

## CONSUMER PRICE INDICES AND INFLATION RATES FOR JUNE 2021

The overall year on year inflation rate as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) was 6.32 per cent, in June 2021. This was mainly driven by rise in prices for commodities under: food and non-alcoholic beverages (8.46 per cent); housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels (4.25 per cent); and transport (14.71 per cent) between June 2020 and June 2021. These details are presented in Tables 1 and 2.

**Table 1: Overall CPI and Rates of Inflation**

Base Feb 2019=100

Month	Overall CPI	Inflation Rate
June 2020	108.266	4.59
July 2020	108.354	4.36
August 2020	108.573	4.36
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

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

	Weight %	% Change on last month June 2021/May 2021	% Change on same month of the previous year June 2021 /June 2020
<b>13 COICOP Divisions</b>			
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	32.91	0.06	8.46
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	3.33	0.24	2.83
Clothing and Footwear	2.99	0.04	1.90
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	14.61	0.18	4.25
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	3.74	0.28	4.30
Health	2.91	0.21	4.56
Transport	9.65	0.28	14.71
Information and Communication	7.78	0.02	1.72
Recreation, Sport and Culture	1.72	0.08	0.74
Education Services	5.56	0.00	2.30
Restaurants and Accommodation Services	8.10	0.08	4.17
Insurance and Financial Services	2.24	0.02	1.88
Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.45	0.15	3.33
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>0.12</b>	<b>6.32</b>

The CPI increased by 0.12 per cent from 114.977 in May 2021 to 115.110 in June 2021. The month to month Food and Non-Alcoholic Drinks' Index increased by 0.06 per cent between May 2021 and June 2021. The increase in Food index was mainly attributed to increases in prices of some food items, which outweighed the decrease in prices of other foodstuffs. For instance, as shown in Table 3, prices of kale (sukuma wiki), melons and spinach increased by 3.42, 3.40 and 2.52 per cent, respectively. On the other hand, prices of tomatoes and onions (leeks and bulbs) decreased by 3.61 per cent and 1.67 per cent, respectively.

Table 3: National Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities

Commodity Name	Quantity	Unit of Measure	Average Price in June 2020	Average Price in May 2021	Average Price in June 2021	% Change over last month June 2021/May 2021	% Change over same month of last Year June 2021/June 2020
Kale-Sukuma Wiki	1	Kg	53.23	53.98	55.83	3.42	4.87
Melons	1	Kg	64.28	67.93	70.24	3.40	9.27
Spinach	1	Kg	60.16	62.17	63.73	2.52	5.94
Offals (Matumbo, Liver and Kidney)	1	Kg	258.78	275.99	281.71	2.07	8.86
Cooking Fat	500	Gram	106.47	121.70	123.34	1.35	15.85
Beef - With Bones	1	Kg	436.01	470.22	472.74	0.54	8.43
Potatoes (Irish)	1	Kg	68.01	70.77	69.97	-1.13	2.88
Onion -Leeks and Bulbs	1	Kg	127.86	112.65	110.78	-1.67	-13.36
Tomatoes	1	Kg	101.79	110.15	106.18	-3.61	4.31
Electricity	50	Kilowatts	768.28	837.18	884.11	5.61	15.08
Electricity	200	Kilowatts	4,529.45	4,752.32	4,940.05	3.95	9.07
House rent- single room	1	Per Month	3,614.20	3,694.71	3,719.99	0.68	2.93
Petrol	1	Litre	90.34	127.21	127.98	0.61	41.66

The Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' Index, increased by 0.18 per cent between May 2021 and June 2021. This was mainly attributed to increase in prices of electricity, which went up by 5.61 per cent and 3.95 per cent for 50 Kilowatts and 200 Kilowatts, respectively.

The Transport Index increased by 0.28 per cent, attributed to an increase in prices of petrol, which went up by 0.61 per cent between May 2021 and June 2021.

These numbers are generated from data collected through monthly surveys of retail prices that target a representative basket of household consumption goods and services. The data collection is conducted in the second and third weeks of the month from a sample of retail outlets located in 50 data collection zones across the country.



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