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# Inflation in February according to flash estimate at 3.3%

## Services remain the strongest driver of inflation

Vienna, 2025-03-03 – The inflation rate in February 2025 is expected to be 3.3%, according to a flash estimate by Statistics Austria. Compared to the previous month, consumer prices rise by 0.6%.

“The inflation rate is unruly at the start of the year. According to a flash estimate, inflation stood at 3.3% in February 2025, compared to 3.2% in January. This puts it a little further away from the European Central Bank’s 2% stability target. With year-on-year growth of 4.5%, services continued to be the strongest driver of inflation. Energy prices also rose at an above-average rate, as price-dampening measures such as the electricity price brake expired and grid fees and the CO<sub>2</sub> tax were raised at the start of 2025. By contrast, prices for food and other goods once again rose less sharply than general inflation,” says Statistics Austria Director General Tobias Thomas.

### Consumer Price Index (CPI), February 2025

- +3.3% yearly rate of change (estimate)
- +0.6% monthly rate of change (estimate)

The flash estimate already provides an insight into the rates of change of components of the consumer price index and their influence on the inflation rate. The special aggregates industrial goods (A), energy (E), food, alcohol and tobacco (F) and services (S) together sum up to the overall inflation (see table).

### Special aggregates of the National Consumer Price Index (Flash Estimate)

CPI - total index/subindex	Weight	Change to February 2024	Impact to February 2024
	in percent	+/- %	+/- percentage points
<b>CPI – total index</b>	100	3.3	3.3
A – industrial goods	28.34	1.3	0.353
E – energy	8.76	3.4	0.353
F – food, tobacco, alcohol	14.96	2.8	0.427
S - services	47.94	4.5	2.165

S: STATISTICS AUSTRIA, monthly price collection.

### Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices (HICP), February 2025

- +3.5% yearly rate of change (estimate)
- +0.6% monthly rate of change (estimate)

The index level of the consumer price index and further results for February 2025 will be announced on 19 March 2025. For detailed results and further information 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.

Further information of the definition of the special aggregates A, E, F and S can be found on our [website](#) (available in German only).

**Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices (HICP):** Differences between the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and the EU-wide comparable Harmonised 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 non-resident tourists.

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