

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

SENSITIVE PRICE INDICATOR (SPI) FOR THE WEEK ENDED ON 25.03.2021.

(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	0.52	0.59	0.60	0.64	0.61	0.61
Year on Year change	18.77	16.00	14.91	14.87	14.19	15.35

I. ANALYSIS OF WEEKLY SPI

- ❖ **The SPI for the current week ended on 25th March, 2021 recorded increase** of 1% or more in the prices of **Food items** i.e. Tomatoes (20.04%), Chicken (8.81%), Bread (1.64%), Bananas (1.55%) and Wheat Flour Bag (1.01%), with joint impact of (0.53%) into the overall SPI for combined group of **(0.61%)**.
- ❖ On the other hand **decrease** was observed in the prices of Garlic (8.12%), Onions (2.27%), Potatoes (1.98%), LPG (0.66%), Pulse Moong (0.54%), Rice Basmati Broken (0.28%) and Gur (0.20%).
- ❖ During the week, out of **51** items, prices of **22 (43.14%)** items increased, **07 (13.72%)** items decreased and **22 (43.14%)** items remained constant.
- ❖ The year on year trend depicts **increase** of 15.35% with most of the items increased mainly Chilies Powder National Pack (139.64%), Chicken (96.33%), Electricity for Q1 (69.19%), Eggs (37.35%), Gents Sandal (33.37%), Match Box (30.47%), Mustard Oil (29.50%), Gents Sponge Chappal (25.13%), Washing Soap (21.41%) and Sugar (20.54%). While a major **decrease** was observed in the price of Onions (50.73%), Garlic (44.85%), LPG (13.88%), Potatoes (12.96%) and Pulse Moong (2.68%).

II. Current week over previous week (WoW) (25.03.2021 over 18.03.2021) showing 0.61% change.

i. INCREASING Items (percentage)

Food Items	%	Food Items	%	Non Food Items	%
Tomatoes	20.04	Bananas	1.55	NIL	NIL
Chicken	8.81	Wheat Flour Bag	1.01		
Bread plain	1.64				

ii. DECREASING Items (percentage)

Food Items	%	Food Items	%	Non Food Items	%
Garlic (Lehsun)	-8.12	Pulse Moong	-0.54	LPG	-0.66
Onions	-2.27	Rice Basmati Broken	-0.28		
Potatoes	-1.98	Gur	-0.20		

III. Current week over corresponding week (YoY) (25.03.2021 over 26.03.2020) showing 15.35% change.

i. INCREASING Items (percentage)

Food Items	%	Food Items	%	Non Food Items	%
Chilies Powder 200 gm	139.64	Mustard Oil	29.50	Electricity Charges for Q1*	69.19
Chicken	96.33	Gents Sponge Chappal	25.13		
Eggs	37.35	Washing Soap 250 gm	21.41		
Gents Sandal	33.37	Sugar	20.54		
Match Box	30.47				

ii. DECREASING Items (percentage)

Food Items	%	Food Items	%	Non-Food Items	%
Onions	-50.73	Potatoes	-12.96	LPG 11.67 kg Cylinder	-13.88
Garlic (Lehsun)	-44.85	Pulse Moong	-2.68		

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Subject: Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI) for the week ended on 25-03-2021.

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 25, 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	
	25-03-2021	18-03-21	26-03-20	18-03-21	26-03-20
Q1 (Upto Rs. 17,732)	158.43	157.61	133.39	0.52	18.77
Q2 (Rs. 17,733 - 22,888)	148.46	147.59	127.98	0.59	16.00
Q3 (Rs. 22,889 - 29,517)	149.59	148.70	130.18	0.60	14.91
Q4 (Rs. 29,518 - 44,175)	146.09	145.16	127.18	0.64	14.87
Q5 (Above Rs. 44,175)	147.87	146.97	129.49	0.61	14.19
Combined	147.76	146.86	128.10	0.61	15.35

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
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
11-03-2021	157.69	-0.95	18.03	147.14	-0.57	13.48
18-03-2021	157.61	-0.05	17.89	146.86	-0.19	13.21
25-03-2021	158.43	0.52	18.77	147.76	0.61	15.35

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 25-03-2021 over previous and corresponding weeks ended on 18-03-2021 and 26-03-2020 respectively are as follows:

Sr.	Items	Units	Prices in Rs.			%change col. 3 over		Weight of expenditure group in %		Impact of expenditure group in % points	
			25.03.21	18.03.21	26.03.20	18.03.21	26.03.20	Lowest Combined	Lowest Combined	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	Tomatoes	1 Kg	47.02	39.17	41.20	20.04	14.13	1.4395	0.9816	0.1734	0.1269
2	Chicken Farm Broiler (Live)	1 Kg	259.86	238.82	132.36	8.81	96.33	2.9269	3.8681	0.2986	0.4235
3	Bread plain (Small Size)	Each	56.45	55.54	50.16	1.64	12.54	0.1041	0.5698	0.0022	0.0133
4	Bananas (Kela) Local	1 Dozen	97.56	96.07	85.93	1.55	13.53	0.7124	0.9413	0.0008	0.0012
5	Wheat Flour Bag	20 Kg	967.88	958.16	916.36	1.01	5.62	6.1372	3.9725	-0.0549	-0.0381
6	Vegetable Ghee DALDA/HABIB or Other super	Each	300.51	297.63	251.45	0.97	19.51	3.2833	1.4648	0.0666	0.0319
7	Mustard Oil (Average Quality)	1 Kg	281.08	278.84	217.05	0.80	29.50	0.0216	0.0341	0.0001	0.0001
8	Vegetable Ghee DALDA/HABIB 2.5 kg Tin	Each	763.71	758.07	653.09	0.74	16.94	3.2833	1.4648	0.0313	0.0150
9	Cooking Oil DALDA or Other Similar Brand (SN	Each	1510.73	1500.23	1298.22	0.70	16.37	2.1480	3.1260	0.0256	0.0399
10	Sugar Refined	1 Kg	99.02	98.43	82.15	0.60	20.54	5.1148	3.1584	0.0144	0.0095
11	Pulse Masoor (Washed)	1 Kg	157.46	156.54	144.51	0.59	8.96	0.6545	0.4608	0.0013	0.0010
12	Toilet Soap LIFEBOUY 115 gm	Each	48.62	48.34	45.55	0.58	6.74	0.8529	0.6784	0.0014	0.0012
13	Cooked Beef at Average Hotel	Per Plate	154.29	153.56	136.90	0.48	12.70	0.5033	1.0497	0.0003	0.0007
14	Beef with Bone (Average Quality)	1 Kg	482.75	480.87	437.05	0.39	10.46	2.4988	3.3533	0.0075	0.0108
15	Eggs Hen (Farm)	1 Dozen	171.00	170.39	124.50	0.36	37.35	1.1780	1.4424	0.0020	0.0026
16	Curd (Dahi) Loose	1 Kg	124.27	123.99	110.03	0.23	12.94	0.7366	1.8181	0.0020	0.0054
17	Pulse Mash (Washed)	1 Kg	265.80	265.27	226.80	0.20	17.20	0.2855	0.3269	0.0007	0.0008
18	Mutton (Average Quality)	1 Kg	1008.14	1006.55	909.70	0.16	10.82	0.5498	2.4387	0.0013	0.0060
19	Pulse Gram	1 Kg	152.78	152.60	152.76	0.12	0.01	0.7967	0.4711	0.0034	0.0021
20	Cooked Daal at Average Hotel	Per Plate	77.91	77.83	71.47	0.10	9.01	1.3118	1.3014	0.0010	0.0010
21	Milk fresh (Un-boiled)	1 Ltr	107.25	107.15	95.40	0.09	12.42	17.5449	18.3937	0.0239	0.0268
22	Rice IRRI-6/9 (Sindh/Punjab)	1 Kg	73.33	73.29	63.04	0.05	16.32	0.5922	0.1671	0.0018	0.0005
TOTAL								52.6761	51.4830	0.6045	0.6822
ii. Average prices of the following 7 items registered DECREASE.											
1	Garlic (Lehsun)	1 Kg	187.41	203.98	339.83	-8.12	-44.85	0.6807	0.5795	-0.0316	-0.0288
2	Onions	1 Kg	34.92	35.73	70.88	-2.27	-50.73	2.6815	1.6822	-0.0261	-0.0175
3	Potatoes	1 Kg	39.16	39.95	44.99	-1.98	-12.96	2.2955	1.2157	-0.0240	-0.0137
4	LPG 11.67 kg Cylinder	Each	1421.45	1430.93	1650.62	-0.66	-13.88	0.6145	1.4370	-0.0020	-0.0050
5	Pulse Moong (Washed)	1 Kg	235.03	236.31	241.50	-0.54	-2.68	0.8715	0.4816	-0.0027	-0.0016
6	Rice Basmati Broken (Average Quality)	1 Kg	91.78	92.04	81.84	-0.28	12.15	2.9610	1.2636	-0.0018	-0.0008
7	Gur (Average Quality)	1 Kg	126.98	127.23	118.39	-0.20	7.26	0.2341	0.1075	-0.0003	-0.0001
TOTAL								10.3388	6.7671	-0.0885	-0.0675
iii. Average prices of the following 22 items remained UNCHANGED											
1	Powdered Milk NIDO 390 gm Polybag	Each	483.37	483.37	462.04	0.00	4.62	0.0803	0.3817	0.0000	0.0000
2	Salt Powdered (NATIONAL/SHAN) 800 gm Pad	Each	30.00	30.00	30.00	0.00	0.00	0.2844	0.2279	0.0000	0.0000
3	Chilies Powder NATIONAL 200 gm Packet	Each	380.00	380.00	158.57	0.00	139.64	1.3896	0.8454	0.0000	0.0000
4	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
5	Tea Prepared Ordinary	Per Cup	29.00	29.00	26.37	0.00	9.97	2.5003	2.3564	0.0000	0.0000
6	Cigarettes Capstan 20'S Packet	Each	83.47	83.47	81.77	0.00	2.08	1.6170	1.0931	0.0000	0.0000
7	Long Cloth 57" Gul Ahmed/AI Karam	1 mtr	381.91	381.91	319.37	0.00	19.58	4.2221	3.9577	0.0000	0.0000
8	Shirting (Average Quality)	1 mtr	248.40	248.40	207.77	0.00	19.56	0.0317	0.1010	0.0000	0.0000
9	Lawn Printed Gul Ahmed/AI Karam	1 mtr	409.86	409.86	358.55	0.00	14.31	2.3442	2.1473	0.0000	0.0000
10	Georgette (Average Quality)	1 mtr	171.85	171.85	150.11	0.00	14.48	0.7584	0.9024	0.0000	0.0000
11	Gents Sandal Bata	Pair	1199.00	1199.00	899.00	0.00	33.37	0.6350	0.5122	0.0000	0.0000
12	Gents Sponge Chappal Bata	Pair	249.00	249.00	199.00	0.00	25.13	0.2110	0.1640	0.0000	0.0000
13	Ladies Sandal Bata	Pair	599.00	599.00	599.00	0.00	0.00	0.9919	1.0148	0.0000	0.0000
14	Electricity Charges for Q1	Per Unit	6.26	6.26	3.70	0.00	69.19	8.3627	12.9291	0.0000	0.0000
15	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
16	Firewood Whole	40 Kg	742.15	742.15	687.84	0.00	7.90	5.0813	1.1969	0.0000	0.0000
17	Energy Saver Philips 14 Watt	Each	202.04	202.04	188.84	0.00	6.99	0.2495	0.3374	0.0000	0.0000
18	Sufi Washing Soap 250 gm Cake	Each	58.13	58.13	47.88	0.00	21.41	1.1178	0.5917	0.0000	0.0000
19	Match Box	Each	3.34	3.34	2.56	0.00	30.47	0.3495	0.1969	0.0000	0.0000
20	Petrol Super	Per Litre	112.90	112.90	97.62	0.00	15.65	1.4673	6.7018	0.0000	0.0000
21	Hi-Speed Diesel	Per Litre	117.09	117.09	108.26	0.00	8.16	0.0114	0.0874	0.0000	0.0000
22	Telephone Call Charges	Per Minu	1.55	1.55	1.55	0.00	0.00	0.0645	0.5468	0.0000	0.0000
TOTAL								36.9851	41.7499	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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