

KENYA NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS



CONSUMER PRICE INDICES AND INFLATION RATES FOR NOVEMBER 2019

Kenya National Bureau of Statistics hereby releases monthly Consumer Price Indices (CPI) and rates of inflation, for November, 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 located in Nairobi and in 13 other urban centers.

As shown in Tables 1 and 2, the CPI increased by 0.40 per cent from 202.12 in October 2019 to 202.94 in November 2019. The overall year on year inflation in November 2019 stood at 5.56 per cent.

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

Broad Commodity Group	Weight	% Change on last month Nov2019/ Oct 2019)	% Change on same month of previous year (Nov 2019 /Nov 2018)
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	36.04	0.62	9.58
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	2.06	0.19	7.53
Clothing and Footwear	7.43	0.13	1.47
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	18.30	0.29	2.47
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	6.16	0.04	1.33
Health	3.13	0.03	1.30
Transport	8.66	0.29	1.98
Communication	3.82	0.04	0.29
Recreation and Culture	2.25	0.00	0.31
Education	3.14	0.01	1.44
Restaurant and Hotels	4.48	0.43	2.38
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.52	0.04	1.88
Total	100.00	0.40	5.56

Table 2: Overall CPI and Inflation Rates

Base: February 2009=100

Month	Overall CPI	Inflation Rate
Nov 2018	192.25	5.58
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

Table 3: National Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities

Commodity Name	Unit of measure	Average price - November 2018	Average price - October 2019	Average price - November 2019	% Change over last month (Nov19/ Oct 19)	% Change over a year ago (Nov 19/ Nov 18)
Potatoes (Irish)	1 Kg	77.80	66.64	71.32	7.0	-8.3
Tomatoes	1 Kg	66.93	90.28	95.78	6.1	43.1
Maize Flour - Sifted	2 Kg	84.32	125.40	130.77	4.3	55.1
Maize Flour - Loose	1 Kg	41.51	54.96	56.26	2.4	35.5
Green Grams	1 Kg	152.66	187.52	194.84	3.9	27.6
Wheat Flour	2 Kg	122.45	126.31	125.56	-0.6	2.5
Beans	1 Kg	107.89	124.03	123.08	-0.8	14.1
Kale-Sukuma Wiki	1 Kg	44.62	37.58	37.32	-0.7	-16.4
Milk - Fresh Unpacketed	1000 ml	60.70	67.38	64.59	-4.1	6.4
Sugar	1 Kg	127.38	104.72	104.19	-0.5	-18.2
Mineral Waters	1 litre	76.86	77.24	79.10	2.4	2.9
Electricity	200 KWh	4,434.48	4,696.55	4,620.08	-1.6	4.2
Electricity	50 KWh	757.72	823.24	804.12	-2.3	6.1
House Rent	1 Room	4,431.55	4,518.53	4,526.75	0.2	2.1
Charcoal	4 Kg	141.12	147.17	151.03	2.6	7.0
Gas -(LPG)	13 Kg	2,193.42	2,124.79	2,100.88	-1.1	-4.2
Kerosene	1 litre	109.25	101.94	104.53	2.5	-4.3
Petrol	1 litre	117.54	108.83	110.99	2.0	-5.6
Diesel	1 litre	108.97	102.82	105.10	2.2	-3.6

Between October and November 2019, Food and Non-Alcoholic Drinks' Index increased by 0.62 per cent. As indicated in Table 3, this was due to increase in prices of some foodstuffs outweighing decrease recorded in respect of others. This increase was greatly contributed by increase in prices of potatoes (Irish), tomatoes, maize flour-sifted, green grams and mineral waters which increased by 7.0, 6.1, 4.3, 3.9 and 2.4 per cent, respectively. However, during the same period, milk-fresh unpacketed, wheat flour and sugar prices dropped by 4.1, 0.6 and 0.5 per cent respectively.

During the same period, Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' Index, increased by 0.29 per cent. As indicated in Table 3, this was mainly attributed to increase in the cost of house rent and cooking fuels. However, during the same period price of Gas-(LPG) decreased by 1.1 per cent.

The Transport Index increased by 0.29 per cent mainly due to increase in pump prices of diesel and petrol.