

Government of Pakistan
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Pakistan Bureau of Statistics

**PRESS RELEASE ON INFLATION RATE
FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2015 WITH BASE 2007-08=100**

1. SUMMARY OF INFLATION RATES

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Change**

Inflation Rate April, 2015 over March, 2015 (Previous month)	1.32%
Inflation Rate April, 2015 over April, 2014 (Corresponding month)	2.11%
Average Inflation Rate Jul-April (2014-15) over Jul-April (2013-14)	4.81%

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, 2015 the CPI, WPI & SPI are increased by 1.32%, 0.86% and 0.39% respectively.

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

Major Commodity Group	Group Weight (%)	Indices			% Change in Apr, 2015 over	
		Apr, 2015	Mar, 2015	Apr, 2014	Mar, 2015	Apr, 2014
General	100.00	198.16	195.57	194.06	1.32	2.11
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages.	34.83	214.18	210.96	216.45	1.53	-1.05
<i>Non-perishable food items</i>	29.84	214.02	213.73	213.34	0.14	0.32
<i>Perishable food items</i>	4.99	215.16	194.42	235.05	10.67	-8.46
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	1.41	266.65	266.63	221.91	0.01	20.16
Clothing & Footwear	7.57	217.17	215.06	202.73	0.98	7.12
Housing Water, Elec, Gas& Other Fuels	29.41	177.73	176.51	169.46	0.69	4.88
Furnishing & Household Equipment Maintenance	4.21	211.06	209.89	200.99	0.56	5.01
Health	2.19	178.21	177.26	170.58	0.54	4.47
Transport	7.20	176.70	175.14	195.61	0.89	-9.67
Communication	3.22	130.29	130.27	129.80	0.02	0.38
Recreation & Culture	2.02	192.74	189.80	187.95	1.55	2.55
Education	3.94	209.17	192.50	184.84	8.66	13.16
Restaurant & hotel	1.23	247.73	247.22	236.98	0.21	4.54
Miscellaneous goods & services	2.76	223.99	222.57	213.15	0.64	5.09

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, 2015 are given below:-

Food Items Increased: Onion (51.16%), Fresh Vegetables (14.33%), Chicken (11.07%), Fresh Fruits (9.93%), Sugar (5.85%), Tea (3.37), Pulse Mash (2.19%) and Gur (1.67%).

Decreased: Tomatoes (21.84%), Potatoes (16.02%), Eggs (7.07%), Vegetable Ghee Tin (4.03%), Cooking Oil Tin (3.27%), Wheat (2.18%), Mustard Oil (1.46%), Beans (1.43%), Fish (1.39%), Pulse Gram (1.36%), Wheat Flour (1.32%) and Rice (1.05%).

Non-food Items Increased: Education (8.66%), Sewing Needle & Dry Cell (8.01%), Text Books (3.28%), Readymade Garments (3.00%), Motor Fuel (2.74%), Tailoring (1.52%), Kerosene Oil (1.47%), Doctor (MBBS) Clinic Fee (1.46%), Personal Equipment (1.33%), Hosiery (1.26%), Medical Equipment (1.21%) and Cotton Cloths (1.02%).

Decreased: Motor Vehicle Accessories (1.59%), Motor Vehicles (0.28%) and Firewood Whole (0.15%).

- ii) **Year-on-Year:** Top few commodities which varied from previous year i.e. April, 2014 are given below:-

Food Items Increased: Cigarettes (20.39%), Pulse Mash (19.19%), Onions (18.31%), Pulse Moong (10.09%) Honey (8.59%), Dry Fruits (7.94%), Condiments (7.75%), Jam, Tomato Ketchup & Pickles (7.56%), Sugar (7.51%).

Decreased: Potatoes (66.47%), Vegetable Ghee Tin (10.34%), Chicken (9.38%), Cooking Oil Tin (9.33%), Wheat (9.21%), Rice (8.02%) and Wheat Flour (7.08%).

Non-food Items Increased: Motor Vehicle Tax (36.71%), Education (13.16%), Sewing Needles & Dry Cells (12.15%), Tailoring (11.45%), Woolen Readymade Garments (10.31%), Cotton Cloths (9.85%), Readymade Garments (8.95%) and Construction Wage Rates (7.10%).

Decreased: Kerosene Oil (25.69%), Motor Fuel (20.11%) and Transport Services (6.11%).

Average Inflation Rate

The Consumer Price Index of July-April, 2014-15 has increased by 4.81% over July-April, 2013-14 as per details given below:-

Groups	Group Weight	Indices		%Change
		Jul-Apr 2014-15	Jul-Apr 2013-14	
General	100.00	197.74	188.67	4.81
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	34.83	216.98	211.30	2.69
<i>Non-perishable food items</i>	29.84	215.41	209.58	2.78
<i>Perishable food items</i>	4.99	226.44	221.53	2.21
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	1.41	266.54	219.76	21.29
Clothing & Footwear	7.57	212.97	196.42	8.43
Housing, Water, Elec, Gas Fuels	29.41	174.37	163.62	6.57
Furnishing & Household Equipment Maintenance.	4.21	208.17	194.41	7.08
Health	2.19	175.75	166.06	5.84
Transport	7.20	189.14	195.15	-3.08
Communication	3.22	130.05	129.74	0.24
Recreation & Culture	2.03	189.75	182.81	3.80
Education	3.94	193.84	169.13	14.61
Restaurant & Hotels	1.23	243.73	226.65	7.54
Miscellaneous	2.76	220.71	209.14	5.53

Top few commodities which varied from previous year average i.e. July-Apr, 2013-14 are given below:-

Increased: Motor Vehicle Tax (36.71%), Cigarettes (21.50%), Pulse Moong (19.52%), Potatoes (18.85%), Pulse Mash (18.10%) and Education (14.61%).

Decreased: Onions (23.68%), Tomatoes (22.95%), Kerosene Oil (15.06%), Tea (12.17%) and Motor Fuel (10.97%).

3. Core inflation of CPI

i. Trimmed Core Inflation

During the month of April, 2015 over April, 2014, the trimmed core inflation has been observed as 3.1% while it was 9.0% during April, 2014 over April, 2013.

ii. Non-Food & Non-Energy Core Inflation

During the month of April, 2015 over April, 2014, the Non-food & Non-energy core inflation has been observed as 5.4% while it was 8.5% during April, 2014 over April, 2013.