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About PBS!

Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) is the prime statistical organization of Pakistan, responsible for collection, compilation and timely dissemination of reliable statistical information to the policy makers, planners and researchers. PBS publishes variety of reports relating to social and economic areas of the country based on primary and secondary data collected from credible resources.

LAUNCHING OF 1ST QUARTERLY NATIONAL ACCOUNTS MEETINGS 107TH NAC MEETING HELD ON 28TH NOVEMBER, 2023

Proceedings of 107th NAC meeting under the chairmanship of Secretary Planning, Development and Special Initiatives were held on 28th November, 2023 in the Auditorium of Ministry of Planning Development and Special Initiatives, Islamabad. The meeting was attended by representatives of various stakeholders, i.e., M/O Finance, PD&SI, Federal, and Provincial Organizations. Some participants attended the meeting

base of national accounts adopted in February 2022. PBS held discussions with the WB for technical assistance on QNA. Online discussion mode



was finalized with Mr. Jose Pablo (WB Expert).

Technical meetings started on 22nd June, 2022, and thereafter a series of weekly meetings were held. All technical aspects such as application of Denton Technique and TramoSeats software, Identification of indicators (Output – Input Indicators), Estimation of work in progress for crops, Development of composite indicators for various industries and Development of volume, price and value indicators for each industry came under discussion. Dissemination Policy of Quarterly National Accounts estimates

was also shared during the 107th NAC meeting which has been designed by following the IMF Data Quality Assessment Framework (DQAF) for National Accounts Statistics. According to the DQAF "the Quarterly GDP estimates are disseminated within three months after the end of reference quarter. It was also decided in the meetings that Press release for each quarter including data for last 2-3 years supported by graphs will

online.

According to IMF Data Quality Assessment Framework (DQAF) quarterly GDP estimates should be disseminated within three months after the end of reference quarter under the Special Data Dissemination Standards (SDDS). However, PBS was asked to compile and disseminate the QNA within 60 days after the end of reference quarter which was very challenging, especially in the context that PBS has to compile QNA on the basis of indicators received from provincial departments and line ministries. Second challenge was the compilation of revised annual estimates for 2023 which are usually compiled in the month of "May" every year, however, under SBA, PBS has been asked to squeeze this lag by 06 months. Foreseeing the importance of QNA, PBS initiated the work on QNA soon after the approval of new





DATA USERS AND DATA PRODUCERS DIALOGUE WORKSHOPS

Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) in collaboration with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) organized four workshops titled 'Data Users and Data Producers dialogue' at **Lahore, Karachi, Islamabad, and Peshawar**. The importance of data has been increasing day by day for policy planning and to start a rationale decision-making process in the broader context for individual, organization or at national & international level. PBS as National Statistics Organization of Pakistan is mandated to produce reliable Statistics for evidence based policy planning. For dissemination of reliable statistics, a national Data Dissemination Policy is being formulated. To enhance data accessibility to users for informed decision making, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics has started nationwide series of dialogue workshops between data users and data producers (including Provincial Bureaus, Crop Reporting and other Government Organizations) at national and provincial levels in collaboration with UNFPA. The workshops will be helpful in identifying the requirements of data users, finding gaps and improve data dissemination system.

FIRST WORKSHOP

The first workshop of the series was held on 20th November, 2023 at Lahore. The workshop was attended by data users, researchers, demographers and other stakeholders. Member (SS/RM), Muhammad Sarwar Gondal, Member (C & S) Ayaz ud din and other senior officers of PBS welcome the distinguished guests.

Member (SS/RM), Muhammad Sarwar Gondal, presented the vision of PBS regarding Data Dissemination and apprised the forum that keeping in view the emerging needs of Data users and challenges faced in accessibility of required data, PBS has taken the initiative to host nationwide workshops.

Member (C & S) Ayaz ud din highlighted that these workshops will not only devise strategies for web-based data dissemination but will provide partners for data dissemination. Hence,

a mechanism for systematic feedback on data dissemination will be formulated in Pakistan. While interacting with data users key challenges in Census data accessibility can be discussed. The easily accessed data is helpful in quick decision making.

Dr. Luay, UNFPA Country Representative, emphasized the significance of sharing and disseminating data with the public. Acknowledging the transformative power of data for positive change and sustainable development, Dr. Luay highlighted the importance of making some percentage of anonymous micro-level data accessible. Such data serves as a crucial resource for in-depth research, enabling the estimation of various indicators at lower geographical levels. This approach empowers policymakers to tailor interventions and policies to specific local needs, ensuring a more targeted and effective impact on communities.

The participants showed keen interest in the workshop. They discussed the issues related to the subject, provided their valuable feedbacks to improve the system and anticipated that this initiative will strengthen the collaboration between data producers and data users.

Five groups comprising of participants of the workshop, having versatile background constituted for deliberation and formulate their recommendations on the following thematic areas of the workshop: Emerging user needs and data requirements, Challenges in data dissemination and accessibility, Strategies for web-based data dissemination, Partnerships for data dissemination, Mechanism for systemic feedback on data dissemination in Pakistan. All groups presented their suggestions and recommendation relating to the thematic areas.

This workshop will help to strengthen statistical production process, foster trust and mutual understanding between data producers and users. The workshop will help to formulate effective and vibrant national data dissemination policy to facilitate evidence based decision making, effective policy planning by ensuring easy access to the updated statistics for the prosperity of the nation.



SECOND WORKSHOP

Pakistan Bureau of Statistics is creating a National Data Dissemination Policy is crucial for ensuring that the statistics produced by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics that should reach and benefit a wide range of users. Engaging both data producers and users in dialogue workshops is a remarkable approach to gather diverse perspectives, identify needs, and bridge any existing gaps in the data dissemination process. Collaborating with organizations like UNFPA adds value by leveraging expertise and resources.



These workshops will likely foster collaboration between various government bodies, ensuring a more comprehensive understanding of data requirements and consequently enhancing the quality and accessibility of statistical information for policymakers and planners. It's an excellent strategy for ensuring evidence-based decision-making across different levels of governance.

Second workshop of this series of data workshops was held on 27th November, 2023 at Karachi. The workshop was attended by data users, researchers, demographers and other stakeholders Dr. Naeem uz Zafar, Chief statistician, Member (SS/RM), Muhammad Sarwar Gondal, Member (C & S) Ayazuddin and other senior officers of PBS welcome the distinguished guests.

Dr. Naeem uz Zafar, Chief statistician apprised the forum that, PBS has taken a proactive approach to address the challenges faced by data users in accessing necessary information. The initiative of hosting nationwide workshops will bridge the gap between the availability of data and the needs of users. By understanding

feedback mechanism in Pakistan can help ensure continuous improvement in data dissemination practices.

He further added that, the workshop will focus on addressing challenges in Census data accessibility, understanding the barriers and finding solutions can significantly improve the usefulness and accessibility of this vital information. As easily accessible data plays a pivotal role in facilitating informed and timely decision-making processes.

Mr. Bahram Gul, representative of UNFPA Pakistan, emphasized on the value of sharing anonymized micro-level data. By making this data accessible, it becomes a valuable resource for research and analysis, particularly in understanding localized trends and needs. This approach offers policymakers a granular view of communities, enabling them to create more precisely targeted interventions and policies that address specific local challenges.



Member C&S, Mr. Ayazuddin while talking at the occasion focused on the transformative power of data in fostering positive change and sustainable development cannot be understated. When utilized responsibly and ethically. Data can serve as a catalyst for informed decision-making and action. Ensuring the availability of anonymized micro-level data can promote transparency and empowers researchers and policymakers to work towards solutions that resonate deeply within communities. This kind of approach not only enhances the effectiveness of interventions but also fosters a sense of inclusivity and responsiveness to the diverse needs of different regions or populations.

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The workshop was successful in engaging participants, discussing pertinent issues, collecting valuable feedback, and fostering anticipation for strengthened collaboration between data producers and users.

This workshop will help in Strengthening the statistical process and fostering trust between data producers and users These are crucial steps in ensuring the reliability and accessibility of information. A well-formulated national data dissemination policy is indeed fundamental for evidence-based decision-making and effective policy planning, which ultimately contributes to a nation's prosperity.



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THIRD WORKSHOP

Islamabad 7th December, 2023: Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) in collaboration with UNFPA Pakistan hosted a Dialogue Workshop between Data Users and Data Producers at Ramada Hotel, Islamabad. The workshop was attended by Stakeholders and Development partners from Islamabad, AJK and GB i.e., Public organizations, relevant Ministries, HEC, researchers, data users and representatives from International Organizations etc. The participation of all stakeholders helped in gathering diverse perspectives, identifying needs, and addressing any existing gaps in the data dissemination process. Chief Statistician, Dr Naeem uz Zafar (SI), Member SS/RM Muhammad Sarwar Gondal (SI), Member C & S, Mr. Ayazuddin, Member NA, Syed Ejaz Wasti and senior officers from PBS and representative from UNFPA were also present at the occasion. The keynote speeches and events included welcoming remarks by Ms. Rabia Awan, DDG, comments of UNFPA representative, Dr. Luay Shabaneh, brief on PBS vision on Data Dissemination by Dr. Naeem uz Zafar (SI), Chief Statistician, PBS, presentation on Data Dissemination by an International Expert, Mr. Sufyan Abu Harb. Group discussion on thematic areas and solution of issues defined in group discussion session and concluding remarks by Secretary PD & SI, Mr. Awais Manzoor Sumra . **Dr. Naeem uz Zafar, (SI)**, Chief Statistician set the context by presenting history and functions of PBS by focusing on the First ever Digital Census, shared his thoughts on engagement of data users and producers for Data Dissemination Policy, and threw light on importance of their input on how to make data more useful, current modes of data dissemination were also part of presentation and he anticipated that with the collaboration of stakeholder Data Dissemination system can be improved. UN representative Dr. Luay Shabaneh acknowledged the completion of census and congratulated PBS on achieving the Benchmark of first Digital Census. He further added that it is very important to perceive, use and utilize data appropriately in Pakistan for informed decision making. PBS has the capacity to not only deliver its product and services as per demands at Federal level but can also play a vital role in upgrading capacities of provincial Bureaus.

Mr. Sufyan Abu Harab from Palestine, Central Bureau of Statistics presented Data Dissemination strategies in an interactive way and stressed on disseminating the data according to needs of users. Statistical office should be proactive about data user demands and Data dissemination can become attractive for different categories of data users.

Secretary, PD & SI, Mr. Awais Manzoor Sumra in his concluding remarks appreciated PBS for completion of first ever Digital Census and anticipated that the workshop would be able to identify the emerging user needs and data requirements and the challenges faced by both data producers and user. This workshop will help to design targeted and tailored data dissemination and enhance data accessibility. The workshop would set a milestone to devise a credible national data dissemination policy enabling all the stakeholders to satiate the thirst



for data in interactive and friendly manners. The participants were divided into five main groups for discussions on thematic areas. The thematic areas discussed in group discussion session were emerging user needs and data requirements, Challenges in data dissemination and accessibility, Strategies of web based data dissemination, partnership for data dissemination and mechanism for systematic feedback on data dissemination. All the issues discussed in group discussion were resolved by PBS team. The division of participants into groups to deliberate and formulate recommendations on various thematic areas is an excellent approach. This ensures a comprehensive analysis of emerging user needs, challenges in dissemination, and strategies for dissemination.

tion, partnerships, and feedback mechanisms, leading to well-rounded recommendations. Strengthening the statistical process and fostering trust between producers and users are pivotal for ensuring the reliability and accessibility of information.

A well-crafted national data dissemination policy will undoubtedly contribute to evidence-based decision-making and effective policy planning, ultimately leading to the prosperity of the nation.



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FOURTH WORKSHOP

Engagement of Data Users and Data Producers in a Dialogue on Data Dissemination Policy is a vital step towards addressing existing gaps in Data dissemination process. National Data Dissemination Policy, devised through interactive process with involvement and of stakeholders, will ensure that statistical information reach a wide array of users and utilized effectively for evidence-based decision-making.

The fourth workshop of the series was organized at Peshawar on 18th December, 2023. Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) in collaboration with UNFPA Pakistan hosted a Dialogue Workshop between Data Users and Data Producers at Serena Hotel, Peshawar. (The workshop was attended by Stakeholders and Development partners from KP i.e., Public organizations, Provincial Bureau of Statistics, researchers, data users and representatives from International Organizations etc). The participation of all stakeholders helped in gathering diverse perspectives, identifying needs, and addressing any existing gaps in the data dissemination process. Chief Statistician, Dr Naeem uz Zafar (SI), Member SS/RM, Muhammad Sarwar Gondal (SI), Member C & S, Mr. Ayazuddin, senior officers from PBS, Vice Chancellor University of Peshawar and representative from UNFPA were also present at the occasion.

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use and utilize data appropriately for Evidence based decision-making. PBS has the capacity to not only deliver its product and services as per demands at Federal level but can also play a vital role in upgrading capacities of provincial Bureaus. He also presented current modes of data dissemination and he anticipated that with the collaboration of stakeholder Data Dissemination system can improve.



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REGIONAL TRAINING WORKSHOP ON POPULATION PROJECTIONS, 16-20 OCTOBER 2023, BANGKOK, THAILAND

Ms. Rabia Awan, Deputy Director General, PBS has attended the workshop on Population Projection. The workshops was planned/ designed into two sessions daily at morning and afternoon, for learning and best understanding of the audience, every day session were consist of:-

- Lectures and demonstrations
- Discussions
- Questions
- Participant presentations

Participants has prepared and presented their country presentation. Ms. Rabia has also presented the country presentation on Population Projection.

Workshop is targeted at countries which expressed a specific interest in learning more about population projections or for which population projections will soon become an important area of work. As Pakistan has conducted his first ever digital Census in this regard the workshop provides the wide range of experience on the subject, further sharing of experience by the other countries is also beneficial in finalization of census activities as well as in future.

OBJECTIVES OF WORKSHOP:

The main objective of the workshop is to strengthen the capabilities of National Statistical Organizations and other National Institutions involved in conducting and interpreting population projections. The specific objectives of the workshop are as follows: -

- To provide participants with a clear understanding of available population projections methodology and related challenges.



- To discuss outputs of different projection exercises based on different methodologies and assumptions.
- To train participants on how to develop sets of assumptions for population projections and interpret results. To present selected tools for population projections.
- To share practical country experiences around various aspects of population projections



MS. RABIA AWAN, DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL, PBS, REVIEW THE PRESENTATION OF THE CASE STUDY RESEARCH -II PREPARED BY THE PARTICIPANTS OF 38TH MID-CAREER MANAGEMENT COURSE.

On the request of National Institute of Management (NIM), a constituent unit of national School of Public Policy Ms. Rabia Awan, DDG(CPMU/PSLM/CP&C) had reviewed the presentations of the case study research-II prepared by the participants of 38th Mid-Career Management Course. NIM plays a pivotal role in training and capacity building of the civil servants of Pakistan. Ms. Rabia attended the same online and evaluated presentations of the case study Research- II on 2023 Census In Pakistan: issues & Challenges on Wednesday 22nd November, 2023 on the following 2-groups: -



A-I: The Role of Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) in policy Formulation and Census.

A-II: Evaluation of the 2023 Census: Punjab & KPK.

She informed the participants that it is essential that data may be critically reviewed and analyzed properly for effective decision making.

MEETING ON HIES 2024-25 SURVEY

A meeting on conduct of HIES 2024-25 survey under the chairmanship of worthy Chief Statistician was held on . DDG (HIES) Ms. Rabia Awan presented the preparatory work on upcoming HIES survey so far. She explained that PBS halted all survey activities including HIES 2021-22 due to conduct of 7th Population & Housing Census and staff was involved in gigantic activity of population & Hous-



ing Census which is the first ever "Digital Census" of Pakistan. Now the activities of Census have been completed successfully therefore PBS is planned to conduct their routine activities as per plane.

HIES survey has been planned to be conducted in 2024-25, therefore, preparatory working is in process for conduct of HIES 2024-25 survey. Technical committee for reviewing the PSLM/ HIES questionnaire, which was constituted in 2015-16, is re-constituted to review the HIES questionnaire for reducing/revising shortcomings, keeping in view the changed ground realities. Initial review of questionnaire has been completed and will be provide to technical committee for further input. Side by side Edit Checks and working on Manual of Instruction is also in progress.

FOCAL PERSON MEETING ON AGRICULTURAL CENSUS (INTEGRATED DIGITAL COUNT)

20-DEC-23

After the successful conduct of 7th Population and Housing Census, which was the biggest digital data collection exercise of South Asia, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics is going to conduct 7th Agricultural Census throughout the country. Agricultural Census is important for Evidence bases Policy making in agriculture and livestock sectors of economy. In 2016 activities for Agricultural census were started. However, these were halted due to urgent conduct of 2017 Population census. After 6th Population and Housing Census, in 2020 Mouza Census was conducted to update the frame of Agricultural Census as 7th Agricultural Census was planned in 2022. But due to the activates of 7th Population and Housing Census the Agricultural census activities were once again halted. 7th Agricultural Census will be the biggest exercise after P&H Census. Considering the Best Practices and recommendations of World Census of Agriculture (WCA) Programme by the UNFAO. WCA-2020 recommends to collect data of agricultural lands, crops, orchards, irrigation, livestock population, modern farming practices in one go through Agricultural Census. Therefore Governing Council of PBS decided in 2015 to merge the three past agriculture related censuses to save the time, cost, and resources.

• Six Agricultural Censuses



• Five Agricultural Machinery Censuses



• Four Livestock Censuses



Series of meetings were conducted to finalize Planning and Preparatory work of 7th Agriculture Census. An orientation session of nominated Federal and Provincial focal person was held on 20th December 2023 at National Cen-

sus Coordination Centre (N3C), PBS Head Office, under the chair of Chief Census Commissioner, Dr. Naeem uz Zafar (SI). The main purpose of



meeting was to discuss the modalities and way forward for successful completion of this important exercise. Meeting was attended by, senior officers of Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, focal person from Federal and Provincial Governments (from board of revenue, Land Utilization and Agriculture Department) and provincial in charges.

The Chief Census Commissioner inaugurated the forum to commence discussions on the 7th Agricultural Census. Mr. Ayazuddin, Member (Census & Surveys), delivered the opening remarks, outlining the purpose of the meeting, which aimed to elucidate the roles and responsibilities at both the federal and provincial levels.



Subsequently, Mr. Muhammad Sarwar Gondal, Member (Statistical Support and Resource Management), provided a brief overview of the meeting's objectives. He shared his perspective on how the 7th Agricultural Census would be conducted through collaborative efforts between the federal and provincial governments. Dr. Amjad Javaid Sandhu, Director General (Administration), delivered an extensive presentation on the 7th agricultural census.

SERIES OF PROGRESS REVIEW MEETINGS WERE HELD DURING OCT-DECEMBER 2023 AND SO FAR COMPLETED ACTIVITIES:

- Mouza Census has been completed in 2020 during challenging COVID days
- Rural Statistics have been completely collected showing Community level development indicators and facilities available for farming community (as per WCA 2020)
- Mouza selection from updated frame has been completed
- Trainings on Integration of Agriculture, Livestock and Machinery Censuses has been imparted by international consultant to PBS Technical Team

- Form-1 and Form-2 have been designed by merger of three questionnaires after consultation with Federal and Provincial stakeholders including FAO
- Tabulation plan has been devised (48+26+24=98 tables)
- Specifications for software development are under implementation by IT team
- Consultative meetings were convened with Federal Ministries, Provincial Departments and international agencies i.e. FAO, UNDP etc. for preparations of 7th Agricultural Census has been initiated.

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"THE INTERNATIONAL FORUM ON DIGITAL FIRST APPROACH FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE THAILAND POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS"

Pakistan had successfully conducted and completed the gigantic activity of 7th Population & Housing Census 2023, "The First Ever Digital Census" throughout the country in the challenging timelines of 18 months. The exercise is biggest digital exercise of the South Asia covering around 250 million population with geotagging of 40 million structures. Thailand National Statistical office (TNSO) is preparing for conduct of Digital Census in 2025, accordingly for efficient planning and to learn from the knowledge and experiences of the other countries, TNSO with the collaboration of UNFPA arranged International Forum on "Digital First Approach" w.e.f. 8-10 November 2023 in Bangkok Thailand. Pakistan Bureau of Statistics was also invited to share their experiences based on the successful recent execution of the Digital Census along with delegates from Australia, Malaysia, Korea, United Kingdom and US Census Bureau. Pakistan and Australia attended the meeting Physically and covered the major subjects in three days while remaining countries attended virtually and presented in one each specific topic. Pakistan Delegation comprised of following officers:-



- Mr. Muhammad Sarwar Gondal, Member (Support Services/Resource Management)/Focal person for Digital Census
- Mr. Ayazuddin, Member (Census & Surveys)

- Ms. Rabia Awan, Deputy Director General (CPMU/CP&C)
- Mr. Arslan Bashir, Data Processing Officer/ Software Developer.

Pakistan Bureau of Statistics shared their experiences on the following topics followed by extensive Q/A sessions. Further two delegates were also part of the panel discussion held on the last day. The event was great success and helped Thailand Bureau of Statistics for designing the Digital census, keeping in view the specific



ground realities of Country. All countries shared their experiences and lesson learnt which will be very pertinent guidelines for implementing successfully the Digital Census. PBS also shared the report regarding "Recommendation for Conduct of Census" and "Journey of Digital Census" with the TNSO. This event was great learning experience for Pakistan too for learning from experiences of the more developed countries for improving the design and methodologies for next census. This event have provided ample opportunity for dialogue between all countries and sharing their experiences. This was also proud moment for Pakistan to present their expertise and experience for successful conduct of "The First Ever Digital Census" with various countries. The event was great success and helped Thailand Bureau of Statistics for designing the Digital census, keeping in view the specific ground realities of Country. All countries shared their experiences and lesson learnt which will be very pertinent guidelines for implementing successfully the Digital Census. PBS also shared the report

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INFLATION SITUATION DURING (OCTOBER - DECEMBER, 2023)

Pakistan Bureau of Statistics is the National Statistical Office, responsible for collection, compilation and dissemination of Wholesale & Retail prices and indices to measure inflation in the country. National Consumer Price Index (NCPI), Urban Consumer Price Index (UCPI), Rural Consumer Price Index (RPI) and Wholesale Price Index (WPI) are computed regularly on monthly and Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI) on weekly basis. The monthly review on price indices and report on weekly SPI are also published on PBS official website <http://www.pbs.gov.pk>.

The monthly inflationary situation in Pakistan during October - December, 2023 is given in Table-1, the Core Inflation in Table-2, quarterly inflationary situation in Table-3 and cumulative indices are given in Table-3 below.

Table-1 gives the snapshot of yearly (YoY) and monthly (MoM) inflation rates (MoM) for General, Food and Non-Food Groups at National, Urban & Rural domains along with SPI and WPI.

Table-1: Average General Inflation (%) (Base 2015-16)

TABLE 1.A GENERAL INFLATION (%) (BASE 2015-16)																		
PERIOD	CPI														SPI		WPI	
	GENERAL						FOOD				NON-FOOD							
	NATIONAL		URBAN		RURAL		URBAN		RURAL		URBAN		RURAL					
	YoY	MoM	YoY	MoM	YoY	MoM	YoY	MoM	YoY	MoM	YoY	MoM	YoY	MoM	YoY	MoM	YoY	MoM
OCT-23	26.8	1.0	25.5	1.1	28.7	0.9	28.9	0.6	28.6	0.7	23.1	1.4	28.8	1.1	34.2	0.2	24.6	-1.9
NOV-23	29.2	2.7	30.4	4.3	27.5	0.4	29.8	0.8	29.2	1.0	30.9	7.0	25.9	-0.2	30.6	3.3	26.4	1.4
DEC-23	29.7	0.8	30.9	0.7	27.9	1.0	28.8	-0.7	29.3	0.1	32.4	1.8	26.4	1.8	35.3	3.8	27.3	0.0
QUARTER- LY	YoY	QoQ	YoY	QoQ	YoY	QoQ	YoY	QoQ	YoY	QoQ	YoY	QoQ	YoY	QoQ	YoY	QoQ	YoY	QoQ
(OCT-DEC)	26.8	5.1	28.9	6.0	28.0	3.8	29.2	2.1	29.0	2.9	28.8	8.9	27.0	4.7	33.4	6.2	26.1	2.5

Table-2 gives the snapshot of yearly (YoY) and monthly (MoM) Core Inflation rates of Urban & Rural domains.

Table-2: Average Core Inflation (%) (Base 2015-16)

Monthly	YoY	MoM	YoY	MoM
2023 Oct	18.5	1.2	26.7	1.0
2023 Nov	18.6	0.9	25.9	1.4
2023 Dec	18.2	0.8	25.1	0.9
Quarterly(Oct-Dec)	YoY	QoQ	YoY	QoQ
	18.4	3.5	25.9	5.0

Table-3 indicates the cumulative indices along with percentage change for the Twelve (12) major groups at National, Urban and Rural level.

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Table-3: Cumulative Indices and Inflation rates (%) [Jul-Sep, 2023] (Base 2015-16

Group	NATIONAL				URBAN				RURAL			
	Weight (%)	INDICES		Change (%)	Weight (%)	INDICES		Change (%)	Weight (%)	INDICES		Change (%)
		Jul-Dec 2023-24	Jul-Dec 2022-23			Jul-Dec 2023-24	Jul-Dec 2022-23			Jul-Dec 2023-24	Jul-Dec 2022-23	
General	100.00	245.57	190.67	28.79	100.00	239.11	186.82	27.99	100.00	255.33	196.48	29.95
Food and non-alcoholic Beverages	34.58	278.28	210.88	31.96	30.42	273.58	207.88	31.61	40.87	283.56	214.25	32.35
Non-perishable food items	29.60	282.69	208.02	35.90	25.97	277.89	205.14	35.46	35.08	288.05	211.24	36.36
Perishable food items	4.99	252.10	227.85	10.64	4.46	248.49	223.87	11.00	5.79	256.30	232.48	10.25
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco	1.02	361.44	191.01	89.23	0.85	382.04	203.78	87.47	1.28	340.67	178.13	91.25
Clothing and footwear	8.60	214.23	178.13	20.27	8.01	206.70	175.67	17.66	9.48	223.85	181.26	23.49
Housing, water, Elec., Gas and other fuels	23.63	205.75	167.88	22.56	27.03	204.15	164.46	24.14	18.49	209.29	175.42	19.31
Furnishing and household equipment maintenance	4.10	253.06	183.83	37.66	4.09	246.30	181.29	35.86	4.10	263.23	187.66	40.27
Health	2.79	223.05	180.14	23.82	2.31	223.69	177.89	25.75	3.51	222.43	182.38	21.96
Transport	5.91	308.30	245.63	25.52	6.14	302.43	246.01	22.93	5.56	318.09	244.99	29.84
Communication	2.21	119.68	111.60	7.24	2.35	124.46	114.02	9.16	1.99	111.17	107.30	3.60
Recreation and culture	1.59	253.68	163.52	55.14	1.73	244.12	157.50	55.00	1.38	271.82	174.94	55.38
Education	3.79	180.85	162.06	11.60	4.88	181.07	164.60	10.01	2.13	180.10	153.31	17.48
Restaurants and hotels	6.92	252.71	190.00	33.00	7.41	252.82	190.03	33.04	6.19	252.51	189.95	32.94
Misc. goods and services	4.87	262.68	192.93	36.15	4.77	258.85	192.23	34.65	5.02	268.17	193.93	38.28

Figure 1: Urban Inflation - YoY, Special Indices

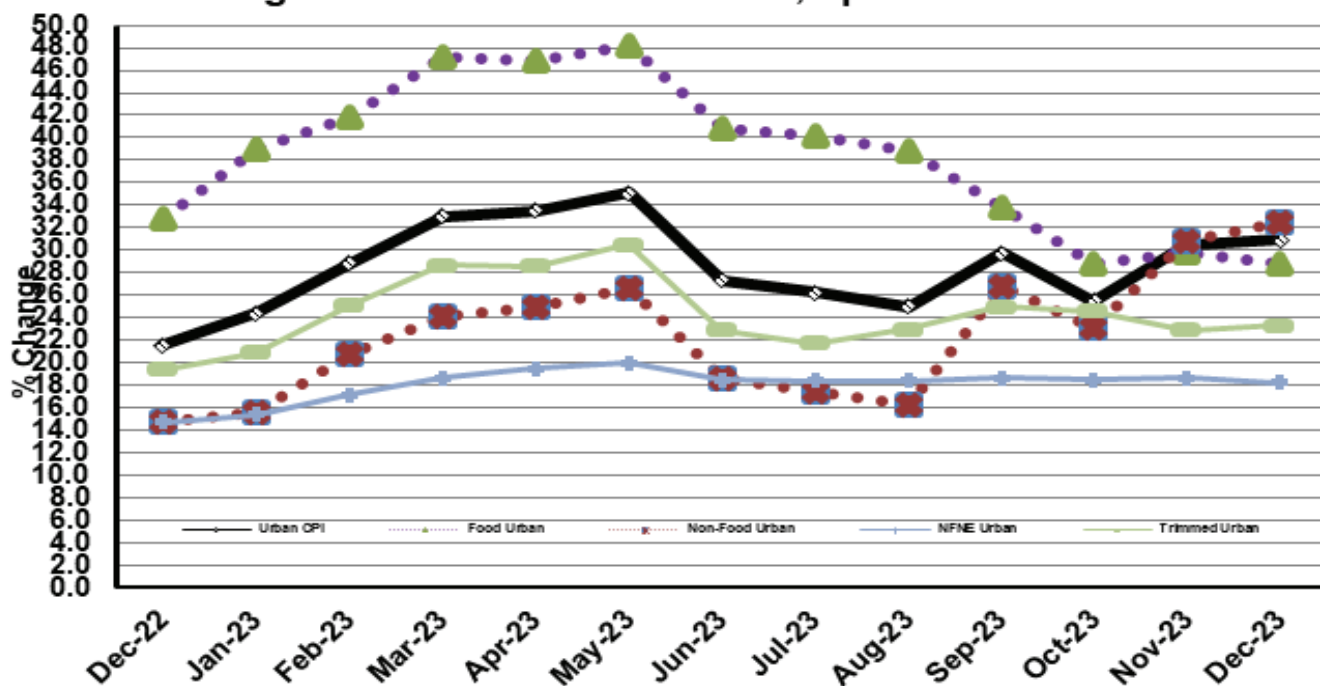


Figure 2: Rural Inflation - YoY, Special Indices

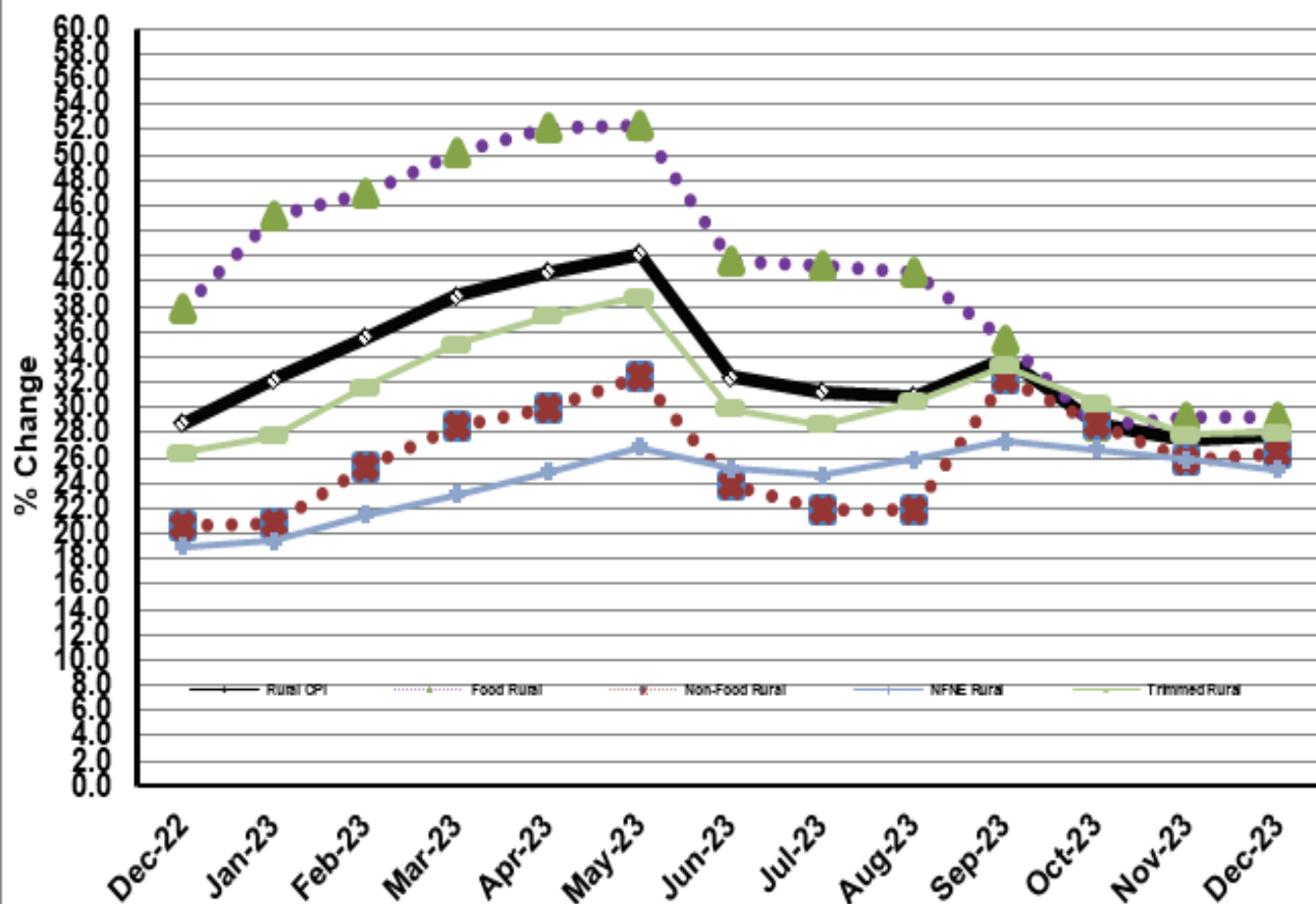


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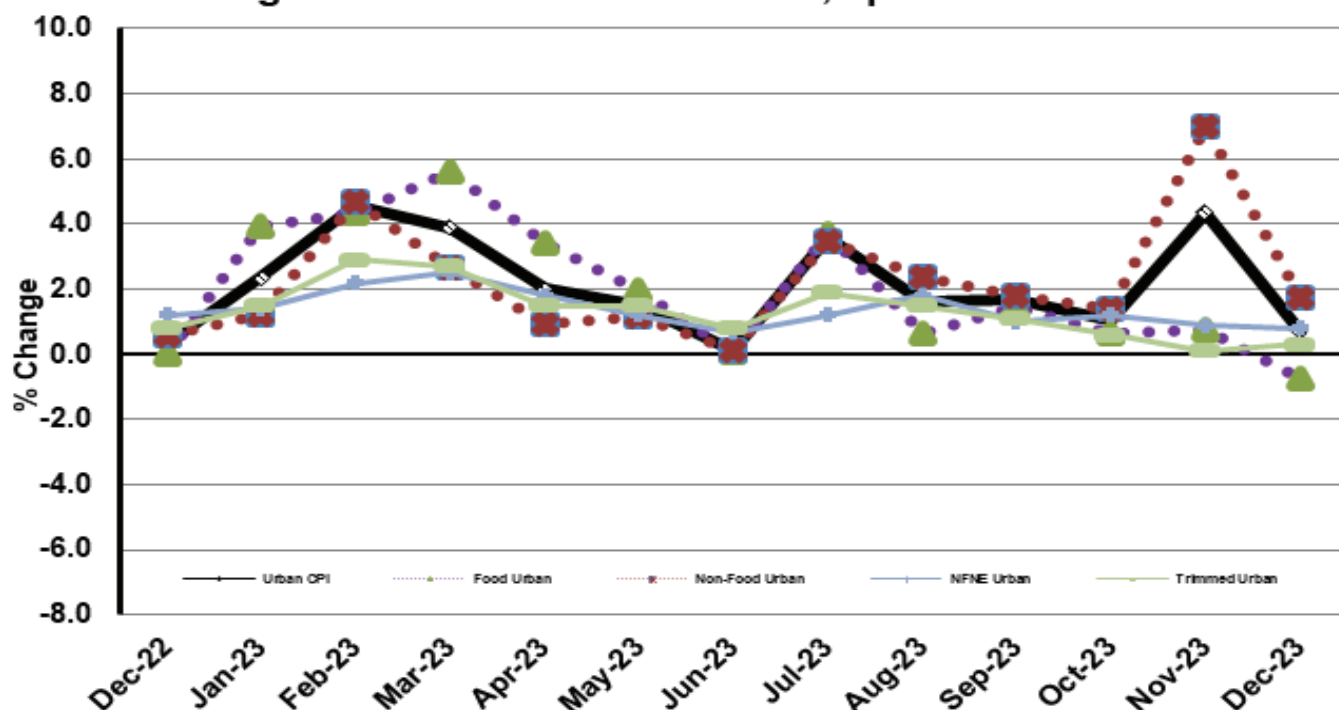


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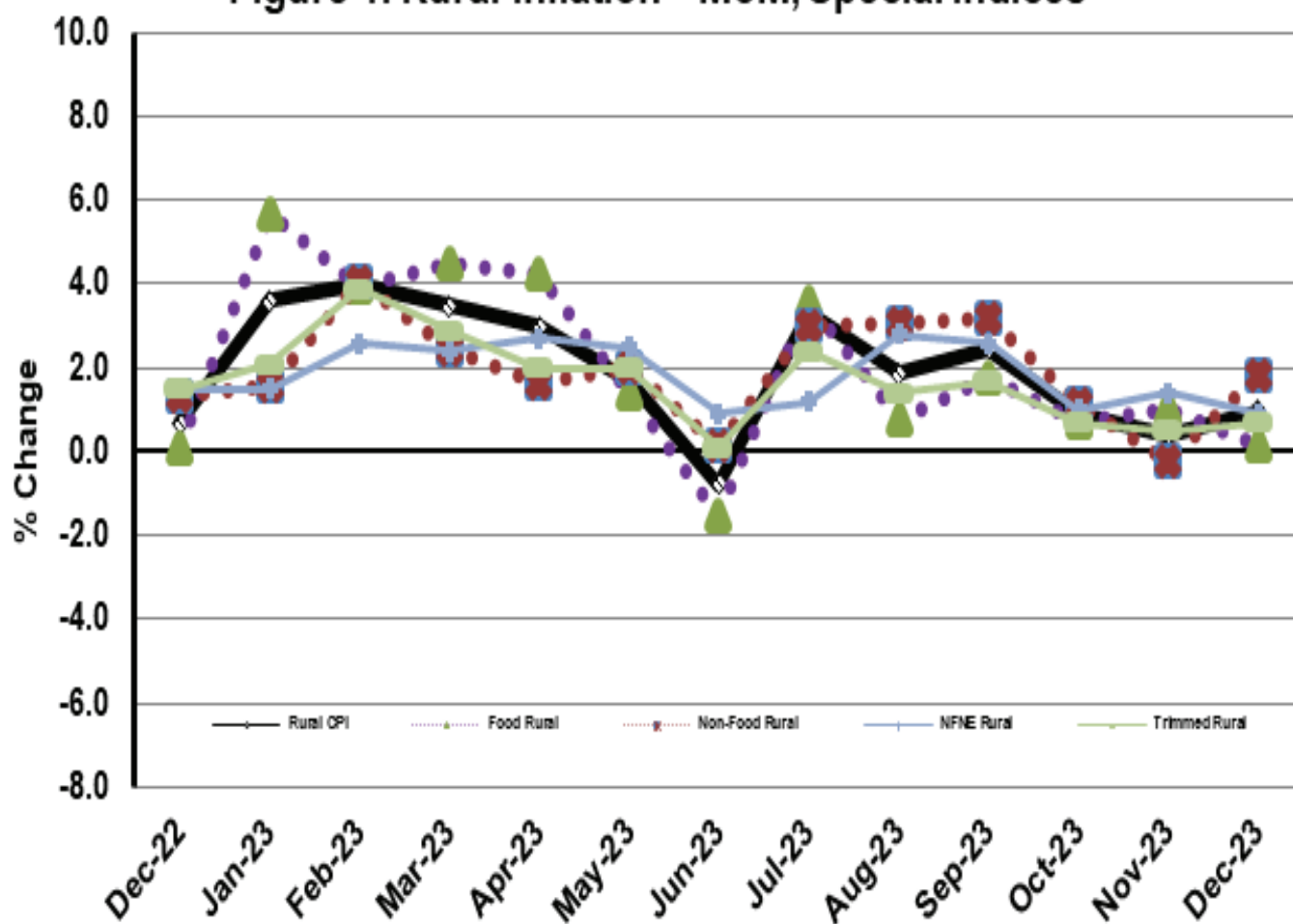


Figure 5: CPI YoY (National, Urban, Rural)

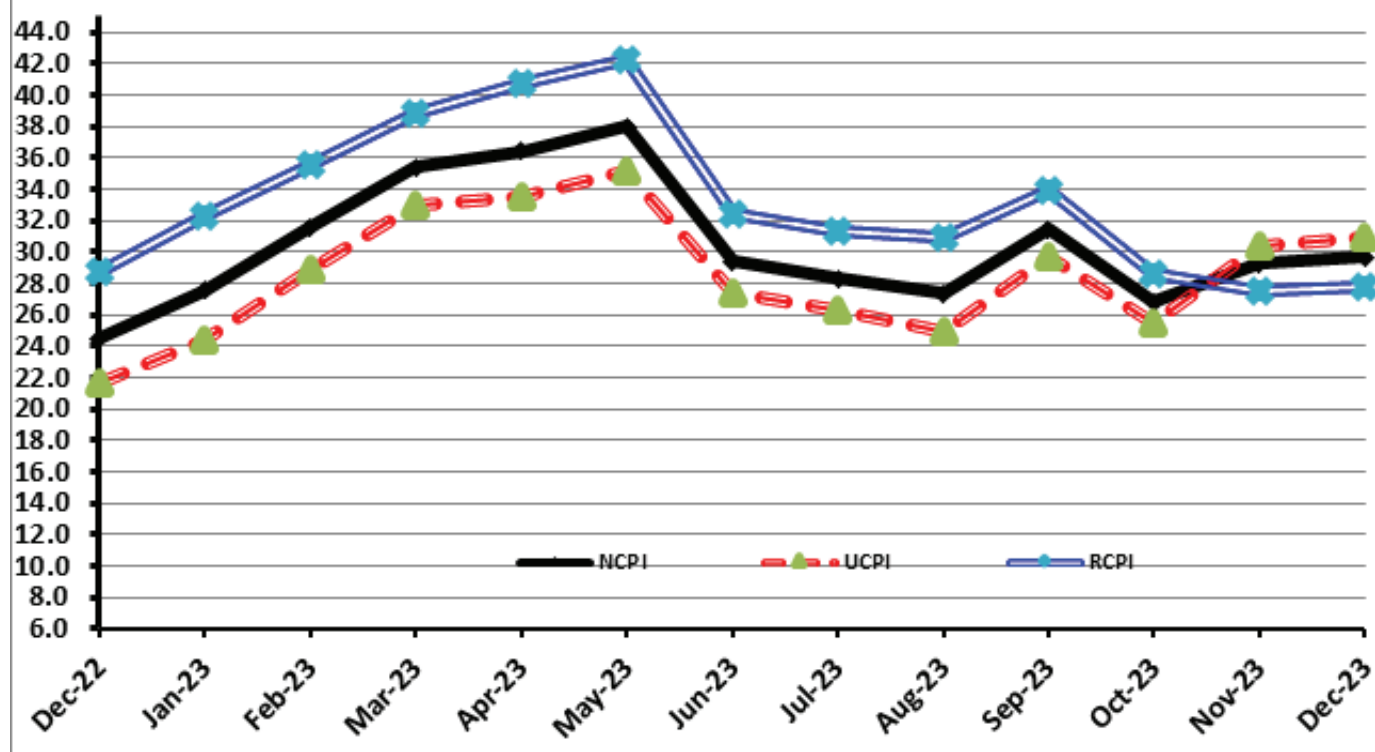
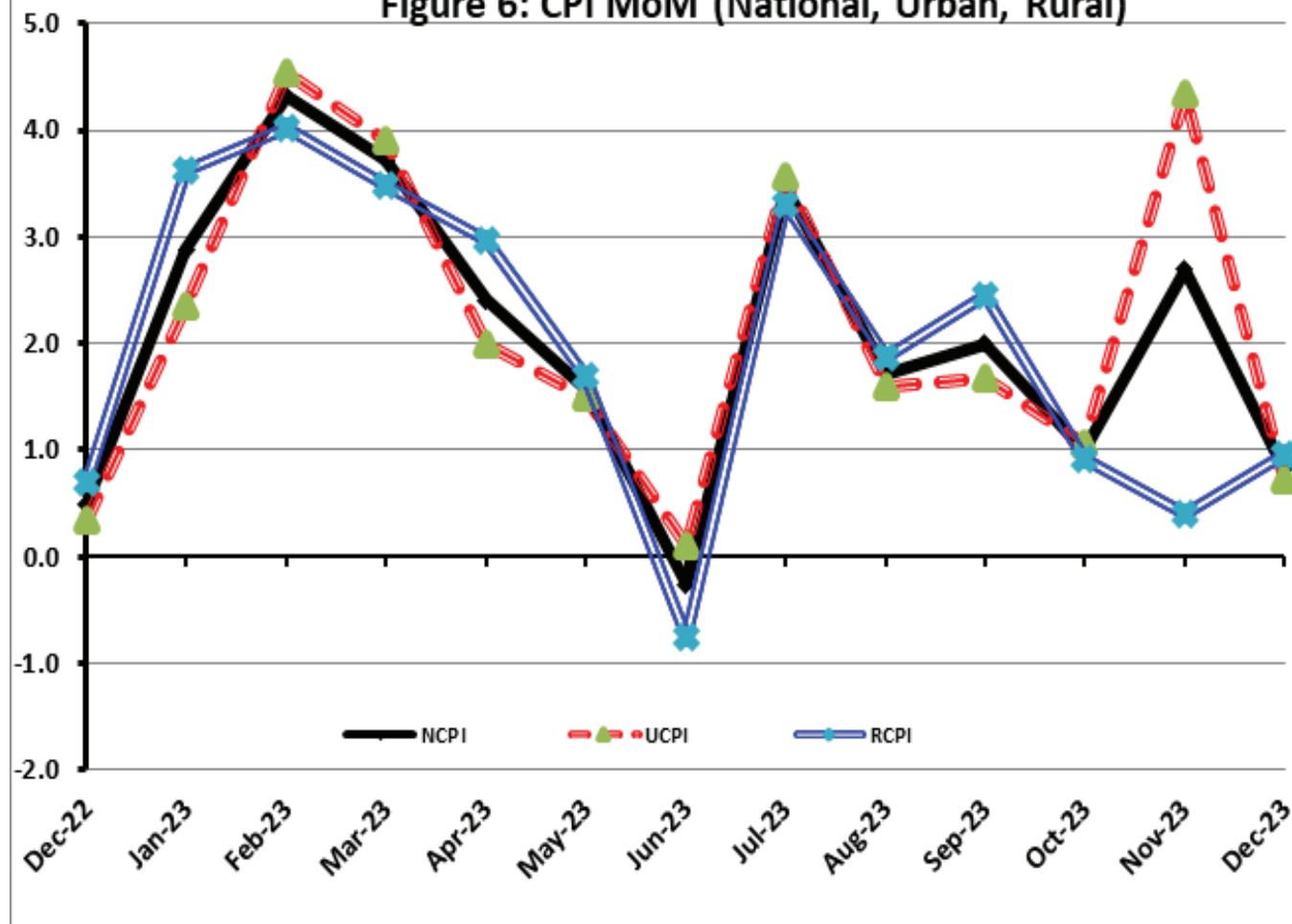


Figure 6: CPI MoM (National, Urban, Rural)



EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS

EXPORTS FROM PAKISTAN

According to the provisional figures compiled by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, exports from Pakistan during November, 2023 amounted to Rs.734,541 million (provisional) as against Rs. 754,073 million in October, 2023 and Rs. 531,001 million during November, 2022 showing a decrease of 2.59% over October, 2023 and but increased by 38.33% over November, 2022. Exports during July – November, 2023 FY2023-24 totaled Rs. 3,502,147 million (provisional) as against Rs.2,660,653 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 31.63%.

Main commodities exported in November, 2023 are given below:-

S.No.	Commodities	Volume in Million Rs
1	Knitwear	100,765
2	Rice others	99,240
3	Readymade garments	81,960
4	Bed wear	58,701
5	Cotton cloth	39,274
6	Cotton Yarn	24,473
7	Towels	21,287
8	Rice Basmati	17,429
9	Madeup articles (excl. towels & bedwear.)	16,656
10	Oil seeds, nuts and kernels	12,414

IMPORTS FROM PAKISTAN

Imports into Pakistan during November, 2023 amounted to Rs. 1,295,968 million (provisional) as against Rs. 1,363,574 million in October, 2023 and Rs. 1,145,885 million during November, 2022 showing a decrease of 4.96% over October, 2023 but increased by 13.10% over November, 2022.

Imports during July – November, 2023 FY2023-24 totaled Rs. 6,220,305 million (provisional) as against Rs. 5,806,628 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 7.12%.

Main commodities imported in November, 2023 are given below:-

S.No.	Commodities	Volume in Million Rs
1	Petroleum crude	161,486
2	Petroleum products	142,589
3	Natural Gas Liquidified	82,715
4	Palm oil	60,225
5	Iron & Steel	58,021
6	Plastic Materials	49,610
7	Electrical machinery & apparatus	45,692
8	Mobile phones	41,843
9	Wheat unmilled	40,510
10	Iron and steel scrap	32,503

BALANCE OF TRADE

Based on the provisional figures of imports and exports the balance of trade in November, 2023 was (-)561,427 million in terms of Rupees. The balance of trade figures cumulative from July - November, 2023 FY2023-24 were (-)2,718,158 million in terms of Rupees.

Period	Exports	Imports	Balance of Trade
Nov,22	531,001	1,145,885	-614,884
Dec,22	517,240	1,156,237	-638,997
Jan,23	523,831	1,129,878	-606,047
Feb,23	583,659	1,049,355	-465,696
March, 23	663,128	1,052,285	-389,157
April, 23	608,239	849,474	-241,235
May, 23	627,199	1,228,739	-601,541
June, 23	675,273	1,200,392	-525,119
July, 23	581,102	1,041,138	-460,036
Aug,23	695,136	1,330,458	-635,322
Sep,23	737,295	1,189,167	-451,872
Oct,23	754,073	1,363,574	-609,501
Nov,23	734,541	1,295,968	-561,427



S.No	LIST OF EMPLOYEES RETIRED w.e.f 01.10.2023 to 31.12.2023					24
	NAME	Designation	BS	"Date of Retirement"	STATION	
1	MUHAMMAD RIAZ-UD-DIN	Senior Technical Officer	17	01/10/2023	ISLAMABAD	Data Dissemination & Support Services Section
2	HAMAD ULLAH CHANNA	Assistant Supervisor	14	10/8/2023	LAHORE	
3	SYED ABUL KALAM ASHRAFI	Assistant Census Commissioner	17	18/10/2023	ISLAMABAD	
4	MUBARAK ALI	Statistical Officer	17	31/10/2023	SAHIWAL	
5	SYED ZAFAR HUSSAIN RIZVI	Statistical Officer	17	5/11/2023	HYDERABAD	
6	MUHAMMAD TAHIR	Director	19	9/11/2023	ISLAMABAD	
7	DILBER HUSSAIN	Superintendent	16	11/11/2023	KARACHI	
8	MUHAMMAD HUSSAIN	Statistical Officer	17	14/11/2023	SARGODHA	
9	SHAHID ABBAS	Assistant Private Secretary	16	16/11/2023	KARACHI	
10	KAMRAN ANEES	Chief System Analyst	18	18/11/2023	KARACHI	
11	MUHAMMAD SHAFIQUE	Assistant Census Commissioner	17	30/11/2023	ISLAMABAD	
12	ZIA MUHAMMAD	Assistant Ministerial	16	30/11/2023	KARACHI	
13	ALLAH DITTA	Assistant Census Commissioner	17	30/11/2023	MULTAN	
14	SAIFULLAH KHAN	Superintendent	16	5/12/2023	BANNU	
15	MUHAMMAD ALI SHAH	Assistant Private Secretary	17	11/12/2023	ISLAMABAD	
16	NIDA KAMILLA	Chief Statistical Officer	18	26/12/2023	ISLAMABAD	
17	QAZI ISMAT ULLAH	Joint Census Commissioner	19	26/12/2023	ISLAMABAD	
18	SYED BAHRAM SHAH	Assistant Private Secretary	17	27/12/2023	QUETTA	
19	ALTAF HUSSAIN QURESHI	Assistant Ministerial	16	31/12/2023	SIALKOT	
20	NIAMAT KHAN	Assistant Ministerial	16	31/12/2023	GILGIT	
21	SULTAN AHMAD	Statistical Officer	17	31/12/2023	VEHARI	
22	SHABBIR HUSSAIN	Assistant Private Secretary	16	31/12/2023	ISLAMABAD	



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