

Government of Pakistan
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Pakistan Bureau of Statistics

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

1. SUMMARY OF INFLATION RATES

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Change**

Inflation Rate January, 2016 over December, 2015 (Previous month)	0.21%
Inflation Rate January, 2016 over January, 2015 (Corresponding month)	3.32%
Average Inflation Rate July-January (2015-16) over July-January (2014-15)	2.26%

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 January, 2016 the CPI increased by 0.21% while WPI and SPI decreased by 0.53% and 0.67% respectively.

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

Major Commodity Group	Group Weight (%)	Indices			% Change in January, 2016 over	
		January, 2016	December, 2015	January, 2015	December, 2015	January, 2015
General	100.00	203.49	203.06	196.95	0.21	3.32
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages.	34.83	216.71	218.28	214.11	-0.72	1.21
<i>Non-perishable food items</i>	29.84	220.67	219.67	216.92	0.46	1.73
<i>Perishable food items</i>	4.99	193.08	209.95	197.34	-8.04	-2.16
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	1.41	337.14	334.67	266.62	0.74	26.45
Clothing & Footwear	7.57	224.36	223.65	214.32	0.32	4.68
Housing Water, Elec, Gas& Other Fuels	29.41	185.36	182.69	176.51	1.46	5.01
Furnishing & Household Equipment Maintenance	4.21	217.23	216.78	209.37	0.21	3.75
Health	2.19	181.45	180.83	176.97	0.34	2.53
Transport	7.20	177.96	177.69	181.22	0.15	-1.80
Communication	3.22	130.61	130.56	130.13	0.04	0.37
Recreation & Culture	2.02	193.80	193.66	189.63	0.07	2.20
Education	3.94	209.36	209.31	192.41	0.02	8.81
Restaurant & hotel	1.23	257.11	255.77	244.90	0.52	4.99
Miscellaneous goods & services	2.76	227.33	226.28	221.30	0.46	2.72

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. December, 2015 are given below:-

Food Items Increased: Sugar (5.98%), Fresh Fruits (5.24%), Chicken (3.03%), Pulse Mash (2.89%), Tea (1.71%), Fish (1.23%), Gram Whole (1.13%) and Dry Fruits (1.12%).

Decreased: Tomatoes (38.21%), Potatoes (29.40%), Onions (14.17%), Vegetables (5.38%), Eggs (1.47%) and Cooking Oil (1.12%).

Non-food Items Increased: Water Supply (2.28%), House Rent (2.03%), Motor Vehicles (1.44%), Dopatta (1.30%), Marriage Hall Charges (1.23%) and Firewood Whole (1.10%).

Decreased: Kerosene Oil (3.60%).

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

Food Items Increased: Onions (80.10%), Pulse Mash (52.61%), Pulse Gram (51.48%), Besan (49.95%), Tea (31.78%), Cigarettes (26.64%), Gram Whole (23.49%), Betel Leaves & Nuts (11.65%) and Sugar (10.65%).

Decreased: Potatoes (29.10%), Tomatoes (27.37%), Rice (15.73%), Cooking Oil (14.70%), Eggs (13.70%), Vegetable Ghee (10.64%) and Vegetables (10.42%).

Non-food Items Increased: Dry Cell (10.10%), Gas (9.92%), Education (8.81%), Construction Wage Rates (8.56%), Woolen Readymade Garments (8.41%) and Tailoring (8.26%).

Decreased: Kerosene Oil (10.13%) and Motor Fuel (4.39%).

Average Inflation Rate

The Consumer Price Index of July-January, 2015-16 has increased by 2.26% over July-January, 2014-15 as per details given below:-

Groups	Group Weight	Indices		%Change
		Jul-Jan 2015-16	Jul-Jan 2014-15	
General	100.00	202.84	198.36	2.26
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	34.83	219.75	219.27	0.22
<i>Non-perishable food items</i>	29.84	218.36	216.02	1.08
<i>Perishable food items</i>	4.99	228.06	238.74	-4.47
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	1.41	317.67	266.50	19.20
Clothing & Footwear	7.57	221.89	211.85	4.74
Housing, Water, Elec, Gas Fuels	29.41	182.07	173.27	5.08
Furnishing & Household Equipment Maintenance.	4.21	215.41	207.29	3.92
Health	2.19	180.00	174.98	2.86
Transport	7.20	177.25	194.86	-9.03
Communication	3.22	130.42	129.94	0.37
Recreation & Culture	2.03	193.46	189.33	2.18
Education	3.94	209.26	192.05	8.96
Restaurant & Hotels	1.23	253.11	242.30	4.46
Miscellaneous	2.76	225.15	219.67	2.49

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

Increased: Pulse Gram (50.63%), Besan (44.50%), Onions (40.63%), Pulse Mash (33.62%), Tea (24.97%), Cigarettes (19.35%) and Gram Whole (18.61%).

Decreased: Potatoes (52.33%), Kerosene Oil (19.52%), Motor Fuel (15.99%), Cooking Oil (14.72%), Rice (14.68%), Vegetable Ghee (11.54%) and Eggs (10.76%).

3. Core inflation of CPI

i. Trimmed Core Inflation

During the month of January, 2016 over January, 2015, the trimmed core inflation has been observed as 3.0% while it was 4.8% during January, 2015 over January, 2014.

ii. Non-Food & Non-Energy Core Inflation

During the month of January, 2016 over January, 2015, the Non-food & Non-energy core inflation has been observed as 4.3% while it was 6.4% during January, 2015 over January, 2014.