

THE GAMBIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) OCTOBER 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

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	ALL ITEM (NEW SERIES; 2004=100)	Weights	Oct-16	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Month	Months
	OVERALL INDEX	61841	182.40	192.99	194.15	195.02	195.98	0.49	7.44
01	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	33837	206.40	219.45	220.55	221.73	222.60	0.39	7.85
011	Food	32914	208.43	221.73	222.86	224.07	224.95	0.39	7.93
0111	Bread & Cereals	7891	203.56	216.68	217.90	218.24	220.18	0.89	8.16
0112	Meat	8217	230.27	249.09	251.07	253.10	253.71	0.24	10.18
0113	Fish	2226	174.00	189.09	190.30	192.02	193.41	0.72	11.15
0114	Milk, Cheese and Eggs	1462	158.00	167.80	168.52	168.56	168.99	0.25	6.96
0115	Oils and Fats	3469	240.97	254.09	255.07	256.19	256.38	0.07	6.39
0116	Fruits & Nuts	1445	193.55	208.12	208.91	210.59	211.11	0.25	9.07
0117	Vegetables, Root Crops & Tubers	4533	200.70	208.33	208.81	210.90	211.34	0.21	5.30
0118	Sugars, Jam, Honey & Sweet	1420	249.11	256.39	256.64	257.02	257.74	0.28	3.47
0119	Other Food Products	2248	162.28	171.17	171.35	171.46	171.69	0.14	5.80
012	Non-Alcoholic Beverages	923	133.47	137.64	137.64	137.85	138.29	0.32	3.61
02	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	416	120.40	122.35	122.42	122.51	122.66	0.12	1.87
03	Clothing, Textile and Footwear	6911	145.34	153.12	154.80	155.47	156.30	0.53	7.54
031	Clothing, Garments and Tailoring Services	5434	142.85	149.21	151.14	151.74	152.57	0.55	6.81
032	Footwear	1477	154.51	167.50	168.24	169.20	170.01	0.48	10.03
04	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	2089	180.50	188.08	188.90	189.44	190.40	0.51	5.49
042	Actual Rent	498	135.82	140.33	141.31	141.70	141.90	0.14	4.47
043	Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	1431	198.62	208.04	208.81	209.48	210.77	0.62	6.12
05	Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	3215	139.50	143.17	144.32	144.59	146.03	0.99	4.68
06	Health	728	135.24	137.23	137.58	137.59	137.80	0.15	1.89
07	Transport	2706	225.14	232.38	232.96	232.09	231.87	-0.10	2.99
08	Communication	1822	104.73	104.99	105.12	105.17	105.18	0.01	0.43
09	Recreation and Culture	957	124.69	127.74	135.02	135.09	137.74	1.96	10.47
10	Education	918	109.33	109.64	109.64	109.64	109.79	0.13	0.42
11	Restaurant and Hotel	222	189.16	202.93	203.73	204.03	204.70	0.33	8.21
12	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	3639	204.39	228.38	230.02	231.67	232.13	0.20	13.57
	12 MONTH MOVING AVERAGES		176.13	187.07	188.25	189.40	190.53	0.60	8.18
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	FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES		206.40	219.45	220.55	221.73	222.60	0.39	7.85
	NON-FOOD PRODUCTS AND SERVICES		151.45	158.85	160.09	160.56	161.64	0.67	6.73

In October 2017, the overall Consumer Price Index was 195.98, a 0.49 percent increase over the September 2017 overall index of 190.15

On an annual basis the overall index increased by 7.44 percent from October 2016 to October 2017. Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased by 7.85 percent whilst Non-Food Products and Services rose by 6.73 percent.

From October 2016 to October 2017, within the Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages, ‘Fish and fish products’ increased by 11.15 percent, ‘Meat and meat products’ increased by 10.18 percent, ‘Fruits and Nuts’ increased by 9.07 percent and ‘Bread and Cereal’ increased by 8.16 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 10.03 percent, 6.81 percent and 6.12 percent respectively.

During the months of September 2017 to October 2017, ‘Bread and Cereals’ and ‘Fish and fish products’, shows the highest increase in percentage with 0.89 percent and 0.72 percent respectively.

Using the 12 months-moving-average measure, inflation rate was 8.18 percent in October 2017 compared to 8.18 percent also recorded in September 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	7.6	7.4		

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

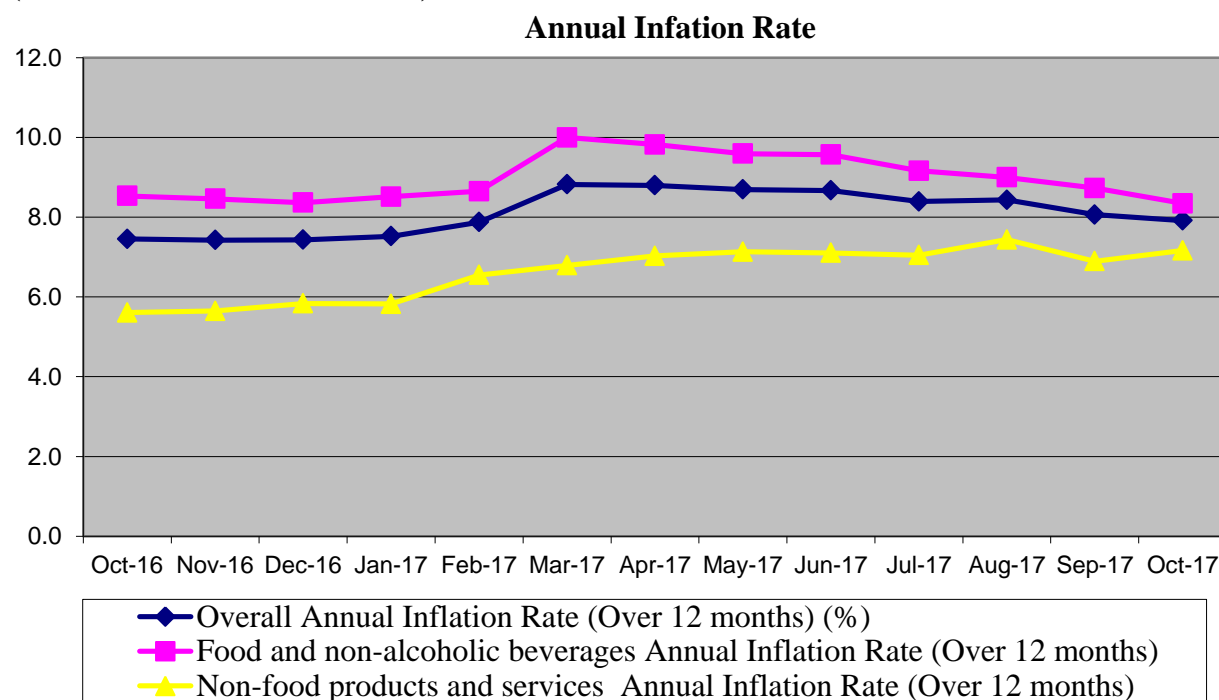
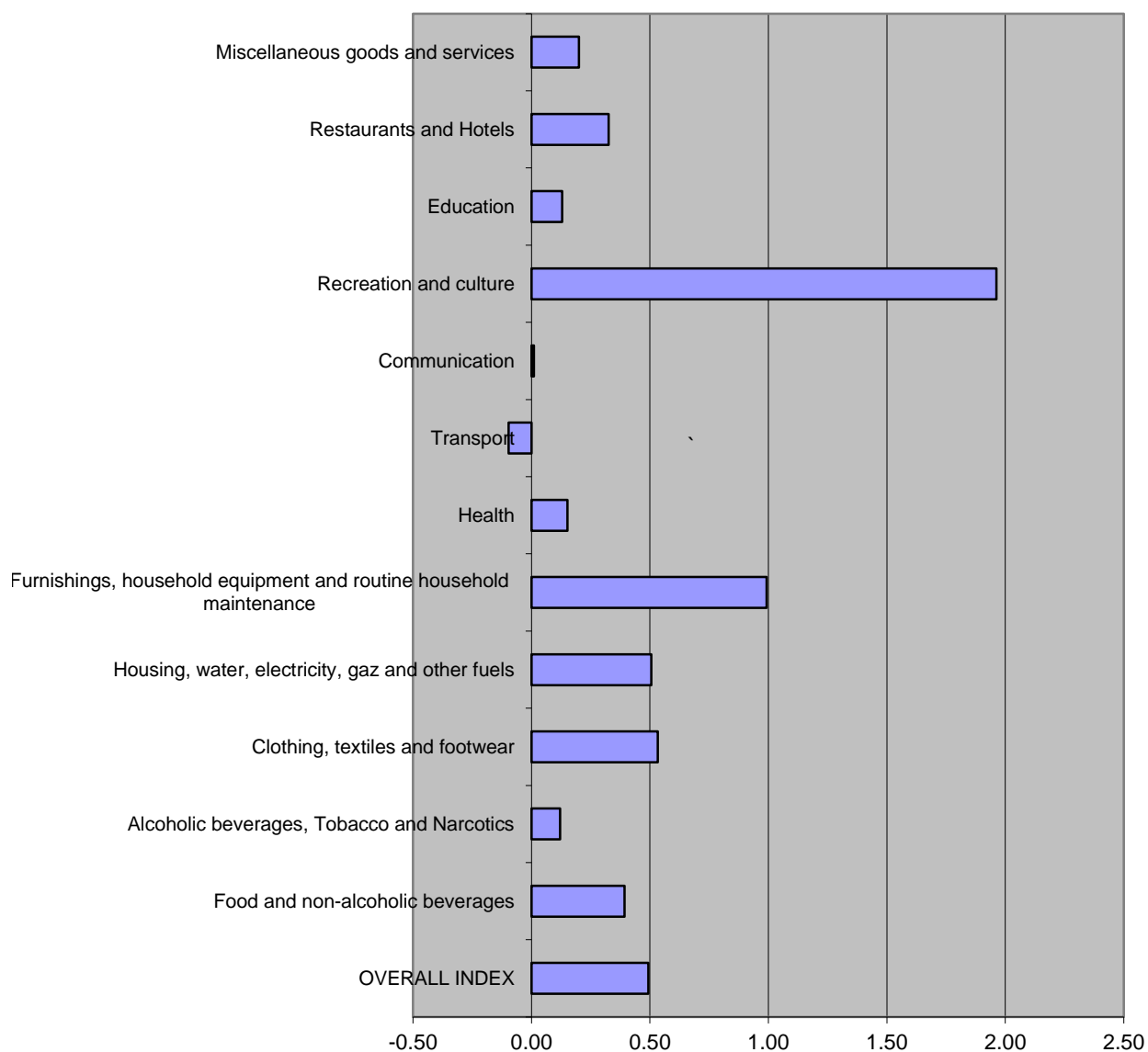


Figure 2: Monthly changes - Comparison with the previous month: September 2017 to October 2017

Price Changes in % over 1 month



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