



THE GAMBIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) APRIL 2021



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Important announcement

With the publication of the January 2020 index, GBoS has updated the official CPI series. This involves updating the weights and product basket as well as a number of methodological improvements. These updates improve the transparency, relevance and representativity of the CPI. For the first time, GBoS will also be calculating CPI indexes for urban and rural areas. These estimates are available on our website. See www.gbosdata.org/downloads, www.gambia.opendataforafrica.org/nsdp or the Annex to this release for full details.

To highlight these improvements, the long run CPI index has been re-referenced (rescaled) to January 2020=100. Please note that historical inflation rates are unaffected by this rescaling.

Please visit our website for the full CPI series.

The Gambia Bureau of Statistics presents to users the Consumer Price Index (CPI) based on January 2019 =100 (Re-referenced to January 2020=100). The CPI is published on 15th of every month for the preceding month

COICOP	ALL ITEMS(JANUARY 2020=100)	Weights 2015/16	Apr-20	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	Changes in % Over	
							1 Month	12 Months
0	All-items CPI (OVERALL INDEX)	100000	100.67	107.46	108.71	107.98	-0.67	7.26
01	FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	52623	100.63	108.84	110.91	108.96	-1.76	8.28
01.1	FOOD	49529	100.58	109.10	111.22	109.13	-1.88	8.50
01.1.1	Bread & Cereals	14258	99.53	104.34	108.56	105.32	-2.99	5.81
01.1.2	Meat	5248	100.80	111.30	107.63	107.54	-0.08	6.69
01.1.3	Fish	5799	110.61	130.61	131.50	128.65	-2.17	16.31
01.1.4	Milk, Cheese and Eggs	2710	102.78	102.91	104.77	104.69	-0.07	1.86
01.1.5	Oils and fats	4313	107.49	130.97	143.38	136.46	-4.82	26.96
01.1.6	Fruits & nuts	1665	122.54	122.77	122.89	122.65	-0.19	0.09
01.1.7	Vegetables, root crops & tubers	8938	88.37	94.34	92.36	92.45	0.10	4.62
01.1.8	Sugar, jam, honey & sweets	3438	100.15	103.86	107.08	104.24	-2.66	4.08
01.1.9	Other food products n.e.c	3159	98.75	101.75	103.13	103.50	0.36	4.81
01.2	Non-alcoholic beverages	3094	101.47	104.64	105.74	106.17	0.41	4.64
	NON-FOOD PRODUCTS AND SERVICES	47377	100.71	105.87	106.21	106.84	0.60	6.09
02	ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO AND NARCOTICS	1163	101.05	110.49	110.02	109.90	-0.10	8.76
02.1	Alcoholic beverages	31	100.25	115.11	115.11	115.19	0.07	14.91
02.2	Tobacco	940	101.85	112.55	112.55	112.55	0.00	10.51
03	CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	7895	99.12	103.92	105.32	104.82	-0.48	5.75
03.1	GARMENTS	6585	98.87	103.52	104.56	104.60	0.03	5.79
03.1.1	Clothing materials	2195	99.21	100.56	101.02	100.86	-0.16	1.66
03.1.2	Garments	1894	107.72	112.03	114.53	114.51	-0.02	6.30
03.1.4	Repair and hire of clothing	2495	92.01	99.83	100.32	100.57	0.25	9.30
3.2	Footwear	1310	100.43	106.03	109.27	106.01	-2.99	5.56
04	HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS	7302	90.07	103.61	104.21	104.50	0.27	16.02
04.1	Actual rentals for housing	15	112.33	112.51	112.51	112.51	0.00	0.17
04.4.1	Water supply	832	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
04.5	Electricity, gas and other fuels	5998	87.58	103.57	103.76	104.10	0.33	18.87
05	FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT, ETC	7306	101.77	104.65	104.08	104.12	0.03	2.31
05.1	Furniture, decorations, floor coverings and repairs	397	108.97	102.57	101.99	102.86	0.85	-5.61
05.2	Household textiles	319	102.41	101.26	101.19	101.26	0.07	-1.13
05.3	Household appliances	52	98.20	98.21	99.33	99.29	-0.04	1.11
05.6	Goods and services for routine household maintenance	5669	101.32	104.61	103.95	103.99	0.04	2.64
06	HEALTH	574	102.57	103.64	103.85	103.85	0.00	1.25
07	TRANSPORT	9644	102.63	106.94	107.02	109.78	2.58	6.97
08	COMMUNICATIONS	8809	97.27	95.82	96.02	96.53	0.54	-0.76
09	RECREATION AND CULTURE	428	92.75	97.37	97.68	97.88	0.20	5.53
09.1	Audio-visual, photographic and information processing equipment	69	104.21	106.57	106.57	106.57	0.00	2.26
09.5	Newspapers, books and stationery	268	96.67	101.37	101.51	101.58	0.07	5.08
10	Education	20	100.00	185.35	185.35	185.35	0.00	85.35
11	HOTELS, CAFES AND RESTAURANTS	754	99.51	106.41	106.41	106.64	0.21	7.16
12	MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES	3482	115.90	127.41	128.07	128.27	0.15	10.67
12.1	Personal care	1823	126.09	131.22	132.48	132.48	0.00	5.06
	ALL ITEM INDEX	100000	100.67	107.46	108.71	107.98		7.3
	12-MONTH MOVING AVERAGE							8.0
	Year on Year inflation							7.3

From April 2020 to April 2021, the year on year All-items Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation rate increased by 7.26 percent. Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased by 8.28 percent whilst Non-Food Products rose by 6.09 percent.

In April 2021, the All-items CPI index was 107.98 a decrease 0.67 percent over the March 2021 All-items index of 108.71.

From April 2020 to April 2021, within Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages, ‘Oils and Fats’ increased by 26.96 percent, ‘Fish’ increased by 16.31 percent, ‘Meat’ increased by 6.69 percent, ‘Bread and Cereals’ increase by 5.81, and ‘Vegetables, root crops & Tubers’ increased by 4.62 percent,

Over the same period, for the Non-Food products, major increases were recorded by ‘Education’, 85.35 percent, ‘Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels’ 16.02 percent ‘Miscellaneous’, 10.67 percent, ‘Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics’, 9.13 percent, ‘Hotels, Cafes and Restaurant’, 7.16 percent, ‘Transport’ 6.97 percent, ‘clothing and footwear’ 5.97 percent.

From March 2021 to April 2021, within Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages, decreases were recorded by, ‘Oils & Fats’ 4.82 percent, ‘Bread and Cereals’ 2.99 percent, ‘Sugar Jam, honey & sweets’ 2.66 percent, ‘Fish’, 2.17 percent, ‘Fruits and Nuts’ 0.19 percent, while ‘Non-Alcoholic Beverages’, and ‘Other food products’ recorded an increase of 0.41 percent and 0.36 percent respectively.

Using the 12 months-moving-average measure, the annual inflation rate was 8.0 percent in April 2021 same as the 8.0 percent recorded in March 2021.

All-items year on year Inflation Rate (Comparison with the same month for the previous year)

Year	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
2019	6.08	6.16	6.13	6.91	7.46	7.35	7.31	7.36	7.58	7.55	7.73	7.68
2020	7.36	7.84	7.58	5.61	5.40	5.13	4.82	5.43	5.18	5.58	5.77	5.67
2021	7.57	6.38	7.4	7.26								

Figure 1: Annual changes – Comparison with the same month of the previous year (April 2020 – April 2021)

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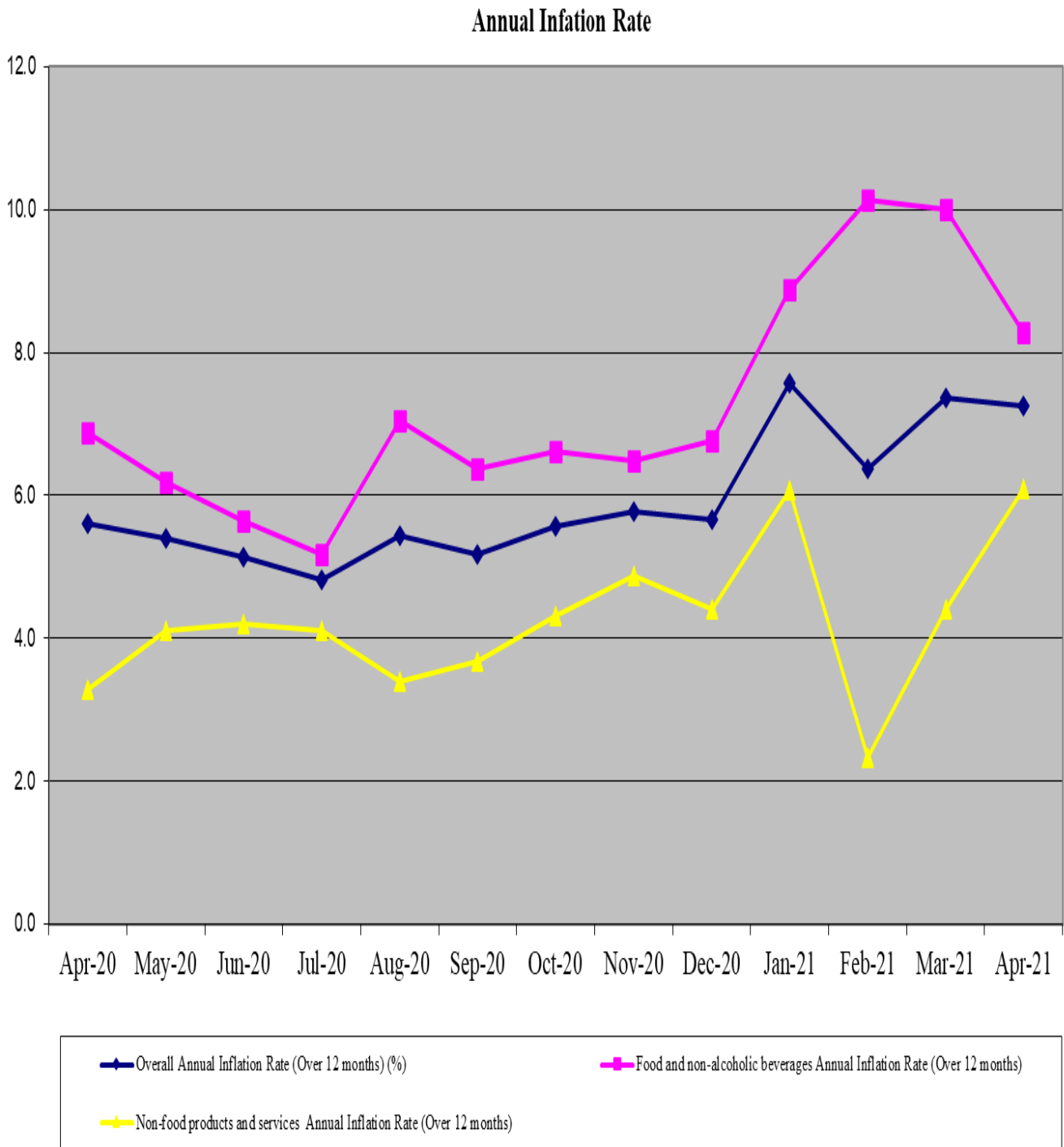
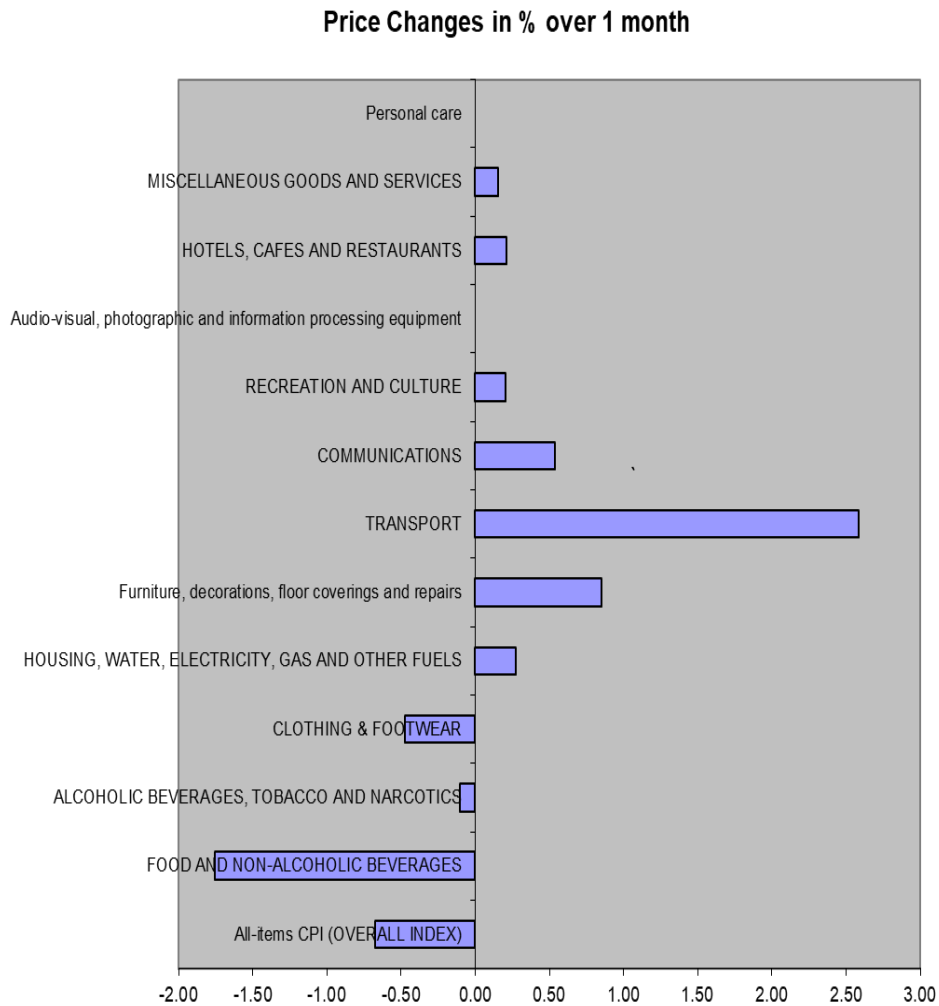


Figure 2: Monthly changes - Comparison with the previous month: March 2021 to April 2021



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