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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

2 March 2021

Cotton and polyester prices rose further in February in China, India, and Pakistan. The cotton vs. PSF price difference has narrowed slightly. 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 continued to rise in February, considering the average level over the month.

In China, the market indicator climbed by 3.4%, whereas cotton indicators were gaining 2.5% in India and 4.1% in Pakistan.

Cotton prices have been significantly higher than a year earlier in the three countries.

The polyester staple fiber prices also jumped in February, especially in China, where they surged 13.4%.

The same 1.4D PSF indicator rose 5% in India and 6.3% in Pakistan.

From a year earlier, polyester prices less significantly increased than cotton prices.

With PSF surging in February, the cotton/polyester price difference dropped everywhere.

PSF stayed much cheaper than cotton, 36% dearer in India, and even 49% more expensive in Pakistan, whereas 126% above the PSF level in China.

Cotton & Polyester Price Database

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

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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		
Feb 20	87.00	70.38	71.52	100	100	100	
Mar 20	78.76	65.19	68.53	91	93	9	
Apr 20	72.99	61.85	65.14	84	88	9	
May 20	74.26	59.82	65.48	85	85	9:	
Jun 20	76.55	59.22	60.56	88	84	8	
Jul 20	78.65	59.53	60.77	90	85	8	
Aug 20	81.74	60.72	60.89	94	86	8	
Sep 20	85.19	63.72	64.24	98	91	9	
Oct 20	94.39	67.89	72.56	108	96	10	
Nov 20	99.86	70.23	72.33	115	100	10	
Dec 20	102.63	72.15	73.82	118	103	10	
Jan 21	106.95	75.56	80.79	123	107	11	
Feb 21	110.79	77.77	84.71	127	110	11	
1-Month	3.84	2.21	3.92				
1-Month	3.59%	2.93%	4.85%				
3-Month	10.94%	10.73%	17.12%				
1-Year	27.34%	10.50%	18.44%				

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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			
Feb 20	42.85	55.25	51.59	100	100	10	
Mar 20	38.96	51.31	48.54	91	93	9	
Apr 20	37.45	46.74	45.43	87	85	8	
May 20	36.75	45.99	44.77	86	83	8	
Jun 20	37.29	45.72	42.68	87	83	8	
Jul 20	35.08	46.53	42.74	82	84	8	
Aug 20	35.69	46.70	41.72	83	85	3	
Sep 20	36.14	42.64	41.91	84	77	8	
Oct 20	38.67	43.63	42.99	90	79	8	
Nov 20	38.50	46.56	45.34	90	84	8	
Dec 20	39.53	50.06	47.69	92	91	,	
Jan 21	43.23	54.11	52.98	101	98	10	
Feb 21	49.12	57.03	56.73	115	103	1	
1-Month	13.63%	5.40%	7.07%				
3-Month	27.59%	22.48%	25.11%				
1-Year	14.65%	3.22%	9.96%				

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