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Inflation at 3.2% in February 2025

Electricity prices rose as sharply as in January, gas prices fell less sharply

Vienna, 2025-03-19 – According to Statistics Austria, the consumer price index rose to 127.1 points in February 2025. Prices were therefore 3.2% higher on average than a year earlier. Compared to the previous month January 2025, the average price level increased by 0.6%. The harmonised index of consumer prices (HICP 2015) was at 3.4%.

“The higher inflation at the start of 2025 persists: In February, inflation in Austria was 3.2%, the same as in January 2025. The flash estimate for February was still 3.3%. Electricity in particular rose sharply year-on-year, especially as the electricity price brake and electricity and grid cost subsidies for certain households expired at the start of the year and grid fees were increased. The impact of electricity prices on inflation was therefore almost as high in February as in January and will continue to have an effect until the end of the year,” says Statistics Austria Director General Tobias Thomas.

The main price driver in February 2025 was the group housing, water and energy (+5.2% compared to February 2024; electricity, gas and other fuels +8.0%, including electricity +35.7%, district heating +0.1%; gas -12.3%, solid fuels -11.4%, heating oil -6.5%; rents +4.4%; maintenance and repair of the dwelling +3.1%), followed by restaurants and hotels (+6.0%; restaurants +6.0%, hotels +6.4%). The third strongest price driver was miscellaneous goods and services (+4.2%; insurance +4.4%, social protection +6.6%). Prices for recreation and culture rose by 3.3% (recreational and cultural services +4.1%; package holidays +5.3%). Food and non-alcoholic beverages showed a price plus of 2.6% (food +1.8%, non-alcoholic beverages +8.9%). Prices for transport rose slightly (+0.8%; flight tickets +13.7%, maintenance and repair of personal transport equipment +3.6%, fuels -3.6%).

The index level of the harmonised index of consumer prices (HICP 2015) was 137.81 in February 2025 (January: revised 137.13), with a harmonised inflation rate of 3.4% (January: 3.4%).

For more information on the consumer 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 CPI since January 2021. Previous time series are continued concatenated. Each index series is labelled with the base year, i.e. the average annual measure of the new consumer price index 2020 (CPI 2020) is standardised to 100.0 for the base year 2020. The HICP continues to be published (since January 2016) on the basis of 2015.

The **inflation rate** is the average price development over a twelve-month period.

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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