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THE GAMBIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) MAY 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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	ALL ITEM (NEW SERIES; 2004=100)	Weights	May-16	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Month	Months
	OVERALL INDEX	61841	176.30	188.57	189.23	190.15	191.09	0.50	8.39
01	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	33837	199.01	214.11	214.81	216.06	217.25	0.55	9.16
011	Food	32914	200.87	216.31	217.02	218.30	219.52	0.56	9.28
0111	Bread & Cereals	7891	196.07	212.46	213.41	213.67	214.52	0.40	9.41
0112	Meat	8217	219.81	241.28	241.62	244.39	246.33	0.79	12.06
0113	Fish	2226	166.03	182.65	183.51	185.55	186.61	0.57	12.39
0114	Milk, Cheese and Eggs	1462	153.59	162.91	163.42	164.20	165.12	0.56	7.51
0115	Oils and Fats	3469	232.84	247.00	248.68	249.41	251.12	0.69	7.85
0116	Fruits & Nuts	1445	188.33	199.74	200.77	203.02	205.34	1.14	9.03
0117	Vegetables, Root Crops & Tubers	4533	196.91	205.58	205.91	206.44	207.12	0.33	5.19
0118	Sugars, Jam, Honey & Sweet	1420	240.01	252.75	253.48	254.20	254.52	0.12	6.04
0119	Other Food Products	2248	156.23	168.91	169.21	170.15	170.62	0.28	9.21
012	Non-Alcoholic Beverages	923	132.50	135.47	135.53	135.79	135.93	0.10	2.59
02	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	416	119.77	121.64	122.01	122.03	122.03	0.00	1.88
03	Clothing, Textile and Footwear	6911	139.41	149.12	149.86	150.54	151.46	0.61	8.64
031	Clothing, Garments and Tailoring Services	5434	137.47	145.83	146.53	147.20	147.87	0.46	7.57
032	Footwear	1477	146.54	161.20	162.12	162.82	164.65	1.12	12.36
04	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	2089	178.31	183.66	184.60	185.21	186.98	0.96	4.87
042	Actual Rent	498	133.77	139.35	139.54	139.54	139.54	0.00	4.32
043	Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	1431	196.23	201.93	203.23	204.13	206.72	1.27	5.35
05	Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	3215	137.41	140.86	141.00	141.12	141.91	0.56	3.28
06	Health	728	134.40	136.65	136.65	136.72	136.72	0.00	1.73
07	Transport	2706	222.76	229.62	230.15	230.26	231.08	0.35	3.73
08	Communication	1822	104.66	104.86	104.86	104.86	104.95	0.08	0.28
09	Recreation and Culture	957	123.34	126.66	126.66	126.66	127.39	0.58	3.29
10	Education	918	109.15	109.51	109.51	109.51	109.51	0.00	0.33
11	Restaurant and Hotel	222	182.42	197.75	198.57	200.28	201.80	0.76	10.62
12	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	3639	191.36	219.83	221.96	223.73	224.13	0.18	17.13
	12 MONTH MOVING AVERAGES		171.01	180.87	182.13	183.39	184.63	0.67	7.96
	OVERALL INDEX		176.30	188.57	189.23	190.15	191.09	0.50	8.39
	FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES		199.01	214.11	214.81	216.06	217.25	0.55	9.16
	NON-FOOD PRODUCTS AND SERVICES		147.00	155.62	156.24	156.74	157.36	0.39	7.05

In May 2017, the overall Consumer Price Index was 191.09, a 0.50 percent increase over the April 2017 overall index of 190.15

On an annual basis the overall index increased by 8.39 percent from May 2016 to May 2017. Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased by 9.16 percent whilst Non-Food Products and Services rose by 7.05 percent.

From May 2016 to May 2017, within the Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages, ‘Fish and fish products’ increased by 12.39 percent, ‘Meat and meat products’ increased by 12.06 percent, and ‘Bread and Cereal’ increased by 9.41 percent.

For the Non-Food items, major increases were recorded by ‘Footwear’, ‘Clothing, Garments and tailoring services’ and ‘Electricity, Gas and other Fuels’ which rose by 12.36 percent, 7.57 percent and 5.35 percent respectively.

During the months of April 2017 to May 2017, ‘Fruits and Nuts’, ‘Meat and meat products’, and ‘Oils and Fats’, shows the highest increase in percentage with 1.14 percent, 0.79 percent, and 0.69 percent respectively.

Using the 12 months-moving-average measure, inflation rate was 7.96 percent in May 2017 compared to 7.85 percent recorded in April 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	8.4							

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

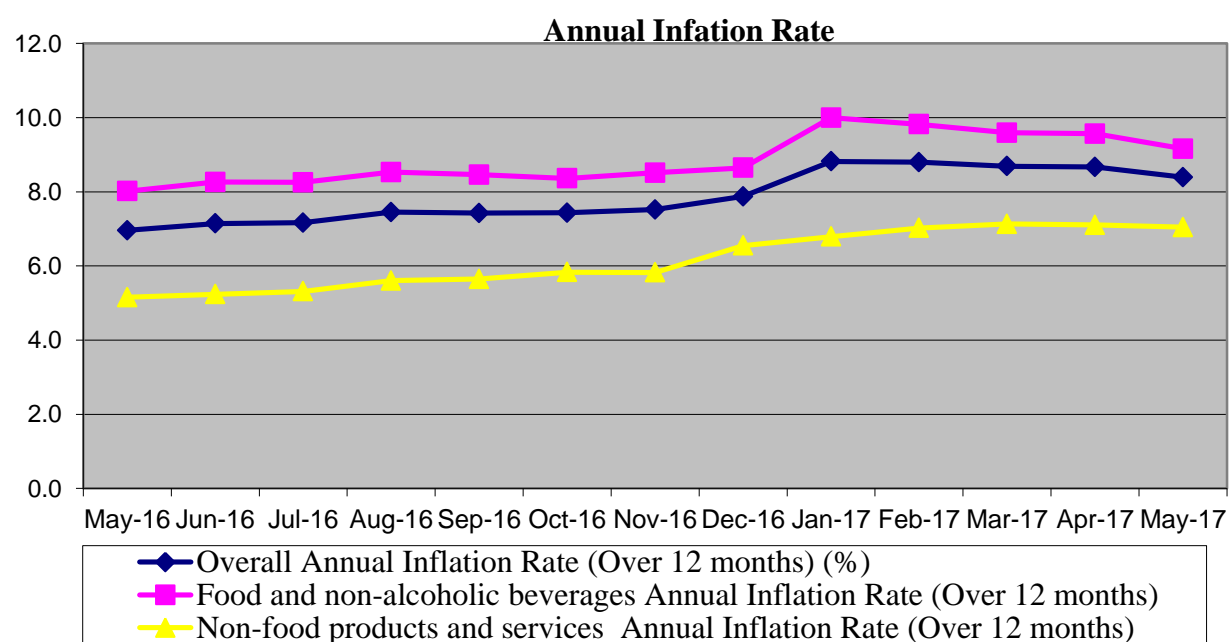
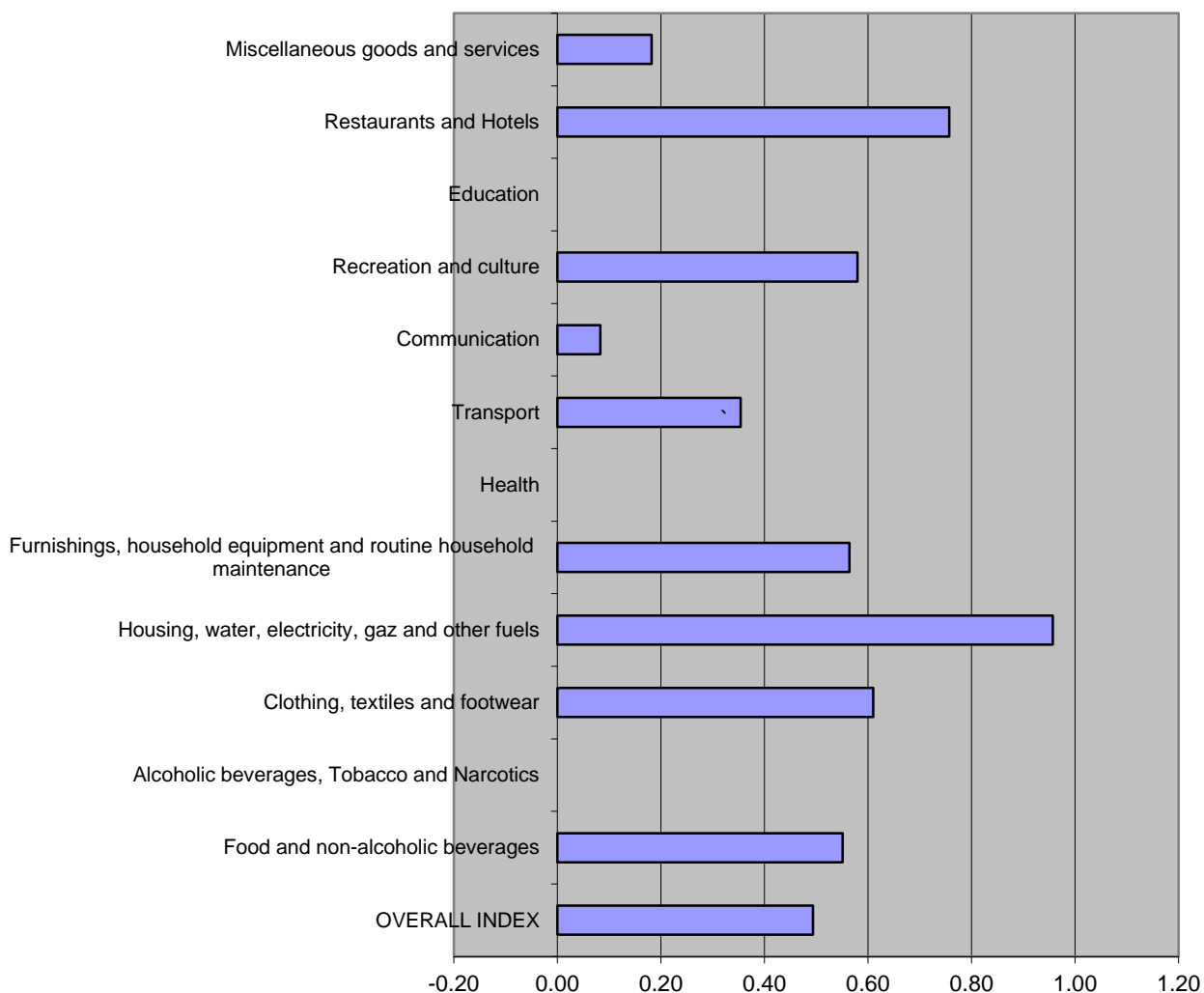


Figure 2: Monthly changes - Comparison with the previous month: April 2017 to May 2017

Price Changes in % over 1 month



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