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Industrial producer prices increased by 1.9% in April 2026

Price increases for intermediate goods and energy

Vienna, 2026-05-29 – According to Statistics Austria, the industrial producer price index reached 118.6 points (base year 2021) in April 2026 and was thus 1.9% higher than in the same month of the previous year. The last time a larger year-on-year increase was in May 2023, at +2.6% (March 2026: ±0.0%, February 2026: −1.4%).

Intermediate goods rose by 3.8%, energy prices increased by 2.0%

The rise in the index in April 2026 (+1.9%) was primarily driven by significant price increases for intermediate goods (+3.8%). In the preceding months, the annual rates of change for intermediate goods were at +1.2% (March 2026) and +0.4% (February 2026). Thus, the rise in prices in April 2026 has accelerated significantly. Energy prices rose by an average of 2.0% in April 2026, marking the first increase in nearly 3 years (March 2026: −1.7%, February 2026: −6.1%). Capital goods showed an average growth rate of 0.4% in April 2026, following a 0.2% increase in March 2026. Prices for consumer goods went up 0.6% compared with the same month a year earlier. The increase was thus slightly weaker than in previous months (March 2026: +0.8%, February 2026: +1.0%).

Producer prices in April 2026 were 0.9% higher than in March 2026

Compared with the previous month, March, the producer price index rose by 1.9% overall in April 2026. This significant increase was largely attributable to rising prices in the manufacture of chemicals and chemical products (+11.3%) and in manufacture of basic metals (+3.5%). By contrast, price decreases compared with the previous month were recorded in electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply (−1.7%) and in the manufacture of computer, electronic and optical products (−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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