

KENYA NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS



CPI AND INFLATION RATES FOR FEBRUARY 2013

Kenya National Bureau of Statistics hereby releases Consumer Price Indices (CPI) and rates of inflation for February 2013. These numbers have been generated using data collected during the second and third weeks of the month under review. Prices were obtained from selected retail outlets in 25 data collection zones located in 13 urban centers.

As shown in Table 1 and Table 2, the CPI increased by 0.71 per cent from 135.62 in January 2013 to 136.59 in February 2013. The overall inflation rate stood at 4.45 per cent in February 2013.

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

Broad Commodity Group	CPI Weight	% Change on last month (February 2013/ January 2013)	% Change on same month of Previous Year (February 2013/ February 2012)
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	36.04	1.29	4.03
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	2.06	0.34	4.72
Clothing & Footwear	7.43	0.21	5.67
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	18.30	0.39	4.68
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	6.16	0.17	4.33
Health	3.13	0.08	3.97
Transport	8.66	0.58	4.35
Communication	3.82	-0.40	-0.30
Recreation & Culture	2.25	0.13	3.78
Education	3.14	0.03	6.11
Restaurant & Hotels	4.48	0.67	7.37
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	4.52	0.32	4.95
Total	100.00	0.71	4.45

Table 2: Overall CPI and Inflation Rates

February 2009=100

Month	Overall CPI	Overall Rate of Inflation
Feb-2012	130.76	16.69
Mar-2012	132.51	15.61
Apr-2012	133.74	13.06

May-2012	134.09	12.22
Jun-2012	133.06	10.05
Jul-2012	131.92	7.74
Aug-2012	131.51	6.09
Sep-2012	131.89	5.32
Oct-2012	132.46	4.14
Nov-2012	133.33	3.25
Dec-2012	134.25	3.20
Jan ~ 2013	135.62	3.67
Feb ~ 2013	136.59	4.45

Table3: National Average Prices of Selected Commodities

Commodity Name	Units of Measure	February 2012 Average. Price	January 2013 Average. Price	February 2013 Average. Price	% change on last Month	% change on same Month last year
Fresh Packeted Milk	500 ML	34.04	38.31	41.19	7.52	21.00
Kale-Sukuma Wiki	1 Kg	40.86	34.08	37.14	8.96	-9.10
Fresh Unpackaged Milk	1000 ml	49.30	57.08	59.00	3.36	19.68
Tomatoes	1 Kg	80.69	72.78	74.40	2.22	-7.80
Beef - With Bones	1 Kg	319.31	331.49	333.51	0.61	4.45
Electricity	50 Kw/hr	586.5	568	564	-0.70	-3.84
Electricity	200 Kw/hr	3132	3058	3042	-0.52	-2.87
Kerosene	1 litre	84.59	83.49	85.50	2.41	1.07
Petrol	1 litre	112.89	112.86	114.38	1.35	1.33
Diesel	1 litre	106.55	106.20	107.58	1.29	0.96

Between January and February 2013, Food and Non Alcoholic drinks' index increased by 1.29 per cent. As can be seen from Table 3 above, the increase, in the food index was a consequence of rises and falls in the average prices of various food items.

Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other fuels' index went up by 0.39 per cent between January and February 2013. This increase is attributable to higher costs of house rents, kerosene and other cooking fuels which outweighed observed lower costs of Electricity. Whereas fuel cost adjustment charges per KWh of electricity increased slightly, forex adjustment charges on the other hand, recorded decreases over the review period. As a result, the cost of consuming 50 KWh of electricity for instance, decreased further from KSh 568.00 in January 2013 to KSh 564.00 in February 2013.

The Transport index went up by 0.58 per cent over the same period due to higher costs of petrol, diesel taxi, and bus/ matatu fares. The slight decline in the communications' index was attributed to some observed falls in airtime charges.

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