

# KENYA NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS



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## CONSUMER PRICE INDICES AND INFLATION RATES FOR MAY 2016

Kenya National Bureau of Statistics hereby releases Consumer Price Indices (CPI) and inflation rates for May, 2016. These numbers have been generated using data collected during the second and third weeks of the month under review. The prices were obtained from selected retail outlets in 25 data collection zones located in Nairobi and 13 other urban centers.

As shown in Tables 1 and 2, the CPI increased by 0.55 per cent from 167.07 in April 2016 to 167.99 in May 2016. The overall inflation rate in May 2016 stood at 5.00 per cent.

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

Broad Commodity Group	CPI Weight	% Change on last month (May 2016/ April 2015)	% Change on same month of previous year (May 2016/ May 2015)
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	36.04	0.82	6.58
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	2.06	0.13	14.41
Clothing & Footwear	7.43	0.15	4.05
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	18.30	0.09	2.14
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	6.16	0.18	4.21
Health	3.13	0.03	3.82
Transport	8.66	0.55	1.16
Communication	3.82	0.00	2.53
Recreation & Culture	2.25	0.26	4.12
Education	3.14	0.02	4.24
Restaurant & Hotels	4.48	1.15	5.21
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	4.52	0.16	3.64
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>0.55</b>	<b>5.00</b>

**Table 2: Overall CPI and Inflation Rates**

February 2009=100

Month	Overall CPI	Overall Rate of Inflation
May-2015	159.98	6.87
Jun-2015	160.46	7.03
Jul-2015	160.57	6.62
Aug-2015	160.90	5.84
Sep-2015	161.33	5.97
Oct-2015	162.13	6.72
Nov-2015	162.97	7.32
Dec-2015	164.72	8.01
Jan-2016	165.37	7.78
Feb-2016	164.67	6.84
Mar-2016	165.92	6.45
Apr-2016	167.07	5.27
May-2016	167.99	5.00

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

Commodity Name	Units of Measure	Average Price April 2015	Average Price May 2016	Average Price April 2016	% Change on last month	% change on same month last year
Green Maize	1 Cob	25.37	26.75	28.52	6.6	12.4
Maize Flour - Sifted	2 Kg	110.50	103.52	108.10	4.4	-2.2
Beans	1 Kg	121.20	120.78	123.68	2.4	2.0
Potatoes (Irish)	1 Kg	67.58	76.87	78.28	1.8	15.8
Cooking Oil	1 litre	219.29	229.15	228.16	-0.4	4.0
Mangoes	1 Kg	78.16	93.06	96.97	4.2	24.1
Tomatoes	1 Kg	114.70	149.67	155.34	3.8	35.4
Orange	1 Kg	84.38	100.64	104.40	3.7	23.7
Spinach	1 Kg	45.70	46.92	46.09	-1.8	0.9
Diesel	1 litre	80.30	67.21	71.34	6.1	-11.2
Petrol	1 litre	93.76	81.61	85.14	4.3	-9.2
Gas -(LPG)	13 Kg	2,424.55	2,268.37	2,252.86	-0.7	-7.1
Kerosene	1 litre	60.20	44.94	47.96	6.7	-20.3
Electricity	50 Kw/h	507.62	534.3	534.3	0.0	5.3
Electricity	200 Kw/h	3,453.80	3,398.7	3,398.7	0.0	-1.6

Between April and May 2016, Food and Non-Alcoholic Drinks' Index increased by 0.82 per cent as a result of notable increases in prices of several food items which outweighed the decreases.

Over the same review period, Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' Index, increased by 0.09 per cent. This small aggregate increase was mainly as a result of price increases in respect of kerosene and other cooking fuels. However, the cost of electricity remained at the same level as in the previous four months of January to April 2016.

The Transport Index increased by 0.55 per cent in May 2016 compared to the previous month mainly due to higher costs of both petrol and diesel.