

Government of Pakistan
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Pakistan Bureau of Statistics

PRESS RELEASE ON INFLATION RATE
FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 2016 WITH BASE 2007-08=100

1. SUMMARY OF INFLATION RATES

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Change

Inflation Rate February, 2016 over January, 2016 (Previous month)	-0.25%
Inflation Rate February, 2016 over February, 2015 (Corresponding month)	4.02%
Average Inflation Rate July-February (2015-16) over July-February (2014-15)	2.48%

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 February, 2016 the CPI decreased by 0.25% while WPI and SPI decreased by 0.59% and 0.52% respectively.

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

Major Commodity Group	Group Weight (%)	Indices			% Change in February, 2016 over	
		February, 2016	January, 2016	February, 2015	January, 2016	February, 2015
General	100.00	202.98	203.49	195.13	-0.25	4.02
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages.	34.83	214.99	216.71	209.81	-0.79	2.47
<i>Non-perishable food items</i>	29.84	219.38	220.67	214.19	-0.58	2.42
<i>Perishable food items</i>	4.99	188.76	193.08	183.61	-2.24	2.80
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	1.41	337.57	337.14	266.63	0.13	26.61
Clothing & Footwear	7.57	224.97	224.36	214.49	0.27	4.89
Housing Water, Elec, Gas& Other Fuels	29.41	185.49	185.36	176.51	0.07	5.09
Furnishing & Household Equipment Maintenance	4.21	218.83	217.23	209.72	0.74	4.34
Health	2.19	184.18	181.45	177.16	1.50	3.96
Transport	7.20	174.05	177.96	175.39	-2.20	-0.76
Communication	3.22	130.57	130.61	130.27	-0.03	0.23
Recreation & Culture	2.02	194.38	193.80	189.67	0.30	2.48
Education	3.94	210.15	209.36	192.41	0.38	9.22
Restaurant & hotel	1.23	259.39	257.11	246.22	0.89	5.35
Miscellaneous goods & services	2.76	230.15	227.33	222.81	1.24	3.29

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. January, 2016 are given below:-

Food Items Increased: Sugar (4.33).

Decreased: Chicken (19.58%), Potatoes (11.84%), Onion (7.55%), Tomatoes (7.06%), Fish (3.08%), Besan (2.84%), Wheat product (1.54%), Eggs (1.54%), Pulse Gram (1.50%), and Pulse Moong (1.06%).

Non-food Items Increased: Water Supply (5.06%), Personal Equipments (2.33%), Medical Tests (2.26%), Household Servants (2.12%), Doctor (MBBS) Clinic Fee (1.39%), Stationery (1.39%) and Drugs & Medicines (1.38%).

Decreased: Kerosene Oil (7.02%), Motor Fuel (4.22%), Motor Vehicle Accessories (3.01%), Woolen Readymade Garments (2.29%), and Transport Services (1.38%).

- ii) **Year-on-Year:** Top few commodities which varied from previous year i.e. February, 2015 are given below:-

Food Items Increased: Onion (76.92%), Pulse Mash (52.80%), Pulse Gram (49.68%), Besan (44.71%), Tea (30.14%), Cigarettes (26.80%), Gram Whole (23.37%), Sugar (14.68%) and Betel Leaves and Nuts (11.25%).

Decreased: Tomatoes (32.96%), Potatoes (24.69%), Rice (14.16%), Cooking Oil (13.84%), Chicken (10.98%) and Vegetable Ghee (9.18%).

Non-food Items Increased: Sewing Needle & Dry Cell (10.42%), Gas (9.92%), Education (9.22%), Tailoring (8.93%), Construction Wage Rates (7.82%), Household Servants (7.66%), Woolen Readymade Garments (7.65%) and Water Supply (7.46%).

Decreased: Kerosene Oil (8.85%) and Motor Vehicle Accessories (4.02%).

Average Inflation Rate

The Consumer Price Index of July-February, 2015-16 has increased by 2.48% over July-February, 2014-15 as per details given below:-

Groups	Group Weight	Indices		%Change
		Jul-Feb 2015-16	Jul-Feb 2014-15	
General	100.00	202.85	197.95	2.48
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	34.83	219.15	218.09	0.49
Non-perishable food items	29.84	218.49	215.79	1.25
Perishable food items	4.99	223.14	231.85	-3.75
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	1.41	320.16	266.52	20.13
Clothing & Footwear	7.57	222.28	212.18	4.76
Housing, Water, Elec, Gas Fuels	29.41	182.50	173.68	5.08
Furnishing & Household Equipment Maintenance.	4.21	215.84	207.59	3.97
Health	2.19	180.52	175.26	3.00
Transport	7.20	176.85	192.42	-8.09
Communication	3.22	130.44	129.98	0.35
Recreation & Culture	2.03	193.57	189.37	2.22
Education	3.94	209.37	192.10	8.99
Restaurant & Hotels	1.23	253.90	242.79	4.57
Miscellaneous	2.76	225.78	220.07	2.60

Top few commodities which varied from previous year average i.e. July-February, 2014-15 are given below:-

Increased: Pulse Gram (50.51%), Besan (44.53%), Onions (43.73%), Pulse Mash (36.06%), Tea (25.62%), Cigarettes (20.28%) and Gram Whole (19.21%).

Decreased: Potatoes (50.79%), Kerosene Oil (18.44%), Rice (14.62%), Cooking Oil (14.62%), Motor Fuel (14.51%), Vegetable Ghee (11.26%) and Eggs (9.62%).

3. Core inflation of CPI

i. Trimmed Core Inflation

During the month of February, 2016 over February, 2015, the trimmed core inflation has been observed as 3.6% while it was 4.2% during February, 2015 over February, 2014.

ii. Non-Food & Non-Energy Core Inflation

During the month of February, 2016 over February, 2015, the Non-food & Non-energy core inflation has been observed as 4.5% while it was 6.2% during February, 2015 over February, 2014.