

KENYA NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS



CONSUMER PRICE INDICES AND INFLATION RATES FOR OCTOBER 2019

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

As shown in Tables 1 and 2, the CPI increased by 0.28 per cent from 201.57 in September 2019 to 202.12 in October 2019. The overall year on year inflation in October 2019 stood at 4.95 per cent.

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

Broad Commodity Group	Weight	% Change on last month (Oct 2019/ Sep 2019)	% Change on same month of previous year (Oct 2019 /Oct 2018)
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	36.04	0.48	8.74
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	2.06	1.97	7.67
Clothing and Footwear	7.43	0.06	1.47
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	18.30	0.12	0.91
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	6.16	0.02	1.31
Health	3.13	0.11	1.40
Transport	8.66	-0.27	2.51
Communication	3.82	0.02	0.71
Recreation and Culture	2.25	0.04	0.34
Education	3.14	0.00	1.58
Restaurant and Hotels	4.48	0.11	1.94
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.52	-0.02	1.98
Total	100.00	0.28	4.95

Table 2: Overall CPI and Inflation Rates

Base: February 2009=100

Month	Overall CPI	Inflation Rate
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
June 2019	204.34	5.70
July 2019	203.61	6.27
Aug 2019	201.78	5.00
Sep 2019	201.57	3.83
Oct 2019	202.12	4.95

Table 3: National Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities

Commodity Name	Unit of measure	Average price - October 2018	Average price - September 2019	Average price - October 2019	% Change over last month (Oct 19/ Sep19)	% Change over a year ago (Oct 19/ Oct 18)
Maize Grain - Loose	1 Kg	34.53	48.02	50.82	5.82	47.17
Beans	1 Kg	106.99	121.21	124.03	2.32	15.92
Green Grams	1 Kg	154.85	184.93	187.52	1.40	21.10
Maize Flour - Loose	1 Kg	41.54	53.90	54.96	1.98	32.32
Maize Flour - Sifted	2 Kg	83.83	119.91	125.40	4.58	49.59
Wheat Flour	2 Kg	120.90	126.56	126.31	-0.20	4.48
Mangoes	1 Kg	115.90	124.85	126.20	1.08	8.88
Spinach	1 Kg	47.27	42.35	40.40	-4.60	-14.53
Kale-Sukuma Wiki	1 Kg	45.00	38.11	37.58	-1.38	-16.49
Tomatoes	1 Kg	67.07	86.44	90.28	4.44	34.60
Cabbages	1 Kg	41.47	40.52	38.33	-5.40	-7.57
Potatoes (Irish)	1 Kg	77.62	65.81	66.64	1.26	-14.15
Sugar	1 Kg	130.29	106.15	104.72	-1.35	-19.63
Cigarettes	1 Packet	130.06	137.28	147.47	7.42	13.38
Rent	Single Room	4,415.95	4,515.98	4,518.53	0.06	2.32
Kerosene	Litre	109.68	101.44	101.94	0.49	-7.06
Electricity	200 KWh	4,419.94	4,740.54	4,696.55	-0.93	6.26
Electricity	50 KWh	1,104.99	834.23	823.24	-1.32	-25.50
Gas - (LPG)	13 Kg	2,185.79	2,141.31	2,124.79	-0.77	-2.79
Charcoal	4 Kg	140.93	144.74	147.17	1.68	4.43
Petrol	1 litre	116.48	113.57	108.83	-4.17	-6.57
Diesel	1 litre	110.57	103.90	102.82	-1.04	-7.01

The Food and Non-Alcoholic Drinks Index increased by 0.48 per cent from 251.53 in September to 252.74 in October 2019. As indicated in Table 3,

prices of several foodstuffs were significantly higher during the month under review compared to the prices recorded during the previous month. For instance, in October 2019 prices of maize grain-loose, maize flour-sifted and tomatoes increased by 5.82, 4.58 and 4.44 per cent, respectively. During the same period, prices of spinach, cabbages and sugar dropped by 4.6, 5.4 and 1.35 per cent respectively. Nevertheless, although the prices of Irish potatoes and kerosene increased relative to September 2019, they remained well below the October 2018 prices. The 'year on year' food and Non-Alcoholic Drinks inflation increased from 6.31 per cent in September 2019 to 8.74 per cent in October 2019.

The Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics Index increased by 1.97 per cent due to increase in prices of cigarettes following a rise of excise tax. However, the Transport Index decreased by 0.27 per cent mainly due to decrease in pump prices of diesel and petrol.