Central Bank of Kenya

Weekly Bulletin

July 31, 2026

RECENT MONETARY AND FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENTS

Inflation

Overall inflation rose marginally to 6.5 percent in July from 6.4 percent in June 2026. Core inflation increased to 3.2 percent from 3.1 percent, driven by higher transport costs and prices of processed foods, particularly wheat and cooking oil. However, non-core inflation declined to 15.0 percent in July from 15.1 percent in June 2026 **(Chart 1)**.

Exchange Rates

The Kenya Shilling remained stable against major international and regional currencies during the week ending July 30, 2026. It exchanged at KSh 129.40 per U.S. dollar on July 30, compared to KSh 129.53 on July 23 **(Table 1)**.

Foreign Exchange Reserves

The foreign exchange reserves remained adequate at USD 15,400 million (6.4 months of import cover) as of July 30. This meets CBK's statutory requirement to endeavour to maintain at least 4 months of import cover **(Table 2)**.

Money Market

The money market remained liquid during the week ending July 30, 2026, with open market operations remaining active. Commercial banks' excess reserves averaged KSh 13.5 billion above the 3.25 percent Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) requirement. The Kenya Shilling Overnight Interbank Average Rate (KESONIA) remained unchanged at 8.75 percent on July 30, the same level recorded on July 23. During the week, the average number of interbank transactions increased to 17 from 6 in the previous week, while the average value traded increased to KSh 12.0 billion from KSh 3.7 billion in the previous week **(Table 3)**.

Government Securities Market

The Treasury bill auction of July 30, received bids totalling KSh 27.4 billion against an advertised amount of KSh 28.0 billion, representing a performance of 97.7 percent. The Interest rate on the 91-day Treasury bill increased marginally. However, the interest rate of the 364-day Treasury bill declined **(Table 4).**

Equity Market

At the Nairobi Securities Exchange, the NASI, NSE 25 and NSE 20 share price indices increased by 1.70 percent, 1.44 percent and 1.97 percent respectively, during the week ending July 30, 2026. Market capitalization, also increased by 1.70 percent while total shares traded and equity turnover decreased by 19.45 percent and 17.66 percent, respectively **(Table 6)**.

Bond Market

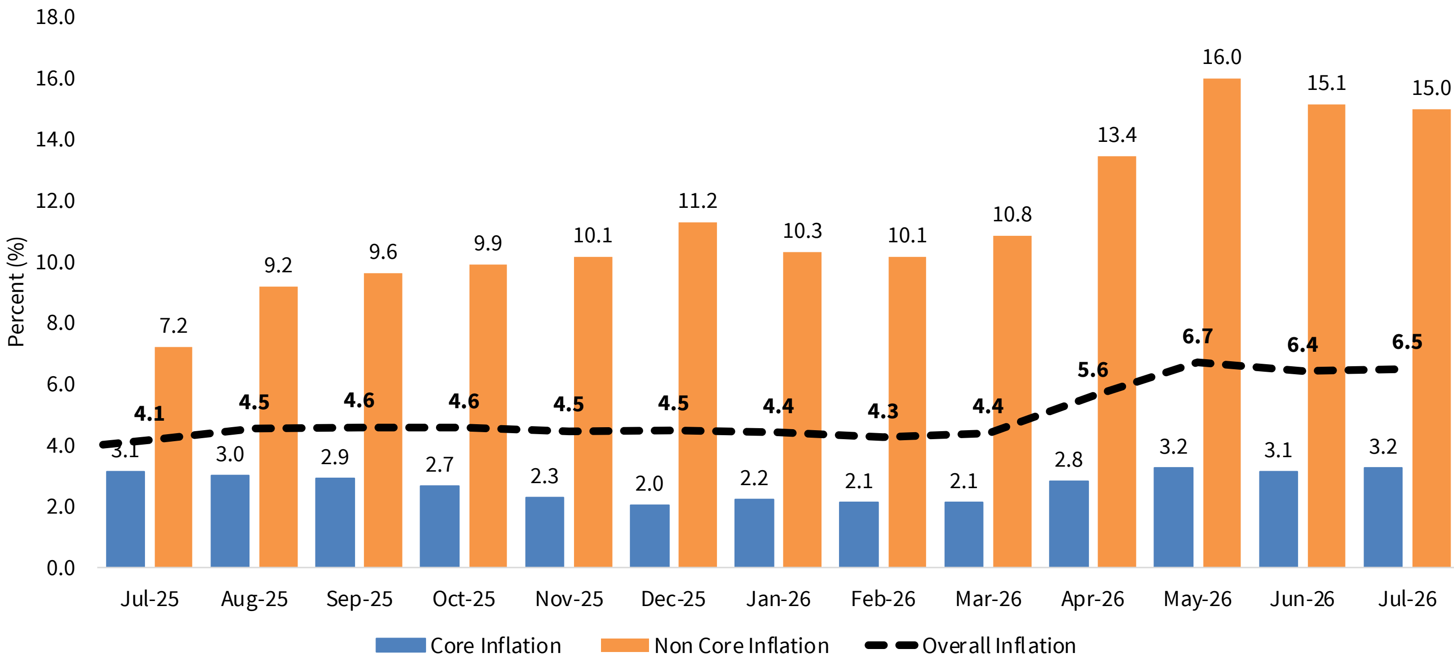
Bond turnover in the domestic secondary market increased by 38.20 percent during the week ending July 30, 2026 **(Table 6)**. In the international market, yields on Kenya's Eurobonds decreased by 2.74 basis points on average. However, yields for Côte d'Ivoire and Angola increased **(Chart 3)**.

Global Trends

Major central banks maintained a cautious monetary policy stance during the week, with the Federal Reserve, Bank of England, and the Bank of Japan retaining their policy rates amid elevated global uncertainties. The U.S. economy remained resilient, expanding at an annualized rate of 1.5 percent in the second quarter of 2026. The euro area annual growth improved to 1.0 percentin the second quarter. The U.S. Dollar Index weakened by 1.6 percent during the week.

Commodity prices recorded mixed movements, during the week. Murban crude oil prices declined to USD 78.24 per barrel on July 30, 2026, from USD 86.05 per barrel on July 23, mainly due to recovery of oil exports through the Strait of Hormuz, and increased OPEC+ production that raised expectations of ample global crude supply. Spot gold prices increased to USD 4,102.40 per ounce from USD 4,047.15 per ounce, over the same period.

Chart 1: Inflation development (Percent)



Source: Central Bank of Kenya based on data from Kenya National Bureau of Statistics

Table 1: Kenya Shilling Exchange Rates

	USD	Sterling Pound	Euro	100 Japanese Yen	Uganda Shilling*	Tanzania Shilling*	Rwandese Franc*	Burundi Franc*
17-Jul-26	129.30	174.68	148.14	79.69	28.53	20.35	11.34	23.09
20-Jul-26	129.27	174.10	147.94	79.63	28.58	20.34	11.36	23.04
21-Jul-26	129.30	174.00	147.65	79.61	28.69	20.37	11.38	22.99
22-Jul-26	129.37	173.12	147.56	79.29	28.83	20.34	11.37	23.08
23-Jul-26	129.53	173.36	148.04	79.41	28.87	20.38	11.33	23.03
July 17-23	**129.35**	**173.85**	**147.87**	**79.53**	**28.70**	**20.36**	**11.36**	**23.05**
24-Jul-26	129.53	172.75	147.36	79.05	29.06	20.30	11.33	23.05
27-Jul-26	129.53	172.61	147.38	79.10	29.14	20.39	11.33	23.05
28-Jul-26	129.70	172.35	147.41	79.20	29.10	20.32	11.31	23.03
29-Jul-26	129.50	172.15	147.36	79.04	29.10	20.43	11.33	23.06
30-Jul-26	129.40	171.99	147.39	79.02	28.86	20.36	11.34	23.08
July 24-30	**129.53**	**172.37**	**147.38**	**79.08**	**29.05**	**20.36**	**11.33**	**23.05**

**Units of currency per Kenya Shilling*
Source: Central Bank of Kenya

Table 2: Foreign Exchange Reserves (USD Million)

	02-Jul-26	09-Jul-26	16-Jul-26	23-Jul-26	30-Jul-26
1. CBK Foreign Exchange Reserves (USD Million)	14,047	14,127	14,169	13,854	15,400
2. CBK Foreign Exchange Reserves (Months of Import Cover)*	6.0	6.0	6.0	5.9	6.4

**Units of currency per Kenya Shilling*
Source: Central Bank of Kenya

Table 3: Money Market

Date	Number of Deals	Value (KSh M)	KESONIA (%)*
17-Jul-26	10	4,800	8.76
20-Jul-26	6	1,600	8.75
21-Jul-26	4	2,350	8.75
22-Jul-26	1	300	8.75
23-Jul-26	8	9,350	8.75
July 17-23	**6**	**3,680**	**8.75**
24-Jul-26	8	9,352	8.75
27-Jul-26	27	16,320	8.75
28-Jul-26	31	24,397	8.75
29-Jul-26	10	5,300	8.75
30-Jul-26	10	4,800	8.75
July 24-30	**17**	**12,034**	**8.75**

** The overnight interbank rate has been officially named Kenya Shilling Overnight Interbank Average (KESONIA) from September 1, 2025*
Source: Central Bank of Kenya

Table 4: Performance of Treasury Bill Auctions

91-Day Treasury Bills						
Date of Auction	**30-Apr-26**	**28-May-26**	**25-Jun-26**	**16-Jul-26**	**23-Jul-26**	**30-Jul-26**
Amount Offered (KSh M)	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00
Bids Received (KSh M)	8,024.94	14,093.44	23,013.48	24,355.09	22,059.03	14,403.22
Amount Accepted (KSh M)	8,005.39	14,081.70	14,187.31	12,887.74	13,275.63	14,330.17
Maturities (KSh M)	6,388.25	12,429.60	2,522.70	2,558.40	9,348.10	8,086.30
Average Interest Rate (%)	**8.040**	**8.388**	**8.828**	**8.799**	**8.782**	**8.788**
182-Day Treasury Bills						
Date of Auction	**30-Apr-26**	**28-May-26**	**25-Jun-26**	**16-Jul-26**	**23-Jul-26**	**30-Jul-26**
Amount Offered (KSh M)	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Bids Received (KSh M)	3,258.48	1,049.48	2,268.16	15,152.81	11,556.05	8,171.64
Amount Accepted (KSh M)	3,258.48	1,049.48	833.16	13,228.66	11,451.01	8,171.64
Maturities (KSh M)	1,604.85	508.45	721.50	558.15	9,132.65	2,303.15
Average Interest Rate (%)	**8.212**	**8.250**	**8.844**	**8.970**	**8.955**	**8.955**
364-Day Treasury Bills						
Date of Auction	**30-Apr-26**	**28-May-26**	**25-Jun-26**	**16-Jul-26**	**23-Jul-26**	**30-Jul-26**
Amount Offered (KSh M)	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Bids Received (KSh M)	7,192.07	1,494.84	2,776.87	4,512.33	4,883.04	4,792.57
Amount Accepted (KSh M)	7,179.77	1,490.29	2,405.42	4,505.60	4,528.66	4,784.06
Maturities (KSh M)	16,387.15	17,213.60	12,917.85	15,987.90	6,641.30	13,090.65
Average Interest Rate (%)	**8.513**	**8.627**	**8.993**	**9.042**	**9.036**	**9.017**

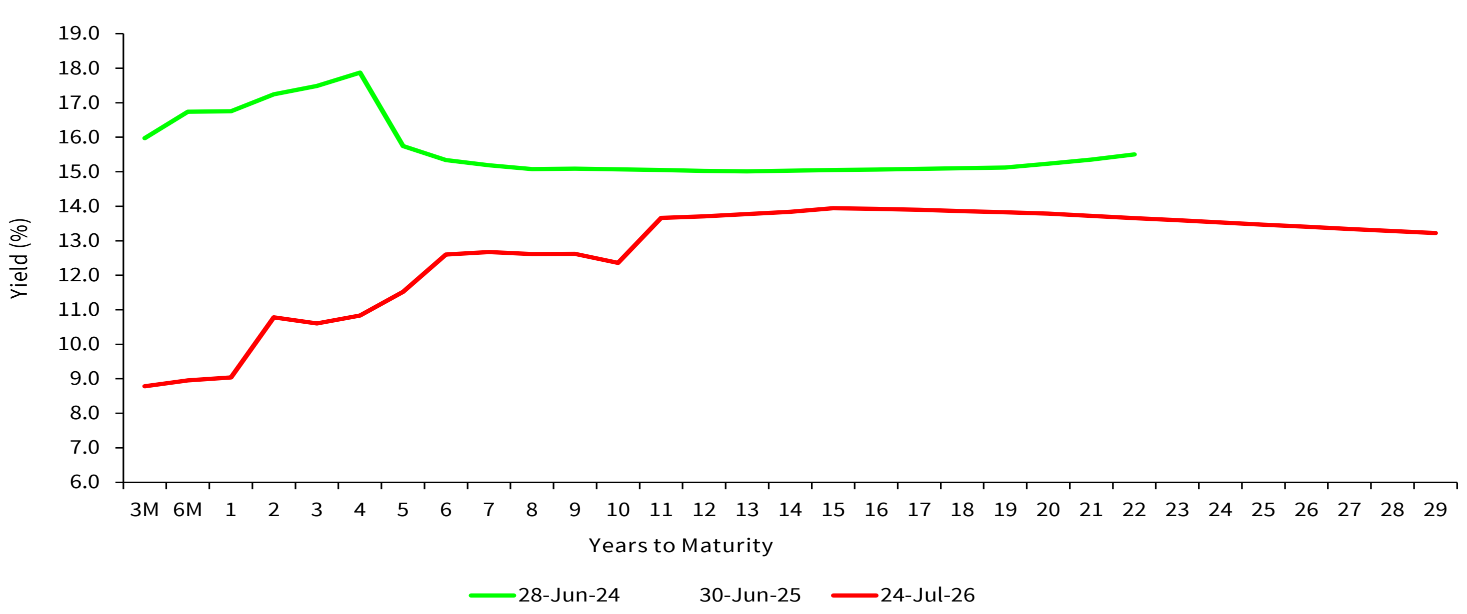
Source: Central Bank of Kenya

Table 5: Performance of Treasury Bond Auctions

Date of Auction	23-Jun-26		08-Jul-26			13-Jul-26	22-Jul-26	
	TAP SALE		RE-OPEN			SWITCH	RE-OPEN	
Tenor	FXD1/ 2018/020	FXD1/ 2021/025	FXD1/ 2022/010	FXD1/ 2021/020	FXD1/ 2026/030	FXD1/ 2012/020	FXD1/ 2019/020	FXD1 /2022/025
Amount offered (KSh M)	20,000.00		70,000.00			10,000.00	40,000.00	
Bids received (Ksh M)	6,387.35	24,622.85	103,955.26	20,859.30	19,652.04	8,159.65	23,968.43	61,960.51
Amount Accepted (Ksh M)	6,097.72	23,143.73	51,029.49	13,535.92	6,033.84	7,954.71	12,249.13	51,034.12
Maturities (KSh M)								
Average interest Rate (%)	13.99	14.86	12.78	14.34	14.62	12.81	13.92	14.44

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

Chart 2: Government Securities Yield Curve



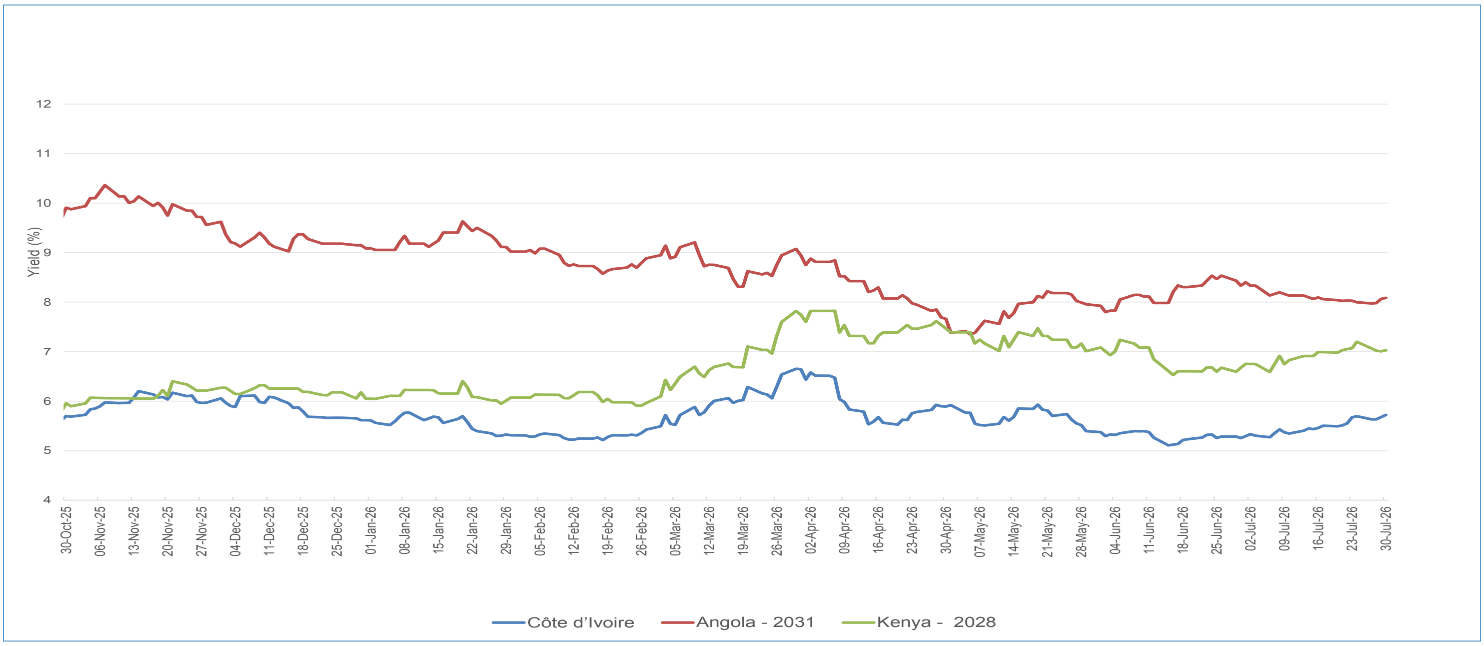
Source: Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE)

Table 6: Performance of Key Market Indicators

INDICATOR	NASI 100=2008	NSE 25 Share Index	NSE 20 Share Index 100=1996	Total Deals (Equity)	Total Shares Traded (Million)	Equity Turnover (KSh Million)	Market Capitalization (KSh Billion)	Bonds Turnover (KSh Million)	EuroBond Yields (%)							
									10-Year 2028	6-Year 2031	12-Year 2032 ww	13-Year 2034	11-Year 2036	12-year 2038	12-year 2039	30-Year 2048
17-Jul-26	231.57	6,419.43	3,957.44	8,684	15.61	522.30	3,886.17	6834.65	6.992	7.619	7.964	8.386	8.926	9.122	9.196	8.933
20-Jul-26	232.64	6,463.41	3,997.59	11,015	28.19	1101.13	3,904.15	9631.45	6.979	7.642	7.936	8.374	8.912	9.109	9.185	8.942
21-Jul-26	231.71	6,445.39	4,006.42	10,655	23.17	989.14	3,888.49	10401.95	7.030	7.685	7.973	8.422	8.945	9.147	9.225	8.952
22-Jul-26	232.56	6,464.48	4,004.21	8,860	15.10	347.27	3,902.88	6663.90	7.051	7.702	8.020	8.476	8.992	9.202	9.266	8.989
23-Jul-26	232.73	6,456.77	3,984.08	10,945	31.11	976.16	3,905.69	8458.75	7.070	7.808	8.106	8.584	9.083	9.274	9.352	9.068
July 17-23	**232.73**	**6,456.77**	**3,984.08**	**50,159.00**	**113.18**	**3,935.99**	**3,905.69**	**41,990.71**	**7.070**	**7.808**	**8.106**	**8.584**	**9.083**	**9.274**	**9.352**	**9.068**
24-Jul-26	233.47	6,474.41	3,997.50	11,072.00	15.05	563.59	3,918.04	11746.35	7.198	7.835	8.144	8.609	9.100	9.304	9.357	9.092
27-Jul-26	234.75	6,507.82	4,028.95	12,398.00	11.39	310.75	3,939.63	5213.2	7.065	7.742	8.023	8.527	9.033	9.228	9.281	9.020
28-Jul-26	235.10	6,510.00	4,031.27	11,750.00	21.88	793.99	3,945.53	15019.7	7.021	7.696	7.976	8.472	8.962	9.164	9.205	8.955
29-Jul-26	235.55	6,523.67	4,050.15	12,091.00	26.59	929.34	3,954.88	14455.15	7.006	7.745	8.010	8.545	9.011	9.237	9.270	9.014
30-Jul-26	236.68	6,549.80	4,062.67	11,890.00	16.26	643.38	3,971.98	11594.79	7.030	7.757	8.040	8.587	9.047	9.274	9.314	9.077
July 24-30	**236.68**	**6,549.80**	**4,062.67**	**59,201.00**	**91.16**	**3,241.05**	**3,971.98**	**58,029.19**	**7.030**	**7.757**	**8.040**	**8.587**	**9.047**	**9.274**	**9.314**	**9.077**
Weekly Changes (%)	**1.70**	**1.44**	**1.97**	**18.03**	**-19.45**	**-17.66**	**1.70**	**38.20**	**-0.040***	**-0.051***	**-0.066**	**0.003***	**-0.0367***	**0.001***	**-0.038***	**0.009***

** Percentage points*
***The higher increase in market capitalization compared to the NASI was driven by the listing of Family Bank shares*
Source: Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE) and Thomson Reuters

Chart 3: Yields on 10-Year Eurobonds for Select Countries



Source: London Stock Exchange

Table 7: Government Domestic Debt (KSh Billion)

	30-Sep-25	31-Dec-25	31-Mar-26	30-Apr-26	29-May-26	26-Jun-26	17-Jul-26	24-Jul-26
1. Treasury Bills (Excluding Repos)	1,081.71	1,074.45	1,192.39	1,135.39	1,106.91	1,116.41	1,125.67	1,138.39
(As % of total securities)	***16.65***	***16.15***	***17.06***	***16.19***	***15.70***	***15.71***	***15.60***	***15.74***
2. Treasury Bonds	5,415.65	5,578.98	5,798.22	5,879.52	5,944.45	5,990.15	6,091.97	6,092.29
(As % of total securities)	***83.35***	***83.85***	***82.94***	***83.81***	***84.30***	***84.29***	***84.40***	***84.26***
3. Total Securities (1+2)	6,497.35	6,653.43	6,990.61	7,014.91	7,051.36	7,106.56	7,217.64	7,230.68
4. Overdraft at Central Bank	55.02	78.23	53.16	63.60	89.49	92.17	85.80	74.37
5. Other Domestic debt*	108.04	105.85	105.95	107.27	98.22	98.24	97.45	97.45
of which IMF funds on-lent to Government	78.93	78.38	78.67	78.93	79.04	79.04	78.32	78.32
6. Gross Domestic Debt (3+4+5)	**6,660.42**	**6,837.51**	**7,149.72**	**7,185.77**	**7,239.08**	**7,296.98**	**7,400.90**	**7,402.50**

** Other domestic debt includes clearing items in transit, advances from commercial banks and Pre-1997 Government Overdraft.*
Source: Central Bank of Kenya

Table 8: Composition of Government Domestic Debt by Instrument (Percent)

	30-Sep-25	31-Dec-25	31-Mar-26	30-Apr-26	29-May-26	26-Jun-26	17-Jul-26	24-Jul-26
Treasury bills (Excluding Repos)	16.24	15.71	16.68	15.80	15.29	15.30	15.21	15.38
Treasury bonds	81.31	81.59	81.10	81.82	82.12	82.09	82.31	82.30
Overdraft at Central Bank	0.83	1.14	0.74	0.89	1.24	1.26	1.16	1.00
Other domestic debt	1.62	1.55	1.48	1.49	1.36	1.35	1.32	1.32
of which IMF fund on lent to government	1.19	1.15	1.10	1.10	1.09	1.08	1.06	1.06
TOTAL	**100.00**	**100.00**	**100.00**	**100.00**	**100.00**	**100.00**	**100.00**	**100.00**

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

Table 9: Government Domestic Debt by Holder (Percent)

	31-Jul-25	31-Dec-25	31-Mar-26	30-Apr-26	29-May-26	26-Jun-26	17-Jul-26	24-Jul-26
Financial Corporations	**78.8**	**78.9**	**79.9**	**80.0**	**79.9**	**79.9**	**80.0**	**80.0**
O/W Commercial Banks	35.6	34.9	36.7	36.3	35.8	35.7	35.5	35.6
Pension Funds	14.5	14.7	14.0	14.2	14.3	14.3	14.5	14.4
Insurance Companies	13.1	13.5	13.6	13.8	13.9	14.1	14.1	14.1
General Government	**7.5**	**7.4**	**7.0**	**7.0**	**7.1**	**7.1**	**7.0**	**7.1**
Households	**6.4**	**6.4**	**6.3**	**6.3**	**6.3**	**6.3**	**6.3**	**6.3**
Non-Residents	**4.5**	**4.7**	**4.4**	**4.3**	**4.2**	**4.2**	**4.2**	**4.2**
Nonfinancial corporations	**2.0**	**1.8**	**1.6**	**1.5**	**1.5**	**1.5**	**1.5**	**1.5**
Non-Profit Institutions	**0.9**	**0.8**	**0.9**	**1.0**	**1.0**	**1.0**	**1.0**	**1.0**
Total	**100**	**100.0**	**100.0**	**100.0**	**100.0**	**100.0**	**100.0**	**100.0**

**Data has been re-classified to adopt a sectorization that is aligned with global best practices, including Government Finance Statistics Manual (GFSM) 2014, Public Sector Debt Statistics 2014 Manual, System of National Accounts (SNA) 2008, and Monetary and Financial Statistics (MFS) 2016. The new classification leverages on the Dhow Central Securities Depository (DhowCSD) system which has the capability to identify the ultimate holders of government securities. The new classification also captures information on any transfer of government securities that take place in the secondary market.*

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

Table 10: Public Debt

	Dec-24	Jun-25	Sep-25	Dec-25	Feb-26	Mar-26	April-26*
Domestic debt (Ksh Bn)	6,326.01	6,660.42	6,837.51	7,064.68	7,149.72	7,185.77	7,239.08
Public & Publicly Guaranteed External debt (USD $ Bn)	42.44	41.73	42.34	44.79	43.74	43.89	43.67
Public & Publicly Guaranteed External debt (Ksh Bn)	5,484.83	5,393.53	5,461.97	5,779.07	5,683.22	5,670.63	5,657.30
Public Debt (Ksh Bn)	**11,810.84**	**12,053.95**	**12,299.48**	**12,843.75**	**12,832.94**	**12,856.40**	**12,896.38**

** Provisional*
Source: The National Treasury and Central Bank of Kenya