

**GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

SENSITIVE PRICE INDICATOR (SPI) FOR THE WEEK ENDED ON 21.05.2026.

(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 (%)	-0.06	-0.28	-0.15	-0.13	-0.36	-0.33
Year on Year change (%)	11.79	14.32	12.84	12.81	14.17	14.47

I. ANALYSIS OF WEEKLY SPI

i. The SPI for the current week ended on **May 21, 2026 decreased by 0.33%.** Decrease is observed in the prices of Chicken (8.56%), Electricity Charges for Q1 (6.08%), Garlic (3.53%), Pulse Moong (1.45%), Petrol & Diesel (1.21%) each, LPG (0.87%), Pulse Gram (0.26%), Bananas (0.18%), Eggs (0.10%) and Pulse Mash (0.01%).

ii. On the other hand, major **increase** is observed in the prices of Tomatoes (7.17%), Onions (6.08%), Wheat Flour (1.84%), Long Cloth (0.97%), Georgette (0.95%), Potatoes (0.87%), Cooked Daal (0.72%), Tea Prepared (0.42%), Cooking Oil 5 Liter & Curd (0.34%) each, Shirting (0.14%) and Lawn Printed (0.06%).

iii. During the week, out of **51** items, prices of **26** (50.98%) items increased, **11** (21.57%) items decreased and **14** (27.45%) items remained stable.

II. The year on year trend depicts **increase of 14.47%.** Major **increase** is observed in the prices of Onions (68.33%), Petrol (62.24%), Diesel (60.90%), Wheat Flour (59.45%), LPG (50.73%), Electricity Charges for Q1 (43.30%), Tomatoes (34.58%), Mutton (15.86%), Chilies Powder (15.20%), Garlic (13.39%), Beef (12.92%) and Bananas (10.55%), while **decrease** is observed in the prices of Potatoes (42.02%), Eggs (24.47%), Pulse Gram (21.84%), Chicken (21.79%), Sugar (14.95%), Salt Powder (13.26%), Pulse Masoor (11.83%) and Pulse Moong (4.21%).

III. Current week over previous week (WoW) (21.05.2026 over 14.05.2026) showing -0.33% change.

i. **Decreased Items (percentage)**

Food Items	%	Food Items	%	Non Food Items	%
Chicken	-8.56	Bananas	-0.18	Electricity Charges for Q1	-6.08
Garlic	-3.53	Eggs	-0.10	Petrol	-1.21
Pulse Moong	-1.45	Pulse Mash	-0.01	Diesel	-1.21
Pulse Gram	-0.26			LPG	-0.87

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

Food Items	%	Food Items	%	Non Food Items	%
Tomatoes	7.17	Cooked Daal	0.72	Long Cloth	0.97
Onions	6.08	Tea Prepared	0.42	Georgette	0.95
Wheat Flour	1.84	Curd	0.34	Shirting	0.14
Potatoes	0.87	Cooking Oil 5 Litre	0.34	Lawn Printed	0.06

IV. Current week over corresponding week (YoY) (21.05.2026 over 22.05.2025) showing 14.47% change.

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

Food Items	%	Food Items	%	Non Food Items	%
Onions	68.33	Chilies Powder	15.20	Petrol	62.24
Wheat Flour	59.45	Garlic	13.39	Diesel	60.90
Tomatoes	34.58	Beef	12.92	LPG	50.73
Mutton	15.86	Bananas	10.55	Electricity Charges for Q1	43.30

ii. **Decreased Items (percentage)**

Food Items	%	Food Items	%	Non Food Items	%
Potatoes	-42.02	Sugar	-14.95	Nil	
Eggs	-24.47	Salt Powder	-13.26		
Pulse Gram	-21.84	Pulse Masoor	-11.83		
Chicken	-21.79	Pulse Moong	-4.21		

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Subject: Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI) for the week ended on 21-05-2026.

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 May 21, 2026, 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	
	SPI for week ended on 21-05-2026	14-05-26	22-05-25	14-05-26	22-05-25
Q1 (Upto Rs. 17,732)	335.56	335.77	300.18	-0.06	11.79
Q2 (Rs. 17,733 - 22,888)	339.97	340.94	297.38	-0.28	14.32
Q3 (Rs. 22,889 - 29,517)	363.04	363.60	321.74	-0.15	12.84
Q4 (Rs. 29,518 - 44,175)	352.67	353.13	312.63	-0.13	12.81
Q5 (Above Rs. 44,175)	360.04	361.33	315.35	-0.36	14.17
Combined	357.54	358.71	312.34	-0.33	14.47

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
26-03-2026	329.39	0.97	6.80	345.45	0.97	8.08
02-04-2026	331.69	0.70	7.77	348.94	1.01	9.34
03-04-2026	334.74	0.92	8.45	356.04	3.07	11.34
09-04-2026	334.17	-0.17	9.33	355.66	1.93	12.15
16-04-2026	332.97	-0.36	9.82	353.21	-0.69	12.16
23-04-2026	331.60	-0.41	11.38	352.04	-0.33	13.98
30-04-2026	332.16	0.17	11.49	354.23	0.62	14.52
07-05-2026	334.45	0.69	12.14	357.04	0.79	15.16
14-05-2026	335.77	0.39	11.56	358.71	0.47	14.52
21-05-2026	335.56	-0.06	11.79	357.54	-0.33	14.47

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 21-05-2026 over previous and corresponding weeks ended on 14-05-2026 and 22-05-2025 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	
			21.05.26	14.05.26	22.05.25	14.05.26	22.05.25	Lowest	Combined	Lowest	Combined
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
i. Average prices of the following 26 items registered INCREASE.											
1	Tomatoes	1 Kg	68.18	63.62	50.66	7.17	34.58	1.4395	0.9816	0.0699	0.0447
2	Onions	1 Kg	73.61	69.39	43.73	6.08	68.33	2.6815	1.6822	0.1226	0.0720
3	Wheat Flour Bag	20 Kg	2416.78	2373.06	1515.70	1.84	59.45	6.1372	3.9725	0.1391	0.0843
4	Long Cloth 57" Gul Ahmed/Al Karam	1 mtr	685.73	679.17	655.45	0.97	4.62	4.2221	3.9577	0.0553	0.0485
5	Georgette (Average Quality)	1 mtr	317.89	314.91	301.90	0.95	5.30	0.7584	0.9024	0.0040	0.0044
6	Potatoes	1 Kg	35.83	35.52	61.80	0.87	-42.02	2.2955	1.2157	0.0039	0.0019
7	Cooked Daal at Average Hotel	Per Plate	172.65	171.42	164.44	0.72	4.99	1.3118	1.3014	0.0101	0.0094
8	Tea Prepared Ordinary	Per Cup	64.54	64.27	61.14	0.42	5.56	2.5003	2.3564	0.0497	0.0439
9	Cooking Oil DALDA or Other Similar Brand (SN)	Each	3023.48	3013.18	2896.65	0.34	4.38	2.1480	3.1260	0.0108	0.0146
10	Curd (Dahi) Loose	1 Kg	250.31	249.45	231.62	0.34	8.07	0.7366	1.8181	0.0056	0.0129
11	Mutton (Average Quality)	1 Kg	2354.14	2346.89	2031.97	0.31	15.86	0.5498	2.4387	0.0064	0.0264
12	Milk fresh (Un-boiled)	1 Ltr	212.77	212.14	198.74	0.30	7.06	17.5449	18.3937	0.1351	0.1326
13	Powdered Milk NIDO 390 gm Polybag	Each	1149.32	1146.30	1057.42	0.26	8.69	0.0803	0.3817	0.0000	0.0002
14	Vegetable Ghee DALDA/HABIB 2.5 kg Tin	Each	1523.64	1520.14	1471.25	0.23	3.56	3.2833	1.4648	0.0144	0.0060
15	Cooked Beef at Average Hotel	Per Plate	320.98	320.31	306.79	0.21	4.63	0.5033	1.0497	0.0008	0.0016
16	Vegetable Ghee DALDA/HABIB or Other super	Each	596.99	595.81	568.06	0.20	5.09	3.2833	1.4648	0.0109	0.0046
17	Shirting (Average Quality)	1 mtr	536.98	536.21	497.93	0.14	7.84	0.0317	0.1010	0.0000	0.0001
18	Beef with Bone (Average Quality)	1 Kg	1249.66	1248.65	1106.65	0.08	12.92	2.4988	3.3533	0.0014	0.0018
19	Bread plain (Small Size)	Each	118.13	118.04	108.83	0.08	8.55	0.1041	0.5698	0.0004	0.0017
20	Gur (Average Quality)	1 Kg	223.76	223.61	221.59	0.07	0.98	0.2341	0.1075	-0.0001	0.0000
21	Mustard Oil (Average Quality)	1 Kg	551.93	551.55	524.98	0.07	5.13	0.0216	0.0341	0.0001	0.0001
22	Lawn Printed Gul Ahmed/Al Karam	1 mtr	678.48	678.09	656.27	0.06	3.38	2.3442	2.1473	0.0009	0.0008
23	Sufi Washing Soap 250 gm Cake	Each	137.56	137.49	132.00	0.05	4.21	1.1178	0.5917	0.0031	0.0015
24	Sugar Refined	1 Kg	148.93	148.85	175.11	0.05	-14.95	5.1148	3.1584	-0.0007	-0.0004
25	Rice Basmati Broken (Average Quality)	1 Kg	216.20	216.14	199.98	0.03	8.11	2.9610	1.2636	0.0043	0.0017
26	Rice IRRI-6/9 (Sindh/Punjab)	1 Kg	153.50	153.47	152.70	0.02	0.52	0.5922	0.1671	0.0005	0.0001
TOTAL								64.4961	58.0012	0.6482	0.5150
ii. Average prices of the following 11 items registered DECREASE.											
1	Chicken Farm Broiler (Live)	1 Kg	364.80	398.96	466.43	-8.56	-21.79	2.9269	3.8681	-0.1952	-0.2415
2	Electricity Charges for Q1	Per Unit	6.95	7.40	4.85	-6.08	43.30	8.3627	12.9291	-0.4790	-0.4581
3	Garlic (Lehsun)	1 Kg	407.15	422.03	359.06	-3.53	13.39	0.6807	0.5795	-0.0065	-0.0052
4	Pulse Moong (Washed)	1 Kg	385.73	391.40	402.68	-1.45	-4.21	0.8715	0.4816	-0.0027	-0.0014
5	Petrol Super	Per Litre	411.76	416.80	253.79	-1.21	62.24	1.4673	6.7018	-0.0294	-0.1256
6	Hi-Speed Diesel	Per Litre	411.59	416.62	255.80	-1.21	60.90	0.0114	0.0874	-0.0002	-0.0015
7	LPG 11.67 kg Cylinder	Each	4753.64	4795.34	3153.78	-0.87	50.73	0.6145	1.4370	-0.0123	-0.0270
8	Pulse Gram	1 Kg	246.83	247.48	315.81	-0.26	-21.84	0.7967	0.4711	-0.0012	-0.0007
9	Bananas (Kela) Local	1 Dozen	195.75	196.11	177.07	-0.18	10.55	0.7124	0.9413	0.0081	0.0101
10	Eggs Hen (Farm)	1 Dozen	235.77	236.00	312.14	-0.10	-24.47	1.1780	1.4424	0.0080	0.0091
11	Pulse Mash (Washed)	1 Kg	465.55	465.58	458.27	-0.01	1.59	0.2855	0.3269	-0.0001	-0.0001
TOTAL								17.9076	29.2662	-0.7105	-0.8419
iii. Average prices of the following 14 items remained UNCHANGED											
1	Pulse Masoor (Washed)	1 Kg	258.64	258.64	293.35	0.00	-11.83	0.6545	0.4608	0.0000	0.0000
2	Salt Powdered (NATIONAL/SHAN) 800 gm Pad	Each	62.97	62.97	72.60	0.00	-13.26	0.2844	0.2279	0.0000	0.0000
3	Chilies Powder NATIONAL 200 gm Packet	Each	368.65	368.65	320.00	0.00	15.20	1.3896	0.8454	0.0000	0.0000
4	Tea Lipton Yellow Label 190 gm Packet	Each	447.06	447.06	447.07	0.00	0.00	3.1478	2.3913	0.0000	0.0000
5	Cigarettes Capstan 20'S Packet	Each	248.31	248.31	239.99	0.00	3.47	1.6170	1.0931	0.0000	0.0000
6	Gents Sandal Bata	Pair	2499.00	2499.00	2499.00	0.00	0.00	0.6350	0.5122	0.0000	0.0000
7	Gents Sponge Chappal Bata	Pair	699.00	699.00	599.00	0.00	16.69	0.2110	0.1640	0.0000	0.0000
8	Ladies Sandal Bata	Pair	1499.00	1499.00	1399.00	0.00	7.15	0.9919	1.0148	0.0000	0.0000
9	Gas Charges for Q1	MMBTU	2566.50	2566.50	1976.50	0.00	29.85	2.0674	3.0667	0.0000	0.0000
10	Firewood Whole	40 Kg	1490.46	1490.46	1316.32	0.00	13.23	5.0813	1.1969	0.0000	0.0000
11	Energy Saver Philips 14 Watt	Each	402.11	402.11	382.86	0.00	5.03	0.2495	0.3374	0.0000	0.0000
12	Match Box	Each	6.24	6.24	6.24	0.00	0.00	0.3495	0.1969	0.0000	0.0000
13	Telephone Call Charges	Per Minu	1.79	1.79	1.79	0.00	0.00	0.0645	0.5468	0.0000	0.0000
14	Toilet Soap LIFEBOUY 115 gm	Each	116.28	116.28	111.48	0.00	4.31	0.8529	0.6784	0.0000	0.0000
TOTAL								17.5963	12.7326	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

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

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

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