

KENYA NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS



CONSUMER PRICE INDICES AND INFLATION RATES FOR OCTOBER 2016

Kenya National Bureau of Statistics hereby releases Consumer Price Indices (CPI) and rates of inflation for October, 2016. These numbers have been generated using data collected during the second and third weeks of the month under review. The prices were obtained from selected retail outlets in 25 data collection zones which are located in Nairobi and in 13 other urban centers.

As shown in Tables 1 and 2, the CPI increased by 0.62 per cent from 171.56 in September 2016 to 172.62 in October 2016. The overall inflation rate stood at 6.47 per cent in October 2016.

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

Broad Commodity Group	CPI Weight	% Change on last month (October 2016/ September 2016)	% Change on same month of previous year (October 2016/ October 2015)
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	36.04	0.96	11.03
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	2.06	0.01	14.13
Clothing & Footwear	7.43	0.55	4.17
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	18.3	0.16	-0.04
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	6.16	0.19	3.23
Health	3.13	0.18	3.34
Transport	8.66	0.37	0.36
Communication	3.82	0.02	1.81
Recreation & Culture	2.25	0.08	4.34
Education	3.14	0.00	4.07
Restaurant & Hotels	4.48	0.22	5.60
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	4.52	0.25	3.90
Total	100	0.62	6.47

Table 2: Overall CPI and Inflation Rates Base February 2009=100

Month	Overall CPI	Overall Rate of Inflation
Oct-15	162.13	6.72
Nov-15	162.97	7.32
Dec-15	164.72	8.01
Jan-16	165.37	7.78
Feb-16	165.06	7.09
Mar-16	165.92	6.45
Apr-16	167.07	5.27
May-16	167.99	5.00
Jun-16	169.76	5.80
Jul-16	170.84	6.39
Aug-16	170.97	6.26
Sep-16	171.56	6.34
Oct-16	172.62	6.47

Table 3: National Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities

Commodity Name	Unit of Measure	Average Price October 2015	Average Price September 2016	Average Price October 2016	% Change on last month	% change on same month last year
Sugar	1 Kg	110.81	120.74	125.71	4.1	13.4
Irish Potatoes	1 Kg	73.77	77.46	80.24	3.6	8.8
Loose Maize Flour	1 Kg	47.78	48.18	49.01	1.7	2.6
UnPacketed Fresh Milk	1000 Ml	55.88	54.65	55.18	1.0	-1.3
Beef	1 Kg	395.65	400.48	399.10	-0.3	0.9
Carrots	1 Kg	78.35	66.56	66.96	0.6	-14.5
Loose Maize Grain	1 Kg	42.78	43.81	43.98	0.4	2.8
Ripe Bananas	1 Kg	77.37	84.34	85.92	1.9	11.1
Beans	1 Kg	118.8	128.16	129.52	1.1	9.0
Sifted Maize Flour	2 Kg	112.8	113.79	114.4	0.5	1.4
Kerosene	1 litre	57	60.08	59.68	-0.7	4.7
Diesel	1 litre	83.38	83.42	83.08	-0.4	-0.4
Electricity	50 KWh	602.74	525.02	528.16	0.6	-12.4
Electricity	200KWh	3,672.46	3,361.58	3,374.14	0.4	-8.1
Rent	1 Room	3,835.75	3,980.00	4,032.83	1.3	5.1
Gas - (LPG)	13 Kg	2,401.31	2,029.12	1,989.54	-2.0	-17.1
Petrol	1 litre	94.16	92.28	92.44	0.2	-1.8

Between September and October 2016, Food and Non-Alcoholic Drinks' Index increased by 0.96 per cent. As indicated in Table 3, this was attributed to increase in prices of several food items which outweighed the decreases. The year on year food inflation stood at 11.03 per cent in October 2016.

Over the same review period, Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' Index, increased by 0.16 per cent. This was partly contributed by increases in house rents which outweighed notable falls in the costs of kerosene and cooking gas.

Despite notable fall in the cost of diesel, the Transport Index increased by 0.37 per cent in October 2016 compared to September 2016 mainly on account of increases in the pump prices of petrol.