

## CONSUMER PRICE INDICES AND INFLATION RATES FOR SEPTEMBER 2021

The overall year on year inflation rate as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) was 6.91 per cent, in September 2021. This was mainly driven by rise in prices of commodities under: food and non-alcoholic beverages (10.63 per cent); transport (9.21 per cent); and housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels (6.08 per cent) between September 2020 and September 2021, as presented in Tables 1 and 2.

The CPI increased by 0.32 per cent from an index of 115.710 in August 2021 to 116.077 in September 2021. The month-to-month Food and Non-Alcoholic Drinks' Index increased by 0.11 per cent between August 2021 and September 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 New CPI	Inflation Rate
September 2020	108.571	4.20
October 2020	109.604	4.84
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

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

	Weight %	% Change on last month September 2021/August 2021	% Change on same month of the previous year September 2021 /September 2020
<b>13 COICOP Divisions</b>			
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	32.91	0.11	10.63
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	3.33	0.14	3.04
Clothing and Footwear	2.99	0.08	3.00
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	14.61	0.91	6.08
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	3.74	0.19	4.58
Health	2.91	0.00	3.79
Transport	9.65	1.17	9.21
Information and Communication	7.78	0.04	2.91
Recreation, Sport and Culture	1.72	0.00	1.20
Education Services	5.56	0.00	2.18
Restaurants and Accommodation Services	8.10	0.11	3.08
Insurance and Financial Services	2.24	-0.02	2.21
Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.45	0.13	3.39
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>0.32</b>	<b>6.91</b>

As shown in Table 3, relative to August 2021, prices of carrots, oranges and cabbages increased by 3.25, 2.43 and 2.10 per cent, respectively. In contrast, prices of tomatoes, maize flour (sifted) and spinach decreased by 2.30, 0.99 and 0.83 per cent, respectively.

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

Commodity Name	Quantity	Unit of Measure	Average Price September 2020	Average Price August 2021	Average Price September 2021	% Change over last month September 2021/ August 2021	% Change over last Year September 2021/ September 2020
Tomatoes	1	Kg	85.53	101.84	99.50	-2.30	16.34
Maize Flour - Sifted	2	Kg	118.86	117.07	115.91	-0.99	-2.48
Onion -Leeks and Bulbs	1	Kg	103.11	110.98	112.49	1.36	9.10
Sugar	1	Kg	112.84	110.07	110.93	0.78	-1.70
Kale-Sukuma Wiki	1	Kg	48.28	56.46	56.46	-0.01	16.93
Beef - With Bones	1	Kg	435.92	479.85	481.45	0.33	10.44
Carrots	1	Kg	70.55	76.31	78.79	3.25	11.67
Oranges	1	Kg	64.26	65.94	67.54	2.43	5.10
Spinach	1	Kg	54.13	66.03	65.49	-0.83	20.99
Cabbages	1	Kg	37.17	47.60	48.60	2.10	30.76
House Rent - single room	1	Per Month	3,616.80	3,742.31	3,739.70	-0.07	3.40
Electricity	50	Kilowatts	800.65	893.21	903.95	1.20	12.90
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Gas/LPG	13	Kg	2,033.57	2,420.68	2,445.23	1.01	20.24
Kerosene/Paraffin	1	Litre	84.09	98.78	111.74	13.12	32.87
Country Bus /Matatu Fare (Meru to Nairobi)	1	Ticket	476.11	486.71	484.29	-0.50	1.72
City Bus/Matatu Fares (Bomas to Nyayo)	1	Ticket	50.92	54.48	54.83	0.64	7.68
Petrol	1	Litre	106.30	127.98	135.54	5.91	27.50
Diesel	1	Litre	95.45	108.58	116.51	7.30	22.07

The Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' Index, increased by 0.91 per cent between August 2021 and September 2021. This was mainly attributed to increase in prices of kerosene/paraffin, electricity and gas/LPG as indicated in Table 3. There was a slight decrease in house rent during the same period.

Transport Index increased by 1.17 per cent mainly due to increases in prices of petrol and diesel that went up by 5.91 per cent and 7.30 per cent, respectively as presented in Table 3. Bus fares of city public service vehicles also recorded an increase of 0.64 per cent.



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