

Government of Pakistan  
Statistics Division  
Pakistan Bureau of Statistics

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

**1. SUMMARY OF INFLATION RATES**

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Change**

Inflation Rate August, 2015 over July, 2015 (Previous month)	<b>0.24%</b>
1Inflation Rate August, 2015 over August, 2014 (Corresponding month)	<b>1.72%</b>
Average Inflation Rate Jul-August (2015-16) over Jul-August (2014-15)	<b>1.76%</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 August, 2015 the CPI is increased by 0.24% while WPI & SPI are decreased by 0.19% and 0.49% respectively.

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

Major Commodity Group	Group Weight (%)	Indices			% Change in August, 2015 over	
		August, 2015	July, 2015	August, 2014	July, 2015	August, 2014
<b>General</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>202.11</b>	<b>201.62</b>	<b>198.70</b>	<b>0.24</b>	<b>1.72</b>
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages.	34.83	220.51	219.76	221.77	0.34	-0.57
<i>Non-perishable food items</i>	29.84	217.89	218.41	215.89	-0.24	0.93
<i>Perishable food items</i>	4.99	236.16	227.80	256.91	3.67	-8.08
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	1.41	309.90	309.83	266.59	0.02	16.25
Clothing & Footwear	7.57	220.27	219.65	210.19	0.28	4.80
Housing Water, Elec, Gas& Other Fuels	29.41	179.83	179.29	171.65	0.30	4.77
Furnishing & Household Equipment Maintenance	4.21	214.22	213.53	205.48	0.32	4.25
Health	2.19	179.01	178.91	173.42	0.06	3.22
Transport	7.20	178.02	178.62	198.70	-0.34	-10.41
Communication	3.22	130.36	130.35	129.83	0.01	0.41
Recreation & Culture	2.02	193.03	193.01	189.02	0.01	2.12
Education	3.94	209.23	209.17	191.45	0.03	9.29
Restaurant & hotel	1.23	250.26	249.70	239.85	0.22	4.34
Miscellaneous goods & services	2.76	223.88	223.13	218.63	0.34	2.40

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. July, 2015 are given below:-

**Food Items Increased:** Tomatoes (33.09%), Fresh Vegetables (17.87%), Eggs (12.46%), Tea (7.21%), Pulse Gram (6.54%), Besan (4.39%), Potatoes (3.65%) and Gram Whole (3.05%).

**Decreased:** Chicken (16.71%), Fresh Fruits (8.82%), Onions (3.09%) and Pulse Moong (2.66%).

**Non-food Items Increased:** Electricity (1.47%).

**Decreased:** Kerosene Oil (3.37%).

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

**Food Items Increased:** Pulse Gram (46.77%), Besan (39.41%), Tea (21.80%), Pulse Mash (17.39%), Tomatoes (16.69%), Cigarettes (16.38%), Gram Whole (14.66%) and Sugar (13.68%).

**Decreased:** Potatoes (62.31%), Cooking Oil (12.55%), Vegetable Ghee (11.09%) and Rice (10.89%).

**Non-food Items Increased:** Woolen Readymade Garments (10.31%).

**Decreased:** Kerosene Oil (22.56%) and Motor Fuel (19.67%).

### **Average Inflation Rate**

The Consumer Price Index of July-August, 2015-16 has increased by 1.76% over July-August, 2014-15 as per details given below:-

Groups	Group Weight	Indices		%Change
		Jul-August 2015-16	Jul-August 2014-15	
<b>General</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>201.87</b>	<b>198.38</b>	<b>1.76</b>
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	34.83	220.13	221.13	-0.45
<i>Non-perishable food items</i>	29.84	218.15	214.75	1.58
<i>Perishable food items</i>	4.99	231.98	259.25	-10.52
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	1.41	309.87	266.21	16.40
Clothing & Footwear	7.57	219.96	209.85	4.82
Housing, Water, Elec, Gas Fuels	29.41	179.56	171.64	4.62
Furnishing & Household Equipment Maintenance.	4.21	213.87	204.95	4.35
Health	2.19	178.96	173.41	3.20
Transport	7.20	178.32	198.54	-10.18
Communication	3.22	130.35	129.84	0.39
Recreation & Culture	2.03	193.04	188.89	2.19
Education	3.94	209.20	191.39	9.31
Restaurant & Hotels	1.23	249.98	239.54	4.36
Miscellaneous	2.76	223.51	217.81	2.62

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

**Increased:** Pulse Gram (42.44%), Besan (35.91%), Pulse Mash (19.31%), Tea (17.65%) and Cigarettes (16.54%).

**Decreased:** Potatoes (62.40%), Kerosene Oil (21.11%), Motor Fuel (19.26%) and Cooking Oil (12.38%).

### **3. Core inflation of CPI**

#### **i. Trimmed Core Inflation**

During the month of August, 2015 over August, 2014, the trimmed core inflation has been observed as 2.8% while it was 7.1 during August, 2014 over August, 2013.

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

During the month of August, 2015 over August, 2014, the Non-food & Non-energy core inflation has been observed as 4.0% while it was 7.9% during August, 2014 over August, 2013.