



THE GAMBIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) AUGUST 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	Aug-20	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Changes in % Over	
							1 Month	12 Months
0	All-items CPI (OVERALL INDEX)	100000	103.12	109.80	110.12	110.29	0.15	6.94
01	FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	52623	103.71	111.99	112.65	112.80	0.14	8.77
01.1	FOOD	49529	103.73	112.23	112.91	113.08	0.14	9.01
01.1.1	Bread & Cereals	14258	100.81	108.59	109.03	108.84	-0.17	7.97
01.1.2	Meat	5248	96.76	114.99	116.54	116.58	0.03	20.48
01.1.3	Fish	5799	115.58	129.35	129.35	129.94	0.45	12.42
01.1.4	Milk, Cheese and Eggs	2710	98.47	105.80	105.14	105.37	0.21	7.00
01.1.5	Oils and fats	4313	105.94	144.37	143.97	143.65	-0.22	35.60
01.1.6	Fruits & nuts	1665	116.92	122.84	122.96	122.89	-0.06	5.11
01.1.7	Vegetables, root crops & tubers	8938	104.08	92.46	94.91	96.08	1.24	-7.68
01.1.8	Sugar, jam, honey & sweets	3438	101.87	106.08	106.17	106.37	0.19	4.41
01.1.9	Other food products n.e.c	3159	103.43	109.15	109.49	108.52	-0.89	4.92
01.2	Non-alcoholic beverages	3094	103.39	107.98	108.23	108.32	0.09	4.77
	NON-FOOD PRODUCTS AND SERVICES	47377	102.47	107.31	107.25	107.43	0.17	4.84
02	ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO AND NARCOTICS	1163	106.50	118.21	118.13	118.31	0.15	11.09
02.1	Alcoholic beverages	31	105.29	115.11	115.11	115.05	-0.06	9.26
02.2	Tobacco	940	108.08	123.03	122.82	123.08	0.21	13.88
03	CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	7895	102.01	106.16	105.95	105.73	-0.21	3.64
03.1	GARMENTS	6585	101.78	105.55	105.27	104.93	-0.32	3.09
03.1.1	Clothing materials	2195	96.81	101.34	100.71	100.42	-0.29	3.73
03.1.2	Garments	1894	111.01	117.29	117.39	116.54	-0.72	4.98
03.1.4	Repair and hire of clothing	2495	99.34	100.57	100.32	100.32	0.00	0.99
3.2	Footwear	1310	103.22	109.37	109.53	109.87	0.32	6.45
04	HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS	7302	100.15	104.32	104.44	104.57	0.13	4.42
04.1	Actual rentals for housing	15	112.51	112.51	112.51	112.51	0.00	0.00
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	99.75	103.90	104.08	104.28	0.19	4.54
05	FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT, ETC	7306	101.82	103.81	103.74	103.42	-0.31	1.57
05.1	Furniture, decorations, floor coverings and repairs	397	111.06	102.45	103.22	103.35	0.12	-6.94
05.2	Household textiles	319	100.66	101.83	101.59	101.37	-0.22	0.70
05.3	Household appliances	52	97.60	99.45	100.56	100.48	-0.07	2.95
05.6	Goods and services for routine household maintenance	5669	101.35	103.46	103.30	103.00	-0.29	1.62
06	HEALTH	574	103.06	103.85	103.81	103.87	0.06	0.79
07	TRANSPORT	9644	101.41	110.89	110.84	112.06	1.10	10.51
08	COMMUNICATIONS	8809	95.49	96.19	96.17	96.17	0.01	0.72
09	RECREATION AND CULTURE	428	96.23	98.01	97.95	98.58	0.64	2.45
09.1	Audio-visual, photographic and information processing equipment	69	102.79	108.53	108.53	108.53	0.00	5.58
09.5	Newspapers, books and stationery	268	101.35	101.64	101.64	102.40	0.75	1.03
10	Education	20	100.00	185.35	185.35	185.35	0.00	85.35
11	HOTELS, CAFES AND RESTAURANTS	754	107.67	106.07	105.36	104.94	-0.40	-2.54
12	MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES	3482	116.05	128.07	127.99	128.02	0.02	10.32
12.1	Personal care	1823	126.36	132.48	132.32	132.38	0.04	4.76
	ALL ITEM INDEX	100000	103.12	109.80	110.12	110.29		6.94
	12-MONTH MOVING AVERAGE							6.62
	Year on Year inflation							6.94

From August 2020 to August 2021, the year on year All-items Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation rate increased by 6.94 percent. Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased by 8.77 percent whilst Non-Food Products rose by 4.84 percent.

In August 2021, the All-items CPI index was 110.29 an increase of 0.15 percent over the June 2021 All-items index of 110.12.

From August 2020 to August 2021, within Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages, ‘Oils and Fats’ increased by 35.60 percent, ‘Meat’ increased by 20.48 percent, ‘Fish’ increased by 12.42 percent, ‘Bread and Cereals’ increase by 7.97 percent, and Milk Cheese and Eggs 7.00 percent.

Over the same period, for the Non-Food products, major increases were recorded by ‘Education’, 85.35 percent, ‘Transport’ 10.51 percent, ‘Miscellaneous’, 10.32 percent, Audio Visual, Photographic and Information processing equipment 5.58 percent, ‘Electricity, Gas and other Fuels’ 4.54 and ‘Household Appliances’ 2.95 percent

From July 2021 to August 2021, within Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages, increases were recorded by, ‘Vegetables, Root crops and Tubers’ 1.24 percent, ‘Fish’ 0.45 percent, ‘Footwear’ 0.32 percent and “Milk Cheese and Eggs” 0.21 percent, while ‘Alcoholic Beverages Tobacco and Narcotics’ increase by 0.15 percent.

Using the 12 months-moving-average measure, the annual inflation rate was 6.62 percent in August 2021 compared to 6.8 percent recorded in July 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	7.37	7.26	7.67	8.05	8.19	6.94				

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

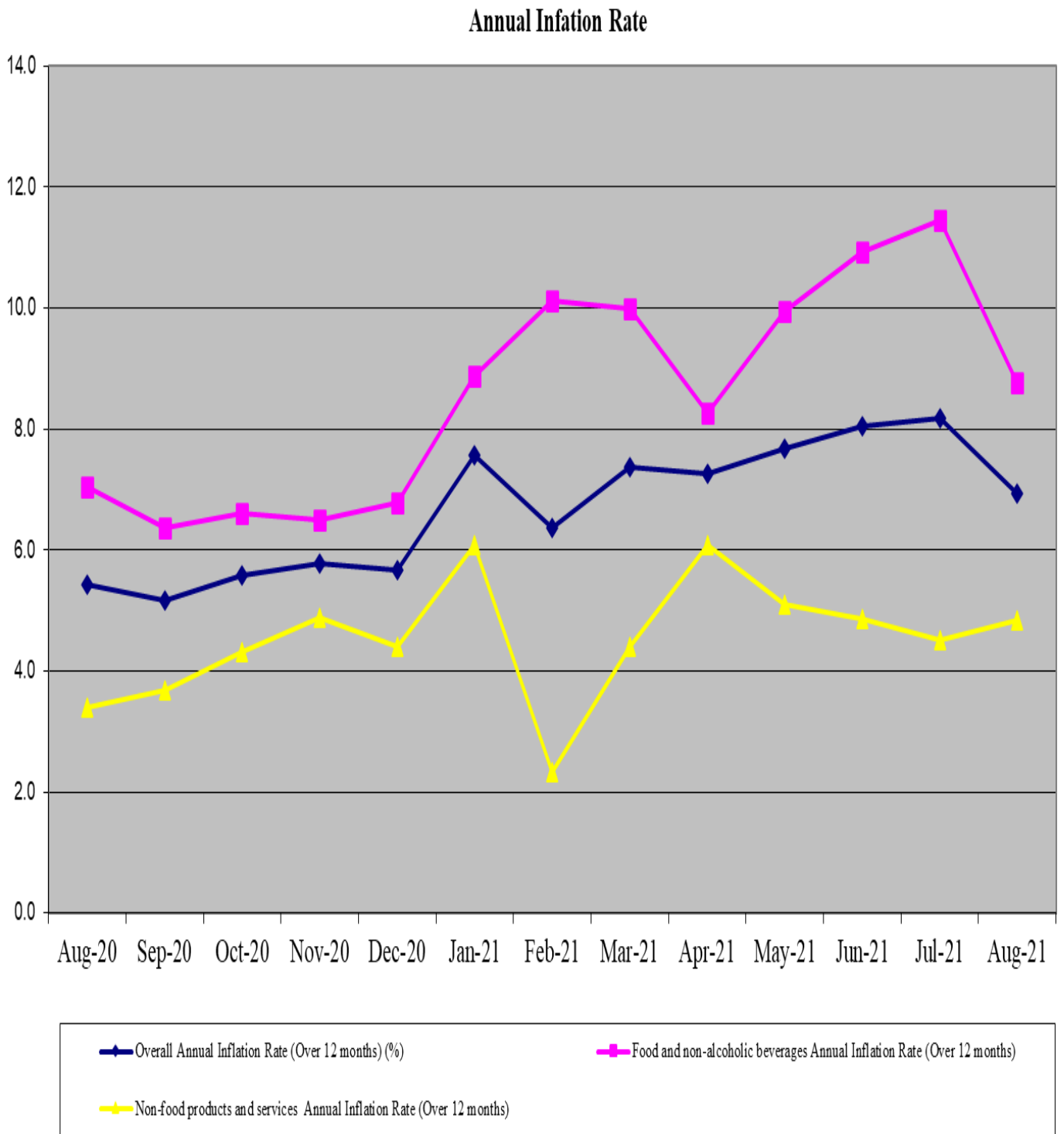
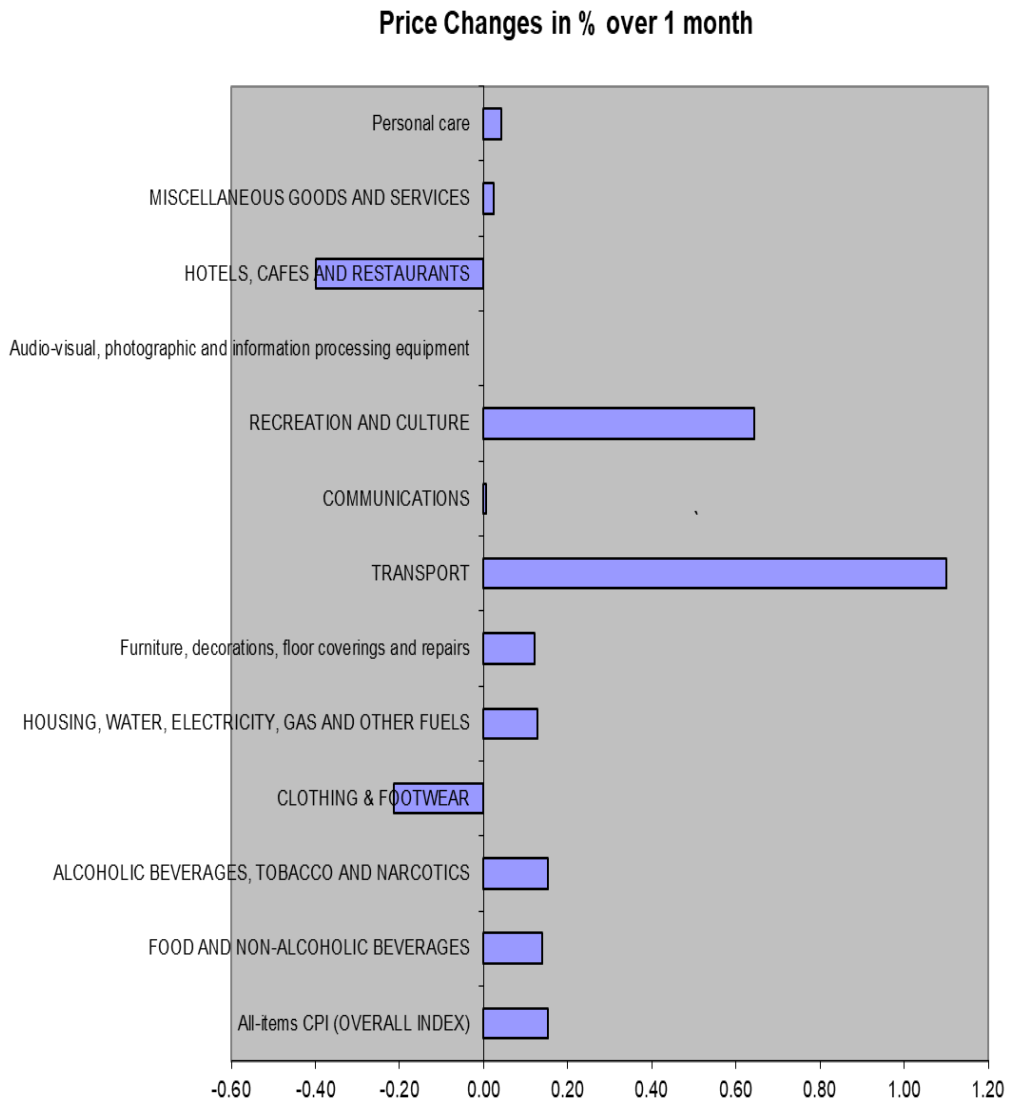


Figure 2: Monthly changes - Comparison with the previous month: July 2021 to August 2021



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