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THE GAMBIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) MARCH 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	Mar-14	Dec-14	Jan-15	Feb-15	Mar-15	Changes in % over	
								1 month	Over 12 Months
	OVERALL INDEX	61841	152.39	161.08	161.60	162.20	162.64	0.27	6.73
01	Food and non-alcoholic beverages	33837	167.54	179.35	180.01	180.74	181.37	0.35	8.26
011	Food	32 914	168.67	180.76	181.44	182.20	182.84	0.36	8.40
0111	Bread & Cereals	7 891	168.86	175.00	175.39	175.89	176.17	0.16	4.33
0112	Meat	8 217	154.96	184.97	186.51	188.04	189.57	0.81	22.33
0113	Fish	2 226	138.26	145.41	146.49	147.63	148.26	0.43	7.23
0114	Milk, Cheese and Eggs	1 462	135.01	143.93	144.26	144.30	144.48	0.12	7.01
0115	Oils and fats	3 469	202.98	213.00	213.44	214.64	215.24	0.28	6.04
0116	Fruits & nuts	1445	173.25	178.50	178.59	178.72	179.10	0.21	3.37
0117	Vegetables, root crops & tubers	4 533	187.25	190.30	190.46	190.64	190.65	0.01	1.82
0118	Sugar, jam. honey & sweets	1 420	224.13	229.45	229.74	229.92	230.34	0.18	2.77
0119	Other food products	2 248	142.48	147.00	147.41	147.48	148.20	0.49	4.01
012	Non-alcoholic beverages	923	126.91	128.65	128.65	128.65	128.65	0.00	1.37
02	Alcoholic beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	416	113.50	115.21	115.45	115.68	115.94	0.23	2.15
03	Clothing, textiles and footwear	6 911	122.80	127.03	127.64	128.3178	128.60	0.22	4.72
031	Clothing, Garments and Tailoring services	5 434	120.98	125.17	125.75	126.40	126.68	0.22	4.71
032	Footwear	1 477	129.48	133.86	134.61	135.38	135.66	0.21	4.77
04	Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	2 089	162.86	169.50	169.60	169.81	170.16	0.21	4.48
042	Actual rent	498	126.68	128.77	128.77	128.77	129.26	0.38	2.04
043	Electricity, gas and other fuels	1 431	176.55	185.31	185.45	185.75	186.08	0.17	5.39
05	Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	3 215	126.09	128.13	128.42	128.83	129.13	0.23	2.41
06	Health	728	119.13	130.72	130.72	130.72	130.72	0.00	9.73
07	Transport	2 706	210.00	224.05	225.42	225.45	225.68	0.10	7.47
08	Communication	1 822	103.46	103.97	103.97	104.11	104.11	0.00	0.63
09	Recreation and culture	957	115.71	117.48	117.58	117.74	117.77	0.03	1.78
10	Education	918	107.43	108.37	108.42	108.42	108.42	0.00	0.92
11	Restaurants and Hotels	222	157.01	164.30	165.63	166.64	167.31	0.40	6.56
12	Miscellaneous goods and services	3 639	160.95	170.13	170.66	171.45	171.71	0.15	6.69
	12 MONTH MOVING AVERAGE		148.94	155.71	156.59	157.45	158.31	0.54	6.29
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	NON-FOOD PRODUCTS AND SERVICES		132.85	137.51	137.87	138.28	138.47	0.14	4.23

The March 2015 inflation rate measured on year on year basis, that is between March 2014 and March 2015 went up by 6.73 percent. Some prices for both Food and Non-food items had gone up. Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased by 8.26 whilst Non-Food products and Services increased by 4.23 percent in March 2015.

From March 2014 to March 2015, within the Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages, ‘Meat and meat products’ increased by 22.33 percent ‘Fish and Fish products’, 7.23 percent, ‘Milk, Cheese and Eggs’ 7.01 percent, and ‘Oils and Fats’ 6.04 percent.

For the Non-Food items, major increases were recorded in the ‘Health’, ‘Transport’, ‘Miscellaneous goods and Services’ and ‘Restaurant and Hotel’ sub-groups and they rose by 9.73 percent, 7.47 percent, 6.69 percent and 6.56 percent respectively. The rise in the ‘Health’ sub-group index was due to the increase in hospital consultation and accommodation fees in health facilities, ‘Transport’ index increase is due to the increase in prices of fuel pump, ‘Miscellaneous goods and Service’ increased due to price rise in personal care items and the increase in the ‘Restaurant and Hotel’ index is as a result of increase in price of restaurant and hotel services.

During the month of February 2015 to March 2015, ‘Meat and Meat products’ show the highest increase with 0.81 percent, followed by ‘Other food products’ with 0.49 percent, and ‘Fish and Fish products’ with 0.43 percent. ‘Milk, Cheese and Eggs’ and ‘Oils and Fats’ also registered some increase with 0.12 percent and 0.28 percent each.

Using the 12 months-moving-average measure, inflation shows an increase, recording 6.29 percent during March 2015 compared to 6.19 percent which was recorded for February 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									

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

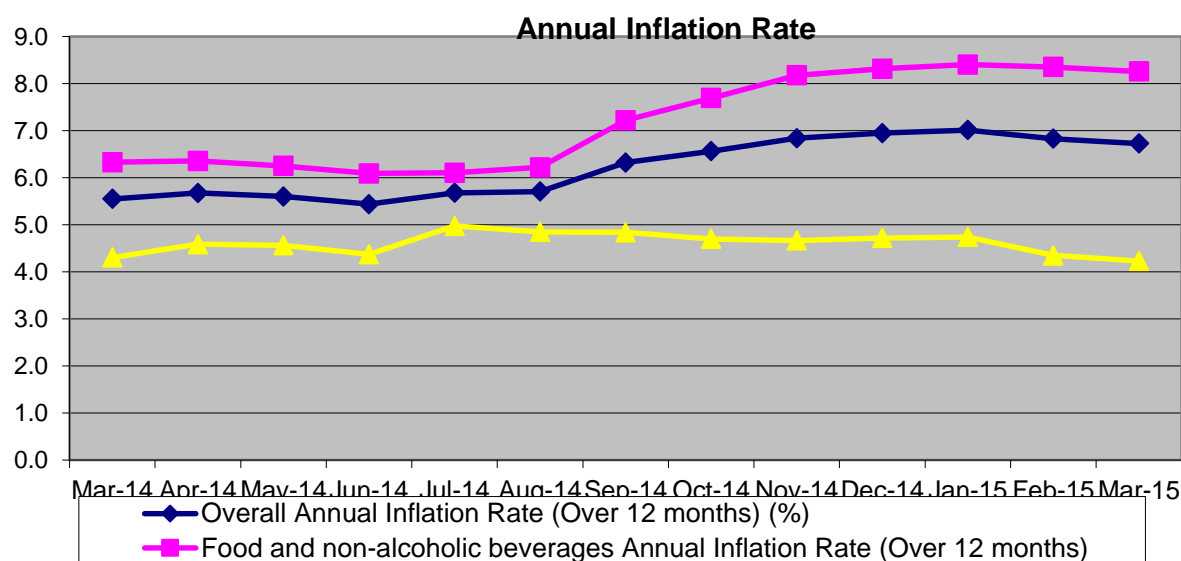
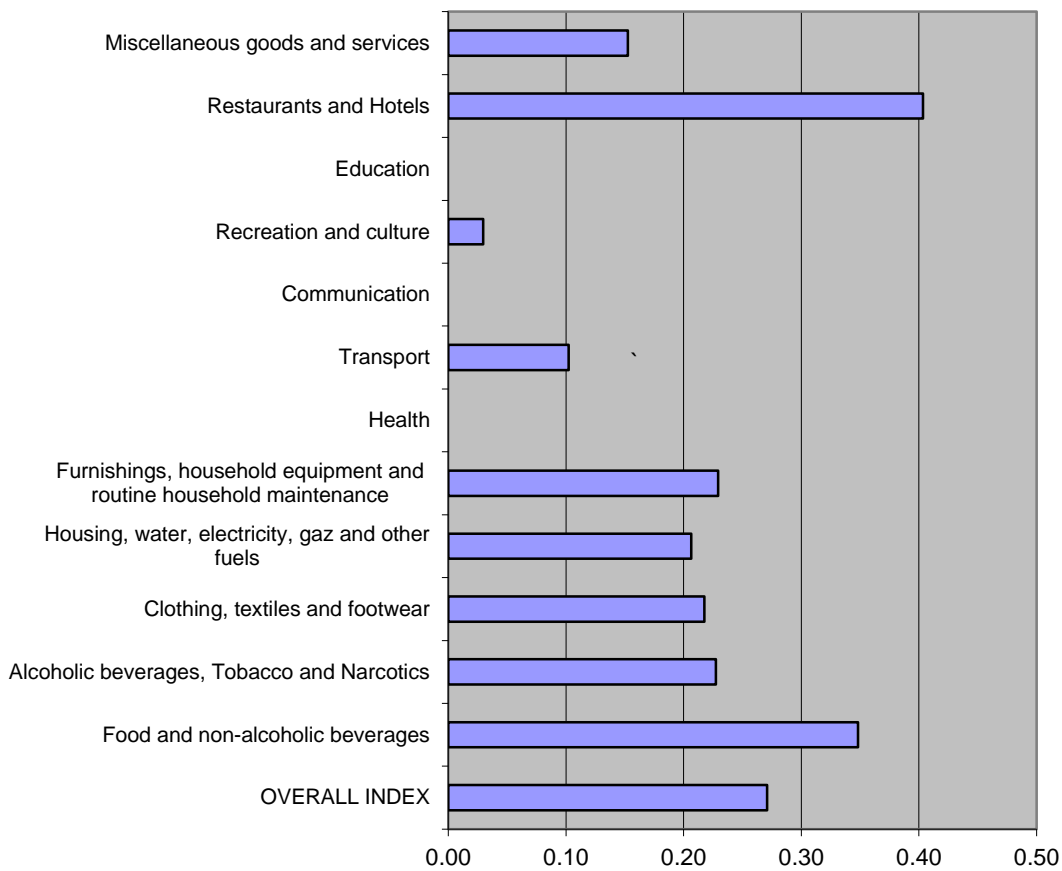


Figure 2: Monthly changes - Comparison with the previous month: February2015 to March2015

Price Changes in % over 1 month



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