

Government of Pakistan
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Pakistan Bureau of Statistics

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

1. SUMMARY OF INFLATION RATES

	<u>C P I Change</u>
Inflation Rate Feb, 2015 over Jan, 2015 (Previous month)	-0.92%
Inflation Rate Feb, 2015 over Feb, 2014 (Corresponding month)	3.24%
Average Inflation Rate Jul-Feb (2014-15) over Jul-Feb (2013-14)	5.45%

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, 2015 the CPI, WPI and SPI are decreased by 0.92%, 1.09% and 0.99% respectively.

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

Major Commodity Group	Group Weight (%)	Indices			% Change in Feb, 2015 over	
		Feb, 2015	Jan, 2015	Feb, 2014	Jan, 2015	Feb, 2014
General	100.00	195.13	196.95	189.00	-0.92	3.24
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages.	34.83	209.81	214.11	207.34	-2.01	1.19
<i>Non-perishable food items</i>	29.84	214.19	216.92	211.97	-1.26	1.05
<i>Perishable food items</i>	4.99	183.61	197.34	179.61	-6.96	2.23
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	1.41	266.63	266.62	221.77	0.00	20.23
Clothing & Footwear	7.57	214.49	214.32	199.16	0.08	7.70
Housing Water, Elec, Gas& Other Fuels	29.41	176.51	176.51	166.96	0.00	5.72
Furnishing & Household Equipment Maintenance	4.21	209.72	209.37	197.91	0.17	5.97
Health	2.19	177.16	176.97	167.50	0.11	5.77
Transport	7.20	175.39	181.22	197.33	-3.22	-11.12
Communication	3.22	130.27	130.13	129.82	0.11	0.35
Recreation & Culture	2.02	189.67	189.63	183.42	0.02	3.41
Education	3.94	192.41	192.41	168.48	0.00	14.20
Restaurant & hotel	1.23	246.22	244.90	233.32	0.54	5.53
Miscellaneous goods & services	2.76	222.81	221.30	212.47	0.68	4.87

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. January, 2015 are given below:-

Food Items Increased: Tea (0.75%), Tomatoes & Besan (0.68% each), sugar (0.67%) and Pulse Mash (0.60%).

Decreased: Chicken (17.95%), Potatoes (17.00%), Eggs (13.86%), Fresh Vegetables (11.40%), Onions (5.89%), Fresh Fruits (2.09%), Rice (2.02%), Fish (1.80%), Wheat Product (1.58%) and Vegetable Ghee (1.37%).

Non-food Items Increased: Personal Equipment (1.28%) and Construction Wage Rates (1.07%).

Decreased: Kerosene Oil (8.32%), Motor Fuel (6.73%) and Transport Services (1.98%).

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

Food Items Increased: Tomatoes (57.80%), Cigarettes (20.39%), Pulse Moong (19.65%), Pulse Mash (18.49%) and Fresh Fruits (13.42%).

Decreased: Onions (30.65%), Potatoes (15.71%), Chicken (12.83%) and Wheat (11.96%).

Non-food Items Increased: Motor Vehicle Tax (36.71%), Education (14.20%), Cotton Cloths (12.25%), Tailoring (10.95%) and Woolen Readymade Garments (10.25%).

Decreased: Kerosene Oil (29.69%) and Motor Fuel (24.11%).

Average Inflation Rate

The Consumer Price Index of July-February, 2014-15 has increased by 5.45% over July-February, 2013-14 as per details given below:-

Groups	Group Weight	Indices		%Change
		Jul-Feb 2014-15	Jul-Feb 2013-14	
General	100.00	197.96	187.72	5.45
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	34.83	218.09	210.57	3.57
<i>Non-perishable food items</i>	29.84	215.79	208.54	3.47
<i>Perishable food items</i>	4.99	231.85	222.67	4.12
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	1.41	266.52	219.23	21.57
Clothing & Footwear	7.57	212.18	195.14	8.73
Housing, Water, Elec, Gas Fuels	29.41	173.68	162.47	6.90
Furnishing & Household Equipment Maintenance.	4.21	207.59	193.03	7.54
Health	2.19	175.26	165.01	6.21
Transport	7.20	192.45	194.96	-1.29
Communication	3.22	129.99	129.71	0.21
Recreation & Culture	2.03	189.37	182.05	4.02
Education	3.94	192.10	167.24	14.86
Restaurant & Hotels	1.23	242.79	224.25	8.27
Miscellaneous	2.76	220.07	207.98	5.81

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

Increased: Potatoes (42.86%), Motor Vehicle Tax (36.71%), Pulse Moong (21.98%), Cigarettes (21.78%), Pulse Mash (18.21%) and Education (14.86%).

Decreased: Onions (28.56%), Tomatoes (27.66%), Tea (14.58%), Kerosene Oil (11.84%) and Motor Fuel (8.32%).

3. Core inflation of CPI

i. Trimmed Core Inflation

During the month of February, 2015 over February, 2014, the trimmed core inflation has been observed as 4.2% while it was 8.1% during February, 2014 over February, 2013.

ii. Non-Food & Non-Energy Core Inflation

During the month of February, 2015 over February, 2014, the Non-food & Non-energy core inflation has been observed as 6.2% while it was 7.8% during February, 2014 over February, 2013.