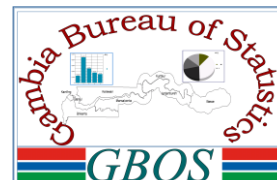




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## THE GAMBIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) May 2016



### 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>.

								<i>Changes in % over</i>	
	<b>ALL ITEMS(NEW SERIES; 2004=100)</b>	<b>Weights</b>	<b>May-15</b>	<b>Feb-16</b>	<b>Mar-16</b>	<b>Apr-2016</b>	<b>May-16</b>	<b>1 month</b>	<b>Over 12 Months</b>
	<b>OVERALL INDEX</b>	61841	164.83	173.32	174.10	174.99	176.30	0.75	6.96
01	<b>Food and non-alcoholic beverages</b>	33837	184.24	194.96	196.01	197.19	199.01	0.92	8.02
011	<b>Food</b>	32 914	185.77	196.73	197.80	199.00	200.87	0.94	8.13
0111	<b>Bread &amp; Cereals</b>	7 891	180.63	191.01	192.26	194.14	196.07	1.00	8.55
0112	<b>Meat</b>	8 217	192.77	213.07	215.13	216.97	219.81	1.31	14.03
0113	<b>Fish</b>	2 226	151.05	162.58	163.73	164.66	166.03	0.83	9.92
0114	<b>Milk, Cheese and Eggs</b>	1 462	145.75	151.00	151.61	153.28	153.59	0.20	5.37
0115	<b>Oils and fats</b>	3 469	217.20	228.90	229.16	229.78	232.84	1.34	7.20
0116	<b>Fruits &amp; nuts</b>	1445	181.58	186.02	186.89	187.45	188.33	0.47	3.72
0117	<b>Vegetables, root crops &amp; tubers</b>	4 533	192.21	195.53	195.95	196.33	196.91	0.29	2.44
0118	<b>Sugar, jam, honey &amp; sweets</b>	1 420	232.74	239.00	239.15	239.30	240.01	0.30	3.13
0119	<b>Other food products</b>	2 248	150.81	154.19	154.42	154.56	156.23	1.08	3.59
012	<b>Non-alcoholic beverages</b>	923	129.38	131.49	131.69	132.15	132.50	0.26	2.41
02	<b>Alcoholic beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics</b>	416	116.07	118.90	119.18	119.58	119.77	0.16	3.19
03	<b>Clothing, textiles and footwear</b>	6 911	129.56	137.16	137.64	138.40	139.41	0.73	7.60
031	<b>Clothing, Garments and Tailoring services</b>	5 434	127.69	135.46	135.77	138.40	137.47	-0.67	7.66
032	<b>Footwear</b>	1 477	136.43	143.39	144.52	146.0	146.54	0.37	7.41
04	<b>Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels</b>	2 089	171.75	177.54	177.78	178.1	178.31	0.12	3.82
042	<b>Actual rent</b>	498	129.36	133.18	133.57	133.6	133.77	0.15	3.41
043	<b>Electricity, gas and other fuels</b>	1 431	188.36	195.32	195.53	196.0	196.23	0.13	4.18
05	<b>Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance</b>	3 215	129.88	135.30	135.73	137.2	137.41	0.19	5.79
06	<b>Health</b>	728	131.54	134.12	134.18	134.4	134.40	0.00	2.18
07	<b>Transport</b>	2 706	226.58	227.06	225.86	222.8	222.76	-0.02	-1.69
08	<b>Communication</b>	1 822	104.28	104.58	104.61	104.6	104.66	0.02	0.36
09	<b>Recreation and culture</b>	957	118.28	121.18	121.85	122.6	123.34	0.63	4.27
10	<b>Education</b>	918	108.45	109.23	109.23	109.2	109.15	0.00	0.65
11	<b>Restaurants and Hotels</b>	222	171.00	177.75	179.08	181.0	182.42	0.77	6.68
12	<b>Miscellaneous goods and services</b>	3 639	173.82	186.50	188.14	189.2	191.36	1.14	10.09
	<b>12 MONTH MOVING AVERAGE</b>		160.09	168.14	169.09	170.05	171.01	0.56	6.82
	<b>OVERALL INDEX</b>		164.83	173.32	174.10	174.99	176.30	0.75	6.96
	<b>FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES</b>		184.24	194.96	196.01	197.19	199.01	0.92	8.02
	<b>NON-FOOD PRODUCTS AND SERVICES</b>		139.79	145.41	145.84	146.35	147.00	0.45	5.16

On an annual basis the overall index increased by 6.96 percent from April 2015 to April 2016. Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages increased by 8.02 percent whilst Non Food Products and Services rose by 5.16 percent.

From April 2015 to April 2016, within the Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages, 'Meat and meat products' increased by 14.03 percent, 'Fish and fish products' 9.92 percent and 'Bread and Cereal' 8.55 percent.

For the Non Food items, the major increases were recorded by 'Clothing Garments and Tailoring services', 'Footwear' and 'Electricity Gas and other Fuels' which rose by 7.66 percent, 7.41 percent and 4.18 percent respectively.

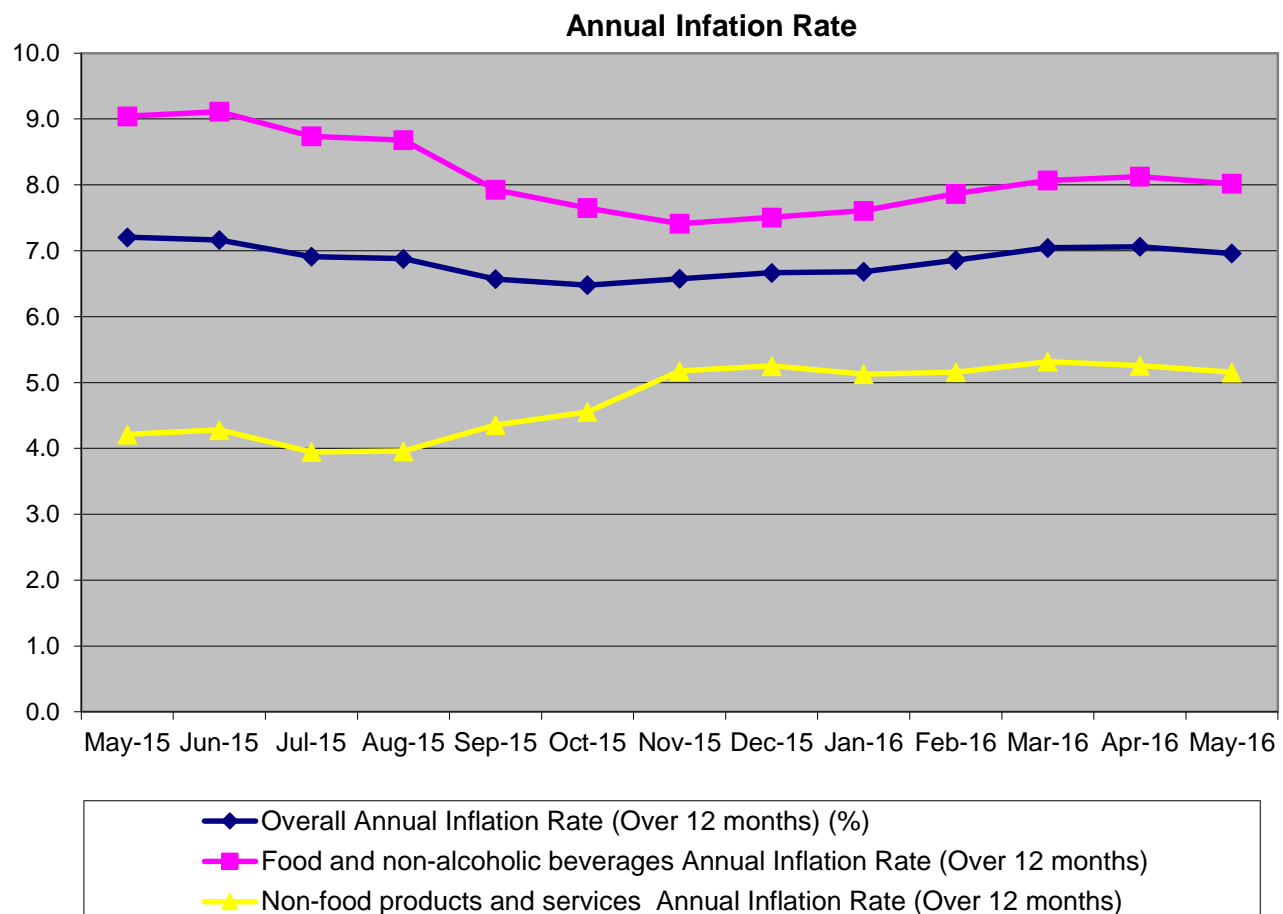
During the months of April 2016 to May 2016, the 'Oils and Fats, 'Meat and meat products' , 'Bread and cereal products', and 'Fish and Fish products, show the highest increase in percentage of 1.34 percent, 1.31 percent, 1.00 percent and 0.83 percent respectively.

Using the 12 months-moving-average measure, inflation rate was about 6.82 percent, compared to 6.84 percent which was recorded in April 2016.

**Overall Annual Inflation Rate (over 12 months - Comparison with the same month for the previous year)**

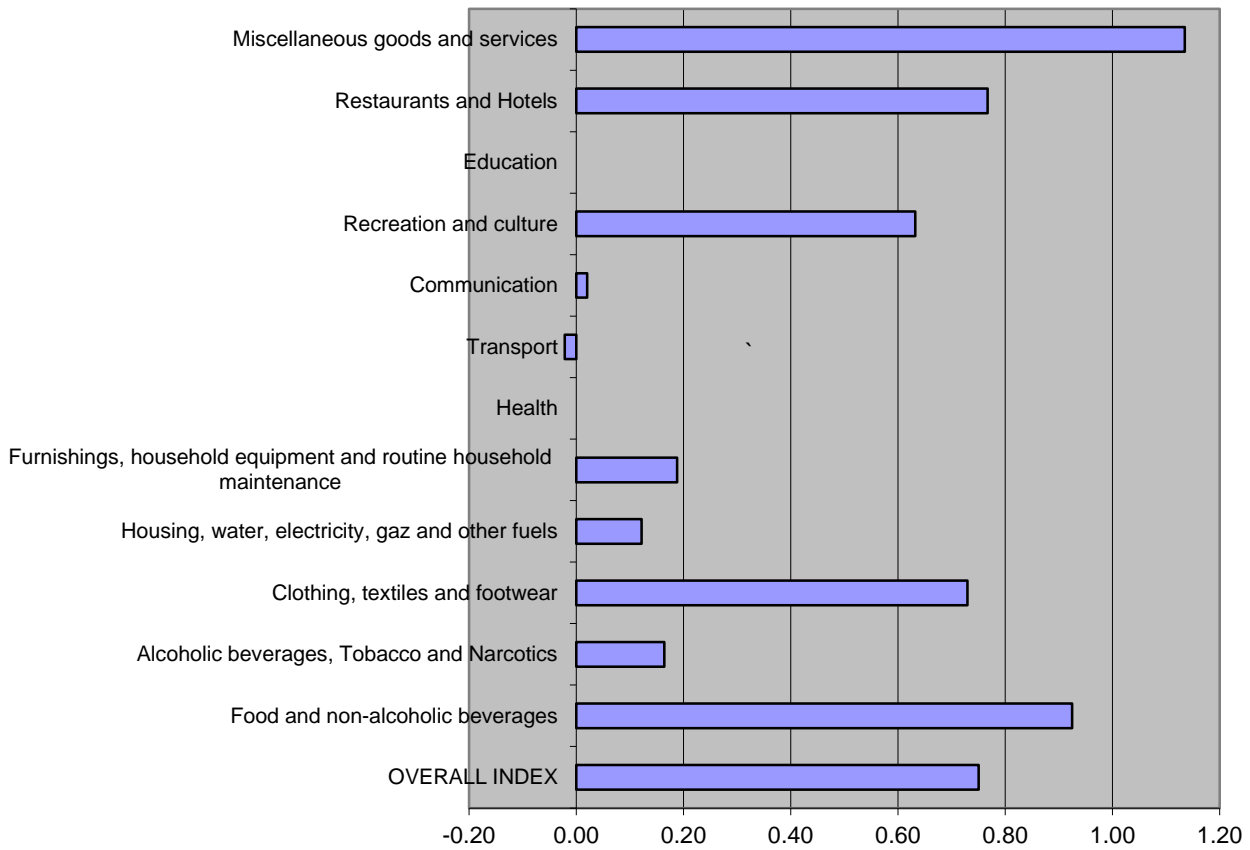
Year	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
2013	5.2	5.3	5.4	5.6	5.7	5.8	5.9	6.0	6.1	6.1	5.9	5.5
2014	5.4	5.6	5.6	5.7	5.6	5.4	5.6	5.7	6.3	6.6	6.8	6.9
2015	7.0	6.8	6.7	6.7	7.2	7.2	6.9	6.9	6.6	6.5	6.6	6.7
2016	6.7	6.9	7.1	7.1	7.0							

**Figure1: Annual changes – Comparison with the same month of the previous year. (May 2015 –May 2016)**



**Figure 2: Monthly changes - Comparison with the previous month: March 2016 to April 2016**

**Price Changes in % over 1 month**



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