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# Inflation down to 7.0% in July 2023 according to flash estimate

## Decline caused by lower prices for energy and fuels

Vienna, 2023-07-31 – The inflation rate for July 2023 is expected to be 7.0%, according to calculations by Statistics Austria as part of a flash estimate. Compared to the previous month, consumer prices increased by 0.1%.

“In July 2023, inflation in Austria once again eased significantly: After 8.0% in June, price increases in July fell to 7.0% on average, according to a flash estimate – and thus to the lowest level since March 2022. The main factor here was the price of household energy, which had risen massively at the start of the Ukraine war and is now driving inflation far less than a year ago. In addition, fuels and heating oil are significantly cheaper compared with July of the previous year”, says Statistics Austria Director General Tobias Thomas.

### Consumer Price Index (CPI), July 2023

- +7.0% yearly rate of change (estimate)
- +0.1% monthly rate of change (estimate)

### Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices (HICP), July 2023

- +7.0% yearly rate of change (estimate)
- –0.2% monthly rate of change (estimate)

The index level of the consumer price index and further results for July 2023 will be announced on 18 August 2023. For more information on the consumer price index, please refer to our [website](#).

**Information on methodology, definitions:** The flash estimates are based on the price data stock existing at the time of publication for the compilation of the consumer price index at the end of a respective reference month. Usually about 80% to 90% of the prices collected for the CPI can be used for the flash estimate, but without having gone through the full price statistical validation checks. Price reports received later or delayed for the reference month, as well as the corrections made in the course of the usual data compilation process, mean that the CPI flash estimates can differ from the annual and monthly rates of change of the consumer price index published in the middle of the following month (see CPI publication dates). It is not permissible to use the CPI flash estimate for contractual value adjustments or to equate it with the results of the consumer price index or the harmonised consumer price index.

**Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices (HICP):** Differences between the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and the EU-wide comparable Harmonized Index of Consumer Prices (HICP) are primarily based on weighting differences. While the CPI only takes into account households living in Austria, the HICP also covers expenditure by foreign tourists.

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