

CONSUMER PRICE INDICES AND INFLATION RATES FOR JANUARY 2021

Kenya National Bureau of Statistics hereby releases Consumer Price Indices (CPI) and inflation for January, 2021. As shown in Tables 1 and 2, the CPI increased by 0.63 per cent from 111.866 in December 2020 to 112.576 in January 2021. The overall year on year inflation in January 2021 was 5.69 per cent.

Consumer price indices and inflation rates are generated from data collected through a monthly survey of retail prices that targets a representative basket of household consumption goods and services. The data collection is conducted in the second and third week of the month from selected retail outlets, located in 50 data collection zones across the country.

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

	Weight %	% Change on last month January 2021/ December 2020	% Change on same month of the previous year January 2021 / January 2020
13 COICOP Divisions			
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	32.91	1.26	7.36
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	3.33	-0.18	2.72
Clothing and Footwear	2.99	0.02	2.26
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	14.61	0.31	3.09
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	3.74	0.43	3.19
Health	2.91	0.13	4.45
Transport	9.65	1.07	14.24
Information and Communication	7.78	-0.15	0.80
Recreation, Sport and Culture	1.72	0.41	2.91
Education Services	5.56	0.28	1.86
Restaurants and Accommodation Services	8.10	-0.02	5.36
Insurance and Financial Services	2.24	0.32	1.45
Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.45	0.15	2.03
Total	100.00	0.63	5.69

Table 2: Overall CPI and Rates of Inflation

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

Table 3: National Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities

Commodity Name	Quantity	Unit of Measure	Average Price in January 2020	Average Price in December 2020	Average Price in January 2021	% Change over last month January 2021/ December 2020	% Change over same month of last Year January 2021/ January 2020
Peas (Garden, Snap, Snow)	1	Kg	116.58	157.39	139.12	-11.61	19.33
Tomatoes	1	Kg	110.47	96.89	95.40	-1.54	-13.64
Mangoes	1	Kg	100.63	105.84	102.41	-3.25	1.77
Oranges	1	Kg	66.24	69.04	67.75	-1.87	2.29
Potatoes (Irish)	1	Kg	68.08	67.01	68.44	2.12	0.53
Fortified Maize flour	2	Kg	131.71	116.80	119.49	2.30	-9.28
Cabbages	1	Kg	37.56	37.87	39.15	3.39	4.22
White bread	400	Gram	48.31	48.35	51.52	6.55	6.65
Cooking Oil (Salad)	1	Litre	197.53	206.22	227.66	10.40	15.25
House rent	1	Per Month	3,618.01	3,638.14	3,639.92	0.05	0.61
Electricity	200	KWh	4,480.86	4,664.41	4,812.64	3.18	7.40
Kerosene/Paraffin	1	Litre	104.49	84.50	88.07	4.22	-15.72
Petrol	1	Litre	110.67	107.69	107.86	0.15	-2.54
Diesel	1	Litre	102.85	92.75	97.33	4.94	-5.37

The month to month Food and Non-Alcoholic Drinks Index increased by 1.26 per cent between December, 2020 and January, 2021. The year on year food inflation rose by 7.36 per cent between January 2020 and January 2021. As shown in Table 3, prices of cooking oil (salad), white bread and cabbages went up by 10.40, 6.55 and 3.39 per cent, respectively. On the other hand, prices of peas (garden, snap and snow), mangoes and tomatoes decreased by 11.61, 3.25 and 1.54 per cent, respectively.

The Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels Index, increased by 0.31 per cent during the reference period. This was mainly attributed to increases of 4.22 per cent and 3.18 per cent, in the cost of kerosene and electricity, respectively.

The Transport Index increased by 1.07 per cent over the same period mainly due to a rise of 4.94 per cent and 0.15 per cent in the retail prices of diesel and petrol, respectively.