

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

SENSITIVE PRICE INDICATOR (SPI) FOR THE WEEK ENDED ON 20.08.2026.

(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 (%)	0.38	0.41	0.40	0.45	0.55	0.49
Year on Year change (%)	9.87	10.36	9.03	9.10	9.33	9.66

I. ANALYSIS OF WEEKLY SPI

- i.* The SPI for the current week ended on **August 20, 2026 increased by 0.49%**. Major **Increase** is observed in the prices of Onions (14.17%), Petrol (3.77%), Chicken (3.35%), Garlic (2.00%), Pulse Gram (0.93%), Tea Prepared (0.70%), Tea Lipton (0.34%), Milk Fresh (0.17%), Cooked Daal (0.15%), Washing Soap (0.12%), Cigarettes (0.06%) and Shirting (0.01%).
- ii.* On the other hand, **decrease** is observed in the prices of Eggs (5.78%), Diesel (5.15%), Tomatoes (4.99%), Potatoes (1.17%), LPG (1.04%), Bananas (0.91%), Pulse Moong (0.56%), Sugar (0.24%) and Pulse Masoor & Pulse Mash (0.14%).
- iii.* During the week, out of **51** items, prices of **23** (45.10%) items increased, **10** (19.61%) items decreased and **18** (35.29%) items remained stable.

- II.** The year on year trend depicts **increase of 9.66%**. Major **increase** is observed in the prices of Onions (132.52%), Tomatoes (93.21%), Wheat Flour (62.25%), LPG (51.69%), Diesel (33.08), Petrol (27.65%), Electricity for Q1 (22.72%), Bananas (17.66%), Chilies Powder (16.37%), Mutton (15.98%), Beef (13.54%) and Bread Plain (9.37%), while **decrease** is observed in the prices of Potatoes (30.01%), Sugar (19.10%), Chicken (17.68%), Eggs (17.41%), Salt Powder (13.96%), Pulse Gram (13.02%), Pulse Masoor (12.29%) and Gur (6.01%).

III. Current week over previous week (WoW) (20.08.2026 over 13.08.2026) showing 0.49% change.

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

Food Items	%	Food Items	%	Non Food Items	%
Onions	14.17	Tea Prepared	0.70	Petrol	3.77
Chicken	3.35	Tea Lipton	0.34	Washing Soap	0.12
Garlic	2.00	Milk fresh	0.17	Cigarettes	0.06
Pulse Gram	0.93	Cooked Daal	0.15	Shirting	0.01

ii. **Decreased Items (percentage)**

Food Items	%	Food Items	%	Non Food Items	%
Eggs	-5.78	Pulse Moong	-0.56	Diesel	-5.15
Tomatoes	-4.99	Sugar	-0.24	LPG	-1.04
Potatoes	-1.17	Pulse Masoor	-0.14		
Bananas	-0.91	Pulse Mash	-0.14		

IV. Current week over corresponding week (YoY) (20.08.2026 over 21.08.2025) showing 9.66% change.

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

Food Items	%	Food Items	%	Non Food Items	%
Onions	132.52	Chilies Powder	16.37	LPG	51.69
Tomatoes	93.21	Mutton	15.98	Diesel	33.08
Wheat Flour	62.25	Beef	13.54	Petrol	27.65
Bananas	17.66	Bread plain	9.37	Electricity Charges for Q1	22.72

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

Food Items	%	Food Items	%	Non Food Items	%
Potatoes	-30.01	Salt Powder	-13.96	Nil	
Sugar	-19.10	Pulse Gram	-13.02		
Chicken	-17.68	Pulse Masoor	-12.29		
Eggs	-17.41	Gur	-6.01		

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Subject: Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI) for the week ended on 20-08-2026.

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 20, 2026, 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	
	20-08-2026	13-08-26	21-08-25	13-08-26	21-08-25
Q1 (Upto Rs. 17,732)	350.03	348.71	318.59	0.38	9.87
Q2 (Rs. 17,733 - 22,888)	350.90	349.48	317.95	0.41	10.36
Q3 (Rs. 22,889 - 29,517)	372.18	370.70	341.36	0.40	9.03
Q4 (Rs. 29,518 - 44,175)	359.39	357.78	329.41	0.45	9.10
Q5 (Above Rs. 44,175)	359.26	357.31	328.61	0.55	9.33
Combined	360.90	359.15	329.11	0.49	9.66

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
11-06-2026	337.25	0.19	12.57	356.11	0.16	14.74
18-06-2026	339.41	0.64	13.37	357.76	0.46	15.48
02-07-2026	344.22	1.42	14.13	354.24	-0.98	13.52
09-07-2026	342.98	-0.36	12.53	352.66	-0.45	11.94
16-07-2026	346.78	1.11	13.63	357.61	1.40	13.09
23-07-2026	349.80	0.87	10.23	360.88	0.91	9.66
30-07-2026	345.63	-1.19	9.37	357.61	-0.91	9.05
06-08-2026	347.11	0.43	9.51	358.60	0.28	9.29
13-08-2026	348.71	0.46	9.68	359.15	0.15	9.11
20-08-2026	350.03	0.38	9.87	360.90	0.49	9.66

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 20-08-2026 over previous and corresponding weeks ended on 13-08-2026 and 21-08-2025 respectively are as follows:

Sr.	Items	Units	Prices in Rs. on 20.08.26 13.08.26 21.08.25			%change col. 3 over 13.08.26 21.08.25		Weight of expenditure group in % Lowest Combined		Impact of expenditure group in % points Lowest Combined	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
i. Average prices of the following 23 items registered INCREASE.											
1	Onions	1 Kg	171.55	150.26	73.78	14.17	132.52	2.6815	1.6822	0.4123	0.2511
2	Petrol Super	Per Litre	339.33	327.00	265.82	3.77	27.65	1.4673	6.7018	0.0707	0.3137
3	Chicken Farm Broiler (Live)	1 Kg	374.98	362.84	455.51	3.35	-17.68	2.9269	3.8681	0.0704	0.0903
4	Garlic (Lehsun)	1 Kg	380.23	372.79	391.53	2.00	-2.89	0.6807	0.5795	0.0012	0.0010
5	Pulse Gram	1 Kg	266.26	263.80	306.12	0.93	-13.02	0.7967	0.4711	0.0032	0.0018
6	Tea Prepared Ordinary	Per Cup	65.80	65.34	61.71	0.70	6.63	2.5003	2.3564	0.0092	0.0084
7	Toilet Soap LIFEBOUY 115 gm	Each	128.47	127.60	113.36	0.68	13.33	0.8529	0.6784	0.0016	0.0013
8	Tea Lipton Yellow Label 190 gm Packet	Each	465.31	463.74	447.07	0.34	4.08	3.1478	2.3913	0.0080	0.0059
9	Milk fresh (Un-boiled)	1 Ltr	218.56	218.19	201.75	0.17	8.33	17.5449	18.3937	0.0260	0.0265
10	Cooked Daal at Average Hotel	Per Plate	175.74	175.48	167.44	0.15	4.96	1.3118	1.3014	0.0104	0.0100
11	Rice Basmati Broken (Average Quality)	1 Kg	217.92	217.61	208.01	0.14	4.76	2.9610	1.2636	0.0032	0.0013
12	Vegetable Ghee DALDA/HABIB or Other super	Each	612.71	611.89	567.89	0.13	7.89	3.2833	1.4648	0.0079	0.0034
13	Sufi Washing Soap 250 gm Cake	Each	142.41	142.24	132.00	0.12	7.89	1.1178	0.5917	0.0030	0.0016
14	Curd (Dahi) Loose	1 Kg	254.87	254.57	236.78	0.12	7.64	0.7366	1.8181	0.0008	0.0019
15	Beef with Bone (Average Quality)	1 Kg	1268.53	1266.97	1117.23	0.12	13.54	2.4988	3.3533	0.0024	0.0031
16	Gur (Average Quality)	1 Kg	229.07	228.87	243.72	0.09	-6.01	0.2341	0.1075	0.0001	0.0000
17	Powdered Milk NIDO 390 gm Polybag	Each	1156.84	1155.93	1092.97	0.08	5.84	0.0803	0.3817	0.0001	0.0003
18	Cigarettes Capstan 20'S Packet	Each	252.22	252.06	243.02	0.06	3.79	1.6170	1.0931	0.0063	0.0041
19	Vegetable Ghee DALDA/HABIB 2.5 kg Tin	Each	1566.11	1565.23	1461.70	0.06	7.14	3.2833	1.4648	0.0025	0.0011
20	Cooking Oil DALDA or Other Similar Brand (SN	Each	3078.40	3076.78	2872.88	0.05	7.15	2.1480	3.1260	0.0019	0.0026
21	Wheat Flour Bag	20 Kg	2647.95	2646.94	1631.98	0.04	62.25	6.1372	3.9725	0.0053	0.0033
22	Shirting (Average Quality)	1 mtr	544.75	544.67	500.21	0.01	8.90	0.0317	0.1010	0.0000	0.0001
23	Mustard Oil (Average Quality)	1 Kg	559.94	559.89	530.52	0.01	5.55	0.0216	0.0341	0.0000	0.0000
TOTAL								58.0615	57.1961	0.6466	0.7329
ii. Average prices of the following 10 items registered DECREASE.											
1	Eggs Hen (Farm)	1 Dozen	249.40	264.71	301.96	-5.78	-17.41	1.1780	1.4424	-0.0846	-0.1006
2	Hi-Speed Diesel	Per Litre	364.90	384.72	274.19	-5.15	33.08	0.0114	0.0874	-0.0008	-0.0061
3	Tomatoes	1 Kg	236.03	248.43	122.16	-4.99	93.21	1.4395	0.9816	-0.1087	-0.0720
4	Potatoes	1 Kg	56.55	57.22	80.80	-1.17	-30.01	2.2955	1.2157	-0.0279	-0.0143
5	LPG 11.67 kg Cylinder	Each	4476.70	4523.81	2951.25	-1.04	51.69	0.6145	1.4370	-0.0091	-0.0208
6	Bananas (Kela) Local	1 Dozen	181.97	183.65	154.66	-0.91	17.66	0.7124	0.9413	-0.0169	-0.0217
7	Pulse Moong (Washed)	1 Kg	359.84	361.86	377.93	-0.56	-4.79	0.8715	0.4816	-0.0087	-0.0046
8	Sugar Refined	1 Kg	146.71	147.07	181.34	-0.24	-19.10	5.1148	3.1584	-0.0098	-0.0058
9	Pulse Masoor (Washed)	1 Kg	258.44	258.81	294.64	-0.14	-12.29	0.6545	0.4608	0.0005	0.0003
10	Pulse Mash (Washed)	1 Kg	451.76	452.38	446.67	-0.14	1.14	0.2855	0.3269	-0.0001	-0.0001
TOTAL								13.1776	10.5331	-0.2661	-0.2458
iii. Average prices of the following 18 items remained UNCHANGED											
1	Rice IRRI-6/9 (Sindh/Punjab)	1 Kg	154.63	154.63	154.16	0.00	0.30	0.5922	0.1671	0.0000	0.0000
2	Bread plain (Small Size)	Each	119.03	119.03	108.83	0.00	9.37	0.1041	0.5698	0.0000	0.0000
3	Mutton (Average Quality)	1 Kg	2383.87	2383.87	2055.45	0.00	15.98	0.5498	2.4387	0.0000	0.0000
4	Salt Powdered (NATIONAL/SHAN) 800 gm Pack	Each	62.43	62.43	72.56	0.00	-13.96	0.2844	0.2279	0.0000	0.0000
5	Chilies Powder NATIONAL 200 gm Packet	Each	372.39	372.39	320.00	0.00	16.37	1.3896	0.8454	0.0000	0.0000
6	Cooked Beef at Average Hotel	Per Plate	322.44	322.44	310.95	0.00	3.70	0.5033	1.0497	0.0000	0.0000
7	Long Cloth 57" Gul Ahmed/AI Karam	1 mtr	688.69	688.69	657.50	0.00	4.74	4.2221	3.9577	0.0000	0.0000
8	Lawn Printed Gul Ahmed/AI Karam	1 mtr	680.92	680.92	657.10	0.00	3.63	2.3442	2.1473	0.0000	0.0000
9	Georgette (Average Quality)	1 mtr	318.06	318.06	301.90	0.00	5.35	0.7584	0.9024	0.0000	0.0000
10	Gents Sandal Bata	Pair	2499.00	2499.00	2499.00	0.00	0.00	0.6350	0.5122	0.0000	0.0000
11	Gents Sponge Chappal Bata	Pair	699.00	699.00	599.00	0.00	16.69	0.2110	0.1640	0.0000	0.0000
12	Ladies Sandal Bata	Pair	1499.00	1499.00	1399.00	0.00	7.15	0.9919	1.0148	0.0000	0.0000
13	Electricity Charges for Q1	Per Unit	6.32	6.32	5.15	0.00	22.72	8.3627	12.9291	0.0000	0.0000
14	Gas Charges for Q1	MMBTU	2566.50	2566.50	2566.50	0.00	0.00	2.0674	3.0667	0.0000	0.0000
15	Firewood Whole	40 Kg	1501.14	1501.14	1342.23	0.00	11.84	5.0813	1.1969	0.0000	0.0000
16	Energy Saver Philips 14 Watt	Each	402.11	402.11	386.60	0.00	4.01	0.2495	0.3374	0.0000	0.0000
17	Match Box	Each	6.31	6.31	6.24	0.00	1.12	0.3495	0.1969	0.0000	0.0000
18	Telephone Call Charges	Per Minu	1.79	1.79	1.79	0.00	0.00	0.0645	0.5468	0.0000	0.0000
TOTAL								28.7609	32.2708	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
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
March	316.02	2.11	25.86
April	313.65	-0.75	21.64
May	301.10	-4.00	15.32
June	305.10	1.33	16.63
2024-25			
July	311.30	2.03	15.74
August	310.40	-0.29	10.85
September	311.08	0.22	9.21
October	312.95	0.60	9.70
November	316.22	1.04	7.30
December	318.64	0.77	4.21
January	314.02	-1.45	0.67
February	308.94	-1.62	-0.17
March	308.72	-0.07	-2.31
April	302.38	-1.66	-3.21
May	299.32	-1.01	-0.59
June	299.26	-0.02	-1.91
2025-26			
July	308.58	3.11	-0.87
August	318.57	3.24	2.63
September	325.00	2.02	4.47
October	327.93	0.90	4.79
November	329.36	0.44	4.16
December	326.75	-0.79	2.55
January	324.24	-0.77	3.25
February	323.76	-0.15	4.80
March	326.11	0.73	5.63
April	332.79	2.05	10.06
May	335.21	0.73	11.99
June	337.64	0.72	12.82
July	345.72	2.39	12.04

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
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
3rd quarter (Jan-Mar)	312.48	5.84	30.66
4th quarter (Apr-Jun)	306.62	-1.88	17.85
2024-25			
1st quarter (Jul-Sep)	310.93	1.41	11.87
2nd quarter (Oct-Dec)	315.94	1.61	7.01
3rd quarter (Jan-Mar)	310.56	-1.70	-0.61
4th quarter (Apr-Jun)	300.32	-3.30	-2.05
2025-26			
1st quarter (Jul-Sep)	317.38	5.68	2.08
2nd quarter (Oct-Dec)	328.01	3.35	3.82
3rd quarter (Jan-Mar)	324.70	-1.01	4.55
4th quarter (Apr-Jun)	335.21	3.24	11.62

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)	286.60	14.79	31.58
2nd half (Jan-June)	309.55	8.01	23.98
2024-25			
1st half (Jul-Dec)	313.43	1.26	9.36
2nd half (Jan-June)	305.44	-2.55	-1.33
2025-26			
1st half (Jul-Dec)	322.70	5.65	2.96
2nd half (Jan-June)	329.96	2.25	8.03

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