

KENYA NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS



CONSUMER PRICE INDICES AND INFLATION RATES FOR APRIL 2020

Kenya National Bureau of Statistics hereby releases the monthly Consumer Price Indices (CPI) and rates of inflation, for April, 2020. These numbers are based on the new CPI whose base period is February 2019. They were generated from a survey of retail prices that targeted a basket of household consumption goods and services that was derived from results of the 2015/16 Kenya Integrated Household Budget Survey (KIHBS). The retail price survey was conducted during the second and third weeks of the month, with prices being obtained from selected retail outlets located in 50 data collection zones, 14 of which are in Nairobi and 36 in other urban areas.

As shown in Tables 1 and 2, the CPI increased by 0.86 per cent from 107.00 in March 2020 to 107.92 in April 2020. The overall year on year inflation in April 2020 stood at 5.62 per cent from a revised 5.51 per cent in March 2020.

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

	Weight	% Change on last month April 2020/ March 2020)	% Change on same month of previous year April 2020 / April 2019)
13 COICOP Divisions			
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	32.91	1.77	11.58
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	3.33	0.88	7.08
Clothing and Footwear	2.99	0.00	1.91
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	14.61	0.41	2.25
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	3.74	-0.04	1.92
Health	2.91	0.11	0.94
Transport	9.65	1.32	5.46
Information and Communication	7.78	0.04	0.50
Recreation, Sport and Culture	1.72	0.00	0.92
Education Services	5.56	0.00	1.42
Restaurants and Accommodation Services	8.10	0.09	2.75
Insurance and Financial Services	2.24	0.07	0.54
Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.45	0.07	2.38
Total	100.00	0.86	5.62

Table 2: Overall CPI and Inflation Rates

Base: February 2019=100

Month	Overall New CPI	Inflation Rate
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Feb 2020	106.80	6.80
Mar 2020	107.00	5.51
Apr 2020	107.92	5.62

Table 3: National Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities

Commodity Name	Quantity	Unit of Measure	Average Price April 2019	Average Price March 2020	Average Price April 2020	% Change over last month April 2020/ March 2020	% Change over last Year April 2020/ April 2019
Maize Grain - Loose	1	Kilogram	43.38	49.23	51.20	4.00	18.02
Maize Flour - Loose	1	Kilogram	45.87	53.36	53.73	0.70	17.13
Kale-Sukuma Wiki	1	Kilogram	57.24	47.77	49.88	4.41	-12.87
Cabbages	1	Kilogram	43.59	39.71	41.41	4.31	-5.00
Carrots	1	Kilogram	86.38	67.67	70.09	3.58	-18.86
Onion -Leeks and Bulbs	1	Kilogram	95.18	110.60	118.20	6.87	24.18
Potatoes (Irish)	1	Kilogram	77.62	69.81	74.29	6.41	-4.29
Beef - With Bones	1	Kilogram	427.40	434.47	435.10	0.14	1.80
Beans	1	Kilogram	101.68	116.40	119.89	3.00	17.91
Electricity	50	KWh	778.73	762.42	782.48	2.63	0.48
Electricity	200	KWh	4518.50	4453.26	4533.54	1.80	0.33
Kerosene/Paraffin	1	Litre	102.49	96.72162	78.2488	-19.10	-23.65
Gas/LPG	13	Kilogram	2096.46	2065.98	2077.88	0.58	-0.89
Diesel	1	Litre	103.09	102.93	98.51	-4.29	-4.44
Petrol	1	Litre	107.57	112.07	93.78	-16.32	-12.82
City Bus/Matatu Fares (Town and Environs)	1	ticket	30.00	30.00	50.00	66.67	66.67

Food and Non-Alcoholic Drinks' Index increased by 1.77 per cent between March 2020 and April 2020, while the year on year food inflation in April, 2020 stood at 11.58 per cent. As indicated in Table 3, the increase was mainly attributed to increase in prices of some food items such as loose maize-grain, *sukuma wiki* (kales), onions, irish potatoes and carrots which increased by 4.00, 4.41, 6.87, 6.41 and 3.58 per cent, respectively.

During the same period, Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' Index, increased by 0.41 per cent. As indicated in Table 3, this was mainly attributed to increases in electricity and cooking gas, which slightly outweighed the decrease of 19.10 per cent that was recorded in respect of the cost of kerosene.

During the same review period, the Transport Index increased by 1.32 per cent, mainly due to increase in prices of *matatu* and *taxi* fares among others. However, prices of petrol and diesel dropped by 16.32 per cent and 4.29 per cent, respectively, over the same period.