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Inflation at 4.0% in October 2025

Electricity and restaurants remain strongest price drivers

Vienna, 2025-11-19 – According to Statistics Austria, the consumer price index reached 129.0 points in October 2025. Thus, prices were 4.0% higher on average than one year earlier. Compared to the previous month September 2025, the average price level increased by 0.4%. The harmonised index of consumer prices (HICP 2015) was at 4.0%.

“As expected in the flash estimate, inflation remained at the same level in October 2025 as in September, at 4.0%. Energy and restaurants were once again the strongest price drivers. Household energy prices rose significantly again compared with October last year, but electricity and gas prices fell moderately compared with September. In restaurants and hotels, inflation has slowed down,” says Manuela Lenk, Director General Statistics at Statistics Austria.

In October 2025, housing, water and energy had the most significant upward impact on inflation (+6.6% compared to October 2024; electricity, gas and other fuels +15.7%, including electricity +40.7%, gas +3.5%, district heating +1.7%, solid fuels +0.2, heating oil –1.9%, %; rents +5.0%; maintenance and repair of the dwelling +2.2%), followed by restaurants and hotels (+6.0%; restaurants +6.2%, hotels +5.2%). The third strongest contributor to price increases was food and non-alcoholic beverages (+4.0%; food +3.5%, non-alcoholic beverages +8.5%). Prices for miscellaneous goods and services showed a price increase of 4.5% (insurance +4.9%, personal care +2.1%). Transport prices rose by 2.5% (used cars +7.4%, maintenance and repair of personal transport equipment +4.0%, fuels +0.4%). Prices for recreation and culture showed a plus of 2.9% (package holidays +6.1%, recreational and cultural services +3.2%).

The index level of the harmonised index of consumer prices (HICP 2015) was 140.07 in October 2025 (September 2025: revised 139.37), with a harmonised inflation rate of 4.0% (September: 3.9%).

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 on the basis of 2015 (as it has been since January 2016).

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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