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Wholesale prices rose by 6.7% in April 2026

Heating oil, rubber and plastics, and fuels as the main price drivers

Vienna, 2026-05-07 – According to preliminary data from Statistics Austria, the wholesale price index (WPI 2025) stood at 106.6 points in April 2026. Compared to April of the previous year, wholesale prices rose by 6.7%, and by 1.1% compared to the previous month of March. In March 2026, the year-on-year increase was +5.4%.

“Price dynamics in Austrian wholesale continued to accelerate in April 2026. The sharpest rises were seen in heating oil, where prices rose by more than half compared to April 2025. Prices for plastics and rubber in primary forms, as well as for fuels, were also more than 30% higher than a year earlier. Price rises also continued for coffee, tea, cocoa and spices, though not to the same extent as recently,” says Manuela Lenk, Director General Statistics at Statistics Austria.

Prices for petroleum products have risen the most year-on-year

The main factors behind the 6.7% rise in the wholesale price index compared with April 2025 were the sharp price increases for other liquid and gaseous fuels and related products (+54.8%), plastics and rubber in primary forms (+39.4%) and motor spirit (+32.3%).

There were also notable price increases for watches and jewellery (+14.5%), non-iron metals (+13.8%), information and communication equipment (+13.6%) and waste and scrap (+10.5%).

Flowers and plants (+9.8%), coffee, tea, cocoa and spices (+9.6%), other machinery and equipment (+9.5%), iron and steel (+8.3%), solid fuels (+8.1%) and flat glass (+8.0%) also became more expensive.

Significant price increases compared to March 2026

The 1.1% rise in prices compared with the previous month, March 2026, was driven in particular by plastics and rubber in primary forms (+41.5%) as well as other liquid and gaseous fuels and related products (+9.6%). Strong increases were also recorded for fruits and vegetables (+5.7%), iron and steel (+3.7%), industrial chemicals (+3.4%), non-iron metals (+3.1%) as well as flowers and plants (+2.4%), tobacco products (+2.2%) and information and communication equipment (+2.1%).

For detailed results and further information 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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