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Retail inflation slows to 3.16% in April, lowest in 69 months

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Context

- Retail inflation in India cooled for the sixth consecutive month in April 2025, coming in at **3.16%**, the lowest it has been in 69 months. The fall in prices has been driven in large part by sharply **easing food prices, especially those of vegetables and pulses**

WPI Vs CPI

Criteria	Wholesale Price Index	Consumer Price Index (CPI)
Level	Measures Inflation at Wholesale level	Measures Inflation at Retail level
Who Calculates?	Office of Economic Advisor, Ministry of Commerce and Industry	National Statistical Office, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
Base year	2011-12	2012

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Categories and their respective weightages	Primary Articles: (22.6%) Manufactured products (64.2%) Fuel and Power (13.2%)	Food and beverages (4.84%) Tobacco and Intoxicants (2.38%) Footwear (6.53%) Household Light (6.84%) : Electric goods (Does not include Petrol and Diesel) Miscellaneous-Transportation and Communication (28.32%)
Weightage given to Food Articles	WPI-Food Index (24%) : Food articles from "Primary Articles" and "Manufactured Food Product".	Consumer Food Price Index Out of 12 sub-groups of 'Food and Beverages' group, CFI includes 10 groups, excluding 'Non-alcoholic beverages' and 'Prepared meals, snacks and drinks'. Details, refer to Rau's Economics
Impact of increase in Food items	Less impact on WPI as compared to CPI	Larger impact on CPI