

Government of Pakistan
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Pakistan Bureau of Statistics

PRESS RELEASE ON INFLATION RATE

FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 2018 WITH BASE 2007-08=100

1. SUMMARY OF INFLATION RATES

	<u>C P I Change</u>
Inflation Rate January, 2018 over December, 2017 (Previous month)	0.03%
Inflation Rate, January, 2018 over January, 2017 (Corresponding month)	4.42%
Average Inflation Rate July- Jan (2017-18) over July- Jan (2016-17)	3.85%

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 January, 2018 the CPI increased by 0.03%, WPI increased by 1.81% while SPI decreased by 1.04% respectively.

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

Major Commodity Group	Group Weight (%)	INDICES			% Change in January, 2018 over	
		Jan, 2018	Dec, 2017	Jan, 2017	Dec, 2017	Jan, 2017
General	100.00	220.27	220.20	210.94	0.03	4.42
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	34.83	232.23	235.12	220.96	-1.23	5.10
Non-perishable food items	29.84	231.22	229.97	224.82	0.54	2.85
Perishable food items	4.99	238.26	265.91	197.89	-10.40	20.40
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	1.41	309.16	305.76	377.97	1.11	-18.21
Clothing & Footwear	7.57	244.09	241.98	234.02	0.87	4.30
Housing Water, Elec, Gas& Other Fuels	29.41	202.53	201.02	194.42	0.75	4.17
Furnishing & Household Equipment Maintenance	4.21	232.97	230.93	223.92	0.88	4.04
Health	2.19	218.26	217.33	208.45	0.43	4.71
Transport	7.20	182.63	179.67	172.81	1.65	5.68
Communication	3.22	133.20	133.15	131.54	0.04	1.26
Recreation & Culture	2.02	198.46	197.65	196.73	0.41	0.88
Education	3.94	262.35	262.35	233.41	0.00	12.40
Restaurant & hotel	1.23	286.89	285.32	268.90	0.55	6.69
Miscellaneous goods & services	2.76	255.69	253.23	238.58	0.97	7.17

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. December, 2017 are given below:-

Increased: Betel Nuts (147.23%), AC Bus Fare (14.18%), Chicken (9.93%), Kerosene Oil (5.27%), Petrol (5.24%), Gold Tezabi (4.88%), Diesel (4.61%), Apple (4.37%), Gas Cylinder (4.15%), Garlic (3.54%), Iron Bar (3.14%), and Pulse Moong (2.29%).

Decreased: Tomatoes (37.23%), Potatoes (25.14%), Eggs (10.71%), Onion (9.45%), Besan (1.78%), Pulse Mash (1.56%), Tea loose Kenya (1.55%), Ginger (1.51%), Gram whole (1.27%), Gur (1.24%), Sugar (1.10%) and Wheat Flour (1.01%).

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

Increased: Betel Nuts (213.61%), Onion (107.18%), Tomatoes (56.17%), Chillies Green (52.50), Govt. University Fee MSc (37.72%), Chicken (36.49%), Govt Engineering College Fee (32.47%), Potatoes (29.32%), Dettol Medium (25.38%), Gas Cylinder (21.23%), Petrol (19.83%), Kerosene (19.59%), Diesel (16.43%), Iron Bar (16.11%), Govt. Medical College Fee (15.79%), AC Bus Fare (14.18%) and Pvt. Medical College Fee (14.18%).

Decreased: Garlic (43.17%), Cigarettes (29.54%), Pulse Gram (27.03%), Pulse Mash (25.73%), Gram Whole (20.18%), Besan (19.76%), Pulse Masoor (18.79%), Sugar (16.97%), Pulse Moong (16.30%), Eggs (5.67%), Urdu Book IX/X (3.98%), Urdu Book V (3.53%), English Book VI (3.30%), Cement (3.01%), Maths Book IX/X (2.47%), and Wheat Flour (1.17%).

Average Inflation Rate

The Consumer Price Index of July-January, 2017-18 has increased by 3.85% over July-January, 2016-17 as per details given below:-

Groups	Group Weight	Indices		%Change
		Jul-Jan 2017-18	Jul-Jan 2016-17	
General	100.00	218.75	210.64	3.85
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	34.83	233.55	226.02	3.33
<i>Non-perishable food items</i>	29.84	227.79	224.20	1.60
<i>Perishable food items</i>	4.99	268.00	236.92	13.12
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	1.41	306.20	367.91	-16.77
Clothing & Footwear	7.57	240.63	231.60	3.90
Housing, Water, Elec, Gas Fuels	29.41	200.31	190.86	4.95
Furnishing & Household Equipment Maintenance	4.21	229.83	222.82	3.14
Health	2.19	214.94	194.67	10.41
Transport	7.20	177.63	170.87	3.96
Communication	3.22	133.07	131.21	1.42
Recreation & Culture	2.02	197.06	196.20	0.44
Education	3.94	256.37	230.31	11.31
Restaurant & Hotels	1.23	282.69	266.77	5.97
Miscellaneous	2.76	250.95	237.45	5.69

Top few commodities which varied from previous year average i.e. July-Jan, 2016-17 are given below:-

Increased: Onion (109.36%), Betel Leaves & Nuts (21.09%), Tomatoes (20.77%), Drugs & Medicines (16.92%), Rice (14.75%), Education (11.50%), Tea (11.12%), Motor Fuel (10.26%), Tailoring (8.02%), Kerosene Oil (8.01%), Meat (7.57%), Doctor (MBBS) Clinic Fee (7.26%), Cleaning & Laundry (7.18%), Construction wage Rates (7.14%) and House Rent (7.09%).

Decreased: Pulse Mash (27.68%), Pulse Gram (22.90%), Pulse Moong (19.46%), Pulse Masoor (19.41%), Sugar (19.35%), Cigarettes (16.80%), Besan (15.86%) and Gur (8.29%).

1. Core inflation of CPI

i. **Trimmed Core Inflation**

During the month of January, 2018 over December, 2017, the trimmed core inflation has been observed as 4.6% while it was 3.8% during January, 2017.

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

During the month of January, 2018 over December, 2017, the Non-food & Non-energy core inflation has been observed as 5.2% while it was 5.4% during January, 2017.