

KENYA NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS



CONSUMER PRICE INDICES AND INFLATION RATES FOR MAY 2018

Kenya National Bureau of Statistics hereby releases monthly Consumer Price Indices (CPI) and rates of inflation, for May, 2018. These numbers were generated by conducting a survey of retail prices for a basket of household consumption goods and services, during the second and third weeks of the month under review. The prices were obtained from selected retail outlets in 25 data collection zones in Nairobi and 13 other urban centers.

As shown in Tables 1 and 2, the CPI increased by 0.97 per cent from 193.18 in April 2018 to 195.05 in May 2018. The overall year on year inflation stood at 3.95 per cent in May 2018.

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

Broad Commodity Group	Weight	% Change on last month (May 2018/ April 2018)	% Change on same month of previous year (May 2018/ May 2017)
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	36.04	1.35	0.34
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	2.06	-0.05	2.25
Clothing and Footwear	7.43	0.31	4.27
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	18.3	1.79	13.73
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	6.16	0.26	4.51
Health	3.13	0.55	3.98
Transport	8.66	0.10	7.01
Communication	3.82	0.04	0.82
Recreation and Culture	2.25	0.20	1.53
Education	3.14	0.00	5.07
Restaurant and Hotels	4.48	0.28	4.92
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.52	0.17	4.19
Total	100	0.97	3.95

Table 2: Overall CPI and Inflation Rates

Base: February 2009=100

Month	Overall CPI	Inflation Rate
May 2017	187.64	11.7
Jun 2017	185.39	9.21
Jul 2017	183.6	7.47
Aug 2017	184.72	8.04
Sep 2017	183.66	7.06
Oct 2017	182.5	5.72
Nov 2017	182.08	4.73
Dec 2017	183.05	4.50
Jan 2018	185.47	4.83
Feb 2018	188.00	4.46
Mar 2018	190.62	4.18
Apr 2018	193.18	3.73
May 2018	195.05	3.95

Table 3: National Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities

Commodity Name	Units	May-17	Apr-18	May-18	% Change over a month ago	% Change over a year ago
Tomatoes	1 Kg	99.23	104.26	120.39	15.47	21.33
Spinach	1 Kg	51.53	65.51	69.12	5.50	34.13
Carrots	1 Kg	84.11	59.89	62.07	3.65	-26.20
Onions	1 Kg	133.44	177.01	180.74	2.11	35.45
Potatoes (Irish)	1 Kg	84.95	67.33	68.67	1.99	-19.17
Kale-Sukuma Wiki	1 Kg	46.61	55.12	56.02	1.63	20.19
Sugar	1 Kg	168.18	131.22	129.50	-1.31	-23.00
Orange	1 Kg	97.03	92.99	90.69	-2.48	-6.54
Loose Maize Flour	1 Kg	67.95	62.74	59.99	-4.38	-11.72
Kerosene	1 litre	66.26	77.68	79.18	1.93	19.49
Charcoal	4 Kg	81.37	123.69	135.64	9.66	66.69
Rent	1 Room	4,108.70	4,307.18	4,310.68	0.08	4.92
Gas ~ (LPG)	13 Kg	2,104.29	2,172.18	2,164.43	-0.36	2.86
Electricity	200 Kwh	3,633.06	4,322.10	4,178.26	-3.33	15.01
Electricity	50 Kwh	573.67	745.93	709.97	-4.82	23.76
Petrol	1 litre	100.48	107.70	108.04	0.31	7.52
Diesel	1 litre	89.02	99.82	99.60	-0.22	11.88

Between April and May 2018, Food and Non-Alcoholic Drinks' Index increased by 1.35 per cent. As indicated in Table 3, this was due to increase in prices of some foodstuffs outweighing decreases recorded in respect of others. The year on year food inflation however, increased from 0.26 per cent in April 2018 to 0.34 per cent in May 2018.

Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' Index, increased by 1.79 per cent in May 2018 compared to 3.24 per cent in April 2018. This was mainly attributed to increase in prices of cooking fuels with charcoal recording the highest increase of 9.66 per cent.

During the same review period, the Transport Index increased by 0.10 per cent mainly on account of increase in the pump price of petrol which outweighed decrease in diesel prices.