

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

SENSITIVE PRICE INDICATOR (SPI) FOR THE WEEK ENDED ON 17.08.2023.

(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 (%)	0.36	0.43	0.51	0.64	0.98	0.78
Year on Year change (%)	27.79	25.20	29.55	30.82	28.48	27.57

I. ANALYSIS OF WEEKLY SPI

- i.* The SPI for the current week ended on **17th August , 2023 increased by 0.78%**. Major **increase** is observed in the prices of **food items**, Chillies Powder (7.58%), Rice Irri-6/9 (7.48%), Garlic (5.06%), Sugar (4.02%), Gur (3.23%), Rice Basmati Broken (3.06%), Chicken (2.83%) and Bananas (2.72%), **non-food items**, Diesel (7.29%) and Petrol (6.40%).
- ii.* On the other hand **decrease is** observed in the prices of Tomatoes (13.60%), Cooking Oil 5 litre (1.65%), Vegetable Ghee 2.5 kg (0.85%), Vegetable Ghee 1 kg (0.43%), Firewood (0.42%), Mustard Oil (0.23%) and Wheat Flour (0.19%).
- iii.* During the week, out of **51** items, prices of **32 (62.75%) items increased, 07 (13.72%) items decreased** and **12 (23.53%) items remained stable**.
- iv.* The year on year trend depicts **increase of 27.57%**, Wheat Flour (131.29%), Gas Charges for Q1 (108.38%), Cigarettes (106.89%), Tea Lipton (95.19%), Rice Basmati Broken (88.76%), Chillies Powder (86.05%), Rice Irri-6/9 (84.16%), Sugar (74.71%), Gur (63.00%), Chicken (58.56%), Gents Sponge Chappal (58.05%), Potatoes (56.30%) and Salt Powdered (49.09%), while **decrease** is observed in the prices Onions (28.85%), Electricity for Q1 (21.96%), Pulse Masoor (14.85%) and Vegetable Ghee 1 kg (1.20%).

II. Current week over previous week (WoW) (17.08.2023 over 10.08.2023) showing 0.78% change.

i. (Major) Increased Items (percentage)

Food Items	%	Food Items	%	Non Food Items	%
Chillies Powder	7.58	Gur	3.23	Diesel	7.29
Rice IRRI-6/9	7.48	Rice Basmati Broken	3.06	Petrol	6.40
Garlic (Lehsun)	5.06	Chicken	2.83		
Sugar	4.02	Bananas	2.72		

ii. Decreased Items (percentage)

Food Items	%	Food Items	%	Non Food Item	%
Tomatoes	-13.60	Vegetable Ghee 1 kg	-0.43	Firewood	-0.42
Cooking Oil 5 Litre Tin	-1.65	Mustard Oil	-0.23		
Vegetable Ghee 2.5 kg	-0.85	Wheat Flour	-0.19		

III. Current week over corresponding week (YoY) (17.08.2023 over 18.08.2022) showing 27.57% change.

i. (Major) Increased Items (percentage)

Food Items	%	Food Items	%	Non Food Items	%
Wheat Flour	131.29	Sugar	74.71	Gas Charges for Q1	108.38
Tea Lipton	95.19	Gur	63.00	Cigarettes	106.89
Rice Basmati Broken	88.76	Chicken	58.56	Gents Sponge Chappal	58.05
Chillies Powder	86.05	Potatoes	56.30		
Rice IRRI-6/9	84.16	Salt Powdered	49.09		

ii. Decreased Items (percentage)

Food Items	%	Food Item	%	Non Food Item	%
Onions	-28.85	Vegetable Ghee 1 kg	-1.20	Electricity Charges for Q1	-21.96
Pulse Masoor	-14.85				

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Subject: Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI) for the week ended on 17-08-2023.

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 August 17, 2023, 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	
	17-08-2023	10-08-23	18-08-22	10-08-23	18-08-22
Q1 (Upto Rs. 17,732)	280.67	279.66	219.64	0.36	27.79
Q2 (Rs. 17,733 - 22,888)	268.37	267.23	214.36	0.43	25.20
Q3 (Rs. 22,889 - 29,517)	277.93	276.51	214.54	0.51	29.55
Q4 (Rs. 29,518 - 44,175)	274.26	272.51	209.65	0.64	30.82
Q5 (Above Rs. 44,175)	279.79	277.08	217.77	0.98	28.48
Combined	275.57	273.43	216.02	0.78	27.57

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
15-06-2023	261.66	0.11	34.57	255.17	0.20	34.96
22-06-2023	263.03	0.52	33.48	256.00	0.33	34.05
29-06-2023	263.03	0.00	28.60	256.00	0.00	29.35
06-07-2023	265.88	1.08	28.92	257.79	0.70	28.55
13-07-2023	267.24	0.51	29.65	258.63	0.33	28.96
20-07-2023	268.61	0.51	29.90	258.45	-0.07	29.16
26-07-2023	275.30	2.49	28.92	268.08	3.73	29.21
03-08-2023	277.55	0.82	28.48	271.56	1.30	29.83
10-08-2023	279.66	0.76	29.62	273.43	0.69	30.82
17-08-2023	280.67	0.36	27.79	275.57	0.78	27.57

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

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

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

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
2021-22			
1st half (Jul-Dec)	169.88	9.46	17.17
2nd half (Jan-June)	181.62	6.91	17.02
2022-23			
1st half (Jul-Dec)	217.81	19.93	28.21
2nd half (Jan-June)	249.67	14.627	37.47

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