

## THE GAMBIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) SEPTEMBER 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	Sep_2017	Jun_2018	Jul_2018	Aug_2018	Sep_2018	Month	Months
	<b>OVERALL INDEX</b>	<b>61841</b>	195.02	204.67	205.75	207.12	207.82	0.34	6.57
01	<b>Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages</b>	33837	221.73	232.11	233.48	235.02	235.85	0.36	6.37
011	<b>Food</b>	32914	224.07	234.65	236.05	237.62	238.48	0.36	6.43
0111	Bread & Cereals	7891	218.24	230.41	232.47	234.30	235.23	0.40	7.79
0112	Meat	8217	253.10	267.78	269.01	271.24	271.71	0.17	7.35
0113	Fish	2226	192.02	203.79	205.45	206.36	208.35	0.96	8.51
0114	Milk, Cheese and Eggs	1462	168.56	176.42	177.64	178.15	179.57	0.79	6.53
0115	Oils and Fats	3469	256.19	261.31	263.55	265.53	266.53	0.38	4.04
0116	Fruits & Nuts	1445	210.59	226.01	227.36	228.73	230.96	0.98	9.67
0117	Vegetables, Root Crops & Tubers	4533	210.90	217.24	218.01	219.14	219.39	0.11	4.03
0118	Sugars, Jam, Honey & Sweet	1420	257.02	262.47	263.18	263.18	263.89	0.27	2.67
0119	Other Food Products	2248	171.46	179.05	179.05	180.12	180.83	0.39	5.47
012	Non-Alcoholic Beverages	923	137.85	141.09	141.53	141.73	141.80	0.05	2.86
02	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	416	122.51	124.17	124.25	124.31	124.59	0.23	1.70
03	<b>Clothing, Textile and Footwear</b>	6911	155.47	163.80	164.86	166.53	167.09	0.33	7.47
031	Clothing, Garments and Tailoring Services	5434	151.74	158.68	159.80	161.62	161.93	0.20	6.72
032	Footwear	1477	169.20	182.67	183.49	184.62	186.05	0.77	9.96
04	<b>Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels</b>	2089	189.44	198.60	199.30	200.37	200.94	0.29	6.07
042	Actual Rent	498	141.70	145.22	145.42	146.20	146.60	0.27	3.46
043	Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	1431	209.48	221.42	222.39	223.66	224.36	0.32	7.11
05	Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	3215	144.59	150.52	150.71	151.49	152.09	0.39	5.18
06	Health	728	137.59	139.92	140.22	140.34	140.44	0.07	2.07
07	Transport	2706	232.09	237.21	238.13	238.13	239.54	0.59	3.21
08	Communication	1822	105.17	105.26	105.26	105.26	105.26	0.00	0.08
09	Recreation and Culture	957	135.09	142.96	142.98	143.39	143.56	0.12	6.27
10	Education	918	109.64	110.66	110.66	110.66	110.66	0.00	0.93
11	Restaurant and Hotel	222	204.03	215.40	219.26	220.52	222.39	0.84	8.99
12	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	3639	231.67	253.92	255.82	258.96	260.08	0.43	12.27
	<b>12 MONTH MOVING AVERAGES</b>		<b>189.40</b>	<b>198.81</b>	<b>199.87</b>	<b>200.95</b>	<b>202.02</b>	<b>0.53</b>	<b>6.66</b>
	<b>OVERALL INDEX</b>		<b>195.02</b>	<b>204.67</b>	<b>205.75</b>	<b>207.12</b>	<b>207.82</b>	<b>0.34</b>	<b>6.57</b>
	<b>FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES</b>		<b>221.73</b>	<b>232.11</b>	<b>233.48</b>	<b>235.02</b>	<b>235.85</b>	<b>0.36</b>	<b>6.37</b>
	<b>NON-FOOD PRODUCTS AND SERVICES</b>		<b>160.56</b>	<b>169.28</b>	<b>169.98</b>	<b>171.13</b>	<b>171.67</b>	<b>0.31</b>	<b>6.92</b>

In September 2018, the overall Consumer Price Index was 207.82, a 0.34 percent increase over the August 2018 overall index of 207.12.

On an annual basis the overall index increased by 6.57 percent from September 2017 to September 2018. Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased by 6.37 percent whilst Non-Food Products and Services rose by 6.92 percent.

From September 2017 to September 2018, within the Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages, ‘Fruits and Nuts’ increased by 9.67 percent, ‘Fish and fish products’ increased by 8.51 percent, ‘Bread and Cereals’ increased by 7.79 percent, ‘Meat and Meat Products’ increased by 7.35 percent and Milk, Cheese and Eggs increased by 6.53 percent.

For the Non-Food items, major increases were recorded by ‘Miscellaneous goods and services’, ‘Footwear’, ‘Restaurant and hotel’, ‘Electricity, gas and other fuels’ and ‘Clothing, Garments and tailoring services’ which rose by 12.27 percent, 9.96 percent, 8.99 percent, 7.11 percent and 6.72 percent respectively.

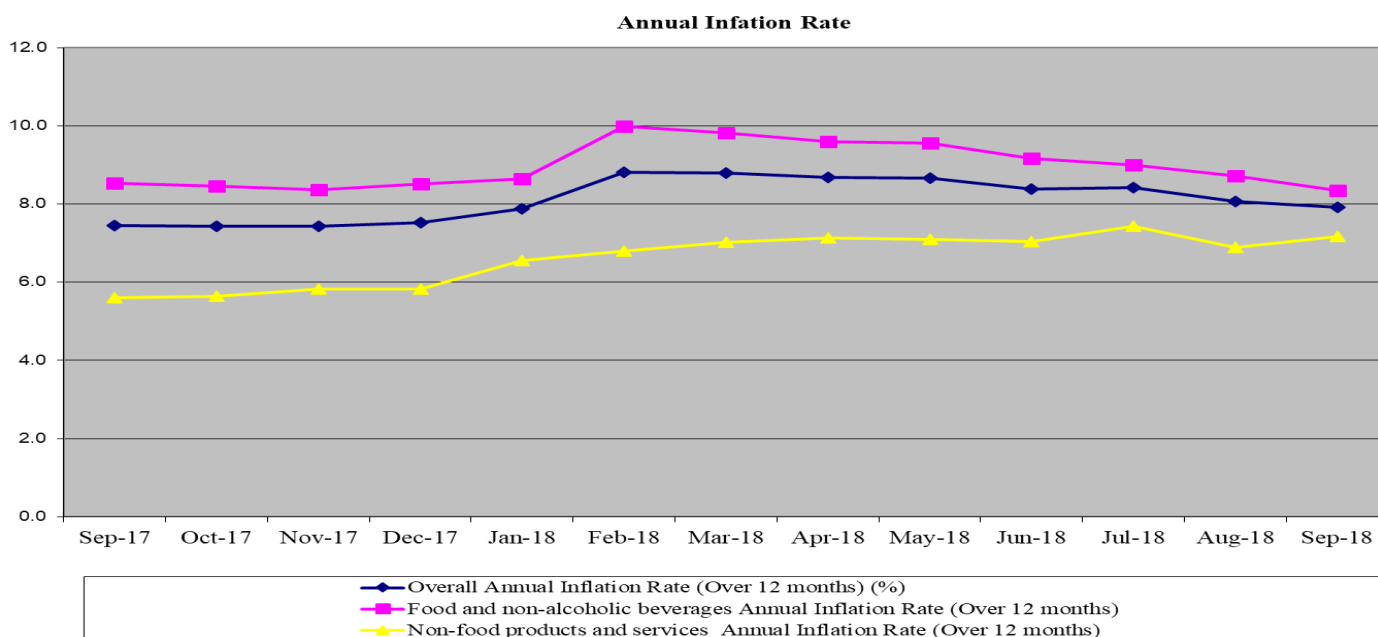
During the months of August 2018 to September 2018, ‘Fruits and Nuts’, ‘Fish and Fish Products’, ‘Milk, Cheese and Eggs’ and ‘Bread and cereal’ shows the highest increase in percentage with 0.98 percent, 0.96 percent 0.79 percent and 0.40 percent respectively.

Using the 12 months-moving-average measure, inflation rate was 6.66 percent in September 2018 compared to 6.75 percent recorded in August 2018.

**Overall Annual Inflation Rate (over 12 months - Comparison with the same month for the previous year)**

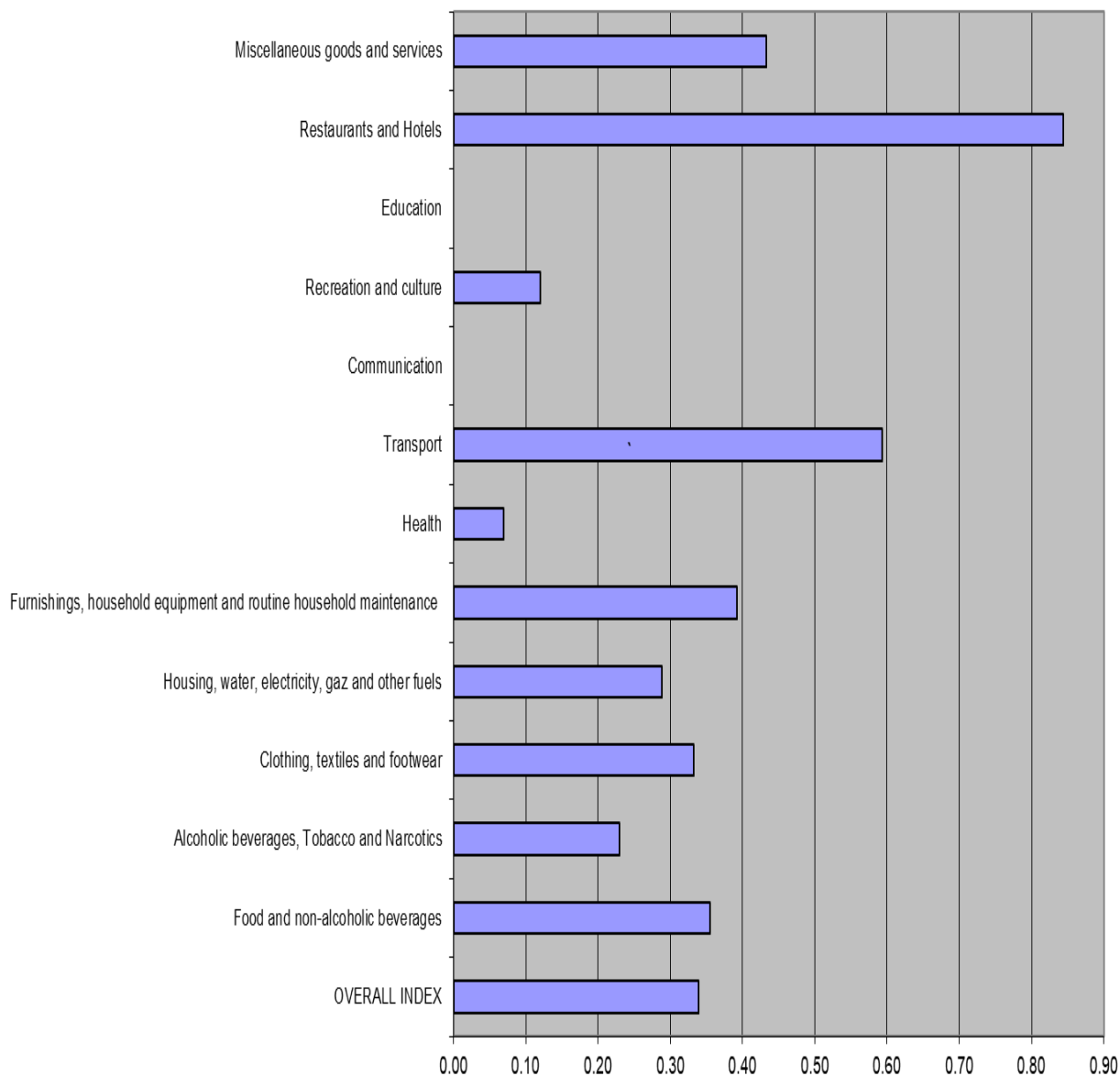
Year	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
2015	7.0	6.8	6.7	6.7	7.2	7.2	6.9	6.9	6.6	6.5	6.6	6.7
2016	6.7	6.9	7.1	7.1	7.0	7.1	7.2	7.5	7.4	7.4	7.5	7.9
2017	8.8	8.8	8.7	8.7	8.4	8.4	8.1	7.9	7.6	7.4	6.9	6.9
2018	6.4	6.4	6.5	6.6	6.5	6.9	6.6	6.7	6.6			

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



**Figure 2: Monthly changes - Comparison with the previous month: August 2018 to September 2018**

**Price Changes in % over 1 month**



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