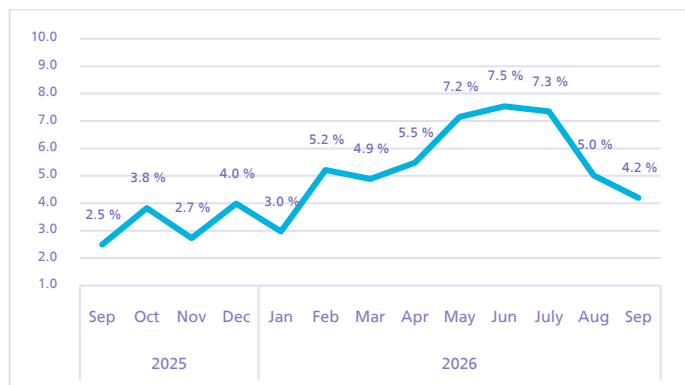


WPI in Saudi Arabia reaches 4.2% in September 2026

The General Authority for Statistics (GASTAT) has updated the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) methodology in line with the latest international statistical standards and best practices. This update included revising the reference year to 2023, updating the basket items and weights, and enhancing the geographical coverage and data sources. The WPI in Saudi Arabia recorded a year-on-year increase of 4.2% in September 2026 compared to the same month in 2025. This increase was driven by higher prices across all main sections, particularly in the other transportable goods, excluding metal products, machinery, and equipment, which rose by 7.1%, and the agriculture and fishery products, which rose by 4.4% (Figure 1).

Figure 1. WPI change (year-on-year, %)



Annual change in wholesale prices

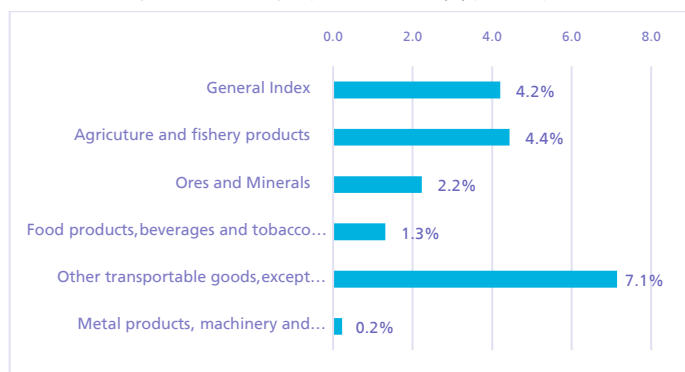
Prices of other transportable goods, excluding metal products, machinery, and equipment, increased by 7.1% in September 2026 compared to September 2025, driven by increases of 26.1% in the prices of basic chemicals and 2.6% in the prices of refined petroleum products and fuel. Prices of agriculture and fishery products also increased by 4.4%, driven by a 5.6% increase in the prices of agricultural products and a 2.7% increase in the prices of live animals and animal products.

In the same context, the prices of food products, beverages, tobacco, and textiles increased by 1.3%, driven by a 2.2% increase in the prices of meat, fish, fruit, vegetables, and oils, and a 0.7% increase in the prices of grain mill products, starches and other food products.

Prices of metal products, machinery, and equipment also increased by 0.2%, driven by a 1.4% increase in the prices of electrical machinery and apparatus and a 1.6% increase in the prices of radio, television, and communications equipment and apparatus.

Prices of ores and minerals also rose by 2.2%, driven by a 2.2% increase in the prices of stone and sand (Figure 2).

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



Monthly change in wholesale prices

On a monthly basis, the WPI decreased by 0.2% in September 2026 compared to August 2026 (Figure 3). This decrease was driven by a 0.4% decline in the prices of other transportable goods, excluding metal products, machinery, and equipment, reflecting a 0.9% decrease in the prices of refined petroleum products and fuel and a 0.1% decrease in the prices of pulp, paper and paper products, and printed matter.

In the same context, the prices of metal products, machinery, and equipment decreased by 0.1%, driven by a 0.6% decline in the prices of basic metals.

Prices of food products, beverages, tobacco, and textiles also decreased by 0.1%, driven by a 0.3% decline in the prices of grain mill products, starches, and other food products and a 0.1% decline in the prices of beverages.

In contrast, the prices of agriculture and fishery products increased by 0.3%, driven by a 0.4% increase in the prices of agricultural products.

Prices of ores and minerals also increased by 0.1%, driven by a 0.1% increase in the prices of stone and sand (Figure 4).

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

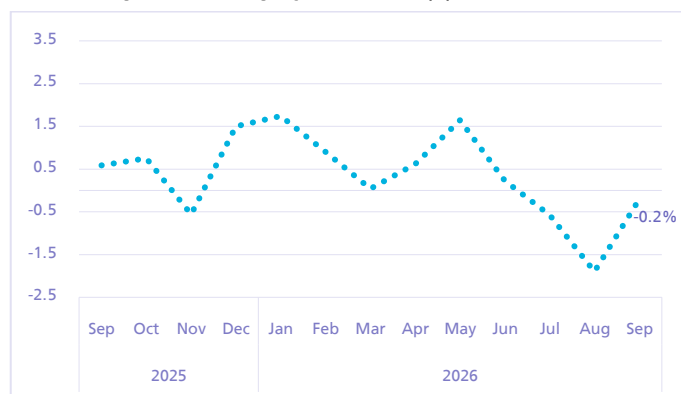
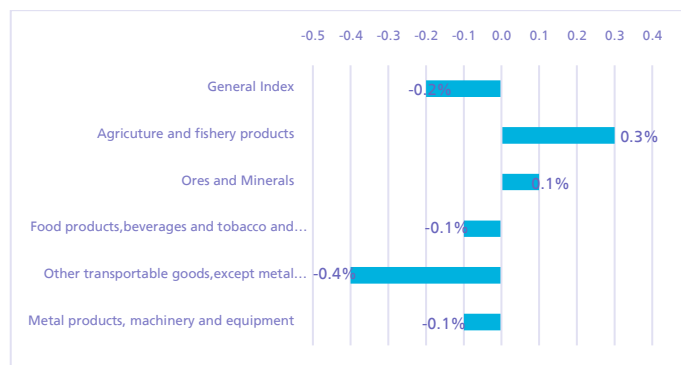


Figure 4. WPI change (month-on-month, %)



Methodology and quality

The Wholesale Price Index (WPI) measures changes in the prices of domestic and imported goods traded in wholesale markets. The index basket comprises 554 items and covers 23 cities representing Saudi Arabia's 13 administrative regions. Price data are collected through field surveys from points of sale, in addition to administrative records obtained from approved data sources. Relative weights are updated annually in accordance with the annual chain-linking methodology. The year 2023 serves as the index reference year. Results based on the updated methodology have been published starting from September 2026.

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