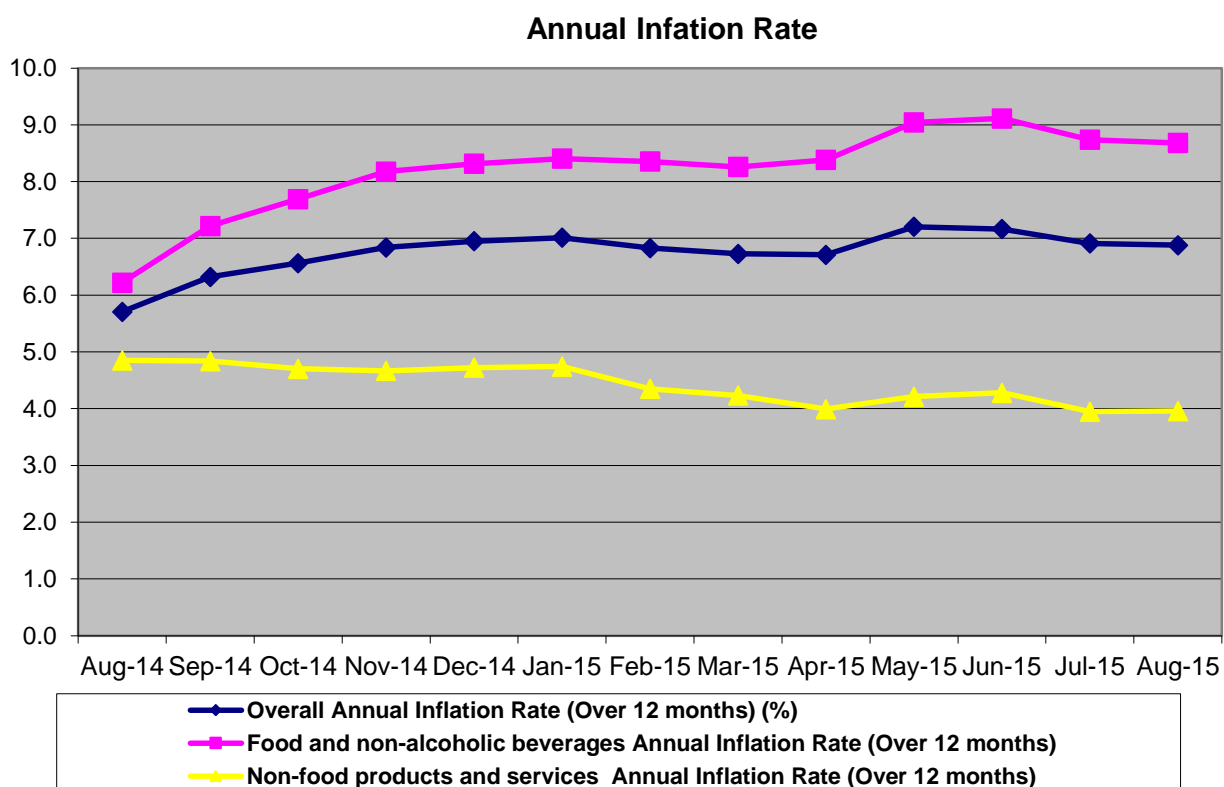
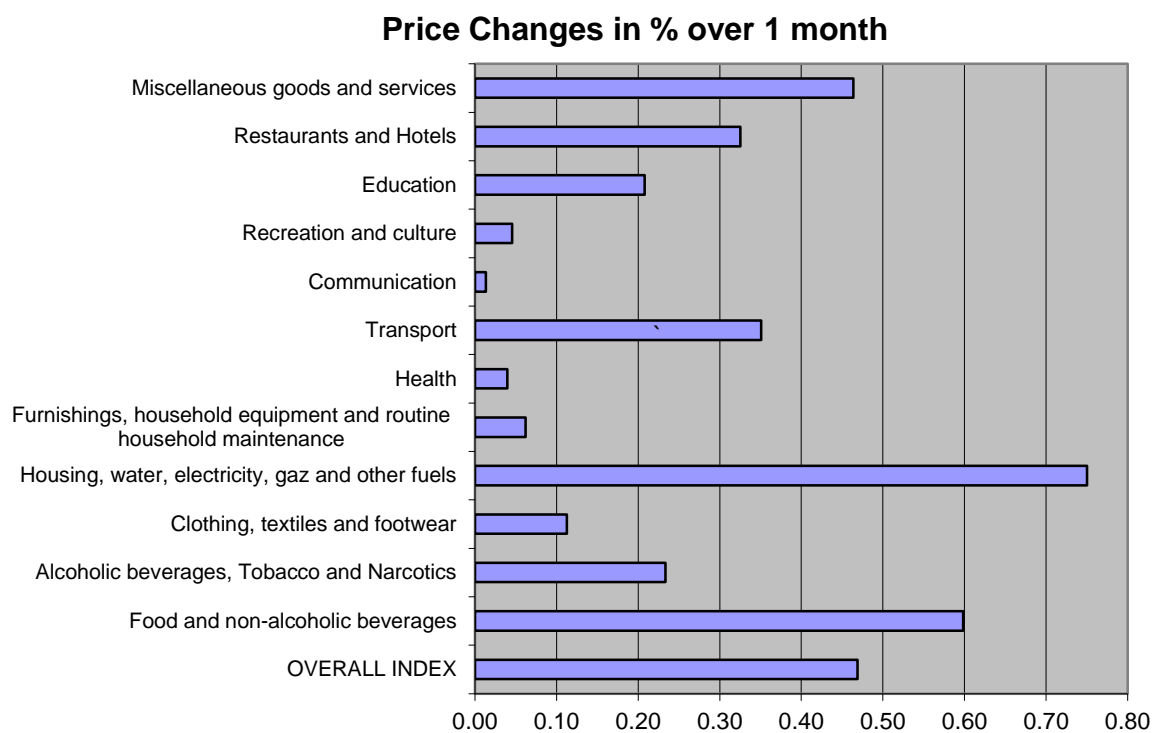


Figure 2: Monthly changes - Comparison with the previous month: July2015 to August2015



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