

**PRESS RELEASE ON INFLATION RATE**  
**FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 2014 WITH BASE 2007-08=100**

**1. SUMMARY OF INFLATION RATES**

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**Change**

Inflation Rate Feb, 2014 over Jan, 2014 (Previous month)	- 0.32%
Inflation Rate Feb, 2014 over Feb, 2013 (Corresponding month)	7.93%
Average Inflation Rate July-Feb (2013-14) over July-Feb (2012-13)	8.65%

**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 February, 2014 the CPI, SPI and WPI decreased by 0.32%, 0.09% and 0.14% respectively.

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

Major Commodity Group	Group Weight (%)	Indices			% Change in Feb, 2014 over	
		Feb, 2014	Jan, 2014	Feb, 2013	Jan, 2014	Feb, 2013
<b>General</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>189.00</b>	<b>189.60</b>	<b>175.11</b>	<b>-0.32</b>	<b>7.93</b>
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages.	34.83	207.34	209.65	193.70	-1.10	7.04
<i>Non-perishable food items</i>	<i>29.84</i>	<i>211.97</i>	<i>212.55</i>	<i>198.29</i>	<i>-0.27</i>	<i>6.90</i>
<i>Perishable food items</i>	<i>4.99</i>	<i>179.61</i>	<i>192.27</i>	<i>166.26</i>	<i>-6.58</i>	<i>8.03</i>
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	1.41	221.77	221.80	191.17	-0.01	16.01
Clothing & Footwear	7.57	199.16	198.27	178.43	0.45	11.62
Housing Water, Elec, Gas & Other Fuels	29.41	166.96	166.94	152.79	0.01	9.27
Furnishing & Household Equipment Maintenance	4.21	197.91	196.75	181.90	0.59	8.80
Health	2.19	167.51	166.85	158.02	0.40	6.01
Transport	7.20	197.33	197.19	188.35	0.07	4.77
Communication	3.22	129.81	129.79	128.63	0.02	0.92
Recreation & Culture	2.02	183.42	183.35	167.31	0.04	9.63
Education	3.94	168.48	168.48	155.83	0.00	8.12
Restaurant & hotel	1.23	233.31	231.12	207.28	0.95	12.56
Miscellaneous goods & services	2.76	212.47	211.23	202.75	0.59	4.79

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. Feb, 2014 over Jan, 2014 are given below:-

a. **Food Items Increased:** Pulse Gram (5.62%), Pulse Moong (2.21%), Pulse Masoor (2.10%), Condiments (1.68%), Milk Powder (1.65%), Gram Whole (1.62%), Beans (1.03%), Besan (1.02%), Wheat and Readymade Food (0.96% each), Spices (0.87%) and Milk Fresh (0.82%).

**Decreased:** Tomatoes (35.23%), Chicken (13.85%), Onions (10.67%), Eggs (4.35%), Fresh Vegetables (3.66%), Potatoes (3.40%), Fresh Fruits (2.43%), Sugar (1.80%), Tea (1.44%), Gur (1.33%), Betel Leaves & Nuts (0.83%), Fish (0.71%), Mustard Oil (0.32%) and Dry Fruits (0.11%).

b. **Non-food Items Increased:** Marriage Hall Charges (1.93%), Doctor (MBBS) Clinic Fee (0.96%), Cosmetics (0.82%), Hosiery and Cleaning & Laundry (0.76% each), Furniture (0.73%), Utensils (0.72%), Household Textiles and Personal Care (0.71% each).

**Decreased:** Kerosene Oil (0.60%) and Motor Fuel (0.20%).

ii) Year-on-year Top few commodities which varied from corresponding month of previous year i.e. Feb, 2014 over Feb, 2013 are given below:-

a. **Food Items Increased:** Potatoes (35.38%), Fresh Vegetables (22.58%), Pulse Masoor (19.20%), Wheat (18.18%), Pulse Moong (18.15%), Wheat Products (17.67%), Wheat Flour (16.41%), Cigarettes (16.20%), Onions (15.37%), Eggs (14.57%), Beans (14.05%), Readymade Food (12.56%), Milk Powder (11.28%) and Bakery & Confectionary (11.13%).

**Decreased:** Tomatoes (40.10%), Besan (26.09%), Pulse Gram (26.04%), Gram Whole (19.55%), Spices (9.51%), Sugar (2.25%) and Mustard Oil (1.86%).

b. **Non-food Items Increased:** Postal Services (23.66%), Cosmetics (19.14%), Electricity (15.82%), Sewing Needle & Dry Cell (15.78%), Text Books (15.60%), Tailoring (13.53%), Cotton Cloth (13.10%), Woolen Readymade Garments (12.96%), Doctor (MBBS) Clinic Fee (12.76%), Readymade Garments (12.00%), Cleaning & Laundry (11.52%) and Utensils (11.42%).

**Decreased:** Personal Equipments (2.19%).

iii) Average Inflation Rate

The Consumer Price Index of July- Feb, 2013-14 has increased by 8.65% over July-Feb, 2012-13 as per details given below:-

Groups	Group Weight	Indices		%Change
		Jul- Feb 2013-14	Jul- Feb 2012-13	
<b>General</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>187.72</b>	<b>172.78</b>	<b>8.65</b>
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	34.83	210.57	193.27	8.95
<i>Non-perishable food items</i>	29.84	208.54	193.87	7.57
<i>Perishable food items</i>	4.99	222.67	189.66	17.40
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	1.41	219.23	190.52	15.07
Clothing & Footwear	7.57	195.14	171.88	13.53
Housing, Water, Elec, Gas Fuels	29.41	162.47	149.93	8.36
Furnishing & Household Equipment Maintenance.	4.21	193.03	177.73	8.61
Health	2.19	165.01	154.96	6.49
Transport	7.20	194.96	185.95	4.85
Communication	3.22	129.71	124.90	3.85
Recreation & Culture	2.03	182.05	166.02	9.66
Education	3.94	167.24	154.41	8.31
Restaurant & Hotels	1.23	224.25	200.78	11.69
Miscellaneous	2.76	207.98	197.97	5.06

Top few commodities which varied from previous year average i.e. July-Feb, 2012-13 are given below:-

**Increased:** Tomatoes (53.47%), Onions (49.16%), Potatoes (39.33%), Postal Services (24.89%), Wheat (23.92%), Wheat Flour (22.74%), Wheat Products (19.77%), Tea (17.81%), Gur (17.44%), Fresh Vegetables (16.86%), Cosmetics (16.06%), Text Books (15.45%), Woolen Readymade Garments (15.35%), Cigarettes (15.22%) and Tailoring (15.02%).

**Decreased:** Pulse Gram (29.06%), Besan (26.43%), Gram Whole (21.41%), Spices (16.45%), Vegetable Ghee (2.88%), Fresh Fruits (2.09%), Pulse Mash (1.99%), Mustard Oil (1.34%), Cooking Oil (1.29%), Personal Equipments (0.17%) and Eggs (0.11%).

### 3. Core inflation of CPI

#### i. Trimmed Core Inflation

During the month of Feb, 2014 over Feb, 2013, the trimmed core inflation has been observed as 8.1%, while it was 9.2% during Feb, 2013 over Feb, 2012.

#### ii. Non-Food & Non-Energy Core Inflation

During the month of Feb, 2014 over Feb, 2013, the Non-food & Non-energy core inflation has been observed as 7.8%, while it was 9.6% during Feb, 2013 over Feb, 2012.