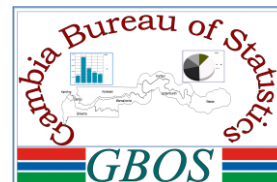




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THE GAMBIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) FEBRUARY 2015



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	Feb-14	Nov-14	Dec-14	Jan-15	Feb-15	Changes in % over	
								1 month	Over 12 Months
	OVERALL INDEX	61841	151.83	160.54	161.08	161.60	162.20	0.37	6.83
01	Food and non-alcoholic beverages	33837	166.81	178.58	179.35	180.01	180.74	0.41	8.35
011	Food	32 914	167.92	179.98	180.76	181.44	182.20	0.42	8.50
0111	Bread & Cereals	7 891	168.72	174.56	175.00	175.39	175.89	0.29	4.25
0112	Meat	8 217	153.74	183.13	184.97	186.51	188.04	0.82	22.32
0113	Fish	2 226	137.54	144.36	145.41	146.49	147.63	0.78	7.34
0114	Milk, Cheese and Eggs	1 462	134.40	143.68	143.93	144.26	144.30	0.02	7.37
0115	Oils and fats	3 469	202.54	212.22	213.00	213.44	214.64	0.56	5.98
0116	Fruits & nuts	1445	171.55	177.83	178.50	178.59	178.72	0.07	4.18
0117	Vegetables, root crops & tubers	4 533	186.29	190.16	190.30	190.46	190.64	0.10	2.34
0118	Sugar, jam. honey & sweets	1 420	223.65	229.24	229.45	229.74	229.92	0.08	2.80
0119	Other food products	2 248	141.64	147.00	147.00	147.41	147.48	0.04	4.12
012	Non-alcoholic beverages	923	126.84	128.65	128.65	128.65	128.65	0.00	1.42
02	Alcoholic beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	416	113.17	115.21	115.21	115.45	115.68	0.20	2.22
03	Clothing, textiles and footwear	6 911	122.54	126.89	127.03	127.64	128.3178	0.53	4.71
031	Clothing, Garments and Tailoring services	5 434	120.85	125.07	125.17	125.75	126.40	0.51	4.59
032	Footwear	1 477	128.77	133.61	133.86	134.61	135.38	0.57	5.13
04	Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	2 089	162.24	169.20	169.50	169.60	169.81	0.12	4.67
042	Actual rent	498	126.56	128.68	128.77	128.77	128.77	0.00	1.75
043	Electricity, gas and other fuels	1 431	175.71	184.89	185.31	185.45	185.75	0.17	5.71
05	Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	3 215	125.87	127.92	128.13	128.42	128.83	0.32	2.35
06	Health	728	116.17	130.28	130.72	130.72	130.72	0.00	12.52
07	Transport	2 706	208.01	222.96	224.05	225.42	225.45	0.01	8.38
08	Communication	1 822	103.46	103.83	103.97	103.97	104.11	0.13	0.63
09	Recreation and culture	957	115.55	117.48	117.48	117.58	117.74	0.13	1.89
10	Education	918	107.23	108.22	108.37	108.42	108.42	0.00	1.11
11	Restaurants and Hotels	222	156.63	163.27	164.30	165.63	166.64	0.61	6.39
12	Miscellaneous goods and services	3 639	160.91	169.86	170.13	170.66	171.45	0.46	6.55
	12 MONTH MOVING AVERAGE		148.28	154.83	155.71	156.59	157.45	0.55	6.19
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	FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES		166.81	178.58	179.35	180.01	180.74	0.41	8.35
	NON-FOOD PRODUCTS AND SERVICES		132.51	137.28	137.51	137.87	138.28	0.30	4.35

The February 2015 inflation rate measured on year on year basis, that is between February 2014 and February 2015 went up by 6.83 percent. Some prices for both Food and Non-food items had gone up. Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased by 8.35 whilst Non-Food products and Services declined from 4.72 percent in January 2015 to 4.35 percent in February 2015.

From February 2014 to February 2015, within the Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages, '*Meat and meat products*' increased by 22.32 percent '*Milk, Cheese and Eggs*' 7.37 percent, '*Oils and Fats*' 5.98 percent and '*Fish and Fish products*' 7.34 percent.

For the Non-Food items, the major increases were recorded by '*Health*' and '*Transport*' which rose by 12.52 percent and 8.38 percent respectively. The rise in the '*Health*' sector was due to the increase in consultation and admission fees effective January 2014 whilst the '*Transport*' index increase is due to the increase in prices of fuel pump.

During the month of January 2015 to February 2015, the '*Meat and Meat products*' show the highest increase of 0.82 percent, followed by *Fish and Fish products* with 0.78 percent increase, whilst the '*Milk, Cheese and Eggs*' increased by 0.02 percent. '*Oils and Fats*' registered an increase of 0.56 percent as well.

Using the 12 months-moving-average measure, inflation shows an increase, recording 6.19 percent during February 2015 compared to 6.09 percent which was recorded for January 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										

Figure 1. Annual changes – Comparison with the same month of the previous year. (February 2014 - February 2015)

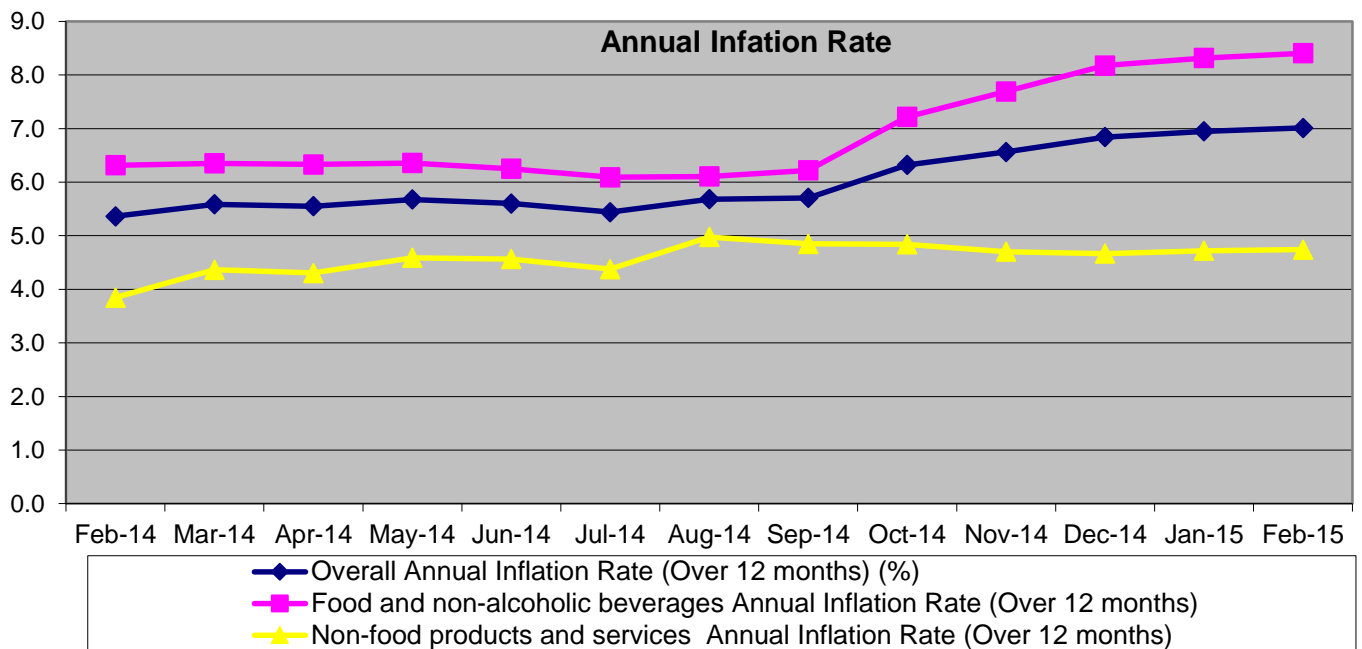
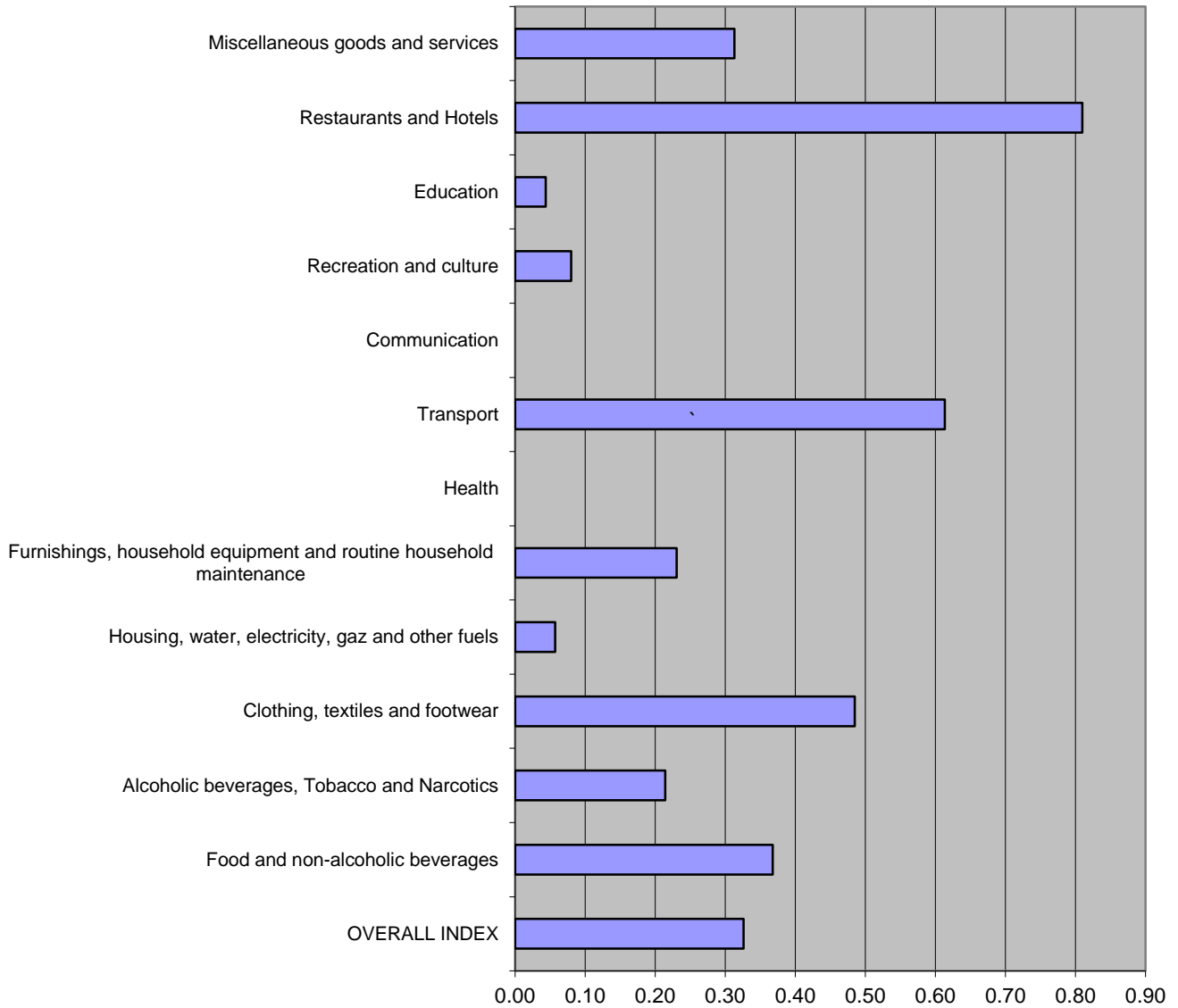


Figure 2. Monthly changes - Comparison with the previous month: December 2014 to January 2015

Price Changes in % over 1 month



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