

CONSUMER PRICE INDICES AND INFLATION RATES FOR JULY 2022

The overall year on year inflation rate as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) was 8.3 per cent, in July 2022. As presented in Tables 1 and 2, the rise in inflation was mainly due to increase in prices of commodities under food and non-alcoholic beverages (15.3 per cent); transport (7.0 per cent) and housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels (5.6 per cent) between July 2021 and July 2022. These three divisions account for over 57 per cent of the weights of the 13 broad categories. The prices of commodities under furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance recorded a 9.8 per cent increase during the review period.

The CPI increased by 0.7 per cent from an index of 124.22 in June 2022 to 125.05 in July 2022. The month-to-month Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages Index increased by 1.1 per cent between June 2022 and July 2022.

Table 1: Overall CPI and Rates of Inflation

Base Feb 2019=100		
Month	Overall CPI	Inflation Rate
July 2021	115.45	6.5
August 2021	115.71	6.6
September 2021	116.08	6.9
October 2021	116.67	6.4
November 2021	117.20	5.8
December 2021	118.27	5.7
January 2022	118.64	5.4
February 2022	119.13	5.1
March 2022	120.14	5.6
April 2022	122.17	6.5
May 2022	123.12	7.1
June 2022	124.22	7.9
July 2022	125.05	8.3

Table 2: One and Twelve-Month Changes in the Consumer Price Indices

	Weight %	% Change on last month (July 2022/ June 2022)	% Change on same month of the previous year (July 2022/ July 2021)
13 COICOP Divisions			
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	32.9094	1.1	15.3
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	3.3289	1.3	4.0
Clothing and Footwear	2.9914	0.3	2.3
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	14.6124	0.3	5.6
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	3.7372	1.1	9.8
Health	2.9116	0.3	1.2
Transport	9.6468	0.1	7.0
Information and Communication	7.7840	0.3	0.9
Recreation, Sport and Culture	1.7219	0.2	3.0
Education Services	5.5620	0.1	1.1
Restaurants and Accommodation Services	8.0991	0.9	4.0
Insurance and Financial Services	2.2423	0.1	0.4
Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.4532	0.8	4.2
Total	100.00	0.7	8.3

As shown in Table 3, relative to June 2022, prices of carrots, Maize grain- loose and Non aromatic (unbroken) white rice and beans increased by 13.0, 9.7 and 4.2 per cent in July 2022, respectively. During the same period, prices of onions- leeks and bulbs and potatoes (Irish) dropped by 5.5 per cent and 3.8 per cent, respectively.

Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics Index increased by 1.3 per cent between June 2022 and July 2022. This was due to an increase in prices of beer (lagers and stouts), among other items, as indicated in Table 3.

Table 3: National Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities

Commodity Name	Quantity	Unit of Measure	Average Price July 2021	Average Price June 2022	Average Price July 2022	% Change over last month July 2022/ June 2022	% Change over last year July 2022/ July 2021
Carrots	1	Kilogram	74.65	93.18	105.31	13.0	41.1
Maize Grain - Loose	1	Kilogram	54.98	65.89	72.32	9.7	31.5
Non Aromatic (Unbroken) White Rice	2	Kilogram	356.73	388.17	404.53	4.2	13.4
Beans	1	Kilogram	128.23	136.61	141.42	3.5	10.3
Kale-Sukuma Wiki	1	Kilogram	56.17	58.42	60.30	3.2	7.4
Beef - With Bones	1	Kilogram	476.21	514.64	520.80	1.2	9.4
Cabbages	1	Kilogram	45.88	49.86	50.40	1.1	9.8
Oranges	1	Kilogram	64.37	71.01	69.89	(1.6)	8.6
Potatoes (Irish)	1	Kilogram	70.75	84.85	81.66	(3.8)	15.4
Onion -Leeks and Bulbs	1	Kilogram	111.32	134.58	127.12	(5.5)	14.2
Beer (Lagers, Stouts)	500	Millilitre	187.93	192.39	195.90	1.8	4.2
House rent - single room	1	Per Month	3,728.67	3,832.40	3,853.97	0.6	3.4
Electricity	200	Kilowatts	4,977.50	4,373.12	4,373.12	-	(12.1)
Electricity	50	Kilowatts	837.18	796.83	796.83	-	(4.8)
Kerosene/Paraffin	1	Litre	98.78	128.86	128.86	-	30.5
Gas/LPG	13	Kilogram	2,394.18	3,218.22	3,100.67	(3.7)	29.5
Laundry Soap/Bar Soap	800	Gram	123.70	160.09	165.7	3.5	34.0
Petrol	1	Litre	127.98	159.94	159.94	-	25.0
Diesel	1	Litre	108.58	140.91	140.91	-	29.8

The Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' Index, increased by 0.3 per cent between June 2022 and July 2022 due to increase in prices of house rent-single room, among other things. During this period, the price of gas/LPG decreased by 3.7 per cent.

Housing Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance Index increased by 1.1 per cent between June 2022 and July 2022. This was mainly attributed to increase in prices of Laundry soap/Bar soap which rose by 3.5 per cent.



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