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THE GAMBIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) APRIL 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

								Changes in % Over	
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ALL ITEM (NEW SERIES; 2004=100)		Weights	Apr_2017	Jan_2018	Feb_2018	Mar_2018	Apr_2018	Month	Months
OVERALL INDEX		61841	190.15	199.61	200.58	201.59	202.69	0.55	6.59
01	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	33837	216.06	226.11	227.19	228.46	229.77	0.57	6.35
011	Food	32914	218.30	228.53	229.64	230.95	232.29	0.58	6.41
0111	Bread & Cereals	7891	213.67	223.46	224.87	226.09	227.97	0.83	6.69
0112	Meat	8217	244.39	259.01	259.93	262.50	264.35	0.71	8.17
0113	Fish	2226	185.55	196.29	197.09	198.99	201.49	1.26	8.59
0114	Milk, Cheese and Eggs	1462	164.20	171.12	171.76	173.50	174.20	0.41	6.10
0115	Oils and Fats	3469	249.41	257.36	258.82	259.18	259.57	0.15	4.08
0116	Fruits & Nuts	1445	203.02	214.97	218.15	218.61	220.60	0.91	8.66
0117	Vegetables, Root Crops & Tubers	4533	206.44	214.92	215.31	215.83	216.13	0.14	4.70
0118	Sugars, Jam, Honey & Sweet	1420	254.20	260.25	260.86	261.14	261.97	0.32	3.06
0119	Other Food Products	2248	170.15	176.22	177.46	177.85	178.08	0.13	4.66
012	Non-Alcoholic Beverages	923	135.79	139.07	139.33	139.33	139.40	0.05	2.66
02	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	416	122.03	122.97	122.97	122.97	123.30	0.27	1.05
03	Clothing, Textile and Footwear	6911	150.54	158.98	160.47	161.66	161.93	0.17	7.57
031	Clothing, Garments and Tailoring Services	5434	147.20	154.65	156.11	157.14	157.18	0.03	6.78
032	Footwear	1477	162.82	174.89	176.54	178.29	179.39	0.62	10.18
04	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	2089	185.21	192.92	194.31	195.22	196.19	0.50	5.93
042	Actual Rent	498	139.54	143.27	144.64	144.64	144.64	0.00	3.65
043	Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	1431	204.13	213.90	215.46	216.78	218.12	0.62	6.85
05	Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	3215	141.12	147.74	148.08	148.67	149.91	0.84	6.24
06	Health	728	136.72	139.33	139.33	139.42	139.78	0.26	2.24
07	Transport	2706	230.26	234.32	234.32	234.52	235.63	0.47	2.33
08	Communication	1822	104.86	105.22	105.22	105.23	105.24	0.01	0.36
09	Recreation and Culture	957	126.66	140.67	140.67	140.72	141.59	0.62	11.79
10	Education	918	109.51	110.11	110.11	110.39	110.53	0.12	0.93
11	Restaurant and Hotel	222	200.28	207.93	209.04	210.59	211.70	0.53	5.70
12	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	3639	223.73	245.96	247.98	249.06	251.15	0.84	12.26
12 MONTH MOVING AVERAGES			183.39	193.66	194.66	195.69	196.73	0.53	7.27
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FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES			216.06	226.11	227.19	228.46	229.77	0.57	6.35
NON-FOOD PRODUCTS AND SERVICES			156.74	165.43	166.26	166.92	167.75	0.50	7.02

In April 2018, the overall Consumer Price Index was 202.69, a 0.55 percent increase over the March 2018 overall index of 201.59.

On an annual basis the overall index increased by 6.59 percent from April 2017 to April 2018. Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased by 6.35 percent whilst Non-Food Products and Services rose by 7.02 percent.

From April 2017 to April 2018, within the Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages, ‘Fruits and Nuts’ increased by 8.66 percent, ‘Fish and fish products’ increased by 8.59 percent, ‘Meat and Meat Products’ increased by 8.17 percent and ‘Bread and Cereals’ increased by 6.69 percent.

For the Non-Food items, major increases were recorded by ‘Footwear’, ‘Electricity, Gas and other Fuels’ and ‘Clothing, Garments and tailoring services’ which rose by 10.18 percent, 6.85 percent and 6.78 percent respectively.

During the months of March 2018 to April 2018, ‘Fish and Fish Products’, ‘Fruits and Nuts’, ‘Bread and Cereals, and ‘Meat and Meat Products’, shows the highest increase in percentage with 1.26 percent, 0.91 percent, 0.83 percent and 0.71 percent respectively.

Using the 12 months-moving-average measure, inflation rate was 7.27 percent in April 2018 compared to 7.44 percent recorded in March 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	6.6								

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

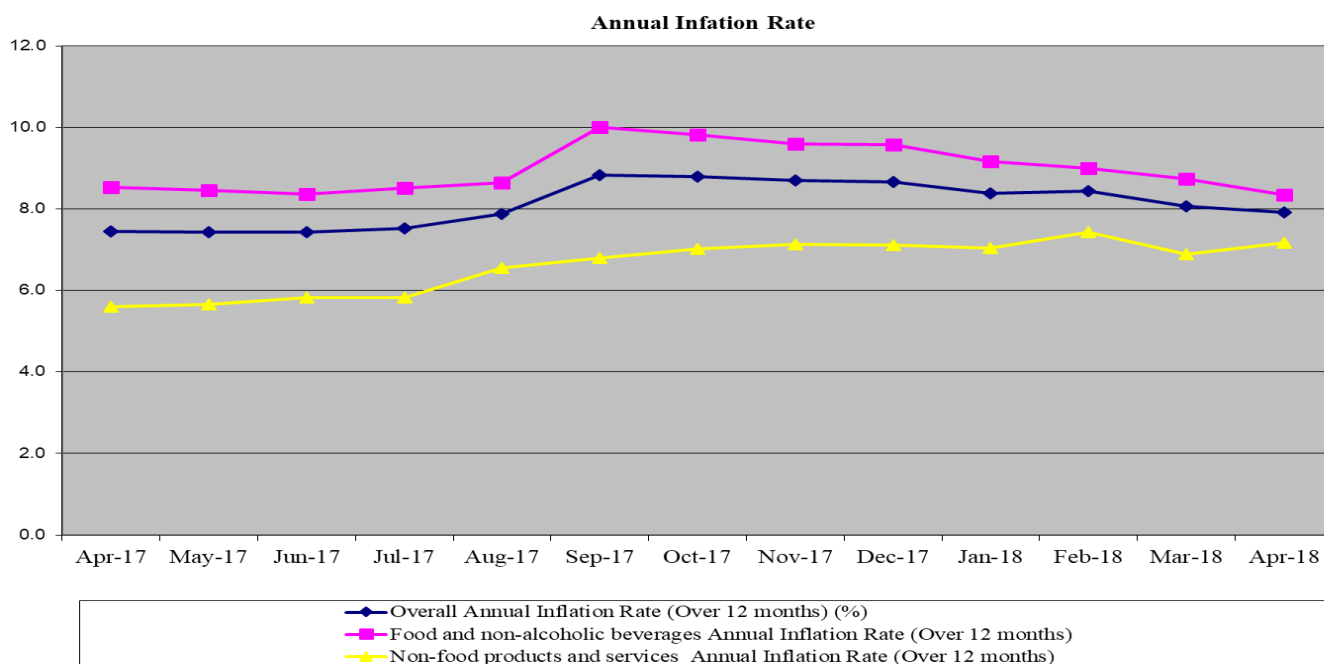
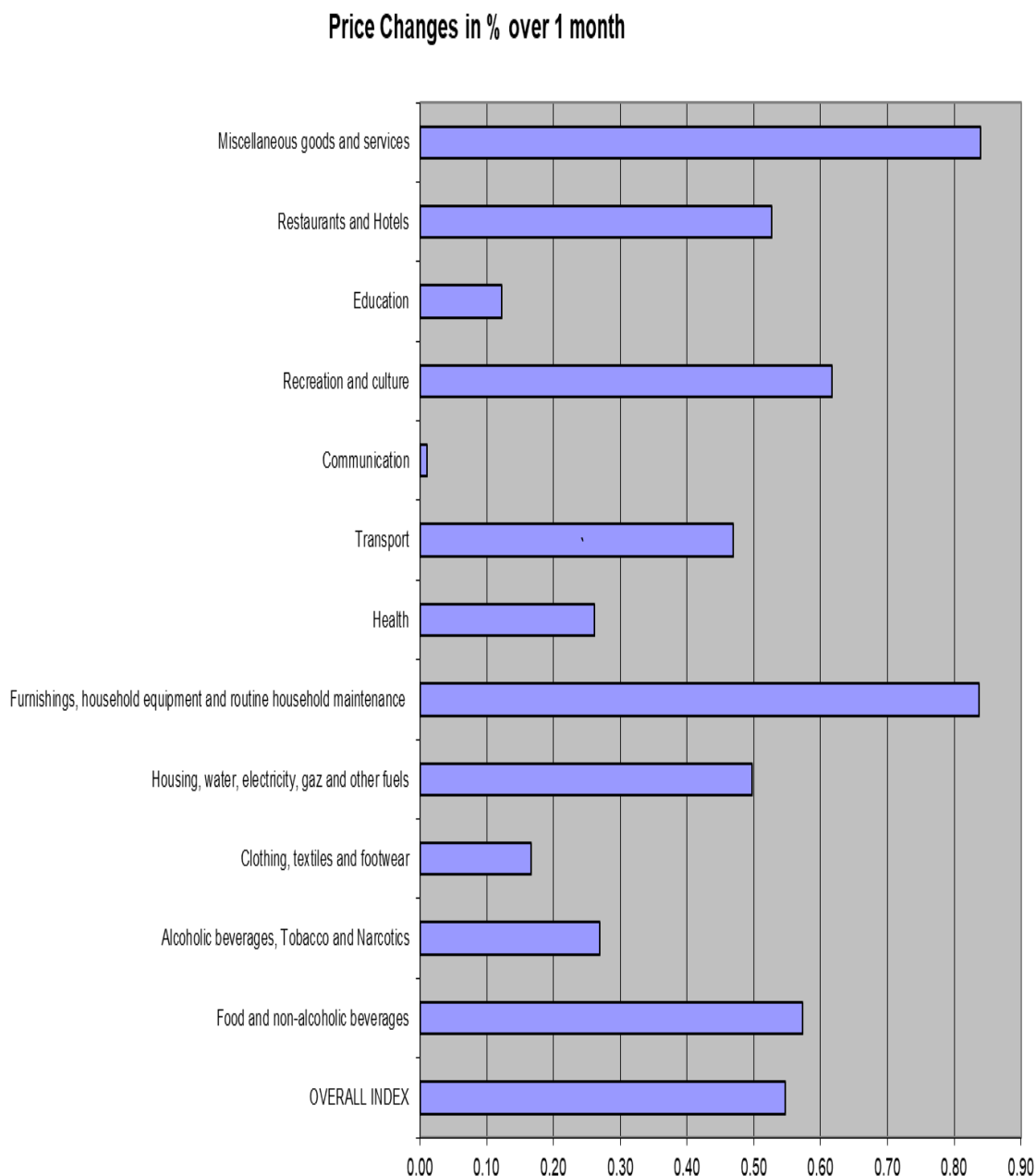


Figure 2: Monthly changes - Comparison with the previous month: March 2018 to April 2018



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