

Government of Pakistan
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Pakistan Bureau of Statistics

PRESS RELEASE ON INFLATION RATE
FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, 2013 WITH BASE 2007-08=100

1. SUMMARY OF INFLATION RATES

Inflation Rate May, 2013 over April, 2013 (Previous month)	CPI Change 0.51%
Inflation Rate May, 2013 over May, 2012 (Corresponding month)	5.13%
Average Inflation Rate July- May (2012-13) over July- May (2011-12)	7.51%

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 May, 2013 the CPI and SPI increased by 0.51% and 0.07% respectively, while WPI decreased by 0.43% over April, 2013 respectively.

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

Major Commodity Group	Group Weight (%)	Indices			% Change in May, 2013 over	
		May, 2013	April, 2013	May, 2012	April, 2013	May, 2012
General	100.00	178.65	177.74	169.93	0.51	5.13
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages.	34.83	200.01	197.62	188.29	1.21	6.22
<i>Non-perishable food items</i>	29.84	197.71	197.04	187.71	0.34	5.33
<i>Perishable food items</i>	4.99	213.76	201.07	191.79	6.31	11.46
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	1.41	191.19	191.16	169.22	0.02	12.98
Clothing & Footwear	7.57	183.74	182.25	163.22	0.82	12.57
Housing Water, Elec, Gas & Other Fuels	29.41	154.54	154.54	153.27	0.00	0.83
Furnishing & Household Equipment Maintenance	4.21	184.71	183.59	171.52	0.61	7.69
Health	2.19	160.24	159.34	144.07	0.56	11.22
Transport	7.20	185.52	187.70	185.93	-1.16	-0.22
Communication	3.22	128.71	128.64	122.38	0.05	5.17
Recreation & Culture	2.03	176.58	175.62	163.95	0.55	7.70
Education	3.94	162.17	161.66	151.31	0.32	7.18
Restaurant & hotel	1.23	209.95	208.62	193.79	0.64	8.34
Miscellaneous goods & services	2.76	202.61	202.51	188.15	0.05	7.69

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. May, 2013 over April, 2013 are given below:-

a. **Food Items Increased:** : Fresh Fruits (11.99%), Fresh Vegetables (11.87%), Potatoes (8.09%), Gur (4.66%), Pulse Masoor (2.67%), Chicken (2.53%), Tea (1.82%), Jam, Tomatoe Ketchup & Pickles (1.12%), Betel Leaves & Nuts (0.98%) and Beverages (0.87%).

Decreased: Onions (12.0%), Tomatoes (6.06%), Pulse Gram (5.14%), Besan (4.95%), Eggs (3.42%), Gram Whole (3.18%), Wheat (3.0%), Fish (1.59%), Wheat Product (1.22%), Mustard Oil (1.12%), Spices (0.61%), Beans (0.50%) and Sugar (0.24%).

b. **Non-food Items Increased:** Sewing Needle & Dry Cell (6.78%), Cleaning & Laundry (2.06%), Cotton Cloth (1.47%), Personal Care (1.29%), Marriage Hall Charges (1.27%), Medical Equipments (1.18%), Utensils (1.11%), Stationery (1.04%), Tailoring (1.02%), Doctor (MBBS) Clinic Fee (1.02%) and Cosmetics (0.92%).

Decreased: Motor Fuel (3.22%), Kerosene Oil (2.60%), Personal Equipments (1.73%) and Firewood Whole (1.72%).

ii) **Year-on-year** Top few commodities which varied from corresponding month of previous year i.e. May, 2013 over May, 2012 are given below:-

a. **Food Items Increased:** Onions (106.67%), Tomatoes (77.52%), Fresh Vegetables (29.64%), Tea (17.55%), Wheat Flour (17.22%), Wheat (15.49%), Honey (15.41%), Cigarettes (13.15%), Wheat Product (12.69%), Rice (11.39%), Cereals (11.15%) and Milk Powder (10.18%).

Decreased: Pulse Gram (21.09%), Spices (19.29%), Gram Whole (16.21%), Chicken (15.25%), Fresh Fruits (13.80%), Besan (12.73%), Potatoes (12.54%), Pulse Mash (8.60%), Eggs (8.19%), Pulse Moong (8.05%), Vegetable Ghee (4.92%) and Sugar (2.82%).

b. **Non-food Items Increased:** Woolen Readymade Garments (19.53%), Dopatta (16.84%), Cleaning & Laundry (16.19%), Cotton Cloth (14.97%), Doctor (MBBS) Clinic Fee (14.48%), Newspapers (13.68%), Tailoring (13.21%), Readymade Garments (12.91%), Hosiery (12.57%), Medical Equipments (12.21%) and Text Books (11.74%).

Decreased: Gas (46.08%), Motor Fuel (9.25%) and Kerosene Oil (0.34%).

iii) **Average Inflation Rate**

The Consumer Price Index of July- May, 2012-13 has increased by 7.51% over July-May, 2011-12 as per details given below:-

Groups	Group Weight	Indices		%Change
		Jul- May 2012-13	Jul- May 2011-12	
General	100.00	174.04	161.89	7.51
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	34.83	194.41	182.38	6.60
<i>Non-perishable food items</i>	<i>29.84</i>	<i>194.86</i>	<i>180.94</i>	<i>7.69</i>
<i>Perishable food items</i>	<i>4.99</i>	<i>191.70</i>	<i>191.01</i>	<i>0.36</i>
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	1.41	190.69	162.91	17.05
Clothing & Footwear	7.57	174.59	152.49	14.49
Housing, Water, Elec, Gas Fuels	29.41	151.04	145.52	3.79
Furnishing & Household Equipment Maintenance.	4.21	179.33	159.10	12.72
Health	2.19	156.16	137.11	13.89
Transport	7.20	186.35	170.33	9.41
Communication	3.22	125.93	122.87	2.49
Recreation & Culture	2.03	168.27	143.62	17.16
Education	3.94	156.07	143.06	9.09
Restaurant & Hotels	1.23	202.99	184.98	9.74
Miscellaneous	2.76	199.23	180.65	10.29

The items that witnessed significant rise in their prices include Text Books (37.97%), Besan (28.28%), Pulse Gram (26.93%), Woolen Readymade Garments (20.32%), Honey (19.85%), Doctor (MBBS) Clinic Fee (19.58%), Dopatta (19.00%), Motor Vehicle Tax (18.21%), Household Servant (18.05%), Cleaning & Laundry (17.85%), Beans (17.60%), Utensils (17.56%), Cigarettes (17.23%), Firewood Whole (16.39%), Readymade Garments (15.97%) and Tailoring (15.82%).

3. Core inflation of CPI

i. Trimmed Core Inflation

During the month of May, 2013 over May, 2012, the trimmed core inflation has been observed as 6.7%, while it was 11.7% during May, 2012 over May, 2011.

ii. Non-Food & Non-Energy Core Inflation

During the month of May, 2013 over May, 2012, the Non-food & Non-energy core inflation has been observed as 8.1%, while it was 11.1% during May, 2012 over May, 2011.