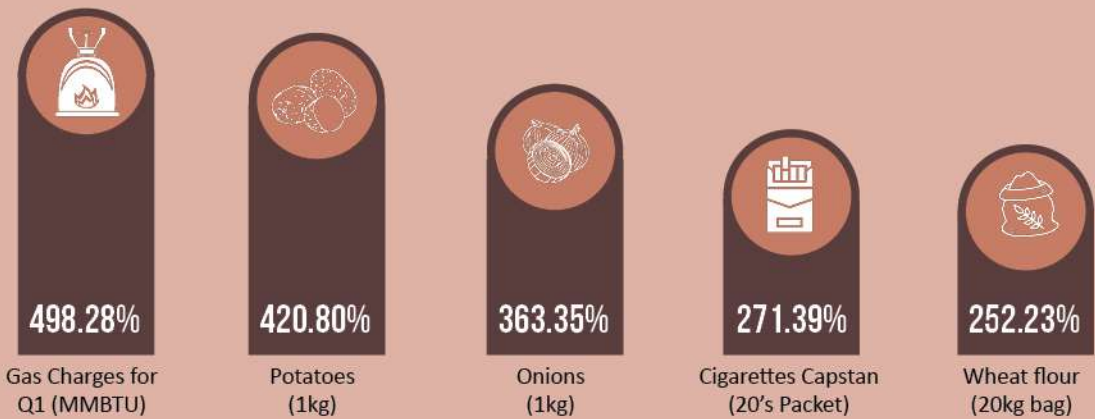


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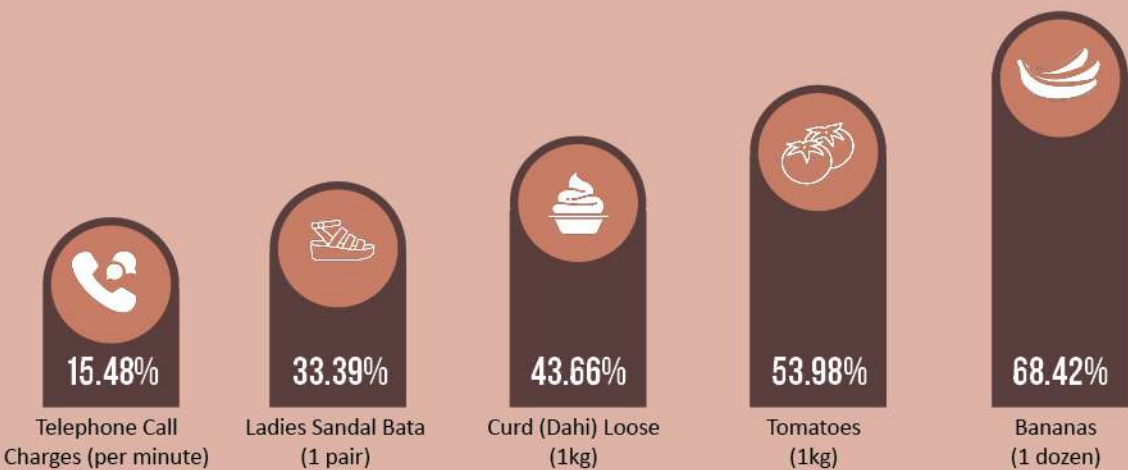
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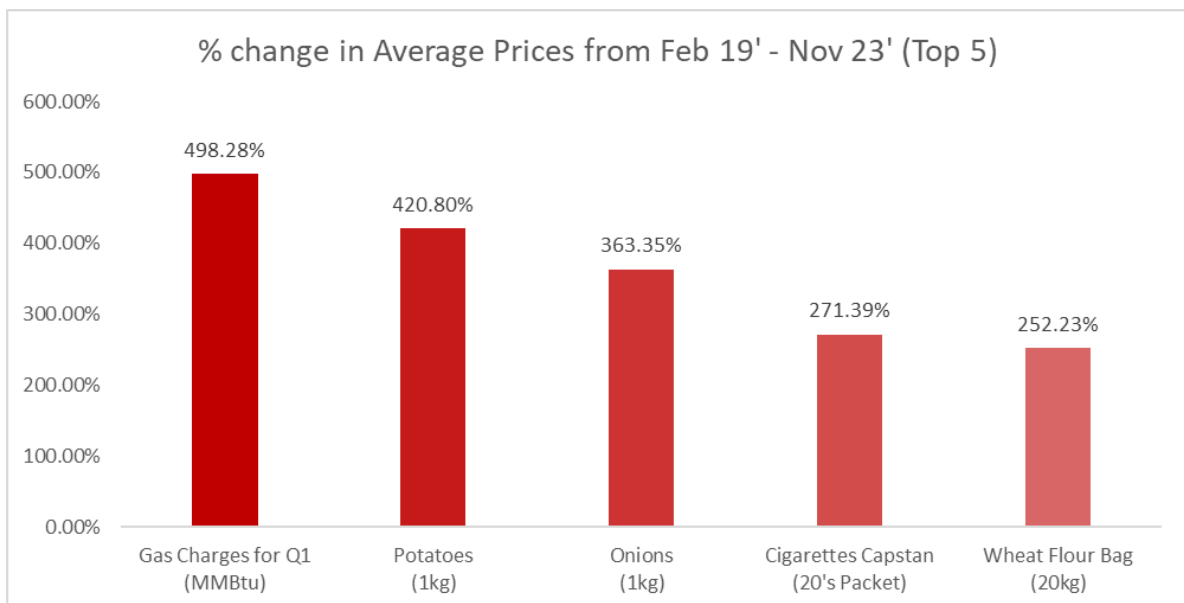
Islamabad, December 11th, 2023

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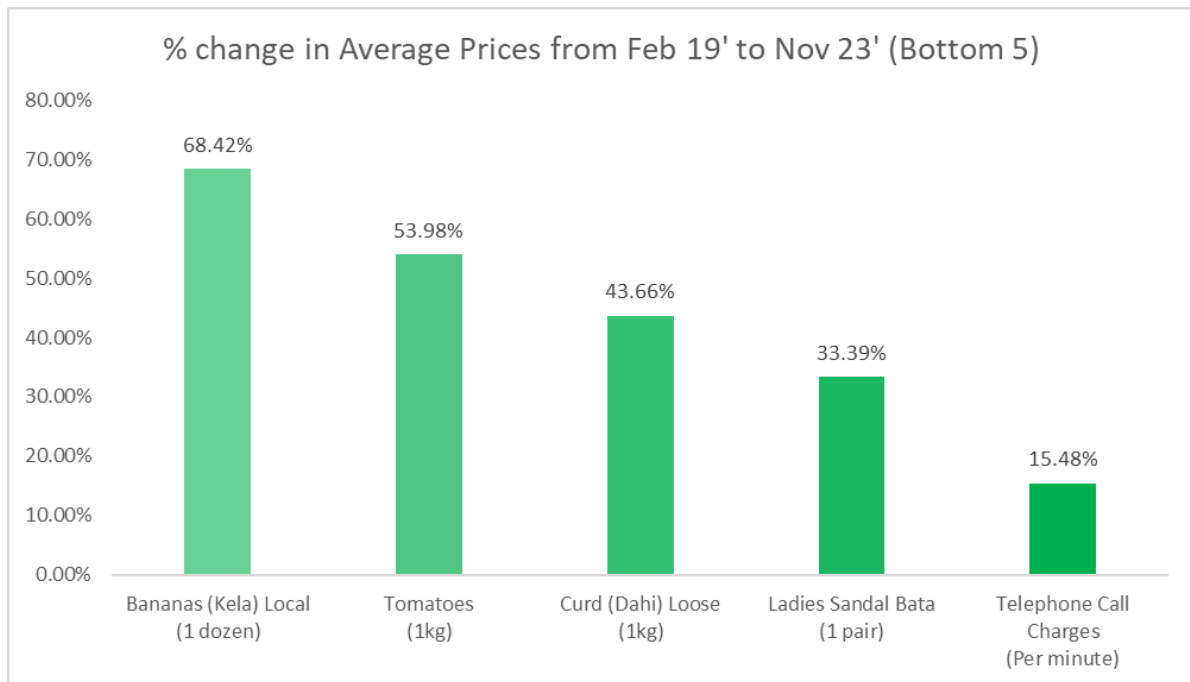
Further highlighting the impact on consumer expenses, other items demonstrating substantial mark ups between February 2019 and November 2023 include Potatoes (1kg) at 420.80%, Onions (1kg) with 363.35%, Cigarettes Capstan (20's Packet) with 271.39%, and Wheat flour (20kg bag) reflecting a substantial increase of 252.23%.



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Lowest percentage change in price

In contrast, Telephone Call Charges (per minute) exhibited the most modest increase of 15.48% over nearly four and a half years, representing the lowest recorded increment. This was closely followed by Ladies Sandal Bata (1 pair) with an increase of 33.39%, Curd (Dahi) Loose (1kg) with 43.66%, Tomatoes (1kg) with 53.98%, and Bananas (1 dozen) with a recorded increase of 68.42%.



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This insightful analysis by Gallup Pakistan provides a comprehensive view of the evolving economic landscape, emphasizing its impact on the cost of living for the citizens of Pakistan. The firm remains dedicated to delivering data-driven insights that contribute to informed public discourse.

The details all 51 items in the basket of goods as defined by the PBS is given on the next page.

S. No.	Description	Unit	Average Prices		% change
			Nov-23	Feb-19	
42	Gas Charges for Q1	MMBTU.	846.99	141.57	498.28%
21	Potatoes	1Kg	106.92	20.53	420.80%
22	Onions	1Kg	127.42	27.50	363.35%
33	Cigarettes Capstan 20's Packet	Each	221.98	59.77	271.39%
1	Wheat Flour Bag	20Kg	2,787.37	791.36	252.23%
19	Pulse Mash (Washed)	1Kg	520.96	151.27	244.39%
28	Garlic (Lehsun)	1Kg	552.38	162.44	240.05%
45	Sufi Washing Soap 250gm Cake	Each	129.31	41.65	210.47%
47	Petrol Super	Per Litre.	283.27	91.28	210.33%
39	Gents Sponge Chappal Bata	Pair	599.00	199.00	201.01%
11	Eggs Hen (Farm)	1 Dozen	333.88	111.39	199.74%
2	Rice Basmati Broken (Average Quality)	1Kg	226.40	76.01	197.86%
3	Rice IRRI-6/9 (Sindh/Punjab)	1Kg	160.76	55.58	189.24%
29	Tea Lipton Yellow Label 190gm Packet	Each	588.93	208.49	182.47%
15	Vegetable Ghee DALDA/HABIB or Other	Each	514.74	182.27	182.41%
13	Cooking Oil DALDA or Other Similar	Each	2,834.43	1,012.03	180.07%
48	Hi-Speed Diesel	Per Litre.	300.37	107.57	179.23%
14	Vegetable Ghee DALDA/Habib 2.5 kg	Each	1,361.52	490.79	177.41%
27	Chillies Powder NATIONAL 200gm Packet	Each	400.00	144.54	176.74%
51	Toilet Soap LIFEBOUY 115 gm	Each	109.94	40.68	170.26%
17	Pulse Masoor (Washed)	1Kg	320.98	119.59	168.40%
4	Bread plain (Small Size)	Each	115.47	43.27	166.86%
12	Mustard Oil (Average Quality)	1Kg	502.74	188.46	166.76%
38	Gents Sandal Bata	Pair	2,299.00	899.00	155.73%
32	Tea Prepared Ordinary	Per Cup	56.65	22.31	153.92%
46	Match Box	Each	5.81	2.36	146.19%
34	Long Cloth 57' Gul Ahmed/Al Karam	1mtr	561.74	232.56	141.55%
30	Cooked Beef at Average Hotel	Per Plate	272.25	113.31	140.27%
7	Chicken Far, Broiler (Live)	1Kg	358.19	150.15	138.55%
25	Gur (Average Quality)	1Kg	204.95	86.04	138.20%
35	Shirting (Average Quality)	1mtr	411.04	174.12	136.07%
24	Sugar Refined	1Kg	138.79	59.04	135.08%
49	LPG 11.67 kg Cylinder	Each	3,171.60	1,371.96	131.17%
31	Cooked Daal at Average Hotel	Per Plate	139.91	61.57	127.24%
26	Salt Powdered (NATIONAL/SHAN) 80	Each	67.50	29.81	126.43%
18	Pulse Moong (Washed)	1Kg	276.47	123.75	123.41%
8	Milk Fresh (Un-boiled)	1Ltr	185.31	86.05	115.35%
6	Mutton (Average Quality)	1Kg	1,703.68	809.70	110.41%
5	Beef with Bone (Average Quality)	1Kg	820.57	395.79	107.32%
10	Powdered Milk NIDO 390 gm Polybag	Each	822.89	398.04	106.74%
36	Lawn Printed Gul Ahmed/Al Karam	1mtr	556.36	276.09	101.51%
37	Georgette (Average Quality)	1mtr	257.74	131.92	95.38%
44	Energy Saver Philips 14 Watt	Each	338.40	174.25	94.20%
41	Electricity Charges upto 50 Units	Per Unit	7.40	3.88	90.72%
20	Pulse Gram	1Kg	229.43	124.69	84.00%
43	Firewood Whole	40Kg	1,114.91	633.38	76.03%
16	Bananas (Kela) Local	1 Dozen	111.36	66.12	68.42%
23	Tomatoes	1Kg	161.49	104.88	53.98%
9	Curd (Dahi) Loose	1Kg	215.71	150.15	43.66%
40	Ladies Sandal Bata	Pair	799.00	599.00	33.39%
50	Telephone Call Charges	Per Minu	1.79	1.55	15.48%

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