




THE KENYA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX AND INFLATION REPORT

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Overview

Annual consumer price inflation was 5.6 per cent in April 2026. This implies that the general price level, as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI), was 5.6 per cent higher in April 2026 than it was in April 2025. The price increase was primarily driven by a rise in prices of items in the Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages category (8.8%); Transport category (10.0%), and Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels category (2.4%) over the one-year period. These three divisions together account for over 57 per cent of the total weight across the 13 major expenditure categories.

Consumer Price Index (CPI) is defined as a measure of the weighted aggregate change over time in retail prices paid by consumers for a given basket of goods and services. The CPI measures the cost of purchasing this fixed basket of goods and services, comparing current prices to those of a base period, which for the current CPI is February 2019. Inflation rate is defined as a percentage change of the CPI between two periods. There are different inflation rates that can be computed, such as annual (year-on-year), quarterly (quarter-to-quarter) and monthly (month-on-month) inflation rates. Data used to derive the inflation rates is collected through a monthly survey of retail prices from a statistically representative sample of outlets in urban areas across 50 data collection zones nationwide. The survey is conducted during the second and third weeks of the month.

The Overall CPI and Inflation Trends, April 2025 – April 2026

As presented in Figure 1, the overall index increased from 150.00 in March 2026 to 152.15 in April 2026, resulting in a monthly inflation rate of 1.4 per cent. The year-on-year inflation stood at 5.6 per cent in April 2026 as shown in Figure 2.

Figure 1: Overall CPI, April 2025 – April 2026

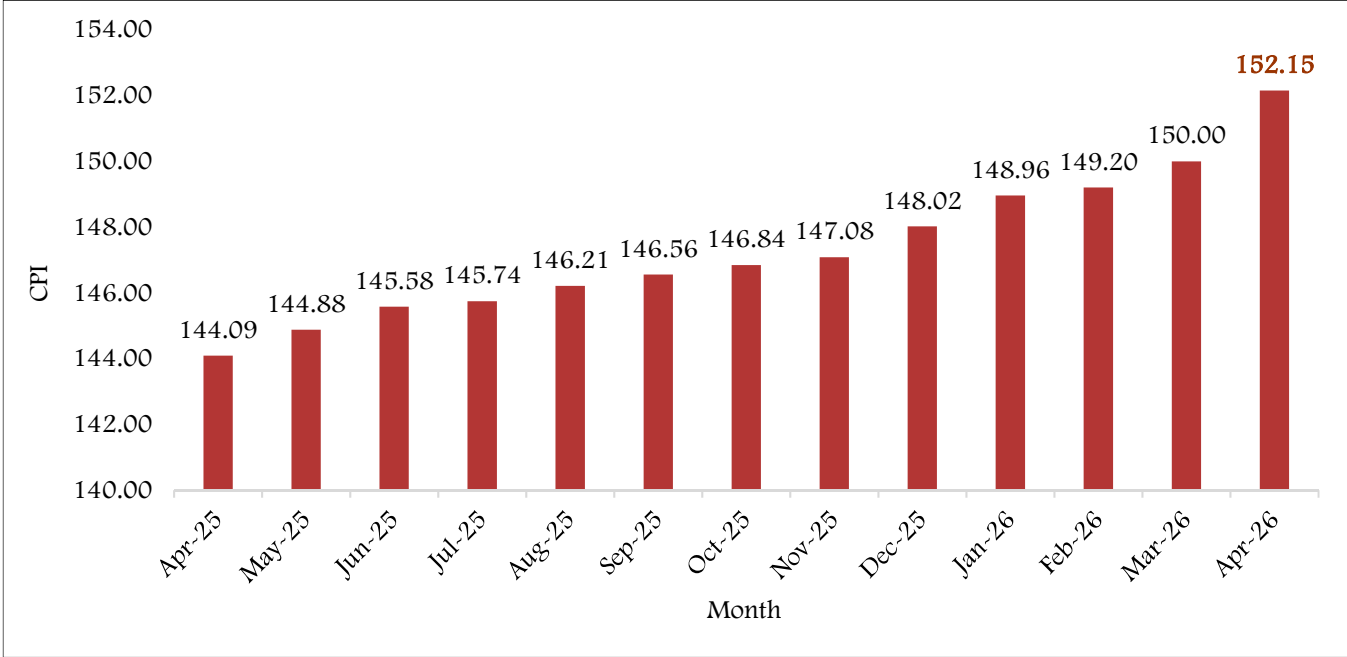


Figure 2: Inflation Trends, April 2025 – April 2026

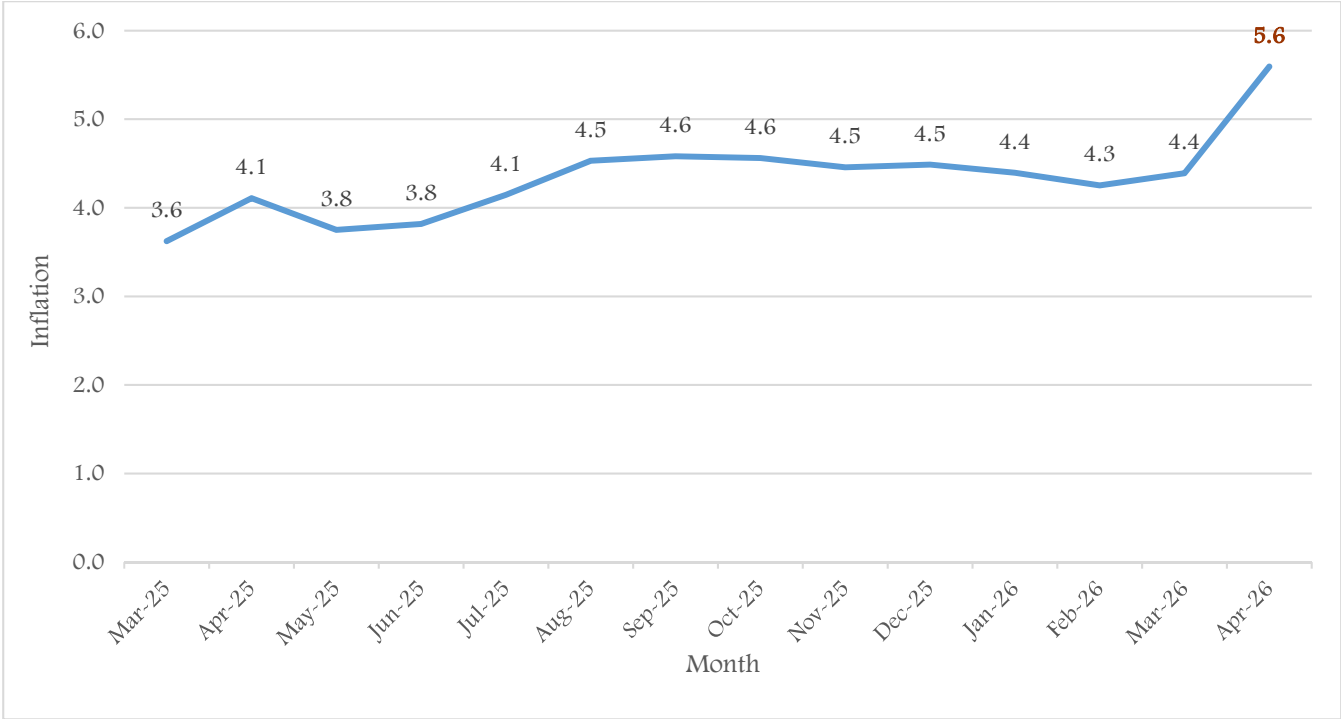


Table 1: One and Twelve-Month Percentage Changes in the Consumer Price Indices

13 COICOP Divisions	Weight %	% Change on last month (April 2026 / March 2026)	% Change on same month of the previous year (April 2026 / April 2025)
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	32.9094	1.5	8.8
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	3.3289	0.2	2.3
Clothing and Footwear	2.9914	0.1	1.9
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	14.6124	0.8	2.4
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	3.7372	0.4	1.7
Health	2.9116	0.1	2.6
Transport	9.6468	6.5	10.0
Information and Communication	7.7840	0.1	0.6
Recreation, Sport and Culture	1.7219	0.4	2.7
Education Services	5.5620	0.0	3.2
Restaurants and Accommodation Services	8.0991	0.4	2.5
Insurance and Financial Services	2.2423	0.1	0.8
Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.4532	0.3	2.7
Total	100.0000	1.4	5.6

Figure 3: Percentage Changes in CPI Across the 13 Divisions, March 2026 – April 2026

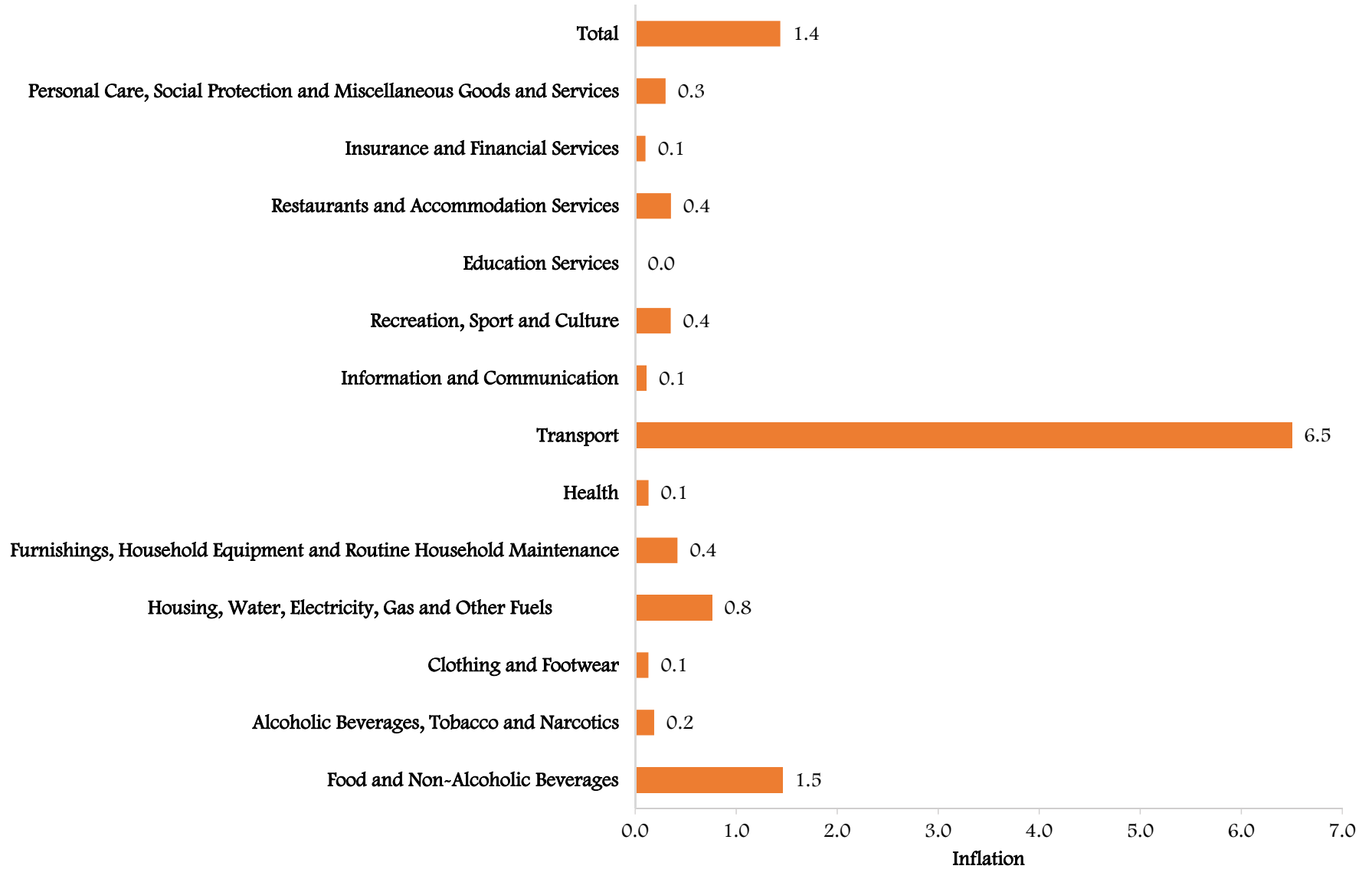


Figure 4: Percentage Changes in CPI Across the 13 Divisions, April 2025 – April 2026

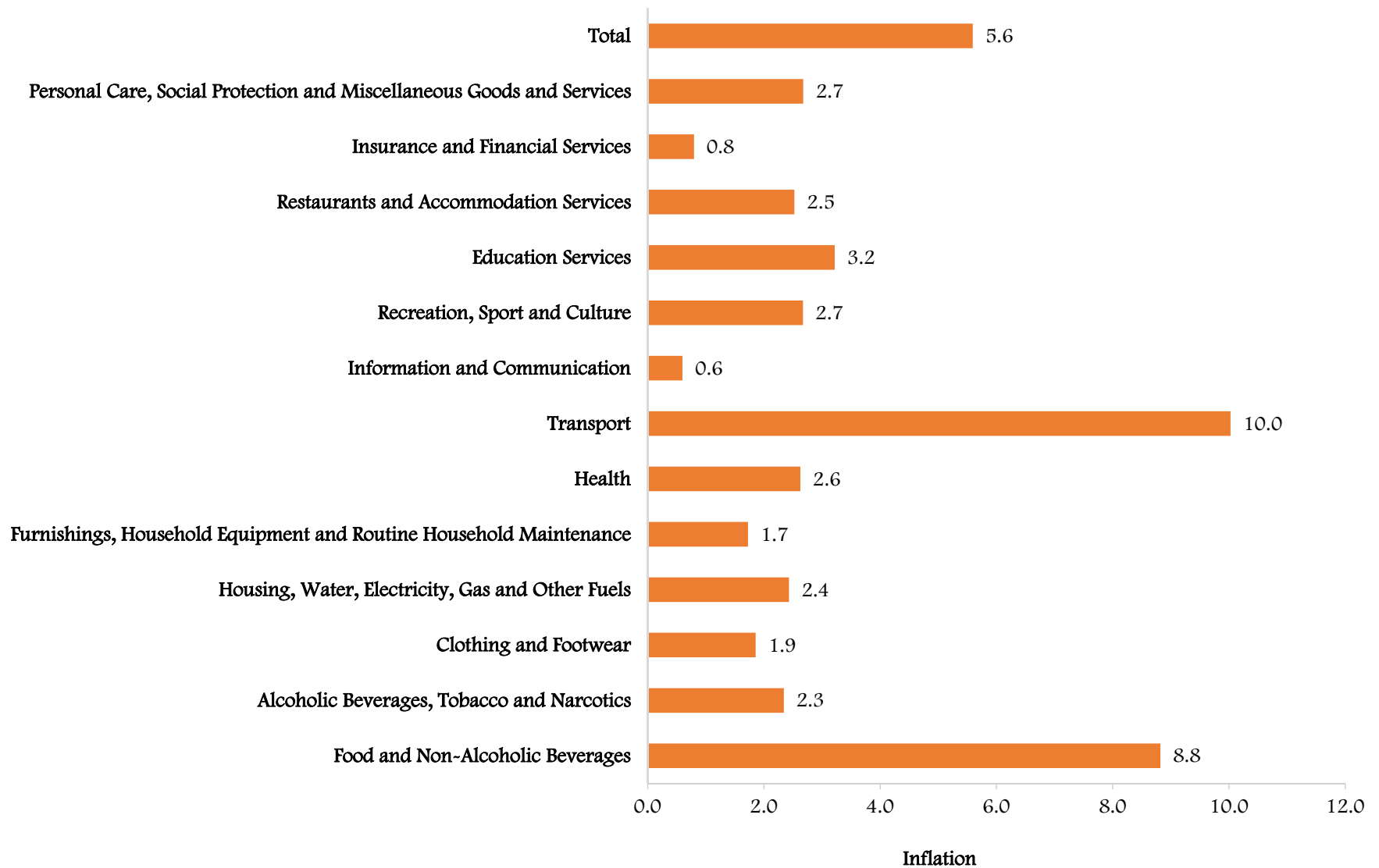


































Table 2: Key Drivers of Inflation for each of the 13 Divisions

Monthly	Yearly
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	
 <p>1.5%</p> <p>Monthly inflation of items under this division was 1.5 per cent. Between March and April 2026, price movements across selected food items showed mixed trends. The cost of cabbages and oranges declined by 3.3 per cent and 1.9 per cent, respectively. In contrast, prices for Irish potatoes and salad cooking oil increased by 2.8 per cent and 2.7 per cent, respectively. Tomatoes experienced a significant price surge of 9.0 per cent.</p>	 <p>8.8%</p> <p>Over the twelve months until April 2026, the Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages division index rose by 8.8%.</p>
Transport	
 <p>6.5%</p> <p>During the period between March 2026 and April 2026, prices of items under Transport recorded a high increase of 6.5 per cent. Diesel prices rose sharply by 17.9 per cent, while petrol increased by 10.8 per cent, exerting upward pressure on transport fares. Consequently, boda boda (motorcycle) fares went up by 6.1 per cent. Similarly, country bus and matatu fares for inter-town travel increased by 9.7 per cent, while city bus/matatu fares within towns and surrounding areas rose by 7.1 per cent.</p>	 <p>10.0%</p> <p>Over the twelve months until April 2026, the index for the Transport division increased by 10.0 per cent.</p>
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	
 <p>0.8%</p> <p>Between March and April 2026, prices in this category exhibited mixed trends. Electricity charges (200wKh) declined by 0.6 per cent, providing some relief to consumers. In contrast, cement prices increased by 0.8 per cent, while that of gas/LPG recorded a notable rise of 7.3 per cent.</p>	 <p>2.4%</p> <p>Over the twelve months until April 2026, the general price levels for the division went up by 2.4 per cent.</p>
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	
 <p>0.2%</p> <p>Between March and April 2026, prices in this category recorded increases. Miraa (khat) prices rose by 0.3 per cent, while spirits registered an increase of 0.2 per cent. Overall monthly inflation for the division was 0.2 per cent.</p>	 <p>2.3%</p> <p>Over the twelve months until April 2026, the Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics index rose by 2.3%.</p>
Clothing and Footwear	
 <p>0.1%</p> <p>The division recorded a monthly inflation of 0.1 per cent. The cost of boys' leather shoes rose by 0.5 per cent, while men's leather shoes increased by 0.2 per cent. Men's trousers registered a marginal rise of 0.1 per cent.</p>	 <p>1.9%</p> <p>Over the twelve months until April 2026, the prices under Clothing and Footwear division increased by 1.9%.</p>
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	
 <p>0.4%</p> <p>Between March and April 2026, prices within this category showed mixed movements. The cost of detergents declined by 0.2 per cent, indicating a modest easing in prices. In contrast, laundry/bar soap prices increased by 0.7 per cent.</p>	 <p>1.7%</p> <p>Over the twelve months until April 2026, the prices under Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance division increased by 1.7%.</p>
Health	
 <p>0.1</p> <p>The Health division recorded an inflation rate of 0.1 per cent. General practitioner's services recorded a marginal rise of 0.1 per cent. In addition, prices of medicine for cancer experienced a decline of 0.3 per cent.</p>	 <p>2.6%</p> <p>Over the twelve months until April 2026, the Health division index rose by 2.6%.</p>

Monthly	Yearly
Information and Communication	
  <p>0.1%</p> <p>The division recorded a monthly inflation rate of 0.1 per cent. Between March and April 2026, prices in this category showed a mixed patterns. TV subscription fees increased by 0.3 per cent. In contrast, the prices of televisions and laptop computers declined by 0.7 per cent and 0.4 per cent, respectively.</p>	 <p>0.6%</p> <p>The Information and Communication division recorded a yearly inflation of 0.6%.</p>
Recreation, Sport and Culture	
  <p>0.4%</p> <p>The cost of exercise books declined by 0.7 per cent, indicating a slight easing in prices. In contrast, prices of secondary school textbooks recorded an increase of 0.7 per cent, while that of tertiary textbooks rose by 4.4 per cent.</p>	 <p>2.7%</p> <p>Over the twelve months until April 2026, the Recreation, Sport and Culture division index rose by 2.7%.</p>
Education Services	
  <p>0.0</p> <p>Education index remained constant between March 2026 and April 2026.</p>	 <p>3.2%</p> <p>Over the twelve months until April 2026, the index for the Education division increased by 3.2%.</p>
Restaurants and Accommodation Services	
  <p>0.4%</p> <p>The cost of food from canteens and kiosks rose by 0.7 per cent, while hotel and restaurant prepared foods increased by 0.3 per cent. Hotel boarding charges also went up by 0.6 per cent. Overall the division recorded a monthly inflation of 0.4 per cent.</p>	 <p>2.5%</p> <p>Over the twelve months until April 2026, the index for the Restaurants and Accommodation Services division rose by 2.5%.</p>
Insurance and Financial Services	
  <p>0.1%</p> <p>Between March and April 2026, insurance costs recorded slight increases. Motor vehicle insurance premiums rose marginally by 0.1 per cent, while medical insurance increased by 0.3 per cent.</p>	 <p>0.8%</p> <p>Over the twelve months until April 2026, prices of items under Insurance and Financial Services division went up by 0.8%.</p>
Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	
  <p>0.3%</p> <p>Between March and April 2026, barber services rose by 0.8 per cent, while hair dressing services increased by 0.3 per cent. Additionally, the cost of toilet paper and tissue paper went up by 1.4 per cent.</p>	 <p>2.7%</p> <p>Over the twelve months until April 2026, the index for the Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous Goods and Services division increased by 2.7%.</p>

Movement of National Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities

Between March 2026 and April 2026, price movements of selected commodities showed mixed trends. The price of cabbages reduced from KSh 71.52 per kilogramme in March 2026 to KSh 69.15 per kilogramme in April 2026, while the price of maize grain (loose)

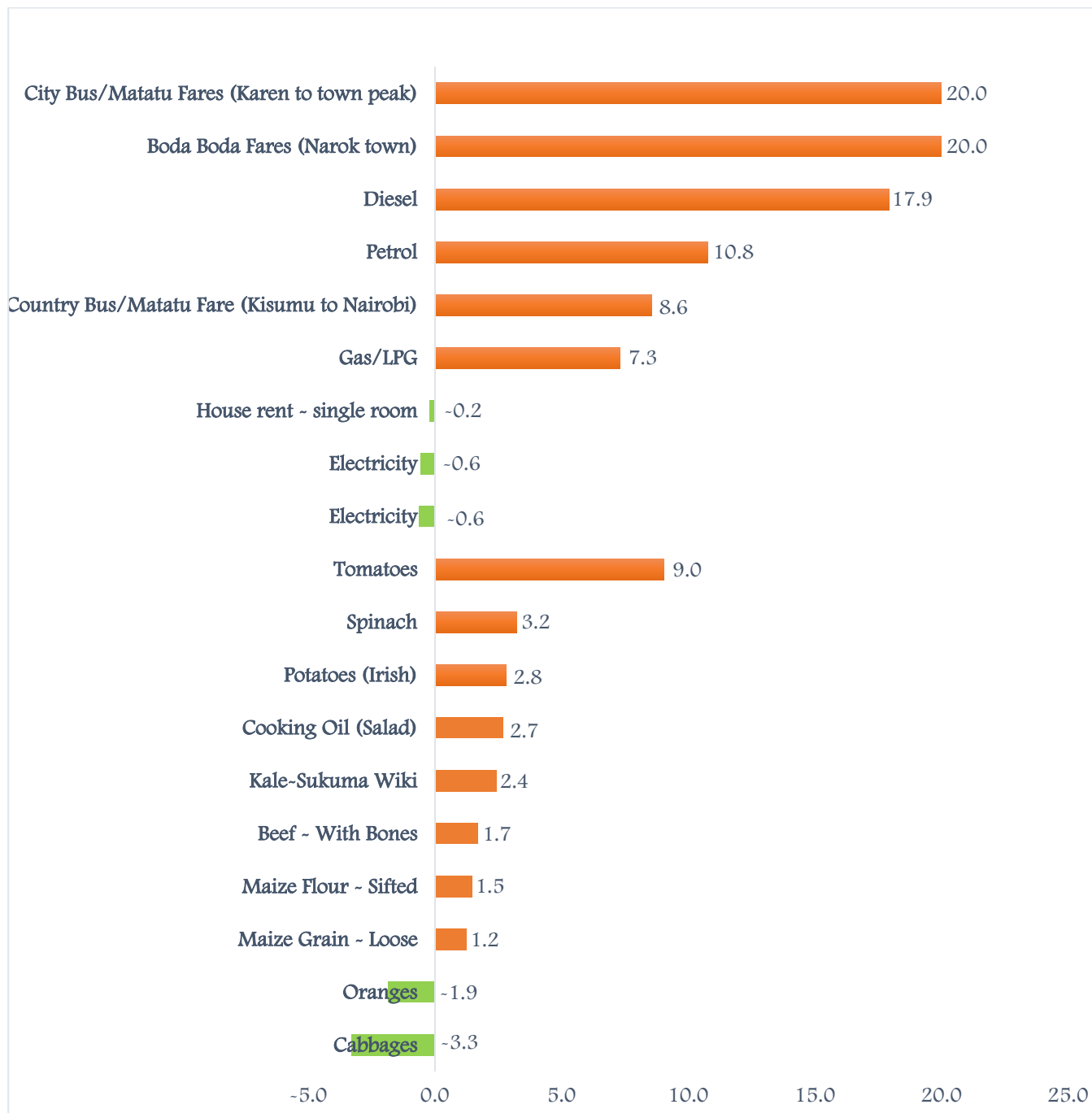
was KSh 71.30 per kilogramme in April 2026 an increase from KSh 70.44 per kilogramme recorded in March 2026.

The cost of electricity declined slightly to KSh 1,288.99 for 50 kWh and KSh 5,656.88 for 200 kWh. Cooking Gas/LPG (13 kilograms) was priced at KSh 3,361.56 in April 2026, highlighting continued high cost of cooking fuel. Meanwhile, city bus/matatu fare from Karen to the Town Centre during peak hours was KSh 120.00.

Table 3: National Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities

Commodity Name	Quantity	Unit of Measure	Average Price April 2025	Average Price March 2026	Average Price April 2026	% Change over last month April 2026/ March 2026	% Change over last year April 2026/ April 2025
Cabbages	1	Kilogram	51.30	71.52	69.15	-3.3	34.8
Oranges	1	Kilogram	110.18	123.57	121.28	-1.9	10.1
Maize Grain - Loose	1	Kilogram	66.60	70.44	71.30	1.2	7.1
Maize Flour - Sifted	2	Kilogram	151.02	155.76	158.06	1.5	4.7
Beef - With Bones	1	Kilogram	674.80	737.30	749.65	1.7	11.1
Kale-Sukuma Wiki	1	Kilogram	86.47	104.34	106.86	2.4	23.6
Cooking Oil (Salad)	1	Litre	349.28	344.50	353.77	2.7	1.3
Potatoes (Irish)	1	Kilogram	93.83	107.16	110.16	2.8	17.4
Spinach	1	Kilogram	97.12	111.58	115.16	3.2	18.6
Tomatoes	1	Kilogram	81.88	99.60	108.60	9.0	32.6
Electricity	50	kWh	1,315.81	1,297.26	1,288.99	-0.6	-2.0
Electricity	200	kWh	5,877.92	5,689.98	5,656.88	-0.6	-3.8
House rent - single room	1	Month	4,169.57	4,209.75	4,201.41	-0.2	0.8
Kerosene/Paraffin	1	Litre	149.78	153.96	153.96	0.0	2.8
Gas/LPG	13	Kilogram	3,156.19	3,132.34	3,361.56	7.3	6.5
Country Bus /Matatu Fare (Kisumu to Nairobi)	1	Ticket	1,750.00	1,750.00	1,900.00	8.6	8.6
Petrol	1	Litre	175.30	179.35	198.67	10.8	13.3
Diesel	1	Litre	165.64	167.72	197.81	17.9	19.4
Boda Boda Fares (Narok town)	1	Ticket	100.00	100.00	120.00	20.0	20.0
City Bus/Matatu Fares (Karen to town peak)	1	Ticket	100.00	100.00	120.00	20.0	20.0

Figure 5: Percentage Change Over Last Month, March 2026 – April 2026



Core and Non-Core Index and Inflation

Core inflation is a measure of inflation that is compiled from non-volatile commodities such as manufactured food items, health services, education services, and ICT. Core inflation increased to 2.8 per cent in April 2026, as presented in Table 4. Non-core inflation was 13.4 per cent during the same period.

Table 4: Core and Non-Core Index and Inflation

Period	Core Index	Core Inflation	Non-Core Index	Non-Core Inflation
Apr-25	128.48	2.5	206.86	8.4
May-25	128.97	2.8	209.35	6.0
Jun-25	129.47	3.0	211.24	6.2
Jul-25	129.59	3.1	211.69	7.2
Aug-25	129.57	3.0	213.85	9.2
Sep-25	129.52	2.9	215.78	9.6
Oct-25	129.56	2.7	216.87	9.9
Nov-25	129.66	2.3	217.54	10.1
Dec-25	130.09	2.0	220.84	11.2
Jan-26	130.60	2.2	223.74	10.3
Feb-26	130.72	2.1	224.68	10.1
Mar-26	131.07	2.1	227.82	10.8
Apr-26	132.10	2.8	234.61	13.4

Contribution of Core and Non-Core to the Overall Inflation

Contribution of core and non-core inflation to the overall inflation is presented in Table 5. Core inflation contributed 3.2 points, while non-core inflation contributed 2.4 points to the overall inflation in April 2026. Food and non-alcoholic beverages contributed to 2.5 points to the overall inflation during the same period.

Table 5: Core and Non-Core Contributions, April 2026

Broad Categories	Core	Non Core	Total
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	0.8	1.7	2.5
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	0.1	0.0	0.1
Clothing and Footwear	0.2	0.0	0.2
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.1	0.2	0.4
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household	0.2	0.0	0.2
Health	0.2	0.0	0.2
Transport	0.7	0.4	1.1
Information and Communication	0.1	0.0	0.1
Recreation, Sport and Culture	0.1	0.0	0.1
Education Services	0.2	0.0	0.2
Restaurants and Accommodation Services	0.2	0.0	0.2
Insurance and Financial Services	0.0	0.0	0.0
Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous Goods	0.2	0.0	0.2
Total	3.2	2.4	5.6



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