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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.

Brief to Mr. Asad Umar, Federal Minister PD&SI Regarding Digital Transformation and Evidence Based Policy Making

June 30, 2020

Mr. Asad Umar, Federal Minister for Planning Development & Special Initiatives (PD&SI) chaired meeting on the initiatives taken by PBS regarding “Digital Transformation” and evidence based policy making on 30th June, 2020. PBS officials briefed the Minister that PBS had actively perused the aim of shifting from manual data collection to electronic data collection and has achieved in-house capacity to develop Android Based data collection software, Mobile Apps and customized Dash Boards.



Federal Minister for Planning Development & Special Initiatives Mr. Asad Umar chaired a meeting on the initiatives taken by PBS regarding digital transformation & evidence based policy making.



It was further informed that PBS has developed a Decision Support System for Inflation (DSSI) which provides information about whole sale prices, retail prices, import/export and production in one window. DSSI would enable the policy makers to take evidence based policy decision and address the causes of inflation in the country. This system will be useful for National Price Monitoring Committee (NPMC), Provincial Governments, District Administration and Price Committees.



Federal Minister for Planning Development & Special Initiatives Mr. Asad Umar taking briefing from PBS officers.

The Federal Minister was further informed that after shifting from manual data collection system to electronically, now all major activities like Prices, PSLM survey & Labor Force Survey are being conducted electronically through tablet. Therefore PBS has also a Development Management Information System for Human Resource, Litigation and Survey & Census.

The Federal Minister appreciated the efforts under taken by PBS. He said that PBS has a vast repository of Census Data at Block level and easy and wide access to the data will be beneficial to all stakeholders. This system will help policy makers in making effective decision policy.

Visit of Secretary, PD&SI to PBS

July 12, 2020

Secretary, Ministry of Planning Development and Special Initiatives (PD&SI), Mr. Mathar Niaz Rana, visited PBS on July 12, 2020 and chaired a meeting. Mr. Sarwar Gondal, Member (RM/SS) briefed the Secretary about the activities of PBS and major initiatives taken by PBS during last two years regarding digital transformation. PBS officials briefed the Secretary about successfully conducted census and different surveys and the data will be disseminated to the policy makers and general public through Dash boards in a user-friendly manner.



Mr. Mathar Niaz Rana, Secretary, PD&SI chairing a meeting with PBS officers in committee room of PBS, HQ, Islamabad

Secretary, PD&SI appreciated the PBS efforts and said that reliable & timely data helps policy makers to take informed decisions and instructed for specialized research activities within PBS to provide the policy maker's evidence based information. He emphasized that PBS should complete all the bodies formed under the General Statistics Re-organization Act 2011 and should fillup all the vacant posts.



Member (RM/SS), PBS briefing to Secretary, PD&SI about activities of PBS

Meetings with Minister's Committee Regarding Finalization of Results Census-2017

Three (03) meetings of the cabinet committee for finalization of census 2017 results, with the Minister's were held in this quarter (July-September) on 15th July 2020, 13th August 2020 and 10th September 2020. Mr Ali Haider Zaidi, Federal Minister for Maritime Affairs chaired the all Meetings.



Mr. Ali Haider Zaidi, Federal Minister for Maritime Affairs chairing 02nd Census meeting with PBS officers

PBS briefed the committee regarding the Census results & issues, detailed deliberation were made in the second and third meeting (Deliberations are in progress for finalization of recommendations). Secretary, Parliamentary Affairs and Chairman, NADRA were specially invited in third meeting (As per decision of 2nd meeting to invite the other stakeholder for recommendations).

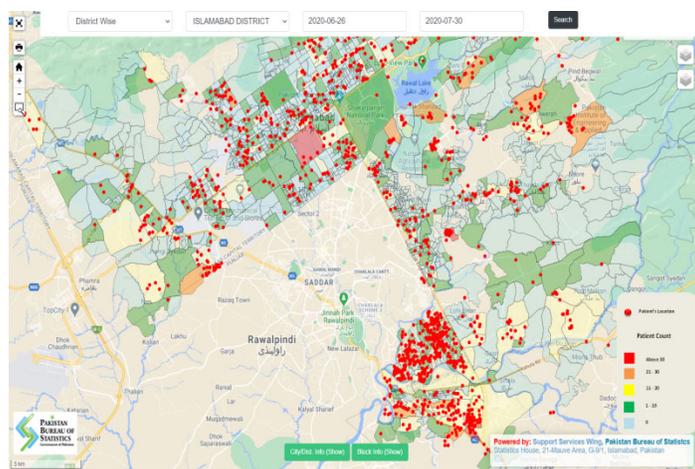


Mr. Ali Haider Zaidi, Federal Minister for Maritime Affairs chairing 03rd Census meeting with PBS officers

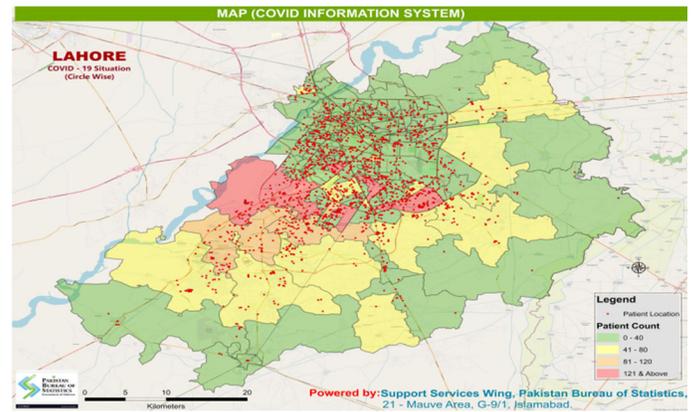
Initiatives of PBS during COVID-19

Role of PBS in Smart Lockdown Strategy during COVID-19

Pakistan like other countries also been affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic but the smart lock down policy adopted by Government helped to mitigate the effect of Pandemic successfully. A “testing, tracing and quarantining (TTQ)” strategy is being employed as part of strategy. “TTQ is aimed at identifying disease spread, focused clusters/hotspots to enable targeted lockdowns and need-driven resource optimization at all levels. The TTQ strategy has been formulated to keep the spread of the disease in check while different sectors open up. The TTQ strategy involves ramping up of testing, rapidly tracing the contacts of confirmed positive cases, and effective quarantining of positive and suspected cases. **PBS Being the National Statistical office and custodian of Frame of Pakistan (comprising of 168934 blocks) played lead role by linking the patient’s data (through geo coordinates) provided by National Emergency Operation Center(NEOC) with the digitized maps of the major cities of Pakistan at block level with corresponding Population and other characteristics collected through Population& Housing Census 2017 to give the clear situation of areas which are highly affected by COVID-19 for implementation of Smart lockdown methodology.**

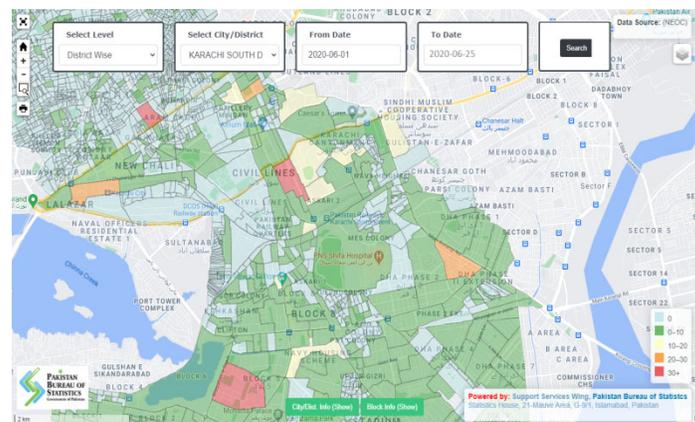


Digitized map of Islamabad showing Covid-19 patient's data



Digitized map of DHA Phase 4, Lahore showing Covid-19 patient's data

This approach was proved to highly effective and helped government to control spread of COVID-19 and Pakistan is termed as success story in world in controlling spread of Pandemic COVID-19 and also maintain the growth of economy. The same methodology is currently being use to impose micro lock downs in the country to for restricting the spread in smallest unit.



Digitized map of Karachi South District showing Covid-19 patient's data

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

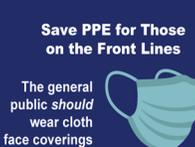


Wash Your Hands



Wear a Mask and Avoid Crowds

6 feet
Maintain distance



Save PPE for Those on the Front Lines

The general public *should* wear cloth face coverings



Follow Food Safety Guidelines



Donate Blood and Plasma



Report Fraudulent COVID-19 Tests, Vaccines and Treatments

Survey on Socio-economic impact of COVID-19 pandemic

July - September, 2020

World is currently under the challenge to cope with the effects of COVID-19 pandemic and implementation of country wide lock downs have affected the lives of the people and economies of many countries of the world. Pakistan is also currently trying to cope up with this global challenge, however it seems that economy of country will be shaken and its growth rate during may severely be affected due to closure of business and economic activities, decrease in Imports/ Exports, Foreign Direct Investment(FDI) and remittances which resultantly also increase unemployment & Poverty.

To access the socio-economic impact of COVID-19 on the wellbeing of the people and its future implications, government does not have any updated and representative nationwide data. Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS), being the National Statistical Organization (NSO) mandated to conduct Nationwide Census & Surveys has devised proposals to collect data for providing evidence for informed decisions to the Government/ Policy makers by studying the variables, Employment, Income, Remittances, Food Insecurity, Water, Sanitation & Hygiene, Assistance obtained from Government/ Non-Government organizations/ Philanthropy and Coping strategies adopted to tackle the shock.

This proposal was presented in consultative virtual meeting to all relevant stakeholders like FAO, World Bank, UNDP, WHO and Ministry of Planning Development & Special Initiatives (PD&SI) and matter discussed in detail. Accordingly Proposal for conducting short survey covering of 500 blocks is approved by the stakeholders. The survey has been approved by Secretary Planning Development & Special Initiatives (PD&SI). Necessary preparation for conduct of survey like Software preparation has been completed and field work will be conducted during the month of October, 2020. Results of said survey will be available by end of November 2020.

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. It is worth mentioning here that data processing work is completed despite of spread of COVID-19 pandemic. This becomes possible due to especially designed **“Work from Home Application”** for online data cleaning and data processing remained continued during July to August, 2020 and data has been cleaned as per approved guidelines. Data is being checked for consistency between and within sectors for preparation of tabulation. Therefore PSLM section will achieve targets for completion of report in time.

Mouza Census - 2020

July - September, 2020

Mouza Census 2020 activities stayed continued despite the COVID-19 pandemic. The data processing work has been completed, Tabulation have been prepared and also checked for consistency and the preparation of key finding report of Mouza Census 2020 is in progress and will be completed by the end of October, 2020.

Preparation of Census - 2017 Reports for Publication

July - September, 2020

The Report writing of National Census Report, Provincial Census Reports, Regional Census Reports and District Census Reports - 2017 has been completed. However, composing of the said reports is in progress under the supervision of Mr. Muhammad Bashir Janjua, Joint Census Commissioner, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS), Islamabad.

Small and Household Manufacturing Industries (SHMI) Survey 2015

SHMI is an important sector of the economy covering the manufacturing households & establishments employing less than 10 employees. Its contribution to economy is estimated to be around 2% of the GDP.

SHMI survey is designed to provide data for SHMI sector on key variables, including employment by type and gender, employment cost, industrial and non-industrial cost, indirect taxes, subsidies, value added and investment on fixed assets. Data is collected at 5-digit level using Pakistan Standard Industrial Classification (PSIC) V.4 2010.

First survey on SHMI was conducted in 1976-77 in urban areas of Punjab. Second, third, fourth and fifth round of SHMI Surveys were launched in 1983-84, 1987-88, 1996-97 and 2006-07, respectively. Current SHMI survey is the sixth round of the series which was conducted in urban and rural domain of the four provinces of Pakistan, excluding FATA, AJK, and Northern Areas & military restricted areas. A single-stage, geographically clustered sample design was used to produce nationally representative data. A total of 2917 Primary Sampling Units (PSUs) were sampled, 20 PSUs were dropped and 40973 units were enumerated.

Work from Home during COVID-19

The work of Small and Household Manufacturing Industries Survey (SHMI) was assigned to new team at the beginning of 2020. However, due to COVID 19, it was impractical to work at office. Therefore, a strategy to work from home was submitted keeping in view SOPs of Govt. of Pakistan, and after approval by the competent authority, work was assigned to all team members. Laptops with preinstalled software of PISIC & CPC provided by the DP center were used by the SHMI staff during editing coding of the assigned batches. This smart approach resulted in a successful and timely completion of long awaited project with certain limitations.

Review Meeting on Small and Household Manufacturing Industries Survey (SHMI) 2015

September 08, 2020

A Review Meeting on Small and Household Manufacturing Industries Survey SHMI 2015 was held on September 08, 2020. Dr. Bahrawar Jan, Member (National Accounts/ Prices) chaired the meeting. Officers of National Accounts were among the participants. It was decided in the meeting that work of SHMI may be completed within due time.



Dr. Bahrawar Jan, Member (National Accounts/ Prices) chairing a meeting on Small and Household Manufacturing Industries Survey SHMI 2015 held on September 08, 2020.

Milestone Survey: SHMI 2015 is a milestone survey as there is dearth of data on this important sector of the economy. Moreover, survey has been approved by both the Internal & External Technical Committees to enable PBS to publish results on SHMI at National level after the time lag of 24 years.

SHMI Review Team:

Review of SHMI survey, which was pending since 2016, was assigned to a team comprised of Mr. Rizwan Bashir, Director; Mr. Mehmood Ahmed Qureshi, Chief SO along with SO and 8 SAs. Team worked under overall control of Dr. Bahrawar Jan, Member National Accounts and completed review work and finalized results within stipulated time i.e. by September, 2020.

Labour Force Survey 2020-21

The labour force is the back-bone of every country and plays an important role in its socio-economic development as a whole. Unless characteristics of the population of a country are known, no planning can be conceived. Pakistan Bureau of Statistics has been conducting Labour Force Surveys (LFS) since 1963. The ongoing Labour Force Survey 2020-21 is 36th in the series. Labour Force Survey forms a regular feature of Pakistan Bureau of Statistics and is conducted on quarterly basis in selected sample areas covering both rural and urban population of Pakistan.

The major aim of the survey is to collect a set of comprehensive statistics on the various dimensions of country's civilian labour force as a means to pave the way for skill development, planning, employment generation, assessing the role and importance of the informal sector and, sizing up the volume, characteristics and contours of employment.

Labour Force Survey Section is carrying out first ever district level survey. The questionnaire and methodology of the survey have been undergoing pertinent improvements through the forum of "Panel on Labour Statistics" comprising all important stakeholders to keep current with best practices.

Method of Data Collection

Data are collected by direct interview method. Generally, the head of household is chosen to provide information about all members of the household. In case of his/her non-availability at the time of interview, information is collected directly from the responsible member of the household. The information collected however relates to the week preceding the date of enumeration. District wise data from 12 households from urban areas and 16 households from rural areas will be collected.

The training of tablet based data collection system (TDS) for labor force survey 2020-21 was imparted from 17th August, 2020 to 06th September, 2020 all over Pakistan.

Human Resource Training for LFS 2020-21 is at glance:

Province	# Regional/ Filed offices	# Officials	# Officers/ Heads/ Chiefs
Punjab	16	84	23
Sindh	8	56	11
KPK	5	36	8
Baluchistan	4	21	4
AJK	1	7	2
GB	1	4	1
Islamabad	HQ	6	3
Total	35	214	49
Users			298

Data Collection (Enumeration) has been started in the field and **1248 blocks** have been **assigned**, **656 enumerated** blocks have been **synched** to main Public server from **1802**.

Tablet Based Data Collection System (TDS) for Labor Force Survey 2020-21 (District Level)

The District Level, Pakistan Social and Living Standards Measurement Survey (PSLM) 2019-20 become our first digital success and also bench-mark for all future socio-economic surveys, those were conducted on paper. Tablet based Data Collection System (TDCS) for LFS 2020-21 is the 2nd survey, in-house developed system aspired to collect data of 105952 Households from 7208 Blocks throughout Pakistan.



Member (SS/RM) at PBS Provincial office Peshawar to address the participants of LFS 2020-21 training session

The prime objective of proposed transformation is switching to end-to-end electronic data collection and provision to the end user in a seamless manner with no human interference.



Group Photo of LFS Training participants at PBS, Karachi

LFS-2020-21 TDS System for data collection, House listing and supervisor Dashboard make it possible for enumerator to take survey and send data in minutes of hour.

This survey also provides the way or in short provides the platform towards automated survey management system an Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Solution Developed by Support Services Team, DP center. Labor force survey has different indicators regarding labor working in the industry, about the working conditions, literacy rate, demographic information, underemployment, employment and unemployment.

The salient features of TDCS making it more efficient, reliable and time lag saver are as follows:-

- **Executive Dashboard** has been developed to provide high level management to monitor human resources, performance and progress at regional/ field offices level, online status of data, and trends of indicators.
- **Monitoring Dashboard** provides high and middle level management to overall performance of the LFS 2020-21.
- **Supervisor Dashboard** has been designed to facilitate Heads/ Chiefs of Regional / Field offices to visualize subset/contribution of

sample for data collection, work distribution according to geo-coordinates / geographical situation of area.

Tablet-based Data Collection/House Listing Apps: Apart from foregoing, Android based Apps have been developed for enumerators to collect data in field.

Quality Assurance App: An independent App has been designed for Technical section to assure data quality of block and their households synced from field to HQ's centralized database Server.

Quality assurance App enriched with following key features:

- Role based access (Management, Supervisors and Editors)
- Secure deployment of App on Web
- Auto Validation rules at entry level
- Data Consistency checks
- Information Skipping Pattern
- Block-wise and household wise Data visualization
- Built in Error reports by Sector/Section wise
- Data quality reports (Editor wise, Block & household wise)
- Progress reports

Dashboard for management and supervisors of LFS Section has also been provided to check quality of work and progress. All work can be assigned by a customized interface and progress can be viewed by interactive reports in this App.



Director LFS visits online data cleaning center at HQ Islamabad

Automated Survey Management System (ERP Solution)

“Automated Survey Management System (ASMS)” is the idea of “Digital Pakistan” D.P center, Support Services Wing is in phase of shifting from conventional paper based to online tablet based data collection for all socio-economic surveys, this initiative can add immense value in a manner that would reduce time, efforts and costs besides improving efficiency, data accuracy & reliability.

Automated Survey Management System (ASMS) is a standalone and out-and-out dashboard for all socio-economic surveys, will be developed to help all level of management in human resource management, Online Data and field Monitoring and enable the management to fully utilize existing resources. ASMS will provide platform for Centralized Management of All Surveys. *LFS-2020-21 TDS System is part of this system.*

Features:

- Centralized Management
- Human Resource Management
- Work Progress Management
- Sample Size Information
- Heterogeneous Database Support (Sample & HURMIS)
- Interactive Indicator's (Education, health & water supply etc.) trend Reports of all surveys

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Review Meeting of External Trade Section

September 25, 2020

A Review Meeting of External Trade Section was held on September 25, 2020 in the Committee Room of Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, Provincial Office, Karachi. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Muhammad Sarwar Gondal, Member (RM/SS). The Chairman apprised the meeting about the role of PBS in smart lockdown. The chair also highlighted the steps taken for collection of price data using tablets and proactive role of Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) in policy making.

He further informed that tablets have also been used for data collection of PSLM and Labour Force Surveys.



Member (RM/SS), PBS chairing a meeting of External Trade Statistics held at PBS, Karachi

After the opening remarks by the Chairman, Mr. Shaukat Zaman, Director (External Trade), Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) gave a multimedia presentation on the activities of External Trade Section covering following points:-

- a. Issuance of Regular Trade Statistics with reduced time lag.
- b. Rebasing of Trade Indices
- c. Trade Statistics Management Information System (TSMIS)
- d. Compilation of trade statistics during COVID-19

External Trade Statistics

August, 2020

Exports from Pakistan

According to provisional figures compiled by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, exports from Pakistan during August, 2020 amounted to Rs. 265,605 million (provisional) in July, 2020 and Rs. 293,718 million during August, 2019 showing a decrease of 20.40% over July, 2020 and of 9.57% over August, 2019.

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

(Values in Million Rs).

S.#	Commodity	Volume
1	Knitwear	41,691
2	Readymade Garments	34,041
3	Bedwear	30,353
4	Cotton Cloth	24,375
5	Rice others	10,996
6	Towels	9,271
7	Cotton Yarn	9,159
8	Madeup articles (excl. towels & bedwear)	8,224
9	Basmati Rice	5,639
10	Surgical goods & Medical instruments	5,517

Exports during July-August, 2020 totaled Rs. 599,260 million (provisional) as Rs. 593,306 million during the correspondence period of last year showing an increase of 1.00%.

Imports into Pakistan

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

(Values in Million Rs).

S.#	Commodity	Volume
1	Petroleum Products	0,821
2	Petroleum Crude	40,331
3	Mobile Phones	26,562
4	Plastic Material	25,942
5	Palm Oil	24,618
6	Natural gas, liquefied	24,311
7	Iron and Steel Scrap	23,979
8	Power generating machinery	18,984
9	Electrical machinery and apparatus	15,060
10	Medical Products	13,750

Imports into Pakistan during August, 2020 amounted to Rs. 557,418 million (provisional) as against Rs. 612,663 million (provisional) in July 2020 and Rs. 588,070 million during August, 2019 showing a decrease of 9.02% over July, 2020 and of 5.21% over August, 2019.

Imports during July-August, 2020 totaled Rs. 1,170,081 million (provisional) as against Rs. 1,177,808 million during the correspondence period of last year showing a decrease of 0.66%.

Balance of Trade

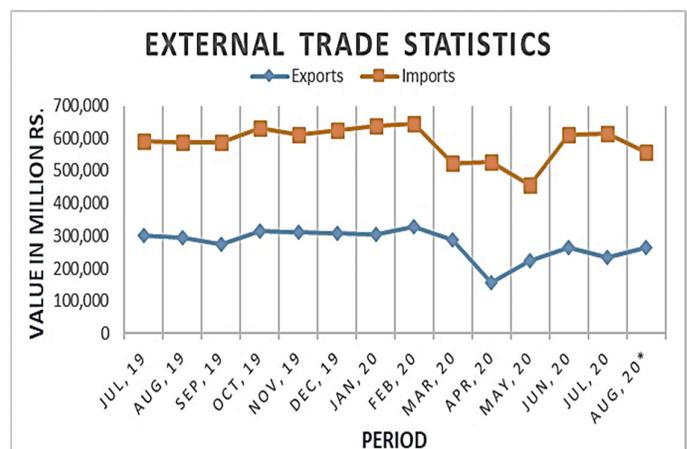
Based on provisional figures of imports and exports the balance of trade in August, 2020 was (-) 291,813 million in terms of Rupees. The balance of trade figures cumulative from July-August, 2020 were (-) 570,821 million in terms of Rupees.

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	308,032	622,709	-314,677
Jan, 20	305,001	637,326	-332,325
Feb, 20	329,588	642,896	-313,308
Mar, 20	286,847	524,074	-237,227
Apr, 20	157,075	526,448	-369,373
May, 20	223,512	457,399	-233,887
Jun, 20	263,985	611,449	-347,464
Jul, 20	233,655	612,663	-379,008
Aug, 20*	265,605	557,418	-291,813

*Provisional Figures



National Accounts

Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) compiles and publishes National Accounts of Pakistan i.e. Gross Domestic Product (GDP), Gross National Income (GNI), Gross Fixed Capital Formation (GFCF) and per capita income with 2005-06 as the reference/base year. These national accounts statistics are widely used by national & international agencies, economists, planners, academicians for research and formulation & evaluation of policies.

PBS has conducted a set of censuses/surveys/studies as part of Change of Base of National Accounts (CBNA) from 2005-06 to 2015-16 to reassess the contribution of various industries towards national GDP as well as other structural changes. For this purpose, the Secretary/Chief Statistician, PBS has approved the constitution of technical committee to review the results of surveys and studies carried out under the CBNA project with representation from Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives, State Bank of Pakistan, Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE), Islamabad, Quaid – e- Azam University, Islamabad (Department of Economics) and Independent experts of various industries.

The meetings of the Technical Committee were held in the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS), Headquarters, Islamabad from 23rd July 2020 to 15th September 2020. While some members participated physically following the COVID-19 SOPs, some members participated through ZOOM. The committee has reviewed the results of various census/surveys/studies conducted for the CBNA covering the entire economy of Pakistan i.e. Agriculture, Industrial activities and Services Sectors.



Appointments (Jul - Sep, 2020)

Name & Designation	Station
Mr. Naveed Gul, CSO	PBS, Mingora
Dr. Muhammad Adil, CSO	PBS, Islamabad
Ms. Kanwal Murtaza, CSO	PBS, Multan
Ms. Rumana Sadaf, CSO	PBS, Islamabad
Mr. Ali Dino, CSO	PBS, Larkana
Mr. Muhammad Raashid, CSO	PBS, Islamabad
Mr. Muhammad Sarfaraz, CSO	PBS, Islamabad
Ms. Nighat Naeem, CSO	PBS, Islamabad
Ms. Nida Kamilla, CSO	PBS, Islamabad
Mr. Muhammad Amir Khan, CSO	PBS, Bannu

Retirements (Jul - Sep, 2020)

Name & Designation	Date of Retirement
Khawaja Mazhar Jamal, Joint Census Commissioner (G)	17-09-2020
Mr. Abdul Kalim Bhatti, Statistical Officer	10-07-2020
Mr. Abdul Fateh, Assistant Census Commissioner	16-07-2020
Mr. M Waseem Siddiqui, Statistical Officer	31-07-2020
Mr. Muhammad Afzal, Statistical Officer	14-08-2020
Mr. Anwar Ali, Statistical Officer	15-08-2020
Mr. Mukhtar Ul Haque, Statistical Officer	17-08-2020
Mr. Kalim Ahmad, Statistical Officer	19-08-2020
Mr. Naeem-Ur-Rehman, Statistical Officer	31-08-2020
Syed Niaz Ahmed, Assistant Private Secretary	17-07-2020
Mr. Majid-Ul-Shahid, Steno-typist	Expired

Price Statistics

From Jul - Sep, 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 year on year (YoY) and month on month (MoM) inflation rate of General, Food and Non-Food Groups for National, Urban and Rural CPI.

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

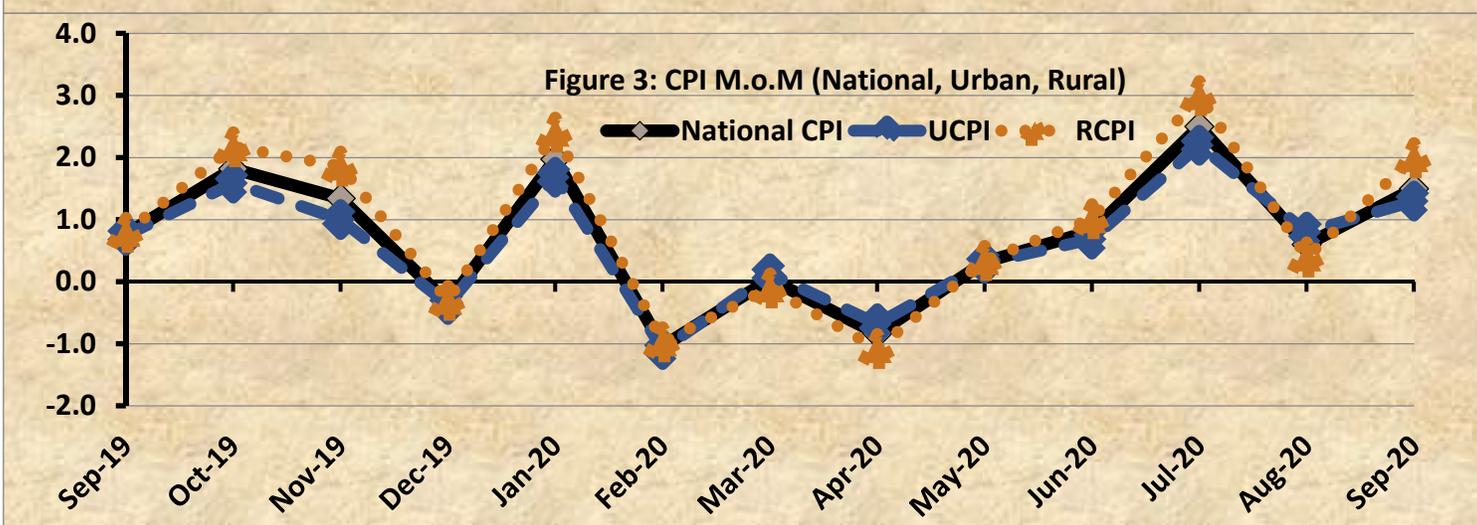
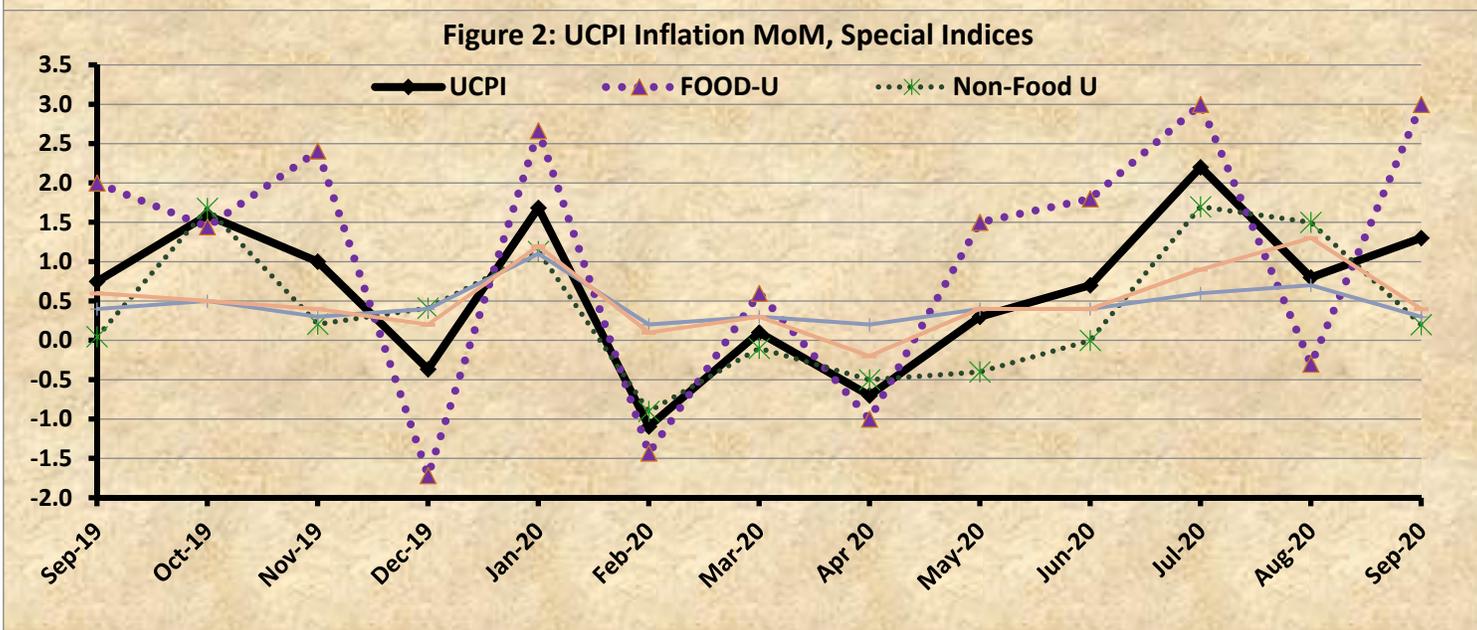
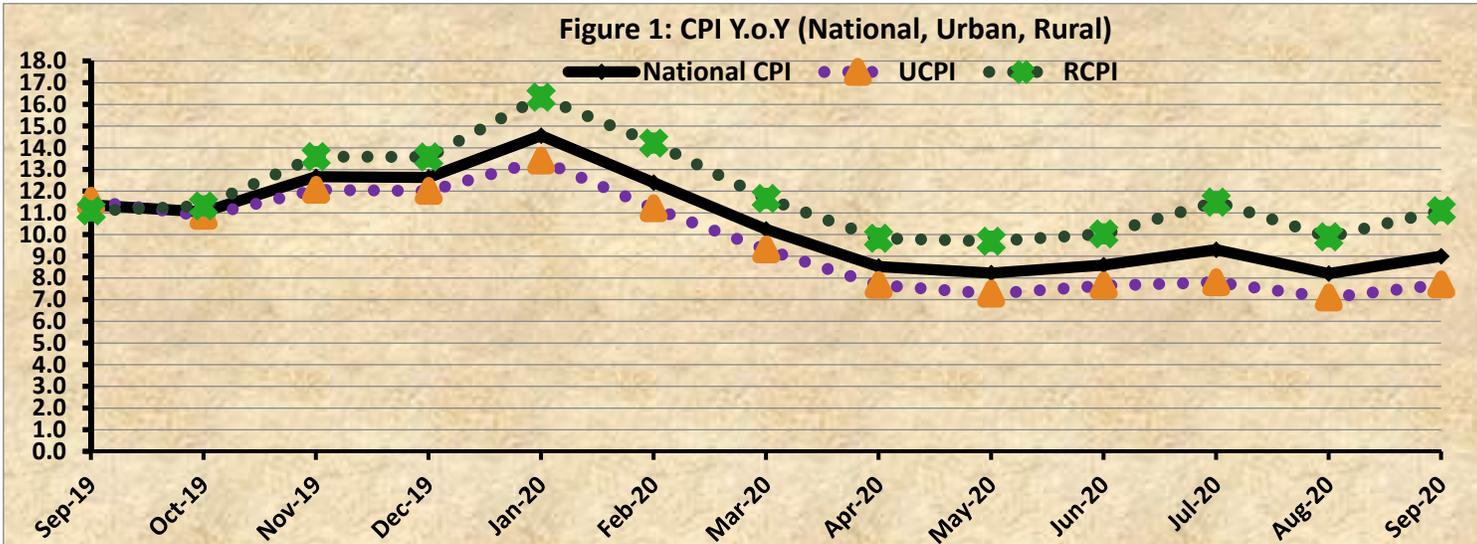
Month	General						Food				Non-Food			
	National		Urban		Rural		Urban		Rural		Urban		Rural	
	YoY	MoM	YoY	MoM	YoY	MoM	YoY	MoM	YoY	MoM	YoY	MoM	YoY	MoM
Jul - 20	9.3	2.5	7.8	2.2	11.6	3.0	15.1	3.0	17.8	4.0	3.9	1.7	6.5	2.2
Aug - 20	8.2	0.6	7.1	0.8	9.9	0.4	11.3	-0.3	13.5	-0.9	4.8	1.5	6.8	1.5
Sep - 20	9.0	1.5	7.7	1.3	11.1	2.0	12.4	3.0	15.8	3.8	5.0	0.2	7.2	0.3

Cumulative Indices

From Jul - Sep, 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)				URBAN				RURAL			
	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change	Weight (%)	INDICES		% Change
		Jul-Sep, 2020-21	Jul-Sep, 2019-20			Jul-Sep, 2020-21	Jul-Sep, 2019-20			Jul-Sep, 2020-21	Jul-Sep, 2019-20	
General	100.00	136.64	125.54	8.85	100.00	136.03	126.19	7.79	100.00	137.57	124.55	10.46
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages.	34.58	141.04	122.53	15.11	30.42	139.84	122.53	14.13	40.87	142.39	122.54	16.21
Non-perishable food items	29.60	138.89	120.39	15.37	25.97	137.18	120.07	14.25	35.08	140.81	120.75	16.62
Perishable food items	4.99	153.80	135.25	13.72	4.46	155.35	136.96	13.43	5.79	151.99	133.26	14.06
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	1.02	141.46	134.00	5.56	0.85	149.50	139.37	7.27	1.28	133.35	128.59	3.70
Clothing & Footwear	8.60	137.06	125.13	9.53	8.01	133.31	123.66	7.80	9.48	141.85	127.01	11.68
Housing Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels	23.63	131.68	124.94	5.40	27.03	133.28	126.39	5.45	18.49	128.16	121.72	5.29
Furnishing & Household Equipment Maintenance	4.10	131.49	122.06	7.72	4.09	130.74	122.79	6.48	4.10	132.61	120.96	9.62
Health	2.79	143.20	132.70	7.92	2.31	142.92	133.68	6.91	3.51	143.49	131.72	8.93
Transport	5.91	137.59	142.04	-3.14	6.14	138.01	142.51	-3.16	5.56	136.89	141.27	-3.10
Communication	2.21	106.98	106.65	0.31	2.35	108.22	107.45	0.72	1.99	104.77	105.24	-0.45
Recreation & Culture	1.59	121.58	117.18	3.75	1.73	119.42	116.41	2.58	1.38	125.67	118.65	5.92
Education	3.79	142.60	141.18	1.00	4.88	145.18	142.88	1.61	2.13	133.68	135.32	-1.21
Restaurant & hotel	6.92	134.16	124.31	7.92	7.41	132.81	123.66	7.40	6.19	136.59	125.49	8.84
Miscellaneous goods & services	4.87	144.40	128.36	12.50	4.77	143.43	128.81	11.36	5.02	145.80	127.71	14.16



PBS Participation in International Meeting Arranged by UN Women Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific

Focal point from Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, Mr. Rizwan Bashir, Director, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS), participated in zoom meeting held on 22.09.2020 arranged by UN Women Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific. The agenda of meeting was to walk through the participants the training material developed jointly by member countries, UN Women and SIAP. This included syllabus, PPTs, exercises, test questions, etc. as agreed during the discussions of the group. After discussions, it was decided that: The repository of experts should be finalized shortly. Further, certification process will be tested to provide certificates of participation (for those who are trained with the materials) and Trainer certificates (for those who complete ToT). It was agreed that UN Women will coordinate with SIAP on how to go about testing the certification process, and the possibility of organizing a TOT virtually (spread out through different days and by level of expertise). The TOT should also include knowledge on how to deliver training and how to keep the participant engaged. There should be a test at the end to test the trainer skills.



Director, PBS being focal point from Pakistan attending the zoom meeting arranged by UN Women

OIC STATCOM-9th Session

SESRIC, in its capacity as the Secretariat of the OIC Statistical Commission (OIC-StatCom), organized the 9th Session of the OIC-StatCom on 28 September – 1 October 2020 in collaboration with Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) Group through a video-conferencing platform due to the current COVID-19 outbreak. 95 participants from NSOs of 39 OIC

countries joined the 9th Session of OIC-StatCom. Representatives of 9 international and regional organizations, namely Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) General Secretariat, Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) Group, Islamic Organization for Food Security (IOFS), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Oxford Poverty & Human Development Initiative (OPHI), Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century (PARIS21), Statistical Centre for the Cooperation Council for the Arab Countries of the Gulf (GCC-Stat), United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UNESCWA), and United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) also attended and participated in the Session.



Ms. Rabia Awan, Director (PSLM) Participating at OIC STATCOM - 9th Session

The following topics were covered through the presentations of the member countries as well as relevant international organizations:

- Emerging Approaches for Strengthening Capacities of National Statistical Systems;
- Generating SDG Indicators from Population, Housing, and Agriculture Census Data;
- Monitoring and Reporting SDG 1 (No Poverty) Indicators; and
- Utilization of Non-Traditional Data Sources in Official Statistics.

Ms. Shabnum Sarfarz, Member Social Sector Planning, PD&SI and Ms. Rabia Awan, Director Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS), has attended the meeting. Ms. Rabia Awan Presented the Situation of Pakistan regarding “Monitoring and Reporting of SDG 1 (No Poverty) Indicators” and “SDG indicators reported through Population Census and Agriculture Census”.

PBS, Picture Gallery



Minister for PD&SI Mr. Asad Umarchaired meeting on the initiatives taken by PBS 30th of June, 2020



Mr. M. Sarwar Gondal, Member (RM/SS) welcoming to Secretary, PD&SI on visit to PBS



4th Census Meeting on 10-09-2020



Mr. M. Sarwar Gondal, Member (RM/SS) Chairing meeting with UNDP officials



Cabinet committee Meeting with Ministers on Census, dated 13th of Aug, 2020



Member (RM/SS) briefing to Secretary, PD&SI Mr. Mathar Niaz Rana on PBS Visit, Islamabad



Mr. Hasnain Ali Mirza, MPA, Sindh visited PBS and was given briefing on activities of PBS.



Mr. M. Sarwar Gondal, Member (RM/SS) meeting with SUPARCO



Member (RM/SS) chairing TDS, LFS meeting



First workshop of focal persons regarding revamping of website



A meeting with senior management of AIOU



Dr. Bahrawar Jan, Member (NA/Prices) chairing a meeting on SHMI Survey