

**PRESS RELEASE ON INFLATION RATE**  
**FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 2013 WITH BASE 2007-08=100**

**1. SUMMARY OF INFLATION RATES**

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**Change**

Inflation Rate Dec, 2013 over Nov, 2013 (Previous month)	-1.32%
Inflation Rate Dec, 2013 over Dec, 2012 (Corresponding month)	9.18%
Average Inflation Rate July-Dec (2013-14) over July-Dec (2012-13)	8.89%

**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 December, 2013 the CPI, SPI and WPI decreased by 1.32, 2.54% and 0.99% over November, 2013 respectively.

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

Major Commodity Group	Group Weight (%)	Indices			% Change in Dec, 2013 over	
		Dec, 2013	Nov, 2013	Dec, 2012	Nov, 2013	Dec, 2012
<b>General</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>188.68</b>	<b>191.21</b>	<b>172.82</b>	<b>-1.32</b>	<b>9.18</b>
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages.	34.83	209.87	217.89	192.71	-3.68	8.90
<i>Non-perishable food items</i>	<i>29.84</i>	<i>211.33</i>	<i>209.14</i>	<i>195.52</i>	<i>1.05</i>	<i>8.09</i>
<i>Perishable food items</i>	<i>4.99</i>	<i>201.17</i>	<i>270.20</i>	<i>175.89</i>	<i>-25.55</i>	<i>14.37</i>
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	1.41	220.96	218.24	191.04	1.25	15.66
Clothing & Footwear	7.57	196.57	196.25	175.58	0.16	11.95
Housing Water, Elec, Gas & Other Fuels	29.41	164.44	164.33	150.10	0.07	9.55
Furnishing & Household Equipment Maintenance	4.21	195.84	194.16	180.07	0.86	8.76
Health	2.19	166.84	165.73	156.75	0.66	6.44
Transport	7.20	197.03	197.04	181.04	-0.01	8.83
Communication	3.22	129.79	129.71	123.84	0.06	4.80
Recreation & Culture	2.02	183.14	182.66	166.68	0.26	9.88
Education	3.94	168.34	167.91	154.93	0.26	8.66
Restaurant & hotel	1.23	228.16	225.76	202.44	1.06	12.70
Miscellaneous goods & services	2.76	210.34	209.61	201.21	0.35	4.54

Main contributors to month-on-month and year-on-year are given below:

i) **Month-on-month** Top few commodities which varied from previous month i.e. Dec, 2013 over Nov, 2013 are given below:-

a. **Food Items Increased:** Chicken (13.90%), Eggs (7.22%), Pulse Moong (6.05%), Wheat (5.62%), Wheat Product (4.29%), Pulse Masoor (3.66%), Honey (3.15%), Condiments (2.05%), Wheat Flour (1.85%), Nimco (1.69%), Besan (1.46%), Dry Fruits (1.32%) and Pulse Mash (1.27%).

**Decreased:** Tomatoes (53.83%), Potatoes (35.94%), Fresh Vegetables (30.59%), Onions (18.07%), Gur (9.95%), Sugar (9.07%), Fresh Fruits (4.24%), Tea (2.17%), Betal Leaves & Nuts (0.18%) and Beverages(0.01%).

b. **Non-food Items Increased:** Woolen Readymade Garments (4.18%), Furniture (2.09%), Household Textiles (1.80%), Construction Input Items (1.69%), Firewood (1.58%), Hosiery (1.47%), Medical Tests (1.45%), Newspaper (1.44%) and Woolen Cloth (1.25%).

**Decreased:** Footwear (3.90%), Personal Equipments (0.51%) and Motor Fuel (0.36%).

ii) **Year-on-year** Top few commodities which varied from corresponding month of previous year i.e. Dec, 2013 over Dec, 2012 are given below:-

a. **Food Items Increased:** Onions (78.24%), Potatoes (48.79%), Tomatoes (46.98%), Wheat (30.87%), Wheat Products (27.29%), Wheat Flour (26.92%), Pulse Masoor (18.15%), Pulse Moong (17.07%), Cigarettes (15.84%), Tea (13.40%), Gur (12.94%), Readymade Food (12.70%) and Bakery & Confectionary (12.64%).

**Decreased:** Pulse Gram (29.24%), Besan (26.55%), Gram Whole (21.22%), Spices (16.08%), Eggs (4.74%), Fresh Fruits (3.27%) and Vegetable Ghee (1.56%).

b. **Non-food Items Increased:** Postal Services (24.42%), Cosmetics (17.81%), Electricity (15.82%), Text Books (15.60%), Tailoring (14.79%), Sewing Needle & Dry Cell (14.01%), Woolen Readymade Garments (13.11%), Cotton Cloth (13.07%) and Motor Fuel (12.69%).

**Decreased:** Personal Equipments (2.04%).

iii) **Average Inflation Rate**

The Consumer Price Index of July- Dec, 2013-14 has increased by 8.89% over July-Dec, 2012-13 as per details given below:-

Groups	Group Weight	Indices		%Change
		Jul- Dec 2013-14	Jul- Dec 2012-13	
<b>General</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>187.20</b>	<b>171.91</b>	<b>8.89</b>
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	34.83	211.26	192.65	9.66
<i>Non-perishable food items</i>	29.84	207.31	192.15	7.89
<i>Perishable food items</i>	4.99	234.91	195.66	20.06
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	1.41	218.38	190.30	14.76
Clothing & Footwear	7.57	193.95	169.93	14.14
Housing, Water, Elec, Gas Fuels	29.41	160.97	148.99	8.04
Furnishing & Household Equipment Maintenance.	4.21	191.60	176.50	8.56
Health	2.19	164.29	154.02	6.67
Transport	7.20	194.19	185.41	4.74
Communication	3.22	129.69	123.66	4.88
Recreation & Culture	2.03	181.61	165.65	9.63
Education	3.94	166.82	154.06	8.28
Restaurant & Hotels	1.23	221.60	199.08	11.31
Miscellaneous	2.76	206.69	196.54	5.16

Top few commodities which varied from previous year average i.e. July-Dec, 2012-13 are given below:-

**Increased:** Tomatoes (90.41%), Onions (54.41%), Potatoes (41.28%), Wheat (26.25%), Wheat Flour (25.31%), Postal Services (25.29%), Tea (21.72%), Gur (20.34%), Wheat Products (20.33%), Fresh Vegetables (17.02%), Footwear (16.96%) and Woolen Readymade Garments (16.23%).

**Decreased:** Pulse Gram (29.29%), Besan (26.31%), Gram Whole (21.63%), Spices (18.10%), Vegetable Ghee (3.84%), Fresh Fruits (2.85%), Pulse Mash (2.81%), Cooking Oil (1.71%) and Mustard Oil (1.39%).

### 3. Core inflation of CPI

#### i. Trimmed Core Inflation

During the month of Dec, 2013 over Dec, 2012, the trimmed core inflation has been observed as 8.7%, while it was 9.2 % during Dec, 2012 over Dec, 2011.

#### ii. Non-Food & Non-Energy Core Inflation

During the month of Dec, 2013 over Dec, 2012, the Non-food & Non-energy core inflation has been observed as 8.2%, while it was 9.8% during Dec, 2012 over Dec, 2011.