

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

SENSITIVE PRICE INDICATOR (SPI) FOR THE WEEK ENDED ON 14.03.2024.

(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 (%)	0.91	0.86	1.25	1.41	1.55	1.35
Year on Year change (%)	27.83	31.66	38.45	35.26	28.90	32.89

I. ANALYSIS OF WEEKLY SPI

- i.* The SPI for the current week ended on **March 14, 2024 increased by 1.35%**. Major **increase** is observed in the prices of Tomatoes (21.96%), Bananas (21.76%), Eggs (7.15%), Onions (5.57%), LPG (4.45%), Garlic (3.62%), Mutton (1.74%), Beef (1.53%), Chicken (1.40%), Georgette (1.04%), Shirting (1.01%) and Long Cloth (0.94%).
- ii.* On the other hand, Major **decrease** is observed in the prices of Cooking Oil 5 Litre (1.08%), Vegetable Ghee 2.5 Kg (1.07%), Wheat Flour (0.95%), Sugar (0.64%), Gur (0.57%), Rice Basmati Broken (0.50%), Pulse Masoor (0.17%) and Pulse Mash (0.15%).
- iii.* During the week, out of **51** items, prices of **18** (35.29%) items increased, **10** (19.61%) items decreased and **23** (45.10%) items remained stable.
- iv.* The year on year trend depicts **increase** of **32.89%**, Gas Charges for Q1 (570.00%), Tomatoes (185.68%), Onions (90.27%), Chilies Powder (81.74%), Garlic (60.13%), Gents Sponge Chappal (58.05%), Gents Sandal (53.37%), Wheat Flour (51.91%), Gur (41.32%), Sugar (37.09%), Salt Powder (34.71%) and Energy Saver while **decrease** is observed in the prices of Cooking Oil 5 Litre (21.33%), Vegetable Ghee 1 Kg (19.12%), Vegetable Ghee 2.5 Kg (17.89%), Mustard Oil (15.26%), Bananas (3.94%), Diesel (1.88%) and Cigarettes (0.05%).

II. Current week over previous week (WoW) (14.03.2024 over 07.03.2024) showing 1.35% change.

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

Food Items	%	Food Items	%	Non Food Items	%
Tomatoes	21.96	Garlic	3.62	LPG	4.45
Bananas	21.76	Mutton	1.74	Georgette	1.04
Eggs	7.15	Beef	1.53	Shirting	1.01
Onions	5.57	Chicken	1.40	Long Cloth	0.94

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

Food Items	%	Food Items	%	Non Food Items	%
Cooking Oil 5 Litre	-1.08	Gur	-0.57	Nil	
Vegetable Ghee 2.5 kg	-1.07	Rice Basmati Broken	-0.50		
Wheat Flour	-0.95	Pulse Masoor	-0.17		
Sugar	-0.64	Pulse Mash	-0.15		

III. Current week over corresponding week (YoY) (14.03.2024 over 16.03.2023) showing 32.89% change.

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

Food Items	%	Food Items	%	Non Food Items	%
Tomatoes	185.68	Wheat Flour	51.91	Gas Charges for Q1	570.00
Onions	90.27	Gur	41.32	Gents Sponge Chappal	58.05
Chilies Powder	81.74	Sugar	37.09	Gents Sandal	53.37
Garlic	60.13	Salt Powder	34.71	Energy Saver	29.83

ii. **Decreased Items (percentage)**

Food Items	%	Food Items	%	Non Food Items	%
Cooking Oil 5 Litre	-21.33	Mustard Oil	-15.26	Diesel	-1.88
Vegetable Ghee 1 kg	-19.12	Bananas	-3.94	Cigarettes	-0.05
Vegetable Ghee 2.5 kg	-17.89				

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Subject: Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI) for the week ended on 14-03-2024.

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 14, 2024, the SPI and percentage changes by Consumption groups/quintiles and combined are given below:

Expenditure Group (Quintile)	SPI (51 items) 2015-16=100			% change over	
	14-03-2024	07-03-24	16-03-23	07-03-24	16-03-23
Q1 (Upto Rs. 17,732)	320.06	317.18	250.37	0.91	27.83
Q2 (Rs. 17,733 - 22,888)	318.12	315.41	241.63	0.86	31.66
Q3 (Rs. 22,889 - 29,517)	339.68	335.48	245.35	1.25	38.45
Q4 (Rs. 29,518 - 44,175)	326.92	322.36	241.69	1.41	35.26
Q5 (Above Rs. 44,175)	325.68	320.70	252.66	1.55	28.90
Combined	327.21	322.86	246.22	1.35	32.89

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:

Week ended on	SPI for lowest expenditure group	% change over		Combined SPI	% change over	
		Pr. Week	Cor. Week		Pr. Week	Cor. Week
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
14-03-2024	320.06	0.91	27.83	327.21	1.35	32.89

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 14-03-2024 over previous and corresponding weeks ended on 07-03-2024 and 16-03-2023 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	
			14.03.24	07.03.24	16.03.23	07.03.24	16.03.23	Lowest	Combined	Lowest	Combined
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
i. Average prices of the following 18 items registered INCREASE.											
1	Tomatoes	1 Kg	166.58	136.59	58.31	21.96	185.68	1.4395	0.9816	0.3234	0.2167
2	Bananas (Kela) Local	1 Dozen	187.22	153.76	194.89	21.76	-3.94	0.7124	0.9413	0.1152	0.1495
3	Eggs Hen (Farm)	1 Dozen	277.11	258.63	239.16	7.15	15.87	1.1780	1.4424	0.0678	0.0815
4	Onions	1 Kg	251.58	238.30	132.22	5.57	90.27	2.6815	1.6822	0.3189	0.1966
5	LPG 11.67 kg Cylinder	Each	3446.78	3300.07	3379.30	4.45	2.00	0.6145	1.4370	0.0365	0.0839
6	Garlic (Lehsun)	1 Kg	617.15	595.60	385.40	3.62	60.13	0.6807	0.5795	0.0064	0.0054
7	Mutton (Average Quality)	1 Kg	1806.66	1775.80	1477.08	1.74	22.31	0.5498	2.4387	0.0110	0.0477
8	Beef with Bone (Average Quality)	1 Kg	879.08	865.86	707.96	1.53	24.17	2.4988	3.3533	0.0312	0.0412
9	Chicken Farm Broiler (Live)	1 Kg	428.85	422.91	403.79	1.40	6.21	2.9269	3.8681	0.0173	0.0224
10	Georgette (Average Quality)	1 mtr	267.84	265.09	222.09	1.04	20.60	0.7584	0.9024	0.0033	0.0038
11	Shirting (Average Quality)	1 mtr	424.88	420.62	330.17	1.01	28.69	0.0317	0.1010	0.0002	0.0006
12	Long Cloth 57" Gul Ahmed/AI Karam	1 mtr	579.46	574.09	491.44	0.94	17.91	4.2221	3.9577	0.0197	0.0182
13	Potatoes	1 Kg	70.12	69.47	52.21	0.94	34.30	2.2955	1.2157	0.0671	0.0349
14	Lawn Printed Gul Ahmed/AI Karam	1 mtr	563.83	558.92	505.90	0.88	11.45	2.3442	2.1473	0.0083	0.0074
15	Mustard Oil (Average Quality)	1 Kg	501.07	498.73	591.33	0.47	-15.26	0.0216	0.0341	0.0000	0.0001
16	Pulse Moong (Washed)	1 Kg	312.76	311.77	281.81	0.32	10.98	0.8715	0.4816	0.0004	0.0002
17	Cooked Daal at Average Hotel	Per Plate	145.01	144.94	121.65	0.05	19.20	1.3118	1.3014	0.0027	0.0027
18	Cooked Beef at Average Hotel	Per Plate	276.39	276.24	233.25	0.05	18.50	0.5033	1.0497	0.0014	0.0030
TOTAL								25.6422	27.9150	1.0309	0.9157
ii. Average prices of the following 10 items registered DECREASE.											
1	Cooking Oil DALDA or Other Similar Brand (SN)	Each	2649.86	2678.74	3368.53	-1.08	-21.33	2.1480	3.1260	-0.0493	-0.0705
2	Vegetable Ghee DALDA/HABIB 2.5 kg Tin	Each	1287.11	1301.09	1567.60	-1.07	-17.89	3.2833	1.4648	-0.0206	-0.0090
3	Wheat Flour Bag	20 Kg	2760.62	2786.97	1817.25	-0.95	51.91	6.1372	3.9725	-0.0261	-0.0166
4	Sugar Refined	1 Kg	145.00	145.93	105.77	-0.64	37.09	5.1148	3.1584	-0.0192	-0.0116
5	Gur (Average Quality)	1 Kg	205.90	207.09	145.70	-0.57	41.32	0.2341	0.1075	-0.0002	-0.0001
6	Rice Basmati Broken (Average Quality)	1 Kg	223.60	224.72	183.46	-0.50	21.88	2.9610	1.2636	-0.0046	-0.0019
7	Pulse Masoor (Washed)	1 Kg	335.18	335.74	276.97	-0.17	21.02	0.6545	0.4608	0.0000	0.0000
8	Pulse Mash (Washed)	1 Kg	543.43	544.23	415.03	-0.15	30.94	0.2855	0.3269	-0.0007	-0.0007
9	Vegetable Ghee DALDA/HABIB or Other super	Each	497.99	498.57	615.69	-0.12	-19.12	3.2833	1.4648	-0.0007	-0.0003
10	Pulse Gram	1 Kg	260.28	260.31	255.62	-0.01	1.82	0.7967	0.4711	0.0001	0.0001
TOTAL								24.8984	15.8164	-0.1212	-0.1108
iii. Average prices of the following 23 items remained UNCHANGED											
1	Rice IRRI-6/9 (Sindh/Punjab)	1 Kg	169.74	169.74	134.92	0.00	25.81	0.5922	0.1671	0.0000	0.0000
2	Bread plain (Small Size)	Each	114.79	114.79	101.11	0.00	13.53	0.1041	0.5698	0.0000	0.0000
3	Milk fresh (Un-boiled)	1 Ltr	185.55	185.55	160.02	0.00	15.95	17.5449	18.3937	0.0000	0.0000
4	Curd (Dahi) Loose	1 Kg	217.50	217.50	185.34	0.00	17.35	0.7366	1.8181	0.0000	0.0000
5	Powdered Milk NIDO 390 gm Polybag	Each	823.47	823.47	681.81	0.00	20.78	0.0803	0.3817	0.0000	0.0000
6	Salt Powdered (NATIONAL/SHAN) 800 gm Pack	Each	69.23	69.23	51.39	0.00	34.71	0.2844	0.2279	0.0000	0.0000
7	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
8	Tea Lipton Yellow Label 190 gm Packet	Each	544.71	544.71	468.11	0.00	16.36	3.1478	2.3913	0.0000	0.0000
9	Tea Prepared Ordinary	Per Cup	59.03	59.03	47.03	0.00	25.52	2.5003	2.3564	0.0000	0.0000
10	Cigarettes Capstan 20'S Packet	Each	221.80	221.80	221.91	0.00	-0.05	1.6170	1.0931	0.0000	0.0000
11	Gents Sandal Bata	Pair	2299.00	2299.00	1499.00	0.00	53.37	0.6350	0.5122	0.0000	0.0000
12	Gents Sponge Chappal Bata	Pair	599.00	599.00	379.00	0.00	58.05	0.2110	0.1640	0.0000	0.0000
13	Ladies Sandal Bata	Pair	799.00	799.00	699.00	0.00	14.31	0.9919	1.0148	0.0000	0.0000
14	Electricity Charges for Q1	Per Unit	7.40	7.40	6.47	0.00	14.37	8.3627	12.9291	0.0000	0.5443
15	Gas Charges for Q1	MMBTU	1976.50	1976.50	295.00	0.00	570.00	2.0674	3.0667	0.0000	0.0000
16	Firewood Whole	40 Kg	1190.82	1190.82	1092.15	0.00	9.03	5.0813	1.1969	0.0000	0.0000
17	Energy Saver Philips 14 Watt	Each	370.40	370.40	285.29	0.00	29.83	0.2495	0.3374	0.0000	0.0000
18	Sufi Washing Soap 250 gm Cake	Each	128.70	128.70	117.67	0.00	9.37	1.1178	0.5917	0.0000	0.0000
19	Match Box	Each	6.18	6.18	5.14	0.00	20.23	0.3495	0.1969	0.0000	0.0000
20	Petrol Super	Per Litre	280.79	280.79	272.89	0.00	2.89	1.4673	6.7018	0.0000	0.0000
21	Hi-Speed Diesel	Per Litre	288.40	288.40	293.92	0.00	-1.88	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								49.4594	56.2686	0.0000	0.5443

Note: The comparative changes in prices for gas and electricity are based on lowest expenditure group (Q1)

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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