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Inflation in Austria in October 2026 at 3.6% according to flash estimate

Energy prices slightly higher, food prices unchanged

Vienna, 2026-11-04 – The inflation rate in October 2026 is expected to be 3.6%, according to a flash estimate by Statistics Austria. Compared to the previous month, consumer prices will likely increase by 0.3%.

“According to a flash estimate, the inflation rate in October 2026 will stand at 3.6%, remaining at the same level as in September. Despite the extension of the fuel price brake on 1 October, which moderated the increase in fuel prices, energy inflation rose by 16.5%, which was higher than the 15.1% recorded in September. Prices for food, tobacco and alcohol remained unchanged year-on-year in October, following a rise of 0.8% in September,” says Manuela Lenk, Director General Statistics at Statistics Austria.

The main driver of inflation continued to be the services sector, although inflation in this sector stood at +4.1% in October, slightly lower than the +4.2% recorded in September. By contrast, price rises for manufactured goods were slightly higher in October (+0.9%) than in September (+0.8%).

Consumer Price Index (CPI) October 2026

- +3.6% yearly rate of change (estimate)
- +0.3% monthly rate of change (estimate)

The flash estimate already provides insight into the rates of change of components of the consumer price index and their impact on the inflation rate. The special aggregates industrial goods (A), energy (E), food, alcohol and tobacco (F) and services (S) together sum up to the overall inflation. The special aggregates industrial goods (A) and services (S) together add up to the core inflation (see table).

Special aggregates of the national Consumer Price Index (flash estimate)

CPI – total index/subindex	Weight	Change to October 2025	Impact to October 2025
	in percent	+/- %	+/- percentage points
CPI – total index	**100.00**	**3.6**	**3.6**
A+S – core inflation	76.75	2.9	2.229
A – industrial goods	27.25	0.9	0.228
E – energy	8.19	16.5	1.378
F – food, tobacco, alcohol	15.06	0.0	−0.008
S – services	49.50	4.1	2.001

S: STATISTICS AUSTRIA, monthly price collection.

Harmonised Consumer Price Index (HICP), October 2026

- +3.5% yearly rate of change (estimate)
- +0.4% monthly rate of change (estimate)

The index level of the consumer price index and further results for October 2026 will be announced on 18 November 2026. For detailed results and further information please refer to our website.

Information on methodology, definitions:

What does 'flash estimate' mean in relation to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and the Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices (HICP)?

The flash estimates are based on the price data stock existing at the time of publication for the compilation of the consumer price index at the end of a respective reference month. Usually, about 80% to 90% of the prices collected for the CPI can be used for the flash estimate, but without having gone through the full price statistical validation checks. Price reports received later or delayed for the reference month, as well as the corrections made in the course of the usual data compilation process, mean that the CPI flash estimates can differ from the annual and monthly rates of change of the consumer price index published in the middle of the following month. It is not permissible to use the CPI flash estimate for contractual value adjustments or to equate it with the results of the consumer price index or the harmonised consumer price index.

CPI publication dates are available on our website under "Next releases". Further information of the definition of the special aggregates A, E, F and S can be found here (available in German only).

Differences between the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and the EU-wide comparable Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices (HICP) are primarily based on weighting differences. Furthermore, the CPI only takes into account households living in Austria, while the HICP also covers expenditure by non-resident tourists.

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