

Government of Pakistan
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Pakistan Bureau of Statistics

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

1. SUMMARY OF INFLATION RATES

	CPI Change
Inflation Rate May, 2016 over April, 2016 (Previous month)	-0.21%
Inflation Rate May, 2016 over May, 2015 (Corresponding month)	3.17%
Average Inflation Rate July-May (2015-16) over July-May (2014-15)	2.82%

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, 2016 the CPI decreased by 0.21% and WPI increased by 0.55% while SPI decreased by 0.96% respectively.

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

Major Commodity Group	Group Weight (%)	Indices			% Change in May, 2016 over	
		May, 2016	April, 2016	May, 2015	April, 2016	May, 2015
General	100.00	205.99	206.43	199.66	-0.21	3.17
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages.	34.83	219.65	221.59	218.32	-0.88	0.23
<i>Non-perishable food items</i>	29.84	221.23	221.60	215.36	-0.17	0.88
<i>Perishable food items</i>	4.99	210.21	221.58	236.07	-5.13	-0.65
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	1.41	346.08	344.10	268.97	0.58	0.55
Clothing & Footwear	7.57	228.31	227.87	217.58	0.19	0.41
Housing Water, Elec, Gas& Other Fuels	29.41	187.12	187.08	177.75	0.02	1.38
Furnishing & Household Equipment Maintenance	4.21	220.71	220.09	210.84	0.28	0.21
Health	2.19	187.43	187.29	178.22	0.07	0.10
Transport	7.20	169.31	169.33	176.82	-0.01	-0.27
Communication	3.22	130.77	130.77	130.29	0.00	0.01
Recreation & Culture	2.02	195.79	195.68	192.98	0.06	0.03
Education	3.94	224.19	221.48	209.17	1.22	0.30
Restaurant & hotel	1.23	263.16	261.89	248.45	0.48	0.09
Miscellaneous goods & services	2.76	233.52	232.97	223.08	0.24	0.14

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. April, 2016 are given below:-

Food Items Increased: Pulse Gram (12.46%), Besan (11.82%). Gram Whole (10.15%), Potatoes (9.28%), Pulse Mash washed (3.67%), Fresh Fruit (3.53%), and Pulse Masoor (3.12%).

Decreased: Tomatoes (49.43%), Onion (16.04%), Fresh Vegetables (7.08%), Chicken (6.34%), Wheat (4.55%), Eggs (4.48%), and Wheat flour (2.45%).

Non-food Items Increased: Education (1.22%), Household textiles (0.67%) and Kerosene Oil (0.63%).

Decreased: Motor Vehicle Accessories (0.66%).

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

Food Items Increased: Pulse Gram (56.55%), Pulse Mash (52.8%), Besan (50.09%), Gram Whole (37.09%), Cigarettes (28.86%), Betel Leaves and Nuts (13.91%), Tea (12.35%), Pulse Masoor (8.86%).Potatoes (8.75%) and Sugar (7.84%).

Decreased: Tomatoes (55.52%), Onion (30.02%), Fresh Vegetables (14.02%) , Rice (13.15%), Eggs (8.64%), and Cooking Oil (8.13%).

Non-food Items Increased: Gas (9.92%), Tailoring (8.39%), Doctor (MBBS) Clinic Fee (7.64%), Water Supply (7.46%), Household Servants (7.39%), Education (7.18%), Construction Wage Rates (7.1%), Readymade Garments (6.65%) and Cleaning & Laundry (6.43%).

Decreased: Motor Fuel (9.98%), Kerosene Oil (7.79%), Motor Vehicle Accessories (4.71%) and Transport Services (2.13%).

Average Inflation Rate

The Consumer Price Index of July-May, 2015-16 has increased by 2.82% over July-May, 2014-15 as per details given below:-

Groups	Group Weight	Indices		%Change
		Jul-May 2015-16	Jul-May 2014-15	
General	100.00	203.50	197.91	2.82
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	34.83	219.14	217.11	0.94
<i>Non-perishable food items</i>	29.84	219.09	215.40	1.71
<i>Perishable food items</i>	4.99	219.48	227.31	-3.44
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	1.41	326.38	266.76	22.35
Clothing & Footwear	7.57	223.71	213.39	4.84
Housing, Water, Elec, Gas Fuels	29.41	183.61	174.67	5.11
Furnishing & Household Equipment Maintenance.	4.21	217.00	208.41	4.12
Health	2.19	182.23	175.98	3.55
Transport	7.20	174.70	188.01	-7.08
Communication	3.22	130.53	130.06	0.36
Recreation & Culture	2.02	194.07	190.05	2.12
Education	3.94	211.96	195.24	8.57
Restaurant & Hotels	1.23	256.19	244.16	4.93
Miscellaneous	2.76	227.75	220.93	3.09

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

Increased: Pulse Gram (52.15%), Besan (46.04%), Pulse Mash (41.22%), Onion (28.80%), Tea (22.59%), Cigarettes (22.51%), Gram Whole (22.48%), Betel Leaves and Nuts (9.59%), Sugar (9.28%), and Sewing Needle (9.02%),

Decreased: Potatoes (45.26%), Kerosene Oil (15.83%), Rice (14.17%), Cooking Oil (13.52%), Motor Fuel (13.52%), Vegetable Ghee (9.70%), Eggs (9.67%) Tomatoes (6.14%) and Transport Services (5.71%).

3. Core inflation of CPI

i. Trimmed Core Inflation

During the month of May, 2016 over May, 2015, the trimmed core inflation has been observed as 3.6% while it was 3.9% during May, 2015 over May, 2014.

ii. Non-Food & Non-Energy Core Inflation

During the month of May, 2016 over May, 2015, the Non-food & Non-energy core inflation has been observed as 4.6% while it was 4.9% during May, 2015 over May, 2014.