

Government of Pakistan
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Pakistan Bureau of Statistics

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

1. SUMMARY OF INFLATION RATES

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Change**

Inflation Rate October, 2015 over September, 2015 (Previous month)	0.49%
Inflation Rate October, 2015 over October, 2014 (Corresponding month)	1.61%
Average Inflation Rate July-October (2015-16) over July-October (2014-15)	1.65%

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 October, 2015 the CPI, WPI and SPI increased by 0.49%, 0.53% and 1.18% respectively.

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

Major Commodity Group	Group Weight (%)	Indices			% Change in October, 2015 over	
		October, 2015	September, 2015	October, 2014	September, 2015	October, 2014
General	100.00	203.03	202.04	199.81	0.49	1.61
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages.	34.83	220.40	219.41	221.33	0.45	-0.42
<i>Non-perishable food items</i>	29.84	216.59	216.68	216.08	-0.04	0.24
<i>Perishable food items</i>	4.99	243.19	235.70	252.71	3.18	-3.77
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	1.41	309.96	309.97	266.62	0.00	16.26
Clothing & Footwear	7.57	221.89	220.68	211.10	0.55	5.11
Housing Water, Elec, Gas& Other Fuels	29.41	182.62	181.10	173.39	0.84	5.32
Furnishing & Household Equipment Maintenance	4.21	215.49	214.88	207.48	0.28	3.86
Health	2.19	179.67	179.51	174.95	0.09	2.70
Transport	7.20	175.80	175.60	204.84	0.11	-14.18
Communication	3.22	130.36	130.36	129.85	0.00	0.39
Recreation & Culture	2.02	193.55	193.41	189.39	0.07	2.20
Education	3.94	209.25	209.22	192.41	0.01	8.75
Restaurant & hotel	1.23	253.30	251.29	242.78	0.80	4.33
Miscellaneous goods & services	2.76	225.79	224.64	220.36	0.51	2.46

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. September, 2015 are given below:-

Food Items Increased: Tomatoes (33.96%), Pulse Mash (15.53%), Potatoes (9.85%), onions & Pulse Gram (5.42% each), Besan (4.38%), Gram Whole (3.32%), Wheat (3.19%), Wheat Flour (2.20%), Pulse Moong (1.88%), Milk Powder (1.48%), Dry Fruits (1.13%) and Tea (1.08%).

Decreased: Chicken (8.58%), Eggs (3.93%), Sugar (3.73%), Rice (3.55%) and Cooking Oil (1.96%).

Non-food Items Increased: Woolen Readymade Garments (2.13%), Tailoring (1.80%), Cleaning & Laundry (1.42%), House Rent & Personal Equipment (1.17% each) and Firewood Whole (1.12%).

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

Food Items Increased: Pulse Gram (55.48%), Besan (46.16%), Pulse Mash (36.08%), Onions (30.37%), Tea (25.02%), Gram Whole (19.94%), Tomatoes (17.38%) and Cigarettes (16.38%)

Decreased: Potatoes (55.42%), Cooking Oil (16.52%), Rice (16.11%), Chicken (16.07%), Eggs (15.69%) and Vegetable Ghee (12.63%).

Non-food Items Increased: Woolen Readymade Garments (12.02%) Gas (9.92%), Tailoring (9.72%), Sewing Needle & Dry Cell (9.71%) and Education (8.75%).

Decreased: Kerosene Oil (24.06%), Motor Fuel (21.18%) and Transport Services (14.90%).

Average Inflation Rate

The Consumer Price Index of July-October, 2015-16 has increased by 1.65% over July-October, 2014-15 as per details given below:-

Groups	Group Weight	Indices		%Change
		Jul-Oct 2015-16	Jul-Oct 2014-15	
General	100.00	202.27	198.99	1.65
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	34.83	219.89	221.34	-0.66
Non-perishable food items	29.84	217.66	215.14	1.17
Perishable food items	4.99	233.22	258.44	-9.76
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	1.41	309.90	266.33	16.36
Clothing & Footwear	7.57	220.20	210.22	4.75
Housing, Water, Elec, Gas Fuels	29.41	180.39	171.66	5.09
Furnishing & Household Equipment Maintenance.	4.21	214.21	205.70	4.13
Health	2.19	179.14	173.76	3.10
Transport	7.20	177.41	200.73	-11.61
Communication	3.22	130.35	129.83	0.40
Recreation & Culture	2.03	193.17	189.04	2.18
Education	3.94	209.21	191.57	9.21
Restaurant & Hotels	1.23	250.42	240.36	4.18
Miscellaneous	2.76	223.88	218.33	2.54

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

Increased: Pulse Gram (47.36%), Besan (39.62%), Pulse Mash (23.73%), Tea (23.37%), and Cigarettes (16.46%) and Gram Whole (15.38%) and Onions (15.14%).

Decreased: Potatoes (60.09%), Kerosene Oil (22.94%), Motor Fuel (20.48%) and Cooking Oil (14.04%).

3. Core inflation of CPI

i. Trimmed Core Inflation

During the month of October, 2015 over October, 2014, the trimmed core inflation has been observed as 2.8% while it was 6.0% during October, 2014 over October, 2013.

ii. Non-Food & Non-Energy Core Inflation

During the month of October, 2015 over October, 2014, the Non-food & Non-energy core inflation has been observed as 3.4% while it was 7.8% during October, 2014 over October, 2013.