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Inflation in Austria at 2.8% in July 2026

Food prices are curbing inflation

Vienna, 2026-08-19 – According to Statistics Austria, the consumer price index (CPI 2025) reached 103.1 points in July 2026. Thus, prices were 2.8% higher on average than in July 2025. In the monthly comparison to June 2026, the average price level remained unchanged. The harmonised index of consumer prices (HICP 2025) stood at 2.7%.

"In July 2026, inflation in Austria stood at 2.8%, which was 0.1 percentage points higher than expected in the flash estimate at the end of July. In June, inflation had stood at 3.2%. Around half of the decline is attributable to a slight fall in food prices. The reduction in VAT on basic foodstuffs from 10% to 4.9%, effective from 1 July 2026, played a significant role in this," says Manuela Lenk, Director General Statistics at Statistics Austria.

In July 2026, transport had the biggest impact on inflation (+6.4% compared to July 2025; fuels +17.6%, air tickets 15.5%, maintenance and repair of personal transport equipment +4.0%, second-hand passenger cars −1.2%), followed by housing, water, electricity as well as gas and other fuels (+2.7%; actual rental payments made for housing +4.4%, maintenance, repair and security of the dwelling +3.3%, electricity, gas and other fuels −0.6%, including liquid fuels +26.9%, solid fuels +13.1%, gas +4.6%, district heating +2.1%, electricity −10.4%). The third strongest contributor to price increases were restaurants and accommodation services (+4.6%; food and beverage serving services +4.6%, accommodation services +4.3%). Prices for health rose by 4.6% (outpatient care services +6.8%, inpatient care services +5.0%, medicines and health products +2.3%). Food and non-alcoholic beverages showed a decrease of 0.4% (food −0.5%, non-alcoholic beverages +0.4%).

The index level of the harmonised index of consumer prices (HICP 2025) was 102.59 in July 2026 (June 2026: revised 102.99), with a harmonised inflation rate of 2.7% (June: 3.2%).

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

Information on methodology, definitions:

A new index period with the base year 2025 has been published for the CPI since January 2026. Previous time series are continued concatenated. Each index series is labelled with the base year, i.e. the average annual measure of the new consumer price index 2025 (CPI 2025) is standardised to 100.0 for the base year 2025. The HICP has been published also with the base year 2025 (since January 2026).

What is the inflation rate?

The **inflation rate** is the average price development over a 12-month period.

What is the difference between the consumer price index (CPI) and the harmonised index of consumer prices (HICP)?

Differences between the consumer price index (CPI) and the EU-wide comparable harmonised index of consumer prices (HICP) are primarily based on weighting differences. While the CPI only considers households living in Austria, the HICP also covers expenditure by non-resident tourists.

Who is Statistics Austria?

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