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# Inflation in 2025 at 3.6%, higher than in the previous year

## Electricity as price driver, but fuels with dampening effect

Vienna, 2026-01-19 – The average annual inflation rate of consumer prices (CPI 2020) amounted to 3.6% in 2025, after 2.9% in 2024 and 7.8% in 2023, as Statistics Austria reports. Following the period of high inflation between 2022 and 2024, the annual average for 2025 is the highest since 1993. Over the course of 2025, inflation fell from 3.2% in January to 2.9% in May, rose to 4.1% in August, and only fell below 4.0% again in December at 3.8%. The average annual harmonised inflation rate of consumer prices (HICP 2015) amounted to 3.6% in 2025, after 2.9% in 2024 and 7.7% in 2023.

“In 2025, inflation rose to 3.6%, up from 2.9% in the previous year. This meant that inflation in Austria was significantly higher than in almost all other countries in the eurozone. This increase was fuelled primarily by rising electricity costs due to the end of the electricity price cap. While price pressure on food increased, price hikes in the restaurant sector were less pronounced than the previous year, though they remained at a high level. Cheaper fuel, on the other hand, had an even greater dampening effect on prices than in 2024,” says Manuela Lenk, Director General Statistics at Statistics Austria.

Higher prices for Housing, water and energy (+5.7% compared to 2024; electricity, gas and other fuels +11.1%, including electricity +37.3%, district heat -0.1%, heating oil -5.2%, solids fuels -4.9%, gas -6.6%; rents +4.3%, maintenance and repair of the dwelling +2.9%) proved to be the most important price driver, followed by restaurants and hotels (+5.8%; restaurants +5.9%, hotels +5.3%). Food and non-alcoholic beverages (+3.7%; food +2.9%, non-alcoholic beverages +9.6%) ranked third. The fourth strongest price driver was recreation and culture (+3.4%; recreational and cultural services +4.3%, package holidays +6.6%). Prices for transport increased well below average (+1.0%; used cars +5.6%, maintenance and repair of personal transport equipment +4.0%, fuels -3.6%).

**Details on inflation in December 2025** can be found in a separate [press release](#).

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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