

Government of Pakistan  
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Pakistan Bureau of Statistics

**PRESS RELEASE ON INFLATION RATE**  
**FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 2017 WITH BASE 2007-08=100**

**1. SUMMARY OF INFLATION RATES**

	<b>C P I Change</b>
Inflation Rate February, 2017 over January, 2017 (Previous month)	<b>0.28%</b>
Inflation Rate, February, 2017 over February, 2016 (Corresponding month)	<b>4.22%</b>
Average Inflation Rate July-February (2016-17) over July-February (2015-16)	<b>3.90%</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 February, 2017 the CPI increased by 0.28%, WPI increased by 0.47% while SPI increased by 0.20% respectively.

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

Major Commodity Group	Group Weight (%)	Indices			% Change in February, 2017 over	
		Feb, 2017	Jan, 2017	Feb, 2016	Jan, 2017	Feb, 2016
<b>General</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>211.54</b>	<b>210.94</b>	<b>202.98</b>	<b>0.28</b>	<b>4.22</b>
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages.	34.83	221.66	220.96	214.99	0.32	3.10
<i>Non-perishable food items</i>	29.84	224.69	224.82	219.38	-0.06	2.42
<i>Perishable food items</i>	4.99	203.59	197.89	188.76	2.88	7.86
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	1.41	379.55	377.97	337.57	0.42	12.44
Clothing & Footwear	7.57	234.34	234.02	224.97	0.14	4.16
Housing Water, Elec, Gas& Other Fuels	29.41	194.45	194.42	185.49	0.02	4.83
Furnishing & Household Equipment Maintenance	4.21	224.32	223.92	218.83	0.18	2.51
Health	2.19	210.17	208.45	184.18	0.83	14.11
Transport	7.20	174.75	172.81	174.05	1.12	0.40
Communication	3.22	131.58	131.54	130.57	0.03	0.77
Recreation & Culture	2.02	196.88	196.73	194.38	0.08	1.29
Education	3.94	233.96	233.41	210.15	0.24	11.33
Restaurant & hotel	1.23	269.63	268.90	259.39	0.27	3.95
Miscellaneous goods & services	2.76	241.06	238.58	230.15	1.04	4.74

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

**Month-on-month** Top ten items which varied from previous month i.e. January, 2017 are given below:-

**Increased:** Tomatoes (28.98%), Peas (11.42%), Kinnu (9.70%), Malta/Mosambi (8.42%), Pomegranate (8.19%), Toilet Soap Lifebouy (8.14%), Chicken (7.91%), Guava (7.83%), Cauliflower (7.35%), Spinach (7.19%), Onion (6.31%) and Cinema Non A/C (6.07%).

**Decreased:** Cucumber (17.47%), Pulse Gram (12.44%), Gram Whole Black (9.69%), Besan (9.31%), Eggs Farm (8.74%), Carrot (6.70%), Pulse Mash (6.16%), Cabbage (5.59%), Pulse Masoor Whole (4.40%) and Pulse Masoor Washed (4.18%).

**Year-on-Year:** Top ten items which varied from previous year i.e. February 2016 are given below:-

**Increased:** Lederplex Syrup (48.66%), Gram Whole Yellow (44.16%), Peas (37.50%), Entox Tablet (36.70%), Dettol Medium (34.98%), Garlic (32.43%), Potatoes (31.91%), Cabbage (28.61%), Johar Jo Shanda (21.95%), Lemon (20.87%), and Besan (20.08%).

**Decreased:** Onion (29.93%), Cucumber (18.27%), Pulse Mash (16.96%), Pulse Moong (14.57%), Pomegranate (7.88%), and Tapal Danedar (7.49%).

### **Average Inflation Rate**

The Consumer Price Index of July-February, 2016-17 has increased by 3.90% over July-February, 2015-16 as per details given below:-

Groups	Group Weight	Indices		%Change
		2016-17	2015-16	
<b>General</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>210.76</b>	<b>202.86</b>	<b>3.90</b>
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	34.83	225.48	219.15	2.89
<i>Non-perishable food items</i>	29.84	224.26	218.49	2.64
<i>Perishable food items</i>	4.99	232.76	223.14	4.31
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	1.41	369.36	320.16	15.37
Clothing & Footwear	7.57	231.94	222.28	4.35
Housing, Water, Elec, Gas Fuels	29.41	191.31	182.50	4.83
Furnishing & Household Equipment Maintenance.	4.21	223.01	215.84	3.32
Health	2.19	196.61	180.52	8.91
Transport	7.20	171.35	176.85	-3.11
Communication	3.22	131.26	130.44	0.62
Recreation & Culture	2.02	196.29	193.57	1.40
Education	3.94	230.77	209.37	10.22
Restaurant & Hotels	1.23	267.13	253.90	5.21
Miscellaneous	2.76	237.90	225.78	5.37

Top few commodities which varied from previous year average i.e. July-February, 2015-16 are given below:-

**Increased:** Gram Whole (43.03%), Pulse Gram (35.75%), Besan (32.01%), Potatoes (25.80%), Fresh Vegetables (18.64%), Cigarettes (15.43%), Eggs (12.24%), Pulse Mash (11.34%), Drugs & Medicines (10.56%), Education (10.27%), Betel Leaves and Nuts (9.90%), and Sugar (9.68%).

**Decreased:** Onion (40.29%), Motor Fuel (7.52%), Pulse Moong (7.34%), Kerosene Oil (5.93%), Chicken (5.73%), Tomatoes (5.73%), and Motor Vehicle Accessories (5.65%).

### **Core inflation of CPI**

#### **i. Trimmed Core Inflation**

During the month of February, 2017 over February, 2016 the trimmed core inflation has been observed as 4.1% while it was 3.6% during February, 2016 over February, 2015.

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

During the month of February, 2017 over February, 2016 the Non-food & Non-energy core inflation has been observed as 5.3% while it was 4.5% during February, 2016 over February, 2015.