

CONSUMER PRICE INDICES AND INFLATION RATES FOR APRIL 2024

The overall year on year inflation rate as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) was 5.0 per cent, in April 2024. This means that the general price level in April 2024 was 5.0 per cent higher than that of April 2023. The price increase was mainly driven by rise in prices of commodities between April 2023 and April 2024 under Transport (9.2%); Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages (5.6%); and Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other fuels (3.8%). These three divisions account for over 57 per cent of the weights of the 13 broad categories.

The CPI and inflation is generated from data collected through monthly survey of retail prices that target a representative basket of household consumption goods and services. The data collection is conducted in the second and third weeks of the month from a representative sample of outlets located in 50 data collection zones across the country.

As presented in Table 1 and Table 2, the index decreased from 138.66 in March 2024 to 138.40 in April 2024.

Table 1: Overall CPI and Rates of Inflation

Base Feb 2019=100

Month	Overall CPI	Inflation Rate
April 2023	131.83	7.9
May 2023	133.01	8.0
June 2023	134.01	7.9
July 2023	134.15	7.3
August 2023	134.02	6.7
September 2023	135.32	6.8
October 2023	136.71	6.9
November 2023	137.03	6.8
December 2023	137.55	6.6
January 2024	138.15	6.9
February 2024	138.34	6.3
March 2024	138.66	5.7
April 2024	138.40	5.0

The Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages Index which carries the largest weight (32.9%) decreased by 0.1 per cent between March 2024 and April 2024, as shown in Table 2. As shown in Table 3, which details the national average prices of selected items, the price of sugar, maize grain-loose, fortified maize flour maize and maize flour loose dropped by 8.3, 3.6, 3.0 and 2.8 per cent, respectively between March 2024 and April 2024. During the same period, however, prices of onions- leeks and bulbs, tomatoes and oranges increased by 5.8, 4.3 and 4.0 per cent, respectively.

The Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' Index dropped by 1.3 per cent between March 2024 and April 2024 mainly due to a decline in price of kerosene by 9.7 per cent. In addition, prices of 200 kWh and 50 kWh of electricity dropped by 6.4 per cent and 7.7 per cent, respectively. However, the price of gas/LPG rose by 0.3 per cent during the period.

The Transport Index reduced by 0.3 per cent between March 2024 and April 2024. This was mainly due to a drop in prices of petrol and diesel by 2.7 per cent and 5.2 per cent, respectively.

Table 2: One and Twelve-Month Changes in the Consumer Price Indices

	Weight %	% Change on last month (April 2024/ March 2024)	% Change on same month of the previous year (April 2024/ April 2023)
13 COICOP Divisions			
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	32.9094	-0.1	5.6
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	3.3289	0.2	8.3
Clothing and Footwear	2.9914	0.2	3.7
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	14.6124	-1.3	3.8
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	3.7372	0.1	4.4
Health	2.9116	0.1	2.7
Transport	9.6468	-0.3	9.2
Information and Communication	7.7840	0.1	1.3
Recreation, Sport and Culture	1.7219	0.2	4.8
Education Services	5.5620	0.0	2.3
Restaurants and Accommodation Services	8.0991	0.2	4.3
Insurance and Financial Services	2.2423	0.0	0.9
Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.4532	0.2	6.0
Total	100.0000	-0.2	5.0

Table 3: National Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities

Commodity Name	Quantity	Unit of Measure	Average Price April 2023	Average Price March 2024	Average Price April 2024	% Change over last month April 2024/ March 2024	% Change over last year April 2024/ April 2023
Sugar	1	Kg	159.10	189.45	173.70	(8.3)	9.2
Maize Grain - Loose	1	Kg	78.87	65.31	62.98	(3.6)	(20.1)
Fortified Maize flour	2	Kg	209.29	163.94	159.01	(3.0)	(24.0)
Maize Flour - Loose	1	Kg	84.29	67.02	65.16	(2.8)	(22.7)
Wheat Flour-White	2	Kg	195.65	190.72	186.03	(2.5)	(4.9)
Avocado	1	Kg	84.39	100.18	97.80	(2.4)	15.9
Maize Flour - Sifted	2	Kg	186.29	145.57	142.19	(2.3)	(23.7)
Kale-Sukuma Wiki	1	Kg	63.36	65.94	65.13	(1.2)	2.8
Cooking Oil (Salad)	1	Litre	319.85	333.59	329.73	(1.2)	3.1
Beans	1	Kg	182.33	185.01	183.51	(0.8)	0.7
Potatoes (Irish)	1	Kg	106.18	109.74	111.82	1.9	5.3
Oranges	1	Kg	78.10	88.53	92.07	4.0	17.9
Tomatoes	1	Kg	82.34	87.52	91.25	4.3	10.8
Onion -Leeks and Bulbs	1	Kg	103.28	167.28	177.02	5.8	71.4
Kerosene/Paraffin	1	Litre	146.86	189.48	171.18	(9.7)	16.6
Electricity	50	kWh	1,304.92	1,400.00	1,292.00	(7.7)	(1.0)
Electricity	200	kWh	6,349.80	6,730.20	6,297.78	(6.4)	(0.8)
House rent - single room	1	Per Month	3,927.62	4,087.36	4,089.24	0.0	4.1
Gas/LPG	13	Kilogram	3,135.39	3,231.84	3,242.11	0.3	3.4
Diesel	1	Litre	162.91	191.11	181.11	(5.2)	11.2
Petrol	1	Litre	180.05	199.77	194.46	(2.7)	8.0



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