

THE GAMBIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) MARCH 2018

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	Mar_2017	Dec_2017	Jan_2018	Feb_2018	Mar_2018	Month	Months
	OVERALL INDEX	61841	189.23	198.22	199.61	200.58	201.59	0.50	6.53
01	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	33837	214.81	224.78	226.11	227.19	228.46	0.56	6.36
011	Food	32914	217.02	227.18	228.53	229.64	230.95	0.57	6.42
0111	Bread & Cereals	7891	213.41	222.06	223.46	224.87	226.09	0.54	5.94
0112	Meat	8217	241.62	257.38	259.01	259.93	262.50	0.99	8.64
0113	Fish	2226	183.51	195.19	196.29	197.09	198.99	0.97	8.44
0114	Milk, Cheese and Eggs	1462	163.42	170.34	171.12	171.76	173.50	1.01	6.17
0115	Oils and Fats	3469	248.68	257.34	257.36	258.82	259.18	0.14	4.22
0116	Fruits & Nuts	1445	200.77	212.91	214.97	218.15	218.61	0.21	8.88
0117	Vegetables, Root Crops & Tubers	4533	205.91	213.24	214.92	215.31	215.83	0.24	4.82
0118	Sugars, Jam, Honey & Sweet	1420	253.48	259.19	260.25	260.86	261.14	0.11	3.02
0119	Other Food Products	2248	169.21	174.20	176.22	177.46	177.85	0.22	5.11
012	Non-Alcoholic Beverages	923	135.53	138.82	139.07	139.33	139.33	0.00	2.80
02	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	416	122.01	122.81	122.97	122.97	122.97	0.00	0.79
03	Clothing, Textile and Footwear	6911	149.86	157.68	158.98	160.47	161.66	0.74	7.88
031	Clothing, Garments and Tailoring Services	5434	146.53	153.89	154.65	156.11	157.14	0.66	7.25
032	Footwear	1477	162.12	171.65	174.89	176.54	178.29	0.99	9.98
04	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	2089	184.60	191.54	192.92	194.31	195.22	0.47	5.76
042	Actual Rent	498	139.54	142.68	143.27	144.64	144.64	0.00	3.65
043	Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	1431	203.23	212.14	213.90	215.46	216.78	0.62	6.67
05	Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	3215	141.00	147.20	147.74	148.08	148.67	0.40	5.44
06	Health	728	136.65	138.28	139.33	139.33	139.42	0.06	2.03
07	Transport	2706	230.15	232.94	234.32	234.32	234.52	0.09	1.90
08	Communication	1822	104.86	105.18	105.22	105.22	105.23	0.01	0.35
09	Recreation and Culture	957	126.66	140.48	140.67	140.67	140.72	0.04	11.10
10	Education	918	109.51	109.79	110.11	110.11	110.39	0.26	0.81
11	Restaurant and Hotel	222	198.57	206.67	207.93	209.04	210.59	0.74	6.06
12	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	3639	221.96	240.08	245.96	247.98	249.06	0.44	12.21
	12 MONTH MOVING AVERAGES		182.13	192.66	193.66	194.66	195.69	0.53	7.44
	OVERALL INDEX		189.23	198.22	199.61	200.58	201.59	0.50	6.53
	FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES		214.81	224.78	226.11	227.19	228.46	0.56	6.36
	NON-FOOD PRODUCTS AND SERVICES		156.24	163.96	165.43	166.26	166.92	0.39	6.83

In March 2018, the overall Consumer Price Index was 201.59, a 0.50 percent increase over the February 2018 overall index of 200.58.

On an annual basis the overall index increased by 6.53 percent from March 2017 to March 2018. Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased by 6.36 percent whilst Non-Food Products and Services rose by 6.83 percent.

From March 2017 to March 2018, within the Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages, ‘Fruits and Nuts’ increased by 8.88 percent, ‘Meat and meat products’ increased by 8.64 percent, ‘Fish and fish products’ increased by 8.44 percent, and ‘Milk Cheese and Eggs’ increased by 6.17 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 9.98 percent, 7.25 percent and 6.67 percent respectively.

During the months of February 2018 to March 2018, ‘Milk, Cheese and Eggs’, ‘Meat and Meat Products’, ‘Fish and Fish products, and ‘Bread and Cereals’, shows the highest increase in percentage with 1.01 percent, 0.99 percent, 0.97 percent and 0.54 percent respectively.

Using the 12 months-moving-average measure, inflation rate was 7.44 percent in March 2018 compared to 7.62 percent recorded in February 2018.

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
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	6.9	6.9
2018	6.4	6.4	6.5									

Figure 1: Annual changes – Comparison with the same month of the previous year (March 2017 – March 2018)

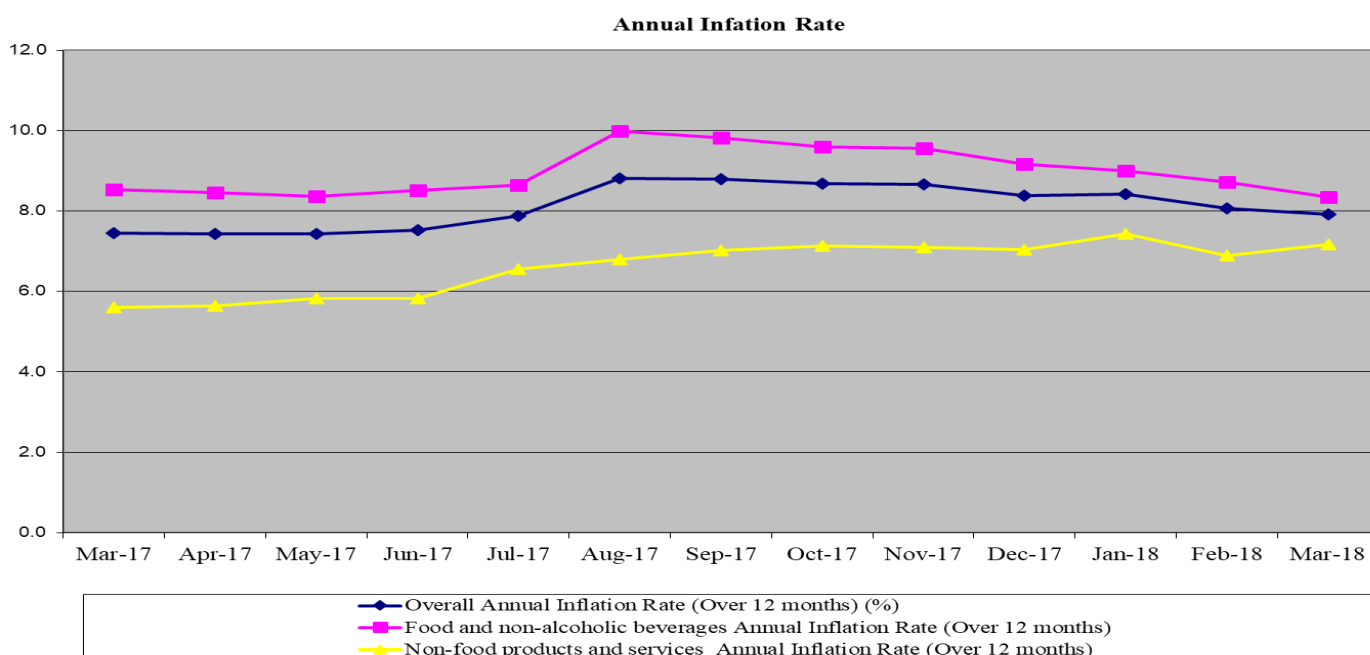
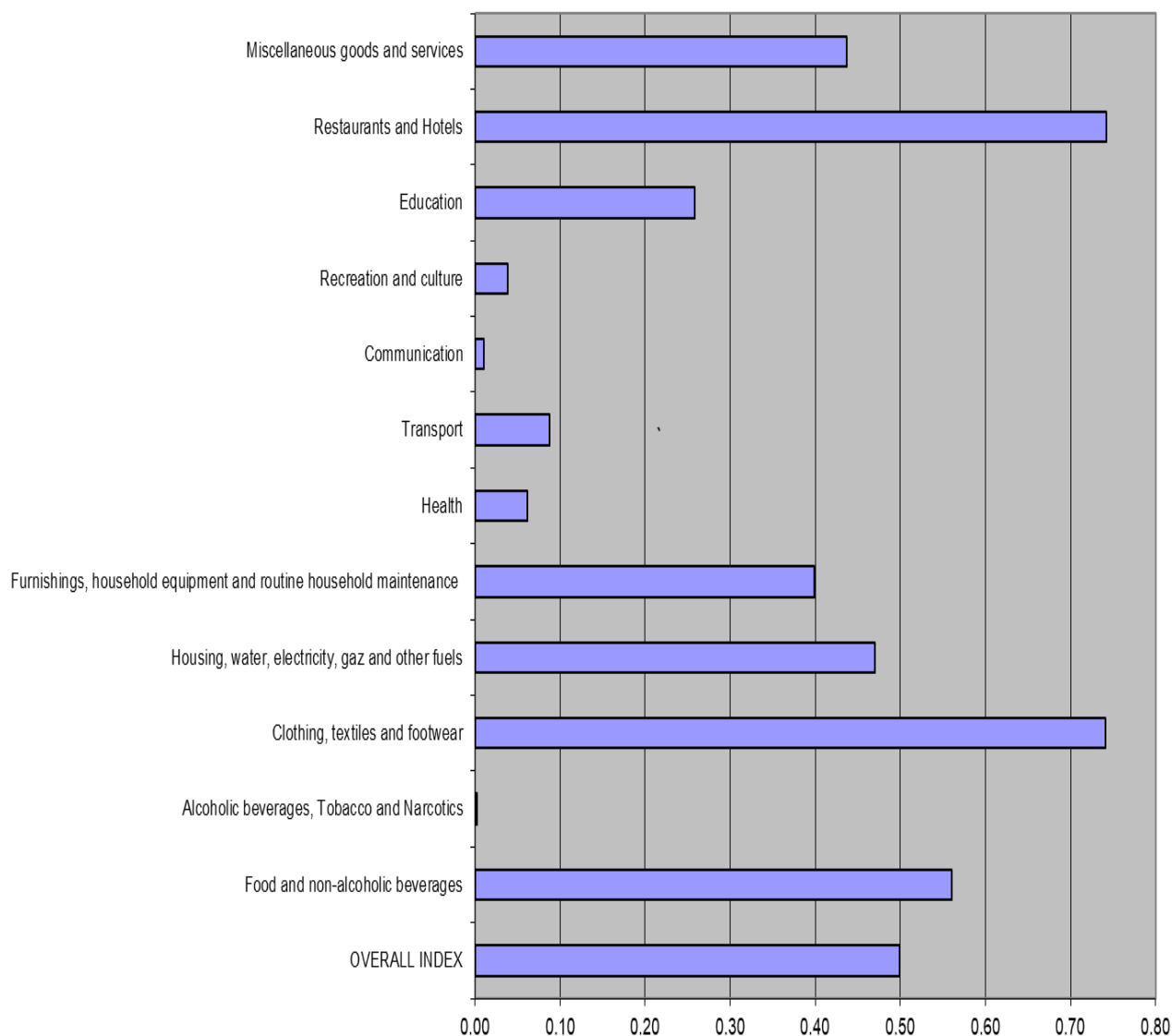


Figure 2: Monthly changes - Comparison with the previous month: February 2018 to March 2018

Price Changes in % over 1 month



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