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Inflation in December 2025 according to flash estimate at 3.8%

Services remain the biggest driver of prices, but fuels are dampening inflation at the end of the year

Vienna, 2026-01-07 – The inflation rate in December 2025 is expected to be 3.8%, according to a flash estimate by Statistics Austria. Compared to the previous month, consumer prices increased by 0.4%.

“According to a flash estimate, the inflation rate for December 2025 is 3.8%, falling below 4.0% for the first time since July 2025. Energy prices in particular slowed at the end of the year, as fuel prices had a dampening effect after three months of increase. Electricity, on the other hand, remained expensive. On average, energy prices rose by 9.0% in December, following an increase of 10.9% in November. Once again, the strongest driver of inflation was the services sector. Prices here rose by 4.4% in December, almost as much as in November with +4.5%. Inflation accelerated for food, tobacco and alcohol. Here, prices rose by an above-average 4.1% in December, following an increase of 3.6% in November,” says Manuela Lenk, Director General Statistics at Statistics Austria

Consumer Price Index (CPI), December 2025

- +3.8% yearly rate of change (estimate)
- +0.4% monthly rate of change (estimate)

The flash estimate already provides insight into the rates of change of components of the consumer price index and their impact 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. The special aggregates industrial goods (A) and services (S) together add up to the core inflation (see table). In December 2025, core inflation stood at 3.2%, down from 3.4% in November.

Special aggregates of the national Consumer Price Index (Flash Estimate)

CPI – total index/subindex	Weight	Change to December 2024	Impact on December 2024
	in percent	+/- %	+/- percentage points
CPI – total index	100.00	3.8	3.8
A+S – core inflation	76.28	3.2	2.426
A – industrial goods	28.34	1.2	0.349
E – energy	8.76	9.0	0.775
F – food, tobacco, alcohol	14.96	4.1	0.599
S – services	47.94	4.4	2.077

S: STATISTICS AUSTRIA, monthly price collection.

Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices (HICP), December 2025

- +3.9% yearly rate of change (estimate)
- +0.6% monthly rate of change (estimate)

The index level of the consumer price index and further results for December 2025 will be announced on 19 January 2026. 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 on 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 foreign tourists.

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