

**Government of Pakistan**  
**Pakistan Bureau of Statistics**

**SUB: - ADVANCE RELEASE ON EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 2018.**

**EXPORTS:**

According to the provisional figures compiled by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, exports from Pakistan during December, 2018 amounted to Rs. 287,798 million (provisional) as against Rs. 246,015 million (provisional) in November, 2018 and Rs. 214,352 million during December, 2017 showing an increase of 16.98% over November, 2018 and of 34.26% over December, 2017.

2. In terms of US dollars the exports in December, 2018 was \$ 2,080 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 1,843 million (provisional) in November, 2018 showing an increase of 12.86% and by 5.48% as compared to \$1,972 million in December, 2017.

3. Exports during July-December, 2018 totaled Rs.1,450,832 million (provisional) as against Rs.1,162,959 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 24.75%.

4. In terms of US dollars the exports during July-December, 2018 totaled \$ 11,216 million (provisional) against \$ 10,976 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 2.19%.

5. Main commodities of exports during December, 2018 were Knitwear (Rs.36,037 million), Readymade garments (Rs. 32,954 million), Bedwear (Rs.26,725 million), Cotton cloth (Rs.23,837 million), Rice others (Rs.22,253 million), Cotton yarn (Rs.10,485 million), Fruits (Rs.9,940 million), Towels (Rs.8,811 million), Madeup articles (excl. towels & bedwear) (Rs.8,345 million) and Rice Basmati (Rs.7,470 million).

6. The increase (+) / decrease(-) recorded in main commodities exported during December, 2018 over November, 2018 and December, 2017 is given below:-

S.No.	COMMODITIES	%Change for value in million Rupees in December, 2018 over	
		November, 2018	December, 2017
1.	Knitwear	7.29	40.30
2.	Readymade garments	15.95	31.88
3.	Bedwear	2.83	38.88
4.	Cotton cloth	6.93	22.50
5.	Rice others	22.77	26.25
6.	Cotton yarn	-1.15	-10.55
7.	Fruits	259.62	59.70
8.	Towels	2.00	26.56
9.	Madeup articles (excl. towels & bedwear)	1.97	33.24
10.	Rice Basmati	48.83	87.22

## **IMPORTS**

7. Imports into Pakistan during December, 2018 amounted to Rs.615,030 million (provisional) as against Rs. 617,646 million (provisional) in November, 2018 and Rs. 530,144 million during December, 2017 showing a decrease of 0.42% over November, 2018 but an increase of 16.01% over December, 2017.

8. In terms of US dollars the imports in December, 2018 was \$ 4,444 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 4,626 million (provisional) in November, 2018 showing a decrease of 3.93% and by 8.88% as compared to \$ 4,877 million in December, 2017.

9. Imports during July-December, 2018 totaled Rs.3,616,156 million (provisional) as against Rs.3,039,364 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 18.98%.

10. In terms of US dollars the imports during July - December, 2018 totaled \$ 28,037 million (provisional) as against \$ 28,695 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 2.29%.

11. Main commodities of imports during December, 2018 were Petroleum products (Rs.67,782 million), Petroleum crude (Rs.49,921 million), Natural Gas Liquefied (Rs. 34,902 million), Plastic materials (Rs. 22,183 million), Iron & steel (Rs.21,695 million), Palm oil (Rs. 20,064 million), Electrical machinery & apparatus (Rs. 19,806 million), Power generating machinery (Rs.18,693 million), Iron & steel scrap (Rs.18,060 million) and Medicinal products (Rs.14,548 million),

12. The increase (+) / decrease (-) recorded in main commodities imported during December, 2018 over November, 2018 and December, 2017 is given below:-

S.No.	COMMODITIES	%Change for value in million Rupees in December, 2018 over	
		November, 2018	December, 2017
1	Petroleum products	-27.17	0.82
2	Petroleum crude	-1.85	55.97
3	Natural gas, liquefied	-0.74	83.26
4	Plastic Materials	-9.43	18.84
5	Iron & Steel	16.15	1.83
6	Palm Oil	-8.40	7.60
7	Electrical machinery & apparatus	11.90	-26.13
8	Power generating machinery	45.77	24.84
9	Iron and steel scrap	15.23	37.29
10	Medicinal products	25.99	36.74

## **BALANCE OF TRADE:**

13. Based on the provisional figures of imports and exports the balance of trade in December, 2018 was (-)327,232 million in terms of Rupees and (-) 2,364 million in US dollars. The balance of trade figures cumulative from July-December, 2018 were (-) 2,165,324 million in terms of Rupees and (-) 16,821 million in US dollars.

14. Four statements giving quantity and value details of selected commodities of exports and imports for the month of December, 2018 and July - December, 2018 along-with the data for previous month and corresponding period of last year are enclosed.