

Annual inflation rate in Saudi Arabia reaches 2.1% in December 2025 compared to December 2024

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) in Saudi Arabia recorded an annual increase of 2.1% in December 2025 compared to the same month of the previous year, December 2024. This increase was mainly driven by a rise in housing, water, electricity, gas, and other fuel prices by 4.1% food and beverage prices by 1.3% and transport prices by 1.5% (Figure1).

Rental prices main driver of inflation in December 2025 compared to December 2024

Housing, water, electricity, gas, and other fuels division increased by 4.1% in December 2025, driven by a 5.3% rise in actual rentals for the housing group. This was mainly due to a 5.3% increase in actual rents paid by tenants for primary residences.

Similarly, the food and beverages division rose by 1.3%, influenced by a 1.7% increase in the prices of fresh, chilled, or frozen meat. The transport division rose by 1.5% increase, influenced by a 6.6% rise in passenger transport prices. Prices of the personal care, social protection, and other goods and services division increased by 7.0% driven by a 23.7% rise in the prices of other personal effects, which was driven by an increase in the prices of jewelry and watches by 25.8%. The prices of insurance and financial services division also increased by 4.1% driven by a 6.6% rise in the prices of the insurance group. The prices of the entertainment, sports and culture division increased by 2.4% driven by 3.9% increase in the prices of holiday deals.

Additionally, the prices of education services division increased by 1.5%, affected by 1.6% increase in the prices of secondary education. The restaurants prices and hotel services division increased by 0.9% impacted by the increase in the prices of food and beverage services by 1.4% (Figure 2).

Month-on-month prices increase in December 2025 compared to November 2025

On a monthly basis, CPI in December 2025 recorded a relative increase of 0.1% compared to November 2025, as the prices of the housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels division increased by 0.2% driven by an increase in the prices of actual rent group for housing by 0.3%. Prices of food and beverages increased by 0.1% personal care, social protection and other goods and services by 0.7% and restaurants and accommodation services by 0.2% as well as an increase in the following divisions: furniture and home appliances, periodic home maintenance, health, information and communications, entertainment, sports and culture by 0.1%.

In contrast, the prices of clothing and footwear fell by 0.2% transport by 0.1%, and insurance and financial services by 0.3%.

Prices of education services and tobacco remained stable, and there was no significant relative change in December 2025.

Figure 1: Annual change in CPI (%)

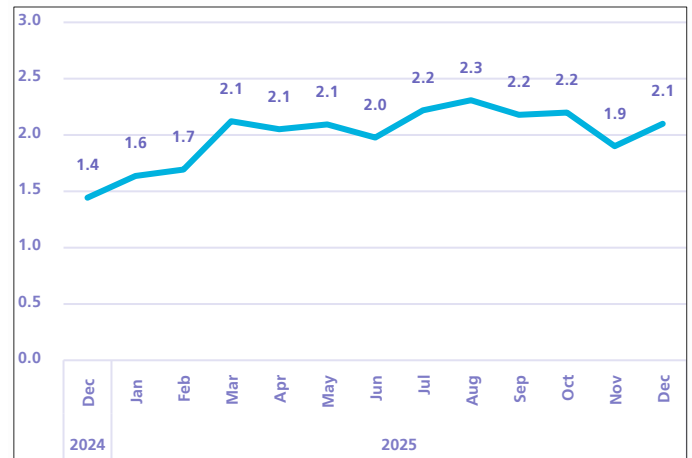
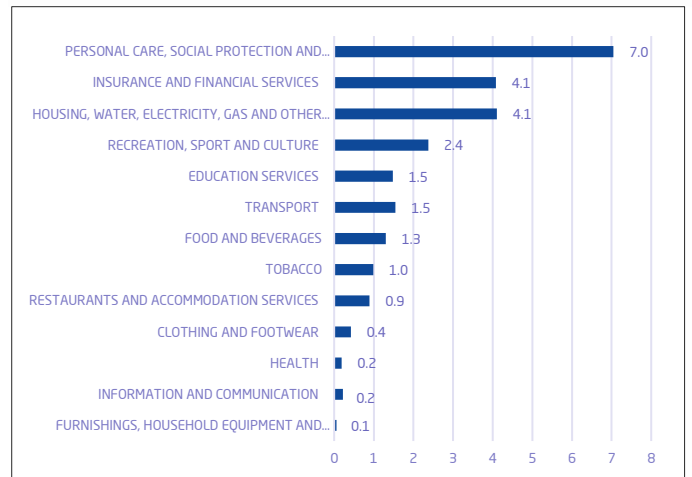


Figure 2: Annual change in CPI by division (December 2025) (%)



CPI Methodology and quality

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) reflects the changes in prices paid by consumers for a fixed basket of goods and services consisting of 582 items, and the items of this basket were selected based on the results of the Expenditure and Income Survey conducted in 2023, and their weights were determined in addition to other supplementary data sources such as the final consumer expenditure of households. and data transparency in accordance with international best practices, from expanding geographical coverage, points of sale, and basket items, and adopting new data sources, and the data has been published according to the updated methodology starting from August 2025.

For more details, click [Methodology and Quality Table](#)