



THE GAMBIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) JANUARY 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

								Changes in % Over	
COICOP	ALL ITEMS(JANUARY 2020=100)	Weights 2015/16	Jan-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21	1 Month	12 Months	
0	All-items CPI (OVERALL INDEX)	100000	100.00	105.00	105.57	107.57	1.90	7.57	
01	FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	52623	100.00	105.04	106.06	108.88	2.65	8.88	
01.1	FOOD	49529	100.00	105.09	106.19	109.13	2.78	9.13	
01.1.1	Bread & Cereals	14258	100.00	100.49	102.20	104.60	2.35	4.60	
01.1.2	Meat	5248	100.00	98.76	102.50	108.24	5.60	8.24	
01.1.3	Fish	5799	100.00	123.60	125.46	129.74	3.41	29.74	
01.1.4	Milk, Cheese and Eggs	2710	100.00	103.46	101.77	102.17	0.39	2.17	
01.1.5	Oils and fats	4313	100.00	106.50	106.31	129.85	22.15	29.85	
01.1.6	Fruits & nuts	1665	100.00	115.76	118.88	118.99	0.09	18.99	
01.1.7	Vegetables, root crops & tubers	8938	100.00	103.28	103.33	97.65	-5.49	-2.35	
01.1.8	Sugar, jam, honey & sweets	3438	100.00	103.43	102.84	104.15	1.28	4.15	
01.1.9	Other food products n.e.c	3159	100.00	104.21	104.37	102.51	-1.78	2.51	
01.2	Non-alcoholic beverages	3094	100.00	104.16	104.04	104.61	0.54	4.61	
	NON-FOOD PRODUCTS AND SERVICES	47377	100.00	104.93	104.97	106.08	1.06	6.08	
02	ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO AND NARCOTICS	1163	100.00	111.17	110.31	110.40	0.08	10.40	
02.1	Alcoholic beverages	31	100.00	118.84	118.97	115.11	-3.24	15.11	
02.2	Tobacco	940	100.00	113.22	112.24	112.50	0.23	12.50	
03	CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	7895	100.00	102.40	103.46	103.94	0.5	3.94	
03.1	GARMENTS	6585	100.00	102.31	103.57	103.79	0.2	3.79	
03.1.1	Clothing materials	2195	100.00	98.85	100.50	100.84	0.3	0.84	
03.1.2	Garments	1894	100.00	109.46	112.28	112.32	0.0	12.32	
03.1.4	Repair and hire of clothing	2495	100.00	100.08	99.83	100.08	0.2	0.08	
3.2	Footwear	1310	100.00	102.90	102.92	104.70	1.7	4.70	
04	HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS	7302	100.00	101.21	101.26	103.69	2.4	3.69	
04.1	Actual rentals for housing	15	100.00	112.51	112.51	112.51	0.0	12.51	
04.4.1	Water supply	832	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	0.0	0.00	
04.5	Electricity, gas and other fuels	5998	100.00	101.12	101.17	103.67	2.5	3.67	
05	FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT, ETC	7306	100.00	104.61	104.75	104.62	-0.1	4.62	
05.1	Furniture, decorations, floor coverings and repairs	397	100.00	105.72	105.99	101.10	-4.6	1.10	
05.2	Household textiles	319	100.00	102.24	102.13	101.26	-0.8	1.26	
05.3	Household appliances	52	100.00	98.06	98.21	98.21	0.0	-1.79	
05.6	Goods and services for routine household maintenance	5669	100.00	104.48	104.61	104.61	0.0	4.61	
06	HEALTH	574	100.00	103.56	103.64	103.64	0.0	3.64	
07	TRANSPORT	9644	100.00	104.97	104.97	106.94	1.9	6.94	
08	COMMUNICATIONS	8809	100.00	96.18	95.36	96.76	1.5	-3.24	
09	RECREATION AND CULTURE	428	100.00	97.92	98.13	97.23	-0.9	-2.77	
09.1	Audio-visual, photographic and information processing equipment	69	100.00	106.57	106.57	106.57	0.0	6.57	
09.5	Newspapers, books and stationery	268	100.00	102.48	102.67	101.12	-1.5	1.12	
10	Education	20	100.00	185.35	185.35	185.35	0.0	85.35	
11	HOTELS, CAFES AND RESTAURANTS	754	100.00	109.03	109.58	106.41	-2.9	6.41	
12	MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES	3482	100.00	126.77	126.82	127.70	0.7	27.70	
12.1	Personal care	1823	100.00	128.35	128.44	131.35	2.3	31.35	
	ALL ITEM INDEX	100000	100.00	105.00	105.57	107.57		6.5	
	12-MONTH MOVING AVERAGE							6.5	
	Year on Year inflation							7.6	

From January 2020 to January 2021, the year on year All-items Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation rate increased by 7.57 percent. Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased by 8.88 percent whilst Non-Food Products rose by 6.08 percent.

In January 2021, the All-items CPI index was 107.57, an increase of 1.9 percent over the December 2020 All-items index of 105.57

From December 2020 to January 2021, within Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages, ‘Oils and Fats’ increased by 29.85 percent, ‘Fish’ increased by 25.74 percent, ‘Fruits and Nuts’ increased by 18.99 percent, ‘Meat’ increased by 8.24 percent, ‘Bread and Cereals’ increase by 4.60, and ‘Sugar, Jam, Honey & Sweets’ increased by 4.15 percent.

Over the same period, for the Non-Food products, major increases were recorded by ‘Education’, 85.36 percent, ‘Miscellaneous’, 27.70 percent, ‘Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics’, 10.40 percent, ‘Transport’ 6.94 percent, ‘Hotels, Cafes and Restaurant’, 6.41 percent, ‘Furnishing, Household Equipment, etc.’, 5.62 percent, and ‘Clothing and Footwear’, 3.94 percent.

From December 2020 to January 2021, the highest inflation rates were for ‘Oils & Fats’ 22.15 percent, ‘Meat’ 5.60 percent, ‘Fish’, 3.41 percent, ‘Bread and Cereals’, 2.35 percent, ‘Sugar, Jam, Honey & Sweets’ 1.28 percent, and ‘Milk, Cheese & Eggs’, 0.39 percent.

Using the 12 months-moving-average measure, the annual inflation rate was 6.5 percent in January 2021 compared to 5.6 percent recorded in December 2020

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											

Figure 1: Annual changes – Comparison with the same month of the previous year (December 2019 – December 2020)

Annual Inflation Rate

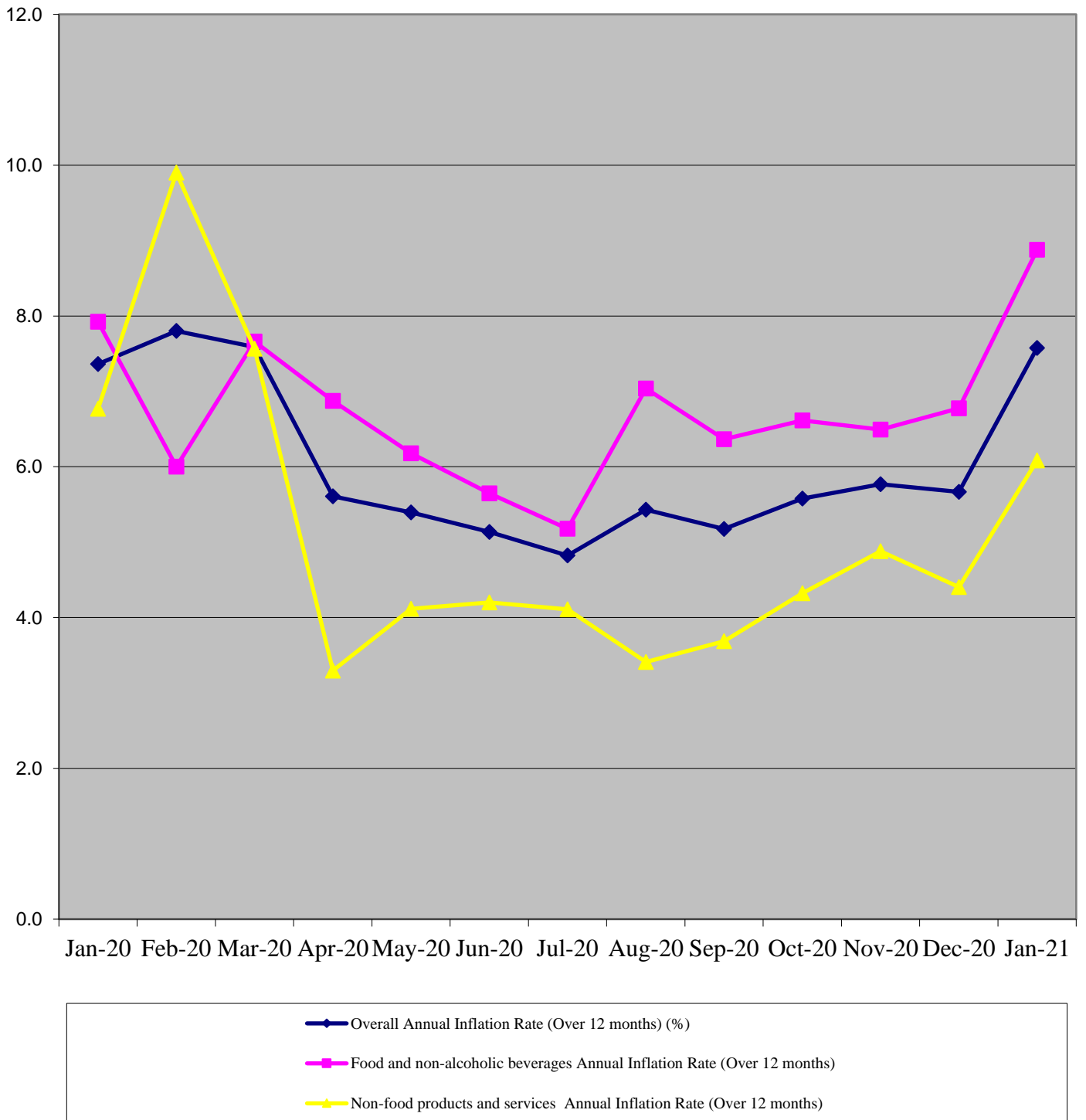
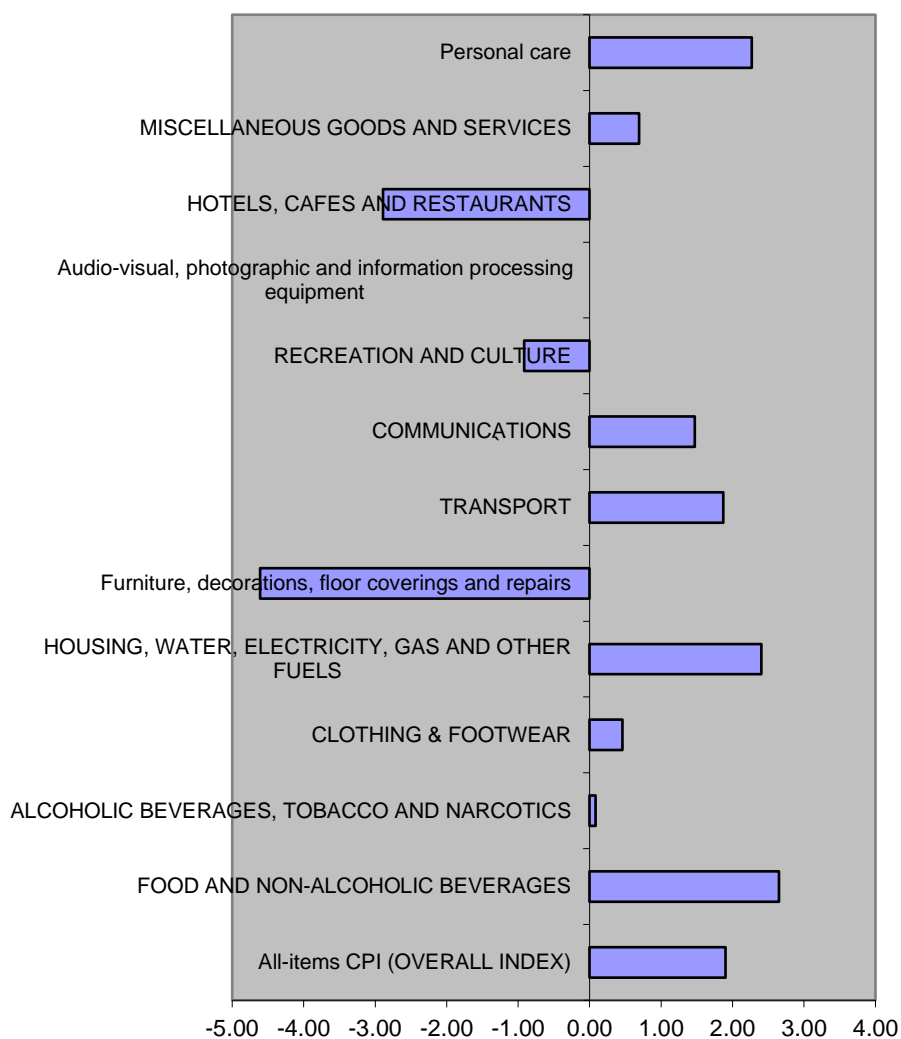


Figure 2: Monthly changes - Comparison with the previous month: December 2020 to January 2021

Price Changes in % over 1 month



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