

Government of Pakistan
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Pakistan Bureau of Statistics

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

1. SUMMARY OF INFLATION RATES

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Change**

Inflation Rate December, 2015 over November, 2015 (Previous month)	-0.57%
Inflation Rate December, 2015 over December, 2014 (Corresponding month)	3.19%
Average Inflation Rate July-December (2015-16) over July-December (2014-15)	2.08%

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 December, 2015 the CPI, WPI and SPI decreased by 0.57%, 0.65% and 0.7% respectively.

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

Major Commodity Group	Group Weight (%)	Indices			% Change in December, 2015 over	
		December, 2015	November, 2015	December, 2014	November, 2015	December, 2014
General	100.00	203.06	204.22	196.79	-0.57	3.19
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages.	34.83	218.28	223.17	215.18	-2.19	1.44
<i>Non-perishable food items</i>	29.84	219.67	218.60	217.02	0.49	1.22
<i>Perishable food items</i>	4.99	209.95	250.51	204.22	-16.19	2.81
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	1.41	334.66	312.26	266.63	7.17	25.51
Clothing & Footwear	7.57	223.65	222.75	213.88	0.40	4.57
Housing Water, Elec, Gas& Other Fuels	29.41	182.69	182.66	174.04	0.02	4.97
Furnishing & Household Equipment Maintenance	4.21	216.78	215.78	208.80	0.46	3.82
Health	2.19	180.83	180.59	176.31	0.13	2.56
Transport	7.20	177.69	177.09	185.17	0.34	-4.04
Communication	3.22	130.56	130.39	130.13	0.13	0.33
Recreation & Culture	2.02	193.66	193.66	189.60	0.00	2.14
Education	3.94	209.31	209.25	192.41	0.03	8.78
Restaurant & hotel	1.23	255.77	254.36	244.59	0.55	4.57
Miscellaneous goods & services	2.76	226.28	225.02	220.73	0.56	2.51

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. November, 2015 are given below:-

Food Items Increased: Cigarettes (7.24%), Pulse Mash (6.08%), Eggs (3.74%), Chicken (2.91%), Tea (2.16%), Wheat & Betel Leaves (1.91% each), Gram Whole (1.90%), Dry Fruits (1.44%) and Besan (1.32%).

Decreased: Tomatoes (27.42%), Vegetables (23.92%), Onions (16.55%), Potatoes (15.42%), Sugar (5.08%), Gur (4.60%), Fresh Fruits (3.84%) and Rice (1.07%).

Non-food Items Increased: Woolen Readymade Garments (2.41%), Postal Services (2.11%), Blades (2.04%), Cosmetics (1.74%) and Cleaning & Laundry (1.05%).

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

Food Items Increased: Onions (112.29%), Pulse Gram (56.75%), Besan (52.16%), Pulse Mash (48.09%), Tea (29.70%), Tomatoes (26.13%), Cigarettes (25.71%) and Gram Whole (23.88%).

Decreased: Potatoes (25.06%), Rice (17.45%), Cooking Oil (15.69%), Vegetable Ghee (11.37%) and Eggs (8.97%).

Non-food Items Increased: Sewing Needle & Dry Cell (9.93%), Gas (9.92%), Construction Wage Rates (9.15%), Education (8.78%) and Tailoring (8.69%).

Decreased: Kerosene Oil (13.32%) and Motor Fuel (8.09%).

Average Inflation Rate

The Consumer Price Index of July-December, 2015-16 has increased by 2.08% over July-December, 2014-15 as per details given below:-

Groups	Group Weight	Indices		%Change
		Jul-Dec 2015-16	Jul-Dec 2014-15	
General	100.00	198.59	202.73	2.08
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	34.83	220.13	220.25	0.06
<i>Non-perishable food items</i>	29.84	215.87	217.97	0.98
<i>Perishable food items</i>	4.99	245.64	233.89	-4.78
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	1.41	266.48	314.43	17.99
Clothing & Footwear	7.57	211.44	221.48	4.75
Housing, Water, Elec, Gas Fuels	29.41	172.74	181.53	5.09
Furnishing & Household Equipment Maintenance.	4.21	206.94	215.11	3.95
Health	2.19	174.65	179.75	2.92
Transport	7.20	197.13	177.14	-10.14
Communication	3.22	129.91	130.39	0.37
Recreation & Culture	2.03	189.28	193.40	2.18
Education	3.94	191.99	209.24	8.98
Restaurant & Hotels	1.23	241.87	252.45	4.37
Miscellaneous	2.76	219.40	224.79	2.46

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

Increased: Pulse Gram (50.48%), Besan (43.56%), Onions (36.25%), Pulse Mash (30.39%), Tea (23.80%), Cigarettes (18.13%), Gram Whole (17.78%) and Tomatoes (15.82).

Decreased: Potatoes (54.10%), Kerosene Oil (20.84%), Motor Fuel (17.66%), Cooking Oil (14.73%), Rice (14.51%), Vegetable Ghee (11.69%) and Eggs (10.21%).

3. Core inflation of CPI

i. Trimmed Core Inflation

During the month of December, 2015 over December, 2014, the trimmed core inflation has been observed as 2.7% while it was 5.2% during December, 2014 over December, 2013.

ii. Non-Food & Non-Energy Core Inflation

During the month of December, 2015 over December, 2014, the Non-food & Non-energy core inflation has been observed as 4.1% while it was 6.7% during December, 2014 over December, 2013.