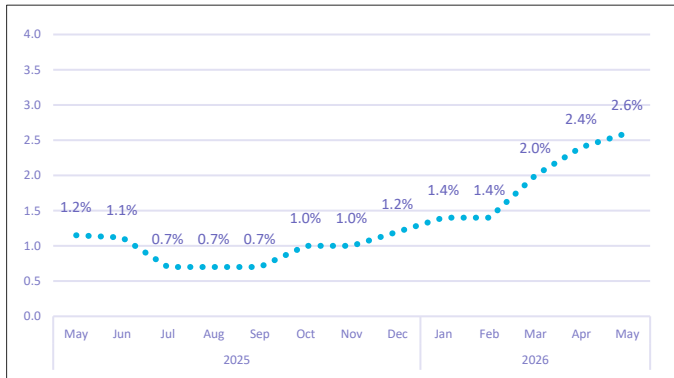


## CCI in Saudi Arabia rises by 2.6% in May 2026

The Construction Cost Index (CCI) recorded a 2.6% increase in May 2026, compared to the corresponding month of the previous year (May 2025). This increase is mainly attributed to a 2.5% rise in construction costs for the residential sector and a 3.0% rise in construction costs for the non-residential sector. (Figure 1)

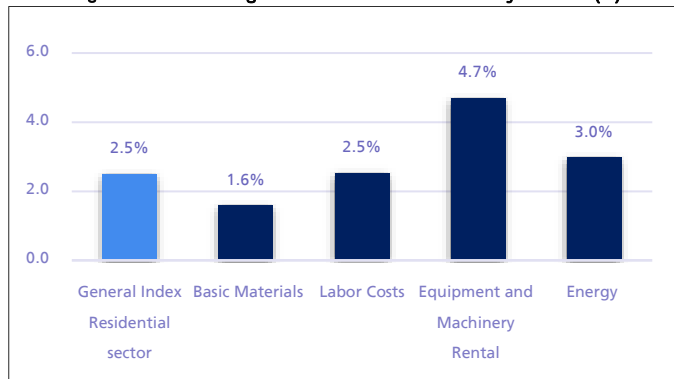
Figure 1. Annual change in the general CCI (%)



### Annual change in the CCI for the residential sector

CCI for the residential sector recorded an annual increase of 2.5% as a result of a 4.7% rise in the cost of renting equipment and machinery, driven by a 6.3% increase in the rental of equipment and machinery with operators, as well as an increase in labor costs by 2.5% compared to May 2025. In addition, energy prices recorded an increase of 3.0%. The prices of basic materials also increased by 1.6%, due to the increase in the prices of timber and joinery by 3.6% and other building materials by 2.6% (Figure 2)

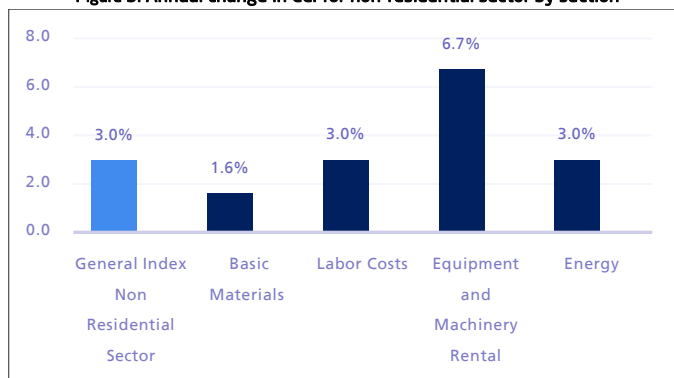
Figure 2. Annual change in CCI for residential sector by sections (%)



### Annual change in the CCI for the non-residential sector

CCI for the non-residential sector recorded an annual increase of 3.0% compared to the corresponding month of 2025 as a result of an increase in the cost of renting equipment and machinery by 6.7%, driven by an 8.5% increase in the rental of equipment and machinery with operators, and an increase in labor costs by 3.0% as well as an increase in energy costs by 3.0%. Basic materials costs also recorded an increase of 1.6% due to a rise in the prices of other building materials by 3.7% and timber and joinery products by 2.3% (Figure 3)

Figure 3. Annual change in CCI for non-residential sector by section



### Monthly change in construction costs

On a monthly basis, CCI for May 2026 increased by 0.2% compared to April 2026. This is mainly attributed to a 0.2% rise in costs for the residential sector and a 0.3% increase in costs for the non-residential sector. (Figure 4) (Figure 5)

Figure 4. Monthly change in the general CCI (%)

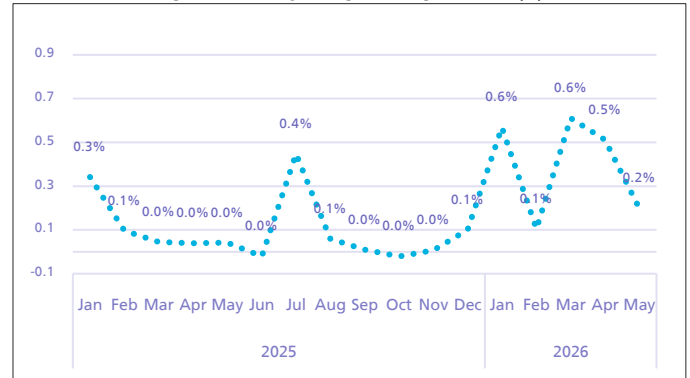
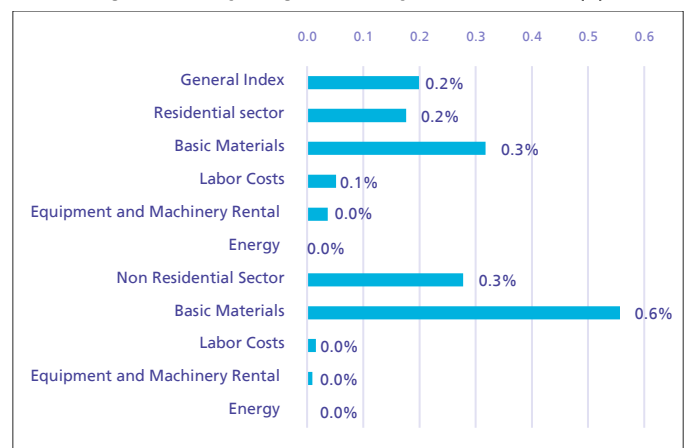


Figure 5. Monthly change in the CCI by sector and sections (%)



### Methodology and quality

The Construction Cost Index (CCI) reflects the movements of construction input costs, consisting of 51 items. The prices of which are collected monthly from 13 regions through field visits to contractors' offices, engineering offices, and construction material sales establishments. The year 2023 has been set as the base year, and the Construction Cost Index Statistics are published monthly. For more details, please refer to: [Methodology and Quality Table](#)