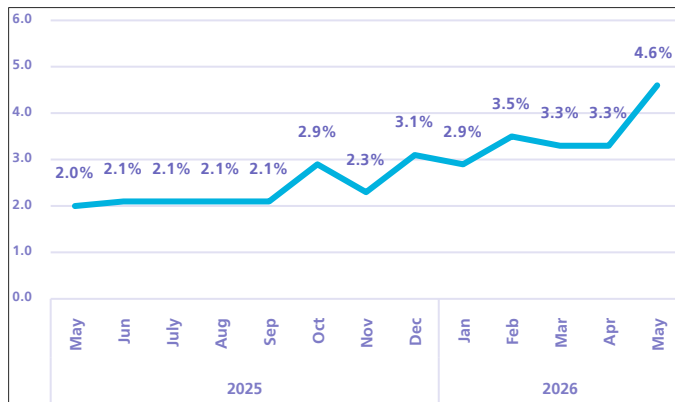


WPI in Saudi Arabia reaches 4.6% in May 2026

The Wholesale Price Index (WPI) in Saudi Arabia recorded a year-on-year increase of 4.6% in May 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 9.1% and metal products, machinery, and equipment, which increased by 1.5% (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 9.1% in May 2026 compared to May 2025, driven by an increase in the prices of basic chemicals by 59.0% and the prices of refined petroleum products by 3.9%.

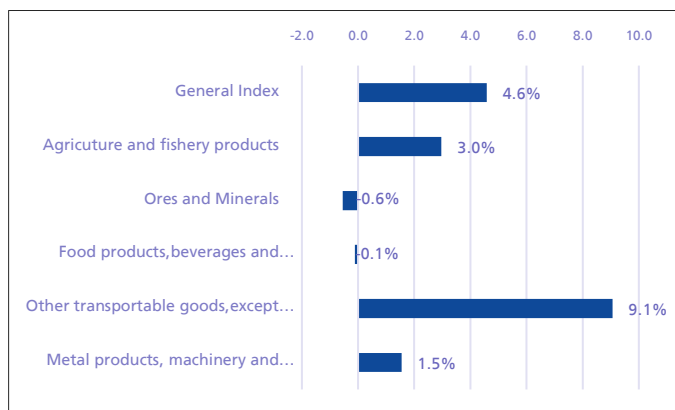
Prices of metal products, machinery, and equipment also increased by 1.5%, due to the increase in the prices of basic metals by 6.1% and the prices of electrical machinery and apparatus by 2.2%.

In the same context, the prices of agriculture and fishery products increased by 3.0%, driven by the increase in the prices of agricultural products by 2.8% and the prices of live animals and animal products by 4.9%.

In contrast, the prices of food products, beverages, tobacco, and textiles decreased by 0.1%, as a result of the decrease in the prices of grain mills, starch, and other food products by 1.4% and the prices of dairy products by 1.2%.

Prices of ores and minerals also decreased by 0.6% as a result of the decrease in the prices of stones and sand by 0.6% (Figure 2).

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



Monthly change in wholesale prices

On a monthly basis, the WPI increased by 1.2% in May 2026 compared to April 2026 (Figure 3), driven by the increase in the prices of other transportable goods, excluding metal products, machinery, and equipment by 2.6%, mainly due to an increase in the prices of basic chemicals by 19.0% and the prices of wooden products by 3.3%.

In the same context, the prices of metal products, machinery, and equipment increased by 0.3% as a result of the increase in the prices of basic metals by 1.4% and the prices of transport equipment by 0.5%.

Prices of agriculture and fishery products also increased by 0.9%, due to the increase in the prices of agricultural products by 1.0% and the prices of live animals and animal products by 0.6%.

In contrast, prices of food products, beverages, tobacco, and textiles decreased by 0.9%, as a result of the decrease in the prices of grain mills, starches, and other food products by 1.7% and the prices of meat, fish, fruits, vegetables, oils, and fats by 1.9%.

Prices of ores and minerals also decreased by 0.1% as a result of the decrease in the prices of stones and sand by 0.1% (Figure 4).

Figure 3. WPI change (month-on-month, %)

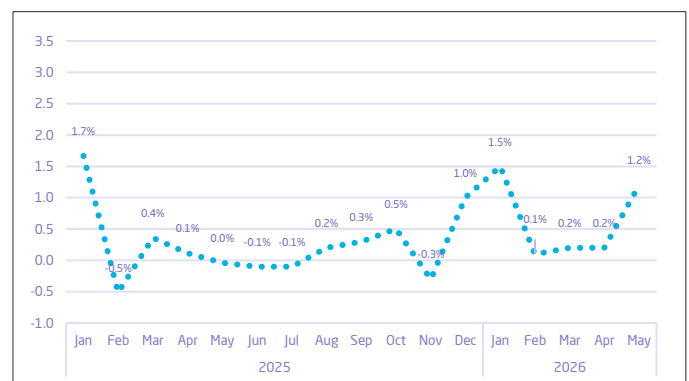
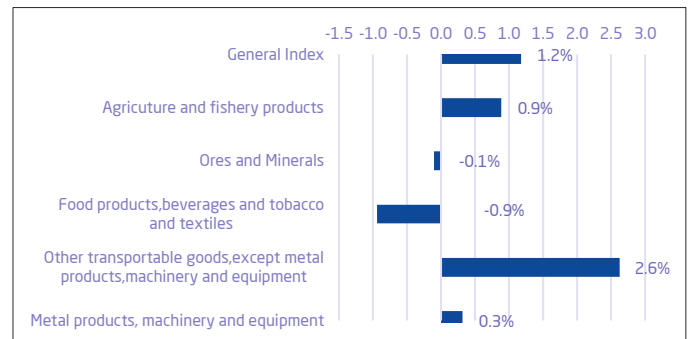


Figure 4. WPI change by sections (%) month-on-month



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, Through field visits to points of sale (POS). The year 2014 was determined as the base year. WPI statistics are published monthly. For more details, click [Methodology and Quality, Tables](#).