

KENYA NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS



CONSUMER PRICE INDICES AND INFLATION RATES FOR DECEMBER 2017

Kenya National Bureau of Statistics hereby releases monthly Consumer Price Indices (CPI) and rates of inflation, for December, 2017. These numbers were generated by conducting a survey of retail prices for a basket of household consumption goods and services, during the second and third weeks of the month under review. The prices were obtained from selected retail outlets in 25 data collection zones spread across Nairobi and 13 other urban centers.

As shown in Tables 1 and 2, the CPI increased by 0.54 per cent from 182.08 in November to 183.05 in December 2017. The overall year on year inflation stood at 4.50 per cent in December 2017.

Table 1: One Month and Twelve Months' Changes in the Price Indices

Broad Commodity Group	Weight	% Change on last month (December 2017/ November 2017)	% Change on same month of previous year (December 2017/ December 2016)
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	36.04	0.25	4.68
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	2.06	0.48	3.05
Clothing and Footwear	7.43	0.85	2.97
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	18.3	0.27	5.13
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	6.16	0.51	3.26
Health	3.13	0.44	4.85
Transport	8.66	2.44	5.82
Communication	3.82	0.08	0.53
Recreation and Culture	2.25	0.56	1.55
Education	3.14	0.07	3.21
Restaurant and Hotels	4.48	0.89	6.61
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.52	0.59	3.56
Total	100	0.54	4.50

Table 2: Overall CPI and Inflation Rates**Base: February 2009=100**

Month	Overall CPI	Inflation Rate
Dec 2016	175.18	6.35
Jan 2017	176.93	6.99
Feb 2017	179.98	9.04
Mar 2017	182.98	10.28
Apr 2017	186.24	11.48
May 2017	187.64	11.7
Jun 2017	185.39	9.21
Jul 2017	183.6	7.47
Aug 2017	184.72	8.04
Sep 2017	183.66	7.06
Oct 2017	182.50	5.72
Nov 2017	182.08	4.73
Dec 2017	183.05	4.50

Table 3: National Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities

Commodity Name	Units of Measure	Average Price December 2016	Average Price November 2017	Average Price December 2017	% Change over a month ago	% Change over a year ago
Maize Flour - Loose	1 Kg	49.89	59.85	59.02	-1.39	18.30
Beef - With Bones	1 Kg	402.74	424.20	428.15	0.93	6.31
Chicken	1 Kg	563.83	600.84	617.83	2.83	9.58
Fresh Fish	1 Kg	424.19	454.15	468.69	3.20	10.49
Orange	1 Kg	145.55	86.18	82.27	-4.53	-43.48
Mangoes	1 Kg	117.18	120.56	114.75	-4.81	-2.07
Kale-Sukuma Wiki	1 Kg	45.70	39.39	43.67	10.88	-4.42
Tomatoes	1 Kg	74.71	98.85	94.52	-4.38	26.52
Onions	1 Kg	111.96	127.52	130.65	2.46	16.69
Potatoes (Irish)	1 Kg	81.43	52.02	54.40	4.58	-33.20
Sugar	1 Kg	131.16	137.77	134.00	-2.74	2.17
Gas - (LPG)	13 Kg	1,983.06	2,128.59	2,141.46	0.60	7.99
Electricity	200 KWh	3,588.98	3,937.30	3,937.30	0.00	9.71
Electricity	50 KWh	562.65	649.73	649.73	0.00	15.48
Kerosene	1 litre	63.56	71.23	71.42	0.27	12.37
Country Bus Fares	350 Km	984.41	995.47	1,059.56	6.44	7.63
Matatu Fares	250 Km	391.99	400.21	407.96	1.94	4.08
Petrol	1 litre	95.26	103.58	105.04	1.41	10.26
Diesel	1 litre	87.22	92.41	92.44	0.03	5.98

Between November and December 2017, Food and Non-Alcoholic Drinks' Index increased by 0.25 per cent as indicated in Table 3. This was mainly due to increases in prices of some foodstuffs which outweighed the falls in others. However, the year on year food inflation dropped from 5.79 per cent in November to 4.68 per cent in December 2017.

During the same review period; Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' Index, increased by 0.27 per cent which was attributed to slight increases in prices of charcoal and kerosene.

The Transport Index recorded an increase of 2.44 per cent in December compared to November 2017, on account of increase in pump prices of both petrol and diesel as well as higher bus fares associated with Christmas festivals.