



THE KENYA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX AND INFLATION REPORT

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Overview

Annual consumer price inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) was 4.6 per cent in October 2025. This implies that the general price level was 4.6 per cent higher in October 2025 than it was in October 2024. The price increase was primarily driven by a rise in prices of items in the Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages (8.0%); Transport (4.8%), and Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other fuels (1.9%) over the one-year period. These three divisions together account for over 57 per cent of the total weight across the 13 major expenditure categories.

Consumer Price Index (CPI) is defined as a measure of the weighted aggregate change over time in retail prices paid by consumers for a given basket of goods and services. The CPI measures the cost of purchasing this fixed basket of goods and services, comparing current prices to those of a base period, which for the current CPI is February 2019. Inflation rate is defined as a percentage change of the CPI between two periods. There are different inflation rates that can be computed, such as annual (year-on-year), quarterly (quarter-to-quarter) and monthly (month-on-month) inflation rates. Data used to derive the inflation rates is collected through a monthly survey of retail prices from a statistically representative sample of outlets in urban areas across 50 data collection zones nationwide. The survey is conducted during the second and third weeks of the month.

The Overall CPI and Inflation Trends, October 2024 - October 2025

As presented in Figure 1, the overall index increased from 146.56 in September 2025 to 146.84 in October 2025, resulting in a monthly inflation rate of 0.2 per cent. The increase in the general price level in the economy was the same during the month of September 2025 and October 2025 at 4.6 per cent as shown in Figure 2.

Figure 1: Overall CPI

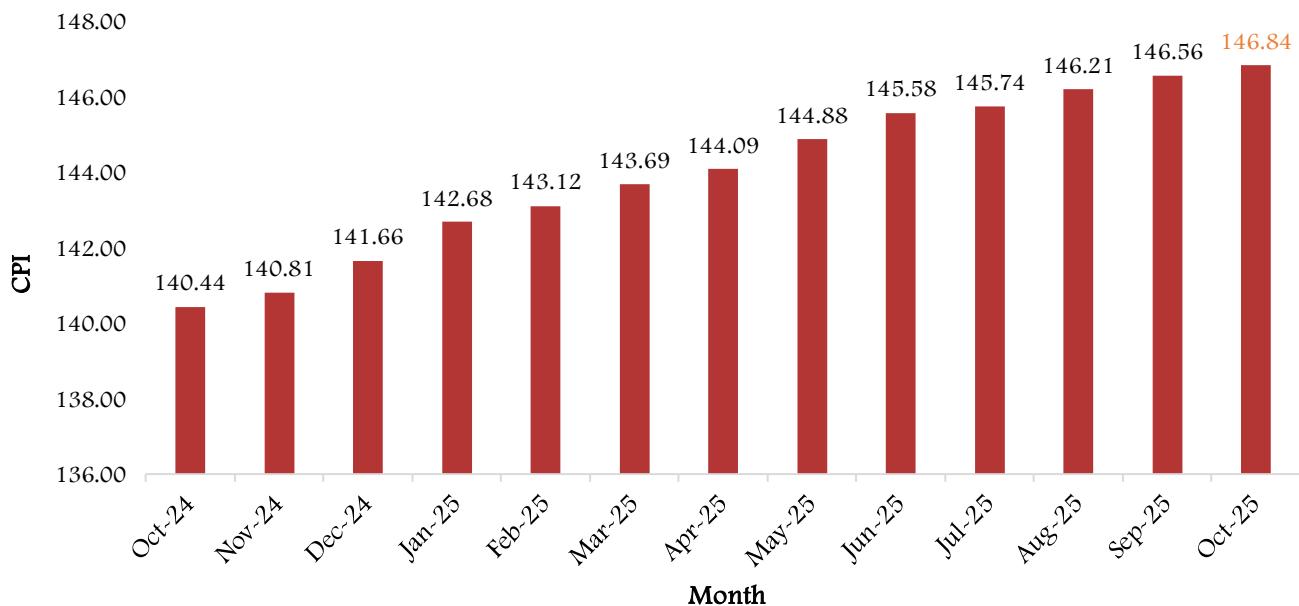


Figure 2: Inflation Trends, October 2024 ~ October 2025

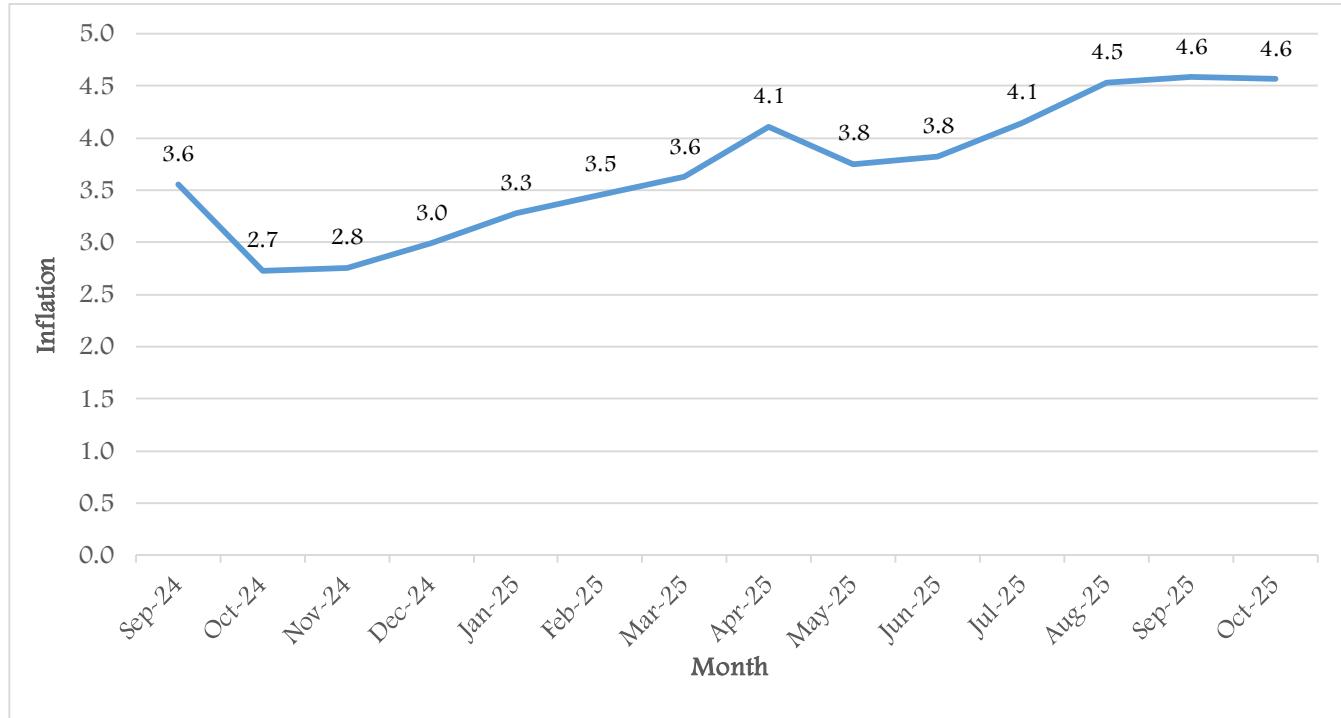


Table 1: One and Twelve-Month Percentage Changes in the Consumer Price Indices

13 COICOP Divisions	Weight %	% Change on last month (October 2025 / September 2025)	% Change on same month of the previous year (October 2025 / October 2024)
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	32.9094	0.2	8.0
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	3.3289	0.1	3.1
Clothing and Footwear	2.9914	0.1	2.9
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	14.6124	0.3	1.9
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	3.7372	0.0	1.7
Health	2.9116	0.1	2.8
Transport	9.6468	0.4	4.8
Information and Communication	7.7840	0.0	0.7
Recreation, Sport and Culture	1.7219	0.2	2.7
Education Services	5.5620	0.0	2.2
Restaurants and Accommodation Services	8.0991	0.4	2.3
Insurance and Financial Services	2.2423	0.0	0.8
Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.4532	0.1	2.7
Total	100.0000	0.2	4.6

Figure 3: Percentage Changes in CPI Across the 13 Divisions, September 2025 ~October 2025

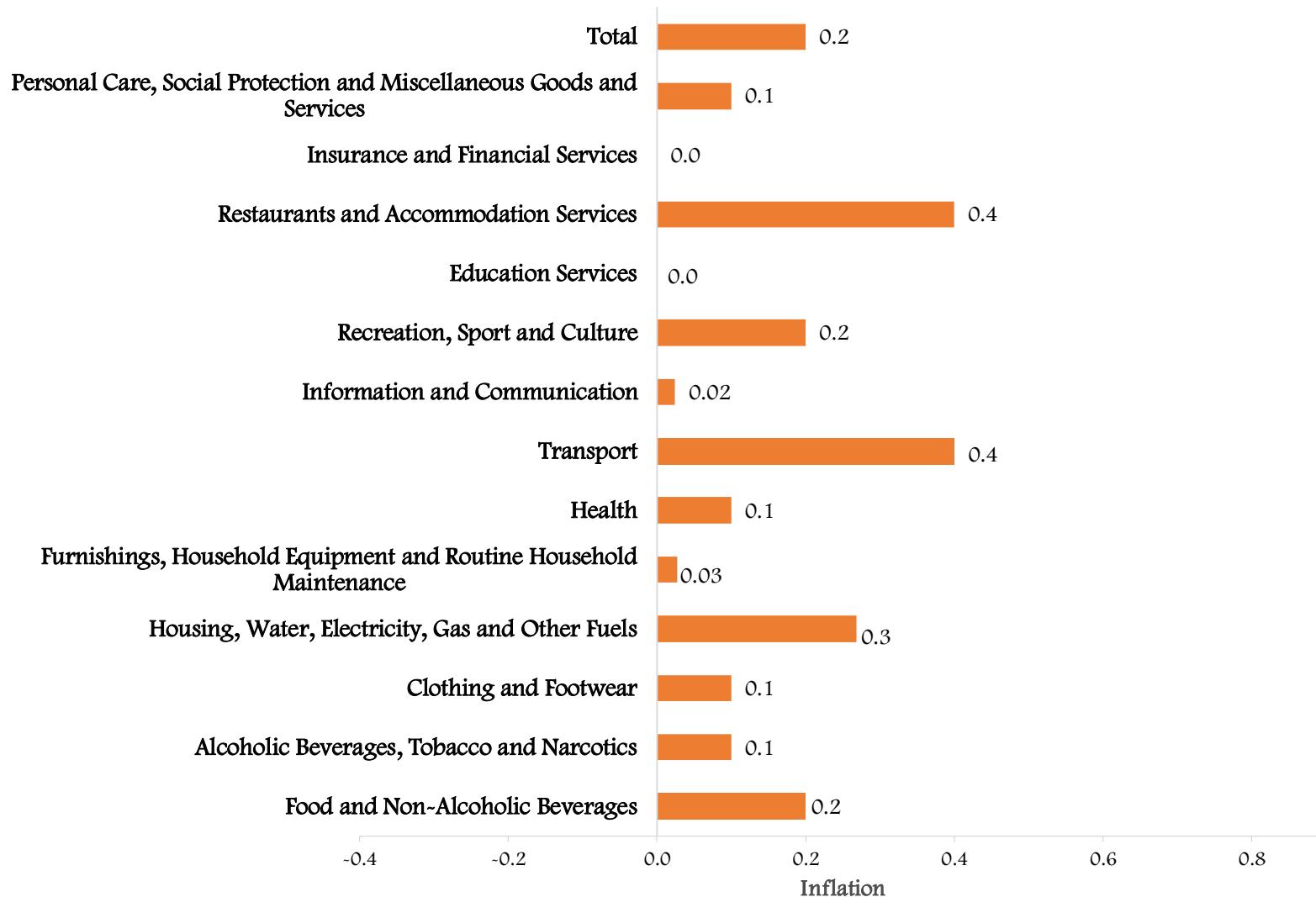


Figure 4: Percentage Changes in CPI Across the 13 Divisions, October 2024 – October 2025

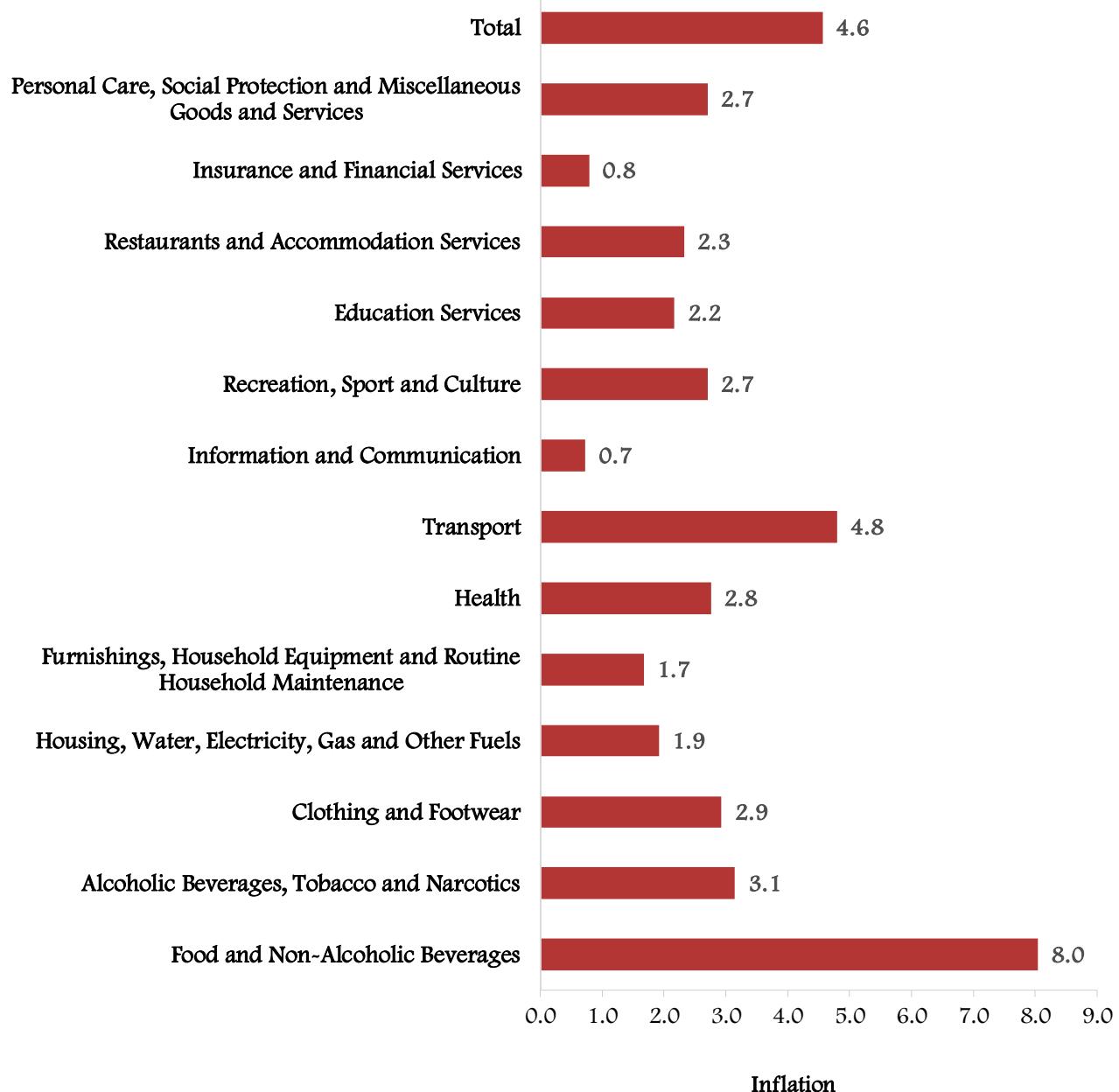


Table 2: Key Drivers of Inflation for each of the 13 Divisions

Monthly	Yearly
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	
  0.2%	 8.0% Between September and October 2025, prices of several food items recorded mixed movements. The prices of maize flour (sifted) and fortified maize flour decreased by 2.3 per cent and 2.2 per cent, respectively, while those of eggs (exotic/kienyenji), kale (sukuma wiki), beans, and sugar dropped by between 0.5 per cent and 1.2 per cent. In contrast, prices of potatoes (Irish), beef (with bones), tomatoes, and oranges increased by 1.6 per cent, 0.5 per cent, 1.2 per cent, and 4.2 per cent, respectively. The notable increase in the price of oranges was the highest among the items monitored during the period. Over the twelve months until October 2025, the Food and Non-alcoholic Beverages division index rose by 8.0%.
Transport	
  0.4%	 4.8% During the period between September and October 2025, prices of transport-related items showed mixed trends. The cost of international flights declined by 0.6 per cent, while prices of petrol and diesel remained unchanged. In contrast, country bus and matatu fares for travel between towns increased by 1.4 per cent. Over the twelve months until October 2025, the Transport division index inflation rose by 4.8 per cent.
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	
  0.3%	 1.9 % Between September and October 2025, the price of gas (LPG) decreased by 0.6 per cent, while electricity charges rose during the period. Specifically, the cost of 200 kWh increased by 3.0 per cent, and that of 50 kWh rose by 3.3 per cent. Over the twelve months until October 2025, the index for the division rose by 1.9 per cent.
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	
  0.1%	 3.1% Between September and October 2025, prices of selected non-food items registered increases. The price of spirits rose by 0.1 per cent, while cigarettes recorded a 0.4 per cent increase. Over the twelve months until October 2025, the Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics index rose by 3.1%.
Clothing and Footwear	
  0.1%	 2.9% Between September and October 2025, clothing prices exhibited mixed movements. The prices of men's suits and girls' school uniforms declined marginally by 0.1 per cent each. In contrast, the price of men's coats increased significantly by 4.6 per cent, while men's shirts recorded a modest rise of 0.3 per cent over the same period. Over the twelve months until October 2025, the prices under Clothing and Footwear division rose by 2.9%.
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	
  0.03	 1.7% Between September and October 2025, prices of cleaning products showed slight variations. The price of detergents declined by 0.3 per cent, while laundry soap (bar soap) recorded a modest increase of 0.2 per cent during the month. Over the twelve months until October 2025, the prices under Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance division rose by 1.7%.
Health	
  0.1%	 2.8% Between September and October 2025, prices of health-related items and services recorded mixed trends. Charges for general practitioner services and high blood pressure apparatus declined slightly by 0.1 per cent and 0.2 per cent, respectively. On the other hand, inpatient fees for room, bed, rehabilitation, and other hospital charges increased by 1.0 per cent, while the price of fever and pain relief medication, such as paracetamol, rose by 0.6 per cent. Over the twelve months until October 2025, the Health division index rose by 2.8%

	Monthly	Yearly
	Information and Communication	
 	Between September and October 2025, prices of communication and electronic items exhibited slight movements. The prices of mobile handsets (basic and smartphones) and computers (laptops) declined marginally by 0.1 per cent and 0.2 per cent, respectively. In contrast, television subscription fees for private providers increased by 0.3 per cent during the same period	 The sector recorded a yearly inflation of 0.7%
Recreation, Sport and Culture		
 	Between September and October 2025, the cost of tour and honeymoon packages declined slightly by 0.1 per cent, while prices of foodstuff for pets increased notably by 1.2 per cent. Additionally, the prices of exercise books and secondary school textbooks rose modestly by 0.3 per cent and 0.2 per cent, respectively.	 Over the twelve months until October 2025, the Recreation, Sport and Culture division index rose by 2.7%
Education Services		
 	The price of education services remained constant in October 2025.	 Over the twelve months until October 2025, the index for the Education division rose by 2.2%
Restaurants and Accommodation Services		
 	Between September and October 2025, prices of prepared food from cafés and take-aways rose by 0.2 per cent, while food from canteens and kiosks increased marginally by 0.1 per cent. Hotel and restaurant prepared foods registered a relatively higher rise of 0.5 per cent during the same period.	 Over the twelve months until October 2025, the index for the Restaurants and Accommodation Services division rose by 2.3%
Insurance and Financial Services		
 	The price of insurance and financial services remained constant in October 2025.	 Over the twelve months until October 2025, the Insurance and Financial Services division index rose by 0.8%
Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous Goods and Services		
 	Between September and October 2025, the prices of toilet soap and body lotion declined by 0.3 per cent and 0.1 per cent, respectively. In contrast, toothpaste and mouthwash prices rose by 0.3 per cent, hairdressing services increased by 0.2 per cent, while toilet and tissue paper recorded the highest increase of 1.5 per cent during the month.	 Over the twelve months until October 2025, the index for the Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous Goods and Services division rose by 2.7%

Movement of National Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities

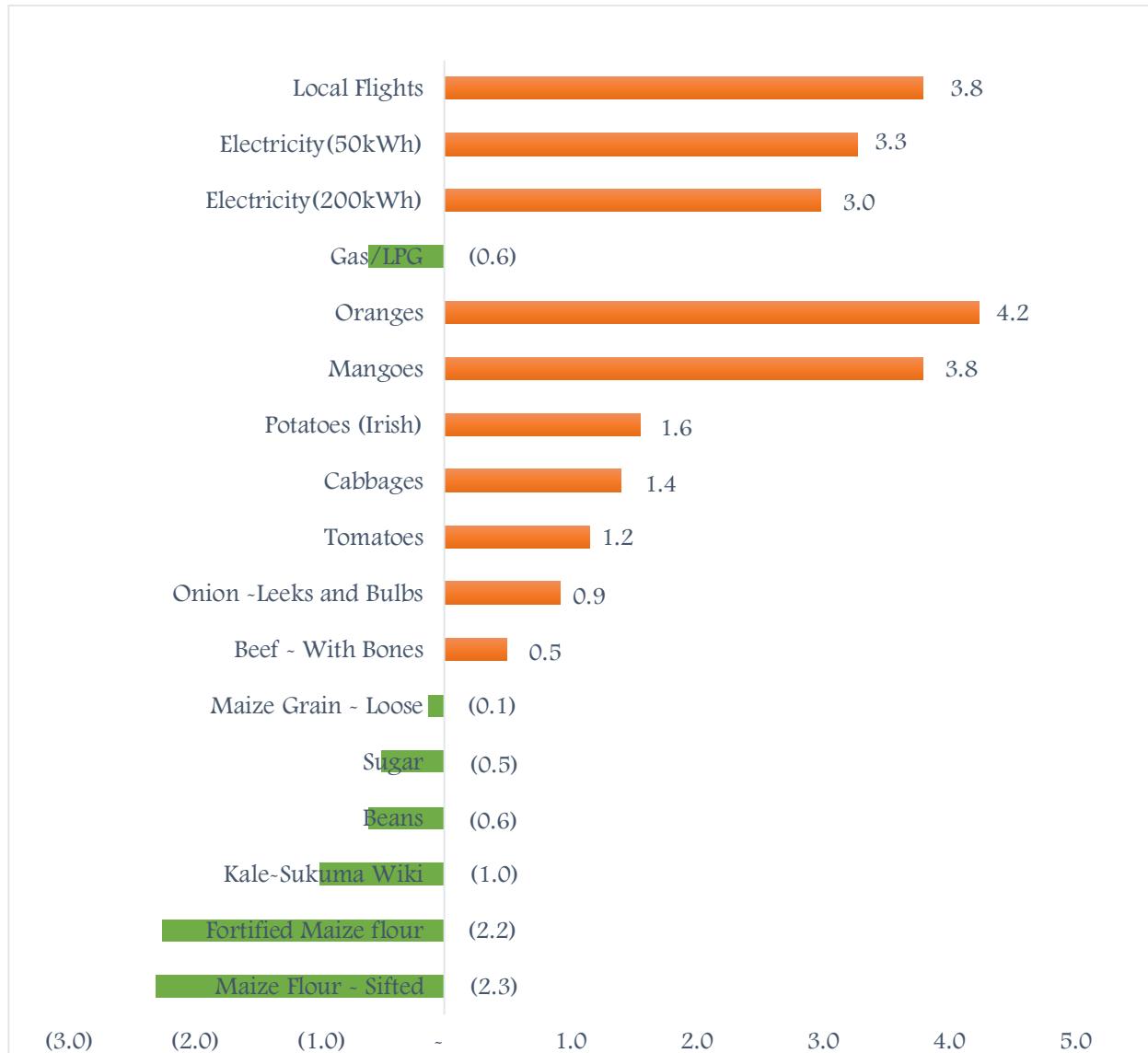
Between September and October 2025, prices for most food and non-alcoholic beverages items showed mixed movements. The price of fortified maize flour 2 kilogrammes packet decreased from KSh 172.41 to KSh 168.56. In contrast, the cost of onions rose from KSh 109.37 to KSh 110.37 per kilogram, while cabbages prices increased from KSh 62.91 to KSh 63.79 per kilogram.

The cost of electricity for 200 kWh consumption rose from KSh 5,597.16 in September 2025 to KSh 5,764.15 in October 2025, while that for 50 kWh increased from KSh 1,274.06 to KSh 1,315.80. The price of petrol remained unchanged at KSh 185.59 per litre.

Table 3: National Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities

Commodity Name	Quantity	Unit of Measure	Average Price October 2024	Average Price September 2025	Average Price October 2025	% Change over last month October 2025/ September 2025	% Change over last year October 2025/ October 2024
Maize Flour - Sifted	2	Kg	127.87	152.28	148.79	-2.3	16.4
Fortified Maize flour	2	Kg	144.64	172.41	168.56	-2.2	16.5
Kale-Sukuma Wiki	1	Kg	79.37	92.48	91.56	-1.0	15.4
Spinach	1	Kg	91.77	103.43	102.70	-0.7	11.9
Beans	1	Kg	183.97	182.09	180.99	-0.6	-1.6
Sugar	1	Kg	150.33	185.21	184.35	-0.5	22.6
Maize Grain - Loose	1	Kg	59.84	68.14	68.05	-0.1	13.7
Beef - With Bones	1	Kg	650.20	698.50	701.67	0.5	7.9
Onion -Leeks and Bulbs	1	Kg	98.58	109.37	110.37	0.9	12.0
Tomatoes	1	Kg	64.01	86.88	87.88	1.2	37.3
Cabbages	1	Kg	53.04	62.91	63.79	1.4	20.3
Potatoes (Irish)	1	Kg	94.90	91.27	92.69	1.6	-2.3
Mangoes	1	Kg	134.97	147.19	152.85	3.8	13.2
Oranges	1	Kg	103.94	110.84	115.54	4.2	11.2
Gas/LPG	13	Kg	3,183.29	3,151.65	3,133.49	-0.6	-1.6
Actual monthly house rent - single room	1	Per Month	4,115.83	4,192.66	4,192.66	0.0	1.9
Electricity	200	Kilowatts	5,728.40	5,597.16	5,764.15	3.0	0.6
Electricity	50	Kilowatts	1,278.43	1,274.06	1,315.80	3.3	2.9
Local Flights	1	Ticket	11,001.44	16,106.09	16,722.56	3.8	52.0
Petrol	1	Litre	181.33	185.59	185.59	0.0	2.3
Diesel	1	Litre	168.82	172.64	172.64	0.0	2.3

Figure 5: Percentage Change Over Last Month, September 2025 – October 2025



Core and Non-Core Index and Inflation

Core inflation is a measure of inflation that is compiled from non-volatile commodities such as manufactured food items, health services, education services, and ICT. Core inflation eased to 2.7 per cent in October 2025, as presented in Table 4. The core index increased from 129.52 in September 2025 to 129.56 in October 2025. Non-core inflation was 9.9 per cent during the same period.

Table 4: Core and Non-Core Index and Inflation

Period	Core Index	Core Inflation	Non-Core Index	Non-Core Inflation
Oct-24	126.20	1.8	197.36	5.1
Nov-24	126.76	2.1	197.51	4.6
Dec-24	127.50	2.2	198.51	4.9
Jan-25	127.77	2.0	202.87	6.8
Feb-25	128.01	1.9	204.01	7.7
Mar-25	128.35	2.2	205.55	7.4
Apr-25	128.48	2.5	206.86	8.4
May-25	128.97	2.8	209.35	6.0
Jun-25	129.47	3.0	211.24	6.2
Jul-25	129.59	3.1	211.69	7.2
Aug-25	129.57	3.0	213.85	9.2
Sep-25	129.52	2.9	215.78	9.6
Oct-25	129.56	2.7	216.87	9.9

Contribution of Core and Non-Core to the Overall Inflation

Contribution of core and non-core inflation to the overall inflation is presented in Table 5. Core inflation contributed 2.8 points, while non-core inflation contributed 1.8 points to the overall inflation in October 2025. Food and non-alcoholic beverages contributed 2.6 points to the overall inflation during the same period.

Table 5: Core and Non-Core Contributions, October 2025

Broad Categories	Core	Non-Core	Total
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	1.1	1.4	2.6
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	0.1	0.0	0.1
Clothing and Footwear	0.2	0.0	0.2
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.1	0.1	0.3
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household	0.2	0.0	0.2
Health	0.1	0.0	0.1
Transport	0.2	0.2	0.4
Information and Communication	0.1	0.0	0.1
Recreation, Sport and Culture	0.1	0.0	0.1
Education Services	0.1	0.0	0.1
Restaurants and Accommodation Services	0.2	0.0	0.2
Insurance and Financial Services	0.0	0.0	0.0
Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous Goods	0.2	0.0	0.2
Total	2.8	1.8	4.6



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