

Government of Pakistan
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Pakistan Bureau of Statistics

**PRESS RELEASE ON INFLATION RATE
FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2013 WITH BASE 2007-08=100**

1. SUMMARY OF INFLATION RATES

Inflation Rate March, 2013 over February, 2013 (Previous month)	CPI Change
Inflation Rate March, 2013 over March, 2012 (Corresponding month)	0.41%
Average Inflation Rate July- Mar (2012-13) over July- Mar (2011-12)	6.57%
	7.98%

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 March, 2013 the CPI and WPI increased by 0.41% and 0.26% respectively, while SPI increased by 0.78% over February, 2013 respectively.

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

Major Commodity Group	Group Weight (%)	Indices			% Change in March, 2013 over	
		March, 2013	Feb, 2013	March, 2012	Feb, 2013	March, 2012
General	100.00	175.82	175.11	164.98	0.41	6.57
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages.	34.83	194.76	193.70	183.98	0.55	5.86
<i>Non-perishable food items</i>	29.84	197.57	198.29	184.44	-0.36	7.12
<i>Perishable food items</i>	4.99	177.97	166.26	181.25	7.04	-1.81
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	1.41	191.16	191.17	163.53	-0.01	16.90
Clothing & Footwear	7.57	179.42	178.43	159.35	0.55	12.59
Housing Water, Elec, Gas & Other Fuels	29.41	152.91	152.79	147.65	0.08	3.56
Furnishing & Household Equipment Maintenance	4.21	182.47	181.91	166.88	0.31	9.34
Health	2.19	158.49	158.02	141.00	0.30	12.40
Transport	7.20	189.11	188.35	178.37	0.40	6.02
Communication	3.22	128.63	128.63	122.42	0.00	5.07
Recreation & Culture	2.03	170.63	167.30	144.41	1.99	18.16
Education	3.94	157.68	155.83	145.10	1.19	8.67
Restaurant & hotel	1.23	208.05	207.28	191.63	0.37	8.57
Miscellaneous goods & services	2.76	202.64	202.74	188.59	-0.05	7.45

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. March, 2013 over Feb, 2013 are given below:-

a. Food Items Increased: Onions (29.50%), Tomatoes (17.08%), Tea (5.44%), Eggs (4.71%), Fresh Fruits (4.18%), Beverages (2.59%), Fresh Vegetables (1.23%), Beans (0.91%), Cereals (0.78%), Nimco (0.75%), Milk Powder (0.63%), Jam, Tomatoe Ketchup & Pickles (0.58%) and Bakery & Confectionary (0.38%).

Decreased: Chicken (12.04%), Spices (6.11%), Pulse Gram (5.99%), Besan (4.67%), Gram Whole (4.60%), Potatoes (2.48%), Fish (1.73%), Gur (0.76%), Pulse Masoor (0.50%), Cooking Oil (0.36%), Wheat Flour (0.32%), Betal Leaves & Nuts (0.26%), Pulse Mash and Vegetable Ghee (0.14% each).

b. Non-food Items Increased: Newspaper (8.19%), Text Books (3.18%), Water charges (2.88%), Transport Services (1.49%), Education (1.19%), Construction Input items (1.11%), Cleaning & Laundry (0.97%), Cotton Cloth (0.95%), Tailoring (0.94%), Furniture (0.86%) and Readymade Garments (0.82%).

Decreased: Personal Equipments (1.17%), Motor Fuel (0.64%) and Woolen Readymade Garments (0.46%).

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

a. **Food Items Increased:** Tomatoes (100.22%), Wheat (22.89%), Wheat Flour (19.31%), Honey (18.57%), Rice (17.30%), Cigarettes (17.11%), Wheat Products (15.67%), Tea (14.31%), Milk Powder (13.55%), Beans (12.47%), Onions (11.33%), Potatoes (10.66%) and Milk Fresh (10.62%).

Decreased: Spices (18.03%), Fresh Fruits (12.99%), Fresh Vegetables (11.86%), Chicken (11.50%), Pulse Mash (8.28%), Pulse Moong (7.68%), Sugar (6.21%), Gram Whole (5.57%), Vegetable Ghee (1.51%), Pulse Masoor (0.92%) and Eggs (0.88%).

b. **Non-food Items Increased:** Text Books (44.71%), Woolen Readymade Garments (19.97%), Cleaning & Laundry (17.99%), Dopatta (17.48%), Electricity (16.39%), Doctor (MBBS) Clinic Fee (15.06%), Tailoring (14.62%), Readymade Garments (14.56%), Newspaper (13.68%) and Hosiery (13.34%).

Decreased: Gas (46.08%).

iii) **Average Inflation Rate**

The Consumer Price Index of July- March, 2012-13 has increased by 7.98% over July-March, 2011-12 as per details given below:-

Groups	Group Weight	Indices		%Change
		Jul- Mar 2012-13	Jul- Mar 2011-12	
General	100.00	173.12	160.32	7.98
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	34.83	193.43	181.10	6.81
<i>Non-perishable food items</i>	<i>29.84</i>	<i>194.31</i>	<i>179.58</i>	<i>8.20</i>
<i>Perishable food items</i>	<i>4.99</i>	<i>188.17</i>	<i>190.19</i>	<i>-1.06</i>
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	1.41	190.59	161.56	17.97
Clothing & Footwear	7.57	172.72	150.27	14.94
Housing, Water, Elec, Gas Fuels	29.41	150.26	144.26	4.16
Furnishing & Household Equipment Maintenance.	4.21	178.26	156.65	13.80
Health	2.19	155.35	135.83	14.37
Transport	7.20	186.30	166.87	11.64
Communication	3.22	125.32	122.98	1.90
Recreation & Culture	2.03	166.53	141.04	18.07
Education	3.94	154.77	141.22	9.59
Restaurant & Hotels	1.23	201.59	183.13	10.08
Miscellaneous	2.76	198.49	178.92	10.94

The items that witnessed significant rise in their prices include Text Books (40.82%), Pulse Gram (39.48%), Besan (38.60%), Motor Vehicle Tax (22.84%), Honey (20.69%), Doctor (MBBS) clinic fee (20.62%), Woolen Readymade Garments (20.47%) and Household Servant (20.07%).

3. Core inflation of CPI

i. Trimmed Core Inflation

During the month of March, 2013 over March, 2012, the trimmed core inflation has been observed as 8.4%, while it was 10.5% during March, 2012 over March, 2011.

ii. Non-Food & Non-Energy Core Inflation

During the month of March, 2013 over March, 2012, the non-food & non-energy core inflation has been observed as 9.0%, while it was 10.8% during March, 2012 over March, 2011.