



THE GAMBIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) MAY 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	May-20	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Changes in % Over	
							1 Month	12 Months
0	All-items CPI (OVERALL INDEX)	100000	101.42	108.71	107.98	109.19	1.13	7.67
01	FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	52623	100.97	110.91	108.96	111.02	1.89	9.95
01.1	FOOD	49529	100.82	111.22	109.13	111.28	1.97	10.37
01.1.1	Bread & Cereals	14258	99.81	108.56	105.32	109.00	3.50	9.20
01.1.2	Meat	5248	95.35	107.63	107.54	107.63	0.08	12.88
01.1.3	Fish	5799	110.02	131.50	128.65	127.29	-1.05	15.70
01.1.4	Milk, Cheese and Eggs	2710	100.86	104.77	104.69	106.65	1.88	5.74
01.1.5	Oils and fats	4313	106.38	143.38	136.46	143.38	5.07	34.78
01.1.6	Fruits & nuts	1665	122.51	122.89	122.65	122.89	0.19	0.31
01.1.7	Vegetables, root crops & tubers	8938	92.74	92.36	92.45	92.36	-0.10	-0.41
01.1.8	Sugar, jam, honey & sweets	3438	101.12	107.08	104.24	106.18	1.86	5.01
01.1.9	Other food products n.e.c	3159	101.93	103.13	103.50	109.54	5.84	7.46
01.2	Non-alcoholic beverages	3094	103.37	105.74	106.17	106.74	0.53	3.26
	NON-FOOD PRODUCTS AND SERVICES	47377	101.92	106.21	106.84	107.12	0.26	5.10
02	ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO AND NARCOTICS	1163	106.78	110.02	109.90	109.95	0.05	2.97
02.1	Alcoholic beverages	31	102.31	115.11	115.19	115.11	-0.07	12.51
02.2	Tobacco	940	109.08	112.55	112.55	112.55	0.00	3.18
03	CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	7895	101.66	105.32	104.82	106.09	1.21	4.36
03.1	GARMENTS	6585	101.52	104.56	104.60	105.83	1.18	4.24
03.1.1	Clothing materials	2195	98.31	101.02	100.86	103.04	2.17	4.81
03.1.2	Garments	1894	109.28	114.53	114.51	116.60	1.82	6.69
03.1.4	Repair and hire of clothing	2495	98.62	100.32	100.57	100.32	-0.25	1.73
3.2	Footwear	1310	102.40	109.27	106.01	107.46	1.37	4.94
04	HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS	7302	99.71	104.21	104.50	104.21	-0.27	4.51
04.1	Actual rentals for housing	15	112.33	112.51	112.51	112.51	0.00	0.17
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	99.33	103.76	104.10	103.76	-0.33	4.46
05	FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT, ETC	7306	102.15	104.08	104.12	104.13	0.02	1.94
05.1	Furniture, decorations, floor coverings and repairs	397	102.98	101.99	102.86	103.00	0.13	0.01
05.2	Household textiles	319	102.39	101.19	101.26	101.19	-0.07	-1.17
05.3	Household appliances	52	94.92	99.33	99.29	99.33	0.04	4.65
05.6	Goods and services for routine household maintenance	5669	102.20	103.95	103.99	103.95	-0.04	1.71
06	HEALTH	574	102.69	103.85	103.85	103.85	0.00	1.14
07	TRANSPORT	9644	98.03	107.02	109.78	110.89	1.01	13.12
08	COMMUNICATIONS	8809	97.29	96.02	96.53	96.02	-0.54	-1.31
09	RECREATION AND CULTURE	428	94.22	97.68	97.88	97.89	0.02	3.90
09.1	Audio-visual, photographic and information processing equipment	69	102.53	106.57	106.57	108.61	1.92	5.93
09.5	Newspapers, books and stationery	268	99.63	101.51	101.58	101.35	-0.22	1.73
10	Education	20	100.00	185.35	185.35	185.35	0.00	85.35
11	HOTELS, CAFES AND RESTAURANTS	754	99.51	106.41	106.64	106.41	-0.21	6.94
12	MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES	3482	115.90	128.07	128.27	128.07	-0.15	10.50
12.1	Personal care	1823	126.09	132.48	132.48	132.48	0.00	5.06
	ALL ITEM INDEX	100000	101.42	108.71	107.98	109.19		7.7
	12-MONTH MOVING AVERAGE							7.5
	Year on Year inflation							7.7

From May 2020 to May 2021, the year on year All-items Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation rate increased by 7.7 percent. Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased by 9.95 percent whilst Non-Food Products rose by 5.10 percent.

In May 2021, the All-items CPI index was 109.19 an increase of 1.21 percent over the April 2021 All-items index of 107.98.

From May 2020 to May 2021, within Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages, ‘Oils and Fats’ increased by 34.78 percent, ‘Fish’ increased by 15.70 percent, ‘Meat’ increased by 12.88 percent, ‘Bread and Cereals’ increase by 9.20, and ‘sugar, Jam, Honey & sweets’ increased by 5.01 percent,

Over the same period, for the Non-Food products, major increases were recorded by ‘Education’, 85.35 percent, ‘Transport’ 13.12 percent, ‘Miscellaneous’, 10.50 percent, ‘Hotels, Cafes and Restaurant’ 6.94 percent, Audio Visual, Photographic and Information processing equipment 5.93 percent, ‘Household Appliances’ 4.65 and ‘Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels’ 4.51 percent.

From April 2021 to May 2021, within Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages, increases were recorded by, ‘Non-Alcoholic Beverages’ 5.84 percent ‘Oils & Fats’ 5.07 percent, ‘Bread and Cereals’ 3.50 percent, Milk Cheese and Eggs 1.88 percent, ‘Sugar Jam, honey & sweets’ 1.86 percent, ‘while, and ‘Other food products recorded an increase of 0.53 percent.

Using the 12 months-moving-average measure, the annual inflation rate was 7.5 percent in May 2021 compared to 8.0 percent recorded in April 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							

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

Annual Inflation Rate

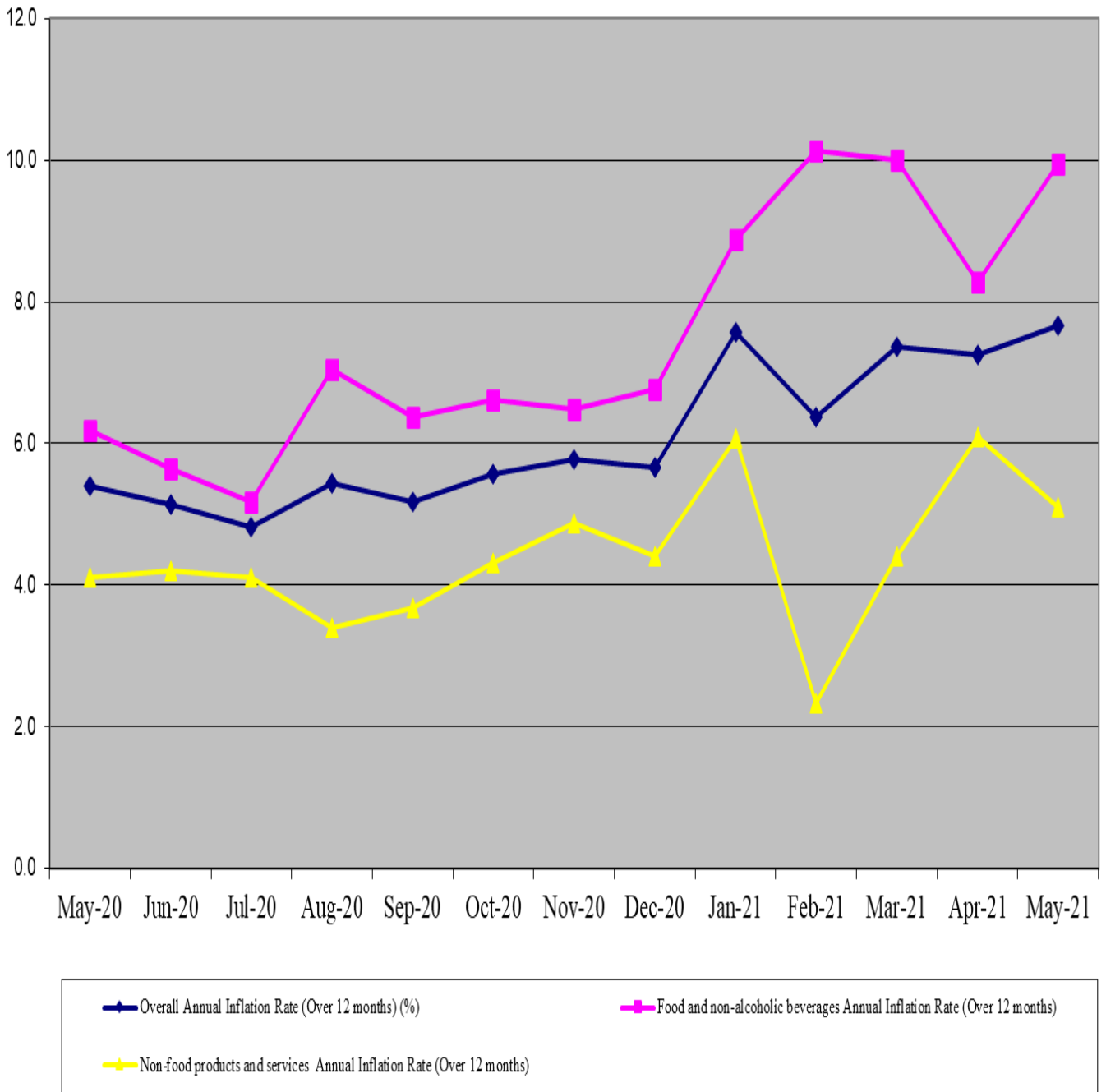
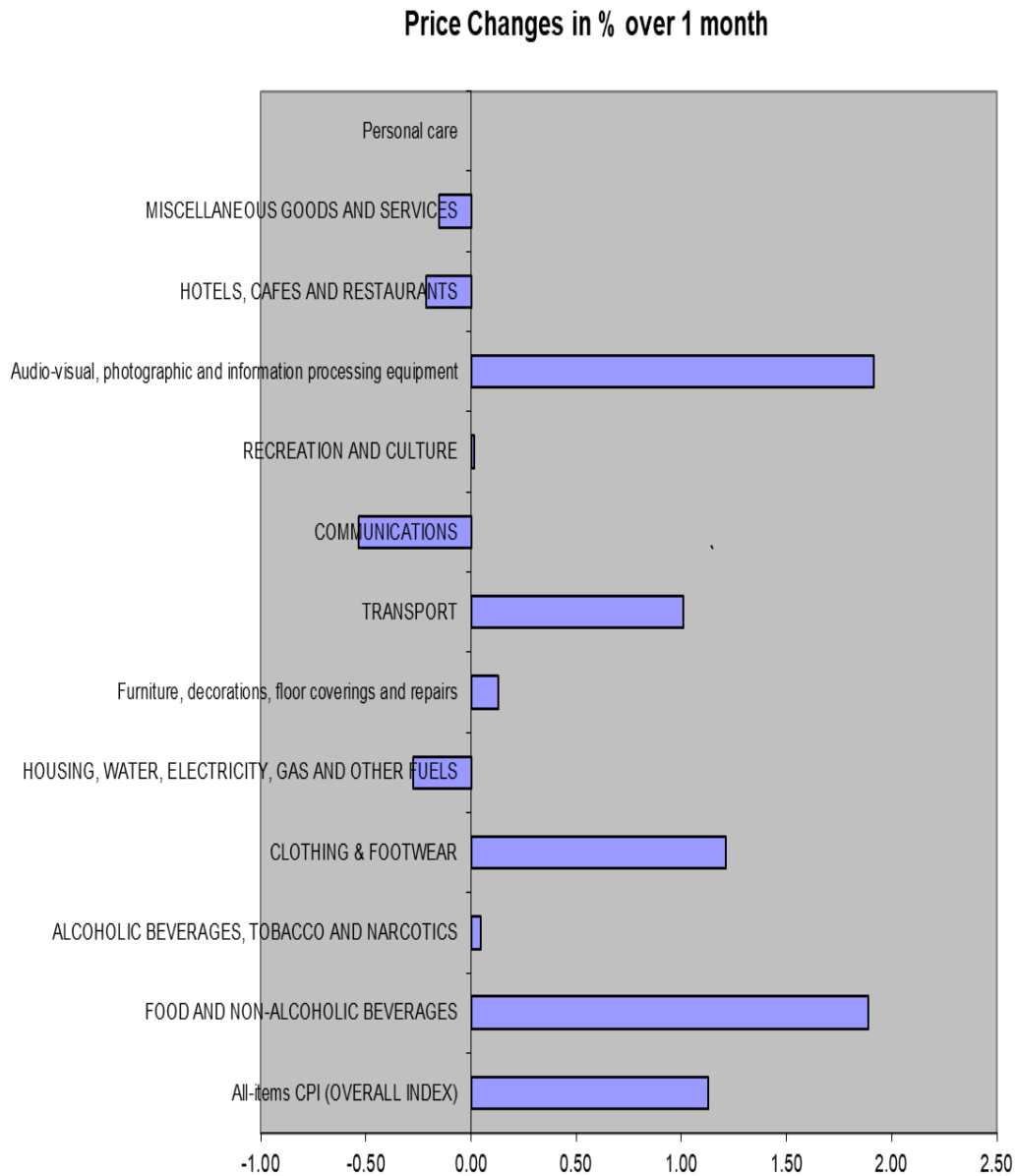


Figure 2: Monthly changes - Comparison with the previous month: April 2021 to May 2021



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