

KENYA NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS



CONSUMER PRICE INDICES AND INFLATION RATES FOR DECEMBER 2016

Kenya National Bureau of Statistics hereby releases Consumer Price Indices (CPI) and rates of inflation for December, 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 0.76 per cent from 173.85 in November 2016 to 175.18 in December 2016. The overall inflation rate stood at 6.35 per cent in December 2016.

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

Broad Commodity Group	CPI Weight	% Change on last month (December 2016/ November 2016)	% Change on same month of previous year (December 2016/ December 2015)
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	36.04	1.31	11.22
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	2.06	0.47	2.73
Clothing & Footwear	7.43	0.79	4.38
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	18.3	0.41	0.06
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	6.16	0.27	3.26
Health	3.13	0.00	3.09
Transport	8.66	0.49	0.29
Communication	3.82	0.00	1.54
Recreation & Culture	2.25	0.06	4.41
Education	3.14	0.00	4.02
Restaurant & Hotels	4.48	0.20	4.98
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	4.52	0.64	3.57
Total	100	0.76	6.35

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

Month	Overall CPI	Overall Rate of Inflation
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
Nov-16	173.85	6.68
Dec-16	175.18	6.35

Table 3: National Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities

Commodity Name	Unit of Measure	Average Price December 2015	Average Price November 2016	Average Price December 2016	% Change on last month	% change on same month last year
Cabbages	1 Kg	43.3	62.8	67.1	6.8	55.0
Kale-Sukuma Wiki	1 Kg	37.1	43.2	45.7	5.8	23.2
Orange	1 Kg	90.2	138.8	145.6	4.9	61.4
Beef (With Bones)	1 Kg	397.1	400.9	402.7	0.4	1.4
Sugar	1 Kg	115.3	128.2	131.2	2.3	13.8
Potatoes (Irish)	1 Kg	76.4	80.1	81.4	1.6	6.5
Mangoes	1 Kg	88.8	119.3	117.2	-1.8	32.0
Banana - Ripe	1 Kg	79.2	84.7	83	-2.0	4.8
Electricity	50 KWh	542.42	529.32	558.9	5.6	3.0
Electricity	200 KWh	3431.18	3378.78	3497.1	3.5	1.9
Kerosene	1 litre	54.23	59.7	64.5	8.0	18.9
Flat	2 Bedrooms	19,983.50	20,080.30	20,095.10	0.1	0.6
Gas - (LPG)	13 Kg	2,369.50	1,987.70	1,983.10	-0.2	-16.3
Diesel	1 litre	79.47	83.1	88.2	6.1	11.0
Country Bus Fares	350 Km	964.1	970	984.4	1.5	2.1
Petrol	1 litre	90.94	92.8	95.1	2.5	4.6

Between November and December 2016, Food and Non-Alcoholic Drinks' Index increased by 1.31 per cent. As indicated in Table 3, this was attributed to increase in prices of several food items which outweighed the decreases of others. The year on year food inflation stood at 11.22 per cent in December 2016.

Over the same review period, Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' Index, increased by 0.41 per cent. This was partly due to increases in electricity, house rents and kerosene which outweighed price decreases in the cost of cooking gas. The cost of electricity increased as a result of fuel adjustment charges that increased from KSh 2.34 per KWh in November 2016 to KSh 2.85 per KWh December 2016.

The Transport Index increased by 0.49 per cent in December 2016 compared to November 2016. This was mainly attributed to increases pump prices of petrol and diesel as well as higher bus fares associated with Christmas festivities.