

**Government of Pakistan**  
**Pakistan Bureau of Statistics**

**SUB: - ADVANCE RELEASE ON EXTERNALTRADE STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2020.**

**EXPORTS:**

According to the provisional figures compiled by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, exports from Pakistan during March, 2020 amounted to Rs. 287,411 million (provisional) as against Rs. 330,188 million (provisional) in February, 2020 and Rs. 274,761 million during March, 2019 showing a decrease of 12.96% over February, 2020 but an increase of 4.60% over March, 2019.

2. In terms of US dollars the exports in March, 2020 were \$ 1,814 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 2,140 million (provisional) in February, 2020 showing a decrease of 15.23% and by 8.11% as compared to \$ 1,974 million in March 2019.

3. Exports during July – March, 2019 - 2020 totaled Rs. 2,726,375 million (provisional) as against Rs. 2,263,699 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 20.44%.

4. In terms of US dollars the exports during July – March, 2019 - 2020 totaled \$ 17,451 million (provisional) against \$ 17,071 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 2.23%.

5. Main commodities of exports during March, 2020 were Knitwear (Rs. 33,236 million), Readymade garments (Rs. 33,123 million), Cotton cloth (Rs. 26,804 million), Bed wear (Rs. 25,936 million), Rice others (Rs. 20,124 million), Cotton Yarn (Rs. 13,055 million), Basmati rice (Rs. 11,017 million), Towels (Rs. 10,667 million), Made-up articles (excl. towels & bed wear) (Rs. 8,398 million) and Fish & Fish Preparation (Rs. 6,127 million).

6. The increase (+) / decrease (-) recorded in main commodities exported during March, 2020 over February, 2020 and March, 2019 is given below: -

S.No.	COMMODITIES	%Change for value in million Rupees in March, 2020 over	
		February, 2020	March, 2019
1	Knitwear	-16.61	10.86
2	Readymade garments	-23.47	11.08
3	Cotton cloth	-8.56	3.79
4	Bed wear	-18.32	-1.60
5	Rice others	3.69	-13.87
6	Cotton Yarn	-13.33	2.06
7	Basmati Rice	24.19	27.61
8	Towels	-13.04	7.35
9	Made-up articles (excl. towels & bed wear)	-9.57	6.14
10	Fish & Fish Preparation	55.78	-4.07

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## **IMPORTS**

7. Imports into Pakistan during March, 2020 amounted to Rs. 525,410 million (provisional) as against Rs. 645,648 million (provisional) in February, 2020 and Rs. 572,815 million during March 2019 showing a decrease of 18.62% over February, 2020 and of 8.28% over March 2019.

8. In terms of US dollars the imports in March, 2020 were \$ 3,316 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 4,185 million (provisional) in February, 2020 showing a decrease of 20.76% and by 19.44% as compared to \$ 4,116 million in March 2019.

9. Imports during July – March, 2019 - 2020 totaled Rs. 5,438,612 million (provisional) as against Rs. 5,371,143 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 1.26%.

10. In terms of US dollars the imports during July – March, 2019 - 2020 totaled \$ 34,817 million (provisional) as against \$ 40,679 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 14.41%.

11. Main commodities of imports during March, 2020 were Petroleum products (Rs. 51,265 million), Electrical machinery and apparatus (Rs. 31,517 million), Palm Oil (Rs. 31,269 million), Natural gas, liquefied (Rs. 28,200 million), Raw cotton (Rs. 26,384 million), Plastic Materials (Rs. 26,016 million), Iron and Steel (Rs. 23,174 million), Petroleum Crude (Rs. 21,707 million), Mobile Phones (Rs. 18,187 million), Iron and steel Scrap (Rs. 16,293 million).

12. The increase (+) / decrease (-) recorded in main commodities imported during March, 2020 over February, 2020 and March, 2019 is given below: -

S.No.	COMMODITIES	%Change for value in million Rupees in March, 2020 over	
		February, 2020	March, 2019
1	Petroleum products	-47.25	-10.54
2	Electrical machinery and apparatus	42.05	49.87
3	Palm Oil	11.70	49.08
4	Natural gas, liquefied	-12.62	-6.16
5	Raw Cotton	-12.08	43.48
6	Plastic Materials	-16.84	-0.23
7	Iron and steel	2.74	-6.06
8	Petroleum Crude	-39.18	-54.49
9	Mobile Phone	12.72	65.32
10	Iron and steel scrap	-19.84	6.94

### **BALANCE OF TRADE:**

13. Based on the provisional figures of imports and exports the balance of trade in March, 2020 was (-) 237,999 million in terms of Rupees and (-) 1,502 million in US dollars. The balance of trade figures cumulative from July–March, 2019 -2020 were (-) 2,712,237 million in terms of Rupees and (-) 17,366 million in US dollars.

14. Four statements giving quantity and value details of selected commodities of exports and imports for the month of March, 2020 and July – March, 2019-2020 along-with the data for previous month and corresponding period of last year are enclosed.