

KENYA NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS



CONSUMER PRICE INDICES AND INFLATION RATES FOR DECEMBER 2015

Kenya National Bureau of Statistics hereby releases Consumer Price Indices (CPI) and inflation rates for December, 2015. 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 1.07 per cent from 162.97 in November 2015 to 164.72 in December 2015. The overall inflation rate stood at 8.01 per cent in December 2015.

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

Broad Commodity Group	CPI Weight	% Change on last month (Dec 2015/ Nov 2015)	% Change on same month of previous year (Dec2015/ Dec 2014)
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	36.04	1.23	13.26
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	2.06	11.46	15.00
Clothing & Footwear	7.43	1.05	5.04
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	18.30	0.55	4.81
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	6.16	0.38	4.86
Health	3.13	0.08	4.67
Transport	8.66	1.48	-0.69
Communication	3.82	0.25	1.34
Recreation & Culture	2.25	0.11	2.35
Education	3.14	0.00	4.06
Restaurant & Hotels	4.48	0.95	5.29
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	4.52	0.91	4.97
Total	100.00	1.07	8.01

Table 2: Overall CPI and Inflation Rates

Month	February 2009=100	
	Overall CPI	Overall Rate of Inflation
Dec-2014	152.51	6.02
Jan-2015	153.43	5.53
Feb-2015	154.14	5.61
Mar-2015	155.86	6.31
Apr-2015	158.70	7.08
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

Table 3: National Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities

Commodity Name	Units of Measure	Average Price December 2014	Average Price November 2015	Average Price December 2015	% Change on last month	% change on same month last year
Avocado	1 Kg	41.31	50.07	52.93	5.71	28.11
Beef - With Bones	1 Kg	386.66	395.65	397.09	0.36	2.70
Tomatoes	1 Kg	83.89	107.56	125.60	16.77	49.72
Sukuma Wiki (Kales)	1 Kg	31.23	37.47	37.07	-1.06	18.71
Cigarettes	1 Packet	96.42	98.82	121.18	22.63	25.68
Beer	500 ML	136.15	136.08	155.66	14.38	14.33
House rent	One room	3,627.20	3,868.95	3,934.28	1.69	8.47
Gas - (LPG)	13 Kg	3,018.45	2,386.66	2,369.46	-0.72	-21.50
Electricity	50 KWh	521.54	545.90	542.42	-0.64	4.00
Kerosene	1 litre	72.30	55.77	54.23	-2.76	-24.99
Country Bus Fares	About 350 Km	972.58	945.10	964.09	2.01	-0.87
Matatu Fares	About 250 Km	405.29	385.79	398.90	3.40	-1.58
Petrol	1 litre	102.86	91.34	90.94	-0.44	-11.59
Diesel	1 litre	91.79	80.61	79.47	-1.42	-13.43

Between November and December 2015, Food and Non-Alcoholic Drinks' Index increased by 1.23 per cent. As indicated in Table 3 above, this aggregate increase in the food index generally resulted from increases in prices of several food items which outweighed the decreases. Similarly, as a result of increase in excise duty prices of beer and cigarettes increased significantly. Consequently, the Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics index recorded an increase of 11.46 per cent compared to the previous month.

Over the same review period, Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' Index, increased by 0.55 per cent. This was mainly due to cost increases in House rents, charcoal and water services in December compared to November 2015. However, during the same period there were notable falls in the cost of electricity, kerosene and cooking gas.

Although the cost of petrol and diesel declined, the Transport Index increased by 1.48 per cent in December 2015 compared to the previous month mainly due to increased bus and matatu fares.