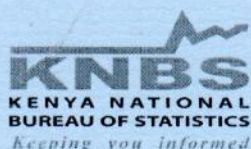


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CONSUMER PRICE INDICES AND INFLATION RATES FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

The overall year on year inflation rate as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) was 6.8 per cent, in September 2023. During the reference month, all sectors continued to record general increase in prices. Prices of commodities under Transport; Food and Non-alcoholic Beverages; and Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other fuels, increased by 13.0, 7.9 and 6.3 per cent, respectively, between September 2022 and September 2023. These three divisions account for over 57 per cent of the weights of the 13 broad categories.

The CPI and inflation is 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 outlets located in 50 data collection zones across the country.

As presented in Table 1 and Table 2, the CPI increased by 1.0 per cent from an index of 134.02 in August 2023 to 135.32 in September 2023.

Table 1: Overall CPI and Rates of Inflation

Base Feb 2019=100		
Month	Overall CPI	Inflation Rate
September 2022	126.73	9.2
October 2022	127.86	9.6
November 2022	128.31	9.5
December 2022	128.99	9.1
January 2023	129.29	9.0
February 2023	130.13	9.2
March 2023	131.18	9.2
April 2023	131.83	7.9
May 2023	133.01	8.0
June 2023	134.01	7.9
July 2023	134.15	7.3
August 2023	134.02	6.7
September 2023	135.32	6.8



Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages Index increased by 0.7 per cent between August 2023 and September 2023, as shown in Table 2. This food inflation was mainly attributed to increase in prices of some food items, which outweighed the decrease in prices of other foodstuffs. As presented in Table 3, prices of potatoes, cabbages and kales (sukuma-wiki) increased by 18.4, 7.4 and 4.2 per cent, respectively. During the same period however, prices of maize flour-loose, maize flour-sifted, maize grain-loose and wheat flour- white decreased by 6.7, 6.0, 5.4 and 3.6 per cent, respectively.

The Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' Index increased by 1.4 per cent between August 2023 and September 2023. This was mainly due to increase in the prices of kerosene by 19.4 per cent during the review period. However, prices of electricity of 200 kWh and 50 kWh dropped by 2.1 per cent and 2.5 per cent, respectively, between August 2023 and September 2023.

The Transport Index went up by 3.5 per cent between August 2023 and September 2023. The increase was mainly driven by rise in prices of petrol and diesel by 8.7 per cent and 11.8 per cent, respectively.

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

	Weight %	% Change on last month (September 2023/ August 2023)	% Change on same month of the previous year (September 2023/ September 2022)
13 COICOP Divisions			
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	32.9094	0.7	7.9
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	3.3289	0.8	10.4
Clothing and Footwear	2.9914	0.3	3.1
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	14.6124	1.4	6.3
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	3.7372	0.5	4.0
Health	2.9116	0.4	2.5
Transport	9.6468	3.5	13.0
Information and Communication	7.7840	0.2	1.1
Recreation, Sport and Culture	1.7219	0.3	5.5
Education Services	5.5620	0.2	2.1
Restaurants and Accommodation Services	8.0991	0.4	4.8
Insurance and Financial Services	2.2423	0.0	1.4
Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.4532	0.5	7.2
Total	100.0000	1.0	6.8

Table 3: National Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities

Commodity Name	Quantity	Unit of Measure	Average Price September 2022	Average Price August 2023	Average Price September 2023	% Change over last month September 2023/ August 2023	% Change over last year September 2023/ September 2022
Maize Flour - Loose	1	Kg	84.95	85.92	80.19	(6.7)	(5.6)
Maize Flour- Sifted	2	Kg	180.80	191.33	179.93	(6.0)	(0.5)
Maize Grain - Loose	1	Kg	75.73	78.66	74.41	(5.4)	(1.7)
Wheat Flour-White	2	Kg	198.22	198.13	191.00	(3.6)	(3.6)
Tomatoes	1	Kg	71.51	74.18	75.18	1.3	5.1
Kale-Sukuma Wiki	1	Kg	57.93	58.19	60.64	4.2	4.7
Cabbages	1	Kg	50.99	52.28	56.16	7.4	10.1
Potatoes (Irish)	1	Kg	80.69	85.95	101.77	18.4	26.1
Electricity	50	KWh	963.73	1,344.00	1,310.00	(2.5)	35.9
Electricity	200	KWh	5,040.70	6,505.94	6,370.58	(2.1)	26.4
House rent - bed sitter	1	Per Month	7,303.18	7,433.99	7,450.38	0.2	2.0
Gas/LPG	13	Kg	3,106.66	2,709.07	2,795.69	3.2	(10.0)
Kerosene/Paraffin	1	Litre	148.86	170.25	203.34	19.4	36.6
Petrol	1	Litre	180.05	195.32	212.25	8.7	17.9
Diesel	1	Litre	165.91	180.42	201.73	11.8	21.6



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