

Government of Pakistan
Pakistan Bureau of Statistics

SUB: - ADVANCE RELEASE ON EXTERNALTRADE STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2020.

EXPORTS:

According to the provisional figures compiled by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, exports from Pakistan during April, 2020 amounted to Rs. 157,412 million (provisional) as against Rs. 287,411 million (provisional) in March, 2020 and Rs. 294,883 million during April, 2019 showing a decrease of 45.23% over March, 2020 and of 46.62% over April, 2019.

2. In terms of US dollars the exports in April, 2020 were \$ 957 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 1,814 million (provisional) in March, 2020 showing a decrease of 47.24% and by 54.19% as compared to \$ 2,089 million in April 2019.

3. Exports during July – April, 2019 - 2020 totaled Rs. 2883,787 million (provisional) as against Rs. 2,558,582 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 12.71%.

4. In terms of US dollars the exports during July – April, 2019 - 2020 totaled \$ 18,408 million (provisional) against \$ 19,160 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 3.92%.

5. Main commodities of exports during April, 2020 were Rice others (Rs. 21,663 million), Knitwear (Rs. 15,173 million), Basmati rice (Rs. 15,012 million), Bed wear (Rs. 12,628 million), Readymade garments (Rs. 10,096 million), Cotton cloth (Rs. 8,888 million), Cotton Yarn (Rs. 6,376 million), Fish & Fish Preparation (Rs. 4,554 million), Plastic materials (Rs. 4,402 million) and Meat and meat preparations (Rs. 4,047 million).

6. The increase (+) / decrease (-) recorded in main commodities exported during April, 2020 over March, 2020 and April, 2019 is given below: -

S.No.	COMMODITIES	%Change for value in million Rupees in April, 2020 over	
		March, 2020	April, 2019
1	Rice others	7.65	8.89
2	Knitwear	-54.35	-55.44
3	Basmati Rice	36.26	41.36
4	Bed wear	-51.31	-50.54
5	Readymade garments	-69.52	-69.06
6	Cotton cloth	-66.84	-64.74
7	Cotton yarn	-51.16	-57.24
8	Fish & Fish Preparation	-25.67	-40.90
9	Plastic materials	14.90	51.84
10	Meat and meat preparations	14.91	3.35

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7. Imports into Pakistan during April, 2020 amounted to Rs. 526,880 million (provisional) as against Rs. 525,410 million (provisional) in March, 2020 and Rs. 665,418 million during April 2019 showing an increase of 0.28% over March, 2020 but a decrease of 20.82% over April 2019.

8. In terms of US dollars the imports in April, 2020 were \$ 3,204 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 3,316 million (provisional) in March, 2020 showing a decrease of 3.38% and by 32.03% as compared to \$ 4,714 million in April 2019.

9. Imports during July – April, 2019 - 2020 totaled Rs. 5,965,492 million (provisional) as against Rs. 6,036,561 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 1.18%.

10. In terms of US dollars the imports during July – April, 2019 - 2020 totaled \$ 38,021 million (provisional) as against \$ 45,393 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 16.24%.

11. Main commodities of imports during April, 2020 were Petroleum products (Rs. 56,508 million), Palm Oil (Rs. 31,208 million), Electrical machinery and apparatus (Rs. 27,667 million), Natural gas, liquefied (Rs. 24,896 million), Plastic Materials (Rs. 23,910 million), Raw cotton (Rs. 19,354 million), Iron and steel Scrap (Rs. 17,300 million) Iron and Steel (Rs. 15,936 million), Medicinal products (Rs. 12,222 million) and Pulses (Leguminous vegetables) (Rs. 10,340 million).

12. The increase (+) / decrease (-) recorded in main commodities imported during April, 2020 over March, 2020 and April, 2019 is given below: -

S.No.	COMMODITIES	%Change for value in million Rupees in April, 2020 over	
		March, 2020	April, 2019
1	Petroleum products	10.23	-23.24
2	Palm Oil	-0.20	44.41
3	Electrical machinery and apparatus	-12.22	14.40
4	Natural gas, liquefied	-11.72	-44.34
5	Plastic Materials	-8.10	-24.15
6	Raw Cotton	-26.64	-14.40
7	Iron and steel scrap	6.18	7.47
8	Iron and steel	-31.23	-34.76
9	Medicinal products	-2.22	-15.13
10	Pulses (Leguminous vegetables)	21.18	86.91

BALANCE OF TRADE:

13. Based on the provisional figures of imports and exports the balance of trade in April, 2020 was (-) 369,468 million in terms of Rupees and (-) 2,247 million in US dollars. The balance of trade figures cumulative from July–April, 2019 -2020 were (-) 3,081,705 million in terms of Rupees and (-) 19,613 million in US dollars.

14. Four statements giving quantity and value details of selected commodities of exports and imports for the month of April, 2020 and July – April, 2019-2020 along-with the data for previous month and corresponding period of last year are enclosed.