

Government of Pakistan
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Pakistan Bureau of Statistics

PRESS RELEASE ON INFLATION RATE
FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2014 WITH BASE 2007-08=100

1. SUMMARY OF INFLATION RATES

| | <u>C P I</u> <u>Change</u> |
|---|---|
| Inflation Rate Apr, 2014 over Mar, 2014 (Previous month) | 1.70% |
| Inflation Rate Apr, 2014 over Apr 2013 (Corresponding month) | 9.18% |
| Average Inflation Rate July-Apr (2013-14) over July-Apr (2012-13) | 8.69% |

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 April, 2014 the CPI, SPI and WPI increased by 1.70%, 0.07% and 0.10% respectively.

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

| Major Commodity Group | Group Weight (%) | Indices | | | % Change in Apr, 2014 over | |
|--|------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------------|-------------|
| | | Apr, 2014 | Mar, 2014 | Apr, 2013 | Mar, 2014 | Apr, 2013 |
| General | 100.00 | 194.06 | 190.82 | 177.74 | 1.70 | 9.18 |
| Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages. | 34.83 | 216.45 | 211.97 | 197.62 | 2.11 | 9.53 |
| <i>Non-perishable food items</i> | 29.84 | 213.34 | 214.15 | 197.05 | -0.38 | 8.27 |
| <i>Perishable food items</i> | 4.99 | 235.05 | 198.94 | 201.08 | 18.15 | 16.89 |
| Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco | 1.41 | 221.91 | 221.82 | 191.16 | 0.04 | 16.09 |
| Clothing & Footwear | 7.57 | 202.73 | 200.29 | 182.25 | 1.22 | 11.24 |
| Housing Water, Elec, Gas & Other Fuels | 29.41 | 169.46 | 166.99 | 154.54 | 1.48 | 9.65 |
| Furnishing & Household Equipment Maintenance | 4.21 | 200.99 | 198.85 | 183.59 | 1.08 | 9.48 |
| Health | 2.19 | 170.58 | 169.93 | 159.34 | 0.38 | 7.05 |
| Transport | 7.20 | 195.61 | 196.22 | 187.70 | -0.31 | 4.21 |
| Communication | 3.22 | 129.80 | 129.85 | 128.64 | -0.04 | 0.90 |
| Recreation & Culture | 2.02 | 187.95 | 183.72 | 175.62 | 2.30 | 7.02 |
| Education | 3.94 | 184.84 | 168.53 | 161.66 | 9.68 | 14.34 |
| Restaurant & hotel | 1.23 | 236.98 | 235.52 | 208.62 | 0.62 | 13.59 |
| Miscellaneous goods & services | 2.76 | 213.15 | 214.42 | 202.51 | -0.59 | 5.25 |

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. Apr, 2014 over Mar, 2014 are given below:-

Food Items Increased: Potatoes (42.06%), Fresh Fruits (22.02%), Fresh Vegetables (14.72%), Onions (9.04%), Beverages (3.46%), Betel Leaves & Nuts (2.87%), Chicken (2.63%), Milk Powder (2.36%), Condiments (1.48%), Pulse Moong (1.37%), Milk Products (1.32%), and Fish (1.00%).

Decreased: Eggs (24.48%), Tomatoes (13.56%), Wheat (6.91%), Wheat Flour (2.46%), Pulse Gram (1.32%), and Wheat Product (1.26%).

Non-food Items Increased: Education (Private School Fee under matric) (9.68%), Text Books (4.26%), Marriage Hall Charges (2.79%), Cotton Cloth (2.77%), Stationery (2.70%), Medical Equipments (2.17%), House Rent (2.10%), Hosiery (1.96%), House Hold Servant (1.85%), Readymade Garments (1.61%), Dopatta (1.44%), Construction input items (1.43%), Construction Wage Rate (1.20%), and Furniture (1.09%).

Decreased: Kerosene Oil (4.76%), Personal Equipments (2.50%), Motor Vehicles (1.70%), and Motor Fuel (1.18%).

- ii) **Year-on-year** Top few commodities which varied from corresponding month of previous year i.e. Apr, 2014 over Apr, 2013 are given below:-

Food Items Increased: Potatoes (192.80%), Pulse Moong (29.47%), Chicken (24.66%), Pulse Masoor (20.86%), Wheat Flour (18.54%), Wheat Products (18.39%), Wheat (17.42%), Cigarettes (16.20%), Fresh Vegetables (15.55%), Fresh Fruits (14.52%), Readymade Food (13.59%), and Beans (13.41%).

Decreased: Onions (30.19%), Besan (19.91%), Pulse Gram (16.20%), Gram Whole (11.44%), Tomatoes (6.97%), Tea (6.37%), and Mustard Oil (1.21%).

Non-food Items Increased: Postal Service (23.66%), Cosmetics (19.80%), Sewing Needle & Dry Cell (15.87%), Electricity (15.82%), Education (Private School Fee under matric) (14.34%), Doctor (MBBS) Clinic Fee (14.13%), Woolen Readymade Garments (13.45%), Tailoring (12.74%), Readymade Garments (12.40%), and Marriage Hall Charges (12.21%).

Decreased: Personal Equipments (1.53%).

- iii) **Average Inflation Rate**

The Consumer Price Index of July- Apr, 2013-14 has increased by 8.69% over July-Apr, 2012-13 as per details given below:-

| Groups | Group Weight | Indices | | %Change |
|---|---------------|------------------|------------------|--------------|
| | | Jul- Apr 2013-14 | Jul- Apr 2012-13 | |
| General | 100.00 | 188.67 | 173.58 | 8.69 |
| Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages | 34.83 | 211.30 | 193.85 | 9.00 |
| <i>Non-perishable food items</i> | <i>29.84</i> | <i>209.58</i> | <i>194.56</i> | <i>7.72</i> |
| <i>Perishable food items</i> | <i>4.99</i> | <i>221.53</i> | <i>189.63</i> | <i>16.82</i> |
| Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco | 1.41 | 219.76 | 190.64 | 15.27 |
| Clothing & Footwear | 7.57 | 196.42 | 173.67 | 13.10 |
| Housing, Water, Elec, Gas Fuels | 29.41 | 163.62 | 150.69 | 8.58 |
| Furnishing & Household Equipment Maintenance. | 4.21 | 194.41 | 178.79 | 8.74 |
| Health | 2.19 | 166.06 | 155.75 | 6.62 |
| Transport | 7.20 | 195.15 | 186.44 | 4.67 |
| Communication | 3.22 | 129.74 | 125.65 | 3.26 |
| Recreation & Culture | 2.03 | 182.81 | 167.44 | 9.18 |
| Education | 3.94 | 169.13 | 155.46 | 8.79 |
| Restaurant & Hotels | 1.23 | 226.65 | 202.30 | 12.04 |
| Miscellaneous | 2.76 | 209.14 | 198.89 | 5.15 |

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

Increased: Potatoes (55.13%), Tomatoes (37.96%), Onions (30.51%), Postal Services (24.64%), Wheat (22.71%), Wheat Flour (21.79%), Wheat Products (19.48%), Fresh Vegetables (17.15%), Cosmetics (16.81%), Gur (16.14%), Cigarettes (15.41%), and Pulse Masoor (15.38%).

Decreased: Pulse Gram (27.17%), Besan (25.53%), Gram Whole (19.97%), Spices (13.87%), Vegetable Ghee (1.88%), and Mustard Oil (1.39%).

3. Core inflation of CPI

i. Trimmed Core Inflation

During the month of Apr, 2014 over Apr, 2013, the trimmed core inflation has been observed as 9.0%, while it was 7.6% during Apr, 2013 over Apr, 2012.

ii. Non-Food & Non-Energy Core Inflation

During the month of Apr, 2014 over Apr, 2013, the Non-food & Non-energy core inflation has been observed as 8.5%, while it was 8.7% during Apr, 2013 over Apr, 2012.