

KENYA NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS



CONSUMER PRICE INDICES AND INFLATION RATES FOR DECEMBER 2018

Kenya National Bureau of Statistics hereby releases monthly Consumer Price Indices (CPI) and rates of inflation for December, 2018. 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 increased by 0.65 per cent from 192.25 in November 2018 to 193.51 in December 2018. The overall year on year inflation in December stood at 5.71 per cent.

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

Broad Commodity Group	Weight	% Change on last month (Dec18 /Nov18)	% Change on same month of previous year (Dec18 /Dec17)
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	36.04	1.05	2.54
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	2.06	0.12	6.82
Clothing and Footwear	7.43	0.14	3.41
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	18.30	0.07	13.47
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	6.16	0.10	3.95
Health	3.13	0.16	4.51
Transport	8.66	1.34	14.34
Communication	3.82	0.00	4.66
Recreation and Culture	2.25	0.10	1.04
Education	3.14	0.06	4.93
Restaurant and Hotels	4.48	0.31	3.60
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.52	0.32	3.90
Total	100.00	0.65	5.71

Table 2: Overall CPI and Inflation Rates

Base: February 2009 = 100

Month	Overall CPI	Inflation Rate
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
June 2018	193.31	4.28
Jul 2018	191.59	4.35
Aug 2018	192.18	4.04
Sep 2018	194.14	5.70
Oct 2018	192.60	5.53
Nov 2018	192.25	5.58
Dec 2018	193.51	5.71

Table 3: National Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities

Commodity Name	Units of measure	Average price December 2017	Average price -November 2018	Average price - December 2018	% Change over last month (Dec 18/Nov 18)	% Change over a year ago (Dec 18/Dec17)
Carrots	1 Kg	53.14	56.06	61.03	8.86	14.86
Tomatoes	1 Kg	94.52	66.93	75.74	13.17	-19.87
Capsicums (Pilipili Hoho)	1 Kg	102.55	123.62	125.87	1.82	22.74
Maize Flour - Sifted	2 Kg	101.97	84.32	86.55	2.64	-15.12
Chicken	1 Kg	617.83	646.50	659.94	2.08	6.81
Onions	1 Kg	130.65	83.66	85.66	2.39	-34.44
Maize Grain - Loose	1 Kg	57.29	34.25	35.05	2.34	-38.82
Wheat Flour	2 Kg	135.32	122.45	123.86	1.14	-8.47
Beef - With Bones	1 Kg	428.15	445.91	447.47	0.35	4.51
Mutton/Goat Meat	1 Kg	486.63	509.36	510.94	0.31	5.00
Offals - Matumbo	1 Kg	257.50	267.39	267.67	0.10	3.95
Cabbages	1 Kg	34.72	39.66	38.02	-4.14	9.50
Kale-Sukuma Wiki	1 Kg	43.67	44.62	43.24	-3.16	-0.99
Potatoes (Irish)	1 Kg	54.40	77.80	75.17	-3.38	38.17
Beer	500 Ml	158.22	170.73	171.18	0.26	8.19
Charcoal	4 Kg	83.04	141.12	141.31	0.13	70.16
House rent	1 Room	4,253.78	4,431.55	4,436.45	0.11	4.29
Electricity	50 Kwh	649.73	757.72	757.72	0.00	16.62
Electricity	200 Kwh	3,937.30	4,434.48	4,434.48	0.00	12.63
Kerosene	1 litre	72.42	109.25	106.15	-2.84	46.58
Local Flight	Return fares	17,926.06	19,760.87	21,230.18	7.44	18.43
Country Bus Fares	350 Km	1,059.56	1,183.59	1,245.94	5.27	17.59
Diesel	1 litre	92.44	108.97	111.89	2.68	21.04
Matatu Fares	250 Km	407.96	431.00	436.63	1.31	7.03
International Flights	Return fares	110,674.11	119,791.45	120,546.86	0.63	8.92

Between November and December 2018, Food and Non-Alcoholic Drinks' Index increased by 1.05 per cent. As indicated in Table 3, this was due to increase in prices of some foodstuffs outweighing decreases recorded in respect of others. Consequently, the year on year food inflation in December, 2018 stood at 2.54 per cent.

Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' Index, increased by 0.07 per cent in December 2018 compared to November 2018. However, the cost of household electricity consumption for 50 as well as for 200 KWh remained at the same level as in November 2017.

During the same review period, the Transport Index increased by 1.34 per cent, mainly on account of increase in local and international flight charges as well as bus and *matatu* fares. The upsurge in the transport, food, clothing and foot ware prices was attributed to increased demand that was associated to Christmas festivities.