

KENYA NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS



CONSUMER PRICE INDICES AND INFLATION RATES FOR MARCH 2015

Kenya National Bureau of Statistics hereby releases Consumer Price Indices (CPI) and inflation rates for March, 2015. 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 located in 13 urban centers.

As shown in Tables 1 and 2, the CPI increased by 1.12 per cent from 154.14 in February 2015 to 155.86 in March 2015. The overall inflation rate stood at 6.31 per cent in March 2015.

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

Broad Commodity Group	CPI Weight	% Change on last month (Mar 2015/ Feb 2015)	% Change on same month of previous year (Mar 2015/ Mar 2014)
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	36.04	2.65	10.96
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	2.06	0.24	1.81
Clothing & Footwear	7.43	0.20	4.32
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	18.30	-0.05	2.92
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	6.16	0.07	4.17
Health	3.13	0.37	4.14
Transport	8.66	-0.33	2.77
Communication	3.82	0.02	0.59
Recreation & Culture	2.25	0.10	3.16
Education	3.14	0.15	3.92
Restaurant & Hotels	4.48	0.11	4.97
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	4.52	0.06	4.20
Total	100.00	1.12	6.31

Table 2: Overall CPI and Inflation

Rates

Base Period February 2009=100

Month	Overall CPI	Overall Rate of Inflation
Mar-2014	146.61	6.27
Apr-2014	148.20	6.41
May-2014	149.70	7.30
Jun-2014	149.91	7.39
Jul-2014	150.60	7.67
Aug-2014	152.02	8.36
Sep-2014	152.24	6.60
Oct-2014	151.92	6.43
Nov-2014	151.85	6.09
Dec-2014	152.51	6.02
Jan-2015	153.43	5.53
Feb-2015	154.14	5.61
Mar-2015	155.86	6.31

Table 3: National Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities

Commodity Name	Units of Measure	Average Price March 2014	Average Price February 2015	Average Price March 2015	% Change on last month	% change on same month last year
Cabbages	1 Kg	51.31	37.29	44.38	19	-13.5
Potatoes (Irish)	1 Kg	51.55	46.34	53.16	14.7	3.1
Kale-Sukuma Wiki	1 Kg	45.32	37.58	42.51	13.1	-6.2
Carrots	1 Kg	90.95	60.78	66.26	9	-27.1
Tomatoes	1 Kg	88.36	95.28	99.47	4.4	12.6
Onions	1 Kg	115.00	95.71	98.64	3.1	-14.2
Milk - Fresh Packeted	500 Ml	53.29	50.21	51.42	2.4	-3.5
Sugar	1 Kg	109.89	109.31	105.57	-3.4	-3.9
Maize Flour - Sifted	2 Kg	113.55	98.83	94.38	-4.5	-16.9
Kerosene	1 litre	84.65	53.37	56.71	6.3	-33
Petrol	1 litre	114.29	85.6	90.34	5.5	-21
Diesel	1 litre	106.34	76.49	77.16	0.9	-27.4
Electricity	200 KWh	2793.2	3456.12	3400.44	-1.6	21.7
Electricity	50 KWh	516.2	508.2	494.28	-2.7	-4.2
Gas -(LPG)	13 Kg	3,094.16	2,846.53	2,739.35	-3.8	-11.5

Between February and March 2015, Food and Non-Alcoholic Drinks' Index increased by 2.65 per cent. This was mainly attributed to increases in the cost of vegetables, milk and other food products. The rise in prices was mainly as a result of the dry weather conditions experienced during the period. However, prices of sugar, maize flour and other food items dropped during the period under review.

Over the same period, Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' Index, eased by 0.05 per cent. As indicated in Table 3, there were falls in the cost of electricity and cooking gas.

During the same period, the Transport Index decreased by 0.33 per cent. This was due to a drop in public transport fares which outweighed the increase in the prices of diesel and petrol.