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Wholesale prices in 2025 by 0.2% higher than in 2024

More expensive food caused the index to rise above the previous year's level

Vienna, 2026-01-07 – According to preliminary data from Statistics Austria, the wholesale price index (WPI 2020) averaged 130.2 index points in 2025. This means that prices in the Austrian wholesale sector were on average 0.2% higher than in 2024, after falling by 1.0% in 2024 and 1.7% in 2023 compared with the previous year.

“The year 2025 brought a turnaround in wholesale prices. With a slight increase of 0.2% on average, Austrian wholesale prices were again slightly higher than in the previous year, after falling for 2 consecutive years compared to the previous year. There have been notable price increases over the past 12 months, particularly in the food sector. Coffee, tea, cocoa and spices in particular have become significantly more expensive. However, the largely declining prices for fuels and petroleum products have dampened inflation in the wholesale sector,” says Manuela Lenk, Direktor General Statistics at Statistics Austria.

Wholesale prices rose by 0.2% on average in 2025

The average annual inflation rate of 0.2% in wholesale in 2025 was driven primarily by price increases for coffee, tea, cocoa and spices (+22.6%), watches and jewellery (+20.3%) and live animals (+13.5%). In addition, prices for non-alcoholic beverages (+8.3%), sugar, chocolate and sugar confectionary (+5.9%), meat and meat products (+5.8%) and musical instruments (+5.7%) rose significantly. Dairy products, eggs and edible oils and fats, alcoholic beverages as well as books, magazines and newspapers all increased in price by an average of 4.7%. Wood in the rough, products of primary processing of wood (+4.6%), fruits and vegetables (+4.4%) and tobacco products (+4.1%) also became more expensive in 2025.

On the other hand, solid fuels (−9.1%), other liquid and gaseous fuels and related products (−7.7%), plastics and rubber in primary forms (−6.5%), industrial chemicals (−5.7%) and motor spirit (−5.4%) became cheaper.

December 2025: minimal price increase of 0.1% year-on-year

In December 2025, the wholesale price index reached 129.6 points according to preliminary calculations, which was 0.1% higher than in December 2024. Prices for coffee, tea, cocoa and spices as well as watches and jewellery (each +21.8%) and live animals (+14.6%) rose most sharply compared with December of the previous year. In addition, the rise in prices for sugar, chocolate and sugar confectionary (+8.4%), wood in the rough, products of primary processing of wood (+6.3%), musical instruments (+5.6%) as well as dairy products, eggs and edible oils and fats (+5.4%) contributed to the increase in the index. Alcoholic beverages, books, magazines and newspapers (each +4.9%), meat and meat products (+4.8%), flat glass (+4.7%) and tobacco products (+4.5%) also became more expensive.

Price decrease of 0.9% month-on-month

From November to December 2025, wholesale prices fell by an average of 0.9%. The main reason for the decline was the drop in prices for other liquid and gaseous fuels and related products (−6.3%) and motor spirit (−5.5%). Live animals (−1.7%), grain, seeds and animal feeds (−1.2%) and non-alcoholic beverages (−1.1%) also became cheaper.

For detailed results and further information on the wholesale price index, please refer to our website.

Information on methodology, definitions: The wholesale price index (WPI) tracks the monthly price development of goods sold by wholesalers. Since January 2021, the index has been published with 2020 as the base year. 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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