

**GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
PAKISTAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

SENSITIVE PRICE INDICATOR (SPI) FOR THE WEEK ENDED ON 28.03.2024.

(To gauge inflation on weekly / short term basis)

Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI) is computed on weekly basis to assess the price movement of essential commodities at shorter interval of time so as to review the price situation in the country. SPI comprises of 51 essential items collected from 50 markets in 17 cities of the country.

Consumption Quintiles	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Combined
Week on Week change (%)	-0.27	-0.22	-0.17	-0.12	-0.03	-0.09
Year on Year change (%)	22.15	26.17	33.50	31.02	26.58	29.41

I. ANALYSIS OF WEEKLY SPI

- i.* The SPI for the current week ended on **March 28, 2024 decreased by 0.09%**. Major **decrease** is observed in the prices of Tomatoes (12.04%), Wheat Flour (3.80%), Garlic (2.59%), LPG (2.42%), Onions (1.74%), Potatoes (1.07%), Bananas (0.77%), Pulse Gram (0.57%) and Sugar (0.49%).
- ii.* On the other hand, **increase** is observed in the prices of Chicken (4.92%), Eggs (1.61%), Shirting (0.56%) and Rice Irri 6/9 (0.15%).
- iii.* During the week, out of **51** items, prices of **04** (7.84%) items increased, **18** (35.30%) items decreased and **29** (56.86%) items remained stable.
- iv.* The year on year trend depicts **increase** of **29.41%**, Gas Charges for Q1 (570.00%), Chilies Powder (86.05%), Onions (78.98%), Gents Sponge Chappal (58.05%), Gents Sandal (53.37%), Garlic (52.20%), Gur (37.70%), Chicken (37.57%), Salt Powder (33.29%), Sugar (31.56%), Energy Saver (29.83%) and Pulse Mash (27.09%) while **decrease** is observed in the prices of Cooking Oil 5 Litre (20.50%), Bananas (20.20%), Vegetable Ghee 2.5 Kg (17.87%), Vegetable Ghee 1 Kg (17.72%), Mustard Oil (14.02%), Diesel (2.47%), Wheat Flour (0.27%) and Cigarettes (0.06%).

II. Current week over previous week (WoW) (28.03.2024 over 21.03.2024) showing -0.09% change.

i. **(Major) Decreased Items (percentage)**

Food Items	%	Food Items	%	Non Food Item	%
Tomatoes	-12.04	Potatoes	-1.07	LPG	-2.42
Wheat Flour	-3.80	Bananas	-0.77		
Garlic	-2.59	Pulse Gram	-0.57		
Onions	-1.74	Sugar	-0.49		

ii. **Increased Items (percentage)**

Food Items	%	Food Items	%	Non Food Item	%
Chicken	4.92	Rice IRRI-6/9	0.15	Shirting	0.56
Eggs	1.61				

III. Current week over corresponding week (YoY) (28.03.2024 over 30.03.2023) showing 29.41% change.

i. **(Major) Increased Items (percentage)**

Food Items	%	Food Items	%	Non Food Items	%
Chilies Powder	86.05	Chicken	37.57	Gas Charges for Q1	570.00
Onions	78.98	Salt Powder	33.29	Gents Sponge Chappal	58.05
Garlic	52.20	Sugar	31.56	Gents Sandal	53.37
Gur	37.70	Pulse Mash	27.09	Energy Saver	29.83

ii. **Decreased Items (percentage)**

Food Items	%	Food Items	%	Non Food Items	%
Cooking Oil, 5 Litre	-20.50	Vegetable Ghee 1 kg	-17.72	Diesel	-2.47
Bananas	-20.20	Mustard Oil	-14.02	Cigarettes	-0.06
Vegetable Ghee 2.5 kg	-17.87	Wheat Flour	-0.27		

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Subject: Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI) for the week ended on 28-03-2024.

The weekly SPI with base 2015-16=100 covering 17 urban centres and 51 essential items for all expenditure groups/quintiles and combined has been computed.

2. For the week ended on March 28, 2024, the SPI and percentage changes by Consumption groups/quintiles and combined are given below:

Expenditure Group (Quintile)	SPI (51 items) 2015-16=100			% change over	
	SPI for week ended on 28-03-2024	21-03-24	30-03-23	21-03-24	30-03-23
Q1 (Upto Rs. 17,732)	313.35	314.20	256.53	-0.27	22.15
Q2 (Rs. 17,733 - 22,888)	312.21	312.90	247.46	-0.22	26.17
Q3 (Rs. 22,889 - 29,517)	334.56	335.12	250.61	-0.17	33.50
Q4 (Rs. 29,518 - 44,175)	322.45	322.83	246.11	-0.12	31.02
Q5 (Above Rs. 44,175)	322.60	322.71	254.85	-0.03	26.58
Combined	323.20	323.50	249.75	-0.09	29.41

3. The trend of weekly SPI with base 2015-16=100 during the last 10 weeks as compared to the respective previous as well as corresponding weeks of last year is as under:

Week ended on	SPI for lowest expenditure group	% change over		Combined SPI	% change over	
		Pr. Week	Cor. Week		Pr. Week	Cor. Week
25-01-2024	313.09	-0.33	36.23	318.55	-0.14	43.79
01-02-2024	310.42	-0.85	32.79	317.65	-0.28	39.45
08-02-2024	310.42	0.00	32.88	317.65	0.00	39.22
15-02-2024	307.99	-0.78	28.68	315.18	-0.78	34.25
22-02-2024	307.73	-0.08	25.53	315.31	0.04	30.68
29-02-2024	311.92	1.36	27.35	319.30	1.27	32.73
07-03-2024	317.18	1.69	27.43	322.86	1.11	32.39
14-03-2024	320.06	0.91	27.83	327.21	1.35	32.89
21-03-2024	314.20	-1.83	21.96	323.50	-1.13	29.06
28-03-2024	313.35	-0.27	22.15	323.20	-0.09	29.41

4. A statement showing citywise prices of essential items pertaining to 17 urban centres is placed at Appendix-A.

5 The comparative changes in prices i.e. increase, decrease and unchanged for the week ended on 28-03-2024 over previous and corresponding weeks ended on 21-03-2024 and 30-03-2023 respectively are as follows:

Sr.	Items	Units	Prices in Rs. on			%change col. 3 over		Weight of expenditure group in %		Impact of expenditure group in % points	
			28.03.24	21.03.24	30.03.23	21.03.24	30.03.23	Lowest	Combined	Lowest	Combined
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
i. Average prices of the following 4 items registered INCREASE.											
1	Chicken Farm Broiler (Live)	1 Kg	449.24	428.16	326.56	4.92	37.57	2.9269	3.8681	0.1799	0.2309
2	Eggs Hen (Farm)	1 Dozen	280.28	275.83	256.36	1.61	9.33	1.1780	1.4424	0.0257	0.0305
3	Shirting (Average Quality)	1 mtr	430.45	428.04	335.98	0.56	28.12	0.0317	0.1010	0.0002	0.0005
4	Rice IRRI-6/9 (Sindh/Punjab)	1 Kg	170.42	170.17	137.57	0.15	23.88	0.5922	0.1671	0.0001	0.0000
TOTAL								4.7288	5.5786	0.2058	0.2619
ii. Average prices of the following 18 items registered DECREASE.											
1	Tomatoes	1 Kg	92.71	105.40	89.88	-12.04	3.15	1.4395	0.9816	-0.1348	-0.0892
2	Wheat Flour Bag	20 Kg	2628.69	2732.54	2635.79	-3.80	-0.27	6.1372	3.9725	-0.2673	-0.1681
3	Garlic (Lehsun)	1 Kg	583.91	599.44	383.65	-2.59	52.20	0.6807	0.5795	-0.0348	-0.0287
4	LPG 11.67 kg Cylinder	Each	3413.24	3498.02	3290.13	-2.42	3.74	0.6145	1.4370	-0.0230	-0.0522
5	Onions	1 Kg	198.78	202.31	111.06	-1.74	78.98	2.6815	1.6822	0.0364	0.0222
6	Potatoes	1 Kg	66.58	67.30	58.46	-1.07	13.89	2.2955	1.2157	-0.0018	-0.0009
7	Bananas (Kela) Local	1 Dozen	185.75	187.20	232.78	-0.77	-20.20	0.7124	0.9413	-0.0107	-0.0137
8	Pulse Gram	1 Kg	258.10	259.58	251.85	-0.57	2.48	0.7967	0.4711	-0.0025	-0.0015
9	Sugar Refined	1 Kg	142.91	143.62	108.63	-0.49	31.56	5.1148	3.1584	-0.0217	-0.0130
10	Pulse Masoor (Washed)	1 Kg	331.18	332.30	277.86	-0.34	19.19	0.6545	0.4608	-0.0026	-0.0018
11	Rice Basmati Broken (Average Quality)	1 Kg	223.93	224.67	190.22	-0.33	17.72	2.9610	1.2636	-0.0081	-0.0033
12	Mustard Oil (Average Quality)	1 Kg	501.50	503.05	583.28	-0.31	-14.02	0.0216	0.0341	0.0000	0.0001
13	Gur (Average Quality)	1 Kg	205.38	205.87	149.15	-0.24	37.70	0.2341	0.1075	-0.0003	-0.0002
14	Pulse Moong (Washed)	1 Kg	311.25	311.89	280.69	-0.21	10.89	0.8715	0.4816	-0.0004	-0.0002
15	Vegetable Ghee DALDA/HABIB or Other super	Each	497.03	497.99	604.04	-0.19	-17.72	3.2833	1.4648	-0.0031	-0.0013
16	Cooking Oil DALDA or Other Similar Brand (SN	Each	2639.21	2643.89	3319.77	-0.18	-20.50	2.1480	3.1260	-0.0011	-0.0016
17	Pulse Mash (Washed)	1 Kg	535.88	536.65	421.64	-0.14	27.09	0.2855	0.3269	-0.0003	-0.0004
18	Vegetable Ghee DALDA/HABIB 2.5 kg Tin	Each	1284.78	1285.17	1564.32	-0.03	-17.87	3.2833	1.4648	-0.0010	-0.0004
TOTAL								34.2156	23.1694	-0.4768	-0.3540
iii. Average prices of the following 29 items remained UNCHANGED											
1	Bread plain (Small Size)	Each	114.79	114.79	101.11	0.00	13.53	0.1041	0.5698	0.0000	0.0000
2	Beef with Bone (Average Quality)	1 Kg	883.75	883.75	721.55	0.00	22.48	2.4988	3.3533	0.0000	0.0000
3	Mutton (Average Quality)	1 Kg	1814.33	1814.33	1526.53	0.00	18.85	0.5498	2.4387	0.0000	0.0000
4	Milk fresh (Un-boiled)	1 Ltr	185.55	185.55	161.95	0.00	14.57	17.5449	18.3937	0.0000	0.0000
5	Curd (Dahi) Loose	1 Kg	217.50	217.50	188.27	0.00	15.53	0.7366	1.8181	0.0000	0.0000
6	Powdered Milk NIDO 390 gm Polybag	Each	824.64	824.64	683.10	0.00	20.72	0.0803	0.3817	0.0000	0.0000
7	Salt Powdered (NATIONAL/SHAN) 800 gm Pack	Each	69.23	69.23	51.94	0.00	33.29	0.2844	0.2279	0.0000	0.0000
8	Chilies Powder NATIONAL 200 gm Packet	Each	400.00	400.00	215.00	0.00	86.05	1.3896	0.8454	0.0000	0.0000
9	Tea Lipton Yellow Label 190 gm Packet	Each	544.71	544.71	511.46	0.00	6.50	3.1478	2.3913	0.0000	0.0000
10	Cooked Beef at Average Hotel	Per Plate	276.39	276.39	238.23	0.00	16.02	0.5033	1.0497	0.0000	0.0000
11	Cooked Daal at Average Hotel	Per Plate	145.01	145.01	122.00	0.00	18.86	1.3118	1.3014	0.0000	0.0000
12	Tea Prepared Ordinary	Per Cup	59.03	59.03	47.65	0.00	23.88	2.5003	2.3564	0.0000	0.0000
13	Cigarettes Capstan 20'S Packet	Each	221.80	221.80	221.93	0.00	-0.06	1.6170	1.0931	0.0000	0.0000
14	Long Cloth 57" Gul Ahmed/AI Karam	1 mtr	579.46	579.46	499.22	0.00	16.07	4.2221	3.9577	0.0000	0.0000
15	Lawn Printed Gul Ahmed/AI Karam	1 mtr	563.83	563.83	516.53	0.00	9.16	2.3442	2.1473	0.0000	0.0000
16	Georgette (Average Quality)	1 mtr	267.93	267.93	229.76	0.00	16.61	0.7584	0.9024	0.0000	0.0000
17	Gents Sandal Bata	Pair	2299.00	2299.00	1499.00	0.00	53.37	0.6350	0.5122	0.0000	0.0000
18	Gents Sponge Chappal Bata	Pair	599.00	599.00	379.00	0.00	58.05	0.2110	0.1640	0.0000	0.0000
19	Ladies Sandal Bata	Pair	799.00	799.00	699.00	0.00	14.31	0.9919	1.0148	0.0000	0.0000
20	Electricity Charges for Q1	Per Unit	7.40	7.40	6.47	0.00	14.37	8.3627	12.9291	0.0000	0.0000
21	Gas Charges for Q1	MMBTU	1976.50	1976.50	295.00	0.00	570.00	2.0674	3.0667	0.0000	0.0000
22	Firewood Whole	40 Kg	1190.82	1190.82	1088.37	0.00	9.41	5.0813	1.1969	0.0000	0.0000
23	Energy Saver Philips 14 Watt	Each	370.40	370.40	285.29	0.00	29.83	0.2495	0.3374	0.0000	0.0000
24	Sufi Washing Soap 250 gm Cake	Each	128.70	128.70	119.34	0.00	7.84	1.1178	0.5917	0.0000	0.0000
25	Match Box	Each	6.18	6.18	5.14	0.00	20.23	0.3495	0.1969	0.0000	0.0000
26	Petrol Super	Per Litre	280.79	280.79	272.89	0.00	2.89	1.4673	6.7018	0.0000	0.0000
27	Hi-Speed Diesel	Per Litre	286.67	286.67	293.92	0.00	-2.47	0.0114	0.0874	0.0000	0.0000
28	Telephone Call Charges	Per Minu	1.79	1.79	1.79	0.00	0.00	0.0645	0.5468	0.0000	0.0000
29	Toilet Soap LIFEBOUY 115 gm	Each	110.39	110.39	89.74	0.00	23.01	0.8529	0.6784	0.0000	0.0000
TOTAL								61.0556	71.2520	0.0000	0.0000

6. Monthly Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI).

PERIOD	SPI - Q1 (lowest Consumption Quintile)	Percentage change over previous month	Percentage Change over corresponding month of previous year
2021-22			
July	162.25	1.80	16.17
August	163.39	0.70	15.92
September	167.83	2.72	16.63
October	171.43	2.15	15.25
November	177.57	3.58	18.09
December	176.81	-0.43	20.86
January	175.42	-0.79	20.90
February	177.64	1.27	18.70
March	178.78	0.64	13.02
April	181.42	1.48	14.22
May	182.59	0.64	14.05
June	193.89	6.19	21.65
2022-23			
July	207.98	7.27	28.18
August	218.89	5.25	33.97
September	215.79	-1.42	28.58
October	212.62	-1.47	24.03
November	225.61	6.11	27.05
December	225.95	0.15	27.79
January	229.00	1.35	30.54
February	237.38	3.66	33.63
March	251.08	5.77	40.44
April	257.86	2.70	42.13
May	261.09	1.25	42.99
June	261.60	0.20	34.92
2023-24			
July	268.96	2.81	29.32
August	280.03	4.12	27.93
September	284.84	1.72	32.00
October	285.28	0.15	34.17
November	294.70	3.30	30.62
December	305.76	3.75	35.32
January	311.93	2.02	36.21
February	309.48	-0.79	30.37

7. Quarterly Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI).

PERIOD	SPI - Q1 (lowest Consumption Quintile)	Percentage change over previous quarter	Percentage Change over corresponding quarter of previous year
2021-22			
1st quarter (Jul-Sep)	164.49	3.17	16.24
2nd quarter (Oct-Dec)	175.27	6.55	18.05
3rd quarter (Jan-Mar)	177.28	1.15	17.43
4th quarter (Apr-June)	185.97	4.90	16.64
2022-23			
1st quarter (Jul-Sep)	214.22	15.19	30.23
2nd quarter (Oct-Dec)	221.39	3.35	26.31
3rd quarter (Jan-Mar)	239.15	8.02	34.90
4th quarter (Apr-June)	260.18	8.79	39.90
2023-24			
1st quarter (Jul-Sep)	277.94	6.83	29.75
2nd quarter (Oct-Dec)	295.25	6.23	33.36

8. Half yearly Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI).

PERIOD	SPI - Q1 (lowest Consumption Quintile)	Percentage change over previous Half year	Percentage Change over corresponding Half year of previous year
2022-23			
1st half (Jul-Dec)	217.81	19.93	28.21
2nd half (Jan-June)	249.67	14.63	37.47
2023-24			
1st half (Jul-Dec)	290.21	16.24	33.24

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