

KENYA NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS



CONSUMER PRICE INDICES AND INFLATION RATES FOR FEBRUARY 2017

Kenya National Bureau of Statistics hereby releases Consumer Price Indices (CPI) and rates of inflation for February, 2017. 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 which are located in Nairobi and in 13 other urban centers.

As shown in Tables 1 and 2, the CPI increased from 176.93 in January to 179.98 in February 2017. The overall inflation rate stood at 9.04 per cent in February 2017.

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

	CPI Weight	% Change on last month (February 2017/ January 2017)	% Change on same month of previous year (February 2017/ February 2016)
Broad Commodity Group			
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	36.04	3.08	16.50
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	2.06	0.20	3.50
Clothing & Footwear	7.43	0.30	4.32
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	18.3	0.41	2.33
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	6.16	0.12	3.04
Health	3.13	1.42	3.58
Transport	8.66	0.70	4.26
Communication	3.82	0.02	0.16
Recreation & Culture	2.25	0.16	1.93
Education	3.14	0.52	2.94
Restaurant & Hotels	4.48	0.64	4.32
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	4.52	0.17	3.34
Total	100	1.72	9.04

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

Month	Overall CPI	Overall Rate of Inflation
Feb-16	165.06	7.09
Mar-16	165.92	6.45
Apr-16	167.07	5.27
May-16	167.99	5.00
Jun-16	169.76	5.80
Jul-16	170.84	6.39
Aug-16	170.97	6.26
Sep-16	171.56	6.34
Oct-16	172.62	6.47
Nov-16	173.85	6.68
Dec-16	175.18	6.35
Jan-17	176.93	6.99
Feb-17	179.98	9.04

Table 3: National Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities

Commodity Name	Unit of Measure	Average Price February 2016	Average Price January 2017	Average Price February 2017	% Change on last month	% change on same month last year
Kale-Sukuma Wiki	1 Kg	36.8	48.7	54.1	11.0	46.9
Maize Flour - Sifted	2 Kg	105.5	119.6	126.8	6.0	20.2
Milk - Fresh Unpacketed	1000 Ml	54.1	55.5	57.8	4.1	6.9
Milk - Fresh Packeted	500 Ml	53.3	54.3	55.8	2.7	4.6
Maize Grain - Loose	1 Kg	41.1	46.4	49.5	6.7	20.4
Potatoes (Irish)	1 Kg	72.3	82.3	85.8	4.3	18.7
Maize Flour - Loose	1 Kg	45.8	50.7	54.4	7.3	18.7
Cabbages	1 Kg	48.1	71.6	74.8	4.6	55.7
Spinach	1 Kg	46.0	49.5	53.0	7.0	15.3
Mangoes	1 Kg	87.1	113.6	112.9	-0.6	29.6
Offals - Matumbo	1 Kg	240.5	252.3	250.8	-0.6	4.3
Beef - With Bones	1 Kg	398.2	402.4	400.9	-0.4	0.7
Electricity	50 Kwh	534.3	557.4	588.2	5.5	10.1
Electricity	200 Kwh	3,398.7	3,568.1	3,691.1	3.4	8.6
House Rent	Single Room	3,980.0	4,092.7	4,099.6	0.2	3.0
Kerosene	1 litre	40.6	64.4	68.2	5.8	67.9
Gas - (LPG)	13 Kg	2,318.0	1,989.9	1,976.4	-0.7	-14.7
Petrol	1 litre	87.9	96.9	101.1	4.4	15.1
Diesel	1 litre	68.9	85.2	90.2	5.9	31.0

Over the review period, Food and Non-Alcoholic Drinks' Index increased by 3.28 per cent. This was mainly attributed to increases in prices of sukuma wiki, maize flour, milk, cabbages, spinach, potatoes and maize grain, among others. This was partly contributed by prevailing drought conditions. The year on year food inflation stood at 16.50 per cent in February 2017.

Between January and February 2017, Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' Index, increased by 0.40 per cent. As indicated in Table 3 above, this was mainly due to increases in cost of electricity, kerosene and house rents which outweighed price decreases in the cost of cooking gas.

The Transport Index increased by 0.74 per cent in February compared to January 2017, mainly on account of increases in the pump prices of petrol and diesel.