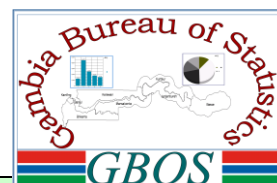




THE GAMBIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) OCTOBER 2015



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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 | OCT-14 | JUL-15 | Aug-15 | SEP-15 | Oct-15 | 1 month | Over 12 Months |
| | OVERALL INDEX | 61841 | 159.45 | 166.65 | 167.43 | 168.72 | 169.78 | 0.63 | 6.48 |
| 01 | Food and non-alcoholic beverages | 33837 | 176.93 | 186.44 | 187.56 | 189.13 | 190.47 | 0.71 | 7.65 |
| 011 | Food | 32 914 | 178.28 | 188.03 | 189.17 | 190.77 | 192.13 | 0.72 | 7.77 |
| 0111 | Bread & Cereals | 7 891 | 173.93 | 183.44 | 184.54 | 185.43 | 186.63 | 0.64 | 7.30 |
| 0112 | Meat | 8 217 | 177.86 | 196.88 | 198.73 | 202.81 | 205.12 | 1.14 | 15.33 |
| 0113 | Fish | 2 226 | 143.37 | 153.47 | 154.99 | 156.07 | 156.75 | 0.44 | 9.33 |
| 0114 | Milk, Cheese and Eggs | 1 462 | 142.92 | 146.50 | 147.59 | 147.83 | 148.43 | 0.40 | 3.85 |
| 0115 | Oils and fats | 3 469 | 211.69 | 217.87 | 218.86 | 220.13 | 222.90 | 1.26 | 5.29 |
| 0116 | Fruits & nuts | 1445 | 177.72 | 182.33 | 183.78 | 184.71 | 184.84 | 0.07 | 4.01 |
| 0117 | Vegetables, root crops & tubers | 4 533 | 190.10 | 192.94 | 193.24 | 193.79 | 194.26 | 0.24 | 2.19 |
| 0118 | Sugar, jam, honey & sweets | 1 420 | 228.48 | 233.89 | 234.94 | 235.59 | 236.95 | 0.57 | 3.71 |
| 0119 | Other food products | 2 248 | 146.63 | 152.32 | 152.43 | 152.57 | 152.69 | 0.08 | 4.14 |
| 012 | Non-alcoholic beverages | 923 | 128.58 | 129.79 | 130.02 | 130.33 | 130.67 | 0.26 | 1.63 |
| 02 | Alcoholic beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics | 416 | 115.07 | 116.49 | 116.76 | 117.04 | 117.57 | 0.46 | 2.18 |
| 03 | Clothing, textiles and footwear | 6 911 | 126.53 | 131.88 | 132.03 | 133.26 | 133.99 | 0.54 | 5.89 |
| 031 | Clothing, Garments and Tailoring services | 5 434 | 124.79 | 130.16 | 130.34 | 131.70 | 132.16 | 0.35 | 5.90 |
| 032 | Footwear | 1 477 | 132.90 | 138.22 | 138.23 | 139.01 | 140.72 | 1.23 | 5.88 |
| 04 | Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels | 2 089 | 168.24 | 173.36 | 174.66 | 175.01 | 175.72 | 0.40 | 4.45 |
| 042 | Actual rent | 498 | 128.68 | 129.85 | 130.05 | 130.14 | 131.12 | 0.75 | 1.90 |
| 043 | Electricity, gas and other fuels | 1 431 | 183.54 | 190.48 | 192.29 | 192.78 | 193.45 | 0.35 | 5.40 |
| 05 | Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance | 3 215 | 127.67 | 130.51 | 130.59 | 131.80 | 132.28 | 0.37 | 3.61 |
| 06 | Health | 728 | 130.23 | 131.60 | 131.66 | 131.67 | 132.78 | 0.84 | 1.96 |
| 07 | Transport | 2 706 | 220.87 | 226.91 | 227.71 | 227.91 | 228.20 | 0.13 | 3.32 |
| 08 | Communication | 1 822 | 103.76 | 104.30 | 104.31 | 104.38 | 104.49 | 0.11 | 0.70 |
| 09 | Recreation and culture | 957 | 117.43 | 118.53 | 118.59 | 119.90 | 119.90 | 0.00 | 2.10 |
| 10 | Education | 918 | 108.04 | 118.53 | 108.68 | 108.68 | 108.98 | 0.28 | 0.87 |
| 11 | Restaurants and Hotels | 222 | 162.11 | 172.57 | 173.13 | 173.58 | 174.03 | 0.26 | 7.35 |
| 12 | Miscellaneous goods and services | 3 639 | 169.04 | 177.12 | 177.94 | 180.66 | 182.23 | 0.87 | 7.80 |
| | 12 MONTH MOVING AVERAGE | | 153.98 | 161.91 | 162.81 | 163.67 | 164.53 | 0.53 | 6.86 |
| | OVERALL INDEX | | 159.45 | 166.65 | 167.43 | 168.72 | 169.78 | 0.63 | 6.48 |
| | FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES | | 176.93 | 186.44 | 187.56 | 189.13 | 190.47 | 0.71 | 7.65 |
| | NON-FOOD PRODUCTS AND SERVICES | | 136.87 | 141.11 | 141.46 | 142.40 | 143.10 | 0.49 | 4.55 |

In October 2015, the overall consumer Price Index was 169.78, recording a 0.63 percent increase over the September 2015 overall index of 168.72. The October 2015 inflation rate measured on year on year basis, that is between October 2014 and October 2015 went up by 6.48 percent. Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased by 7.65 whilst Non-Food products and Services rose by 4.55 percent.

From October 2014 to October 2015, within the Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages, 'Meat and meat products' increased by 15.33 percent, fish and fish products 9.33 percent and bread & cereals 7.77 percent.

For the Non Food items, the major increases were primarily due to the 'Restaurants and Hotels' and 'miscellaneous goods and services' sub groups which rose by 7.35 percent and 7.80 percent respectively. The 'Clothing Garments and Tailoring Services'; also significantly increased by 5.90 percent, as well as 'Electricity, Gas and other fuel' sub-groups which recorded a rise of 5.40 percent.

During the month of September 2015 to October 2015, the 'Meat and Meat Products' show the highest increase of 1.14 percent, followed by 'Miscellaneous Goods and Services' which increased by 0.87 percent, whilst the Health' sub-groups 'went up by 0.84 percent. 'Actual Rental' registered an increase of 0.75 percent as well.

Using the 12 months-moving-average measure, October recorded 6.86 percent same as in September 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 | 7.2 | 6.9 | 6.9 | 6.6 | 6.5 | | |

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

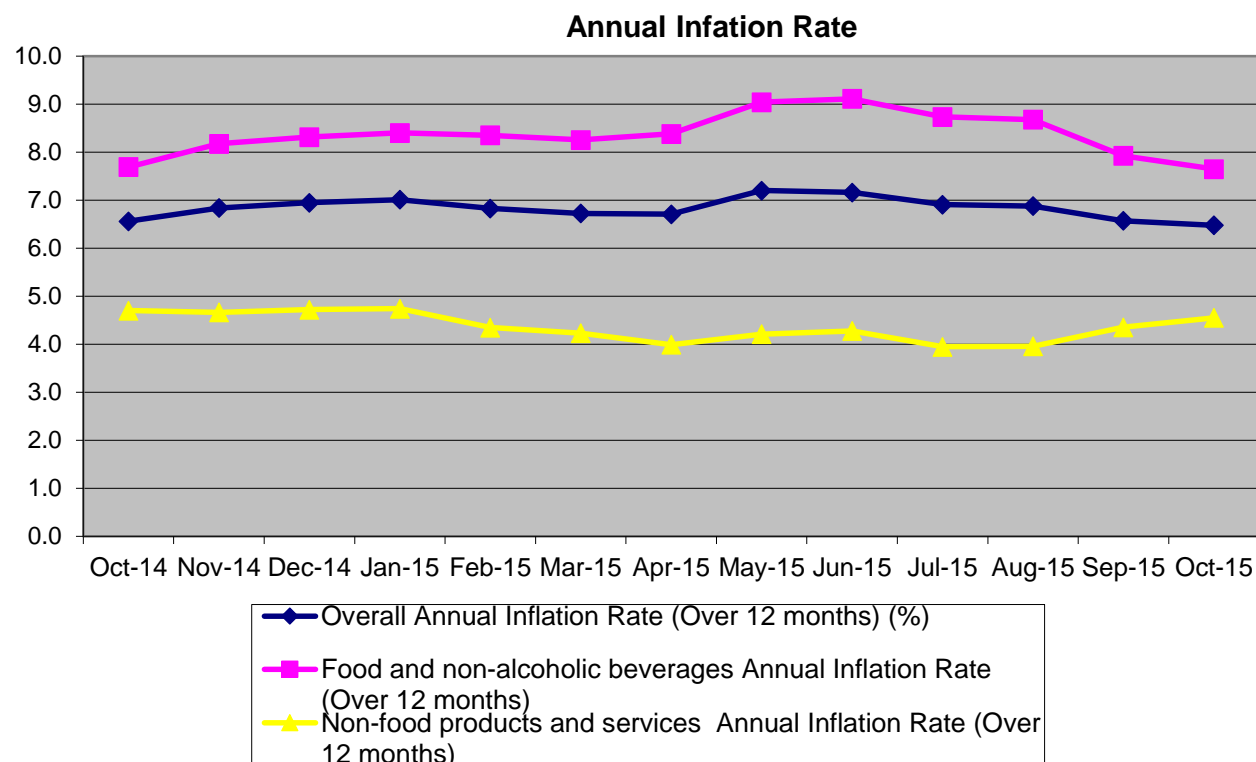
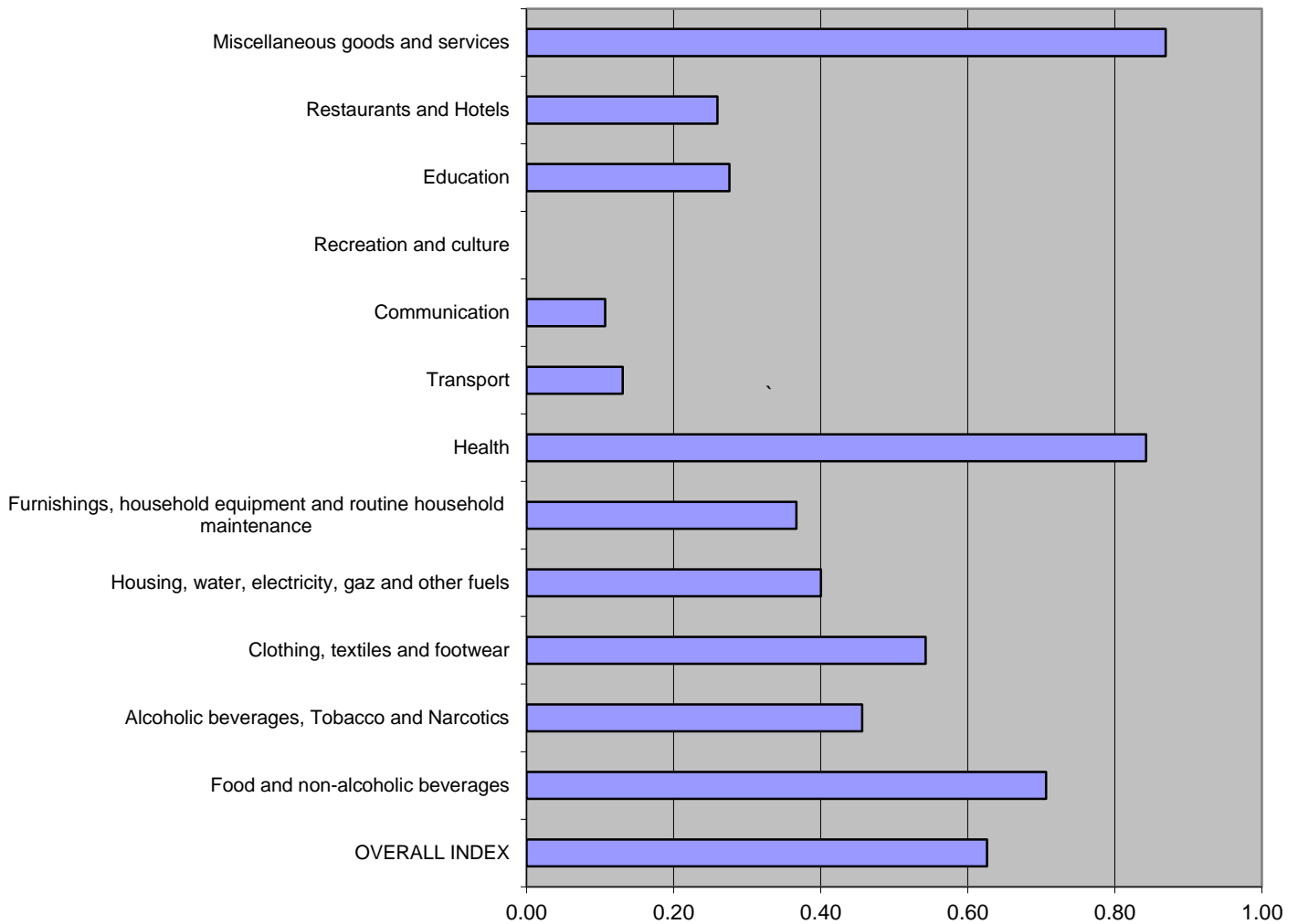


Figure 2: Monthly changes - Comparison with the previous month: September 2015 to October 2015

Price Changes in % over 1 month



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