

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

**SUB: - ADVANCE RELEASE ON EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2019.**

**EXPORTS:**

According to the provisional figures compiled by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, exports from Pakistan during April, 2019 amounted to Rs. 295,541 million (provisional) as against Rs. 275,384 million (provisional) in March, 2019 and Rs. 245,478 million during April, 2018 showing an increase of 7.32% over March, 2019 and of 20.39% over April, 2018.

2. In terms of US dollars the exports in April, 2019 was \$ 2,094 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 1,979 million (provisional) in March, 2019 showing an increase of 5.81% but decreased by 1.54% as compared to \$ 2,127 million in April, 2018.

3. Exports during July - April, 2018 - 2019 totaled Rs. 2,559,863 million (provisional) as against Rs. 2,084,351 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 22.81%.

4. In terms of US dollars the exports during July-April, 2018 - 2019 totaled \$ 19,169 million (provisional) against \$ 19,191 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 0.12%.

5. Main commodities of exports during April, 2019 were Knitwear (Rs. 34,170 million), Readymade garments (Rs. 32,658 million), Bed wear (Rs. 25,527 million), Cotton cloth (Rs. 25,208 million), Rice others (Rs. 20,288 million), Cotton yarn (Rs. 14,909 million), Rice Basmati (Rs. 10,248 million), Towels (Rs. 9,977 million), Made-up articles (excl. towels & bed wear) (Rs. 8,112 million) and Fish & Fish preparations (Rs. 7,706 million).

6. The increase (+) / decrease (-) recorded in main commodities exported during April, 2019 over March, 2019 and April, 2018 is given below:-

S.No.	COMMODITIES	%Change for value in million Rupees in April, 2019 over	
		March, 2019	April, 2018
1.	Knitwear	14.05	27.83
2.	Readymade Garments	9.19	40.33
3.	Bed wear	-3.07	21.89
4.	Cotton Cloth	-2.38	12.95
5.	Rice others	-14.60	34.71
6.	Cotton yarn	16.55	-0.52
7.	Rice Basmati	25.20	62.00
8.	Towels	0.62	25.10
9.	Madeup articles (excl. towels & bedwear)	-0.17	21.04
10.	Fish & Fish Preparations	20.65	19.36

## **IMPORTS**

7. Imports into Pakistan during April, 2019 amounted to Rs. 670,895 million (provisional) as against Rs. 578,273 million (provisional) in March, 2019 and Rs. 586,224 million during April, 2018 showing an increase of 16.02% over March, 2019 and by 14.44% over April,2018.

8. In terms of US dollars the imports in April,2019 was \$ 4,753 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 4,155 million (provisional) in March, 2019 showing an increase of 14.39 % but decreased by 6.42% as compared to \$ 5,079 million in April,2018.

9. Imports during July-April, 2018 - 2019 totaled Rs. 6,047,496 million (provisional) as against Rs. 5,355,223 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 12.93%.

10. In terms of US dollars the imports during July - April, 2018 - 2019 totaled \$ 45,471 million (provisional) as against \$ 49,360 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 7.88%.

11. Main commodities of imports during April,2019 were Petroleum products (Rs.73,614 million), Petroleum crude (Rs.60,951 million), Natural Gas Liquefied (Rs. 44,730 million), Plastic materials (Rs. 31,526 million), Iron & steel (Rs.24,428 million), Electrical machinery & apparatus (Rs. 24,183 million), Raw cotton (Rs. 22,610 million), Palm oil (Rs. 21,610 million), Iron and steel scrap (Rs. 16,098 million) and Medicinal products (Rs.14,400 million).

12. The increase (+) / decrease (-) recorded in main commodities imported during April, 2019 over March, 2019 and April,2018 is given below:-

S.No.	COMMODITIES	%Change for value in million Rupees in April,2019 over	
		March, 2019	April,2018
1	Petroleum products	28.46	16.26
2	Petroleum crude	27.79	32.00
3	Natural gas Liquefied	48.85	53.38
4	Plastic Materials	20.97	46.33
5	Iron and steel	-1.50	-2.26
6	Electrical Machinery and Apparatus	12.80	9.09
7	Raw Cotton	22.96	11.93
8	Palm Oil	3.03	1.02
9	Iron and steel scrap	5.66	-0.70
10	Medicinal products	23.19	-1.43

### **BALANCE OF TRADE:**

13. Based on the provisional figures of imports and exports the balance of trade in April,2019 was (-) 375,354 million in terms of Rupees and (-) 2,659 million in US dollars. The balance of trade figures cumulative from July-April,2018 - 2019 were (-) 3,487,633 million in terms of Rupees and (-) 26,302 million in US dollars.

14. Four statements giving quantity and value details of selected commodities of exports and imports for the month of April,2019 and July - April,2018 - 2019 along-with the data for previous month and corresponding period of last year are enclosed.