

CONSUMER PRICE INDICES AND INFLATION RATES FOR DECEMBER 2020

Kenya National Bureau of Statistics hereby releases Consumer Price Indices (CPI) and inflation for December, 2020. As shown in Tables 1 and 2, the CPI increased by 0.98 per cent from 110.779 in November 2020 to 111.866 in December 2020. The overall year on year inflation in December 2020 was 5.62 per cent.

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

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

	Weight %	% Change on last month December 2020/ November 2020	% Change on same month of the previous year December 2020 / December 2019
13 COICOP Divisions			
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	32.91	2.45	7.19
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	3.33	0.36	3.66
Clothing and Footwear	2.99	0.04	2.42
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	14.61	0.59	3.07
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	3.74	0.46	2.88
Health	2.91	0.37	4.53
Transport	9.65	1.15	13.21
Information and Communication	7.78	0.12	0.92
Recreation, Sport and Culture	1.72	0.33	3.05
Education Services	5.56	0.21	2.44
Restaurants and Accommodation Services	8.10	0.49	5.48
Insurance and Financial Services	2.24	0.04	1.29
Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.45	0.39	2.19
Total	100.00	0.98	5.62

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

Table 3: National Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities

Commodity Name	Quantity	Unit of Measure	Average Price in December 2019	Average Price in November 2020	Average Price in December 2020	% Change over last month December 2020/ November 2020	% Change over same month of last Year December 2020 December 2019
Maize Flour - Loose	1	Kg	51.36	49.62	48.99	(1.28)	(4.61)
Fortified Maize flour	2	Kg	132.01	117.63	116.80	(0.70)	(11.52)
Capsicums (Pilipili Hoho)	1	Kg	84.34	73.92	67.34	(8.91)	(20.16)
Goat Milk	1	Litre	107.78	107.05	104.71	(2.19)	(2.85)
Wheat Flour-White	2	Kg	121.83	118.87	124.51	4.75	2.20
Mutton/Goat Meat	1	Kg	511.98	529.44	537.66	1.55	5.02
Offals (Matumbo, Liver and Kidney)	1	Kg	258.35	263.57	266.59	1.14	3.19
Oranges	1	Kg	69.27	65.02	69.04	6.18	(0.33)
Spinach	1	Kg	58.04	53.70	58.04	8.09	0.01
Kale-Sukuma Wiki	1	Kg	43.62	48.07	50.77	5.61	16.38
Cabbages	1	Kg	38.33	36.83	37.87	2.82	(1.21)
Carrots	1	Kg	73.73	70.86	73.91	4.30	0.24
Onion -Leeks and Bulbs	1	Kg	100.23	103.24	107.19	3.83	6.94
Potatoes (Irish)	1	Kg	68.20	64.39	67.01	4.08	(1.74)
House rent -Double room	1	per month	6,289.16	6,282.24	6,253.16	(0.46)	(0.57)
Electricity	200	KWh	4,514.49	4,629.07	4,664.41	0.76	3.32
Kerosene/Paraffin	1	Litre	103.20	82.78	84.50	2.08	(18.12)
Petrol	1	Litre	110.34	106.71	107.69	0.92	(2.41)
Diesel	1	Litre	102.67	91.65	92.75	1.20	(9.66)

The month to month Food and Non-Alcoholic Drinks' Index increased by 2.45 per cent between November and December, 2020. The corresponding year on year food inflation rose by 7.19 per cent. This food inflation was mainly attributed to increase in prices of particular food items, which outweighed the decreases. For instance, as shown in Table 3, retail prices of loose maize flour and capsicums (pilipili hoho) declined by 1.28 per cent and 8.91 per cent, respectively. On the other hand, prices of spinach, oranges and kales (sukuma-wiki) rose by 8.09, 6.18 and 5.61 per cent, respectively.

The Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' Index, increased by 0.59 per cent between November and December, 2020. This was mainly attributed to increases of 0.76 per cent and 2.08 per cent, in cost of electricity and kerosene, respectively.

The Transport index increased by 1.15 per cent over the same period mainly due to a rise in the retail prices of diesel and petrol by 1.20 per cent and 0.92 per cent, respectively.