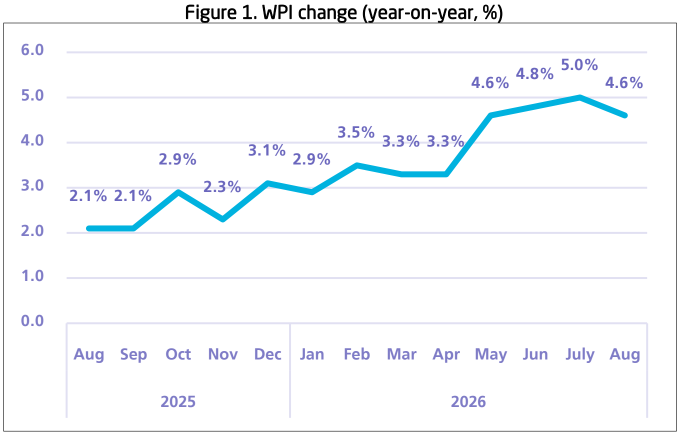
WPI in Saudi Arabia reaches 4.6% in August 2026

The Wholesale Price Index (WPI) in Saudi Arabia recorded a year-on-year increase of 4.6% in August 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 8.2% and metal products, machinery, and equipment, which increased by 2.2% (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 8.2% in August 2026 compared to August 2025, driven by a 51.4% increase in the prices of basic chemicals and the prices of refined petroleum products by 4.0%

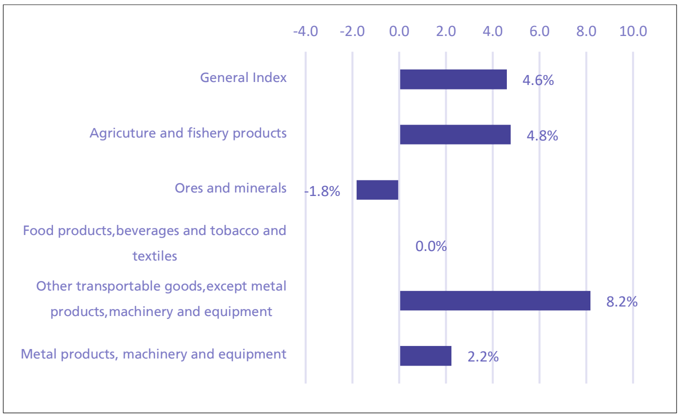
Prices of metal products, machinery, and equipment also increased by 2.2%, due to the increase in the prices of basic metals by 5.4% and the prices of fabricated metal products by 10.5%

In the same context, the prices of agriculture and fishery products increased by 4.8% as a result of the increase in the prices of agriculture products by 9.0%

In contrast, prices of ores and minerals decreased by 1.8%, driven by a 1.8% decrease in the prices of stones and sand.

Meanwhile, prices of food products, beverages, tobacco, and textiles remained stable, recording no significant relative change during August 2026 (Figure 2).

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



Monthly change in wholesale prices

On a monthly basis, the WPI recorded a decline of 0.2% in August 2026 compared to July 2026 (Figure 3). This is due to a 1.0% decrease in the prices of other transportable goods, excluding metal products, machinery, and equipment, driven by a 6.2% decrease in the prices of basic chemicals and a 0.5% decrease in the prices of glass and non-metallic products.

In the same context, the prices of agriculture and fishery products decreased by 1.5%, driven by an 8.5% decrease in the prices of live animals and animal products.

Prices of ores and minerals also decreased by 2.0%, due to a 2.0% decrease in the prices of stones and sand.

In contrast, the prices of metal products, machinery, and equipment increased by 0.8%, driven by an 8.6% increase in the prices of fabricated metal products.

Prices of food products, beverages, tobacco, and textiles also increased by 0.6% as a result of the increase in the prices of meat, fish, fruit, vegetables, oils, and fats by 2.6% and the prices of dairy products by 0.3% (Figure 4).

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

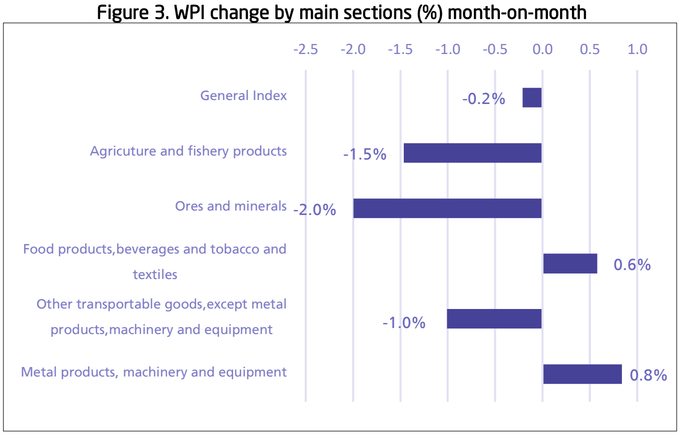
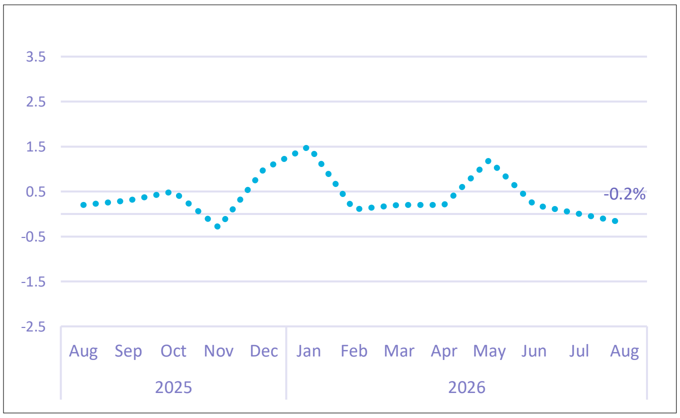


Figure 4. WPI change (month-on-month, %)



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, Tables.