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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

4 May 2021

Cotton and polyester prices stopped rising in April in Asia, with the price difference moving differently in China, India, and Pakistan. 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.

After rising for months, cotton prices stabilized in April.

China's market indicator declined 411 yuan per metric ton or 2.6%, taking into account the average price level over the month.

Prices did not move in India, whereas falling 8.5% in Pakistan in local currency terms.

From a year earlier, market indicators surged 48% in China, 26% in India, and 35% in Pakistan.

Polyester Staple Fiber (PSF) prices declined more significantly in April, in China and India, respectively losing 5.9% and 6.4% from their average level in March.

In Pakistan, the benchmark 1.4D PSF price dropped by 0.9%.

The cotton vs. PSF price difference stayed unchanged in China, surging 18% in India, and falling 20% in Pakistan.

The fall in cotton prices in Pakistan should boost cotton consumption, whereas PSF use should rise in India.

In reality, the Covid crisis in India may depress both cotton and PSF use in the country.

Everywhere, cotton prices returned to more reasonable levels.

However, the fall in cotton yarn prices results in lower margins at spinning mills.

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](#)

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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		
Apr 20	72.99	61.85	65.14	100	100	100
May 20	74.26	59.82	65.48	102	97	101
Jun 20	76.55	59.22	60.56	105	96	93
Jul 20	78.65	59.53	60.77	108	96	93
Aug 20	81.74	60.72	60.89	112	98	93
Sep 20	85.19	63.72	64.24	117	103	99
Oct 20	94.39	67.89	72.56	129	110	111
Nov 20	99.86	70.23	72.33	137	114	111
Dec 20	102.63	72.15	73.82	141	117	113
Jan 21	106.95	75.56	80.79	147	122	124
Feb 21	111.48	77.77	84.71	153	126	130
Mar 21	111.14	79.59	94.41	152	129	145
Apr 21	108.04	78.06	88.15	148	126	135
1-Month	-3.10	-1.52	-6.27			
1-Month	-2.79%	-1.92%	-6.64%			
3-Month	1.02%	3.32%	9.11%			
1-Year	48.01%	26.22%	35.32%			
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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		
Apr 20	37.45	46.74	45.43	100	100	100
May 20	36.75	45.99	44.77	98	98	99
Jun 20	37.29	45.72	42.68	100	98	94
Jul 20	35.08	46.53	42.74	94	100	94
Aug 20	35.69	46.70	41.72	95	100	92
Sep 20	36.14	42.64	41.91	96	91	92
Oct 20	38.67	43.63	42.99	103	93	95
Nov 20	38.50	46.56	45.34	103	100	100
Dec 20	39.53	50.06	47.69	106	107	105
Jan 21	43.23	54.11	52.98	115	116	117
Feb 21	49.43	57.03	56.79	132	122	125
Mar 21	50.21	63.29	63.33	134	135	139
Apr 21	47.26	59.26	62.75	126	127	138
1-Month	-5.87%	-6.37%	-0.92%			
3-Month	9.33%	9.52%	18.44%			
1-Year	26.20%	26.79%	38.11%			
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