

CONSUMER PRICE INDICES AND INFLATION RATES FOR OCTOBER 2020

Kenya National Bureau of Statistics hereby releases Consumer Price Indices (CPI) and Rates of Inflation, for October, 2020. The indices and inflation rates were generated from data collected through a survey of retail prices that targeted a basket of household consumption goods and services. The survey was conducted during the second and third weeks of the month, with prices being obtained from selected retail outlets located in 50 data collection zones, 14 of which are in Nairobi and 36 in other urban areas.

As shown in Tables 1 and 2, the CPI increased by 0.95 per cent from 108.57 in September 2020 to 109.60 in October 2020. The overall year on year inflation in October 2020 stood at 4.84 per cent.

Table1: One Month and Twelve Months' Changes in the Consumer Price Indices

	Weight %	% Change on last month October 2020/ September 2020	% Change on same month of the previous year October 2020 /October 2019
13 COICOP Divisions			
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	32.91	1.14	5.76
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	3.33	0.04	4.19
Clothing and Footwear	2.99	0.68	2.49
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	14.61	0.94	2.82
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	3.74	0.91	2.18
Health	2.91	1.51	3.04
Transport	9.65	0.62	13.54
Information and Communication	7.78	0.13	0.42
Recreation, Sport and Culture	1.72	0.10	2.94
Education Services	5.56	0.31	1.86
Restaurants and Accommodation Services	8.10	1.61	4.14
Insurance and Financial Services	2.24	1.19	1.30
Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.45	0.34	2.12
Total	100.00	0.95	4.84

Table 2: Overall CPI and Rates of Inflation

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

Table 3: National Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities

Commodity Name	Quantity	Unit of Measure	Average Price in October 2019	Average Price in September 2020	Average Price in October 2020	% Change over last month October 2020/ September 2020	% Change over same month of last year October 2020/ October 2019
Carrots	1	Kg	75.04	70.55	71.20	0.92	-5.11
Mutton/Goat Meat	1	Kg	512.45	521.46	525.71	0.82	2.59
Wheat Flour-White	2	Kg	122.03	116.83	117.76	0.80	-3.50
Avocado	1	Kg	61.17	60.25	60.54	0.48	-1.03
Beef - With Bones	1	Kg	427.79	435.92	438.02	0.48	2.39
Offals (Matumbo, Liver and Kidney)	1	Kg	255.77	261.43	261.58	0.06	2.27
Tomatoes	1	Kg	93.17	85.53	84.93	-0.70	-8.84
Spinach	1	Kg	54.89	54.13	53.64	-0.91	-2.28
Maize Flour - Loose	1	Kg	51.57	50.96	50.39	-1.13	-2.28
Cabbages	1	Kg	38.83	37.17	36.57	-1.59	-5.80
Electricity	200	Kwh	4,696.55	4,606.20	4,751.22	3.15	1.16
Kerosene/Paraffin	1	Liter	102.22	84.09	84.67	0.69	-17.16
Gas/LPG	13	Kg	2,003.71	2,033.57	2,017.77	-0.78	0.70
House Rent- single room	1	Per Month	3,606.54	3,616.80	3,610.91	-0.16	0.12
Petrol	1	Litre	109.13	106.30	108.13	1.72	-0.92
Diesel	1	Litre	103.10	95.45	93.85	-1.68	-8.97

As indicated in Table 1, the month to month Food and Non-Alcoholic Drinks' Index rose by 1.14 per cent in October 2020, while the year on year food inflation increased by 5.76 per cent. This was contributed by increase in prices of carrots, mutton and wheat flour- white by 0.92, 0.82 and 0.80 per cent, respectively, among other food items. However, as shown in Table 3, prices of some food items such cabbages, maize flour- loose and spinach went down by 1.59, 1.13 and 0.91 per cent, respectively over the same period.

Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' Index increased by 0.94 per cent in October 2020, which was mainly attributed to an increase in cost of

cooking fuels. In this regard, the cost of 200 Kwh of electricity increased by 3.15 per cent while that of kerosene went up by 0.69 per cent.

The Transport Index increased by 0.62 per cent over the same period. This was mainly due to a rise in the price of petrol by 1.72 per cent, which outweighed the decrease of 1.68 per cent in the price of diesel.