

Government of Pakistan  
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Pakistan Bureau of Statistics

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

**1. SUMMARY OF INFLATION RATES**

	<b><u>C P I Change</u></b>
Inflation Rate Aug, 2013 over July, 2013 (Previous month)	<b>1.16%</b>
Inflation Rate Aug, 2013 over Aug, 2012 (Corresponding month)	<b>8.55%</b>
Average Inflation Rate July- Aug (2013-14) over July- Aug (2012-13)	<b>8.41%</b>

**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 August, 2013 the CPI, SPI and WPI increased by 1.16%, 1.53% and 2.65% over July, 2013 respectively.

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

Major Commodity Group	Group Weight (%)	Indices			% Change in Aug, 2013 over	
		Aug, 2013	Jul, 2013	Aug, 2012	Jul, 2013	Aug, 2012
<b>General</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>185.71</b>	<b>183.58</b>	<b>171.09</b>	<b>1.16</b>	<b>8.55</b>
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages.	34.83	211.91	207.61	192.43	2.07	10.12
<i>Non-perishable food items</i>	29.84	206.90	203.25	190.34	1.80	8.70
<i>Perishable food items</i>	4.99	241.86	233.67	204.93	3.50	18.02
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	1.41	217.51	217.46	189.91	0.02	14.53
Clothing & Footwear	7.57	192.38	190.42	167.23	1.03	15.04
Housing Water, Elec, Gas & Other Fuels	29.41	157.59	157.54	147.95	0.03	6.52
Furnishing & Household Equipment Maintenance	4.21	188.99	187.23	174.05	0.94	8.58
Health	2.19	162.32	161.45	152.39	0.54	6.52
Transport	7.20	190.63	188.83	186.61	0.95	2.15
Communication	3.22	129.65	129.62	123.56	0.02	4.93
Recreation & Culture	2.02	181.28	178.48	165.19	1.57	9.74
Education	3.94	166.03	164.25	153.60	1.08	8.09
Restaurant & hotel	1.23	216.32	213.87	196.56	1.15	10.05
Miscellaneous goods & services	2.76	204.07	200.91	192.44	1.57	6.04

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. Aug, 2013 over Jul, 2013 are given below:-
- a. **Food Items Increased:** Onions (34.57%), Chicken (12.15%), Potatoes (7.36%), Eggs (6.23%), Wheat (4.94%), Wheat Flour (4.49%), Fresh Vegetables (4.15%), Gur (3.74%), Wheat Products (2.36%), Cereals (1.92%), Milk Products (1.83%), Beans (1.70%), Bakery & Confectionary (1.66%), Sweetmeat (1.33%), Milk Fresh (1.26%), Beverages (1.24%) and Readymade Food (1.15%).  
**Decreased:** Tomatoes (11.54%), Pulse Gram (4.71%), Gram Whole (3.41%), Besan (3.37%), Fresh Fruits (2.47%), Cooking Oil (0.90%), Mustard Oil (0.57%), Sugar (0.40%), Pulse Masoor & Pulse Moong (0.29% each) and Spices (0.21%).
- b. **Non-food Items Increased:** Personal Equipments (3.09%), Text Books (2.63%), Readymade Garments (2.30%), Kerosene Oil (2.08%), Tailoring (1.90%), Motor Fuel (1.72%), Doctor (MBBS) Clinic Fee (1.27%), Cleaning & Laundry, Plastic Products and Washing Soaps & Detergents (1.24% each), Household Servant (1.18%), Hosiery & Stationery (1.16% each) and Mechanical Services (1.11%).

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

a. **Food Items Increased:** Onions (70.08%), Tomatoes (45.05%), Fresh Vegetables (27.18%), Wheat Flour (27.07%), Wheat (26.78%), Chicken (26.03%), Tea (25.02%), Gur (21.69%), Wheat Products (19.37%), Cigarettes (14.65%), Cereals (13.25%), Rice (13.21%), Potatoes (12.43%) and Beans (11.97%).

**Decreased:** Pulse Gram (28.25%), Besan (25.99%), Gram Whole (21.24%), Spices (18.99%), Vegetable Ghee (4.86%), Fresh Fruits (4.37%), Pulse Mash (3.39%), Cooking Oil (2.42%), Mustard Oil (1.52%) and Sugar (0.07%).

b. **Non-food Items Increased:** Postal Services (25.98%), Woolen Readymade Garments (19.21%), Footwear (18.51%), Text Books (15.84%), Tailoring (15.78%), Dopatta (15.13%), Cotton Cloth (14.94%), Cleaning & Laundry (13.89%), Sewing Needle & Dry Cells (13.66%), Cosmetics (13.34%), Hosiery (12.52%) and Readymade Garments (12.45%).

iii) **Average Inflation Rate**

The Consumer Price Index of July- Aug, 2012-13 has increased by 8.41% over July-Aug, 2011-12 as per details given below:-

Groups	Group Weight	Indices		%Change
		Jul- Aug 2013-14	Jul- Aug 2012-13	
<b>General</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>184.65</b>	<b>170.33</b>	<b>8.41</b>
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	34.83	209.76	191.51	9.53
<i>Non-perishable food items</i>	29.84	205.08	190.24	7.80
<i>Perishable food items</i>	4.99	237.77	199.09	19.43
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	1.41	217.49	189.64	14.69
Clothing & Footwear	7.57	191.40	166.45	14.99
Housing, Water, Elec, Gas Fuels	29.41	157.57	147.94	6.51
Furnishing & Household Equipment Maintenance.	4.21	188.11	174.03	8.09
Health	2.19	161.89	151.12	7.13
Transport	7.20	189.73	182.60	3.90
Communication	3.22	129.64	123.56	4.92
Recreation & Culture	2.03	179.88	164.91	9.08
Education	3.94	165.14	153.16	7.82
Restaurant & Hotels	1.23	215.10	196.40	9.52
Miscellaneous	2.76	202.49	191.56	5.71

The items that witnessed significant rise in their prices include Tomatoes (109.88%), Onions (66.46%), Postal Services (25.98%), Wheat Flour (25.27%), Tea (25.18%), Wheat (24.64%), Fresh Vegetables (23.33%), Gur (19.95%), Woolen Readymade Garments (19.06%), Wheat Products (18.67%), Footwear (18.65%), Tailoring (15.91%) and Dopatta (15.05%).

### 3. Core inflation of CPI

#### i. Trimmed Core Inflation

During the month of Aug, 2013 over Aug, 2012, the trimmed core inflation has been observed as 7.9%, while it was 10.6% during Aug, 2012 over Aug, 2011.

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

During the month of Aug, 2013 over Aug, 2012, the Non-food & Non-energy core inflation has been observed as 8.5%, while it was 10.8% during Aug, 2012 over Aug, 2011.