

KENYA NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS



CONSUMER PRICE INDICES AND INFLATION RATES FOR OCTOBER 2014

Kenya National Bureau of Statistics hereby releases Consumer Price Indices (CPI) and inflation rates for October 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 decreased by 0.21 per cent from 152.24 in September to 151.92 in October 2014. The overall inflation rate stood at 6.43 per cent in October 2014.

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

Broad Commodity Group	CPI Weight	% Change on last month (Oct 2014/ Sept 2014)	% Change on same month of previous year (Oct 2014/ Oct 2013)
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	36.04	-0.45	8.16
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	2.06	-0.01	2.01
Clothing & Footwear	7.43	0.28	4.62
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	18.30	-0.23	5.42
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	6.16	0.16	4.24
Health	3.13	0.22	5.31
Transport	8.66	-0.29	10.11
Communication	3.82	0.01	0.43
Recreation & Culture	2.25	0.10	5.57
Education	3.14	0.00	5.38
Restaurant & Hotels	4.48	0.58	6.15
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	4.52	0.33	3.92
Total	100.00	-0.21	6.43

Table 2: Overall CPI and Inflation Rates

February 2009=100

Month	Overall CPI	Overall Rate of Inflation
Oct-13	142.75	7.76
Nov-13	143.14	7.36
Dec-13	143.85	7.15
Jan-14	145.40	7.21
Feb-14	145.95	6.86
Mar-14	146.61	6.27
Apr-14	148.20	6.41
May-14	149.70	7.30
Jun-14	149.91	7.39
Jul-14	150.60	7.67
Aug-14	152.02	8.36
Sep-14	152.24	6.60
Oct-14	151.92	6.43

Table 3: National Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities

Commodity Name	Units of Measure	Average Price October 2013	Average Price September 2014	Average Price October 2014	% Change on last month	% change on same month last year
Maize Grain	1 Kg	43.35	44.71	44.46	-0.55	2.57
Kale-Sukuma Wiki	1 Kg	44.74	30.27	30.25	-0.06	-32.38
Packeted Fresh	500Ml	54.44	48.83	48.85	0.04	-10.27
Sifted Maize Flour	2 Kg	111.44	115.79	110.57	-4.51	-0.78
Carrots	1 Kg	91.01	50.42	50.88	0.90	-44.10
Cabbages	1 Kg	50.49	33.24	30.83	-7.26	-38.94
Potatoes (Irish)	1 Kg	49.82	44.73	45.20	1.04	-9.27
Wheat Flour	2 Kg	134.37	133.13	130.30	-2.13	-3.03
Beef with bones	1 Kg	349.24	375.98	376.92	0.25	7.93
Onions	1 Kg	105.76	92.87	89.96	-3.14	-14.93
Spinach	1 Kg	44.69	40.34	40.24	-0.25	-9.96
Gas LPG	13 Kg	2,835.20	3,111.74	3,068.58	-1.39	8.23
Kerosene	1 litre	85.87	82.33	81.81	-0.63	-4.73
Petrol	1 litre	113.07	113.7	111.72	-1.74	-1.19
Diesel	1 litre	105.38	104.82	101.59	-3.08	-3.59

Between September and October 2014, Food and Non-Alcoholic Drinks' Index decreased by 0.45 per cent. As indicated in Table 3 above, the decline in food inflation resulted from observed falls in the prices of several food commodities which outweighed notable rises in the prices of others.

Over the same period, Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' Index, decreased by 0.23 per cent. This decline was mainly attributed to notable fall in the cost of cooking fuels especially electricity. Contributing to the fall in the

cost of electricity was fuel cost adjustment which decreased from KSh 5.71 per KWh in September to KSh 4.79 per KWh in October 2014.

During the same review period, the Transport Index decreased by 0.29 per cent. This was mainly due to reduction of pump prices of petrol and diesel in October 2014 compared to September 2014.