

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

SENSITIVE PRICE INDICATOR (SPI) FOR THE WEEK ENDED ON 26.03.2026.

(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 (%)	0.97	1.09	0.86	0.79	0.94	0.97
Year on Year change (%)	7.02	8.76	7.61	7.15	7.64	8.24

I. ANALYSIS OF WEEKLY SPI

i. The SPI for the current week ended on **March 26, 2026 increased by 0.97%**. Major **increase** is observed in the prices of Onions (18.10%), Tomatoes (11.38%), LPG (10.05%), Chicken (8.70%), Potatoes (8.11%), Electricity Charges for Q1 (6.11%), Eggs (3.54%), Garlic (3.23%), Mutton (2.55%), Beef (1.52%), Georgette (0.38%) and Firewood (0.34%).

ii. On the other hand, **decrease** is observed in the prices of Bananas (4.50%), Wheat Flour (1.00%), Sugar (0.29%), Gur (0.20%) and Pulse Moong & Rice IRRI-6/9 (0.17%) each.

iii. During the week, out of **51** items, prices of **23** (45.10%) items increased, **06** (11.76%) items decreased and **22** (43.14%) items remained stable.

II. The year on year trend depicts **increase** of **8.24%**. Major **increase** is observed in the prices of LPG (34.73%), Diesel (29.94%), Gas Charges for Q1 (29.85%), Wheat Flour (25.76%), Petrol (25.75%), Onions (25.07%), Chilies Powder (15.20%), Beef (13.08%), Mutton (12.41%), Powdered Milk (10.10%), Rice Basmati Broken (6.51%) and Gur (6.31%), while major **decrease** is observed in the prices of Potatoes (45.71%), Pulse Gram (17.54%), Eggs (13.63%), Garlic (12.92%), Salt Powder (12.55%), Chicken (11.94%), Pulse Masoor (11.62%) and Sugar (11.34%).

III. Current week over previous week (WoW) (26.03.2026 over 18.03.2026) showing 0.97% change.

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

Food Items	%	Food Items	%	Non Food Items	%
Onions	18.10	Eggs	3.54	LPG	10.05
Tomatoes	11.38	Garlic	3.23	Electricity Charges for Q1	6.11
Chicken	8.70	Mutton	2.55	Georgette	0.38
Potatoes	8.11	Beef	1.52	Firewood	0.34

ii. **Decreased Items (percentage)**

Food Items	%	Food Items	%	Non Food Items	%
Bananas	-4.50	Rice IRRI-6/9	-0.17	Nil	
Wheat Flour	-1.00	Pulse Moong	-0.17		
Sugar	-0.29				
Gur	-0.20				

IV. Current week over corresponding week (YoY) (26.03.2026 over 27.03.2025) showing 8.24% change.

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

Food Items	%	Food Items	%	Non Food Items	%
Wheat Flour	25.76	Mutton	12.41	LPG	34.73
Onions	25.07	Powdered Milk	10.10	Diesel	29.94
Chilies Powder	15.20	Rice Basmati Broken	6.51	Gas Charges for Q1	29.85
Beef	13.08	Gur	6.31	Petrol	25.75

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

Food Items	%	Food Items	%	Non Food Items	%
Potatoes	-45.71	Salt Powder	-12.55	Nil	
Pulse Gram	-17.54	Chicken	-11.94		
Eggs	-13.63	Pulse Masoor	-11.62		
Garlic	-12.92	Sugar	-11.34		

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Subject: Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI) for the week ended on 26-03-2026.

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 26, 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 26-03-2026	18-03-26	27-03-25	18-03-26	27-03-25
Q1 (Upto Rs. 17,732)	329.39	326.22	307.79	0.97	7.02
Q2 (Rs. 17,733 - 22,888)	332.83	329.25	306.03	1.09	8.76
Q3 (Rs. 22,889 - 29,517)	353.93	350.92	328.89	0.86	7.61
Q4 (Rs. 29,518 - 44,175)	341.48	338.82	318.68	0.79	7.15
Q5 (Above Rs. 44,175)	345.20	341.97	320.69	0.94	7.64
Combined	345.45	342.13	319.14	0.97	8.24

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
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
26-03-2026	329.39	0.97	7.02	345.45	0.97	8.24

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 26-03-2026 over previous and corresponding weeks ended on 18-03-2026 and 27-03-2025 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	
			26.03.26	18.03.26	27.03.25	18.03.26	27.03.25	Lowest	Combined	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	77.97	66.02	62.34	18.10	25.07	2.6815	1.6822	0.2372	0.1418
2	Tomatoes	1 Kg	85.67	76.92	81.51	11.38	5.10	1.4395	0.9816	0.0822	0.0535
3	LPG 11.67 kg Cylinder	Each	4514.99	4102.81	3351.19	10.05	34.73	0.6145	1.4370	0.0863	0.1925
4	Chicken Farm Broiler (Live)	1 Kg	440.01	404.79	499.67	8.70	-11.94	2.9269	3.8681	0.1078	0.1359
5	Potatoes	1 Kg	32.81	30.35	60.44	8.11	-45.71	2.2955	1.2157	0.0216	0.0109
6	Electricity Charges for Q1	Per Unit	7.47	7.04	6.00	6.11	24.50	8.3627	12.9291	0.4711	0.4570
7	Eggs Hen (Farm)	1 Dozen	228.86	221.03	264.97	3.54	-13.63	1.1780	1.4424	0.0368	0.0430
8	Garlic (Lehsun)	1 Kg	513.00	496.93	589.11	3.23	-12.92	0.6807	0.5795	-0.0021	-0.0017
9	Mutton (Average Quality)	1 Kg	2242.89	2187.07	1995.29	2.55	12.41	0.5498	2.4387	0.0043	0.0183
10	Beef with Bone (Average Quality)	1 Kg	1212.97	1194.76	1072.64	1.52	13.08	2.4988	3.3533	0.0188	0.0240
11	Pulse Gram	1 Kg	250.52	249.13	303.81	0.56	-17.54	0.7967	0.4711	0.0000	0.0000
12	Mustard Oil (Average Quality)	1 Kg	558.26	555.37	552.53	0.52	1.04	0.0216	0.0341	0.0000	0.0000
13	Vegetable Ghee DALDA/HABIB 2.5 kg Tin	Each	1517.23	1510.50	1485.98	0.45	2.10	3.2833	1.4648	0.0007	0.0003
14	Pulse Mash (Washed)	1 Kg	467.61	465.56	464.35	0.44	0.70	0.2855	0.3269	0.0007	0.0008
15	Pulse Masoor (Washed)	1 Kg	259.90	258.83	294.06	0.41	-11.62	0.6545	0.4608	0.0005	0.0004
16	Georgette (Average Quality)	1 mtr	311.41	310.22	297.94	0.38	4.52	0.7584	0.9024	0.0026	0.0030
17	Firewood Whole	40 Kg	1489.35	1484.35	1314.71	0.34	13.28	5.0813	1.1969	0.0112	0.0025
18	Vegetable Ghee DALDA/HABIB or Other super	Each	590.35	588.43	578.32	0.33	2.08	3.2833	1.4648	0.0005	0.0002
19	Cigarettes Capstan 20'S Packet	Each	247.52	246.91	237.85	0.25	4.07	1.6170	1.0931	0.0072	0.0046
20	Long Cloth 57" Gul Ahmed/AI Karam	1 mtr	670.02	668.87	629.62	0.17	6.42	4.2221	3.9577	0.0079	0.0071
21	Shirting (Average Quality)	1 mtr	532.48	531.71	480.24	0.14	10.88	0.0317	0.1010	0.0001	0.0001
22	Cooking Oil DALDA or Other Similar Brand (SN	Each	2985.78	2984.89	2919.73	0.03	2.26	2.1480	3.1260	0.0002	0.0002
23	Curd (Dahi) Loose	1 Kg	239.96	239.91	229.42	0.02	4.59	0.7366	1.8181	0.0006	0.0015
TOTAL								46.1479	46.3453	1.0963	1.0958
ii. Average prices of the following 6 items registered DECREASE.											
1	Bananas (Kela) Local	1 Dozen	205.31	214.98	207.39	-4.50	-1.00	0.7124	0.9413	-0.0760	-0.0958
2	Wheat Flour Bag	20 Kg	2204.03	2226.30	1752.55	-1.00	25.76	6.1372	3.9725	-0.0402	-0.0248
3	Sugar Refined	1 Kg	149.66	150.09	168.80	-0.29	-11.34	5.1148	3.1584	-0.0067	-0.0040
4	Gur (Average Quality)	1 Kg	224.06	224.52	210.77	-0.20	6.31	0.2341	0.1075	-0.0001	0.0000
5	Rice IRRI-6/9 (Sindh/Punjab)	1 Kg	154.60	154.87	158.06	-0.17	-2.19	0.5922	0.1671	-0.0008	-0.0002
6	Pulse Moong (Washed)	1 Kg	388.21	388.86	395.96	-0.17	-1.96	0.8715	0.4816	0.0001	0.0000
TOTAL								13.6622	8.8284	-0.1237	-0.1248
iii. Average prices of the following 22 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	Bread plain (Small Size)	Each	111.87	111.87	108.83	0.00	2.79	0.1041	0.5698	0.0000	0.0000
3	Milk fresh (Un-boiled)	1 Ltr	203.79	203.79	197.88	0.00	2.99	17.5449	18.3937	0.0000	0.0000
4	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
5	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
6	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
7	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
8	Cooked Beef at Average Hotel	Per Plate	316.91	316.91	300.67	0.00	5.40	0.5033	1.0497	0.0000	0.0000
9	Cooked Daal at Average Hotel	Per Plate	169.18	169.18	163.53	0.00	3.46	1.3118	1.3014	0.0000	0.0000
10	Tea Prepared Ordinary	Per Cup	63.46	63.46	61.13	0.00	3.81	2.5003	2.3564	0.0000	0.0000
11	Lawn Printed Gul Ahmed/AI Karam	1 mtr	669.09	669.07	636.96	0.00	5.04	2.3442	2.1473	0.0000	0.0000
12	Gents Sandal Bata	Pair	2499.00	2499.00	2499.00	0.00	0.00	0.6350	0.5122	0.0000	0.0000
13	Gents Sponge Chappal Bata	Pair	599.00	599.00	599.00	0.00	0.00	0.2110	0.1640	0.0000	0.0000
14	Ladies Sandal Bata	Pair	1399.00	1399.00	1399.00	0.00	0.00	0.9919	1.0148	0.0000	0.0000
15	Gas Charges for Q1	MMBTU	2566.50	2566.50	1976.50	0.00	29.85	2.0674	3.0667	0.0000	0.0000
16	Energy Saver Philips 14 Watt	Each	402.11	402.11	380.86	0.00	5.58	0.2495	0.3374	0.0000	0.0000
17	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
18	Match Box	Each	6.24	6.24	6.24	0.00	0.00	0.3495	0.1969	0.0000	0.0000
19	Petrol Super	Per Litre	322.90	322.90	256.77	0.00	25.75	1.4673	6.7018	0.0000	0.0000
20	Hi-Speed Diesel	Per Litre	337.60	337.60	259.82	0.00	29.94	0.0114	0.0874	0.0000	0.0000
21	Telephone Call Charges	Per Minu	1.79	1.79	1.79	0.00	0.00	0.0645	0.5468	0.0000	0.0000
22	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								40.1899	44.8263	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

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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