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## THE GAMBIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) MAY 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 15<sup>th</sup>.

	ALL ITEMS(NEW SERIES; 2004=100)	Weights	May-14	Feb-15	Mar-15	Apr-15	May-15	Changes in % over	
								1 month	Over 12 Months
	<b>OVERALL INDEX</b>	61841	153.75	162.20	162.64	163.45	164.83	0.85	7.20
01	Food and non-alcoholic beverages	33837	168.96	180.74	181.37	182.37	184.24	1.03	9.04
011	Food	32 914	170.13	182.20	182.84	183.87	185.77	1.03	9.19
0111	Bread & Cereals	7 891	169.60	175.89	176.17	177.41	180.63	1.82	6.50
0112	Meat	8 217	157.21	188.04	189.57	191.67	192.77	0.57	22.62
0113	Fish	2 226	139.19	147.63	148.26	148.87	151.05	1.47	8.52
0114	Milk, Cheese and Eggs	1 462	137.64	144.30	144.48	144.81	145.75	0.65	5.89
0115	Oils and fats	3 469	205.96	214.64	215.24	215.68	217.20	0.71	5.46
0116	Fruits & nuts	1445	174.44	178.72	179.10	180.22	181.58	0.76	4.09
0117	Vegetables, root crops & tubers	4 533	187.42	190.64	190.65	190.84	192.21	0.72	2.56
0118	Sugar, jam, honey & sweets	1 420	224.93	229.92	230.34	230.48	232.74	0.98	3.47
0119	Other food products	2 248	144.17	147.48	148.20	148.51	150.81	1.55	4.61
012	Non-alcoholic beverages	923	127.16	128.65	128.65	128.68	129.38	0.54	1.75
02	Alcoholic beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	416	113.60	115.68	115.94	115.98	116.07	0.08	2.18
03	Clothing, textiles and footwear	6 911	123.33	128.34	128.60	129.41	129.56	0.11	5.05
031	Clothing, Garments and Tailoring services	5 434	121.47	126.40	126.68	127.56	127.69	0.10	5.11
032	Footwear	1 477	130.18	135.38	135.66	136.22	136.43	0.16	4.81
04	Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	2 089	164.99	169.81	170.16	170.57	171.75	0.70	4.10
042	Actual rent	498	127.30	128.77	129.26	129.26	129.36	0.08	1.62
043	Electricity, gas and other fuels	1 431	179.38	185.75	186.08	186.67	188.36	0.91	5.01
05	Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	3 215	126.56	128.83	129.13	129.71	129.88	0.14	2.63
06	Health	728	129.02	130.72	130.72	130.72	131.54	0.63	1.96
07	Transport	2 706	212.87	225.45	225.68	226.34	226.58	0.11	6.44
08	Communication	1 822	103.51	104.11	104.11	104.11	104.28	0.17	0.75
09	Recreation and culture	957	116.18	117.74	117.77	118.05	118.28	0.20	1.82
10	Education	918	107.77	108.42	108.42	108.42	108.45	0.03	0.63
11	Restaurants and Hotels	222	158.54	166.64	167.31	168.20	171.00	1.66	7.86
12	Miscellaneous goods and services	3 639	162.34	171.45	171.71	172.94	173.82	0.51	7.07
	<b>12 MONTH MOVING AVERAGE</b>		150.31	157.45	158.31	159.16	160.09	0.58	6.51
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	<b>FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES</b>		168.96	180.74	181.37	182.37	184.24	1.03	9.04
	<b>NON-FOOD PRODUCTS AND SERVICES</b>		134.14	138.28	138.47	139.04	139.79	0.54	4.21

In May 2015, the overall consumer Price Index was 164.83, a 0.85 percent increase over the April 2014 figure of 163.45.

On an annual basis the overall index increased by 7.20 percent from May 2014 to May 2015 compared to the 6.71 percent increase for the June 2014 to June 2015 figures. This larger increase was primarily due to the food and non- alcoholic beverages, which rose by 1.03 percent during May 2015 whilst Non Food Products and services increased by only 0.54 percent

Comparing May 2014 to May 2015, within the Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages, 'Meat and Meat products' increased by 22.62 percent 'Fish and Fish products', 8.52 percent, 'Bread and Cereals' 6.50, 'Milk, Cheese and Eggs' 5.89 percent, and 'Oils and Fats' by 5.46 percent.

For the Non-Food items, major increases were recorded in the 'Transport' 6.44, 'miscellaneous goods and Services' 7.07 and 'Restaurant and Hotel' sub-groups 7.86. The rise in the 'Transport' sub-group index was due to the increased in fuel pump price, whilst for the 'Restaurant and Hotel' increased was due to recent rise in their service charges.

During the month of April 2015 to May 2015, 'Bread and Cereals products' show the highest increase with 1.82 percent, followed by 'other food product with 1.55 percent, 'Fish and Fish products' with 1.47 percent, and 'Sugar, Jam, Honey and sweets product with 0.98 percent. 'Fruits and Nuts products' also registered some increase with 0.76 percent during the period.

Using the 12 months-moving-average measure, inflation shows an increase, recording 6.51 percent during May 2015 compared to 6.37 percent which was recorded for April 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	7.2							

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

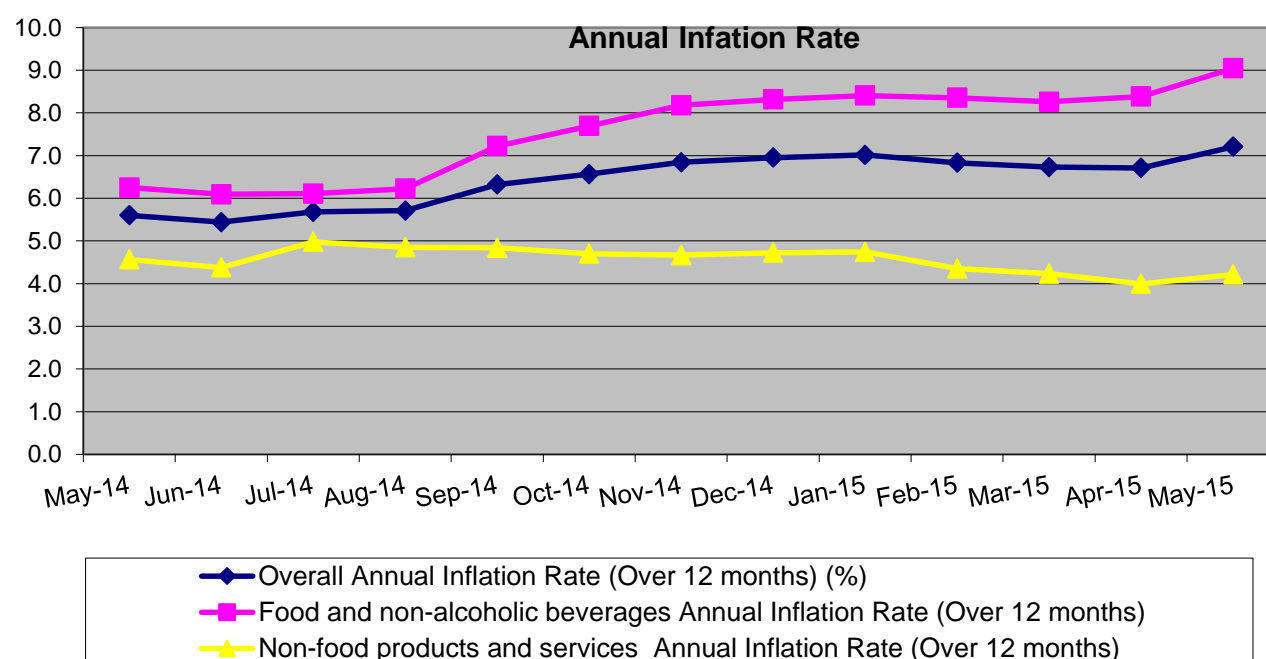
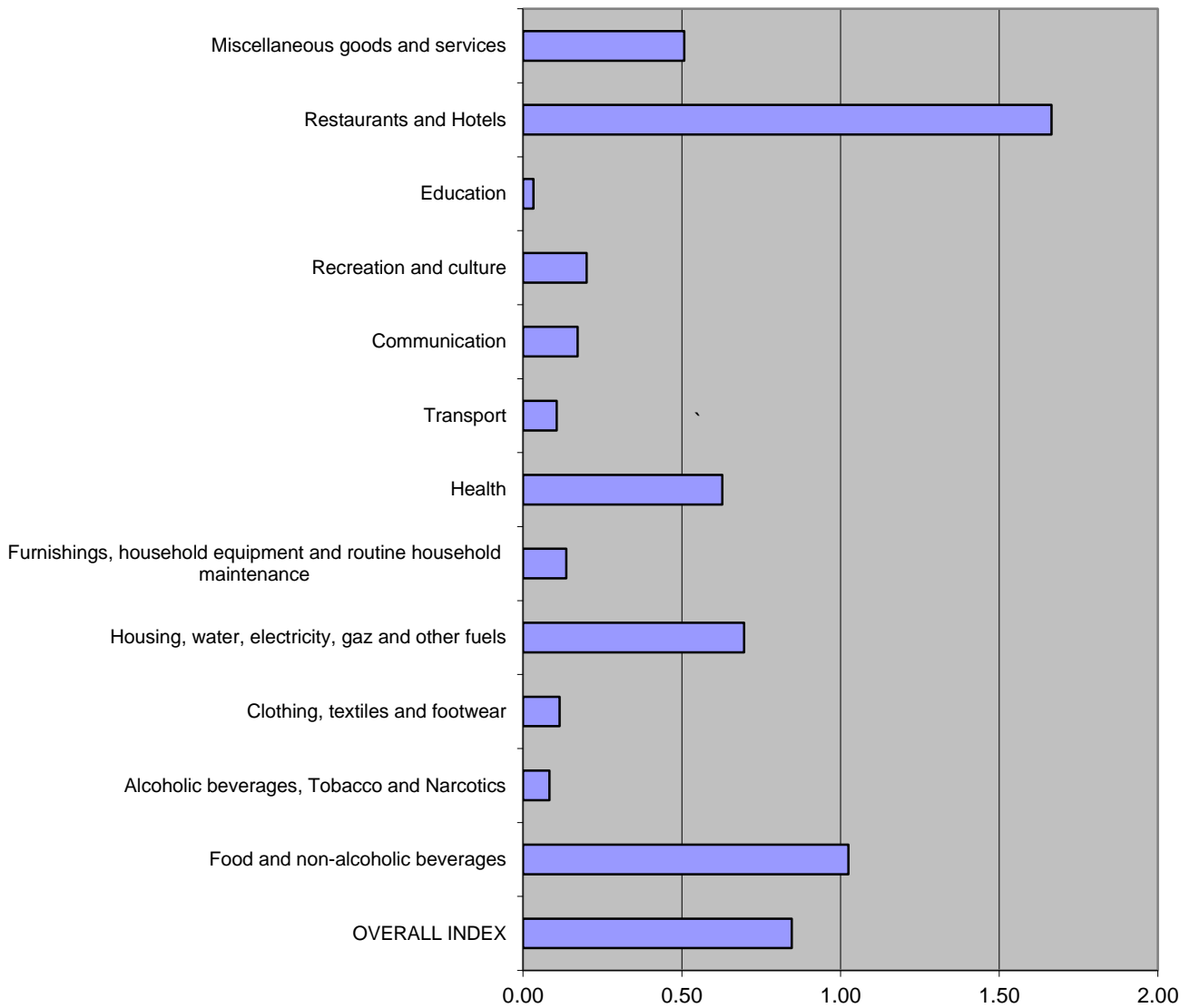


Figure 2: Monthly changes - Comparison with the previous month: April 2015 to May 2015

Price Changes in % over 1 month



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