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# Wholesale prices rose by 1.3% in January 2025

## Price increase of 1.5% compared to the previous month

Vienna, 2025-02-07 – According to preliminary calculations by Statistics Austria, the wholesale price index (WPI 2020) for January 2025 reached 131.4 index points. This corresponds to an increase of 1.3% compared to January of the previous year. Prices rose by 1.5% compared to the previous month. In December 2024, the annual rate of change had been +0.9%.

“After Austrian wholesalers mostly lowered their prices in 2024, we are seeing an increase again at the start of 2025. Wholesale prices rose by 1.3% compared to January of the previous year and by 1.5% compared to the previous month of December. The monthly increase in prices is partly due to the fact that some enterprises adjust their prices at the beginning of the year rather than on an ongoing basis. In addition, the CO<sub>2</sub> tax was raised at the beginning of the year, which has had an impact on the prices of fuels and motor spirits”, says Statistics Austria Director General Tobias Thomas.

### Price increase year-on-year

In January 2025, the 1.3% rise in wholesale prices within a year was due in particular to price increases for watches and jewellery (+17.5%), coffee, tea, cocoa and spices (+12.9%) and non-alcoholic beverages (+11.0%). Prices for meat and meatproducts (+7.4%), books, magazines and newspapers (+6.1%), musical instruments (+6.0%), sugar, chocolate and sugar confectionary (+5.7%), stationary (+5.2%) and cleaning materials (+5.1%) also rose compared to the previous year.

### Price increases within one month

Wholesale prices rose by 1.5% compared to the previous month of December 2024. Prices have risen month-on-month, in particular for other liquid and gaseous fuels and related products (+8.4%), fruit and vegetables (+5.3%), motor spirit (+5.1%) and musical instruments (+4.5%).

For detailed results and further information on the wholesale price index, please refer to our [website](#).

**Information on methodology, definitions:** A new index period with the base year 2020 has been published for the wholesale price index since January 2021. Previous time series can be continued concatenated. Each index series is labelled with the base year, i.e. the average annual measure of the current wholesale price index 2020 is standardised to 100.0 for the base year 2020.

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