

Government of Pakistan
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Pakistan Bureau of Statistics

PRESS RELEASE ON INFLATION STATISTICS

FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 2018 [Base 2007-08=100]

1. SUMMARY OF INFLATION RATES

	<u>C P I Change %</u>
Inflation Rate, October, 2018 over September, 2018 (Previous month)	2.56
Inflation Rate, October, 2018 over October, 2017 (Corresponding month)	7.00
Average Inflation Rate July- October, (2018-19) over July- October (2017-18)	5.95

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 October, 2018 the CPI increased by 2.56%, WPI increased by 4.17% while SPI increased by 1.19% respectively.

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

Major Commodity Group	Group Weight (%)	I N D I C E S			% Change in Oct – 2018 over	
		Oct – 2018	Sep – 2018	Oct – 2017	Sep – 2018	Oct – 2017
General	100.00	234.98	229.14	219.61	2.56	7.00
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	34.83	240.50	236.78	235.70	1.57	2.04
Non-perishable food items	29.84	238.09	234.40	226.27	1.57	5.22
Perishable food items	4.99	254.86	251.03	292.08	1.53	-12.74
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	1.41	344.03	314.42	305.31	9.41	12.68
Clothing & Footwear	7.57	256.09	255.36	239.94	0.29	6.73
Housing Water, Elec, Gas& Other Fuels	29.41	220.73	210.82	200.90	4.70	9.87
Furnishing & Household Equipment Maintenance	4.21	245.51	243.36	229.47	0.88	6.99
Health	2.19	234.02	226.78	214.29	3.19	9.21
Transport	7.20	210.00	205.19	177.05	2.47	18.61
Communication	3.22	143.45	133.78	133.10	7.23	7.78
Recreation & Culture	2.02	213.73	210.12	196.86	1.72	8.57
Education	3.94	288.62	287.41	258.75	0.42	11.54
Restaurant & hotel	1.23	297.40	295.86	283.86	0.52	4.77
Miscellaneous goods & services	2.76	271.43	267.30	249.68	1.54	8.71

Main contributors to month-on-month and year-on-year changes are given below:

Month-on-month: Top few items which varied from previous month i.e. September, 2018 are given below: -

Increased: Gas Combined (104.91%), Chicken Farm (35.25%), Urdu Newspaper (33.33%), MBA Tuition Fees (23.56%), Eggs Farm (14.41%), Cigarettes, Capstan (14.18%), Arvi (11.01%), CNG (10.22%), Dettol (10.10%), Guava (10.02%) and Cigarettes, Morven Gold (9.18%).

Decreased: Bananas (9.11%), Lady Finger (5.58%), Onion (4.43%), Spinach (3.30%), Milk Tetra Pack (1.71%), LPG Cylinder ((1.60%), Fish-Rahu (1.37%), Gram Whole (1.31%), Pulse Mash (1.18%) and Kerosene Oil (0.21%).

Year-on-Year: Top few items which varied from previous year i.e. October, 2017 are given below: -

Increased: Betel Nuts (266.57%), Gas Combined (104.91%), Urdu Newspaper (55.04%), Dettol (51.75%), Bus Fare Outside City (50.60%), A/C Bus Fare Out Side City (44.78%), High Speed Diesel (34.20%), Betel Leaves (33.51%), Kerosene Oil (31.82%), Chicken (28.31%), Iron Bar 1/2" (28.01%), Chillies Powder Loose (27.35%), LPG Cylinder (26.09%), Petrol Super (26.08%) and CNG (26.02%).

Decreased: Onion (55.97%), Tomatoes (28.75%), Garlic (27.92%), Potatoes (21.25%), Pulse Mash (19.66%), Gram Whole Yellow (15.51%), Pulse Masoor (8.17%), Cucumber (7.72%), Pulse Masoor Whole (7.43%), Spinach (6.72%), Pulse Moong (5.80%), Besan (4.86%), Apple (4.02%) and Pulse Gram (3.28%).

Average Inflation Rate

The Consumer Price Index of July-October, 2018-19 has increased by 5.95% over July-October, 2017-18 as per details given below: -

Groups	Group Weight	INDICES		%Change
		Jul-Oct 2018-19	Jul-Oct 2017-18	
General	100.00	230.55	217.60	5.95
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages.	34.83	238.49	232.73	2.47
<i>Non-perishable food items</i>	29.84	235.61	226.35	4.09
<i>Perishable food items</i>	4.99	255.63	270.85	-5.62
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	1.41	321.39	305.76	5.11
Clothing & Footwear	7.57	255.07	239.33	6.58
Housing Water, Elec, Gas & Other Fuels	29.41	213.27	199.42	6.95
Furnishing & Household Equipment Maintenance	4.21	243.06	228.59	6.33
Health	2.19	227.67	213.53	6.62
Transport	7.2	205.66	175.65	17.09
Communication	3.22	136.16	133.01	2.37
Recreation & Culture	2.02	210.61	196.51	7.18
Education	3.94	284.95	251.88	13.13
Restaurant & hotel	1.23	295.38	280.45	5.32
Miscellaneous goods & services	2.76	267.17	248.86	7.36

Top few commodities which varied from previous year average i.e. July-October, 2017-18 are given below:-

Increased: Betel Leaves & Nuts (149.61%), Kerosene Oil (36.11%), Gas (26.23%), Motor Fuel (25.99%), Newspapers (15.23%), Transport Services (15.21%), Education (13.13%), Motor Vehicles (11.28%), Water Supply (11.27%), Meat (11.01%), Dry Fruits (10.70%), Spices (10.60%), Construction Input Items (9.96%), Personal Equipment (9.68%) and Doctor (MBBS) Clinic Fee (9.65%).

Decreased: Onion (35.90%), Pulse Mash (23.31%), Potatoes (20.20%), Pulse Masoor (9.53%), Pulse Moong (8.38%), Gram Whole (8.33%), Pulse Gram (5.62%), Besan (5.26%) and Sugar (2.45%).

Core inflation of CPI

Trimmed Core Inflation

During the month of October, 2018 over October, 2017, the Year on Year increase in the Trimmed Core Inflation was observed at 6.7% whereas it was 4.0% during October, 2017 over October, 2016.

Non-Food & Non-Energy Core Inflation

During the month of October, 2018 over October, 2017, the Year on Year increase in the Non-food & Non-energy Core Inflation has been observed as 8.2% whereas it was 5.3% during October, 2017 over October, 2016.