

KENYA NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS



CONSUMER PRICE INDICES AND INFLATION RATES FOR SEPTEMBER 2019

Kenya National Bureau of Statistics hereby releases monthly Consumer Price Indices (CPI) and rates of inflation, for September, 2019. These numbers were generated from a survey of retail prices that targeted a basket of household consumption goods and services. The exercise was conducted during the second and third weeks of the month, with prices being obtained from selected retail outlets in 25 data collection zones in Nairobi and in 13 other urban centers.

As shown in Tables 1 and 2, the CPI decreased by 0.11 per cent from 201.78 in August 2019 to 201.57 in September 2019. The overall year on year inflation in September 2019 stood at 3.83 per cent.

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

Broad Commodity Group	Weight	% Change on last month Sep 2019/ Aug 2019)	% Change on same month of previous year (Sep2019 /Sep2018)
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	36.04	-0.40	6.31
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	2.06	0.25	6.21
Clothing and Footwear	7.43	0.18	1.57
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	18.30	0.07	0.99
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	6.16	0.11	1.55
Health	3.13	0.04	1.35
Transport	8.66	0.48	1.91
Communication	3.82	0.02	4.46
Recreation and Culture	2.25	0.02	0.38
Education	3.14	0.06	1.58
Restaurant and Hotels	4.48	0.11	2.13
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.52	0.14	2.35
Total	100.00	-0.11	3.83

Table 2: Overall CPI and Inflation Rates

Base: February 2009=100

Month	Overall CPI	Inflation Rate
Sep 2018	194.14	5.70
Oct 2018	192.60	5.53
Nov 2018	192.25	5.58
Dec 2018	193.51	5.71
Jan 2019	194.18	4.70
Feb 2019	195.78	4.14
Mar 2019	198.91	4.35
Apr 2019	205.90	6.58
May 2019	205.77	5.49
June 2019	204.34	5.70
July 2019	203.61	6.27
Aug 2019	201.78	5.00
Sep 2019	201.57	3.83

Table 3: National Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities

Commodity Name	Unit of measure	Average price - September 2018	Average price - August 2019	Average price September 2019	% Change over last month (Sep19/ Aug19)	% Change over a year ago (Sep 19/ Sep 18)
Maize Grain - Loose	1 Kg	40.55	47.58	48.02	0.92	18.44
Green Grams	1 Kg	156.51	180.19	184.93	2.63	18.16
Maize Flour - Loose	1 Kg	43.90	53.39	53.90	0.95	22.77
Kale-Sukuma Wiki	1 Kg	46.47	37.19	38.11	2.46	-18.00
Tomatoes	1 Kg	70.55	90.17	86.44	-4.14	22.51
Cabbages	1 Kg	43.53	43.26	40.52	-6.32	-6.90
Carrots	1 Kg	59.35	72.49	65.39	-9.80	10.17
Onions	1 Kg	102.30	97.74	93.93	-3.89	-8.18
Potatoes (Irish)	1 Kg	77.60	67.43	65.81	-2.40	-15.18
Sugar	1 Kg	140.46	107.22	106.15	-1.00	-24.43
House rent	1 Room	4406.45	4496.38	4515.98	0.44	2.49
Electricity	200 KWh	4,394.80	4,776.70	4,740.54	-0.76	7.87
Electricity	50 KWh	1,064.21	843.27	834.23	-1.07	-21.61
Gas -(LPG)	13 Kg	2,187.21	2,150.27	2,141.31	-0.42	-2.10
Kerosene	1 litre	109.25	104.80	101.44	-3.21	-7.15
Petrol	1 litre	117.54	113.29	113.57	0.25	-3.38
Diesel	1 litre	108.97	101.45	103.90	2.41	-4.65

Between August and September 2019, Food and Non-Alcoholic Drinks' Index decreased by 0.40 per cent due to decrease in prices of some foodstuffs

outweighing increases recorded in others as shown in Table 3. For instance, in September 2019 prices of carrots, cabbages and tomatoes decreased by 9.80, 6.32 and 4.14 per cent, respectively. The ‘year on year’ food inflation dropped from 7.13 per cent in August 2019 to 6.31 per cent in September 2019

During the same period, Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels’ Index, increased by 0.07 per cent mainly attributed to increase in house rent and cooking fuels.

The Transport Index increased by 0.48 per cent mainly due to increase in pump prices of diesel and petrol.