

KENYA NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS



CONSUMER PRICE INDICES AND INFLATION RATES FOR NOVEMBER 2018

Kenya National Bureau of Statistics hereby releases monthly the Consumer Price Indices (CPI) and rates of inflation for November, 2018. These numbers were generated from the survey of retail prices that targeted a basket of household consumption goods and services. The exercise was conducted during the second and third weeks of the month, with prices being obtained from selected retail outlets in 25 data collection zones in Nairobi and in 13 other urban centers.

As shown in Tables 1 and 2, the CPI decreased by 0.18 per cent from 192.60 in October 2018 to 192.25 in November 2018. The overall year on year inflation in November stood at 5.58 per cent.

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

Broad Commodity Group	Weight	% Change on last month (Nov18 /Oct18)	% Change on same month of previous year (Nov18 /Nov17)
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	36.04	-0.15	1.72
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	2.06	0.32	7.20
Clothing and Footwear	7.43	0.13	4.15
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	18.30	-1.24	13.69
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	6.16	0.02	4.37
Health	3.13	0.13	4.81
Transport	8.66	0.81	15.57
Communication	3.82	0.46	4.74
Recreation and Culture	2.25	0.03	1.51
Education	3.14	0.14	4.94
Restaurant and Hotels	4.48	-0.01	4.20
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.52	0.15	4.18
Total	100.00	-0.18	5.58

Table 2: Overall CPI and Inflation Rates

Base: February 2009=100

Month	Overall CPI	Inflation Rate
Nov 2017	182.08	4.73
Dec 2017	183.05	4.50
Jan 2018	185.47	4.83
Feb 2018	188.00	4.46
Mar 2018	190.62	4.18
Apr 2018	193.18	3.73
May 2018	195.05	3.95
June 2018	193.31	4.28
Jul 2018	191.59	4.35
Aug 2018	192.18	4.04
Sep 2018	194.14	5.70
Oct 2018	192.60	5.53
Nov 2018	192.25	5.58

Table 3: National Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities

Commodity Name	Units of measure	Average price ~ November 2017	Average price ~ October 2018	Average price ~ November 2018	% Change over last month (Nov 18/Oct 18)	% Change over a year ago (Nov 18/nov17)
Maize Grain - Loose	1 Kg	57.06	34.53	34.25	-0.82	-39.98
Maize flour-Loose	1 Kg	59.85	41.54	41.51	-0.06	-30.64
Beans	1 Kg	116.08	106.99	107.89	0.84	-7.05
Wheat Flour	2 Kg	134.25	120.90	122.45	1.28	-8.78
Beef - With Bones	1 Kg	424.20	444.38	445.91	0.34	5.12
Milk - Fresh Packeted	500 MI	60.15	60.68	60.58	-0.16	0.72
Orange	1 Kg	86.18	96.13	97.74	1.68	13.43
Cabbages	1 Kg	35.79	41.47	39.66	-4.37	10.82
Carrots	1 Kg	53.77	57.70	56.06	-2.85	4.25
Onions	1 Kg	127.52	84.06	83.66	-0.47	-34.39
Sugar	1 Kg	137.77	130.29	127.38	-2.23	-7.54
House Rent	Single room	4,246.53	4,415.95	4,431.55	0.35	4.36
Electricity	200 KW/h	3,937.30	4,419.94	4,434.48	0.33	12.63
Electricity	50 KW/h	649.73	1,104.99	757.72	-31.43	16.62
Gas -(LPG)	13 Kg	2,128.59	2,185.79	2,193.42	0.35	3.05
Petrol	1 litre	103.58	116.48	117.54	0.91	13.48
Diesel	1 litre	93.37	110.57	108.97	-1.45	16.71
City Bus/Matatu Fares	short distance	45.07	48.26	49.84	3.28	10.59
Matatu Fares	250 Km	400.21	426.67	431.00	1.02	7.69
Boda Boda Fares	short distance	41.94	46.24	47.24	2.16	12.62

Between October and November 2018, Food and Non-Alcoholic Drinks' Index decreased by 0.15 per cent. As indicated in Table 3, this was due to decrease in prices of some foodstuffs outweighing increases recorded in others. For instance, the price of sugar and cabbages declined by 2.2 per cent and 4.4 per cent, respectively, compared with last month. The year on year food inflation in November, 2018 was 1.72 per cent.

Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' Index, decreased by 1.24 per cent in November 2018 compared to October 2018. The drop was mainly due to lower costs in prices of electricity consumption. The consumption of 50 KWh of electricity declined by 31.4 per cent from KSh 1,105 in October 2018 to KSh 758 in November.

During the same review period, the Transport Index increased by 0.81 per cent compared to the previous month. This was mainly on account of increase in the pump prices of petrol and public transport fares. However, the price of diesel dropped from an average of KSh 110.57 in October to KSh 108.97 in November 2018.