

KENYA NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS



CONSUMER PRICE INDICES AND INFLATION RATES FOR MARCH 2016

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

As shown in Tables 1 and 2, the CPI increased by 0.76 per cent from 164.67 in February 2016 to 165.92 in March 2016. The overall inflation rate stood at 6.45 per cent in March 2016.

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

Broad Commodity Group	CPI Weight	% Change on last month (March 2016/ February 2015)	% Change on same month of previous year (March 2016/ March 2015)
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	36.04	1.39	9.41
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	2.06	0.99	14.68
Clothing & Footwear	7.43	0.27	4.71
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	18.30	0.58	3.45
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	6.16	0.20	4.76
Health	3.13	0.16	5.17
Transport	8.66	-0.34	-0.31
Communication	3.82	0.00	2.65
Recreation & Culture	2.25	0.10	4.02
Education	3.14	0.07	4.23
Restaurant & Hotels	4.48	-0.02	5.86
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	4.52	0.01	5.12
Total	100.00	0.76	6.45

Table 2: Overall CPI and Inflation Rates

February 2009=100

Month	Overall CPI	Overall Rate of Inflation
Mar-2015	155.86	6.31
Apr-2015	158.70	7.08
May-2015	159.98	6.87
Jun-2015	160.46	7.03
Jul-2015	160.57	6.62
Aug-2015	160.90	5.84
Sep-2015	161.33	5.97
Oct-2015	162.13	6.72
Nov-2015	162.97	7.32
Dec-2015	164.72	8.01
Jan-2016	165.37	7.78
Feb-2016	164.67	6.84
Mar-2016	165.92	6.45

Table 3: National Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities

Commodity Name	Units of Measure	Average Price March 2015	Average Price February 2016	Average Price March 2016	% Change on last month	% change on same month last year
Cabbages	1 Kg	44.38	48.07	54.46	13.28	22.72
Kale-Sukuma Wiki	1 Kg	42.51	36.81	38.22	3.84	-10.10
Irish Potatoes	1 Kg	53.16	72.32	73.88	2.16	38.99
Pilipili Hoho	1 Kg	185.35	181.61	190.46	4.87	2.76
Fresh Unpacketed Milk	1000 ml	57.04	54.08	54.25	0.30	-4.90
Fresh Packeted Milk	500 Ml	51.42	53.30	53.42	0.23	3.90
Peas	1 Kg	119.65	130.96	133.52	1.95	11.59
Mutton/Goat Meat	1 Kg	452.22	461.28	463.27	0.43	2.44
Cigarettes	1 Packet	96.89	121.18	121.18	0.00	25.07
Beer	500 Ml	136.15	155.66	155.66	0.00	14.33
Kerosene	1 litre	56.71	40.60	43.13	6.24	-23.94
Electricity	50 KWh	494.28	534.30	534.30	0.00	8.10
Electricity	200 KWh	3,400.44	3,398.70	3,398.70	0.00	-0.05
Charcoal	4 Kg	73.39	78.64	78.07	-0.72	6.38
Gas (LPG)	13 Kg	2,629.56	2,318.03	2,277.48	-1.75	-13.39
Water Services	1000 litres	246.07	249.66	252.35	1.10	2.60
Maissionette	3 Bedrooms	31,449.33	32,605.47	32,797.71	0.60	4.30
Diesel	1 litre	77.16	68.85	66.68	-3.15	-13.58
Petrol	1 litre	90.34	87.38	86.46	-1.05	-4.29
Kiosks: Food	Ugali Mboga	89.33	93.55	93.55	0.00	4.72

Between February and March 2016, Food and Non-Alcoholic Drinks' Index increased by 1.39 per cent. As indicated in Table 3 above, this resulted from notable increases in prices of key food items which outweighed the decreases.

Over the same review period, Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' Index, increased by 0.58 per cent. This aggregate increase was mainly attributed to rise in the cost of house rents, water services and kerosene. The cost of electricity however, remained at the same level as in the previous month.

The Transport Index decreased by 0.34 per cent in March 2016 compared to the previous month mainly due to reduced costs of petrol and diesel.