

## CONSUMER PRICE INDICES AND INFLATION RATES FOR MAY 2021

Kenya National Bureau of Statistics hereby releases the Consumer Price Indices (CPI) and inflation for May 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.

As shown in Tables 1 and 2, the CPI increased by 0.20 per cent from 114.746 in April 2021 to 114.977 in May 2021. The overall year on year inflation in May 2021 was 5.87 per cent.

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

Base Feb 2019=100

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
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

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

	Weight %	% Change on last month May 2021/April 2021	% Change on same month of the previous year May 2021 /May 2020
<b>13 COICOP Divisions</b>			
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	32.91	0.32	7.02
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	3.33	0.05	2.41
Clothing and Footwear	2.99	0.02	2.07
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	14.61	-0.15	3.22
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	3.74	0.21	3.55
Health	2.91	0.10	4.30
Transport	9.65	0.69	16.76
Information and Communication	7.78	0.03	1.40
Recreation, Sport and Culture	1.72	-0.33	2.30
Education Services	5.56	0.05	2.38
Restaurants and Accommodation Services	8.10	0.16	4.13
Insurance and Financial Services	2.24	0.12	1.85
Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.45	0.05	3.23
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>0.20</b>	<b>5.87</b>

The month to month Food and Non-Alcoholic Drinks' Index increased by 0.32 per cent between April 2021 and May 2021. This food inflation was mainly attributed to increase in prices of some food items, which outweighed the decrease in prices of other foodstuffs. For instance, as shown in Table 3, prices of onion-leeks and bulbs, kale (sukuma wiki) and cabbages increased by 5.03, 3.41 and 3.19 per cent, respectively. On the other hand, prices of oranges and Irish potatoes decreased by 3.99 per cent and 2.05 per cent, respectively. The year on year food inflation rose by 7.02 per cent between May 2020 and May 2021.

**Table 3: National Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities**

Commodity Name	Quantity	Unit of Measure	Average Price in May 2020	Average Price in April 2021	Average Price in May 2021	% Change over last month May 2021/ April 2021	% Change over same month of last Year May2021/ May2020
Onion -Leeks and Bulbs	1	Kilogramme	123.53	107.26	112.65	5.03	-8.80
Kale-Sukuma Wiki	1	Kilogramme	50.86	52.20	53.98	3.41	6.15
Cabbages	1	Kilogramme	41.70	43.47	44.85	3.19	7.55
Tomatoes	1	Kilogramme	115.89	107.37	110.15	2.59	-4.95
Beef - With Bones	1	Kilogramme	435.33	468.41	470.22	0.39	8.01
Sugar	1	Kilogramme	113.68	113.55	112.14	-1.24	-1.35
Ripe Bananas	1	Kilogramme	60.81	61.93	61.02	-1.46	0.34
Potatoes (Irish)	1	Kilogramme	71.63	72.25	70.77	-2.05	-1.20
Oranges	1	Kilogramme	64.68	68.48	65.75	-3.99	1.66
House rent- single room	1	Per Month	3,614.20	3,679.26	3,694.71	0.42	2.23
Electricity	200	Kilowatts	4,488.61	4,836.99	4,752.32	-1.75	5.88
Electricity	50	Kilowatts	771.25	858.35	837.18	-2.47	8.55
Charcoal	1	Kilogramme	57.41	59.83	58.07	-2.95	1.15
Petrol	1	Litre	84.58	123.66	127.21	2.87	50.40

The Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' Index, decreased by 0.15 per cent between April 2021 and May 2021. This was mainly attributed to decrease in prices of charcoal and electricity.

The Transport Index increased by 0.69 per cent mainly due to increase in pump prices of petrol by 2.87 per cent between April 2021 and May 2021.



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