

KENYA NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS



CONSUMER PRICE INDICES AND INFLATION RATES FOR JUNE 2019

Kenya National Bureau of Statistics hereby releases monthly Consumer Price Indices (CPI) and rates of inflation, for June, 2019. These numbers were generated from a survey of retail prices that targeted a basket of household consumption goods and services. The exercise was conducted during the second and third weeks of the month, with prices being obtained from selected retail outlets in 25 data collection zones spread across Nairobi and 13 other urban centers.

As shown in Tables 1 and 2, the CPI decreased by 0.69 per cent from 205.77 in May 2019 to 204.34 in June 2019. The overall inflation stood at 5.70 per cent in June 2019.

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

Broad Commodity Group	Weight	% Change on last month (June19 /May19)	% Change on same month of previous year (June19 /June18)
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	36.04	~1.60	6.98
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	2.06	0.54	8.91
Clothing and Footwear	7.43	0.16	2.05
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	18.30	0.05	4.07
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	6.16	0.02	2.12
Health	3.13	0.01	3.75
Transport	8.66	0.26	10.96
Communication	3.82	0.00	4.49
Recreation and Culture	2.25	0.00	0.47
Education	3.14	0.07	1.50
Restaurant and Hotels	4.48	0.01	2.68
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.52	0.10	2.95
Total	100.00	~0.69	5.70

Table 2: Overall CPI and Inflation Rates

Base: February 2009=100

Month	Overall CPI	Inflation Rate
June 2018	193.31	4.28
Jul 2018	191.59	4.35
Aug 2018	192.18	4.04
Sep 2018	194.14	5.70
Oct 2018	192.60	5.53
Nov 2018	192.25	5.58
Dec 2018	193.51	5.71
Jan 2019	194.18	4.70
Feb 2019	195.78	4.14
Mar 2019	198.91	4.35
Apr 2019	205.90	6.58
May 2019	205.77	5.49

Table 3: National Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities

Commodity Name	Unit of measure	Average price - June 2018	Average price - May 2019	Average price June 2019	% Change over last month (June19/ May19)	% Change over a year ago (June19/ June18)
Maize Grain - Loose	1 Kg	53.09	48.45	48.70	0.52	-8.26
Beans	1 Kg	109.57	118.72	120.26	1.30	9.76
Green Grams	1 Kg	161.41	171.66	177.33	3.30	9.86
Maize Flour - Sifted	2 Kg	117.56	118.63	119.61	0.83	1.75
Milk - Fresh Unpacketed	1000 Ml	60.66	68.95	68.71	-0.36	13.26
Oranges	1 Kg	89.47	121.14	117.94	-2.64	31.82
Spinach	1 Kg	74.53	63.00	61.48	-2.42	-17.51
Kale-Sukuma Wiki	1 Kg	57.87	60.19	56.05	-6.87	-3.14
Capsicums (Pilipili Hoho)	1 Kg	127.52	152.26	143.30	-5.88	12.37
Tomatoes	1 Kg	122.04	97.00	96.65	-0.36	-20.81
Cabbages	1 Kg	39.34	48.22	47.73	-1.03	21.33
Onions	1 Kg	147.84	95.55	101.93	6.68	-31.05
Sugar	1 Kg	128.55	108.87	109.12	0.24	-15.11
Spirits	750 Ml	1,468.96	1,490.88	1,513.58	1.52	3.04
Cigarettes	1 Packet	124.57	134.61	135.77	0.86	8.99
Electricity	200 Kwh	4,106.34	4,762.74	4,732.12	-0.64	15.24
Electricity	50 Kwh	691.99	839.79	832.13	-0.91	20.25
Rent	2 Bedrooms	20,961.46	21,570.90	21,623.94	0.25	3.2
Kerosene	1 litre	85.05	105.48	105.11	-0.35	23.59
Petrol	1 litre	109.67	112.79	115.80	2.67	5.59
Diesel	1 litre	104.55	105.23	105.57	0.33	0.97

In June 2019, Food and Non-Alcoholic Drinks' Index decreased by 1.60 per cent compared to a decline of 0.37 per cent in May 2019. This was mainly due to favourable weather conditions which led to increased food production

and subsequently to reduced food prices for some commodities. As indicated in Table 3, for instance, prices of spinach, sukuma wiki (*kales*) and tomatoes recorded decreases of 2.42, 6.87, and 0.36 per cent, respectively, in June 2019 compared with the previous month. However, prices of some other foodstuffs like maize grain, beans, green grams and sifted maize flour increased during the same month.

Over the same period, Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' Index, increased by 0.05 per cent as a result of higher costs of house rents which outweighed notable drops in the cost of electricity and kerosene. In this regard, the cost of consumption of 50 KWh and 200 KWh of electricity decreased by 0.91 per cent and 0.64 per cent, respectively, in June 2019.

The Transport Index increased by 0.26 per cent, on account of increase in pump prices of petrol and diesel.