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THE GAMBIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) DECEMBER 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.**

								Changes in % over	
	ALL ITEMS(NEW SERIES; 2004=100)	Weights	Dec-14	Sep-15	Oct-15	Nov-15	Dec-15	1 month	Over 12 Months
	OVERALL INDEX	61841	161.08	168.72	169.78	171.10	171.82	0.42	6.67
01	Food and non-alcoholic beverages	33837	179.35	189.13	190.47	191.82	192.81	0.52	7.51
011	Food	32 914	180.76	190.77	192.13	193.53	194.55	0.53	7.62
0111	Bread & Cereals	7 891	175.00	185.43	186.63	187.71	189.25	0.82	8.14
0112	Meat	8 217	184.97	202.81	205.12	207.95	209.42	0.71	13.22
0113	Fish	2 226	145.41	156.07	156.75	157.46	159.55	1.32	9.72
0114	Milk, Cheese and Eggs	1 462	143.93	147.83	148.43	148.68	148.84	0.11	3.41
0115	Oils and fats	3 469	213.00	220.13	222.90	225.04	225.47	0.19	5.85
0116	Fruits & nuts	1445	178.50	184.71	184.84	185.47	185.54	0.04	3.95
0117	Vegetables, root crops & tubers	4 533	190.30	193.79	194.26	194.61	194.91	0.15	2.42
0118	Sugar, jam, honey & sweets	1 420	229.45	235.59	236.95	237.87	238.39	0.22	3.89
0119	Other food products	2 248	147.00	152.57	152.69	153.03	153.35	0.21	4.32
012	Non-alcoholic beverages	923	128.65	130.33	130.67	130.61	130.73	0.10	1.62
02	Alcoholic beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	416	115.21	117.04	117.57	117.85	118.34	0.42	2.72
03	Clothing, textiles and footwear	6 911	127.03	133.26	133.99	135.71	136.29	0.43	7.29
031	Clothing, Garments and Tailoring services	5 434	125.17	131.70	132.16	134.34	134.80	0.34	7.69
032	Footwear	1 477	133.86	139.01	140.72	140.76	141.76	0.71	5.90
04	Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	2 089	169.50	175.01	175.72	175.94	176.18	0.14	3.94
042	Actual rent	498	128.77	130.14	131.12	131.71	132.10	0.30	2.59
043	Electricity, gas and other fuels	1 431	185.31	192.78	193.45	193.54	193.75	0.11	4.56
05	Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	3 215	128.13	131.80	132.28	134.13	134.42	0.21	4.91
06	Health	728	130.72	131.67	132.78	133.11	134.02	0.68	2.52
07	Transport	2 706	224.05	227.91	228.20	228.57	228.69	0.05	2.07
08	Communication	1 822	103.97	104.38	104.49	104.48	104.48	0.00	0.49
09	Recreation and culture	957	117.48	119.90	119.90	120.04	120.04	0.00	2.18
10	Education	918	108.37	108.68	108.98	109.15	109.19	0.03	0.76
11	Restaurants and Hotels	222	164.30	173.58	174.03	175.31	175.98	0.38	7.11
12	Miscellaneous goods and services	3 639	170.13	180.66	182.23	184.21	184.94	0.40	8.70
	12 MONTH MOVING AVERAGE		155.71	163.67	164.53	165.41	166.31	0.54	6.81
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	FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES		179.35	189.13	190.47	191.82	192.81	0.52	7.51
	NON-FOOD PRODUCTS AND SERVICES		137.51	142.40	143.10	144.38	144.73	0.24	5.25

The overall index has further moved to 171.82 in December 2015 indicating an increase of 0.42 percent over November 2015 of 171.10.

On an annual basis the overall index increased by 6.67 percent from December 2014 to December 2015 compared to the 6.58 percent increase for the November 2014 to November 2015 figures, indicating an acceleration in inflationary pressure during November 2015. However, the increase was primarily due to the food and non- alcoholic beverages, which rose by 0.52 percent during December 2015 whilst Non Food Products and services increased by 0.24 percent.

Comparing December 2014 to December 2015, within the Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages, '*Meat and Meat Products*' increased by 13.22 Percent, '*Fish and Fish Products*' increased by 9.72 percent and '*Bread and Cereals Products*' increased by 8.14 Percent.

For the Non Food items, the major increases were primarily due to The Clothing Garments and Tailoring services and *miscellaneous goods and services* sub group which rose by 7.69 percent and 8.70 percent respectively. Restaurants and Hotels, also significantly increased by 7.11 Percent.

Comparing November 2015 to December 2015, '*Fish and Fish Products*' record the highest increase of 1.32 percent and followed by Bread and Cereals which went up by 0.82 percent.

Using the 12 months-moving-average measure, inflation rate is 6.81 percent, showing a slight de-acceleration in the inflationary pressure of 0.02 percent during the months.

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	6.6	6.5	6.6	6.7

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

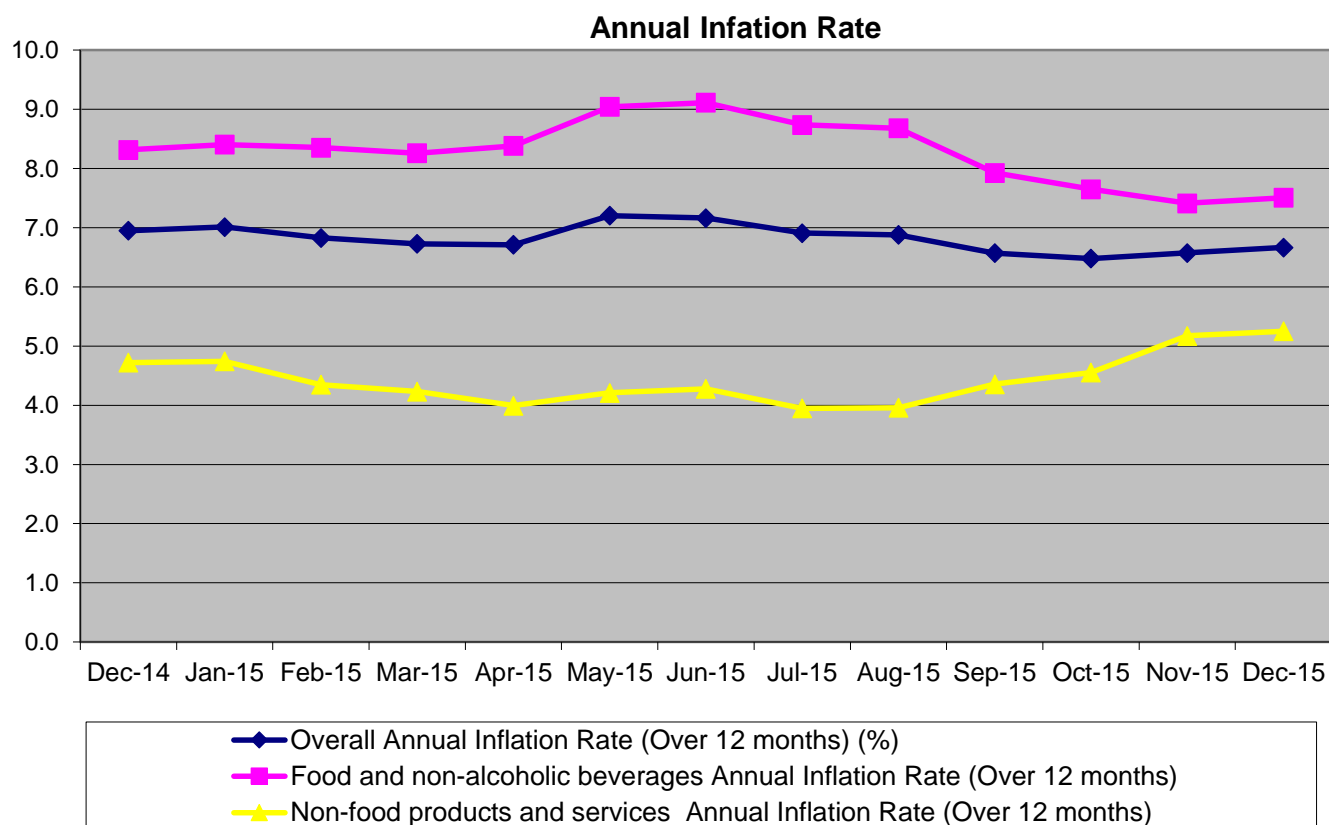
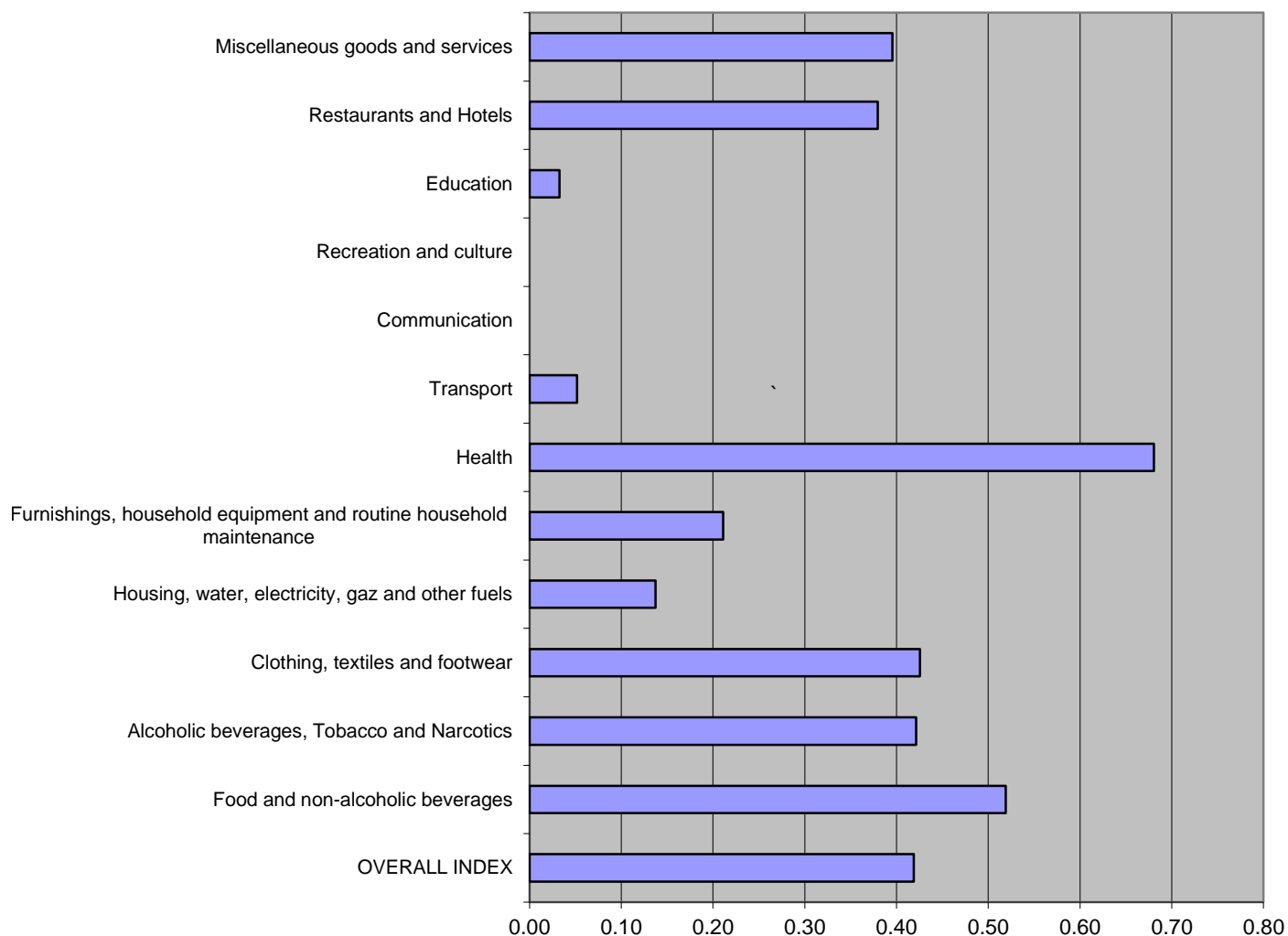


Figure 2: Monthly changes - Comparison with the previous month: November2015 to December2015

Price Changes in % over 1 month



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