

KENYA NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS



CONSUMER PRICE INDICES AND INFLATION RATES FOR AUGUST 2015

Kenya National Bureau of Statistics hereby releases Consumer Price Indices (CPI) and inflation rates for August, 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 0.21 per cent from 160.57 in July 2015 to 160.90 in August 2015. The overall inflation rate stood at 5.84 per cent in August 2015.

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

| Broad Commodity Group | CPI Weight | % Change on last month (August 2015/ July 2015) | % Change on same month of previous year (August 2015/ August 2014) |
|--|---------------|---|--|
| Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages | 36.04 | -0.26 | 9.93 |
| Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics | 2.06 | 0.19 | 3.25 |
| Clothing & Footwear | 7.43 | 0.19 | 4.76 |
| Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels | 18.30 | 0.76 | 2.66 |
| Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance | 6.16 | 0.22 | 4.10 |
| Health | 3.13 | 0.15 | 4.96 |
| Transport | 8.66 | 1.42 | -1.79 |
| Communication | 3.82 | 0.02 | 1.20 |
| Recreation & Culture | 2.25 | 0.10 | 3.01 |
| Education | 3.14 | 0.08 | 3.94 |
| Restaurant & Hotels | 4.48 | 0.00 | 5.03 |
| Miscellaneous Goods & Services | 4.52 | 0.09 | 5.08 |
| Total | 100.00 | 0.21 | 5.84 |

Table 2: Overall CPI and Inflation Rates

February 2009=100

| Month | Overall CPI | Overall Rate of Inflation |
|----------|-------------|---------------------------|
| 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 |
| Aug-2015 | 160.90 | 5.84 |

Table 3: National Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities

| Commodity Name | Units of Measure | Average Price August 2014 | Average Price July 2015 | Average Price August 2015 | % Change on last month | % change on same month last year |
|--------------------|------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Beef With Bones | 1 Kg | 373.67 | 393.58 | 394.70 | 0.28 | 5.63 |
| Sifted Maize Flour | 2 Kg | 116.94 | 113.00 | 115.13 | 1.89 | -1.55 |
| Wheat Flour | 2 Kg | 135.02 | 126.67 | 130.93 | 3.36 | -3.03 |
| Maize grain | 1 Kg | 46.61 | 45.18 | 44.85 | -0.73 | -3.77 |
| Potatoes (Irish) | 1 Kg | 43.48 | 63.25 | 60.57 | -4.24 | 39.30 |
| Kale-Sukuma Wiki | 1 Kg | 30.44 | 37.74 | 37.13 | -1.63 | 21.98 |
| Tomatoes | 1 Kg | 101.45 | 111.34 | 107.53 | -3.42 | 5.99 |
| Spinach | 1 Kg | 40.25 | 46.51 | 44.87 | -3.53 | 11.47 |
| Onions | 1 Kg | 96.74 | 119.65 | 117.85 | -1.51 | 21.82 |
| Carrots | 1 Kg | 48.70 | 85.00 | 81.01 | -4.70 | 66.35 |

| Commodity Name | Units of Measure | Average Price August 2014 | Average Price July 2015 | Average Price August 2015 | % Change on last month | % change on same month last year |
|-------------------|------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Charcoal | 4 Kg tin | 73.52 | 77.53 | 77.56 | 0.04 | 5.49 |
| Gas ~ (LPG) | 13 Kg | 3,109.67 | 2,376.22 | 2,374.92 | -0.05 | -23.63 |
| Electricity | 50 KW/h | 689.50 | 507.62 | 605.64 | 19.31 | -12.16 |
| Electricity | 200 KW/h | 3,913.00 | 3,291.98 | 3,684.06 | 11.91 | -5.85 |
| Kerosene | 1 litre | 83.97 | 63.69 | 58.94 | -7.47 | -29.82 |
| Petrol | 1 litre | 117.30 | 99.45 | 103.50 | 4.07 | -11.77 |
| Diesel | 1 litre | 105.45 | 85.51 | 84.30 | -1.41 | -20.06 |
| Country Bus Fares | About 350 Km | 951.91 | 925.94 | 937.14 | 1.21 | -1.55 |

Between July and August 2015, Food and Non-Alcoholic Drinks' Index decreased by 0.26 per cent. This was mainly due to favourable weather conditions which have prevailed in recent months and which caused observed decreases in prices of several food items.

During the review period, Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' Index, increased by 0.76 per cent. This was mainly attributed net cost increases in respect of cooking fuels and other household utilities. The cost of electricity consumption for instance, surged upwards due to increases in both fuel cost adjustment and foreign exchange charges per KWh of electricity consumed.

Despite notable fall in the cost of diesel, the Transport Index increased by 1.42 per cent over the same period. This was mainly due to continued rise in the cost of petrol, fares and other transport costs.