

**GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
PAKISTAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

SENSITIVE PRICE INDICATOR (SPI) FOR THE WEEK ENDED ON 07.03.2024.

(To gauge inflation on weekly / short term basis)

Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI) is computed on weekly basis to assess the price movement of essential commodities at shorter interval of time so as to review the price situation in the country. SPI comprises of 51 essential items collected from 50 markets in 17 cities of the country.

Consumption Quintiles	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Combined
Week on Week change (%)	1.69	1.45	1.20	1.15	0.99	1.11
Year on Year change (%)	27.43	31.40	37.80	34.48	28.70	32.39

I. ANALYSIS OF WEEKLY SPI

- i.* The SPI for the current week ended on **March 07, 2024 increased by 1.11%**. Major **increase** is observed in the prices of Onions (33.86%), Potatoes (23.81%), Tomatoes (16.42%), Bananas (7.12%), LPG (4.43%), Eggs (2.66%), Petrol & Firewood (1.49%) each, Beef (1.38%), Mutton (0.50%), Cooked Daal (0.41%) and Long Cloth (0.27%).
- ii.* On the other hand, Major **decrease** is observed in the prices of Chicken (6.95%), Tea (1.29%), Cooking Oil 5 Litre (0.96%), Bread Plain (0.51%), Gur (0.40%), Garlic (0.39%), Pulse Masoor (0.26%) and Vegetable Ghee 1 Kg (0.23%).
- iii.* During the week, out of **51** items, prices of **14** (27.45%) items increased, **14** (27.45%) items decreased and **23** (45.10%) items remained stable.
- iv.* The year on year trend depicts **increase** of **32.39%**, Gas Charges for Q1 (570.00%), Tomatoes (176.55%), Chilies Powder (81.74%), Gents Sponge Chappal (58.05%), Wheat Flour (57.04%), Gents Sandal (53.37%), Onions (51.56%), Garlic (45.69%), Gur (44.94%), Sugar (41.69%) and Potatoes (39.08%) while **decrease** is observed in the prices of Vegetable Ghee 1 Kg (20.15%), Cooking Oil 5 Litre (19.53%), Bananas (17.95%), Mustard Oil (16.20%), Vegetable Ghee 2.5 Kg (16.04%), LPG (4.20%), Chicken (1.51%) and Cigarettes (0.05%).

II. Current week over previous week (WoW) (07.03.2024 over 29.02.2024) showing 1.11% change.

i. **(Major) Increased Items (percentage)**

Food Items	%	Food Items	%	Non Food Items	%
Onions	33.86	Eggs	2.66	LPG	4.43
Potatoes	23.81	Beef	1.38	Firewood	1.49
Tomatoes	16.42	Mutton	0.50	Petrol	1.49
Bananas	7.12	Cooked Daal	0.41	Long Cloth	0.27

ii. **(Major) Decreased Items (percentage)**

Food Items	%	Food Items	%	Non Food Items	%
Chicken	-6.95	Gur	-0.40	Nil	
Tea Lipton	-1.29	Garlic	-0.39		
Cooking Oil 5 Litre	-0.96	Pulse Masoor	-0.26		
Bread plain	-0.51	Vegetable Ghee 1 kg	-0.23		

III. Current week over corresponding week (YoY) (07.03.2024 over 09.03.2023) showing 32.39% change.

i. **(Major) Increased Items (percentage)**

Food Items	%	Food Items	%	Non Food Items	%
Tomatoes	176.55	Garlic	45.69	Gas Charges for Q1	570.00
Chilies Powder	81.74	Gur	44.94	Gents Sponge Chappal	58.05
Wheat Flour	57.04	Sugar	41.69	Gents Sandal	53.37
Onions	51.56	Potatoes	39.08	Shirting	30.96

ii. **Decreased Items (percentage)**

Food Items	%	Food Items	%	Non Food Items	%
Vegetable Ghee 1 kg	-20.15	Mustard Oil	-16.20	LPG	-4.20
Cooking Oil 5 Litre	-19.53	Vegetable Ghee 2.5 kg	-16.04	Cigarettes	-0.05
Bananas	-17.95	Chicken	-1.51		

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Subject: Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI) for the week ended on 07-03-2024.

The weekly SPI with base 2015-16=100 covering 17 urban centres and 51 essential items for all expenditure groups/quintiles and combined has been computed.

2. For the week ended on March 07, 2024, the SPI and percentage changes by Consumption groups/quintiles and combined are given below:

SPI (51 items) 2015-16=100					
Expenditure Group (Quintile)	SPI for week ended on			% change over	
	07-03-2024	29-02-24	09-03-23	29-02-24	09-03-23
Q1 (Upto Rs. 17,732)	317.18	311.92	248.90	1.69	27.43
Q2 (Rs. 17,733 - 22,888)	315.41	310.90	240.04	1.45	31.40
Q3 (Rs. 22,889 - 29,517)	335.48	331.49	243.45	1.20	37.80
Q4 (Rs. 29,518 - 44,175)	322.36	318.71	239.71	1.15	34.48
Q5 (Above Rs. 44,175)	320.70	317.55	249.18	0.99	28.70
Combined	322.86	319.30	243.87	1.11	32.39

3. The trend of weekly SPI with base 2015-16=100 during the last 10 weeks as compared to the respective previous as well as corresponding weeks of last year is as under:

SPI (51 items) 2015-16=100						
Week ended on	SPI for lowest expenditure group	% change over		Combined SPI	% change over	
		Pr. Week	Cor. Week		Pr. Week	Cor. Week
04-01-2024	308.53	0.81	35.33	313.66	0.81	42.86
11-01-2024	312.23	1.20	36.06	317.92	1.36	44.16
18-01-2024	314.12	0.61	37.23	319.00	0.34	44.64
25-01-2024	313.09	-0.33	36.23	318.55	-0.14	43.79
01-02-2024	310.42	-0.85	32.79	317.65	-0.28	39.45
08-02-2024	310.42	0.00	32.88	317.65	0.00	39.22
15-02-2024	307.99	-0.78	28.68	315.18	-0.78	34.25
22-02-2024	307.73	-0.08	25.53	315.31	0.04	30.68
29-02-2024	311.92	1.36	27.35	319.30	1.27	32.73
07-03-2024	317.18	1.69	27.43	322.86	1.11	32.39

4. A statement showing citywise prices of essential items pertaining to 17 urban centres is placed at Appendix-A.

5 The comparative changes in prices i.e. increase, decrease and unchanged for the week ended on 07-03-2024 over previous and corresponding weeks ended on 29-02-2024 and 09-03-2023 respectively are as follows:

Sr.	Items	Units	Prices in Rs. on			%change col. 3 over		Weight of expenditure group in %		Impact of expenditure group in % points	
			07.03.24	29.02.24	09.03.23	29.02.24	09.03.23	Lowest	Combined	Lowest	Combined
1		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
i. Average prices of the following 14 items registered INCREASE.											
1	Onions	1 Kg	238.30	178.02	157.23	33.86	51.56	2.6815	1.6822	1.2851	0.7876
2	Potatoes	1 Kg	69.47	56.11	49.95	23.81	39.08	2.2955	1.2157	0.3277	0.1696
3	Tomatoes	1 Kg	136.59	117.33	49.39	16.42	176.55	1.4395	0.9816	0.1239	0.0826
4	Bananas (Kela) Local	1 Dozen	153.76	143.54	187.39	7.12	-17.95	0.7124	0.9413	0.0248	0.0320
5	LPG 11.67 kg Cylinder	Each	3300.07	3160.11	3444.89	4.43	-4.20	0.6145	1.4370	0.0384	0.0878
6	Eggs Hen (Farm)	1 Dozen	258.63	251.92	244.69	2.66	5.70	1.1780	1.4424	0.0440	0.0527
7	Petrol Super	Per Litre	280.79	276.66	267.96	1.49	4.79	1.4673	6.7018	0.0263	0.1171
8	Firewood Whole	40 Kg	1190.82	1173.34	1092.15	1.49	9.03	5.0813	1.1969	0.0214	0.0049
9	Beef with Bone (Average Quality)	1 Kg	865.86	854.10	705.41	1.38	22.75	2.4988	3.3533	0.0367	0.0481
10	Mutton (Average Quality)	1 Kg	1775.80	1766.97	1477.08	0.50	20.22	0.5498	2.4387	0.0024	0.0105
11	Cooked Daal at Average Hotel	Per Plate	144.94	144.35	120.87	0.41	19.91	1.3118	1.3014	0.0040	0.0039
12	Long Cloth 57" Gul Ahmed/AI Karam	1 mtr	574.09	572.57	481.81	0.27	19.15	4.2221	3.9577	0.0028	0.0025
13	Mustard Oil (Average Quality)	1 Kg	498.73	497.88	595.16	0.17	-16.20	0.0216	0.0341	0.0000	0.0000
14	Pulse Mash (Washed)	1 Kg	544.23	543.90	419.56	0.06	29.71	0.2855	0.3269	-0.0013	-0.0015
TOTAL								24.3596	27.0110	1.9362	1.3977
ii. Average prices of the following 14 items registered DECREASE.											
1	Chicken Farm Broiler (Live)	1 Kg	422.91	454.51	429.41	-6.95	-1.51	2.9269	3.8681	-0.1704	-0.2200
2	Tea Lipton Yellow Label 190 gm Packet	Each	544.71	551.84	428.44	-1.29	27.14	3.1478	2.3913	-0.0073	-0.0054
3	Cooking Oil DALDA or Other Similar Brand (SN)	Each	2678.74	2704.76	3328.73	-0.96	-19.53	2.1480	3.1260	-0.0090	-0.0127
4	Bread plain (Small Size)	Each	114.79	115.38	101.11	-0.51	13.53	0.1041	0.5698	-0.0004	-0.0020
5	Gur (Average Quality)	1 Kg	207.09	207.92	142.88	-0.40	44.94	0.2341	0.1075	-0.0003	-0.0001
6	Garlic (Lehsun)	1 Kg	595.60	597.93	408.82	-0.39	45.69	0.6807	0.5795	-0.0276	-0.0230
7	Pulse Masoor (Washed)	1 Kg	335.74	336.61	283.40	-0.26	18.47	0.6545	0.4608	-0.0010	-0.0007
8	Vegetable Ghee DALDA/HABIB or Other super	Each	498.57	499.74	624.38	-0.23	-20.15	3.2833	1.4648	-0.0039	-0.0017
9	Vegetable Ghee DALDA/HABIB 2.5 kg Tin	Each	1301.09	1303.58	1549.57	-0.19	-16.04	3.2833	1.4648	-0.0034	-0.0015
10	Pulse Gram	1 Kg	260.31	260.73	258.84	-0.16	0.57	0.7967	0.4711	-0.0002	-0.0001
11	Rice Basmati Broken (Average Quality)	1 Kg	224.72	224.98	181.63	-0.12	23.72	2.9610	1.2636	-0.0042	-0.0018
12	Rice IRRI-6/9 (Sindh/Punjab)	1 Kg	169.74	169.95	133.75	-0.12	26.91	0.5922	0.1671	-0.0007	-0.0002
13	Wheat Flour Bag	20 Kg	2786.97	2788.68	1774.70	-0.06	57.04	6.1372	3.9725	-0.0084	-0.0053
14	Sugar Refined	1 Kg	145.93	145.99	102.99	-0.04	41.69	5.1148	3.1584	-0.0146	-0.0088
TOTAL								32.0646	23.0653	-0.2512	-0.2833
iii. Average prices of the following 23 items remained UNCHANGED											
1	Milk fresh (Un-boiled)	1 Ltr	185.55	185.55	159.26	0.00	16.51	17.5449	18.3937	0.0000	0.0000
2	Curd (Dahi) Loose	1 Kg	217.50	217.50	184.99	0.00	17.57	0.7366	1.8181	0.0000	0.0000
3	Powdered Milk NIDO 390 gm Polybag	Each	823.47	823.47	680.41	0.00	21.03	0.0803	0.3817	0.0000	0.0000
4	Pulse Moong (Washed)	1 Kg	311.77	311.77	284.20	0.00	9.70	0.8715	0.4816	0.0000	0.0000
5	Salt Powdered (NATIONAL/SHAN) 800 gm Packet	Each	69.23	69.23	50.30	0.00	37.63	0.2844	0.2279	0.0000	0.0000
6	Chilies Powder NATIONAL 200 gm Packet	Each	400.00	400.00	220.09	0.00	81.74	1.3896	0.8454	0.0000	0.0000
7	Cooked Beef at Average Hotel	Per Plate	276.24	276.24	232.54	0.00	18.79	0.5033	1.0497	0.0000	0.0000
8	Tea Prepared Ordinary	Per Cup	59.03	59.03	46.86	0.00	25.97	2.5003	2.3564	0.0000	0.0000
9	Cigarettes Capstan 20'S Packet	Each	221.80	221.80	221.91	0.00	-0.05	1.6170	1.0931	0.0000	0.0000
10	Shirting (Average Quality)	1 mtr	420.62	420.62	321.17	0.00	30.96	0.0317	0.1010	0.0000	0.0000
11	Lawn Printed Gul Ahmed/AI Karam	1 mtr	558.92	558.92	478.28	0.00	16.86	2.3442	2.1473	0.0000	0.0000
12	Georgette (Average Quality)	1 mtr	265.09	265.09	217.84	0.00	21.69	0.7584	0.9024	0.0000	0.0000
13	Gents Sandal Bata	Pair	2299.00	2299.00	1499.00	0.00	53.37	0.6350	0.5122	0.0000	0.0000
14	Gents Sponge Chappal Bata	Pair	599.00	599.00	379.00	0.00	58.05	0.2110	0.1640	0.0000	0.0000
15	Ladies Sandal Bata	Pair	799.00	799.00	699.00	0.00	14.31	0.9919	1.0148	0.0000	0.0000
16	Electricity Charges for Q1	Per Unit	7.40	7.40	6.47	0.00	14.37	8.3627	12.9291	0.0000	0.0000
17	Gas Charges for Q1	MMBTU	1976.50	1976.50	295.00	0.00	570.00	2.0674	3.0667	0.0000	0.0000
18	Energy Saver Philips 14 Watt	Each	370.40	370.40	285.25	0.00	29.85	0.2495	0.3374	0.0000	0.0000
19	Sufi Washing Soap 250 gm Cake	Each	128.70	128.70	117.24	0.00	9.77	1.1178	0.5917	0.0000	0.0000
20	Match Box	Each	6.18	6.18	4.99	0.00	23.85	0.3495	0.1969	0.0000	0.0000
21	Hi-Speed Diesel	Per Litre	288.40	288.39	280.85	0.00	2.69	0.0114	0.0874	0.0000	0.0000
22	Telephone Call Charges	Per Minu	1.79	1.79	1.79	0.00	0.00	0.0645	0.5468	0.0000	0.0000
23	Toilet Soap LIFEBOUY 115 gm	Each	110.39	110.39	89.74	0.00	23.01	0.8529	0.6784	0.0000	0.0000
TOTAL								43.5758	49.9237	0.0000	0.0000

6. Monthly Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI).

PERIOD	SPI - Q1 (lowest Consumption Quintile)	Percentage change over previous month	Percentage Change over corresponding month of previous year
2021-22			
July	162.25	1.80	16.17
August	163.39	0.70	15.92
September	167.83	2.72	16.63
October	171.43	2.15	15.25
November	177.57	3.58	18.09
December	176.81	-0.43	20.86
January	175.42	-0.79	20.90
February	177.64	1.27	18.70
March	178.78	0.64	13.02
April	181.42	1.48	14.22
May	182.59	0.64	14.05
June	193.89	6.19	21.65
2022-23			
July	207.98	7.27	28.18
August	218.89	5.25	33.97
September	215.79	-1.42	28.58
October	212.62	-1.47	24.03
November	225.61	6.11	27.05
December	225.95	0.15	27.79
January	229.00	1.35	30.54
February	237.38	3.66	33.63
March	251.08	5.77	40.44
April	257.86	2.70	42.13
May	261.09	1.25	42.99
June	261.60	0.20	34.92
2023-24			
July	268.96	2.81	29.32
August	280.03	4.12	27.93
September	284.84	1.72	32.00
October	285.28	0.15	34.17
November	294.70	3.30	30.62
December	305.76	3.75	35.32
January	311.93	2.02	36.21
February	309.48	-0.79	30.37

7. Quarterly Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI).

PERIOD	SPI - Q1 (lowest Consumption Quintile)	Percentage change over previous quarter	Percentage Change over corresponding quarter of previous year
2021-22			
1st quarter (Jul-Sep)	164.49	3.17	16.24
2nd quarter (Oct-Dec)	175.27	6.55	18.05
3rd quarter (Jan-Mar)	177.28	1.15	17.43
4th quarter (Apr-June)	185.97	4.90	16.64
2022-23			
1st quarter (Jul-Sep)	214.22	15.19	30.23
2nd quarter (Oct-Dec)	221.39	3.35	26.31
3rd quarter (Jan-Mar)	239.15	8.02	34.90
4th quarter (Apr-June)	260.18	8.79	39.90
2023-24			
1st quarter (Jul-Sep)	277.94	6.83	29.75
2nd quarter (Oct-Dec)	295.25	6.23	33.36

8. Half yearly Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI).

PERIOD	SPI - Q1 (lowest Consumption Quintile)	Percentage change over previous Half year	Percentage Change over corresponding Half year of previous year
2022-23			
1st half (Jul-Dec)	217.81	19.93	28.21
2nd half (Jan-June)	249.67	14.63	37.47
2023-24			
1st half (Jul-Dec)	290.21	16.24	33.24

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