

## WPI in Saudi Arabia reaches 3.3% in March 2026

The Wholesale Price Index (WPI) in Saudi Arabia recorded a year-on-year increase of 3.3% in March 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 6.4% and metal products, machinery, and equipment, which increased by 1.2% (Figure 1).

### Prices of other transportable goods increase in March 2026

The prices of other transportable goods, except metal products, machinery, and equipment increased by 6.4% compared to March 2025, driven by a 33.6% increase in the prices of basic chemicals and a 3.9% increase in the prices of refined petroleum products.

Similarly, the prices of metal products, machinery, and equipment rose by 1.2% driven by a 6.6% rise in the prices of basic metals and a 0.8% increase in the prices of Transport equipment. In the same context, the prices of agriculture and fishery products increased by 1.8% as a result of the increase in the prices of products of agriculture by 1.7% and the prices of live animals and animal products by 2.7%

In contrast, the prices of ores and minerals decreased by 0.2% due to a 0.2% decline in the prices of stones and sand. While the prices of food products, beverages, tobacco, and textiles remained stable and did not record any significant relative change during March 2026 (Table 1).

### Wholesale prices increase by 0.2% in March 2026 compared to February 2026

The WPI recorded a monthly increase of 0.2% in March 2026 compared to February 2026. This increase was largely driven by metal products, machinery, and equipment, which rose by 0.3% mainly due to a 1.9% increase in basic metals and a 0.5% rise in radio, television and communication equipment and apparatus.

In the same context, the prices of other transportable goods, except metal products, machinery, and equipment increased by 0.4% as a result of the increase in the prices of basic chemicals by 2.5% and the prices of Rubber and plastics products by 0.1%

On the other hand, prices of food products, beverages, tobacco, and textiles decreased by 0.2% due to a 0.4% decrease in meat, fish, fruit, vegetables, oils and fats, and a 0.2% decrease in the prices of grain mills, starch and other food products.

Prices of agriculture and fishery products also recorded a decrease of 0.5% as a result of a 0.9% decrease in products of agriculture.

While ores and minerals prices remained stable and did not register any significant change during March 2026 (Table 1).

Table1. Annual and monthly change in WPI by section (March 2026) (%)

General Index, sections	Percentage change in Mar. 2026 compared to:	
	Mar 2025	Feb 2026
<b>General Index</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>0.2</b>
Agriculture and fishery products	1.8	-0.5
Ores and minerals	-0.2	0.0
Food products, beverages, tobacco, and textiles	0.0	-0.2
Other transportable goods, except metal products, machinery, and equipment	6.4	0.4
Metal products, machinery, and equipment	1.2	0.3

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, Tables](#).