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Wholesale prices in February were 0.1% below the previous year

Compared to January 2025, prices fell by 0.2%

Vienna, 2025-03-07 – According to preliminary data from Statistics Austria, stood at 131.2 points in February 2025. Wholesale prices were therefore 0.1% lower than in February of the previous year. Compared to the previous month of January, prices fell by 0.2%. In January 2025, the annual rate of change was still +1.3%.

“In February 2025, prices in Austrian wholesale fell slightly and were on average 0.1% below the previous year’s level. The main reason for the decline was fuel and mineral oil prices, which fell significantly year-on-year despite the increase in the CO₂ tax at the beginning of 2025. At the same time, wholesale prices for other goods rose sharply, especially for goods that are dependent on international commodity trading, such as foodstuffs”, says Statistics Austria Director General Tobias Thomas.

Wholesale prices down 0.1% year-on-year

The fall in the index compared to February of the previous year was partly due to price declines for solid fuels (–14.0%), industrial chemicals (–12.6%) and other liquid and gaseous fuels and related products (–9.1%). In addition, motor spirit (–5.8%), iron and steel (–4.7%), hardware, plumbing and heating equipment and supplies (–3.7%) as well as information and communication equipment (–3.0%), hides and leather (–2.5%) became cheaper.

In February 2025, there were price increases for watches and jewellery (+21.0%), coffee, tea, cocoa and spices (+15.1%) and non-alcoholic beverages (+11.1%).

Moderate decline compared to January 2025

Compared to the previous month of January, prices in Austrian wholesale fell by 0.2%. Compared to January 2025, prices for hardware, plumbing and heating equipment and supplies (–2.3%), fruit and vegetables (–2.0%), other liquid and gaseous fuels and related products (–1.9%) and motor spirit (–1.3%) were lower.

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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