

## CONSUMER PRICE INDICES AND INFLATION RATES FOR NOVEMBER 2021

The overall year on year inflation rate as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) was 5.80 per cent, in November 2021. This was mainly due to an increase in prices of commodities under: food and non-alcoholic beverages (9.92%); transport (8.14%); and housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels (6.24%) between November 2020 and November 2021, as presented in Tables 1 and 2.

The overall CPI increased by 0.45 per cent from 116.674 in October 2021 to 117.203 in November 2021. The month-to-month Food and Non-Alcoholic Drinks' Index increased by 0.91 per cent between October 2021 and November 2021. This was mainly attributed to increase in prices of some food items, which outweighed the decrease in prices of others.

**Table 1: Overall CPI and Rates of Inflation**

Base Feb 2019=100		
Month	Overall CPI	Inflation Rate
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
May 2021	114.977	5.87
June 2021	115.110	6.32
July 2021	115.446	6.55
August 2021	115.710	6.57
September 2021	116.077	6.91
October 2021	116.674	6.45
November 2021	117.203	5.80

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

	Weight %	% Change on last month November 2021/ October 2021	% Change on same month of the previous year November 2021/November 2020
<b>13 COICOP Divisions</b>			
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	32.91	0.91	9.92
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	3.33	0.47	3.16
Clothing and Footwear	2.99	0.36	1.73
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	14.61	0.49	6.24
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	3.74	0.64	4.04
Health	2.91	0.11	1.31
Transport	9.65	-0.16	8.14
Information and Communication	7.78	0.05	2.31
Recreation, Sport and Culture	1.72	0.20	1.31
Education Services	5.56	0.01	1.50
Restaurants and Accommodation Services	8.10	0.09	0.48
Insurance and Financial Services	2.24	0.00	0.92
Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.45	0.18	2.83
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>0.45</b>	<b>5.80</b>

As shown in Table 3, relative to October 2021, prices of sugar, cooking oil and potatoes (Irish) increased by 11.94, 5.74 and 3.34 per cent, respectively. On the other hand, prices of tomatoes, kales (sukuma wiki) and carrots decreased by 4.00, 1.00 and 0.97 per cent, respectively. However, food prices in November 2021 were relatively high compared with foods prices recorded in November 2020.

**Table 3: National Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities**

Commodity Name	Quantity	Unit of Measure	Average Price November 2020	Average Price October 2021	Average Price November 2021	% Change over last month November 2021/ October 2021	% Change over last year November 2021/ November 2020
White bread	400	Gram	48.21	52.17	52.45	0.53	8.79
Beef - With Bones	1	Kg	443.19	485.15	490.65	1.13	10.71
Fresh packeted cow milk	500	ML	48.57	50.02	50.18	0.33	3.32
Cooking Fat	500	Gram	104.18	130.60	136.16	4.25	30.69
Cooking Oil (Salad)	1	Litre	201.09	274.22	289.95	5.74	44.19
Oranges	1	Kg	65.02	69.65	71.27	2.34	9.61
Kale-Sukuma Wiki	1	Kg	48.07	56.64	56.07	-1.00	16.64
Tomatoes	1	Kg	85.89	103.01	98.89	-4.00	15.14
Carrots	1	Kg	70.86	79.17	78.41	-0.97	10.65
Onion -Leeks and Bulbs	1	Kg	103.24	114.39	114.87	0.42	11.27
Potatoes (Irish)	1	Kg	64.39	68.45	70.74	3.34	9.85
Sugar	1	Kg	112.36	113.70	127.27	11.94	13.27
Mineral Water	500	ML	29.46	30.08	30.18	0.31	2.43
House rent - single room	1	Per Month	3,626.86	3,749.47	3,769.29	0.53	3.93
Electricity	50	Kilowatts	806.37	925.08	921.43	-0.39	14.27
Electricity	200	Kilowatts	4,629.07	5,103.91	5,089.31	-0.29	9.94
Gas/LPG	13	Kg	2,019.88	2,513.74	2,611.18	3.88	29.27
Kerosene/Paraffin	1	Litre	82.78	104.46	104.46	0.00	26.18
Petrol	1	Litre	106.71	130.54	130.54	0.00	22.33
Diesel	1	Litre	91.65	111.51	111.51	0.00	21.67
Country Bus /Matatu Fare (Nairobi to Malaba)	1	Ticket	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,200.00	-20.00	-20.00

The Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' Index, increased by 0.49 per cent between October 2021 and November 2021. This was mainly attributed to increase in prices of cooking gas (LPG) and house rent for single rooms that went up by 3.88 per cent and 0.53 per cent, respectively as indicated in Table 3. During the same period, prices of electricity (50 kilowatts) and electricity (200 kilowatts) decreased by 0.39 per cent and 0.29 per cent, respectively. There was a notable decrease in bus fares of country public service vehicles as shown in Table 3.



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