

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

SENSITIVE PRICE INDICATOR (SPI) FOR THE WEEK ENDED ON 18.03.2026.

(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 (%)	0.18	0.21	0.20	0.22	0.20	0.21
Year on Year change (%)	5.77	7.38	6.52	6.15	6.49	7.04

I. ANALYSIS OF WEEKLY SPI

- i.* The SPI for the current week ended on **March 18, 2026 increased by 0.21%**. Major **increase** is observed in the prices of Tomatoes (24.85%), Chicken (7.33%), Bread (1.08%), Energy Saver (0.91%), Cooked Daal (0.65%), Mustard Oil (0.41%), Cigarettes (0.40%), Georgette (0.39%), Firewood (0.36%), Potatoes (0.33%), Eggs (0.31%) and Cooked Beef (0.22%).
- ii.* On the other hand, **decrease** is observed in the prices of Garlic (4.76%), LPG (2.67%), Onions (2.52%), Pulse Masoor (1.34%), Wheat Flour (1.05%), Sugar (0.76%), Gur (0.65%), Bananas (0.42%) and Pulse Gram (0.11%).
- iii.* During the week, out of **51** items, prices of **18** (35.29%) items increased, **09** (17.65%) items decreased and **24** (47.06%) items remained stable.

- II.** The year on year trend depicts **increase of 7.04%**. Major **increase** is observed in the prices of Diesel (29.94%), Gas Charges for Q1 (29.85%), Wheat Flour (26.46%), Petrol (25.75%), LPG (23.86%), Chilies Powder (15.20%), Beef (11.72%), Powdered Milk (10.10%), Mutton (9.61%), Gur (7.06%) Rice Basmati Broken (6.51%) and Cooked Beef (5.40%), while **decrease** is observed in the prices of Potatoes (50.52%), Chicken (20.03%), Eggs (19.81%), Pulse Gram (18.55%), Garlic (17.53%), Salt Powder (12.55%), Sugar (11.92%) and Pulse Masoor (11.80%).

III. Current week over previous week (WoW) (18.03.2026 over 11.03.2026) showing 0.21% change.

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

Food Items	%	Food Items	%	Non Food Items	%
Tomatoes	24.85	Mustard Oil	0.41	Energy Saver	0.91
Chicken	7.33	Potatoes	0.33	Cigarettes	0.40
Bread	1.08	Eggs	0.31	Georgette	0.39
Cooked Daal	0.65	Cooked Beef	0.22	Firewood	0.36

ii. **Decreased Items (percentage)**

Food Items	%	Food Items	%	Non Food Items	%
Garlic	-4.76	Sugar	-0.76	LPG	-2.67
Onions	-2.52	Gur	-0.65		
Pulse Masoor	-1.34	Bananas	-0.42		
Wheat Flour	-1.05	Pulse Gram	-0.11		

IV. Current week over corresponding week (YoY) (18.03.2026 over 20.03.2025) showing 7.04% change.

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

Food Items	%	Food Items	%	Non Food Items	%
Wheat Flour	26.46	Mutton	9.61	Diesel	29.94
Chilies Powder	15.20	Gur	7.06	Gas Charges for Q1	29.85
Beef	11.72	Rice Basmati Broken	6.51	Petrol	25.75
Powdered Milk	10.10	Cooked Beef	5.40	LPG	23.86

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

Food Items	%	Food Items	%	Non Food Items	%
Potatoes	-50.52	Garlic	-17.53	Nil	
Chicken	-20.03	Salt Powder	-12.55		
Eggs	-19.81	Sugar	-11.92		
Pulse Gram	-18.55	Pulse Masoor	-11.80		

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Subject: Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI) for the week ended on 18-03-2026.

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 March 18, 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	
	18-03-2026	11-03-26	20-03-25	11-03-26	20-03-25
Q1 (Upto Rs. 17,732)	326.22	325.62	308.43	0.18	5.77
Q2 (Rs. 17,733 - 22,888)	329.25	328.55	306.63	0.21	7.38
Q3 (Rs. 22,889 - 29,517)	350.92	350.21	329.43	0.20	6.52
Q4 (Rs. 29,518 - 44,175)	338.82	338.06	319.20	0.22	6.15
Q5 (Above Rs. 44,175)	341.97	341.28	321.12	0.20	6.49
Combined	342.13	341.42	319.62	0.21	7.04

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
15-01-2026	325.28	0.28	3.35	335.20	0.25	3.87
22-01-2026	324.30	-0.30	4.12	333.60	-0.48	4.18
29-01-2026	323.80	-0.15	4.50	333.49	-0.03	4.52
04-02-2026	324.23	0.13	4.94	333.79	0.09	4.84
12-02-2026	322.23	-0.62	4.54	331.81	-0.59	4.26
19-02-2026	325.80	1.11	5.50	335.67	1.16	5.19
26-02-2026	323.48	-0.71	4.37	333.86	-0.54	4.23
05-03-2026	323.48	0.00	4.57	335.09	0.37	4.70
11-03-2026	325.62	0.66	5.16	341.42	1.89	6.44
18-03-2026	326.22	0.18	5.77	342.13	0.21	7.04

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 18-03-2026 over previous and corresponding weeks ended on 11-03-2026 and 20-03-2025 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	
			18.03.26	11.03.26	20.03.25	11.03.26	20.03.25	Lowest	Combined	Lowest	Combined
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
i. Average prices of the following 18 items registered INCREASE.											
1	Tomatoes	1 Kg	76.92	61.61	74.36	24.85	3.44	1.4395	0.9816	0.0916	0.0596
2	Chicken Farm Broiler (Live)	1 Kg	404.79	377.13	506.20	7.33	-20.03	2.9269	3.8681	0.1853	0.2335
3	Bread plain (Small Size)	Each	111.87	110.68	108.83	1.08	2.79	0.1041	0.5698	0.0008	0.0043
4	Energy Saver Philips 14 Watt	Each	402.11	398.48	380.86	0.91	5.58	0.2495	0.3374	0.0003	0.0004
5	Cooked Daal at Average Hotel	Per Plate	169.18	168.08	163.53	0.65	3.46	1.3118	1.3014	0.0025	0.0024
6	Mustard Oil (Average Quality)	1 Kg	555.37	553.08	551.79	0.41	0.65	0.0216	0.0341	0.0000	0.0000
7	Cigarettes Capstan 20'S Packet	Each	246.91	245.92	237.85	0.40	3.81	1.6170	1.0931	0.0044	0.0029
8	Georgette (Average Quality)	1 mtr	310.22	309.01	297.94	0.39	4.12	0.7584	0.9024	0.0022	0.0025
9	Firewood Whole	40 Kg	1484.35	1479.06	1314.71	0.36	12.90	5.0813	1.1969	0.0118	0.0027
10	Potatoes	1 Kg	30.35	30.25	61.34	0.33	-50.52	2.2955	1.2157	-0.0006	-0.0003
11	Eggs Hen (Farm)	1 Dozen	221.03	220.35	275.63	0.31	-19.81	1.1780	1.4424	0.0147	0.0171
12	Long Cloth 57" Gul Ahmed/Al Karam	1 mtr	668.87	667.00	627.79	0.28	6.54	4.2221	3.9577	0.0130	0.0116
13	Cooked Beef at Average Hotel	Per Plate	316.91	316.20	300.67	0.22	5.40	0.5033	1.0497	0.0009	0.0017
14	Shirting (Average Quality)	1 mtr	531.71	530.84	480.24	0.16	10.72	0.0317	0.1010	0.0000	0.0002
15	Pulse Moong (Washed)	1 Kg	388.86	388.22	395.96	0.16	-1.79	0.8715	0.4816	0.0003	0.0001
16	Lawn Printed Gul Ahmed/Al Karam	1 mtr	669.07	668.36	633.05	0.11	5.69	2.3442	2.1473	0.0021	0.0018
17	Pulse Mash (Washed)	1 Kg	465.56	465.37	461.76	0.04	0.82	0.2855	0.3269	0.0004	0.0004
18	Curd (Dahi) Loose	1 Kg	239.91	239.89	229.42	0.01	4.57	0.7366	1.8181	0.0003	0.0008
TOTAL								25.9785	22.8252	0.3301	0.3417
ii. Average prices of the following 9 items registered DECREASE.											
1	Garlic (Lehsun)	1 Kg	496.93	521.76	602.57	-4.76	-17.53	0.6807	0.5795	-0.0241	-0.0196
2	LPG 11.67 kg Cylinder	Each	4102.81	4215.56	3312.58	-2.67	23.86	0.6145	1.4370	-0.0197	-0.0439
3	Onions	1 Kg	66.02	67.73	65.40	-2.52	0.95	2.6815	1.6822	-0.0468	-0.0280
4	Pulse Masoor (Washed)	1 Kg	258.83	262.34	293.46	-1.34	-11.80	0.6545	0.4608	-0.0006	-0.0004
5	Wheat Flour Bag	20 Kg	2226.30	2249.91	1760.43	-1.05	26.46	6.1372	3.9725	-0.0265	-0.0164
6	Sugar Refined	1 Kg	150.09	151.24	170.41	-0.76	-11.92	5.1148	3.1584	-0.0140	-0.0082
7	Gur (Average Quality)	1 Kg	224.52	225.99	209.71	-0.65	7.06	0.2341	0.1075	-0.0001	0.0000
8	Bananas (Kela) Local	1 Dozen	214.98	215.89	216.64	-0.42	-0.77	0.7124	0.9413	-0.0138	-0.0174
9	Pulse Gram	1 Kg	249.13	249.40	305.87	-0.11	-18.55	0.7967	0.4711	-0.0005	-0.0003
TOTAL								17.6264	12.8103	-0.1461	-0.1342
iii. Average prices of the following 24 items remained UNCHANGED											
1	Rice Basmati Broken (Average Quality)	1 Kg	215.83	215.83	202.64	0.00	6.51	2.9610	1.2636	0.0000	0.0000
2	Rice IRRI-6/9 (Sindh/Punjab)	1 Kg	154.87	154.87	158.06	0.00	-2.02	0.5922	0.1671	0.0000	0.0000
3	Beef with Bone (Average Quality)	1 Kg	1194.76	1194.76	1069.47	0.00	11.72	2.4988	3.3533	0.0000	0.0000
4	Mutton (Average Quality)	1 Kg	2187.07	2187.07	1995.29	0.00	9.61	0.5498	2.4387	0.0000	0.0000
5	Milk fresh (Un-boiled)	1 Ltr	203.79	203.79	197.88	0.00	2.99	17.5449	18.3937	0.0000	0.0000
6	Powdered Milk NIDO 390 gm Polybag	Each	1141.72	1141.72	1037.01	0.00	10.10	0.0803	0.3817	0.0000	0.0000
7	Cooking Oil DALDA or Other Similar Brand (SN)	Each	2984.89	2984.89	2922.45	0.00	2.14	2.1480	3.1260	0.0000	0.0000
8	Vegetable Ghee DALDA/HABIB 2.5 kg Tin	Each	1510.50	1510.50	1484.54	0.00	1.75	3.2833	1.4648	0.0000	0.0000
9	Vegetable Ghee DALDA/HABIB or Other super	Each	588.43	588.43	578.32	0.00	1.75	3.2833	1.4648	-0.0001	-0.0001
10	Salt Powdered (NATIONAL/SHAN) 800 gm Pac	Each	63.00	63.00	72.04	0.00	-12.55	0.2844	0.2279	0.0000	0.0000
11	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
12	Tea Lipton Yellow Label 190 gm Packet	Each	447.06	447.06	452.21	0.00	-1.14	3.1478	2.3913	0.0000	0.0000
13	Tea Prepared Ordinary	Per Cup	63.46	63.46	61.13	0.00	3.81	2.5003	2.3564	0.0000	0.0000
14	Gents Sandal Bata	Pair	2499.00	2499.00	2499.00	0.00	0.00	0.6350	0.5122	0.0000	0.0000
15	Gents Sponge Chappal Bata	Pair	599.00	599.00	599.00	0.00	0.00	0.2110	0.1640	0.0000	0.0000
16	Ladies Sandal Bata	Pair	1399.00	1399.00	1399.00	0.00	0.00	0.9919	1.0148	0.0000	0.0000
17	Electricity Charges for Q1	Per Unit	7.04	7.04	6.00	0.00	17.33	8.3627	12.9291	0.0000	0.0000
18	Gas Charges for Q1	MMBTU	2566.50	2566.50	1976.50	0.00	29.85	2.0674	3.0667	0.0000	0.0000
19	Sufi Washing Soap 250 gm Cake	Each	133.51	133.51	132.00	0.00	1.14	1.1178	0.5917	0.0000	0.0000
20	Match Box	Each	6.24	6.24	6.24	0.00	0.00	0.3495	0.1969	0.0000	0.0000
21	Petrol Super	Per Litre	322.90	322.90	256.77	0.00	25.75	1.4673	6.7018	0.0000	0.0000
22	Hi-Speed Diesel	Per Litre	337.60	337.60	259.82	0.00	29.94	0.0114	0.0874	0.0000	0.0000
23	Telephone Call Charges	Per Minu	1.79	1.79	1.79	0.00	0.00	0.0645	0.5468	0.0000	0.0000
24	Toilet Soap LIFEBOUY 115 gm	Each	115.79	115.79	108.60	0.00	6.62	0.8529	0.6784	0.0000	0.0000
TOTAL								56.3951	64.3645	-0.0001	-0.0001

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

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

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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