

CONSUMER PRICE INDICES AND INFLATION RATES FOR JULY 2021

The overall year on year inflation rate as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) was 6.44 per cent, in July 2021. This was mainly driven by rise in prices of commodities under: food and non-alcoholic beverages (8.84 per cent); housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels (6.03 per cent); and transport (10.33 per cent) between July 2020 and July 2021. These details are presented in Tables 1 and 2.

The CPI increased by 0.20 per cent from 115.110 in June 2021 to 115.337 in July 2021. The month to month Food and Non-Alcoholic Drinks' Index decreased by 0.46 per cent between June 2021 and July 2021. This was mainly attributed to decreases in prices of some food items, which outweighed the increase in prices of others.

Table 1: Overall CPI and Rates of Inflation

Base Feb 2019=100

Month	Overall New CPI	Inflation Rate
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
January 2021	112.576	5.69
February 2021	113.365	5.78
March 2021	113.814	5.90
April 2021	114.746	5.76
May 2021	114.977	5.87
June 2021	115.110	6.32
July 2021	115.337	6.44

Table 2: One and Twelve Months' Changes in the Consumer Price Indices

	Weight %	% Change on last month July 2021/June 2021	% Change on same month of the previous year July 2021 /July 2020
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Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	32.91	-0.46	8.84
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	3.33	0.97	2.83
Clothing and Footwear	2.99	0.21	2.60
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	14.61	1.34	6.03
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	3.74	0.52	5.00
Health	2.91	-0.02	3.85
Transport	9.65	0.03	10.33
Information and Communication	7.78	1.81	3.46
Recreation, Sport and Culture	1.72	0.25	1.14
Education Services	5.56	0.04	1.48
Restaurants and Accommodation Services	8.10	-0.03	4.45
Insurance and Financial Services	2.24	0.12	2.03
Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.45	0.13	3.09
Total	100.00	0.20	6.44

As shown in Table 3, prices of tomatoes, white bread and oranges decreased by 4.12, 2.79 and 1.81 per cent, respectively. On the other hand, prices of cooking oil (salad) and cabbages increased by 3.64 per cent and 2.45 per cent, respectively.

Table 3: National Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities

Commodity Name	Quantity	Unit of Measure	Average Price July 20	Average Price June 2021	Average Price July 2021	% Change over last month July 2021/ June 2021	% Change over last Year July 2021/ Ju 1y 2020
Tomatoes	1	Kg	96.19	106.18	101.80	-4.12	5.84
White bread	400	Gram	48.31	54.11	52.60	-2.79	8.89
Oranges	1	Kg	62.03	65.55	64.37	-1.81	3.78
Sugar	1	Kg	116.67	111.78	110.31	-1.31	-5.45
Maize Grain - Loose	1	Kg	51.53	48.45	47.87	-1.20	-7.12
Kale-Sukuma Wiki	1	Kg	51.84	55.83	56.17	0.61	8.35
Cabbages	1	Kg	39.44	44.79	45.88	2.45	16.35
Cooking Oil (Salad)	1	Litre	199.89	255.83	265.15	3.64	32.65
House Rent - 2 Bedroom	1	Per Month	17,147.61	16,999.19	16,947.31	-0.31	-1.17
Kerosene/Paraffin	1	Litre	66.41	98.78	98.78	0.00	48.73
Electricity	200	Kilowatts	4,552.20	4,940.05	4,977.50	0.76	9.34
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Gas/LPG	13	Kg	2,075.00	2,074.23	2,394.18	15.43	15.38
Petrol	1	Litre	101.37	127.98	127.98	0.00	26.24
Diesel	1	Litre	92.81	108.58	108.58	0.00	16.99
Mobile Phone Airtime	1	Per minute	2.36	2.35	2.41	2.40	2.16

The Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' Index, increased by 1.34 per cent between June 2021 and July 2021. This was mainly attributed to increase in prices of cooking gas, which went up by 15.43 per cent. In addition, electricity prices went up by 0.76 per cent and 1.06 per cent for 200 Kilowatts and 50 Kilowatts, respectively.

The Information and Communication Index increased by 1.81 per cent, mainly as a result of an increase in price of mobile phone airtime, which went up by 2.40 per cent between June 2021 and July 2021.

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