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Wholesale prices in Austria in July 2026 were 6.9% higher than in the previous year

Main price drivers were heating oil and fuels

Vienna, 2026-08-06 – According to preliminary data from Statistics Austria, the wholesale price index (WPI 2025) stood at 106.8 points in July 2026. This represents an increase of 6.9% compared with July of the previous year. Compared with the previous month of June, prices rose by 0.8

“Price growth in the Austrian wholesale sector has picked up momentum again. In July 2026, wholesale prices were 6.9% higher than in July of the previous year, following a rise of 5.4% in June. This trend is primarily due to rising prices for heating oil and fuels. However, other products like plastics and rubber or waste and scrap also saw sharp price increases,” says Manuela Lenk, Director General Statistics at Statistics Austria.

Strong year-on-year increases

There were particularly high price increases in the wholesale sector in July 2026 compared with July 2025, notably for other liquid and gaseous fuels and related products (+34.9%), motor spirit (+24.3%), plastics and rubber in primary forms (+23.1%) and waste and scrap (+21.9%).

Prices also remained at high levels for non-iron metals (+19.0%), information and communication equipment (+17.3%), solid fuels (+15.7%), other machinery and equipment (+14.9%), and iron and steel (+10.4%), all of which recorded double-digit price increases.

Price increases were also seen in flowers and plants (+8.8%), watches and jewellery (+8.8%), wood in the rough, products of primary processing of wood (+7.0%) as well as books, magazines and newspapers (+6.6%).

Prices declined during this period for live animals (−13.1%), grain, seeds and animal feeds (−2.4%), fruits and vegetables (−1.7%), radio, television, recording and reproduction equipment (−1.5%) and dairy products, eggs and edible oils and fats (−1.4%).

Moderate increase compared to June 2026

The sharpest month-on-month increases were seen in other liquid and gaseous fuels and related products (+12.0%) and motor spirit (+7.8%). Prices also rose for musical instruments (+2.5%), grain, seeds and animal feeds (+2.0%), furniture, carpets and lighting equipment (+1.2%) as well as machinery for the textile industry and sewing and knitting machines (+1.0%).

By contrast, prices fell for plastics and rubber in primary forms (−16.5%), live animals (−3.1%), industrial chemicals (−2.3%) and fruits and vegetables (−1.4%).

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

Information on methodology:

What does the wholesale price index measure?

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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