

**Government of Pakistan
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PRESS RELEASE ON INFLATION STATISTICS
FOR THE MONTH OF December, 2018 [Base 2007-08=100]

1. SUMMARY OF INFLATION RATES

	<u>CPI Change (%)</u>
Inflation Rate, December, 2018 over November, 2018 (Previous month)	-0.41
Inflation Rate, December, 2018 over December, 2017 (Corresponding month)	6.17
Average Inflation Rate July-December (2018-19) over July-December (2017-18)	6.05

2. DETAILED 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, 2018 the CPI decreased by 0.41%, WPI decreased by 0.88% while SPI increased by 2.0% 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 Dec- 2018 over	
		Dec – 2018	Nov – 2018	Dec – 2017	Nov – 2018	Dec – 2017
General	100.00	233.78	234.75	220.20	-0.41	6.17
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	34.83	235.23	239.03	235.12	-1.59	0.05
Non-perishable food items	29.84	241.80	241.01	229.97	0.33	5.14
Perishable food items	4.99	195.93	227.24	265.91	-13.78	-26.32
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	1.41	349.35	348.01	305.76	0.39	14.26
Clothing & Footwear	7.57	260.69	259.07	241.98	0.63	7.73
Housing Water, Elec, Gas& Other Fuels	29.41	219.28	219.24	201.02	0.02	9.08
Furnishing & Household Equipment Maintenance	4.21	250.21	247.76	230.93	0.99	8.35
Health	2.19	235.76	235.08	217.34	0.29	8.48
Transport	7.20	212.38	213.81	179.67	-0.67	18.21
Communication	3.22	143.57	143.57	133.14	0.00	7.83
Recreation & Culture	2.02	214.52	214.35	197.68	0.08	8.52
Education	3.94	289.55	288.62	262.35	0.32	10.37
Restaurant & hotel	1.23	301.38	298.19	285.32	1.07	5.63
Miscellaneous goods & services	2.76	275.96	272.18	253.25	1.39	8.97

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. November, 2018 are given below: -

Increased: Train Fare(1st Sleep) (101-500KM) (19.30%), LPG (6.69%), Gold Tezabi (5.75%), Pulse Moong (4.06%), Tea Lipton (3.48%), Motor Cycle Honda (3.06%), Pulse Gram (2.96%), Motor Car Tyre W/O Tube (2.70%), Pulse Masoor (2.65%), Pulse Mash (2.55%) and Cooking Oil (2.88%).

Decreased: Tomatoes (21.14%), Potatoes (20.23%), Onion (13.23, Train Fare Economy Class(101-500KM) (9.52%), Chicken Farm (6.80%), Iron Bar 1/2" (2.39%), Petrol (2.04%), Diesel (1.77%), Eggs (1.32%) and Kerosene Oil (1.00%).

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

Increased: Gas (Combined) (85.31%), Train Fare(1st Sleep) (1-100KM) (56.40%), CNG (29.87%), Diesel (29.08%), Iron Bar ½" (24.11%), Petrol (23.70%), Kerosene Oil (22.15%), Gold Tezabi (20.50%) and Telephone Call Charges (18.02%).

Decreased: Tomatoes (56.30%), Onion (53.45%), Potatoes (36.09%), Air Fare Economy (22.22%), Gram Whole Yellow (16.05%), Train Fare 1st Sleep (Above 500KM) (13.57%), Eggs (9.05%), Pulse Mash (6.32%) and Pulse Masoor (1.16%).

Average Inflation Rate

The Consumer Price Index of July-December, 2018-19 has increased by 6.05% over July-December, 2017-18 as per details given below: -

Groups	Group Weight	INDICES		%Change
		Jul- Dec 2018-19	Jul-Dec 2017-18	
General	100.00	231.71	218.5	6.05
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages.	34.83	238.03	233.77	1.82
<i>Non-perishable food items</i>	29.84	237.54	227.22	4.54
<i>Perishable food items</i>	4.99	240.95	272.96	-11.73
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	1.41	330.49	305.72	8.10
Clothing & Footwear	7.57	256.67	240.05	6.92
Housing Water, Elec, Gas & Other Fuels	29.41	214.99	199.94	7.53
Furnishing & Household Equipment Maintenance	4.21	245.04	229.3	6.86
Health	2.19	230.25	214.38	7.40
Transport	7.2	208.14	176.79	17.73
Communication	3.22	138.63	133.06	4.19
Recreation & Culture	2.02	211.88	196.8	7.66
Education	3.94	286.33	255.37	12.12
Restaurant & hotel	1.23	296.85	281.98	5.27
Miscellaneous goods & services	2.76	269.47	250.16	7.72

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

Increased: Gas (42.66%), Kerosene Oil (32.60%), Motor Fuel (26.41%), Newspaper (19.31%), Transport Services (15.78%), Motor Vehicles (12.41%), Education (12.16%), Water Supply (12.05%), Spices (11.88%), Meat (11.65%), Construction Input Items (10.71%), Dry Fruits (10.61%), Chicken (10.40%), Doctor MBBS Fee (10.33%), Personal Equipment (10.12%) and Cosmetics (10.09%).

Decreased: Onions (34.34%), Potatoes (22.86%), Pulse Mash (18.57%), Tomatoes (9.23%), Gram Whole (8.86%), Pulse Masoor (7.20%), Besan (4.85%), Pulse Moong (4.21%), Fresh Vegetables (3.89%), Pulse Gram (3.09%), Eggs (1.91%), Gur (1.25%) and Sugar (0.81%).

Core inflation of CPI

Trimmed Core Inflation

During the month of December, 2018 over December, 2017, the Year on Year increase in the Trimmed Core Inflation was observed at 6.9% whereas it was 4.7% during December, 2017 over December, 2016.

Non-Food & Non-Energy Core Inflation

During the month of December, 2018 over December, 2017, the Year on Year increase in the Non-food & Non-energy Core Inflation has been observed as 8.4% whereas it was 5.5% during December, 2017 over December, 2016.

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