

# KENYA NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS



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## CONSUMER PRICE INDICES AND INFLATION RATES FOR APRIL 2016

Kenya National Bureau of Statistics hereby releases Consumer Price Indices (CPI) and inflation rates for April, 2016. 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 Nairobi and 13 other urban centers.

As shown in Tables 1 and 2, the CPI increased by 0.69 per cent from 165.92 in March 2016 to 167.07 in April 2016. The overall inflation rate in April 2016 stood at 5.27 per cent.

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

Broad Commodity Group	CPI Weight	% Change on last month (April 2016/ March 2015)	% Change on same month of previous year (April 2016/ April 2015)
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	36.04	1.48	6.84
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	2.06	0.14	14.24
Clothing & Footwear	7.43	0.20	4.68
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	18.30	0.15	3.37
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	6.16	0.14	4.50
Health	3.13	0.16	5.26
Transport	8.66	-0.42	-0.74
Communication	3.82	0.06	2.70
Recreation & Culture	2.25	0.18	4.18
Education	3.14	0.01	4.24
Restaurant & Hotels	4.48	0.18	5.45
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	4.52	0.20	4.80
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>0.69</b>	<b>5.27</b>

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

February 2009=100

Month	Overall CPI	Overall Rate of Inflation
Apr-2015	158.70	7.08
May-2015	159.98	6.87
Jun-2015	160.46	7.03
Jul-2015	160.57	6.62
Aug-2015	160.90	5.84
Sep-2015	161.33	5.97
Oct-2015	162.13	6.72
Nov-2015	162.97	7.32
Dec-2015	164.72	8.01
Jan-2016	165.37	7.78
Feb-2016	164.67	6.84
Mar-2016	165.92	6.45
Apr-2016	167.07	5.27

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

Commodity Name	Units of Measure	Average Price April 2015	Average Price March 2016	Average Price April 2016	% Change on last month	% change on same month last year
Tomatoes	1 Kg	112.91	134.46	149.67	13.5	32.6
Potatoes (Irish)	1 Kg	63.61	73.88	76.87	4.7	20.9
Mangoes	1 Kg	75.61	87.27	93.06	7.7	23.1
Spinach	1 Kg	47.73	46.20	46.92	1.5	-1.7
Kale-Sukuma Wiki	1 Kg	42.79	38.22	38.27	0.1	-10.6
Fresh Unpacketed Milk	1000 MI	58.83	54.25	54.26	0.0	-7.8
House rent	One room	3,676.43	3,980.00	3,980.00	0.00	8.3
Avocado	1 Kg	46.39	57.72	57.05	-1.4	23.0
Beer	500 MI	136.15	155.66	155.66	0.0	14.3
Cigarettes	1 Packet	96.89	121.18	121.18	0.0	25.1
Charcoal	4 Kg	74.66	78.07	78.82	1.0	5.6
Kerosene	1 litre	58.17	43.13	44.94	3.1	-22.7
Electricity	50 Kwh	493.12	534.3	534.3	0.0	8.4
Electricity	200 Kwh	3,395.80	3,398.7	3,398.7	0.0	0.1
Gas (LPG)	13 Kg	2,529.56	2,277.48	2,268.37	-0.4	-10.3
Diesel	1 litre	78.44	66.68	67.21	0.7	-14.3
Petrol	1 litre	90.22	86.46	81.61	-5.4	-9.5

Between March and April 2016, Food and Non-Alcoholic Drinks' Index

increased by 1.48 per cent. As indicated in Table 3, this resulted from notable increases in prices of some food items. However, in totality food inflation stood at 6.84 per cent, which is the lowest, recorded in the recent past.

Over the same review period, Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' Index, increased by 0.15 per cent. This small aggregate increase was mainly as a result of price increases in respect of kerosene and other cooking fuels. The cost of electricity however, remained at the same level as in the previous three months of January to March 2016.

The Transport Index decreased by 0.42 per cent in April 2016 compared to the previous month mainly due to reduced costs of petrol.