

Government of Pakistan
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Pakistan Bureau of Statistics

PRESS RELEASE ON INFLATION RATE
FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2016 WITH BASE 2007-08=100

1. SUMMARY OF INFLATION RATES

	C P I Change
Inflation Rate March, 2016 over February, 2016 (Previous month)	0.15%
Inflation Rate March, 2016 over March, 2015 (Corresponding month)	3.94%
Average Inflation Rate July-March (2015-16) over July-March (2014-15)	2.64%

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 March, 2016 the CPI increased by 0.15% while WPI and SPI decreased by 0.40% and 0.15% respectively.

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

Major Commodity Group	Group Weight (%)	Indices			% Change in March, 2016 over	
		March, 2016	February, 2016	March, 2015	February, 2016	March, 2015
General	100.00	203.28	202.98	195.57	0.15	3.94
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages.	34.83	216.13	214.99	210.96	0.53	2.45
<i>Non-perishable food items</i>	29.84	219.27	219.38	213.73	-0.05	2.59
<i>Perishable food items</i>	4.99	197.35	188.76	194.42	4.55	1.51
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	1.41	338.76	337.57	266.63	0.35	27.05
Clothing & Footwear	7.57	226.39	224.97	215.06	0.64	5.27
Housing Water, Elec, Gas& Other Fuels	29.41	185.48	185.49	176.51	-0.01	5.08
Furnishing & Household Equipment Maintenance	4.21	219.50	218.83	209.88	0.31	4.58
Health	2.19	185.69	184.18	177.27	0.82	4.75
Transport	7.20	168.25	174.05	175.14	-3.33	-3.93
Communication	3.22	130.74	130.57	130.26	0.13	0.37
Recreation & Culture	2.02	194.72	194.38	189.80	0.16	2.59
Education	3.94	210.99	210.15	192.50	0.40	9.61
Restaurant & hotel	1.23	261.80	259.39	247.23	0.93	5.89
Miscellaneous goods & services	2.76	232.54	230.15	222.58	1.04	4.47

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. February, 2016 are given below:-

Food Items Increased: Chicken (13.92), Fresh Fruit (8.31%), Fresh Vegetables (6.73%), Betel Leaves & Nuts (2.22%) and Potatoes (1.6%).

Decreased: Tomatoes (18.67%), Eggs (16.56%) and Tea (7.57%).

Non-food Items Increased: Personal equipments (2.13%), Kerosene Oil (1.23%), Medical Tests (1.21%), Readymade garments (1.15) and Woolen Cloth (1.11%).

Decreased: Motor Fuel (7.3%) and Transport Services (1.94%).

- ii) **Year-on-Year:** Top few commodities which varied from previous year i.e. March, 2015 are given below:-

Food Items Increased: Pulse Mash (53.99%), Pulse Gram (52.32%), Besan (47.78%), Onion (43.44%), Cigarettes (27.22%), Gram Whole (24.11%), Tea (19.18%), Sugar (14.91%) and Betel Leaves and Nuts (13.76%).

Decreased: Tomatoes (49.6%), Potatoes (18.29%), Cooking Oil (12.83%), Rice (12.8%), Eggs (10.49%) and Vegetable Ghee (8.71%).

Non-food Items Increased: Sewing Needle (11.31%), Gas (9.92%), Tailoring (9.75%), Education (9.61%), Readymade Garments (8.63%), Household Servants (8.22%), Construction Wage Rates (7.87%), Water Supply (7.46%) and Doctor MBBS Fee (7.02%).

Decreased: Motor Fuel (8.76%), Kerosene Oil (7.02%), Motor Vehicle Accessories (4.02%) and Transport Services (2.71%)

Average Inflation Rate

The Consumer Price Index of July-March, 2015-16 has increased by 2.64% over July-March, 2014-15 as per details given below:-

Groups	Group Weight	Indices		%Change
		Jul-Mar 2015-16	Jul-Mar 2014-15	
General	100.00	202.90	197.69	2.64
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	34.83	218.82	217.30	0.70
<i>Non-perishable food items</i>	<i>29.84</i>	<i>218.57</i>	<i>215.56</i>	<i>1.40</i>
<i>Perishable food items</i>	<i>4.99</i>	<i>220.28</i>	<i>227.69</i>	<i>-3.25</i>
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	1.41	322.23	266.53	20.90
Clothing & Footwear	7.57	222.73	212.50	4.81
Housing, Water, Elec, Gas Fuels	29.41	182.83	173.99	5.08
Furnishing & Household Equipment Maintenance.	4.21	216.25	207.85	4.04
Health	2.19	181.09	175.48	3.20
Transport	7.20	175.90	190.50	-7.67
Communication	3.22	130.48	130.01	0.36
Recreation & Culture	2.02	193.70	189.42	2.26
Education	3.94	209.55	192.14	9.06
Restaurant & Hotels	1.23	254.78	243.29	4.72
Miscellaneous	2.76	226.53	220.35	2.81

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

Increased: Pulse Gram (50.71%), Besan (44.89%), Onion (43.72%), Pulse Mash (38.08%), Tea (24.89%), Cigarettes (21.05%), Gram Whole (19.75%), Sewing Needle (10.06%), Sugar (9.32%), Education (9.06%), Tailoring (8.95%), Betel Leaves and Nuts (8.59%), Woolen Readymade Garments (8.47%) and Construction Wage Rates (8.12%).

Decreased: Potatoes (49.19%), Kerosene Oil (17.40%), Cooking Oil (14.42%), Rice (14.42%), Motor Fuel (13.96%), Vegetable Ghee (10.98%), Eggs (9.73%) and Transport Services (6.46%).

3. Core inflation of CPI

i. Trimmed Core Inflation

During the month of March, 2016 over March, 2015, the trimmed core inflation has been observed as 3.8% while it was 3.8% during March, 2015 over March, 2014.

ii. Non-Food & Non-Energy Core Inflation

During the month of March, 2016 over March, 2015, the Non-food & Non-energy core inflation has been observed as 4.7% while it was 5.9% during March, 2015 over March, 2014.