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## **About PBS!**

*Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) is the prime statistical organization of Pakistan, responsible for collection, compilation and timely dissemination of reliable statistical information to the policy makers, planners and researchers. PBS publishes variety of reports relating to social and economic areas of the country based on primary and secondary data collected from credible resources.*

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### APPROVAL OF 7<sup>TH</sup> POPULATION & HOUSING CENSUS (THE 1<sup>ST</sup>-EVER DIGITAL)

As per decision of the decision of the Council of Common Interests (CCI), the field operation of the first- ever Digital Census were conducted w.e.f 1st March, 2023 to 15th May, 2023 all over the country. For the first time in Pakistan, self-enumeration portal was launched on 20th February, 2023, and initially planned to be concluded on 4th March, 2023. However, due to its effectiveness and on demand of the provinces, it was extended up to 10th march, 2023 along with listing operation.

After conduct of field operations, as per approved by the CCI, PBS also conducted the Post Enumeration Survey (PES) w.e.f. 8th to 18th July, 2023, to ensure full coverage and quality of the census data. The results of Population & Housing Census (the Digital Census), after factoring in the PES findings, were submitted for approval to CCI being the competent forum. The CCI considered the results of 7th Population & Housing Census in its 50th meeting held on 5th August, 2023, and unanimously approved the results. Accordingly, the results were notified through Official Gazette of Pakistan on 8th August, 2023. The province wise break-down of the population (million Nos.) and annual growth rates of the Digital Census and its comparison with the two Censuses is given in the following table:

	Population (Million Nos.)			Annual Growth Rate (%)		
	1998	2017	2023	1998	2017	2023
<b>Pakistan</b>	132.35	207.68	241.49	2.69	2.40	2.55
<b>Khyber Pakhtunkhwa</b>	20.92	35.50	40.85	2.72	2.82	2.38
<b>Punjab</b>	73.62	109.98	127.68	2.64	2.13	2.53
<b>Sindh</b>	30.44	47.85	55.69	2.80	2.41	2.57
<b>Balochistan</b>	6.57	12.34	14.89	2.47	3.37	3.20
<b>Islamabad</b>	0.81	2.01	2.36	5.19	4.91	2.81

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Data Dissemination & Support Services Section





### CELEBRATIONS IN THE AIR

Some glimpses of the celebrations after approval of final results of the 7<sup>th</sup> Population and Housing Census (the Digital Census) from the Council of Common Interests (CCI)

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### MOMENT OF PROUD

It is worth mentioning that Dr. Naem uz Zafar, Chief Statistician / Chief Census Commissioner and Mr. Muhammad Sarwar Gondal, Member (Support Services / RM) have been awarded the prestigious Sitara-e-Imtiaz by for their commendable contribution for the digitization of the PBS especially successful completion of Pakistan's first ever Digital Census-2023.



The successful completion of the first-ever digital census is indeed a milestone in the history of Pakistan that was achieved within challenging timelines. The feather is rightfully in the caps of the worthy Chief Statistician and the hon'ble Member (Support Services).

### POST EVALUATION SURVEY OF 7<sup>TH</sup> POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS-2023 (THE DIGITAL CENSUS)

Post Evaluation Survey (PES) of 7<sup>th</sup> Population and Housing Census 2023, as per the Council of Common Interests (CCI) decision made in its 49<sup>th</sup> meeting, was conducted from 8<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2023. The Census Monitoring Committee (CMC) approved the methodology for conducting the Post Evaluation Survey (PES) and incorporating its findings into the finalization of the Census-2023 results in its 16<sup>th</sup> meeting on June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

### Training and Field operation of PES:

Training is the most important aspect of any census or survey. The PES enumerators and supervisors who were selected from the Census-2023 staff, were assigned different blocks during the PES. They were provided refresher course with respect to the PES activities to ensure uniformity of concepts and data collection activities throughout the country. The training material for the survey was prepared keeping in view the objectives of the PES.

Manual of instructions was developed



for Master Trainers and Enumerators of PES, which provided a concise and easy to follow guidelines for them to understand the objectives, methodology, and techniques of the PES. Moreover, detailed presentations for enumerators were also designed which covered topics such as objectives, data collection procedures, structure of the questionnaire, software applications and relevant technical details.

Province	Number of Trainers	Number of Enumerators	Number of Venues
Punjab	13	1057	15
Sindh	14	851	13
KP	7	380	7
Balochistan	5	169	5
ICT	1	50	1
Total	40	2500	41



### Training of Enumerators:

In the second tier of the training for the PES, 2500 Enumerators at 41 venues in four provinces and ICT were trained by the Master Trainers. The training was provided to the enumerators with necessary skills and knowledge required in the PES field operation, through an overview and refresher session. As the selected enumerators had previously participated in Census-2023 field activities, the refresher overview was to emphasize the purpose and objectives for conducting the PES and its peculiar requirements for the data collection process as per the approved PES questionnaire.



### Field Operation for PES:

The duration of field operation for PES was 12 days, i.e., 8<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2023. The PES field operation started on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2023, with clear instructions to enumerators for listing and enumeration to be done separately. The first three days of PES field activities were reserved for listing, while the remaining 9 days for enumeration. For complete and accurate coverage, SUPARCO maps of the blocks were provided to the enumerators in their tablets as well as in the hard form. All the enumerators were instructed to assign a number to each and every structure with PES (e.g, PES 001, PES 002 .....and so on)



in each selected block independently. One enumerator was assigned one block for PES.

### Monitoring Mechanism for PES Field Activity:

To ensure comprehensive and dependable data collection, it is imperative to maintain thorough monitoring of fieldwork operations. Therefore, PBS devised a robust monitoring mechanism for PES that helped to identify and address immediately any issues/problems faced during the PES field operation. The Committee for PES decided that for an intensive monitoring at district and tehsil level, PBS staff who were already on the ground for field operation of census-2023 would perform the oversight responsibilities of supervisors at district level during the field activities of PES.



A specialized group comprising 51 monitors from regional and field offices of PBS was assigned to each district selected for the PES. Further, an additional 56 monitors were dispatched by the PBS headquarters to conduct targeted monitoring in selected districts across the country. These monitors were equipped with clear Terms of Reference (TORs) and monitoring Proforma to track and assess the daily progress.



### CENSUS ACTIVITIES AT PBS PROVINCIAL OFFICE KARACHI

The Honorable Chief Statistician received a warm welcome at the Karachi office on 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2023 for their remarkable achievement of the Sitara-e-Imtiaz award. Subsequently, a meeting took place in P3C to celebrate the successful completion of the 7<sup>th</sup> Population & Housing Census (the digital census).



After the celebrations, the worthy Chief Statistician inaugurated the biometric attendance system and appreciated the remarkable efforts made by the regional office, Karachi, PBS.

2. Mr. Muhammad Saleem Rajput (PASS), Commissioner Karachi Division visited the office on 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2023. During his visit, areas of mutual interest were discussed. Commissioner Karachi Division congratulated PBS team on successful completion of the first-ever digital census of the country and maintained that it would open new ventures for the digital future of the country. He said that it is indeed a milestone for the country and other Government departments should also move towards digitization.

Commissioner Karachi Division visited various sections along with Director (Incharge), PBS, Karachi and Chief Statistical Officer, Karachi Regional Office, including GIS Lab and P3C.

The Director (Incharge) briefed



him how the GIS technology aids in data collection and preparation of maps for delimitation. Worthy Commissioner congratulated PBS on the successful completion of the 7<sup>th</sup> Population & Housing Census (the digital census) and conveyed his satisfaction and appreciated officers/officials of GIS Lab, as well as the staff engaged in conduct of Digital Census 2023.



3. Mr. Munawar Ali Ghanghro, Director (Incharge) and Mr. Faraz Muslim, CSO, Karachi Regional Office (KRO) visited the Election Commission on 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2023, and emphasized on the commitment of providing accurate and up-dated data to ensure fair and transparent elections.

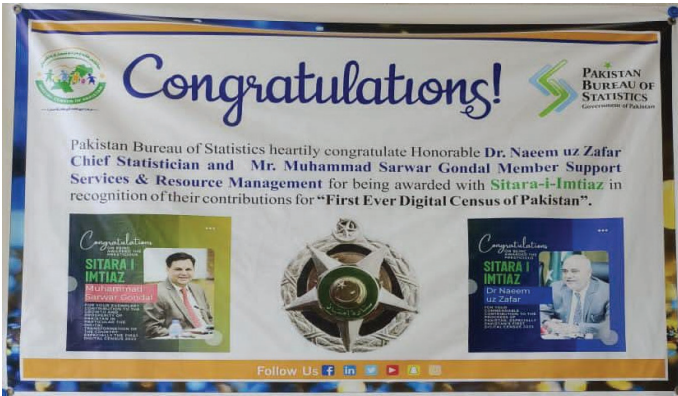




4. On 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2023, the PBS Karachi office celebrated the successful completion and approval of the 7<sup>th</sup> Population & Housing Census (1<sup>st</sup> ever digital census) results.



5. PBS Karachi paid rich tribute to honorable Chief Statistician, Dr. Naeem uz Zafar and Member (Support Services), Muhammad Sarwar Gondal for being awarded with "SITARA-I-IMTIAZ" in recognition of their contributions to successful completion of "First-ever Digital Population and Housing Census" of the country. In this regard, PBS Karachi prepared special banners to heartily congratulate honorable Chief Statistician and the Member (Support Services) on their remarkable achievement.



## ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT BY SOCIAL STATISTICS SECTION

- Socio Economic Indicators of Punjab at district Level was approved by Chief Statistician and were also published on official website of PBS. Further, the printing of the said publication is also under process.



- Mr. Rizwan Bashir, Director and Mrs. Zahida Parveen, Statistical Officer attended the "First Capacity Building Workshop" EMIS Teams on SDG-4 data collection, analysis and reporting from 05<sup>th</sup> - 07<sup>th</sup> July, 2023.



- Mr. Rizwan Bashir, Director (PBS), Mrs. Aisha Khaliq, CSO (PBS), and Mrs. Zahida Parveen, Statistical Officer attended the seminar on 'Transparency Platform for Pakistan (RISQ)' by Ministry of Climate Change from 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2023.





## INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS AT PBS ISLAMABAD.

Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) celebrated 76<sup>th</sup> Independence day with great national spirit and jubiliations. Officers and staff of PBS along with their children participated in the celebrations enthusiastically. A special cake with national flag's colour was cut and anthems of glory of the country were sung collectively reiterating our unwavering everlast love for the country.



## MEETING WITH CARETAKER FEDERAL MINISTER PLANNING DEVELOPMENT AND SPECIAL INITIATIVES (PD&SI)

Islamabad the 21<sup>st</sup> August 2023: Caretaker Federal Minister for Planning, Mr. Muhammad Sami Saeed, led a meeting with the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) to delve into future survey plans, price statistics, and pioneering forward-looking strategies. Dr. Naeem uz Zafar, the Chief Statistician, PBS, Secretary of Planning, Syed Zafar Ali Shah, and other departmental officers, graced the meeting with their insightful presence.





## MEETING WITH ELECTION COMMISSION OF GILGIT-BALTISTAN (GB)

Islamabad the 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2023: The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signing ceremony took place between the Election Commission of Gilgit-Baltistan (GB) and the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS). The agreement outlines the collaboration between the two entities, with the PBS committing to provide crucial population data and maps required for the timely process of constituency delimitation.



## PROGRESS REVIEW MEETING WITH ELECTION COMMISSION OF GILGIT-BALTISTAN (GB)

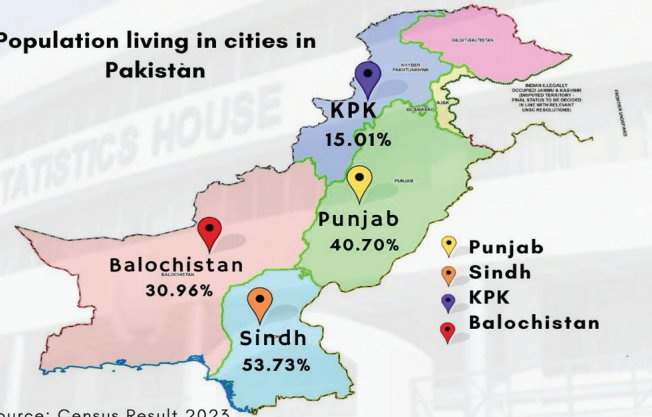
A progress review meeting was held on 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2023, at PBS, Islamabad, regarding activities of 7<sup>th</sup> Population & Housing Census 2023, under the chair of Chief Statistician, Dr. Naeem uz Zafar. Representatives from NADRA and NTC also attended the meeting. Matters related to tablets retrieval, infrastructure usage and preparation of tabulation were discussed in detail during the meeting.



## World Cities Day

31st October 2023

### Population living in cities in Pakistan



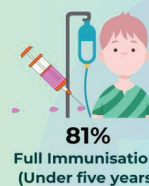
Source: Census Result 2023



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## World Statistics Day

### Health Facility in Pakistan (Household)

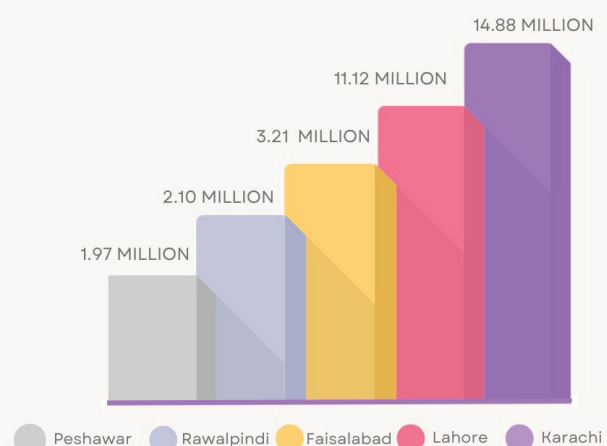


Source: PSLM Report 2019-20



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## POPULATION OF CITIES IN PAKISTAN



Source: 6th Population and Housing Census 2017



### MEETINGS WITH DATA PROVIDERS AND STAKEHOLDERS TO REVIEW IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF ACTIONS/REFORMS AGREED UNDER THE IMF'S STAND-BY ARRANGEMENT (SBA)

#### First Meeting:

The first meeting was held on 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2023, jointly chaired by Dr. Naeem uz Zafar, Chief Statistician, (PBS) and Syed Moazam Ali, Additional Secretary, M/o PD&SI, in the Auditorium of Ministry of Planning Development and Special Initiatives (PD&SI), Islamabad. It was informed that the Government of Pakistan had agreed a Stand-by Agreement (SBA) with the International Monetary Fund (IMF). One of the Structural Conditionality agreed under the SBA includes compilation and dissemination of revised GDP for FY 2022-23 and 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter GDP for FY 2023-24 by the end of November, 2023. In order to monitor the progress and review the implementation status of SBA, representatives of various Federal, Provincial and Private Organizations attended the meeting. While all the officers of National Accounts wing participated in the meeting physically, some of the participants attended the meeting through Zoom.



#### Second Meeting:

The second meeting was held virtually on 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2023, under the chair of Chief Statistician, PBS, to review the implementation status of actions/reforms agreed under the IMF's stand-by arrangement (SBA). At the outset, the worthy chair welcomed the participants and highlighted the importance of cooperation of data providers in the compilation of both annual revised GDP and quarterly GDP. While data position for most of the industries was found satisfactory, the sources were reminded to

provide missing information by 06<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2023 for compilation of revised GDP for 2022-23 and 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter GDP for FY 2023-24 respectively.



### PARTICIPATION OF NATIONAL ACCOUNTS OFFICER IN THE WORKSHOP ON LONG-TERM LOW-EMISSION FOR NET ZERO FUTURE

A delegation of officers from National Accounts Wing led by Mr. Attiq-ur-Rehman, Deputy Director General participated in the workshop organized by Ministry of Climate Change and Environmental Coordination (MoCC&EC) on "Long-term low-emission for net zero future" on 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2023. The workshop was held at Ramada Hotel Islamabad from 10:00 AM to 04:30 PM. Dr. Muhammad Khalid Farooq, CSO, Mr. Muhammad Asif, CSO, Mrs. Naeema Yousuf, SO, and Mrs. Hafsa Anwar Jan, SO were also part of the delegation from PBS.

### PARTICIPATION OF NATIONAL ACCOUNTS OFFICERS IN THE MEETING OF THE "TASK TEAM ON DATA AS AN ASSET IN THE 2025 SNA"

A virtual meeting was held on September, 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 of the National Accounts officers including Mr. Attiq-ur-Rehman, Deputy Director General, and Dr. Liaqat Ali, Chief Statistical Officer, participated in an online meeting of the "Task Team on Data as an Asset in the 2025 SNA" under the UN's Inter-Secretariat Working Group on National Accounts (ISWGNA).

### MODIFICATION OF PC-I OF THE PROJECT FOR THE CHANGE OF BASE OF NATIONAL ACCOUNTS FROM 2015-16 TO 2023-24

Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) has initiated new project to change the base year of the economy from 2015-16 to 2023-24.



Accordingly, the PC-I was presented in Departmental Development Working Party (DDWP) on June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The minutes of the meeting were received on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2023. The committee recommended some modifications in the PC-I. The revised PC-I of the project has been submitted to MoPD&SI after its approval by Chief Statistician.



### ACTIVITIES OF TRAINING WING DURING (JULY-SEPTEMBER 2023)

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Capacity Building Program for Interns:

Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) aims to contribute to the professional growth of emerging talent in Statistics and relevant fields. Therefore, internship opportunity for six weeks was provided to the students of different universities studying 'Statistics' & allied disciplines. This internship program would help to unlock the potential of young professionals by providing an opportunity to gain practical experience of day-to-day office work alongside experienced professionals in their areas of interest in different sections of PBS. To further enhance their talent and equip them with vast knowledge of PBS working, capacity building sessions are conducted at PBS Training Wing in which experts from different sections give an overview of working of their particular sections.

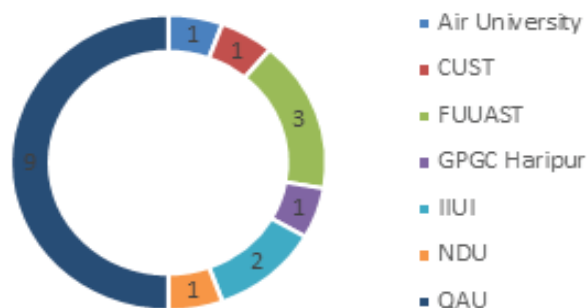
In this connection, during 5<sup>th</sup> capacity building program conducted by training wing from 6<sup>th</sup> Sep, 2023 to 13<sup>th</sup> Sep, 2023, professionals from different sections provided a quick review of working of their respective sections. The fields covered through the capacity building program are National Accounts, Price Statistics, Sample Design, Labour Force, PSLM, Pakistan Demographic Survey, Field Services, GIS, Social Statistics, Energy & Mining, DP Center & Agriculture Census. Apart from practical knowledge of subject, it was planned to enhance the

professional skills of the emerging professionals by training them in team work, group assignment, taking notes for drafting minutes, time management and report writing. Therefore, group assignments that enhanced the above skills were introduced. Further, all resource person imparted advisory sessions on career counseling in their respective fields.

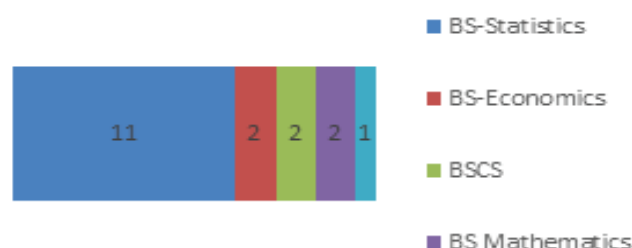
The resource persons who spared time from their busy schedules and provided their services to deliver lectures to the students include Ms. Rabia Awan (DDG), Mr. Naseer Ahmad (Director), Mr. Rizwan Bashir (Director), Mr. Rafique Hussain Talpur (Director), Qazi Ismatullah (JCC), Dr. Naveed Iqbal (JACC), Mr. Liaqat Ali (CSO), Ms. Ayesha Sajid (Instructor), Ms. Romana Sadaf (CSO), Mr. Mehmod Ahmed Qureshi (CSO), Ms. Sana Habib (SO), Mr. Najeel ullah (SO) and Mr. Irfan Bajwa (DPO).

The resource person shared valuable information during their lectures. Training Wing team maintained the Repository of Content that was presented or provided by the resource persons to the students. The Capacity Building Program was attended by 18 students of Statistics and related field from different universities.

Students Enrolment University Wise



Discipline wise Distribution of Students





This capacity building program for interns was the 5<sup>th</sup> properly documented program by Training wing. Before this, PBS Training Wing trained over 100 students in 4 training / capacity building programs. In addition to the above-mentioned fields, lectures on data analysis using SPSS and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) were also delivered in previous capacity building programs.

Apart from providing knowledge on working of sections, separate sessions were conducted in which resource persons guided students about job and career opportunities in their relevant specialties from time to time during the program. The focus of these career counseling sessions was to play a significant role in the professional life of young professionals by enabling them to take correct decision about selecting appropriate field. All trainers advised the students to value the time and manage it well.

The students were also told that the process of learning never ends so training opportunities must be availed, whenever offered. Describing the significance of training, they said that training always accelerates learning and life time earning depends upon life time learning. In order to gain the full attention of trainees during lecture, question & answer sessions were conducted at the end of each lecture. Where the students were asked different questions, they were also given opportunity to ask questions on the topic which could not be comprehended. Trainers and students fully participated in this session to bring out real potential and output. The participation & interaction from the students was highly encouraged.

Students were distributed in three groups. These groups conducted thorough discussions by the end of each day and each group used to fill a performa for the proceedings of all sessions conducted in that day. On the basis of these performas, a consolidated report on proceedings of sessions was prepared. These daily group discussions also concentrated on all the learnings of the day during different sessions. By the end of training, all three groups submitted presentations on learning outcomes of the capacity building program that was based on these group discussions. During group discussions most im-

portant and decisive points were also recalled. The activities that were conducted in groups were helpful for students to learn how to work as a team. In addition to that, these activities also provided the students an exposure to working in time and report writing.

As valuable resources like time, money and energy were invested to execute the training program, therefore, it was important to assess the effectiveness of training by analyzing the content, presentation and environment. Further, it was also essential to judge the trainees' engagement level, their understanding, the impact of capacity building program and level of its success. To fulfill the purpose, different performas were filled by trainees, monitors and trainers, these were 'daily attendance sheet', training evaluation performa by trainees, feedback performa by trainers, Post training assessment, evaluation performa to be filled by monitors, performa to note down the proceedings of session and learning outcomes by students".

The Post Training Assessment consisted of 50 MCQ's was conducted at the end of the session. The MCQ's were shared by relevant sections. The post training assessment was compiled from the lectures delivered to the interns during different sessions in training. The staff of training wing remained vigilant throughout the training program to facilitate the resource persons and trainees.

Training wing team attended all the sessions to observe the behavior, participation and regularity of the interns. On the basis of their observation, Evaluation performa was filled and grades were assigned to the students. The final

Grades obtained by students





grades were compiled on the basis of monitor's observed grades and scores in post training assessment.

Students showed great interest in the program. On analysis of Feedback Performas submitted by trainees, it was noticed by monitoring team that the students considered the training to be very useful for them and ensured that it will significantly affect their choice of career and professional growth. Student also shared their ideas to improve the specific aspects of the training.

On 19<sup>th</sup> Sep, 2023 the certificate distribution ceremony of 5<sup>th</sup> capacity building program of interns was organized. Higher management of PBS graced the occasion with their presence. Certificates were distributed among successful candidates on the basis of punctuality, regularity, participation in group discussion & performance in post training assessment.

Speaking on this occasion, Dr. Naeem uz Zafar, Chief Statistician, who was also chief Guest, shared his valuable insights about the role of PBS and impact of Capacity Building Programs on professional grooming of upcoming Statisticians. He also mentioned that such programs help to increase organization's productivity and facilitate the students to start their career in an effective way on completion of their degrees.

Mr. Ayazudin, Member Census and Surveys appreciated training wing for successfully conducting the training and bringing innovations to improve the learning process of interns. While elaborating the aims of the capacity building program, he said that it would facilitate the entry of students into labour market and enhance the quality of their work.

Ms. Ayesha Sajid, Instructor (Training) presented "The Report on 5<sup>th</sup> Capacity Building Program of Interns" to honorable Chief Statistician, Mr. Naeem Uz Zafar. The report was compiled on the basis of performas on the proceedings of session that was filled by students under supervision of Training Wing Staff at the end of each session.

### Training of Canva for Social Media Team:

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5 days training on Canva Software was conducted from 21<sup>st</sup> Aug, 2023 to 25<sup>th</sup> Aug, 2023 in training wing. The training was imparted by Ms. Tayyaba Rehman, System Analyst. The purpose of the training was to literate the social media team of PBS to make innovative and creative social media posts, by using templates of the software. In this training the team was also guided to cover events like meetings and workshops and make posts related to these events for social media platforms of PBS.

### Impact of trainings conducted in previous quarters:

An impact analysis on Capacity Building sessions like content writing for social media posts, managing social media handles and Urdu typing (that were conducted earlier by Training wing to enhance the capacity of social media team) has revealed that the media team is effectively using these skills in social media posts and press releases.



Career Counselling Session by Mr. Ayazuddin, Member (Census & Surveys)



Ms. Rabia Awan (DDG), delivering lecture on PSLM



### SOME GLIMPSES FROM THE 5<sup>th</sup> CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAM OF INTERNS

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Group photo of the Interns of 5<sup>th</sup> Capacity Building Program along with PBS higher management



Certificate distribution by honorable Chief Statistician Dr. Naeem Uz Zafar



Group photo of Training Wing team along with PBS higher management



Certificate Distribution by honorable Chief Statistician Dr. Naeem Uz Zafar



Honorable Chief Statistician Dr. Naeem Uz Zafar interacting with Interns



5<sup>th</sup> Capacity Building Program along with PBS higher management



### ACTIVITIES OF ENERGY AND MINING SECTION

Energy and Mining Statistics Section has carried out the following activities from July to September, 2023:

#### a. In House Meeting

An in-house meeting was held on 06<sup>th</sup> September, 2023 at PBS Headquarter Islamabad under the chair of Director General (E&M). The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the questionnaire of Census of Mining and Quarrying (CMQI). A detailed presentation on the said instrument was given by the CSO (EM).

#### b. Miscellaneous Activities

E & M Section collected the Mineral Production data, Oil and Gas production data and Electricity Generation data from respective source agencies / department and the same was supplied to US Geological Survey, State Bank, UNSD annual Questionnaire on Energy Statistics, Key Indicators and Economic Survey.



Besides this, data on monthly basis has been sent to National Summary Data Page (NSDP) and UN monthly bulletin of Statistics. Another important event was to deliver orientation lecture to the internees.



The basic purpose of this lecture was to give a brief on functions of energy and mining section. Mr. Mahmood Ahmad Qureshi CSO of the section elaborated role of energy and mining section, functions of the section, source agencies and issues involved in data collection. The participants were allowed for Q & A at the end.

### SHARING OF DATA WITH ELECTION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN

Geography/GIS Section shared around 220,000 Urban/rural Charge, Circle & Block maps along with all district maps of the four provinces of Pakistan & Islamabad Capital Territory with Election Commission of Pakistan for preparation of constituencies and updating of delimitation.



Geography/GIS Section arranged a party on successful conduct & approval of Census – 2023 and to welcome Chief Statistician & Member (SS/RM) on being awarded the prestigious "Sitara-e-Imtiaz".





### A CANDID SESSION WITH DR. ISHRAT HUSSAIN "UNFINISHED AGENDA OF PAKISTAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS"

Islamabad the 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2023: Dr. Ishrat Hussain a renowned economist, Former Governor State Bank, Former Advisor to Prime Minister on Institutional reforms and writer, visited Pakistan Bureau of Statistics and shared his expert opinion on "Unfinished agenda of Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS)". The special session was attended by distinguished economists, statisticians, researchers, technocrats and representatives from international organizations along with senior officers of PBS attended the session.



Dr. Naeem uz Zafar, Chief Statistician welcomed the Chief Guest and apprised him regarding the recent achievements and Initiatives of PBS. Dr. Ishrat Hussain appreciated PBS for its recent achievements including successful conduct of 7<sup>th</sup> Population & Housing Census, and digitization of the processes & activities. He informed that PBS is a hub of data for Policymaking and Planning as PBS collects huge repository of social, economic and demographic data through its censuses and surveys.

He informed participants that availability of reliable and accurate data is the basis for developmental projects. Being National Statistical Organization (NSO), PBS is not only responsible for collecting data and ensure its availability for data users, researchers, Government organizations and Policy makers but PBS should also guide Government and Stakeholders that how to utilize this data for development of country. He emphasized on collection of data on human capital for its effective usage in planning regard-



ing reducing unemployment & poverty. He was of the view that PBS may identify gaps by consultation with data users and work on improvements for optimum utilization for policymaking & informed decision-making. He further added that now the world is working on global alliances, integration of resources. Therefore, PBS should help strengthen the capacity of provincial Bureaus too and work on collaboration, networking and alliances to overcome the scarcity of resources. Dr. Naeem uz Zafar, Chief Statistician, PBS, expressed his gratitude to Dr. Ishrat Hussain for his visit to PBS and guiding PBS for its future endeavors in light of his multidimensional experience. He said that his guidance was valuable as he had had a vast experience representing Pakistan on various International and National forums during his distinguished career. He served as Dean and Director of IBA, as Governor State Bank and in World Bank for two decades. In recognition to his National and International assignments and services, he had been conferred with prestigious Civil Awards. He also gave a brief on PBS activities and plans.





## INFLATION SITUATION DURING (JULY - SEPTEMBER, 2023)

Pakistan Bureau of Statistics is the National Statistical Office, responsible for collection, compilation and dissemination of Wholesale & Retail prices and indices to measure inflation in the country. National Consumer Price Index (NCPI), Urban Consumer Price Index (UCPI), Rural Consumer Price Index (RPI) and Wholesale Price Index (WPI) are computed regularly on monthly and Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI) on weekly basis. The monthly review on price indices and report on weekly SPI are also published on PBS official website <http://www.pbs.gov.pk>. The monthly inflationary situation in Pakistan during **July - September, 2023** is given in **Table-1**, the Core Inflation in **Table-2**, quarterly inflationary situation in Table-3 and cumulative indices are given in **Table-3** below. Table-1 gives the snapshot of yearly (YoY) and monthly inflation rates (MoM) for General, Food and Non-Food Groups at National, Urban & Rural domains along with SPI and WPI.

**Table-1: Average General Inflation (%) (Base 2015-16)**

TABLE 1.A GENERAL INFLATION (%) (BASE 2015-16)																		
PERIOD	CPI														SPI		WPI	
	GENERAL						FOOD				NON-FOOD							
	NATIONAL		URBAN		RURAL		URBAN		RURAL		URBAN		RURAL					
	YoY	MoM	YoY	MoM	YoY	MoM	YoY	MoM	YoY	MoM	YoY	MoM	YoY	MoM	YoY	MoM	YoY	MoM
JULY-23	28.3	3.5	26.3	3.6	31.3	3.3	40.2	3.7	41.3	3.5	17.3	3.5	22.0	3.0	29.3	2.8	23.1	2.5
AUG-23	27.4	1.7	25.0	1.6	30.9	1.9	38.8	0.6	40.6	0.8	16.3	2.4	22.0	3.1	27.9	4.1	24.3	4.2
SEPT-23	31.4	2.0	29.7	1.7	33.9	2.5	33.9	1.5	35.4	1.8	26.8	1.8	32.3	3.2	32.0	1.7	26.4	3.1
JULY-SEPT, 2023	YoY	QoQ	YoY	QoQ	YoY	QoQ	YoY	QoQ	YoY	QoQ	YoY	QoQ	YoY	QoQ	YoY	QoQ	YoY	QoQ
	29.0	5.7	27.0	5.9	32	5.5	37.5	5.4	39.0	4.1	20.0	6.2	25.3	7.0	29.7	6.8	24.6	6.6

Table-2 gives the snapshot of yearly (YoY) and monthly (MoM) Core Inflation rates of Urban & Rural domains.

**Table-2: Average Core Inflation (%) (Base 2015-16)**

PERIOD	Non FNE			
	URBAN		RURAL	
	YoY	MoM	YoY	MoM
JUL-23	18.4	1.2	24.6	1.2
AUG-23	18.4	1.8	25.9	2.8
SEP-23	18.6	1.0	27.3	2.6
(JUL-SEP)	YoY	QoQ	YoY	QoQ
	18.5	3.6	26.0	5.5



Table-3 indicates the cumulative indices along with percentage change for the Twelve (12) major groups at National, Urban and Rural level.

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**Table-3: Cumulative Indices and Inflation rates (%) [Jul-Sep, 2023] (Base 2015-16**

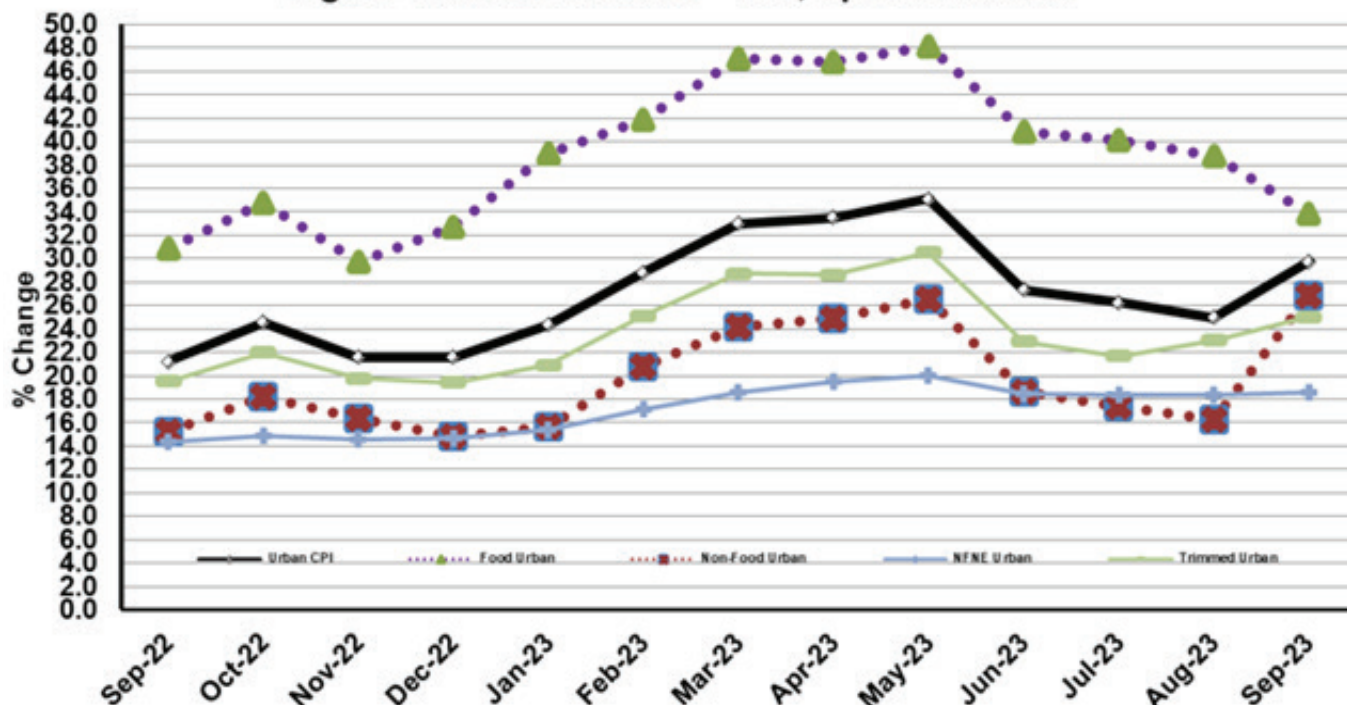
Group	NATIONAL				URBAN				RURAL			
	Weight (%)	INDICES		Change (%)	Weight (%)	INDICES		Change (%)	Weight (%)	INDICES		Change (%)
		Jul-Sep 2023- 24	Jul-Sep 2022- 23			Jul-Sep 2023- 24	Jul-Sep 2022- 23			Jul-Sep 2023- 24	Jul-Sep 2022- 23	
General	100	239.52	185.62	29.04	100	232.19	182.86	26.98	100	250.57	189.79	32.02
Food and non-alcoholic Beverages	34.58	274.97	200.77	36.96	30.42	270.82	199.21	35.95	40.87	279.63	202.51	38.08
Non-perishable food items	29.6	282.6	200.33	41.06	25.97	278.12	198.69	39.98	35.08	287.6	202.17	42.26
Perishable food items	4.99	229.7	203.36	12.95	4.46	228.31	202.26	12.88	5.79	231.31	204.64	13.03
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco	1.02	359.6	183.96	95.47	0.85	380.69	195.87	94.35	1.28	338.33	171.95	96.76
Clothing and footwear	8.6	209.36	174.78	19.78	8.01	202.85	172.78	17.41	9.48	217.66	177.33	22.74
Housing, water, Elec., Gas and other fuels	23.63	193.5	168.57	14.79	27.03	188.24	165.76	13.56	18.49	205.12	174.79	17.36
Furnishing and household equipment maintenance	4.1	248.04	176.05	40.89	4.09	242.23	173.01	40.01	4.1	256.78	180.63	42.16
Health	2.79	214.56	174.24	23.14	2.31	215.42	174.06	23.76	3.51	213.7	174.42	22.52
Transport	5.91	302.46	246.59	22.66	6.14	298.48	247.49	20.6	5.56	309.1	245.08	26.12
Communication	2.21	119.21	111.31	7.1	2.35	123.98	113.62	9.12	1.99	110.71	107.2	3.26
Recreation and culture	1.59	251.32	155.23	61.9	1.73	242.38	149.57	62.05	1.38	268.29	165.97	61.65
Education	3.79	176.57	160.72	9.86	4.88	176.03	163.32	7.78	2.13	178.42	151.73	17.6
Restaurants and hotels	6.92	247.09	183.9	34.37	7.41	247.43	183.15	35.1	6.19	246.48	185.24	33.06
Misc. goods and services	4.87	258.7	186.37	38.81	4.77	255.37	185.53	37.64	5.02	263.49	187.58	40.47



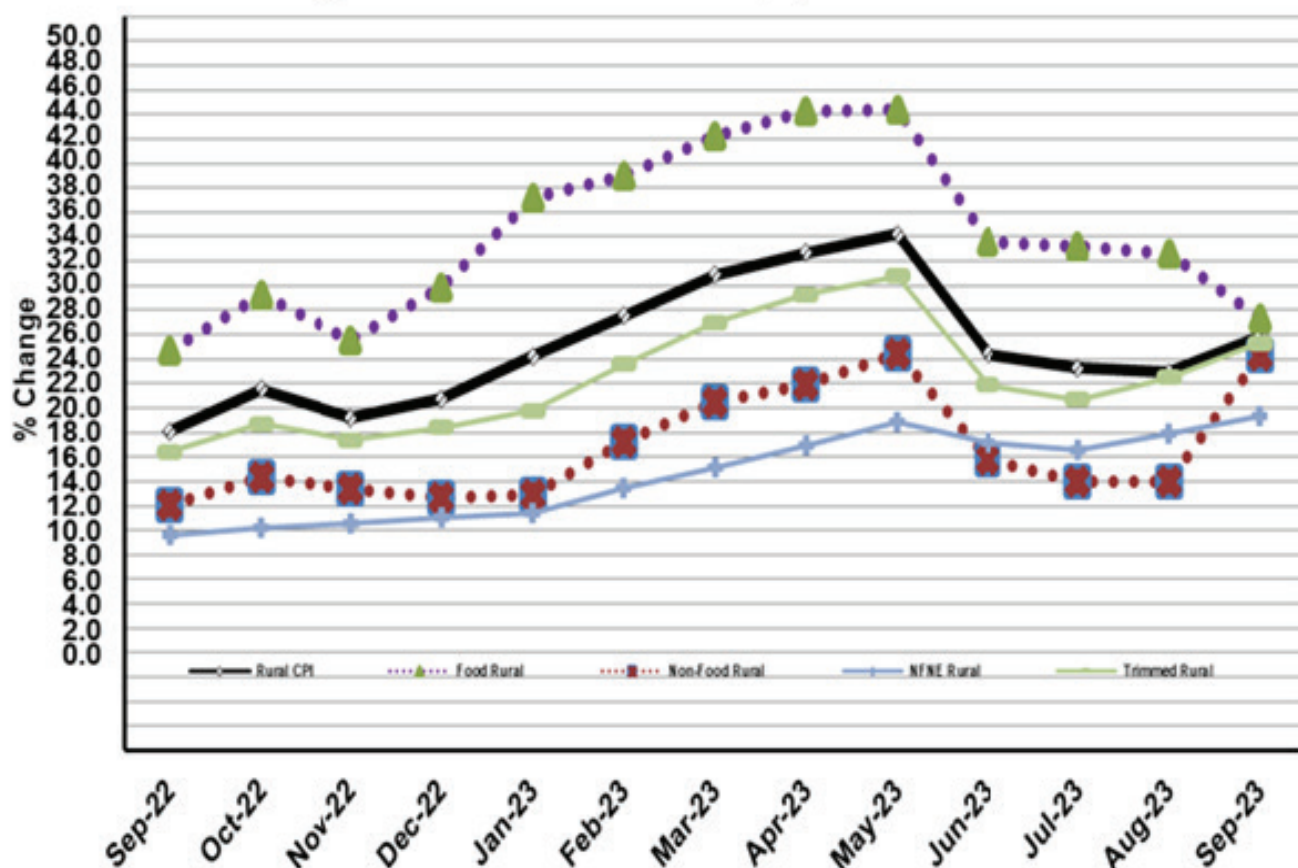
The yearly inflation rates (YoY) and monthly inflation rates (MoM) are also graphically sketched in Figures 1-6 for Urban, Rural and National level.

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**Figure 1: Urban Inflation - YoY, Special Indices**

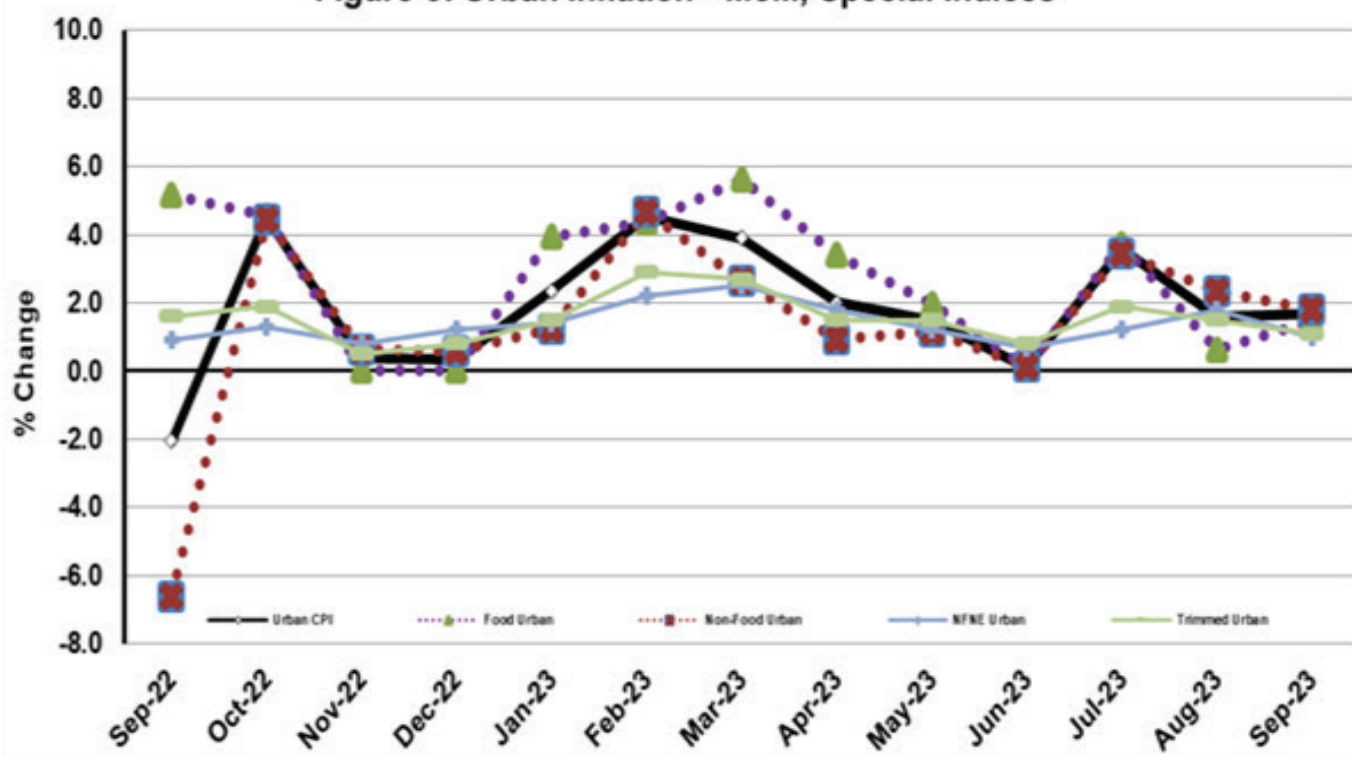


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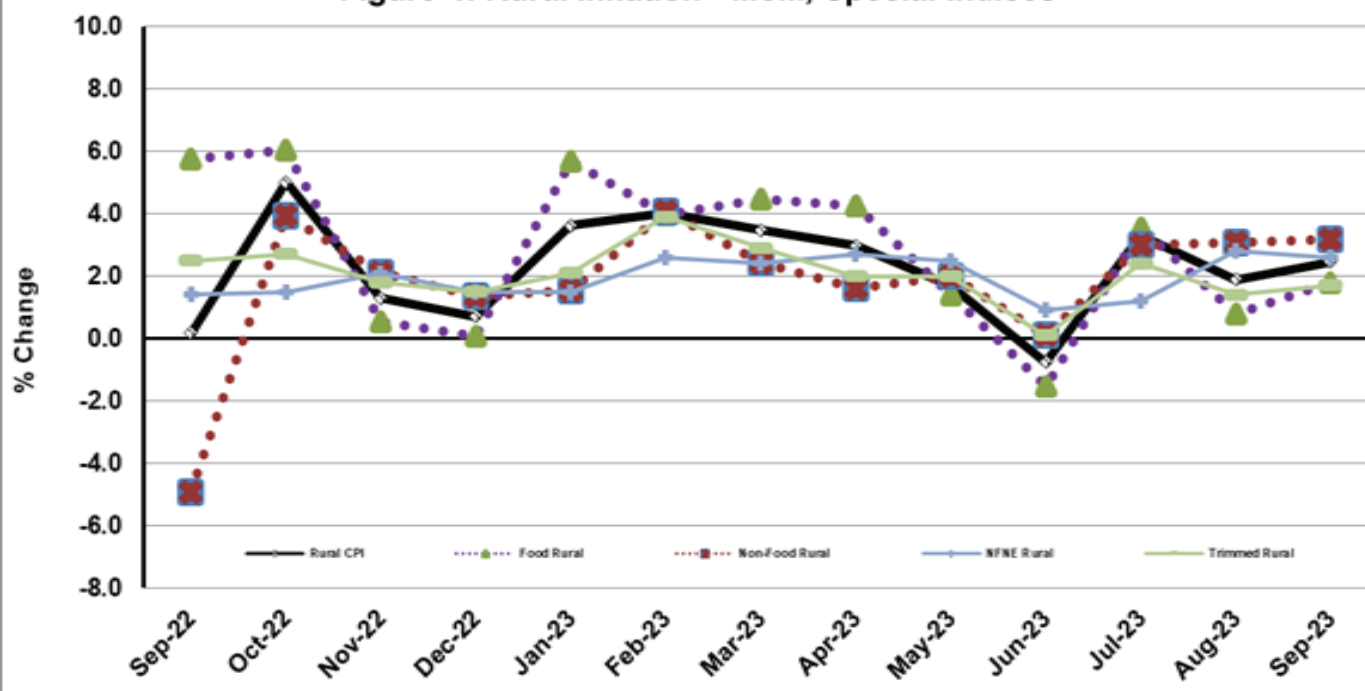




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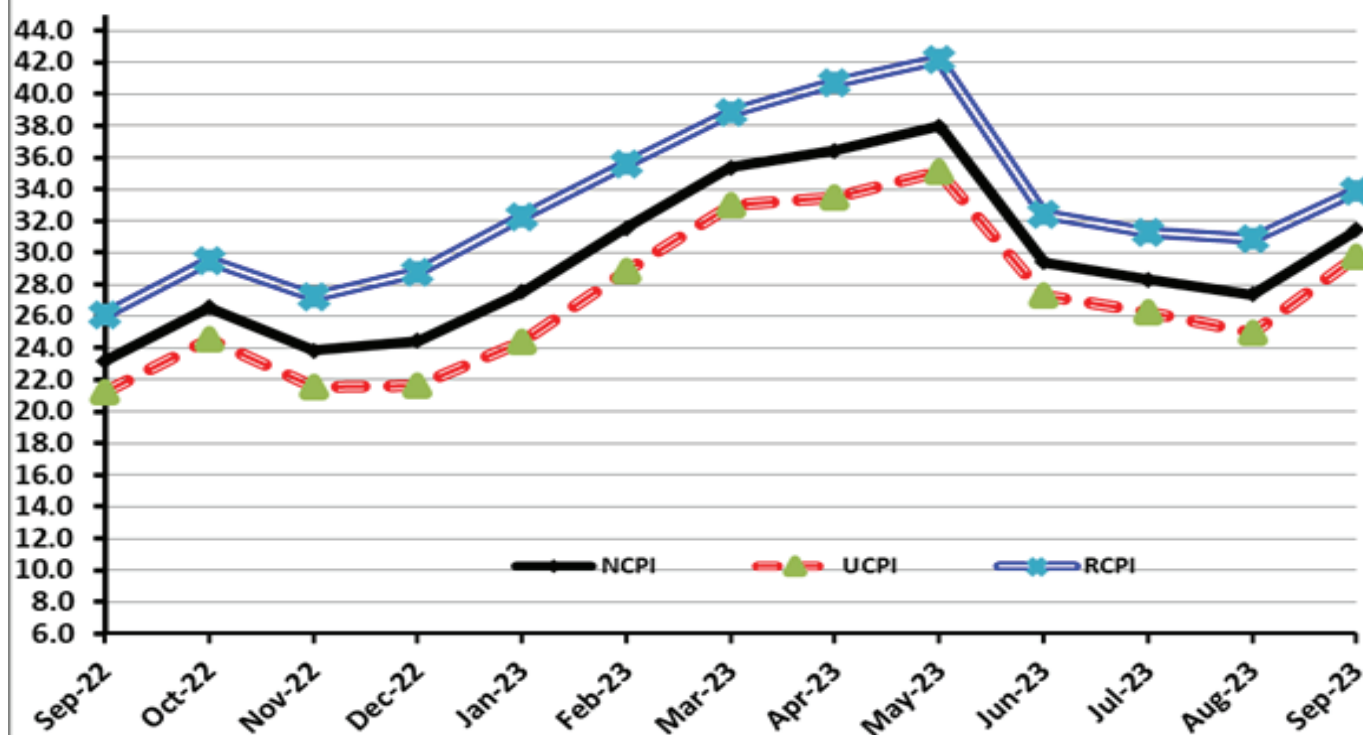


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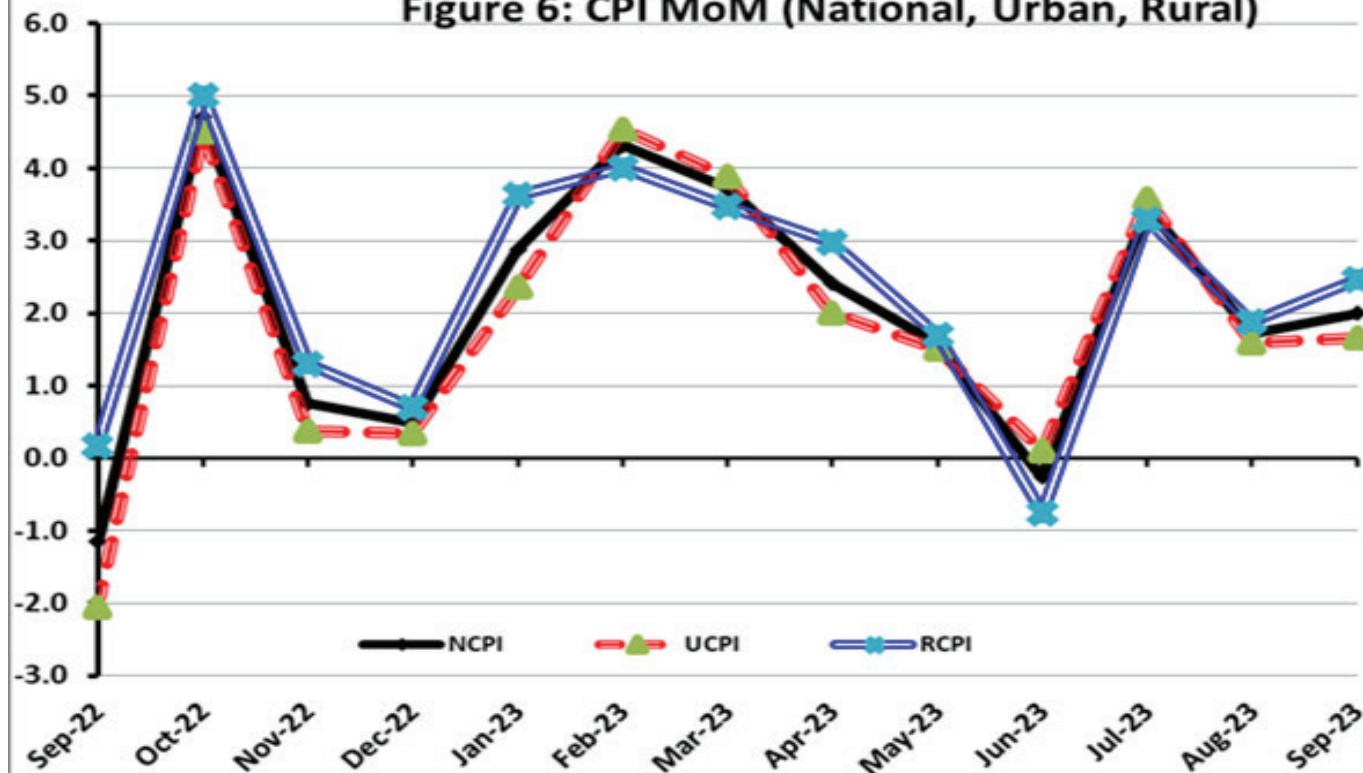




**Figure 5: CPI YoY (National, Urban, Rural)**



**Figure 6: CPI MoM (National, Urban, Rural)**





### EXPORTS FROM PAKISTAN

According to the provisional figures compiled by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, exports from Pakistan during August, 2023 amounted to Rs.695,136 million (provisional) as against Rs. 581,102 million in July, 2023 and Rs. 548,440 million during August, 2022 showing an increase of 19.62% over July, 2023 and by 26.75% over August, 2022.

Exports during July – August, 2023 FY2023-24 totaled Rs. 1,276,238 million (provisional) as against Rs.1,042,226 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 22.45%.

Main commodities exported during August, 2023 are given below: -

S.NO.	COMMODITIES	VOLUME
1	Knitwear	117,892
2	Readymade garments	83,447
3	Bed wear	74,081
4	Cotton cloth	47,002
5	Cotton Yarn	30793
6	Towels	25,567
7	Madeup articles (excl. towels & bedwear.)	18,377
8	Rice others	18,073
9	Rice Basmati	16,271
10	Meat and meat preparations	11,210

### IMPORTS FROM PAKISTAN

Imports into Pakistan during August, 2023 amounted to Rs. 1,330,458 million (provisional) as against Rs. 1,041,138 million in July, 2023 and Rs. 1,337,189 million during August, 2022 showing an increase of 27.79% over July, 2023 but decreased by 0.50% over August, 2022.

Imports during July – August, 2023 FY2023-24 totaled Rs. 2,371,596 million (provisional) as against Rs. 2,430,313 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 2.42%.

Main commodities imported during August, 2023 are given below: -

S.NO.	COMMODITIES	VOLUME
1	Petroleum products	180,628
2	Petroleum crude	119,438
3	Natural Gas Liquified	89,854
4	Palm oil	80,346
5	Plastic Materials	66,789
6	Electrical machinery & apparatus	48,536
7	Iron & Steel	47,489
8	Mobile phones	32,712
9	Iron & steel scrap	28,618
10	Medicinal products	24,592

### BALANCE OF TRADE:

Based on the provisional figures of imports and exports the balance of trade in August, 2023 was (-)635,322 million in terms of Rupees. The balance of trade figures cumulative from July - August, 2023 FY2023-24 were (-)1,095,358 million in terms of Rupees.

PERIOD	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	BALANCE OF TRADE
Sep, 2022	561,643	1,219,956	-658,313
Oct, 2022	525,782	1,010,474	-484,692
Nov, 2022	531,001	1,145,885	-614,884
Dec, 2022	517,240	1,156,237	-638,997
Jan, 2023	523,831	1,129,878	-606,047
Feb, 2023	583,659	1,049,355	-465,696
March, 2023	663,128	1,052,285	-658,313
April, 2023	608,239	849,474	-241,235
May, 2023 (P)	628,037	1,235,475	-607,438
June, 2023 (P)	675,280	1,209,177	-533,897
July, 2023 (P)	581,102	1,041,138	-460,036
August, 2023 (P)	695,136	1,330,458	-635,322





S.No	LIST OF EMPLOYEES RETIRED w.e.f 01.07.2023 to 30.09.2023					
	NAME	Designation	BS	"Date of Retirement"	Date of Birth	STATION
1	MUHAMMAD ABDUL MOIED	Technical Officer	16	11.07.2023	12.07.1963	Islamabad
2	KAMAL AKBAR	ACC	17	14.07.2023	15.07.1963	Karachi
3	WASEEM AHMED KHAN LODHI	SO	17	14.07.2023	25.01.1966	Islamabad
4	MUHAMMAD ASHRAF	APS	16	15.07.2023	16.07.1963	Lahore
5	UMAR GUL	SO	17	25.07.2023	26.07.1963	Rawalpindi
6	MIAN MUHAMMAD SHOAIB	SO	17	19.03.2028	20.03.1968	Islamabad
7	MUHAMMAD KHALID	LDC	9	05.08.2023	06.08.1963	Karachi
8	BASHIR AHMAD	Daftary	3	07.08.2023	08.08.1963	Quetta
9	MUSHTAQ AHMAD	LDC	9	31.08.2023	01.09.1963	Multan
10	AKRAM HAYAT KHAN	Data Entry Operator	14	06.09.2023	02.06.1964	Lahore
11	MUHAMMAD RIAZ	SO	17	08.09.2023	09.09.1963	Faisalabad
12	MANSOOR AKHTAR KHAN	Naib Qasid	3	09.09.2023	10.09.1963	Islamabad
13	IKRAM ULLAH CHATTHA	Cartographer	14	10.09.2023	11.09.1963	Lahore
14	MUMTAZ AHMAD KHAN	SO	17	20.09.2023	21.09.1963	Islamabad
15	SYED TAHIR HUSSAIN BUKHARI	APS	17	30.09.2023	01.10.1963	Islamabad
16	FATEH GUL	APS	17	30.09.2023	30.01.1966	Islamabad
17	TOUSEEF UL HAI KHAN	ACC	17	30.09.2023	23.03.1964	Islamabad

## DEATH DURING SERVICE

S.N	NAME	Designation	BS	"Date of Retirement"	Date of Birth	STATION
1	AFTAB AHMED ABRO	LDC (Expired)	11	25.07.2023	--	Larkana





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