

THE GAMBIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) OCTOBER 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	Oct_2017	Jul_2018	Aug_2018	Sep_2018	Oct_2018	Month	Months
	OVERALL INDEX	61841	195.98	205.75	207.12	207.82	208.81	0.47	6.55
01	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	33837	222.60	233.48	235.02	235.85	236.88	0.43	6.41
011	Food	32914	224.95	236.05	237.62	238.48	239.52	0.44	6.48
0111	Bread & Cereals	7891	220.18	232.47	234.30	235.23	236.35	0.48	7.35
0112	Meat	8217	253.71	269.01	271.24	271.71	273.07	0.50	7.63
0113	Fish	2226	193.41	205.45	206.36	208.35	208.99	0.30	8.06
0114	Milk, Cheese and Eggs	1462	168.99	177.64	178.15	179.57	179.83	0.15	6.42
0115	Oils and Fats	3469	256.38	263.55	265.53	266.53	268.39	0.70	4.69
0116	Fruits & Nuts	1445	211.11	227.36	228.73	230.96	231.84	0.38	9.82
0117	Vegetables, Root Crops & Tubers	4533	211.34	218.01	219.14	219.39	219.89	0.23	4.05
0118	Sugars, Jam, Honey & Sweet	1420	257.74	263.18	263.18	263.89	264.69	0.30	2.69
0119	Other Food Products	2248	171.69	179.05	180.12	180.83	181.45	0.34	5.68
012	Non-Alcoholic Beverages	923	138.29	141.53	141.73	141.80	142.10	0.21	2.76
02	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	416	122.66	124.25	124.31	124.59	127.83	2.60	4.21
03	Clothing, Textile and Footwear	6911	156.30	164.86	166.53	167.09	167.89	0.48	7.42
031	Clothing, Garments and Tailoring Services	5434	152.57	159.80	161.62	161.93	162.73	0.49	6.66
032	Footwear	1477	170.01	183.49	184.62	186.05	186.89	0.45	9.93
04	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	2089	190.40	199.30	200.37	200.94	202.00	0.53	6.09
042	Actual Rent	498	141.90	145.42	146.20	146.60	147.38	0.53	3.86
043	Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	1431	210.77	222.39	223.66	224.36	225.63	0.57	7.05
05	Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	3215	146.03	150.71	151.49	152.09	153.09	0.66	4.84
06	Health	728	137.80	140.22	140.34	140.44	140.50	0.05	1.97
07	Transport	2706	231.87	238.13	238.13	239.54	241.20	0.69	4.02
08	Communication	1822	105.18	105.26	105.26	105.26	105.26	0.00	0.07
09	Recreation and Culture	957	137.74	142.98	143.39	143.56	144.11	0.38	4.62
10	Education	918	109.79	110.66	110.66	110.66	110.66	0.00	0.80
11	Restaurant and Hotel	222	204.70	219.26	220.52	222.39	224.09	0.77	9.47
12	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	3639	232.13	255.82	258.96	260.08	262.44	0.91	13.06
	12 MONTH MOVING AVERAGES		190.53	199.87	200.95	202.02	203.09	0.53	6.59
	OVERALL INDEX		195.98	205.75	207.12	207.82	208.81	0.47	6.55
	FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES		222.60	233.48	235.02	235.85	236.88	0.43	6.41
	NON-FOOD PRODUCTS AND SERVICES		161.64	169.98	171.13	171.67	172.60	0.54	6.78

In October 2018, the overall Consumer Price Index was 208.81, a 0.47 percent increase over the September 2018 overall index of 207.82.

On an annual basis the overall index increased by 6.55 percent from October 2017 to October 2018. Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased by 6.41 percent whilst Non-Food Products and Services rose by 6.78 percent.

From October 2017 to October 2018, within the Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages, ‘Fruits and Nuts’ increased by 9.82 percent, ‘Fish and fish products’ increased by 8.06 percent, ‘Meat and Product increased by 7.63 percent, ‘Bread and Cereals’ increased by 7.35 percent, and ‘Milk, Cheese and Eggs’ increased by 6.42 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 13.06 percent, 9.93 percent, 9.47 percent, 7.05 percent and 6.66 percent respectively.

During the months of September 2018 to October 2018, ‘Oil and Fats’, ‘Meat and meat product’, ‘Bread and cereals’ and ‘Fruits and Nuts’ shows the highest increase in percentage with 0.70 percent, 0.50 percent, 0.48 percent and 0.38 percent respectively.

Using the 12 months-moving-average measure, inflation rate was 6.59 percent in October 2018 compared to 6.66 percent recorded in September 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		

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

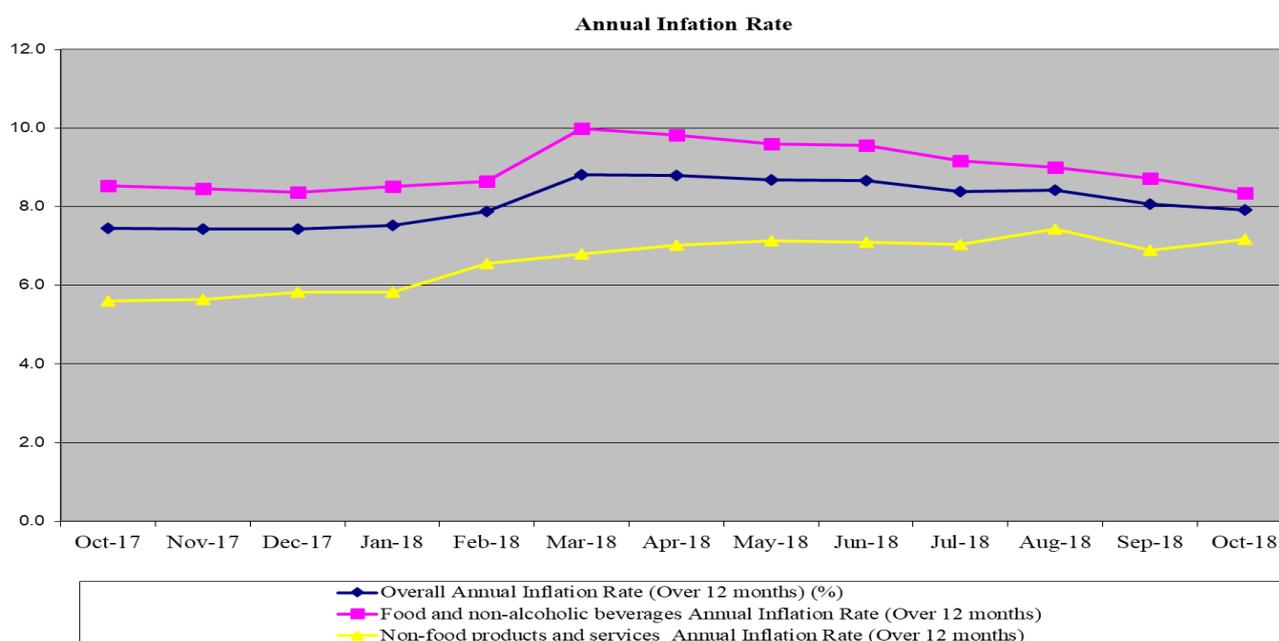
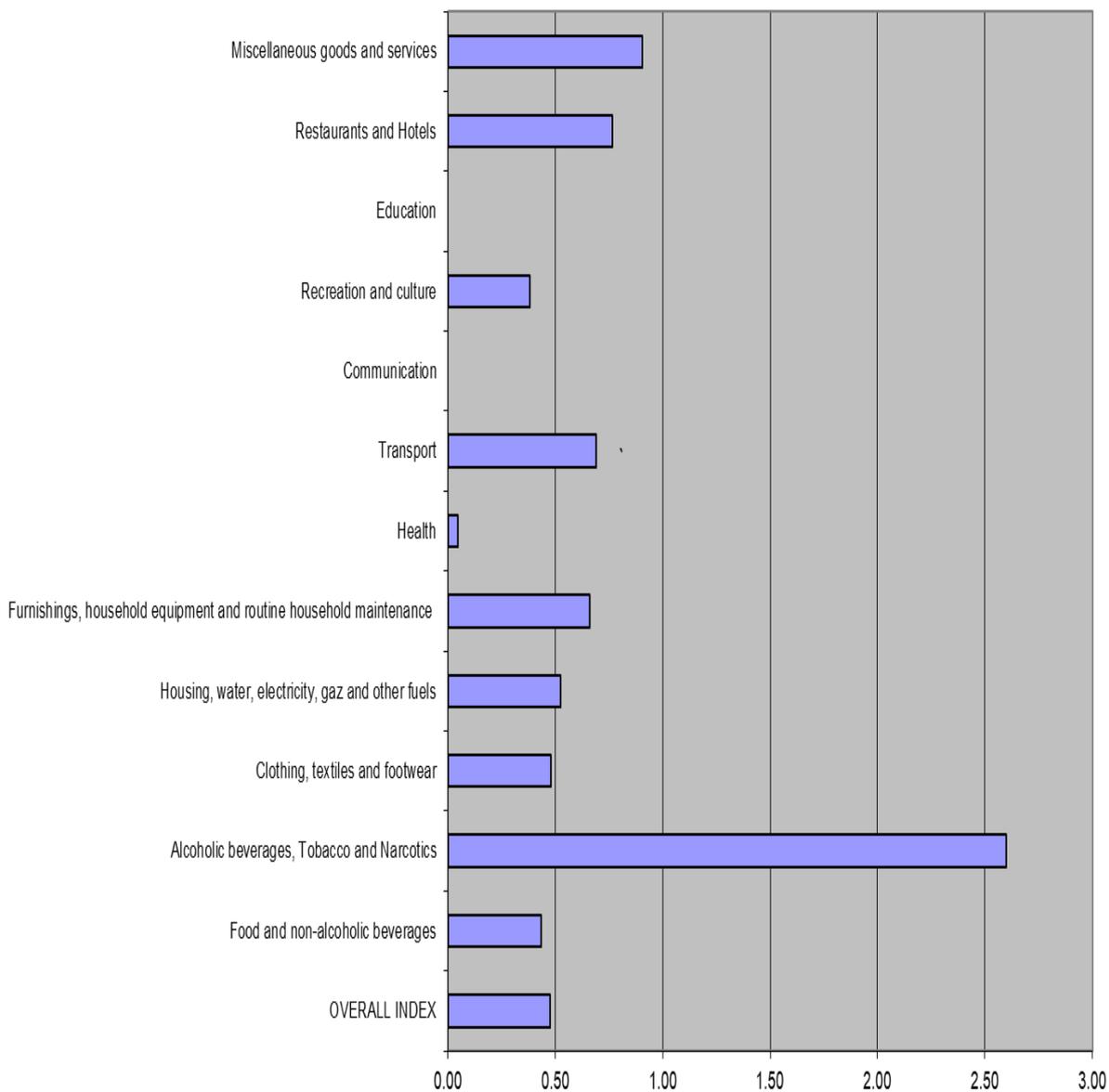


Figure 2: Monthly changes - Comparison with the previous month: September 2018 to October 2018

Price Changes in % over 1 month



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