

KENYA NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS



CONSUMER PRICE INDICES AND INFLATION RATES FOR JULY 2015

Kenya National Bureau of Statistics hereby releases Consumer Price Indices (CPI) and inflation rates for July, 2015. 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 located in Nairobi and 13 other urban centers.

As shown in Tables 1 and 2, the CPI increased by 0.07 per cent from 160.46 in June 2015 to 160.57 in July 2015. The overall inflation rate stood at 6.62 per cent in July 2015.

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

Broad Commodity Group	CPI Weight	% Change on last month (July 2015/ June 2015)	% Change on same month of previous year (July 2015/ July 2014)
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	36.04	-0.60	12.14
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	2.06	0.17	3.12
Clothing & Footwear	7.43	0.34	4.91
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	18.30	0.76	2.21
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	6.16	0.53	4.08
Health	3.13	0.28	5.00
Transport	8.66	0.93	-2.46
Communication	3.82	0.01	1.19
Recreation & Culture	2.25	0.29	3.36
Education	3.14	0.04	3.86
Restaurant & Hotels	4.48	0.57	5.30
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	4.52	0.32	5.26
Total	100.00	0.07	6.62

Table 2: Overall CPI and Inflation Rates

February 2009=100

Month	Overall CPI	Overall Rate of Inflation
Jul-2014	150.60	7.67
Aug-2014	152.02	8.36
Sep-2014	152.24	6.60
Oct-2014	151.92	6.43
Nov-2014	151.85	6.09
Dec-2014	152.51	6.02
Jan-2015	153.43	5.53
Feb-2015	154.14	5.61
Mar-2015	155.86	6.31
Apr-2015	158.70	7.08
May-2015	159.98	6.87
Jun-2015	160.46	7.03
Jul-2015	160.57	6.62

Table 3: National Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities

Commodity Name	Units of Measure	Average Price July 2014	Average Price June 2015	Average Price July 2015	% Change on last month	% change on same month last year
Beef - With Bones	1 Kg	373.67	392.96	393.58	0.16	5.33
Maize grain	1 Kg	46.52	45.40	45.18	-0.49	-2.88
Potatoes (Irish)	1 Kg	42.22	64.03	63.25	-1.23	49.80
Kale-Sukuma Wiki	1 Kg	29.80	38.71	37.74	-2.51	26.65
Sugar	1 Kg	106.64	107.78	109.00	1.14	2.21
Sifted Maize Flour	2 Kg	118.04	112.38	113.00	0.55	-4.27
Cabbages	1 Kg	28.42	44.32	41.96	-5.32	47.66
Offals - Matumbo	1 Kg	218.26	237.14	236.94	-0.09	8.56
Charcoal	4 Kg	73.11	76.00	77.53	2.01	6.05
Gas - (LPG)	13 Kg	3,042.80	2,393.76	2,376.22	-0.73	-21.91
Electricity	50 KW/h	691	507.62	507.62	0.00	-26.54
Electricity	200 KW/h	3919	3453.8	3291.98	-4.69	-16.00
Kerosene	1 litre	84.99	62.73	63.69	1.53	-25.06
Petrol	1 litre	116.03	98.14	99.45	1.33	-14.29
Matatu Fares	About 200 Km	394.21	377.47	380.55	0.82	-3.47
Diesel	1 litre	106.24	84.26	85.51	1.48	-19.51
Country Bus Fares	About 350 Km	945.30	916.75	925.94	1.00	-2.05

Between June and July 2015, Food and Non-Alcoholic Drinks' Index decreased by 0.6 per cent. As indicated in Table 3 above, this resulted from observed decreases in prices of several food items outweighing the increases.

Over the same period, Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' Index, increased by 0.76 per cent. This was mainly due to cost increases in respect of common cooking fuels and other household utilities. In the new power tariffs, the cost of consuming 50 KWh of electricity remained the same as in June 2015. However, the cost of consuming more than 50 units were reduced such that the price of 200 KWh for instance decreased by almost 5 per cent.

During the same review period, the Transport Index increased by 0.93 per cent mainly due to slight rise in the cost of petrol and diesel.