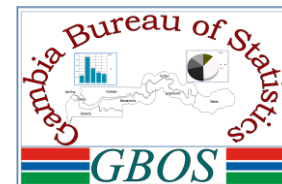




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THE GAMBIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) DECEMBER 2017



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	Dec-16	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov_17	Dec_2017	Month	Months
	OVERALL INDEX	61841	185.35	195.02	195.98	196.62	198.22	0.81	6.95
01	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	33837	209.49	221.73	222.60	223.17	224.78	0.72	7.30
011	Food	32914	211.59	224.07	224.95	225.52	227.18	0.73	7.37
0111	Bread & Cereals	7891	206.89	218.24	220.18	220.87	222.06	0.54	7.33
0112	Meat	8217	234.43	253.10	253.71	254.50	257.38	1.13	9.79
0113	Fish	2226	177.40	192.02	193.41	193.89	195.19	0.67	10.03
0114	Milk, Cheese and Eggs	1462	159.23	168.56	168.99	169.46	170.34	0.52	6.97
0115	Oils and Fats	3469	243.55	256.19	256.38	256.48	257.34	0.34	5.66
0116	Fruits & Nuts	1445	195.45	210.59	211.11	211.57	212.91	0.63	8.93
0117	Vegetables, Root Crops & Tubers	4533	202.86	210.90	211.34	211.43	213.24	0.86	5.12
0118	Sugars, Jam, Honey & Sweet	1420	250.88	257.02	257.74	258.34	259.19	0.33	3.31
0119	Other Food Products	2248	166.72	171.46	171.69	172.95	174.20	0.72	4.49
012	Non-Alcoholic Beverages	923	134.24	137.85	138.29	138.65	138.82	0.13	3.41
02	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	416	121.31	122.51	122.66	122.78	122.81	0.02	1.24
03	Clothing, Textile and Footwear	6911	147.90	155.47	156.30	156.66	157.68	0.66	6.62
031	Clothing, Garments and Tailoring Services	5434	145.13	151.74	152.57	152.89	153.89	0.65	6.03
032	Footwear	1477	158.06	169.20	170.01	170.52	171.65	0.66	8.60
04	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	2089	182.19	189.44	190.40	191.04	191.54	0.26	5.13
042	Actual Rent	498	138.37	141.70	141.90	142.68	142.68	0.00	3.11
043	Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	1431	200.17	209.48	210.77	211.43	212.14	0.34	5.98
05	Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	3215	140.24	144.59	146.03	146.18	147.20	0.70	4.96
06	Health	728	136.03	137.59	137.80	138.15	138.28	0.09	1.66
07	Transport	2706	226.53	232.09	231.87	231.87	232.94	0.46	2.83
08	Communication	1822	104.85	105.17	105.18	105.18	105.18	0.00	0.32
09	Recreation and Culture	957	126.19	135.09	137.74	137.74	140.48	1.99	11.32
10	Education	918	109.44	109.64	109.79	109.79	109.79	0.00	0.32
11	Restaurant and Hotel	222	194.19	204.03	204.70	205.37	206.67	0.63	6.43
12	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	3639	214.75	231.67	232.13	236.23	240.08	1.63	11.80
	12 MONTH MOVING AVERAGES		178.33	189.40	190.53	191.59	192.66	0.56	8.03
	OVERALL INDEX		185.35	195.02	195.98	196.62	198.22	0.81	6.95
	FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES		209.49	221.73	222.60	223.17	224.78	0.72	7.30
	NON-FOOD PRODUCTS AND SERVICES		154.21	160.56	161.64	162.38	163.96	0.97	6.32

In December 2017, the overall Consumer Price Index was 198.22, a 0.81 percent increase over the November 2017 overall index of 196.62.

On an annual basis the overall index increased by 6.95 percent from December 2016 to December 2017. Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased by 7.30 percent whilst Non-Food Products and Services rose by 6.32 percent.

From December 2016 to December 2017, within the Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages, ‘Fish and fish products’ increased by 10.03 percent, ‘Meat and meat products’ increased by 9.79 percent, ‘Fruits and Nuts’ increased by 8.93 percent and ‘Bread and Cereal’ increased by 7.33 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 8.60 percent, 6.03 percent and 5.98 percent respectively.

During the months of November 2017 to December 2017, ‘Meat and Meat Products’, ‘Fish and Fish Products’ and Bread and Cereals’, shows the highest increase in percentage with 1.13 percent, 0.67 percent and 0.54 percent respectively.

Using the 12 months-moving-average measure, inflation rate was 8.03 percent in December 2017 compared to 8.12 percent recorded in November 2017.

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
2014	5.4	5.6	5.6	5.7	5.6	5.4	5.6	5.7	6.3	6.6	6.8	6.9
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

Figure 1: Annual changes – Comparison with the same month of the previous year (December 2016 – December 2017)

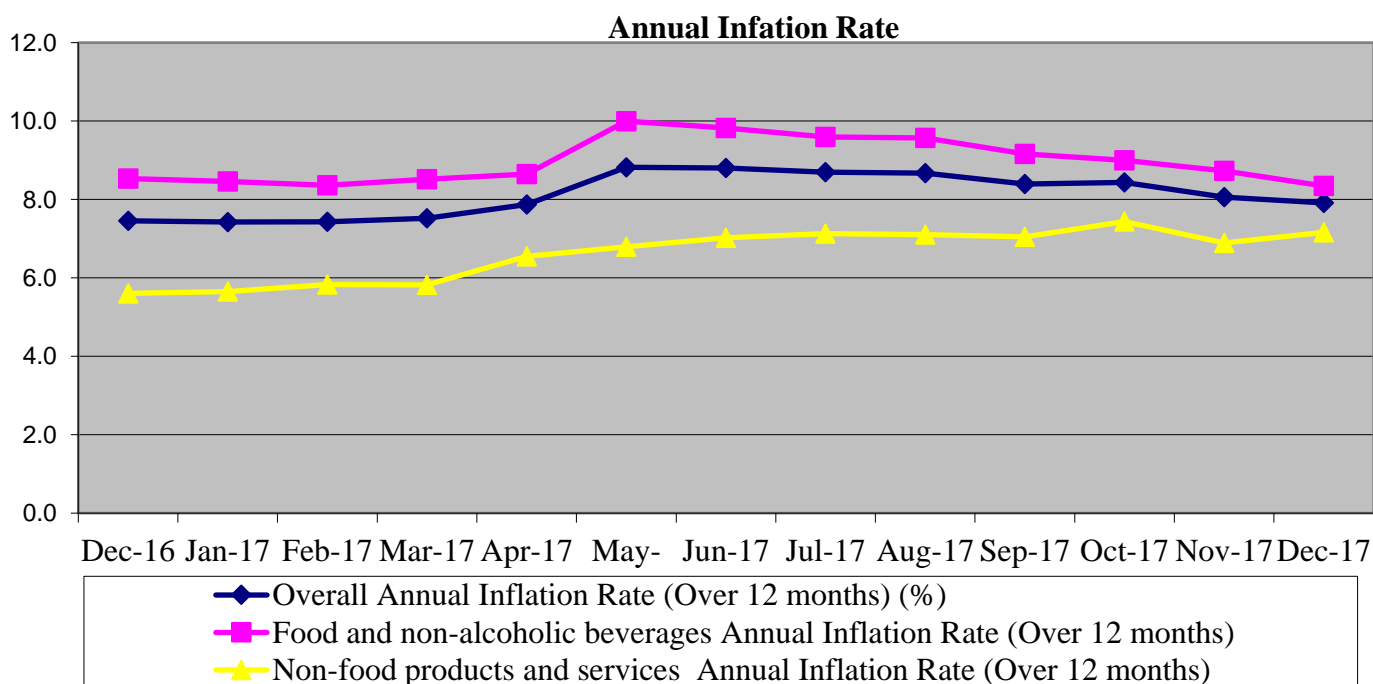
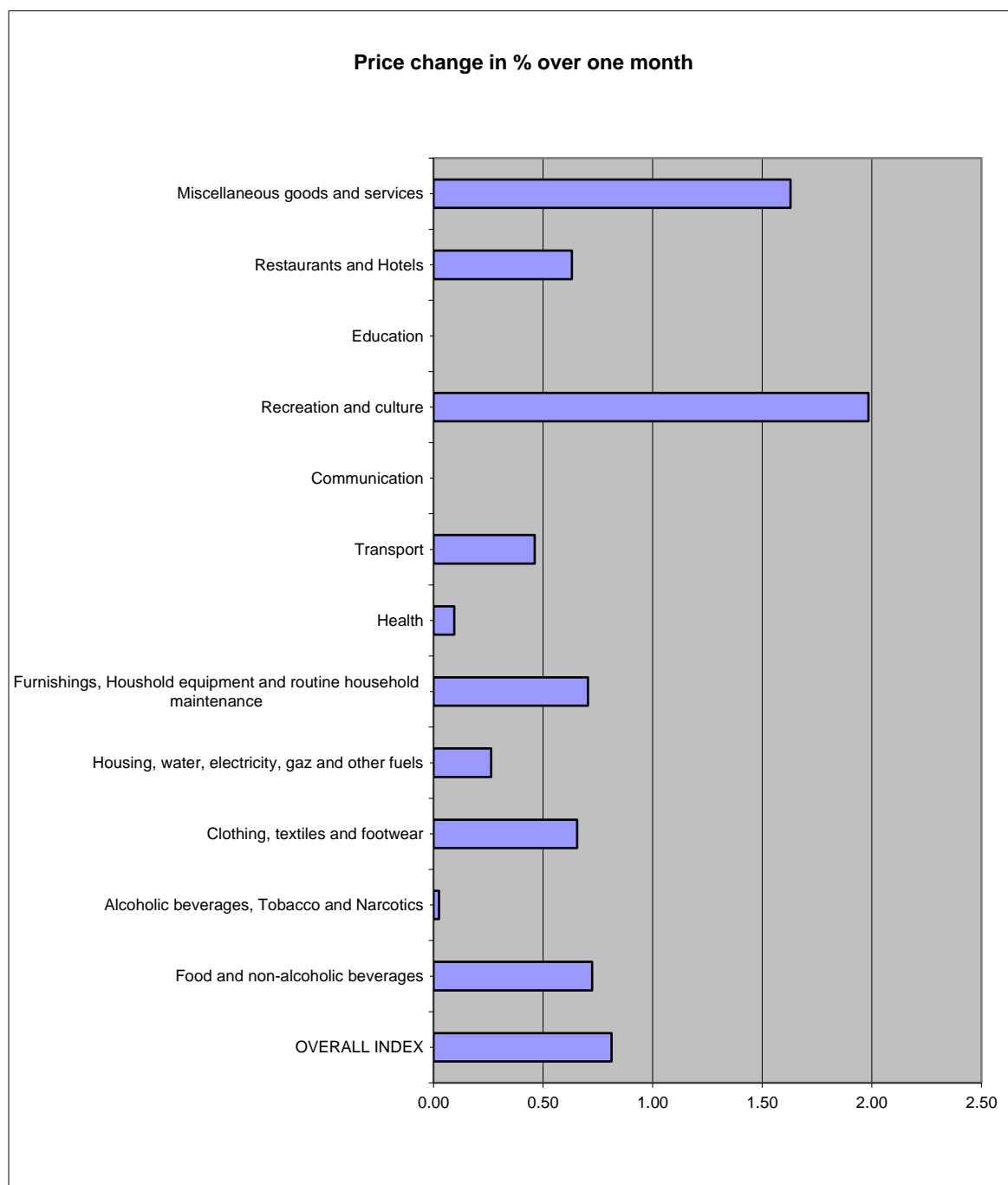


Figure 2: Monthly changes - Comparison with the previous month: November 2017 to December 2017



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