

Government of Pakistan
Statistics Division
Pakistan Bureau of Statistics

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

1. SUMMARY OF INFLATION RATES

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Change**

Inflation Rate May, 2015 over April, 2015 (Previous month)	0.76%
Inflation Rate May, 2015 over May, 2014 (Corresponding month)	3.16%
Average Inflation Rate Jul-May (2014-15) over Jul-May (2013-14)	4.65%

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 May, 2015 the CPI, WPI & SPI are increased by 0.76%, 1.10% and 1.31% respectively.

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

Major Commodity Group	Group Weight (%)	Indices			% Change in May, 2015 over	
		May, 2015	Apr, 2015	May, 2014	Apr, 2015	May, 2014
General	100.00	199.66	198.16	193.55	0.76	3.16
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages.	34.83	218.32	214.18	213.57	1.93	2.22
<i>Non-perishable food items</i>	29.84	215.36	214.02	211.67	0.63	1.74
<i>Perishable food items</i>	4.99	236.07	215.16	224.92	9.72	4.96
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	1.41	268.97	266.65	223.66	0.87	20.26
Clothing & Footwear	7.57	217.58	217.17	205.01	0.19	6.13
Housing Water, Elec, Gas& Other Fuels	29.41	177.75	177.73	169.51	0.01	4.86
Furnishing & Household Equipment Maintenance	4.21	210.84	211.06	202.02	-0.10	4.37
Health	2.19	178.22	178.21	172.45	0.01	3.35
Transport	7.20	176.82	176.70	195.03	0.07	-9.34
Communication	3.22	130.29	130.29	129.81	0.00	0.37
Recreation & Culture	2.02	192.98	192.74	188.47	0.12	2.39
Education	3.94	209.17	209.17	188.73	0.00	10.83
Restaurant & hotel	1.23	248.45	247.73	238.05	0.29	4.37
Miscellaneous goods & services	2.76	223.08	223.99	215.29	-0.41	3.62

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, 2015 are given below:-

Food Items Increased: Tomatoes (17.57%), Pulse Gram (14.89%), Besan (13.05%), Fresh Vegetables (11.49%), Chicken (10.70%), Fresh Fruits (9.16%), Onions (7.34%), Pulse Mash (5.97%), Gram Whole (5.81%), Gur (3.09%), Pulse Masoor (3.03%), Sugar (2.47%), Betel Leaves & Nuts (1.25%) and Pulse Moong (1.08%).

Decreased: Eggs (5.91%), Wheat (2.86%), Potatoes (2.82%), Cooking oil (1.69%), Vegetable Ghee (1.46%), Wheat Flour (1.07%), and Mustard Oil (1.06%).

Non-food Items Increased: Kerosene Oil (1.40%) and Mechanical Service (1.21%).

Decreased: Washing Soaps & Detergents (1.47%).

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

Food Items Increased: Tomatoes (134.77%), Onions (40.39%), Pulse Mash (21.46%), Cigarettes (20.50%), Fresh Vegetables (18.11%), Pulse Gram (17.95%), Besan (13.94%), Sugar (11.53%) and Tea (8.17%).

Decreased: Potatoes (67.95%), Vegetable Ghee (11.15%), Cooking Oil (11.08%) and Rice (8.61%).

Non-food Items Increased: Motor Vehicle Tax (36.71%), Sewing Needles & Dry Cells (11.35%), Education (10.83%), Tailoring (10.46%), Woolen Readymade Garments (10.31%), Cotton Cloths (7.69%) and Readymade Garments (7.27%).

Decreased: Kerosene Oil (23.73%), Motor Fuel (19.52%) and Transport Services (6.01%).

Average Inflation Rate

The Consumer Price Index of July-May, 2014-15 has increased by 4.65% over July-May, 2013-14 as per details given below:-

Groups	Group Weight	Indices		%Change
		Jul-May 2014-15	Jul-May 2013-14	
General	100.00	197.91	189.11	4.65
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	34.83	217.11	211.50	2.65
<i>Non-perishable food items</i>	<i>29.84</i>	<i>215.40</i>	<i>209.77</i>	<i>2.68</i>
<i>Perishable food items</i>	<i>4.99</i>	<i>227.31</i>	<i>221.84</i>	<i>2.47</i>
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	1.41	266.76	220.11	21.19
Clothing & Footwear	7.57	213.39	197.20	8.21
Housing, Water, Elec, Gas Fuels	29.41	174.67	164.15	6.41
Furnishing & Household Equipment Maintenance.	4.21	208.41	195.10	6.82
Health	2.19	175.98	166.64	5.60
Transport	7.20	188.02	195.14	-3.65
Communication	3.22	130.07	129.74	0.25
Recreation & Culture	2.03	190.04	183.32	3.67
Education	3.94	195.24	170.91	14.23
Restaurant & Hotels	1.23	244.16	227.68	7.23
Miscellaneous	2.76	220.92	209.70	5.35

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

Increased: Motor Vehicle Tax (36.71%), Cigarettes (21.40%), Pulse Mash (18.42%), Pulse Moong (18.15%), and Education (14.24%).

Decreased: Onions (19.25%), Tomatoes (18.02%), Kerosene Oil (15.82%), Motor Fuel (11.73%) and Tea (10.55%).

3. Core inflation of CPI

i. Trimmed Core Inflation

During the month of May, 2015 over May, 2014, the trimmed core inflation has been observed as 3.9% while it was 8.3% during May, 2014 over May, 2013.

ii. Non-Food & Non-Energy Core Inflation

During the month of May, 2015 over May, 2014, the Non-food & Non-energy core inflation has been observed as 4.9% while it was 8.7% during May, 2014 over May, 2013.