

KENYA NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS



CONSUMER PRICE INDICES AND INFLATION RATES FOR APRIL 2017

Kenya National Bureau of Statistics hereby releases Consumer Price Indices (CPI) and rates of inflation for April, 2017. These numbers have been generated using data collected during the second and third weeks of the month under review. The prices were obtained from selected retail outlets in 25 data collection zones which are located in Nairobi and in 13 other urban centers.

As shown in Tables 1 and 2, the CPI increased by 1.79 per cent from 182.98 in March to 186.24 in April 2017 while overall inflation rate stood at 11.48 per cent in April 2017.

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

	CPI Weight	% Change on last month (April 2017/ March 2017)	% Change on same month of previous year (April 2017/ April 2016)
Broad Commodity Group			
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	36.04	3.55	20.98
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	2.06	0.04	3.26
Clothing & Footwear	7.43	0.04	4.01
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	18.3	0.63	2.94
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	6.16	0.14	3.10
Health	3.13	-0.19	3.05
Transport	8.66	-0.22	5.11
Communication	3.82	0.00	0.10
Recreation & Culture	2.25	0.03	1.99
Education	3.14	0.00	2.85
Restaurant & Hotels	4.48	1.10	5.65
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	4.52	0.11	3.55
Total	100	1.79	11.48

Table 2: Overall CPI and Inflation Rates**Base: February 2009=100**

Month	Overall CPI	Overall Rate of Inflation
Apr-16	167.07	5.27
May-16	167.99	5.00
Jun-16	169.76	5.80
Jul-16	170.84	6.39
Aug-16	170.97	6.26
Sep-16	171.56	6.34
Oct-16	172.62	6.47
Nov-16	173.85	6.68
Dec-16	175.18	6.35
Jan-17	176.93	6.99
Feb-17	179.98	9.04
Mar-17	182.98	10.28
Apr-17	186.24	11.48

Table 3: National Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities

Commodity Name	Units of Measure	Average Price April 2016	Average price March 2017	Average Price April 2017	% Change on last month	% Change on same month last year
Maize Grain - Loose	1 Kg	41.15	51.78	56.18	8.51	36.54
Beans	1 Kg	120.78	142.23	146.55	3.04	21.34
Maize Flour - Loose	1 Kg	45.18	56.78	61.16	7.72	35.37
Maize Flour - Sifted	2 Kg	103.52	132.36	135.87	2.65	31.26
Milk - Fresh Packeted	500 Ml	53.35	56.65	60.21	6.30	12.87
Kale-Sukuma Wiki	1 Kg	38.27	58.09	62.49	7.58	63.29
Cabbages	1 Kg	55.15	77.81	85.39	9.73	54.84
Onions	1 Kg	132.14	118.78	125.28	5.47	-5.19
Rent	1 Room	3,980.00	4,099.63	4,108.70	0.22	3.23
Rice Grade 1	1 Kg	180.11	193.81	194.88	0.55	8.20
Rice Grade 2	1 Kg	102.31	114.33	115.14	0.71	12.54
Potatoes (Irish)	1 Kg	76.87	98.42	100.65	2.27	30.93
Sugar	1 Kg	112.20	132.82	136.45	2.74	21.61
Electricity	200 KWh	3,398.70	3,616.82	3,700.34	2.31	8.88
Electricity	50 KWh	534.30	569.61	590.49	3.67	10.52
Gas -(LPG)	13 Kg	2,268.37	1,998.70	2,063.95	3.26	-9.01

Between March and April 2017, Food and Non-Alcoholic Drinks' Index increased by 3.55 per cent. As shown in Table 3 above, this was mainly attributed to increase in prices of several food items including, Sukuma wiki, spinach, maize flour, milk, potatoes, cabbages, onions and maize grain. The increase in food prices was partly contributed by prevailing drought conditions. The year on year food inflation stood at 20.98 per cent in April 2017.

Despite a notable fall in the cost of kerosene, Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' index, increased by 0.63 per cent partly due to increases in cost of house rents, other cooking fuels and water services. The increase observed in the cost of electricity was mainly attributed to higher foreign exchange adjustment charges per KWh of electricity consumed in April 2017.

Over the same review period, the Transport Index decreased by 0.22 per cent in April compared to March 2017. This was mainly on account of decrease in the pump prices of petrol and diesel.