

Government of Pakistan
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**PRESS RELEASE ON INFLATION RATE
FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2013 WITH BASE 2007-08=100**

1. SUMMARY OF INFLATION RATES

Inflation Rate April, 2013 over March, 2013 (Previous month)	CPI Change 1.09%
Inflation Rate April, 2013 over April, 2012 (Corresponding month)	5.80%
Average Inflation Rate July- Apr (2012-13) over July- Apr (2011-12)	7.75%

2. Detail Description:

Pakistan Bureau of Statistics collects the retail and the wholesale prices and computes the Consumer Price Index (CPI), Wholesale Price Index (WPI) on monthly basis and Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI) on weekly basis. In April, 2013 the CPI and WPI increased by 1.09% and 0.77% respectively, while SPI decreased by 0.29% over March, 2013 respectively.

Consumer Price Index by Group of Commodities and Services (Base 2007-08)

Major Commodity Group	Group Weight (%)	Indices			% Change in April, 2013 over	
		April, 2013	March, 2013	April, 2012	Mar, 2013	Apr, 2012
General	100.00	177.74	175.82	168.00	1.09	5.80
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages.	34.83	197.62	194.76	188.00	1.47	5.12
<i>Non-perishable food items</i>	29.84	197.04	197.57	186.60	-0.27	5.59
<i>Perishable food items</i>	4.99	201.07	177.97	196.36	12.98	2.40
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	1.41	191.16	191.16	168.74	0.00	13.29
Clothing & Footwear	7.57	182.25	179.42	161.68	1.58	12.72
Housing Water, Elec, Gas & Other Fuels	29.41	154.54	152.91	149.07	1.07	3.67
Furnishing & Household Equipment Maintenance	4.21	183.59	182.47	168.78	0.61	8.77
Health	2.19	159.34	158.49	141.74	0.54	12.42
Transport	7.20	187.70	189.11	185.94	-0.75	0.95
Communication	3.22	128.64	128.63	122.36	0.01	5.13
Recreation & Culture	2.03	175.62	170.63	146.51	2.92	19.87
Education	3.94	161.66	157.68	151.36	2.52	6.80
Restaurant & hotel	1.23	208.62	208.05	192.76	0.27	8.23
Miscellaneous goods & services	2.76	202.51	202.64	188.70	-0.06	7.32

Main contributors to month-on-month and year-on-year are given below:

i) **Month-on-month** Top few commodities which varied from previous month i.e. April, 2013 over March, 2013 are given below:-

a. **Food Items Increased:** Onions (40.12%), Fresh Vegetables (20.97%), Fresh Fruits (12.46%), Chicken (4.76%), Tea (2.53%), Fish (1.73%), Sugar (1.70%), Pulse Masoor (1.37%), Beverages (1.29%), Milk Powder (0.93%), Meat (0.85%) and Gur (0.72%).

Decreased: Tomatoes (27.11%), Eggs (13.69%), Pulse Gram (6.91%), Potatoes (6.26%), Wheat (5.50%), Gram Whole (5.08%), Besan (5.04%), Wheat Flour (2.91%), Pulse Mash (2.35%), Spices (2.31%), Mustard Oil (1.69%), Pulse Moong (1.52%) and Wheat Product (1.29%).

b. **Non-food Items Increased:** Text Books (6.89%), Cotton Cloth (4.38%), Education (2.52%), Dopatta (1.94%), Hosiery (1.68%), House Rent (1.48%), Household Equipments (1.25%), Utensils (1.23%), Construction Wage Rates (1.17%), Woolen Cloth (1.14%), Doctor (MBBS) Clinic Fee (1.06%), Construction Input items (0.94%) and Stationery (0.89%).

Decreased: Transport Services (1.20%), Kerosene Oil (1.18%), Motor Fuel (0.76%), Personal Equipments (0.53%) and Woolen Readymade Garments (0.06%).

ii) **Year-on-year** Top few commodities which varied from corresponding month of previous year i.e. April, 2013 over April, 2012 are given below:-

a. **Food Items Increased:** Onions (116.49%), Honey (17.25%), Tea (15.67%), Wheat (15.64%), Wheat Flour (15.30%), Rice (15.25%), Wheat Products (13.92%), Cigarettes (13.45%), Beans (12.15%), Milk Powder (11.81%), Cereals (10.84%), Eggs (10.07%) and Milk Fresh (9.69%).

Decreased: Spices (18.91%), Tomatoes (17.55%), Chicken (17.33%), Potatoes (14.95%), Fresh Fruits (11.79%), Gram Whole (10.63%), Pulse Mash (8.87%), Pulse Moong (8.58%), Pulse Gram (6.59%), Sugar (4.76%), Vegetable Ghee (4.31%) and Besan (0.46%).

b. **Non-food Items Increased:** Text Books (48.60%), Woolen Readymade Garments (19.88%), Dopatta (17.88%), Electricity (16.39%), Doctor (MBBS) Clinic Fee (16.01%), Cleaning & Laundry (15.57%), Cotton Cloth (14.26%), Tailoring (13.96%) and Hosiery (13.91%).

Decreased: Gas (46.08%).

iii) **Average Inflation Rate**

The Consumer Price Index of July- April, 2012-13 has increased by 7.75% over July-April, 2011-12 as per details given below:-

Groups	Group Weight	Indices		%Change
		Jul- Apr 2012-13	Jul- Apr 2011-12	
General	100.00	173.58	161.09	7.75
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	34.83	193.85	181.79	6.63
<i>Non-perishable food items</i>	<i>29.84</i>	<i>194.58</i>	<i>180.28</i>	<i>7.93</i>
<i>Perishable food items</i>	<i>4.99</i>	<i>189.47</i>	<i>190.83</i>	<i>-0.71</i>
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	1.41	190.64	162.28	17.48
Clothing & Footwear	7.57	173.67	151.41	14.70
Housing, Water, Elec, Gas Fuels	29.41	150.69	144.75	4.10
Furnishing & Household Equipment Maintenance.	4.21	178.80	157.86	13.26
Health	2.19	155.75	136.42	14.17
Transport	7.20	186.44	168.77	10.47
Communication	3.22	125.65	122.92	2.22
Recreation & Culture	2.03	167.44	141.59	18.26
Education	3.94	155.46	142.23	9.30
Restaurant & Hotels	1.23	202.29	184.10	9.88
Miscellaneous	2.76	198.89	179.90	10.56

The items that witnessed significant rise in their prices include Text Books (41.63%), Besan (33.78%), Pulse Gram (33.70%), Woolen Readymade Garments (20.41%), Honey (20.33%), Motor Vehicle Tax (20.25%) and Doctor (MBBS) clinic fee (20.13%).

3. Core inflation of CPI

i. Trimmed Core Inflation

During the month of April, 2013 over April, 2012, the trimmed core inflation has been observed as 7.6%, while it was 11.0% during April, 2012 over April, 2011.

ii. Non-Food & Non-Energy Core Inflation

During the month of April, 2013 over April, 2012, the Non-food & Non-energy core inflation has been observed as 8.7%, while it was 10.8% during April, 2012 over April, 2011.