

CONSUMER PRICE INDICES AND INFLATION RATES FOR APRIL 2021

Kenya National Bureau of Statistics hereby releases the Consumer Price Indices (CPI) and inflation for April 2021. These numbers are generated from data collected through monthly surveys of retail prices that target a representative basket of household consumption goods and services. The data collection is conducted in the second and third weeks of the month from a sample of retail outlets located in 50 data collection zones across the country.

As shown in Tables 1 and 2, the CPI increased by 0.82 per cent from 113.814 in March 2021 to 114.746 in April 2021. The overall year on year inflation in April 2021 was 5.76 per cent, partially reflecting previous year price levels.

Table 1: Overall CPI and Rates of Inflation

Base Feb 2019=100

Month	Overall New CPI	Inflation Rate
February 2020	107.174	7.17
March 2020	107.475	5.84
April 2020	108.495	6.01
May 2020	108.602	5.33
June 2020	108.266	4.59
July 2020	108.354	4.36
August 2020	108.573	4.36
September 2020	108.571	4.20
October 2020	109.604	4.84
November 2020	110.779	5.33
December 2020	111.866	5.62
January 2021	112.576	5.69
February 2021	113.365	5.78
March 2021	113.814	5.90
April 2021	114.746	5.76

Table 2: One and Twelve Months' Changes in the Consumer Price Indices

	Weight %	% Change on last month April 2021/ March 2021	% Change on same month of the previous year April 2021 / April 2020
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Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	32.91	1.73	6.42
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	3.33	0.18	1.95
Clothing and Footwear	2.99	0.28	2.64
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	14.61	0.38	3.90
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	3.74	0.15	3.73
Health	2.91	0.18	4.13
Transport	9.65	0.30	17.19
Information and Communication	7.78	0.06	1.02
Recreation, Sport and Culture	1.72	0.04	2.72
Education Services	5.56	0.23	2.30
Restaurants and Accommodation Services	8.10	0.33	3.99
Insurance and Financial Services	2.24	0.04	1.67
Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.45	0.84	3.08
Total	100.00	0.82	5.76

Table 3: National Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities

Commodity Name	Quantity	Unit of Measure	Average Price in April 2020	Average Price in March 2021	Average Price in April 2021	% Change over last month April 2021/ March 2021	% Change over same month of last Year April 2021/ April 2020
Sugar	1	Kilogramme	113.98	114.18	113.55	-0.56	-0.38
Oranges	1	Kilogramme	63.06	68.52	68.48	-0.06	8.60
Offals (Matumbo, Liver and Kidney)	1	Kilogramme	258.61	273.48	275.39	0.70	6.49
Mutton/Goat Meat	1	Kilogramme	514.91	556.40	565.48	1.63	9.82
Maize Grain - Loose	1	Kilogramme	51.20	47.12	48.36	2.65	-5.54
Onion -Leeks and Bulbs	1	Kilogramme	118.20	104.01	107.26	3.12	-9.26
Potatoes (Irish)	1	Kilogramme	74.29	69.57	72.25	3.85	-2.74
Cabbages	1	Kilogramme	41.41	41.13	43.47	5.68	4.96
Tomatoes	1	Kilogramme	119.47	98.95	107.37	8.50	-10.13
Electricity	50	Kilowatts	782.48	879.33	858.35	-2.39	9.70
Electricity	200	Kilowatts	4,533.54	4,920.94	4,836.99	-1.71	6.69
Kerosene/Paraffin	1	Litre	78.59	98.78	98.78	0.00	25.69
House rent - 1 bedroom	1	Per Month	12,094.59	12,043.12	12,103.73	0.50	0.08
Charcoal	1	Kilogramme	57.87	58.76	59.83	1.83	3.39
Petrol	1	Litre	93.78	123.66	123.66	0.00	31.86
Diesel	1	Litre	98.51	108.58	108.58	0.00	10.22

The month to month Food and Non-Alcoholic Drinks' Index increased by 1.73 per cent between March 2021 and April 2021. This food inflation was mainly attributed to increase in prices of some food items, which outweighed the decrease in prices of other foodstuffs. For instance, as shown in Table 3, prices

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of tomatoes, cabbages and potatoes increased by 8.50, 5.68 and 3.85 per cent, respectively. On the other hand, prices of sugar and oranges decreased by 0.56 per cent and 0.06 per cent, respectively. The year on year food inflation rose by 6.42 per cent between April 2020 and April 2021.

The Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' Index, increased by 0.38 per cent between March 2021 and April 2021. This was mainly attributed to increase in prices of charcoal and house rent for a one-bedroom unit by 1.83 per cent and 0.05 per cent, respectively.

The revision to fuel prices announced in mid- April were cancelled providing a benefit to transport index, which has had a significant impact in the recent past.

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