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Wholesale prices showed a 0.4% rise in January 2026

Companies adjust prices at the turn of the year

Correction note 6 February 2026: In the quotation, 'despite the increase in the CO2 tax' was deleted and placed in square brackets, as the CO2 tax has not increased.

Vienna, 2026-02-06 – According to preliminary data from Statistics Austria, the wholesale price index (WPI 2025) stood at 100.7 points in January 2026. Wholesale prices in Austria were therefore 0.4% higher than a year before. Compared with the previous month of December 2025, prices rose by 0.7%. With January 2026, the index was rebased from 2020=100 to the new base year 2025=100.

"The trend of slightly rising wholesale prices continued at the beginning of 2026. In January, coffee, tea, cocoa and spices were among the main price drivers. Prices for watches and jewellery as well as for waste and scrap also recorded double-digit increases. However, inflation affected all sectors, as many enterprises adjust their prices at the turn of the year rather than on a continuous basis. Prices for fuels and petroleum products, on the other hand, fell [old: despite the increase in CO_2 tax], dampening inflation in wholesale," says Manuela Lenk, Director General Statistics at Statistics Austria.

Wholesale prices up 0.4% year-on-year

The 0.4% increase in wholesale prices in January 2026 compared to January 2025 is mainly due to higher prices for coffee, tea, cocoa and spices (+14.7%), watches and jewellery (+13.4%), as well as waste and scrap (+13.3%).

Significant price increases were also recorded for other machinery and equipment (+9.8%), flat glass (+6.9%), sugar, chocolate and sugar confectionary (+6.5%) and wood in the rough; products of primary processing of wood (+6.4%). In addition, meat and meat products (+6.1%), solid fuels (+5.8%), non-iron metals (+5.6%), live animals (+5.2%) and dairy products, eggs, edible oils and fats (+4.4%) became more expensive.

Wholesale prices, on the other hand, fell significantly for other liquid and gaseous fuels and related products (−13.2%), grain, seeds and animal feeds (−13.1%), motor spirit (−9.0%), plastics and rubber in primary forms (−8.9%) as well as hides and leather (−5.0%). Industrial chemicals (−3.1%), paper and paperboard (−2.4%), radio, television, recording and reproduction equipment (−2.1%) and stationary (−1.4%) also became cheaper.

Price increases of 0.7% month-on-month

The reason for the 0.7% increase in wholesale prices compared to December 2025 is mainly the rise in prices of waste and scrap (+9.4%), other machinery and equipment (+4.3%), non-iron metals and flat glass (each +3.6%), watches and jewellery (+3.2%), fruits and vegetables (+3.1%), solid fuels (+2.5%), furniture, carpets and lighting equipment, machinery for the textile industry and sewing and knitting machines (each +2.0%).

Live animals (−3.2%), industrial chemicals (−2.1%), and other liquid and gaseous fuels and related products (−1.7%) became cheaper month-on-month.

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 2026, the index has been published with 2025 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 2025 is standardised to 100.0 for the base year 2025.

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