

WPI records 2.9% increase in January 2026

The Wholesale Price Index (WPI) recorded a year-on-year increase of 2.9% in January 2026 compared with the same month in 2025. This rise is mainly attributed to price increases in other transportable goods, excluding metal products, machinery, and equipment, which rose by 4.9% and agricultural and fishery products, which increased by 4.2% (Figure 1).

Prices of other transportable goods increase in January 2026

The prices of other transportable goods, except metal products, machinery, and equipment increased by 4.9% driven by a 3.9% increase in the prices of refined petroleum products and an 18.4% increase in the prices of basic chemicals.

Similarly, the prices of agriculture and fishery products rose by 4.2% driven by a 5.8% rise in the prices of agriculture products, and a 1.1% increase in the prices of live animals and animal products.

Similarly, the prices of metal products, machinery, and equipment increased by 1.2% as a result of the increase in the prices of basic metals by 5.6% and the prices of fabricated metal products by 3.3%

The prices of food products, beverages, tobacco, and textiles also rose by 0.3% driven by a 0.7% rise in prices of grain mills, starch, and other food products, as well as a 1.7% rise in prices of leather and leather products; footwear.

In contrast, the prices of ores and minerals decreased by 0.1% due to a 0.1% decline in the prices of stones and sand (Table 1).

Wholesale prices increase by 1.5% in January 2026 compared to December 2025

The WPI recorded a monthly increase of 1.5% in January 2026 compared to December 2025. This growth was largely driven by other transportable goods, except metal products, machinery and equipment, which rose by 3.4%, mainly due to a 4.0% increase in refined petroleum products and a 9.5% rise in basic chemicals.

Prices of agricultural and fishery products also increased by 0.5% reflecting a 0.6% rise in agricultural products and a 0.4% increase in live animals and animal products.

Additionally, food products, beverages, tobacco, and textiles witnessed a modest increase of 0.2% driven by a 0.6% increase in meat, fish, fruit, vegetables, oils, and fats. The prices increase of Leather and leather products; footwear by 1.4%

On the other hand, prices of metal products, machinery and equipment decreased by 0.1%, due to a 0.2% decrease in transport equipment prices and a 0.3% decrease in prices of general-purpose machinery.

While the prices of Ores and minerals remained stable, with no significant relative change during January 2026 (Table 1).

Table1. Annual and monthly change in WPI by section
(January2026) (%)

General Index, sections	Percentage change in Jan. 2026 compared to:	
	Jan 2025	Dec 2025
General Index	2.9	1.5
Agriculture and fishery products	4.2	0.5
Ores and minerals	-0.1	0.0
Food products, beverages, tobacco, and textiles	0.3	0.2
Other transportable goods, except metal products, machinery, and equipment	4.9	3.4
Metal products, machinery, and equipment	1.2	-0.1

Figure1. WPI change (Year-on-Year, %)



WPI Methodology and quality

The Wholesale Price Index (WPI) reflects the development of pre-retail prices of goods in a fixed basket including 343 items. Prices are collected monthly from points of sale in three main cities: (Riyadh, Jeddah, and Dammam). The year 2014 was determined as the base year. WPI statistics are published monthly. For more details, click [Methodology and Quality](#), [Publishing Tables](#).