

KENYA NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS



CONSUMER PRICE INDICES AND INFLATION RATES FOR MAY 2017

Kenya National Bureau of Statistics hereby releases Consumer Price Indices (CPI) and rates of inflation for May, 2017. These numbers have been generated using data collected during the second and third weeks of the month under review. Price changes, therefore, experienced in the first or fourth week of the month are not included in the analysis. The prices were obtained from selected retail outlets in 25 data collection zones which are in Nairobi and in 13 other urban centers.

As shown in Table 2, the CPI increased by 0.75 per cent from 186.24 in April 2017 to 187.64 in May 2017. The overall year on year inflation was 11.70 per cent in May 2017.

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

Broad Commodity Group	CPI Weight	% Change on last month (May 2017/ April 2017)	% Change on same month of previous year (May 2017/ May 2016)
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	36.04	1.26	21.52
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	2.06	0.48	3.62
Clothing & Footwear	7.43	0.14	3.99
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	18.3	0.06	2.9
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Hous	6.16	0.36	3.28
Health	3.13	0.07	3.1
Transport	8.66	0.1	4.64
Communication	3.82	0.01	0.11
Recreation & Culture	2.25	0.08	1.8
Education	3.14	0.02	2.85
Restaurant & Hotels	4.48	1.36	5.88
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	4.52	0.7	4.11
Total	100	0.75	11.70

Table 2: Overall CPI and Inflation Rates

Base: February 2009=100

Month	Overall CPI	Inflation Rate
May-16	167.99	5.00
Jun-16	169.76	5.80
Jul-16	170.84	6.39
Aug-16	170.97	6.26
Sep-16	171.56	6.34
Oct-16	172.62	6.47
Nov-16	173.85	6.68
Dec-16	175.18	6.35
Jan-17	176.93	6.99
Feb-17	179.98	9.04
Mar-17	182.98	10.28
Apr-17	186.24	11.48
May-17	187.64	11.70

Table 3: National Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities

Commodity Name	Units of Measure	Average Price May 2016	Average Price April 2017	Average Price May 2017	% Change on last month	% Change on same month last year
Sugar	1 Kg	112.60	136.45	168.18	23.3	49.4
Maize Grain - Loose	1 Kg	41.70	56.18	64.35	14.5	54.3
Milk - Fresh Packeted	500 ml	53.49	60.21	65.63	9.0	22.7
Onions	1 Kg	133.70	125.28	133.44	6.5	-0.2
Milk - Fresh Unpacketed	1000 ml	54.26	60.83	63.62	4.6	17.3
Rice Grade 1	1 Kg	182.38	186.82	188.50	0.9	3.4
Beans	1 Kg	115.25	123.70	124.28	0.5	7.8
Maize Flour - Sifted	2 Kg	108.10	135.87	129.64	-4.6	19.9
Spinach	1 Kg	46.09	59.67	51.53	-13.6	11.8
Potatoes (Irish)	1 Kg	78.28	100.65	84.95	-15.6	8.5
Cabbages	1 Kg	55.32	85.39	64.00	-25.0	15.7
Kale-Sukuma Wiki	1 Kg	38.27	62.49	46.61	-25.4	21.8
Electricity	50 KWh	534.30	590.49	573.67	-2.8	7.4
Electricity	200 KWh	3,398.70	3,700.34	3,633.06	-1.8	6.9
Rent	1 Room	3,980.00	4,108.70	4,108.70	0.0	3.2
Kerosene	1 litre	47.96	65.44	66.26	1.3	38.2
Gas -(LPG)	13 Kg	2,252.86	2,063.95	2,104.29	2.0	-6.6
Diesel	1 litre	71.34	89.70	89.02	-0.8	24.8
Petrol	1 litre	85.14	99.01	100.48	1.5	18.0

Between April and May 2017, Food and Non-Alcoholic Drinks' index increased by 1.26 per cent compared to a rise of 3.55 per cent witnessed between March and April 2017. As shown in Table 3, there was a significant decline in the prices of sukuma wiki, cabbages, potatoes and spinach mainly due to ongoing rains. The average price of a 2 kilogramme packet of maize flour declined from KSh 135.87 in April to KSh 129.64 in May 2017 due to Government's interventions.

However, the food index increased due to rise in prices of sugar, milk, maize grain and other food items which outweighed the decreases. As a result, the year on year food inflation rose by 21.52 per cent in May 2017.

The Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' index, increased by 0.06 per cent partly due to increases in cost of kerosene, cooking gas and charcoal. The decrease in the cost of electricity was due to lower charges of foreign exchange adjustment in May 2017.

Over the same review period, though the price of diesel decreased, the Transport Index increased by 0.10 per cent mainly on account of increase in the pump prices of petrol.