

Press release: 13 254-020/24

Industrial producer prices rose by 1,8% in 2023

Price dynamics weakened significantly in 2023

Vienna, 2024-01-30 – The annual average of the producer price index was 1.8% above 2022, as Statistics Austria reports. In 2022, the industrial producer price index had increased by 19.4% compared to 2021.

“The year 2023 saw a turnaround in producer prices. After producers had raised their prices by 19.4% in 2022, producer prices rose by just 1.8% overall in 2023. Austrian manufacturers had already raised prices much less sharply at the start of 2023, and from the second half of the year onwards, producer prices were then consistently lowered every month compared to the same month of the previous year. As producer prices have a delayed effect on the general inflation rate, this suggests that consumer prices will continue to fall in the medium term,” explains Statistics Austria Director General Tobias Thomas.

After the record high of producer prices in 2022, a trend reversal in producer price developments occurred in 2023. In the first half of 2023, the increase in producer prices (+6.8%) slowed down significantly compared to the same period last year, and in the second half of the year prices even declined (third quarter 2023: -2.5%, fourth quarter 2023: -3.2%).

The slowdown in producer price dynamics in 2023 was mainly due to price reductions for intermediate goods (-0.6%) and a weak price increase in the energy sector (+0.5%). The prices for capital goods in 2023 were on average 6.3% higher than in the previous year and therefore proved to be the main price drivers in 2023. Prices for consumer goods moved up by 4.5% in 2023.

In December 2023, the industrial producer price index reached 119.2 points, representing a price decrease of 3.0% compared to December 2022. In November and October 2023, the annual rates of change had been -2.8% and -3.9%, respectively. Thus, the downward trend continued.

Between November and December 2023, the index fell by 0.7%.

For detailed results and further information, please refer to our [website](#).

If you have any questions on this topic, please contact:

Ingrid Vrabec, phone: +43 1 711 28-8103 | e-mail: ingrid.vrabec@statistik.gv.at

Media owner, producer and publisher:

STATISTICS AUSTRIA | Federal Institution under Public Law | Guglgasse 13 | 1110 Vienna | www.statistik.at

Press: phone: +43 1 711 28-7777 | e-mail: presse@statistik.gv.at

© STATISTICS AUSTRIA