

KENYA NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS



CONSUMER PRICE INDICES AND INFLATION RATES FOR OCTOBER 2015

Kenya National Bureau of Statistics hereby releases Consumer Price Indices (CPI) and inflation rates for October, 2015. 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 0.50 per cent from 161.33 in September 2015 to 162.13 in October 2015. The overall inflation rate stood at 6.72 per cent in October 2015.

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

Broad Commodity Group	CPI Weight	% Change on last month (October 2015/ September 2015)	% Change on same month of previous year (October 2015/ October 2014)
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	36.04	0.88	11.27
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	2.06	0.21	3.36
Clothing & Footwear	7.43	0.16	4.75
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	18.30	0.69	3.96
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	6.16	0.60	4.87
Health	3.13	0.28	5.01
Transport	8.66	-0.36	-1.45
Communication	3.82	0.00	1.14
Recreation & Culture	2.25	0.04	3.02
Education	3.14	0.03	4.01
Restaurant & Hotels	4.48	0.03	4.90
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	4.52	0.35	5.14
Total	100.00	0.50	6.72

Table 2: Overall CPI and Inflation Rates

February 2009=100

Month	Overall CPI	Overall Rate of Inflation
Oct-2014	151.92	6.43
Nov-2014	151.85	6.09
Dec-2014	152.51	6.02
Jan-2015	153.43	5.53
Feb-2015	154.14	5.61
Mar-2015	155.86	6.31
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

Table 3: National Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities

Commodity Name	Units of Measure	Average Price October 2014	Average Price September 2015	Average Price October 2015	% Change on last month	% change on same month last year
Potatoes (Irish)	1 Kg	45.20	63.33	73.77	16.5	63.2
Beef With Bones	1 Kg	376.92	395.27	395.65	0.1	5.0
Avocado	1 Kg	39.56	44.79	47.35	5.7	19.7
Spinach	1 Kg	40.24	45.09	46.36	2.8	15.2
Maize grain	1 Kg	44.46	43.57	42.78	-1.8	-3.8
Kale-Sukuma Wiki	1 Kg	30.25	37.93	38.84	2.4	28.4
Tomatoes	1 Kg	93.33	106.58	100.72	-5.5	7.9
Coriander Leaves (Dania)	1 Kg	41.81	61.99	65.75	6.1	57.3
Onions	1 Kg	89.96	119.01	121.58	2.2	35.2
House rent	One room	3,589.05	3,814.15	3,835.75	0.6	6.9

Commodity Name	Units of Measure	Average Price October 2014	Average Price September 2015	Average Price October 2015	% Change on last month	% change on same month last year
Gas - (LPG)	13 Kg	3,068.58	2,393.85	2,401.31	0.3	-21.7
Electricity	50 KW/h	627.10	555.76	602.74	8.5	-3.9
Electricity	200 KW/h	3,931.72	3,484.54	3,672.46	5.4	-6.6
Kerosene	1 litre	81.81	53.52	57.00	6.5	-30.3
Petrol	1 litre	111.72	103.49	94.16	-9.0	-15.7
Diesel	1 litre	101.59	80.94	83.38	3.0	-17.9

Over the review period, Food and Non-Alcoholic Drinks' Index increased by 0.88 per cent. As indicated in Table 3 above, this generally resulted from increases in prices of several food items outweighing the decreases.

Between September and October 2015, Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' Index, increased by 0.69 per cent which was mainly attributed to increases in house rents and cost of common cooking fuels. In this regard, due to higher forex adjustment charges in October 2015, the cost of consuming 50 and 200 KWh of electricity for instance increased by 8.5 and 5.4 per cent respectively, compared to September 2015. Following a similar trend, the cost of kerosene and cooking gas recorded notable increases during the review period.

Despite a 3.0 per cent increase in the cost of diesel, the Transport Index decreased by 0.36 per cent compared to the previous month. This was mainly due to a corresponding 9.0 per cent decrease in the cost of petrol.