

CONSUMER PRICE INDICES AND INFLATION RATES FOR NOVEMBER 2020

Kenya National Bureau of Statistics hereby releases Consumer Price Indices (CPI) and Rates of Inflation, for November 2020. The indices and inflation rates were generated from data collected through a survey of retail prices for a representative basket of household consumption goods and services. The survey was conducted during the second and third weeks of the month, with prices being obtained from appropriate retail outlets located in 50 data collection zones, 14 of which are in Nairobi and 36 in other urban areas.

As shown in Tables 1 and 2, the CPI increased by 1.07 per cent from 109.60 in October 2020 to 110.78 in November 2020. The overall year on year inflation in November 2020 stood at 5.33 per cent.

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

	Weight %	% Change on last month November 2020/ October 2020	% Change on same month of the previous year November 2020 / November 2019
13 COICOP Divisions			
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	32.91	1.54	6.09
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	3.33	0.58	3.61
Clothing and Footwear	2.99	1.07	3.26
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	14.61	0.07	2.65
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	3.74	0.55	2.50
Health	2.91	1.12	4.17
Transport	9.65	-0.15	12.87
Information and Communication	7.78	0.63	1.02
Recreation, Sport and Culture	1.72	0.12	2.97
Education Services	5.56	0.36	2.22
Restaurants and Accommodation Services	8.10	1.17	5.23
Insurance and Financial Services	2.24	0.12	1.41
Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.45	0.44	2.31
Total	100.00	1.07	5.33

Table 2: Overall CPI and Rates of Inflation

Month	Overall New CPI	Inflation Rate
February 2020	107.174	7.17
March 2020	107.475	5.84
April 2020	108.495	6.01
May 2020	108.602	5.33
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

Table 3: National Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities

Commodity Name	Quantity	Unit of Measure	Average Price in November 2019	Average Price in October 2020	Average Price in November 2020	% Change over last month November 2020/	% Change over same month of last Year November 2020 November 2019
Maize Flour - Loose	1	Kg	52	50	50	(1.52)	(5.30)
Maize Flour - Sifted	2	Kg	120	117	115	(1.47)	(3.82)
Wheat Flour-White	2	Kg	121	118	119	0.69	(2.13)
Beef - With Bones	1	Kg	430	439	443	0.99	3.01
Mutton/Goat Meat	1	Kg	511	527	529	0.54	3.63
Offals (Matumbo, Liver and Kidney)	1	Kg	257	263	264	0.32	2.72
Fresh packeted cow milk	500	ML	49	48	49	0.45	(1.53)
Melons	1	Kg	64	61	61	0.69	(3.80)
Spinach	1	Kg	56	54	54	(0.63)	(4.63)
Kale-Sukuma Wiki	1	Kg	41	48	48	(0.56)	16.00
Tomatoes	1	Kg	97	85	86	0.67	(11.04)
Carrots	1	Kg	72	72	71	(1.11)	(1.21)
Onion -Leeks and Bulbs	1	Kg	95	104	103	(0.56)	8.87
House rent- one bedroom	1	Per Month	12,115	12,109	12,071	(0.32)	(0.36)
Electricity	200	Kwh	4,620	4,751	4,629	(2.57)	0.19
Gas/LPG	13	Kg	2,007	2,019	2,020	0.04	0.65
Kerosene/Paraffin	1	Litre	105	85	83	(2.47)	(21.36)
charcoal	1	Kg	53	58	58	(0.35)	9.45
Petrol	1	Litre	111	108	107	(1.31)	(4.28)

As indicated in Table 1, the month to month Food and Non-Alcoholic Drinks' inflation was 1.54 per cent, while the year on year food inflation stood at 6.09 per cent in November 2020. This was a net effect of increase in prices of several

food items, which outweighed decreases in prices of others. In this regard and as shown in Table 3, prices of beef with bones, wheat flour-white and tomatoes increased by 0.99, 0.69 and 0.67 per cent, respectively, while those of maize flour sifted, maize flour-loose and carrots went down by 1.47, 1.52 and 1.11 per cent, respectively.

The Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' Index, increased by 0.07 per cent in November 2020. The change was mainly due to increases in the cost of some cooking fuels (i.e. gas, charcoal, firewood), and household utilities. There were however, some notable decreases in the cost of kerosene and electricity.

Over the same period, the Transport Index decreased by 0.15 per cent mainly on account of decrease in pump prices of diesel and petrol.