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Growth of Austrian wholesale prices accelerated to +8.2% year-on-year in August 2026

Growth by 0.9% compared to July 2026

Vienna, 2026-09-07 – According to preliminary data from Statistics Austria, the wholesale price index (WPI 2025) stood at 107.8 points in August 2026, which was 8.2% above the level of August 2025. Compared to July 2026, the index increased by 0.9%. In July 2026, the annual rate of change had been +6.9%.

"Selling prices in the Austrian wholesale sector increased more sharply again in August 2026, rising by 8.2% compared to August 2025. Petroleum products recorded the highest price increase, with price gains by more than half within one year. Prices for fuels also remained over 30% higher than the previous year. Increases of this magnitude were last recorded at the beginning of 2023," says Manuela Lenk, Director General Statistics at Statistics Austria.

Price increases partly in the double-digit range; petroleum products up by 52.3%

The main factor behind the significant increase in the wholesale price index compared with August 2025 was the accelerated price growth for other liquid and gaseous fuels and related products (+52.3%), motor spirit (+33.6%), plastics and rubber in primary forms (+23.9%) as well as waste and scrap (+23.4%).

Noticeably high price increases were also seen in non-iron metals (+19.6%), information and communication equipment (+17.4%), other machinery and equipment (+17.4%), solid fuels (+13.1%) and iron and steel (+10.0%).

Over the same period, lower prices were recorded for live animals (−11.9%), dairy products, eggs and edible oils and fats (−1.4%), radio, television, recording and reproduction equipment (−1.3%) as well as fruits and vegetables (−1.1%).

Slight increase compared to the previous month

The sharpest price increases compared with July 2026 were seen in other liquid and gaseous fuels and related products (+7.4%), grain, seeds and animal feeds (+4.7%), motor spirit (+4.6%) and live animals (+2.0%). Other machinery and equipment (+1.7%), industrial chemicals (+1.2%) and other office machinery and equipment (+1.1%) became more expensive.

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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