

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

SENSITIVE PRICE INDICATOR (SPI) FOR THE WEEK ENDED ON 04.03.2021.

(To gauge inflation on weekly / short term basis)

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

Consumption Quintiles	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Combined
Week on Week change	0.54	0.60	0.62	0.67	0.59	0.61
Year on Year change	20.07	17.62	14.98	14.13	12.83	14.95

I. ANALYSIS OF WEEKLY SPI

- ❖ The SPI for the current week ended on **04th March, 2021** recorded an **increase of 0.61%** over last week. This increase is mainly due to rise in prices of **food items** i.e. Chicken (5.31%), Bananas (4.22%), Potatoes (3.76%), Sugar (2.81%), Onions (2.21%), Mustard Oil (1.32%), Pulse Mash (1.31%), and Eggs (1.05%) and among **non-food items**, Washing Soap (1.21%) with **joint impact of (0.40)** into the overall SPI for combined group of **(0.61%)**.
- ❖ On the other hand, a **decrease** was observed in the prices of Garlic (7.06%), Wheat Flour bag (0.84%), Gur (0.58%), Tomatoes (0.51%) and Firewood (0.50%).
- ❖ During the week, out of 51 items, prices of **22 (43.14%)** items increased, **05 (9.80%)** items decreased and **24 (47.06%)** items remained constant.
- ❖ The **year on year** trend depicts an **increase of 14.95%** with most of the items increased mainly Chilies Powder National Pack (143.07%), Electricity for Q1 (85.95%), Chicken (71.76%), Eggs (61.51%), Gents Sandal (33.37%), Match Box (30.47%), Mustard Oil (26.26%), Gents Sponge Chappal (25.13%), Sugar (21.11%), Washing Soap (20.78%) and Long Cloth (19.84%). While a major **decrease** was observed in the price of Onions (48.75%), Garlic (37.60%), Tomatoes (16.48%), LPG (12.32%), Diesel (4.98%) and Potatoes (3.93%).

II. Current week over previous week (WoW) (04.03.2021 over 25.02.2021) showing 0.61% change.

i. INCREASING Items (percentage)

Food Items	%	Food Items	%	Non Food Items	%
Chicken	5.31	Onions	2.21	Washing Soap 250 gm	1.21
Bananas	4.22	Mustard Oil	1.32		
Potatoes	3.76	Pulse Mash	1.31		
Sugar	2.81				

ii. DECREASING Items (percentage)

Food Items	%	Food Items	%	Non Food Items	%
Garlic (Lehsun)	-7.06	Gur	-0.58	Firewood	-0.50
Wheat Flour	-0.84	Tomatoes	-0.51		

III. Current week over corresponding week (YoY) (04.03.2021 over 05.03.2020) showing 14.95% change.

i. INCREASING Items (percentage)

Food Items	%	Non-Food Items	%	Non Food Items	%
Chilies Powder 200 gm	143.07	Electricity Charges for Q1*	85.95	Long Cloth 57"	19.84
Chicken	71.76	Gents Sandal	33.37		
Eggs	61.51	Match Box	30.47		
Mustard Oil	26.26	Gents Sponge Chappal	25.13		
Sugar	21.11	Washing Soap 250 gm Cake	20.78		

ii. DECREASING Items (percentage)

Food Items	%	Food Items	%	Non-Food Items	%
Onions	-48.75	Tomatoes	-16.48	LPG 11.67 kg	-12.32
Garlic (Lehsun)	-37.6	Potatoes	-3.93	Hi-Speed Diesel	-4.98

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Subject: Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI) for the week ended on 04-03-2021.

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 04, 2021, the SPI and percentage changes by Consumption groups/quintiles and combined are given below:

SPI (51 items) 2015-16=100

Expenditure Group (Quintile)	SPI for week ended on			% change over	
	04-03-2021	25-02-21	05-03-20	25-02-21	05-03-20
Q1 (Upto Rs. 17,732)	159.21	158.36	132.60	0.54	20.07
Q2 (Rs. 17,733 - 22,888)	150.06	149.17	127.58	0.60	17.62
Q3 (Rs. 22,889 - 29,517)	149.55	148.63	130.07	0.62	14.98
Q4 (Rs. 29,518 - 44,175)	145.42	144.45	127.42	0.67	14.13
Q5 (Above Rs. 44,175)	147.52	146.66	130.74	0.59	12.83
Combined	147.99	147.09	128.74	0.61	14.95

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:

SPI (51 items) 2015-16=100

Week ended on	SPI for lowest expenditure group	% change over		Combined SPI	% change over	
		Pr. Week	Cor. Week		Pr. Week	Cor. Week
31-12-2020	144.68	-0.80	7.00	139.92	-0.69	6.13
07-01-2021	144.92	0.17	6.70	140.01	0.06	5.81
14-01-2021	145.07	0.10	7.28	139.70	-0.22	5.77
21-01-2021	145.15	0.06	7.93	140.15	0.32	6.54
28-01-2021	145.78	0.43	8.74	140.88	0.52	7.48
04-02-2021	146.54	0.52	8.79	141.70	0.58	7.88
11-02-2021	147.67	0.77	10.14	142.85	0.81	9.17
18-02-2021	148.48	0.55	10.78	143.63	0.55	9.92
25-02-2021	158.36	6.65	19.76	147.09	2.41	13.89
04-03-2021	159.21	0.54	20.07	147.99	0.61	14.95

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 04-03-2021 over previous and corresponding weeks ended on 25-02-2021 and 05-03-2020 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	
			04.03.21	25.02.21	05.03.20	25.02.21	05.03.20	Lowest	Combined	Lowest	Combined
1		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
i. Average prices of the following 22 items registered INCREASE.											
1	Chicken Farm Broiler (Live)	1 Kg	263.58	250.28	153.46	5.31	71.76	2.9269	3.8681	0.1469	0.2090
2	Bananas (Kela) Local	1 Dozen	90.23	86.58	87.33	4.22	3.32	0.7124	0.9413	0.0283	0.0403
3	Potatoes	1 Kg	38.60	37.20	40.18	3.76	-3.93	2.2955	1.2157	0.0614	0.0350
4	Sugar Refined	1 Kg	96.68	94.04	79.83	2.81	21.11	5.1148	3.1584	0.1122	0.0746
5	Onions	1 Kg	37.43	36.62	73.03	2.21	-48.75	2.6815	1.6822	0.0173	0.0116
6	Toilet Soap LIFEBOUY 115 gm	Each	48.34	47.45	45.55	1.88	6.13	0.8529	0.6784	0.0025	0.0022
7	Mustard Oil (Average Quality)	1 Kg	278.47	274.85	220.55	1.32	26.26	0.0216	0.0341	0.0001	0.0001
8	Pulse Mash (Washed)	1 Kg	261.31	257.94	224.04	1.31	16.64	0.2855	0.3269	0.0009	0.0011
9	Sufi Washing Soap 250 gm Cake	Each	57.83	57.14	47.88	1.21	20.78	1.1178	0.5917	0.0071	0.0040
10	Eggs Hen (Farm)	1 Dozen	151.88	150.30	94.04	1.05	61.51	1.1780	1.4424	0.0165	0.0218
11	Pulse Masoor (Washed)	1 Kg	158.13	156.76	141.37	0.87	11.86	0.6545	0.4608	0.0011	0.0008
12	Milk fresh (Un-boiled)	1 Ltr	105.88	105.30	93.99	0.55	12.65	17.5449	18.3937	0.2528	0.2854
13	Lawn Printed Gul Ahmed/Al Karam	1 mtr	394.26	392.18	358.55	0.53	9.96	2.3442	2.1473	0.0027	0.0027
14	Curd (Dahi) Loose	1 Kg	122.45	121.88	108.20	0.47	13.17	0.7366	1.8181	0.0130	0.0345
15	Pulse Moong (Washed)	1 Kg	237.02	236.29	234.23	0.31	1.19	0.8715	0.4816	0.0024	0.0014
16	LPG 11.67 kg Cylinder	Each	1471.81	1467.65	1678.69	0.28	-12.32	0.6145	1.4370	-0.0040	-0.0101
17	Shirting (Average Quality)	1 mtr	237.59	236.99	206.04	0.25	15.31	0.0317	0.1010	0.0000	0.0001
18	Pulse Gram	1 Kg	153.14	152.80	147.75	0.22	3.65	0.7967	0.4711	0.0019	0.0012
19	Beef with Bone (Average Quality)	1 Kg	477.06	476.14	434.38	0.19	9.83	2.4988	3.3533	0.0016	0.0024
20	Rice Basmati Broken (Average Quality)	1 Kg	91.74	91.58	82.22	0.17	11.58	2.9610	1.2636	0.0222	0.0102
21	Rice IRRRI-6/9 (Sindh/Punjab)	1 Kg	73.20	73.08	62.47	0.16	17.18	0.5922	0.1671	0.0007	0.0002
22	Mutton (Average Quality)	1 Kg	1001.57	1001.22	897.48	0.03	11.60	0.5498	2.4387	0.0004	0.0022
TOTAL								47.3833	46.4725	0.6881	0.7308
ii. Average prices of the following 5 items registered DECREASE.											
1	Garlic (Lehsun)	1 Kg	227.59	244.88	364.75	-7.06	-37.60	0.6807	0.5795	-0.0923	-0.0846
2	Wheat Flour Bag	20 Kg	947.94	955.98	872.71	-0.84	8.62	6.1372	3.9725	-0.0369	-0.0256
3	Gur (Average Quality)	1 Kg	127.84	128.58	117.99	-0.58	8.35	0.2341	0.1075	-0.0012	-0.0006
4	Tomatoes	1 Kg	29.39	29.54	35.19	-0.51	-16.48	1.4395	0.9816	-0.0107	-0.0078
5	Firewood Whole	40 Kg	739.56	743.25	686.71	-0.50	7.70	5.0813	1.1969	-0.0116	-0.0029
TOTAL								13.5728	6.8380	-0.1526	-0.1216
iii. Average prices of the following 24 items remained UNCHANGED											
1	Bread plain (Small Size)	Each	55.54	55.54	49.07	0.00	13.19	0.1041	0.5698	0.0000	0.0000
2	Powdered Milk NIDO 390 gm Polybag	Each	481.67	481.67	462.04	0.00	4.25	0.0803	0.3817	0.0000	0.0000
3	Cooking Oil DALDA or Other Similar Brand (S	Each	1495.00	1495.00	1298.22	0.00	15.16	2.1480	3.1260	0.0000	0.0000
4	Vegetable Ghee DALDA/HABIB 2.5 kg Tin	Each	755.69	755.69	653.09	0.00	15.71	3.2833	1.4648	0.0000	0.0000
5	Vegetable Ghee DALDA/HABIB or Other supe	Each	296.00	296.00	251.40	0.00	17.74	3.2833	1.4648	0.0000	0.0000
6	Salt Powdered (NATIONAL/SHAN) 800 gm Pa	Each	30.00	30.00	30.00	0.00	0.00	0.2844	0.2279	0.0000	0.0000
7	Chilies Powder NATIONAL 200 gm Packet	Each	373.23	373.23	153.55	0.00	143.07	1.3896	0.8454	0.0000	0.0000
8	Tea Lipton Yellow Label 190 gm Packet	Each	230.00	230.00	229.25	0.00	0.33	3.1478	2.3913	0.0000	0.0000
9	Cooked Beef at Average Hotel	Per Plate	152.82	152.82	136.90	0.00	11.63	0.5033	1.0497	0.0000	0.0000
10	Cooked Daal at Average Hotel	Per Plate	77.37	77.37	71.47	0.00	8.26	1.3118	1.3014	0.0000	0.0000
11	Tea Prepared Ordinary	Per Cup	28.96	28.96	26.37	0.00	9.82	2.5003	2.3564	0.0000	0.0000
12	Cigarettes Capstan 20'S Packet	Each	83.38	83.38	81.77	0.00	1.97	1.6170	1.0931	0.0000	0.0000
13	Long Cloth 57" Gul Ahmed/Al Karam	1 mtr	377.12	377.12	314.69	0.00	19.84	4.2221	3.9577	0.0000	0.0000
14	Georgette (Average Quality)	1 mtr	168.89	168.89	150.11	0.00	12.51	0.7584	0.9024	0.0000	0.0000
15	Gents Sandal Bata	Pair	1199.00	1199.00	899.00	0.00	33.37	0.6350	0.5122	0.0000	0.0000
16	Gents Sponge Chappal Bata	Pair	249.00	249.00	199.00	0.00	25.13	0.2110	0.1640	0.0000	0.0000
17	Ladies Sandal Bata	Pair	599.00	599.00	599.00	0.00	0.00	0.9919	1.0148	0.0000	0.0000
18	Electricity Charges for Q1	Per Unit	6.88	6.88	3.70	0.00	85.95	8.3627	12.9291	0.0000	0.0000
19	Gas Charges upto 3.3719 MMBTU	MMBTU	141.57	141.57	141.57	0.00	0.00	2.0674	3.0667	0.0000	0.0000
20	Energy Saver Philips 14 Watt	Each	202.04	202.04	188.84	0.00	6.99	0.2495	0.3374	0.0000	0.0000
21	Match Box	Each	3.34	3.34	2.56	0.00	30.47	0.3495	0.1969	0.0000	0.0000
22	Petrol Super	Per Litre	112.90	112.90	112.61	0.00	0.26	1.4673	6.7018	0.0000	0.0000
23	Hi-Speed Diesel	Per Litre	117.09	117.09	123.23	0.00	-4.98	0.0114	0.0874	0.0000	0.0000
24	Telephone Call Charges	Per Minu	1.55	1.55	1.55	0.00	0.00	0.0645	0.5468	0.0000	0.0000
TOTAL								39.0439	46.6895	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
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2019-20

July	122.81	1.03	8.90
August	126.15	2.72	12.09
September	128.51	1.87	14.67
October	131.93	2.66	15.11
November	136.83	3.71	20.22
December	134.13	-1.97	18.14
January	134.74	0.45	18.26
February	133.68	-0.79	14.52
March	133.26	-0.31	11.78
April	130.90	-1.77	9.27
May	133.72	2.15	10.99
June	135.55	1.37	11.51

2020-21

July	139.66	3.03	13.72
August	140.95	0.92	11.73
September	143.90	2.09	11.98
October	148.74	3.36	12.74
November	150.37	1.10	9.90
December	146.29	-2.71	9.07
January	145.09	-0.82	7.68
February	149.65	3.14	11.95

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
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2019-20

1st quarter (Jul-Sep)	125.82	4.32	11.88
2nd quarter (Oct-Dec)	134.30	6.74	17.82
3rd quarter (Jan-Mar)	133.89	-0.30	14.80
4th quarter (Apr-Jun)	133.39	-0.38	10.60

2020-21

1st quarter (Jul-Sep)	141.50	6.08	12.46
2nd quarter (Oct-Dec)	148.47	4.92	10.55

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
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2019-20

1st half (Jul-Dec)	130.06	9.64	14.87
2nd half (Jan-June)	133.64	2.75	12.66

2020-21

1st half (Jul-Dec)	144.99	8.49	11.48
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