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Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) is the prime official agency of Pakistan, responsible for collection, compilation and dissemination of reliable and timely statistical information to the policy makers, planners and researchers. It publishes a variety of reports, based on primary and secondary data, especially on economics and social aspects of the country.

PBS Visit of Ms. Tania Aidrus, Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Digital Pakistan and Dr. Faisal Sultan, PM Focal Person on COVID19

Ms. Tania Aidrus, Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Digital Pakistan has visited the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics on 22nd April 2020. Member RM/SS give detail presentation on PBS work and specially its digitization process and its implementation in different surveys.

It was informed that PBS has divided whole Pakistan to 168,944 blocks which are used for conduct of all census and Surveys and also by Election Commission of Pakistan. He informed that considered block level management for all activities will be highly beneficial for country, and comprises of 55,560 blocks PBS has already digitized all 616 urban areas keeping in view the fact that all boundaries of cities of Pakistan has been digitize with unique block boundaries. Further, digitization of rural areas is in progress. Mrs. Tania highly appreciated the PBS work.

Series of meetings were held and the detailed meeting was held with Ms. Tania Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Digital Pakistan and Dr. Faisal Sultan, PM Focal Person on Covid19 on 16th June 2020.



Briefing to Ms. Tania Aidrus, Special Assistant to Prime Minister on Digital Pakistan on GIS of PBS.

Member (RM/SS) presented the use of block information for COVID 19. He emphasized that this block level management can be effectively used for smart lock down for current ongoing pandemic COVID 19.

Both acknowledged the effort of PBS & ensured the use of PBS work not only COVID 19 but also in future for informed decision meeting.



Member (RM/SS) giving briefing to Ms. Tania Aidrus, Special Assistant to Prime Minister on Digital Pakistan and Dr. Faisal Sultan, PM Focal Person on COVID19 on Blocks of PBS.

Ongoing PSLM Activities

Android Based Data Collection of PSLM District Level Survey, 2019

PSLM district level survey 2019-20 one of the main mechanism for monitoring of SDGs covering 1,95,000 households all over Pakistan, has been successfully completed in field where for first time data was collected electronically through tablets. However due to spread of COVID 19 work was stopped in some areas (i.e. 8%) which are dropped from scope of survey. 92% field work completed. Data processing is in progress and 57% of data is cleaned.

PSLM/ HIES 2018 – 19 Survey

PSLM/ HIES 2018-19 provincial level survey was eleventh round of PSLM surveys since 2004 for monitoring of development plans at the provincial/ district level in the overall context of MDGs/SDGs. This survey in 2018-19 has been conducted on the basis of amended questionnaire thoroughly reviewed by a technical experts comprising of all key stake holders keeping in view SDGs. PSLM surveys (Provincial/District) monitors 30 SDG indicators out of 66 indicators monitored by PBS. One of the special features of this survey is the inclusion of new modules such as Food Insecurity Experience Scale (FIES) to assess Prevalence of moderate or severe food insecurity in the population, Module on information communication and technology (ICT) for reporting for global ranking and SDGs modules on Out of Pocket Expenditure by the household and detailed module on Water, Sanitation and Hygiene. **PSLM/HIES provincial level survey 2018-19 covers 24 SDG indicators.**

PSLM/ HIES 2018-19 provincial level survey results report has been approved and key finding report has been released along with micro data in April 2020, the same is placed on PBS website. Detail report of PSLM/HIES 2018-19 is prepared and in approval process which will be available shortly at PBS website.

It is worth mentioning that areas of erstwhile FATA have been included in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and in order to analyze the impact of inclusion of these areas the report provides statistics with or without



merged areas. Further, coverage of Balochistan province has also improved as only 15 areas have been excluded from scope of survey due to security reasons, unlike 2013-14, where 61 areas were dropped.

Meeting with Chief Election Commissioner of Gilgit Baltistan

June 09, 2020

A meeting with Chief Election Commissioner of Gilgit Baltistan was held on June 09, 2020 regarding provision of material/ Maps for delimitation of boundaries/ constituencies for upcoming election in Gilgit Baltistan. Mr. Muhammad Sarwar Gondal, Member (RM/SS) chaired the meeting and the detailed deliberation were made on matter, after that it was decided to provide the required information on urgent basis, for which secretary PD&SI have already accorded approval for timely conduct of elections in GB, the same was provided to them on 12th June 2020.



Mr. Sarwar Gondal, Member (RM/SS) chairing a Meeting with Chief Election Commissioner of Gilgit Baltistan held on June 09, 2020.

National Accounts Committee Meeting to review Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of Pakistan

May 18, 2020

The 102nd meeting of the National Accounts Committee to review the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) was held on May 18th 2020 in the Auditorium of M/O Planning, Development & Special Initiatives, P-Block, Pak Secretariat, Islamabad. The Secretary, M/O Planning, Development & Special Initiatives chaired the meeting. Provisional estimates for the year 2019-20 for Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and Gross Fixed Capital Formation (GFCF) have been prepared on the basis of the latest data available for

six to nine months and projected for the whole year while adjusting for the impact of COVID-19 followed by subsequent partial lock down in the country.

The provisional growth of GDP for the year 2019-20 has been estimated at -0.38%. The growth of the agricultural, industrial and services sectors is 2.67%, -2.64% and -0.59% respectively (Details are given in table).

GDP at Current Market Prices: GDP at current market prices has also been computed and stands at Rs.41,727 billion for 2019-20. This shows a growth of 9.9% over Rs.37,972 billion for 2018-19. The per capita income for 2019-20 has been calculated as Rs.214,539 for 2019-20 showing a growth of 8.3% over Rs.198,028 during 2018-19.

Table: Gross Domestic Product of Pakistan (at constant basic prices of 2005-06)

No	Gross Domestic Product of Pakistan	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
		(F)	(R)	(P)
A.	Agricultural Sector (1 to 4)	4.00	0.58	2.67
	1. Crops (i+ii+iii)	4.69	-4.96	2.98
	i) Important Crops	3.56	-7.68	2.90
	ii) Other Crops	6.26	2.59	4.57
	iii) Cotton Ginning	8.80	-12.74	-4.61
	2. Livestock	3.70	3.82	2.58
	3. Forestry	2.58	7.87	2.29
	4. Fishing	1.62	0.80	0.60
B.	Industrial Sector (1 to 4)	4.61	-2.27	-2.64
	1. Mining and Quarrying	7.80	-3.19	-8.82
	2. Manufacturing (i+ii+iii)	5.43	-0.66	-5.56
	i) Large Scale	5.12	-2.56	-7.78
	ii) Small Scale	8.17	8.24	1.52
	iii) Slaughtering	3.50	3.54	4.10
	3 Electricity generation & distribution and Gas distribution	-17.21	14.48	17.70
	4. Construction	10.83	-16.76	8.06
	Commodity Producing Sectors (A+B)	4.31	-0.90	-0.05
C.	Services Sectors (1 to 6)	6.35	3.75	-0.59
	1. Wholesale & Retail trade	6.57	1.10	-3.42
	2. Transport, Storage & Communication	1.90	4.63	-7.13
	3. Finance & Insurance	7.40	4.99	0.79
	4. Housing Services (OD)	3.99	4.00	4.02
	5. General Government Services	11.80	5.17	3.92
	6. Other Private Services	8.86	5.77	5.39
D.	GDP {Total of GVA at BP (A+B+C)}	5.53	1.91	-0.38

External Trade Statistics

May, 2020

Exports from Pakistan

According to the provisional figures compiled by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, exports from Pakistan during May, 2020 amounted to Rs. 223,536 million (provisional) as against Rs. 157,412 million (provisional) in April, 2020 and Rs. 305,303 million during May, 2019 showing an increase of 42.01% over April, 2020 but a decrease of 26.78% over May, 2019.

Main commodities of exports during May, 2020 are given below: -

Values in million Rs.

S.#	Commodity	Volume
1	Knitwear	28,962
2	Bed Wear	23,380
3	Readymade Garments	21,708
4	Rice others	20,079
5	Cotton cloth	15,731
6	Basmati Rice	13,128
7	Cotton Yarn	8,324
8	Towels	6,668
9	Fish & Fish Preparation	4,554
10	Made-up Articles (excl. towels and bed wear)	5,537

Exports during July – May, 2019 - 2020 totaled Rs. 3,106,723 million (provisional) as against Rs. 2,863,885 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 6.85%.

Imports into Pakistan

Main commodities of imports during February, 2020 are given below: -

Values in million Rs.

S.#	Commodity	Volume
1	Electrical Machinery and Apparatus	31,412
2	Iron and Steel	23,205
3	Palm Oil	21,591
4	Petroleum products	20,813
5	Power Generating Machinery	20,339
6	Iron and Steel Scrap	19,435
7	Plastic Materials	18,991
8	Mobile phones	17,778
9	Natural Gas Liquefied	17,285
10	Raw Cotton	16,535

Imports into Pakistan during May, 2020 amounted to Rs. 458,272 million (provisional) as against Rs. 526,880 million (provisional) in April, 2020 and Rs. 730,962 million during May 2019 showing a decrease of 13.02% over April, 2020 and of 37.31% over May 2019.

Imports during July – May, 2019 - 2020 totaled Rs. 6,421,012 million (provisional) as against Rs. 6,767,523 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 5.12%.

Balance of Trade

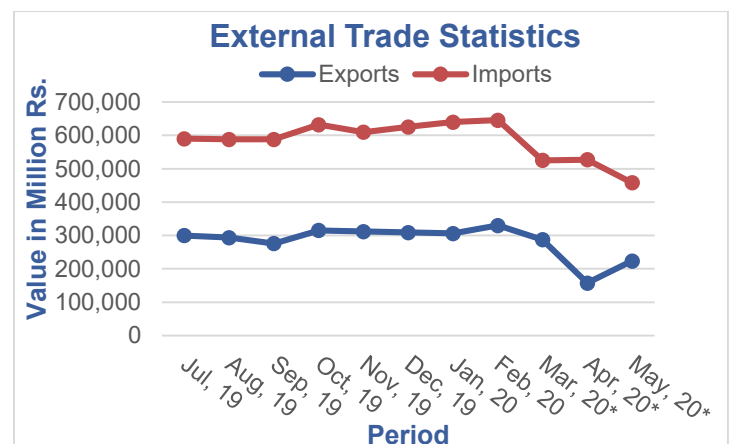
Based on the provisional figures of imports and exports the balance of trade in May, 2020 was (-) 234,736 million in terms of Rupees. The balance of trade figures cumulative from July – May, 2019 - 2020 were (-) 3,314,289 million in terms of Rupees.

Total Exports/ Imports

Values in Million Rs.

Period	Exports	Imports	Balance of Trade
Jul, 19	299,588	589,739	-290,151
Aug, 19	293,718	588,070	-294,352
Sep, 19	275,724	588,164	-312,440
Oct, 19	314,928	631,908	-316,980
Nov, 19	311,786	609,639	-297,853
Dec, 19	308,697	625,463	-316,766
Jan, 20	305,986	639,572	-333,586
Feb, 20	330,188	645,648	-315,460
Mar, 20*	287,411	525,410	-237,999
Apr, 20*	157,412	526,880	-234,736
May, 20*	223,536	458,272	-234,736

*Provisional Figures



PRICE STATISTICS

From Apr - Jun, 2020

Pakistan Bureau of Statistics is responsible for collection, compilation and preparation of retail / wholesale prices, as well as, computation of price indices. These indices are Urban Consumer Price Index (CPI), Rural Consumer Price Index (RPI),

National Consumer Price Index (NCPI) and Wholesale Price Index (WPI) on monthly basis along with Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI) on weekly basis being prepared and released on regular basis.

Table-1 gives the snapshot of month on month (MoM) and year on year (YoY) inflation rate of General, Food and Non-Food Groups for National, Urban and Rural CPI.

Table-1: Inflation Rate (%) (Base: 2015-16)

Month	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
Apr - 20	8.5	-0.8	7.7	-0.7	9.8	-1.1	10.4	-1.0	12.9	-1.7	6.2	-0.5	7.4	-0.5
May - 20	8.2	0.3	7.3	0.3	9.7	0.3	10.6	1.5	13.7	1.4	5.4	-0.4	6.4	-0.5
Jun - 20	8.6	0.8	7.6	0.7	10.0	1.0	12.9	1.8	15.2	2.0	4.7	0.0	5.8	0.1

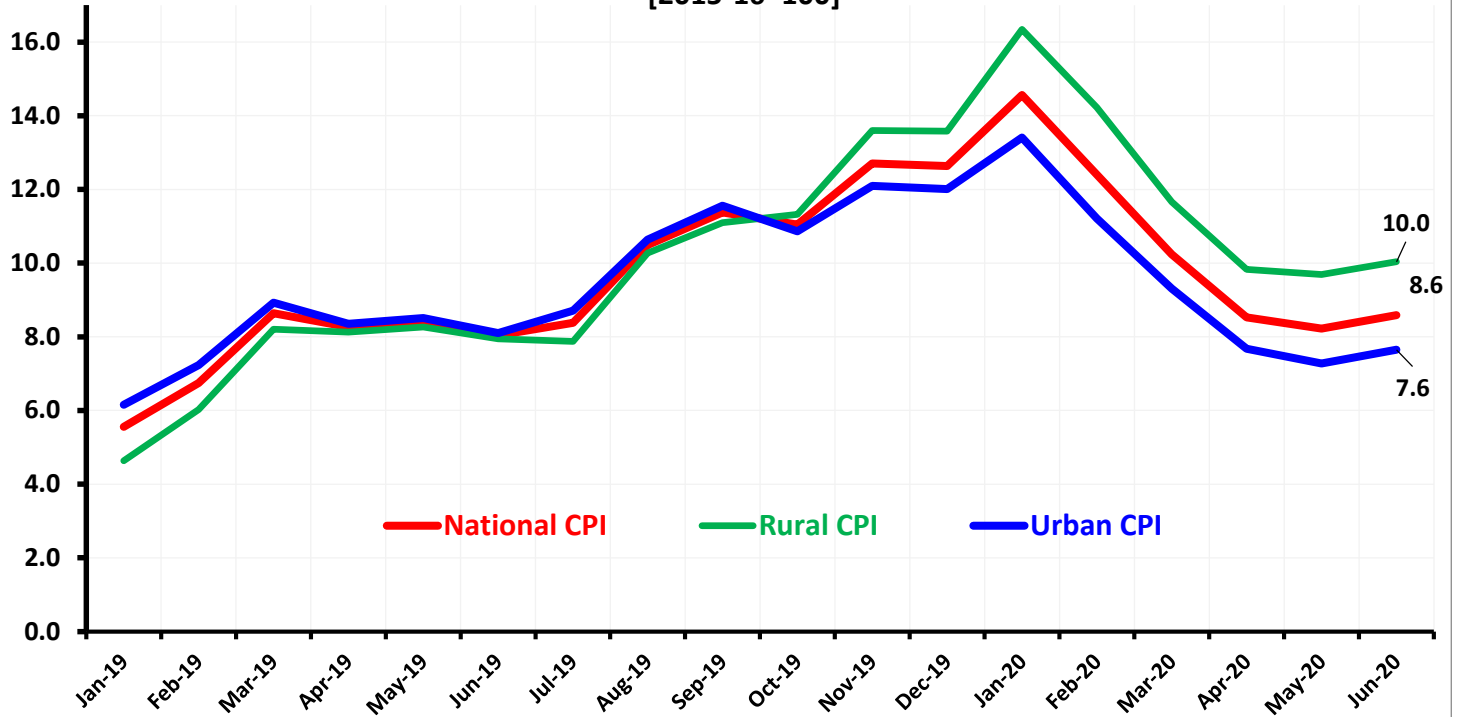
Cumulative Indices

From Apr - Jun, 2020

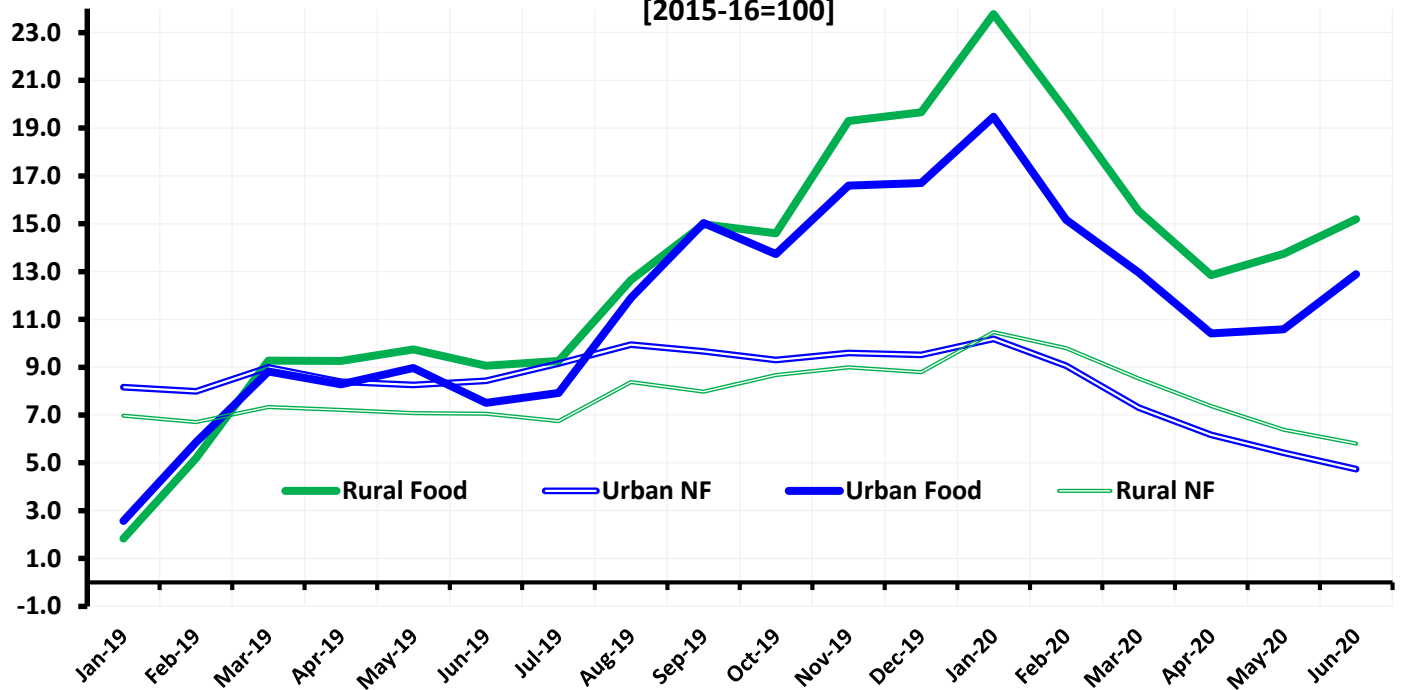
Table-2 indicates the cumulative indices along with percentage change for the twelve (12) major groups at national level.

Groups	NATIONAL (Base 2015-16)				BASE 2007-08			
	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change
		2020	2019			2020	2019	
General	100.00	129.76	117.18	10.74	100.00	263.15	236.81	11.12
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages.	34.58	129.59	112.24	15.46	34.83	275.72	242.62	13.64
Non-perishable food items	29.60	126.52	111.91	13.06	29.84	271.14	241.75	12.16
Perishable food items	4.99	147.82	114.23	29.41	4.99	303.07	247.80	22.30
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	1.02	135.80	112.26	20.96	1.41	434.10	345.33	25.71
Clothing & Footwear	8.60	129.56	118.13	9.68	7.57	286.85	260.88	9.95
Housing Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels	23.63	128.33	120.08	6.87	29.41	241.78	221.07	9.37
Furnishing & Household Equipment Maintenance	4.10	125.70	114.00	10.27	4.21	278.04	251.44	10.58
Health	2.79	136.81	122.92	11.30	2.19	256.81	235.29	9.15
Transport	5.91	138.71	125.31	10.69	7.20	232.44	211.50	9.90
Communication	2.21	106.84	103.27	3.46	3.22	145.91	141.29	3.27
Recreation & Culture	1.59	118.70	111.54	6.42	2.02	229.52	215.90	6.31
Education	3.79	141.90	134.74	5.32	3.94	306.05	289.97	5.55
Restaurant & hotel	6.92	127.78	119.10	7.28	1.23	331.93	302.04	9.90
Miscellaneous goods & services	4.87	132.96	118.86	11.87	2.76	311.91	276.48	12.81

Consumer Price Index - Year on Year Growth (%)
 [2015-16=100]



Consumer Price Index [Food & NonFood] - Y-o-Year Growth (%)
 [2015-16=100]



Annual Review Meeting on Price Statistics

The Annual Review Meeting of Price Statistics was held on July 2, 2020 at the Statistics House, Islamabad. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Bahrawar Jan, Member (National Accounts/Prices). He informed about the decision of the Competent Authority to discontinue the old base (FY. 2007-08) of Prices Statistics and to fully adopt the new base (FY. 2015-16). He congratulated the Price Statistics Teams involved in the field operation and at the PBS headquarter, Islamabad for successful implementation of (New) Base Year 2015-16.



Dr. Bahrawar Jan, Member (National Accounts/ Prices) chairing a meeting on Price Statistics held on July 02, 2020.



A Review meeting of Price Statistics chaired by Dr. Behrawar Jan, Member (National Accounts/ Prices).

Preparation of Census Reports for Publication

After successful completion of data processing activities of 6th Population & Housing Census – 2017, Report Writing Section (RWS) of PBS has started work for the preparation of Census Reports. The Report writing of National Census Report, Provincial Census Reports, Regional Census Reports and District Census Reports has been completed. However, composing of the said reports is in progress.

During April – June, 2020, composing of District Census Reports remained in progress. In addition to above, draft content of the Administrative Report of the Census – 2017 have also been prepared to get views of senior management of PBS for further course of action.

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Provisional Quantum Numbers of Large Scale Manufacturing Industries (QIM)

Mar, 2020

The provisional quantum indices of **Large Scale Manufacturing Industries (LSMI)** for **March, 2020** with base year 2005-06 have been developed on the basis of latest data supplied by the source agencies. The indices for July-March, 2019-20 along with percentage changes and growth impact by source are as follows:

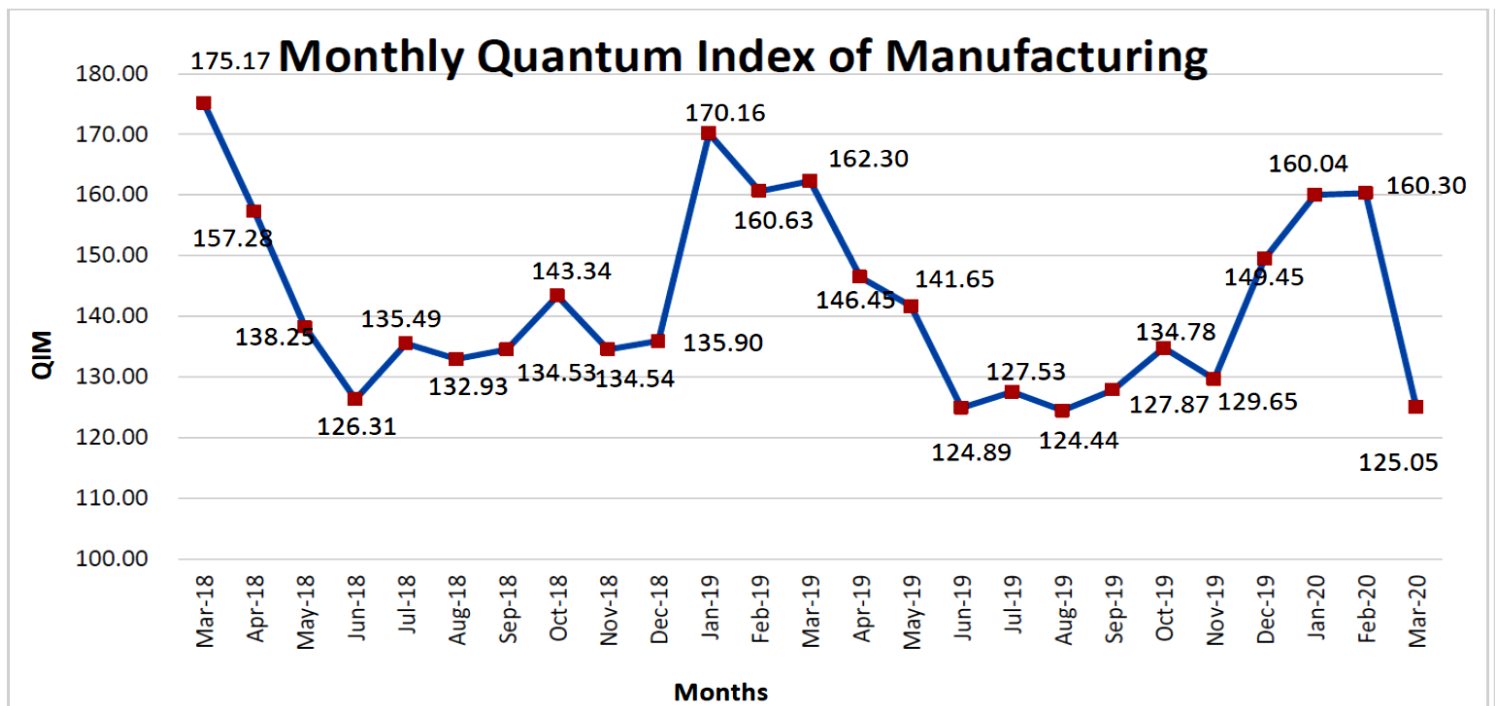
Source	Indices for July-January		% Change	Growth Impact
	2019-20	2018-19		
OCAC	92.78	112.40	-17.46	-1.04
Ministry of Industries	130.93	138.85	-5.70	-3.83
Provincial BOS	175.23	178.78	-1.98	-0.53
OVERALL	137.68	145.54	-	-5.40

The overall output of LSMI decreased by **5.40%** for July-March, 2019-20 compared to July- March, 2018-19.

The indices for March, 2020 along with percentage changes and growth impact by source are as follows:

Source	Indices			Growth Impact	
	Mar-20	Mar-19	Feb-20	MOM	YOY
OCAC	61.19	116.35	67.71	-0.31	-2.61
Ministry of Industries	117.77	159.27	162.95	-19.86	-18.02
Provincial BOS	171.00	188.27	184.35	-1.82	-2.33
OVERALL	125.05	162.30	160.30	-21.99	-22.95

The LSMI output decreased by 22.95% for March, 2020 compared to March, 2019 and 21.99% when compared to February 2020. Month-wise trend of QIM from March 2018 to March 2020 is given in the following graph:-



The sector showing growth during July – Mar 2019-20 compared to July – Mar 2018-19 are given below:-

Manufacturing Sector	Weight	(% Change 2018-19)		(% Change 2019-20)		YOY Growth Impact	
		Mar	Jul-Mar	Mar	Jul-Mar	Monthly	Cumulative
Non Metallic Mineral Products	5.364	-11.26	-4.93	-16.62	1.82	-1.80	0.20
Fertilizers	4.441	1.45	4.50	4.38	5.81	0.21	0.31
Leather Products	0.859	-0.10	-0.04	-31.49	4.96	-0.42	0.07
Paper & Board	2.314	2.87	-2.48	-1.85	4.23	-0.06	0.15
Rubber Products	0.262	8.93	3.74	-20.22	4.31	-0.09	0.02

The sectors showing decline during July-Mar 2019-20 compared to July-Mar 2018-19 are given below:-

Manufacturing Sector	Weight	(% Change 2018-19)		(% Change 2019-20)		YOY Growth Impact	
		Mar	Jul-Mar	Mar	Jul-Mar	Monthly	Cumulative
Textile	20.915	-0.33	-0.17	-26.00	-2.57	-6.03	-0.66
Food, Beverages & Tobacco	12.370	-15.05	-3.59	-20.55	-2.33	-5.61	-0.49
Coke & Petroleum Products	5.514	-9.65	-6.00	-47.41	-17.46	-2.61	-1.04
Pharmaceuticals	3.620	-8.33	-8.66	-6.47	-5.38	-0.49	-0.42
Chemicals	1.717	-5.67	-4.10	-11.91	-2.30	-0.23	-0.05
Automobiles	4.613	-18.67	-7.56	-49.45	-36.50	-3.05	-2.62
Iron & Steel Products	5.392	-16.96	-11.00	-16.44	-7.96	-0.56	-0.33
Electronics	1.963	79.71	39.90	-57.69	-13.54	-2.11	-0.54
Engineering Products	0.400	24.62	9.90	-35.52	-7.05	-0.08	-0.02
Wood Products	0.588	291.76	-8.24	-98.31	-22.11	0.00	0.00

The production in Jul-Mar 2019-20 as compared to Jul-Mar 2018-19 has increased in Non- Metallic Mineral Products, Fertilizers and Paper & Board while it has significantly decreased in respect of Textile, Food, Beverages & Tobacco, Coke & Petroleum Products, Pharmaceuticals, Automobiles, Iron & Steel Products and Electronics.

Retirements (April - June, 2020)

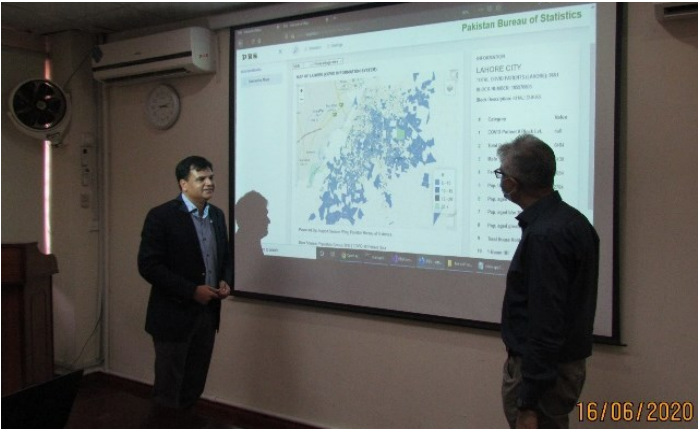
Atta-ur-Rehman, Deputy Director	21-04-2020
Mirza Zahid Ahmed Bhatti, DACC	03-06-2020
Khalil-ur-Rehman, DACC	24-06-2020
Khalid Jamil, Chief System Analyst	16-05-2020
Ghazanfar Mahmood, Statistical Officer	04-04-2020
Raja Muhammad Azad Khan, Statistical Officer	06-04-2020
Noor Din, Statistical Officer	11-04-2020
Muhammad Irshad, Statistical Officer	14-04-2020
Muhammad Bilal Bhatti, Statistical Officer	14-04-2020
Pervez Iqbal, Statistical Officer	01-05-2020
Akhlaq Ahmad, Statistical Officer	09-05-2020
Zaid Ullah, Statistical Officer	11-05-2020
Salahuddin Ghazi, Geographer	01-06-2020
Muhammad Bashir, Statistical Officer	05-06-2020
Muhammad Ali, Statistical Officer	06-06-2020
Muhammad Nawaz Shahid, Statistical Officer	09-06-2020
Abdul Saleem, Statistical Officer	13-06-2020
Naimat Ullah Qureshi, Deputy Assistant Director	03-04-2020
Laiq Ahmed, Assistant Private Secretary	23-06-2020
Mazhar Hussain, Head Draughtsman	11-06-2020
Syed Taqi Haider, Cartographer	30-04-2020
Muhammad Mufeez, Statistical Assistant	13-04-2020
Ghulam Rasool, Statistical Assistant	30-04-2020
Nisar Ahmed Bhatti, Statistical Assistant	12-05-2020
Muhammad Akram Saeed, Statistical Assistant	04-06-2020
Niaz Gul, Driver	02-06-2020
Muhammad Iqbal, Naib Qasid	24-06-2020



Group Photo of Mr. Sarwar Gondal, Member (RM/SS) and PBS officers with Ms. Tania Aidrus, Special Assistant to Prime Minister on Digital Pakistan after visit of PBS, Islamabad.



Group Photo of Mr. Sarwar Gondal, Member (RM/SS) and PBS officers with Ms. Tania Aidrus, Special Assistant to Prime Minister on Digital Pakistan and Dr. Faisal Sultan, PM Focal Person on COVID19 after visit of PBS, Islamabad.



Member (RM/SS) giving briefing to Dr. Faisal Sultan, PM Focal Person on COVID19 on Blocks of PBS.



Ms. Tania Aidrus, Special Assistant to Prime Minister on Digital Pakistan receiving souvenir from Member (RM/SS) after visit of PBS, Islamabad.