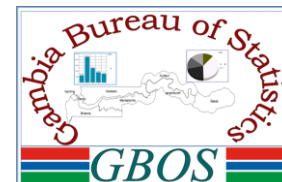




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THE GAMBIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) APRIL 2017



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	
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								Month	Months
	ALL ITEM (NEW SERIES; 2004=100)	Weights	Apr-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-2017	Apr-17		
	OVERALL INDEX	61841	174.99	187.61	188.57	189.23	190.15	0.49	8.67
01	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	33837	197.19	213.07	214.11	214.81	216.06	0.58	9.57
011	Food	32914	199.00	215.24	216.31	217.02	218.30	0.59	9.70
0111	Bread & Cereals	7891	194.14	212.26	212.46	213.41	213.67	0.12	10.06
0112	Meat	8217	216.97	240.27	241.28	241.62	244.39	1.15	12.64
0113	Fish	2226	164.66	180.46	182.65	183.51	185.55	1.11	12.68
0114	Milk, Cheese and Eggs	1462	153.28	160.16	162.91	163.42	164.20	0.48	7.12
0115	Oils and Fats	3469	229.78	244.75	247.00	248.68	249.41	0.29	8.54
0116	Fruits & Nuts	1445	187.45	197.30	199.74	200.77	203.02	1.12	8.31
0117	Vegetables, Root Crops & Tubers	4533	196.33	205.02	205.58	205.91	206.44	0.26	5.15
0118	Sugars, Jam, Honey & Sweet	1420	239.30	251.69	252.75	253.48	254.20	0.28	6.23
0119	Other Food Products	2248	154.56	168.49	168.91	169.21	170.15	0.56	10.09
012	Non-Alcoholic Beverages	923	132.15	135.33	135.47	135.53	135.79	0.19	2.75
02	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	416	119.58	121.51	121.64	122.01	122.03	0.02	2.05
03	Clothing, Textile and Footwear	6911	138.40	148.52	149.12	149.86	150.54	0.45	8.77
031	Clothing, Garments and Tailoring Services	5434	138.40	145.46	145.83	146.53	147.20	0.46	6.36
032	Footwear	1477	145.99	159.76	161.20	162.12	162.82	0.43	11.53
04	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	2089	178.09	182.85	183.66	184.60	185.21	0.33	4.00
042	Actual Rent	498	133.57	138.37	139.35	139.54	139.54	0.00	4.47
043	Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	1431	195.98	201.13	201.93	203.23	204.13	0.44	4.16
05	Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	3215	137.15	140.66	140.86	141.00	141.12	0.09	2.89
06	Health	728	134.40	136.03	136.65	136.65	136.72	0.05	1.73
07	Transport	2706	222.81	228.19	229.62	230.15	230.26	0.05	3.34
08	Communication	1822	104.63	104.85	104.86	104.86	104.86	0.00	0.22
09	Recreation and Culture	957	122.56	126.39	126.66	126.66	126.66	0.00	3.35
10	Education	918	109.15	109.51	109.51	109.51	109.51	0.00	0.33
11	Restaurant and Hotel	222	181.03	196.62	197.75	198.57	200.28	0.86	10.63
12	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	3639	189.21	216.20	219.83	221.96	223.73	0.80	18.24
	12 MONTH MOVING AVERAGES		170.05	179.60	180.87	182.13	183.39	0.69	7.85
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	NON-FOOD PRODUCTS ANND SERVICES		146.35	154.78	155.62	156.24	156.74	0.32	7.10

In April 2017, the overall consumer Price Index was 190.15, a 0.49 percent increase over the March 2017 overall index of 189.23

On an annual basis the overall index increased by 8.67 percent from April 2016 to April 2017. Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages increased by 9.57 percent whilst Non Food Products and Services rose by 7.10 percent.

From April 2016 to April 2017, within the Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages, ‘Fish and fish products’ increase by 12.68, ‘Meat and meat products’ increased by 12.64 percent, and ‘Bread and Cereal’ 10.06 percent.

For the Non Food items, the major increases were recorded by ‘Footwear’, ‘Clothing Garments and tailoring services’ and ‘Electricity Gas and other Fuels’ which rose by 11.53 percent, 6.36 percent and 4.16 percent respectively.

During the months of March 2017 to April 2017, ‘Meat’, ‘fish’, and Fruits and Nuts and show the highest increase in percentage of 1.15 percent, 1.11 percent, and 1.12 percent respectively.

Using the 12 months-moving-average measure, inflation rate was about 7.85 percent, compared to 7.71 percent recorded in March 2017.

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
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	7.1	7.2	7.5	7.4	7.4	7.5	7.9
2017	8.8	8.8	8.7	8.7								

Figure 1: Annual changes – Comparison with the same month of the previous year (Apr 2016 –Apr 2017)

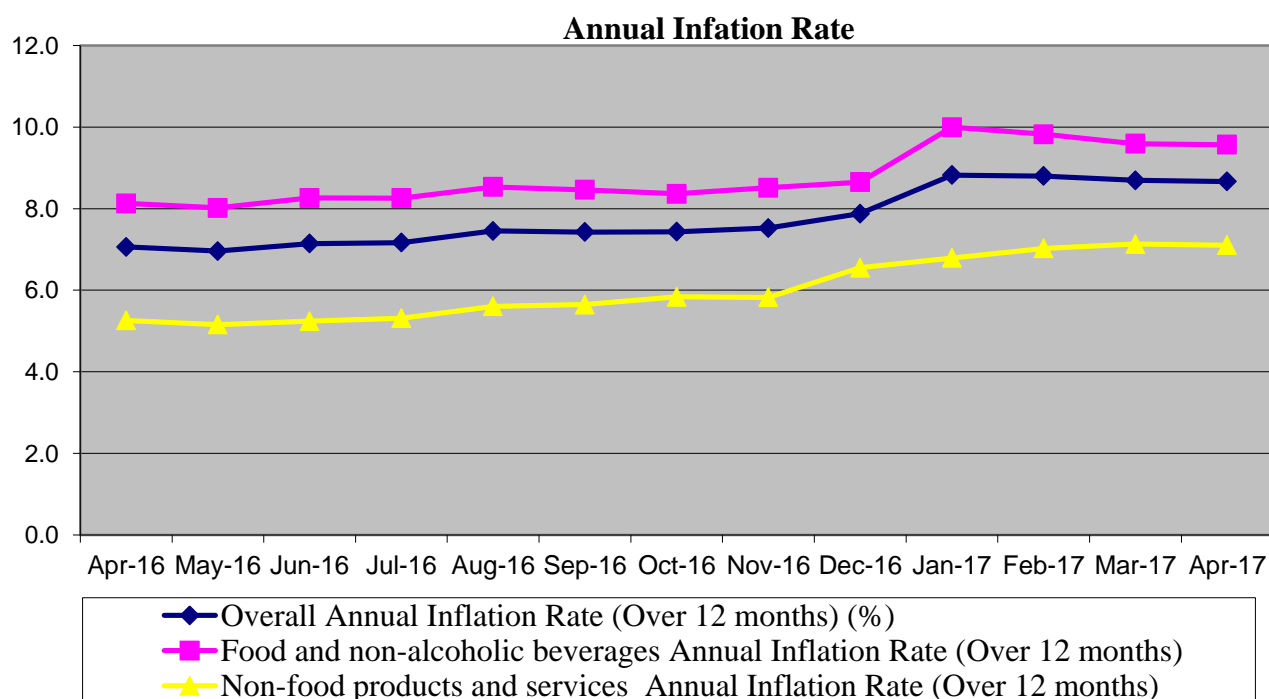
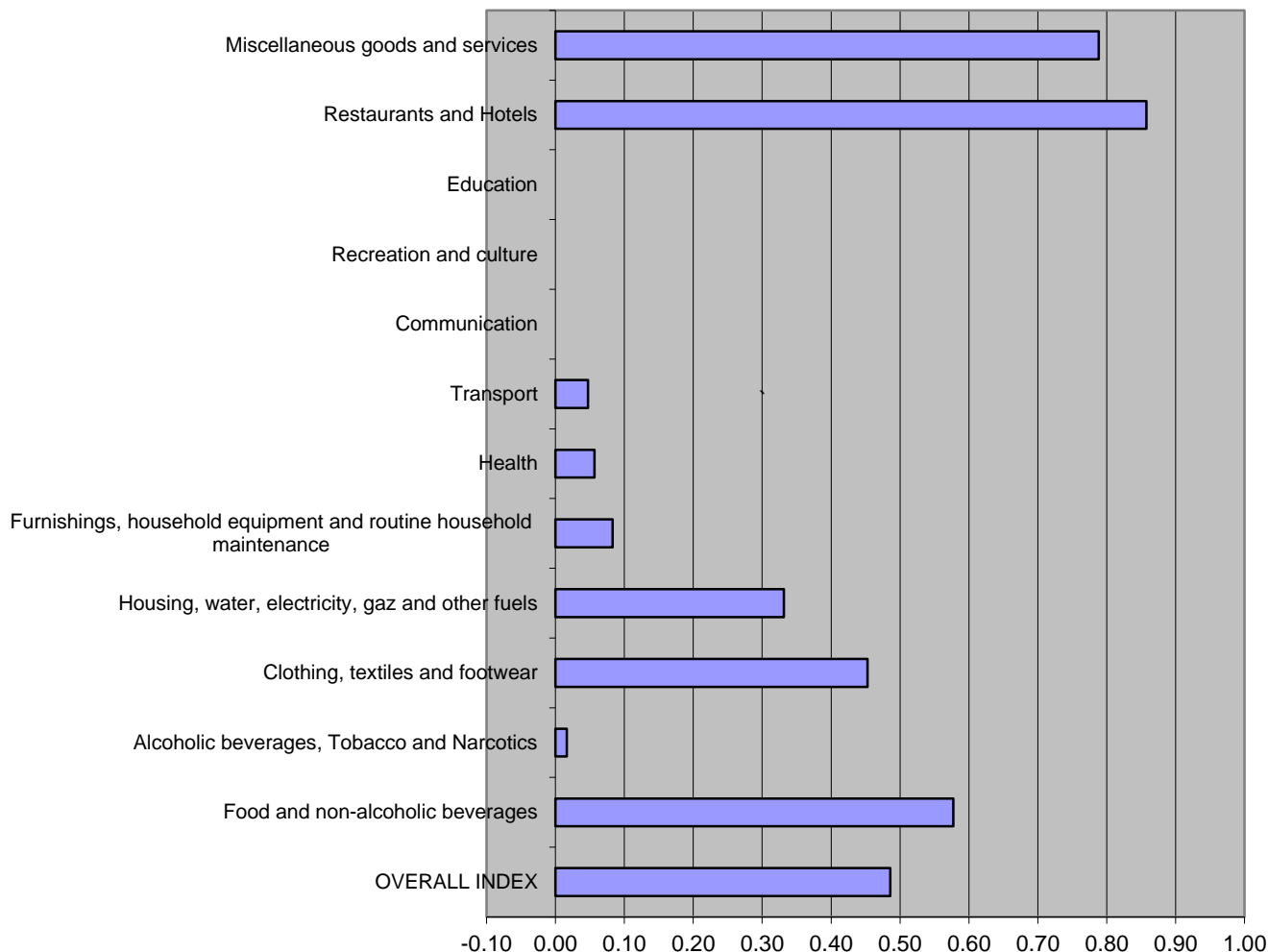


Figure 2: Monthly changes - Comparison with the previous month: March 2017 to April 2017

Price Changes in % over 1 month



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