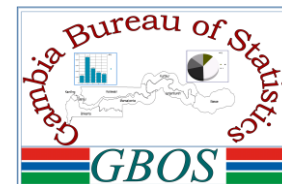




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THE GAMBIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) DECEMBER 2018



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	Dec_2017	Sep_2018	Oct_2018	Nov_2018	Dec_2018	Month	Months
	OVERALL INDEX	61841	198.22	207.82	208.81	209.51	210.93	0.68	6.41
01	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	33837	224.78	235.85	236.88	237.61	239.13	0.64	6.38
011	Food	32914	227.18	238.48	239.52	240.27	241.83	0.65	6.45
0111	Bread & Cereals	7891	222.06	235.23	236.35	237.21	239.18	0.83	7.71
0112	Meat	8217	257.38	271.71	273.07	273.41	275.31	0.70	6.96
0113	Fish	2226	195.19	208.35	208.99	209.60	211.59	0.95	8.40
0114	Milk, Cheese and Eggs	1462	170.34	179.57	179.83	180.12	181.73	0.90	6.69
0115	Oils and Fats	3469	257.34	266.53	268.39	269.71	270.58	0.32	5.15
0116	Fruits & Nuts	1445	212.91	230.96	231.84	232.73	234.38	0.71	10.08
0117	Vegetables, Root Crops & Tubers	4533	213.24	219.39	219.89	221.07	222.13	0.48	4.17
0118	Sugars, Jam, Honey & Sweet	1420	259.19	263.89	264.69	264.95	266.01	0.40	2.63
0119	Other Food Products	2248	174.20	180.83	181.45	182.28	182.90	0.34	4.99
012	Non-Alcoholic Beverages	923	138.82	141.80	142.10	142.32	142.54	0.15	2.68
02	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	416	122.81	124.59	127.83	124.67	124.69	0.01	1.53
03	Clothing, Textile and Footwear	6911	157.68	167.09	167.89	168.92	170.33	0.84	8.02
031	Clothing, Garments and Tailoring Services	5434	153.89	161.93	162.73	163.65	164.95	0.79	7.19
032	Footwear	1477	171.65	186.05	186.89	188.29	190.13	0.97	10.77
04	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	2089	191.54	200.94	202.00	202.70	203.87	0.58	6.44
042	Actual Rent	498	142.68	146.60	147.38	147.38	147.57	0.13	3.43
043	Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	1431	212.14	224.36	225.63	226.66	228.29	0.72	7.61
05	Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	3215	147.20	152.09	153.09	153.75	154.23	0.31	4.77
06	Health	728	138.28	140.44	140.50	140.53	140.92	0.28	1.91
07	Transport	2706	232.94	239.54	241.20	242.12	242.38	0.11	4.05
08	Communication	1822	105.18	105.26	105.26	105.26	105.26	0.00	0.07
09	Recreation and Culture	957	140.48	143.56	144.11	144.22	145.44	0.84	3.53
10	Education	918	109.79	110.66	110.66	110.66	110.66	0.00	0.80
11	Restaurant and Hotel	222	206.67	222.39	224.09	224.09	226.31	0.99	9.50
12	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	3639	240.08	260.08	262.44	263.75	267.34	1.36	11.35
	12 MONTH MOVING AVERAGES		192.66	202.02	203.09	204.16	205.22	0.52	6.52
	OVERALL INDEX		198.22	207.82	208.81	209.51	210.93	0.68	6.41
	FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES		224.78	235.85	236.88	237.61	239.13	0.64	6.38
	NON-FOOD PRODUCTS AND SERVICES		163.96	171.67	172.60	173.25	174.55	0.75	6.46

In December 2018, the overall Consumer Price Index was 210.93, a 0.68 percent increase over the November 2018 overall index of 209.51.

On an annual basis the overall index increased by 6.41 percent from December 2017 to December 2018. Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased by 6.38 percent whilst Non-Food Products and Services rose by 6.46 percent.

From December 2017 to December 2018, within the Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages, ‘Fruits and Nuts’ increased by 10.08 percent, ‘Fish and fish products’ increased by 8.40 percent, ‘Bread and Cereals’ increased by 7.71 percent, ‘Meat and meat product increased by 6.96 percent, and ‘Milk, Cheese and Eggs’ increased by 6.69 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 11.35 percent, 10.77 percent, 9.50 percent, 7.61 percent and 7.19 percent respectively.

During the months of November 2018 to December 2018, ‘Fish and fish product’, ‘Milk, cheese and eggs’, ‘Bread and cereals’ and ‘Fruits and Nuts’ shows the highest increase in percentage with 0.95 percent, 0.90 percent, 0.83 percent and 0.71 percent respectively.

Using the 12 months-moving-average measure, inflation rate was 6.52 percent in December 2018 compared to 6.56 percent recorded in November 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	6.6	6.6	6.4

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

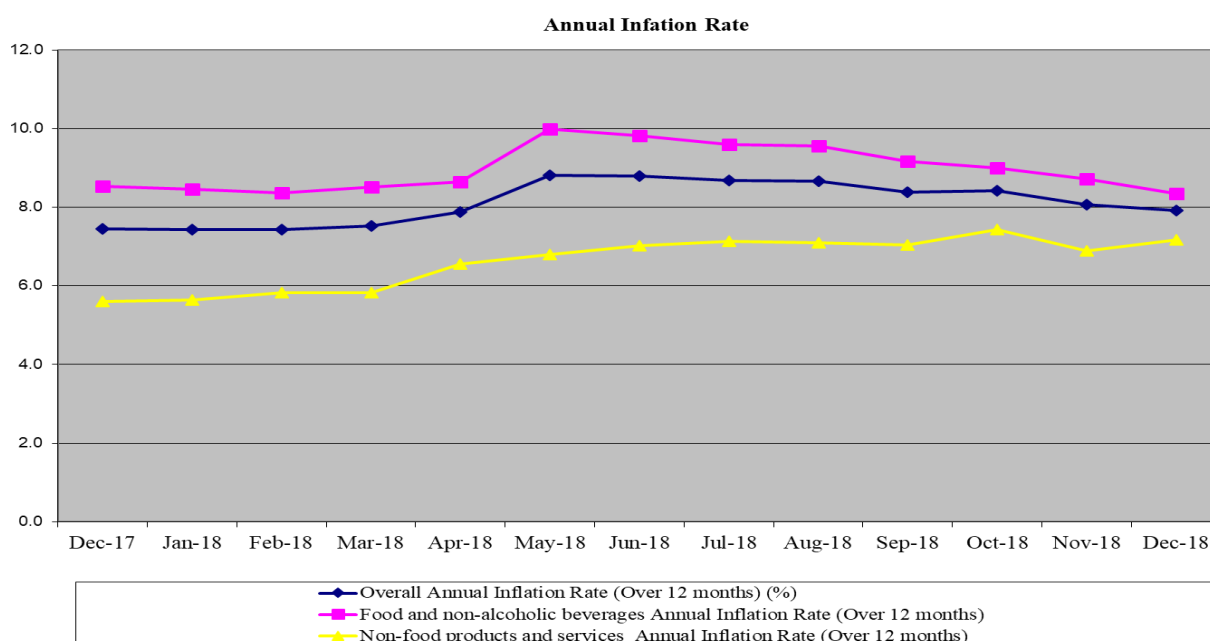
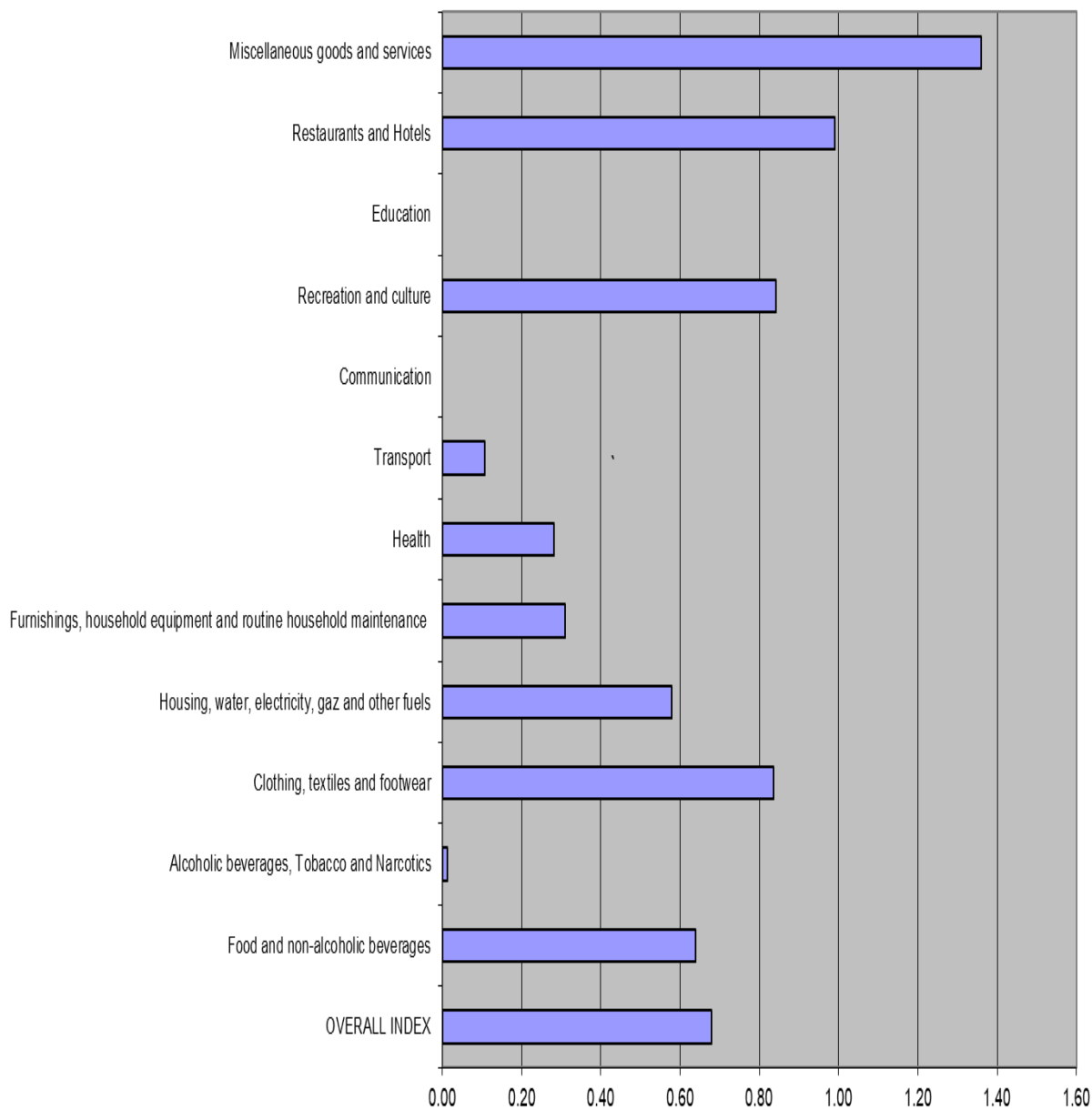


Figure 2: Monthly changes - Comparison with the previous month: November 2018 to December 2018

Price Changes in % over 1 month



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