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Industrial producer prices in March 2026 unchanged compared to previous year

Sharp price increases compared to February 2026

Vienna, 2026-04-30 – According to Statistics Austria, the industrial producer price index reached 117.5 points (base year 2021) in March 2026. Thus, producer prices remained stable compared with March of the previous year. In February 2026, the year-on-year rate of change had been −1.4%.

Price decline for energy slowing significantly year-on-year

The trend in producer prices in March 2026 (±0.0%) was influenced by energy prices that were still falling (−1.7%) and, on the other hand, by price increases for intermediate goods (+1.2%), consumer goods (+0.8%) and capital goods (+0.2%). However, the decline in energy prices in March 2026 was not as steep as in the previous month (February 2026: −6.1%). In March 2026, prices for intermediate goods were on average 1.2% higher than in the same month of the previous year (February 2026: +0.4%, January 2026: +0.3%). Thus, the rate of price increase has accelerated. Capital goods recorded a growth rate of 0.2% in March 2026, following a 0.1% increase in February 2026. Prices for consumer goods in March 2026 were 0.8% higher than in March of the previous year. The increase was thus slightly lower than in the preceding months (February 2026: +1.0%, January 2026: +1.1%).

Producer prices in March 2026 1.4% higher than in the previous month

Compared with the previous month February 2026, the producer price index rose sharply by 1.4% overall. On a month-on-month basis, prices rose particularly sharply in electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply (+1.6%) and manufacture of basic metals (+1.6%). In contrast, prices fell compared to the previous month in manufacture of basic pharmaceutical products and pharmaceutical preparations (−0.9%) as well as in manufacture of machinery and equipment (−0.1%).

For detailed results and further information please refer to our website.

Information on methodology of the industrial producer price index: Producer prices quantify the amount that producers receive from their customers for the sale of their products. The industrial producer price index shows the average monthly price change of activities in the respective economic sector as well as the average price change of industrial products and the associated services that are manufactured or provided by companies in Austria and sold in Austria and abroad. This includes activities and products in mining and quarrying, the manufacture of goods and energy and water supply. The ex-works sales price is calculated excluding value-added tax and after deduction of all discounts granted, but including all statutory duties and taxes on the goods.

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