

THE GAMBIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) AUGUST 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	Aug-16	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17	Month	Months
	OVERALL INDEX	61841	179.91	191.09	192.26	192.99	194.15	0.60	7.91
01	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	33837	203.56	217.25	218.46	219.45	220.55	0.50	8.34
011	Food	32914	205.54	219.52	220.72	221.73	222.86	0.51	8.43
0111	Bread & Cereals	7891	200.37	214.52	215.73	216.68	217.90	0.56	8.75
0112	Meat	8217	226.58	246.33	247.31	249.09	251.07	0.79	10.81
0113	Fish	2226	169.36	186.61	187.96	189.09	190.30	0.64	12.37
0114	Milk, Cheese and Eggs	1462	156.25	165.12	166.73	167.80	168.52	0.43	7.86
0115	Oils and Fats	3469	238.42	251.12	253.79	254.09	255.07	0.38	6.98
0116	Fruits & Nuts	1445	191.44	205.34	207.37	208.12	208.91	0.38	9.12
0117	Vegetables, Root Crops & Tubers	4533	199.58	207.12	207.55	208.33	208.81	0.23	4.63
0118	Sugars, Jam, Honey & Sweet	1420	246.68	254.52	255.96	256.39	256.64	0.09	4.04
0119	Other Food Products	2248	159.50	170.62	170.89	171.17	171.35	0.11	7.43
012	Non-Alcoholic Beverages	923	132.85	135.93	137.27	137.64	137.64	0.00	3.61
02	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	416	120.11	122.03	122.03	122.35	122.42	0.05	1.92
03	Clothing, Textile and Footwear	6911	142.47	151.46	152.79	153.12	154.80	1.10	8.65
031	Clothing, Garments and Tailoring Services	5434	140.28	147.87	148.90	149.21	151.14	1.30	7.75
032	Footwear	1477	150.55	164.65	167.08	167.50	168.24	0.44	11.76
04	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	2089	179.53	186.98	187.57	188.08	188.90	0.43	5.22
042	Actual Rent	498	134.94	139.54	140.33	140.33	141.31	0.70	4.72
043	Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	1431	197.55	206.72	207.30	208.04	208.81	0.37	5.70
05	Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	3215	138.57	141.91	142.83	143.17	144.32	0.80	4.15
06	Health	728	134.87	136.72	137.17	137.23	137.58	0.25	2.01
07	Transport	2706	223.86	231.08	231.83	232.38	232.96	0.25	4.06
08	Communication	1822	104.71	104.95	104.96	104.99	105.12	0.12	0.40
09	Recreation and Culture	957	124.20	127.39	127.42	127.74	135.02	5.70	8.71
10	Education	918	109.33	109.51	109.64	109.64	109.64	0.00	0.29
11	Restaurant and Hotel	222	186.50	201.80	202.27	202.93	203.73	0.39	9.24
12	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	3639	199.56	224.13	227.05	228.38	230.02	0.72	15.27
	12 MONTH MOVING AVERAGES		174.03	184.63	185.87	187.07	188.25	0.63	8.17
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	FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES		203.56	217.25	218.46	219.45	220.55	0.50	8.34
	NON-FOOD PRODUCTS AND SERVICES		149.39	157.36	158.45	158.85	160.09	0.78	7.16

In August 2017, the overall Consumer Price Index was 194.15, a 0.60 percent increase over the July 2017 overall index of 190.15

On an annual basis the overall index increased by 7.91 percent from August 2016 to August 2017. Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased by 8.34 percent whilst Non-Food Products and Services rose by 7.16 percent.

From August 2016 to August 2017, within the Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages, ‘Fish and fish products’ increased by 12.37 percent, ‘Meat and meat products’ increased by 10.81 percent and ‘Bread and Cereal’ increased by 8.75 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 11.76 percent, 7.75 percent and 5.70 percent respectively.

During the months of July 2017 to August 2017, ‘Meat and meat products’, ‘Fish and products’ and ‘Bread and Cereals’ shows the highest increase in percentage with 0.79 percent, 0.64 percent, and 0.56 percent respectively.

Using the 12 months-moving-average measure, inflation rate was 8.17 percent in August 2017 compared to 8.14 percent recorded in July 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	8.4	8.1	7.9				

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

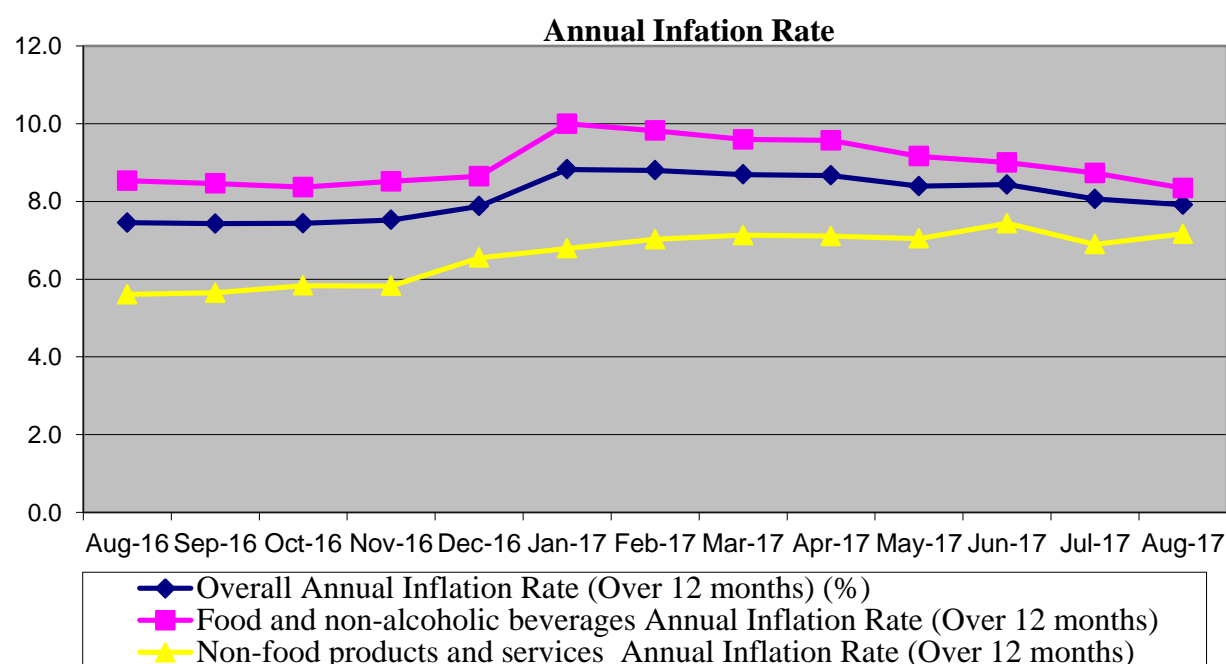
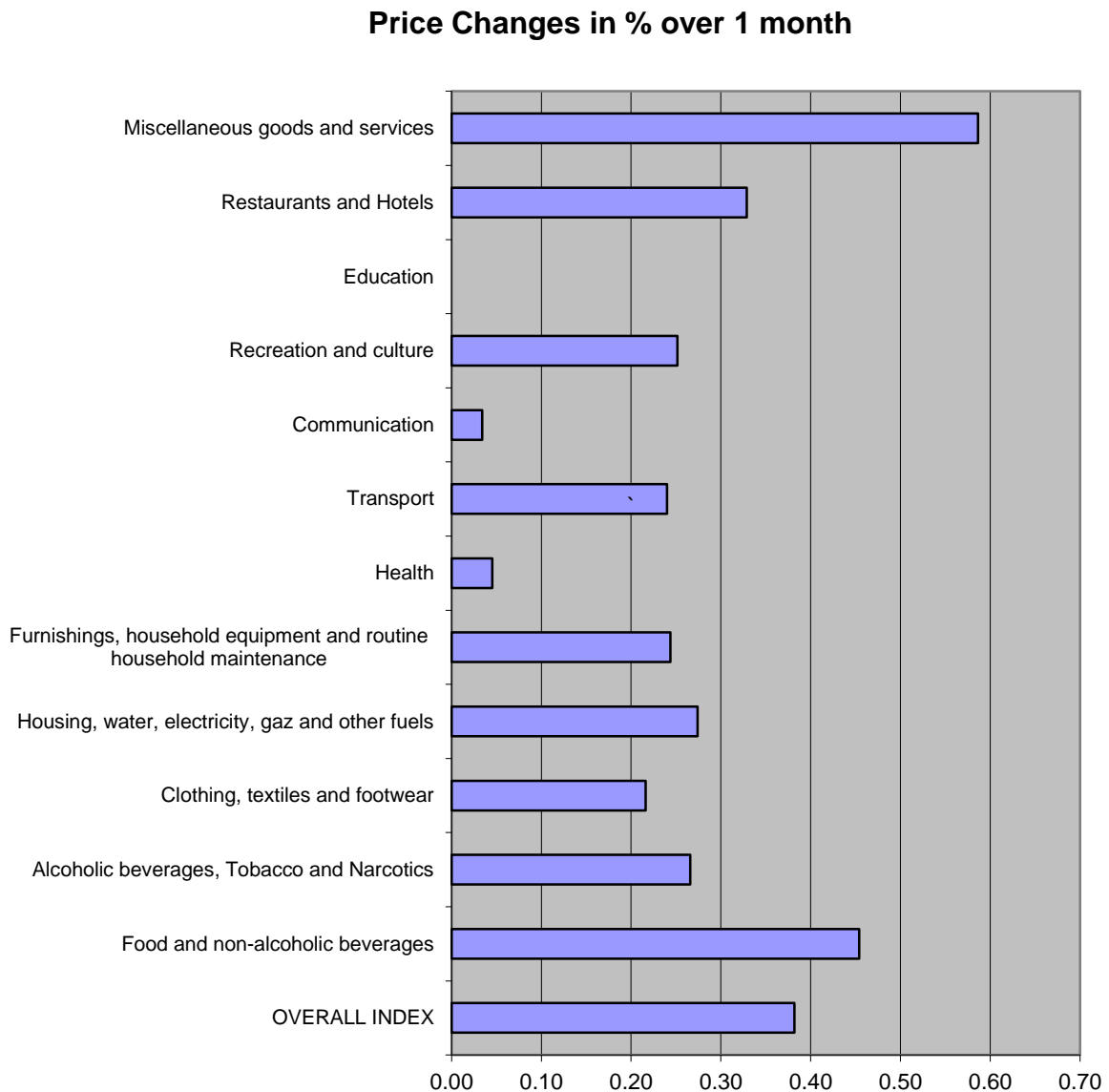


Figure 2: Monthly changes - Comparison with the previous month: July 2017 to August 2017



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