

Government of Pakistan
Pakistan Bureau of Statistics

SUB:- ADVANCE RELEASE ON EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2026.

EXPORTS:

According to the provisional figures compiled by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, exports from Pakistan during March, 2026 amounted to Rs.635,497 million (provisional) as against Rs. 636,585 million in February, 2026 and Rs. 740,800 million during March, 2025 showing a decrease of 0.17% over February, 2026 and of 14.21% over March, 2025.

2. In terms of US dollars, the exports in March, 2026 totaled \$ 2,275 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 2,276 million in February, 2026 showing a decrease of 0.04% over February, 2026 and of 13.99% as compared to \$ 2,645 million in March, 2025.

3. Exports during July – March, 2025 - 2026 totaled Rs.6,392,995 million (provisional) as against Rs.6,884,208 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 7.14%.

4. In terms of US dollars, the exports during July – March, 2025 - 2026 totaled \$ 22,742 million (provisional) against \$ 24,718 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 7.99%.

5. Main commodities of exports during March, 2026 were Knitwear (Rs. 92,406 million), Readymade garments (Rs.84,136 million), Bed wear (Rs. 67,003 million), Rice others (Rs.43,110 million), Cotton cloth (Rs. 40,205 million), Towels (Rs. 25,284 million), Madeup Articles (Excl. Towels & Bedwears) (Rs. 17,649), Cotton yarn (Rs.17,164 million), Fish & fish preparations (Rs.14,823 million) and Basmati rice (Rs. 13,374 million).

6. The increase (+) / decrease (-) recorded in main commodities exported during March, 2026 over February, 2026 and March, 2025 is given below: -

S.No.	Commodities	%Change for value in million Rupees in March, 2026 over	
		February, 2026	March, 2025
1	Knitwear	5.77	-14.51
2	Readymade garments	-8.07	-6.48
3	Bed wear	8.48	-6.46
4	Rice others	33.70	-22.00
5	Cotton cloth	8.49	-1.70
6	Towels	11.05	0.98
7	Madeup Articles (Excl. Towels & Bedwears)	6.01	-2.82
8	Cotton yarn	-16.88	8.03
9	Fish & fish preparations	49.98	-10.78
10	Basmati rice	-33.03	-37.99

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IMPORTS

7. Imports into Pakistan during March, 2026 amounted to Rs. 1,430,328 million (provisional) as against Rs. 1,481,293 million in February, 2026 and Rs. 1,478,379 million during March, 2025 showing a decrease of 3.44% over February, 2026 and of 3.25% over March, 2025.

8. In terms of US dollars, the imports in March, 2026 totaled \$ 5,114 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 5,290 million in February, 2026 showing a decrease of 3.33% over February, 2026 and of 3.11% as compared to \$ 5,278 million in March, 2025.

9. Imports during July – March, 2025 - 2026 totaled Rs. 14,254,482 million (provisional) as against Rs. 13,200,440 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 7.98%.

10. In terms of US dollars, the imports during July – March, 2025 - 2026 totaled \$ 50,655 million (provisional) as against \$ 47,388 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 6.89%.

11. Main commodities of imports during March, 2026 were Petroleum crude (Rs.181,025 million), Petroleum products (Rs.116,140 million), Palm oil (Rs. 80,375 million), Electrical machinery & apparatus (Rs.66,231 million), Plastic materials (Rs.52,215 million), Motor cars (ckd/skd) (Rs.47,549 million), Iron & steel (Rs.44,776 million), Mobile phones (Rs.41,699 million), Iron & steel scrap (Rs.34,141 million) and Power generating machinery (Rs.24,860 million).

12. The increase (+) / decrease (-) recorded in main commodities imported during March, 2026 over February, 2026 and March, 2025 is given below: -

S. No.	Commodities	%Change for value in million Rupees in March, 2026 over	
		February, 2026	March, 2025
1	Petroleum crude	52.77	49.66
2	Petroleum products	46.07	-17.23
3	Palm oil	-25.57	-10.86
4	Electrical machinery & apparatus	28.74	-30.81
5	Plastic materials	-26.68	-17.13
6	Motor cars (ckd/skd)	8.05	61.69
7	Iron & steel	-30.84	-24.80
8	Mobile phones	-4.26	14.28
9	Iron & steel scrap	-20.23	-3.95
10	Power generating machinery	30.83	89.94

BALANCE OF TRADE:

13. Based on the provisional figures of imports and exports the balance of trade in March, 2026 was (-)794,831 million in terms of Rupees and (-)2,839 million in US dollars. The balance of trade figures cumulative from July - March, 2025-2026 was (-)7,861,487 million in terms of Rupees and (-)27,913 million in US dollars.

14. Four statements giving quantity and value details of selected commodities of exports and imports for the month of March, 2026 and July – March, 2025 - 2026 along-with the data of previous month and corresponding period of last year are enclosed.