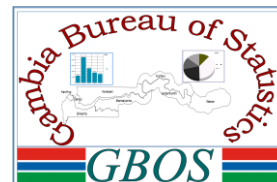




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THE GAMBIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) SEPTEMBER 2015



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								Changes in % over	
	ALL ITEMS(NEW SERIES; 2004=100)	Weights	SEP-14	Jun-15	Jul-15	Aug-15	SEP-15	1 month	Over 12 Months
	OVERALL INDEX	61841		165.49	166.65	167.43	168.72	0.77	6.57
01	Food and non-alcoholic beverages	33837		185.13	186.44	187.56	189.13	0.84	7.93
011	Food	32914		186.68	188.03	189.17	190.77	0.85	8.05
0111	Bread & Cereals	7891		181.55	183.44	184.54	185.43	0.48	6.72
0112	Meat	8217		194.43	196.88	198.73	202.81	2.05	17.94
0113	Fish	2226		151.93	153.47	154.99	156.07	0.69	9.75
0114	Milk, Cheese and Eggs	1462		146.17	146.50	147.59	147.83	0.17	3.62
0115	Oils and fats	3469		217.53	217.87	218.86	220.13	0.58	4.14
0116	Fruits & nuts	1445		182.06	182.33	183.78	184.71	0.51	4.19
0117	Vegetables, root crops & tubers	4533		192.87	192.94	193.24	193.79	0.29	1.99
0118	Sugar, jam, honey & sweets	1420		233.45	233.89	234.94	235.59	0.28	3.62
0119	Other food products	2248		151.12	152.32	152.43	152.57	0.09	4.08
012	Non-alcoholic beverages	923		129.46	129.79	130.02	130.33	0.23	1.69
02	Alcoholic beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	416		116.35	116.49	116.76	117.04	0.24	1.82
03	Clothing, textiles and footwear	6911		129.96	131.88	132.03	133.26	0.94	5.68
031	Clothing, Garments and Tailoring services	5434		128.01	130.16	130.34	131.70	1.04	5.84
032	Footwear	1477		137.13	138.22	138.23	139.01	0.57	5.19
04	Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	2089		172.69	173.36	174.66	175.01	0.20	4.47
042	Actual rent	498		129.75	129.85	130.05	130.14	0.08	1.22
043	Electricity, gas and other fuels	1431		189.55	190.48	192.29	192.78	0.25	5.60
05	Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	3215		130.14	130.51	130.59	131.80	0.93	3.46
06	Health	728		131.54	131.60	131.66	131.67	0.01	1.17
07	Transport	2706		226.79	226.91	227.71	227.91	0.09	4.03
08	Communication	1822		104.28	104.30	104.31	104.38	0.06	0.61
09	Recreation and culture	957		118.34	118.53	118.59	119.90	1.11	2.28
10	Education	918		108.45	118.53	108.68	108.68	0.00	0.59
11	Restaurants and Hotels	222		171.90	172.57	173.13	173.58	0.26	7.52
12	Miscellaneous goods and services	3639		174.66	177.12	177.94	180.66	1.53	7.39
	12 MONTH MOVING AVERAGE			161.01	161.91	162.81	163.67	0.53	6.86
	OVERALL INDEX			165.49	166.65	167.43	168.72	0.77	6.57
	FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES			185.13	186.44	187.56	189.13	0.84	7.93
	NON-FOOD PRODUCTS AND SERVICES			140.15	141.11	141.46	142.40	0.67	4.36

The September 2015 inflation rate measured on year on year basis, that is between September 2014 and September 2015 went up by 6.57 percent. Some prices for both Food and Non-food items had gone up. Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased by 7.93 whilst Non-Food products and Services rose by 4.36 percent.

From September 2014 to September 2015, within the Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages, 'Meat and meat products' increased by 17.74 percent, Fish and fish products 9.75 percent and Bread & cereals 6.72 percent.

For the Non Food items, the major increases were primarily due to the 'Restaurants and Hotels' and 'miscellaneous goods and services' sub group which rose by 7.52 percent and 7.39 percent respectively. The 'Clothing Garments and Tailoring Services'; also significantly increased by 5.84 percent, as well as 'Electricity, Gas and other fuel' sub-group which recorded a rise of 5.60 percent.

During the month of August 2015 to September 2015, the 'Meat and Meat Products' show the highest increase of 2.05 percent, followed by 'Miscellaneous Goods and Services' which increased by 1.53 percent, whilst the Recreation and Culture' sub-group 'went up by 1.11 percent. 'Clothing, Garments and Tailoring Services' registered an increase of 1.04 percent as well.

Using the 12 months-moving-average measure, inflation showed a slight increase, recording 6.86 percent during September 2015 compared to 6.85 percent which was recorded for August 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			

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

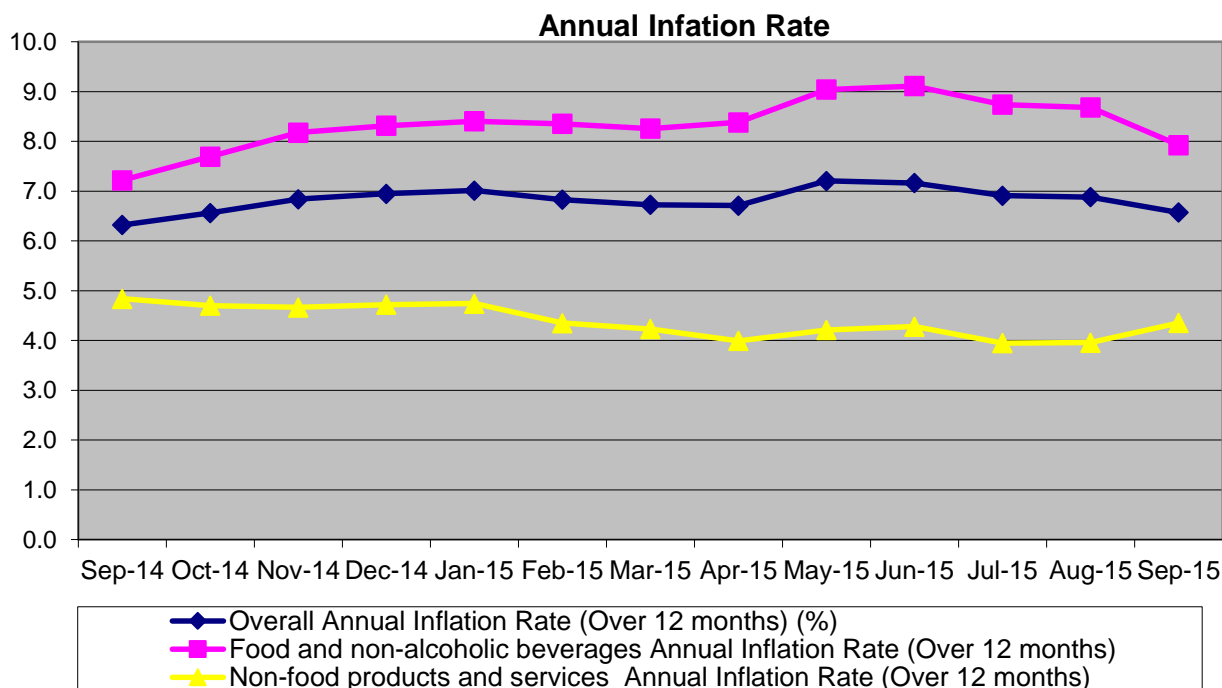
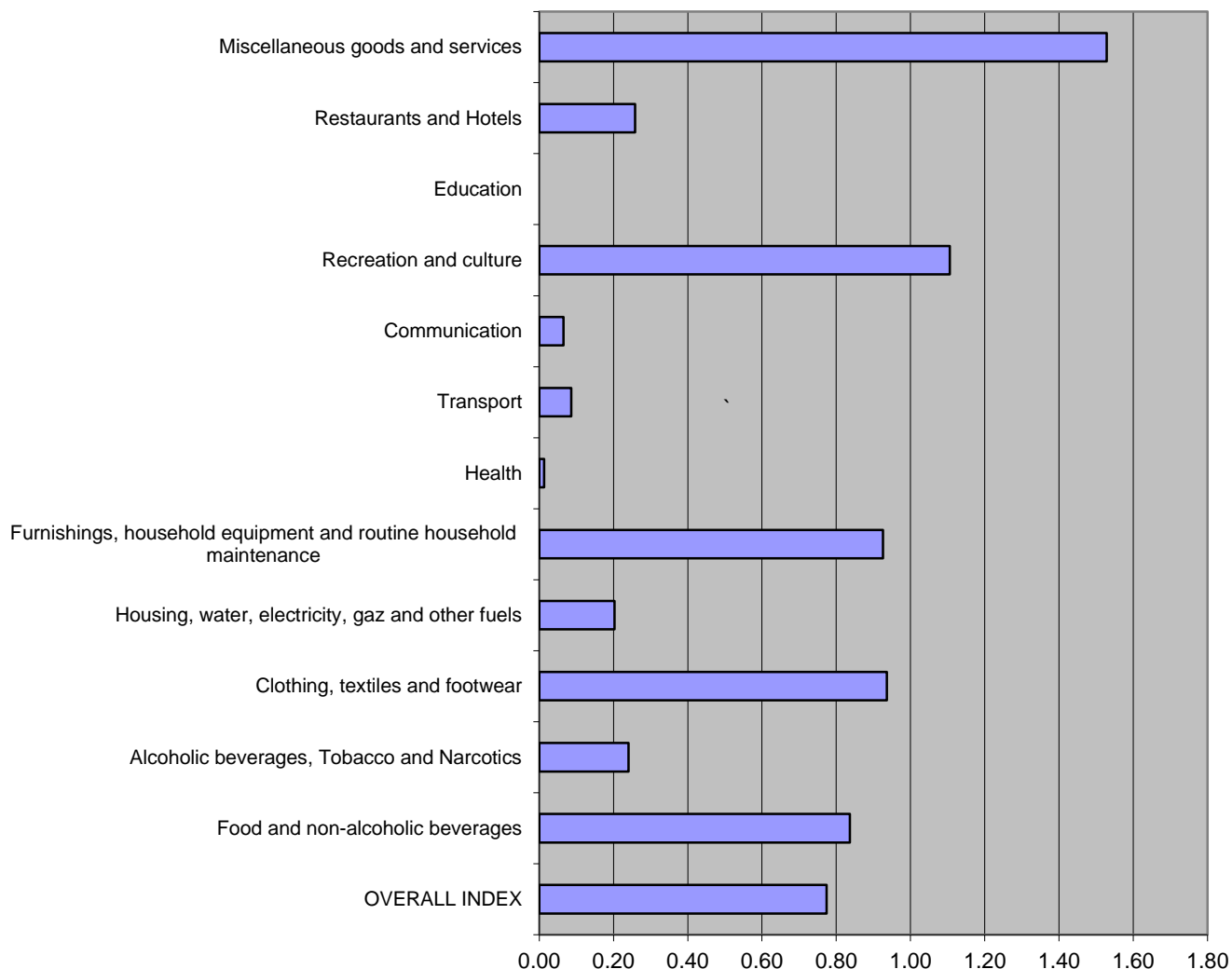


Figure 2: Monthly changes - Comparison with the previous month: 2015August to September 2015

Price Changes in % over 1 month



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