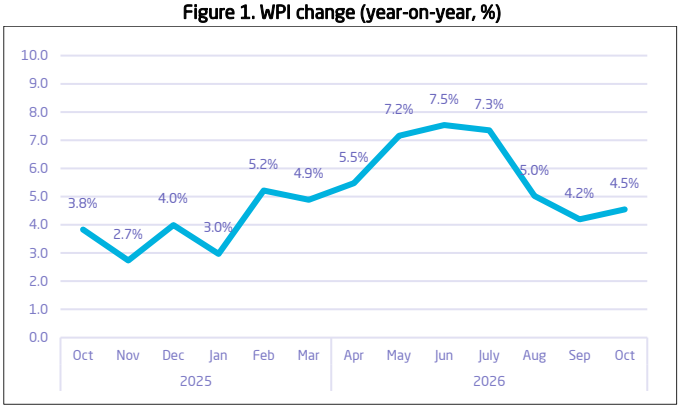
WPI in Saudi Arabia reaches 4.5% in October 2026

The Wholesale Price Index (WPI) in Saudi Arabia recorded a year-on-year increase of 4.5% in October 2026 compared with the same month in 2025. This rise was mainly attributed to price increases in other transportable goods, excluding metal products, machinery, and equipment, by 8.0% and food products, beverages, tobacco, and textiles by 1.6% (Figure 1).

Figure 1. WPI change (year-on-year, %)



Annual change in wholesale prices by section

Prices of other transportable goods, excluding metal products, machinery, and equipment increased by 8.0% in October 2026 compared to October 2025, driven by an increase in the prices of basic chemicals by 24.2% and the prices of refined petroleum products and fuel by 5.5%

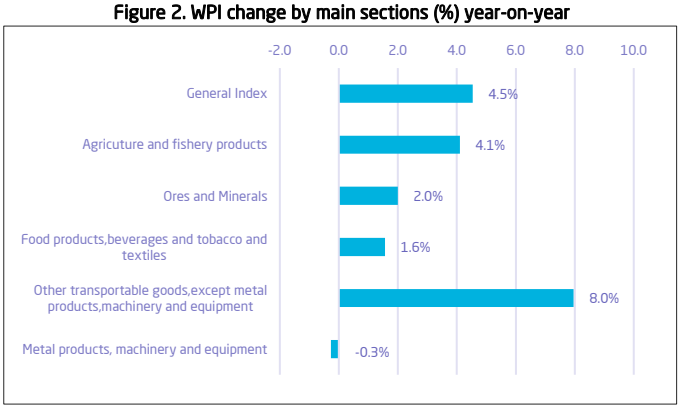
Prices of food products, beverages, tobacco, and textiles also increased by 1.6%, due to the increase in the prices of meat, fish, fruit, vegetables, and oils by 2.6% and the prices of grain mill products, starches, and other food products by 1.0%

Similarly, the prices of agriculture and fishery products increased by 4.1%, driven by the increase in the prices of agricultural products by 4.7% and live animals and animal products by 3.3%

Prices of ores and minerals also increased by 2.0%, driven by the increase in the prices of stone and sand by 2.0%

In contrast, prices of metal products, machinery, and equipment decreased by 0.3%, driven by a 3.5% decrease in the prices of basic metals (Figure 2).

Figure 2. WPI change by main sections (%) year-on-year



Monthly change in wholesale prices

On a monthly basis, the WPI increased by 1.1% in October 2026 compared to September 2026 (Figure 3), driven by the increase in the prices of other transportable goods, excluding metal products, machinery, and equipment by 1.9%, mainly due to an increase in the prices of basic chemicals by 3.1% and the prices of refined petroleum products and fuel by 2.8%

Similarly, the prices of agriculture and fishery products increased by 0.6%, driven by an increase in the prices of agricultural products by 0.9%

Prices of food products, beverages, tobacco, and textiles also increased by 0.2%, driven by the increase in the prices of meat, fish, fruit, vegetables, and oils by 0.2% and the prices of grain mill products, starches, and other food products by 0.2%

In contrast, the prices of ores and minerals decreased by 0.2%, driven by the decrease in the prices of stone and sand by 0.2%

Meanwhile, prices of metal products, machinery, and equipment remained stable, showing no significant relative change recorded in October 2026 (Figure 4).

Figure 3. WPI change by sections (%) month-on-month

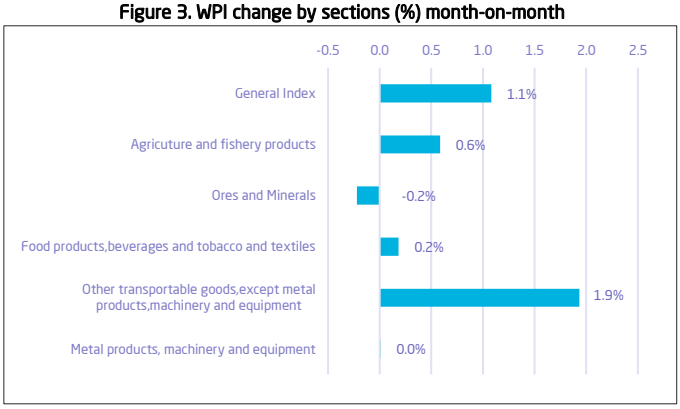
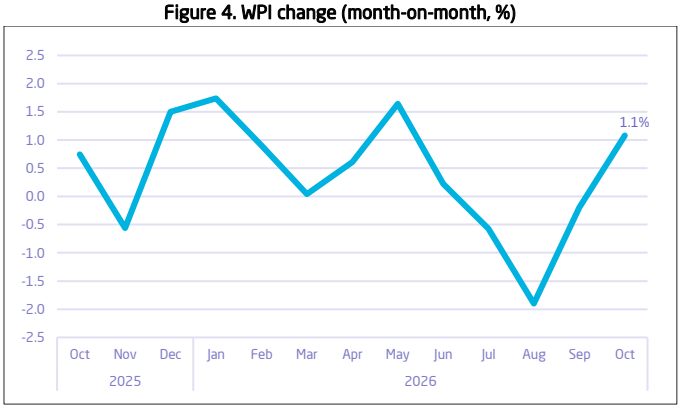


Figure 4. WPI change (month-on-month, %)



Methodology and quality

The Wholesale Price Index (WPI) reflects price movements of goods at the pre-retail stage for a fixed basket comprising 554 items. Prices are collected monthly from points of sale in 23 major cities: (Riyadh, Makkah, Jeddah, Taif, Madinah, Dammam, Al Khobar, Al Hofuf, Al Mubarraz, Jizan, Abu Arish, Al Baha, Baljurashi, Abha, Khamis Mushait, Al Qurayyat, Najran, Sakaka, Buraidah, Unaizah, Arar, Hail, and Tabuk). The year 2023 was designated as the base year, and WPI statistics are published monthly. Methodology and Quality, , Publishing Tables.