

PRESS RELEASE ON INFLATION RATE

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

1. SUMMARY OF INFLATION RATES

C P I Change

Inflation Rate, September, 2018 over August, 2018 (Previous month)	-0.06 %
Inflation Rate, September, 2018 over September, 2017 (Corresponding month)	5.12 %
Average Inflation Rate July-September, (2018-19) over July-September (2017-18)	5.60%

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 September, 2018 the CPI decreased by 0.06%, WPI decreased by 1.52% while SPI decreased by 0.06% respectively.

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

Major Commodity Group	Group Weight (%)	INDICES			% Change in September, 2018 over	
		September, 2018	August, 2018	September, 2017	August, 2018	September, 2017
General	100.00	229.14	229.27	217.98	-0.06	5.12
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	34.83	236.78	238.58	234.23	-0.75	1.09
Non-perishable food items	29.84	234.40	234.60	225.49	-0.09	3.95
Perishable food items	4.99	251.03	262.33	286.53	-4.31	-12.39
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	1.41	314.42	313.47	304.80	0.30	3.16
Clothing & Footwear	7.57	255.36	254.67	239.52	0.27	6.61
Housing Water, Elec, Gas & Other Fuels	29.41	210.82	210.80	198.95	0.01	5.97
Furnishing & Household Equipment Maintenance	4.21	243.36	242.22	229.10	0.48	6.22
Health	2.19	226.78	225.20	213.90	0.70	6.02
Transport	7.20	205.19	204.74	175.74	0.22	16.76
Communication	3.22	133.78	133.78	133.04	0.00	0.56
Recreation & Culture	2.02	210.12	209.89	196.78	0.11	6.78
Education	3.94	287.41	281.89	249.61	1.96	15.14
Restaurant & hotel	1.23	295.86	295.01	281.08	0.29	5.26
Miscellaneous goods & services	2.76	267.30	264.45	250.11	1.08	6.87

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. August, 2018 are given below:-

Increased: Govt. University Fee MSC (15.36%), Govt. Medical College Fee (10.68%), Gas Cylinder (9.24%), Bus Fare (7.90%), Govt Engg. College Fee (6.39%), IT Tution Fee (5.32%), Dettol (5.32%), Private Medical college Fee (5.29%), Gold Tezabi (4.81%), Silver Tezabi (3.92%), Pulse Gram (2.87%), Lactogen (2.57%), Cigarette (2.06%) and CAC 1000 (1.51%).

Decreased: Bananas (12.91%), Tomatoes (12.03%), Onion (10.47%), Air Fare (7.32%), Chicken (6.15%), Apple (5.10%), Diesel (5.06%), Eggs (2.81%), Iron Bar ½" (2.72%), Petrol (1.98%), Cement (1.67%), Gram Whole (1.54%), Potatoes (1.32%) and Sugar (1.04%).

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

Increased: Govt. University Fee MSC (58.87%), A/c bus fare (44.78%), Govt Engg. College Fee (40.93%), Dettol (38.56%), Diesel (38.54%), Kerosene Oil (37.34%), Gas Cylinder (33.12%), Petrol (30.56%), Iron Bar (21.71%), Private Medical College Fee (20.22%), CNG (14.54%) and Car Suzuki 1000cc (14.47%).

Decreased: Onion (53.05%), Garlic (32.46%), Pulse Mash (22.86%), Potatoes (19.58%), Gram Whole (12.45%), Tomatoes (9.83%), Pulse Masoor (9.15%), Pulse Moong (8.19%), Eggs (5.4%), Pulse Gram (3.69%), Besan (3.36%) and Sugar (1.27%).

Average Inflation Rate

The Consumer Price Index of July-September, 2018-19 has increased by 5.60% over July-September, 2017-18 as per details given below:-

Groups	Group Weight	INDICES		%Change
		Jul-Sep 2018-19	Jul-Sep 2017-18	
General	100.00	229.07	216.93	5.60
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages.	34.83	237.81	231.74	2.62
<i>Non-perishable food items</i>	29.84	234.79	226.38	3.71
<i>Perishable food items</i>	4.99	255.89	263.78	-2.99
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	1.41	313.85	305.90	2.60
Clothing & Footwear	7.57	254.72	239.12	6.52
Housing Water, Elec, Gas & Other Fuels	29.41	210.78	198.92	5.96
Furnishing & Household Equipment Maintenance	4.21	242.25	228.30	6.11
Health	2.19	225.55	213.30	5.74
Transport	7.2	204.21	175.17	16.58
Communication	3.22	133.73	132.98	0.56
Recreation & Culture	2.02	209.57	196.42	6.70
Education	3.94	283.73	249.59	13.68
Restaurant & hotel	1.23	294.71	279.33	5.51
Miscellaneous goods & services	2.76	265.75	248.59	6.90

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

Increased: Kerosene Oil (37.60%), Motor Fuel (25.84%), Tomatoes (22.89%), Transport Services (14.37%), Education (13.68%), Meat (10.77%), Motor Vehicles (10.72%), Water Supply (10.49%), Spices (9.93%), Construction Input Items (9.59%), Medical Tests (9.15%) and Construction wage Rates (9.14%).

Decreased: Onion (25.02), Pulse Mash (24.45%), Potatoes (19.84%), Pulse Masoor (10.05%), Pulse Moong (9.21%), Gram Whole (7.50%), Pulse Gram (6.39%), Chicken (6.36%), Besan (5.40%), Sugar (3.27%), Gur (2.58%) and Fresh Fruits (2.42%).

Core inflation of CPI

i. Trimmed Core Inflation

During the month of September, 2018 over September, 2017, the trimmed core inflation has been observed as 5.8% while it was 4.1% during September, 2017 over September, 2016.

ii. Non-Food & Non-Energy Core Inflation

During the month of September, 2018 over September, 2017, the Non-food & Non-energy core inflation has been observed as 8.0% while it was 5.4% during September, 2017 over August, 2016.