

Government of Pakistan  
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Pakistan Bureau of Statistics

**PRESS RELEASE ON INFLATION RATE**  
**FOR THE MONTH OF April, 2016 WITH BASE 2007-08=100**

**1. SUMMARY OF INFLATION RATES**

	<b><u>C P I</u></b> <b><u>Change</u></b>
Inflation Rate April, 2016 over March, 2016 (Previous month)	<b>1.55%</b>
Inflation Rate April, 2016 over April, 2015 (Corresponding month)	<b>4.17%</b>
Average Inflation Rate July-April (2015-16) over July-April (2014-15)	<b>2.79%</b>

**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, 2016 the CPI increased by 1.55% and WPI by 1.30% while SPI decreased by 0.12% respectively.

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

Major Commodity Group	Group Weight (%)	Indices			% Change in April, 2016 over	
		April, 2016	March, 2016	April, 2015	March, 2016	April, 2015
<b>General</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>206.43</b>	<b>203.28</b>	<b>198.16</b>	<b>1.55</b>	<b>4.17</b>
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages.	34.83	221.59	216.13	214.18	2.53	3.46
<i>Non-perishable food items</i>	29.84	221.60	219.27	214.02	1.06	3.54
<i>Perishable food items</i>	4.99	221.58	197.35	215.16	12.28	2.98
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	1.41	344.10	338.77	266.65	1.57	29.05
Clothing & Footwear	7.57	227.87	226.40	217.17	0.65	4.93
Housing Water, Elec, Gas& Other Fuels	29.41	187.08	185.48	177.73	0.86	5.26
Furnishing & Household Equipment Maintenance	4.21	220.09	219.50	211.06	0.27	4.28
Health	2.19	187.29	185.68	178.21	0.87	5.10
Transport	7.20	169.33	168.25	176.70	0.64	-4.17
Communication	3.22	130.77	130.74	130.29	0.02	0.37
Recreation & Culture	2.02	195.68	194.71	192.74	0.50	1.53
Education	3.94	221.48	210.99	209.17	4.97	5.89
Restaurant & hotel	1.23	261.89	261.80	247.74	0.03	5.71
Miscellaneous goods & services	2.76	232.97	232.54	224.00	0.18	4.00

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, 2016 are given below:-

**Food Items Increased:** Tomatoes (60.41%), Chicken (30.75), Fresh Vegetables (14.32%), Fresh Fruit (13.42%), Gram Whole (5.71%), Pulse Mash washed (3.65%), Pulse Gram (3.58%), Besan (2.95%).

**Decreased:** Eggs (6.58%), Onion (5.72%) and Wheat (4.31%).

**Non-food Items Increased:** Education (4.97%), Medical Equipments (2.34%), Cotton Cloth (2.11%), Doctor (MBBS) Clinic Fee (2.05%), Sewing Needle (1.56%), Kerosene Oil (1.4%), Motor Fuel (1.33%) and House Rent (1.22%).

**Decreased:** Motor Vehicle Accessories (1.75%).

ii) **Year-on-Year:** Top few commodities which varied from previous year i.e. April 2015 are given below:-

**Food Items Increased:** Pulse Gram (59.94%), Pulse Mash (56.19%), Besan (51.73%), Gram Whole (31.68%), Cigarettes (29.24%), Chicken (17.12%), Betel Leaves and Nuts (14.1%) Tea (13.47%), Sugar (10.38%) and Pulse Masoor (8.76%).

**Decreased:** Rice (12.75%), Onion (10.54%), Cooking Oil (10.09%), Eggs (10.01%), and Vegetable Ghee (4.29%).

**Non-food Items Increased:** Gas (9.92%), Tailoring (8.39%), Household Servants (7.8%), Construction Wage Rates (7.66%), Doctor (MBBS) Clinic Fee (7.64%), Water Supply (7.46%), Readymade Garments (6.44%) and Cleaning & Laundry (6.16%).

**Decreased:** Motor Fuel (10.01%), Kerosene Oil (7.08%), Motor Vehicle Accessories (4.35%) and Transport Services (2.13%).

### Average Inflation Rate

The Consumer Price Index of July-April, 2015-16 has increased by 2.79% over July-April, 2014-15 as per details given below:-

Groups	Group Weight	Indices		%Change
		Jul-Apr 2015-16	Jul-Apr 2014-15	
<b>General</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>203.25</b>	<b>197.74</b>	<b>2.79</b>
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	34.83	219.1	216.98	0.98
<i>Non-perishable food items</i>	<i>29.84</i>	<i>218.88</i>	<i>215.41</i>	<i>1.61</i>
<i>Perishable food items</i>	<i>4.99</i>	<i>220.41</i>	<i>226.43</i>	<i>-2.66</i>
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	1.41	324.42	266.54	21.72
Clothing & Footwear	7.57	223.25	212.97	4.83
Housing, Water, Elec, Gas Fuels	29.41	183.26	174.37	5.10
Furnishing & Household Equipment Maintenance.	4.21	216.63	208.17	4.06
Health	2.19	181.71	175.75	3.39
Transport	7.20	175.24	189.12	-7.34
Communication	3.22	130.51	130.05	0.35
Recreation & Culture	2.02	193.89	189.75	2.18
Education	3.94	210.74	193.84	8.72
Restaurant & Hotels	1.23	255.49	243.73	4.83
Miscellaneous	2.76	227.17	197.74	2.81

Top few commodities which varied from previous year average i.e. July-April, 2014-15 are given below:-

**Increased:** Pulse Gram (51.64%), Besan (45.58%), Pulse Mash (39.95%), Onion (36.83%), Tea (23.68%), Cigarettes (21.87%), Gram Whole (20.94%), Sewing Needle (9.48%), Sugar (9.43%), Betel Leaves and Nuts (9.15%).

**Decreased:** Potatoes (47.36%), Kerosene Oil (16.53%), Rice (14.27%), Cooking Oil (14.02%), Motor Fuel (13.61%), Vegetable Ghee (10.36%), Eggs (9.75%) and Transport Services (6.05%).

### 3. Core inflation of CPI

#### i. Trimmed Core Inflation

During the month of April, 2016 over April, 2015, the trimmed core inflation has been observed as 3.8% while it was 3.1% during April, 2015 over April, 2014.

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

During the month of April, 2016 over April, 2015, the Non-food & Non-energy core inflation has been observed as 4.4% while it was 5.4% during April, 2015 over April, 2014.