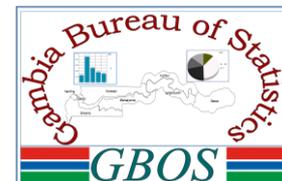




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THE GAMBIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) FEBRUARY 2018



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	Feb 2017	Nov 2017	Dec 2017	Jan 2018	Feb 2018	Month	Months
OVERALL INDEX		61841	188.57	196.62	198.22	199.61	200.58	0.49	6.37
01	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	33837	214.11	223.17	224.78	226.11	227.19	0.48	6.11
011	Food	32914	216.31	225.52	227.18	228.53	229.64	0.48	6.16
0111	Bread & Cereals	7891	212.46	220.87	222.06	223.46	224.87	0.63	5.84
0112	Meat	8217	241.28	254.50	257.38	259.01	259.93	0.36	7.73
0113	Fish	2226	182.65	193.89	195.19	196.29	197.09	0.40	7.90
0114	Milk, Cheese and Eggs	1462	162.91	169.46	170.34	171.12	171.76	0.38	5.43
0115	Oils and Fats	3469	247.00	256.48	257.34	257.36	258.82	0.56	4.78
0116	Fruits & Nuts	1445	199.74	211.57	212.91	214.97	218.15	1.48	9.22
0117	Vegetables, Root Crops & Tubers	4533	205.58	211.43	213.24	214.92	215.31	0.18	4.73
0118	Sugars, Jam, Honey & Sweet	1420	252.75	258.34	259.19	260.25	260.86	0.23	3.21
0119	Other Food Products	2248	168.91	172.95	174.20	176.22	177.46	0.70	5.06
012	Non-Alcoholic Beverages	923	135.47	138.65	138.82	139.07	139.33	0.18	2.85
02	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	416	121.64	122.78	122.81	122.97	122.97	0.00	1.09
03	Clothing, Textile and Footwear	6911	149.12	156.66	157.68	158.98	160.47	0.94	7.62
031	Clothing, Garments and Tailoring Services	5434	145.83	152.89	153.89	154.65	156.11	0.94	7.05
032	Footwear	1477	161.20	170.52	171.65	174.89	176.54	0.94	9.51
04	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	2089	183.66	191.04	191.54	192.92	194.31	0.72	5.80
042	Actual Rent	498	139.35	142.68	142.68	143.27	144.64	0.96	3.79
043	Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	1431	201.93	211.43	212.14	213.90	215.46	0.73	6.70
05	Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	3215	140.86	146.18	147.20	147.74	148.08	0.23	5.12
06	Health	728	136.65	138.15	138.28	139.33	139.33	0.00	1.97
07	Transport	2706	229.62	231.87	232.94	234.32	234.32	0.00	2.05
08	Communication	1822	104.86	105.18	105.18	105.22	105.22	0.00	0.34
09	Recreation and Culture	957	126.66	137.74	140.48	140.67	140.67	0.00	11.06
10	Education	918	109.51	109.79	109.79	110.11	110.11	0.00	0.55
11	Restaurant and Hotel	222	197.75	205.37	206.67	207.93	209.04	0.53	5.71
12	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	3639	219.83	236.23	240.08	245.96	247.98	0.82	12.81
12 MONTH MOVING AVERAGES			180.87	191.59	192.66	193.66	194.66	0.52	7.62
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FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES			214.11	223.17	224.78	226.11	227.19	0.48	6.11
NON-FOOD PRODUCTS AND SERVICES			155.62	162.38	163.96	165.43	166.26	0.50	6.84

In February 2018, the overall Consumer Price Index was 200.58, a 0.49 percent increase over the January 2018 overall index of 199.61.

On an annual basis the overall index increased by 6.37 percent from February 2017 to February 2018. Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased by 6.11 percent whilst Non-Food Products and Services rose by 6.84 percent.

From February 2017 to February 2018, within the Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages, ‘Fruits and Nuts’ increased by 9.22 percent, ‘Fish and fish products’ increased by 7.90 percent, ‘Meat and meat products’ increased by 7.73 percent, and ‘Bread and Cereals’ increased by 5.84 percent.

For the Non-Food items, major increases were recorded by ‘Footwear’, ‘Clothing, Garments and tailoring services’ and ‘Electricity, Gas and other Fuels’ which rose by 9.51 percent, 7.05 percent and 6.70 percent respectively.

During the months of January 2018 to February 2018, ‘Fruits and Nuts’, ‘Bread and Cereals’, ‘Oils and Fat’, and ‘Fish and Fish Products’, shows the highest increase in percentage with 1.48 percent, 0.63 percent, 0.56 percent and 0.40 percent respectively.

Using the 12 months-moving-average measure, inflation rate was 7.62 percent in February 2018 compared to 7.83 percent recorded in January 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										

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

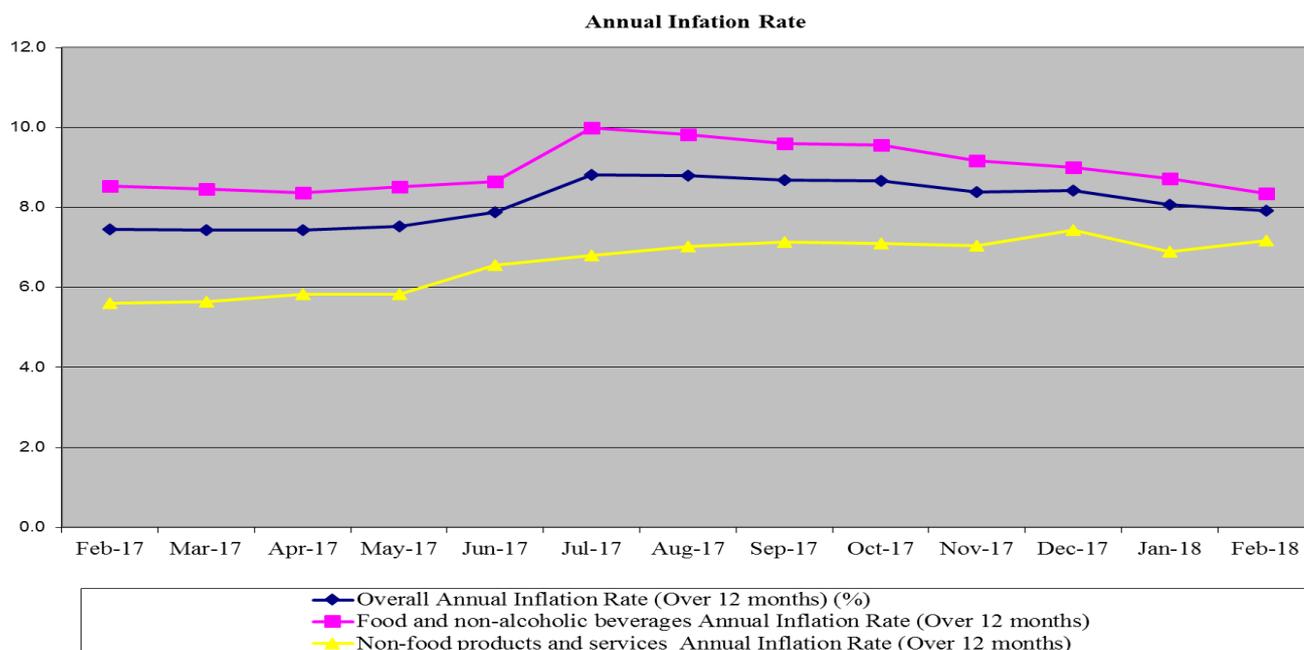
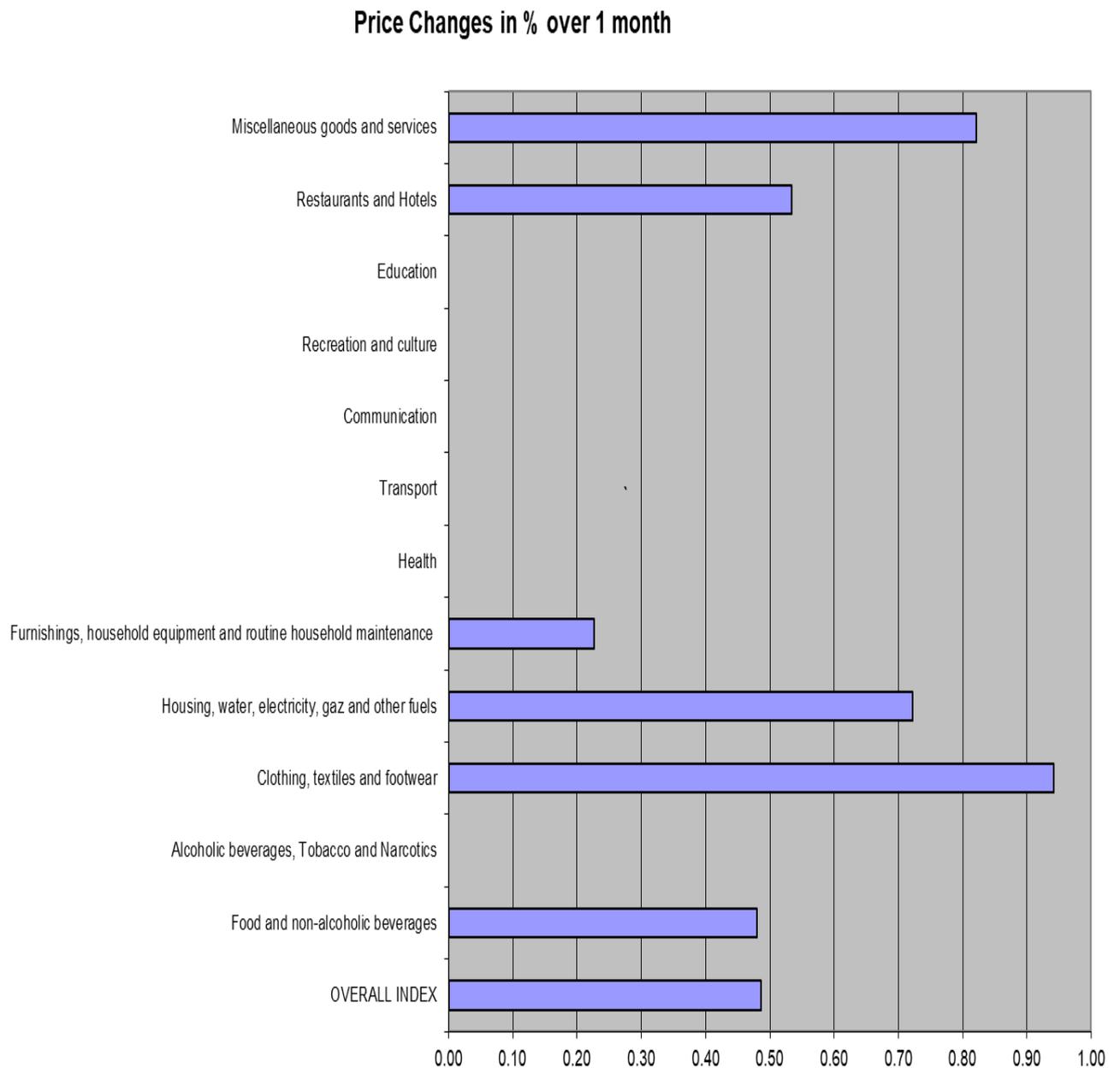


Figure 2: Monthly changes - Comparison with the previous month: January 2018 to February 2018



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