

**Government of Pakistan**  
**Pakistan Bureau of Statistics**

**SUB:- ADVANCE RELEASE ON EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 2015.**

**EXPORTS:**

According to the provisional figures compiled by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, exports from Pakistan during December, 2015 amounted to Rs.187,086 million (provisional) as against Rs. 175,123 million (provisional) in November, 2015 and Rs.216,620 million during December, 2014 showing an increase of 6.83% over November,2015 but an decrease of 13.63% over December, 2014.

2. In terms of US dollars the exports in December, 2015 was \$ 1,788 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 1,662 million (provisional) in November, 2015 showing an increase of 7.58 but decreased by 16.80 as compared to \$ 2,149 million in December, 2014.

3. Exports during July - December, 2015 totalled Rs.1,070,709 million (provisional) as against Rs.1,219,108 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 12.17%.

4. In terms of US dollars the exports during July – December, 2015 totalled \$ 10,315 million (provisional) against \$ 12,058 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 14.46%.

5. Main commodities of exports during December, 2015 were Knitwear (Rs.20,738 million), Readymade garments (Rs.20,593 million), Cotton cloth (Rs.19,542 million), Bedwear (Rs.15,925 million), Rice others (Rs.15,371 million), Cotton yarn (Rs.11,328 million), Fruits (Rs.7,213 million), Towels (Rs.6,340 million), Madeup articles (excl. towels & bedwear) (Rs.5,810 million), and Rice basmati (Rs.3,563 million).

6. The increase(+) / decrease(-) recorded in main commodities exported during December, 2015 over November, 2015 and December, 2014 is given below:-

S.No.	COMMODITIES	%Change for value in million Rupees in December, 2015 over	
		November, 2015	December, 2014
1.	Knitwear	7.57	-2.70
2.	Readymade garments	16.75	8.95
3.	Cotton cloth	13.58	-8.18
4.	Bedwear	-6.19	-6.05
5.	Rice others	-15.40	-21.58
6.	Cotton yarn	26.61	-34.76
7.	Fruits	142.21	-4.77
8.	Towels	-2.57	-3.22
9.	Madeup articles (excl. towels & bedwear)	2.56	5.27
10.	Rice basmati	8.40	-19.35

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## **IMPORTS**

7. Imports into Pakistan during December, 2015 amounted to Rs.402,237 million (provisional) as against Rs. 407,375 million (provisional) in November, 2015 and Rs.386,515 million during December, 2014 showing a decrease of 1.26% over November, 2015 but an increase of 4.07% over December, 2014.

8. In terms of US dollars the imports in December, 2015 was \$ 3,843 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 3,866 million (provisional) in November, 2015 showing a decrease of 0.59% but increased by 0.23% as compared to \$ 3,834 million in December, 2014.

9. Imports during July - December, 2015 totalled Rs.2,306,699 million (provisional) as against Rs.2,442,471 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 5.56%.

10. In terms of US dollars the imports during July - December, 2015 totalled \$ 22,214 million (provisional) as against \$ 24,145 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 8.00%.

11. Main commodities of imports during December, 2015 were Petroleum products (Rs.37,780 million), Petroleum crude (Rs.23,206 million), Electrical machinery & apparatus (Rs.22,025 million), Power generating machinery (Rs.19,119 million), Iron & steel (Rs.17,040 million), Raw cotton (Rs.15,227 million), Plastic materials (Rs.14,172 million), Medicinal products (Rs.12,635 million), Palm oil (Rs.11,463 million) and Iron & steel scrap (Rs.10,731 million).

12. The increase(+) / decrease(-) recorded in main commodities imported during December, 2015 over November, 2015 and December, 2014 is given below:-

S.No.	COMMODITIES	%Change for value in million Rupees in December, 2015 over	
		November, 2015	December, 2014
1.	Petroleum products	-22.05	-15.74
2.	Petroleum crude	38.10	-40.66
3.	Electrical machinery & apparatus	1.71	131.96
4.	Power generating machinery	2.61	16.12
5.	Iron & Steel	-3.90	6.37
6.	Raw cotton	51.98	781.19
7.	Plastic materials	-20.08	-0.67
8.	Medicinal products	67.00	52.03
9.	Palm oil	-10.43	-27.14
10.	Iron & steel scrap	22.49	15.87

## **BALANCE OF TRADE:**

13. Based on the provisional figures of imports and exports the balance of trade in December, 2015 was (-) 215,151 million in terms of Rupees and (-) 2,055 million in US dollars. The balance of trade figures cumulative from July - December, 2015 were (-) 1,235,990 million in terms of Rupees and (-) 11,899 million in US dollars.

14. Four statements giving quantity and value details of selected commodities of exports and imports for the month of December, 2015 and July - December, 2015 along-with the data for previous month and corresponding period of last year are enclosed.