

# KENYA NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS



## CONSUMER PRICE INDICES AND INFLATION RATES FOR JANUARY 2018

Kenya National Bureau of Statistics hereby releases monthly Consumer Price Indices (CPI) and rates of inflation, for January, 2018. These numbers were generated by conducting a survey of retail prices for a basket of household consumption goods and services, during the second and third weeks of the month under review. The prices were obtained from selected retail outlets in 25 data collection zones spread across Nairobi and 13 other urban centers.

As shown in Tables 1 and 2, the CPI increased by 1.32 per cent from 183.05 in December 2017 to 185.47 in January 2018. The overall year on year inflation stood at 4.83 per cent in January 2018.

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

Broad Commodity Group	Weight	% Change on last month (January 2018/ December 2017)	% Change on same month of previous year (January 2018/ January 2017)
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	36.04	1.69	4.71
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	2.06	0.53	3.03
Clothing and Footwear	7.43	0.69	3.61
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	18.3	0.90	5.74
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	6.16	0.54	3.62
Health	3.13	0.35	4.26
Transport	8.66	1.53	6.80
Communication	3.82	0.07	0.59
Recreation and Culture	2.25	0.22	1.67
Education	3.14	4.42	5.38
Restaurant and Hotels	4.48	0.39	7.03
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.52	0.76	4.11
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1.32</b>	<b>4.83</b>

**Table 2: Overall CPI and Inflation Rates****Base: February 2009=100**

Month	Overall CPI	Inflation Rate
Jan 2017	176.93	6.99
Feb 2017	179.98	9.04
Mar 2017	182.98	10.28
Apr 2017	186.24	11.48
May 2017	187.64	11.7
Jun 2017	185.39	9.21
Jul 2017	183.6	7.47
Aug 2017	184.72	8.04
Sep 2017	183.66	7.06
Oct 2017	182.50	5.72
Nov 2017	182.08	4.73
Dec 2017	183.05	4.50
Jan 2018	185.47	4.83

**Table 3: National Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities**

Commodity name	Units	Jan-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	% Change over a month ago	% Change over a Year ago
Kale-Sukuma Wiki	1 Kg	48.74	43.67	48.61	11.29	-0.27
Cabbages	1 Kg	71.58	34.72	38.24	10.15	-46.57
Potatoes (Irish)	1 Kg	82.33	54.40	56.10	3.13	-31.85
Beef - With Bones	1 Kg	402.44	428.15	431.24	0.72	7.16
Tomatoes	1 Kg	76.41	94.52	95.89	1.45	25.50
Milk - Fresh Packeted	500 ML	54.27	60.04	60.54	0.83	11.55
Sugar	1 Kg	133.28	134.00	132.16	-1.37	-0.83
Mangoes	1 Kg	113.57	114.75	93.86	-18.21	-17.35
Electricity	50 KWh	559.19	669.45	682.71	1.98	22.09
Electricity	200 KWh	3,575.14	4,016.18	4,069.22	1.32	13.82
Petrol	1 litre	96.88	105.04	107.17	2.03	10.62
Diesel	1 Litre	85.20	92.44	95.79	3.62	12.43
Kerosene	1 Litre	64.41	71.42	75.74	6.05	17.59
Gas -(LPG)	13 Kg	1,989.87	2,141.46	2,140.37	-0.05	7.56

Between December 2017 and January 2018, Food and Non-Alcoholic Drinks' Index increased by 1.69 per cent mainly due to increases in prices of some

foodstuffs which outweighed the falls in others. The year on year food inflation increased from 4.68 per cent in December 2017 to 4.71 per cent in January 2018.

Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' Index, increased by 0.90 per cent in January 2018 compared to December 2017. This was attributed to slight increases in prices house of rents, electricity, charcoal and kerosene as indicated in Table 3.

During the same review period, the Transport Index recorded an increase of 1.53 per cent on account of increase in pump prices of both petrol and diesel.