

# KENYA NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS



## CONSUMER PRICE INDICES AND INFLATION RATES FOR DECEMBER 2019

Kenya National Bureau of Statistics hereby releases the monthly Consumer Price Indices (CPI) and rates of inflation, for December, 2019. These numbers were generated from a survey of retail prices that targeted a basket of household consumption goods and services. The exercise was conducted during the second and third weeks of the month, with prices being obtained from selected retail outlets in 25 data collection zones in Nairobi and in 13 other urban centers.

As shown in Tables 1 and 2, the CPI increased by 0.90 per cent from 202.94 in November 2019 to 204.77 in December 2019. The overall year on year inflation in December 2019 was 5.82 per cent.

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

Broad Commodity Group	Weight	% Change on last month Dec2019/ Nov 2019 )	% Change on same month of previous year (Dec 2019 /Dec 2018)
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	36.04	1.46	10.02
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	2.06	-0.03	7.37
Clothing and Footwear	7.43	0.18	1.52
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	18.30	0.01	2.40
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	6.16	0.01	1.24
Health	3.13	0.06	1.20
Transport	8.66	2.10	2.74
Communication	3.82	0.00	0.29
Recreation and Culture	2.25	0.02	0.23
Education	3.14	0.00	1.38
Restaurant and Hotels	4.48	0.05	2.12
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.52	0.12	1.67
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>0.90</b>	<b>5.82</b>

Table 2: Overall CPI and Inflation Rates

Base: February 2009=100

Month	Overall CPI	Inflation Rate
Dec 2018	193.51	5.71
Jan 2019	194.18	4.70
Feb 2019	195.78	4.14
Mar 2019	198.91	4.35
Apr 2019	205.90	6.58
May 2019	205.77	5.49
June 2019	204.34	5.70
July 2019	203.61	6.27
Aug 2019	201.78	5.00
Sep 2019	201.57	3.83
Oct 2019	202.12	4.95
Nov 2019	202.94	5.56
Dec 2019	204.77	5.82

Table 3: National Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities

Commodity Name	Unit of Measure	Average Price Dec 18	Average Price Nov 19	Average Price Dec 19	% Change over last month Dec 19/Nov 19	% Change over last Year Dec 19/Dec 18
Beans	1 Kg	107.68	123.08	124.95	1.51	16.03
Maize Flour - Sifted	2 Kg	86.55	130.77	131.77	0.77	52.26
Beef - With Bones	1 Kg	447.47	456.30	461.36	1.11	3.10
Milk - Fresh Unpacketed	1000 ml	60.96	64.59	64.16	-0.67	5.24
Mangoes	1 Kg	115.40	125.92	121.58	-3.44	5.35
Spinach	1 Kg	44.50	39.81	43.43	9.10	-2.40
Kale-Sukuma Wiki	1 Kg	43.24	37.32	39.40	5.59	-8.88
Tomatoes	1 Kg	75.74	95.78	103.22	7.78	36.29
Onions	1 Kg	85.66	92.92	97.67	5.11	14.02
Potatoes (Irish)	1 Kg	75.17	71.32	72.58	1.77	-3.44
Sugar	1 Kg	125.20	104.19	108.48	4.12	-13.35
Electricity	200 KWh	4,434.48	4,620.08	4,515.68	-2.26	1.83
Electricity	50 KWh	757.72	804.12	778.02	-3.25	2.68
Kerosene	1 litre	106.15	104.53	102.81	-1.65	-3.15
Charcoal	4 Kg	141.62	151.03	152.37	0.88	7.59
House Rent	one room	4,436.45	4,526.75	4,526.75	0.00	2.04
Petrol	1 litre	114.96	110.99	109.91	-0.97	-4.39
Diesel	1 litre	111.89	105.10	102.28	-2.68	-8.59

The Food and Non-Alcoholic Drinks' Index increased by 1.46 per cent from November 2019 to December 2019. As shown in Table 3, the increase was mainly due to rise in prices of some foodstuffs outweighing decrease recorded in others. High increases of vegetables was recorded despite the ongoing heavy rains. For instance, prices of Kales (*sukuma wiki*), tomatoes, spinach and onions increased by 5.6, 7.8, 9.1 and 5.1 per cent, respectively, compared with the prices for the previous month. However, during the same period, prices of unpacketed fresh milk and mangoes dropped.

The Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' Index, increased marginally mainly attributed to higher prices of charcoal. However, the cost of electricity dropped slightly compared to the previous month.

Despite decrease in the pump prices of diesel and petrol during the month, the Transport Index increased by 2.1 per cent mainly as a result of increase in public transport fares.