

KENYA NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS



CONSUMER PRICE INDICES AND INFLATION RATES FOR JANUARY 2017

Kenya National Bureau of Statistics hereby releases Consumer Price Indices (CPI) and rates of inflation for January, 2017. 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 from 175.18 in December 2016 to 176.93 in January 2017. The overall inflation rate stood at 6.99 per cent in January 2017.

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

Broad Commodity Group	CPI Weight	% Change on last month (January 2017/ December 2016)	% Change on same month of previous year (January 2017/ January 2016)
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	36.04	1.66	12.54
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	2.06	0.55	2.87
Clothing & Footwear	7.43	0.07	4.04
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	18.3	0.33	0.07
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	6.16	0.20	2.95
Health	3.13	0.92	2.26
Transport	8.66	0.60	1.85
Communication	3.82	0.01	1.46
Recreation & Culture	2.25	0.10	2.23
Education	3.14	2.28	2.96
Restaurant & Hotels	4.48	0.00	4.50
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	4.52	0.23	3.56
Total	100	1.00	6.99

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

Month	Overall CPI	Overall Rate of Inflation
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
Jan-17	176.93	6.99

Table 3: National Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities

Commodity Name	Unit of Measure	Average Price January 2016	Average Price December 2016	Average Price January 2017	% Change on last month	% change on same month last year
Kale-Sukuma Wiki	1 Kg	36.75	45.7	48.74	6.7	32.6
Maize Flour - Sifted	2 Kg	106.15	115.18	119.64	3.9	12.7
Cabbages	1 Kg	47.75	67.1	71.58	6.7	49.9
Spinach	1 Kg	44.73	46.58	49.52	6.3	10.7
Fresh Packeted Milk	500 Ml	53.44	53.94	54.27	0.6	1.6
Beans	1 Kg	120.92	130.02	132.76	2.1	9.8
Onions	1 Kg	141.74	111.96	114.35	2.1	-19.3
Wheat Flour	2 Kg	130.81	130.24	131.86	1.2	0.8
Loose Maize Grain	1 Kg	41.08	45.78	46.41	1.4	13
Irish Potatoes	1 Kg	74.37	81.43	82.33	1.1	10.7
Mangoes	1 Kg	87.65	117.18	113.57	-3.1	29.6
Single Room	1 Room	3,969.80	4,070.28	4,092.70	0.6	3.1
Charcoal	4 Kg	78.82	79.2	79.64	0.6	1
Gas - (LPG)	13 Kg	2,343.86	1,983.06	1,989.87	0.3	-15.1
Kerosene	1 litre	47.11	64.52	64.41	-0.1	36.7
Electricity	50 KWh	534.3	558.9	559.19	0.1	4.7
Electricity	200 KWh	3,398.70	3,497.1	3,575.14	2.2	5.2
Petrol	1 litre	89.52	95.08	96.88	1.9	8.2
Diesel	1 litre	77.66	88.18	85.20	-3.4	9.7

Between December 2016 and January 2017, Food and Non-Alcoholic Drinks' Index increased by 1.66 per cent. This was mainly attributed to increases in prices of cabbages, spinach, sukuma wiki, maize flour, wheat flour, and maize grain which were partly contributed by prevailing drought conditions. The year on year food inflation stood at 12.54 per cent in January 2017.

Over the same review period, Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' Index, increased by 0.33 per cent. As indicated in Table 3 above, this was partly due to increases in cost of electricity, house rents and charcoal which outweighed price decreases in the cost of cooking gas and kerosene.

Despite a notable decrease in the cost of diesel, the Transport Index increased by 0.60 per cent in January 2017 compared to December 2016. Similarly, the Education cost Index recorded a month to month inflation rate of 2.28 per cent within the same period.