

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

SENSITIVE PRICE INDICATOR (SPI) FOR THE WEEK ENDED ON 18.03.2021.

(To gauge inflation on weekly / short term basis)

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

Consumption Quintiles	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Combined
Week on Week change	-0.05	-0.11	-0.15	-0.20	-0.22	-0.19
Year on Year change	17.89	14.73	13.42	13.00	11.62	13.21

I. ANALYSIS OF WEEKLY SPI

- ❖ The SPI for the current week ended on 18th March, 2021 recorded **decrease** in the prices of **Food items** i.e. Chicken (6.63%), Garlic (4.00%), Onions (3.67%), Pulse Gram (0.55%), Pulse Masoor (0.52%), Pulse Moong (0.32%), Rice Basmati Broken (0.21%) and Milk Fresh (0.17%) and among **non-food** items LPG (0.67%) with joint impact of (-0.43%) into the overall SPI for combined group of (-0.19%).
- ❖ On the other hand **increase** was observed in the prices of Tomatoes (24.55%), Shirting (3.14%), Bananas (2.54%), Red Chilies Powdered (1.81%), Lawn Printed (1.59%), Eggs (1.27%) and Potatoes (1.16%).
- ❖ During the week, out of 51 items, prices of **22 (43.14%)** items increased, **09 (17.65%)** items decreased and **20 (39.22%)** items remained constant.
- ❖ The year on year trend depicts **an increase** of 13.48% with most of the items increased mainly Chilies Powder (139.64%), Electricity for Q1 (69.19%), Eggs (66.97%), Chicken (48.51%), Gents Sandal (33.37%), Match Box (30.47%), Mustard Oil (28.56%), Gents Sponge Chappal (25.13%), Washing Soap (21.41%), Sugar (20.54%) and Long Cloth (19.58%) While a major **decrease** was observed in the price of Onions (48.35%), Garlic (38.42%), LPG (15.42%), Potatoes (10.97%), Diesel (4.98%) and Tomatoes (3.55%).

Current week over previous week (WoW) (18.03.2021 over 11.03.2021) showing -0.19% change.

i. DECREASING Items (percentage)

Food Items	%	Food Items	%	Non Food Items	%
Chicken	-6.63	Pulse Masoor	-0.52	LPG	-0.67
Garlic (Lehsun)	-4.00	Pulse Moong	-0.32		
Onions	-3.67	Rice Basmati Broken	-0.21		
Pulse Gram	-0.55	Milk fresh	-0.17		

ii. INCREASING Items (percentage)

Food Items	%	Food Items	%	Non Food Items	%
Tomatoes	24.55	Eggs	1.27	Shirting	3.14
Bananas	2.54	Potatoes	1.16	Lawn Printed	1.59
Chilies Powder	1.81				

II. Current week over corresponding week (YoY) (18.03.2021 over 19.03.2020) showing 13.21% change.

i. INCREASING Items (percentage)

Food Items	%	Non Food Items	%	Non Food Items	%
Chilies Powder 200 gm	139.64	Electricity Charges for Q1*	69.19	Long Cloth 57"	19.58
Eggs	66.97	Gents Sandal	33.37		
Chicken	48.51	Match Box	30.47		
Mustard Oil	28.56	Gents Sponge Chappal	25.13		
Sugar	20.54	Washing Soap 250 gm	21.41		

ii. DECREASING Items (percentage)

Food Items	%	Food Items	%	Non Food Items	%
Onions	-48.35	Potatoes	-10.97	LPG	-15.42
Garlic (Lehsun)	-38.42	Tomatoes	-3.55	Hi-Speed Diesel	-4.98

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Subject: Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI) for the week ended on 18-03-2021.

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 18, 2021, 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	
	18-03-2021	11-03-21	19-03-20	11-03-21	19-03-20
Q1 (Upto Rs. 17,732)	157.61	157.69	133.69	-0.05	17.89
Q2 (Rs. 17,733 - 22,888)	147.59	147.75	128.64	-0.11	14.73
Q3 (Rs. 22,889 - 29,517)	148.70	148.93	131.11	-0.15	13.42
Q4 (Rs. 29,518 - 44,175)	145.16	145.45	128.46	-0.20	13.00
Q5 (Above Rs. 44,175)	146.97	147.30	131.67	-0.22	11.62
Combined	146.86	147.14	129.72	-0.19	13.21

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
14-01-2021	145.07	0.10	7.28	139.70	-0.22	5.77
21-01-2021	145.15	0.06	7.93	140.15	0.32	6.54
28-01-2021	145.78	0.43	8.74	140.88	0.52	7.48
04-02-2021	146.54	0.52	8.79	141.70	0.58	7.88
11-02-2021	147.67	0.77	10.14	142.85	0.81	9.17
18-02-2021	148.48	0.55	10.78	143.63	0.55	9.92
25-02-2021	158.36	6.65	19.76	147.09	2.41	13.89
04-03-2021	159.21	0.54	20.07	147.99	0.61	14.95
11-03-2021	157.69	-0.95	18.03	147.14	-0.57	13.48
18-03-2021	157.61	-0.05	17.89	146.86	-0.19	13.21

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 18-03-2021 over previous and corresponding weeks ended on 11-03-2021 and 19-03-2020 respectively are as follows:

Sr.	Items	Units	Prices in Rs. on			%change col. 3 over 11.03.21	11.03.21	19.03.20	Weight of expenditure group in %		Impact of expenditure group in % points	
			18.03.21	11.03.21	19.03.20				Lowest Combined	9	Lowest Combined	10
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
i. Average prices of the following 22 items registered INCREASE.												
1	Tomatoes	1 Kg	39.17	31.45	40.61	24.55	-3.55	1.4395	0.9816	0.1519	0.1110	
2	Shirting (Average Quality)	1 mtr	248.40	240.83	207.77	3.14	19.56	0.0317	0.1010	0.0011	0.0037	
3	Bananas (Kela) Local	1 Dozen	96.07	93.69	84.07	2.54	14.27	0.7124	0.9413	0.0145	0.0205	
4	Chilies Powder NATIONAL 200 gm Packet	Each	380.00	373.23	158.57	1.81	139.64	1.3896	0.8454	0.0294	0.0191	
5	Lawn Printed Gul Ahmed/AI Karam	1 mtr	409.86	403.46	358.55	1.59	14.31	2.3442	2.1473	0.0278	0.0274	
6	Eggs Hen (Farm)	1 Dozen	170.39	168.26	102.05	1.27	66.97	1.1780	1.4424	0.0094	0.0124	
7	Potatoes	1 Kg	39.95	39.49	44.87	1.16	-10.97	2.2955	1.2157	0.0252	0.0143	
8	Beef with Bone (Average Quality)	1 Kg	480.87	477.23	437.05	0.76	10.03	2.4988	3.3533	0.0060	0.0085	
9	Pulse Mash (Washed)	1 Kg	265.27	263.41	222.66	0.71	19.14	0.2855	0.3269	0.0009	0.0011	
10	Vegetable Ghee DALDA/HABIB or Other super	Each	297.63	296.00	251.40	0.55	18.39	3.2833	1.4648	0.0103	0.0050	
11	Sufi Washing Soap 250 gm Cake	Each	58.13	57.83	47.88	0.52	21.41	1.1178	0.5917	0.0014	0.0008	
12	Georgette (Average Quality)	1 mtr	171.85	170.99	150.11	0.50	14.48	0.7584	0.9024	0.0009	0.0012	
13	Mutton (Average Quality)	1 Kg	1006.55	1001.74	909.16	0.48	10.71	0.5498	2.4387	0.0016	0.0076	
14	Firewood Whole	40 Kg	742.15	739.56	686.53	0.35	8.10	5.0813	1.1969	0.0030	0.0007	
15	Cooking Oil DALDA or Other Similar Brand (SN	Each	1500.23	1495.00	1298.22	0.35	15.56	2.1480	3.1260	0.0032	0.0050	
16	Powdered Milk NIDO 390 gm Polybag	Each	483.37	481.92	462.04	0.30	4.62	0.0803	0.3817	0.0001	0.0003	
17	Vegetable Ghee DALDA/HABIB 2.5 kg Tin	Each	758.07	756.33	653.09	0.23	16.07	3.2833	1.4648	0.0045	0.0021	
18	Gur (Average Quality)	1 Kg	127.23	126.96	118.96	0.21	6.95	0.2341	0.1075	0.0003	0.0001	
19	Curd (Dahi) Loose	1 Kg	123.99	123.82	109.99	0.14	12.73	0.7366	1.8181	0.0013	0.0035	
20	Mustard Oil (Average Quality)	1 Kg	278.84	278.50	216.90	0.12	28.56	0.0216	0.0341	0.0001	0.0000	
21	Sugar Refined	1 Kg	98.43	98.36	81.66	0.07	20.54	5.1148	3.1584	-0.0108	-0.0071	
22	Wheat Flour Bag	20 Kg	958.16	957.70	890.59	0.05	7.59	6.1372	3.9725	0.0037	0.0026	
TOTAL								40.7217	32.0125	0.2858	0.2398	
ii. Average prices of the following 9 items registered DECREASE.												
1	Chicken Farm Broiler (Live)	1 Kg	238.82	255.77	160.81	-6.63	48.51	2.9269	3.8681	-0.2431	-0.3442	
2	Garlic (Lehsun)	1 Kg	203.98	212.47	331.26	-4.00	-38.42	0.6807	0.5795	-0.0455	-0.0415	
3	Onions	1 Kg	35.73	37.09	69.18	-3.67	-48.35	2.6815	1.6822	-0.0367	-0.0247	
4	LPG 11.67 kg Cylinder	Each	1430.93	1440.52	1691.83	-0.67	-15.42	0.6145	1.4370	-0.0047	-0.0119	
5	Pulse Gram	1 Kg	152.60	153.44	147.31	-0.55	3.59	0.7967	0.4711	0.0022	0.0014	
6	Pulse Masoor (Washed)	1 Kg	156.54	157.36	140.35	-0.52	11.54	0.6545	0.4608	0.0004	0.0003	
7	Pulse Moong (Washed)	1 Kg	236.31	237.06	233.19	-0.32	1.34	0.8715	0.4816	-0.0004	-0.0002	
8	Rice Basmati Broken (Average Quality)	1 Kg	92.04	92.23	81.84	-0.21	12.46	2.9610	1.2636	0.0077	0.0035	
9	Milk fresh (Un-boiled)	1 Ltr	107.15	107.33	94.94	-0.17	12.86	17.5449	18.3937	-0.0154	-0.0173	
TOTAL								29.7322	28.6376	-0.3354	-0.4346	
iii. Average prices of the following 20 items remained UNCHANGED												
1	Rice IRRI-6/9 (Sindh/Punjab)	1 Kg	73.29	73.29	63.04	0.00	16.26	0.5922	0.1671	0.0000	0.0000	
2	Bread plain (Small Size)	Each	55.54	55.54	49.32	0.00	12.61	0.1041	0.5698	0.0000	0.0000	
3	Salt Powdered (NATIONAL/SHAN) 800 gm Packet	Each	30.00	30.00	30.00	0.00	0.00	0.2844	0.2279	0.0000	0.0000	
4	Tea Lipton Yellow Label 190 gm Packet	Each	230.00	230.00	229.25	0.00	0.33	3.1478	2.3913	0.0000	0.0000	
5	Cooked Beef at Average Hotel	Per Plate	153.56	153.56	136.90	0.00	12.17	0.5033	1.0497	0.0000	0.0000	
6	Cooked Daal at Average Hotel	Per Plate	77.83	77.83	71.47	0.00	8.90	1.3118	1.3014	0.0000	0.0000	
7	Tea Prepared Ordinary	Per Cup	29.00	29.00	26.37	0.00	9.97	2.5003	2.3564	0.0000	0.0000	
8	Cigarettes Capstan 20'S Packet	Each	83.47	83.47	81.77	0.00	2.08	1.6170	1.0931	0.0000	0.0000	
9	Long Cloth 57" Gul Ahmed/AI Karam	1 mtr	381.91	381.91	319.37	0.00	19.58	4.2221	3.9577	0.0000	0.0000	
10	Gents Sandal Bata	Pair	1199.00	1199.00	899.00	0.00	33.37	0.6350	0.5122	0.0000	0.0000	
11	Gents Sponge Chappal Bata	Pair	249.00	249.00	199.00	0.00	25.13	0.2110	0.1640	0.0000	0.0000	
12	Ladies Sandal Bata	Pair	599.00	599.00	599.00	0.00	0.00	0.9919	1.0148	0.0000	0.0000	
13	Electricity Charges for Q1	Per Unit	6.26	6.26	3.70	0.00	69.19	8.3627	12.9291	0.0000	0.0000	
14	Gas Charges upto 3.3719 MMBTU	MMBTU	141.57	141.57	141.57	0.00	0.00	2.0674	3.0667	0.0000	0.0000	
15	Energy Saver Philips 14 Watt	Each	202.04	202.04	188.84	0.00	6.99	0.2495	0.3374	0.0000	0.0000	
16	Match Box	Each	3.34	3.34	2.56	0.00	30.47	0.3495	0.1969	0.0000	0.0000	
17	Petrol Super	Per Litre	112.90	112.90	112.61	0.00	0.26	1.4673	6.7018	0.0000	0.0000	
18	Hi-Speed Diesel	Per Litre	117.09	117.09	123.23	0.00	-4.98	0.0114	0.0874	0.0000	0.0000	
19	Telephone Call Charges	Per Minu	1.55	1.55	1.55	0.00	0.00	0.0645	0.5468	0.0000	0.0000	
20	Toilet Soap LIFEBOUY 115 gm	Each	48.34	48.34	45.55	0.00	6.13	0.8529	0.6784	0.0000	0.0000	
TOTAL								29.5461	39.3499	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
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2019-20

July	122.81	1.03	8.90
August	126.15	2.72	12.09
September	128.51	1.87	14.67
October	131.93	2.66	15.11
November	136.83	3.71	20.22
December	134.13	-1.97	18.14
January	134.74	0.45	18.26
February	133.68	-0.79	14.52
March	133.26	-0.31	11.78
April	130.90	-1.77	9.27
May	133.72	2.15	10.99
June	135.55	1.37	11.51

2020-21

July	139.66	3.03	13.72
August	140.95	0.92	11.73
September	143.90	2.09	11.98
October	148.74	3.36	12.74
November	150.37	1.10	9.90
December	146.29	-2.71	9.07
January	145.09	-0.82	7.68
February	149.65	3.14	11.95

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
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2019-20

1st quarter (Jul-Sep)	125.82	4.32	11.88
2nd quarter (Oct-Dec)	134.30	6.74	17.82
3rd quarter (Jan-Mar)	133.89	-0.30	14.80
4th quarter (Apr-Jun)	133.39	-0.38	10.60

2020-21

1st quarter (Jul-Sep)	141.50	6.08	12.46
2nd quarter (Oct-Dec)	148.47	4.92	10.55

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
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2019-20

1st half (Jul-Dec)	130.06	9.64	14.87
2nd half (Jan-June)	133.64	2.75	12.66

2020-21

1st half (Jul-Dec)	144.99	8.49	11.48
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