

KENYA NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS



CONSUMER PRICE INDICES AND INFLATION RATES FOR FEBRUARY 2020

Kenya National Bureau of Statistics hereby releases the monthly Consumer Price Indices (CPI) and rates of inflation, for February, 2020. 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 1.38 per cent from 205.40 in January 2020 to 208.24 in February 2020. The overall year on year inflation in February 2020 stood at 6.37 per cent.

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

Broad Commodity Group	Weight	% Change on last month (Feb 2020/ Jan 2020)	% Change on same month of previous year (Feb 2020 /Feb 2019)
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	36.04	2.61	10.58
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	2.06	0.01	6.86
Clothing and Footwear	7.43	0.12	1.77
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	18.30	0.47	3.02
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	6.16	0.09	0.93
Health	3.13	0.09	0.85
Transport	8.66	0.32	5.02
Communication	3.82	0.00	0.12
Recreation and Culture	2.25	0.05	0.31
Education	3.14	0.14	1.80
Restaurant and Hotels	4.48	-0.01	2.13
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.52	0.25	1.32
Total	100.00	1.38	6.37

Table 2: Overall CPI and Inflation Rates

Base: February 2009=100

Month	Overall CPI	Inflation Rate
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
Oct 2019	202.12	4.95
Nov 2019	202.94	5.56
Dec 2019	204.77	5.82
Jan 2020	205.40	5.78
Feb 2020	208.24	6.37

Table 3: National Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities

Commodity Name	Unit of Measure	Average Price Feb 2019	Average Price Jan 2020	Average Price Feb 2020	% Change over last month Feb 2020/ Jan 2020	% Change over last Year Feb 2020/ Feb 2019
Tomatoes	1 Kg	82.39	103.24	133.80	29.59	62.40
Maize Grain - Loose	1 Kg	35.63	51.53	50.86	-1.30	42.77
Onions	1 Kg	89.41	102.80	110.29	7.28	23.35
Beans	1 Kg	109.82	125.55	125.82	0.21	14.56
Milk - Fresh Unpacketed	1000 MI	61.37	64.56	64.56	0.00	5.20
Beef - With Bones	1 Kg	447.65	461.36	461.70	0.07	3.14
Wheat Flour	2 Kg	122.82	125.81	124.13	-1.34	1.07
Mangoes	1 Kg	114.69	120.06	109.99	-8.39	-4.10
Potatoes (Irish)	1 Kg	76.42	72.46	72.80	0.47	-4.74
Carrots	1 Kg	65.73	61.07	61.79	1.19	-5.99
Spinach	1 Kg	49.77	45.34	46.76	3.15	-6.05

Kale-Sukuma Wiki	1 Kg	47.30	39.45	40.00	1.38	-15.44
House-Rent	One Room	4,465.20	4,634.73	4,642.25	0.16	3.97
Electricity	50 KWh	789.57	769.32	768.28	-0.14	-2.70
Electricity	200 KWh	4561.9	4480.86	4476.72	-0.09	-1.87
Kerosene	1 litre	97.36	104.46	103.29	-1.11	6.09
Charcoal	4 Kg	141.04	152.25	154.70	1.61	9.68
Petrol	1 litre	101.13	110.61	113.32	2.45	12.05
Diesel	1 litre	96.83	102.81	105.00	2.13	8.43

Food and Non-Alcoholic Drinks' Index increased by 2.61 per cent between January 2020 and February 2020 while the 'year on year' food inflation in February, 2020 stood at 10.58 per cent. The increase in inflation was driven by increase in prices of several food items outweighing decrease registered in respect of others. For instance, as shown in Table 3, prices of tomatoes, onions, spinach and kales/ (*sukuma wiki*) increased by 29.59, 7.28 and 3.15 per cent, respectively compared with last month. Notably, the prices of tomatoes increased by 62.4 per cent in February 2020 compared to the cost in February 2019. However, prices of mangoes and loose maize grain dropped by 8.39 and 1.3 per cent respectively.

During the same period, Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' Index, increased by 0.47 per cent. As indicated in Table 3, this was mainly attributed to increase in the cost of house rents. However, during the same period, the cost of electricity consumption and kerosene dropped.

The Transport Index increased by 0.32 per cent in the same period mainly due to rise in prices of petrol, diesel and air fares.

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