

KENYA NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS



CONSUMER PRICE INDICES AND INFLATION RATES FOR JULY 2017

In line with the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics commitment to release data for the monthly Consumer Price Indices (CPI) and rates of inflation on the last working day of the month, we hereby release the numbers for July, 2017. These numbers are generated by surveying prices of a basket of goods and services.

The survey was undertaken as normal, during the second and third weeks of the month under review. The prices are obtained from selected retail outlets in 25 data collection zones spread across Nairobi and 13 other urban centers.

As shown in Tables 1 and 2, the CPI decreased by 0.96 per cent from 185.39 in June 2017 to 183.60 in July 2017. The overall year on year inflation in July 2017 was 7.47 per cent.

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

Broad Commodity Group	Weight	% Change on last month (July 2017/ June 2017)	% Change on same month of previous year (July 2017/ July 2016)
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	36.04	-2.05	12.19
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	2.06	0.10	3.10
Clothing & Footwear	7.43	0.25	4.07
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	18.3	-0.08	3.03
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	6.16	0.23	3.39
Health	3.13	0.09	2.70
Transport	8.66	-0.29	2.77
Communication	3.82	0.07	0.14
Recreation & Culture	2.25	0.03	1.42
Education	3.14	0.00	2.84
Restaurant & Hotels	4.48	0.07	5.53
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	4.52	0.38	3.84
Total	100	-0.96	7.47

Table 2: Overall CPI and Inflation Rates**Base: February 2009=100**

Month	Overall CPI	Inflation Rate
16-Jul	170.84	6.39
16-Aug	170.97	6.26
16-Sep	171.56	6.34
16-Oct	172.62	6.47
16-Nov	173.85	6.68
16-Dec	175.18	6.35
17-Jan	176.93	6.99
17-Feb	179.98	9.04
17-Mar	182.98	10.28
17-Apr	186.24	11.48
17-May	187.64	11.70
17-Jun	185.39	9.21
17-Jul	183.60	7.47

Table 3: National Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities

Commodity Name	Units of Measure	Average Price July 2016	Average Price June 2017	Average Price July 2017	% Change on last month	% Change on same month last year
Potatoes (Irish)	1 Kg	76.90	72.15	56.75	-21.34	-26.20
Sugar	1 Kg	115.42	156.28	150.16	-3.9	30.1
Tomatoes	1 Kg	90.00	90.31	86.83	-3.9	-3.5
Milk - Fresh Packeted	500 Ml	53.17	61.73	60.35	-2.2	13.5
Cabbages	1 Kg	64.63	59.07	54.54	-7.7	-15.6
Maize Flour - Sifted	2 Kg	113.07	119.08	116.56	-2.1	3.1
Maize Grain - Loose	1 kg	43.1	65.3	63.9	-2.1	48.3
Onions	1 Kg	144.18	133.51	128.08	-4.1	-11.2
Spinach	1 Kg	48.45	51.62	48.30	-6.4	-0.3
Kale-Sukuma Wiki	1 Kg	41.04	42.68	42.17	-1.2	2.7
Rice Grade 1	1 Kg	180.65	199.99	203.10	1.6	12.4
Wheat Flour	2 Kg	121.54	129.62	132.21	2.0	8.8
Mangoes	1 Kg	102.62	150.44	159.28	5.9	55.2
Gas -(LPG)	13 Kg	2,099.28	2,112.19	2,073.62	-1.8	-1.2
Rent	One room	3,980.0	4,108.7	4,108.7	0	3.2
Kerosene	1 litre	62.42	66.04	63.55	-3.8	1.8
Charcoal	4 Kg	78.71	81.70	81.61	-0.1	3.7
Electricity	50 Kwh	525.02	576.57	576.07	-0.1	9.7
Electricity	200 Kwh	3,361.58	3,644.66	3,642.66	-0.1	8.4
Petrol	1 litre	93.81	99.68	98.00	-1.7	4.5
Diesel	1 litre	84.20	87.95	85.45	-2.8	1.5

Between June and July 2017, Food and Non-Alcoholic Drinks' Index decreased by 2.05 per cent. As indicated in Table 3, the drop was caused by significant falls in the prices of several food items arising out of good weather conditions in some parts of the country in the recent past as well as government interventions aimed at bringing down the cost of staple food items. As a result, the year on year food inflation dropped from 15.81 per cent in June 2017 to 12.19 per cent in July 2017.

During the month under review, Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' index, decreased by 0.08 per cent due to decline in the cost of electricity, kerosene and cooking gas. The prices of the other non-food items remained relatively stable during the review period.

The Transport Index dropped by 0.29 per cent in July 2017 mainly on account of decrease in pump prices of petrol and diesel.