

Operating Revenues Index increases by 3.2% in January 2026 compared with the same month of the previous year

Preliminary results indicate a 3.2% increase in the Operating Revenues Index compared with the same month of the previous year (January 2025). On a monthly basis, the Index increased by 1.8% compared with December 2025. Issued building permits recorded an annual decrease of 6.6% compared with the same month last year, and a monthly decrease of 26.8% compared with December 2025.

Operating Revenues Index in January 2026

The Operating Revenues Index increased by 3.2% year-on-year, supported by an increase in manufacturing activities by 0.9% wholesale and retail trade and repair of motor vehicles activities, which increased by 8.7% and increases in construction activities by 4.2% and increases of 13.6% and 13.8% in financial and insurance activities and information and communication activities, respectively.

On a monthly basis, the Operating Revenues Index increased by 1.8% supported by an increase in mining and quarrying activities by 8.8% and wholesale and retail trade and repair of motor vehicles activities which increased by 0.4% and a construction activities by 0.4% and increased of 3.7% and 2.2% in information and communication activities and transportation and storage activities, respectively.

Figure1. Operating Revenues Index and annual change rates

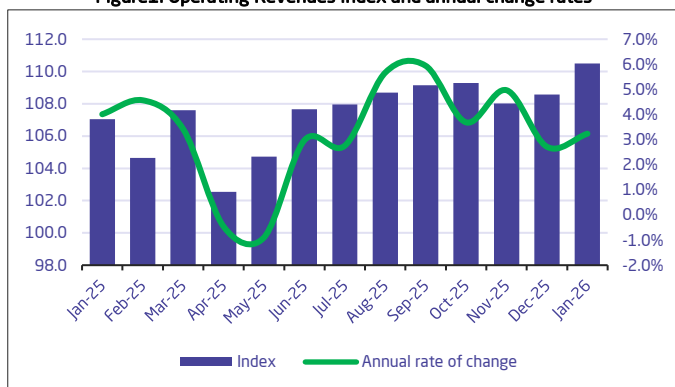
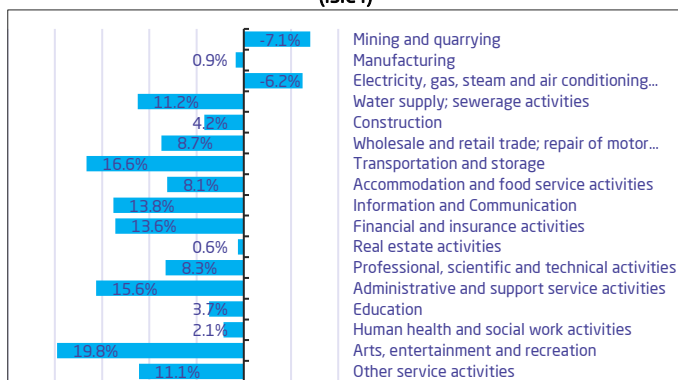


Figure 2. Annual change rate for Operating Revenues Index by Economic Activities (ISIC4)



Employees Compensation Index

The Employees Compensation Index recorded an annual increase by 9.4% supported by an increase in manufacturing activities by 8.1% construction activities by 6.3% wholesale and retail trade and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycle activities by 9.2% and mining and quarrying activities and financial and insurance activities by 3.0% and 11.4% respectively.

On a monthly basis, the Employees Compensation Index showed an increase of 0.6% supported by an increase in manufacturing activities by 0.3% construction activities by 0.5% mining and quarrying activities by 2.2% and financial and insurance activities, and transportation and storage activities by 1.2% and 1.0% respectively.

Figure3. Employees Compensation Index and annual change rates

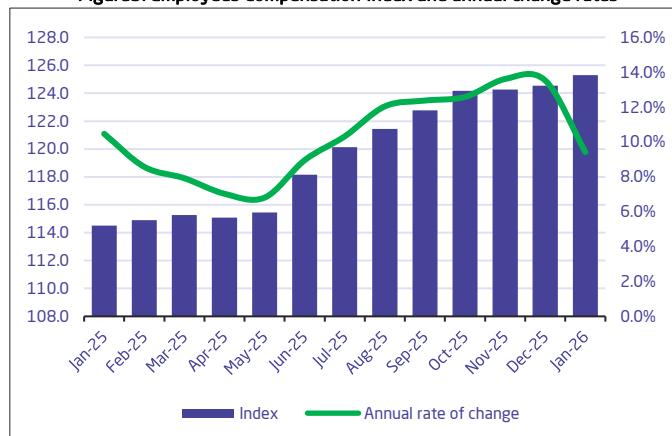
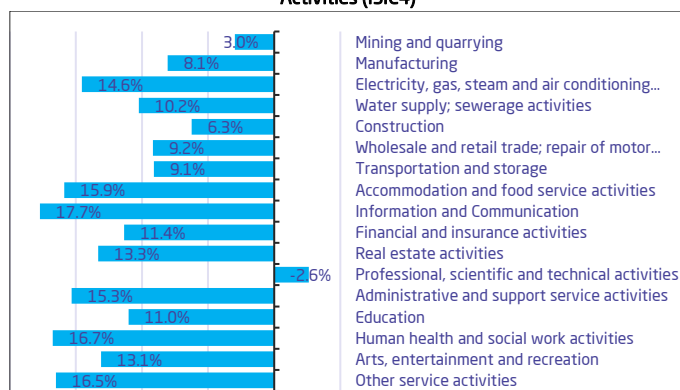


Figure 4. Annual change rate for Employees Compensation Index by Economic Activities (ISIC4)

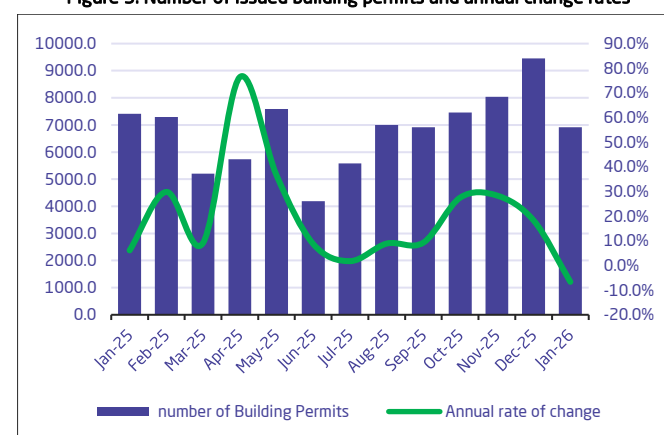


Issued building permits

During January 2026, the number of issued building permits decreased by 6.6% compared to the same month of the previous year, declining from (7,411) permits in January 2025 to (6,919) permits.

Compared to December 2025, the number of issued building permits also decreased from (9,452) permits to (6,919) permits, a decrease of 26.8%

Figure 5. Number of issued building permits and annual change rates



Methodology and quality

The Short-term Business Statistics product is one of the economic statistical products aimed at measuring the performance of various activities of the economy in the short term through monthly indicators that monitor developments and growth rates for each activity. The product covers all economic activities of establishments operating in the business sector. More details can be found through the following link: <http://www.stats.gov.sa>, [Methodology and Quality](#), table