

KENYA NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS



CONSUMER PRICE INDICES AND INFLATION RATES FOR JANUARY 2020

Kenya National Bureau of Statistics hereby releases the monthly Consumer Price Indices (CPI) and rates of inflation, for January, 2020. 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 0.31 per cent from 204.77 in December 2019 to 205.40 in January 2020. The overall year on year inflation in January 2020 stood at 5.78 per cent.

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

Broad Commodity Group	Weight	% Change on last month Jan 2020/ Dec 2019)	% Change on same month of previous year (Jan 2020 /Jan 2019)
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	36.04	0.39	9.60
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	2.06	0.86	8.07
Clothing and Footwear	7.43	0.36	1.78
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	18.30	0.45	2.66
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	6.16	0.04	1.09
Health	3.13	0.35	1.19
Transport	8.66	-0.04	4.16
Communication	3.82	0.00	0.19
Recreation and Culture	2.25	0.19	0.36
Education	3.14	1.26	1.65
Restaurant and Hotels	4.48	0.36	2.32
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.52	0.06	1.34
Total	100.00	0.31	5.78

Table 2: Overall CPI and Inflation Rates

Base: February 2009=100

Month	Overall CPI	Inflation Rate
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
Jan 2020	205.40	5.78

Table 3: National Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities

Commodity Name	Unit of Measure	Average Price Jan 2019	Average Price Dec 2019	Average Price Jan 2020	% Change over last month Jan 2020/ Dec19	% Change over last Year Jan 2020/ Jan19
Maize Grain - Loose	1 Kg	35.23	51.42	51.53	0.21	46.25
Green Grams	1 Kg	156.19	197.66	195.70	-0.99	25.29
Maize Flour - Sifted	2 Kg	87.20	131.77	131.90	0.10	51.27
Milk - Fresh Unpacketed	1000 ml	61.28	64.16	64.56	0.62	5.35
Cooking Fat	1 KG	235.49	231.54	230.70	-0.36	-2.04
Spinach	1 Kg	46.41	43.43	45.34	4.38	-2.31
Cabbages	1 Kg	38.28	37.98	37.89	-0.23	-1.02
Carrots	1 Kg	63.93	59.16	61.07	3.22	-4.48
Onions	1 Kg	87.27	97.67	102.80	5.25	17.80
Potatoes (Irish)	1 Kg	75.42	72.58	72.46	-0.17	-3.93
Sugar	1 Kg	122.00	108.48	108.79	0.28	-10.83
House Rent	2 Bedrooms (Flats)	21,559.20	21,734.57	21,915.40	0.83	1.65
House Rent	One Room	4,456.98	4,526.75	4,634.73	2.39	3.99
Kerosene	1 litre	102.56	102.81	104.46	1.60	1.85
Electricity	200 KWh	4,485.52	4,514.49	4,480.86	-0.74	-0.10
Electricity	50 KWh	770.48	777.72	769.32	-1.08	-0.15
Gas -(LPG)	13 Kg	2,193.13	2,101.16	2,144.81	2.08	-2.20

Petrol	1 litre	104.99	109.91	110.61	0.64	5.35
Diesel	1 litre	103.10	102.28	102.81	0.52	-0.28

Food and Non-Alcoholic Drinks' Index increased by 0.39 per cent between December 2019 and January 2020 mainly driven by increase in prices of some food items outweighing decrease registered in others. For instance, as shown in Table 3, prices of onions, spinach and carrots increased by 5.25, 4.38 and 3.22 per cent, respectively. However, during the same period, prices of green grams and cooking fat dropped by 0.99 per cent and 0.36 per cent, respectively.

During the same period, Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' Index, increased by 0.45 per cent. As indicated in Table 3, this was mainly attributed to increase in the cost of house rent, kerosene and gas. However, during the same period, the cost of 50 KWh and 200 KWh of electricity consumption decreased by 1.08 per cent and 0.74 per cent, respectively.

The Education Index increased by 1.26 per cent. This was mainly attributed to increase in prices of tuition and boarding fee in private institutions.

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