

KENYA NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS



CONSUMER PRICE INDICES AND INFLATION RATES FOR SEPTEMBER 2015

Kenya National Bureau of Statistics hereby releases Consumer Price Indices (CPI) and inflation rates for September, 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 0.27 per cent from 160.90 in August 2015 to 161.33 in September 2015. The overall inflation rate stood at 5.97 per cent in September 2015.

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

Broad Commodity Group	CPI Weight	% Change on last month (September 2015/ August 2015)	% Change on same month of previous year (September 2015/ September 2014)
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	36.04	0.48	9.81
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	2.06	0.04	3.14
Clothing & Footwear	7.43	0.24	4.88
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	18.30	-0.18	3.01
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	6.16	0.53	4.42
Health	3.13	0.12	4.94
Transport	8.66	0.01	-1.38
Communication	3.82	0.01	1.15
Recreation & Culture	2.25	0.17	3.07
Education	3.14	0.04	3.98
Restaurant & Hotels	4.48	0.63	5.48
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	4.52	0.26	5.12
Total	100.00	0.27	5.97

Table 2: Overall CPI and Inflation Rates

February 2009=100

Month	Overall CPI	Overall Rate of Inflation
Sep-2014	152.24	6.60
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

Table 3: National Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities

Commodity Name	Units of Measure	Average Price September 2014	Average Price August 2015	Average Price September 2015	% Change on last month	% change on same month last year
Beef With Bones	1 Kg	375.98	394.7	395.27	0.14	5.13
Beans	1 Kg	105.67	120.22	119.46	-0.63	13.05
Spinach	1 Kg	40.34	44.87	45.09	0.49	11.77
Maize grain	1 Kg	44.71	44.85	43.57	-2.85	-2.55
Potatoes (Irish)	1 Kg	44.73	60.57	63.33	4.56	41.58
Kale-Sukuma Wiki	1 Kg	30.27	37.13	37.93	2.15	25.31
Tomatoes	1 Kg	99.73	107.53	106.58	-0.88	6.87
Capsicum (Pilipili Hoho)	1 Kg	151.51	184.81	186.13	0.71	22.85
Onions	1 Kg	92.87	117.85	119.01	0.98	28.15
Packetted Fresh Milk	500 ML	48.83	53.35	53.45	0.19	9.46
Gas ~ (LPG)	13 Kg	3,111.74	2,374.92	2,393.85	0.80	-23.07
Electricity	50 KW/h	676.98	605.64	555.76	-8.24	-17.91
Electricity	200 KW/h	4,131.24	3,684.06	3,484.54	-5.42	-15.65
Kerosene	1 litre	82.33	58.94	53.52	-9.20	-34.99
Petrol	1 litre	113.7	103.5	103.49	-0.01	-8.98
Diesel	1 litre	104.82	84.3	80.94	-3.99	-22.78
Country Bus Fares	About 350 Km	956.52	937.14	937.14	0.00	-2.03

Between August and September 2015, Food and Non-Alcoholic Drinks' Index increased by 0.48 per cent. This was an aggregate result from increases in prices of several food items which slightly outweighed the decreases.

Over the review period, Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' Index, decreased by 0.18 per cent. As indicated in Table 3 above, this was mainly attributed to cost decreases in respect of common cooking fuels as well as other household utilities. There was a reduction in the cost of electricity consumption for instance, due to decreases in both fuel cost adjustment and foreign exchange charges per KWh of electricity.

The Transport Index recorded a slight increase compared to the previous month despite decrease in the cost of diesel.