

PRESS RELEASE ON INFLATION RATE

FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 2018 [Base 2007-08=100]

1. SUMMARY OF INFLATION RATES

C P I Change

Inflation Rate, August, 2018 over July, 2018 (Previous month)	0.21 %
Inflation Rate, August, 2018 over August, 2017 (Corresponding month)	5.84 %
Average Inflation Rate July-August, (2018-19) over July-August (2017-18)	5.84%

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 August, 2018 the CPI increased by 0.21%, WPI increased by 0.79% while SPI increased by 0.22% respectively.

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

Major Commodity Group	Group Weight (%)	I N D I C E S			% Change in August, 2018 over	
		August, 2018	July, 2018	August, 2017	July, 2018	August, 2017
General	100.00	229.27	228.80	216.61	0.21	5.84
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	34.83	238.58	238.08	230.99	0.21	3.29
Non-perishable food items	29.84	234.60	235.36	227.02	-0.32	3.34
Perishable food items	4.99	262.33	254.31	254.75	3.15	2.98
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	1.41	313.47	313.65	306.25	-0.06	2.36
Clothing & Footwear	7.57	254.67	254.13	239.19	0.21	6.47
Housing Water, Elec, Gas& Other Fuels	29.41	210.80	210.71	198.93	0.04	5.97
Furnishing & Household Equipment Maintenance	4.21	242.20	241.18	228.05	0.42	6.20
Health	2.19	225.20	224.67	213.05	0.24	5.70
Transport	7.20	204.74	202.71	174.61	1.00	17.26
Communication	3.22	133.78	133.63	133.03	0.11	0.56
Recreation & Culture	2.02	209.89	208.71	196.33	0.57	6.91
Education	3.94	281.89	281.89	249.61	0.00	12.93
Restaurant & hotel	1.23	295.01	293.25	278.44	0.60	5.95
Miscellaneous goods & services	2.76	264.45	265.48	248.46	-0.39	6.44

Main contributors to month-on-month and year-on-year changes are given below:

Month-on-month: *Top few items which varied from previous month i.e. July, 2018 are given below:-*

Increased: Tomatoes (47.59%), Onion (25.95%), LPG Cylinder (12.85%), Potatoes (6.85%), Car Honda Civic (5.59%), Car Suzuki 800 CC (3.88%), AC Bus Fare (3.21%), Car Suzuki 1000 CC (2.91%), CNG (2.86%), Sand (2.24%), Urine Test (1.99%), Tyre Motor cycle without Tube (1.89%), Synthetic Enamel (1.67%), Beef with bone (1.62%), Taxi Fare (1.51%) and Timber (1.45%).

Decreased: Apple (22.47%), Chicken (20.11%), Bananas (12.70%), Chillies Green (6.08%), Lemon (6.00%), Gold Tezabi (5.07%), Eggs (2.39%), Gram Whole Yellow (1.80%), Silver Tezabi (1.57%), Pulse Moong (0.14%) and Pulse Mash (0.10%).

Year-on-Year: *Top few items which varied from previous year i.e. August, 2017 are given below:-*

Increased: Tomatoes (62.42%), Bus Fare (48.19%), Diesel (45.92%), Kerosene Oil (38.54%), Petrol (37.04%), Air Fare Economy class (27.05%), Cylinder (26.50%), Iron Bar (25.72%), Car Honda Civic (20.25%), Tailoring Shirt (15.48%), Car Suzuki 1000 CC (15.34%), CNG (13.96%), Car Suzuki 800 CC (13.48%) and Auto Rickshaw Fare (13.18%).

Decreased: Garlic (32.84%), Pulse Mash (24.24%), Potatoes (18.11%), Chicken (14.96%), Pulse Masoor (11.04%), Pulse Moong (8.93%), Gram Whole Yellow (8.25%), Pulse Masoor Whole (7.05%), Sugar (6.91%), Pulse Gram (6.71%), Gram Whole Black (5.09%) and Besan (4.93%).

Average Inflation Rate

The Consumer Price Index of July-August, 2018-19 has increased by 5.84% over July-August, 2017-18 as per details given below:-

Groups	Group Weight	INDICES		%Change
		Jul-Aug 2018-19	Jul-Aug 2017-18	
General	100.00	229.04	216.40	5.84
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages.	34.83	238.33	226.85	5.06
<i>Non-perishable food items</i>	29.84	234.98	225.06	4.41
<i>Perishable food items</i>	4.99	258.32	237.56	8.74
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	1.41	313.56	364.09	-13.88
Clothing & Footwear	7.57	254.40	233.77	8.83
Housing Water, Elec, Gas & Other Fuels	29.41	210.76	193.37	8.99
Furnishing & Household Equipment Maintenance	4.21	241.70	224.20	7.81
Health	2.19	224.94	202.68	10.98
Transport	7.2	203.73	173.10	17.69
Communication	3.22	133.70	131.87	1.39
Recreation & Culture	2.02	209.30	196.30	6.62
Education	3.94	281.89	236.72	19.08
Restaurant & hotel	1.23	294.14	270.57	8.71
Miscellaneous goods & services	2.76	264.97	240.77	10.05

Top few commodities which varied from previous year average i.e. July-August, 2017-18 are given below:-

Increased: Betel Leaves & Nuts (156.96%), Tomatoes (51.78%), Kerosene Oil (37.73%), Motor Fuel (26.37%), Transport Services (13.86%), Education (12.95%), Newspapers (11.30%), Dry Fruits (11.12%), Meat (10.75%), Water Supply (10.42%), Motor Vehicles (10.36%), Spices (9.56%), Construction Input Items (9.51%), Construction wage Rates (9.14%), Medical Tests (9.06%) and Rice (9.00%).

Decreased: Pulse Mash (25.23%), Potatoes (19.98%), Pulse Masoor (10.80%), Pulse Moong (9.71%), Pulse Gram (7.72%), Chicken (7.01%), Gram Whole (6.67%), Besan (6.39%), Fresh Fruits (4.50%), Sugar (4.23%) and Gur (3.52%).

1. Core inflation of CPI

i. Trimmed Core Inflation

During the month of August, 2018 over August, 2017, the trimmed core inflation has been observed as 5.9% while it was 4.2% during August, 2017 over August, 2016.

ii. Non-Food & Non-Energy Core Inflation

During the month of August, 2018 over August, 2017, the Non-food & Non-energy core inflation has been observed as 7.7% while it was 5.5% during August, 2017 over August, 2016.