

# KENYA NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS



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## CONSUMER PRICE INDICES AND INFLATION RATES FOR DECEMBER 2014

Kenya National Bureau of Statistics hereby releases Consumer Price Indices (CPI) and inflation rates for December 2014. These numbers have been generated using data collected during the second and third weeks of the month under review. The prices were obtained from selected retail outlets in 25 data collection zones located in 13 urban centers.

As shown in Tables 1 and 2, the CPI increased by 0.43 per cent from 151.85 in November to 152.51 in December 2014. The overall inflation rate stood at 6.02 per cent in December 2014.

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

Broad Commodity Group	CPI Weight	% Change on last month (Dec 2014/ Nov 2014)	% Change on same month of previous year (Dec 2014/ Dec 2013)
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	36.04	0.71	7.71
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	2.06	0.07	1.89
Clothing & Footwear	7.43	0.56	4.40
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	18.30	-0.06	4.45
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	6.16	0.37	4.49
Health	3.13	0.39	5.47
Transport	8.66	0.91	8.88
Communication	3.82	0.06	0.49
Recreation & Culture	2.25	0.28	5.94
Education	3.14	0.00	5.31
Restaurant & Hotels	4.48	0.31	6.08
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	4.52	0.50	4.53
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>0.43</b>	<b>6.02</b>

**Table 2: Overall CPI and Inflation Rates**

February 2009=100

Month	Overall CPI	Overall Rate of Inflation
Dec-2013	143.85	7.15
Jan-2014	145.40	7.21
Feb-2014	145.95	6.86
Mar-2014	146.61	6.27
Apr-2014	148.20	6.41
May-2014	149.70	7.30
Jun-2014	149.91	7.39
Jul-2014	150.60	7.67
Aug-2014	152.02	8.36
Sep-2014	152.24	6.60
Oct-2014	151.92	6.43
Nov-2014	151.85	6.09
Dec-2014	152.51	6.02

**Table 3: National Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities**

Commodity Name	Units of Measure	Average Price December 2013	Average Price November 2014	Average Price December 2014	% Change on last month	% change on same month last year
Beef With Bones	1 Kg	354.4	380.1	386.66	1.7	9.1
Chicken	1 Kg	513.74	514.87	530.07	3.0	3.2
Mutton/Goat Meat	1 Kg	422.74	444.78	450.74	1.3	6.6
Cabbages	1 Kg	50.25	28.37	29.14	2.7	-42.0
Offals (Matumbo)	1 Kg	210.21	225.21	230.97	2.6	9.9
Tomatoes	1 Kg	67.05	83.3	83.89	0.7	25.1
Onions	1 Kg	107.92	90.54	91.81	1.4	-14.9
Potatoes (Irish)	1 Kg	51.21	46.46	46.39	-0.2	-9.4
Fresh Unpacketed Milk	1000 ml	56.48	54.61	54.51	-0.2	-3.5
Maize Grain - Loose	1 Kg	43.58	43.09	42.57	-1.2	-2.3
Maize Flour - Loose	1 Kg	56.91	46.98	45.77	-2.6	-19.6
Fresh Packeted Milk	500 ML	53.83	49.18	48.87	-0.6	-9.2
Charcoal	4 Kg	72.8	73.65	73.59	-0.1	1.1
Kerosene	1 litre	83.93	77.24	72.3	-6.4	-13.9
Gas(LPG)	13 Kg	2,876	3,033.28	3,018.45	-0.5	5.0
Electricity	50 KW/h	517.2	554.6	521.54	-6.0	0.8
Diesel	1 litre	105.39	97.84	91.79	-6.2	-12.9
Petrol	1 litre	110.82	108.54	102.86	-5.2	-7.2

Between November and December 2014, Food and Non-Alcoholic Drinks' Index increased by 0.71 per cent. As indicated in Table 3 above, the increase in food inflation resulted from observed rises in the prices of several food commodities which outweighed notable falls in the prices of others.

Over the same period, Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' Index, decreased by 0.06 per cent. This decline was mainly attributed to notable falls in the cost of cooking fuels especially electricity. Contributing to lower cost of electricity was fuel cost adjustment which decreased from KSh 3.47 per KWh in November to KSh 2.87 per KWh in December 2014.

During the same review period, the Transport Index increased by 0.91 per cent. Despite notable reductions in the pump prices of petrol and diesel, an upsurge in the transportation inflation was recorded mainly due to higher taxi, matatu and bus fare charges associated with christmas festivities.