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Cotton and Polyester Prices in China, India, and Pakistan, in local currency and US\$ terms

Cotton and Polyester Price Comparison: China, India, and Pakistan

Monthly Report

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Cotton prices have climbed further in the last week in Asia, whereas polyester staple fiber prices were far from experiencing a similar rise. The cotton vs. PSF price difference has again increased, as a result, boosting polyester use to the detriment of cotton consumption. Our monthly report delivers a comparative view of the average cotton and polyester prices in China, India, and Pakistan, including the latest and historical trends of the cotton/polyester price difference. Historical data covering the past ten years are available for download.

Cotton prices are now rising across the board in Asian countries, whereas polyester staple fiber prices are not giving signs they could rapidly rebound.

In July, the average price over the month has climbed by 198 yuan or 1.7% to 12,156 yuan per metric ton.

The market indicator has now reached 12,841 yuan, however, being supported by strong demand and soaring cotton futures in New York and Zhengzhou.

In India, the July price has fallen slightly, but the market indicator has actually bottomed out in the past weeks.

The same Shankar 6 has gained 3.4% in four weeks at 36,300 rupees per candy.

In Pakistan, the market indicator has surged by 7.9% in the last four weeks at 8,900 rupees per maund.

Everywhere, demand is recovering from historic low levels.

On the polyester market, by contrast, there is no sign of a similar recovery.

PSF prices have slightly increased in the last week in China, but they have been lowered by 8% in India, covering the first half of the month.

In Pakistan, PSF prices have slightly declined in the last weeks.

Operating rates have reached historic highs in China, amid further rising capacities.

This larger production limits any attempt to raise prices.

The cotton/PSF price difference is everywhere rising, as a result, boosting the shift out of 100% cotton, as apparel buyers are trying to lower their prices at retail again.

Cotton & Polyester Price Database

More data are available in our Price Database (daily and historical series):

[Polyester Staple Fibers \(PSF\) in China, India, and Pakistan](#)

[China Cotton Market](#)

[India & Pakistan Cotton Markets](#)

[Textile Fiber Price Comparison](#)

Polyester Staple Fiber Prices in China, India and Pakistan

In US Cents per Pound

Month	China	India	Pakistan	China	India	Pakistan
	US cts	US cts	US cts	US cts	US cts	US cts
	/Lb	/Lb	/Lb	1 Year= 100		
Jul 19	53.54	64.80	57.81	100	100	100
Aug 19	46.26	60.33	53.73	86	93	93
Sep 19	46.68	57.97	53.70	87	89	93
Oct 19	45.53	55.92	54.49	85	86	94
Nov 19	43.57	53.51	53.53	81	83	93
Dec 19	44.46	53.51	52.26	83	83	90
Jan 20	45.69	55.01	53.23	85	85	92
Feb 20	42.85	55.25	51.59	80	85	89
Mar 20	38.96	51.31	48.54	73	79	84
Apr 20	37.45	42.29	45.43	70	65	79
May 20	36.75	42.45	44.77	69	66	77
Jun 20	38.11	44.23	41.97	71	68	73
Jul 20	34.89	46.06	42.43	65	71	73
1-Month	-8.47%	4.14%	1.10%			
3-Month	-6.84%	8.90%	-6.62%			
1-Year	-34.84%	-28.93%	-26.61%			

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Cotton Prices In China, India and Pakistan

In US Cents per Pound

Month	China	India	Pakistan	China	India	Pakistan
	328	Shankar-6	KCA Spot	328	Shankar-6	KCA Spot
	US cts	US cts	US cts	US cts	US cts	US cts
	/Lb	/Lb	/Lb	1 Year = 100		
Jul 19	93.32	82.17	63.82	100	100	100
Aug 19	87.00	76.33	60.52	93	93	95
Sep 19	82.83	73.76	64.74	89	90	101
Oct 19	81.35	74.37	69.60	87	91	109
Nov 19	84.39	72.34	71.64	90	88	112
Dec 19	85.00	70.52	69.04	91	86	108
Jan 20	90.57	71.69	70.93	97	87	111
Feb 20	87.00	70.38	71.52	93	86	112
Mar 20	78.76	65.19	68.53	84	79	107
Apr 20	72.99	61.85	65.14	78	75	102
May 20	74.26	59.82	65.48	80	73	103
Jun 20	77.37	59.79	59.87	83	73	94
Jul 20	77.86	58.94	61.37	83	72	96
1-Month	0.50	-0.84	1.50			
1-Month	0.64%	-1.41%	2.51%			
3-Month	6.67%	-4.70%	-5.78%			
1-Year	-16.57%	-28.26%	-3.84%			

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